

Physics Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) for MHD Modelling

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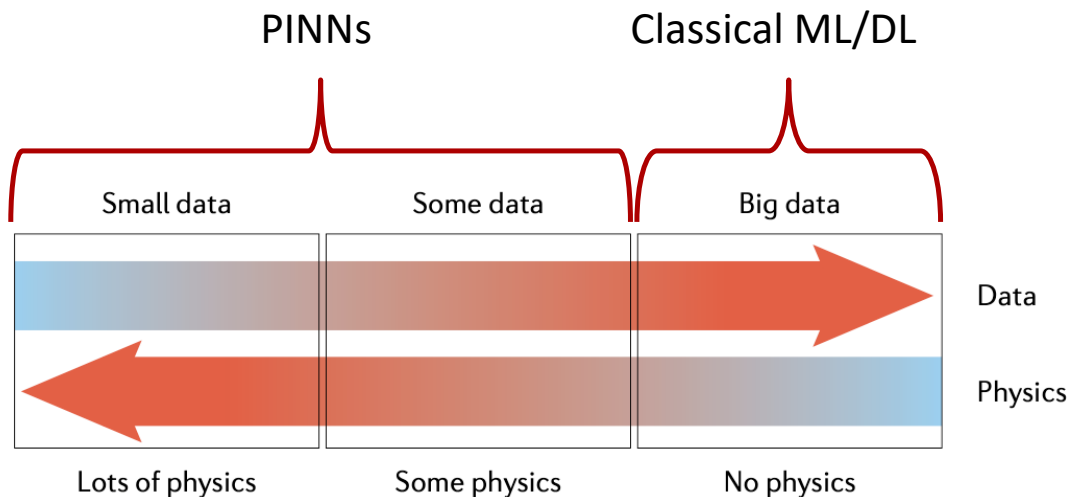
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What is it about ?

- PINNs: optimizations deep learning (DL) based methods for academic & industrial research
-> recent strong surge of interest in many fields !
- PINNs seamlessly incorporate data and physical laws (ODEs or PDEs) in a unified way
-> application to many different problems



See review by Karniadakis et al., Nature reviews 2021

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The Old and the New: Can Physics-Informed Deep-Learning Replace Traditional Linear Solvers?

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CAN PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL NETWORKS BEAT THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD?

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Current concern

Presentation plan

- **Basics of PINNs**
 - **Application to MHD equilibria**
 - **Application to MHD reconnection**
 - **Conclusions and prospectives**
- Potentiality of PINNs:
aim to test advantages/drawbacks
vs traditional solvers**
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Basics of PINNs

- **Differential equation in a bounded domain:**

- PDE in residual form:

$$\mathcal{F}[u(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}] = 0$$

Differential operator

- **Define a data set of N_c collocation points:**

=> **physics-based loss function:**

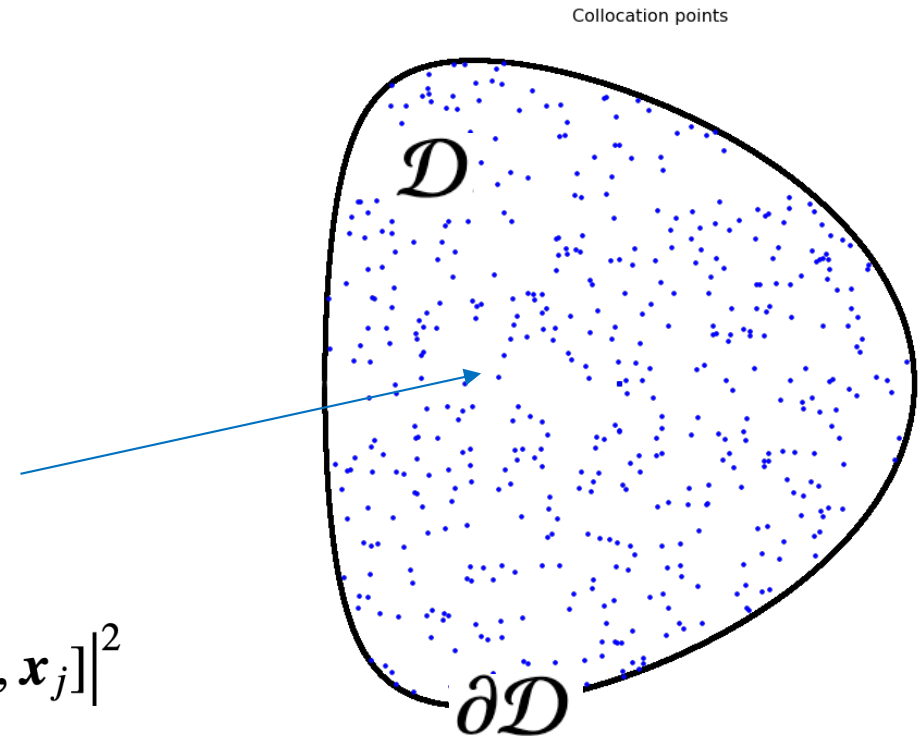
$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{j=1}^{N_c} |\mathcal{F}[u_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_j), \mathbf{x}_j]|^2$$

mean squared error

θ : parametrization

a differentiation tool is needed

- **Minimization method to find the optimal solution => $u_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$**



Basics of PINNs

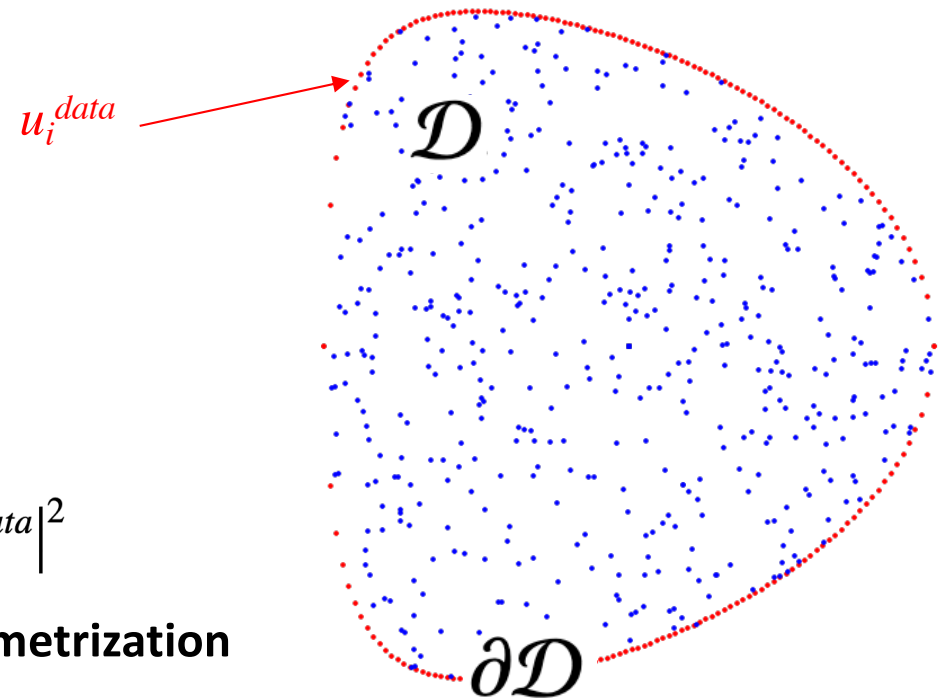
Collocation points & boundary points

- **Differential equation in a bounded domain:**
 - Dirichlet boundary conditions (BCs)
(Neumann/Robin conditions are also possible)

- **Define a data set of N_{data} boundary points:**
=> **Training data loss function:**

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

mean squared error θ : parametrization



-> N_{data} can also include the data knowledge of some interior points ...

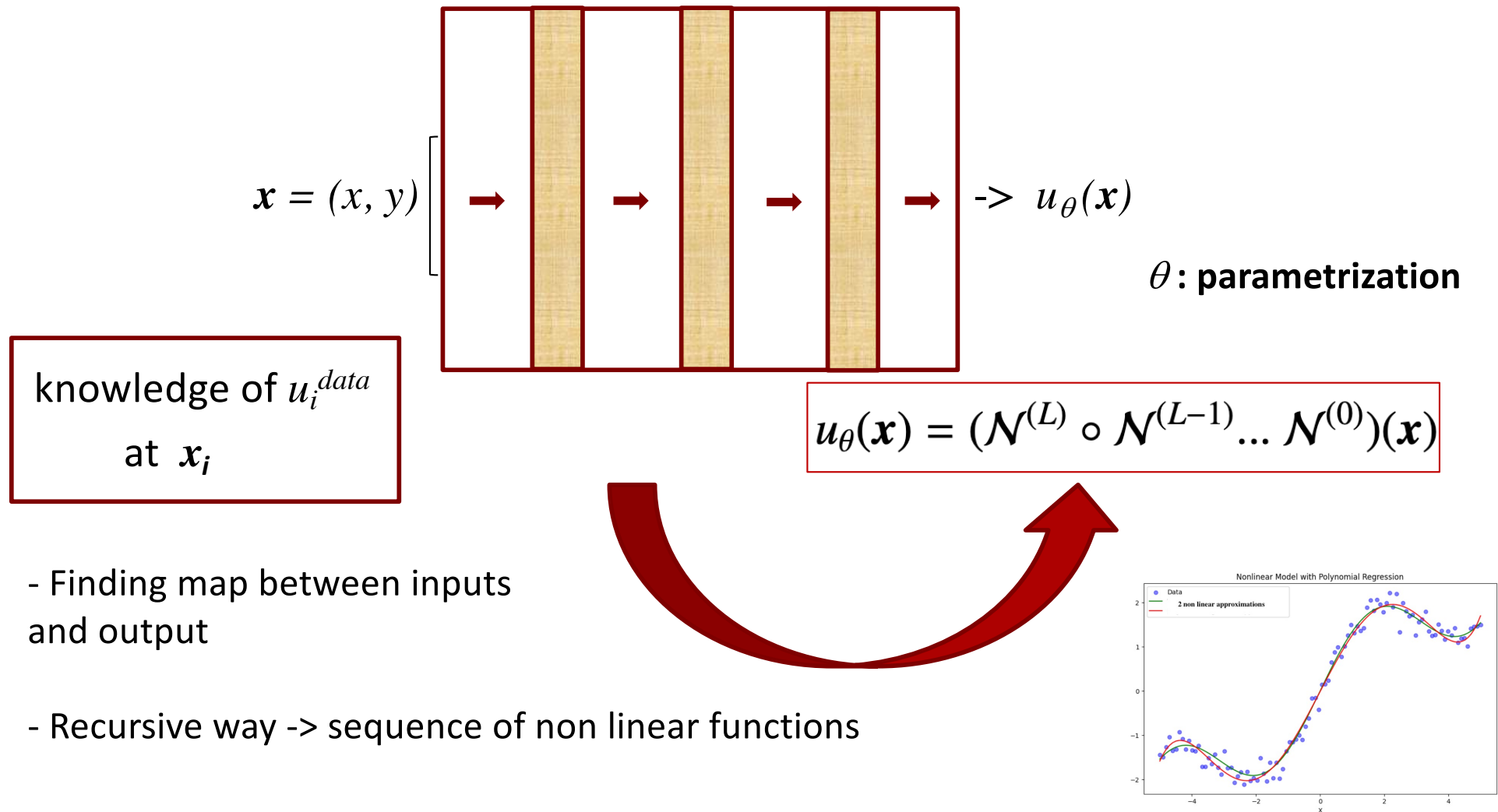
- **Minimization method using a weighted total loss to find the optimal solution => $u_{\theta}(x)$**

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \omega_{data} \mathcal{L}_{data}(\theta) + \omega_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}(\theta)$$

↑ weights ↑

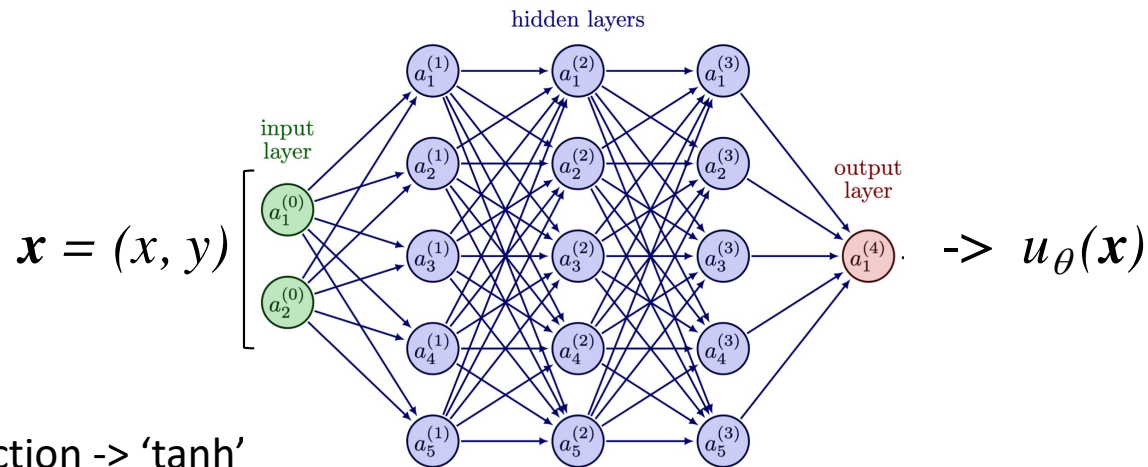
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$$u_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathcal{N}^{(L)} \circ \mathcal{N}^{(L-1)} \dots \mathcal{N}^{(0)})(\mathbf{x})$$

weight matrices and biases: $\theta = \{\mathbf{W}^{(l)}, \mathbf{b}^{(l)}\}_{l=1,L}$

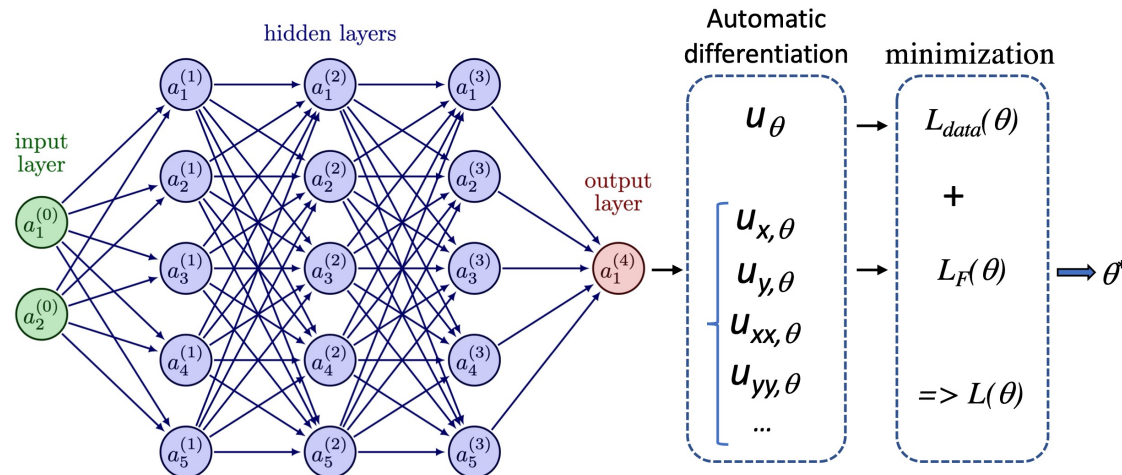
-> trainable parameters

Hidden layers -> affine maps & nonlinear activation function

Units: **artificial neurons** -> brain-inspired

Basics of PINNs

- Minimization using a feed-forward neural network for PINNs



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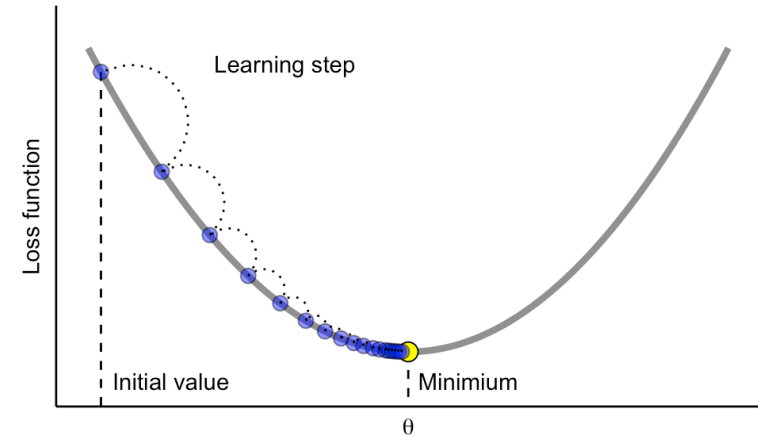
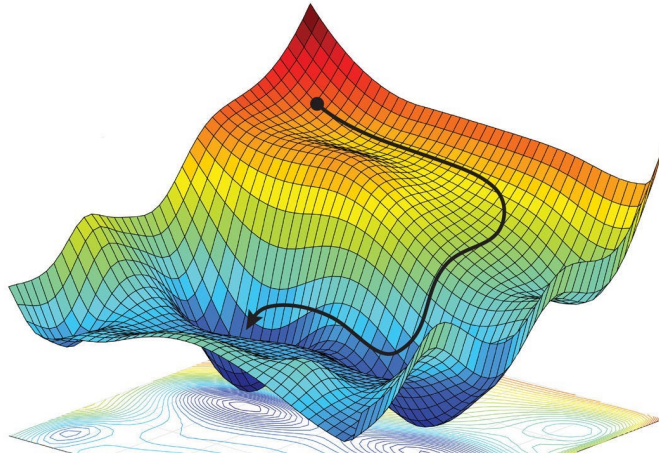
- A gradient descent algorithm: l_r is the learning rate

$$\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i - l_r \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta_i)$$

$$\theta^* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}(\theta)$$

Parameters are iteratively calibrated during the **training process**

Basics of PINNs



- Many pitfalls: regions with plateau (zero gradient), multiple local minima, too high or too low learning rate, ...
=> Efficient optimizers are needed (a stochastic one is used) !
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A complete (iteration) pass across the network is called **epoch** in ML/DL

Basics of PINNs

- **Python libraries for deep learning are very efficient and optimized**
 - Pytorch and Tensorflow (used in this work)
 - Different optimizers for gradient descent (Adam is used)
 - Automatic differentiation is used for gradient descent (w.r.t. θ) and for differential operator (w.r.t. inputs) => contrary to traditional methods the derivatives are computed exactly !

- **Many PINNs-variants**
 - Method above -> 'vanilla-PINNs', popularized after Raissi et al. (2019)
 - BC's can be imposed with 'hard constraints' by specific trial functions for the solution -> see Lagaris (1998), but difficult to use for non cartesian geometry and/or non homogeneous conditions

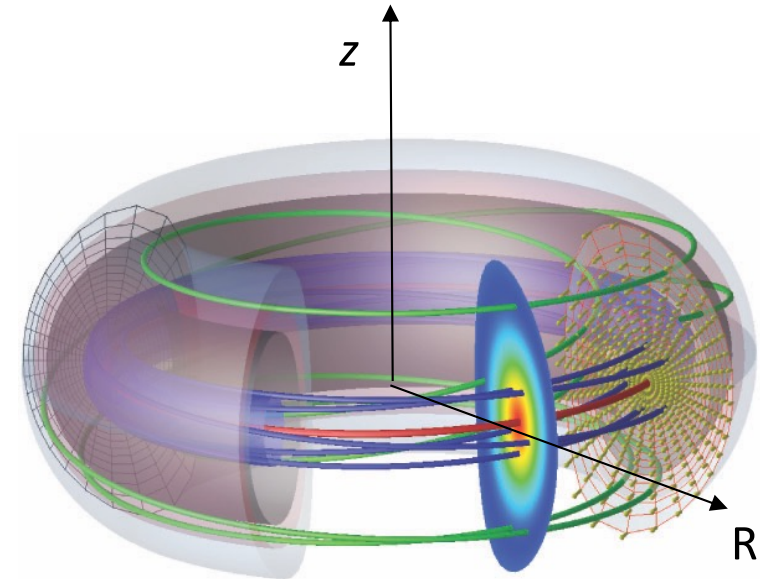
Application to MHD equilibria

- **Axisymmetric ideal MHD (tokamak, ...) equilibria**

$$R \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = -\mu_0 R^2 \frac{\partial P}{\partial \psi} - F \frac{\partial F}{\partial \psi}$$

-> **Grad-Shafranov (GS) equation**

ψ is the **poloidal flux**, $F(\psi)$ is the net poloidal current, and $P(\psi)$ is the thermal pressure



ITER-like equilibria

<http://homepage.tudelft.nl/20x40/MHDeq.html>

- **PINNs solver (for fixed-boundary problem)**

Similar solvers under development: Jang et al. Maryland university 2023, Kaltsas & Throumoulopoulos 2022 (also include toroidal flow effect)

Our equation residual is:
$$\left[R \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial R^2} + R \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial R} \right] + RH(R, z, \psi) = 0$$

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- **Solov'ev equilibrium (1) for GS equation**

$$H = f_0(R^2 + R_0^2)$$

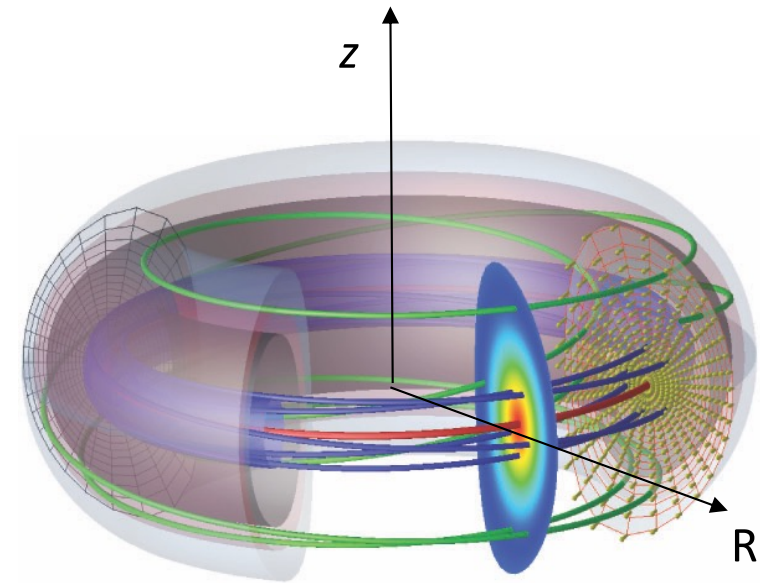
Exact analytical solution -> for error and for BCs !

see Deriaz et al. 2011

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \psi = \frac{f_0 R_0^2}{2} \left[a^2 - z^2 - \frac{(R^2 - R_0^2)^2}{4R_0^2} \right] \\ \partial \mathcal{D} = \left[R = R_0 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2a \cos \alpha}{R_0}}, z = a R_0 \sin \alpha, \alpha = [0 : 2\pi] \right] \end{array} \right.$$

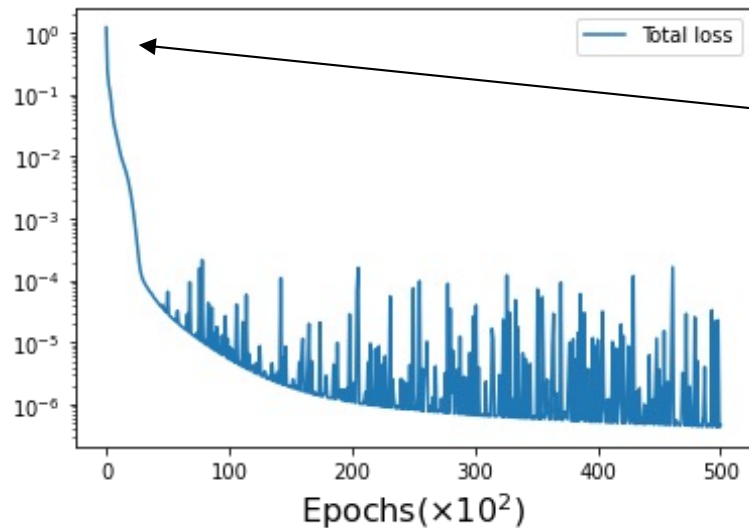
R_0, a : major, minor radii
 f_0 : arbitrary factor

- **Application using: $f_0 = 1, R_0 = 1, a = 0.5 (\mu_0 = 1)$**



Application to MHD equilibria

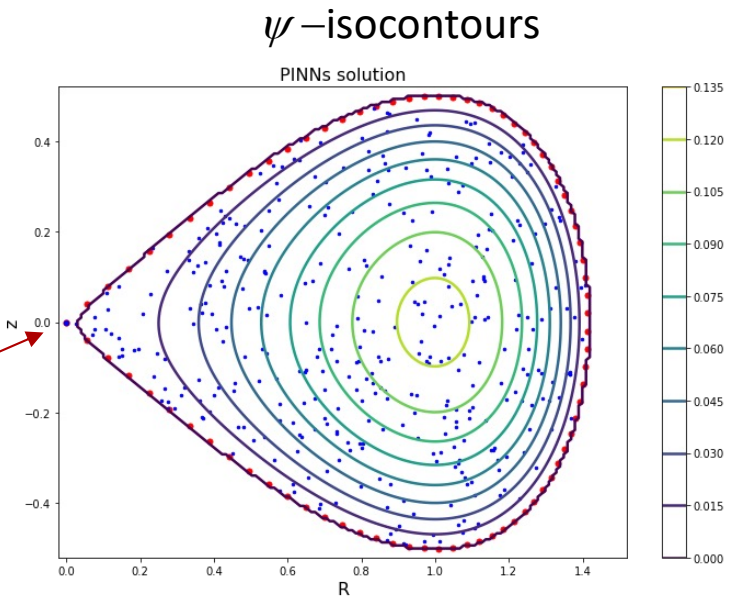
Results for Solov'ev equilibrium (1)



θ parameters
Randomly initialized

a third set of points
is used to test \rightarrow

X-point \rightarrow



- Parameters used:

$$l_r = 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad , \quad \omega_{data} = \omega_F = 1 \quad , \quad N_c = 800 \quad , \quad N_{data} = 80$$

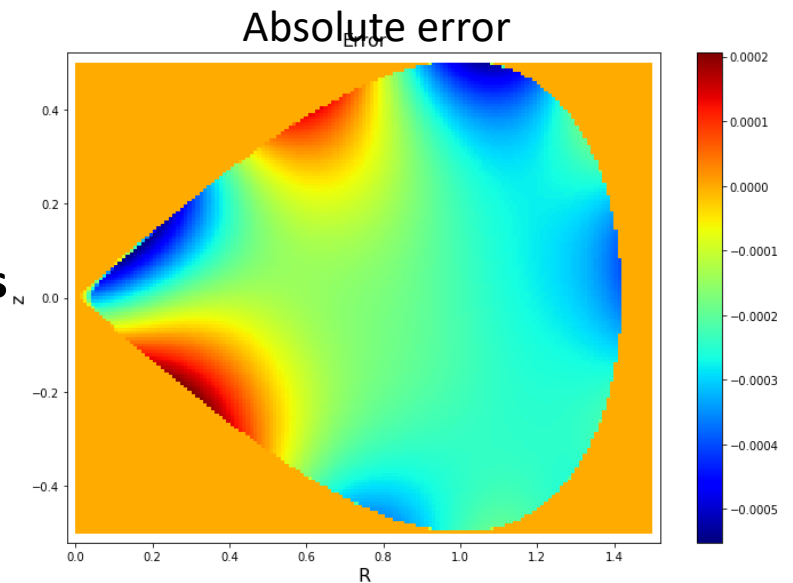
7 hidden layers with 20 neurons/layer \rightarrow **2601 parameters**

Adam optimizer (stochastic gradient descent)

Training stopped after 50 000 epochs

- a few minutes on a single (8 cores) CPU

θ

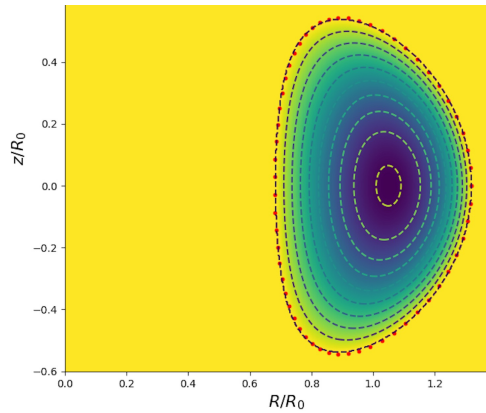


Application to MHD equilibria

- Results for D-shaped ITER-like Solov'ev (2) and non-linear equilibria

$$H(R, z, \psi) = (1 - A)R^2 + A$$

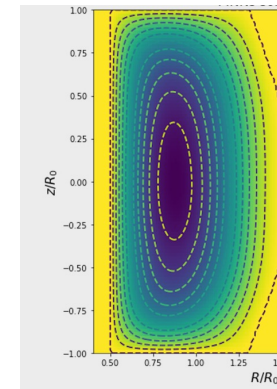
See Cerfon & Freidberg 2010 ($A = -0.155$)



$$H(R, z, \psi) = (AR^2 + B)(1 - \psi)^{0.6}$$

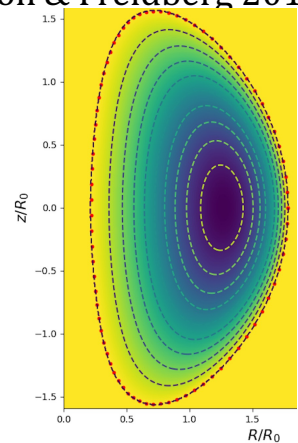
procedure is the same without extra effort !

See Itakagi et al. 2004



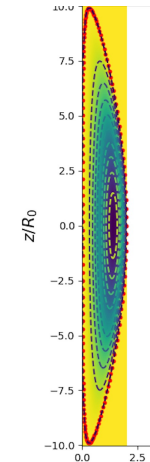
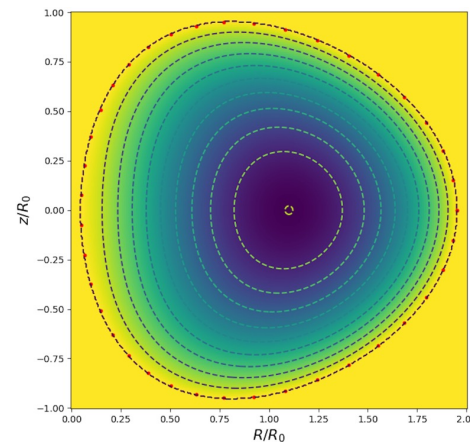
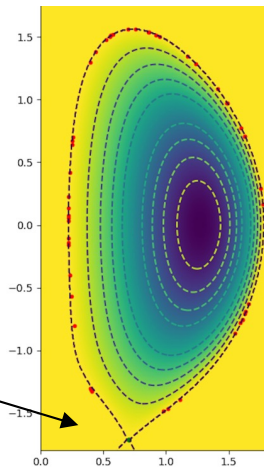
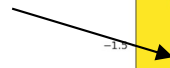
- Lagaris BC ($\psi = 0$)
rectangular domain

- Results for other configurations: spherical tokamak (NSTX-like), spheromak, FRC (Cerfon & Freidberg 2010)



NSTX

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Application to MHD equilibria

- PINNs: interesting alternatives to classical methods (finite element FE ...)

-> Easy to handle, meshless methods (collocation & training data sets can be very small)

-> Once trained, the solution (and derivatives) instantaneously obtained

-> Could be used in many different ways: adding data knowledge for learning unknown physical terms (inverse problem for profile reconstruction)

- not done here

-> The precision is only good/average (but can be ameliorated -> conclusions)

- Maximum relative error is of order 10^{-4} versus 10^{-5} - 10^{-10} for finite-element codes

see Lee & Cerfon 2015, and Lutjens et al. 1996 (CHEASE code)

- No scaling laws of the error with the hyperparameters:

l_r , number of layers/neurons, N_{data} , N_c , weights

Application to MHD reconnection

- **2D steady-state reconnection**
- Craig-Henton exact analytical solutions for incompressible inviscid plasmas in 2D cartesian coordinates
Craig & Henton ApJ 1995, see also Baty & Nishikawa MNRAS 2016

Square spatial domain $[-1, 1]^2$

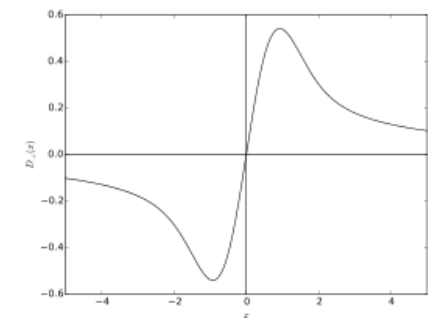
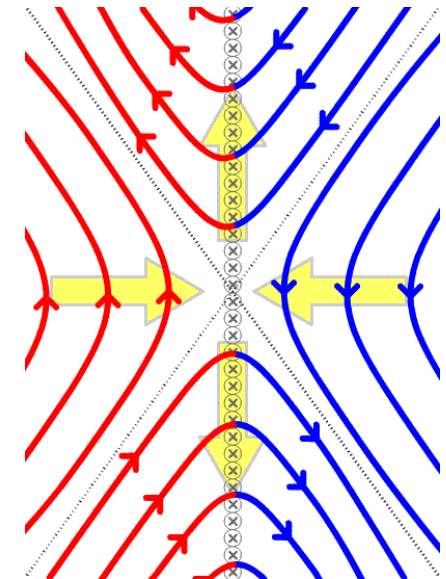
$$\mathbf{B} = \left(\beta x, -\beta y + \frac{E_d}{\eta\mu} \text{Daw}(\mu x) \right) \quad \mathbf{V} = \left(-\alpha x, \alpha y - \frac{\beta E_d}{\alpha \eta\mu} \text{Daw}(\mu x) \right)$$

for $\beta = 0 \Rightarrow$ pure annihilation with a stagnation point flow

$$\mu^2 = \frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{2\eta\alpha} \quad \text{Dawson function} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Daw}(x) = \int_0^x \exp(t^2 - x^2) dt$$

$$0 < \beta < 1$$

η : resistivity, E_d : reconnection rate



Application to MHD reconnection

- PINNs code for 2D steady-state reconnection

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{V} - (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} + \nabla P &= 0 & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} &= 0 & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

-> dimensionless MHD equations

- First ever PINNs solver for dynamical MHD ?

- 6 scalar PDEs => 6 physics-based partial loss functions
- 5 scalar variables => 5 output neurons
- Dirichlet BCs for \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{B} imposed at boundaries using exact solution

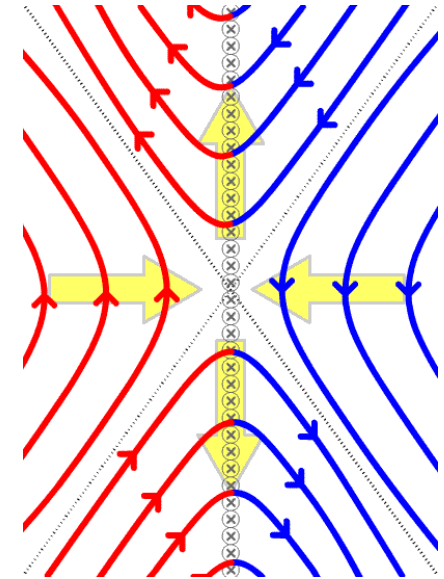
- Parameters used:

$l_r = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $\omega_{data} = \omega_F = 1$, $N_c = 700$, $N_{data} = 120$ (30 per boundary)

9 hidden layers with 30 neurons/layer -> **7716 parameters** <- θ

Adam optimizer

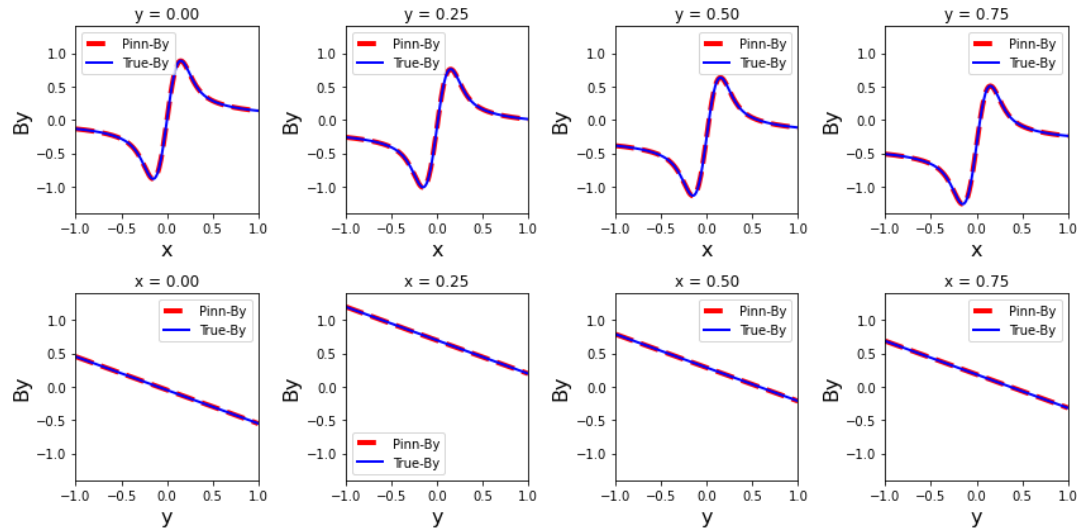
Training stopped after 25 000 epochs (40 minutes on a single 8 core CPU)



Schematic view (Wikipédia)

Application to MHD reconnection

- Results for 2D steady-state reconnection solution**

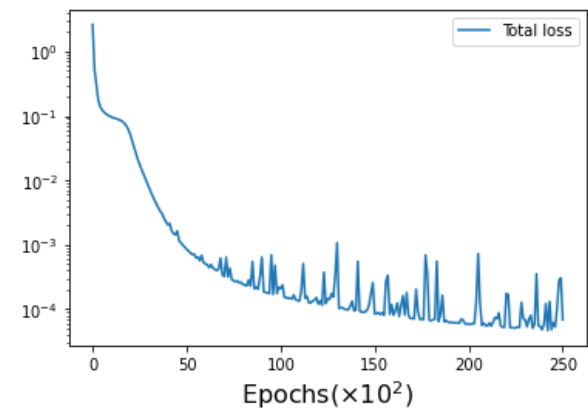
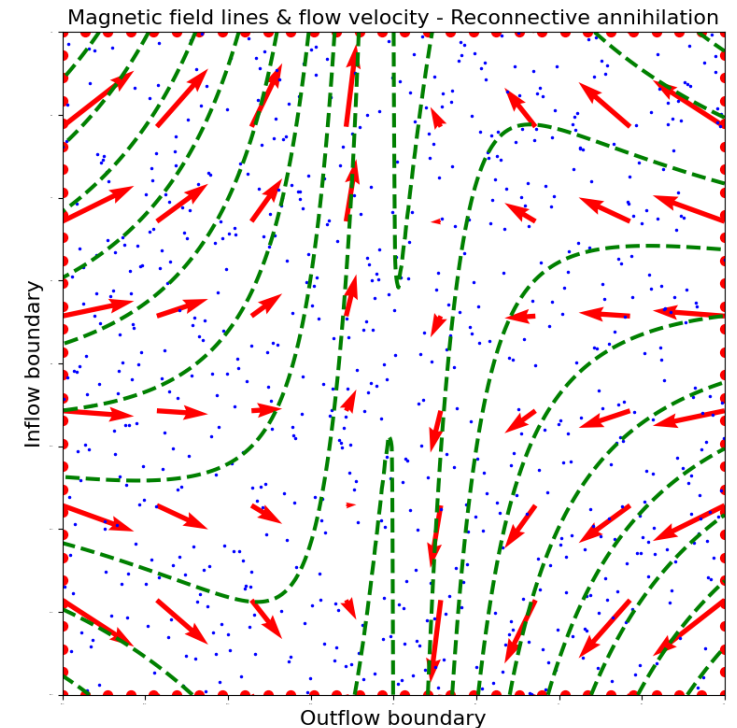


Maximum absolute/relative error is of order 10^{-3}

- Parameters used:

$$E_d = 0.1 \quad , \quad \beta = 0.5 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = 1 \quad , \quad \eta = 10^{-2}$$

- It works with a reasonable CPU time (less than 1 h)
- the precision: relative maximum error of order 10^{-3}



Conclusions and prospectives

- PINNs offers a complementary approach & perhaps alternative

- Drawbacks: -> possible improvements

1. Training can be long/difficult and CPU time consuming = > possible improvements

- GPU acceleration

- Adaptive variants (loss functions with adaptive sampling, optimizers, ...)

2. The precision is good/average (not enough for some applications ?) -> 2nd order optim.

under development

- Advantages:

1. Easy to handle and mesh-free

2. Once trained, solutions/derivatives are instantaneously obtained

3. Can be used in different ways: **promising complementary approach !**

-> Finding unknown physics (sources terms for equilibria) -> inverse problems
in combination with more data

-> Solving multiple solutions (equilibrium, and for reconnection)

under development

see Baty (2023) for ODE's

Conclusions and prospectives

- **Prospectives**
 - **Exploit reconnection solver -> reconsider other fast reconnection solutions
(see Priest & Forbes book 2000)**
 - **Extend to three dimensional MHD equilibria and dynamics**
 - **Extend to time-dependent dynamics (use of data from traditional solvers ?)**

Thank you for your attention

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ODEs

- **Grad-Shafranov equation**

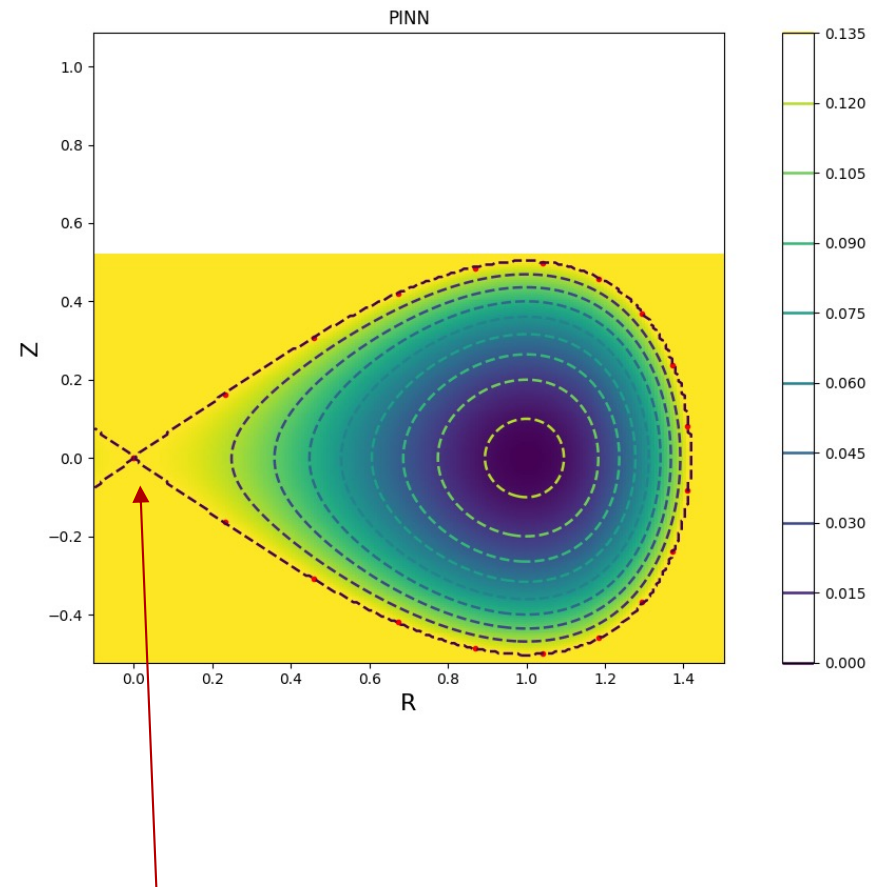
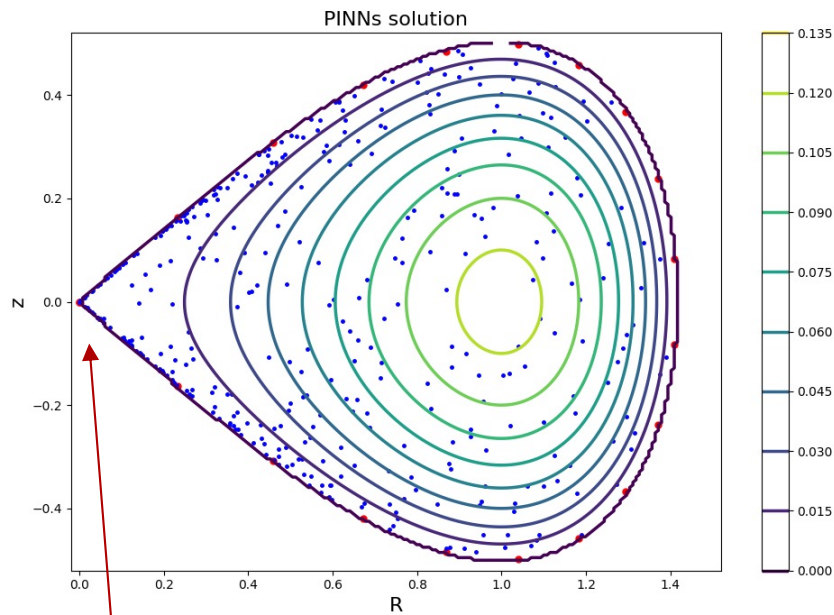
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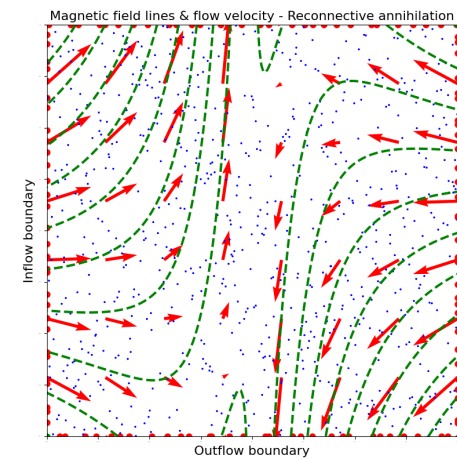
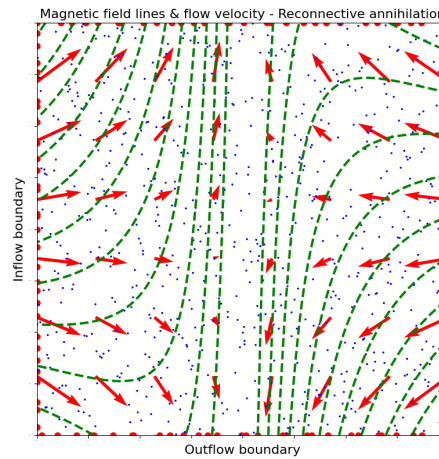
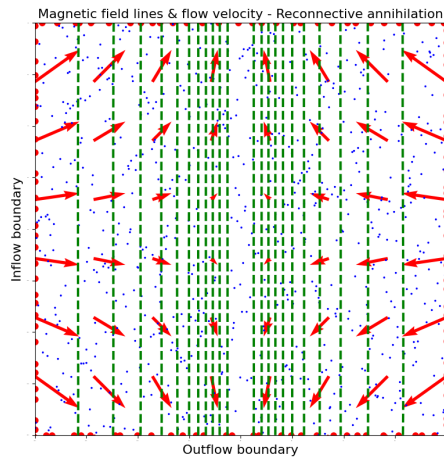
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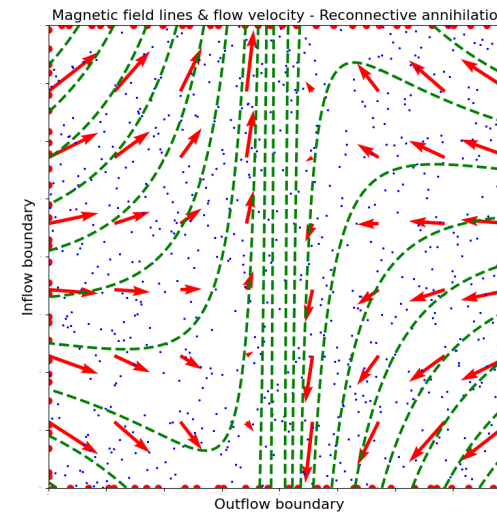
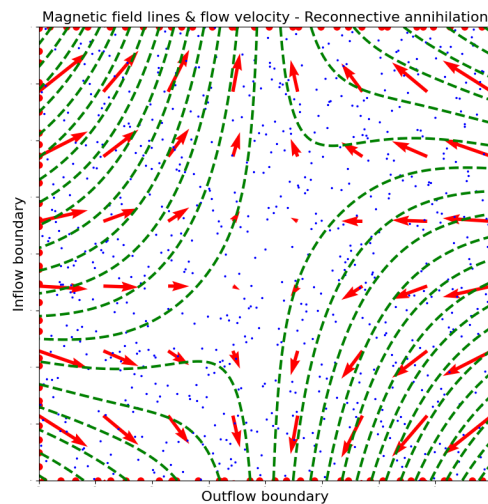


A constraint on zero x and y first derivative of ψ is added at X-point and only 20 Dirichlet training data points are used at boundary

Backup slides (2)



Magnetic reconnection for different β values (0, 0.25, and 0.75) for $\eta = 10^{-2}$



Magnetic reconnection for different resistivity η values (10^{-1} and 10^{-3}) for $\beta = 0.5$