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# Hybrid Finite Element / Neural Network Simulations

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- ① Why using neural networks in model-based simulations?
- ② Hybrid Simulations in Fluid Dynamics
- ③ Analysis of hybrid finite element / neural network approximations

# The promises of neural networks

Simulation approaches like **finite elements, finite differences, dG, finite volumes, etc.**

- are really established and well understood
- efficient and good software and solvers are available
- offer excellent conservation properties and usually good accuracy

But, they get to their limits

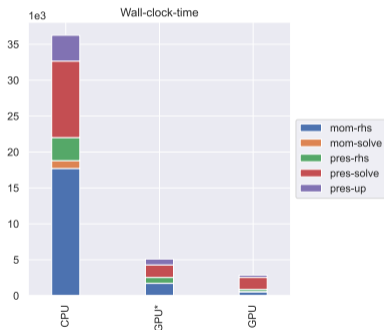
- if scales cannot be resolved
- nonlinearities often require high resolution and yield suboptimal efficiency

Neural networks

- offer good approximation powers
- can discover new and better models
- are little understood

# The (unpracticable) power of modern hardware

- The compute power of modern accelerators exceeds CPU's
  - AMD Ryzen: 5.4 TFLOPS (FP64) at 350 Watts
  - Nvidia H100: 60 TFLOPS (FP64) 2 000 TFLOPS (FP16) at 350 Watts

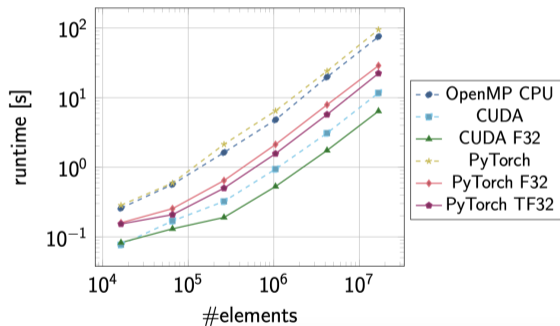


- 3D Navier-Stokes problem
- Explicit pressure correction scheme with Krylow-Multigrid solver for the pressure Poisson problem
- All implemented on the GPU using cuSparse and cuBLAS

► M. Liebchen, U. Kaya, C. Lessig, T. Richter. *An adaptive finite element multigrid solver using GPU acceleration, coming soon*

# The (unpracticable) power of modern hardware

- GPU's are challenging to program
- They have their own memory and little management on the chip, transfer is costly



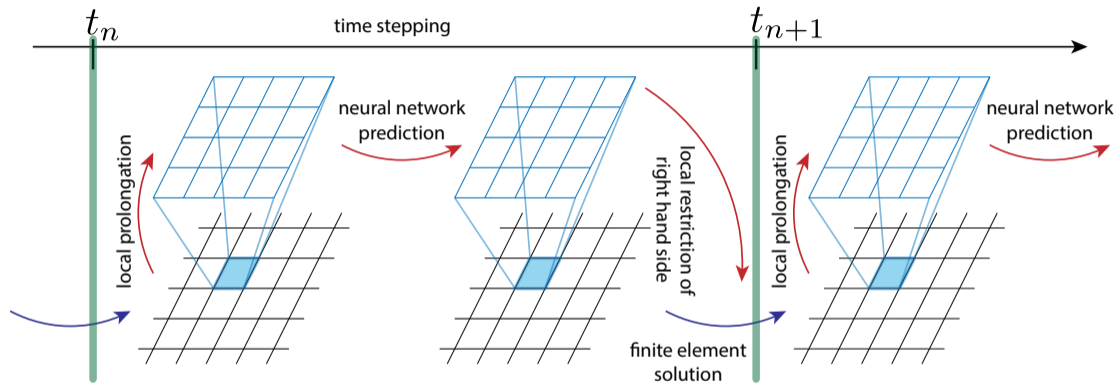
- Dynamic sea-ice model as part of the SASIP project<sup>a</sup>
- Comparing the efficiency of programming models including machine learning frameworks

<sup>a</sup>The Scale Aware Sea-Ice Project  
<https://sasip-climate.github.io>

- R. Jendersie, C. Lessig, and T. Richter. *Towards a GPU-Parallelization of the neXtSIM-DG Dynamical Core*, PASC' 24: Proceedings of the Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing Conference, 2024

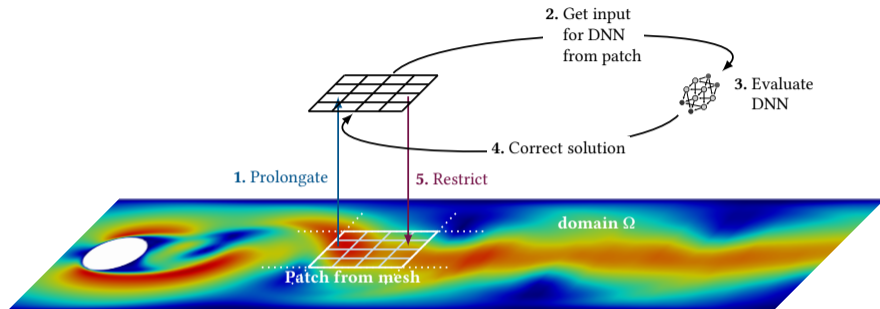
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# Idea of the Deep Neural Network Multigrid Solver



- Combine classical simulation on coarse mesh  $\Omega_H$  with neural network on fine mesh  $\Omega_h$
- Embedded in time-stepping

# It is a local approach - no PINN



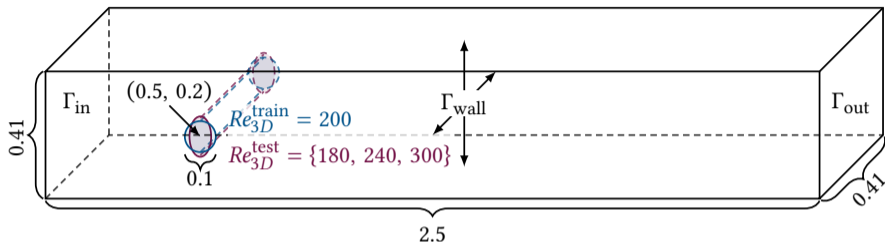
(Multigrid) Finite elements on **coarse meshes**, local neural network update on **fine meshes**

- (Small) local network with input dimension  $N_{in} < 500$  in 3D

► Nils Margenberg, Dirk Hartmann, Christian Lessig, Thomas Richter. *A neural network multigrid solver for the Navier-Stokes equations*, Journal of Computational Physics, 2022



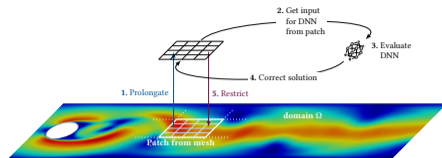
# Training of the neural network - Benchmark problem



- Flow around an obstacle at  $Re = 200$

	# DoF	Patch size
Coarse	390 720	0
Reference for DNN-MG(3+1)	3 003 520	8
Reference for DNN-MG(3+1)	23 546 112	64

# Generation of training data



- A single problem setup on a prototypical time interval
- Simultaneously running two simulations on coarse and fine mesh. Each time-step starting restriction of fine solution

$$u_{h_F}^{n+1} + \Delta t \mathcal{A}_{h_F}(u_{h_F}^{n+1}) = u_{h_F}^n - \Delta t \mathcal{B}_{h_F}(u_{h_F}^n)$$

$$u_{h_C}^{n+1} + \Delta t \mathcal{A}_{h_C}(u_{h_C}^{n+1}) = I_{h_C} u_{h_F}^n - \Delta t \mathcal{B}_{h_C}(I_{h_C} u_{h_F}^n)$$

- Data is generated by splitting solution into patches

$$(u_{h_C}^n|_{\mathcal{P}_i}, u_{h_C}^{n+1}|_{\mathcal{P}_i}, \mathcal{P}_i) \mapsto u_{h_F}^{n+1}|_{\mathcal{P}_i}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_{\mathcal{P}}$$

# Training data and neural networks

- One single simulation  $Re = 200$ . **Training data**  $I = [4, 7]$  with  $N_T = 375$  time steps
- **Validation set**  $I = [2, 4]$  with  $N_T^v = 250$  time steps
- Approximately  $N_P = 50\,000$  patches (coarse mesh elements) for each time-step
- Total dataset has 1 TB data

## Loss function

- Data loss plus model information ( $\mathcal{R}$  is the equation's residual)

$$loss = \sum_{i,n} \alpha \left\| \mathbf{u}_{h_F}^{n+1} - \mathcal{N} \left( \mathbf{u}_{h_C}^n |_{\mathcal{P}_i}, \mathbf{u}_{h_C}^{n+1} |_{\mathcal{P}_i}, \mathcal{P}_i \right) \right\|^2 + \beta \left\| \mathcal{R} \left( \mathcal{N} \left( \mathbf{u}_{h_C}^n, \mathbf{u}_{h_C}^{n+1}, \mathcal{P} \right) \right) \right\|^2 + \gamma loss_{reg}$$

# Neural network training

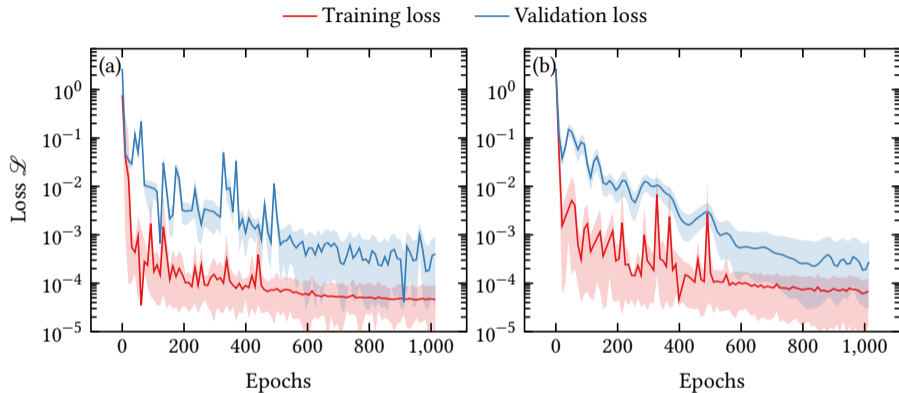
## Neural networks

- Different architectures: standard MLP, Convolutional layers, Transformers,
- Memory elements like GRU's (work and help but make training costly)
- Network ensembles for error control

## Computer infrastructure

- 2 GPU nodes with 2 Nvidia A100 GPU's each
- Average GPU load between 80% (small network) and 90% (large network)

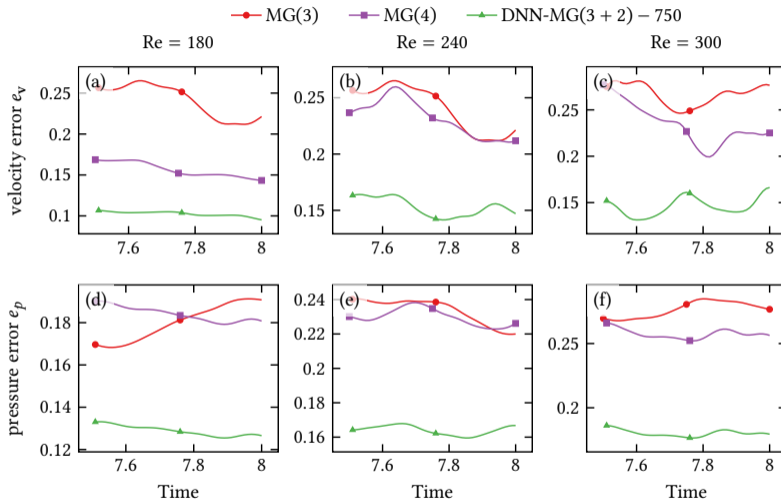
# Training



## Size of hidden layer

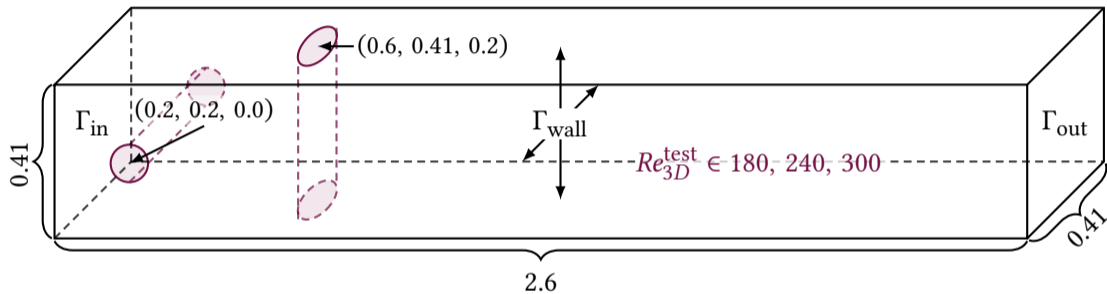
- a) Neural network with width 512 and 2 500 000 parameters
- b) Neural network with width 750 and 5 000 000 parameters

# Testing the neural network for different Reynolds numbers



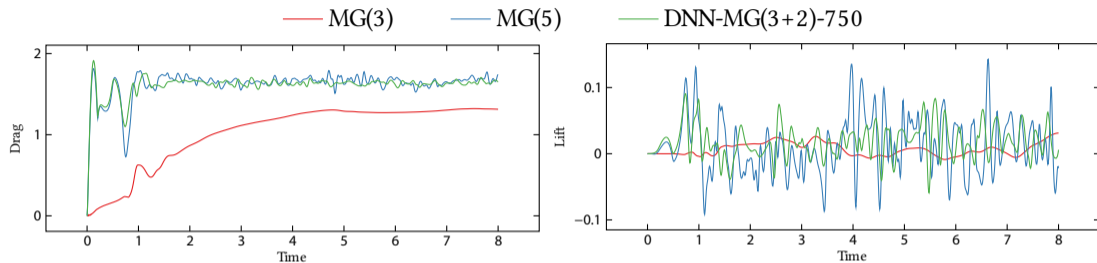
**Modified benchmark problem:** Ellipse instead of circle, higher Reynolds number

## Generalization - Two obstacle problem



- Measure drag and lift on second obstacle

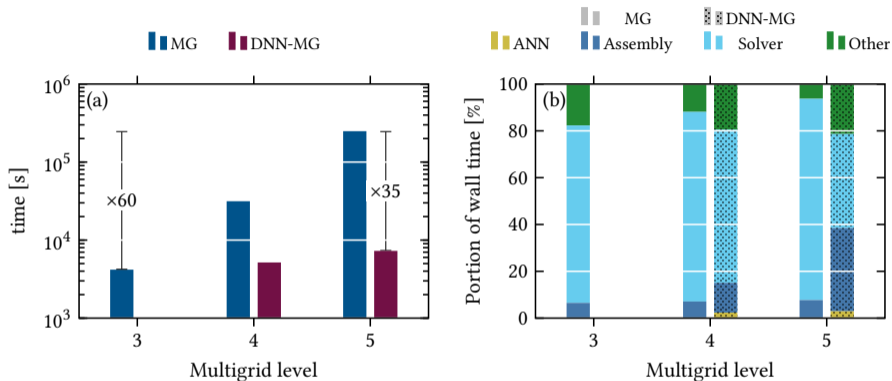
## 2 Obstacles, $Re = 240$



Type	min $C_d$	max $C_d$	$\overline{C_d}$	amp $C_d$
Coarse FE	0.767	1.321	1.218	0.554
Mid. FE	0.791	1.560	0.770	1.375
Reference FE	<b>1.509</b>	<b>1.791</b>	<b>1.664</b>	<b>0.282</b>
DNN-(3 + 1)	<b>1.453</b>	<b>1.653</b>	<b>1.555</b>	<b>0.204</b>
DNN-(3 + 2)	<b>1.464</b>	<b>1.682</b>	<b>1.593</b>	<b>0.218</b>



# Computational effort



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# Simple model problem

## Laplace equation

$$-\Delta u = f \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

## Finite Element approximation

$$u_h \in V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega) \quad (\nabla u_h, \nabla \phi_h) = (f, \phi_h) \quad \forall \phi_h \in V_h$$

## Hybrid Finite Element / Neural network approach

$$\underbrace{u_{h_C} \in V_{h_C} \quad (\nabla u_{h_C}, \nabla \phi_{h_C}) = (f, \phi_{h_C}) \quad \phi_{h_C} \in V_{h_C}}_{\text{coarse finite element solution}} \rightarrow \underbrace{u_{h_F} = u_{h_C} + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}, f)}_{\text{neural network correction}}$$

# Available Tools

## Finite Elements

- Fast solvers give good accuracy

$$|(f, \phi_h) - (\nabla u_h, \nabla \phi_h)| \leq \epsilon$$

- Galerkin orthogonality / Cea's Lemma

$$\|\nabla(u - u_h)\| \lesssim \|\nabla(u - v_h)\| \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

- Optimal interpolation results

$$\|\nabla(u - u_h)\| \leq ch^r \|f\|_{r-1}$$

- ▶ [1] Gühring, Kutyniok, Petersen. *Error bounds for approximations with deep ReLU neural networks in  $W^{s,p}$ -norms*, Analysis and Applications 2019
- ▶ [2] Müller, Zeinhofer. *Error estimates for the variational training of neural networks with boundary penalty*, 2021

## Neural Network approaches

- Optimization problems

$$\text{loss}(\mathcal{N}) \rightarrow 0$$

- Approximation in Sobolev spaces [1]

$$\inf_{\mathcal{N}} \|\mathcal{N} - f\|_{W^{s,p}} \sim \frac{1}{N_{\mathcal{N}}^{\gamma(dim,s,p)}}$$

- PINN's: best approximation-like [2]

$$\|u - u_{\mathcal{N}}\| \lesssim \sqrt{\text{loss}(\mathcal{N}) - \inf_{\tilde{\mathcal{N}}} \text{loss}(\tilde{\mathcal{N}})} + \inf_{\hat{\mathcal{N}}} \|u - \hat{\mathcal{N}}\|$$

# Generalization error

**Describes the error resulting from the application to new data**

- Loss-function for hybrid Laplace solution

$$loss = \sum_{i,p} \left\| u_{h_F}^i|_{\mathcal{P}} - (u_{h_C}^i|_{\mathcal{P}} + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i|_{\mathcal{P}}, f_i|_{\mathcal{P}})) \right\|^2$$

- How is the network performing on data that is not part of the training?

$$\left| \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i|_{\mathcal{P}}, f_i|_{\mathcal{P}}) - \mathcal{N}(\overline{u_{h_C}}|_{\mathcal{P}}, \overline{f}|_{\mathcal{P}}) \right| \lesssim \|u_{h_C}^i|_{\mathcal{P}} - \overline{u_{h_C}}\| + \|f_i|_{\mathcal{P}} - \overline{f}\|$$

How dense is the training data?

$$\min_{i, \mathcal{P}} \|f_i|_{\mathcal{P}} - \bar{f}\| < \epsilon_{\text{data}}$$

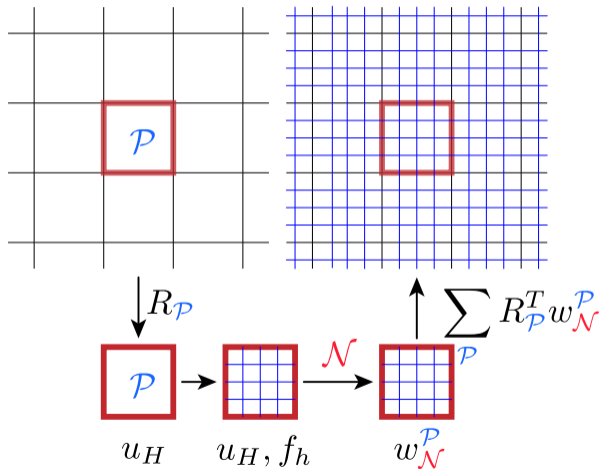
# Optimization error

How good is the minimum?

$$\text{loss}(\mathcal{N}) - \inf_{\tilde{\mathcal{N}}} \text{loss}(\tilde{\mathcal{N}}) < \epsilon_{\text{opt}}$$

# Hybrid finite element neural network solver - Laplace

$$-\Delta_H u_H = f_H \quad u_{\mathcal{N}} = u_H + w_{\mathcal{N}}$$



- 1 Solve coarse finite element problem

$$(\nabla u_{h_c}, \nabla \phi_{h_c}) = (f, \phi_{h_c})$$

- 2 Restrict to local patch

$$u_{h_c} \rightarrow \{u_{h_c}|_{\mathcal{P}_i}, i = 1, \dots, N_{\mathcal{P}}\}$$

- 3 Local neural network update

$$w|_{\mathcal{P}_i} = \mathcal{N}(u_{h_c}|_{\mathcal{P}_i}, f|_{\mathcal{P}_i})$$

- 4 Update global solution

$$u_{h_f}^{\mathcal{N}} = u_{h_c} + \sum \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{P}_i} w|_{\mathcal{P}_i}$$



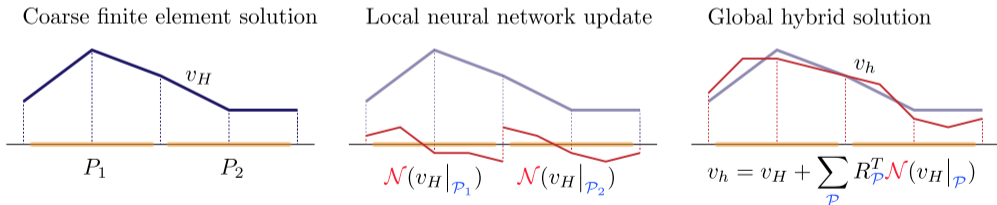
Training data from set of possible problems  $\mathcal{F}_d = \{f_1, \dots, f_N\} \subset \mathcal{F}$

$$(\nabla u_{h_F}^i, \nabla \phi_{h_F}) = (f_i, \phi_{h_F}) \quad \forall \phi_{h_F} \in V_{h_F} \quad | \quad (\nabla u_{h_C}^i, \nabla \phi_{h_C}) = (f_i, \phi_{h_C}) \quad \forall \phi_{h_C} \in V_{h_C}$$

Minimize

$$\text{loss} = \sum_{i, \mathcal{P}} \|u_{h_F}^i|_{\mathcal{P}} - (u_{h_C}^i|_{\mathcal{P}} + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i|_{\mathcal{P}}, f^i|_{\mathcal{P}}))\|^2$$

Local network updates



## Theorem (The simple one-patch case)

Let the network be trained such that

$$\sum_{f_i \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{tr}}} \|u_{h_F}^{f_i} - v_{\mathcal{N}}^{f_i}\|^2 \leq \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}}^2$$

For any  $f$  it holds

$$\|\nabla(u - (u_{h_C} + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}, f)))\| \leq c_{\mathcal{N}} \left( h_F^r + \min_{f_i \in \mathcal{F}_d} \|f - f_i\|_{H^{-1}} \right) + \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}}$$

The constant  $c_{\mathcal{N}} > 0$  is (partially) computed a posteriori based on the trained network  $\mathcal{N}$ .

- Kapustsin, Kaya, Richter. *A hybrid finite element/neural network solver and its application to the poisson problem*, PAMM 2023

# 1) Quality of training data

We insert the fine solution  $u_{h_F}^f \in V_{h_F}$  for  $f$

$$(\nabla u_{h_F}^f, \nabla \phi_{h_F}) = (f, \phi_{h_F}) \quad \forall \phi_{h_F} \in V_{h_F}$$

and estimate with *standard finite element estimates*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(u - u_{\mathcal{N}})\| &\leq \|\nabla(u - u_{h_F}^f)\| + \|\nabla(u_{h_F}^f - u_{\mathcal{N}})\| \\ &\leq \underline{c h_F^r} \|f\|_{H^{r-1}(\Omega)} + \boxed{\|\nabla(u_{h_F}^f - u_{\mathcal{N}})\|} \end{aligned}$$

## 2) Density of Training Data

We insert the resolved solution  $u_{h_F}^i$  for  $f_i \in \mathcal{F}_d$  closest to  $f \in \mathcal{F}$

$$(\nabla u_{h_F}, \nabla \phi_{h_F}) = (f, \phi_{h_F})$$

$$(\nabla u_{h_F}^i, \nabla \phi_{h_F}) = (f_i, \phi_{h_F})$$

and estimate with *standard elliptic stability estimates*

$$\|\nabla(u_{h_F} - u_{\mathcal{N}})\| \leq \|\nabla(u_{h_F} - u_{h_F}^i)\| + \|\nabla(u_{h_F}^i - u_{\mathcal{N}})\|$$

$$\leq \underline{\|f - f_i\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}} + \boxed{\|\nabla(u_{h_F}^i - u_{\mathcal{N}})\|}$$

### 3) Network Approximation and Optimization Error

We insert the neural network solution for the training point  $v_h^i$

$$u_{\mathcal{N}} = u_{h_C} + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}, f)$$

$$u_{\mathcal{N}}^i = u_{h_C}^i + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i, f_i)$$

and estimate

$$\|\nabla(u_{h_F}^i - u_{\mathcal{N}})\| \leq \|\nabla(u_{h_F}^i - u_{\mathcal{N}}^i)\| + \|\nabla(u_{\mathcal{N}}^i - v_{\mathcal{N}}^i)\|$$

$$\leq \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}} + \boxed{\|\nabla(u_{\mathcal{N}}^i - u_{\mathcal{N}})\|}$$

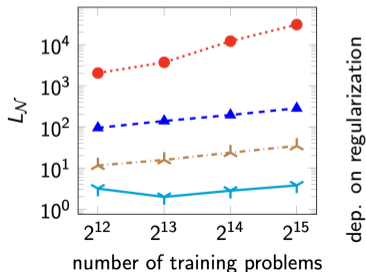
## 4) Generalizability = Network Stability

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(u_{\mathcal{N}}^i - u_{\mathcal{N}})\| &= \left\| \nabla\left((u_{h_C} + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}, f)) - (u_{h_C}^i + \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i, f_i))\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \underbrace{\|\nabla(u_{h_C} - u_{h_C}^i)\|}_{\leq \|f - f_i\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}} + \boxed{\|\nabla(\mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}, f) - \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i, f_i))\|} \end{aligned}$$

A posteriori estimation of the Networks Lipschitz constant

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(\mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}, f) - \mathcal{N}(u_{h_C}^i, f_i))\| \\ \leq L_{\mathcal{N}}(\|\nabla(u_{h_C} - u_{h_C}^i)\| + \|f - f_i\|) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\|\nabla(v - v_{\mathcal{N}})\| \leq c_{\mathcal{N}}\left(h_F^r + \min_{f_i \in \mathcal{F}_d} \|f - f_i\|_{H^{-1}}\right) + \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}}}$$



# The local approach - Patches

Instead of inserting one global fine solution

$$\|\nabla(u - u_{\mathcal{N}})\| \leq \|\nabla(u - u_{h_F}^f)\| + \|\nabla(u_{h_F}^f - u_{\mathcal{N}})\|$$

we can/must now insert separate local fine-scale solution on each patch

$$u_{h_F}^{f,\mathcal{P}} := u_{h_C}^f + w_{h_F}^{f,\mathcal{P}} : \quad (\nabla(u_{h_C}^f + w_{h_F}^{f,\mathcal{P}}), \nabla\phi_{h_F}^{\mathcal{P}})_{\mathcal{P}} = (f, \phi_{h_F}^{\mathcal{P}})_{\mathcal{P}} \quad \forall \phi_{h_F}^{\mathcal{P}} \in V_{h_F}(\mathcal{P})$$

# Interior Error Estimates

Use Local Finite Element Estimates for  $\mathcal{P} \subset\subset \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \subset\subset \Omega$

$$\|\nabla(u - u_{h_F, \mathcal{P}})\| \lesssim \inf_{v_{h_F} \in V_{h_F}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}})} \|\nabla(u - v_{h_F})\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} + d(\mathcal{P}) \|u - u_{h_F, \mathcal{P}}\|_{H^{1-r}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}})}$$

► Nitsche, Schatz. *Interior estimates for Ritz-Galerkin methods*, Mathematics of Computation, 1974

- But, standard estimates give

$$d(\mathcal{P}) \approx \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\mathcal{P}, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})^r}$$

- All is fine, if patches do not depend on mesh size (fixed number of patches)

$$\|\nabla(v - v_{\mathcal{N}})\| \leq c_{\mathcal{N}} \left( \boxed{h_C^{2r}} + h_F^r + \min_{f_i \in \mathcal{F}_d} \|f - f_i\|_{H^{-1}} \right) + \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}}$$

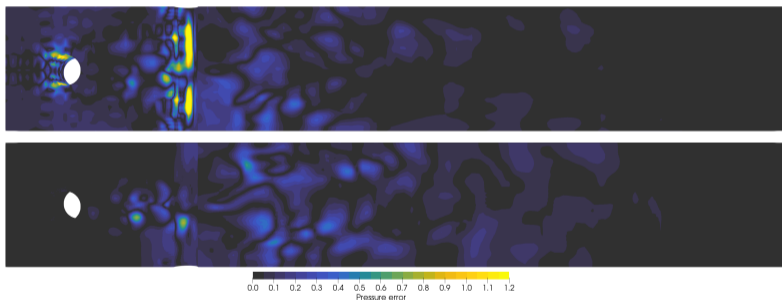
- But, numerical evidence shows optimal results for

$$\text{diam}(\mathcal{P}) = O(h_C^d)$$



## Summary

- Hybridization of finite elements and deep neural networks boosts efficiency
- (Robust) analysis is possible for simple equations
- Sharp estimates for the generalization (Lipschitz) constant  $c(\mathcal{N})$  still needed
- Still fighting with the local case



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