



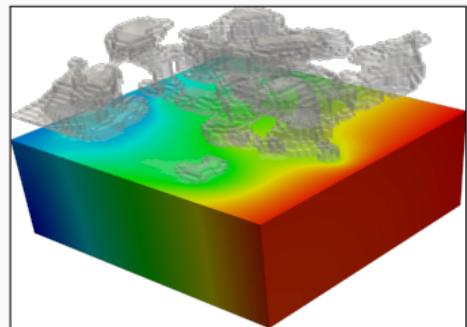
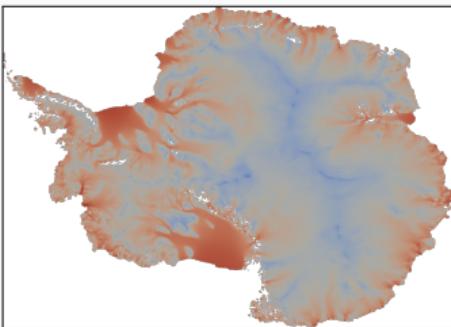
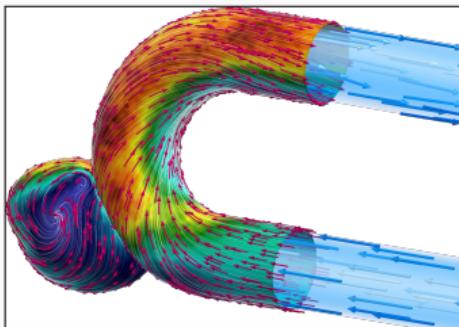
Geometric Challenges in Machine Learning-Based Surrogate Models

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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 Surrogate models for varying computational domains

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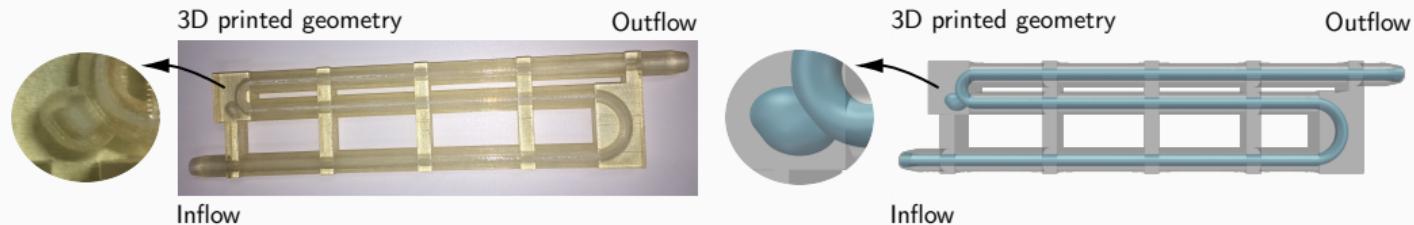
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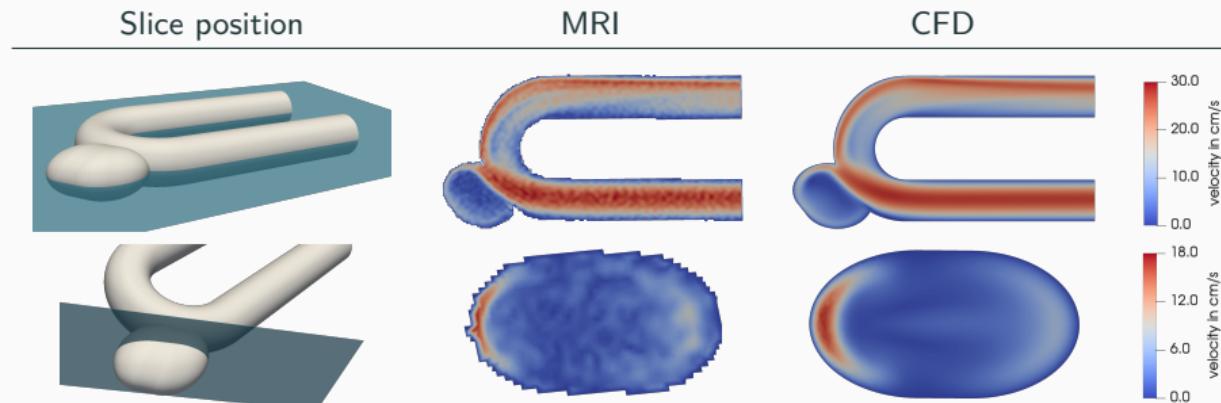
Surrogate models for varying computational domains

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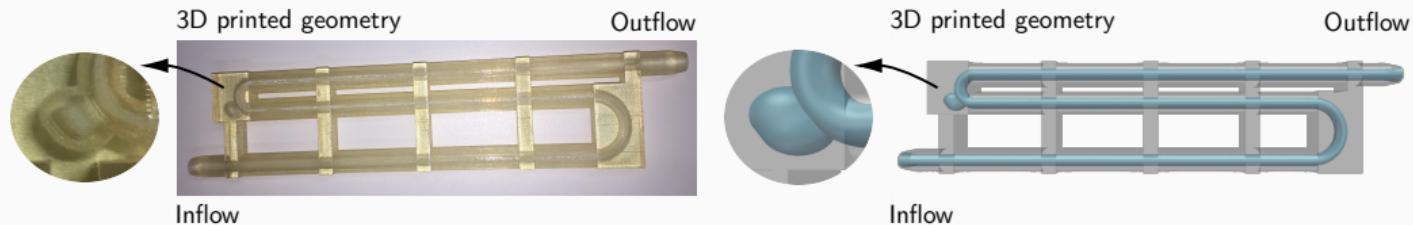


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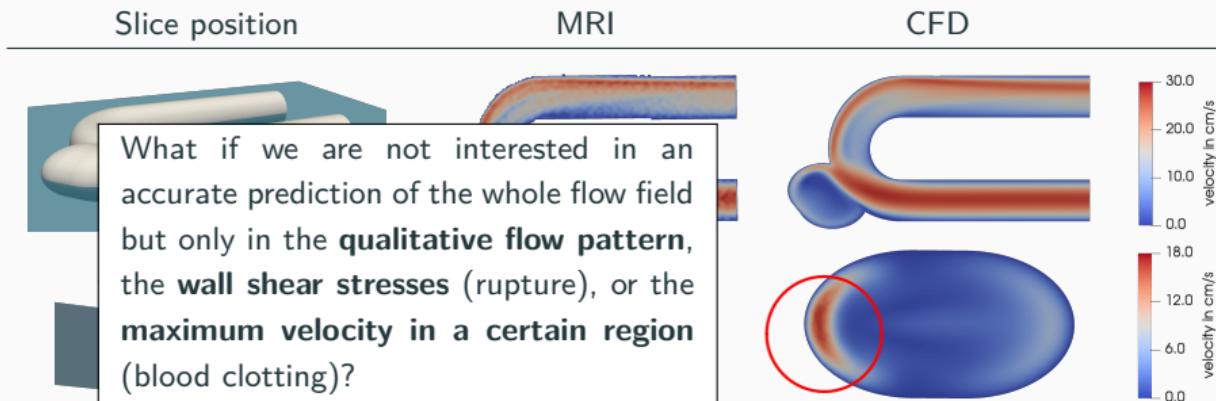


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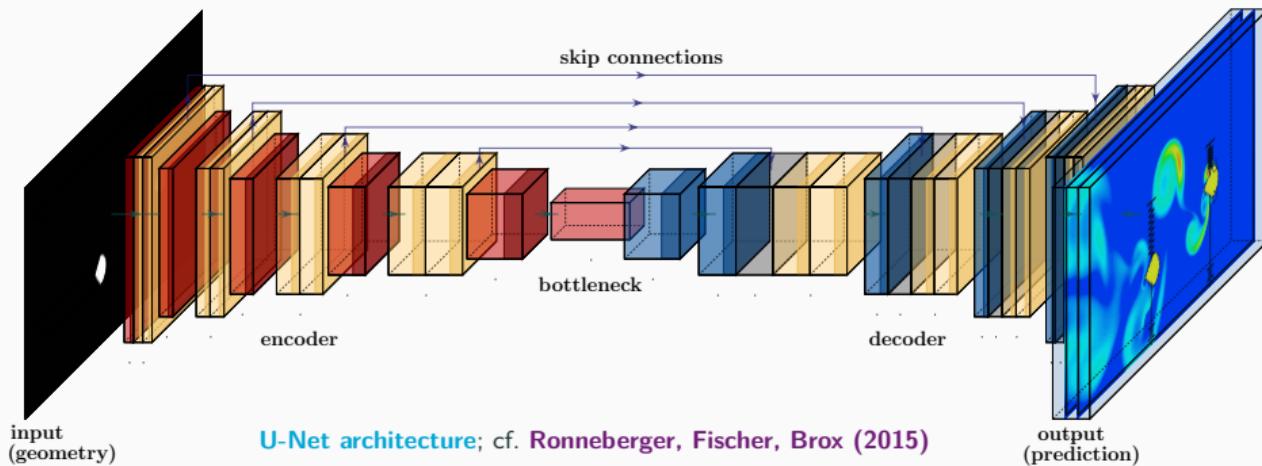
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Operator Learning and Surrogate Modeling

Our approach is inspired by the work **Guo, Li, Iorio (2016)**, in which **convolutional neural networks (CNNs)** are employed to predict the flow in channel with an obstacle.

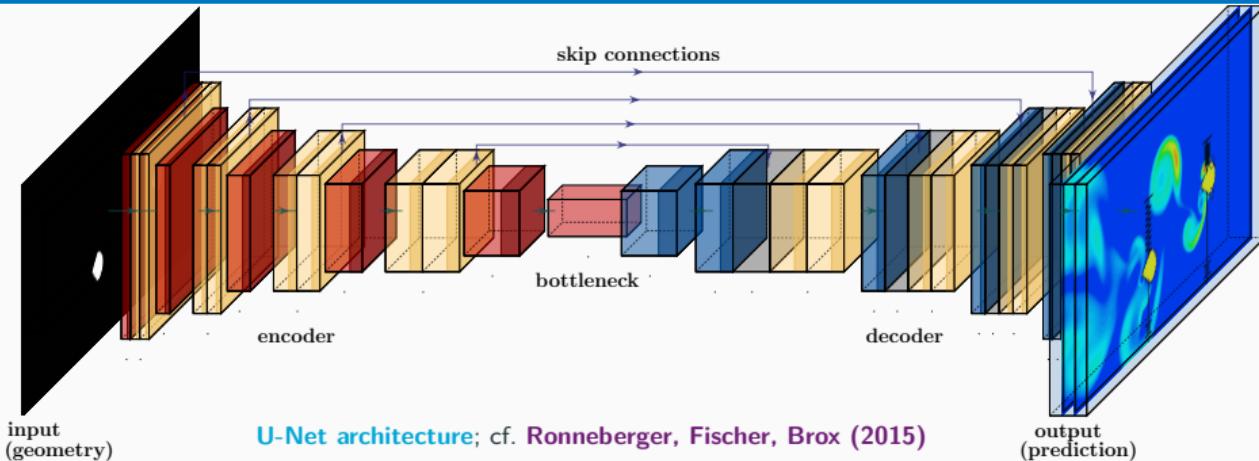
In particular, we use a pixel image of the **geometry as input** and predict an image of the resulting **stationary flow field as output**:



Other related works: E.g.

- **Guo, Li, Iorio (2016)**
- **Niekamp, Niemann, Schröder (2022)**
- **Stender, Ohlsen, Geisler, Chabchoub, Hoffmann, Schlaefer (2022)**

Operator Learning and Surrogate Modeling



We learn the **nonlinear map** between a **representation space of the geometry** and the **solution space** of the stationary Navier–Stokes equations → **Operator learning**.

Operator learning

Learning **maps between function spaces**, e.g.,

- between the right-hand side and the solution of a BVP.

Other operator learning approaches

- DeepOnet: Lu, Jin, and Karniadakis. (2021).
- Neural operators: Kovachki, Li, Liu, Azizzadenesheli, Bhattacharya, Stuart, and Anandkumar (arXiv preprints 2020, 2021).

Computation of the Flow Data Using OpenFOAM®

We solve the **steady Navier–Stokes equations**

$$-\nu \Delta \vec{u} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} + \nabla p = 0 \text{ in } \Omega,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega,$$

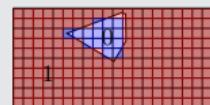
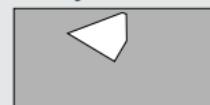
where \vec{u} and p are the velocity and pressure fields and ν is the viscosity. Furthermore, we prescribe the previously described boundary conditions.

Software pipeline

1. Define the boundary of the polygonal obstacle and **create the corresponding STL (standard triangulation language) file**.
2. **Generate a hexahedral compute grid** (snappyHexMesh).
3. Run the **CFD simulation** (simpleFoam).
4. **Interpolate geometry information and flow field** onto a pixel grid.
5. **Train the CNN**.

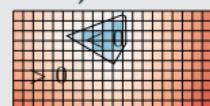
Input data

Binary



256 px
128 px

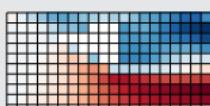
SDF (Signed Distance Function)



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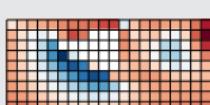
Output data

u_x



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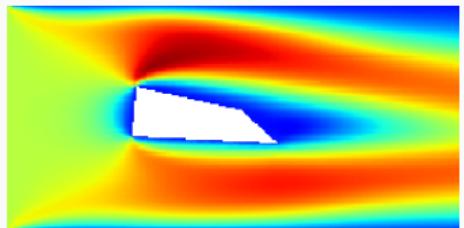
u_y



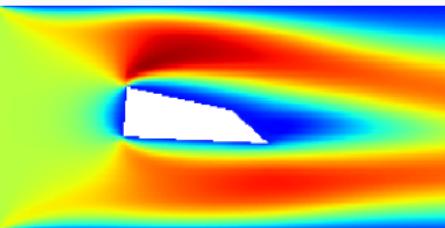
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Comparison CFD Vs NN (Relative Error 2 %)

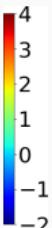
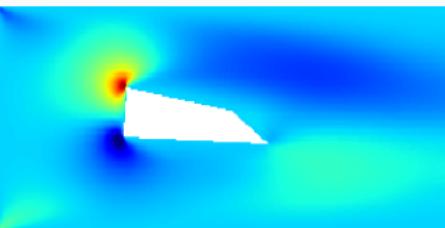
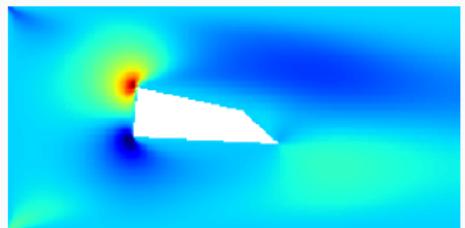
u_x CFD



u_x CNN



u_x ERR



u_y CFD

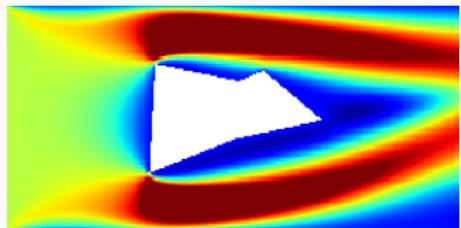
u_y CNN

u_y ERR

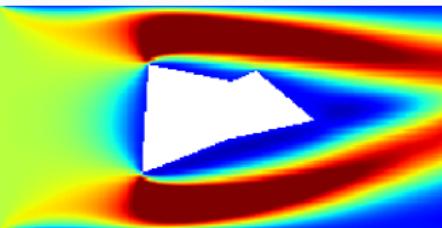
Cf. **Eichinger, Heinlein, Klawonn (2021, 2022)**

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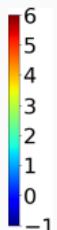
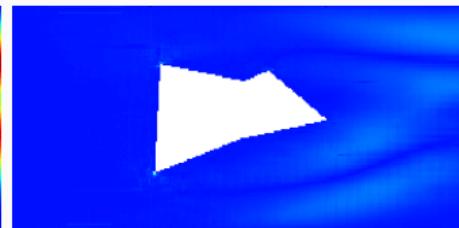
u_x CFD



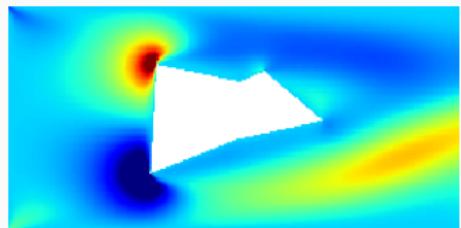
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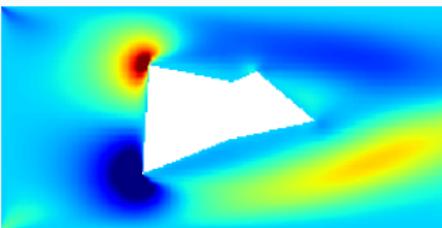
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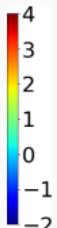
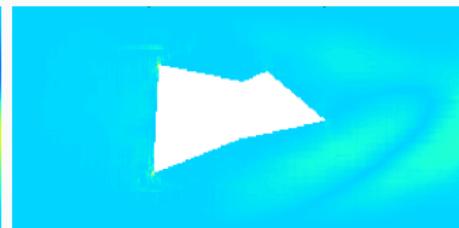
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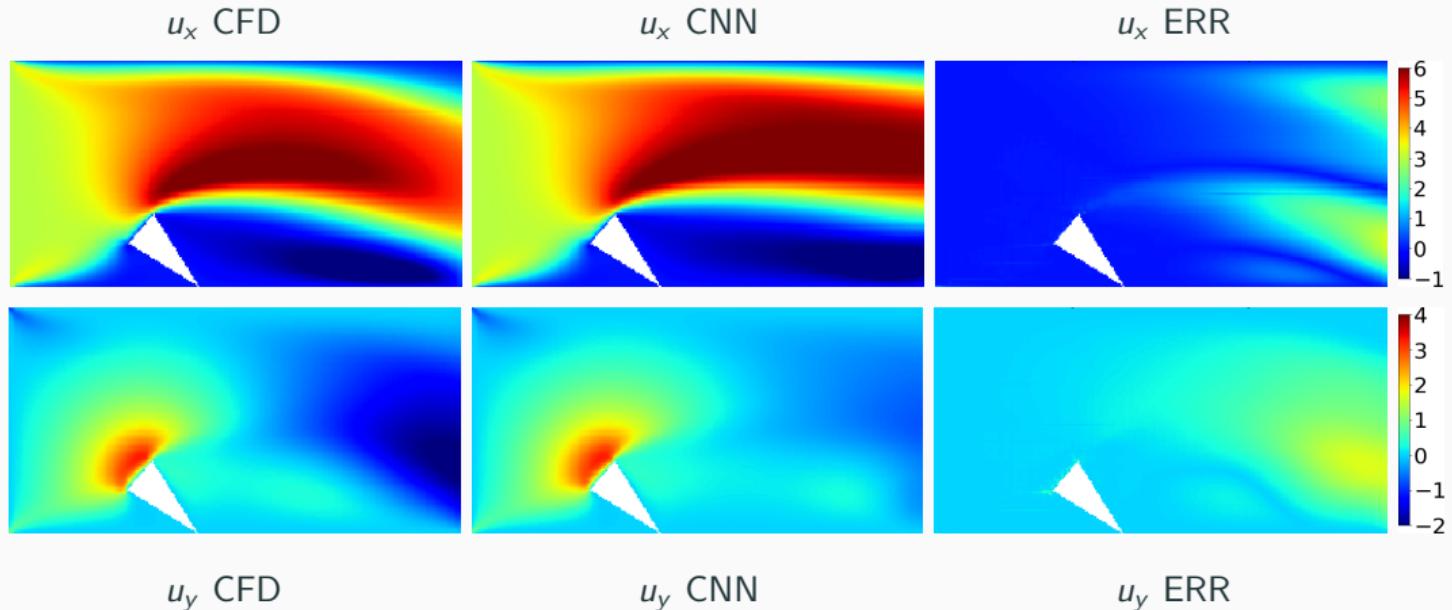


u_y ERR



Cf. **Eichinger, Heinlein, Klawonn (2021, 2022)**

Comparison CFD Vs NN (Relative Error 31 %)



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Computing Times

Data:

	Avg. Runtime per Case (Serial)
Create STL	0.15 s
snappyHexMesh	37 s
simpleFoam	13 s
Total Time	≈ 50 s

Training:

	Bottleneck CNN		U-Net	
# decoders	1	2	1	2
# parameters	≈ 47 m	≈ 85 m	≈ 34 m	≈ 53.5 m
time/epoch	180 s	245 s	195 s	270 s

Comparison CFD Vs NN:

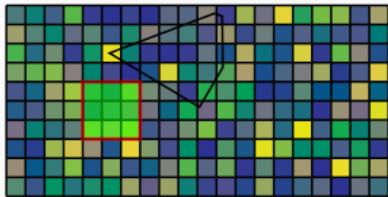
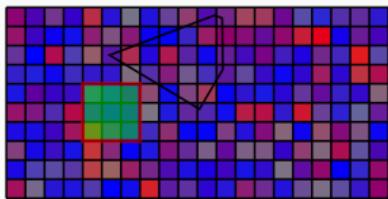
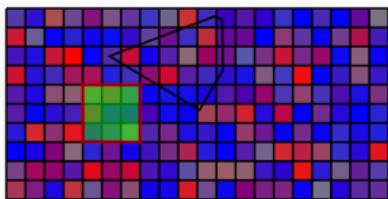
	CFD (CPU)	NN (CPU)	NN (GPU)
Avg. Time	50 s	0.092 s	0.0054 s

⇒ Flow predictions using neural networks may be less accurate and the **training phase expensive**, but the **flow prediction is $\approx 5 \cdot 10^2 - 10^4$ times faster**.

CPU: AMD Threadripper 2950X (8 × 3.8 Ghz), 32GB RAM;

GPU: GeForce RTX 2080Ti

Unsupervised Learning Approach – PDE Loss Using Finite Differences



$$\left\| \begin{array}{l} F_{\text{mom}}(u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}) \\ F_{\text{mass}}(u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}) \end{array} \right\|^2 >> 0$$

Cf. [Grimm, Heinlein, Klawonn](#)

**Minimization of the mean squared residual
of the Navier-Stokes equations**

$$\min_{u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}} \frac{1}{\# \text{pixels}} \sum_{\text{pixels}} \left\| \begin{array}{l} F_{\text{mom}}(u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}) \\ F_{\text{mass}}(u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}) \end{array} \right\|^2$$

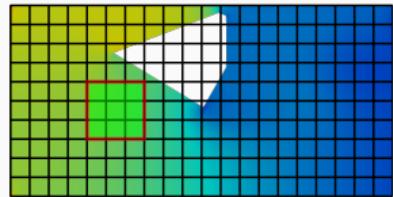
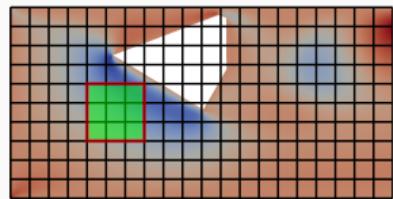
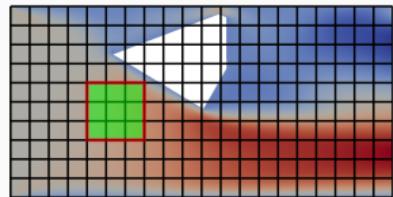
where u_{NN} and p_{NN} are the output images of our CNN and

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{mom}}(u, p) &:= -\nu \Delta \vec{u} + (u \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} + \nabla p, \\ F_{\text{mass}}(u, p) &:= \nabla \cdot u. \end{aligned}$$

We use a **finite difference discretization** on the **output pixel image** by defining filters on the last layer of the CNN-based on the stencils:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

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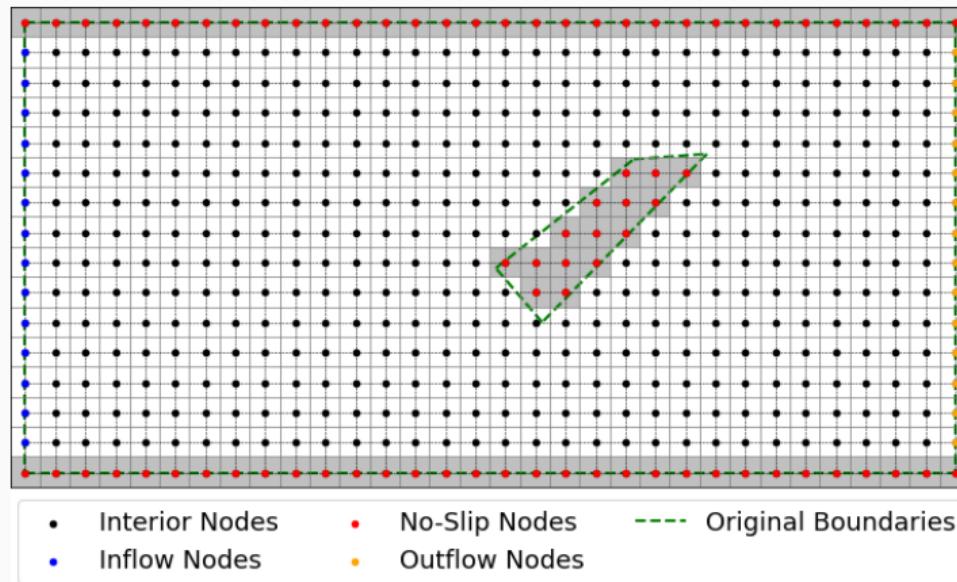


$$\left\| \begin{array}{l} F_{\text{mom}}(u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}) \\ F_{\text{mass}}(u_{\text{NN}}, p_{\text{NN}}) \end{array} \right\|^2 \approx 0$$

Physics-Informed Approach & Boundary Conditions

The PDE loss can be minimized **without using simulation results as training data**.

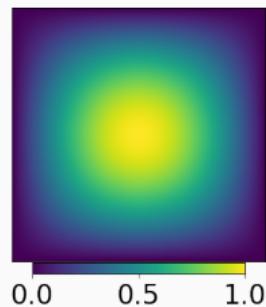
→ On a single geometry, this training of the neural network just corresponds to an **unconventional way of solving the Navier-Stokes equations using finite differences**.



Boundary conditions

- Computing the correct solution requires **enforcing the correct boundary conditions**.
- Therefore, we additionally encode **flags for the different boundary conditions** in the **input image**.

Convergence Comparison – CNN Versus FDM

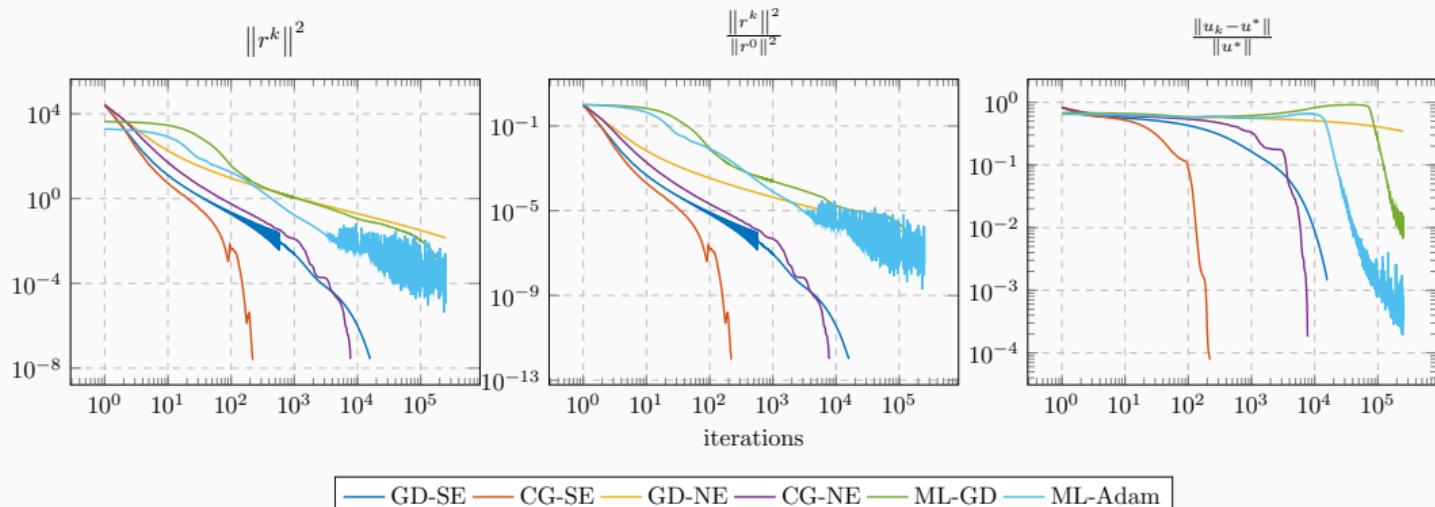


Solve

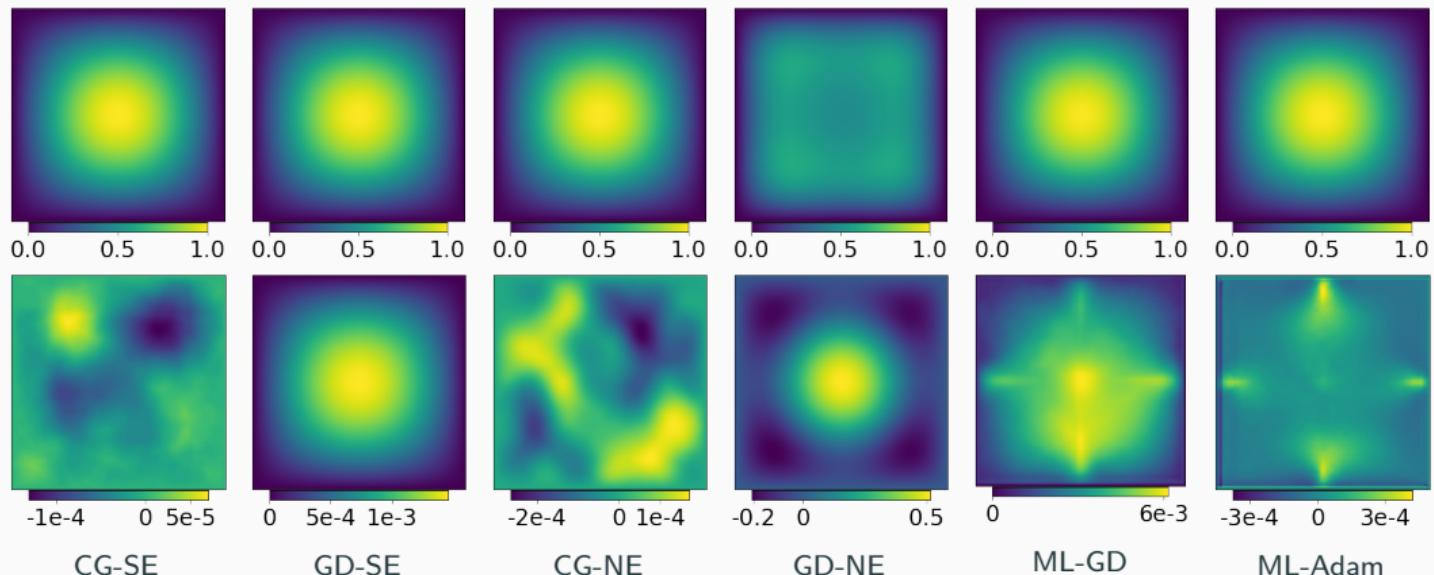
$$-\Delta u = f$$

using

- classical finite differences
- **GD**: gradient descent
- **CG**: conjugate gradient method
- **SE**: $Ax = b$
- **NE**: $\|Ax - b\|^2$
- **ML**: CNN



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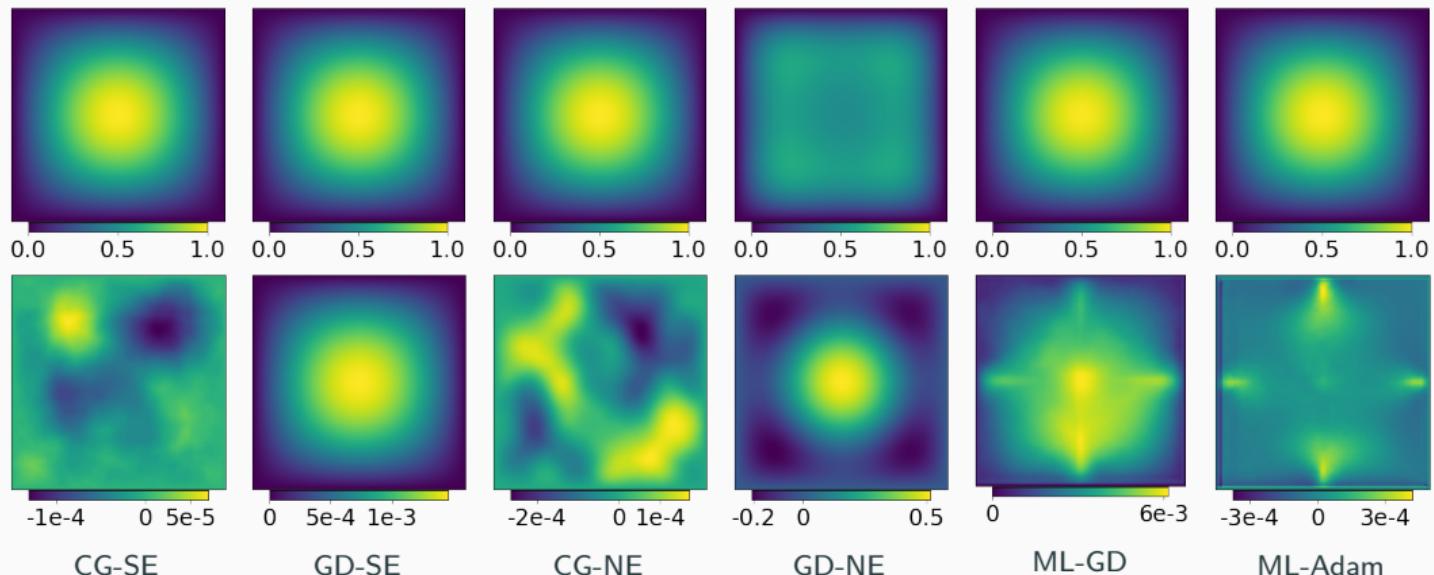
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Cf. [Grimm, Heinlein, Klawonn \(2024\)](#).

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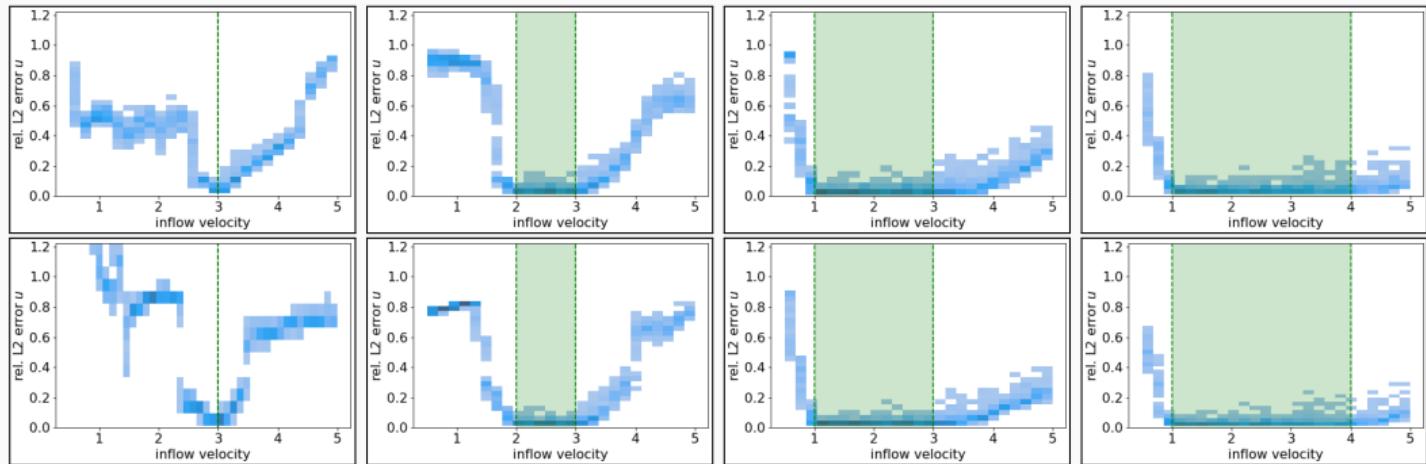
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→ The results for the **physics-informed approach** are **comparable to the data-based approach**; the **errors are slightly higher**. However, no **reference data at all is needed for the training**.

Generalization With Respect to the Inflow Velocity

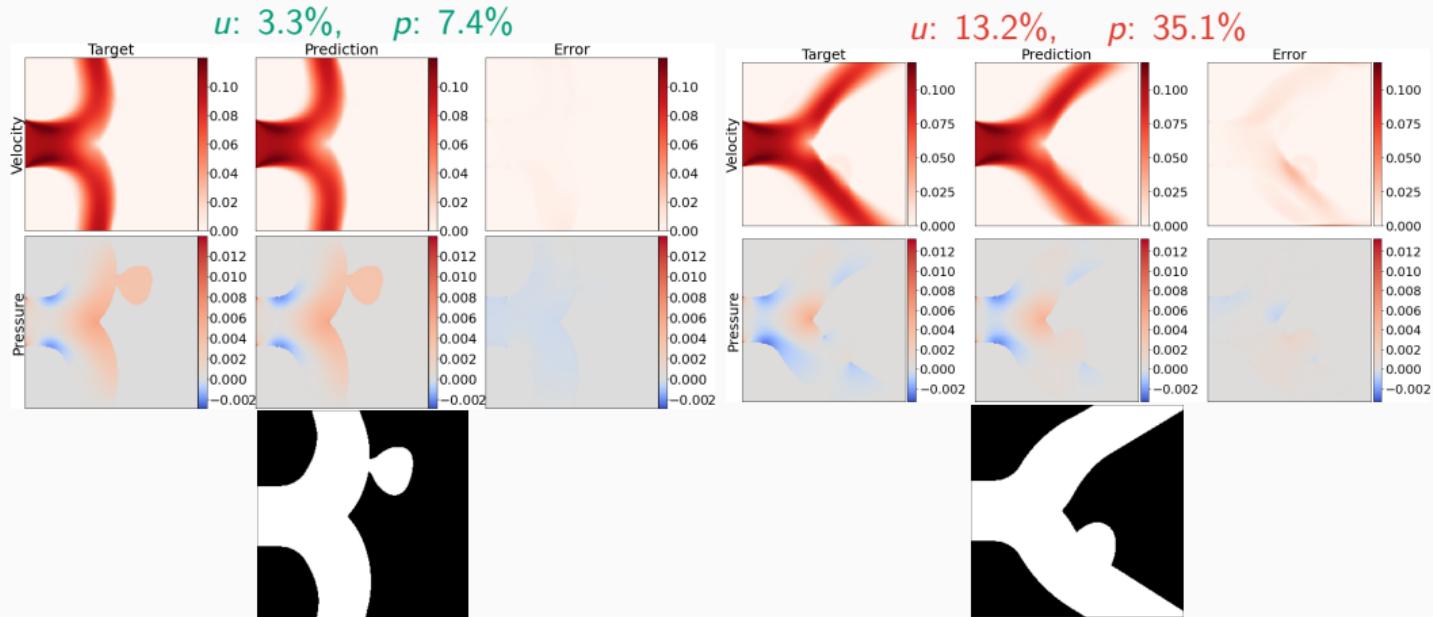


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		[2.0, 3.0]	89.3 %	57.4 %	4.0 %	15.5 %	59.1 %
		[1.0, 3.0]	40.2 %	3.8 %	4.3 %	7.1 %	20.4 %
		[1.0, 4.0]	31.3 %	4.0 %	4.3 %	5.8 %	7.7 %
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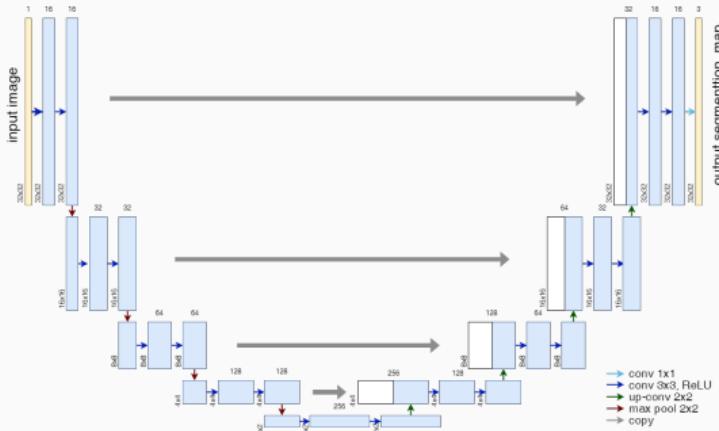
Aneurysm Geometries

Training: 500 geometries **Validation:** \approx 1200 geometries

Relative L^2 -error on the validation data set in u : 4.9 %, in p : 9.5 %.



Memory Requirements for CNN Training

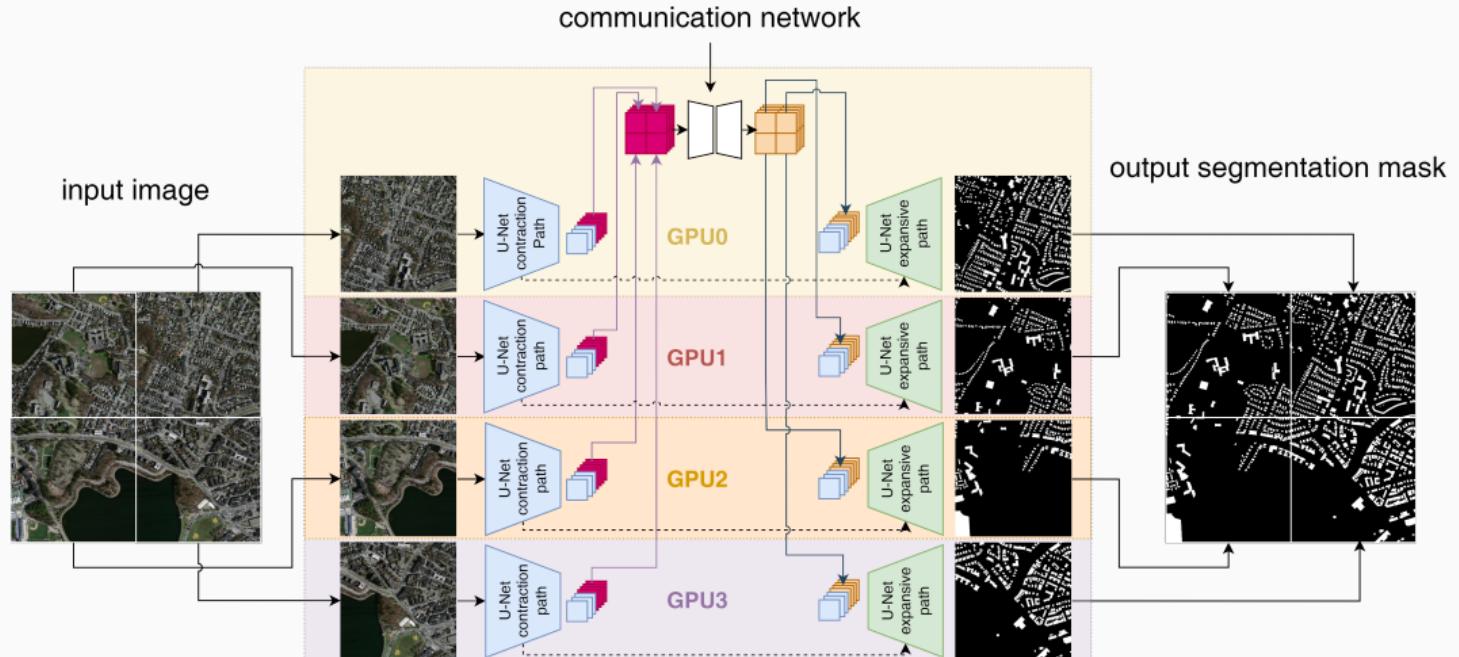


- As an example for a **convolutional neural network (CNN)**, we employ the **U-Net architecture** introduced in **Ronneberger, Fischer, and Brox (2015)**.
- The U-Net yields **state-of-the-art accuracy in semantic image segmentation** and other **image-to-image tasks**.

Below: memory consumption for training on a single 1024×1024 image.

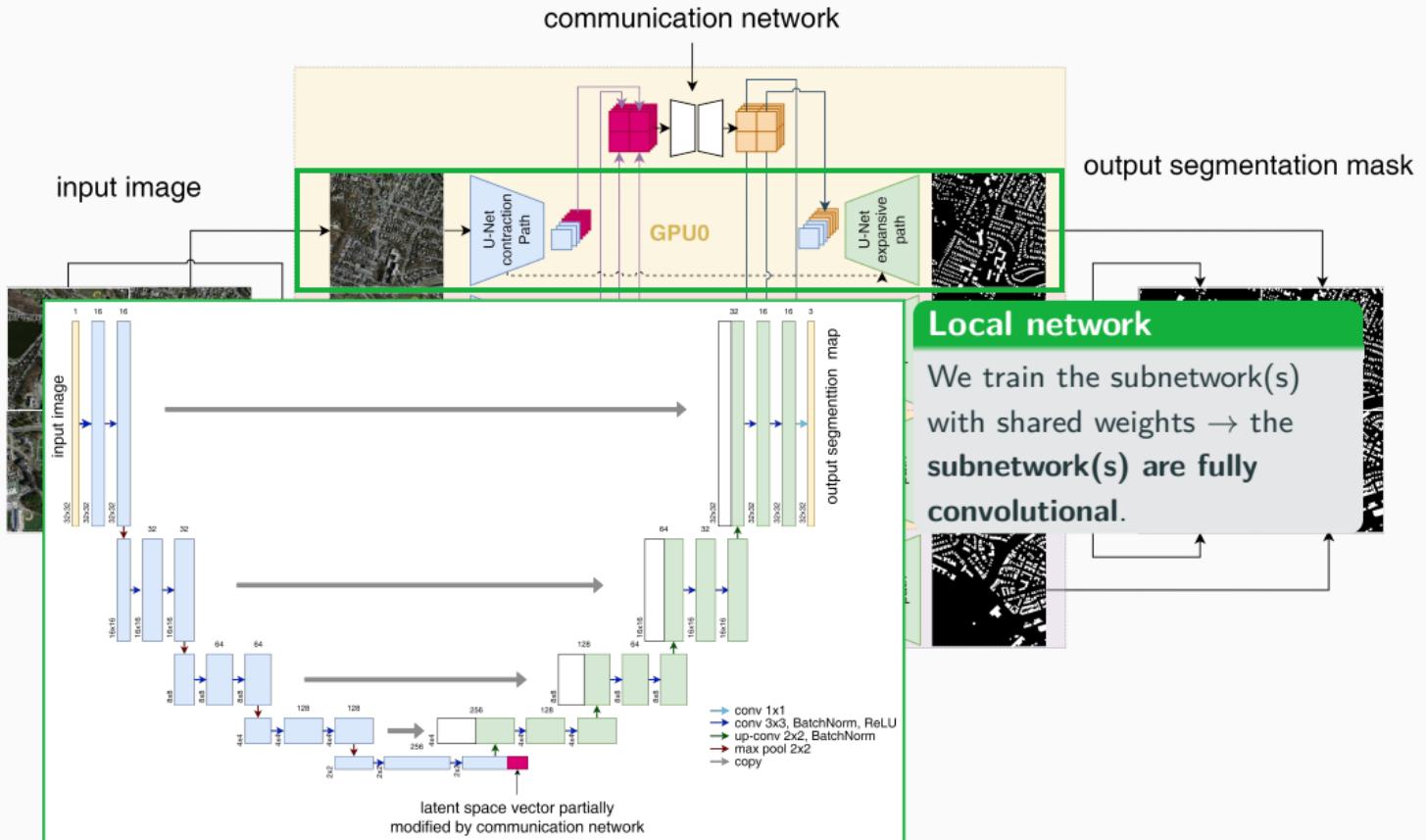
name	size	# channels		mem. feature maps		mem. weights	
		input	output	# of values	MB	# of values	MB
input block	1 024	3	64	268 M	1 024.0	38 848	0.148
encoder block 1	512	64	128	167 M	704.0	221 696	0.846
encoder block 2	256	128	256	84 M	352.0	885 760	3.379
encoder block 3	128	256	512	42 M	176.0	3 540 992	13.508
encoder block 4	64	512	1 024	21 M	88.0	14 159 872	54.016
decoder block 1	64	1,024	512	50 M	192.0	9 177 088	35.008
decoder block 2	128	512	256	101 M	384.0	2 294 784	8.754
decoder block 3	256	256	128	201 M	768.0	573 952	2.189
decoder block 4	512	128	64	402 M	1 536.0	143 616	0.548
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Decomposing the U-Net

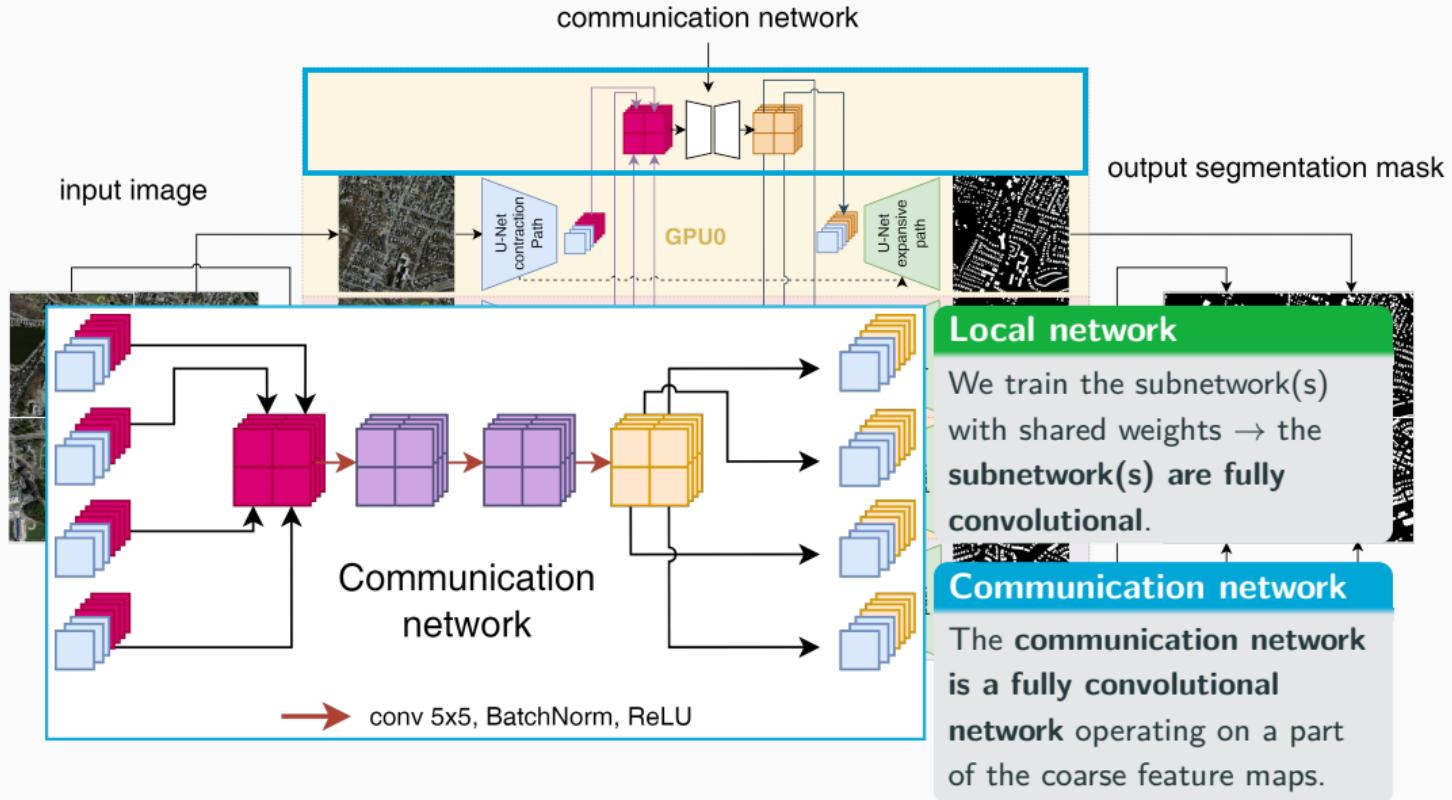


Cf. Verburg, Heinlein, Cyr (subm. 2024).

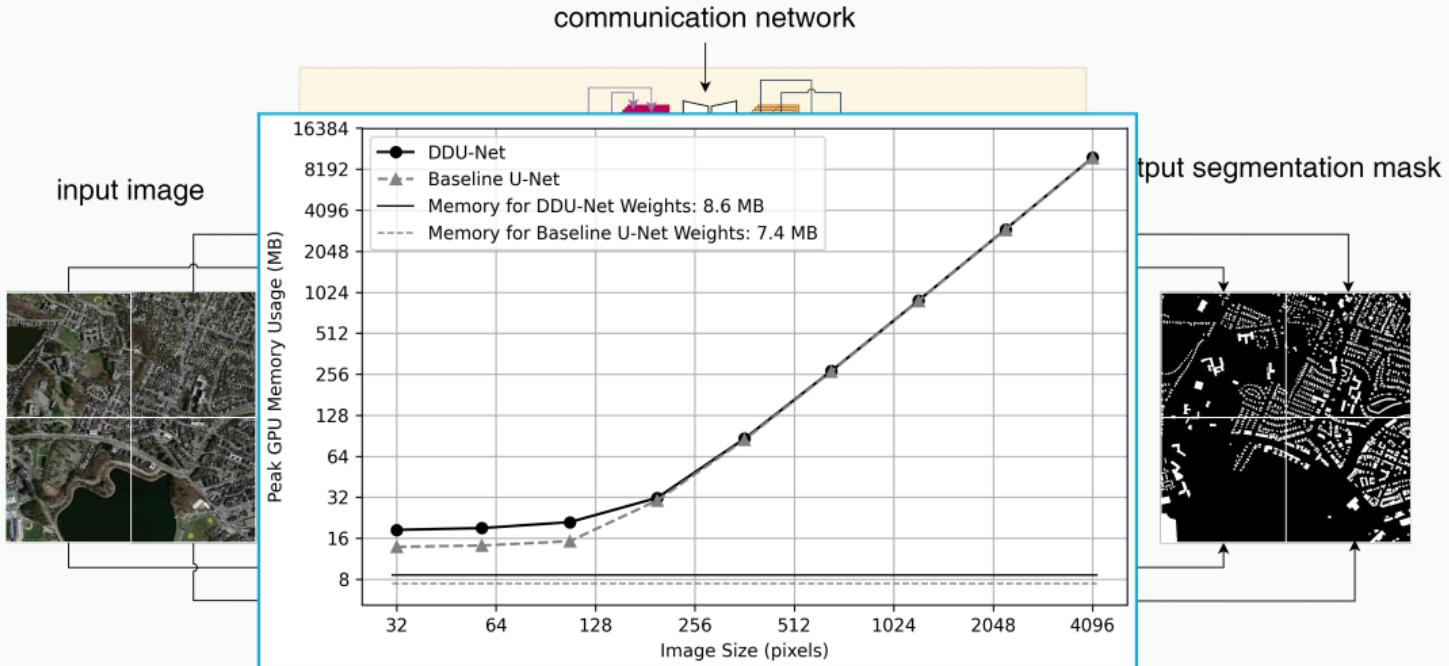
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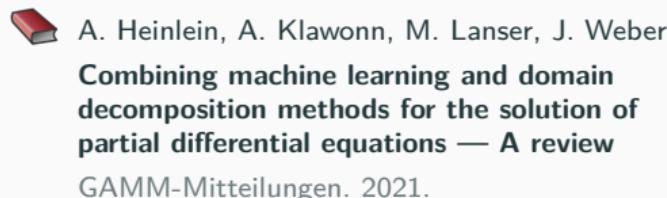
Domain decomposition-based deep operator networks

Domain Decomposition Methods and Machine Learning – Literature

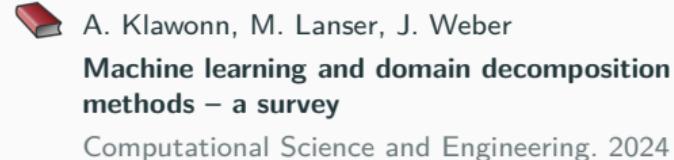
A non-exhaustive literature overview:

- 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:



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**:

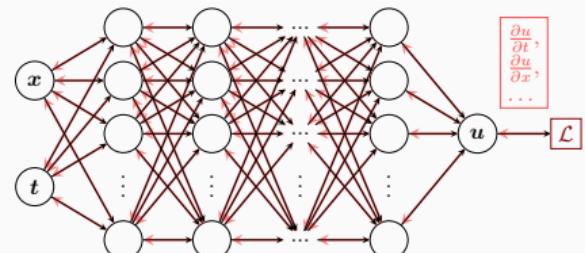
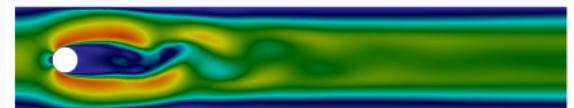
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \omega_{\text{data}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) + \omega_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta),$$

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

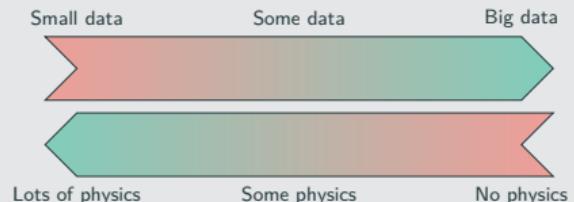
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{data}}} (u(\hat{x}_i, \theta) - u_i)^2,$$

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

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

Theoretical Result for PINNs

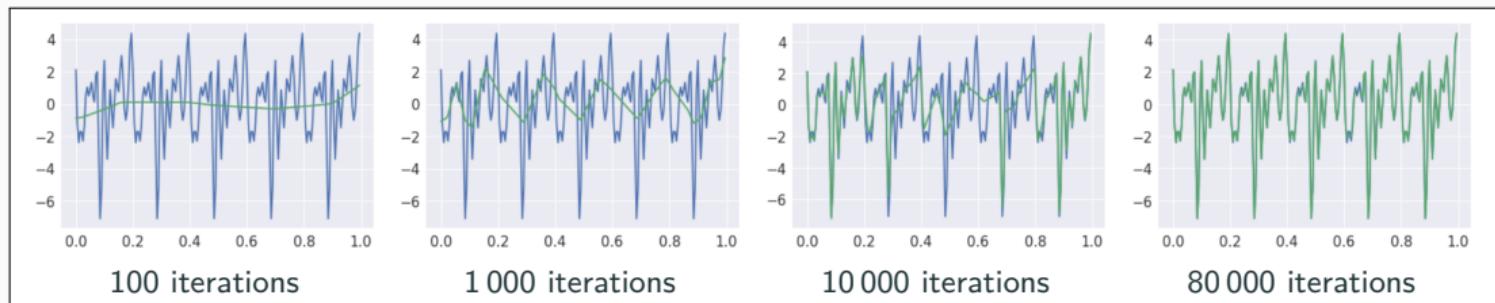
Estimate of the generalization error (Mishra and Molinaro (2022))

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 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)

Finite Basis Physics-Informed Neural Networks (FBPINNs)

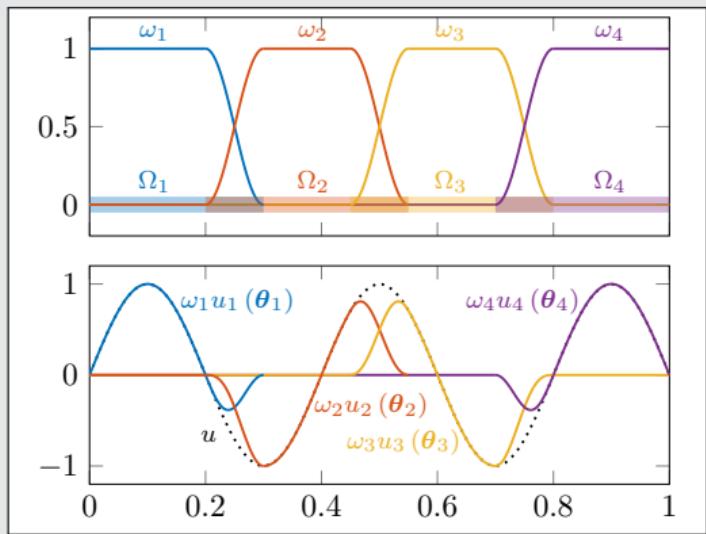
FBPINNs (Moseley, Markham, Nissen-Meyer (2023))

FBPINNs employ the **network architecture**

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

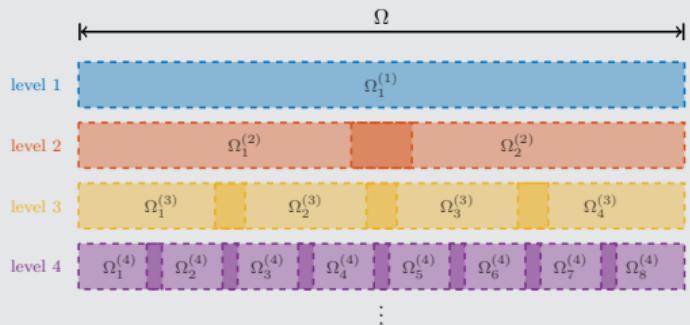
and the **loss function**

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



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**

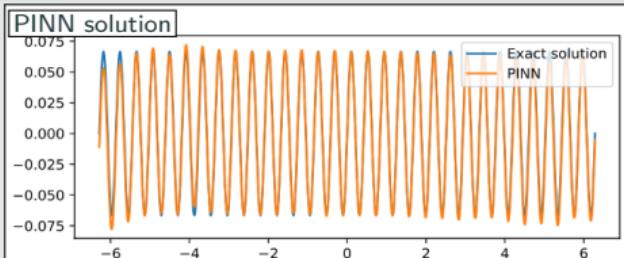
$$u(\theta_1^{(1)}, \dots, \theta_{J^{(L)}}^{(L)}) = \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{N^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_j^{(l)}(\theta_j^{(l)})$$

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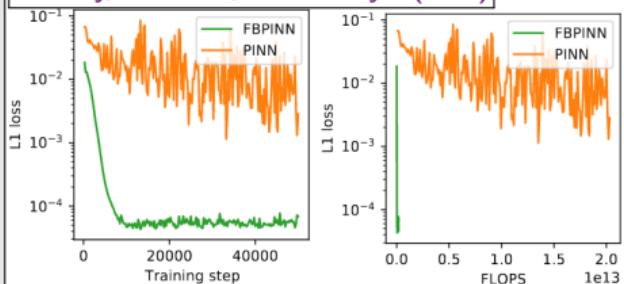
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PINN vs FBPINN

1D single-frequency problem



Moseley, Markham, Nissen-Meyer (2023)



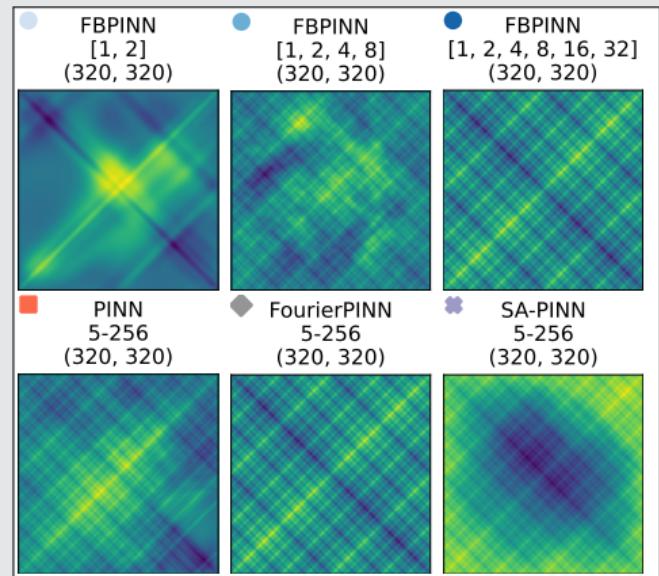
2D multi-frequency problem

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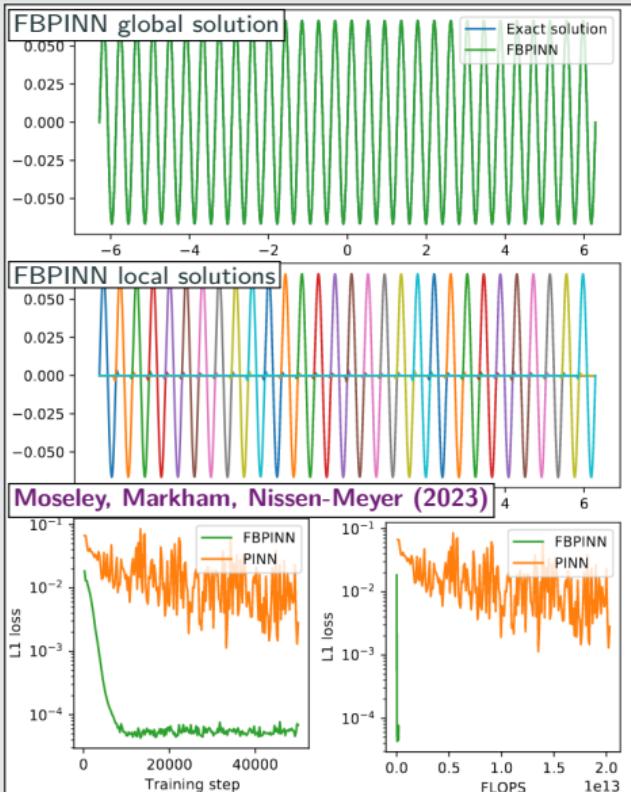
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with $\omega_i = 2^i$.



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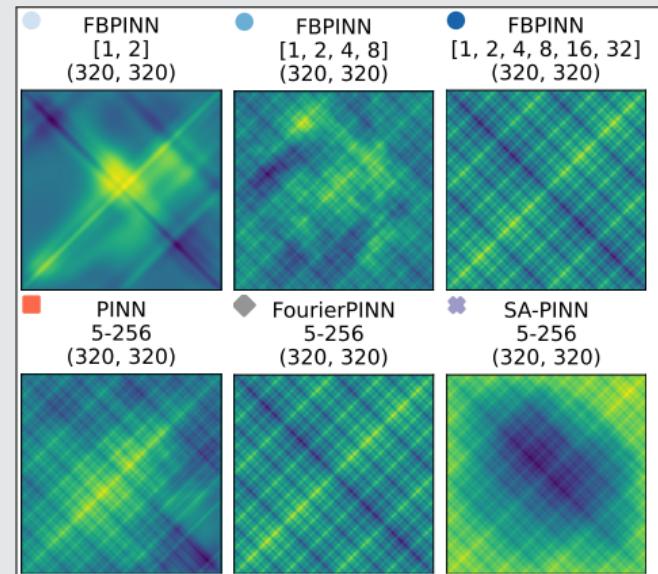
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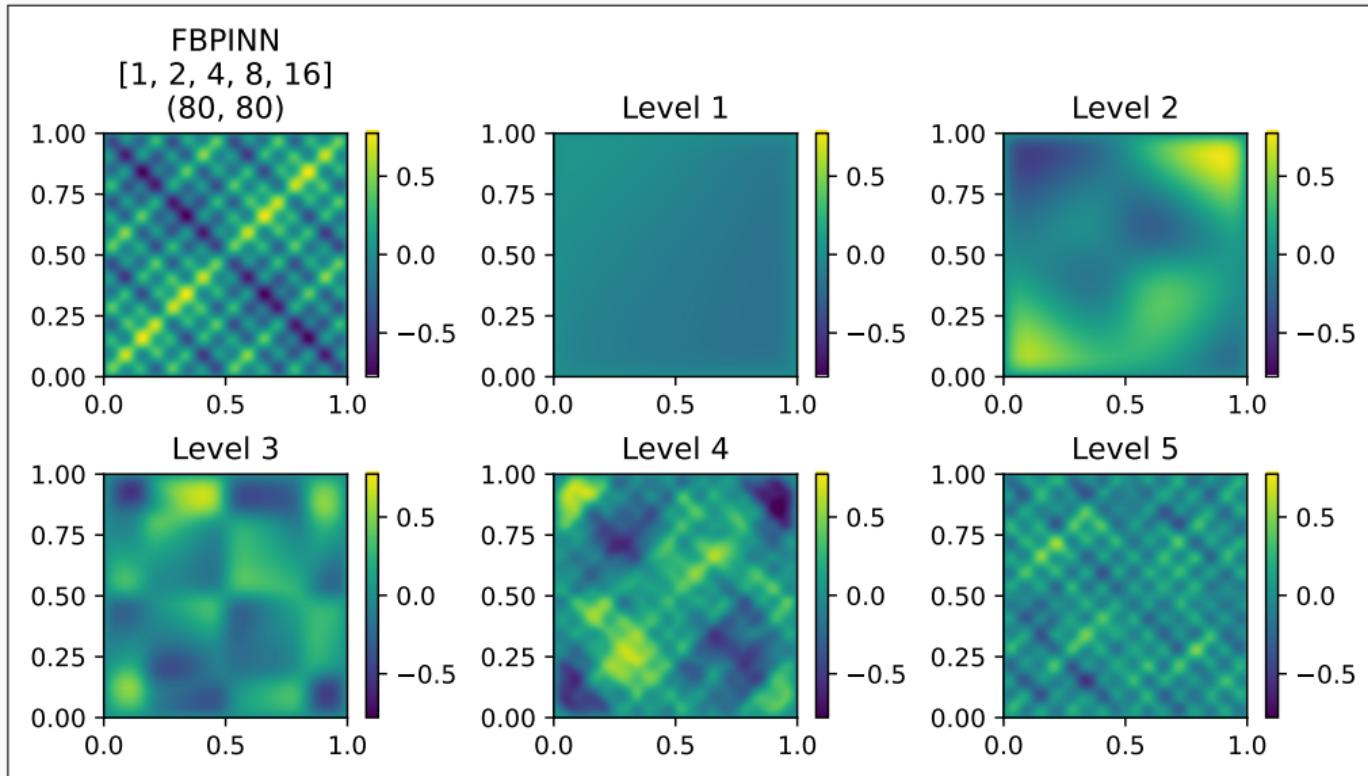
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Multi-Frequency Problem – What the FBPINN Learns



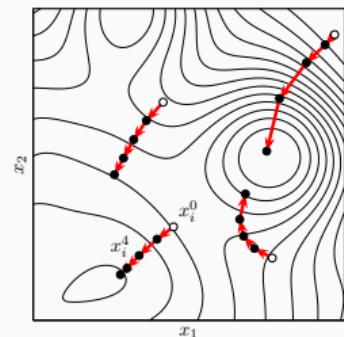
Cf. Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024).

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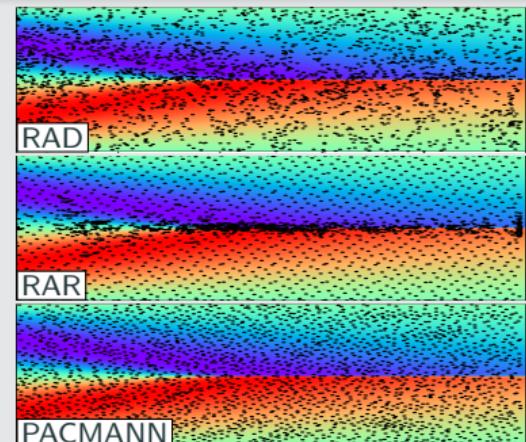
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Different from other residual-based adaptive sampling methods, such as **residual-based adaptive refinement (RAR)** and **residual-based adaptive distribution (RAD)**, in PACMANN, the **existing collocation** are moved using a gradient-based optimizer.



Burger's equation

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%	423
RAR	0.11%	0.05%	450
RAD	0.16%	0.10%	463
RAR-D	0.24%	0.21%	503
PACMANN–Adam	0.07%	0.05%	461

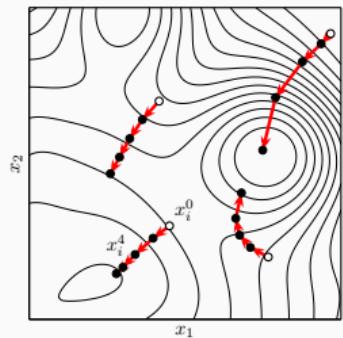


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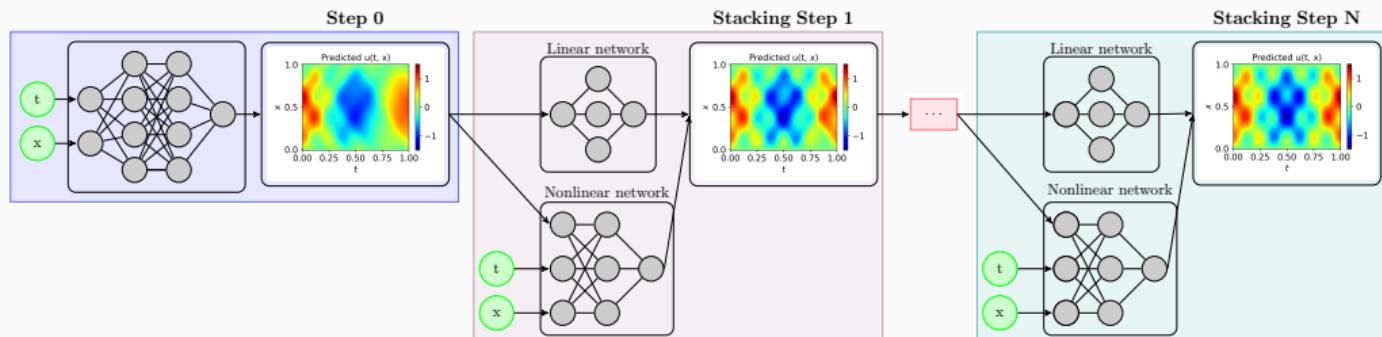
5D Poisson equation

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%	734
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
*Adam	5.93%	0.46%	778

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} :

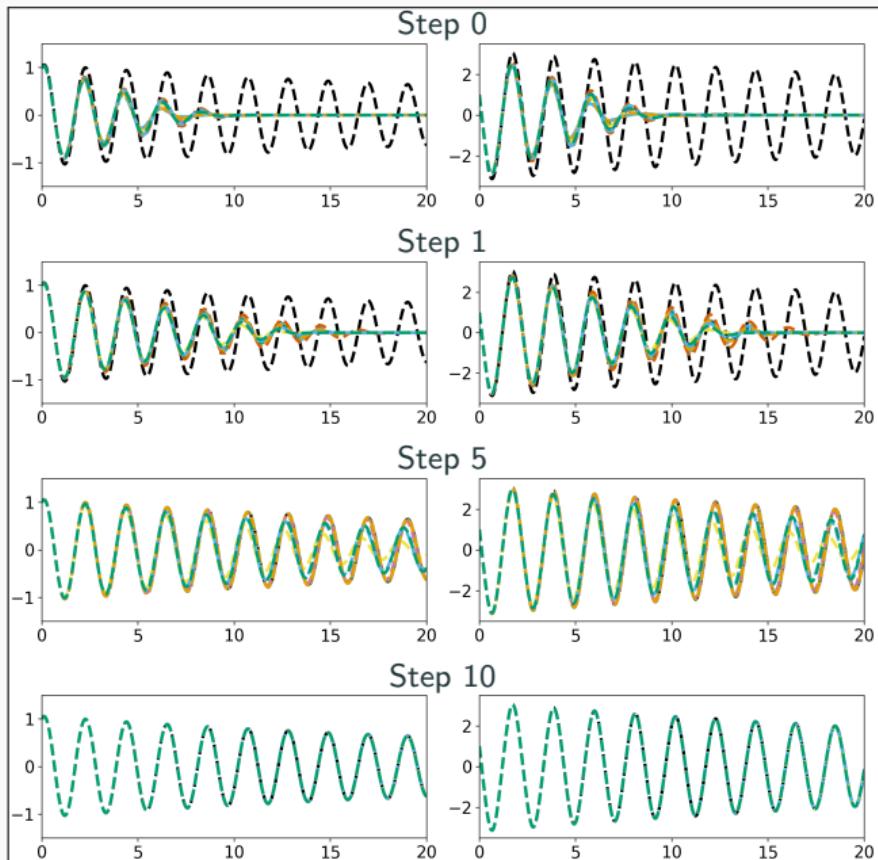
$$u^{MF}(x, \theta^{MF}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u_{\text{linear}}^{MF}(x, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF}) + |\alpha| u_{\text{nonlinear}}^{MF}(x, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF})$$



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

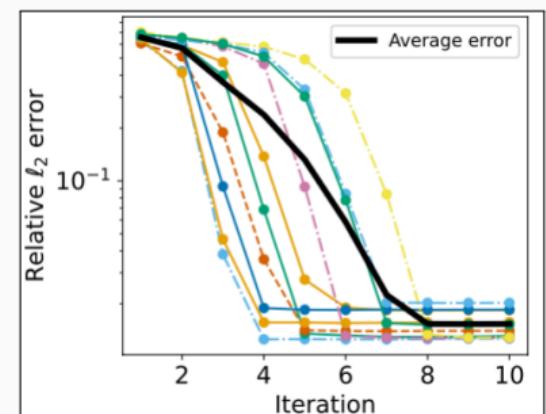


Pendulum problem:

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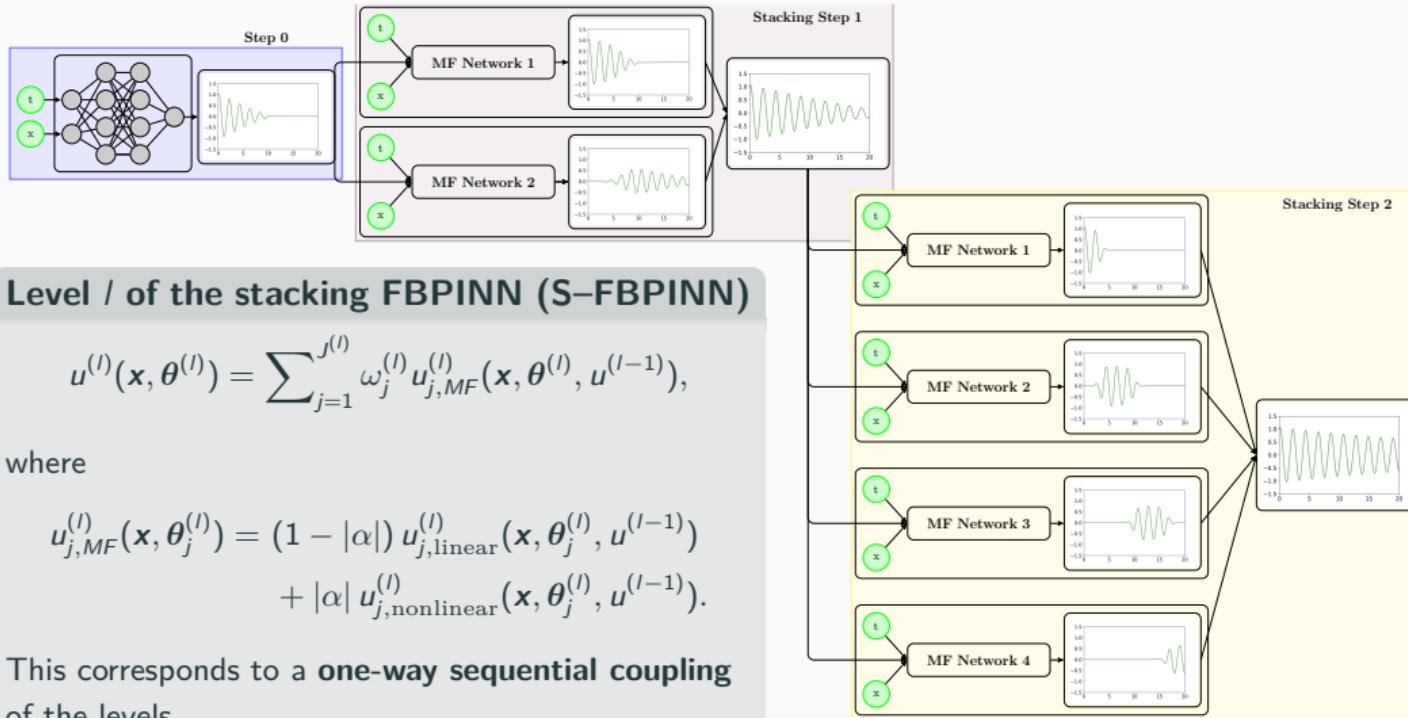
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with $m = L = 1$, $b = 0.05$, $g = 9.81$,
and $T = 20$.



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.



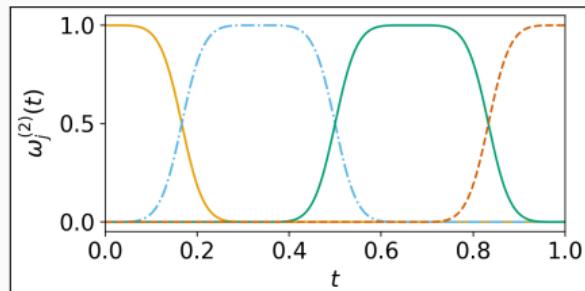
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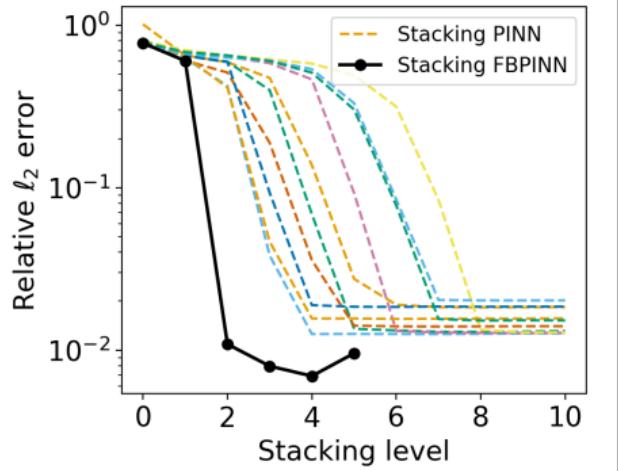
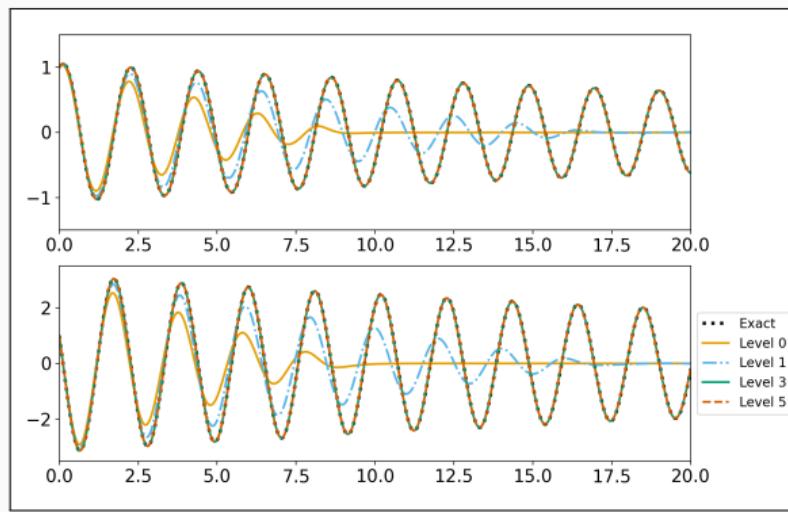
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Exemplary partition of unity in time



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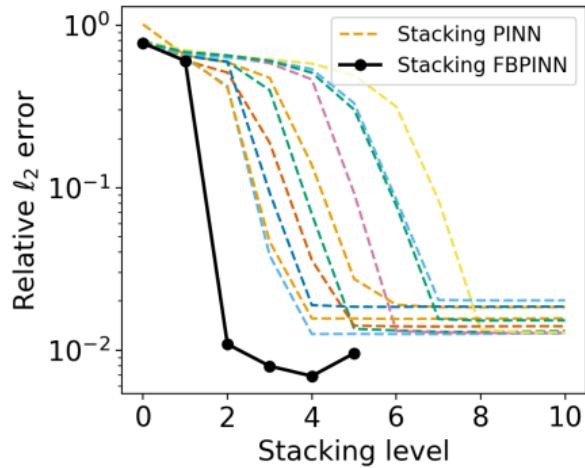
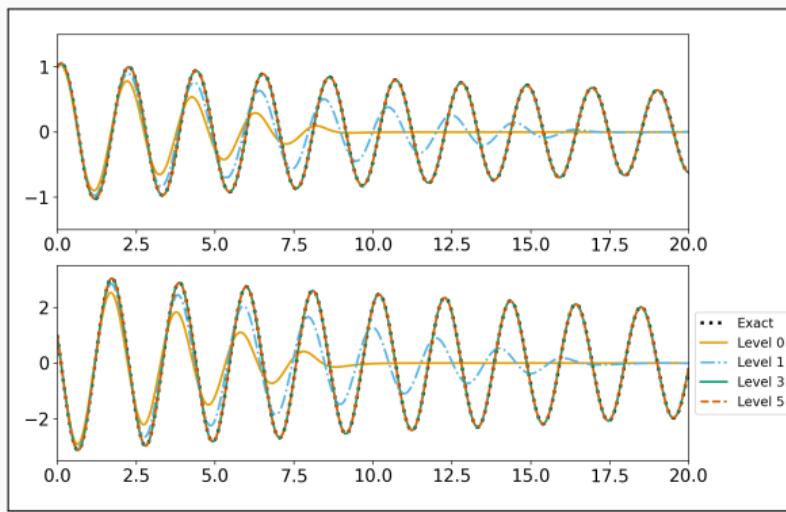
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Model details:

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

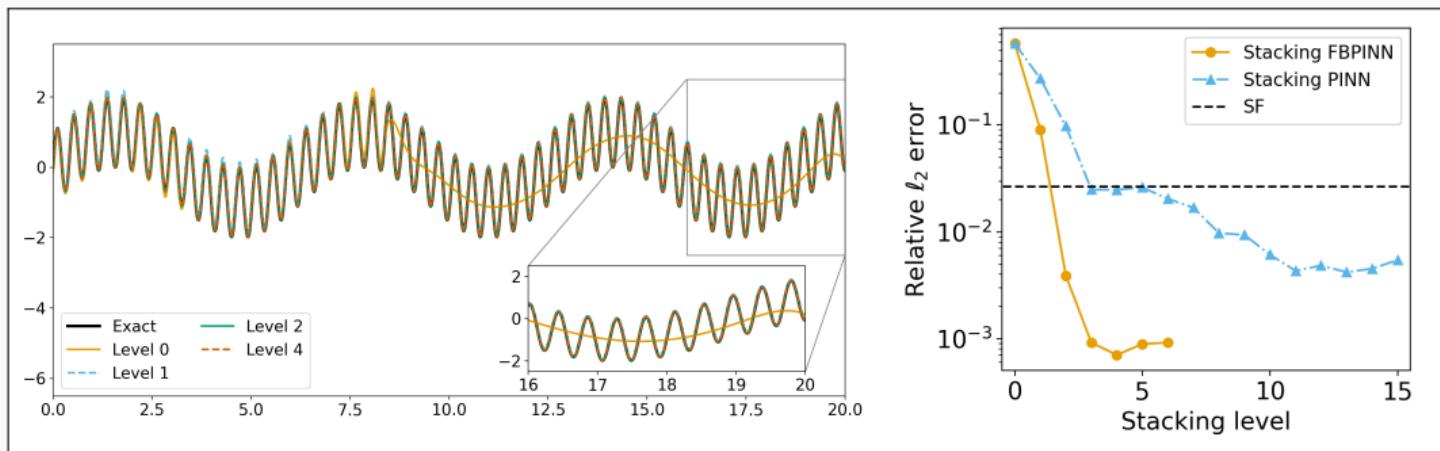
Second, we consider a **two-frequency problem**:

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

$$s(0) = 0,$$

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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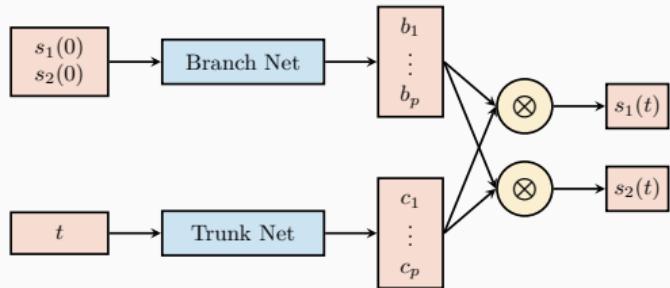


→ Due to the **multiscale structure of the problem**, the **improvements** due to the **multipidelity FBPINN approach** are **even stronger**.

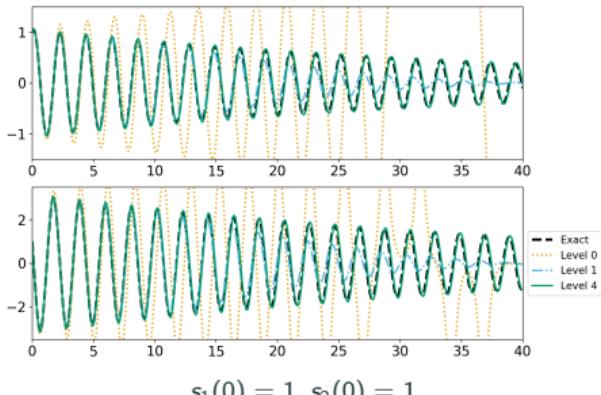
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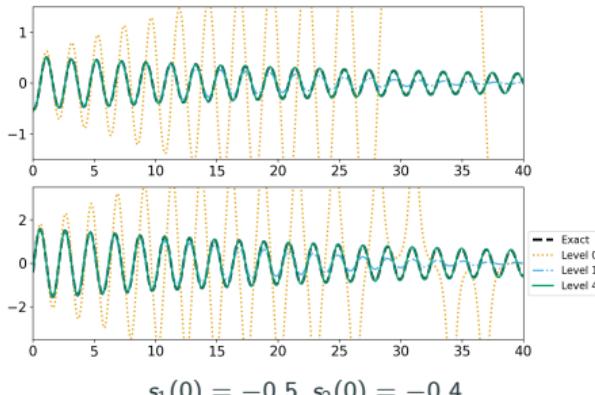
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Approach based on the **single-layer case** analyzed in **Chen and Chen (1995)**



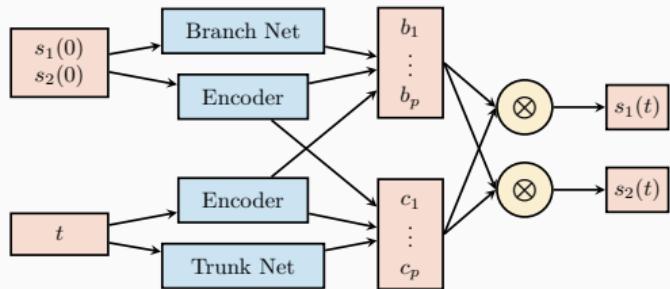
Cf. Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, and Stinis (acc. 2024).



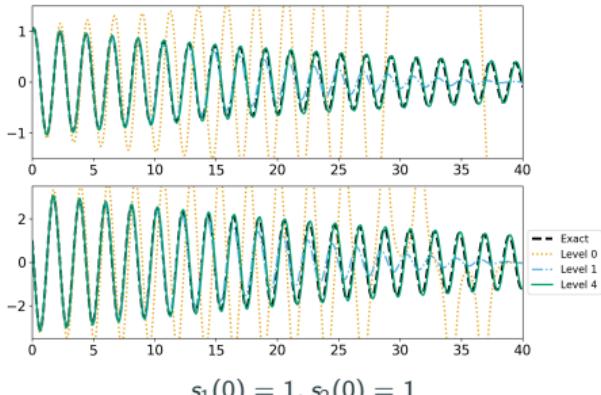
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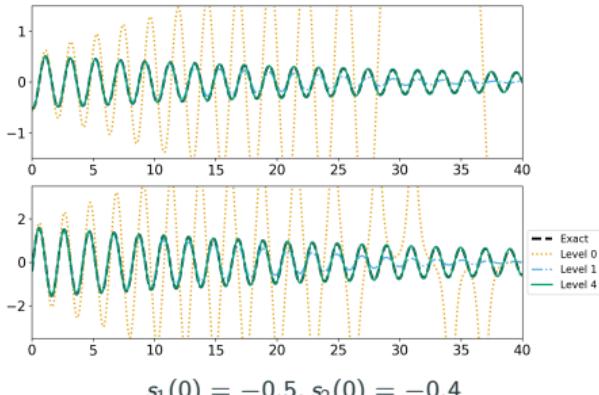
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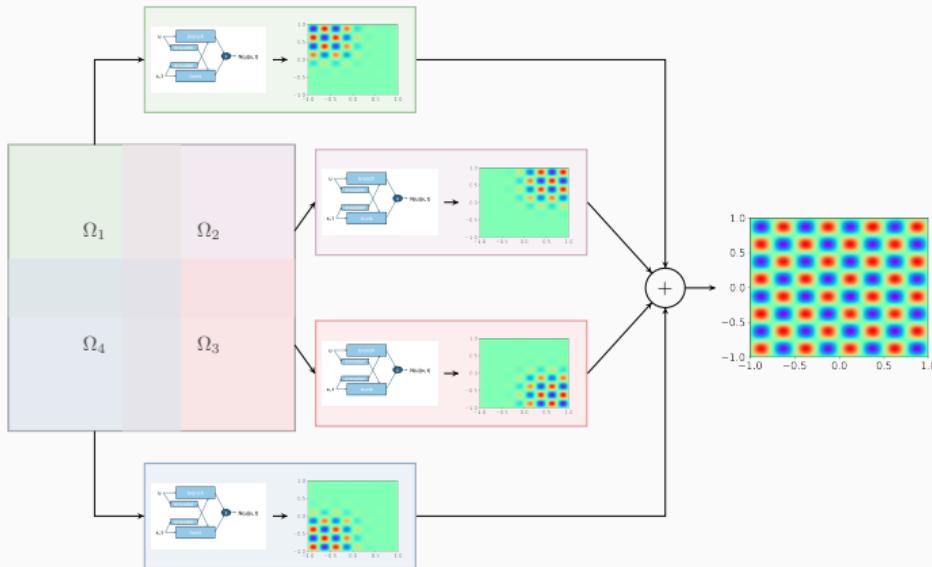
Modified DeepONet architecture; cf. **Wang, Wang, and Perdikaris (2022)**



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



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)

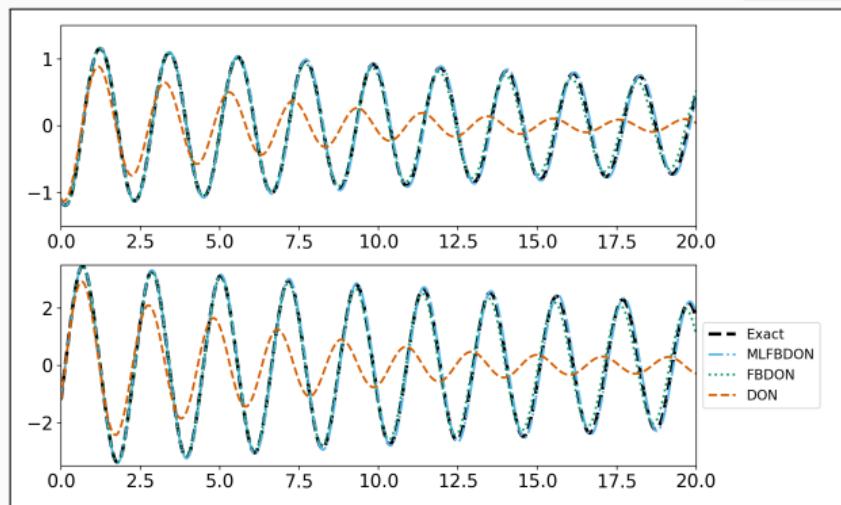
DD-DONs Pendulum

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 \(in prep.\)](#)

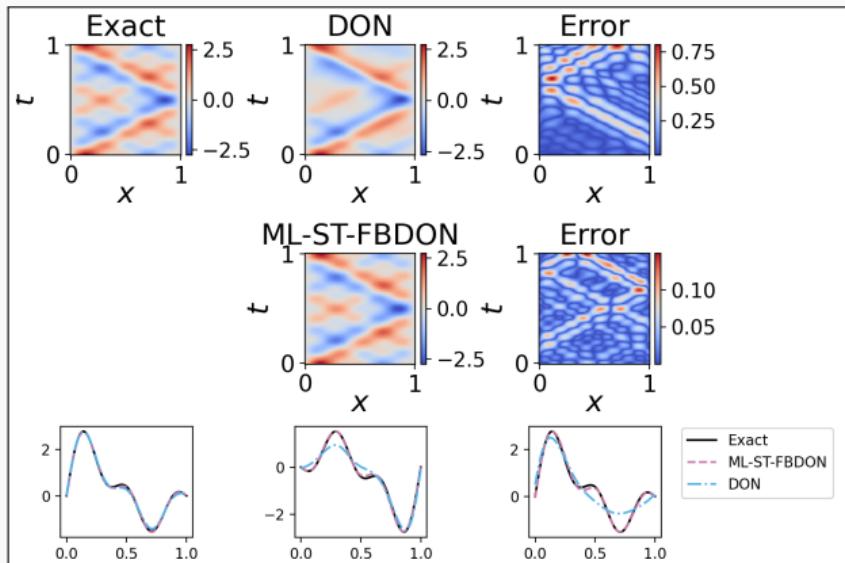
DD-DONs Wave Equation

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

Summary

Surrogate models for varying computational domains

- CNNs yield an **operator learning approach** for predicting fluid flow inside **varying computational domains**; the model can be trained using **data and/or physics**.

Domain decomposition-based deep operator networks

- Domain decomposition methods can help to improve the performance of PINNs and neural operators, especially for (but not restricted to) large domains and multiscale problems.

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