

# Domain decomposition for neural networks

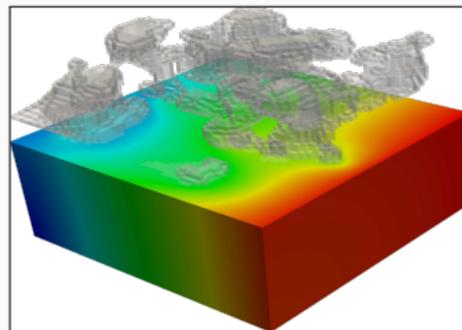
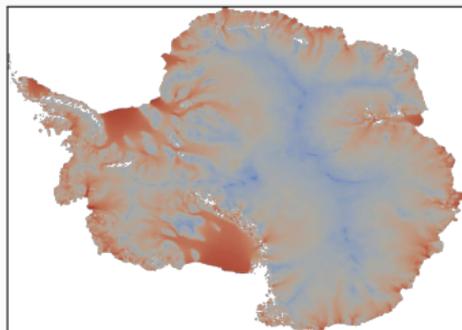
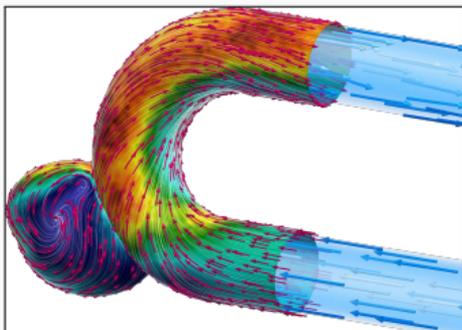
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# Scientific Machine Learning in Computational Science and Engineering



## 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

# Scientific Machine Learning as a Standalone Field



N. Baker, A. Frank, T. Bremer, A. Hagberg, Y. Kevrekidis, H. Najm, M. Parashar, A. Patra, J. Sethian, S. Wild, K. Willcox, and S. Lee.

## Workshop Report on Basic Research Needs for Scientific Machine Learning: Core Technologies for Artificial Intelligence.

USDOE Office of Science (SC), Washington, DC (United States), 2019.

### Priority Research Directions

Foundational research themes:

- Domain-awareness
- Interpretability
- Robustness

Capability research themes:

- Massive scientific data analysis
- Machine learning-enhanced modeling and simulation
- Intelligent automation and decision-support for complex systems

## 1 Classical Domain Decomposition Methods

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

Based on joint work with

**Victorita Dolean**

(Eindhoven University of Technology)

**Ben Moseley** and **Siddhartha Mishra**

(ETH Zürich)

## 3 Multifidelity domain decomposition-based physics-informed neural networks for time-dependent problems

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**Damien Beecroft**

(University of Washington)

**Amanda A. Howard** and **Panos Stinis**

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## 4 Domain Decomposition for Convolutional Neural Networks

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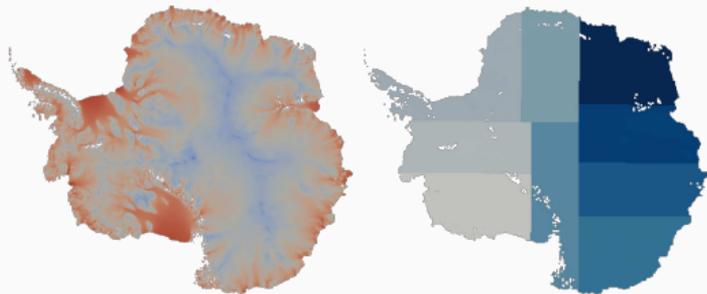
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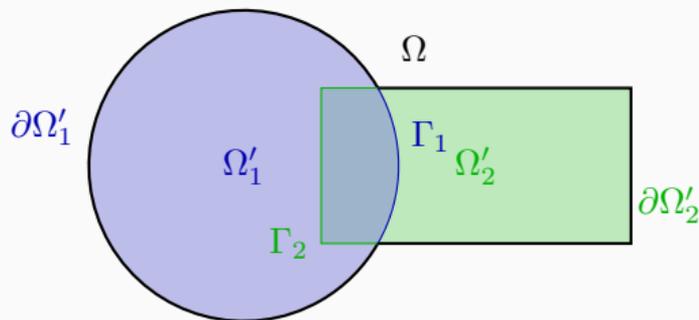
**Historical remarks:** The **alternating Schwarz method** is the earliest **domain decomposition method (DDM)**, which has been invented by **H. A. Schwarz** and published in **1870**:

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

## Idea

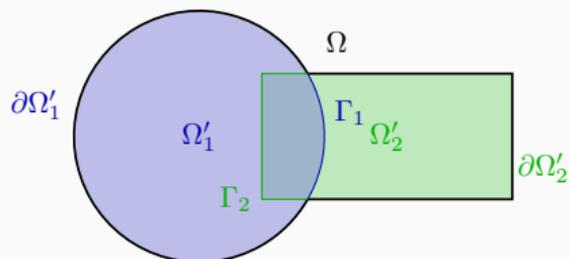
Decomposing a large **global problem** into smaller **local problems**:

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



# The Alternating Schwarz Algorithm

For the sake of simplicity, instead of the two-dimensional geometry,



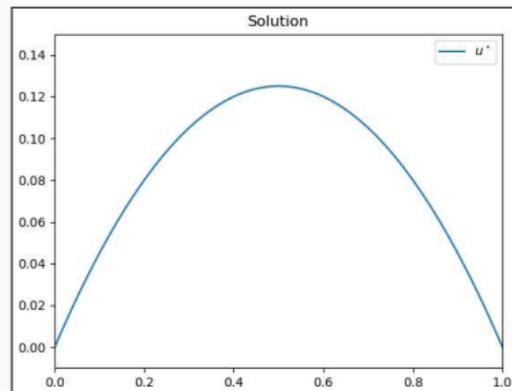
we consider the **one-dimensional Poisson equation**

$$\begin{aligned} -u'' &= 1 \quad \text{in } [0, 1], \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Domain decomposition:**



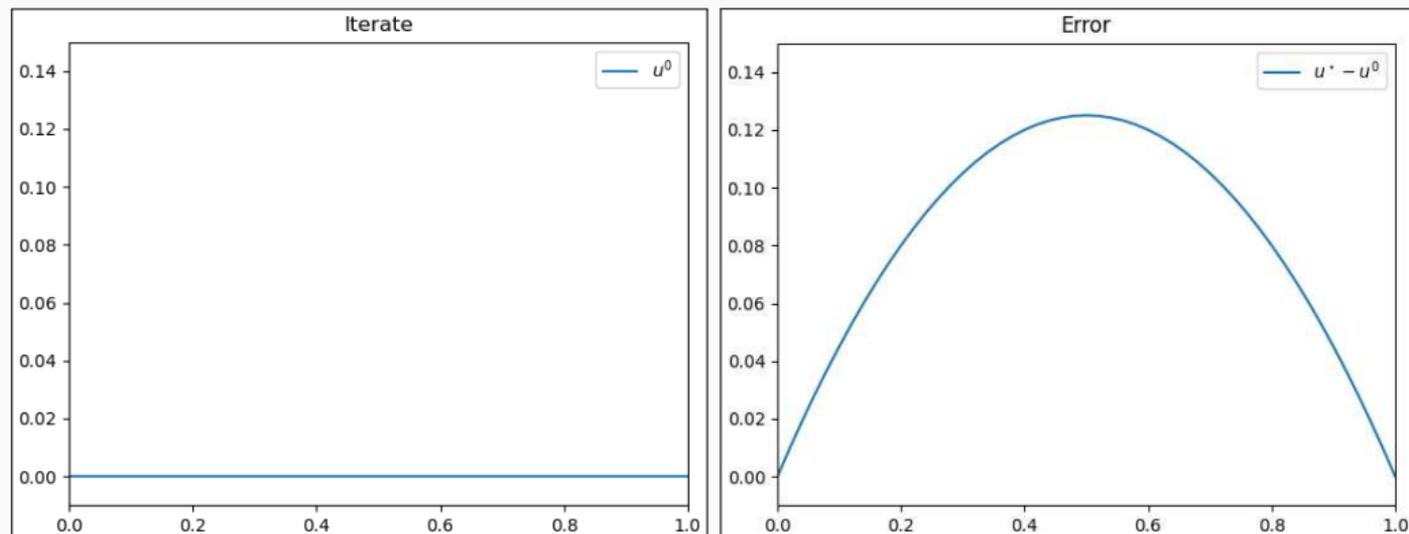
**Solution:**  $u(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x(x-1).$



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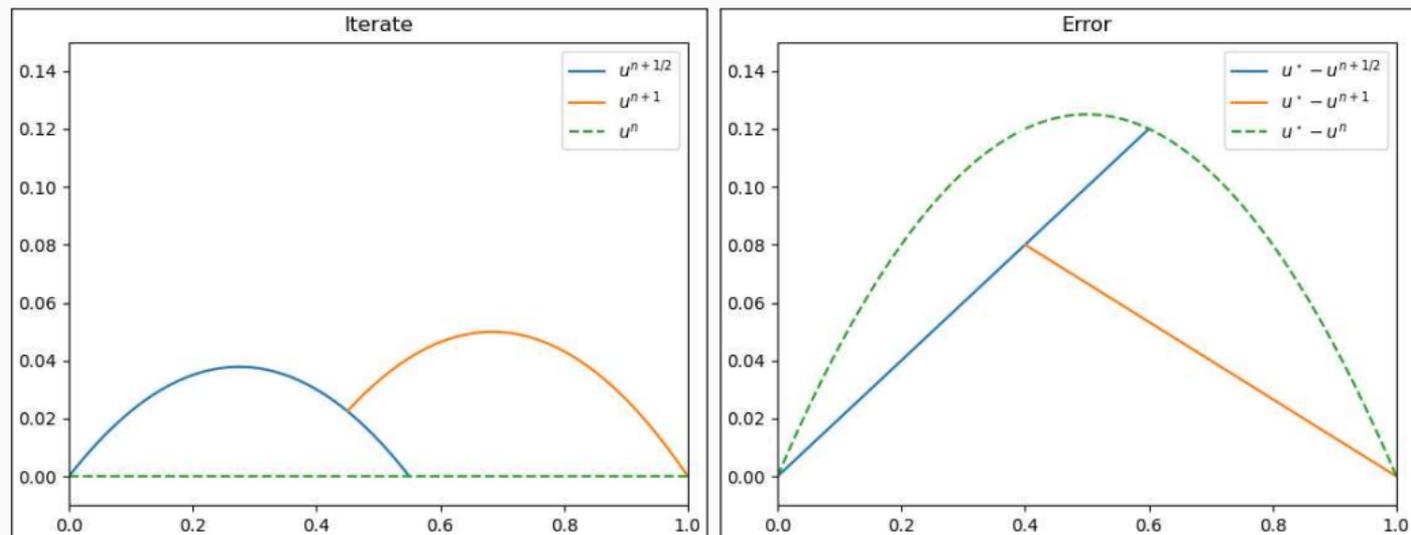


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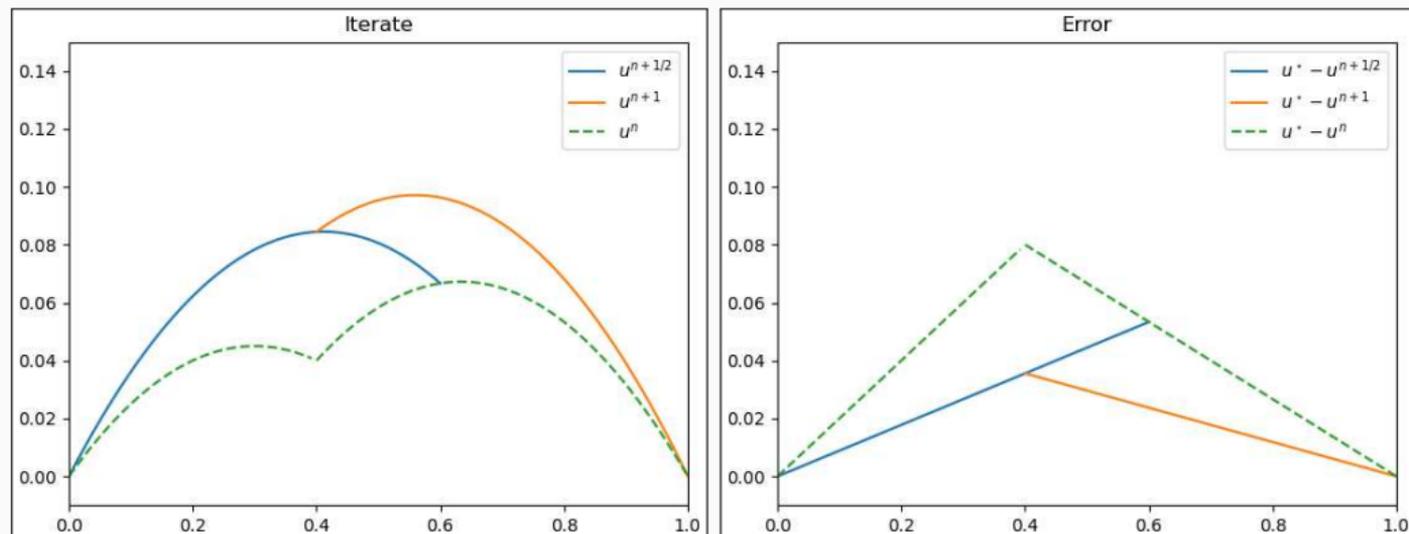


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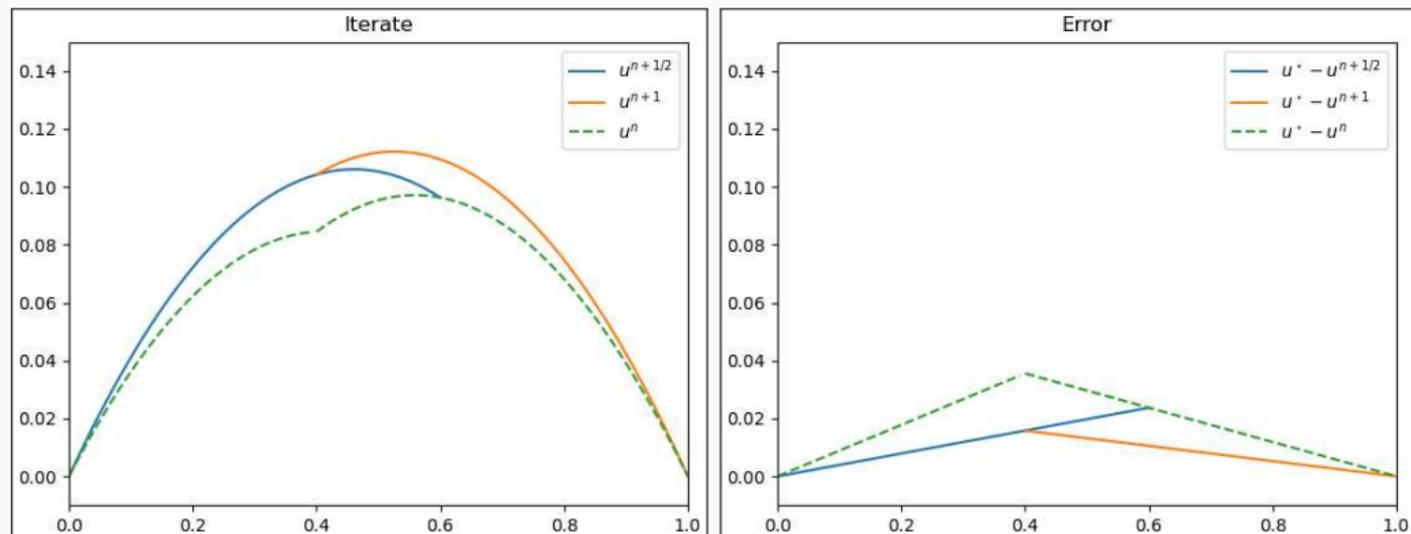


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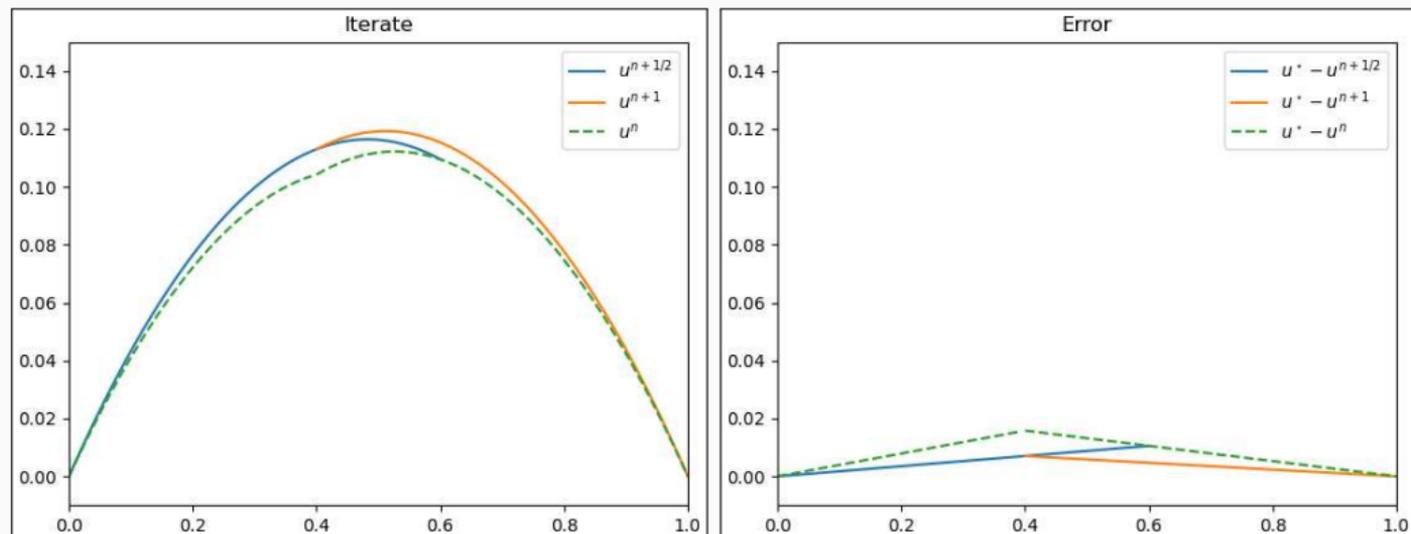


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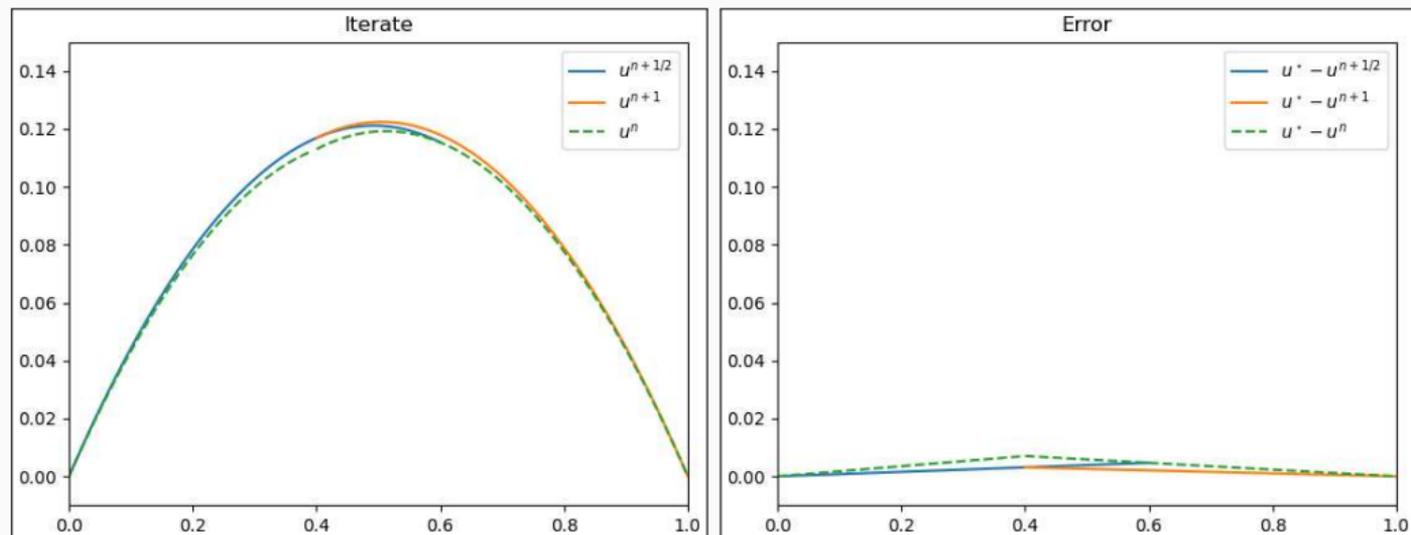


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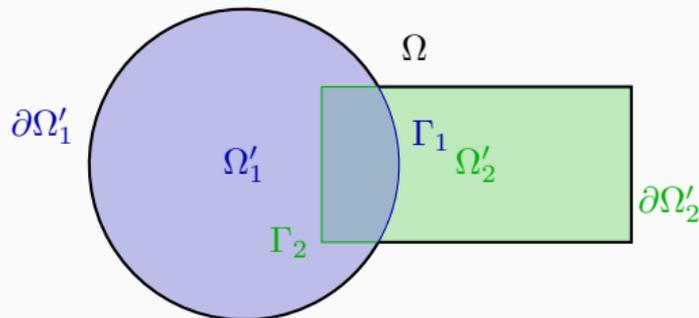
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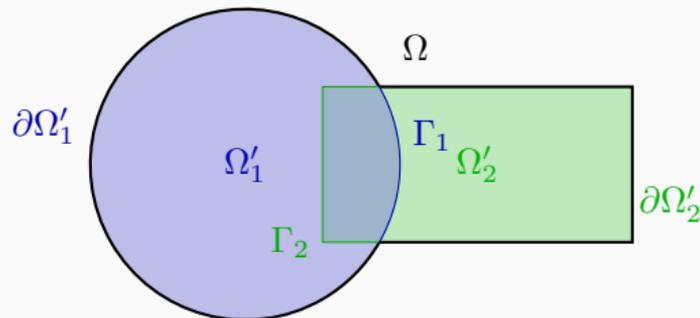
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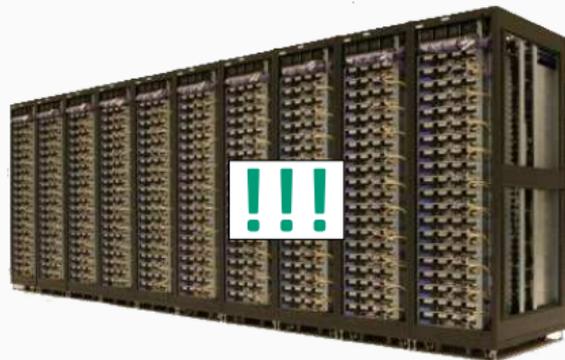
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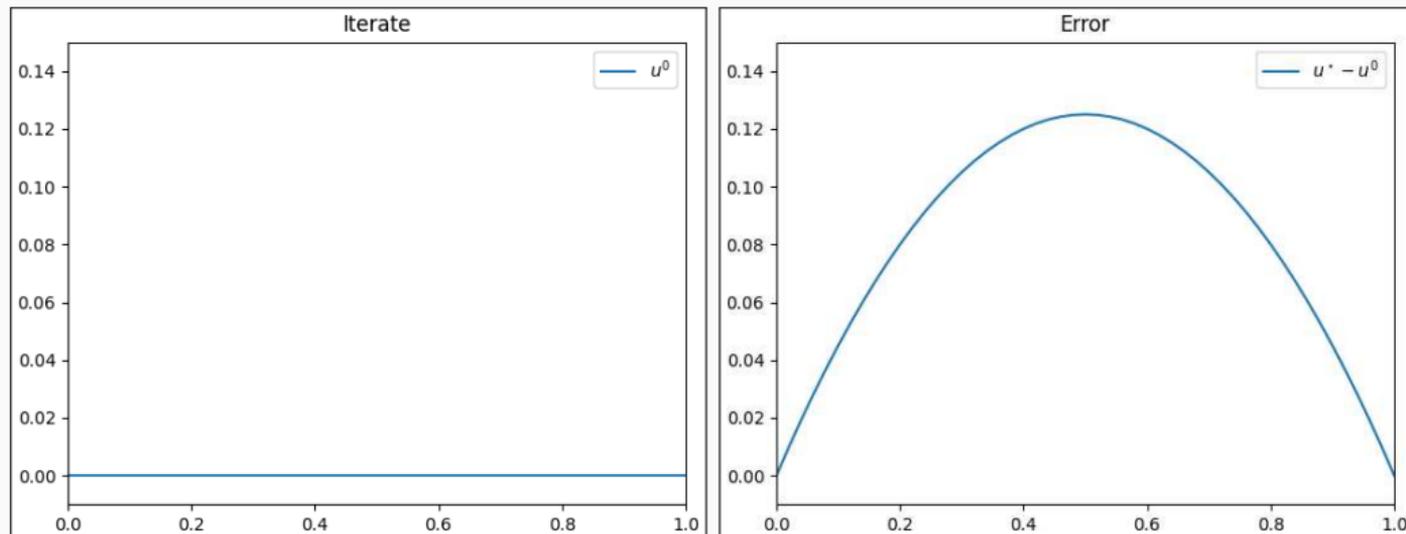
This method is suitable for **parallel computing!**



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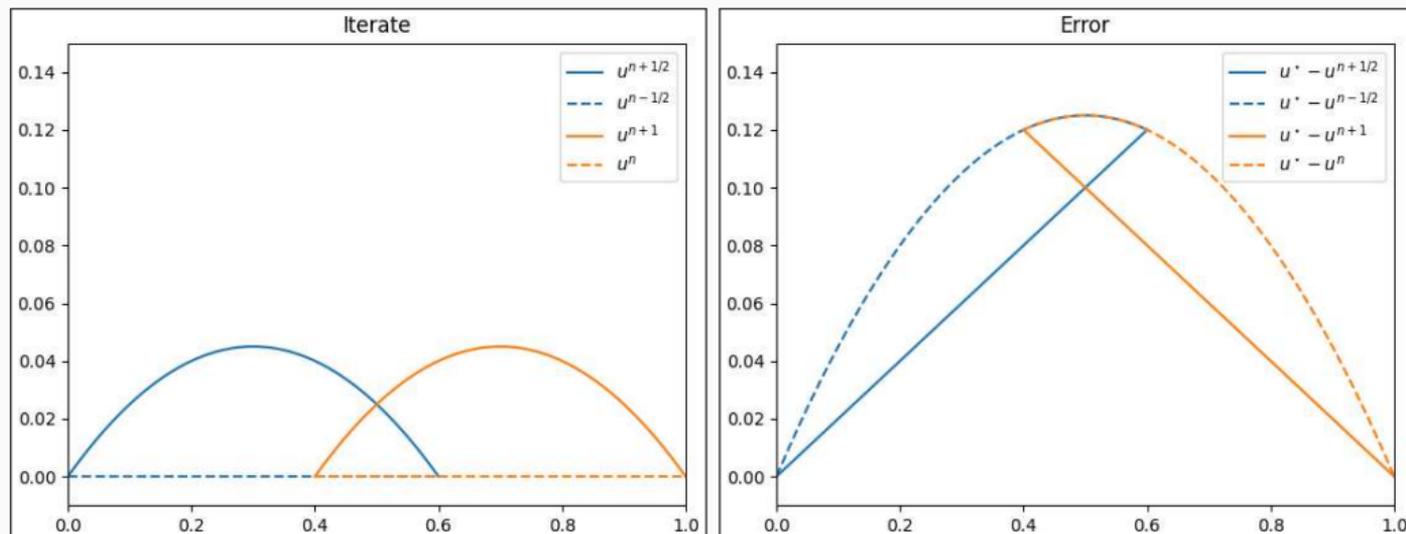


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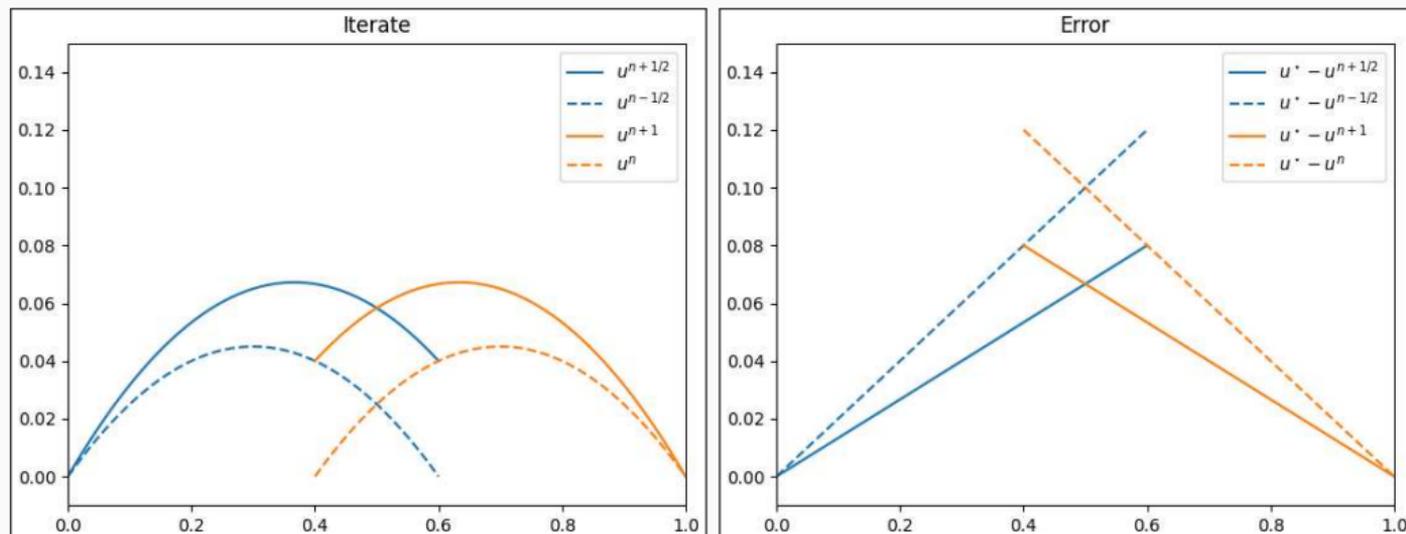
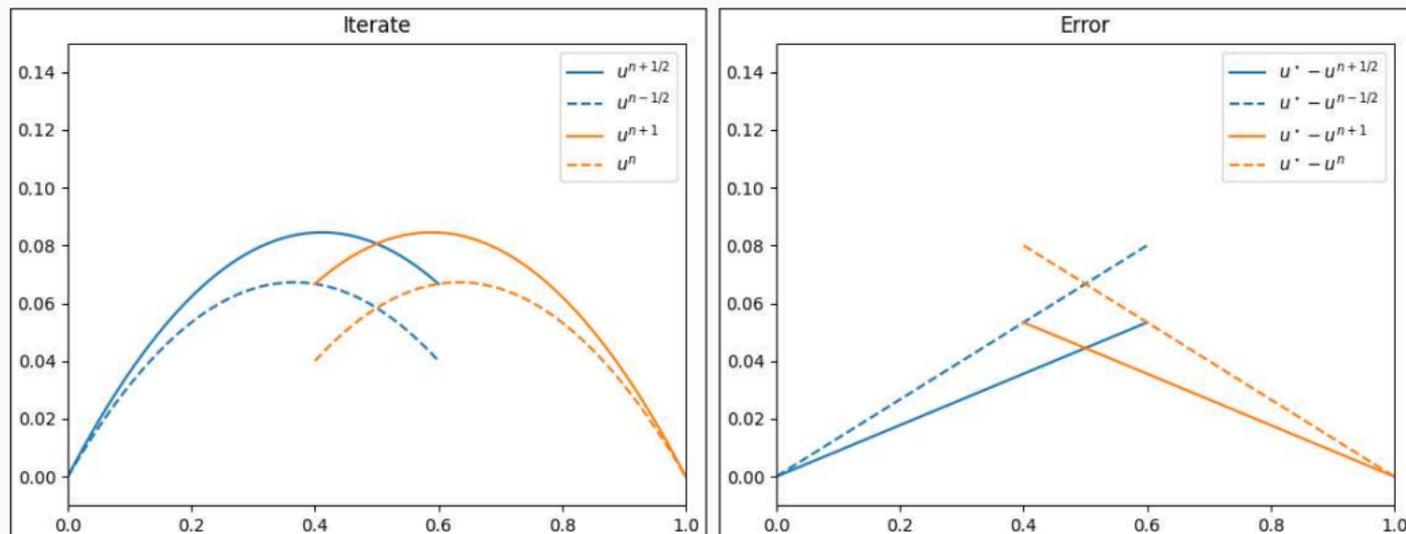


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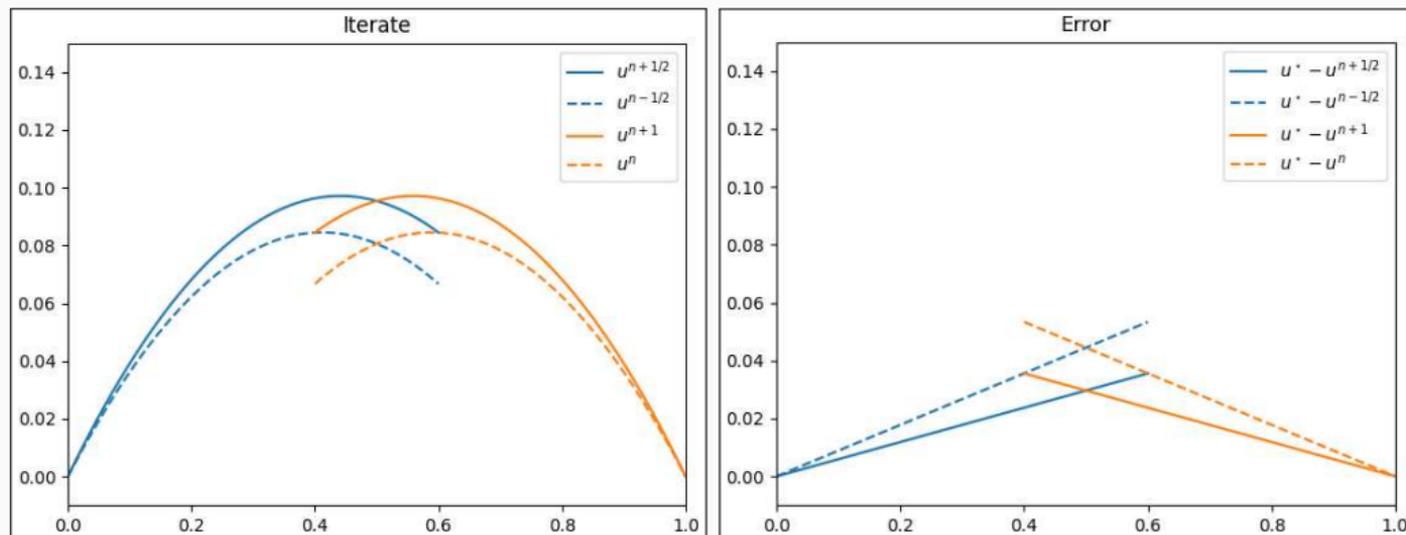
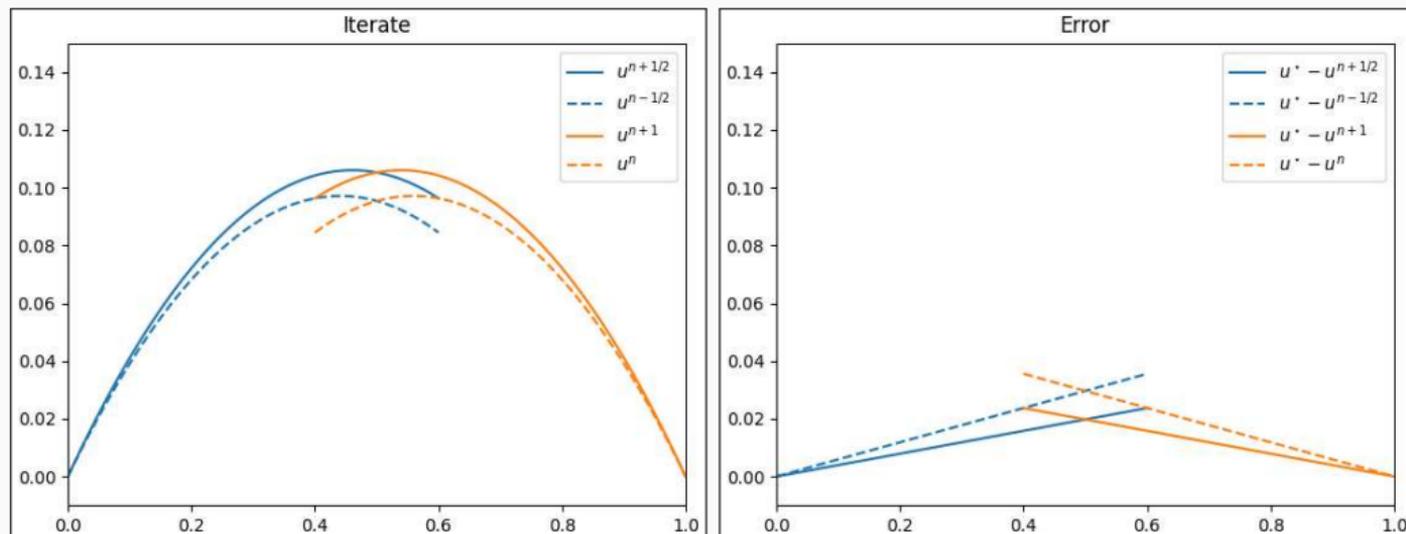


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$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u(x) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2, \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$Ku = f.$$

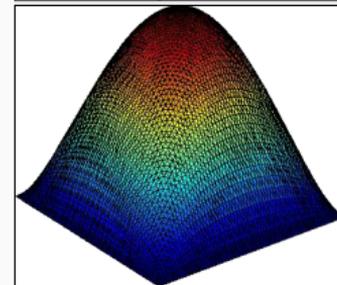
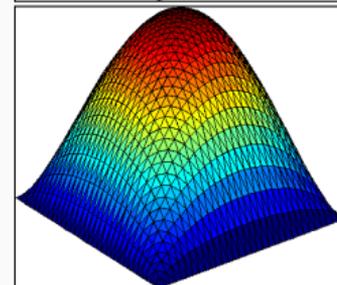
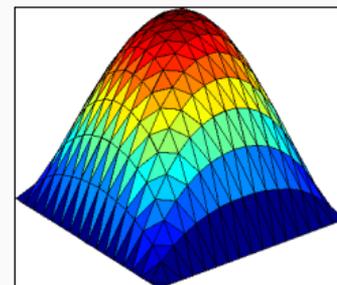
The accuracy of the finite element solution depends on the refinement level of the mesh: **higher refinement**  $\Rightarrow$  **better accuracy**.

## Direct solvers

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

## Iterative solvers

**Iterative solvers are efficient** for solving sparse linear systems of equations, however, the **convergence rate generally depends on refinement level**.



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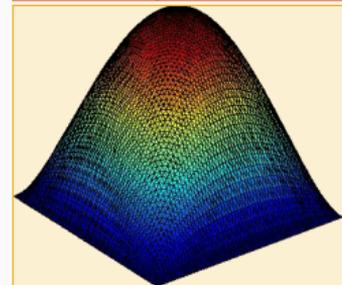
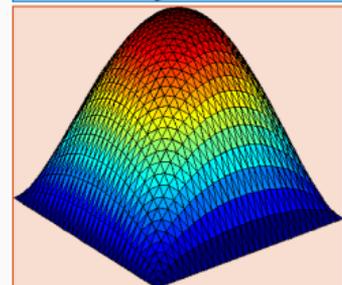
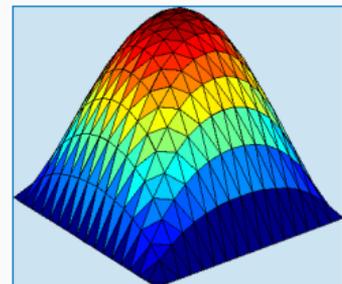
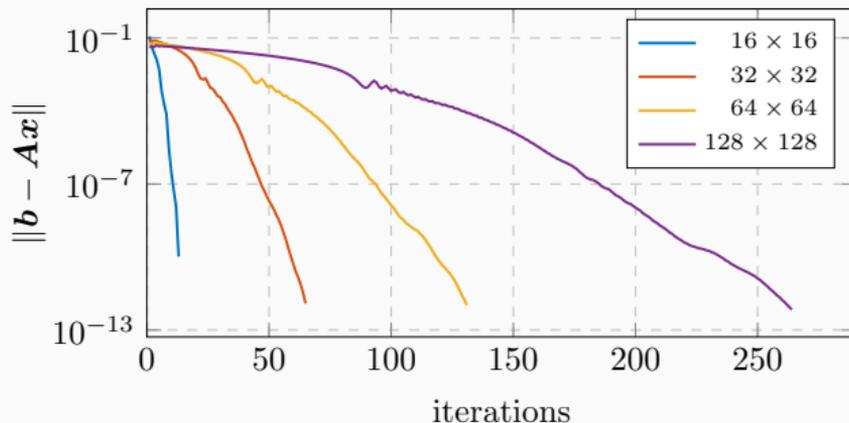
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using the **conjugate gradient (CG) iterative method**.



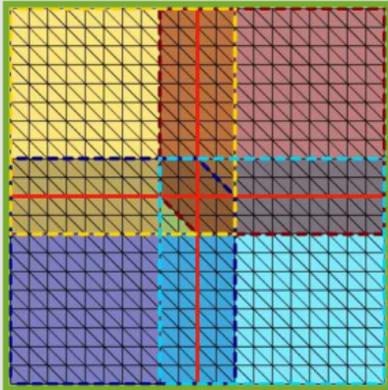
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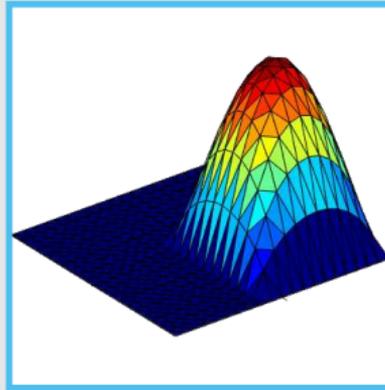
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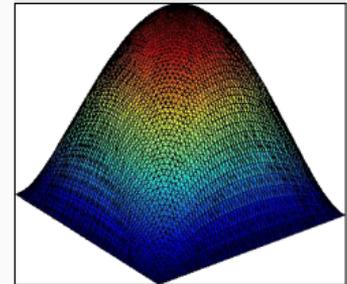
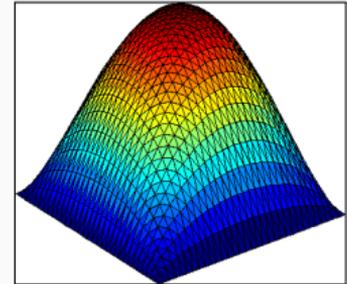
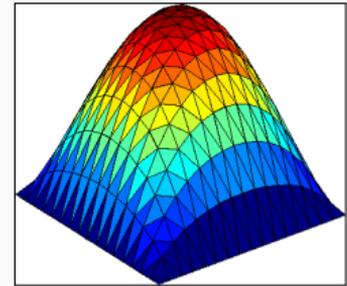
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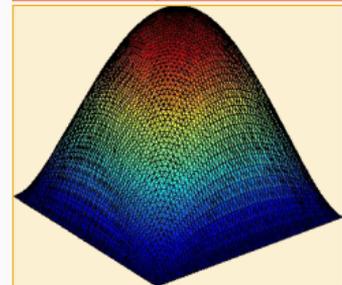
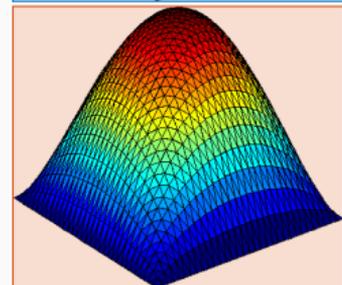
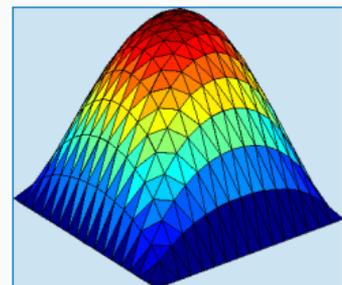
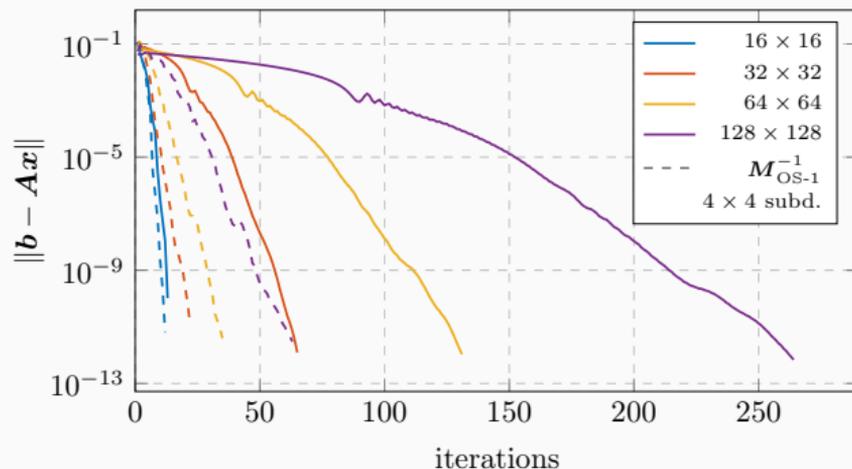
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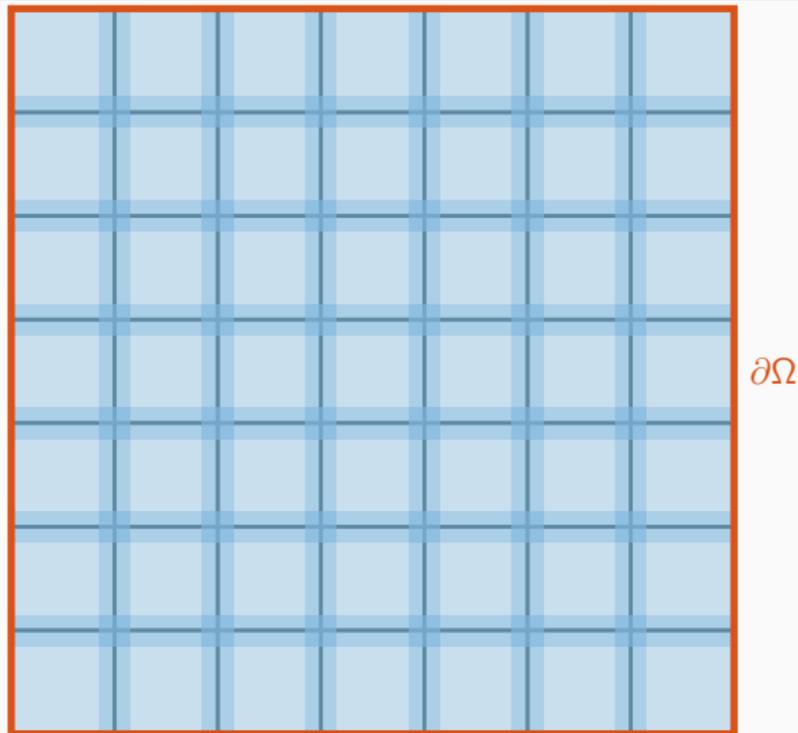
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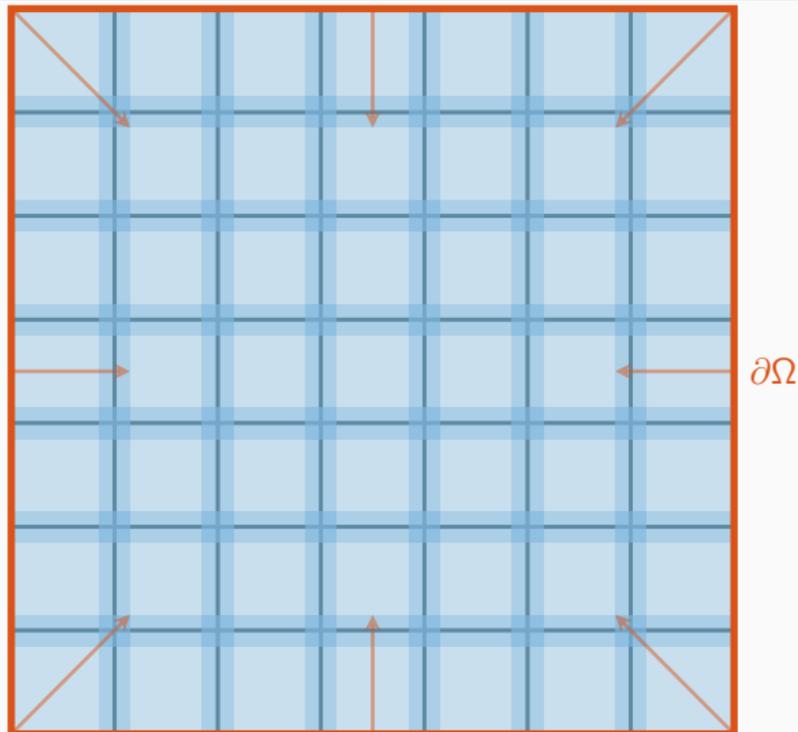
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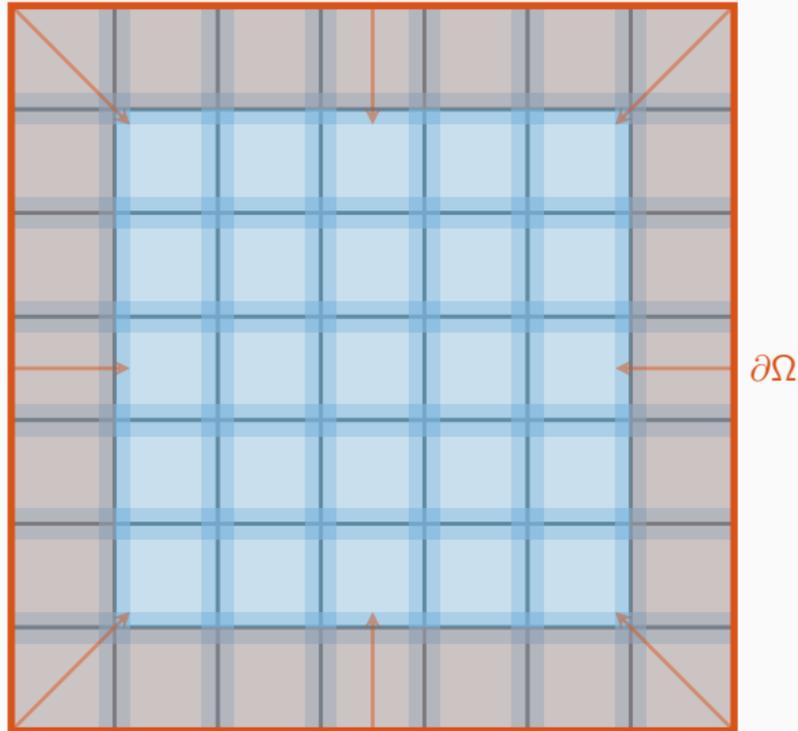
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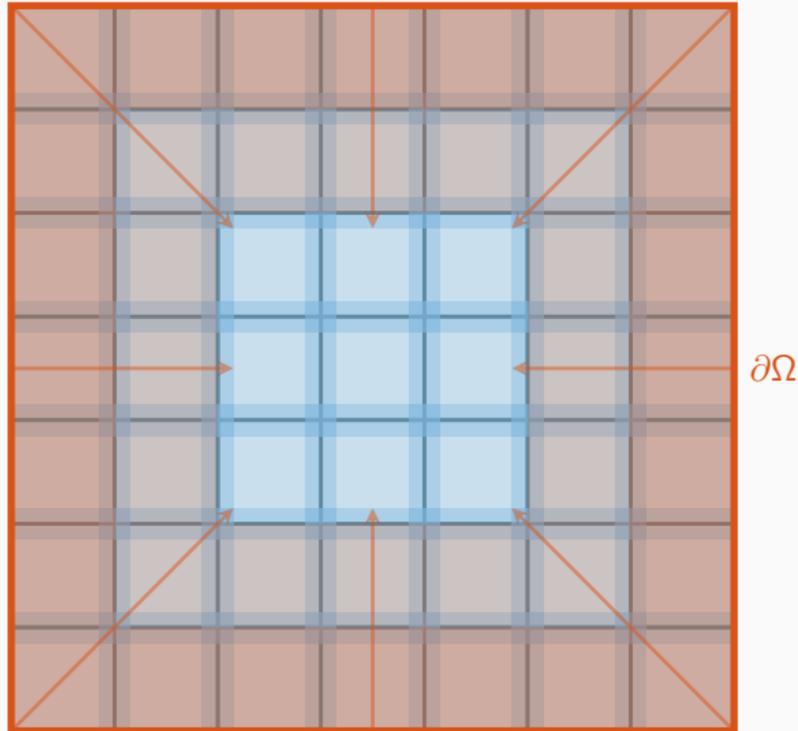
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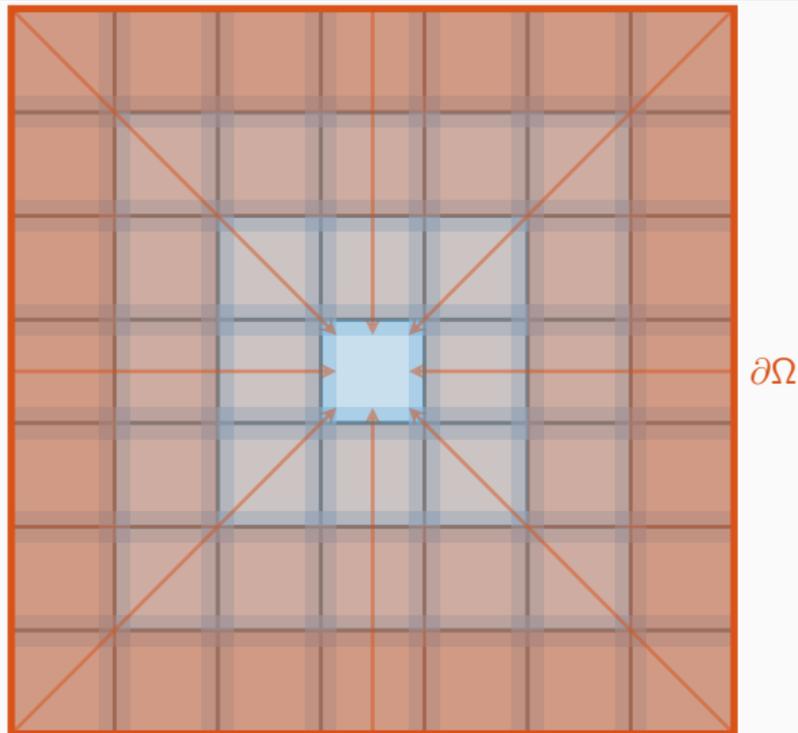
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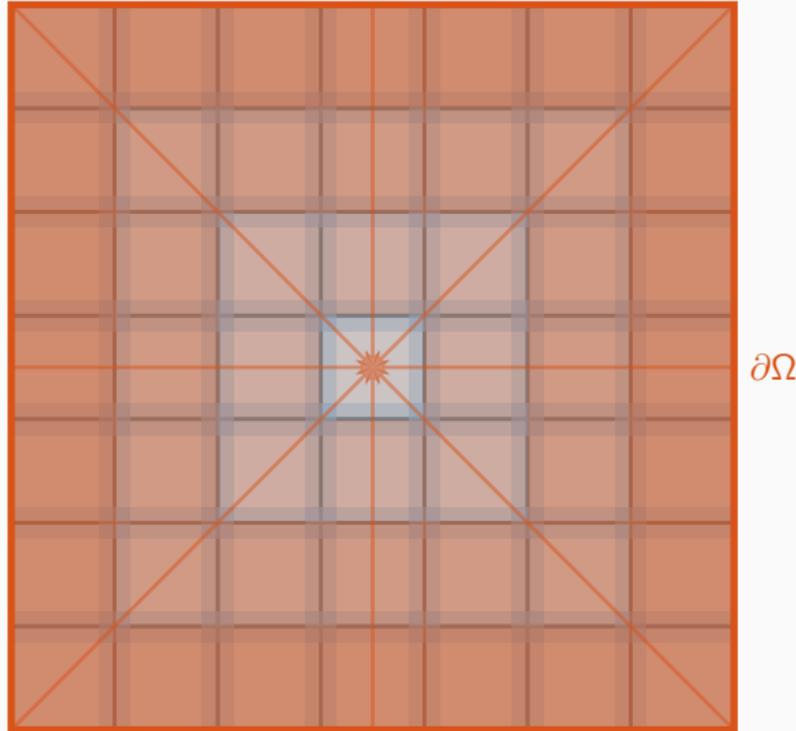
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Information (in particular, boundary data) is **only exchanged via the overlapping regions**, leading to **slow convergence** → establish a **faster / global transport of information**.

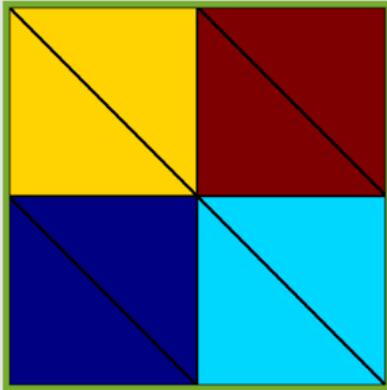
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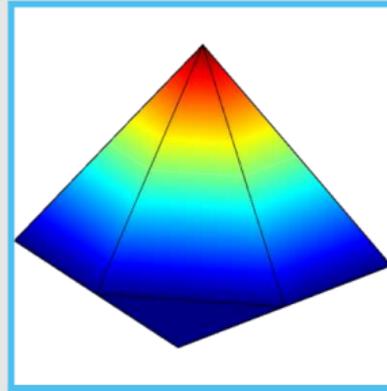
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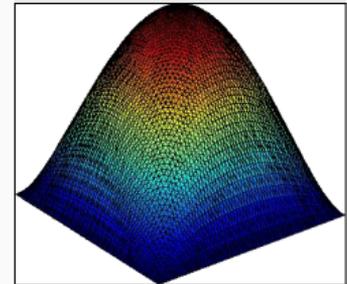
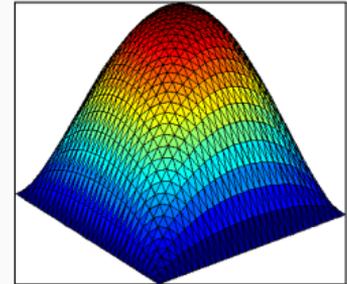
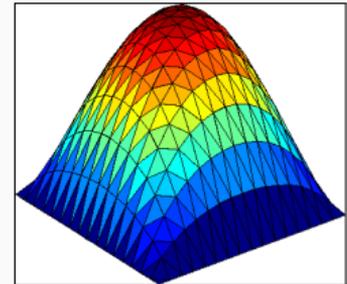
Coarse triangulation



Coarse solution



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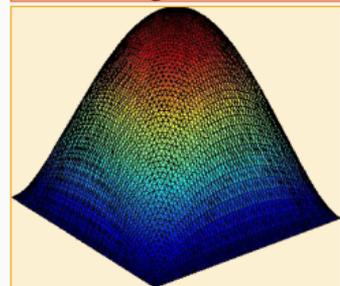
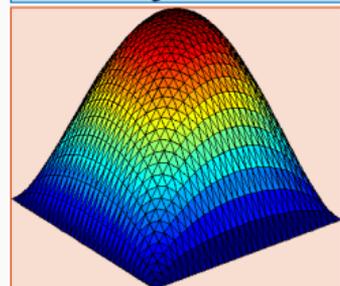
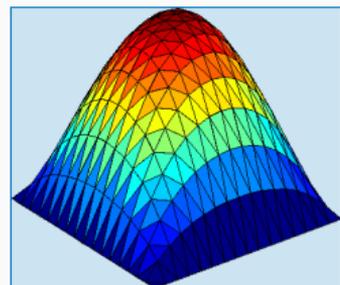
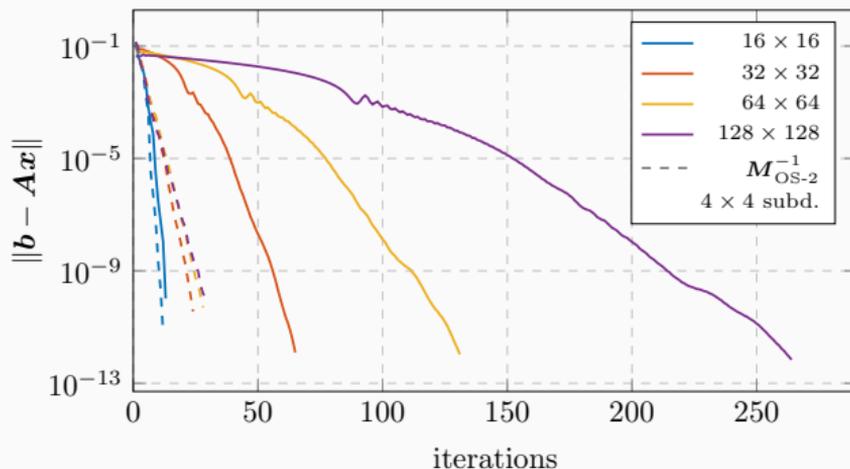
# Schwarz Preconditioners

In order to improve convergence, instead of  $Ku = f$ , we solve

$$M^{-1}Ku = M^{-1}f.$$

## Two-level Schwarz preconditioner

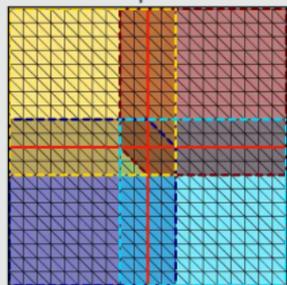
$$M_{OS-2}^{-1}K = \phi K_0^{-1} \phi^T K + \sum_{i=1}^N R_i^T K_i^{-1} R_i K,$$



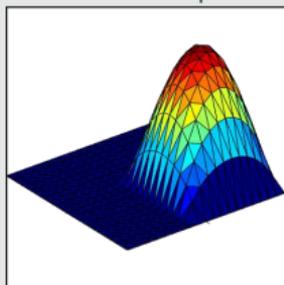
# Two-Level Schwarz Preconditioners – Weak Scaling Study

## One-level Schwarz preconditioner

Overlap  $\delta = 1h$

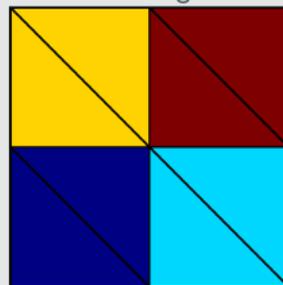


Solution of local problem

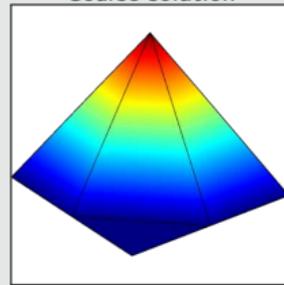


## Lagrangian coarse space

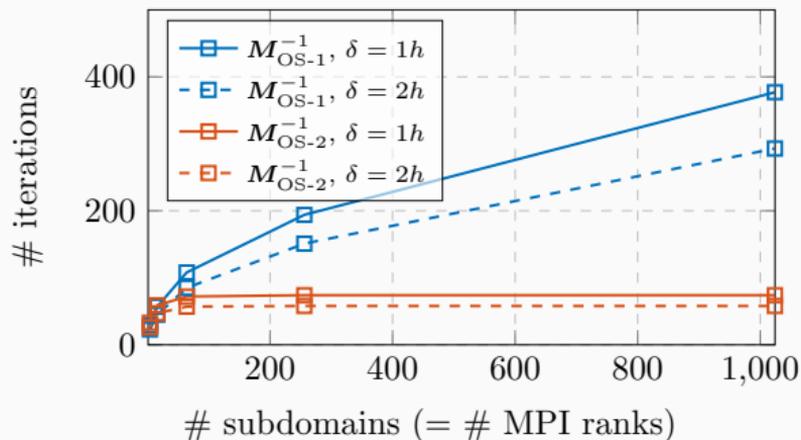
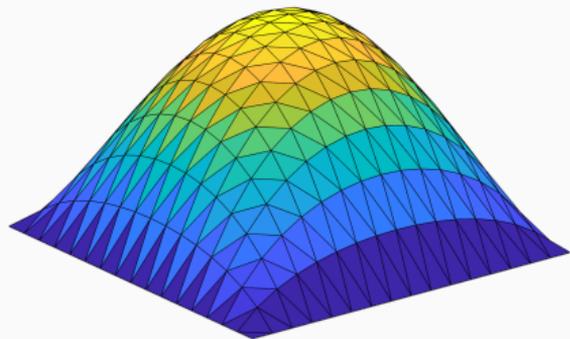
Coarse triangulation



Coarse solution



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



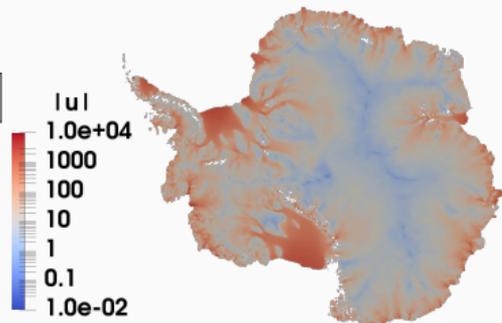


<https://github.com/SNLComputation/Albany>

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

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

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



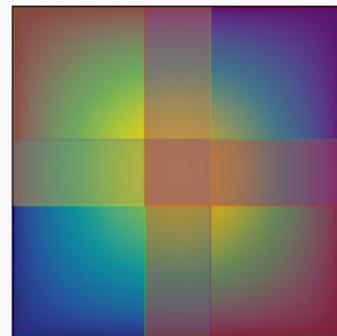
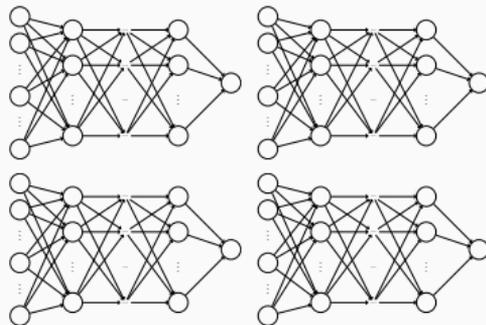
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Computations performed on Cori (NERSC).

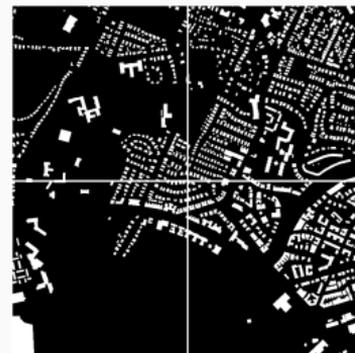
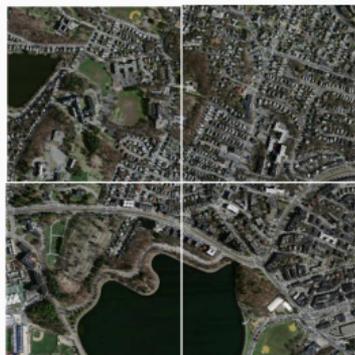
**Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam (2022)**

# Domain Decomposition for Neural 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 2022, arXiv 2023); Kim, Yang (2022, arXiv 2023)
- **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**

arXiv:2312.14050. 2023

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

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## Artificial Neural Networks for Solving Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations

Isaac Elias Lagaris, Aristidis Likas, *Member, IEEE*, and Dimitrios I. Fotiadis

Published in *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, Vol. 9, No. 5, 1998.

### Approach

Solve a general differential equation subject to boundary conditions

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}), \nabla\Psi(\mathbf{x}), \nabla^2\Psi(\mathbf{x})) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

by solving an **optimization problem**

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{x_i} G(\mathbf{x}_i, \Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \theta), \nabla\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \theta), \nabla^2\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \theta))^2$$

where  $\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$  is a **trial function**,  $x_i$  **sampling points inside the domain**  $\Omega$  and  $\theta$  are **adjustable parameters**.

### Construction of the trial functions

The trial functions **satisfy the boundary conditions explicitly**:

$$\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = A(\mathbf{x}) + F(\mathbf{x}, \text{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \theta))$$

- NN is a **feedforward neural network** with **trainable parameters**  $\theta$  and input  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $A$  and  $F$  are **fixed functions**, chosen s.t.:
  - $A$  satisfies the **boundary conditions**
  - $F$  does not contribute to the **boundary conditions**

**Earlier related work:** [Dissanayake & Phan-Thien \(1994\)](#)

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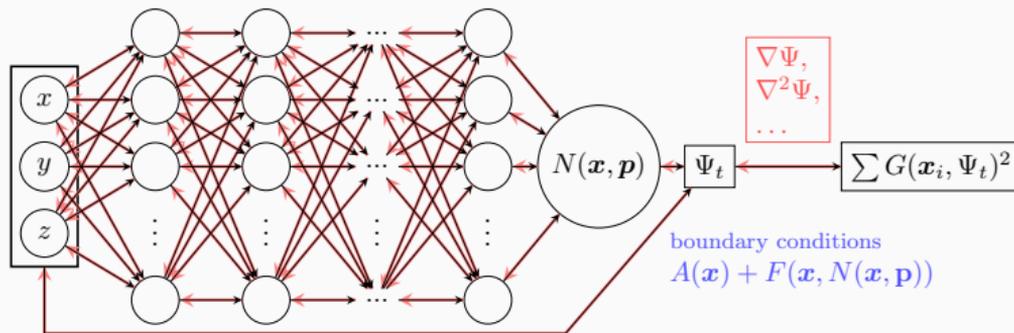
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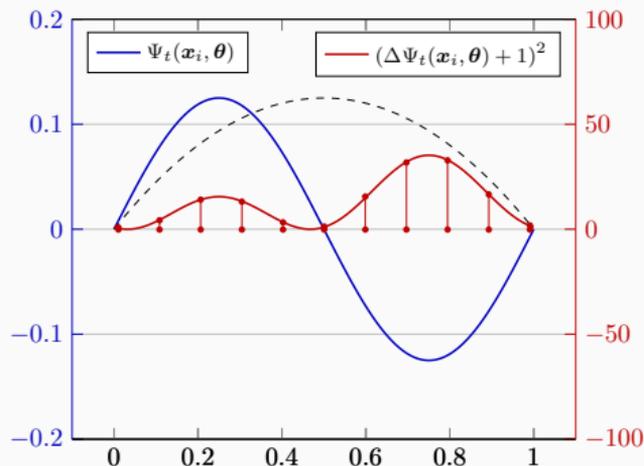
# Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) – Idea

In **Lagaris et al. (1998)**, the authors solve the **boundary value problem**

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta \Psi_t(x, \theta) &= 1 \text{ on } [0, 1], \\ \Psi_t(0, \theta) &= \Psi_t(1, \theta) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

via a **collocation approach**:

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{x_i} (\Delta \Psi_t(x_i, \theta) + 1)^2$$



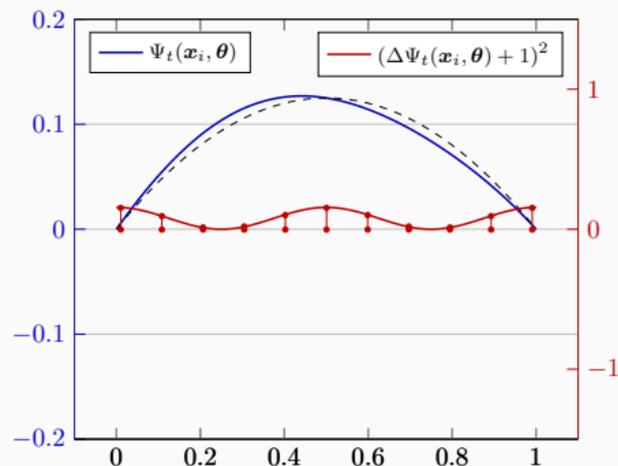
$$(\Delta \Psi_t(x_i, \theta) + 1)^2 \gg 0$$

## Boundary conditions ...

... can be **enforced explicitly** via the ansatz:

$$\Psi_t(x, \theta) = A(x) + F(x, \text{NN}(x, \theta))$$

- $A$  satisfies the boundary conditions
- $F$  does not contribute to the boundary conditions



$$(\Delta \Psi_t(x_i, \theta) + 1)^2 \approx 0$$

# 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

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

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

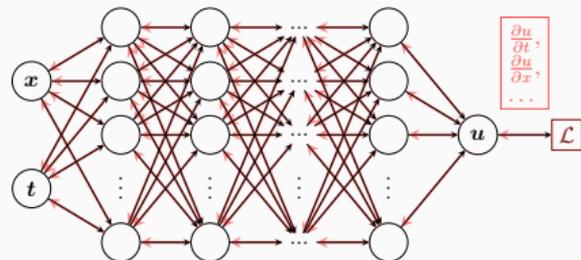
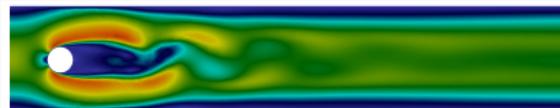
See also **Dissanayake and Phan-Thien (1994)**; **Lagaris et al. (1998)**.

## Advantages

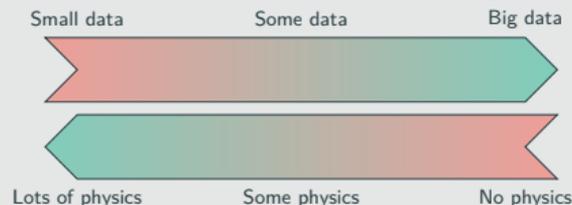
- **“Meshfree”**
- **Small data**
- **Generalization properties**
- **High-dimensional problems**
- **Inverse and parameterized problems**

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

Mishra and Molinaro. *Estimates on the generalisation error of PINNs, 2022*

## Estimate of the generalization error

The generalization error (or total error) satisfies

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

where

- $\varepsilon_G = \varepsilon_G(\mathbf{X}, \theta) := \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*\|_V$  **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** respectively the **quadrature** as well as on the **neural network**

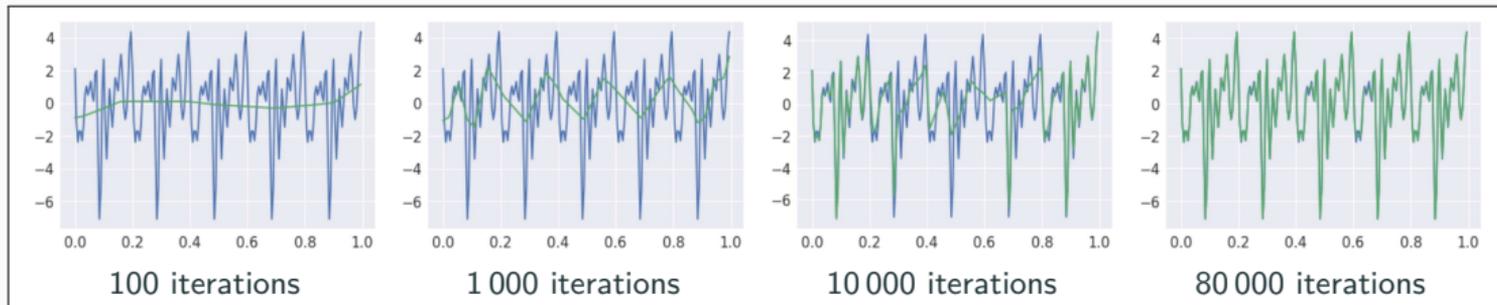
*Rule of thumb:*

“As long as the PINN is **trained well**, it also **generalizes well**”

# Scaling Issues in Neural Network Training

## Spectral bias

Neural networks **prioritize learning lower frequency functions** first irrespective of their amplitude.



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

- Solving solutions on **large domains and/or with multiscale features** potentially requires **very large neural networks**.
- Training may **not sufficiently reduce the loss** or take **large numbers of iterations**.
- Significant **increase on the computational work**

Dependence on the choice of **activation functions**: [Hong et al. \(arXiv 2022\)](#)

**Convergence analysis of PINNs** via the **neural tangent kernel**: [Wang, Yu, Perdikaris, \*When and why PINNs fail to train: A neural tangent kernel perspective\*, JCP \(2022\)](#)

# Motivation – Some Observations on the Performance of PINNs

Solve

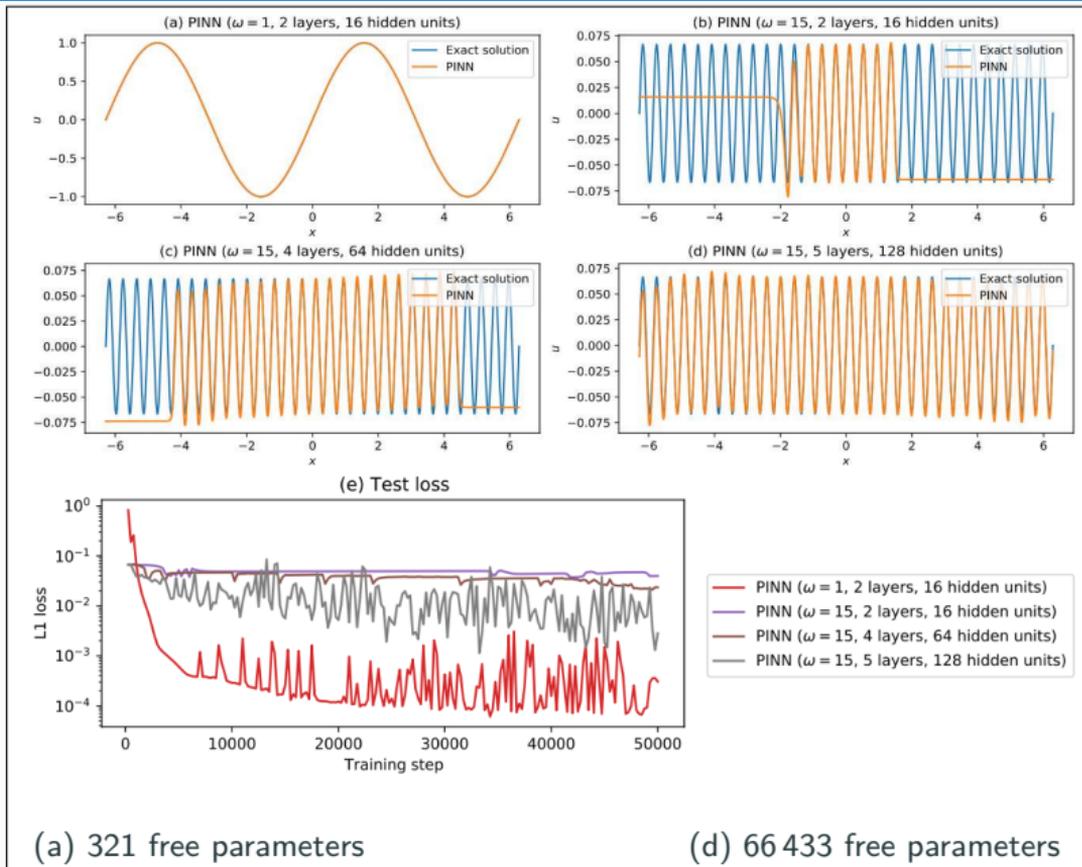
$$u' = \cos(\omega x),$$
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for different values of  $\omega$   
using **PINNs** with  
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## Scaling issues

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



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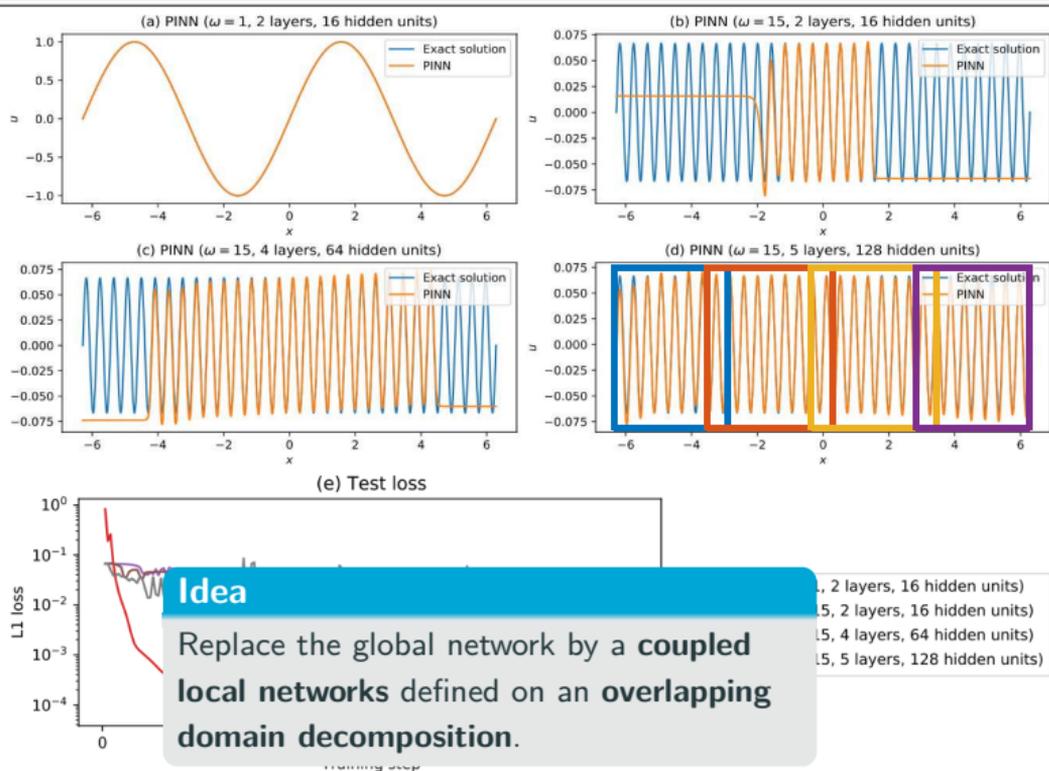
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# Finite Basis Physics-Informed Neural Networks (FBPINNs)

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

FBPINNs use the **network architecture**

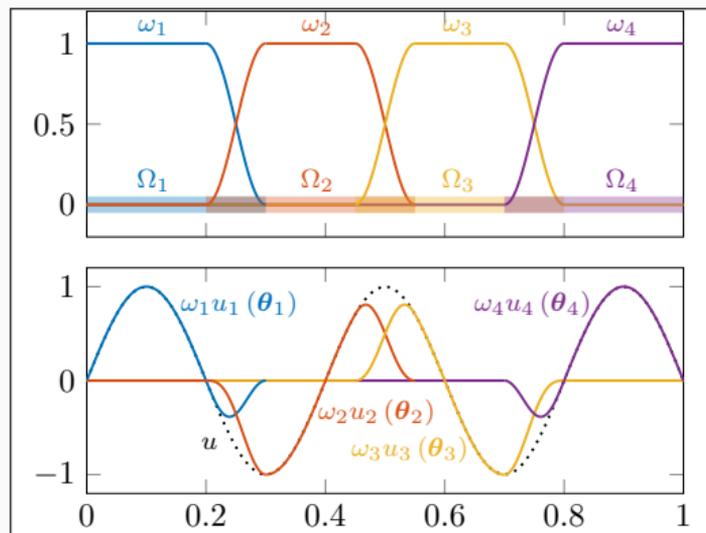
$$u(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_J) = \mathcal{C} \sum_{j=1}^J \omega_j u_j(\theta_j)$$

and the **loss function**

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

Here:

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



## Hard enf. of boundary conditions

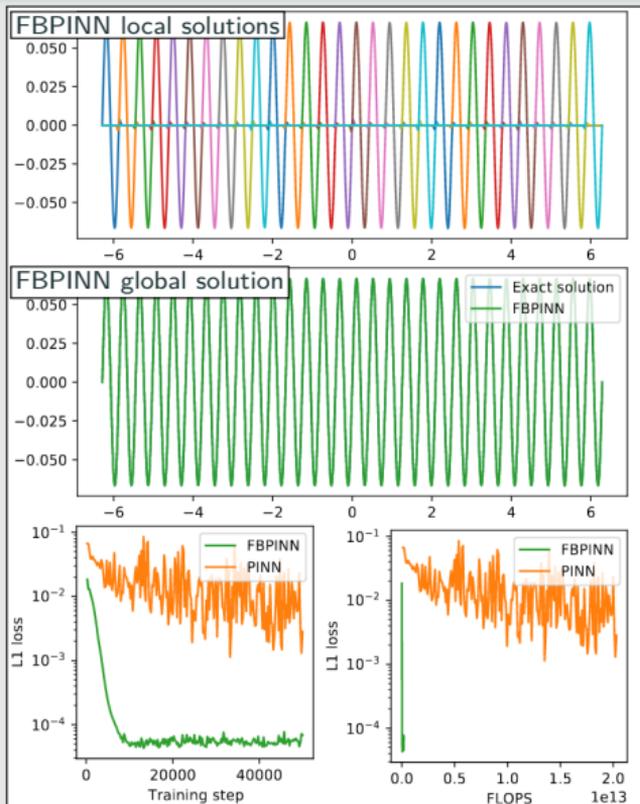
Loss function

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

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

# Numerical Results for FBPINNs

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



## Scalability of FBPINNs

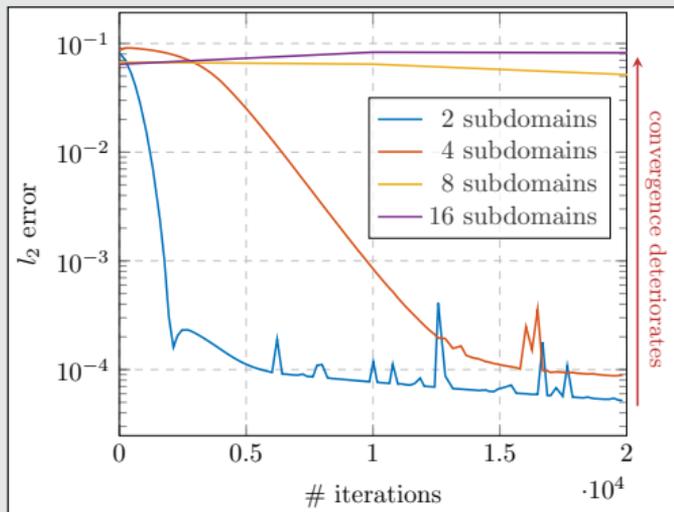
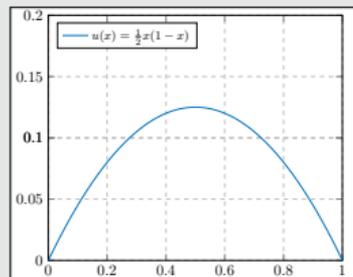
Consider the **simple boundary value problem**

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

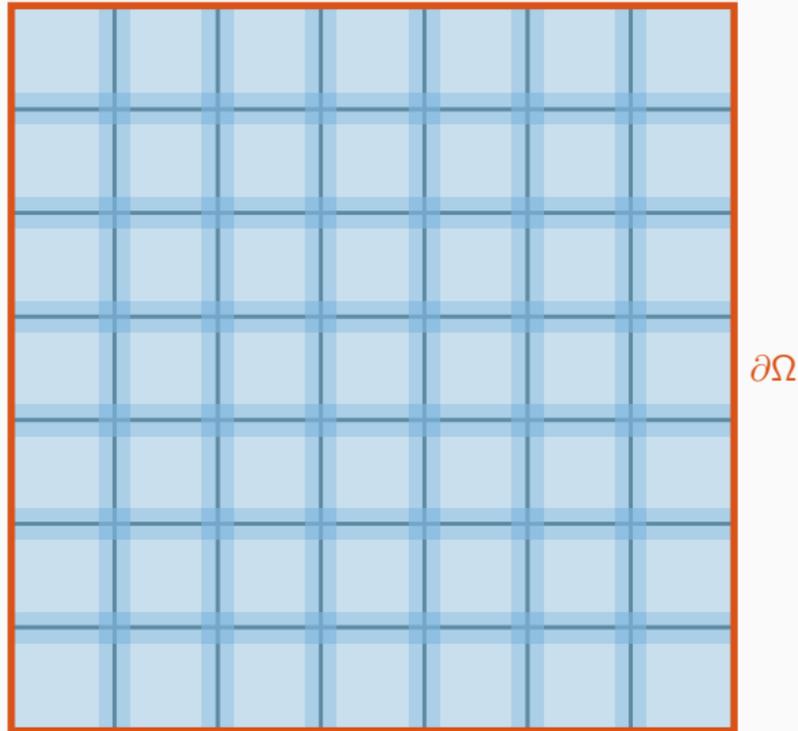
$$u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

which has the **solution**

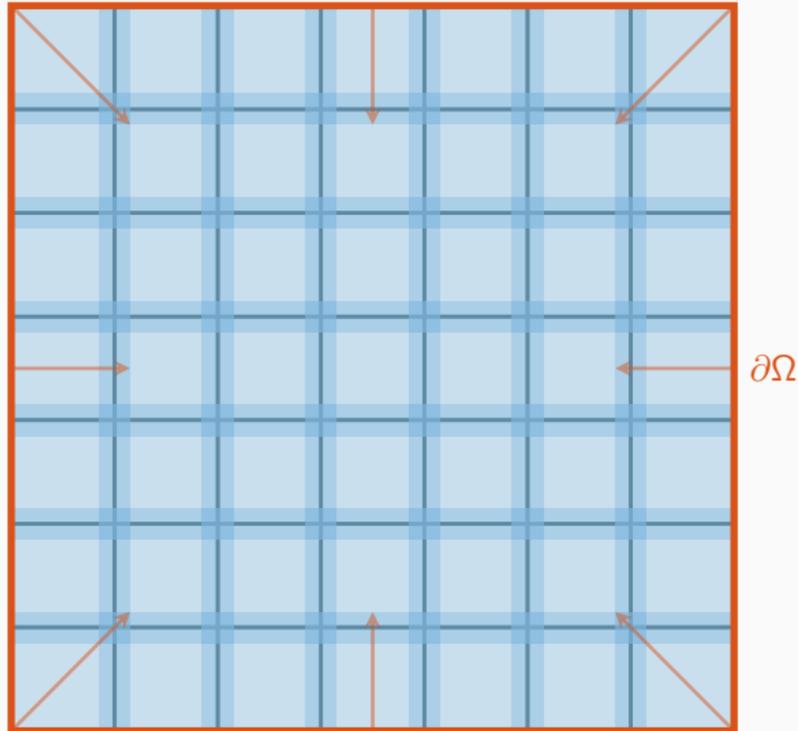
$$u(x) = 1/2x(1 - x).$$



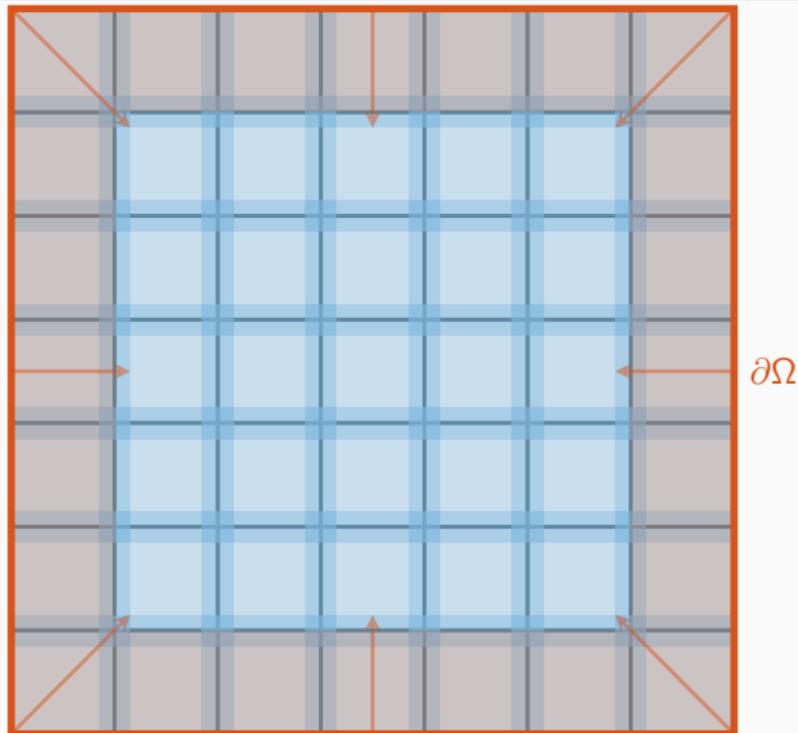
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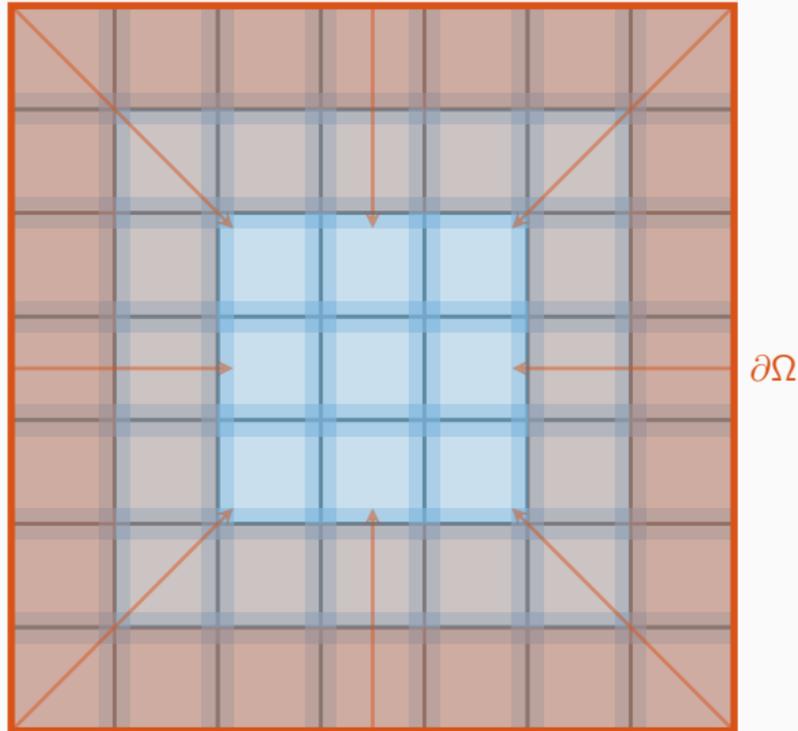
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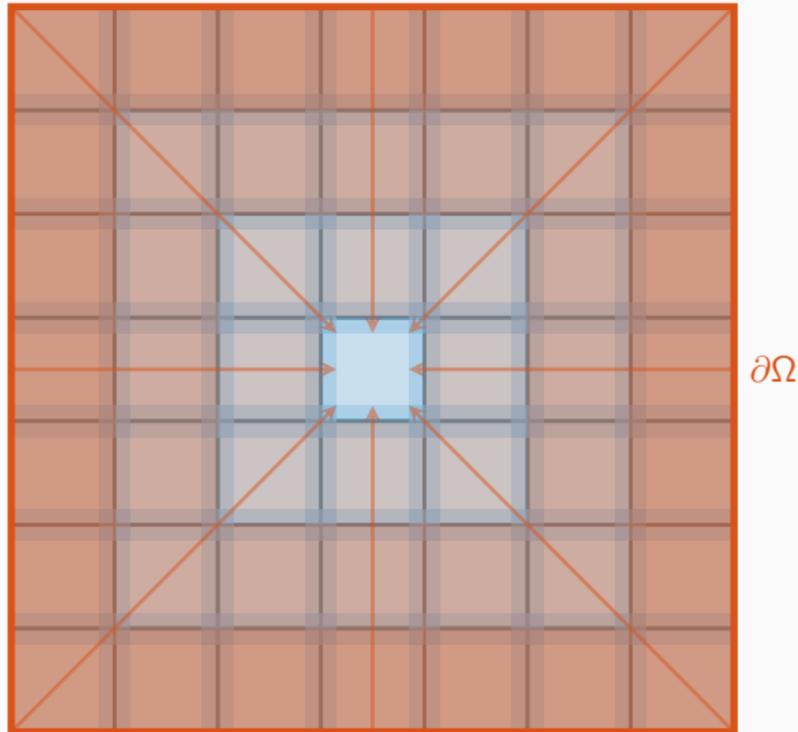
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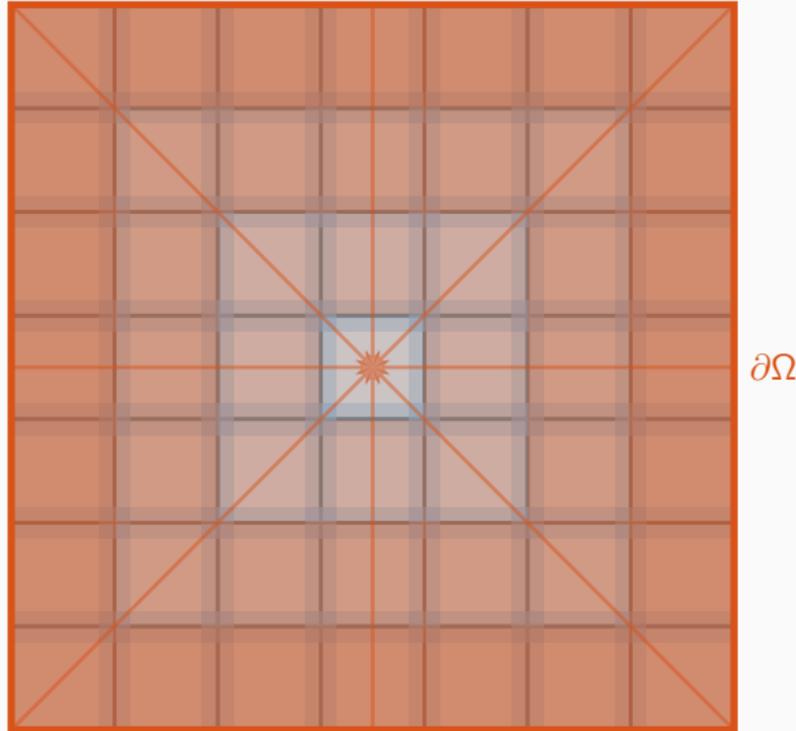
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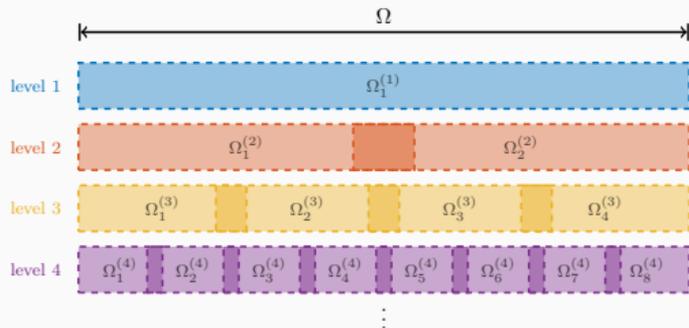
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Information (in particular, boundary data) is **only exchanged via the overlapping regions**, leading to **slow convergence** → establish a **faster / global transport of information**.

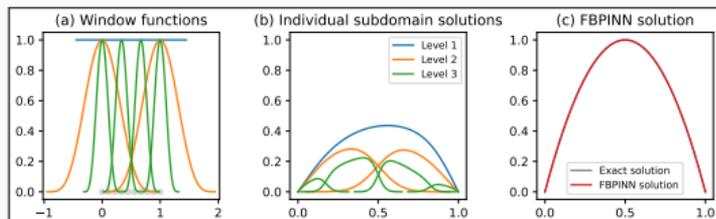
# Multi-Level FBPINN Algorithm

Extension of FBPINNs to  $L$  levels; Cf. **Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024)**.



## $L$ -level network architecture

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



## Multi-Frequency Problem

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

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

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

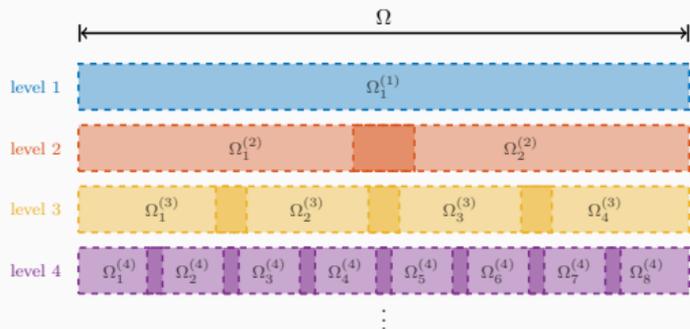
with  $\omega_i = 2^i$ .

For increasing values of  $n$ , we obtain the analytical solutions:



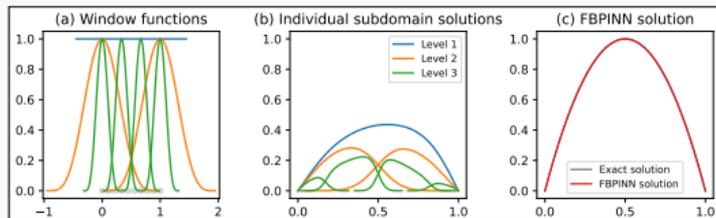
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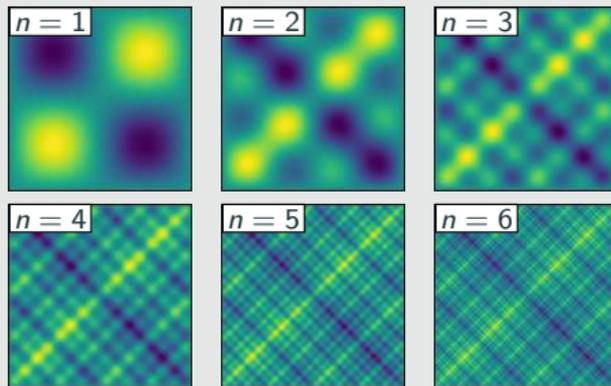
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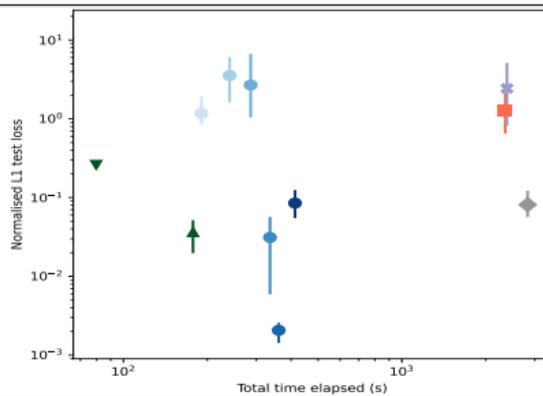
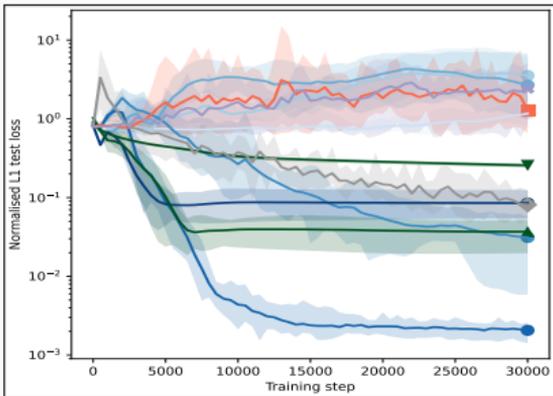
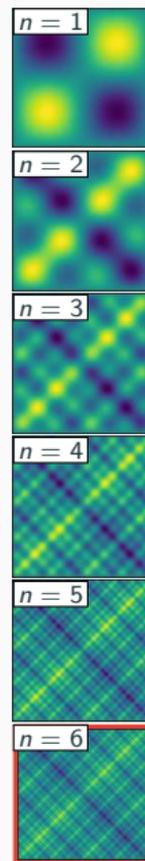
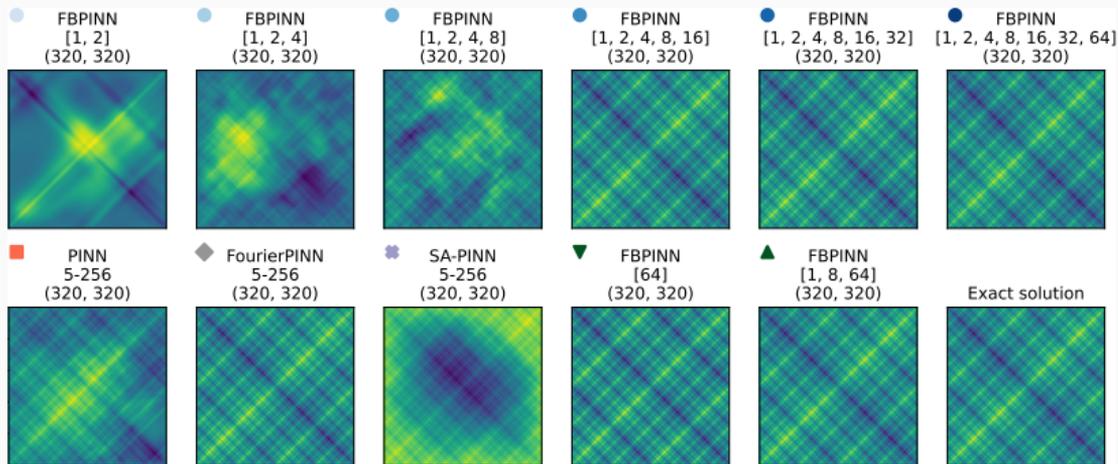
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

with  $\omega_i = 2^i$ .

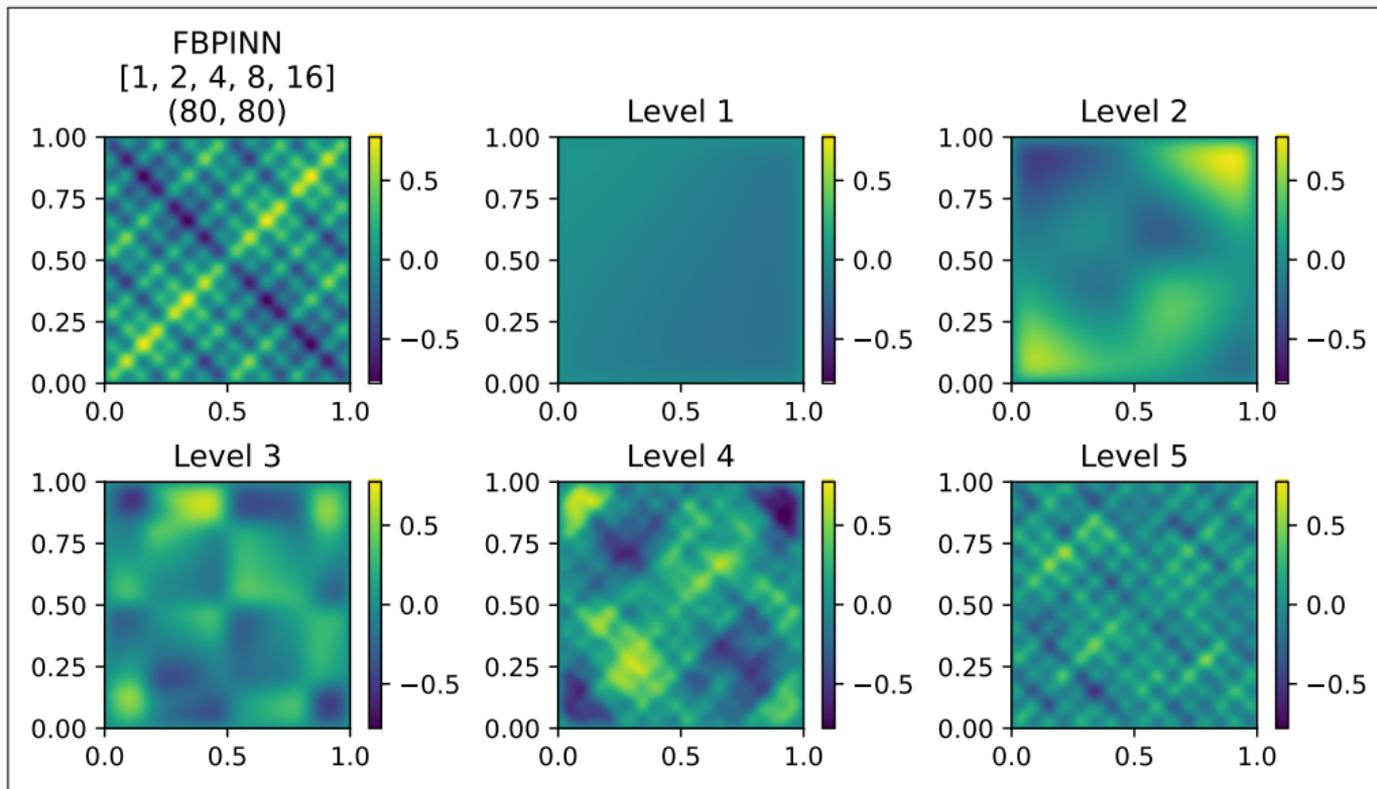
For increasing values of  $n$ , we obtain the **analytical solutions**:



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

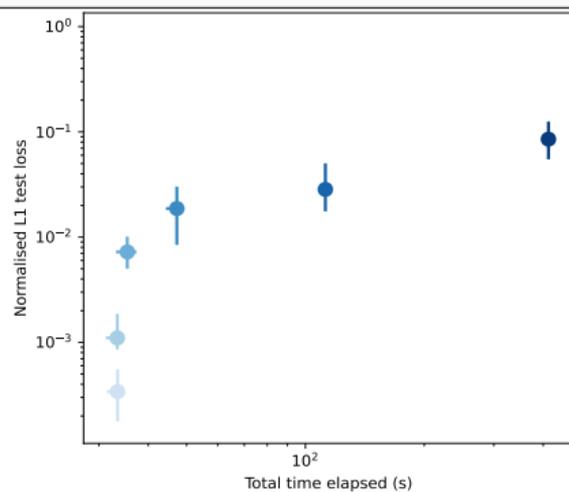
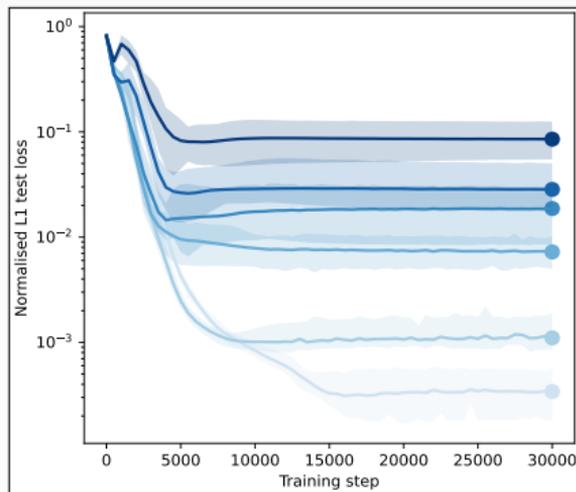
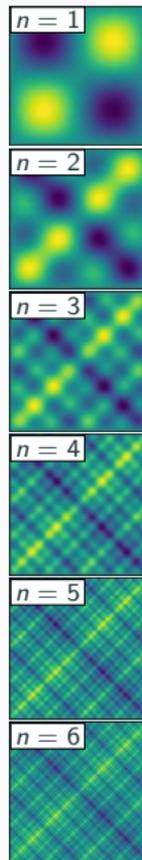
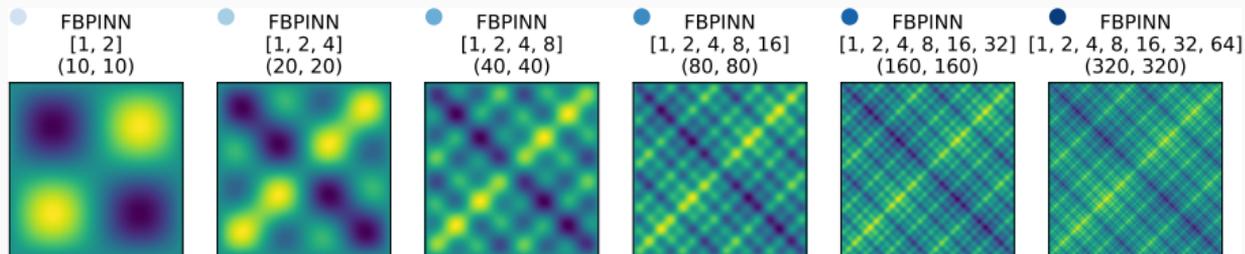


# Multi-Frequency Problem – What the FBPINN Learns



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

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



- Ongoing: analysis and improvement of the convergence

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

**Multifidelity domain decomposition-based  
physics-informed neural networks for  
time-dependent problems**

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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**:

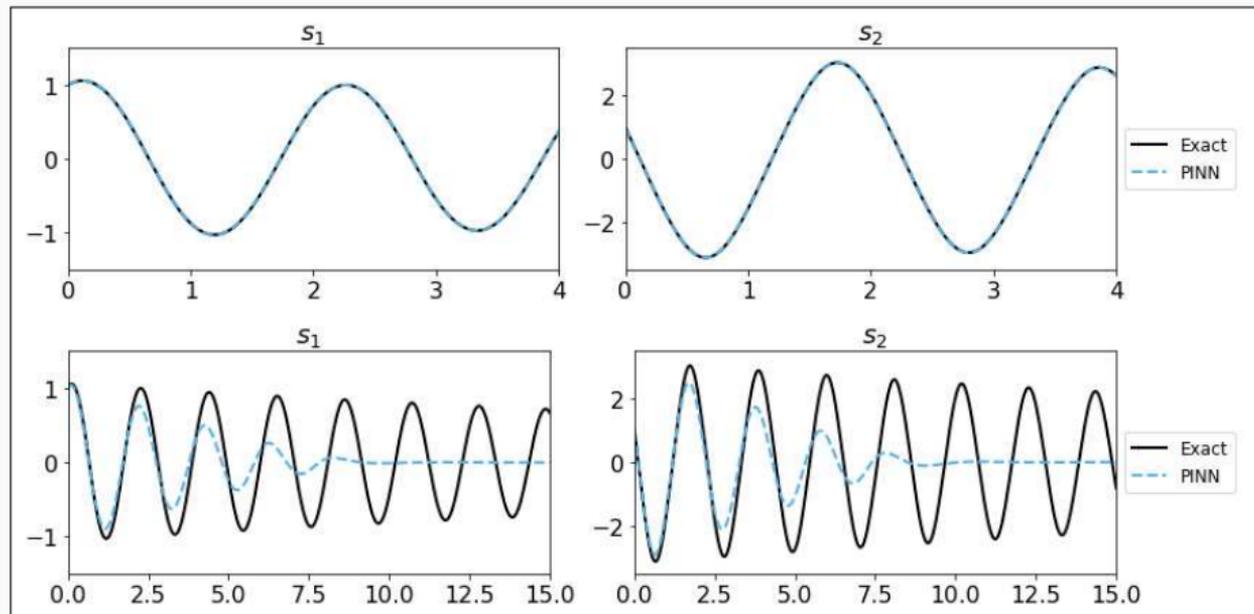
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\delta_1}{dt} &= \delta_2, \\ \frac{d\delta_2}{dt} &= -\frac{b}{m}\delta_2 - \frac{g}{L}\sin(\delta_1).\end{aligned}$$

## Problem parameters

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

$$g = 9.81$$

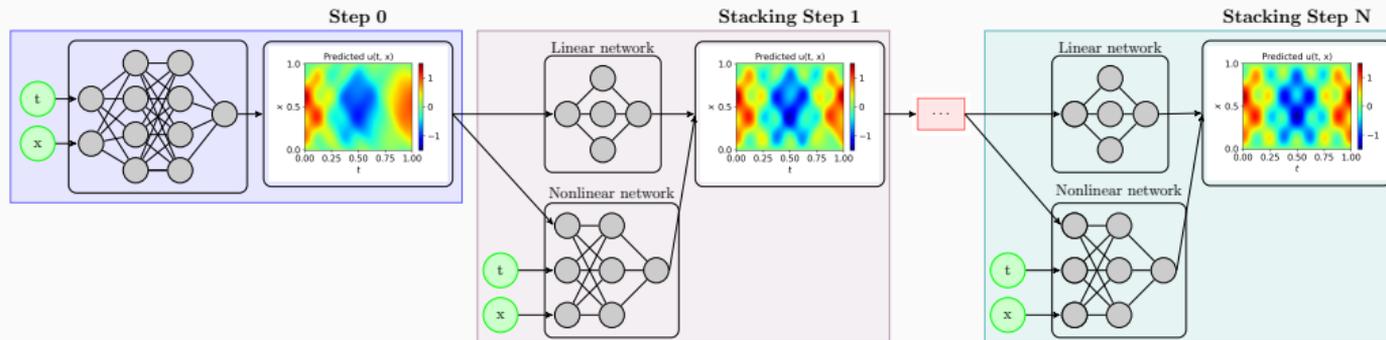
- **Top:**  $T = 4$
- **Bottom:**  $T = 20$



# 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  $u^{SF}$ :

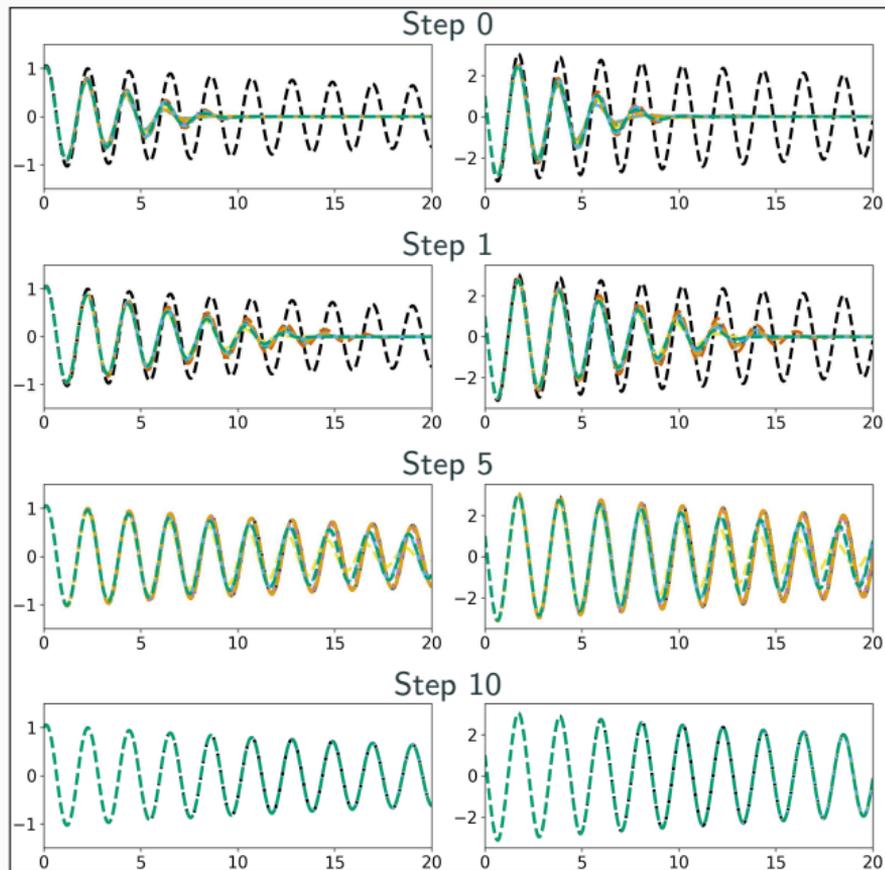
$$u^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u_{\text{linear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF}) + |\alpha| u_{\text{nonlinear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF})$$



## Related works (non-exhaustive list)

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

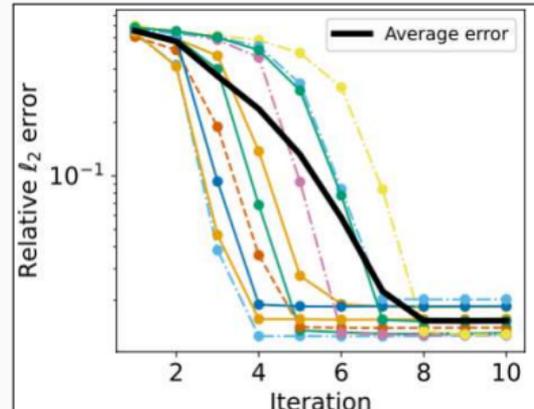
# Stacking Multifidelity PINNs for the Pendulum Problem



Pendulum problem:

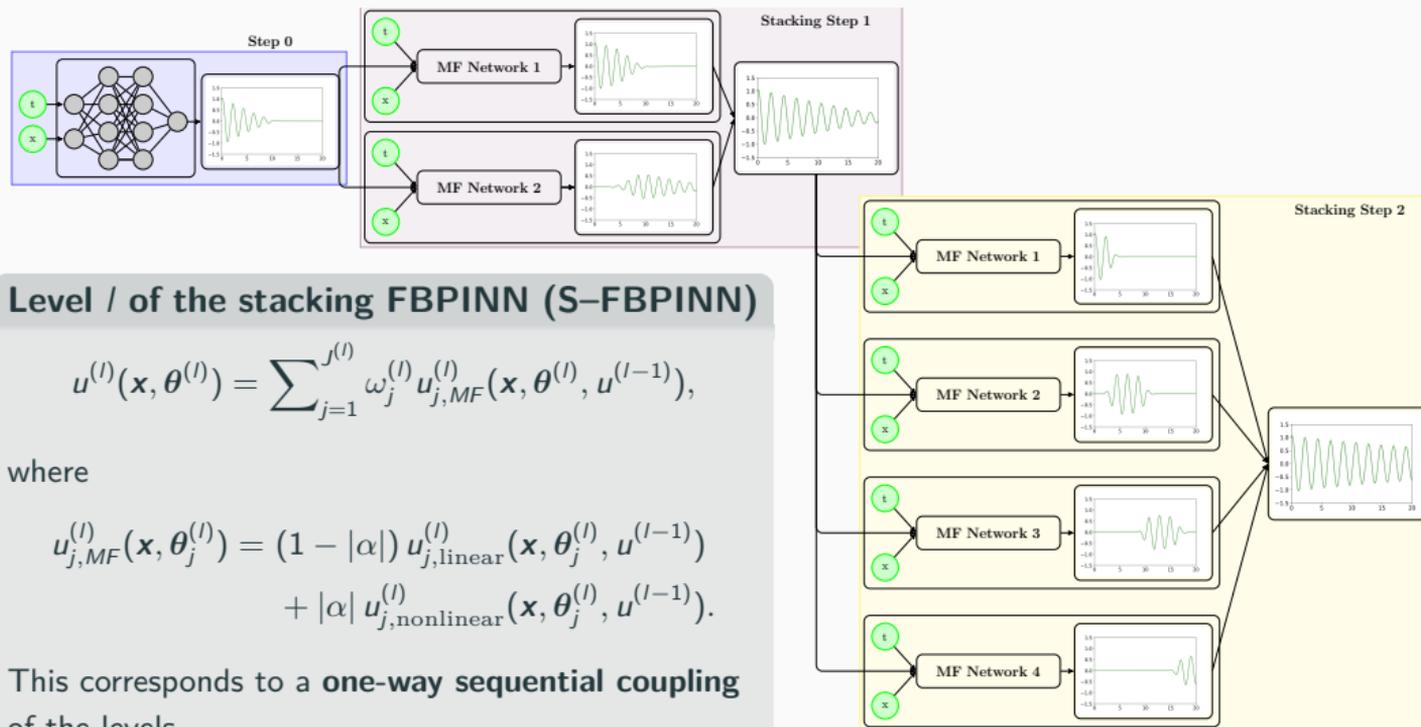
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\delta_1}{dt} &= \delta_2, \\ \frac{d\delta_2}{dt} &= -\frac{b}{m}\delta_2 - \frac{g}{L}\sin(\delta_1). \end{aligned}$$

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.

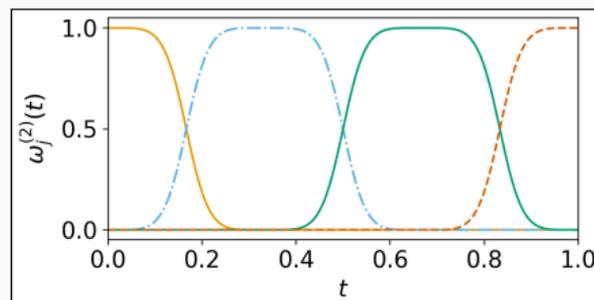


# Numerical Results – Pendulum Problem

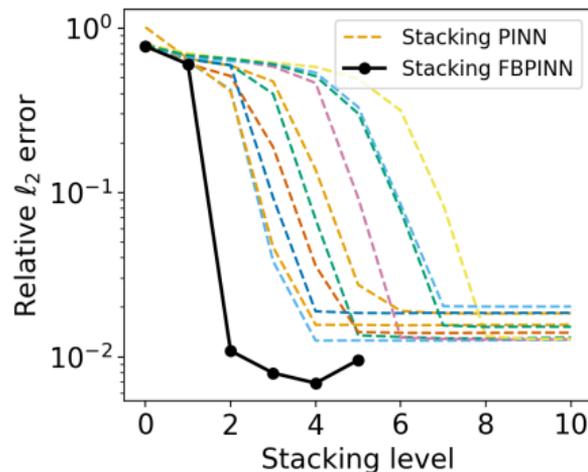
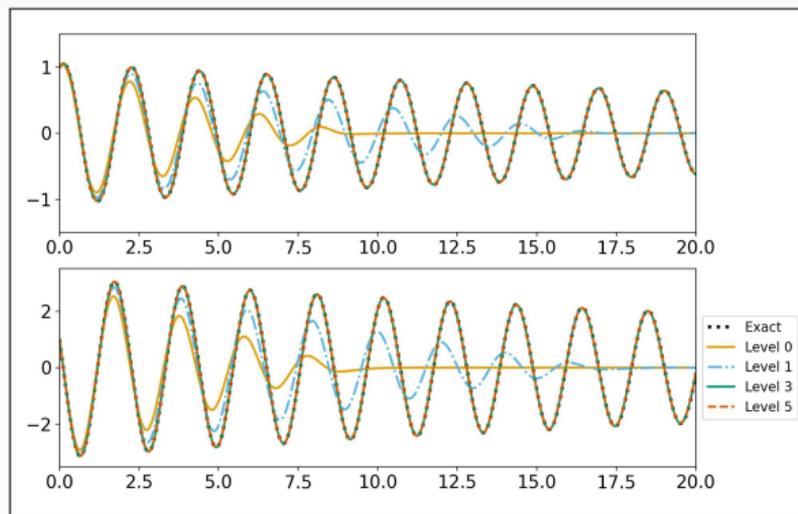
First, we consider a **pedulum problem** and **compare the stacking multifidelity PINN and FBPINN** approaches:

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Exemplary partition of unity in time



# Numerical Results – Pendulum Problem

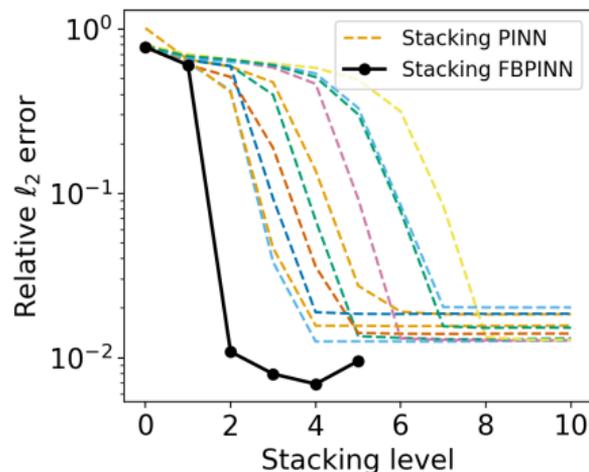
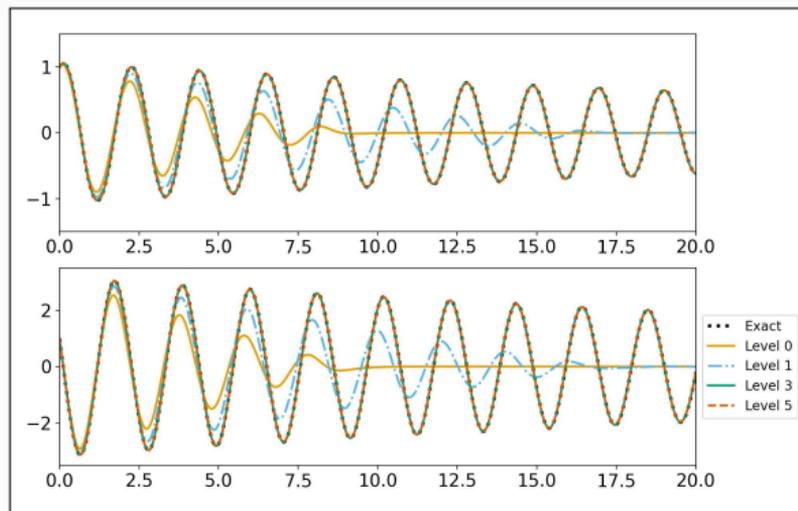
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with  $m = L = 1$ ,  $b = 0.05$ ,  $g = 9.81$ , and  $T = 20$ .

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

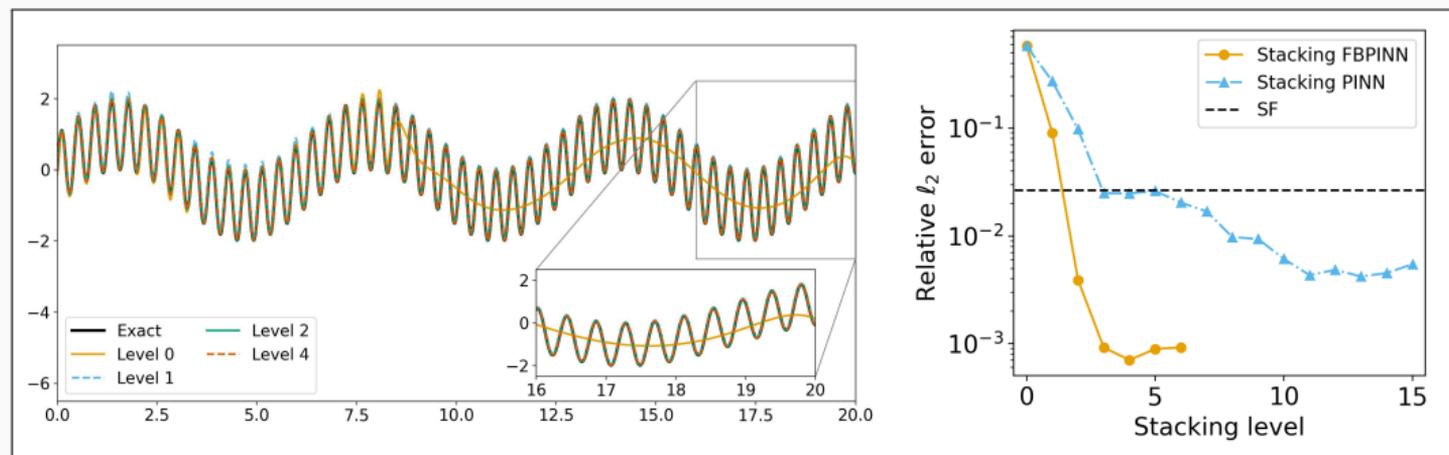
Second, we consider a **two-frequency problem**:

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

$$s(0) = 0,$$

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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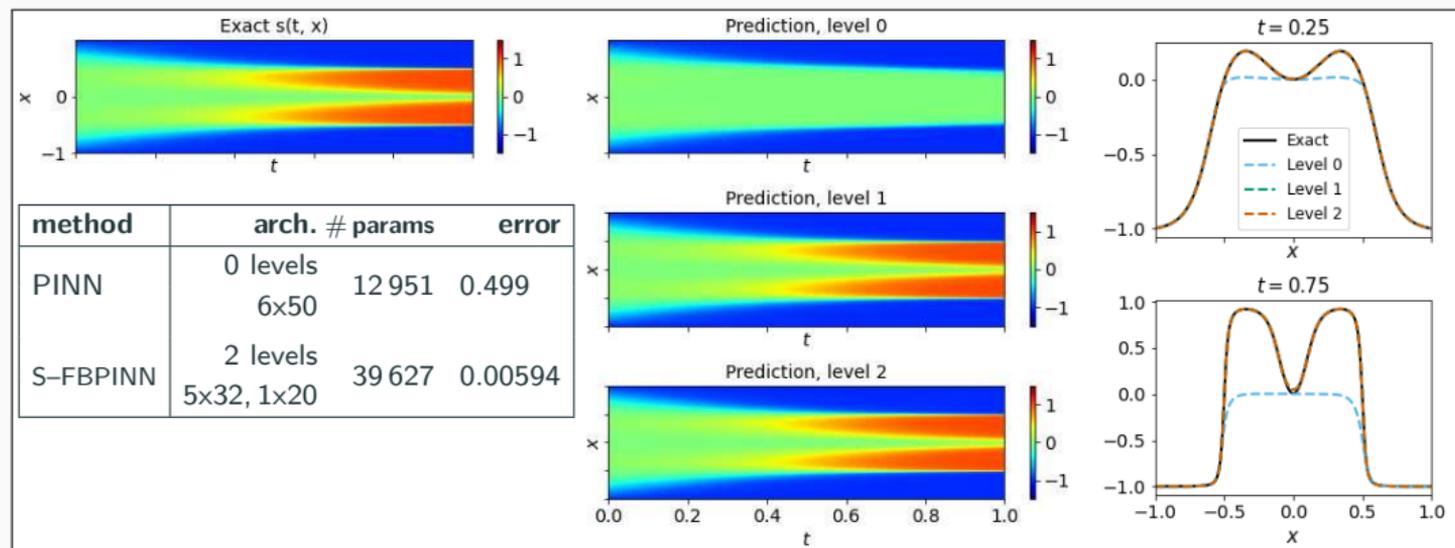


→ Due to the **multiscale structure** of the problem, the **improvements** due to the **multifidelity FBPINN approach** are **even stronger**.

# Numerical Results – Allen–Cahn Equation

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

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_t - 0.0001\delta_{xx} + 5\delta^3 - 5\delta &= 0, & t \in (0, 1], x \in [-1, 1], \\ \delta(x, 0) &= x^2 \cos(\pi x), & x \in [-1, 1], \\ \delta(x, t) &= \delta(-x, t), & t \in [0, 1], x = -1, x = 1, \\ \delta_x(x, t) &= \delta_x(-x, t), & t \in [0, 1], x = -1, x = 1.\end{aligned}$$

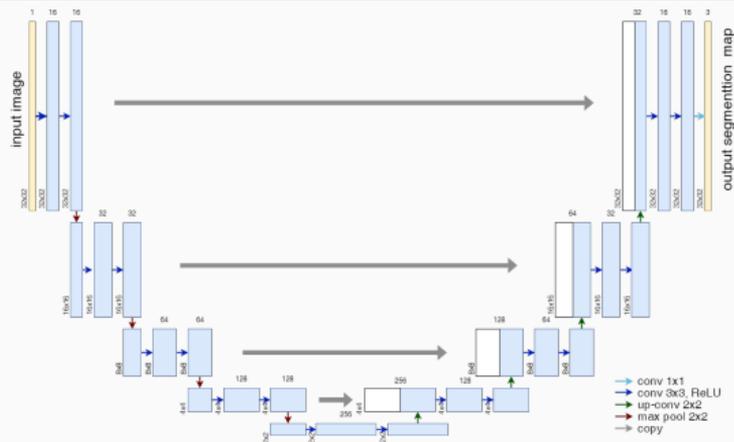


PINN **gets stuck** at fixed point of the of dynamical system; cf. [Rohrhofer et al. \(arXiv 2023\)](#).

# Domain Decomposition for Convolutional Neural Networks

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# Memory Requirements for CNN Training

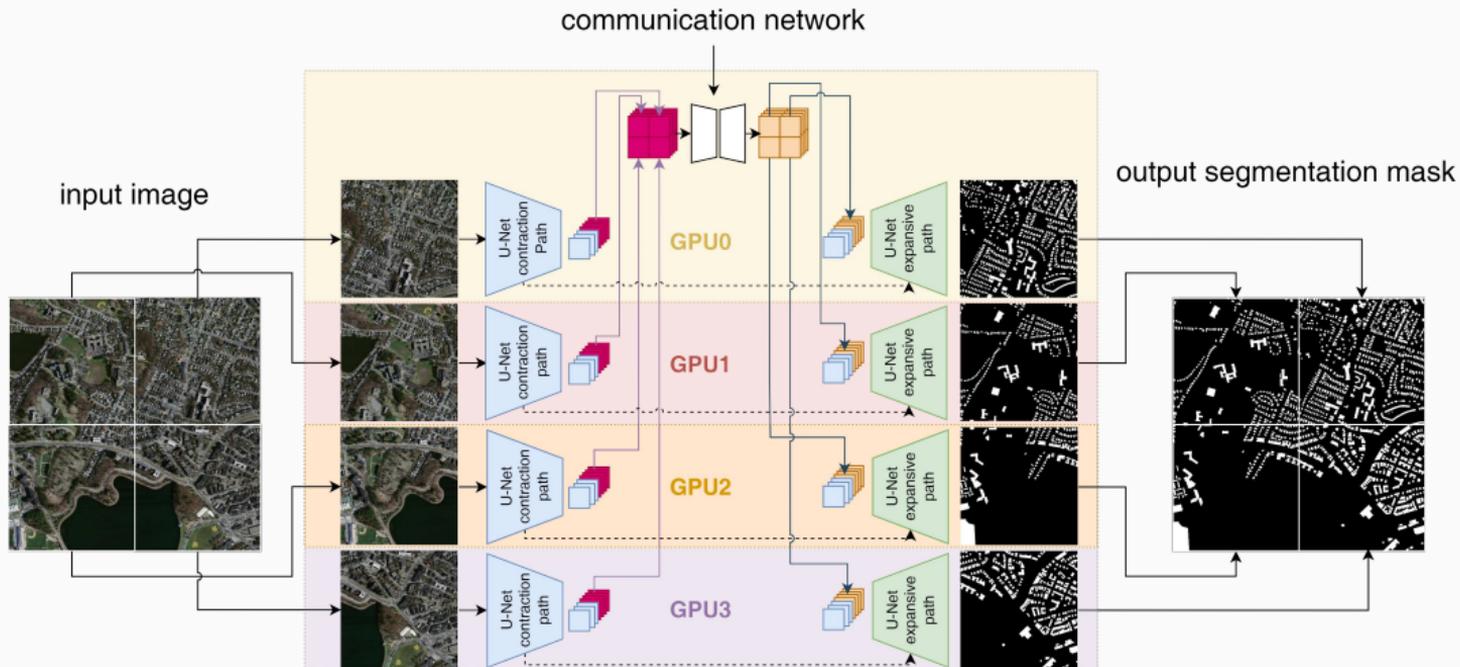


- As an example for a **convolutional neural network (CNN)**, we employ the **U-Net architecture** introduced in **Ronneberger, Fischer, and Brox (2015)**.
- The U-Net yields **state-of-the-art accuracy** in **semantic image segmentation** and other **image-to-image tasks**.

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

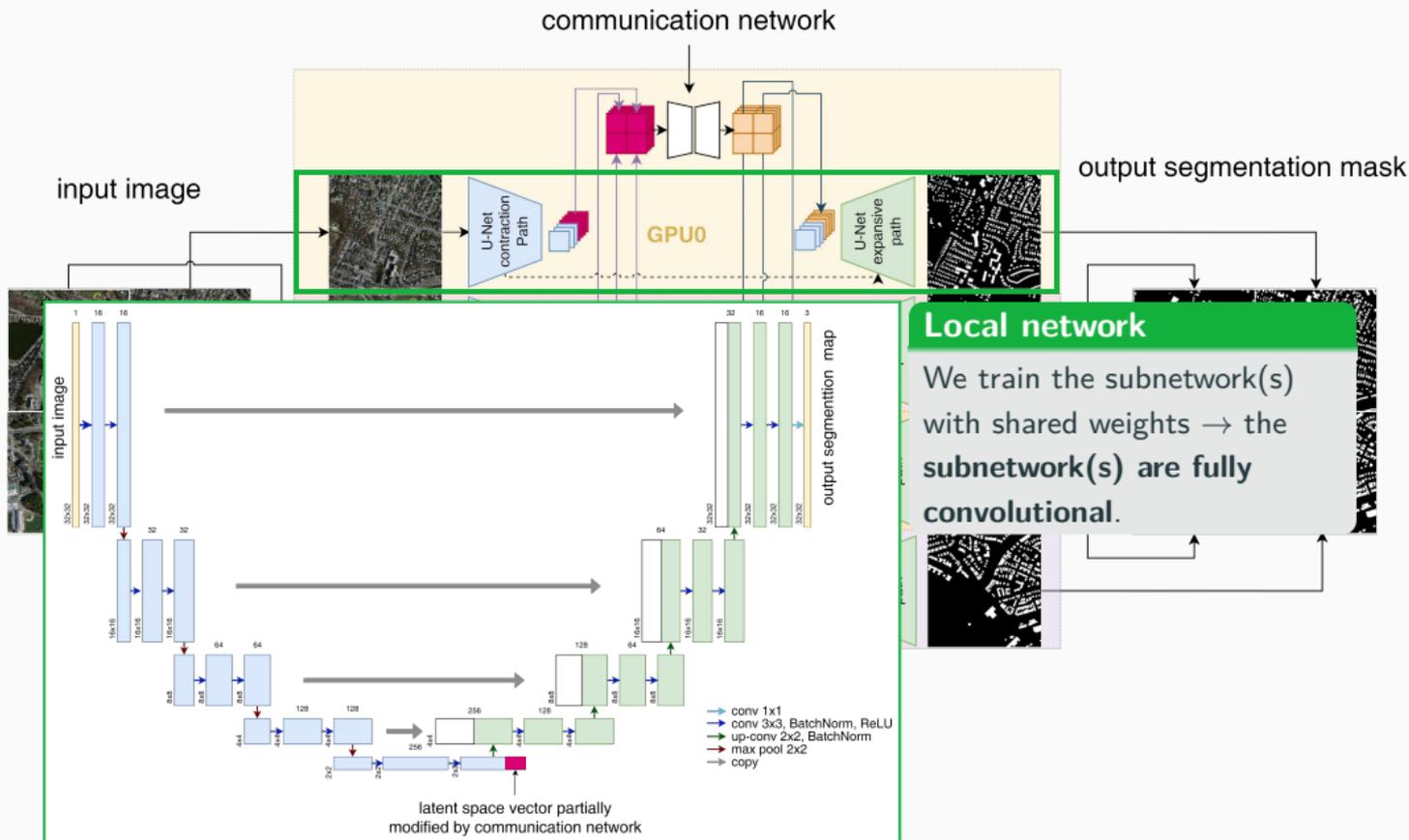
name	size	# channels		mem. feature maps		mem. weights	
		input	output	# of values	MB	# of values	MB
input block	1 024	3	64	268 M	<b>1 024.0</b>	38 848	<b>0.148</b>
encoder block 1	512	64	128	167 M	<b>704.0</b>	221 696	<b>0.846</b>
encoder block 2	256	128	256	84 M	<b>352.0</b>	885 760	<b>3.379</b>
encoder 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>

# Decomposing the U-Net

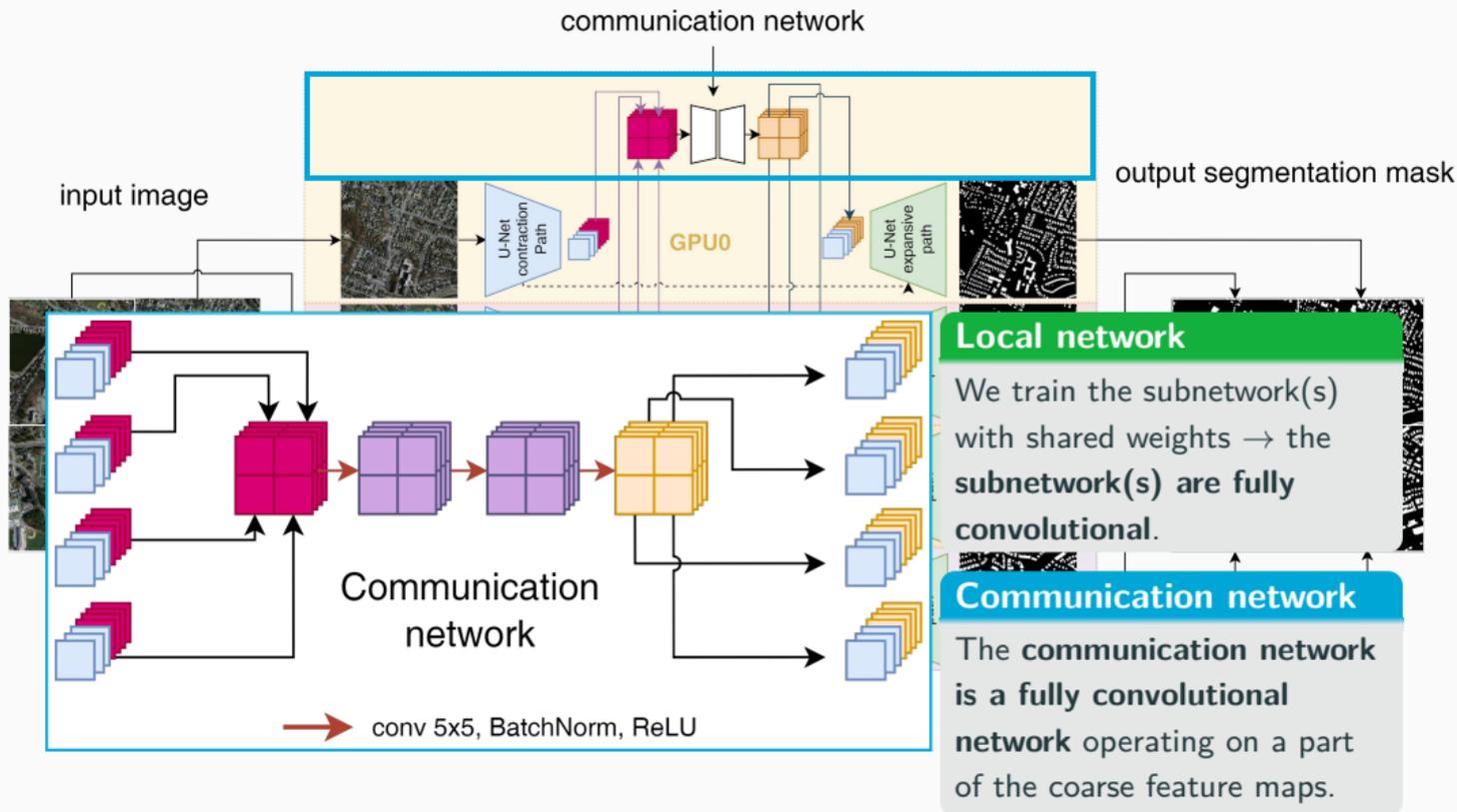


Cf. [Verburg, Heinlein, Cyr \(subm. 2024\)](#).

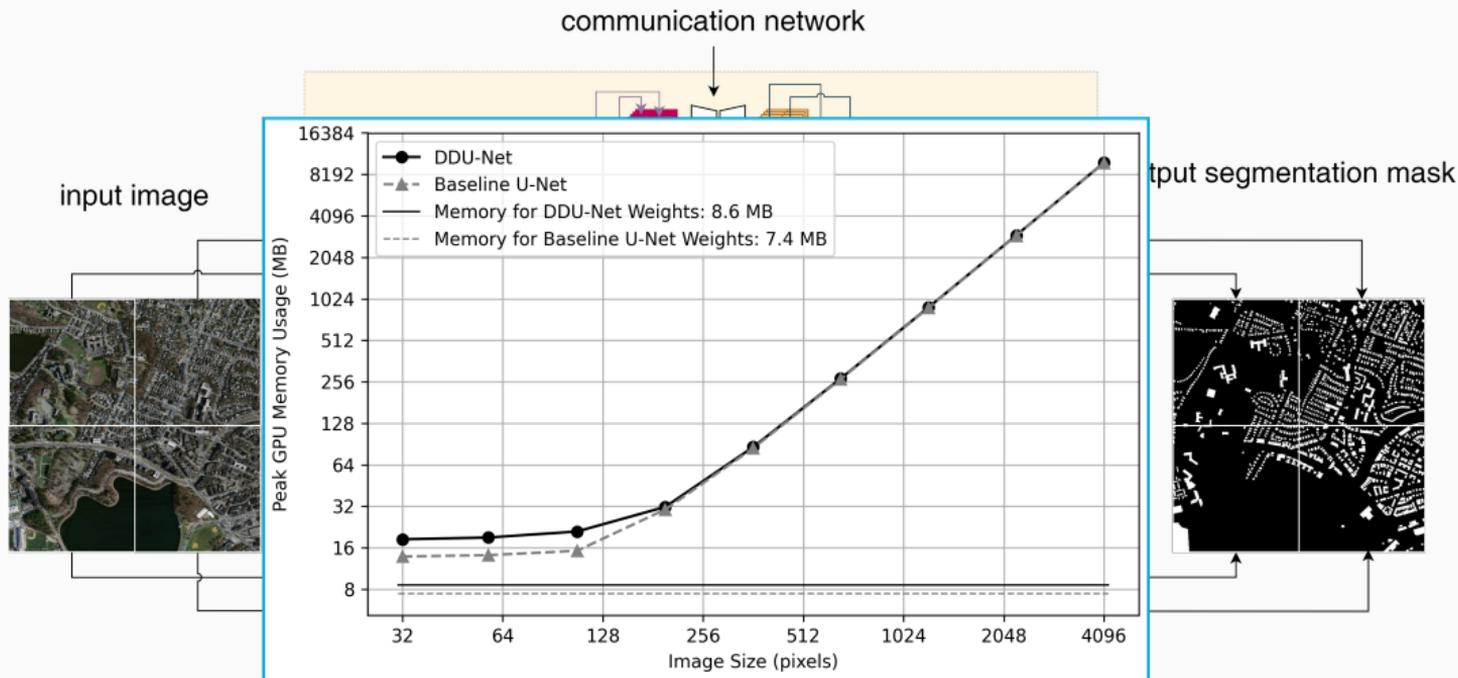
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- Distribution of feature maps results in **significant reduction of memory usage on a single GPU**
- **Moderate additional memory usage** due to the **communication network**

# Results – Synthetic Data Set

Task: Connect two dots via a line segment

Input



Target (segmentation mask)



Result: Communication

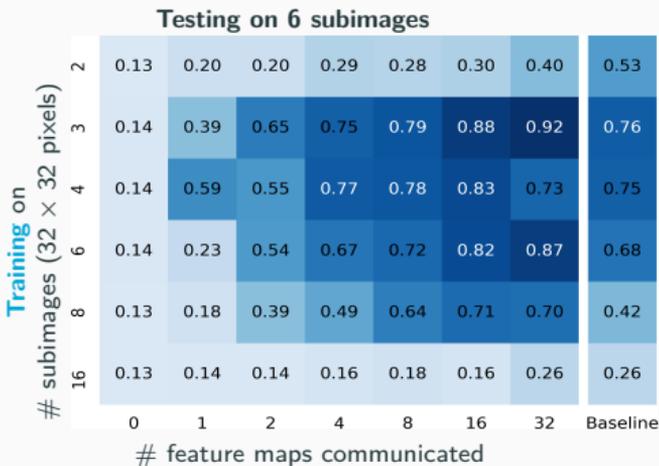
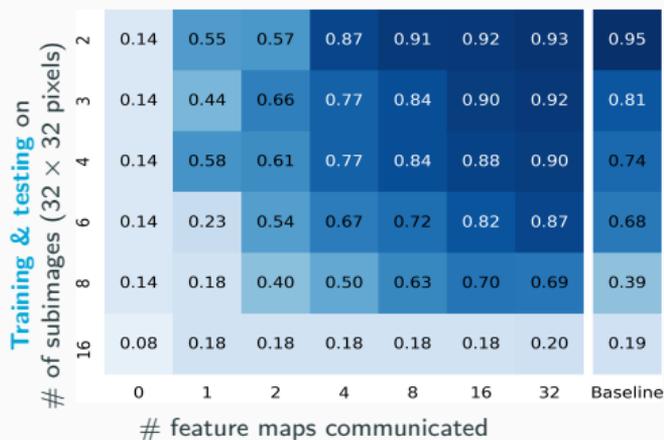
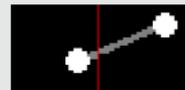
True mask



Pred. (no comm.)



Pred. (comm.)



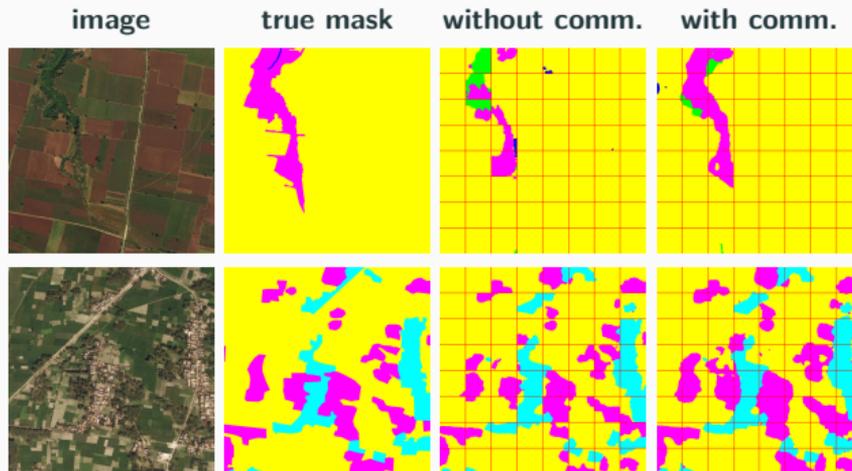
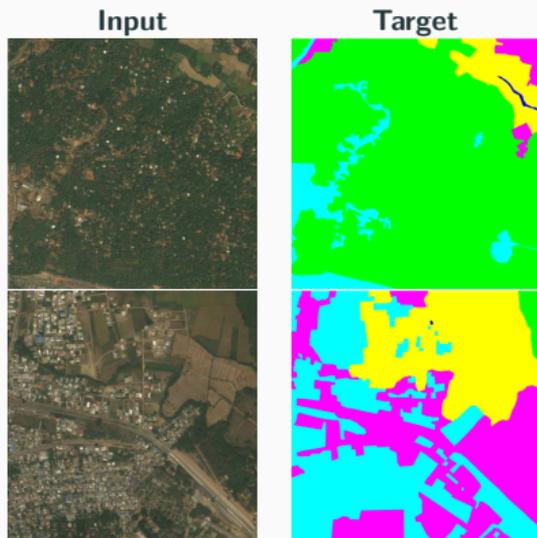
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water	256.9M	3.74 %
barren	421.8M	6.14 %
unknown	3.0M	0.04 %

## Avoiding overfitting

The data set includes **only 803 images**. To **avoid overfitting**, we

- apply **batch normalization**, use **random dropout** layers and **data augmentation**, and
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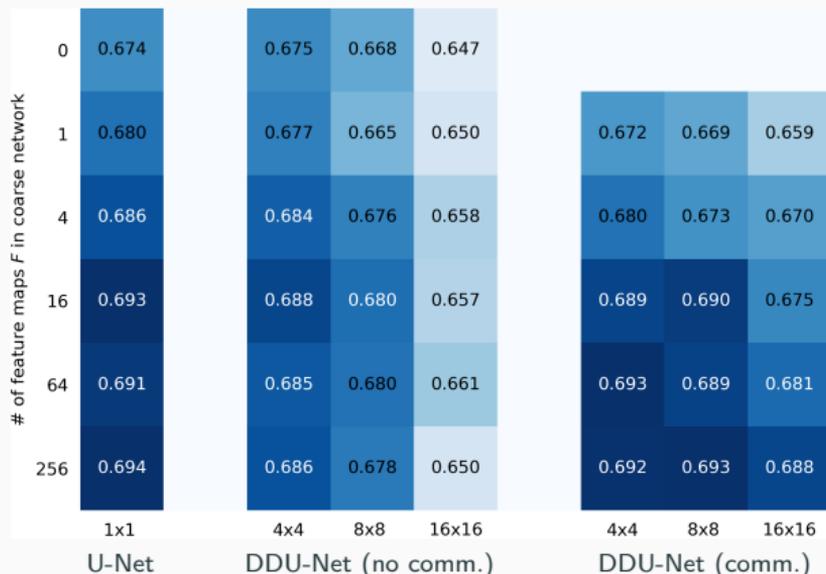
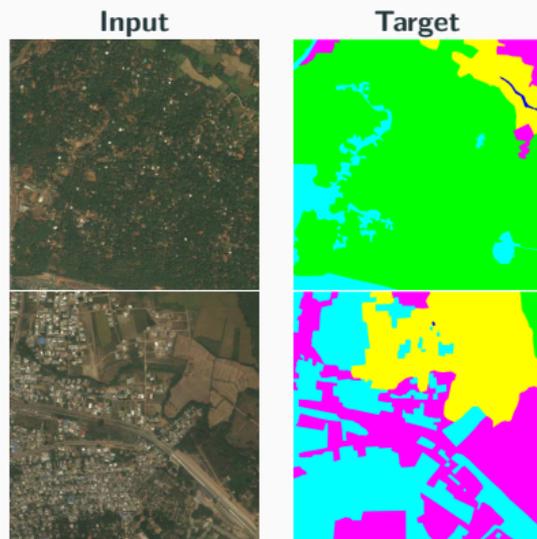
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## FBPINNs – Domain Decomposition for Physics-Informed Neural Networks

- 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 for Time-Dependent Problems

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

## DDU-Net – Domain Decomposition for CNNs

- The **memory requirements for training of high-resolution images** using CNNs can be **large**, In particular, the U-Net model requires **storing intermediate feature maps**.
- Our **novel DDU-Net** approach **decouples the training on the sub-images**, allowing us to **distribute the memory load** among multiple GPUs. It **limits communication** to **deepest level** of the U-Net architecture using a **communication network**.

**Thank you for your attention!**