

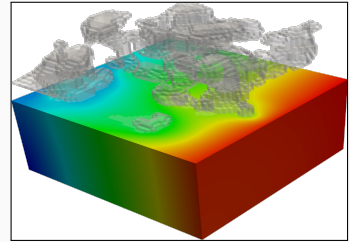
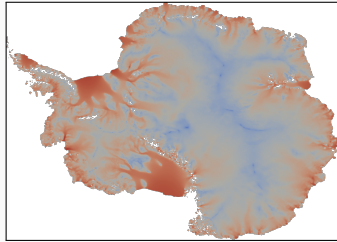
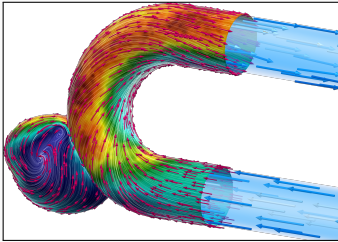
# Geometric Challenges in Machine Learning-Based Surrogate Models

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## 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

## 1 Surrogate models for varying computational domains

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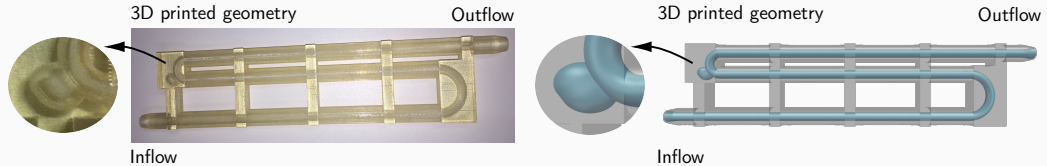
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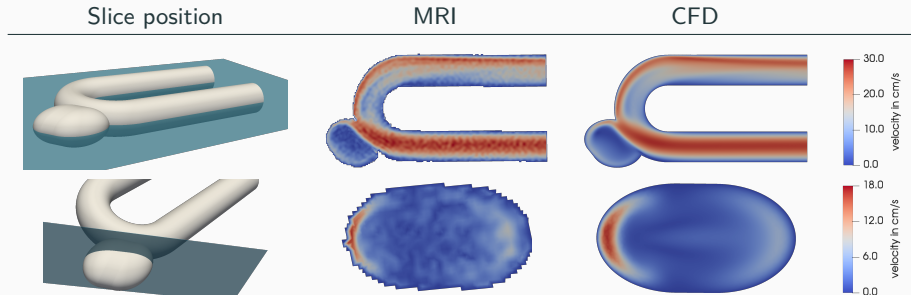
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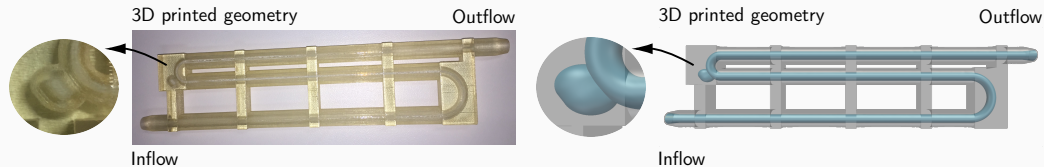


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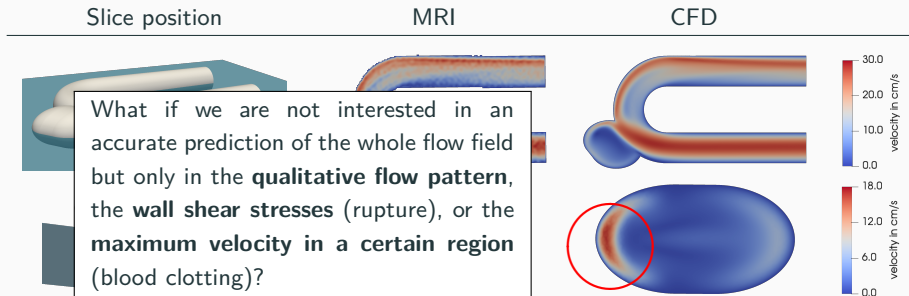


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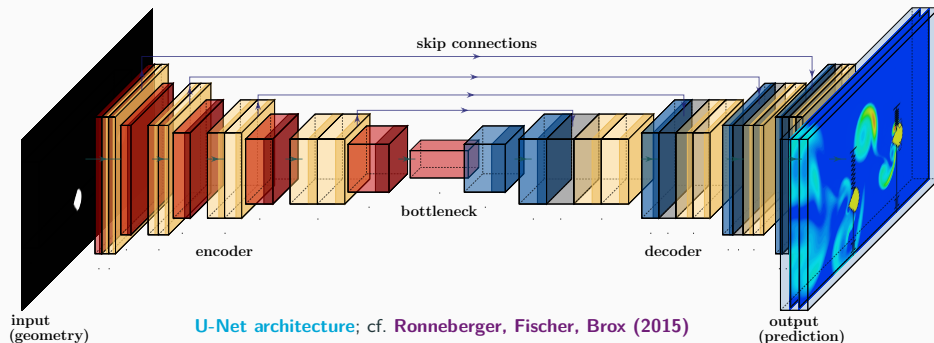
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Our approach is inspired by the work **Guo, Li, Iorio (2016)**, in which **convolutional neural networks (CNNs)** are employed to predict the flow in channel with an obstacle.

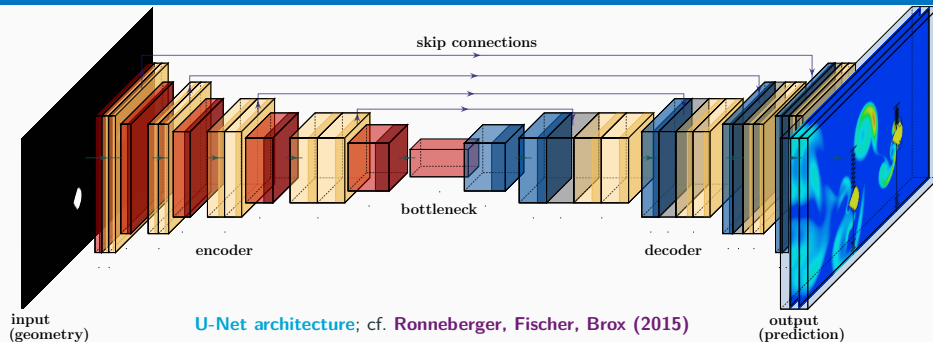
In particular, we use a pixel image of the **geometry as input** and predict an image of the resulting **stationary flow field as output**:



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**

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

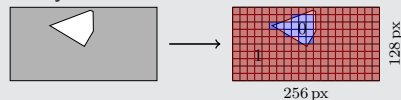
where  $\vec{u}$  and  $p$  are the velocity and pressure fields and  $\nu$  is the viscosity. Furthermore, we prescribe the previously described boundary conditions.

## Software pipeline

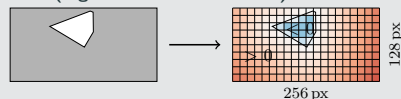
1. Define the boundary of the polygonal obstacle and **create the corresponding STL (standard triangulation language) file.**
2. **Generate a hexahedral compute grid** (snappyHexMesh).
3. Run the **CFD simulation** (simpleFoam).
4. **Interpolate geometry information and flow field** onto a pixel grid.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

## Input data

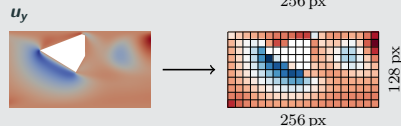
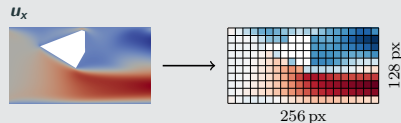
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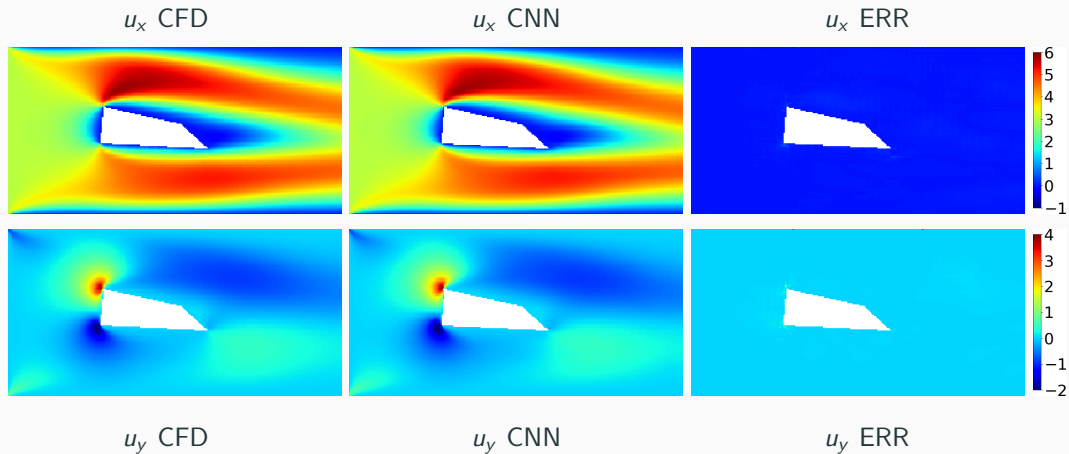
SDF (Signed Distance Function)



## Output data

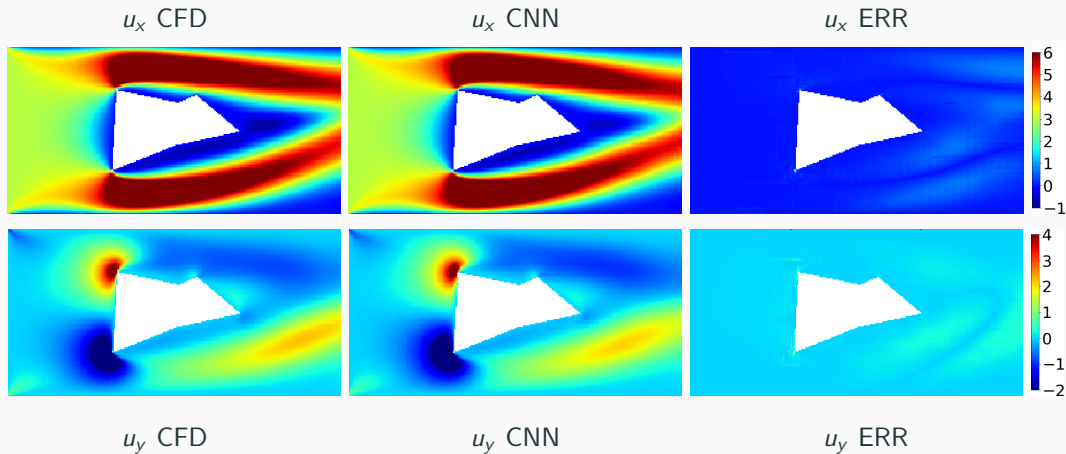


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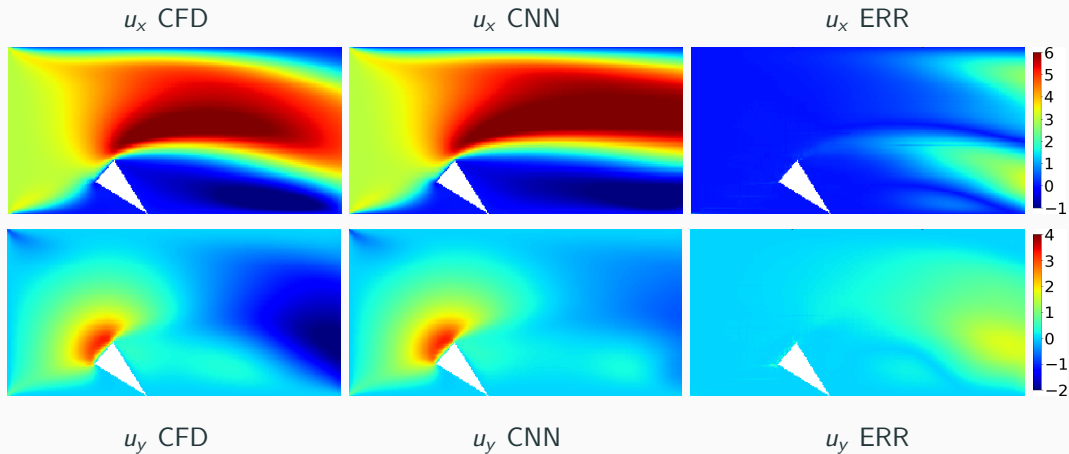
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# Comparison CFD Vs NN (Relative Error 14 %)



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# Comparison CFD Vs NN (Relative Error 31 %)



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Data:

	Avg. Runtime per Case (Serial)
Create STL	0.15 s
snappyHexMesh	37 s
simpleFoam	13 s
<b>Total Time</b>	$\approx 50$ s

Training:

	Bottleneck CNN		U-Net	
# decoders	1	2	1	2
# parameters	$\approx 47$ m	$\approx 85$ m	$\approx 34$ m	$\approx 53.5$ m
time/epoch	<b>180 s</b>	<b>245 s</b>	<b>195 s</b>	<b>270 s</b>

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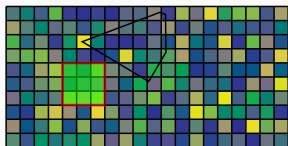
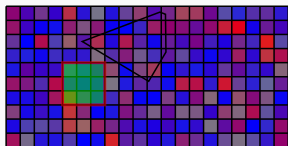
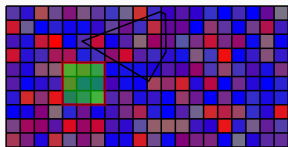
	CFD (CPU)	NN (CPU)	NN (GPU)
<b>Avg. Time</b>	<b>50 s</b>	<b>0.092 s</b>	<b>0.0054 s</b>

⇒ 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



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

Cf. Grimm, Heinlein, Klawonn

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

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

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

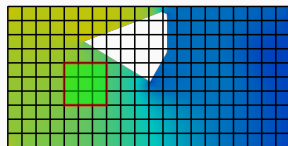
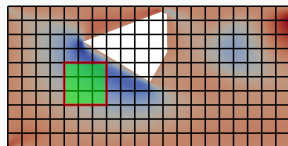
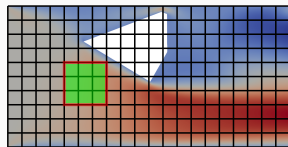
$$F_{\text{mom}}(u, p) := -\nu \Delta \bar{u} + (u \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} + \nabla p,$$

$$F_{\text{mass}}(u, p) := \nabla \cdot u.$$

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:

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

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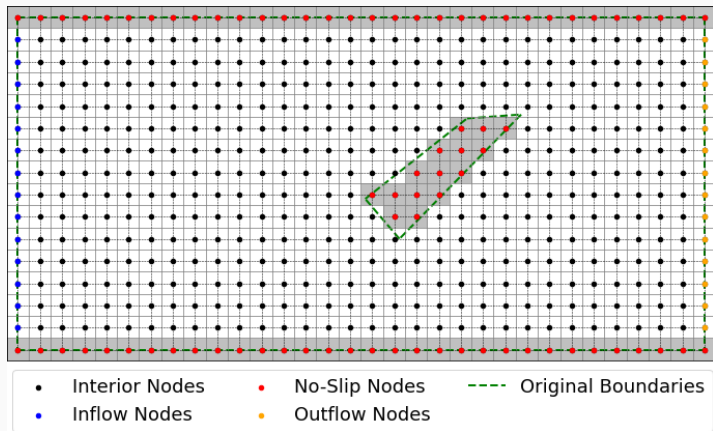


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# Physics-Informed Approach & Boundary Conditions

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

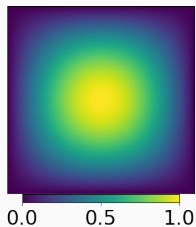
→ On a single geometry, this training of the neural network just corresponds to an **unconventional way of solving the Navier-Stokes equations using finite differences**.



## 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

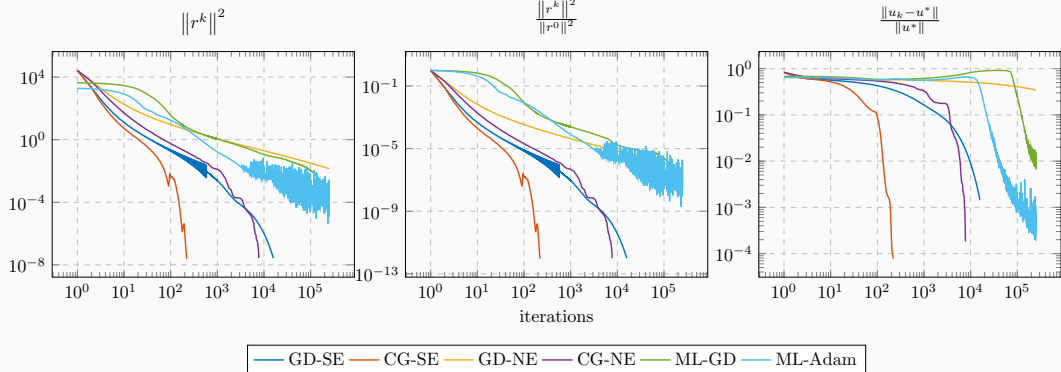


Solve

$$-\Delta u = f$$

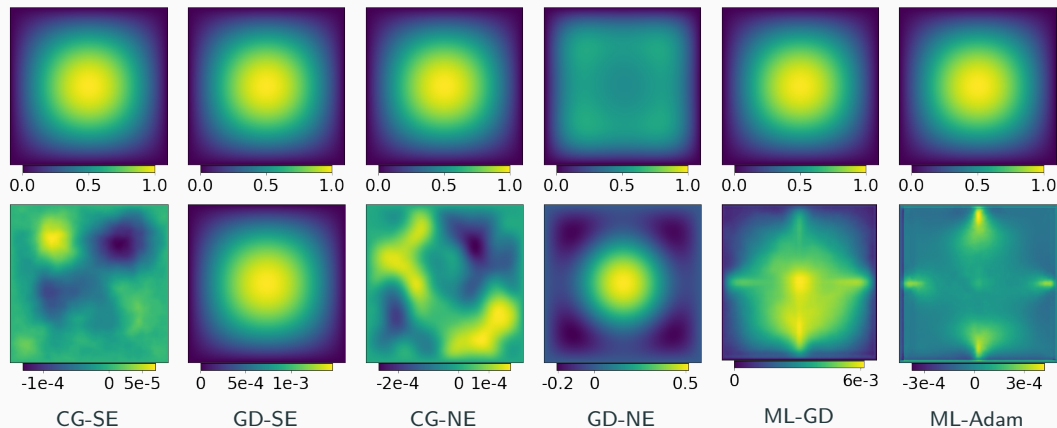
using

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





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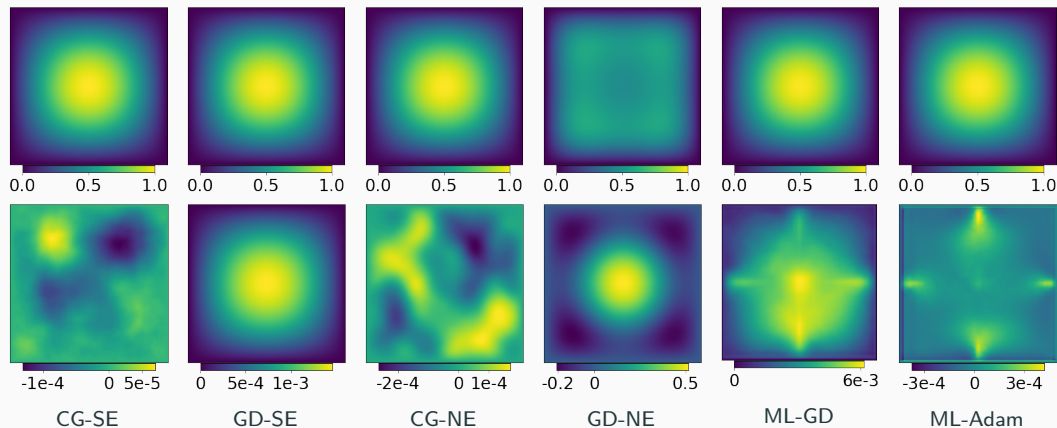
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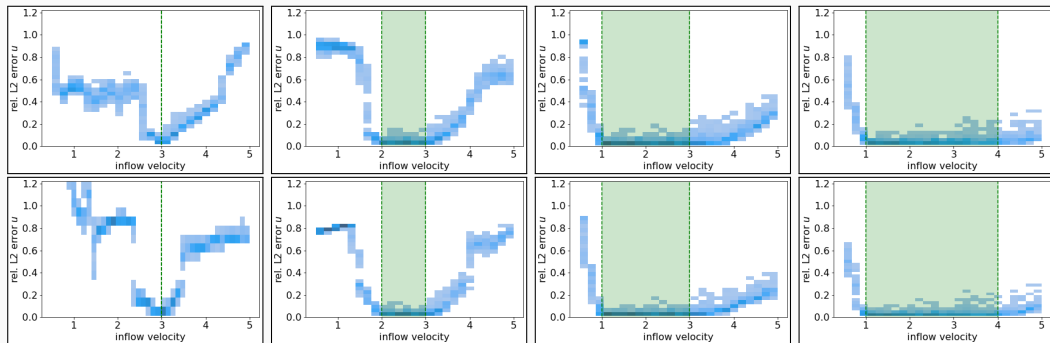
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→ The results for the **physics-informed approach** are **comparable to the data-based approach**; the **errors are slightly higher**. However, no **reference data at all is needed for the training**.

# Generalization With Respect to the Inflow Velocity

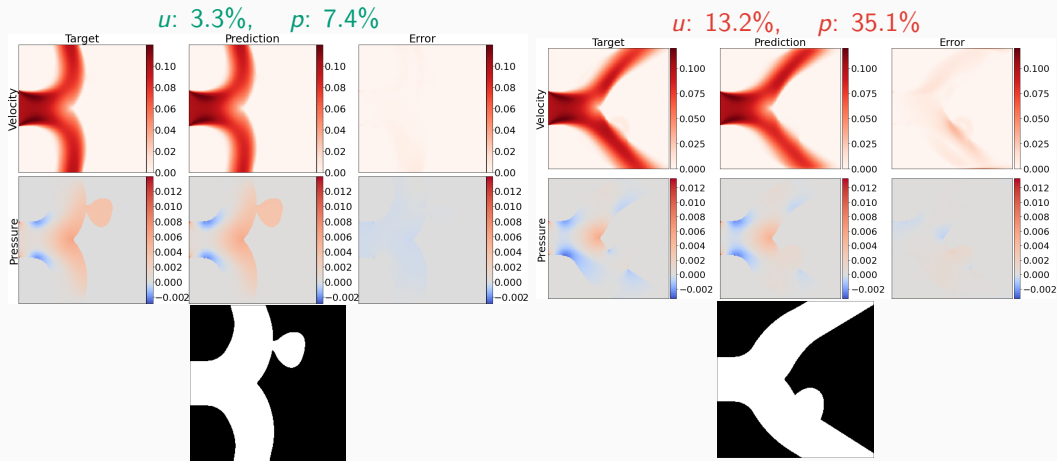


order	# data	range inflow vel.	[0.5, 1.0]	[1.0, 2.0]	[2.0, 3.0]	[3.0, 4.0]	[4.0, 5.0]
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		[2.0, 3.0]	89.3 %	57.4 %	<b>4.0 %</b>	15.5 %	59.1 %
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		[1.0, 4.0]	31.3 %	<b>4.0 %</b>	<b>4.3 %</b>	<b>5.8 %</b>	7.7 %
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		[1.0, 3.0]	38.7 %	<b>2.9 %</b>	<b>3.4 %</b>	6.7 %	18.5 %
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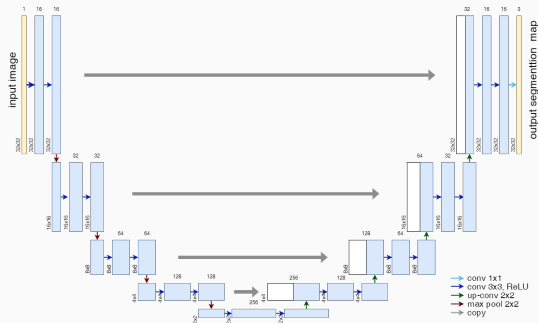
# Aneurysm Geometries

**Training:** 500 geometries    **Validation:**  $\approx$  1 200 geometries

**Relative  $L_2$ -error on the validation data set in  $u$ : 4.9%, in  $p$ : 9.5%.**



# Memory Requirements for CNN Training

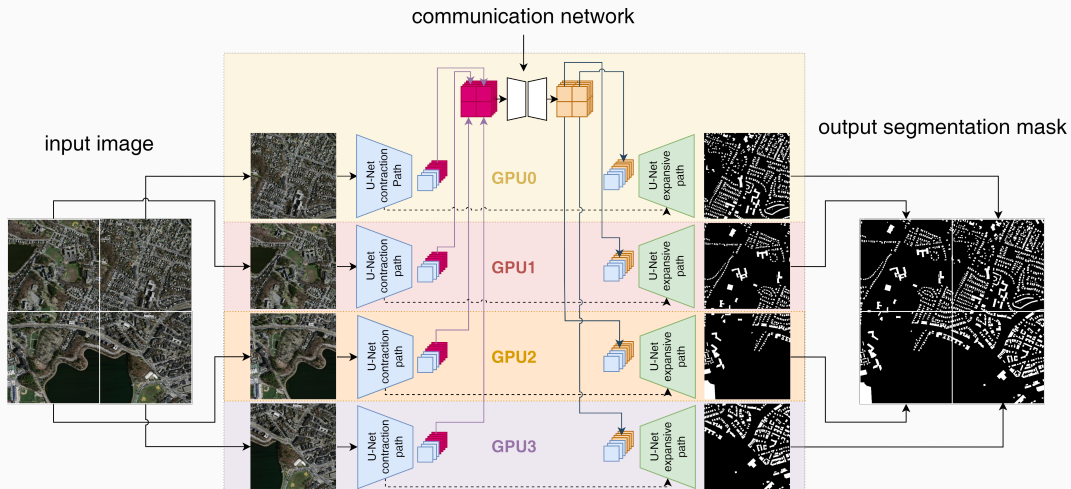


- As an example for a **convolutional neural network (CNN)**, we employ the **U-Net architecture** introduced in **Ronneberger, Fischer, and Brox (2015)**.
- The U-Net yields **state-of-the-art accuracy in semantic image segmentation** and other **image-to-image tasks**.

*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	<b>1 024.0</b>	38 848	<b>0.148</b>
encoder block 1	512	64	128	167 M	<b>704.0</b>	221 696	<b>0.846</b>
encoder block 2	256	128	256	84 M	<b>352.0</b>	885 760	<b>3.379</b>
encoder block 3	128	256	512	42 M	<b>176.0</b>	3 540 992	<b>13.508</b>
encoder block 4	64	512	1 024	21 M	<b>88.0</b>	14 159 872	<b>54.016</b>
decoder block 1	64	1,024	512	50 M	<b>192.0</b>	9 177 088	<b>35.008</b>
decoder block 2	128	512	256	101 M	<b>384.0</b>	2 294 784	<b>8.754</b>
decoder block 3	256	256	128	201 M	<b>768.0</b>	573 952	<b>2.189</b>
decoder block 4	512	128	64	402 M	<b>1 536.0</b>	143 616	<b>0.548</b>
output block	1 024	64	3	3.1 M	<b>12.0</b>	195	<b>0.001</b>

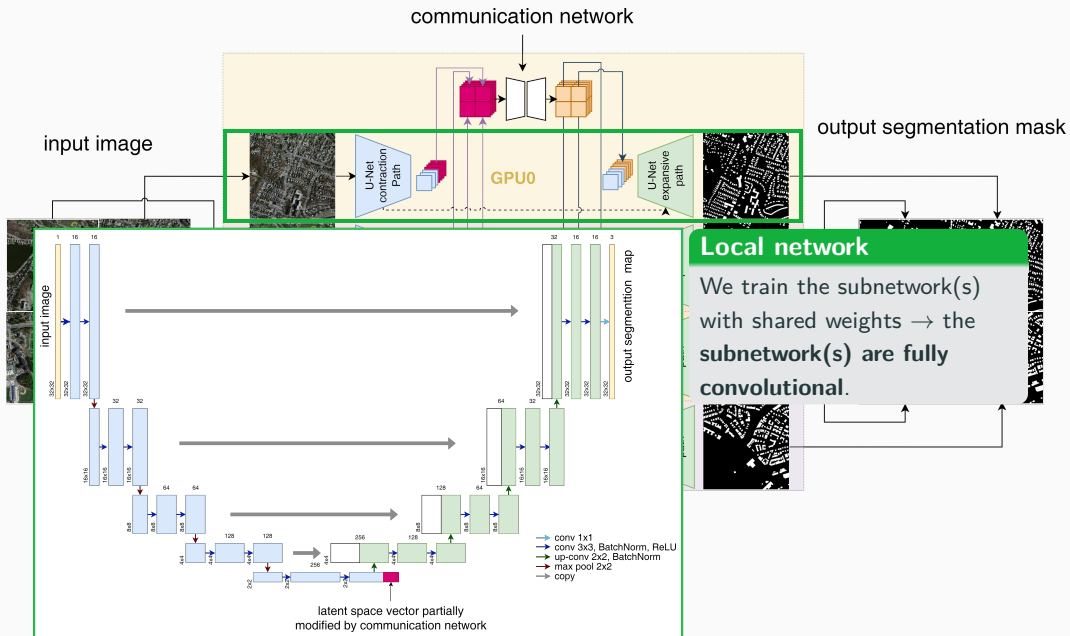
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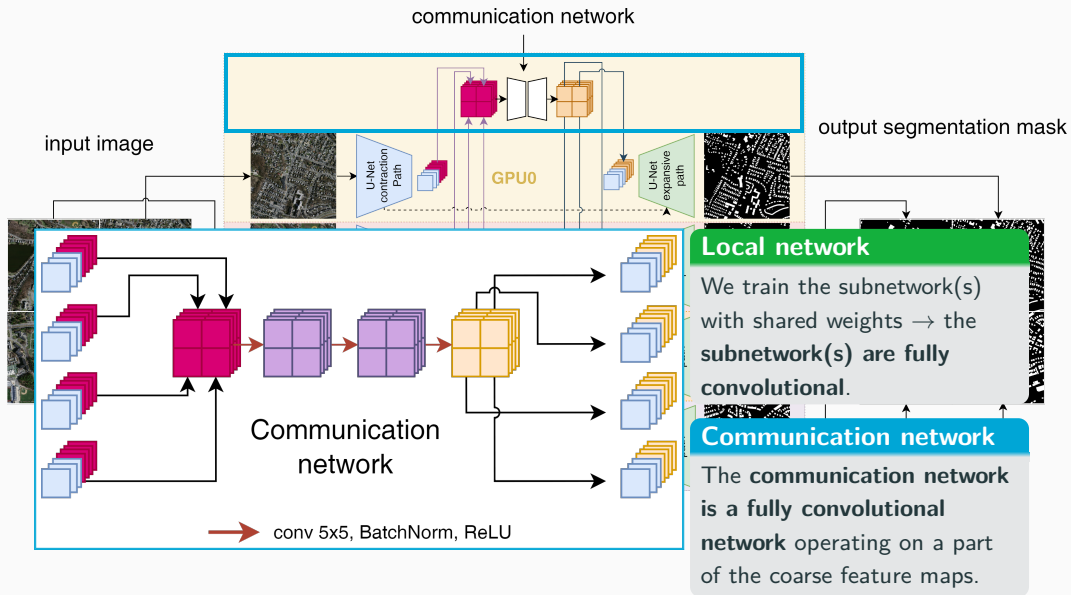
Cf. [Verburg, Heinlein, Cyr \(subm. 2024\)](#).



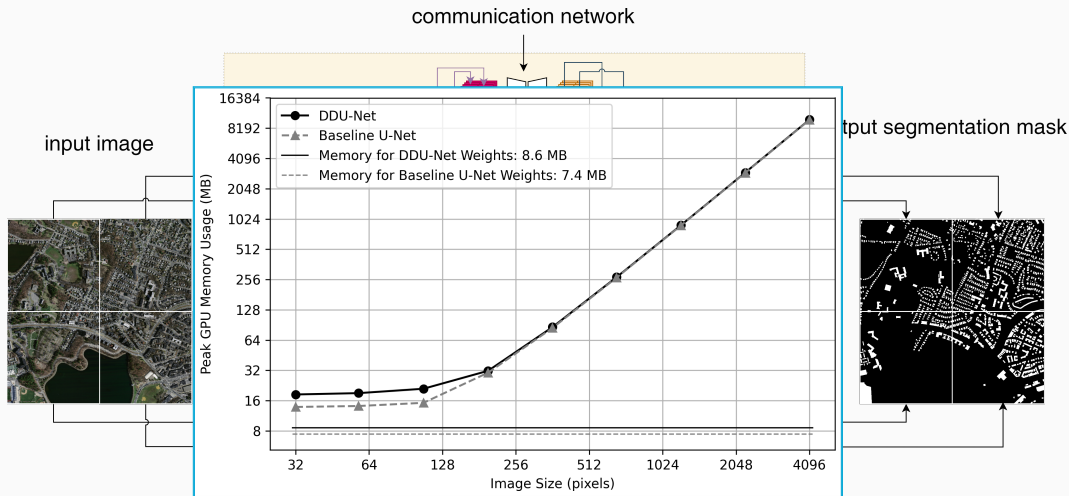
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# Decomposing the U-Net



- Distribution of feature maps results in **significant reduction of memory usage on a single GPU**
- **Moderate additional memory usage** due to the **communication network**

# Domain decomposition-based deep operator networks

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## 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:



A. Heinlein, A. Klawonn, M. Lanser, J. Weber

**Combining machine learning and domain decomposition methods for the solution of partial differential equations — A review**

GAMM-Mitteilungen. 2021.

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**Machine learning and domain decomposition methods – a survey**

Computational Science and Engineering. 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  $\omega_{\text{data}}$  and  $\omega_{\text{PDE}}$  are **weights** and

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

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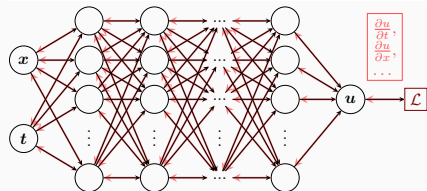
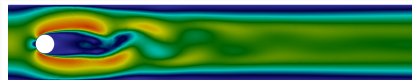
See also **Dissanayake and Phan-Thien (1994)**; **Lagaris et al. (1998)**.

## Advantages

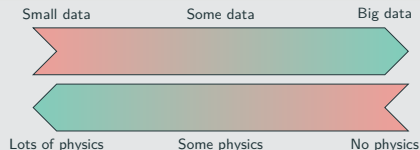
- **“Meshfree”**
- **Small data**
- **Generalization properties**
- **High-dimensional problems**
- **Inverse and parameterized problems**

## Drawbacks

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



## Hybrid loss



- **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

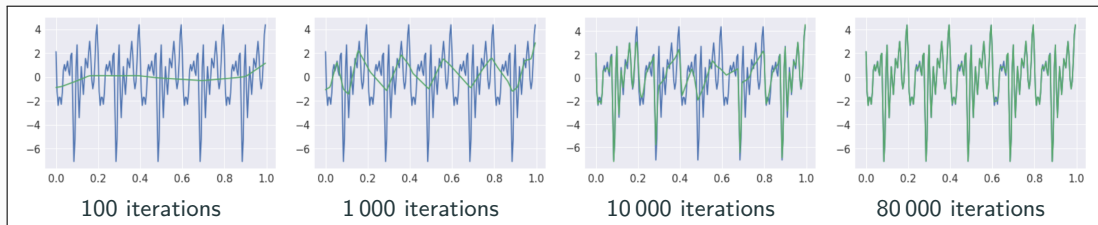
## Estimate of the generalization error (Mishra and Molinaro (2022))

The generalization error (or total error) satisfies

$$\varepsilon_G \leq C_{\text{PDE}} \varepsilon_{\mathcal{T}} + C_{\text{PDE}} C_{\text{quad}}^{1/p} N^{-\alpha/p}$$

- $\varepsilon_G = \varepsilon_G(\mathbf{X}, \theta) := \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*\|_V$  **general. error** ( $V$  Sobolev space,  $\mathbf{X}$  training data set)
- $\varepsilon_{\mathcal{T}}$  **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)

# Finite Basis Physics-Informed Neural Networks (FBPINNs)

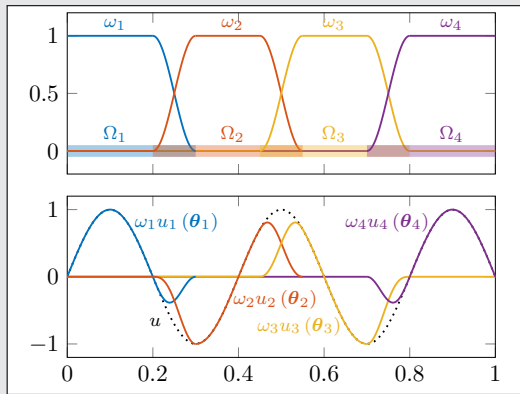
**FBPINNs** (Moseley, Markham, Nissen-Meyer (2023))

**FBPINNs** employ the **network architecture**

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

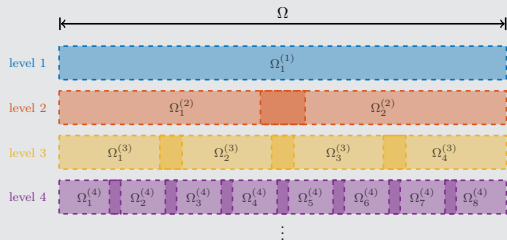
and the **loss function**

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



**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**

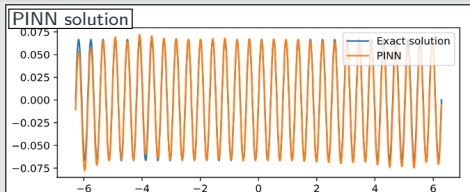
$$u(\theta_1^{(1)}, \dots, \theta_{j^{(L)}}^{(L)}) = \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{M^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_j^{(l)}(\theta_j^{(l)})$$

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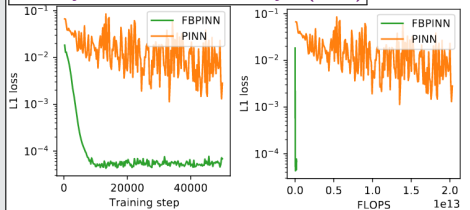
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## 1D single-frequency problem



Moseley, Markham, Nissen-Meyer (2023)



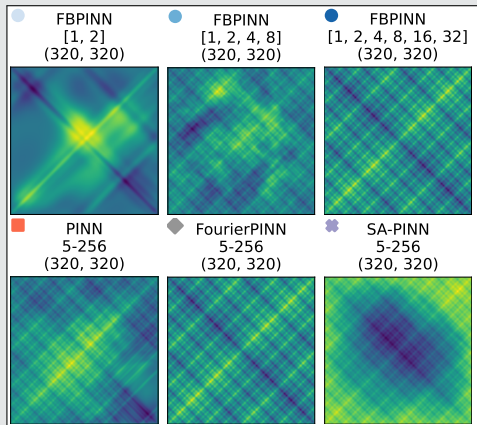
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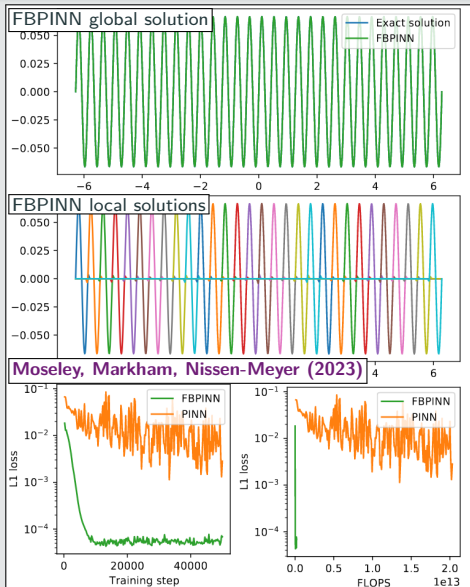
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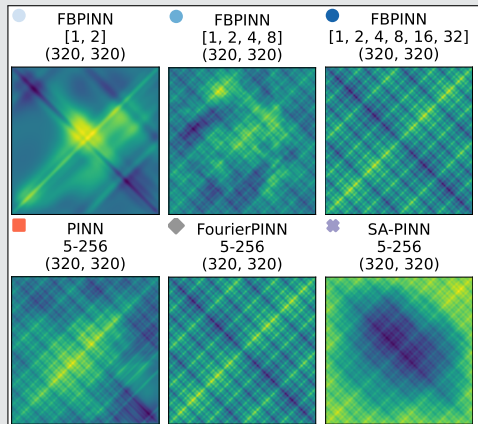
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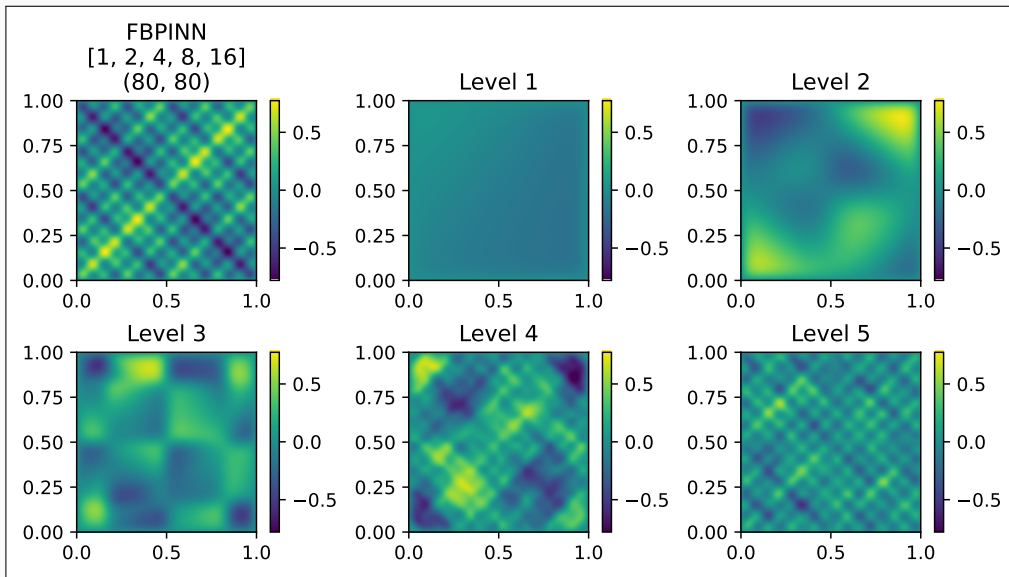
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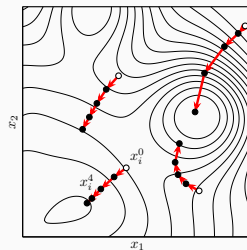
Cf. [Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley \(2024\)](#).

# PACMANN – Point Adaptive Collocation Method for Artificial Neural Networks

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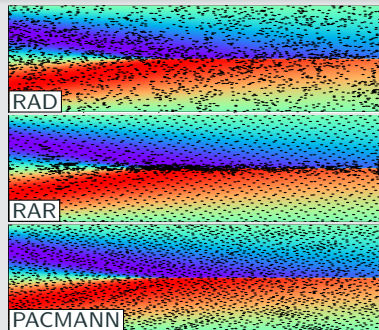
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## Burger's equation

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%	<b>423</b>
RAR	0.11%	<b>0.05%</b>	450
RAD	0.16%	0.10%	463
RAR-D	0.24%	0.21%	503
PACMANN-Adam	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>0.05%</b>	461

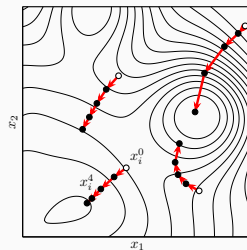


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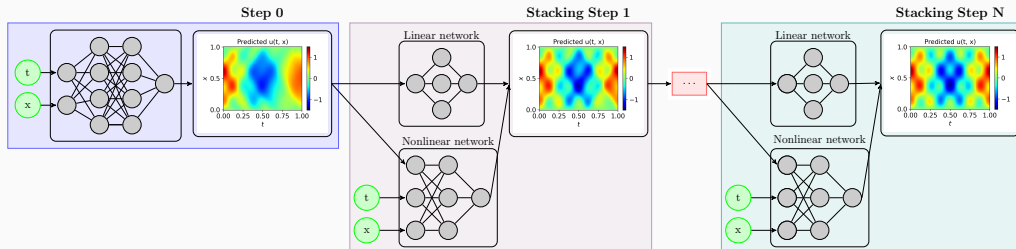
## 5D Poisson equation

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%	<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
*Adam	<b>5.93%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	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  $u^{SF}$ :

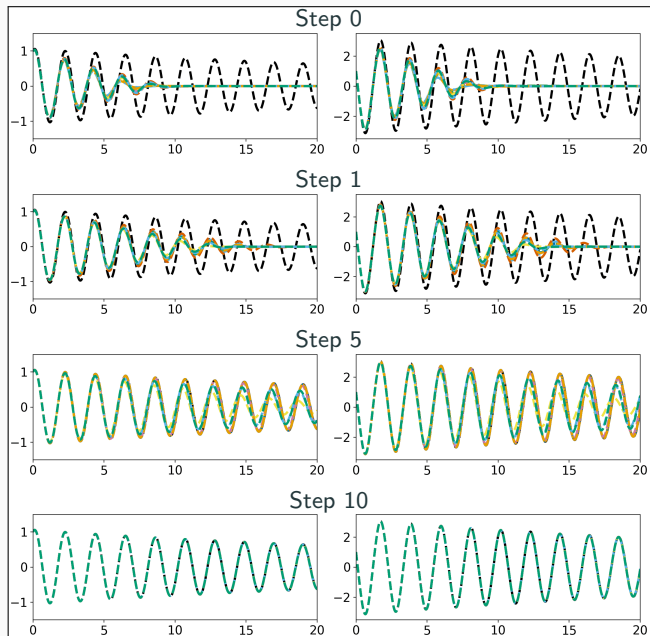
$$u^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u_{\text{linear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF}) + |\alpha| u_{\text{nonlinear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF})$$



## Related works (non-exhaustive list)

- Cokriging & multifidelity Gaussian process regression: E.g., **Wackernagel (1995)**; **Perdikaris et al. (2017)**; **Babaee 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)**

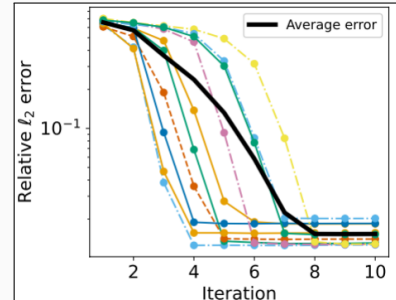
# Stacking Multifidelity PINNs for the Pendulum Problem



Pendulum problem:

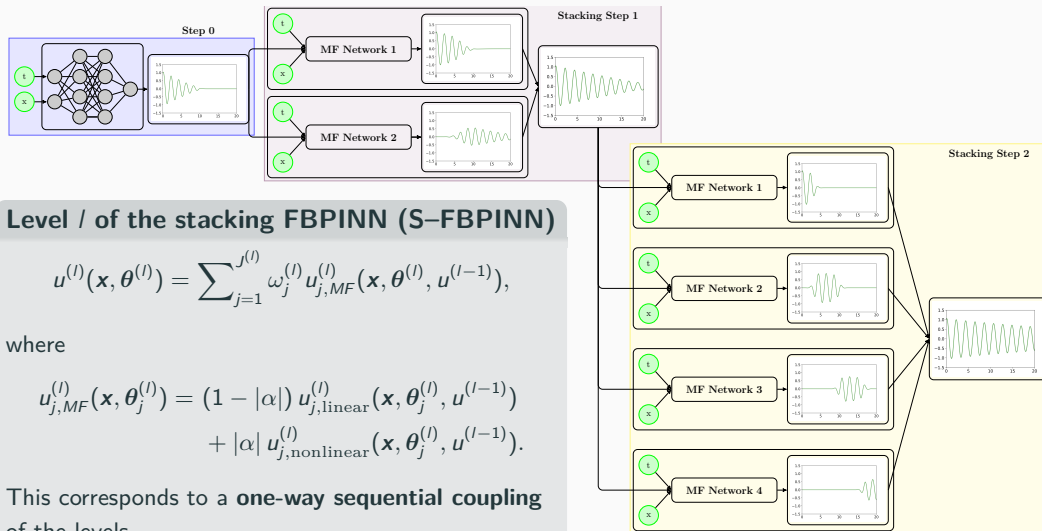
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with  $m = L = 1$ ,  $b = 0.05$ ,  $g = 9.81$ ,  
and  $T = 20$ .



# 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.



## Level $l$ of the stacking FBPINN (S-FBPINN)

$$u^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{(l)}) = \sum_{j=1}^{J^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_{j, MF}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_j^{(l)}, u^{(l-1)}),$$

where

$$u_{j, MF}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_j^{(l)}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u_{j, \text{linear}}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_j^{(l)}, u^{(l-1)}) + |\alpha| u_{j, \text{nonlinear}}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_j^{(l)}, u^{(l-1)}).$$

This corresponds to a **one-way sequential coupling** of the levels.

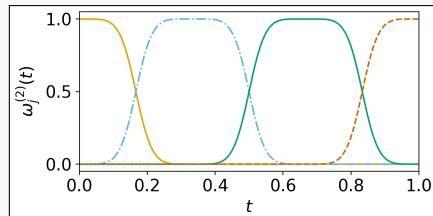


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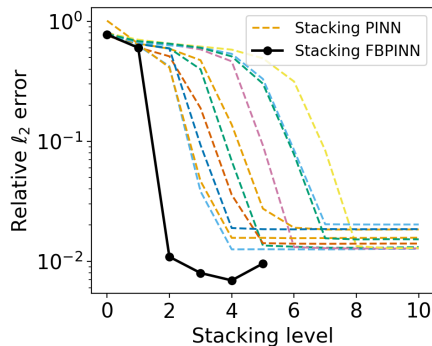
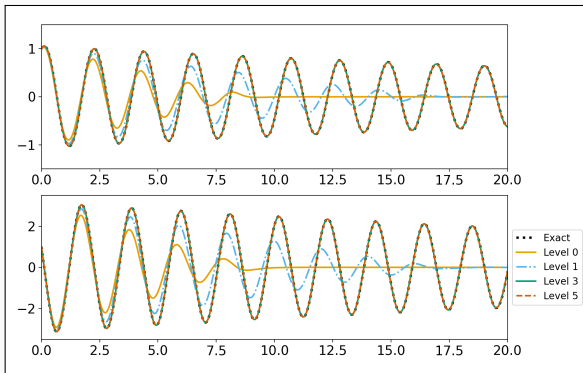
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Exemplary partition of unity in time



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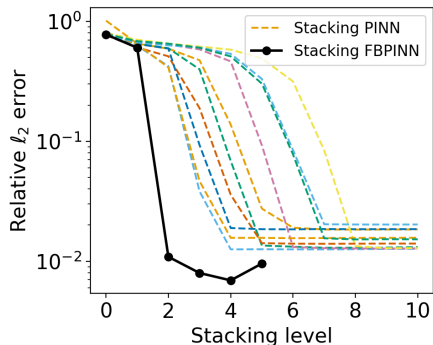
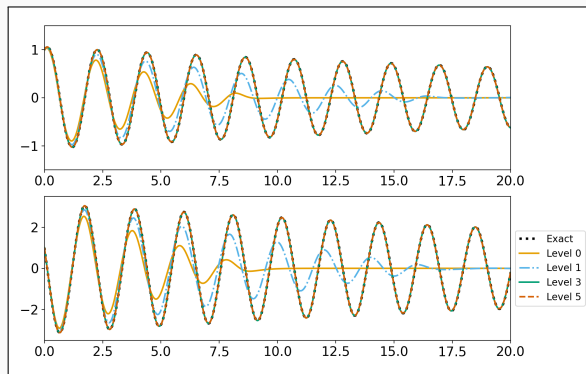
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Model details:

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



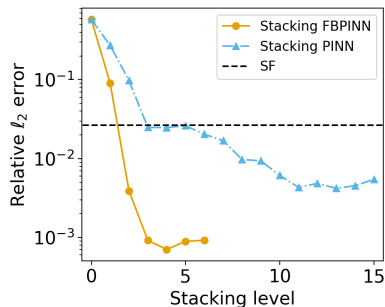
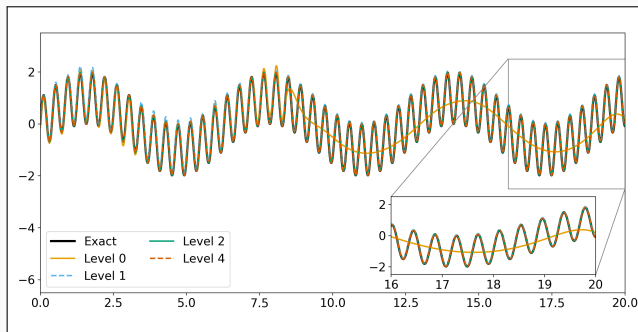
# Numerical Results – Two-Frequency Problem

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
S-FBPINN	4x16, 1x5	5	59 902	0.00083

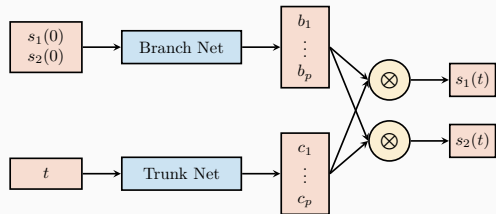


→ Due to the **multiscale structure** of the problem, the **improvements** due to the **multifidelity FBPINN approach** are **even stronger**.

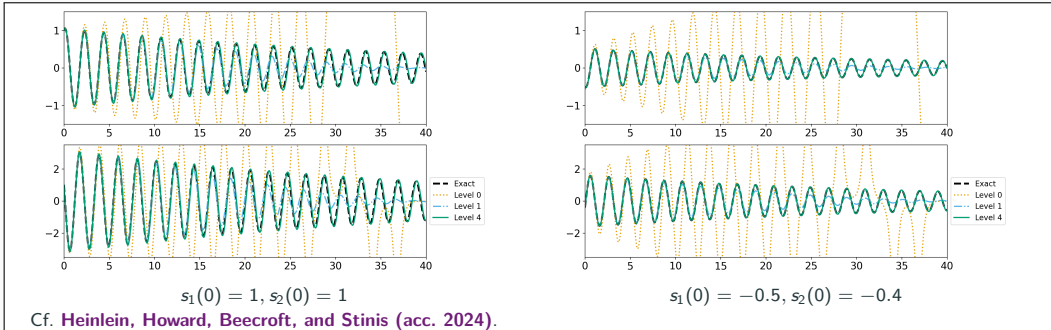
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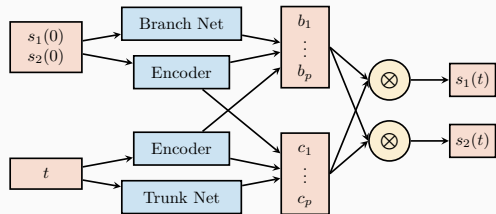
Approach based on the **single-layer case** analyzed in **Chen and Chen (1995)**



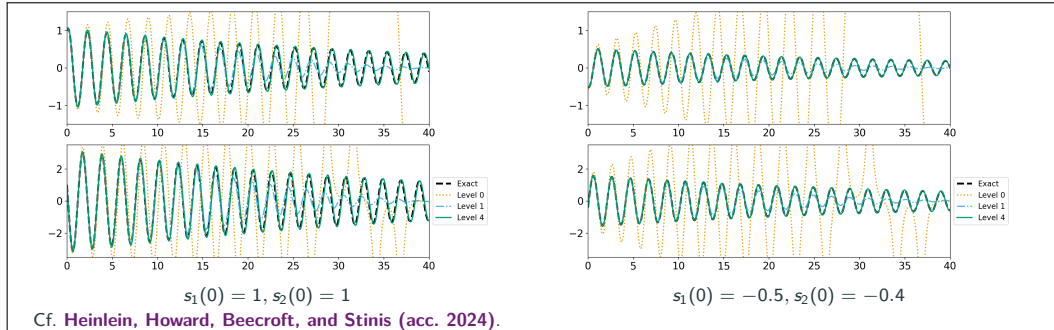
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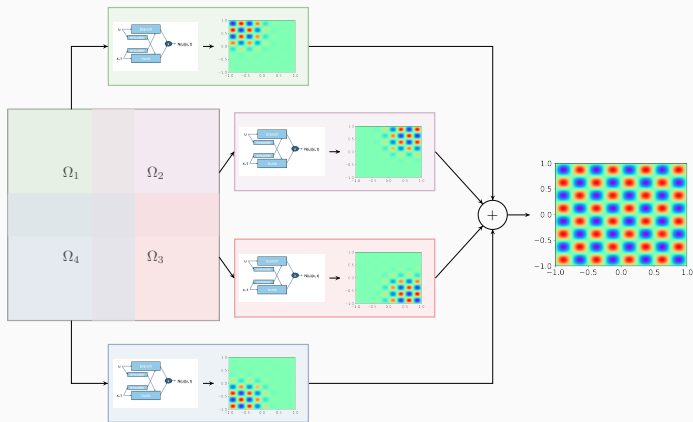
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Modified DeepONet architecture; cf. **Wang, Wang, and Perdikaris (2022)**



# 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)

## Pendulum problem

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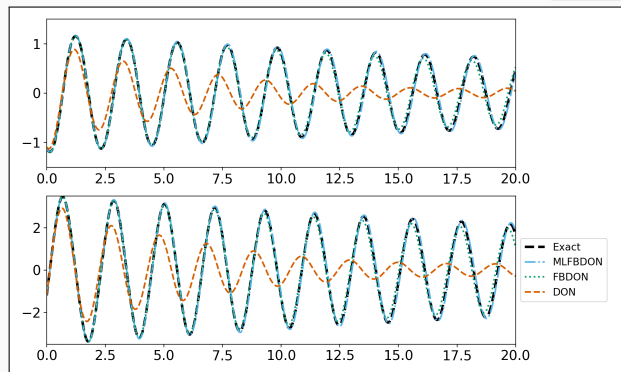
## Parametrization

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

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

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

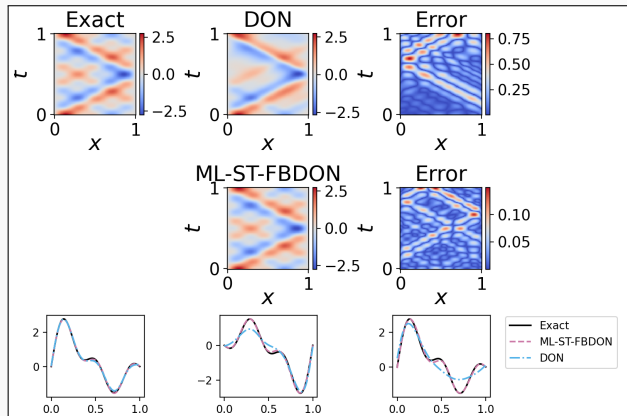
$$\text{Solution: } s(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^5 b_n \sin(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi\sqrt{2}t)$$

## 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	$0.30 \pm 0.11$
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.)**



## 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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