

## Team meeting presentation

# Development of hybrid finite element/neural network methods to help create digital surgical twins

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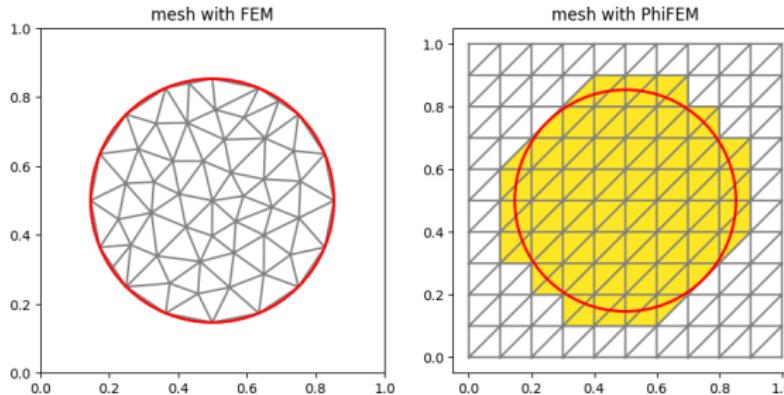
# Introduction

# Scientific context

**Context :** Create real-time digital twins of an organ (such as the liver).

**$\phi$ -FEM Method :** New fictitious domain finite element method.

- domain given by a level-set function ⇒ don't require a mesh fitting the boundary
- allow to work on complex geometries
- ensure geometric quality



*Practical case:* Real-time simulation, shape optimization...

# Objectives

**Internship objective :** Correct and certify the prediction of a Fourier Neural Operator (FNO), trained with  $\phi$ -FEM solution.

**PhD Objective :** Develop hybrid finite element / neural network methods.

## OFFLINE

- Learn several geometry representations
- Generate  $\phi$ -FEM solutions as training data on several geometry
- Train a Neural Operator (to map the geometry and the function on the solution)

## ONLINE

Data : 1 geometry + 1 function

- Compute representation of 1 geometry and 1 function
- Compute predictions from the Neural Operator
- Use  $\phi$ -FEM to correct the prediction

## Evolution :

- Geometry : 2D, simple, fixed (as circle, ellipse..) → 3D / complex / variable
- PDE : simple, static (Poisson problem) → complex / dynamic (elasticity, hyper-elasticity)
- Neural Network : simple and defined everywhere (PINNs) → Neural Operator

# PDE considered

## Poisson problem with Dirichlet conditions :

Find  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d = 1, 2, 3$ ) such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = g, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{P})$$

with  $\Delta$  the Laplace operator,  $\Omega$  a smooth bounded open set and  $\Gamma$  its boundary.

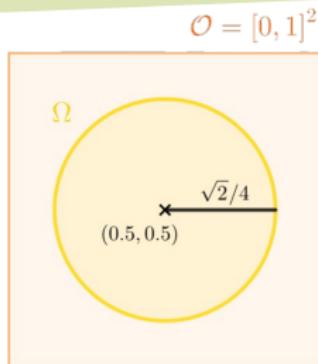
We will define by

$$\|u_{ex} - u_{method}\|_{0,\Omega}^{(rel)} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} (u_{ex} - u_{method})^2}{\int_{\Omega} u_{ex}^2}$$

the relative error between

- $u_{ex}$  : the exact solution
- $u_{method}$  : the solution obtained by a method  
(can be : FEM or  $\phi$ -FEM, a correction solver or the prediction of a neural network).

# Problem - Unknown solution on a Circle



→ **Level-set function :**

$$\phi(x, y) = -1/8 + (x - 1/2)^2 + (y - 1/2)^2$$

→ **FNO solution :**

$$f(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_0)^2 + (y - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (1)$$

with  $\sigma \sim \mathcal{U}([0.1, 0.6])$

$$\mu_0, \mu_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([x_0 - r, x_0 + r])$$

→ **Theoretical experiment solution :**

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = 5 \sin(8\pi f((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2) + \varphi) \quad (2)$$

Remark:  $\varphi = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$  on  $\Gamma$

→ **PINNs solution**

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = \phi(x, y) \sin(x) \exp(y) \quad (3)$$

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# Presentation of standard FEM method

**Variational Problem:** Find  $u \in V \mid a(u, v) = I(v), \forall v \in V$   
 with  $V$  - Hilbert space,  $a$  - bilinear form,  $I$  - linear form.

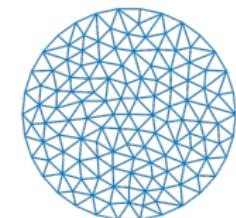
**Approach Problem:** Find  $u_h \in V_h \mid a(u_h, v_h) = I(v_h), \forall v_h \in V_h$   
 with
 

- $u_h \in V_h$  an approximate solution of  $u$ ,
- $V_h \subset V, \dim V_h = N_h < \infty, (\forall h > 0)$

 ⇒ Construct a piecewise continuous functions space

$$V_h := P_{C,h}^k = \{v_h \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, v_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_k\}$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_k$  is the vector space of polynomials of total degree  $\leq k$ .



$$\mathcal{T}_h = \{K_1, \dots, K_{N_e}\}$$

( $N_e$  : number of elements)

Finding an approximation of the PDE solution ⇒ solving the following linear system:

$$AU = b$$

with

$$A = (a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j))_{1 \leq i,j \leq N_h}, \quad U = (u_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N_h} \quad \text{and} \quad b = (I(\varphi_j))_{1 \leq j \leq N_h}$$

where  $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{N_h})$  is a basis of  $V_h$ .

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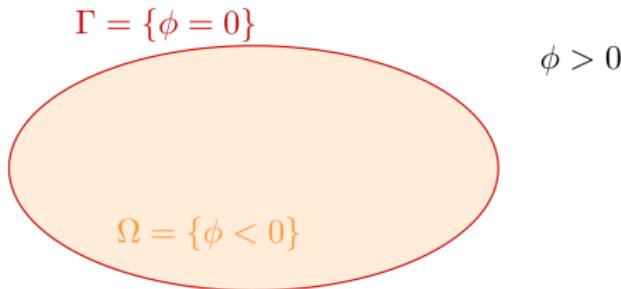
$\phi$ -FEM method

# Problem

Let  $u = \phi w + g$  such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u = g, \text{ on } \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

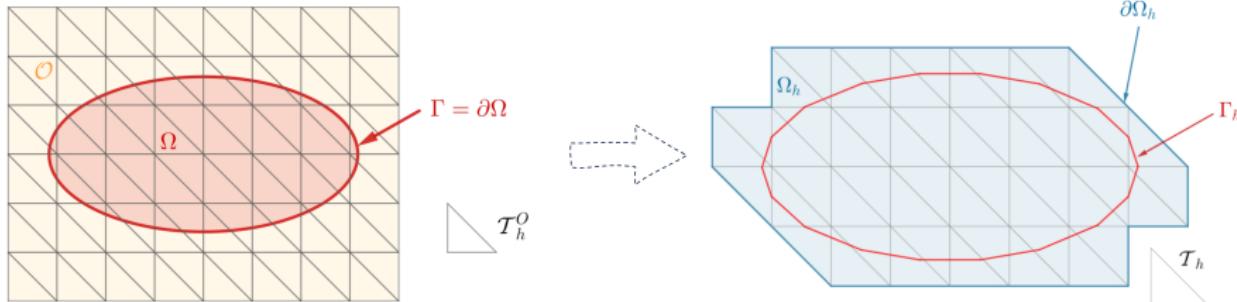
where  $\phi$  is the level-set function and  $\Omega$  and  $\Gamma$  are given by :



The level-set function  $\phi$  is supposed to be known on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and sufficiently smooth. For instance, the signed distance to  $\Gamma$  is a good candidate.

*Remark :* Thanks to  $\phi$  and  $g$ , the conditions on the boundary are respected.

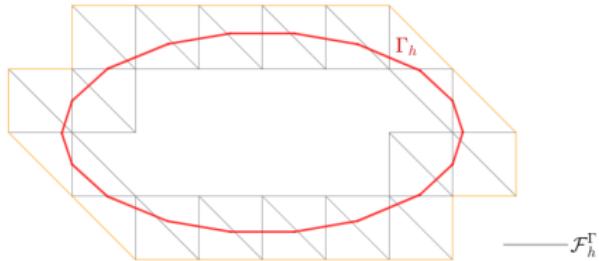
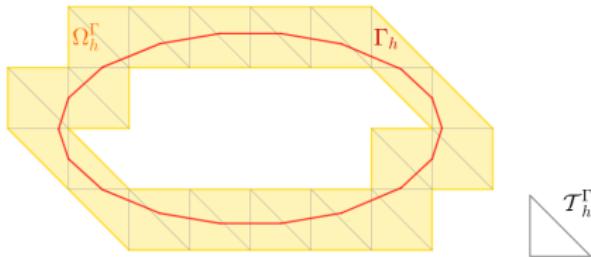
# Fictitious domain



- $\phi_h$  : approximation of  $\phi$
- $\Gamma_h = \{\phi_h = 0\}$  : approximate boundary of  $\Gamma$
- $\Omega_h$  : computational mesh
- $\partial\Omega_h$  : boundary of  $\Omega_h$  ( $\partial\Omega_h \neq \Gamma_h$ )

Remark :  $n_{vert}$  will denote the number of vertices in each direction for  $\mathcal{O}$

# Facets and Cells sets



- $\mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma$  : mesh elements cut by  $\Gamma_h$
- $\mathcal{F}_h^\Gamma$  : collects the interior facets of  $\mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma$   
(either cut by  $\Gamma_h$  or belonging to a cut mesh element)

# $\phi$ -FEM Method - Poisson problem

**Approach Problem :** Find  $w_h \in V_h^{(k)}$  such that

$$a_h(w_h, v_h) = I_h(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^{(k)}$$

where

$$a_h(w, v) = \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla(\phi_h w) \cdot \nabla(\phi_h v) - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial}{\partial n}(\phi_h w) \phi_h v + G_h(w, v),$$

$$I_h(v) = \int_{\Omega_h} f \phi_h v + G_h^{rhs}(v)$$

and

$$V_h^{(k)} = \left\{ v_h \in H^1(\Omega_h) : v_h|_T \in \mathbb{P}_k(T), \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}.$$

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$$u = \phi w \quad \rightarrow \quad u = \phi w + g$$

by supposing that  $g$  is currently given over the entire  $\Omega_h$ .

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# Stabilization terms

$$G_h(w, v) = \sigma h \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}_h^\Gamma} \int_E \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\phi_h w) \right] \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\phi_h v) \right] + \sigma h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T \Delta(\phi_h w) \Delta(\phi_h v)$$

Independent parameter of  $h$       Jump on the interface  $E$

1<sup>st</sup> order term      2<sup>nd</sup> order term

$$G_h^{rhs}(v) = -\sigma h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T f \Delta(\phi_h v) - \sigma h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T (\Delta(\phi_h w) + f) \Delta(\phi_h v)$$

1st term : ensure continuity of the solution by penalizing gradient jumps.

→ Ghost penalty [Burman, 2010]

2nd term : require the solution to verify the strong form on  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$ .

**Purpose :**

- reduce the errors created by the "fictitious" boundary
- ensure the correct condition number of the finite element matrix
- restore the coercivity of the bilinear scheme

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We are given  $u_\theta$  the FNO prediction (for the problem under consideration).

**By multiplying :**

**By adding :**

We will consider

$$\tilde{u} = u_\theta + \boxed{\tilde{c}} \approx 0$$

We want  $\tilde{c} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \tilde{c} = \tilde{f}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \tilde{c} = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{C}_+)$$

with  $\tilde{f} = f + \Delta u_\theta$  and  $\tilde{c} = \phi C$  for the  $\phi$ -FEM method.

*Remark :* In practice, it may be useful to integrate by parts the term containing  $\Delta u_\theta$ .

We will consider

$$\tilde{u} = u_\theta \boxed{C} \approx 1$$

We want  $C : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta(u_\theta C) = f, & \text{on } \Omega, \\ C = 1, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{C}_\times)$$

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**By multiplying - elevated problem :**

Find  $\hat{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \hat{u} = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \hat{u} = g + m, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{P}^M)$$

with  $\hat{u} = u + m$  ( $m$  a constant).

We will consider

$$\tilde{u} = \hat{u}_\theta \hat{C}$$

with  $\hat{u}_\theta = u_\theta + m$ .

We want  $C : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta(\hat{u}_\theta \hat{C}) = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ C = 1, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{C}_X^M)$$

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# Explanation

## Train a FNO :

Train data:  $(n_{vert}, n_{vert})$

$$X_{train} = \{ F_i, G_i, \phi_i \}$$

$$Y_{train} = \{ W_i \}_{i=1, \dots, n_{data}}$$

$\phi$ -FEM solution

FNO training :

$$loss_{\phi} = \frac{1}{n_{data}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{data}} \|\phi_i W_{\phi,i} - \phi_i W_i\|_2$$

$$Y_{pred} = \{ \phi_i W_{\phi,i} \}_{i=1, \dots, n_{data}}$$

## Correct the predictions of the FNO :

Test data:

$$X_{test} = \{ F_i, G_i, \phi_i \}$$

$$Y_{pred} = \{ \phi_i W_{\phi,i} \}_{i=1, \dots, n_{test}}$$

Correction:

- by adding
- by multiplying

with  $\frac{FEM}{\phi-FEM}$

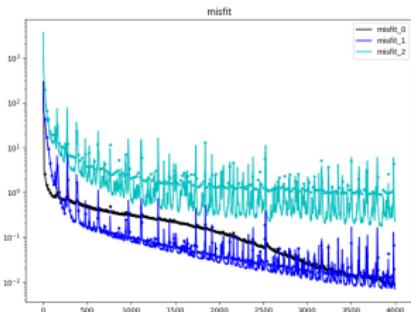
## Some important points on the FNO :

- widely used in PDE solving and constitute an active field of research
- FNO are Neural Operator networks : Unlike standard neural networks, which learn using inputs and outputs of fixed dimensions, neural operators **learn operators, which are mappings between spaces of functions.**
- **Mesh resolution independent** : can be evaluated at almost any data resolution without the need for retraining

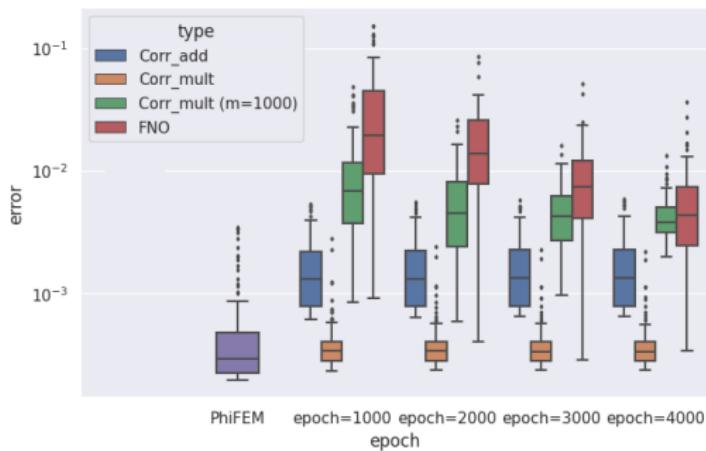
# Correction on a FNO prediction - $\phi$ -FEM

We consider an unknown solution on the circle with  $f$  Gaussian (1),  $n_{vert} = 63$ ,  $n_{data} = 1000$  (including validation sample) and  $n_{test} = 100$ .

Training on 4000 epochs  
(bs=64, lr=0.01):



Correction with the different methods :



**Remark :** We should try to reduce the resolution for correction, maybe we will gain in the time-to-error ratio.

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# Precision of the prediction - FEM

We consider the trigonometric solution on the circle (2) with

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = 5 \sin(8\pi f((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2) + \varphi)$$

with  $S = 0.5$  and  $\varphi = 0$ .

**Exact solution :** Testing different correction methods for different frequencies.

$$u_\theta = u_{ex} \in \mathbb{P}^{10} \rightarrow \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

Correction with FEM ( $n_{vert} = 100$ ):

	fem	Corr_add	Corr_add_IPP	Corr_mult
<b>f = 1</b>	2.10e-03	2.44e-10	1.29e-13	2.97e-13
<b>f = 2</b>	6.62e-03	1.53e-10	1.28e-13	2.80e-13
<b>f = 3</b>	1.41e-02	8.86e-11	1.27e-13	2.68e-13
<b>f = 4</b>	2.42e-02	9.52e-11	1.26e-13	2.61e-13

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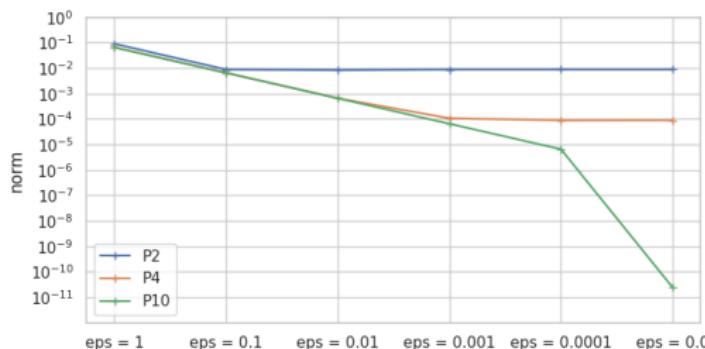
We consider  $(S, f, \varphi) = (0.5, 1, 0)$ .

**Disturbed solution :** Testing different  $\epsilon$  and different degree  $k$ .

$$u_\theta = u_{ex} + \epsilon P \in \mathbb{P}^k \rightarrow \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

with  $\epsilon$  a real number and  $P$  a perturbation.

Correction ( $\mathcal{C}_+$ ) with FEM ( $n_{vert} = 32$ ):



Results for  $k = 10$ :

eps	corr_add
1.00e+00	6.57e-02
1.00e-01	6.57e-03
1.00e-02	6.57e-04
1.00e-03	6.57e-05
1.00e-04	6.57e-06
0.00e+00	2.44e-11

Remark:  $P(x, y) = S_p \sin(8\pi f_p ((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2) + \varphi_p)$  with  $(S_p, f_p, \varphi_p) = (0.5, 2, 0)$



# Theoretical results - FEM

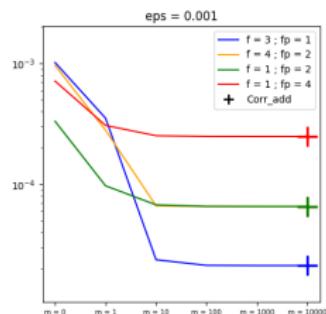
**Correction by multiplication on the elevated problem :** We consider

- $\hat{u}_{ex} = u_{ex} + m$  : the exact solution of  $(\mathcal{P}^M)$
- $\hat{u}_\theta = u_\theta + m$  : a disturbed solution of  $(\mathcal{P}^M)$ .
- $\tilde{u}_h = \hat{u}_\theta C_h$  : the approximate solution of  $(\mathcal{C}_X^M)$

1. When  $m$  tends to infinity :

solution of  $(\mathcal{C}_X^M)$   $\rightarrow$  solution of  $(\mathcal{C}_+)$

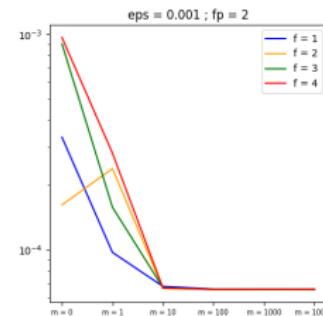
**Results :**  $n_{vert} = 32, \epsilon = 0.001$



2. For  $m$  sufficiently large :  $C_{ex} = \hat{u}_{ex}/\hat{u}_\theta$

$$\|C_{ex} - C_h\|_{0,\Omega} \leq ch^{k+1} \epsilon \|P''\|_{0,\Omega}$$

**Results :**  $n_{vert} = 32, \epsilon = 0.001, f_p = 2$



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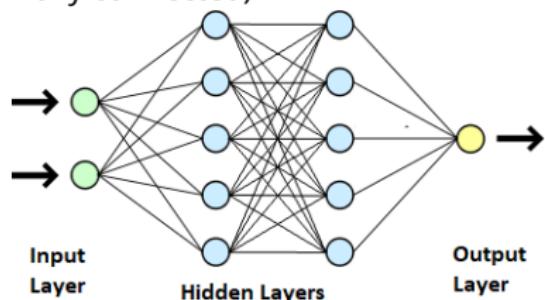
# Explanation

**Context :** Need  $u_\theta \in \mathbb{P}^k$  with  $k$  of high degree

FNO  
(on a regular grid)  $\rightarrow$  NN which can predict  
solution at any point

## Solutions :

**1. MLP** - Multi-Layer Perceptron  
(= Fully connected)



**Problem :** As the prediction is injected into an FEM solver, the accuracy of the derivatives is very important.

**2. PINNs** - MLP with a physical loss

$$\text{loss} = \text{mse}(\Delta(\phi(x_i, y_i) w_{\theta,i}) + f_i)$$

inputs =  $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$   
outputs =  $\{u_i\}$   
 $i=1, \dots, n_{pts}$   
 $u_i = \phi(x_i, y_i) w_{\theta}(x_i, y_i)$

with  $(x_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{O}$ .

**Remark :** We impose exact boundary conditions.

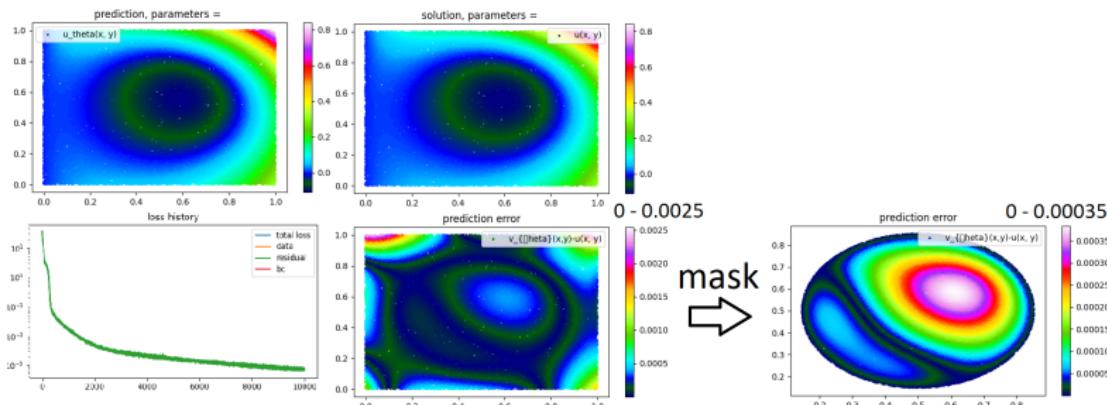


# PINNs Training

We consider the solution on the circle defined in (3) and defined by

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = \phi(x, y) \sin(x) \exp(y)$$

We train a PINNs with 4 layers of 20 neurons over 10000 epochs (with  $n_{pts} = 2000$  points selected uniformly over  $\mathcal{O}$ ).

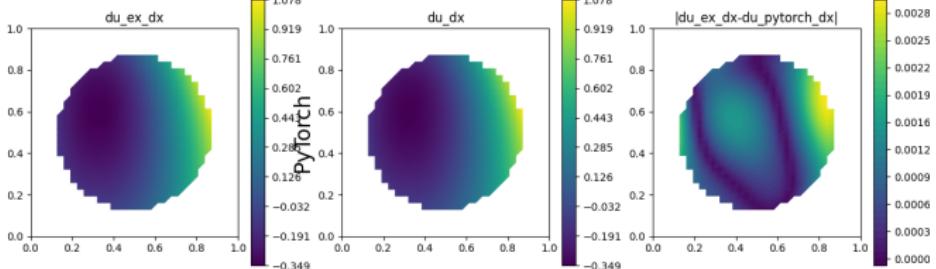


⚠ We consider a single problem ( $f$  fixed) on a single geometry ( $\phi$  fixed).

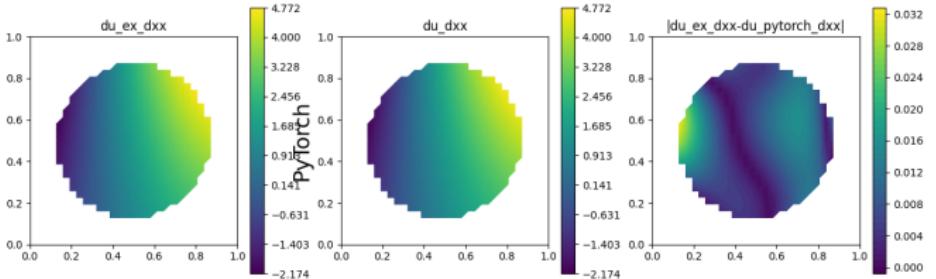
$$\|u_{ex} - u_{\theta}\|_{0, \Omega}^{(rel)} \approx 2.81e-3$$

# Derivatives

First derivative according to x

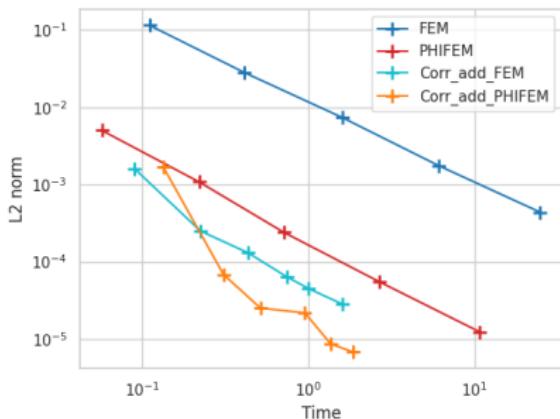


Second derivative according to x



# Correction by addition

$$u_\theta \in \mathbb{P}^{10} \rightarrow \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$



FEM /  $\phi$ -FEM :  $n_{vert} \in \{8, 16, 32, 64, 128\}$

Corr :  $n_{vert} \in \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30\}$

Remark : The stabilisation parameter  $\sigma$  of the  $\phi$ -FEM method has a major impact on the error obtained.

Calculation time (to reach an error of 1e-4)

	mesh	u_PINNs	assemble	solve	TOTAL
FEM	0,08832		29,55516	0,07272	29,71621
PhiFEM	0,33222		1,86924	0,00391	2,20537
Corr_add_FEM	0,00183	0,11187	0,46195	0,00061	0,57626
Corr_add_PhiFEM	0,03213	0,05351	0,22006	0,00040	0,30609

- **mesh** - FEM : construct the mesh  
( $\phi$ -FEM : construct cell/facet sets)
- **u\_PINNs** - get  $u_\theta$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{10}$  freedom degrees
- **assemble** - assemble the FE matrix
- **solve** - resolve the linear system

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## Observations :

1. Correction by addition seems to be the best choice  
(based on theoretical results obtained with FEM)
2. We need a high degree prediction ( $u_\theta \in \mathbb{P}^{10}$ )  
⇒ no longer use FNO (needs NN defined at any point)
3. We need to approximate the derivatives of the solution precisely  
⇒ no longer use simple MLP, replaced by a PINNs

## What's next ?

1. Consider multiple problems (varying  $f$ )
2. Consider multiple and more complex geometry (varying  $\phi$ )
3. Replace PINNs with a Neural Operator

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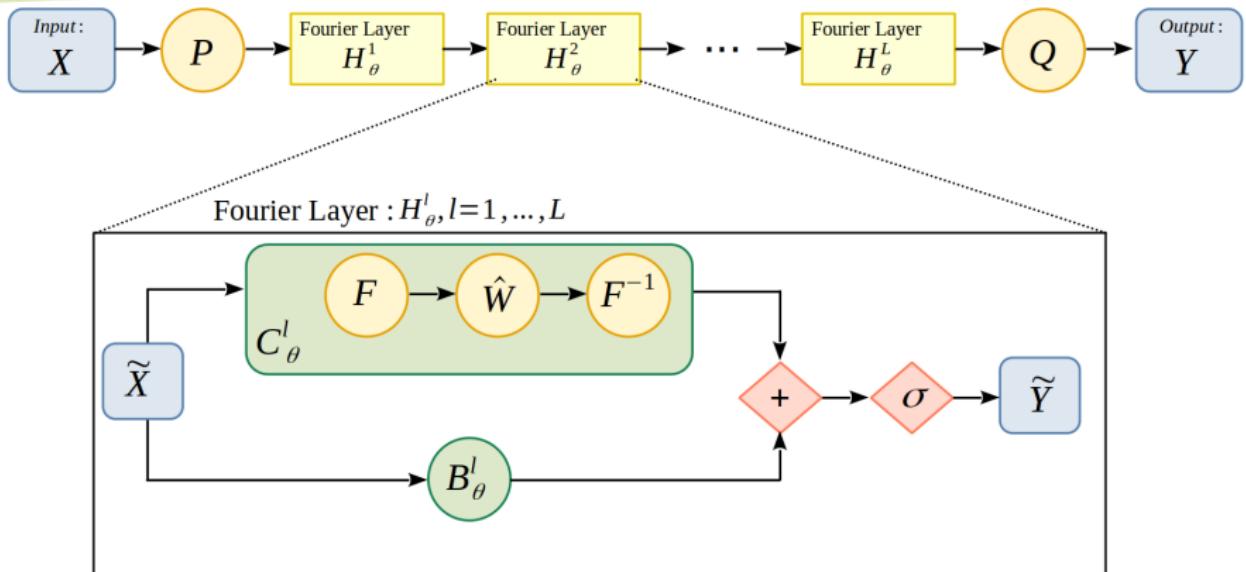


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# Architecture of the FNO

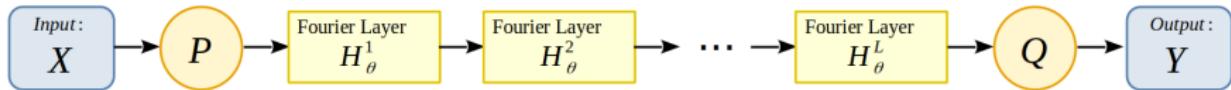


**Input**  $X$  of shape (bs,ni,nj,nk)

with bs the batch size, ni and nj the grid resolution and nk the number of channels.

**Output**  $Y$  of shape (bs,ni,nj,1)

# Description of the FNO architecture



- perform a  $P$  transformation, to move to a space with more channels (to build a sufficiently rich representation of the data)
- apply  $L$  Fourier layers defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_\theta^l(\tilde{X}) = \sigma \left( \mathcal{C}_\theta^l(\tilde{X}) + \mathcal{B}_\theta^l(\tilde{X}) \right), \quad l = 1, \dots, L$$

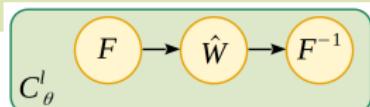
with  $\tilde{X}$  the input of the current layer and

- $\sigma$  an activation function (ReLU or GELU)
- $\mathcal{C}_\theta^l$  : convolution sublayer (convolution performed by Fast Fourier Transform)
- $\mathcal{B}_\theta^l$  : "bias-sublayer"

- return to the target dimension by performing a  $Q$  transformation (in our case, the number of output channels is 1)

# Fourier Layer Structure

**Convolution sublayer :**  $C_\theta^l(X) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(X) \cdot \hat{W})$



- $\hat{W}$ : a trainable kernel
- $\mathcal{F}$ : 2D Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) defined by

$$\mathcal{F}(X)_{ijk} = \frac{1}{ni} \frac{1}{nj} \sum_{i'=0}^{ni-1} \sum_{j'=0}^{nj-1} X_{i'j'k} e^{-2\sqrt{-1}\pi \left( \frac{i'}{ni} + \frac{j'}{nj} \right)}$$

$\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  : its inverse.

- $(Y \cdot \hat{W})_{ijk} = \sum_{k'} Y_{ijk'} \hat{W}_{ijk'} \Rightarrow$  applied channel by channel

**Bias-sublayer :**  $B_\theta^l(X)_{ijk} = \sum_{k'} X_{ijk} W_{k'k} + B_k$



- 2D convolution with a kernel of size 1
- allowing channels to be mixed via a kernel without allowing interaction between pixels.

# Dual method - Poisson Problem

**Problem :** Find  $u$  on  $\Omega_h$  and  $p$  on  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega_h} \nabla u \nabla v - \int_{\partial \Omega_h} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v + \frac{\gamma}{h^2} \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_{\tau} \left( u - \frac{1}{h} \phi p \right) \left( v - \frac{1}{h} \phi q \right) \\ + G_h(u, v) = \int_{\Omega_h} fv + G_h^{rhs}(v), \quad \forall v \text{ on } \Omega_h, \quad q \text{ on } \Omega_h^\Gamma$$

with  $\gamma$  an other positive stabilization parameter and  $G_h$  and  $G_h^{rhs}$  the stabilization terms defined previously.

For the non homogeneous case, we replace

$$\int_{\tau} \left( u - \frac{1}{h} \phi p \right) \left( v - \frac{1}{h} \phi q \right) \rightarrow \int_{\tau} \left( u - \frac{1}{h} \phi p - g \right) \left( v - \frac{1}{h} \phi q \right)$$

by assuming  $g$  is defined on  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$