



# PARAMETER ESTIMATION IN CARDIAC BIOMECHANICAL MODELS BASED ON PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL NETWORKS

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# Background and Motivation



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- Great potential of biophysical models for **personalised medicine**, e.g. for cardiovascular diseases
- Parameter estimation and model calibration are challenging, due to the **complexity** of the cardiac function and availability of **clinical measurements**
- Parameter estimation methods can benefit from **machine learning**
- Aims of this work:
  - Extension of **physics-informed neural networks (PINN)** methodology to time-dependent 3D non-linear elasticity problems for **cardiac** applications
  - Investigation of training methodologies
  - Identification of **biophysical properties** of the myocardial tissue



Caforio et al, arXiv 2023

# Methodology: PINNs

**Objective:** identify the **solution**  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}; \mu)$  and the unknown **parameters**  $\mu$  given:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}; \mu) = \mathbf{f} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{g} & \text{on } \Gamma \end{cases}$$

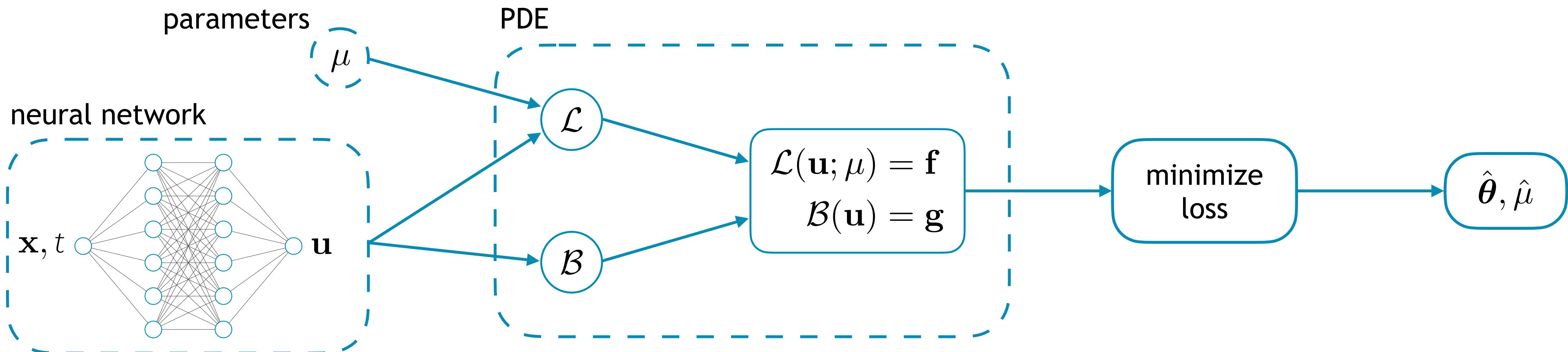
with  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

or

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}; \mu) = \mathbf{f} & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T] \\ \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{g} & \text{on } \Gamma \end{cases}$$

with  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} : \Omega \times (0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

considering **noisy observations**  $\mathbf{u}_i^{\text{OBS}} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{OBS}}; \mu) + \epsilon$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, N_{\text{OBS}}$

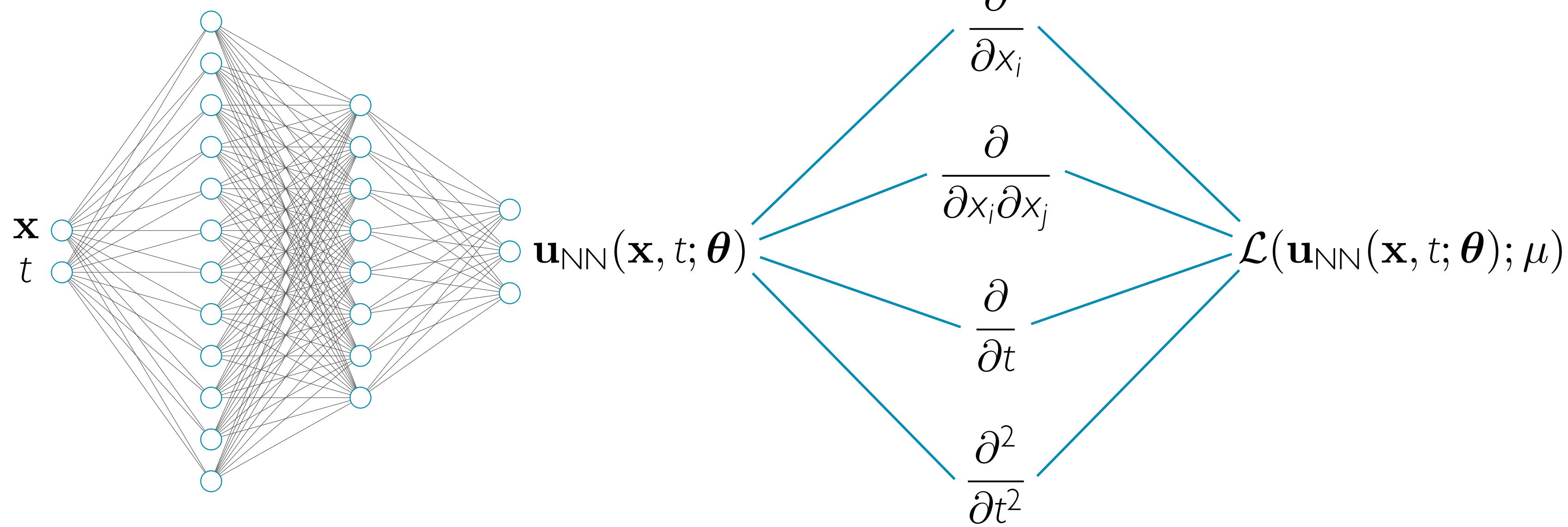


**Objective:** Find the weights and biases  $\hat{\theta}$  of a NN and the unknown parameters  $\hat{\mu}$  s.t.

$$\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\mu, \theta} \| \mathbf{u}_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{x}^{\text{OBS}}; \mu, \theta) - \mathbf{u}^{\text{OBS}} \|^2 + \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{u}_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{x}^{\text{COL}}; \mu, \theta))$$

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

REGULARISATION



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DIFFERENTIATION



Raissi et al, JCP 2019

# Methodology: PINNs

**Objective:** Find the weights and biases  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  of an ANN and the unknown parameters  $\hat{\mu}$  s.t.

$$\min_{\mu, \boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{J}_{\text{OBS}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathcal{J}_{\text{PDE}}(\mu, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathcal{J}_{\text{BC}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

with  $\mathcal{J}_{\text{OBS}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\lambda_{\text{OBS}}}{N_{\text{OBS}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{OBS}}} \|\mathbf{u}_i^{\text{OBS}} - \mathbf{u}_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{OBS}}; \boldsymbol{\theta})\|^2$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{PDE}}(\mu, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\lambda_{\text{PDE}}}{N_{\text{PDE}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{PDE}}} \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{PDE}}) - \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{PDE}}; \boldsymbol{\theta}); \mu)\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_{\text{BC}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = & \frac{\lambda_{\text{BC},D}}{N_{\text{BC},D}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{BC},D}} \|\mathbf{u}_{\Gamma_D}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{BC},D}) - \mathbf{u}_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{BC},D}; \boldsymbol{\theta})\|^2 + \\ & \frac{\lambda_{\text{BC},N}}{N_{\text{BC},N}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{BC},N}} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_{\text{NN}}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{BC},N}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{BC},N}) - p \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{BC},N})\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \lambda_w \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|^2$

# Methodology: Random Fourier Features



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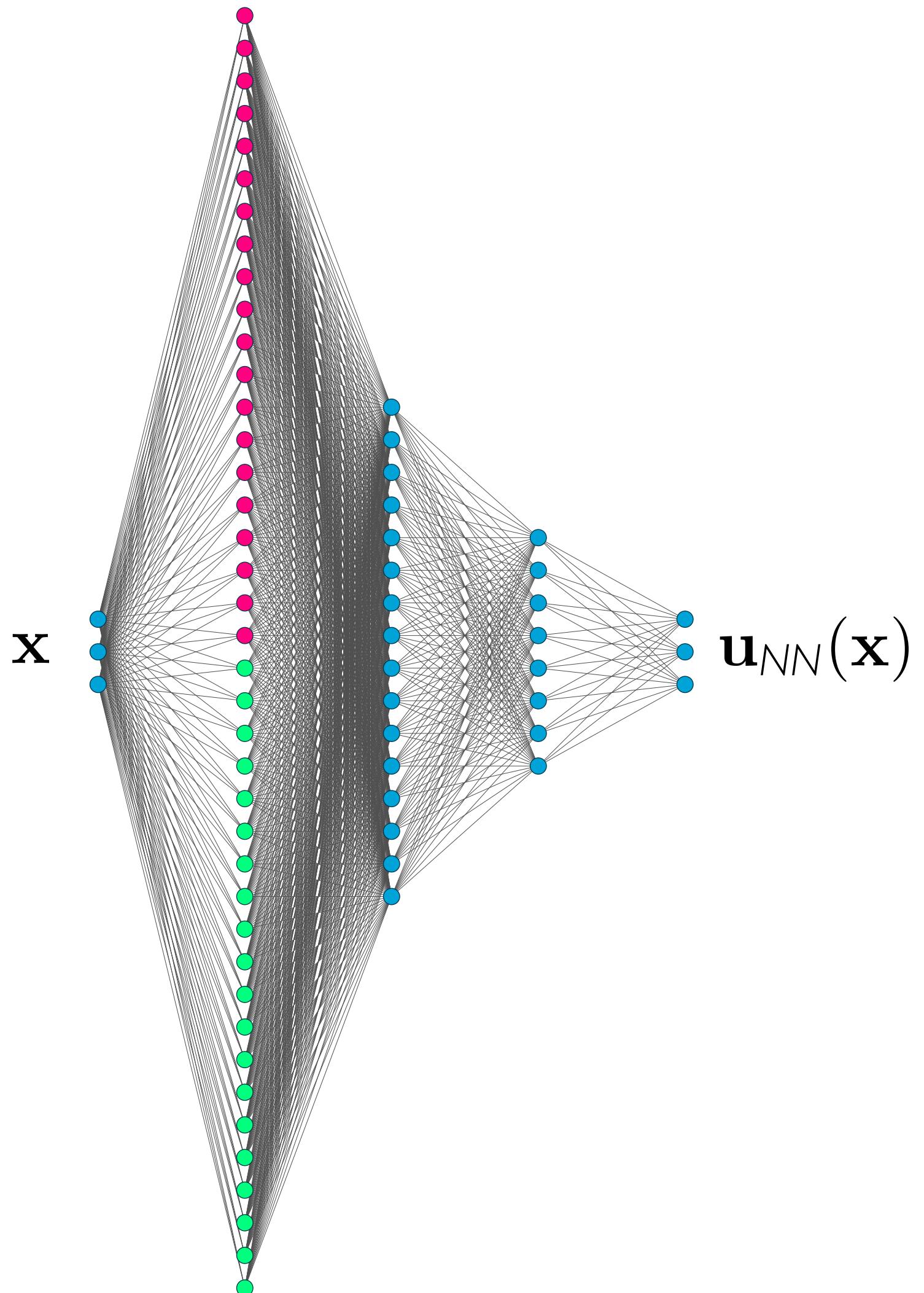
Idea: Replace first layer with non-trainable frequency features:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma : \mathbb{R}^{\text{input}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2p} \\ \mathbf{x} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\mathbf{Bx}) \\ \sin(\mathbf{Bx}) \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times \text{input}} \quad \text{with} \quad b_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_F)$$

Results in a network architecture

$$\mathbf{u}_{NN}(\mathbf{x}) = L_K \circ L_{K-1} \circ \dots \circ L_1(\gamma(\mathbf{x})) \quad \text{with} \quad L_k(\mathbf{y}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}_k)$$



Tancik et al, AIPS 2020

# Methodology: Exact Boundary Condition



Idea: Dirichlet boundary  $\Gamma_D$  can be explicitly imposed with a distance function:

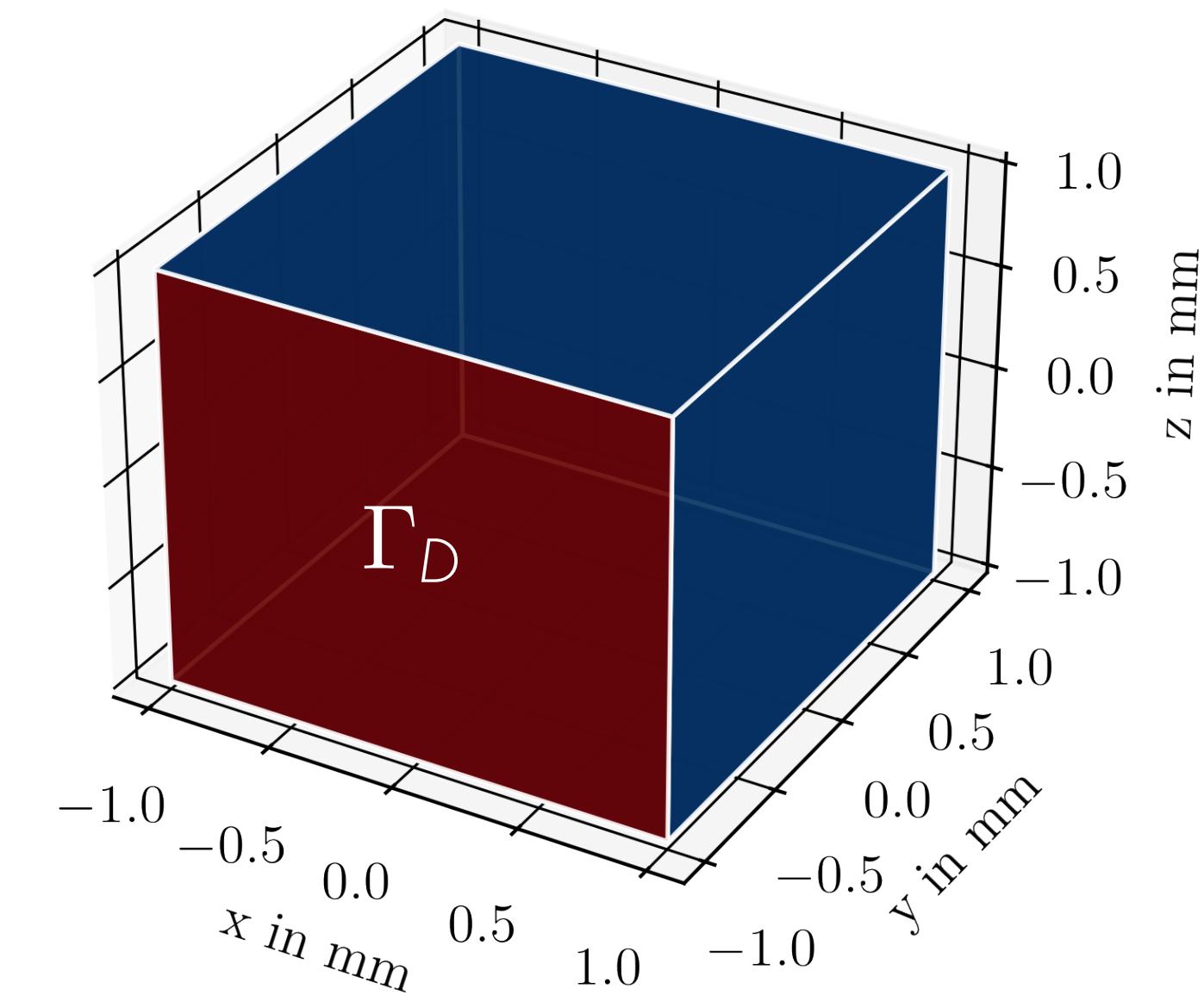
$$\begin{cases} \phi : \mathbb{R}^{\text{input}} & \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbf{x} & \mapsto \text{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \text{proj}_{\Gamma_D}(\mathbf{x})) \end{cases}$$

This results in a network architecture:

$$\mathbf{u}_{NN}^{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}_{NN}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}) + G(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with } G(\mathbf{x}) \text{ extension of boundary}$$

Especially for homogeneous boundary conditions:

$$\mathbf{u}_{NN}^{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}_{NN}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x})$$



$$\phi_{\Gamma_D}(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{E}_y \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_y\|^2$$



# Guccione Model for Passive Stress

- Quasi-static problem:

Find  $\mathbf{u}$  s.t.

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n} = -p J \mathbf{F}^{-T} \mathbf{n} & \text{on } \Gamma_N \\ \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n} + k \mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_R \end{cases}$$

with  $\mathbf{P} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial \mathbf{F}}$

- Transverse-isotropic material:

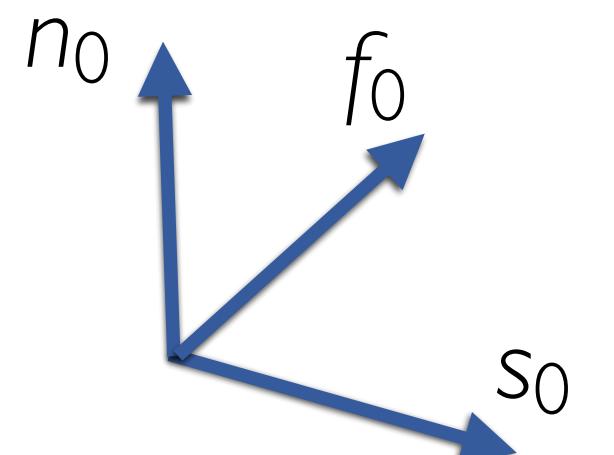
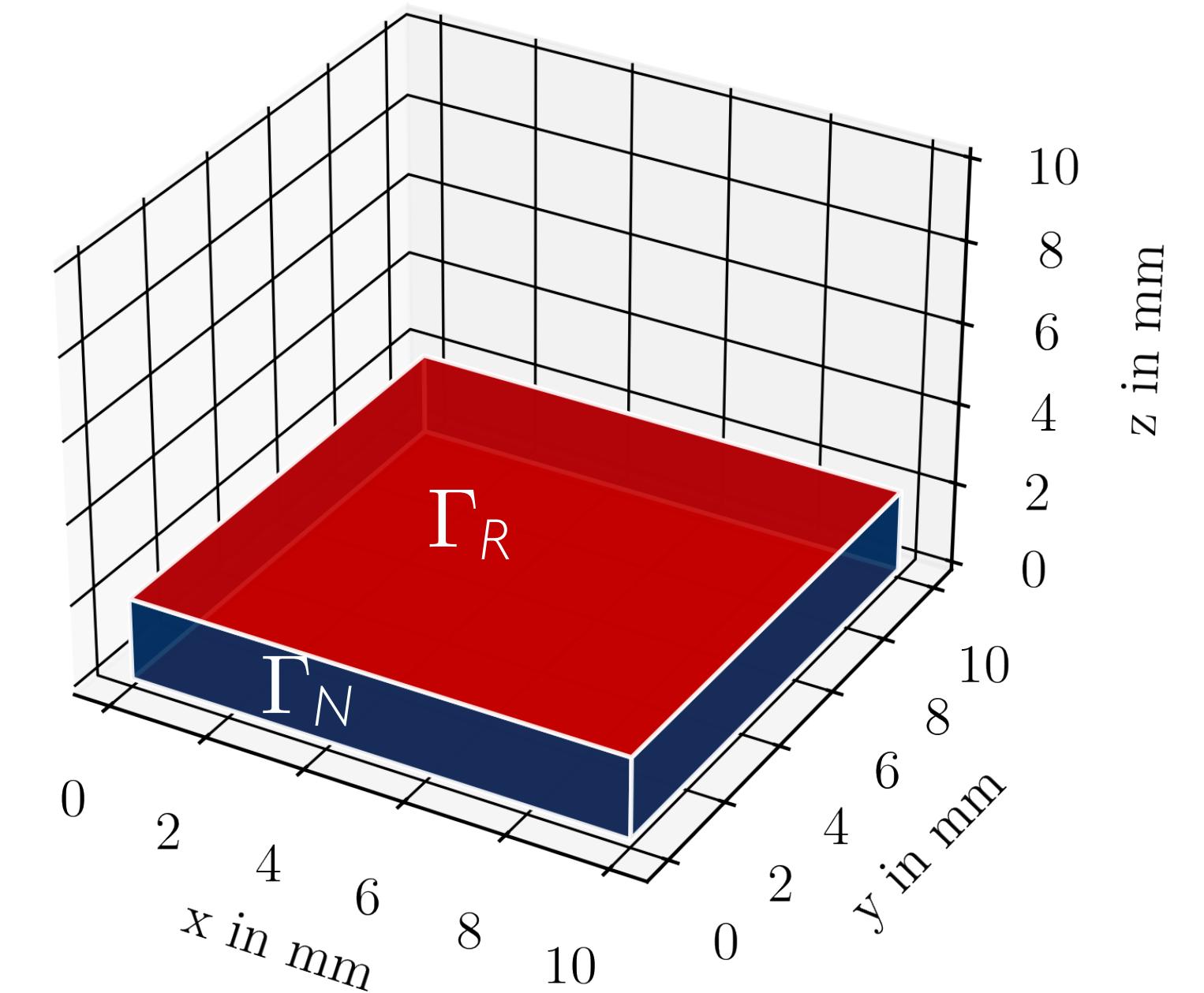
$$\mathcal{W} = \frac{\mu}{2} (\exp \bar{Q} - 1) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\log J)^2$$

with  $\bar{Q} = b_f (\mathbf{f}_0 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{f}_0)^2 + b_t \left[ (\mathbf{s}_0 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{s}_0)^2 + (\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{n}_0)^2 + 2(\mathbf{s}_0 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{n}_0)^2 \right] + 2 b_{fs} \left[ (\mathbf{f}_0 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{s}_0)^2 + (\mathbf{f}_0 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{n}_0)^2 \right]$

- Geometry: Parallelepiped

- Parameters:

$b_f$	$b_t$	$b_{fs}$
18,48	3,58	1,627



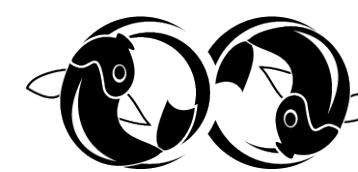
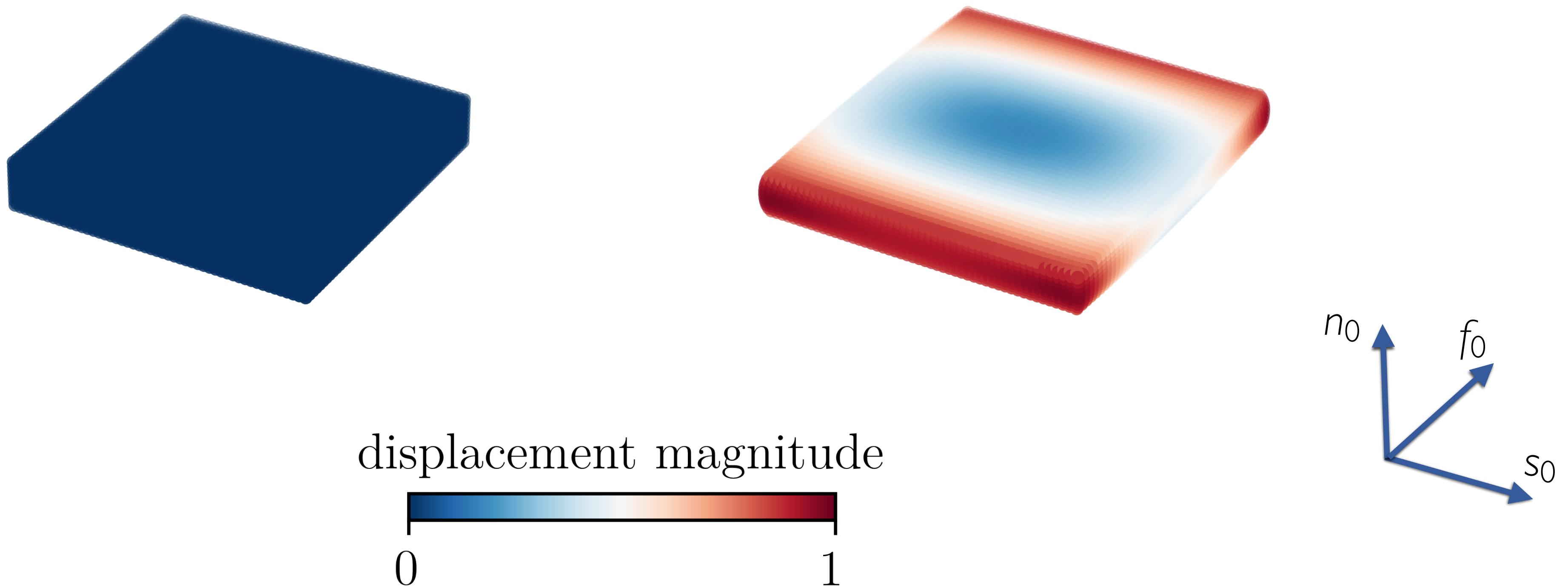
# Guccione model for Passive Stress: Forward Solution



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- stiffness:  $\mu = 10 \text{ kPa}$ , nearly-incompressible material :  $\lambda = 1000 \text{ kPa}$



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# Guccione Model for Passive Stress: PINN-based Reconstruction of Forward Solution

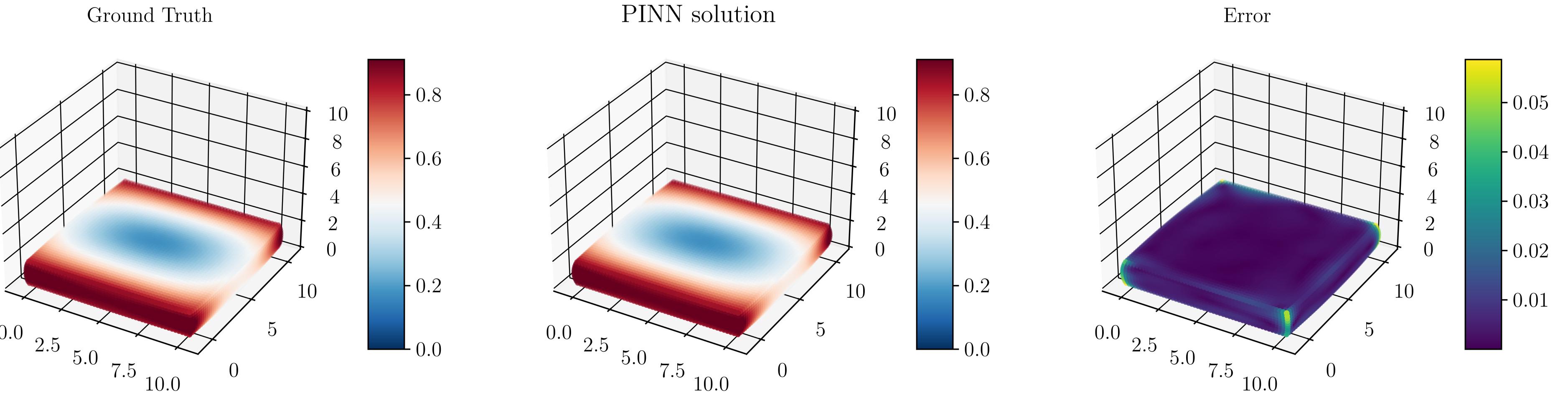
- $C = 0$
- 500 data points

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{u} + \epsilon$$

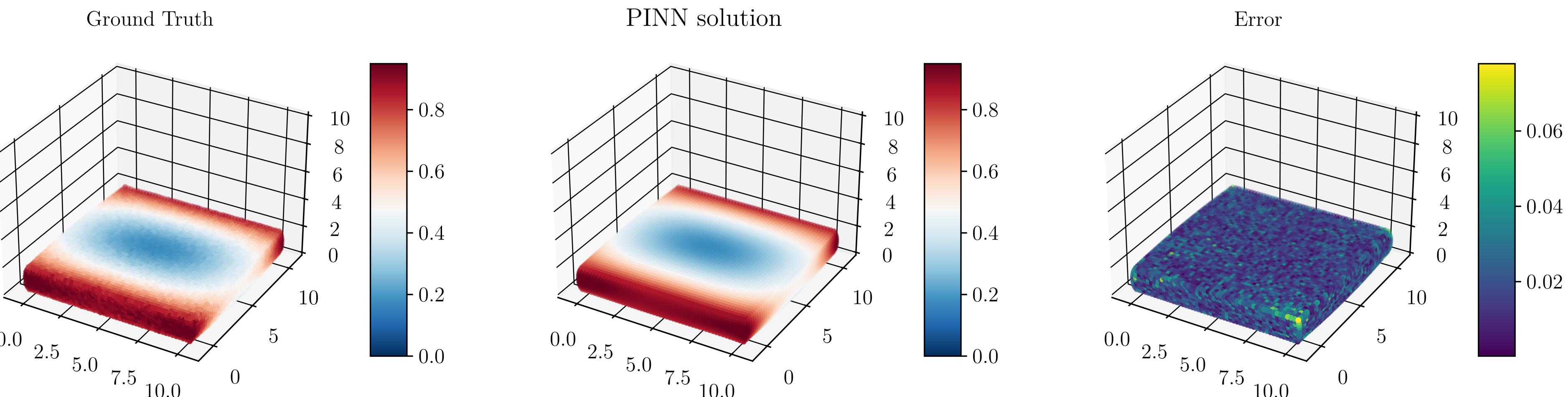
$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$C = \frac{3\sigma}{\max(\mathbf{u})}$$

- $C = 0.05$
- 1000 data points



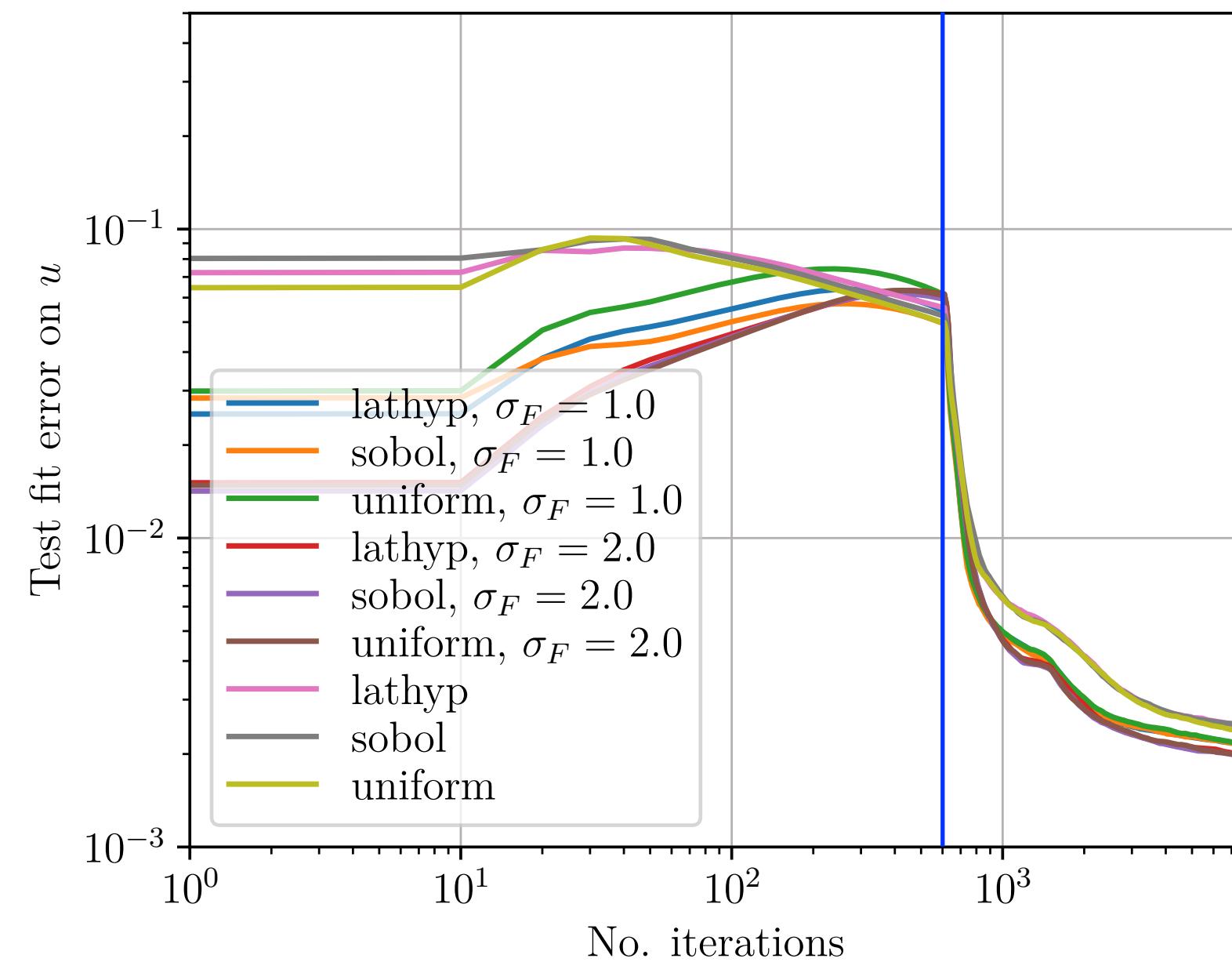
No Fourier features | 900 boundary points | 500 data points | Sobol sampling



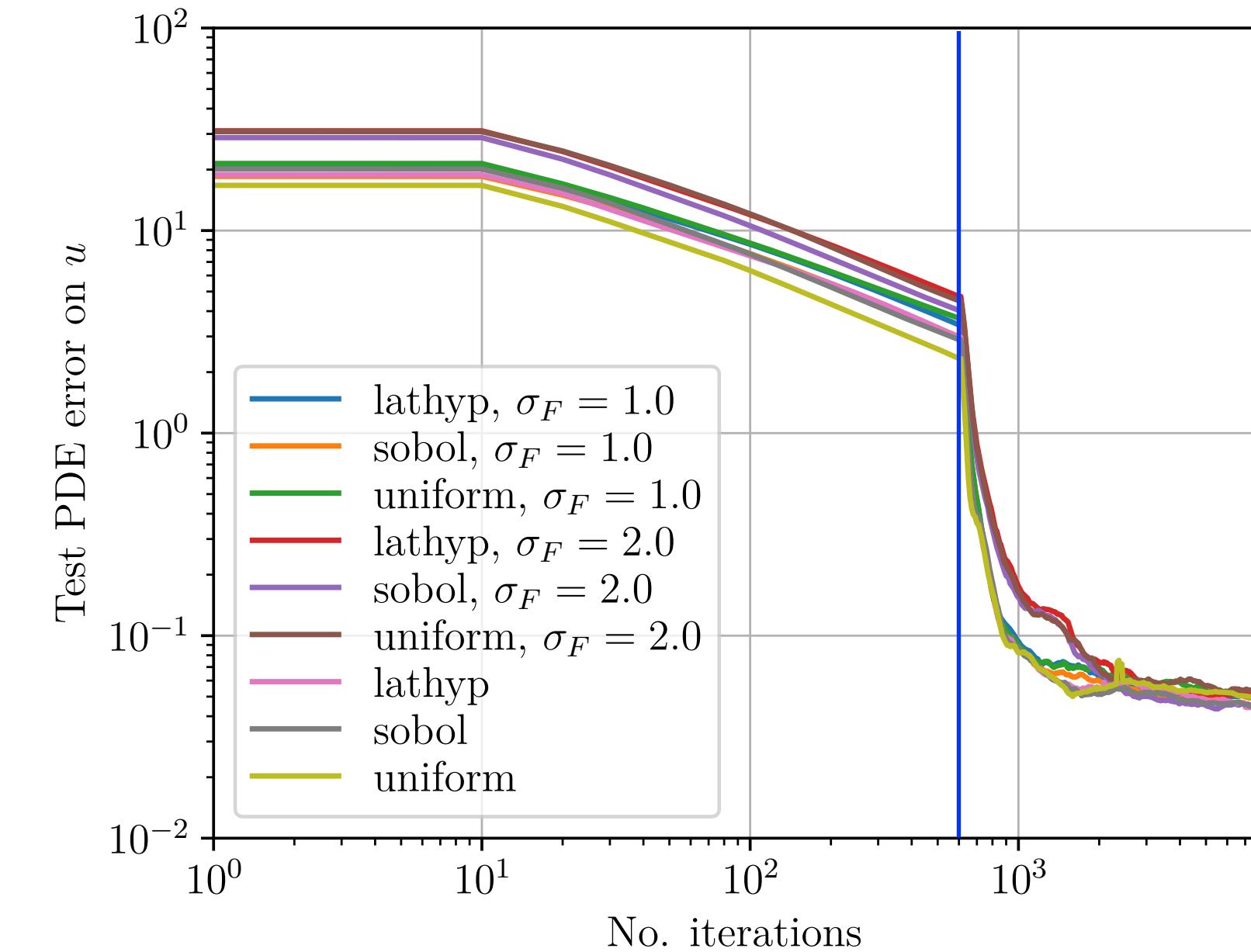
No Fourier features | 2100 boundary points | 1000 data points | Sobol sampling

# Guccione Model for Passive Stress: Loss Terms

- Fit loss  $\sqrt{\mathcal{J}_{\text{OBS}}(\theta)}$  on test points,  $C = 0$



- PDE loss  $\sqrt{\mathcal{J}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta)}$  on test points,  $C = 0$

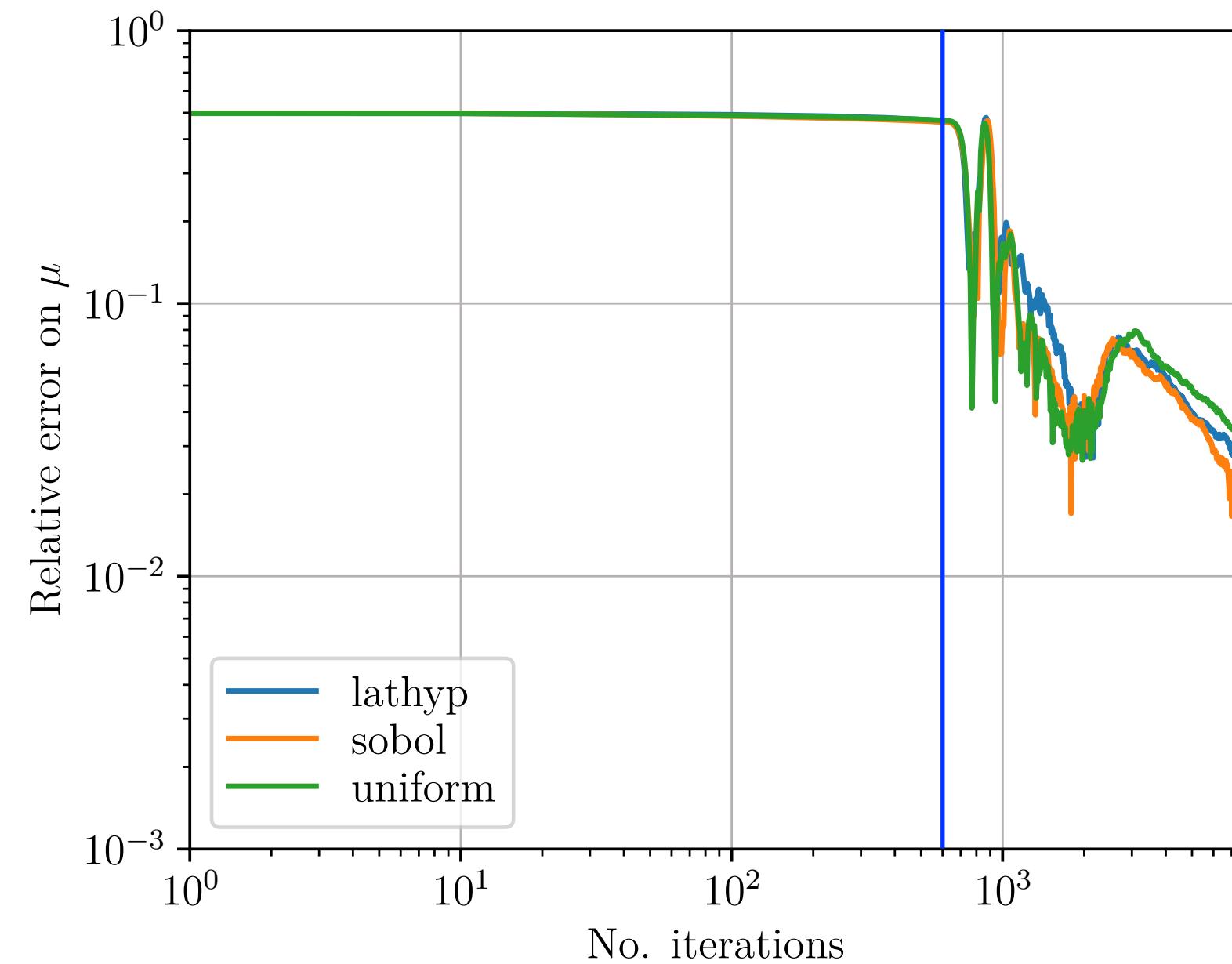


- 500 test points
- 10 seeds
- 600 Adam + 7000 BFGS

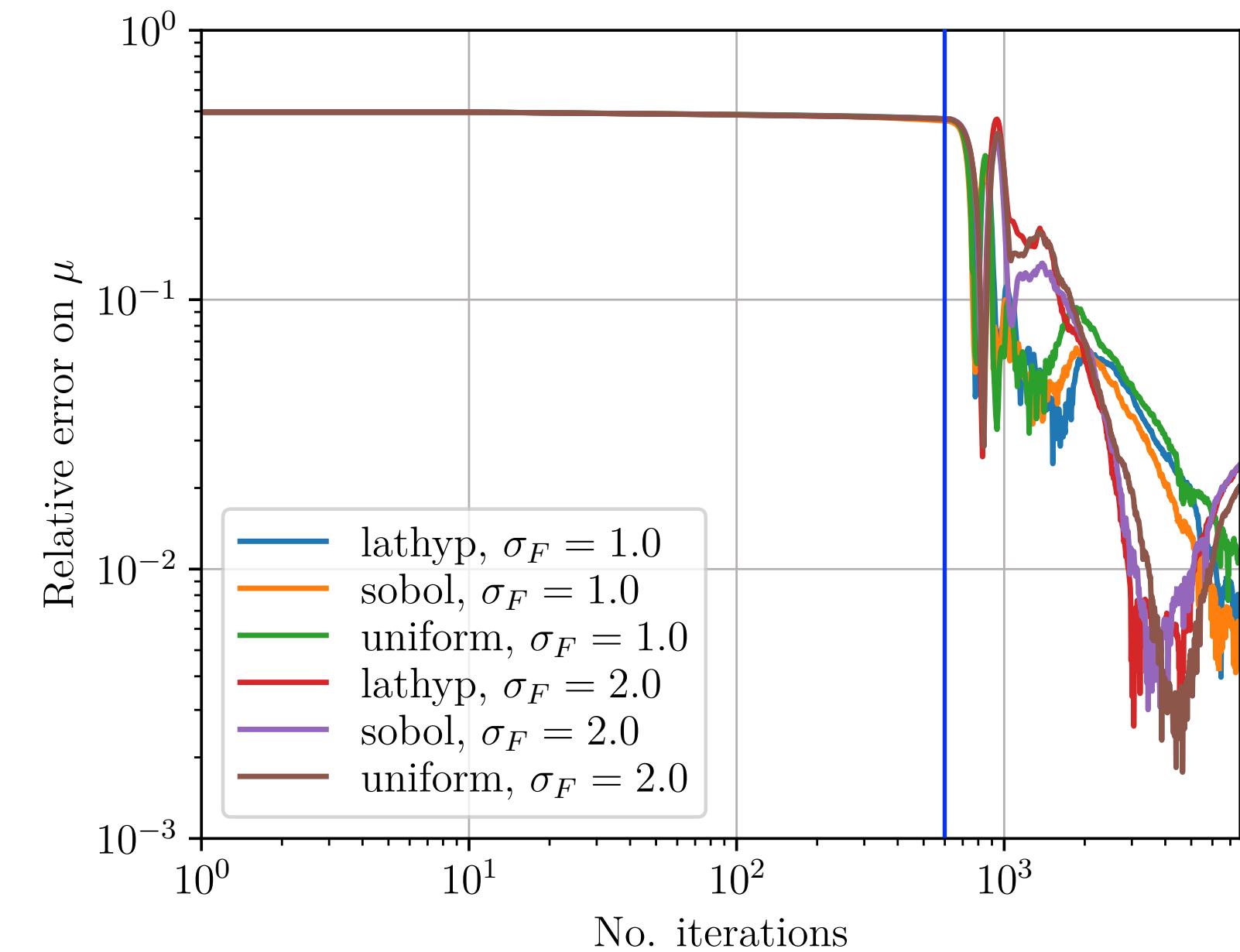
# Guccione Model for Passive Stress: PINN-based Estimation of Stiffness



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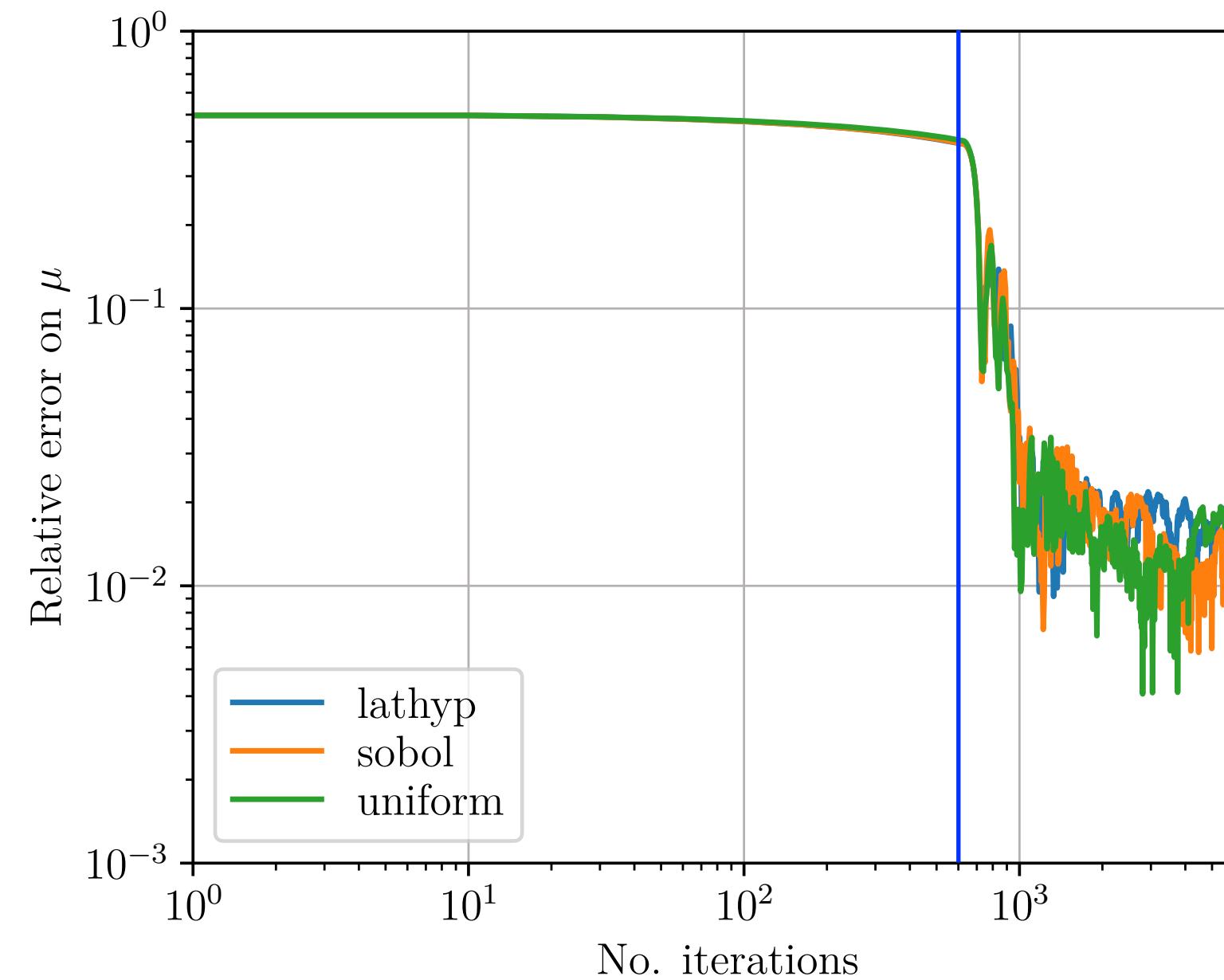
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Sampling	Vanilla Net	Fourier Layer $\sigma_F = 1$	Fourier Layer $\sigma_F = 2$
Uniform	3.4E-02	1.5E-02	2.1E-02
Sobol	2.9E-02	1.3E-02	2.9E-02
LatHyp	3.2E-02	1.3E-02	2.7E-02

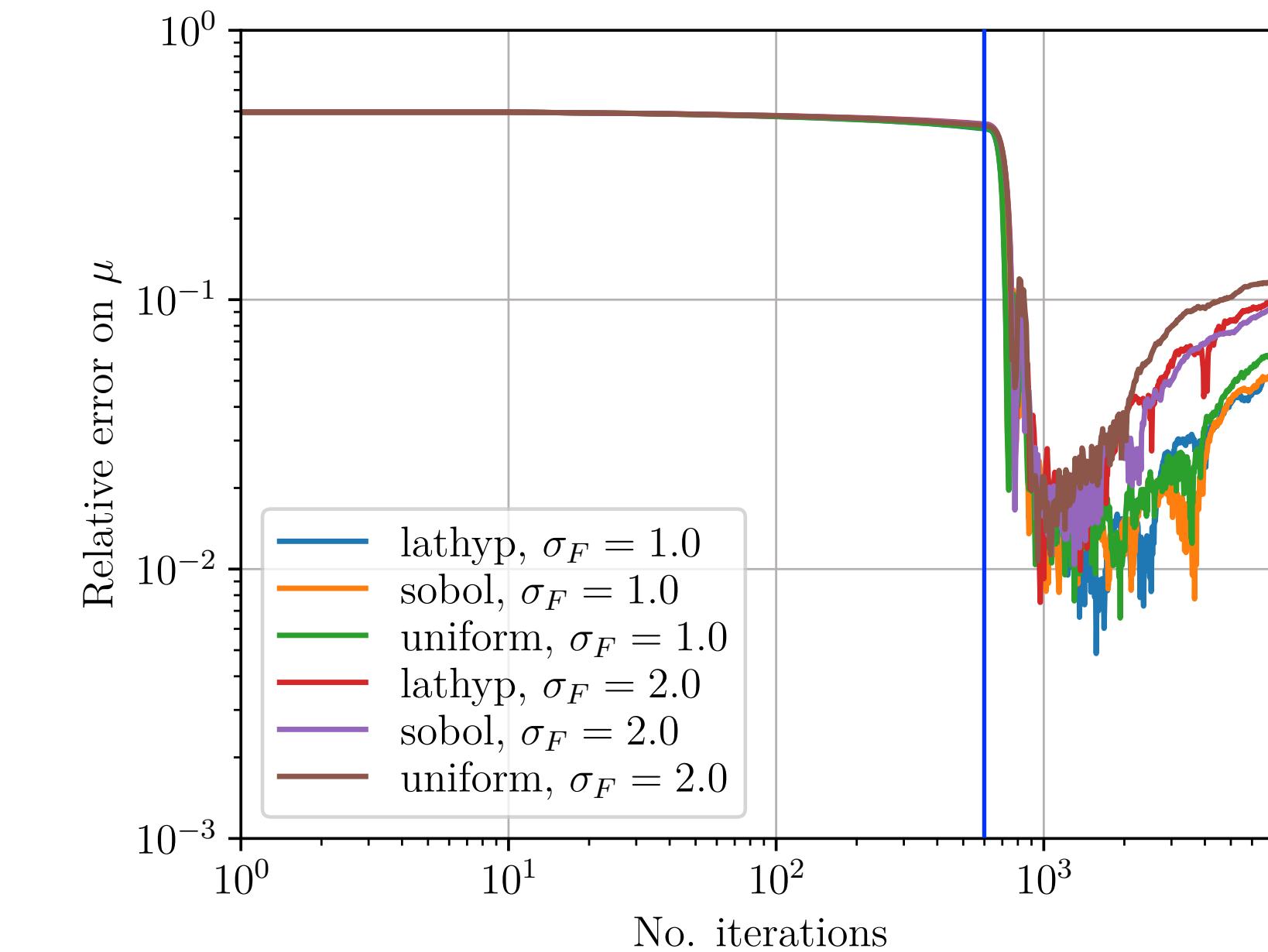
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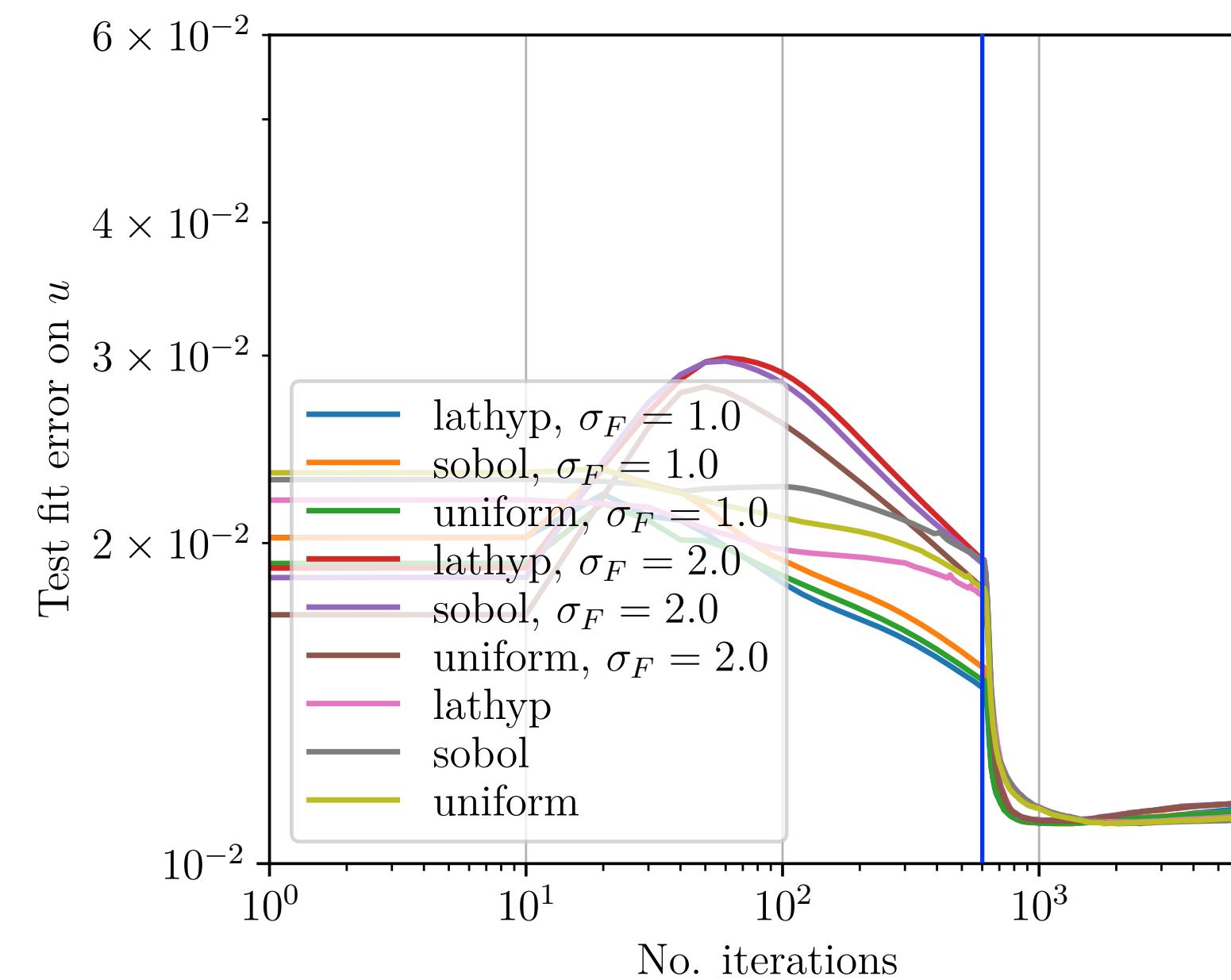


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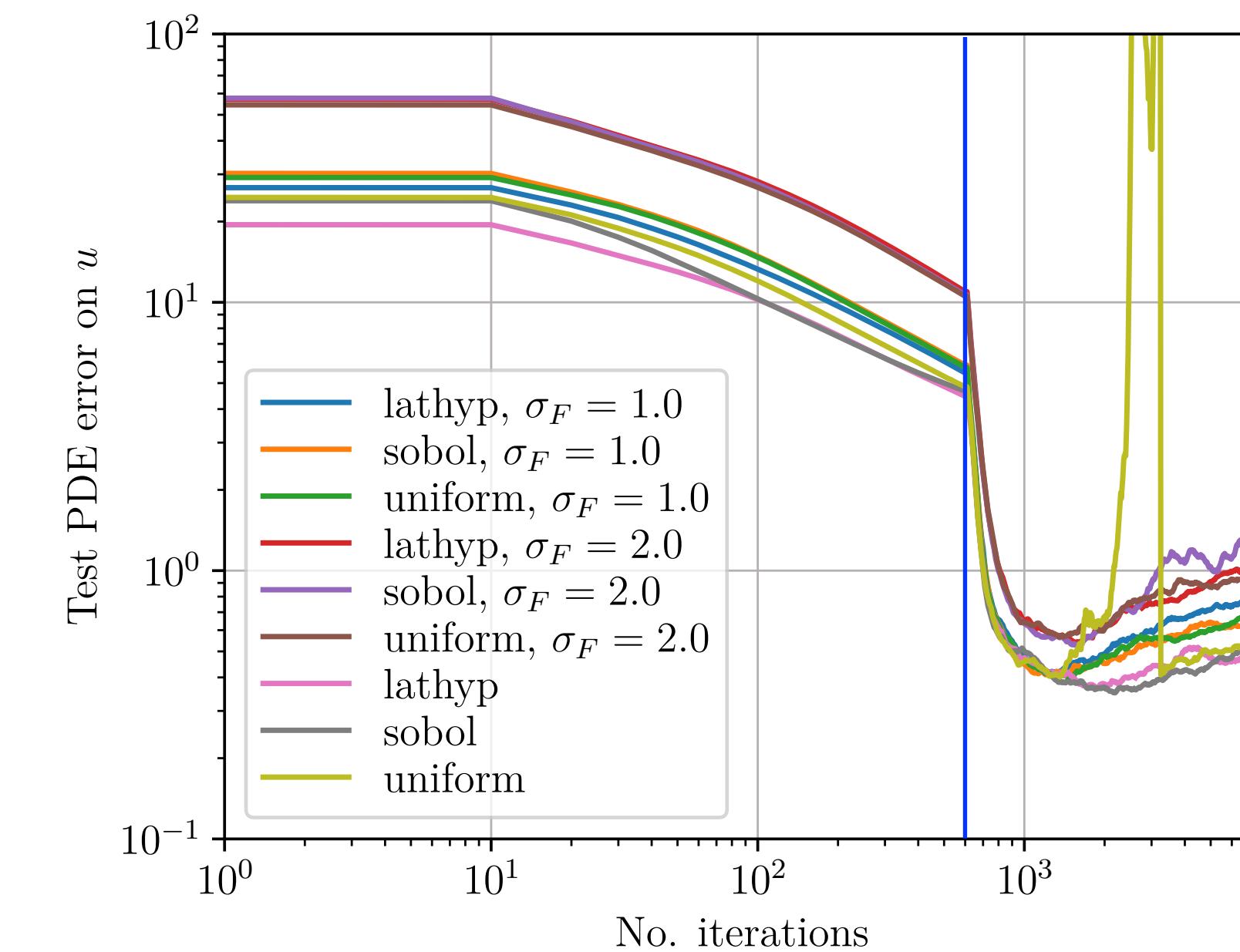
Sampling	Vanilla Net	Fourier Layer $\sigma_F = 1$	Fourier Layer $\sigma_F = 2$
Uniform	4.6E-02	8.4E-02	1.3E-01
Sobol	3.5E-02	7.6E-02	1.1E-01
LatHyp	3.9E-02	6.9E-02	1.3E-01

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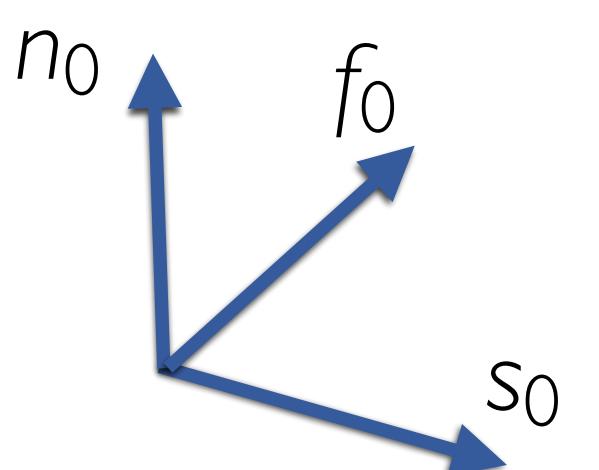
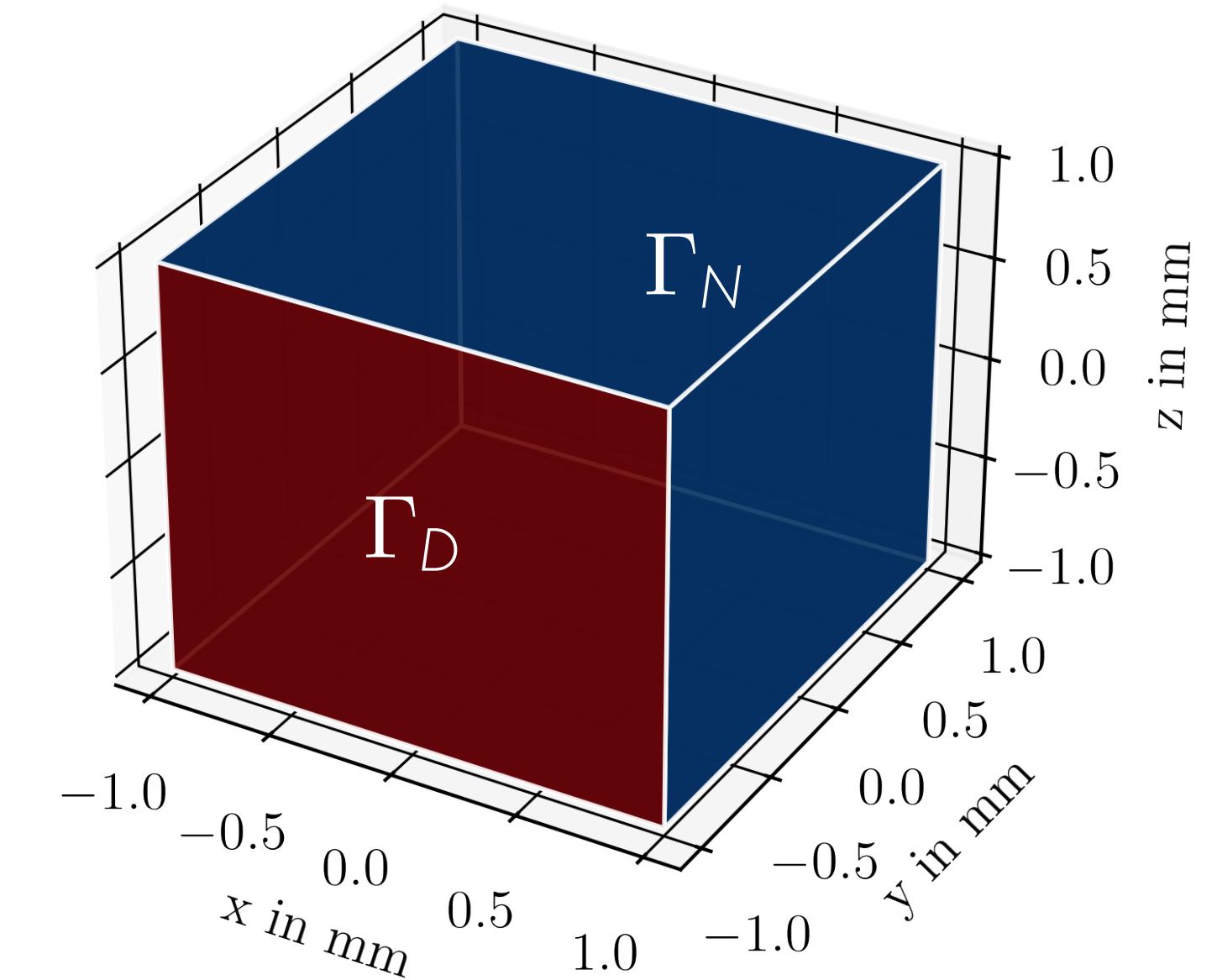
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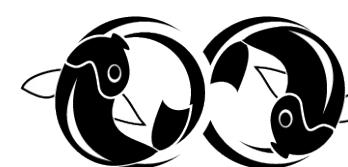
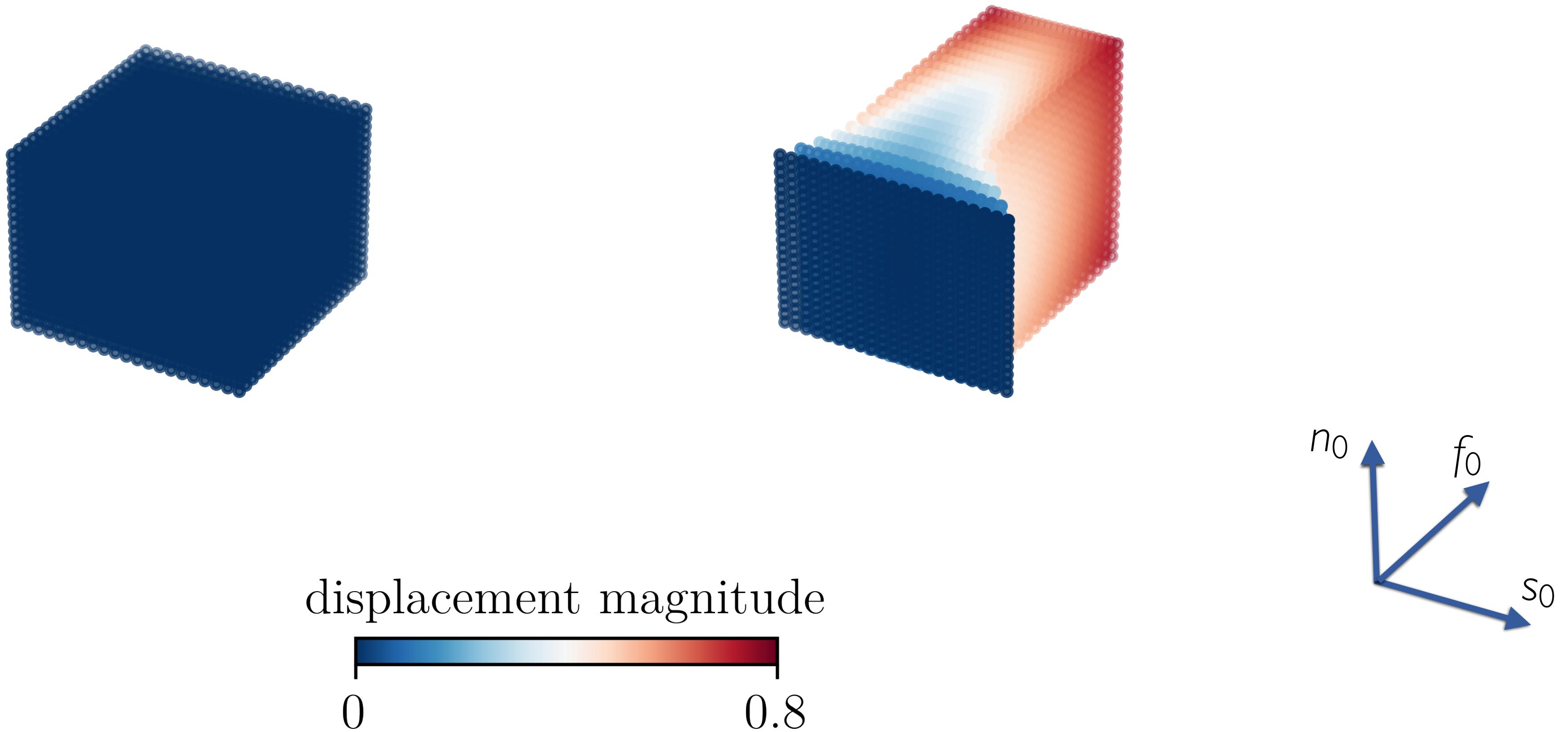
- Geometry: Cube



# Ambrosi Pezzuto Model for Active Stress: Forward Solution



- stiffness:  $\mu = 0.8 \text{ kPa}$ , nearly-incompressible material:  $\lambda = 650 \text{ kPa}$
- active stress parameter:  $S_a = 118 \text{ kPa}$



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# Ambrosi Pezzuto Model for Active Stress: PINN-based Reconstruction of Forward Solution



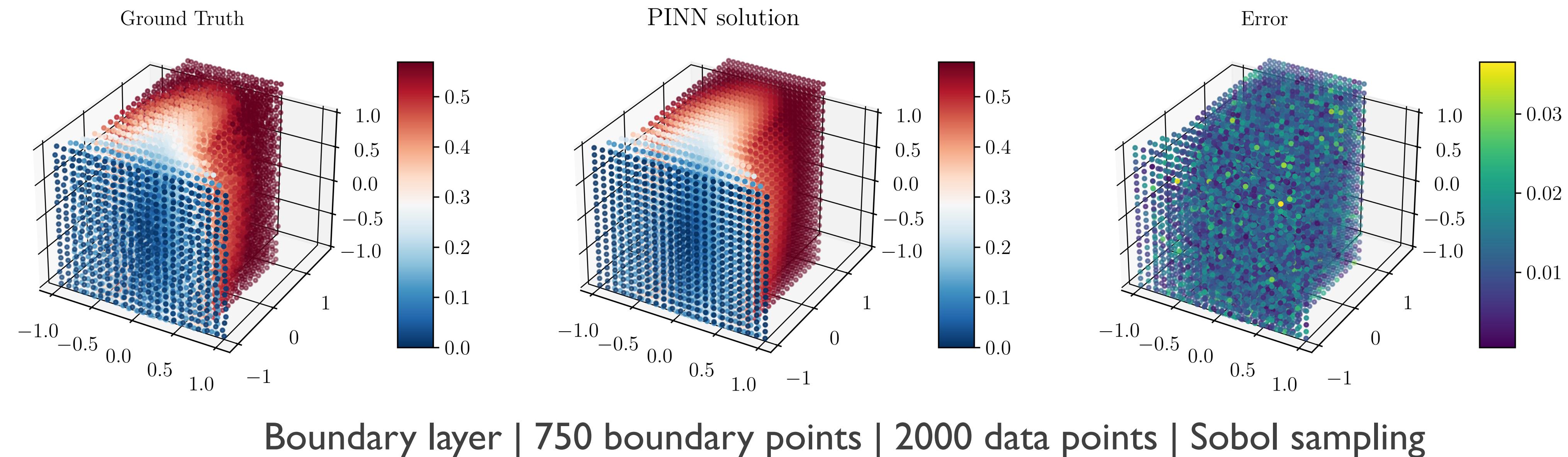
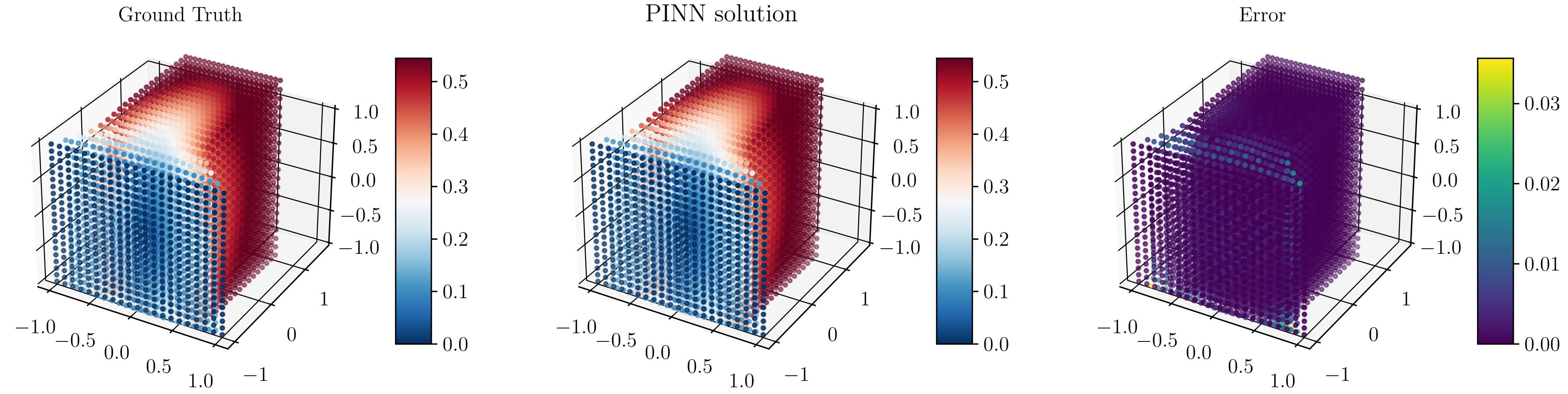
- $C = 0$
- 500 data points**

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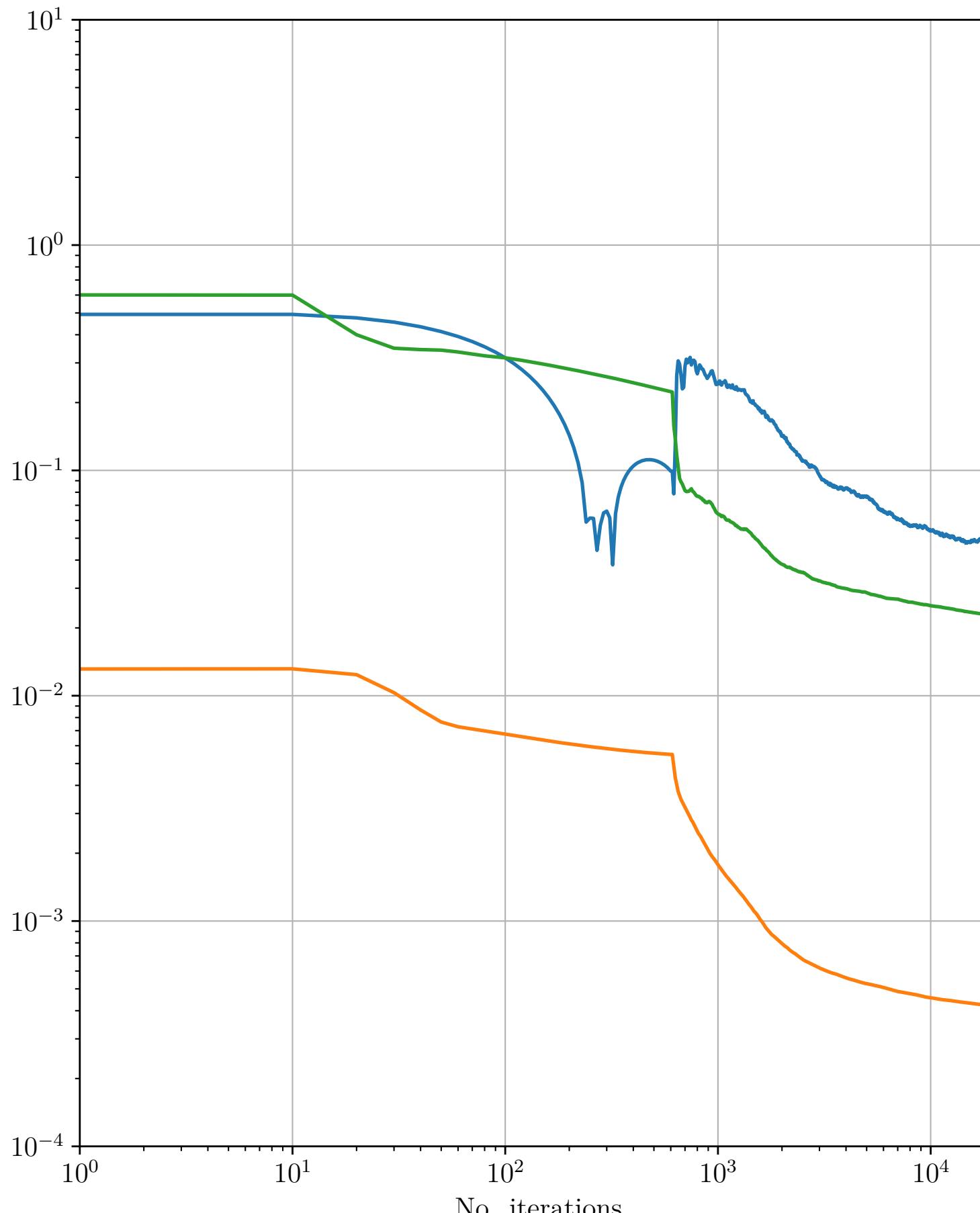
- $C = 0.05$
- 2000 data points**



# Ambrosi Pezzuto Model for Active Stress: PINN-based Reconstruction of Stress

- With implicit Dirichlet boundary,  $C = 0$

Relative error on  $S_a$ : 4.9E-02

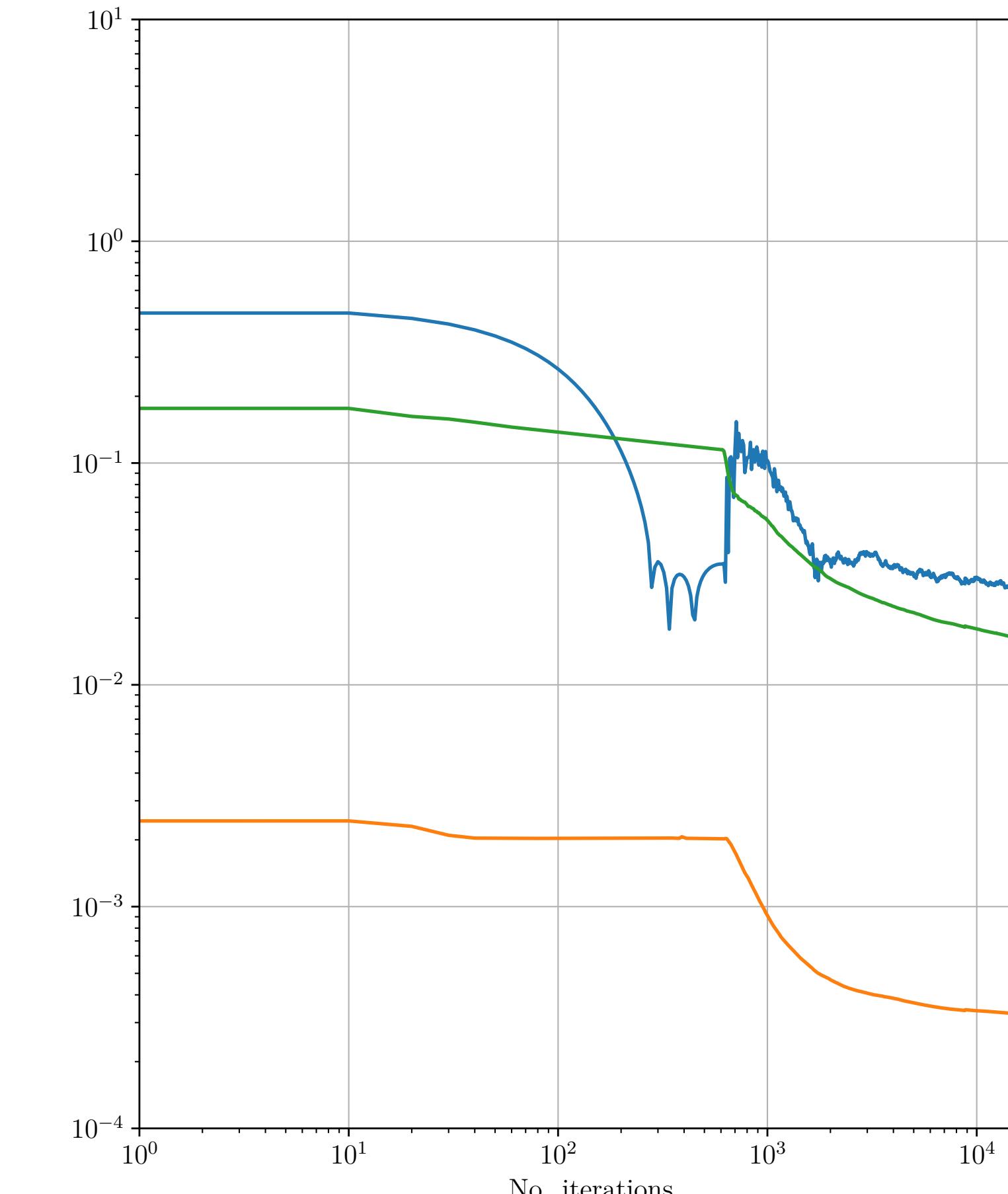


- 500 data points
- Sobol sampling
- 5 seeds

Relative error on  $S_a$    Fit error on  $u$    PDE error on  $u$

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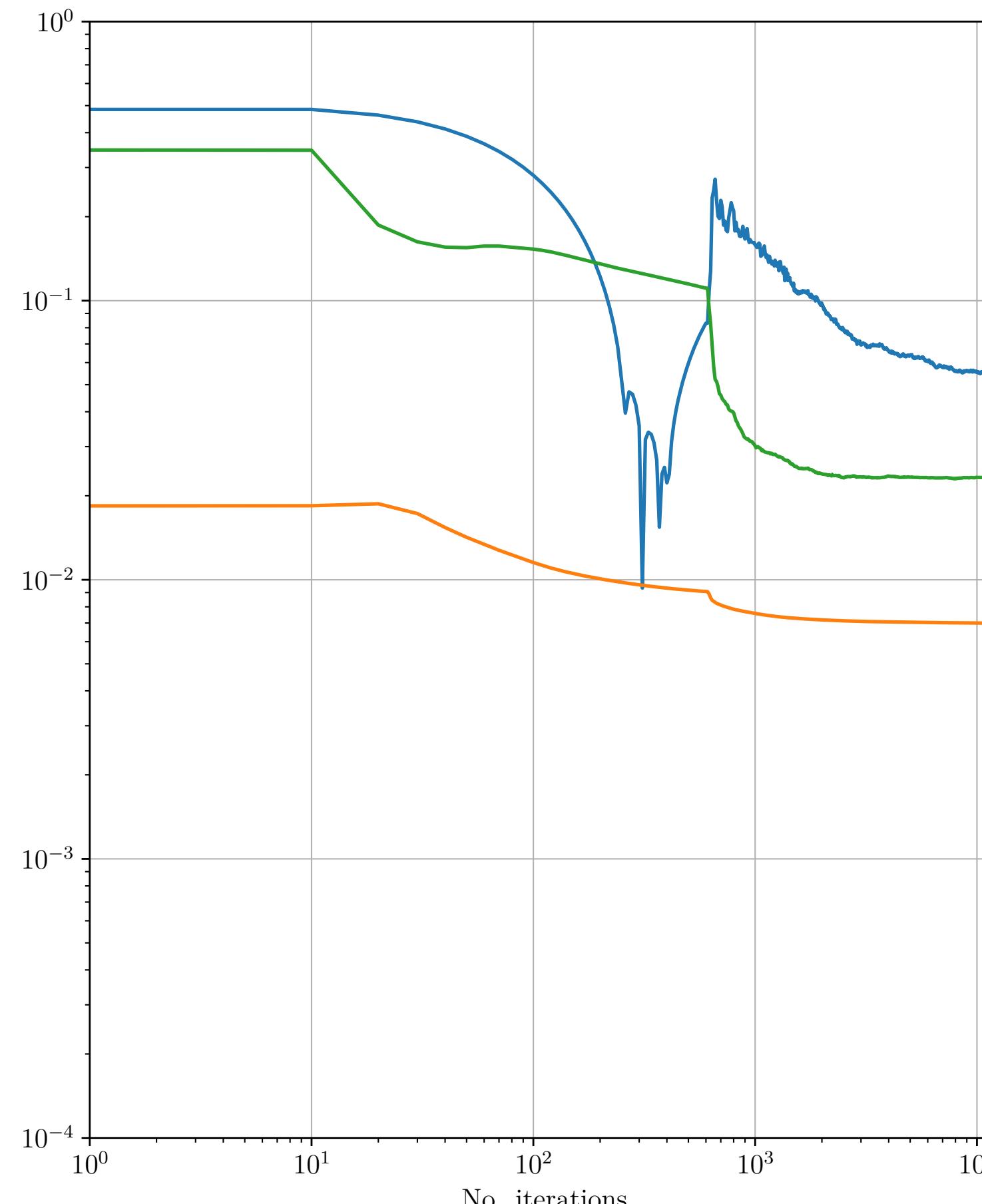
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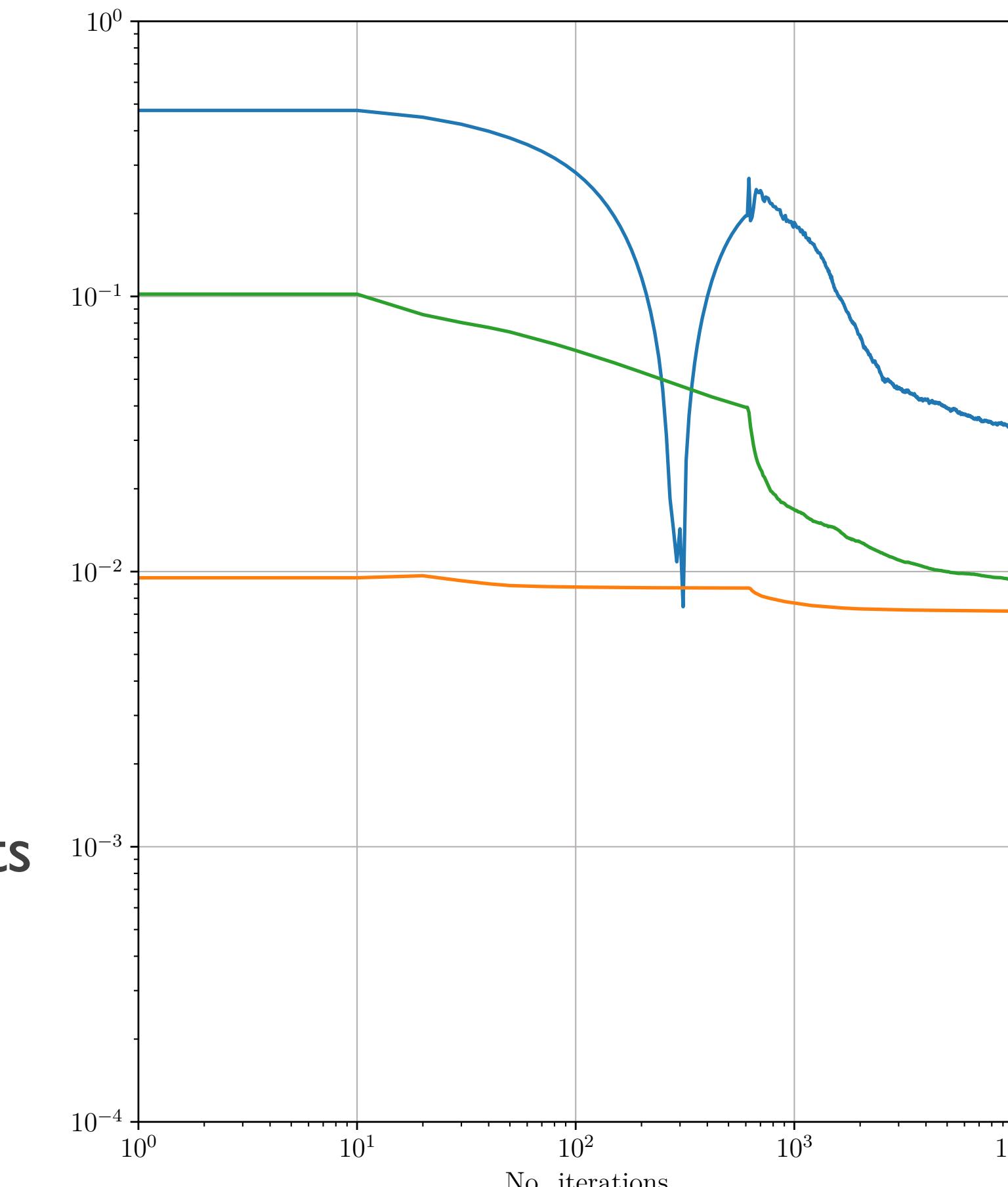
- With implicit Dirichlet boundary,  $C = 0.05$

Relative error on  $S_a$ : 5.5E-02



- With explicit Dirichlet boundary,  $C = 0.05$

Relative error on  $S_a$ : 3.2E-02



- 2000 data points
- Sobol sampling
- 5 seeds

# Bestel-Clément-Sorine Model for Active Stress



- Time-dependent problem: Find  $\mathbf{u}$  s.t.

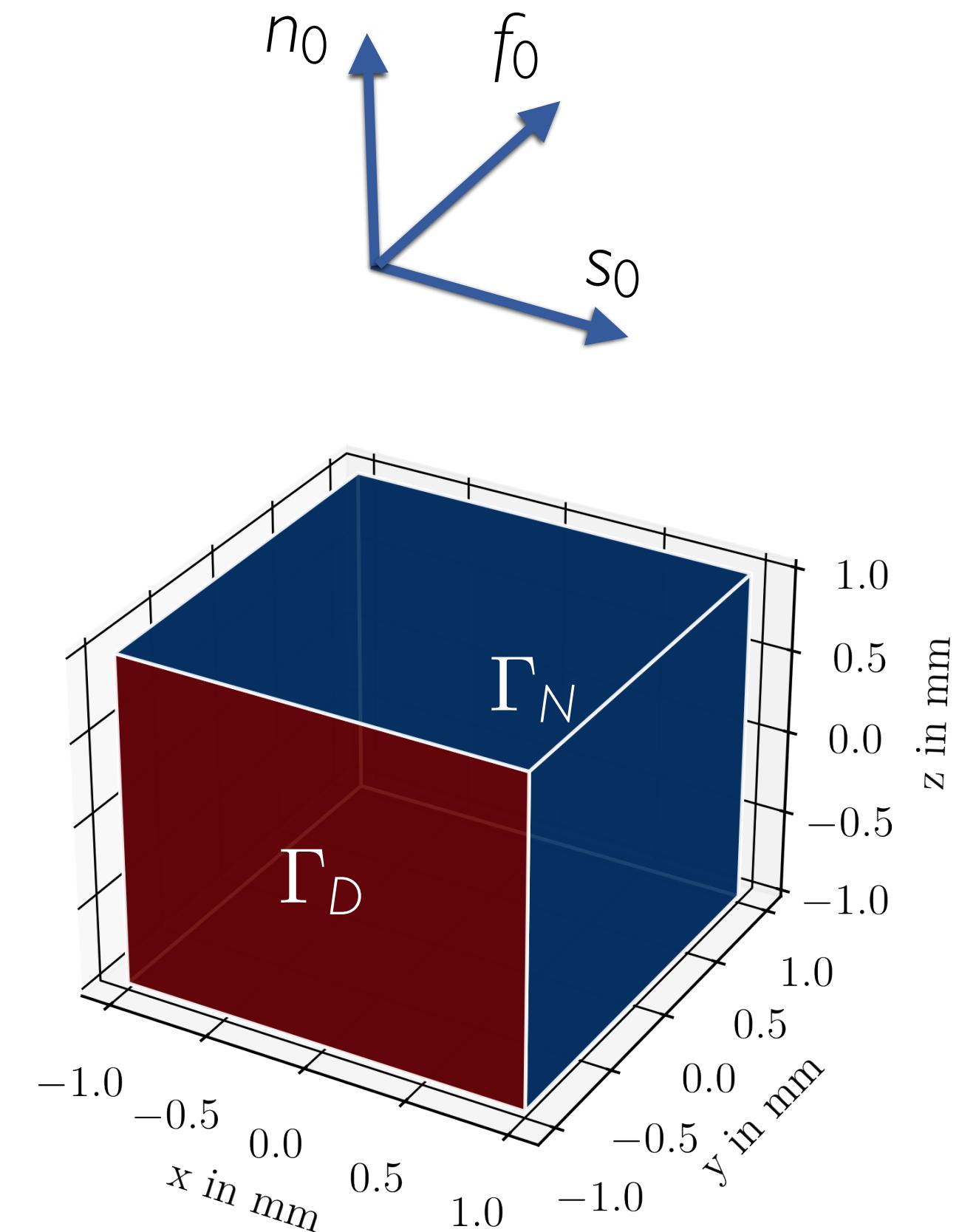
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t^2 \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T] \\ \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N \\ \mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0 & \text{in } \Omega \end{array} \right.$$

with  $\mathbf{P} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_{\text{pas}}}{\partial \mathbf{F}} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{act}}$

- Transverse-isotropic material:
- Active stress:
- Geometry: Cube

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# Bestel-Clément-Sorine Model for Active Stress



- ODE for active stress:

Find  $S_a$  s.t.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S}_a(t) = -|a(t)|S_a(t) + \sigma_0|a(t)|_+ & \text{for } t \text{ in } (0, T] \\ S_a(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

with  $|a(t)|_+ = \max\{a(t), 0\}$

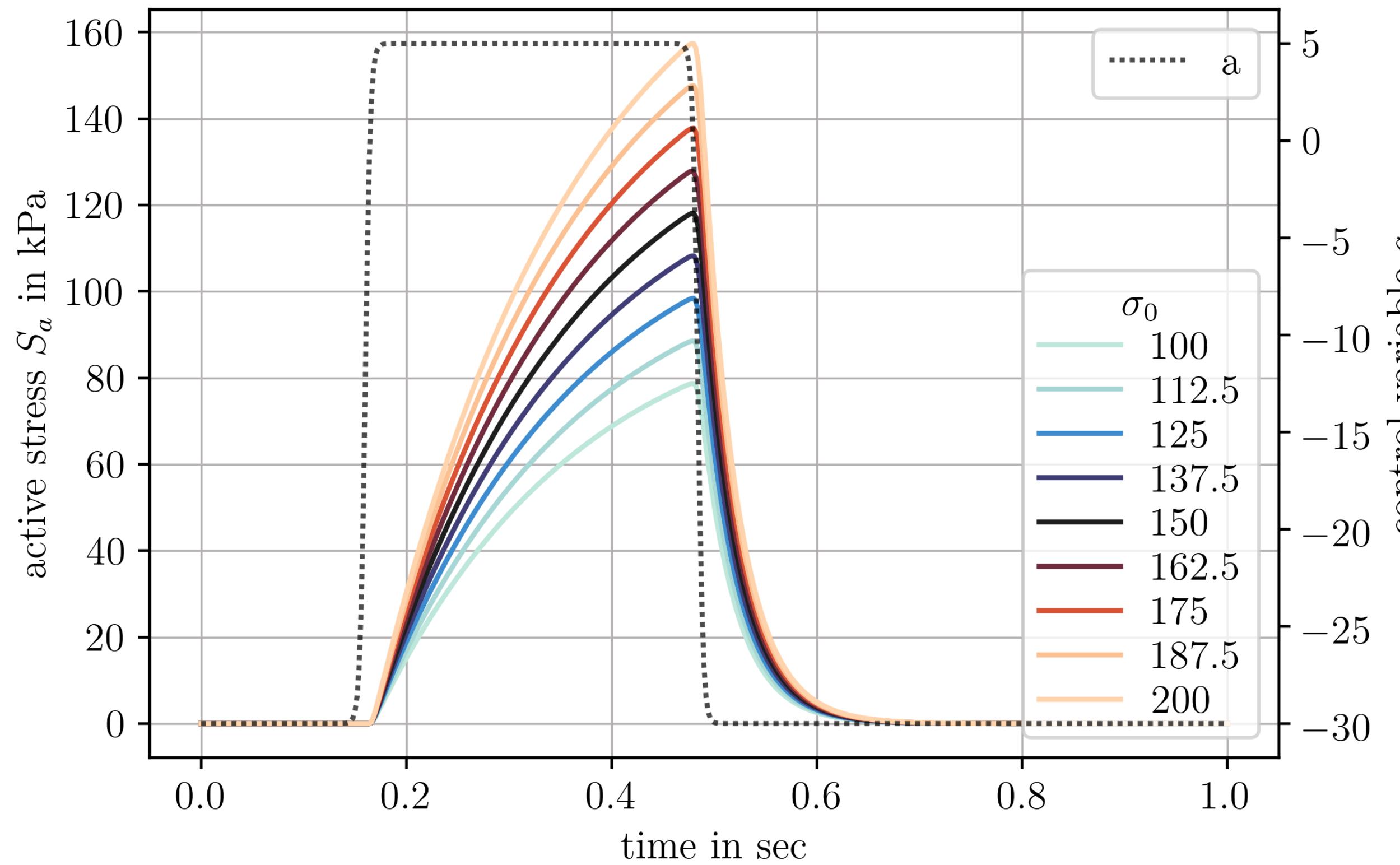
$$a(t) = \alpha_{\max}f(t) + \alpha_{\min} \cdot (1 - f(t))$$

$$f(t) = S^+(t - t_{\text{sys}}) \cdot S^-(t - t_{\text{dias}}))$$

$$S^\pm(\Delta t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \pm \tanh \left( \frac{\Delta t}{\gamma} \right) \right)$$

- Parameters:

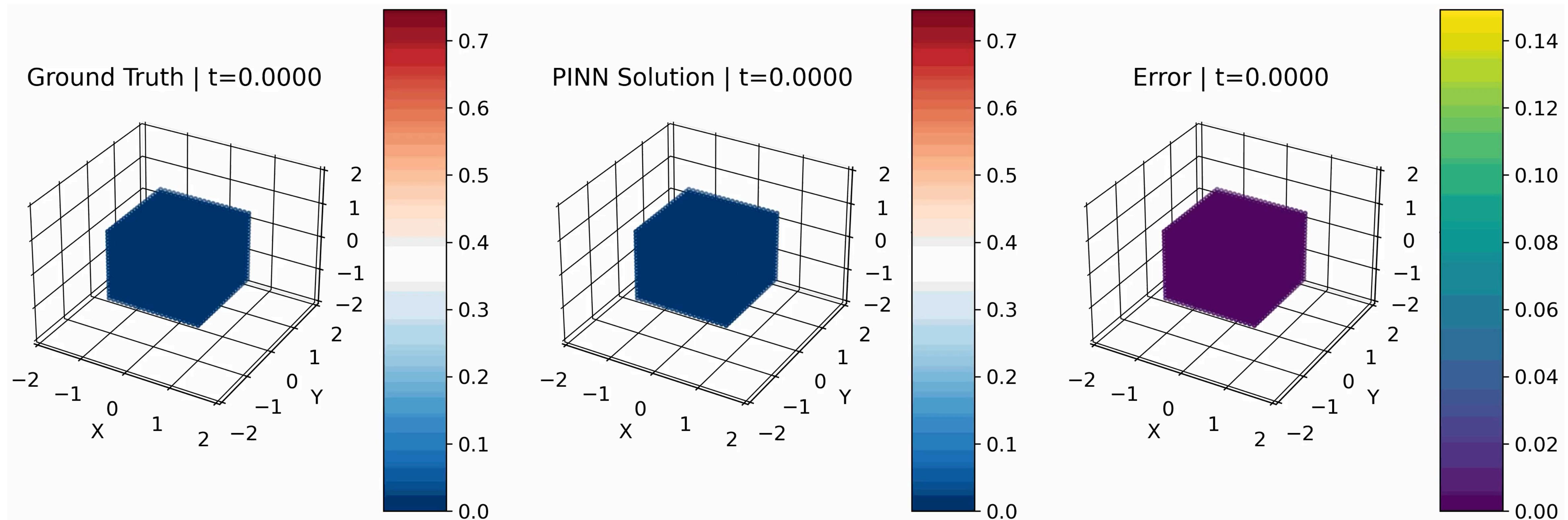
$\alpha_{\min}$	$\alpha_{\max}$	$t_{\text{sys}}$	$t_{\text{dias}}$	$\sigma_0$
-30	5	0,161 s	0,484 s	150 kPa



# Bestel-Clément-Sorine Model for Active Stress: PINN-based Reconstruction of Forward Solution



- stiffness:  $\mu = 0.8 \text{ kPa}$ , nearly-incompressible material:  $\lambda = 650 \text{ kPa}$ , maximal stiffness  $\sigma_0 = 150 \text{ kPa}$



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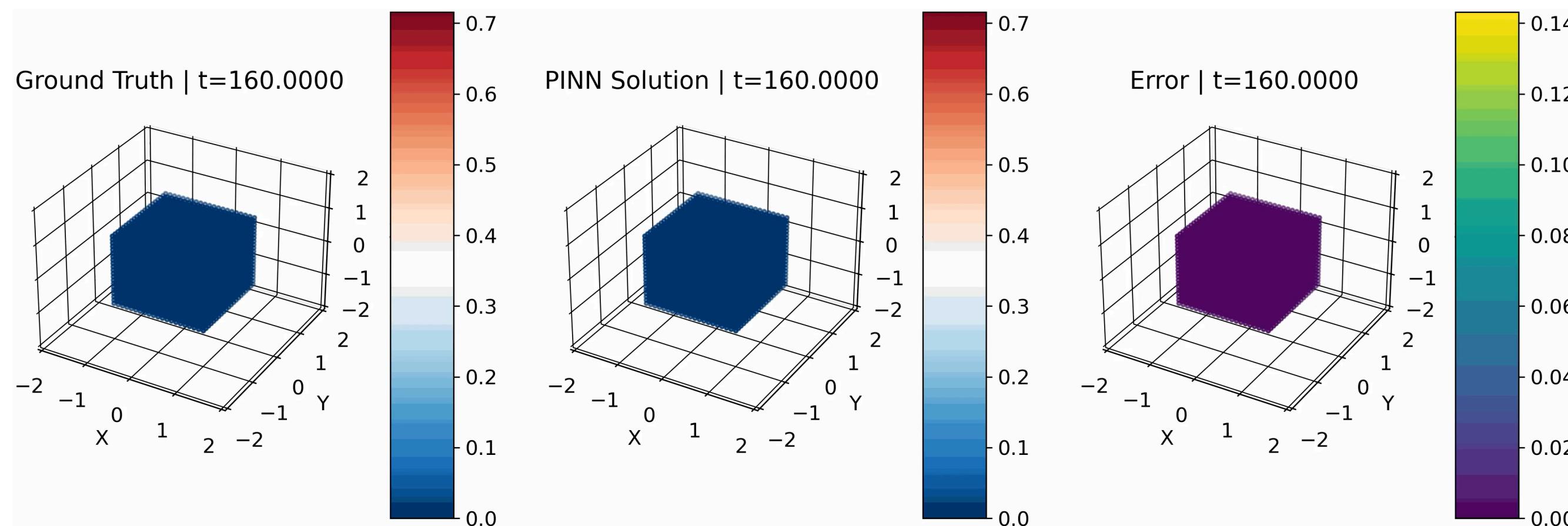


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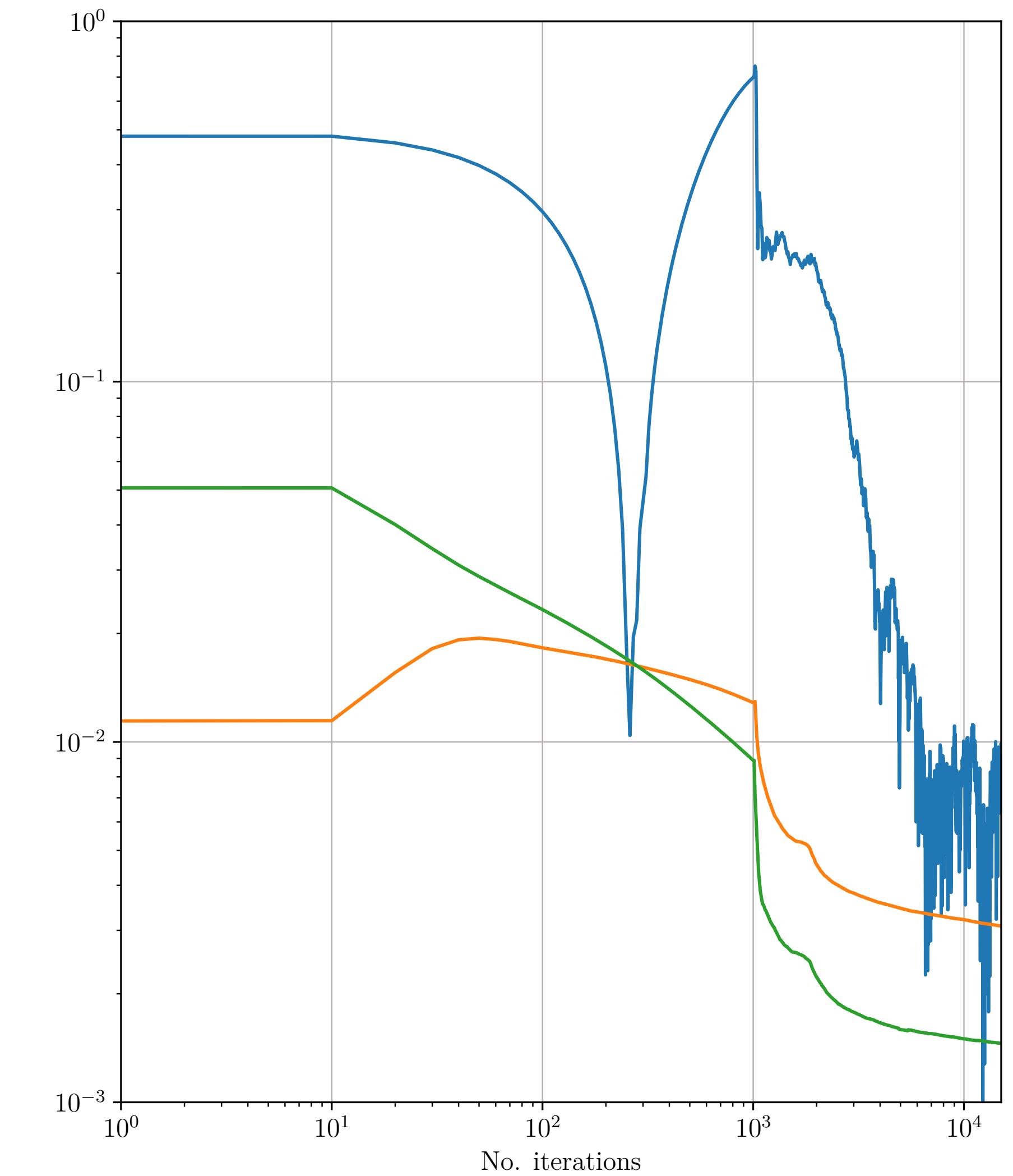


- With Dirichlet boundary layer,  $C = 0$

Relative error on  $\sigma_0$ : 0.9E-02



- 10000 data points
  - 160-350ms
  - 5 seeds
  - 1000 Adam + 14000 BFGS
- } 52 data points per ms

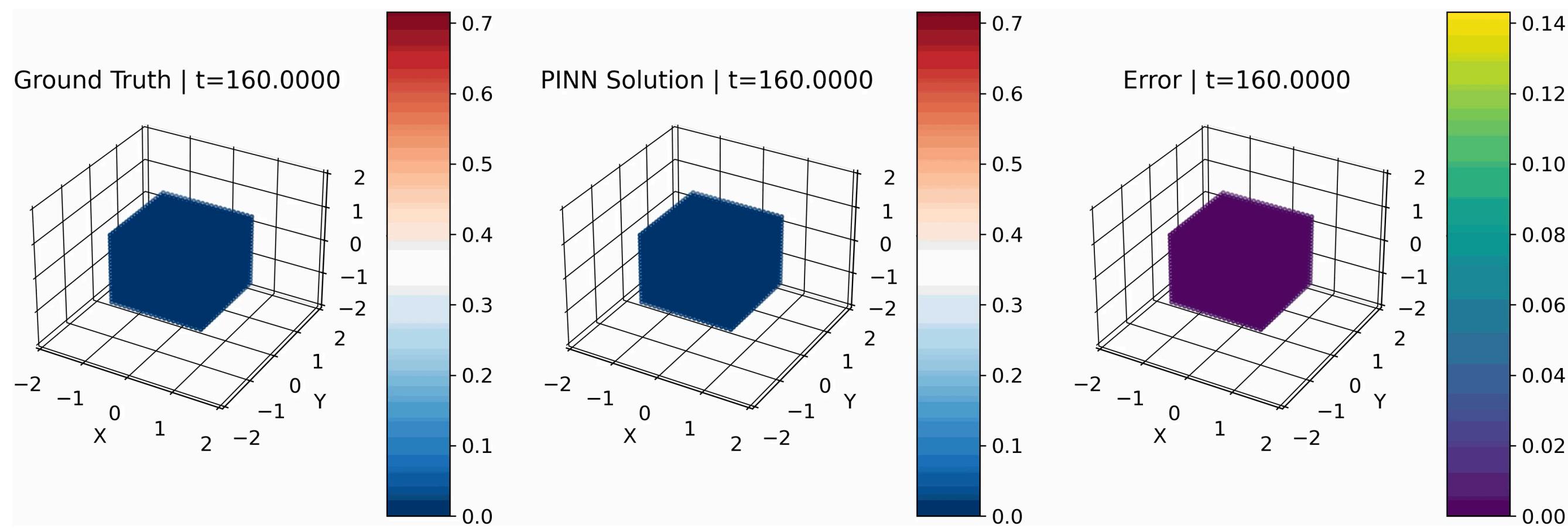


— Relative error on  $\sigma_0$  — Test fit error on  $u$  — losses<sub>test</sub>/PDE<sub>mean</sub>

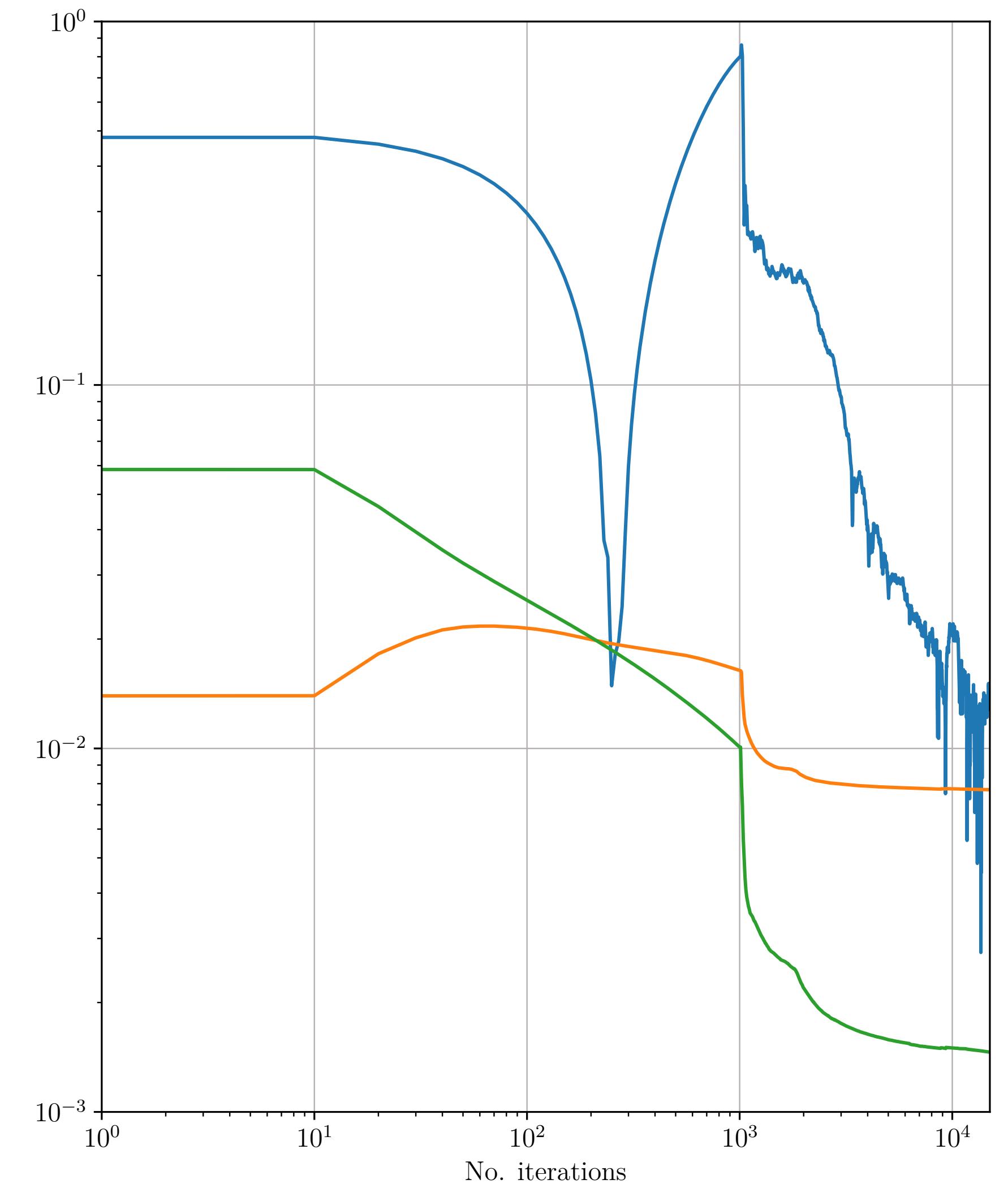
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Relative error on  $\sigma_0$ : 1.3E-02



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  - 160-350ms
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# Discussion and Future Steps:



## Discussion:

- Efficient and versatile algorithm
- Robustness and convergence properties empirically proved in different testcases

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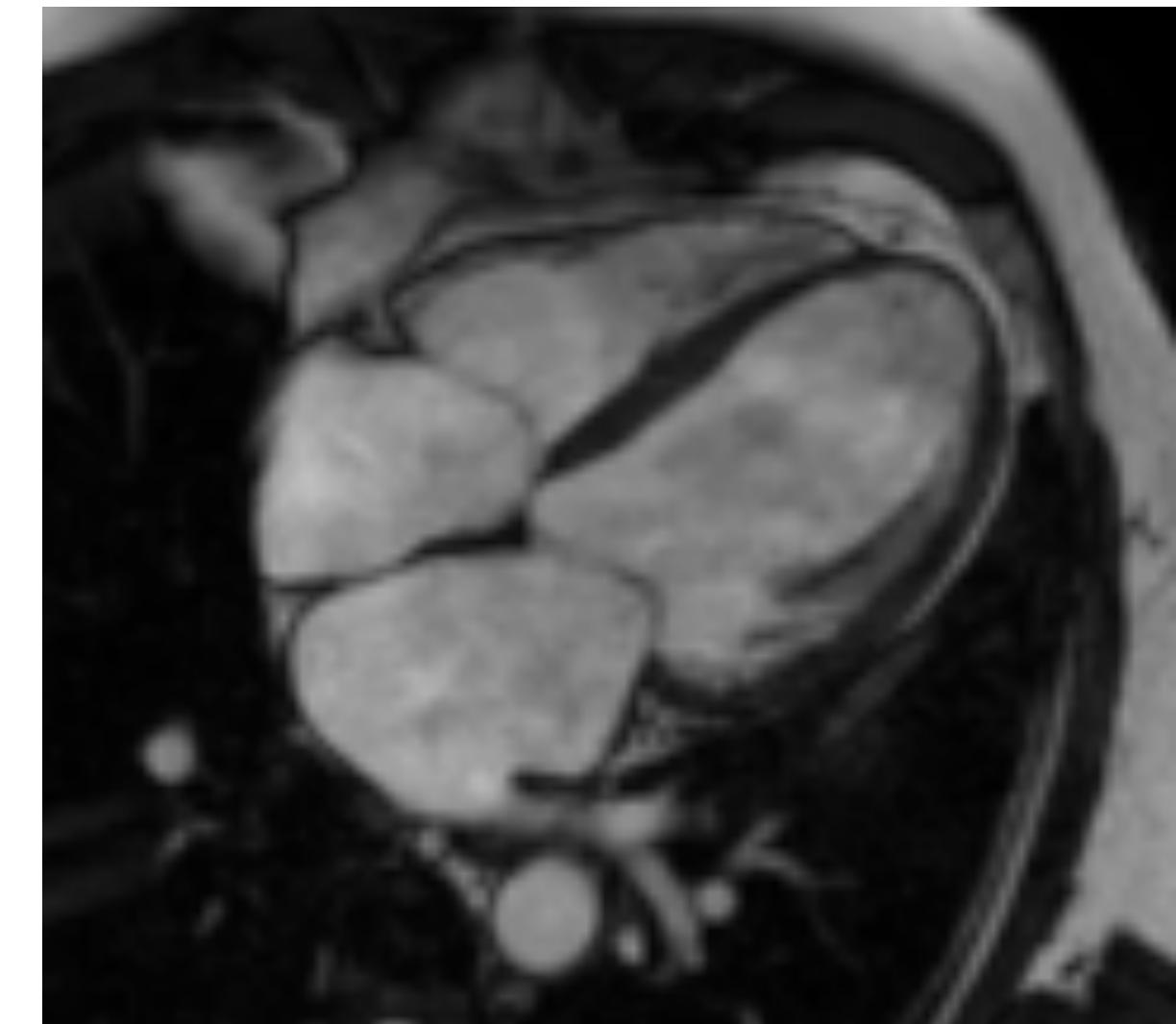


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- Efficient and versatile algorithm
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## Future developments:

- Accelerate training for time-dependent case
- Realistic geometries



# Thank you for your attention.

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