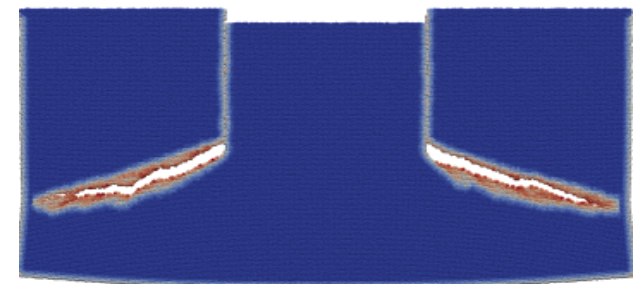
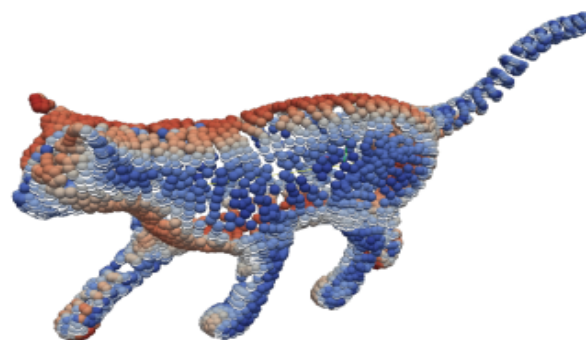
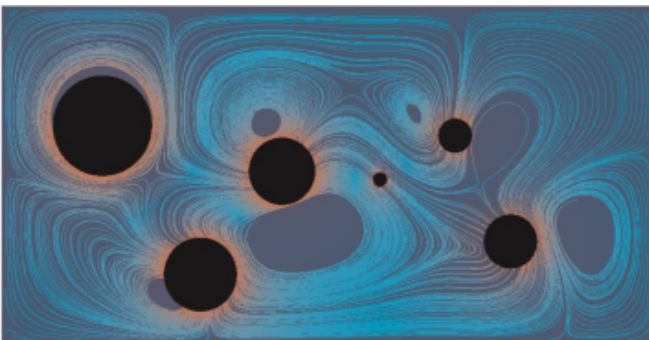


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## Discovery of structure-preserving finite element spaces for multiscale



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## Objective

Data-driven multiscale finite elements w/ structure preservation

## Ingredients:

1. Partition of unity networks for approximation
2. Data-driven exterior calculus (DDEC)
- 3. Data-driven Whitney forms extracting DDEC from POU-nets**

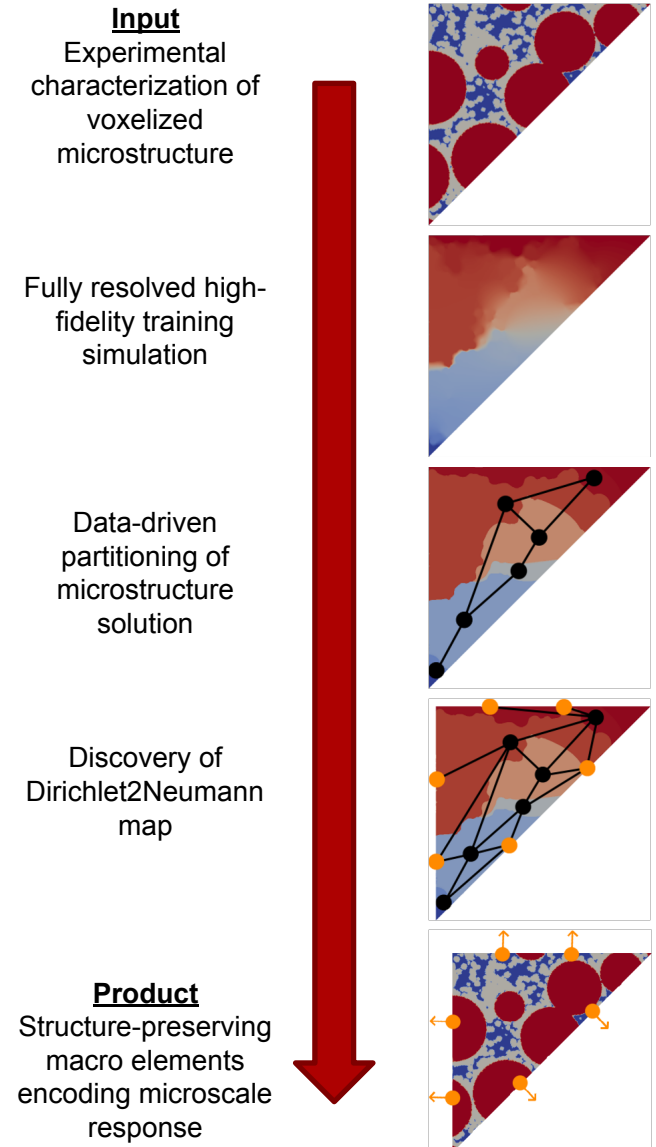
**Paper on arxiv in the coming month – please email for draft**

# Embedding microscale physics into continuum FEM

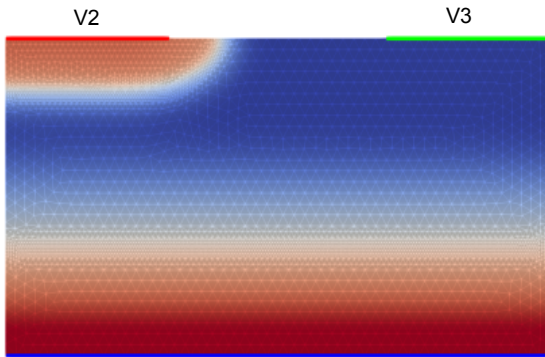
**Problem:** High-throughput scans of microstructure lead to either expensive resolved simulations or oversimplification of microstructure

**CT scans of Li battery:** lithiation-induced failure driven by transport pathways through microstructure

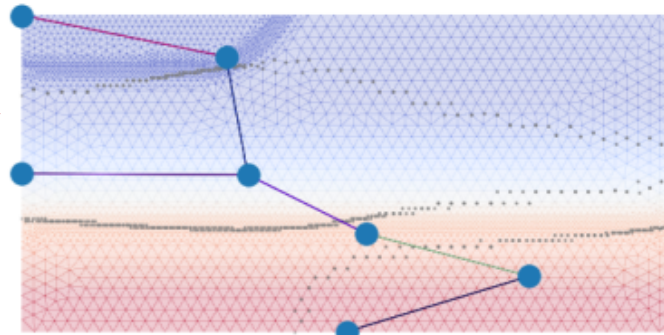
**AI/ML:** Can we develop data-driven FEM which encodes subgrid geometric information while **preserving conservation**



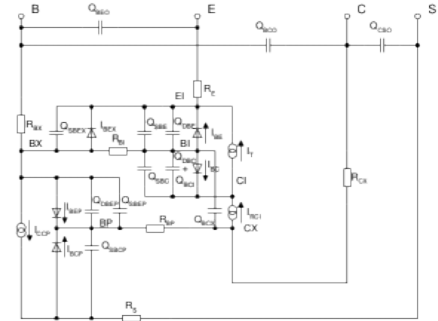
# Multiscale E&M: Radiation-hardened semiconductor design



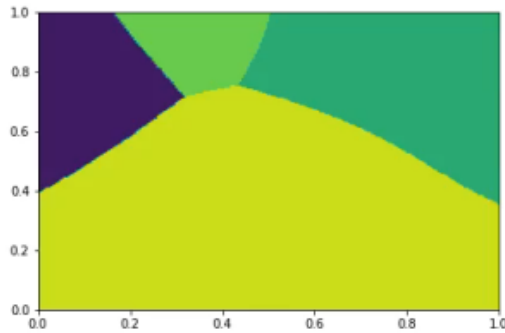
V1  
High-fidelity drift-diffusion  
PDE solution database



Learning data-driven graphical  
model for voltage-current  
relation



**Result:** robust surrogate  
embedded in production circuit  
simulator



Partitioning into physics-  
informed subdomains

- Similar to ROMs – build a database of high-fidelity solns
- Relationship to control volume analysis preserves structure
- Mathematical machinery: data-driven exterior calculus
- **Result:** reduced order electromagnetic models with structure preservation + stability guarantees that can **reliably be scaled up in production circuit simulators**

## Ingredient 1

### Probabilistic partition of unity networks

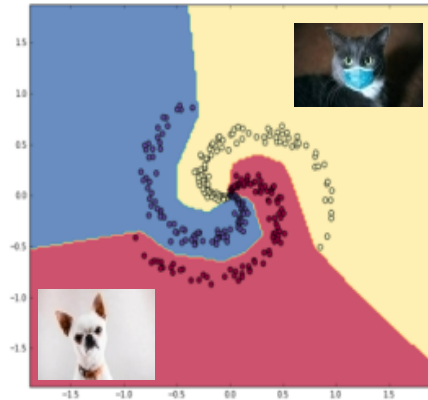
Hybrid architectures combining deep clustering/classification  
with polynomial regression

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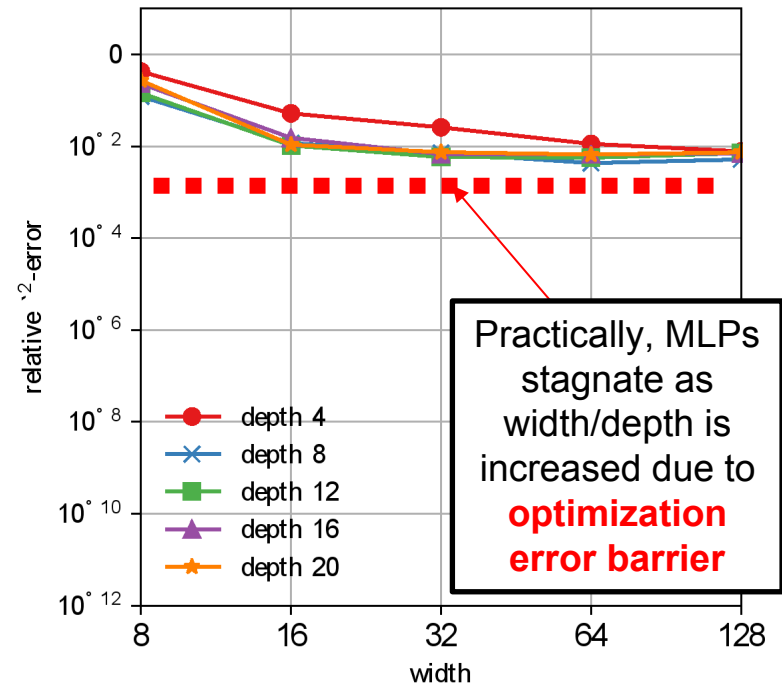
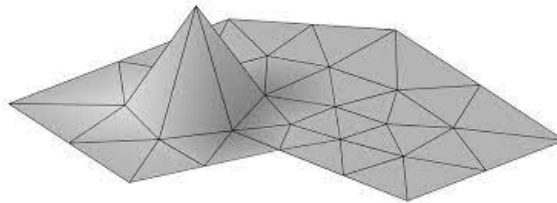
# From theory...

Opschoor et al have established **existence** of neural networks which emulate hp-elements and provide algebraic convergence rates

**Emulation  
of partitions of  
space**



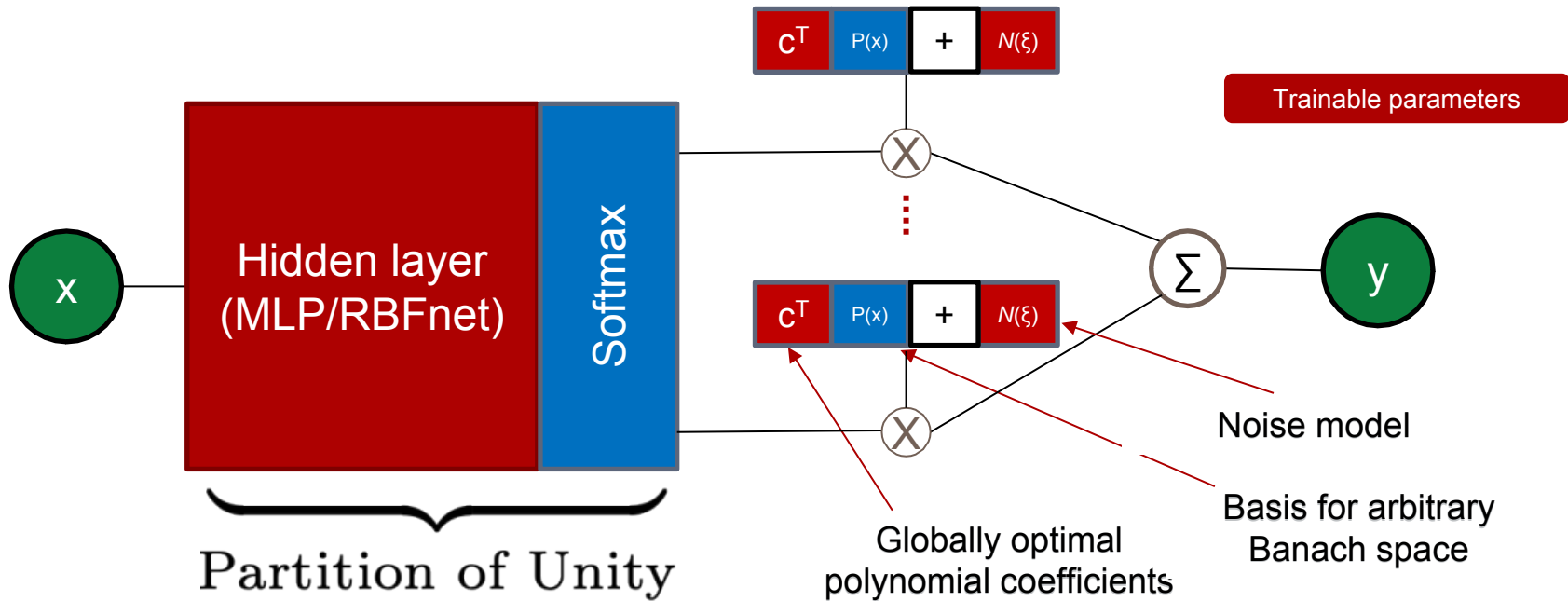
**Emulation  
of monomials on  
each partition**



Practically, MLPs stagnate as width/depth is increased due to **optimization error barrier**

**Not realized when training a network with SGD**

## ... to practice: Partition of Unity-Network

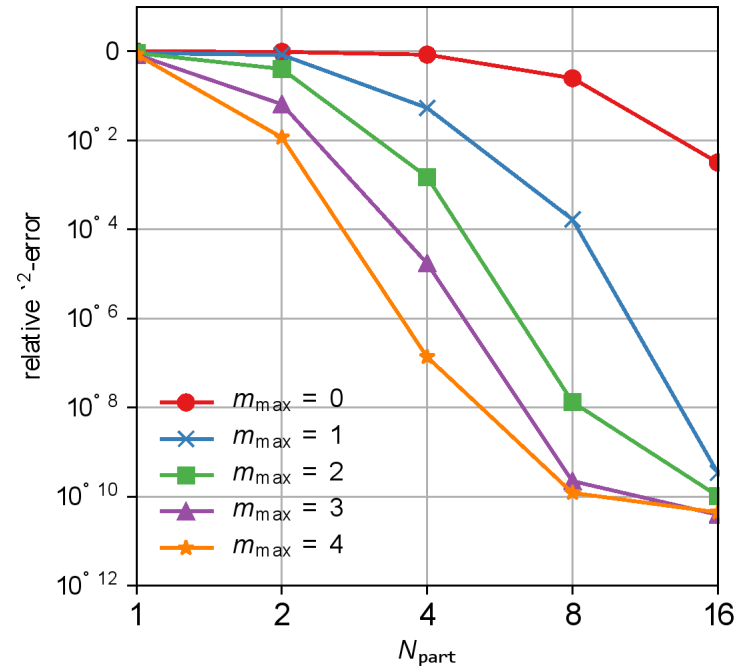
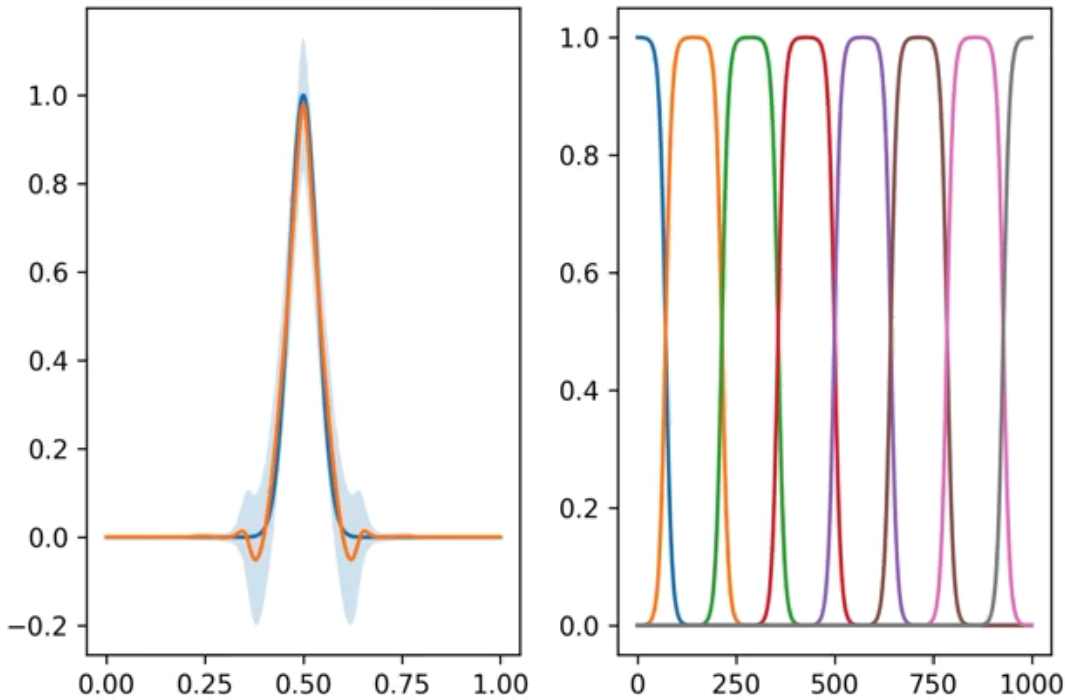


**Don't emulate polynomials + partitions – build them in directly!**

### Training:

- Maximum likelihood over dataset
- Closed form expressions for optimal polynomial fit (**embarrassingly parallel!!!**)
- SGD to move partitions

# Realization of hp-convergence during training



**Output:**  
**Piecewise polynomial space with**  
**built in error estimator**  
**“Optimal” FEM space**

POUnets  
demonstrate algebraic  
convergence rates for smooth  
data

## Ingredient 2

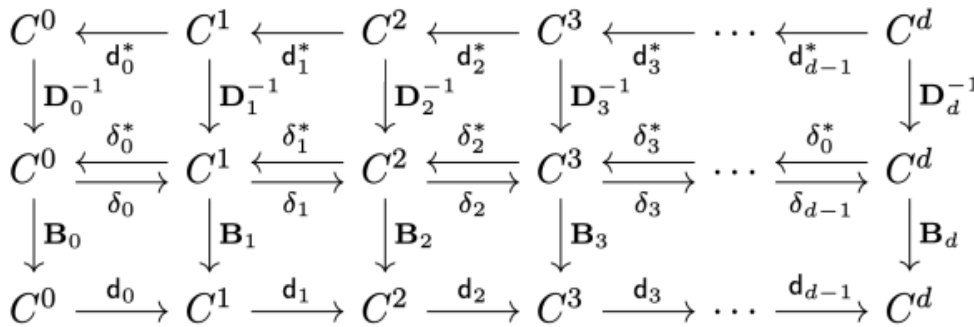
### Data-driven exterior calculus

Extension of mimetic discretization of PDEs to fit div/grad/curl conservation laws to graph network models

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# Machine-learnable graph div/grad/curl that:

- Preserve conservation structure exactly
- Provide **guaranteed solvable** data-driven models
- Handle involution + inf-sup conditions needed for electromagnetics, mechanics, subsurface
- Allow design of **equality-constrained optimizers** that enforce physics to machine  $\epsilon$



**KEY IDEA:** Algebraic topology structures provide mathematical tools for designing **guaranteed robustness independent of available data**

**Theorem 3.1.** The discrete derivatives  $d_k$  in (11) form an exact sequence if the simplicial complex is exact, and in particular  $d_{k+1} \circ d_k = 0$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we have  $CURL_h \circ GRAD_h = DIV_h \circ CURL_h = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** The discrete derivatives  $d_k^*$  in (11) form an exact sequence of the simplicial complex is exact, and in particular  $d_k^* \circ d_{k+1}^* = 0$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $DIV_h^* \circ CURL_h^* = CURL_h^* \circ GRAD_h^* = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.3** (Hodge Decomposition). For  $C^k$ , the following decomposition holds

$$C^k = \text{im}(d_{k-1}) \oplus_k \ker(\Delta_k) \oplus_k \text{im}(d_k^*), \quad (17)$$

where  $\oplus_k$  means the orthogonality with respect to the  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{D_k B_k^{-1}}$ -inner product.

**Theorem 3.4** (Poincaré inequality). For each  $k$ , there exists a constant  $c_{P,k}$  such that

$$\|z_k\|_{D_k B_k^{-1}} \leq c_{P,k} \|d_k z_k\|_{D_{k+1} B_{k+1}^{-1}}, \quad z_k \in \text{im}(d_k^*),$$

and another constant  $c_{P,k}^*$  such that

$$\|z_k\|_{D_k B_k^{-1}} \leq c_{P,k}^* \|d_{k-1}^* z_k\|_{D_{k-1} B_{k-1}^{-1}}, \quad z_k \in \text{im}(d_{k-1}).$$

Thus, for  $u_k \in C^k$ , we have

$$\inf_{h_k \in \ker(\Delta_k)} \|u_k - h_k\|_{D_k B_k^{-1}} \leq C \left( \|d_k u_k\|_{D_{k+1} B_{k+1}^{-1}} + \|d_{k-1}^* u_k\|_{D_{k-1} B_{k-1}^{-1}} \right),$$

where constant  $C > 0$  only depends on  $c_{P,k}$  and  $c_{P,k}^*$ .

**Theorem 3.5** (Invertibility of Hodge Laplacian). The  $k^{\text{th}}$ -order Hodge Laplacian  $\Delta_k$  is positive-semidefinite, with the dimension of its null-space equal to the dimension of the corresponding homology  $H^k = \ker(d_k) / \text{im}(d_{k-1})$ .

**Theorem 0.1.** Assume  $\mathcal{NN}$  has Lipschitz constant  $L_N$  and that  $\mathcal{NN}(0) = 0$ . If  $\epsilon L_N < 1$ , then the model problem has unique solution  $u_k \in \mathbb{V}$  satisfying

$$\|u_k\|_a \leq \frac{\|f\|_{-a}}{(1 - \epsilon L_N)}. \quad (1)$$

# General optimization problem

Fluxes:  $\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{d}_k \mathbf{u}_k + \epsilon \mathcal{N} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{d}_k \mathbf{u}_k; \xi),$

Conservation:  $\mathbf{d}_{k-1}^* \mathbf{d}_{k-1}^* \mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{d}_k^* \mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}_k.$

➔  $a(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}; \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}) + N_{\mathbf{v}}[\mathbf{u}; \xi] = b(\mathbf{v})$

Invertible bilinear form  
w/ metric params

Nonlinear perturbation  
with DNN params

## Output

Without assuming a governing equation, get a variational model guaranteed to be **exactly**:

- Stable
- Solvable
- Structure-preserving

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}, \xi} \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_{\text{data}}\|^2$$

such that  $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}; \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}, \xi] = 0$

## Ingredient 3

### **Data-driven Whitney forms extracting DDEC from POU-nets**

Extraction of a discrete Stokes theorem from partitions in  
POU-nets

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# A Gauss divergence theorem from a POU

**Idea:** If POU provides automatic differentiable generalization of an indicator function on a cell, can we generalize the Gauss divergence theorem?

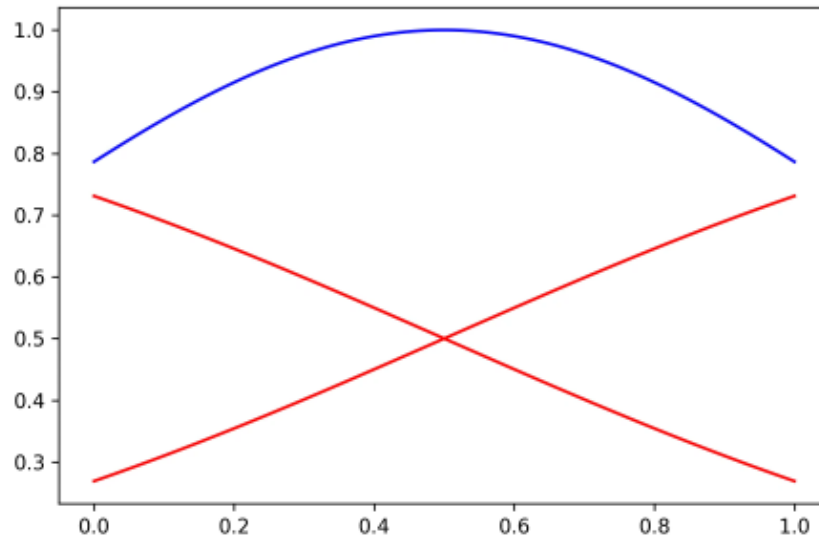
$$\int_c \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} dx = \int_{f \in \partial c} \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

POUs generalize cell

If we can define a boundary operator, then we obtain a conservative discrete divergence

Red: POU on cells  
Blue: Boundary of POU

In limit of disjoint partitions, want to recover oriented Dirac distribution



# Whitney forms defining data-driven differential forms

- Let  $\psi_i = \phi_i$ . Define a function space  $V_0 = \{\sum_i c_i \psi_i(x) \mid c_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_0}\}$ .
- Integrating by parts we obtain

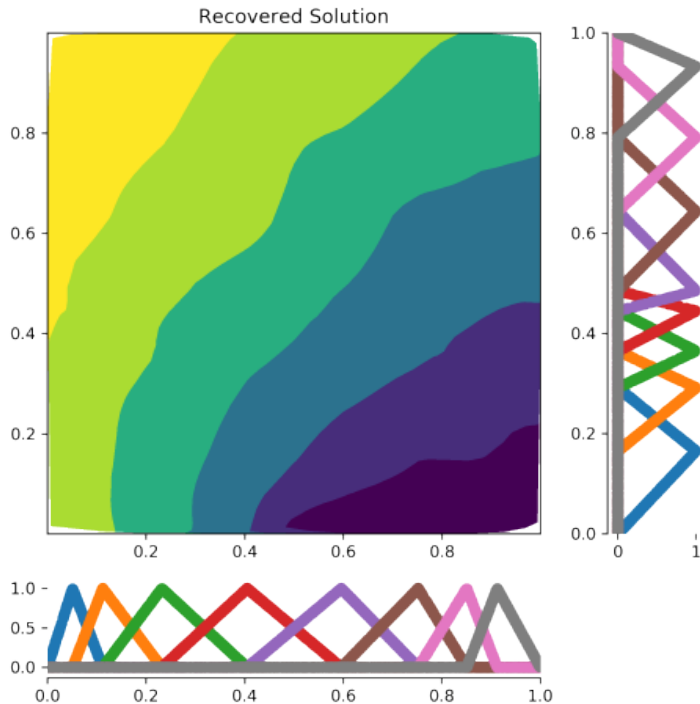
$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Omega} \psi_i \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \\ &= - \sum_j \int_{\Omega} \phi_j \nabla \phi_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \\ &= \sum_{j \neq i} \int_{\Omega} (\phi_i \nabla \phi_j - \phi_j \nabla \phi_i) \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \\ &= \sum_{j \neq i} \int_{\Omega} \psi_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA\end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi_{ij} = \phi_i \nabla \phi_j - \phi_j \nabla \phi_i$ , and we note that  $\psi_{ij} = -\psi_{ji}$ .

**H(grad) Whitney form. Same construction holds  
in higher dim to obtain de Rham complex on arbitrary manifolds**

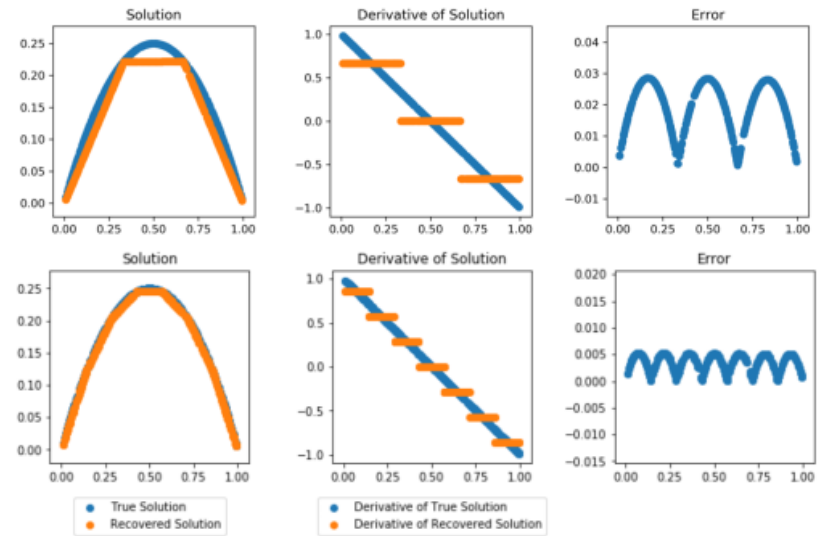
# A necessary ingredient: POU allowing exact quadrature

**Idea:** Beyond this current project, any variational method requires integration of neural networks. Can we design POU-Net with closed form exact quadrature?



$$\begin{aligned}
 -\Delta u &= 0 & \text{on } \Omega' &= [-1, 1] \times [0, 1] \\
 \partial_n u &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N &= [-1, 0] \times \{0\} \\
 u &= g(r, \theta) & \text{on } \Gamma_D &= \partial\Omega' \setminus \Gamma_N.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \int_{\Omega'} D\Phi D\Phi^T + \beta \int_{\Gamma_D} \Phi\Phi^T, \quad b = \beta \int_{\Gamma_D} g\Phi.$$

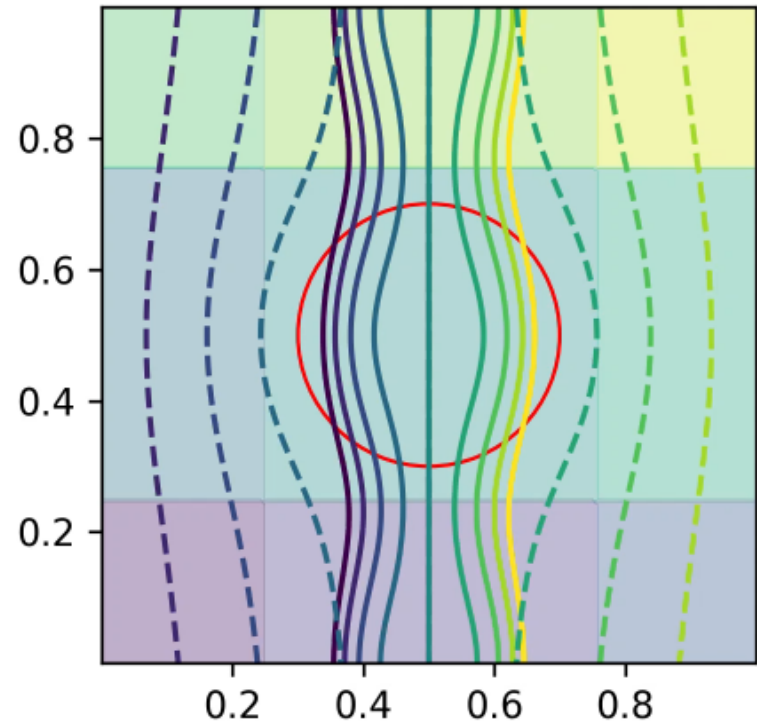
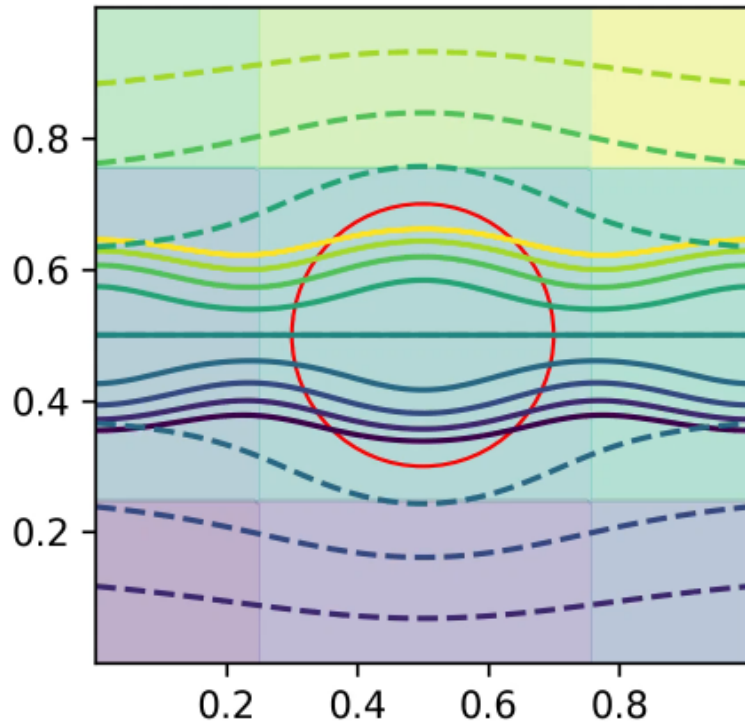


**For example applying to DeepRitz network:**

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# Finally: POUs + DDEC = Discovery of multiscale FEM



Obtain a finite element with microstructure embedded in terms of local conservation balances

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## Open source software

- GMLS-nets: learning from unstructured data through meshfree approximation (<https://github.com/rgp62/gmls-net>)
- MOR-Physics: Modal Operator Regression for physics discovery (<https://github.com/rgp62/MOR-Physics>)