

# Domain decomposition and adaptive sampling for physics-informed neural networks

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# **FBPINNs – Multilevel domain decomposition-based architectures for physics-informed neural networks**

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# 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**:

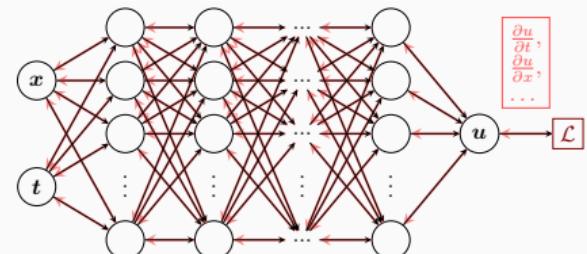
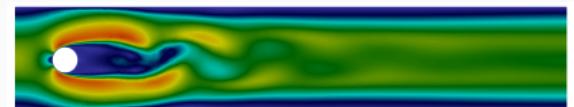
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \omega_{\text{data}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) + \omega_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta),$$

where  $\omega_{\text{data}}$  and  $\omega_{\text{PDE}}$  are **weights** and

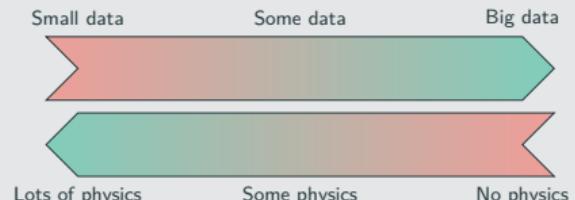
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{data}}} (u(\hat{x}_i, \theta) - u_i)^2,$$

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

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  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}$

# Theoretical Result for PINNs

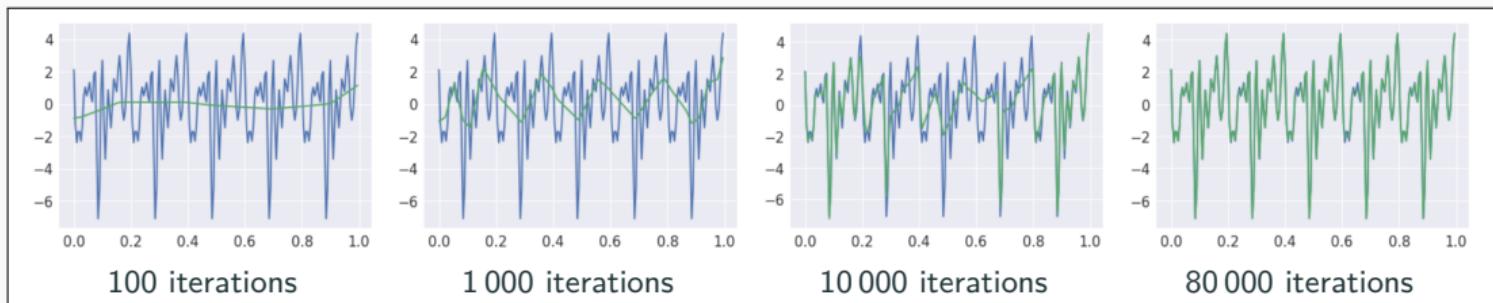
## Estimate of the generalization error (Mishra and Molinaro (2022))

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  $\alpha$  **convergence rate of the quadrature**
- $C_{\text{PDE}}$  and  $C_{\text{quad}}$  **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)

# Motivation – Some Observations on the Performance of PINNs

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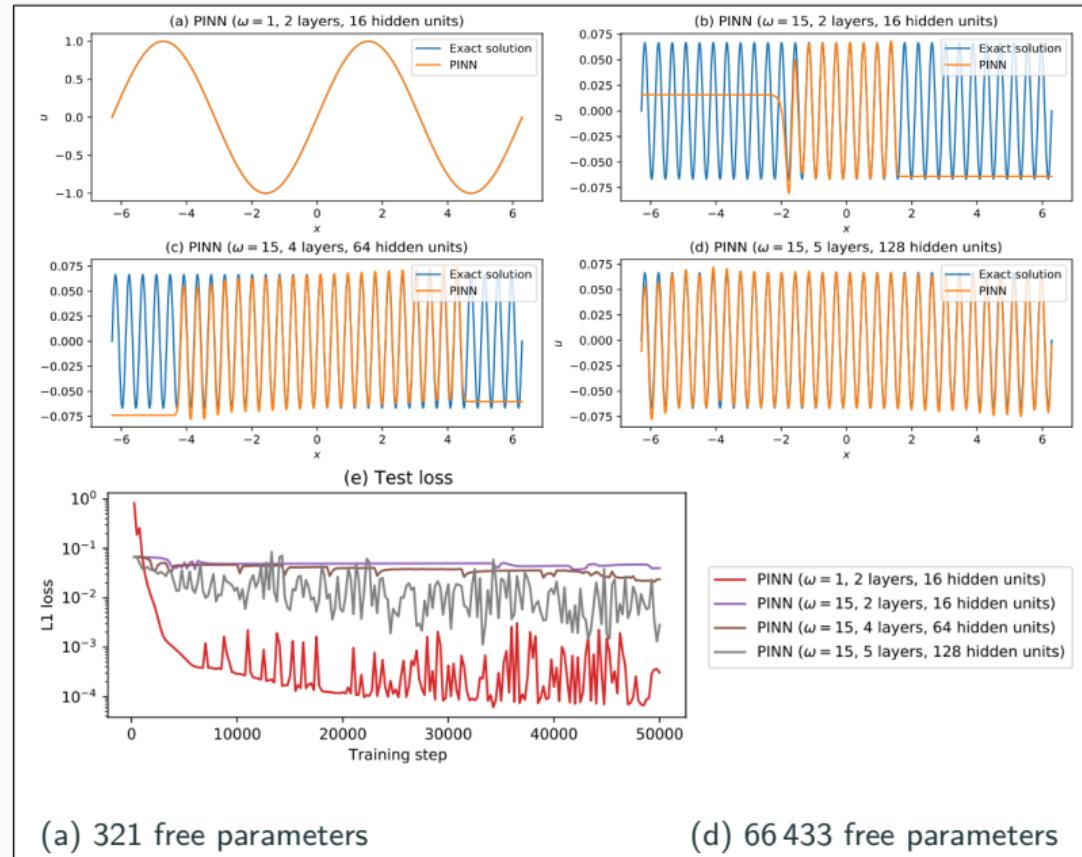
$$\begin{aligned} u' &= \cos(\omega x), \\ u(0) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

for different values of  $\omega$   
using PINNs with  
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capacities.

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- Small frequencies

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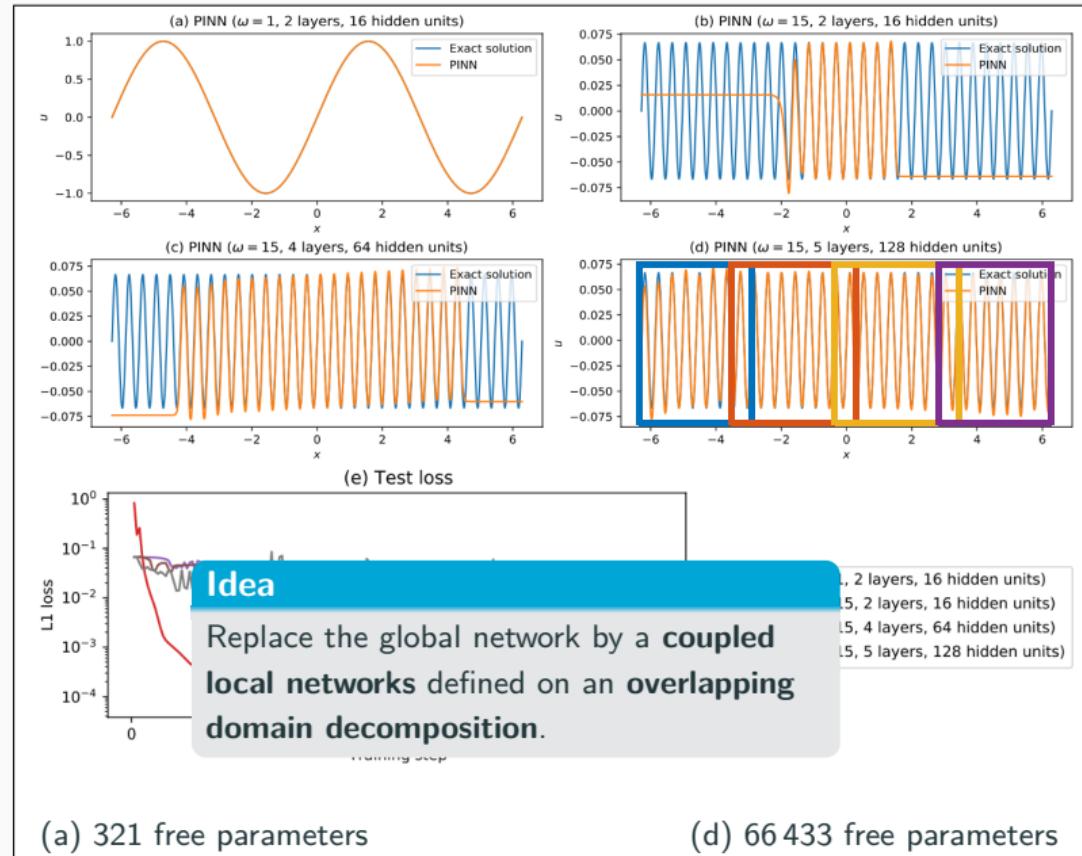
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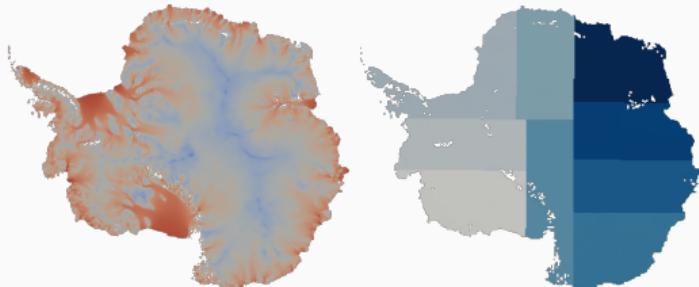
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# Domain Decomposition Methods



Images based on Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam (2022)

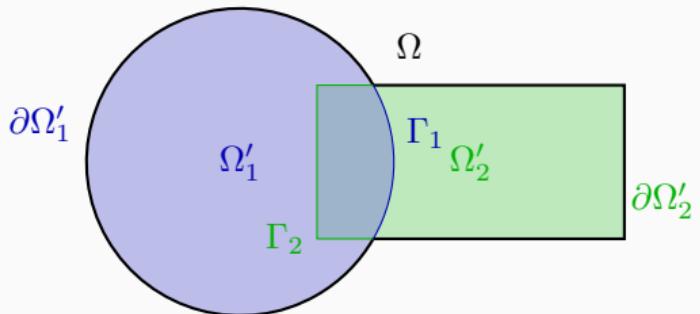
**Historical remarks:** The **alternating Schwarz method** is the earliest **domain decomposition method (DDM)**, which has been invented by **H. A. Schwarz** and published in **1870**:

- Schwarz used the algorithm to establish the **existence of harmonic functions** with prescribed boundary values on **regions with non-smooth boundaries**.

## Idea

Decomposing a large **global problem** into smaller **local problems**:

- Better robustness** and **scalability** of numerical solvers
- Improved computational efficiency**
- Introduce **parallelism**

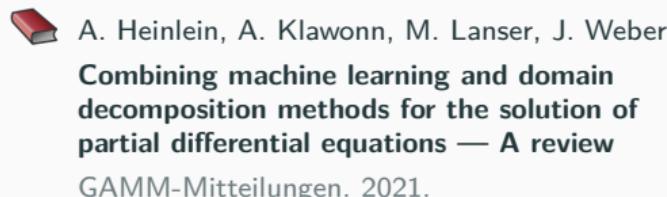


# Domain Decomposition Methods and Machine Learning – Literature

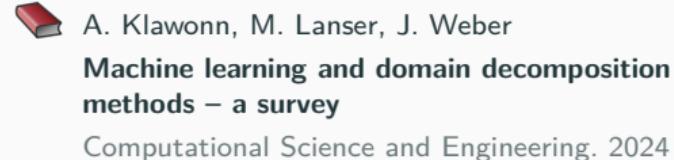
A non-exhaustive literature overview:

- 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:



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# Finite Basis Physics-Informed Neural Networks (FBPINNs)

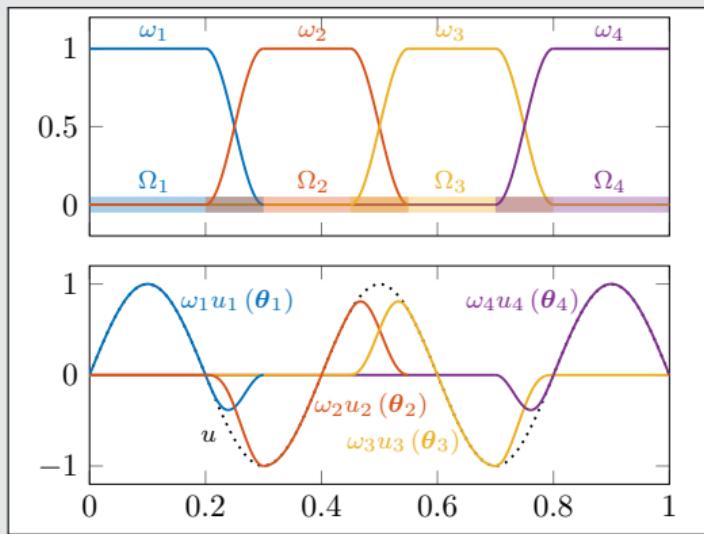
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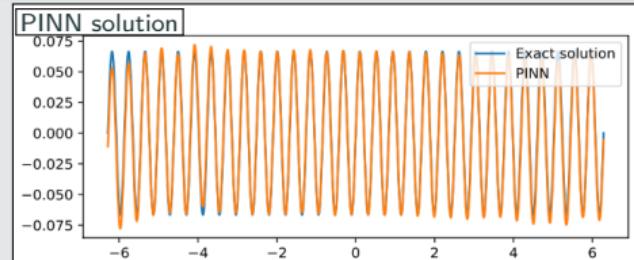
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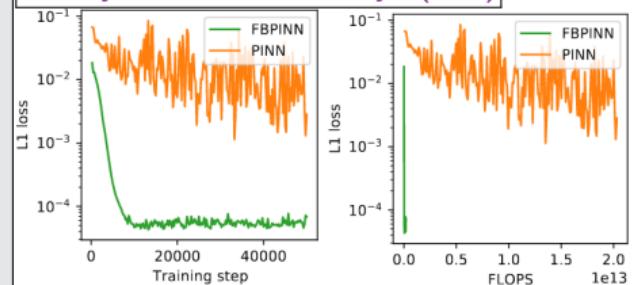
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1D single-frequency problem



[Moseley, Markham, Nissen-Meyer \(2023\)](#)



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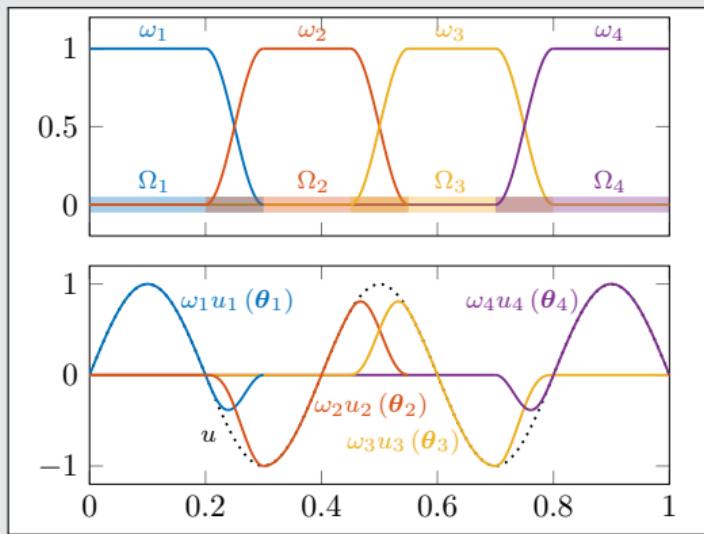
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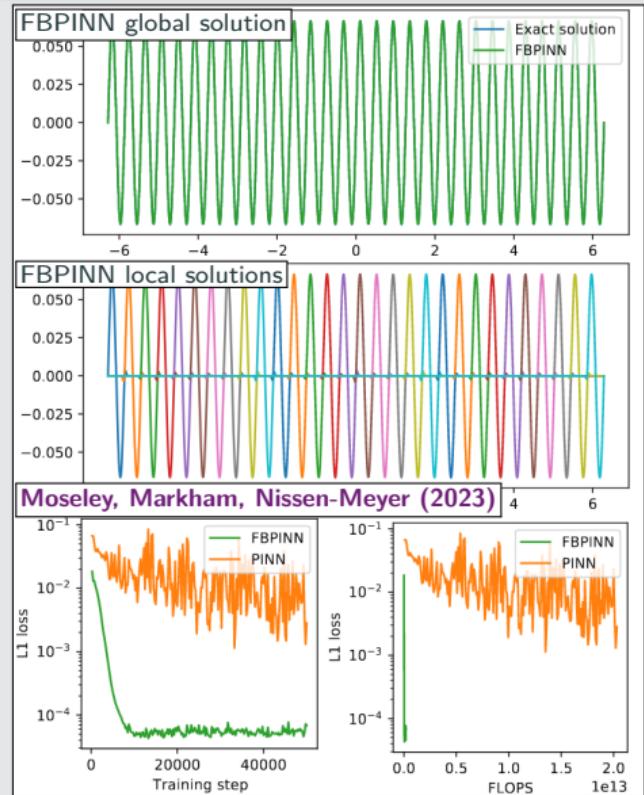
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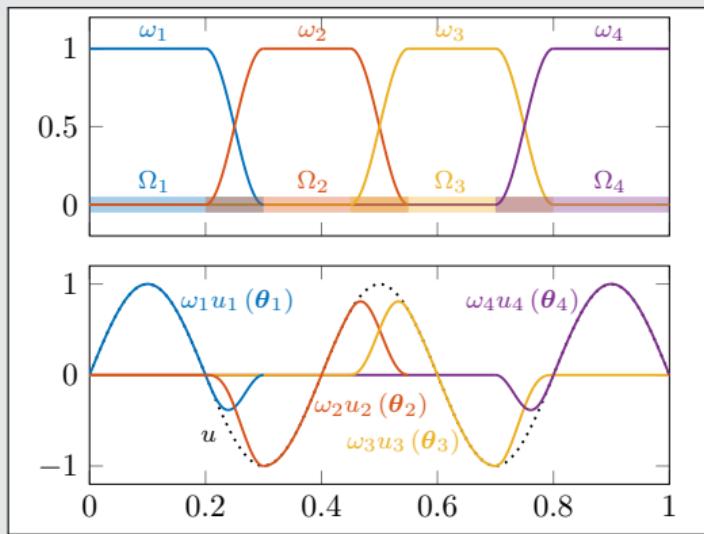
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## Scalability of FBPINNs

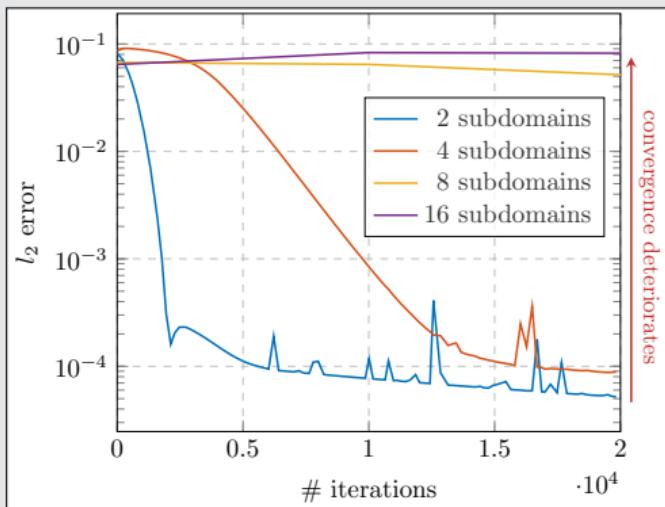
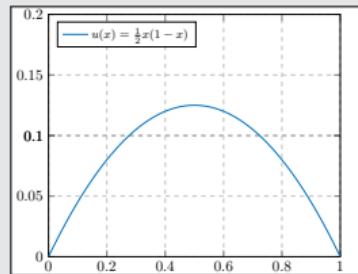
Consider the simple boundary value problem

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

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

which has the **solution**

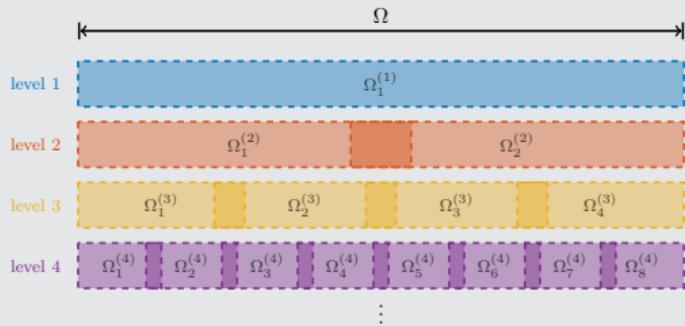
$$u(x) = \frac{1}{2}x(1-x).$$



# 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

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

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

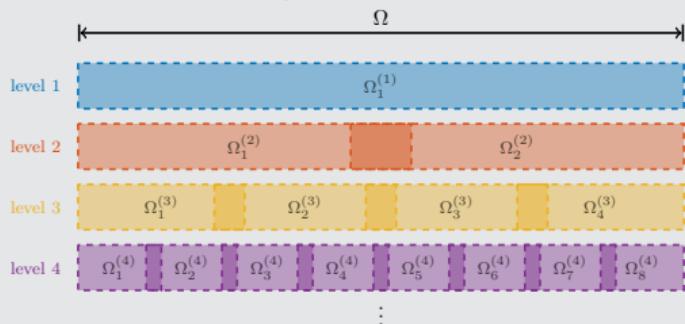
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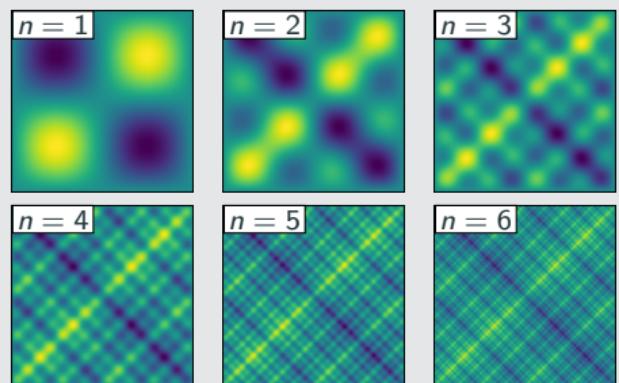
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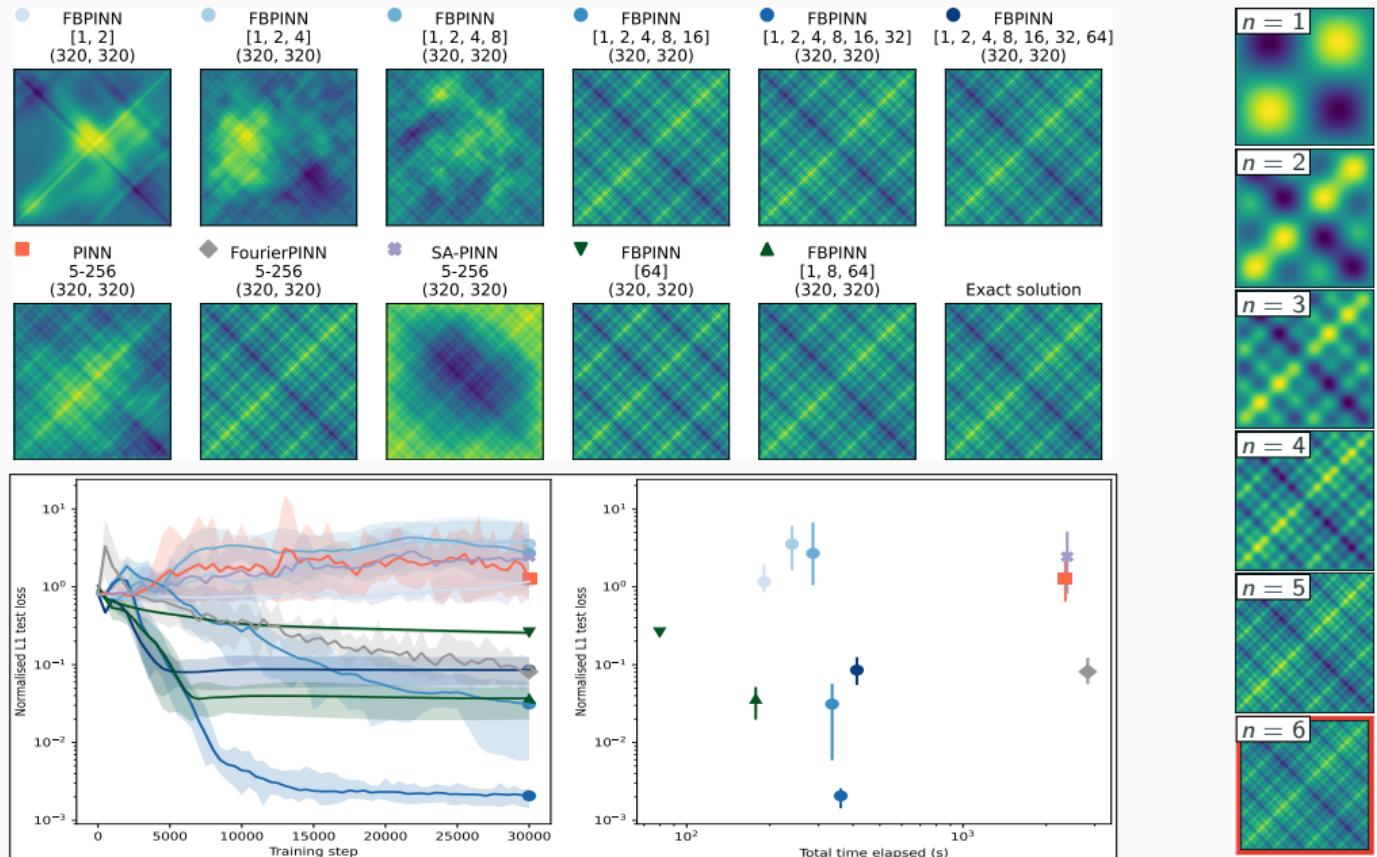
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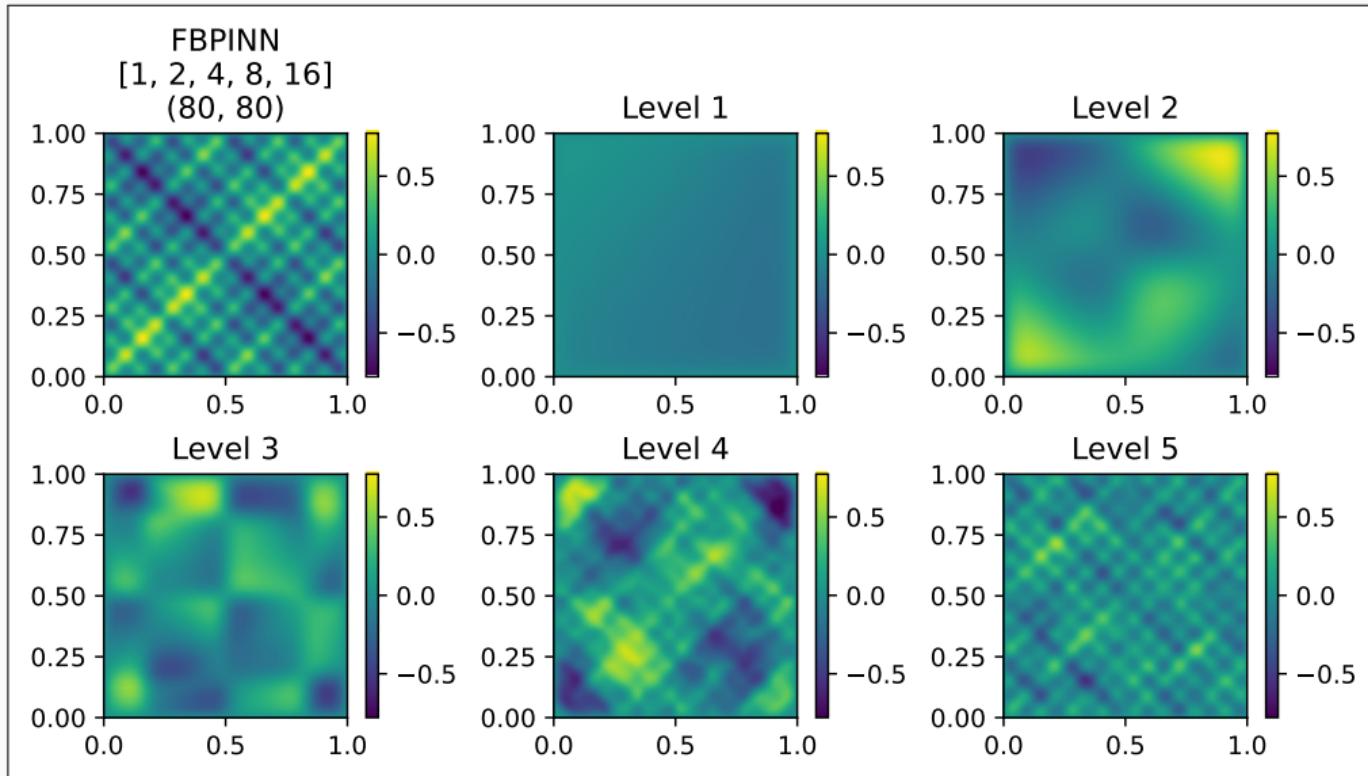
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# Multi-Level FBPINNs for a Multi-Frequency Problem – Strong Scaling

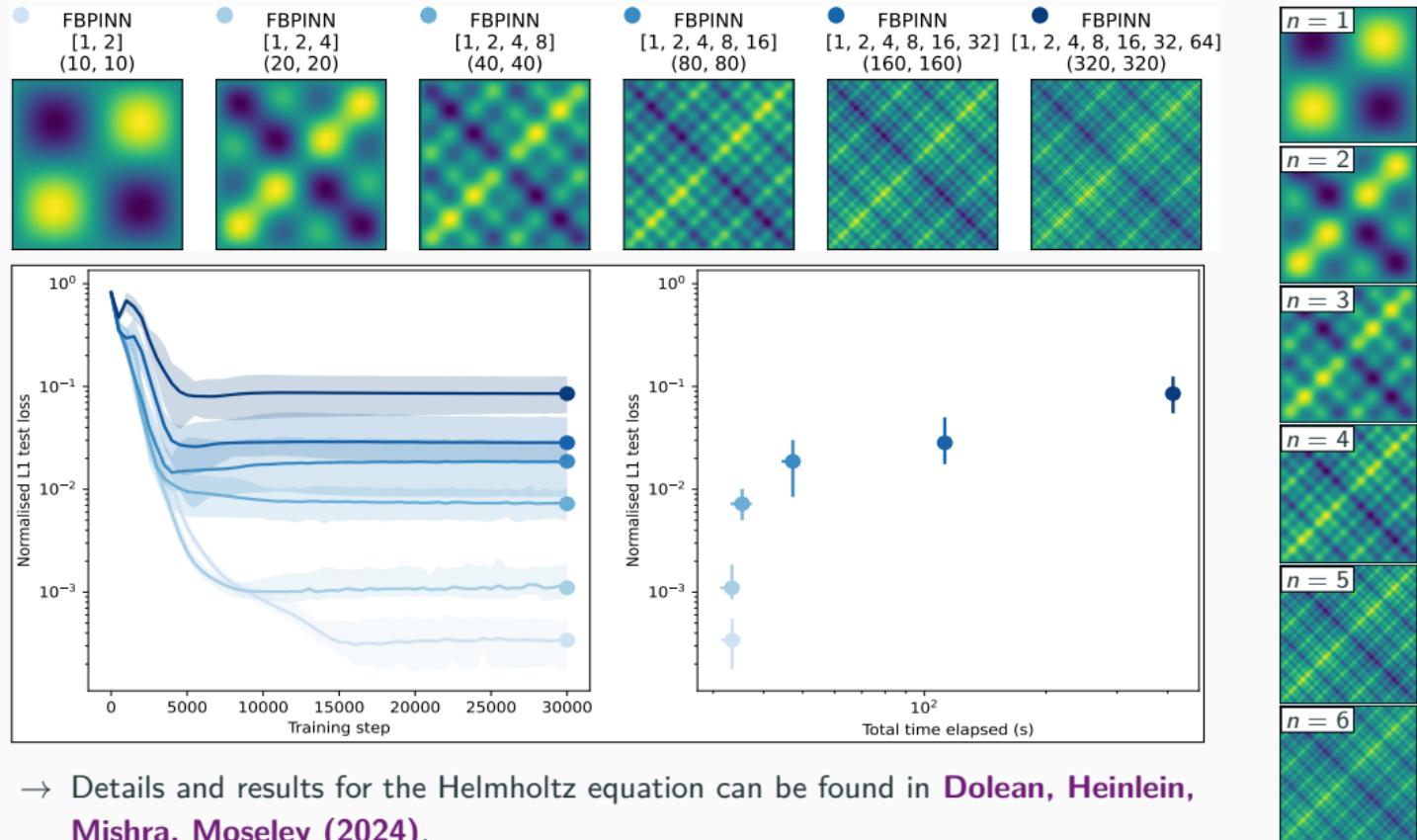


# Multi-Frequency Problem – What the FBPINN Learns



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)**.

## **Stacking multifidelity physics-informed neural networks**

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# PINNs for Time-Dependent Problems

We investigate the performance of PINNs for time-dependent problems. Therefore, consider the simple **pendulum problem**:

$$\frac{ds_1}{dt} = s_2,$$

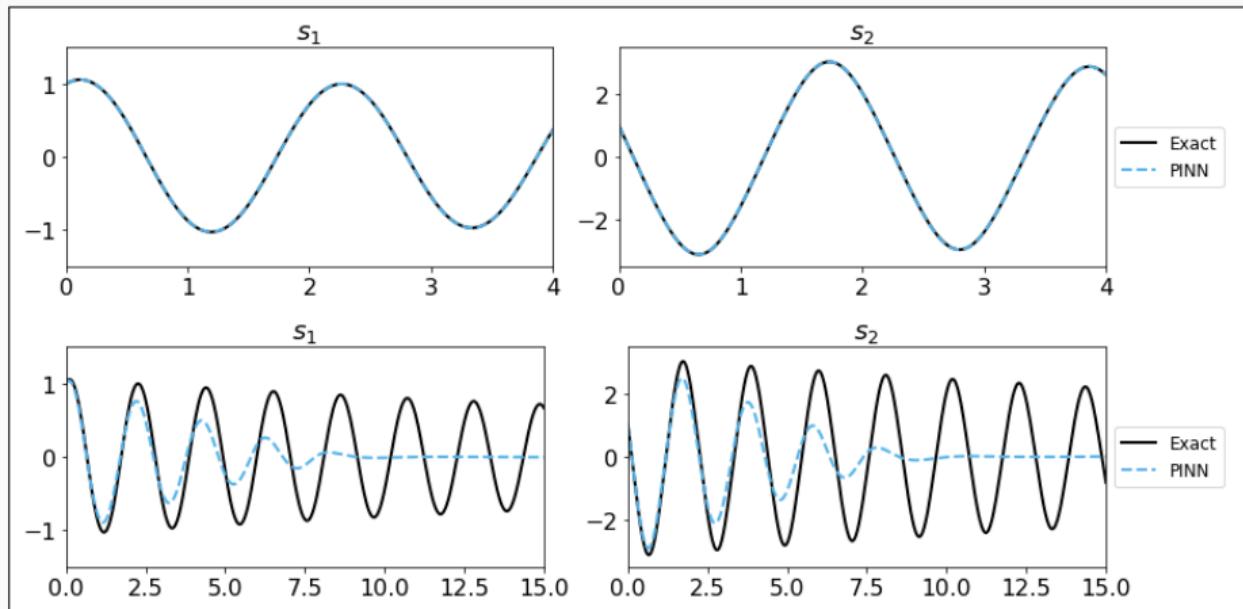
$$\frac{ds_2}{dt} = -\frac{b}{m}s_2 - \frac{g}{L} \sin(s_1).$$

## Problem parameters

$$m = L = 1, b = 0.05,$$

$$g = 9.81$$

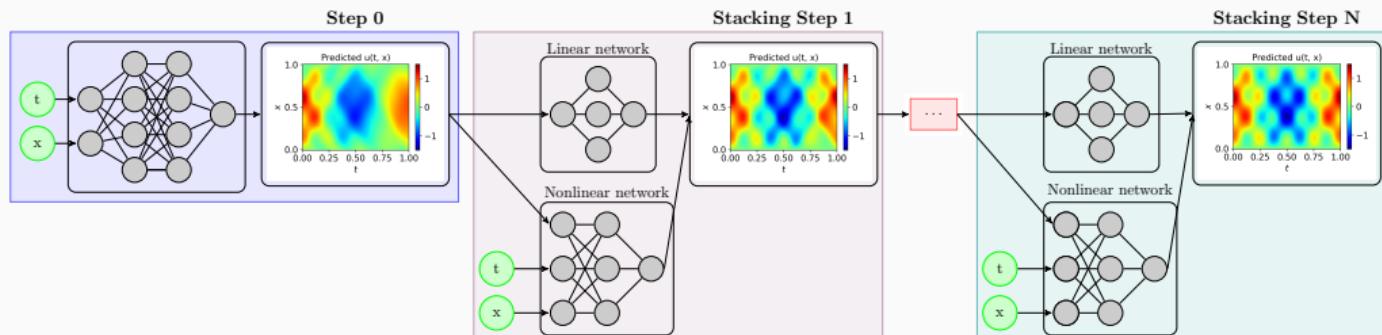
- **Top:**  $T = 4$
- **Bottom:**  $T = 20$



# Stacking Multifidelity PINNs

In the **stacking multifidelity PINNs approach** introduced in [Howard, Murphy, Ahmed, Stinis \(arXiv 2023\)](#), multiple PINNs are trained in a recursive way. In each step, a model  $u^{MF}$  is trained based on the previous model  $u^{SF}$ :

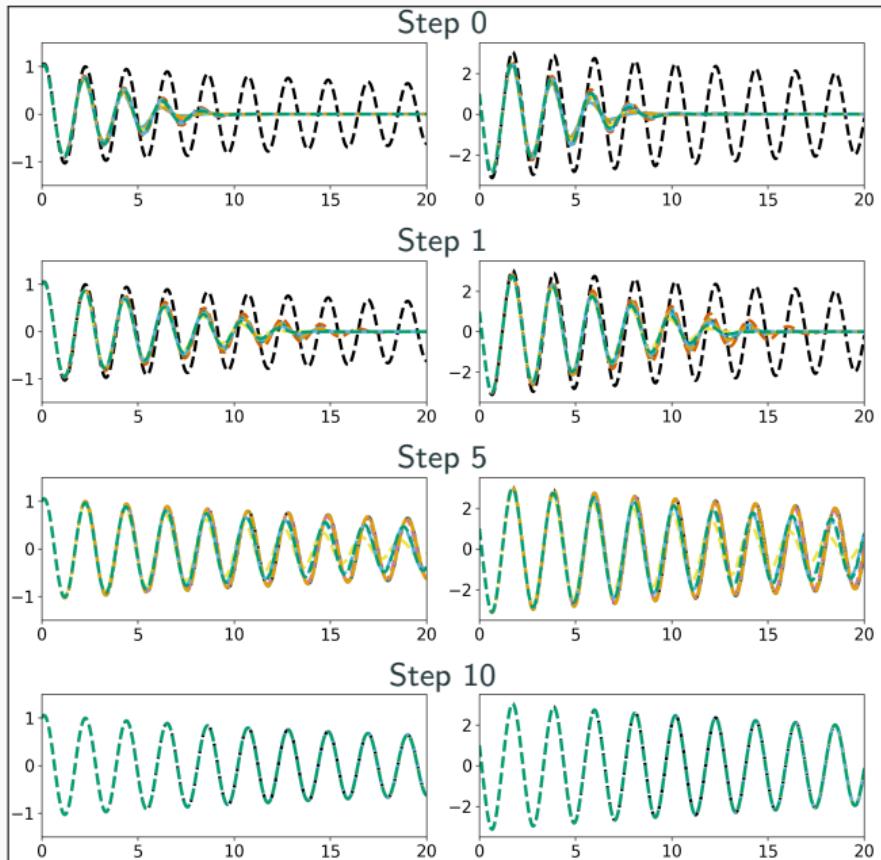
$$u^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u_{\text{linear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF}) + |\alpha| u_{\text{nonlinear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF})$$



## Related works (non-exhaustive list)

- Cokriging & multifidelity Gaussian process regression: E.g., [Wackernagel \(1995\)](#); [Perdikaris et al. \(2017\)](#); [Babaei et al. \(2020\)](#)
- Multifidelity PINNs & DeepONet: [Meng and Karniadakis \(2020\)](#); [Howard, Fu, and Stinis \(2024\)](#); [Howard, Perego, Karniadakis, Stinis \(2023\)](#); [Howard, Murphy, Ahmed, Stinis \(arXiv 2023\)](#)
- Galerkin, multi-level, and multi-stage neural networks: [Ainsworth and Dong \(2021\)](#); [Ainsworth and Dong \(2022\)](#); [Aldirany et al. \(2024\)](#); [Wang and Lai \(2024\)](#)

# Stacking Multifidelity PINNs for the Pendulum Problem

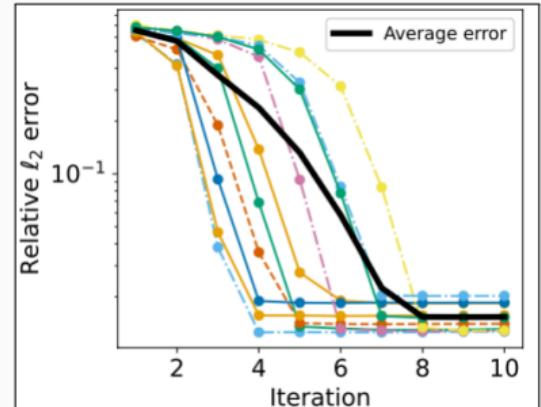


Pendulum problem:

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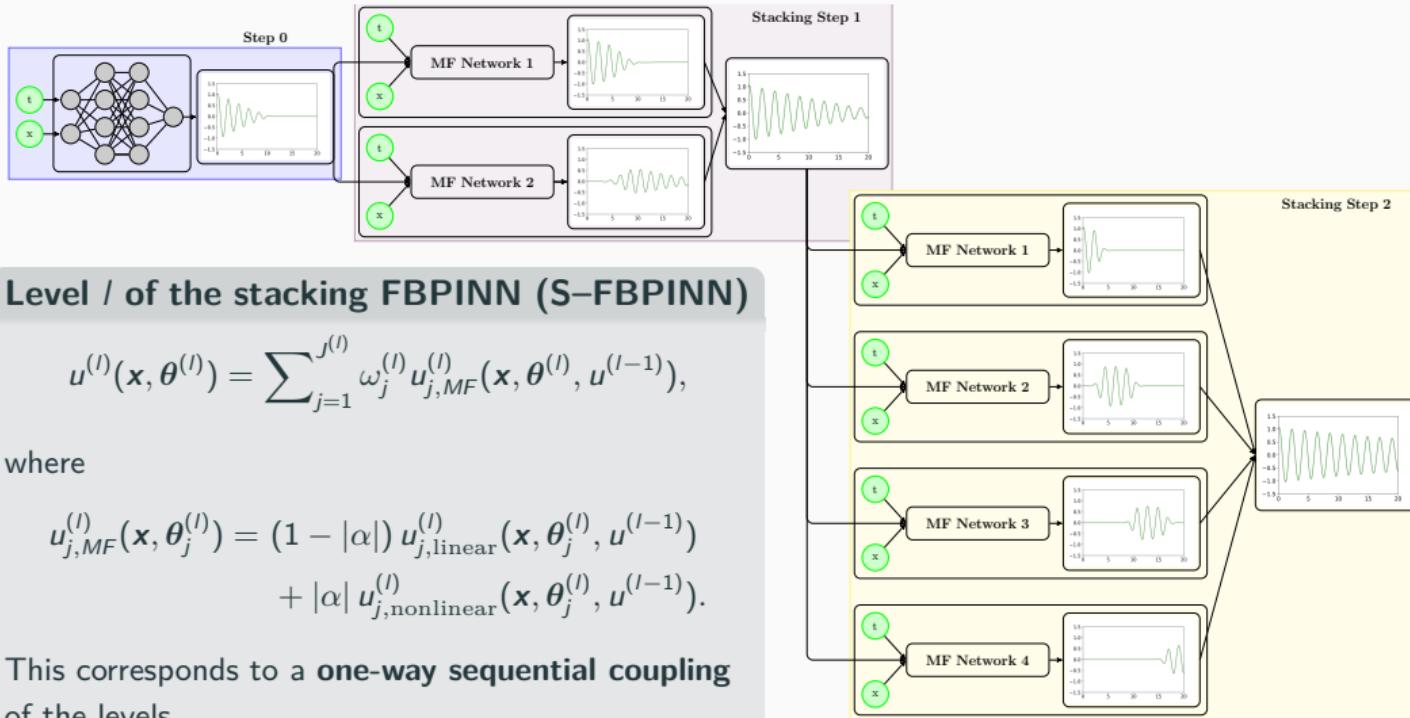
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with  $m = L = 1$ ,  $b = 0.05$ ,  $g = 9.81$ ,  
and  $T = 20$ .



# Stacking Multifidelity FBPINNs

In Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, and Stinis (acc. 2024 / arXiv:2401.07888), we **combine stacking multifidelity PINNs with FBPINNs** by using an FBPINN model in each stacking step.



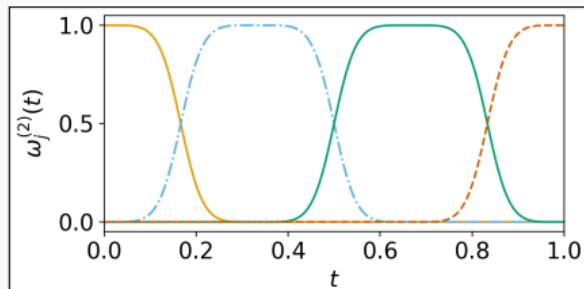
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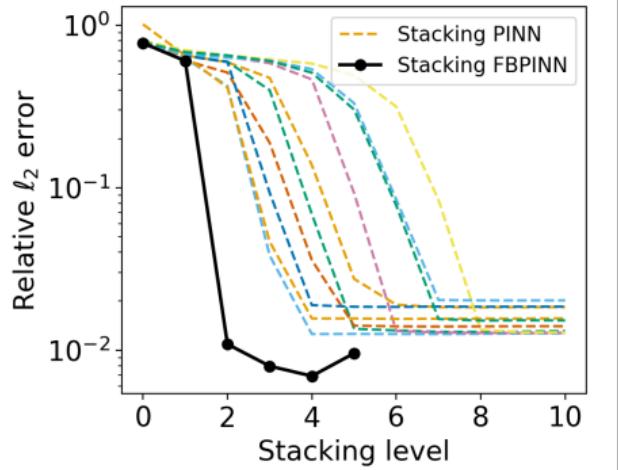
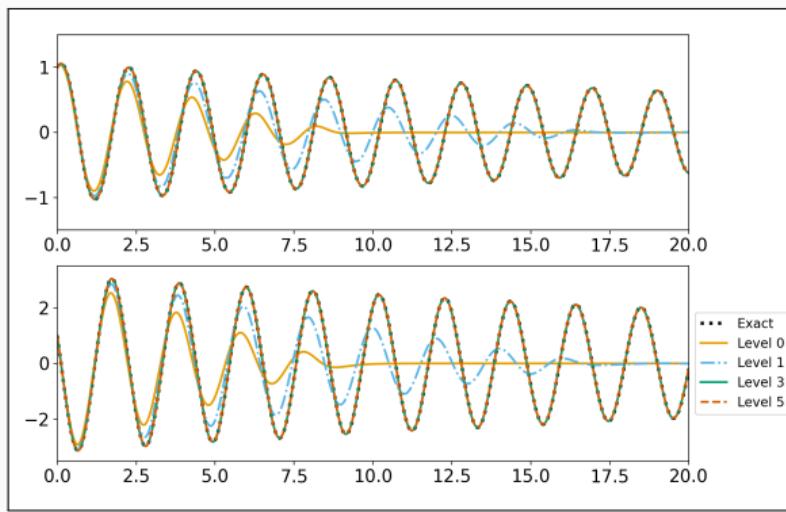
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Exemplary partition of unity in time



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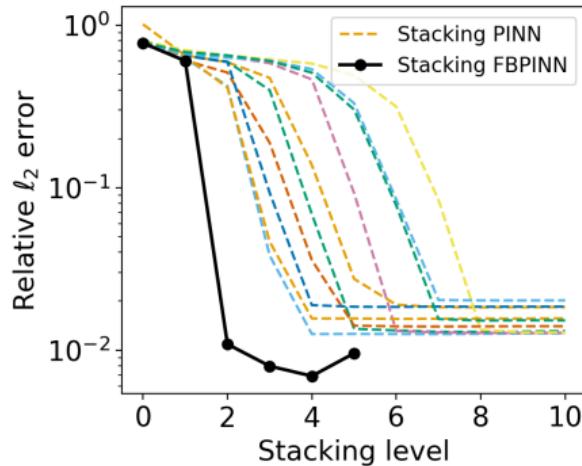
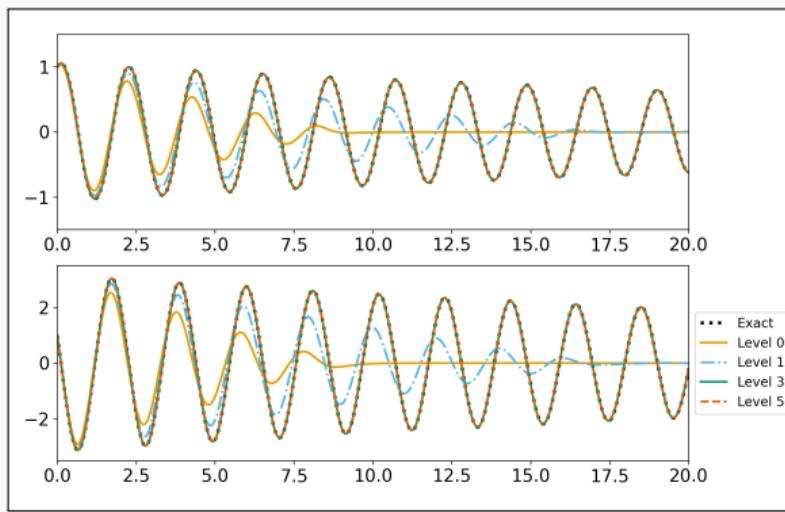
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Model details:

method	arch.	# levels	# params	error
S-PINN	5x50, 1x20	4	63 018	0.0125
S-FBPINN	3x32, 1x 4	2	34 570	0.0074



## Numerical Results – Two-Frequency Problem

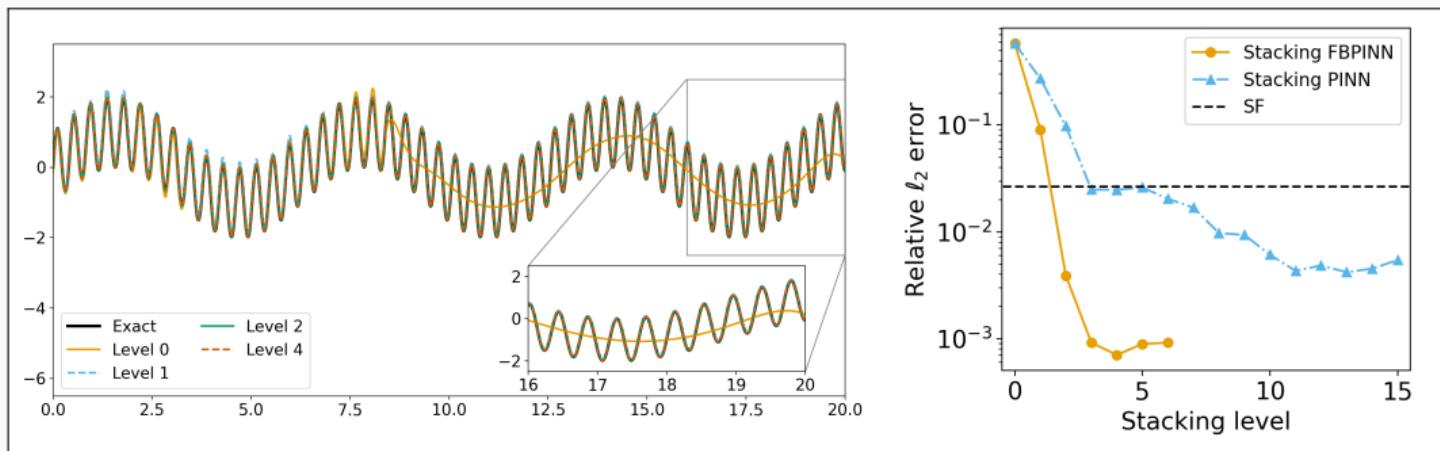
Second, we consider a **two-frequency problem**:

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \omega_1 \cos(\omega_1 x) + \omega_2 \cos(\omega_2 x),$$

$$s(0) = 0,$$

on domain  $\Omega = [0, 20]$  with  $\omega_1 = 1$  and  $\omega_2 = 15$ .

method	arch.	# levels	# params	error
PINN	4x64	0	12 673	0.6543
PINN	5x64	0	16 833	0.0265
S-PINN	4x16, 1x5	3	4900	0.0249
S-PINN	4x16, 1x5	10	11 179	0.0061
S-FBPINN	4x16, 1x5	2	7822	0.00415
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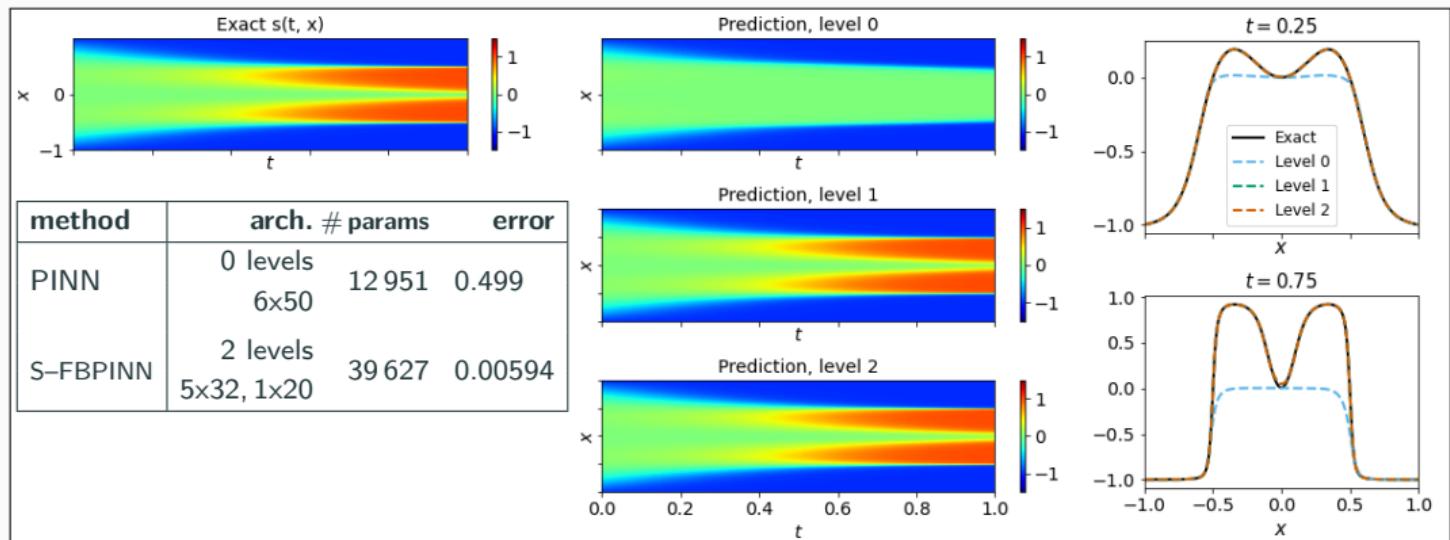


→ Due to the **multiscale structure of the problem**, the **improvements** due to the **multipidelity FBPINN approach** are **even stronger**.

# Numerical Results – Allen–Cahn Equation

Finally, we consider the **Allen–Cahn equation**:

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_t - 0.0001\vartheta_{xx} + 5\vartheta^3 - 5\vartheta &= 0, & t \in (0, 1], x \in [-1, 1], \\ \vartheta(x, 0) &= x^2 \cos(\pi x), & x \in [-1, 1], \\ \vartheta(x, t) &= \vartheta(-x, t), & t \in [0, 1], x = -1, x = 1, \\ \vartheta_x(x, t) &= \vartheta_x(-x, t), & t \in [0, 1], x = -1, x = 1.\end{aligned}$$



PINN gets stuck at fixed point of the dynamical system; cf. [Rohrhofer et al. \(arXiv 2023\)](#).

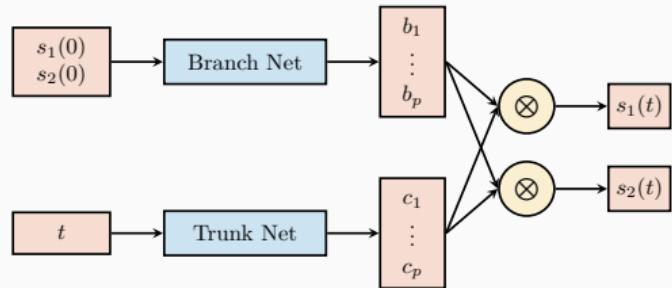
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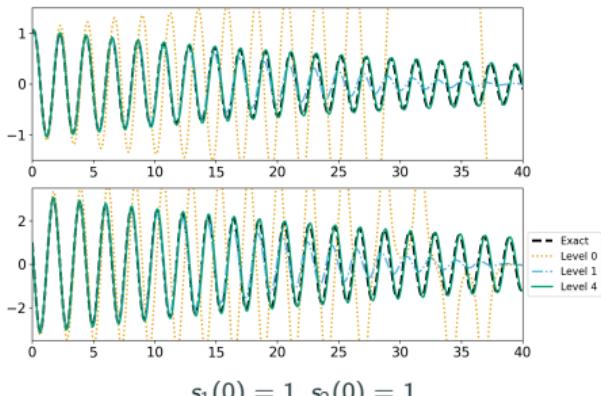
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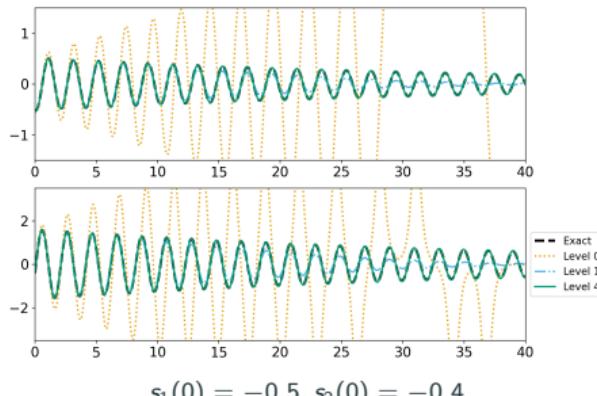
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Approach based on the **single-layer case** analyzed in **Chen and Chen (1995)**



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Cf. Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, and Stinis (acc. 2024).

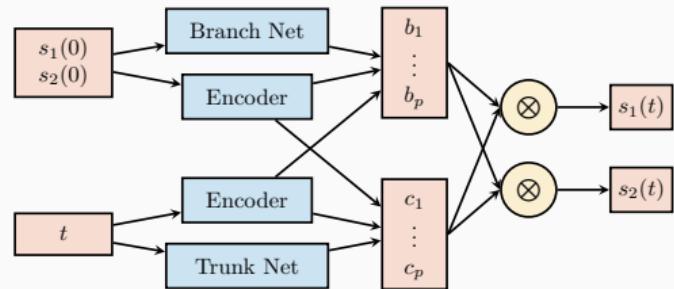


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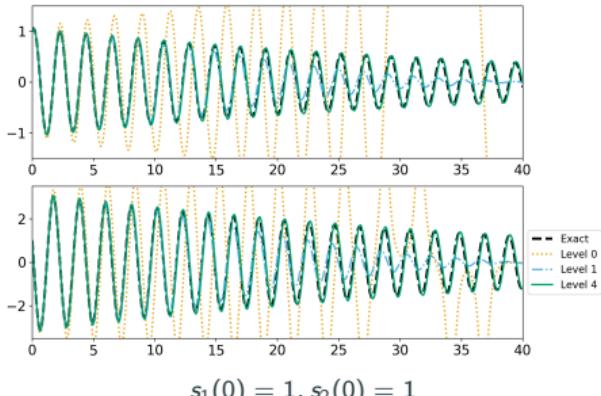
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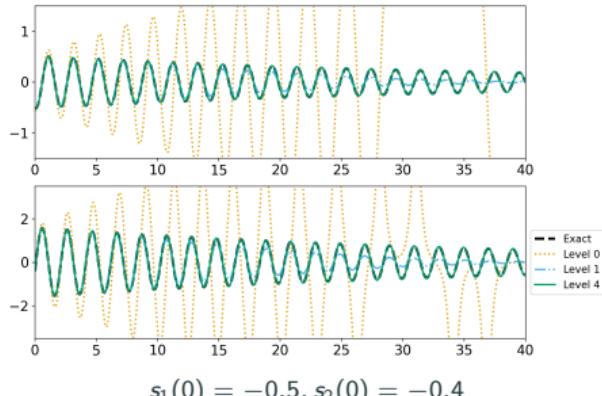
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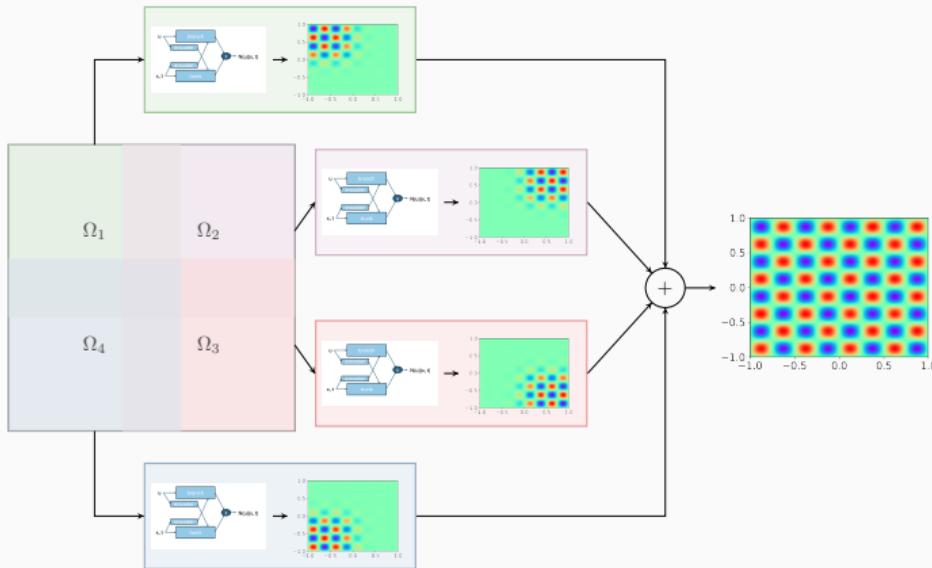
Modified DeepONet architecture; cf. **Wang, Wang, and Perdikaris (2022)**



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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)

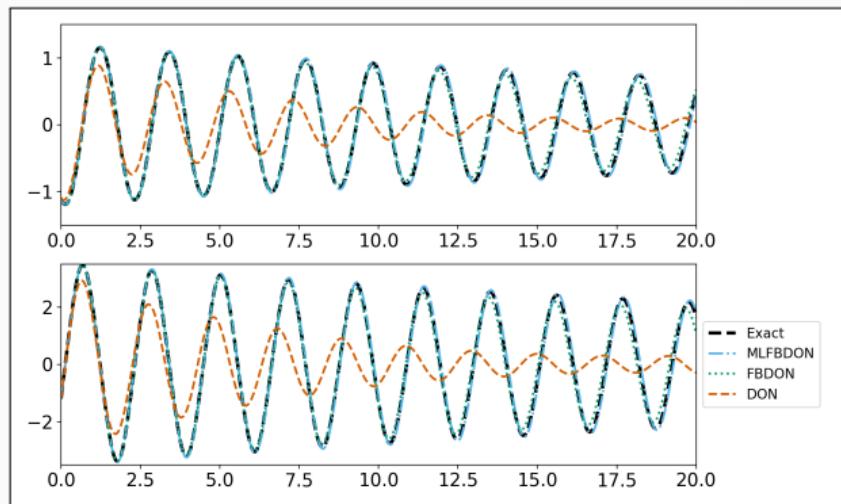
# DD-DONs Pendulum

## 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 \(in prep.\)](#)

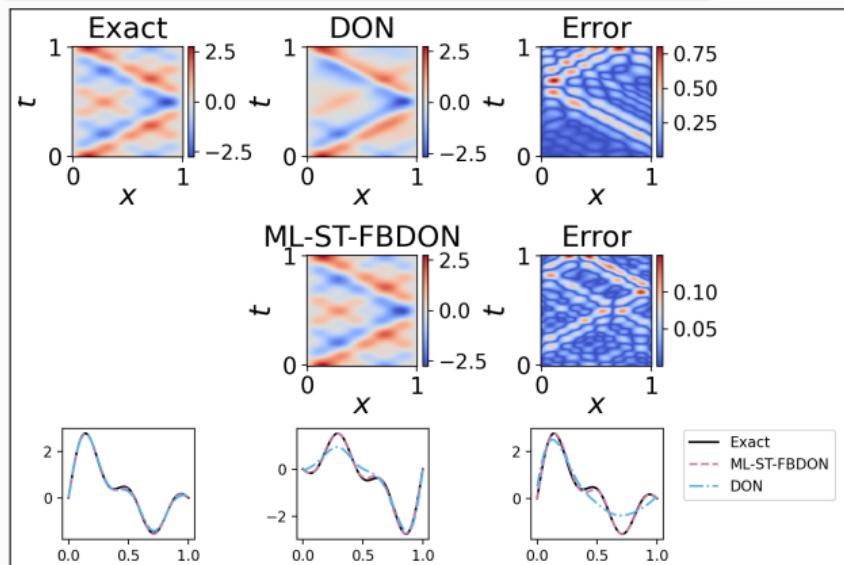
# DD-DONs Wave Equation

## 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 1000 random configurations.

## Mean rel. $\ell_2$ error on 100 config.

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

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

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

## **PACMANN – Point adaptive collocation method for artificial neural networks**

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# Motivation

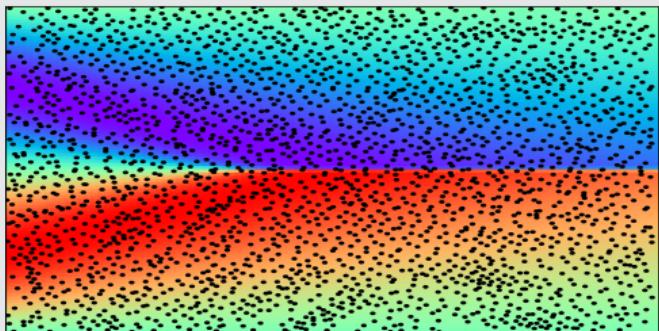
The number and distribution of the collocation points in the PDE loss  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}$  have a significant influence on the accuracy of the PINN solution. Since the computational work grows with the number of collocation points, the effective placement of the collocation points is important.

## Burger's equation in 1D

Consider the Burger's with one spatial dimension:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [-1, 1], \quad t \in [0, 1]$$
$$u(x, 0) = -\sin(\pi x) \quad u(-1, t) = u(1, t) = 0.$$

sampling method	$L_2$ relative error		mean runtime [s]
	mean	1 SD	
uniform grid	25.9%	14.2%	425
Hammersley grid	0.61%	0.53%	443
random resampling	0.40%	0.35%	<b>423</b>
Residual-based	0.11%	<b>0.05%</b>	450



Implementation based on DeepXDE with PyTorch (v1.12.1)  
backend; cf. [Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi \(arXiv:2411.19632\)](#)

Similar results in earlier study: [Wu et al. \(2023\)](#)

# Overview of Various Sampling Schemes (Not Exhaustive)

## Non-adaptive sampling

- **Equispaced uniform grid**
- **Uniformly random sampling**, using a pseudo-random number generator (e.g., PCG-64 [O'Neill \(2014\)](#))
- **Latin hypercube sampling** ([McKay, Beckman, and Conover \(2000\)](#); [Stein \(1987\)](#))

Quasi-random low-discrepancy sequences:

- **Halton sequence** ([Halton \(1960\)](#))
- **Hammersley sequence** ([Hammersley \(1964\)](#))
- **Sobol sequence** ([Sobol' \(1967\)](#))

## Adaptive sampling

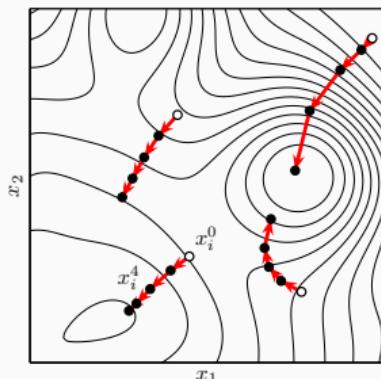
- **Residual-based Adaptive Refinement (RAR)** ([Lu et al \(2021\)](#)): placement of **additional points** in regions with the largest PDE residuals
- **Probability Density Function (PDF)** ([Nabian, Gladstone, and Meidani \(2021\)](#)): randomly resample all points based on a **PDF proportional to the residual**
- **Residual-based Adaptive Distribution (RAD)** ([Wu et al. \(2023\)](#)): all collocation points are resampled using a **PDF based on the residual (nonlinear)**.
- **Residual-based Adaptive Refinement with Distribution (RAR-D)** ([Wu et al. \(2023\)](#)): sampling of additional collocation points using the **PDF used in RAD**  
*(RAD and RAR-D are based on / extensions of PDF approach)*

# PACMANN – Point Adaptive Collocation Method for Artificial Neural Networks

In [Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi \(arXiv:2411.19632\)](#), the collocation points are updated by solving the **min-max problem**

$$\min_{\theta} \left[ \omega_{\text{data}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) + \max_{\mathbf{X} \subset \Omega} \omega_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\mathbf{X}, \theta) \right].$$

Different from the other residual-based adaptive sampling methods, the **existing collocation points are moved** using a gradient-based optimizers, such as [gradient ascent](#), [RMSprop \(Hinton \(2018\)\)](#), [Adam \(Kingma, Ba \(2017\)\)](#), or others.



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## Algorithm 1: PACMANN with iteration counts $P$ and $T$ and stepsize $s$

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Sample a set  $\mathbf{X}$  of  $N_{\text{PDE}}$  collocation points using a uniform sampling method;

**while** *stopping criterion not reached* **do**

Train the PINN for  $P$  iterations;

**for**  $k = 1, \dots, T$  **do**

Compute squared residual  $\mathcal{R}(x_i) = (\mathcal{N}[u](x_i, \theta) - f(x_i))^2$  for all  $x_i \in \mathbf{X}$ ;

Compute gradient  $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \mathcal{R}(x_i)$  for all  $x_i \in \mathbf{X}$ ;

Move the points in  $\mathbf{X}$  according to the chosen optimization algorithm and stepsize  $s$ ;

**end**

**Resample** points in  $\mathbf{X}$  that moved outside  $\Omega$  based on a uniform probability distribution;

**end**

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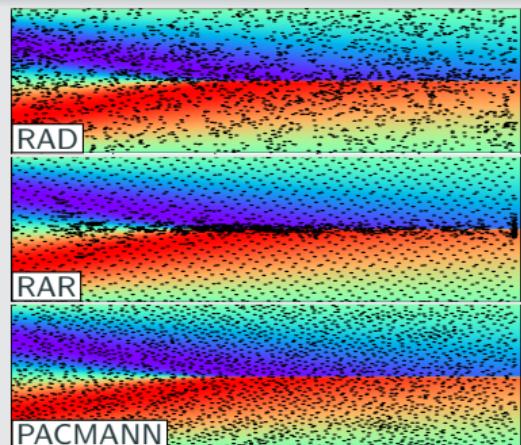
# Numerical Results – Burger's Equation in 1D

## Varying the optimizer in PACMANN

sampling method	$L_2$ relative error		mean runtime [s]	hyper parameters	
	mean	1 SD		stepsize $s$	# steps $T$
PACMANN–gradient ascent	0.30%	0.17%	<b>436</b>	$10^{-6}$	1
PACMANN–RMSprop	0.10%	<b>0.03%</b>	442	$10^{-6}$	10
PACMANN–Adam	<b>0.07%</b>	0.05%	461	$10^{-5}$	15

## Comparison against different methods

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RAD	0.16%	0.10%	463
RAR-D	0.24%	0.21%	503
PACMANN–Adam	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>0.05%</b>	461



Cf. [Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi \(arXiv:2411.19632\)](#).

# Numerical Results – Poisson Equation in 5D

Furthermore, we show that our method **scales well to higher dimensions**, such as a **Poisson equation in five dimensions**:

$$\begin{aligned}-\Delta u &= f, \quad \text{in } \Omega = [-1, 1]^5, \\ u &= 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

Here,  $f$  is chosen such that  $u = \prod_{i=1}^5 \sin(\pi x_i)$ .

## Comparison against different methods

sampling method	$L_2$ relative error		mean runtime [s]
	mean	1 SD	
uniform grid	17.89%	0.94%	742
Hammersley grid	82.08%	3.23%	<b>734</b>
random resampling	11.03%	0.69%	772
RAR	56.84%	4.46%	753
RAD	10.07%	0.75%	851
RAR-D	88.30%	1.53%	774
PACMANN–Adam	<b>5.93%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	778

Cf. Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi ([arXiv:2411.19632](#)).

# Numerical Results – Parameter Identification for the Navier–Stokes Equations

Finally, we consider an **inverse problem** involving the **Navier–Stokes equations in two dimensions** of an **incompressible flow past a cylinder** discussed by **Raissi et al. (2019)**:

$$u_t + \lambda_1(uu_x + vu_y) = -p_x + \lambda_2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}), \quad x \in [1, 8] \times [-2, 2], t \in [0, 7],$$

$$v_t + \lambda_1(uv_x + vv_y) = -p_y + \lambda_2(v_{xx} + v_{yy}), \quad x \in [1, 8] \times [-2, 2], t \in [0, 7].$$

Here,  $(u, v)$  and  $p$  are the velocity and pressure fields. The scalar parameter  $\lambda_1$  scales the convective term, and  $\lambda_2$  represents the dynamic (shear) viscosity. The true values of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are 1 and 0.01.

sampling method	$L_2$ relative error				mean runtime [s]	
	$\lambda_1$		$\lambda_2$			
	mean	1 SD	mean	1 SD		
uniform grid	0.05 %	<b>0.01 %</b>	0.72 %	0.43 %	1506	
Hammersley grid	0.08 %	0.04 %	0.89 %	0.52 %	<b>1492</b>	
random resampling	0.12 %	0.05 %	0.65 %	0.46 %	1514	
RAR	0.30 %	0.06 %	1.44 %	0.90 %	1520	
RAD	0.23 %	0.06 %	1.38 %	0.79 %	1583	
RAR-D	0.08 %	0.05 %	0.84 %	0.57 %	1525	
PACMANN–Adam	<b>0.03 %</b>	0.03 %	<b>0.53 %</b>	<b>0.19 %</b>	1559	

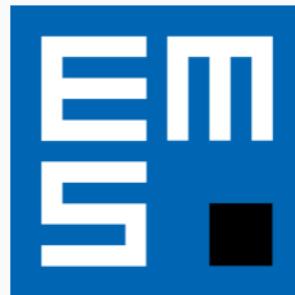
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## Multilevel FBPINNs

- Schwarz domain decomposition 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**.

## Stacking Multifidelity FBPINNs

- The **combination of multifidelity stacking PINNs with FBPINNs** yields **significant improvements in the accuracy and efficiency** for **time-dependent problems**.

## PACMANN Sampling Method

- Adaptive movement of the collocation points along the gradient yields **comparable or better performance compared to state-of-the-art sampling approaches**; standard optimizers can be employed.
- In particular, for **high-dimensional problems**, the **performance is clearly better**.

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