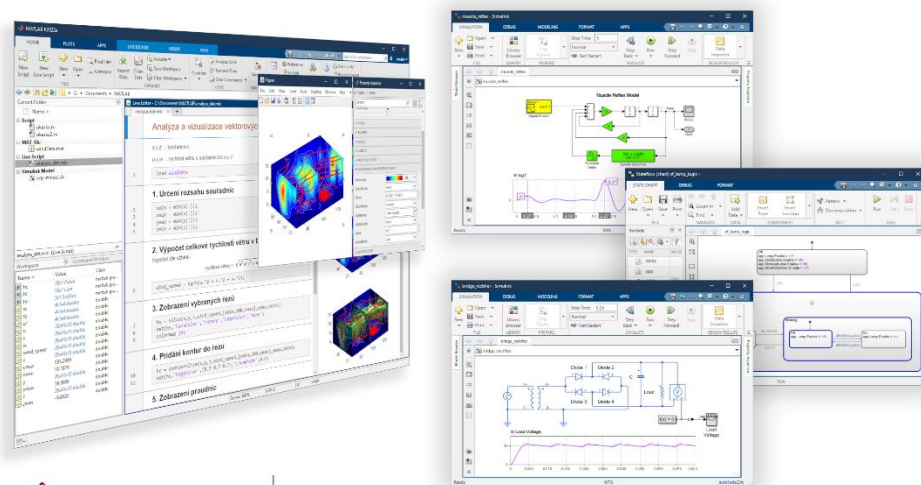


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# Physics-Informed Neural Networks: COMSOL Multiphysics and MATLAB



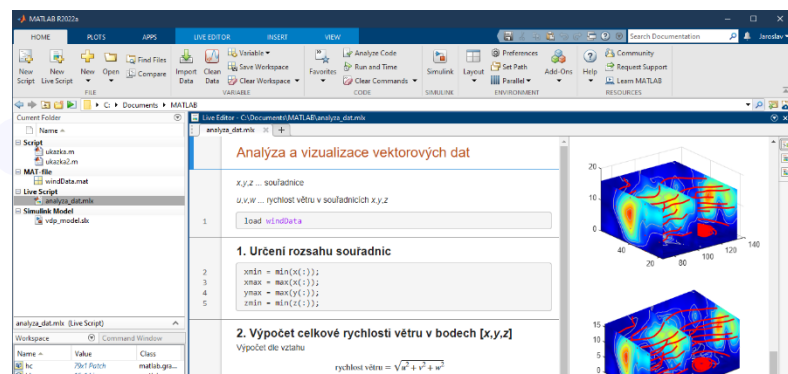
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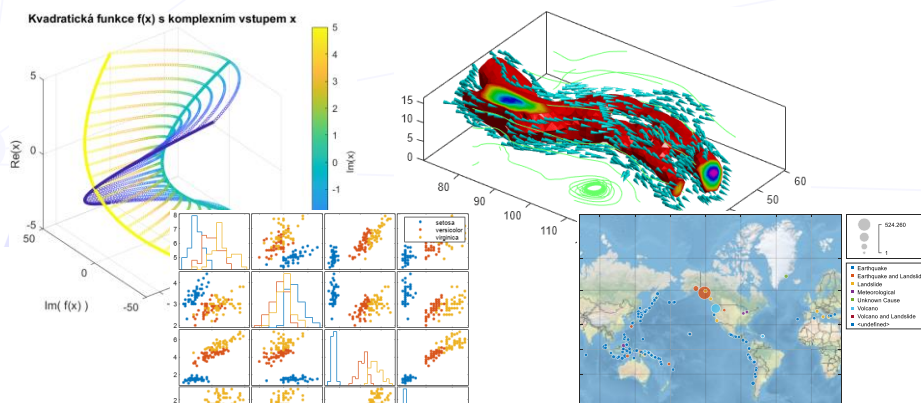
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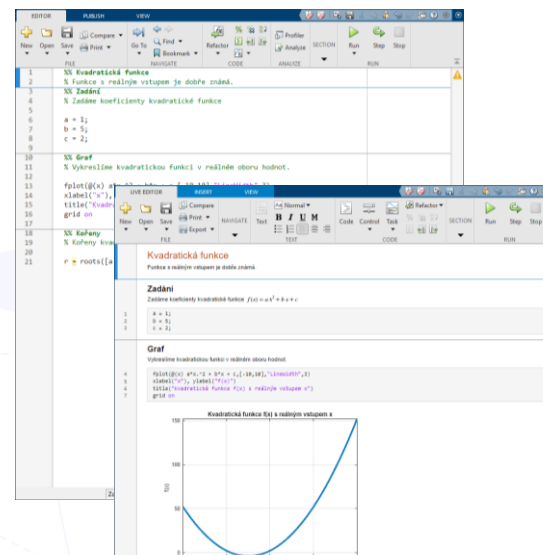
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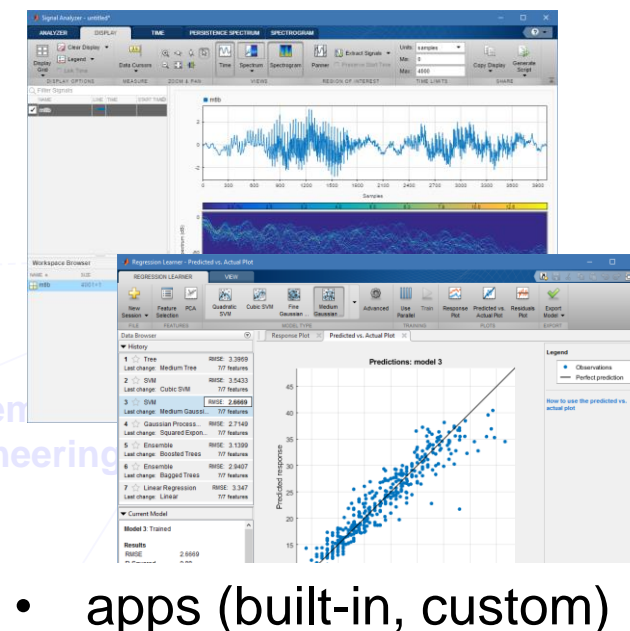
- engineering tool
- interactive environment
- technical and scientific computing



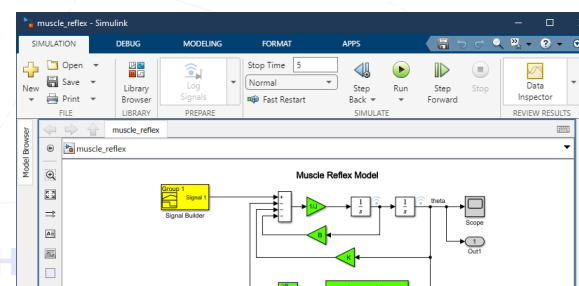
- graphics and visualization



- set of programming tools
- open system



- apps (built-in, custom)

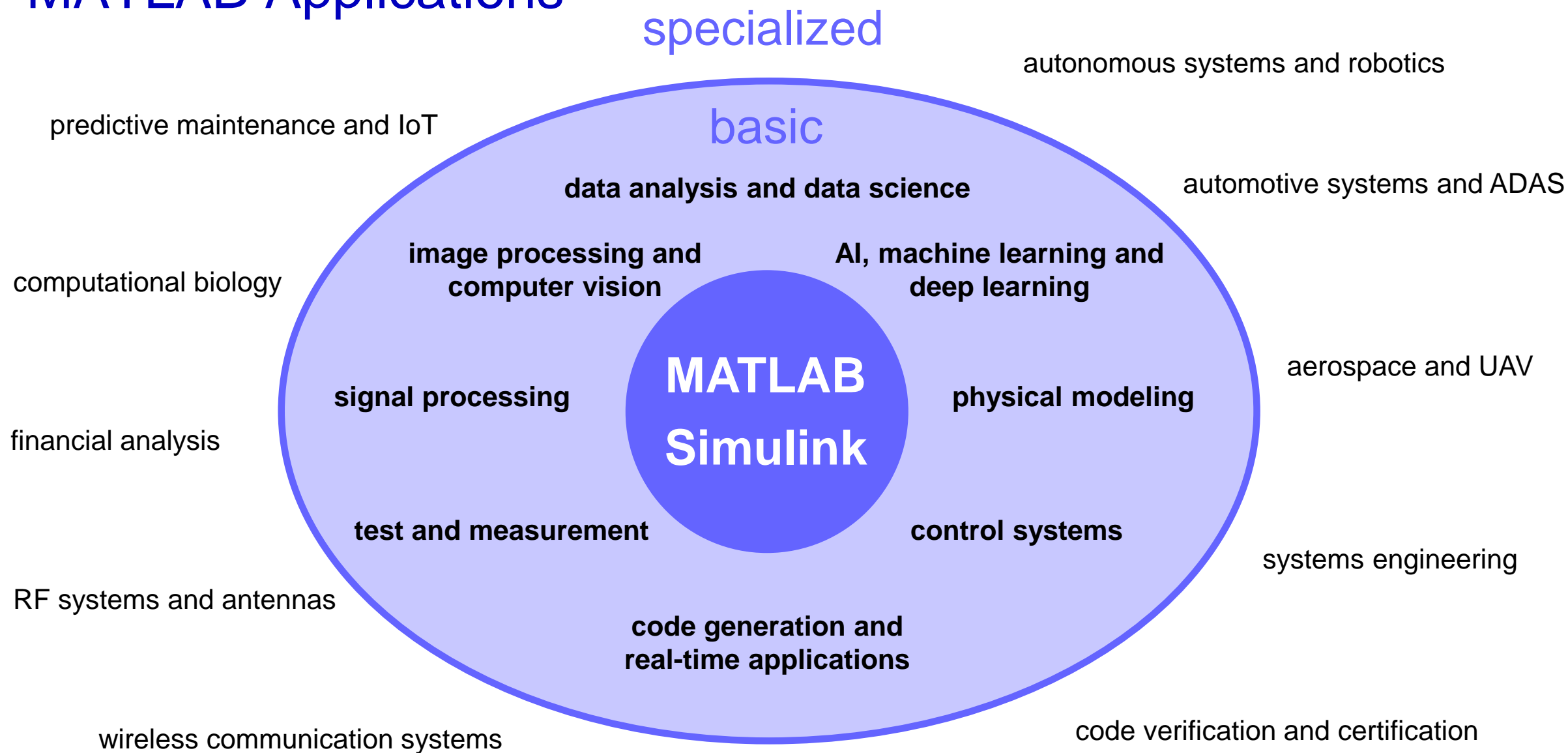


- systems modeling
- simulation and analysis
- Model-Based Design

- 100+ application libraries
- 10 000+ built-in functions
- unified documentation

- connection to external hw/sw
- application development

# MATLAB Applications





# MATLAB in the Industry



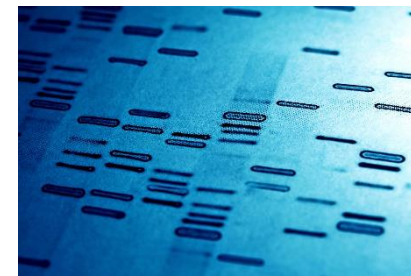
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**Automotive**



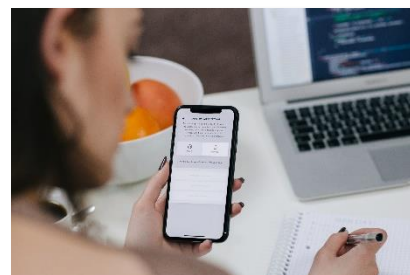
**Biological Sciences**



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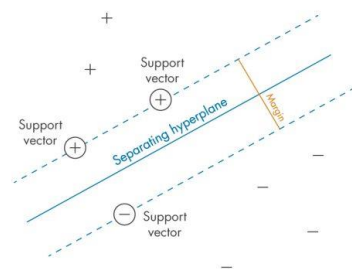


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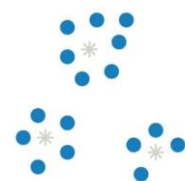
# AI models in MATLAB

Machine Learning

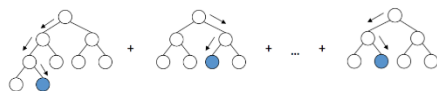
Deep Learning



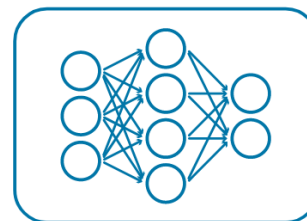
SVM



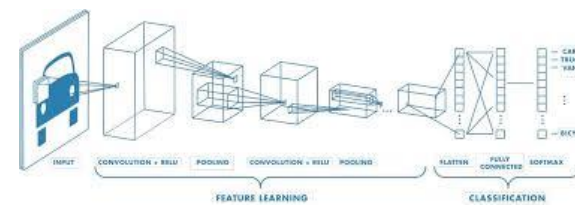
Clustering



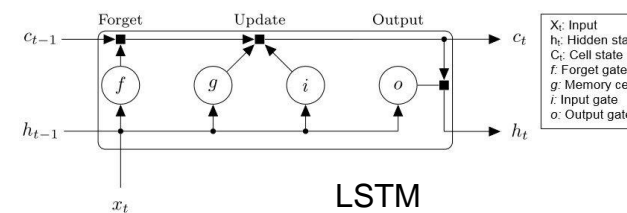
Decision trees



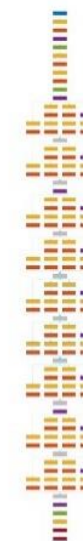
FC



CNN



LSTM



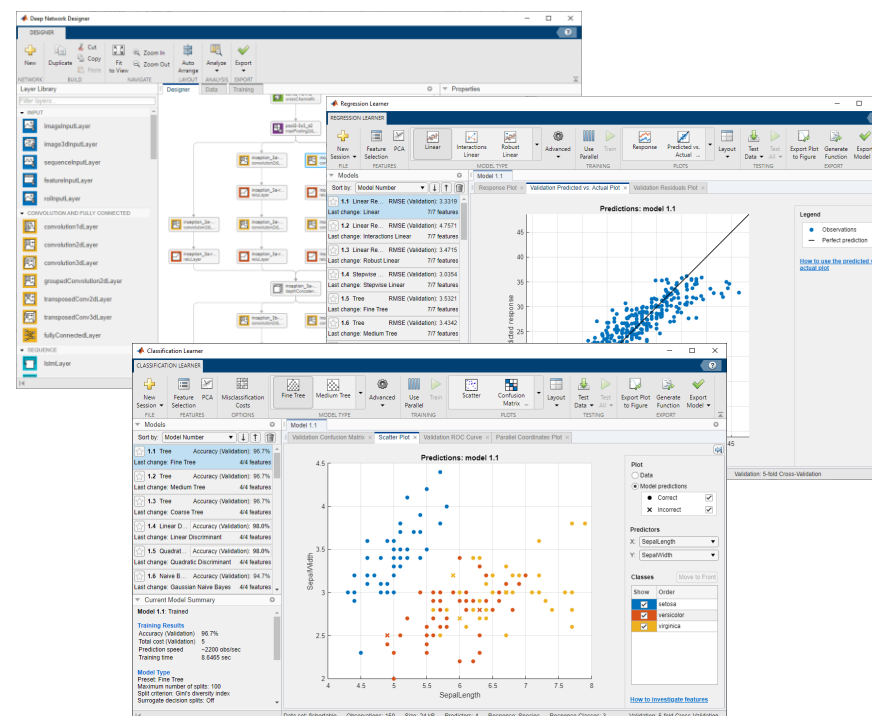
# 3 ways how to create AI model in MATLAB

```
inputSize = 12;
numHiddenUnits = 100;
numClasses = 9;

layers = [ ...
    sequenceInputLayer(inputSize)
    lstmLayer(numHiddenUnits,'OutputMode','last')
    fullyConnectedLayer(numClasses)
    softmaxLayer
    classificationLayer]
```

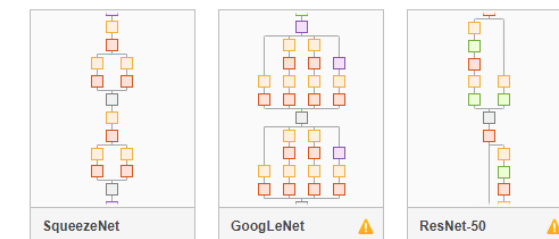
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Programmatically  
using scripts  
and functions



Interactive design  
using apps

## Image Networks (Pretrained)



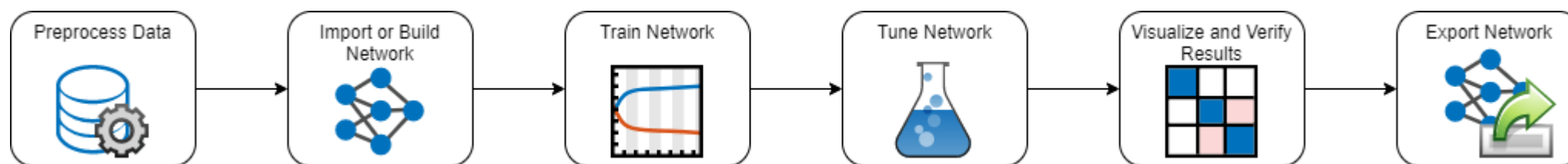
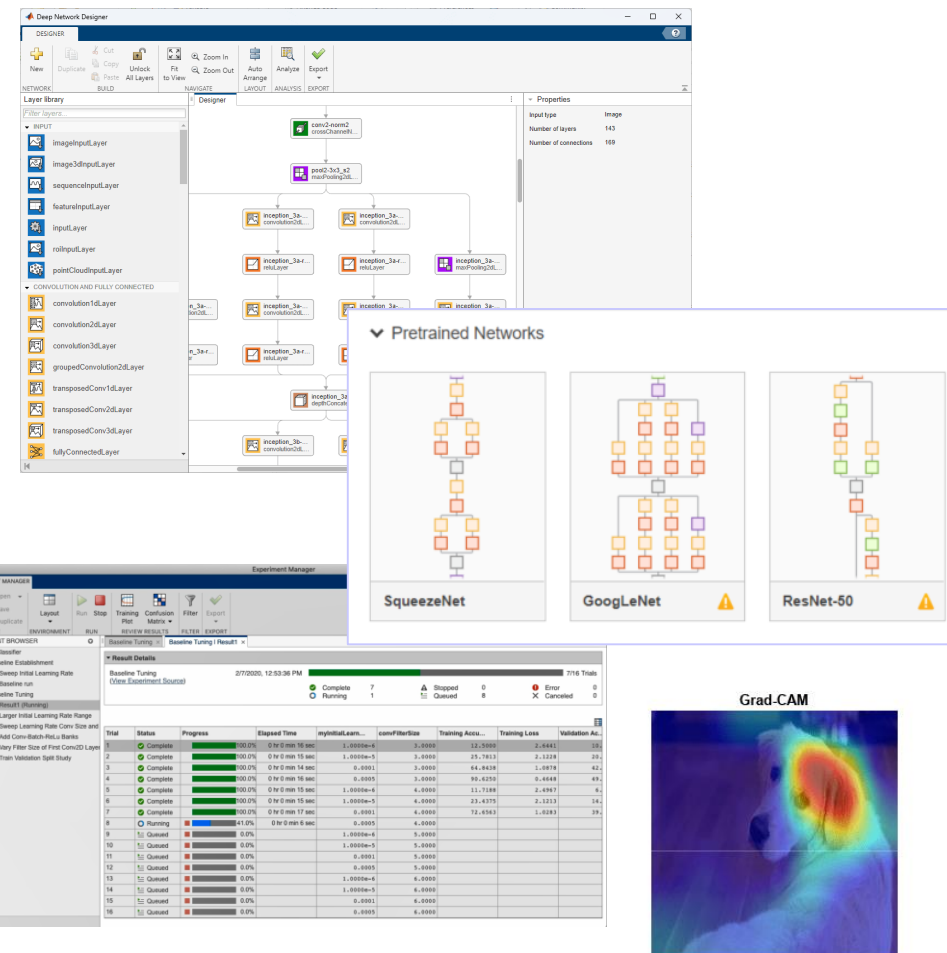
## Sequence Networks



Leverage  
pre-defined networks  
and pretrained networks

# Deep Learning in MATLAB

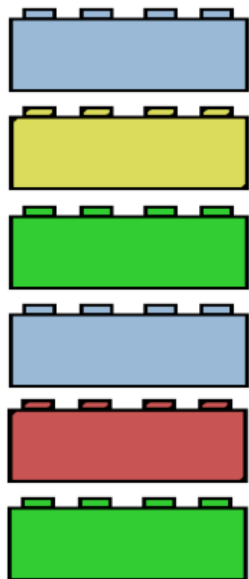
- Create, train and deploy neural networks
  - variety of applications
  - pre-built networks
- Create networks in the graphical designer
  - design network easier and faster
- Find the optimal network using experiments
- Explain and visualize how networks work
- Interoperability with other environments



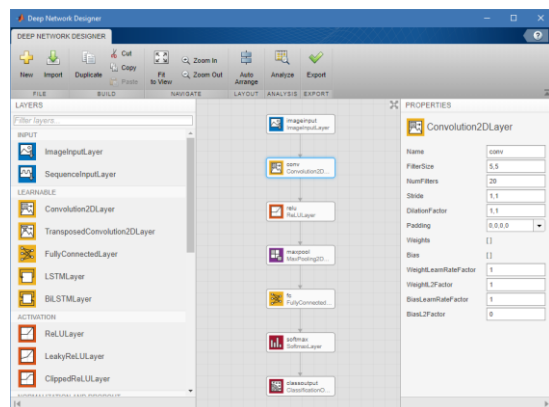


# Create Deep Neural Networks in MATLAB

~100 layer types



Deep Network Designer



Prepared functions  
(low code)

```
layers = [imageInputLayer([28 28 1])
convolution2dLayer(5,20)
reluLayer()
maxPooling2dLayer(2,'Stride',2)
fullyConnectedLayer(10)
softmaxLayer()];
```

Customizations

training  
using  
APP\*

```
opts = trainingOptions('solver');
net = trainnet(data, layers, lossfcn, opts);
```

```
scores = predict(net, newData);
```

for most deep learning tasks

custom training loops  
automatic differentiation  
custom loss functions  
**add physical constraints**  
...

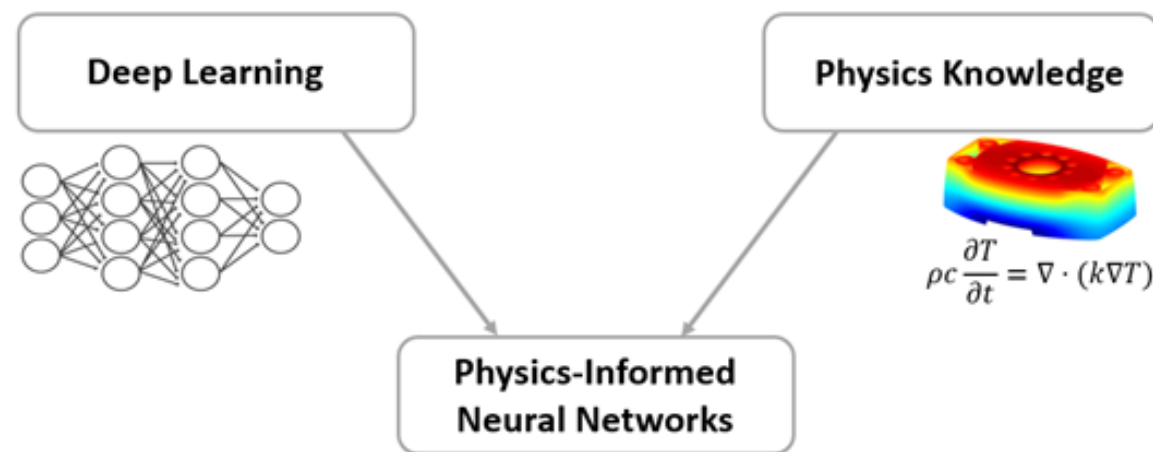
**PINN networks**, GANs, ...

\* image classification tasks



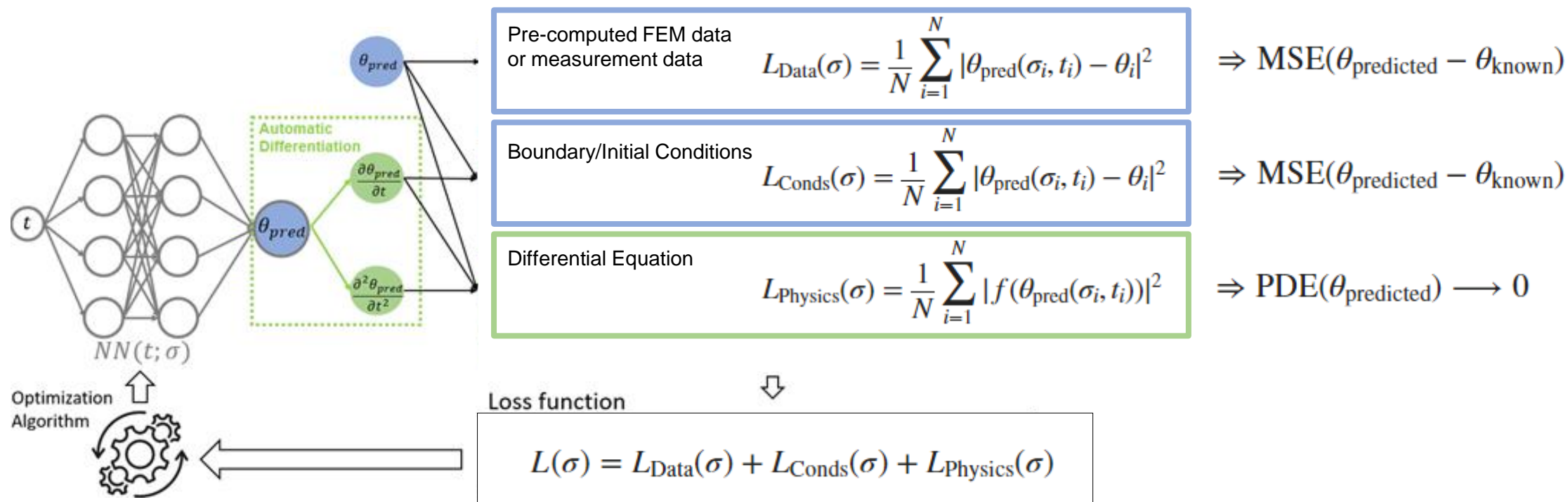
# Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

- Neural networks that incorporate physical laws
  - physical laws described by differential equations in their loss functions
- Main purpose
  - guide the learning process toward solutions that are more consistent with the underlying physics
  - use the trained network as the solution of the differential equation



# Physics-Informed Neural Networks: Loss Function

- Compute loss function  $L(\sigma)$  from three terms
  - $L_{\text{Data}}(\sigma)$ : known input-output data point from FEM solution
  - $L_{\text{Conds}}(\sigma)$ : input-output data points from initial and boundary conditions
  - $L_{\text{Physics}}(\sigma)$ : random input data with physical equation to force the physical constraints



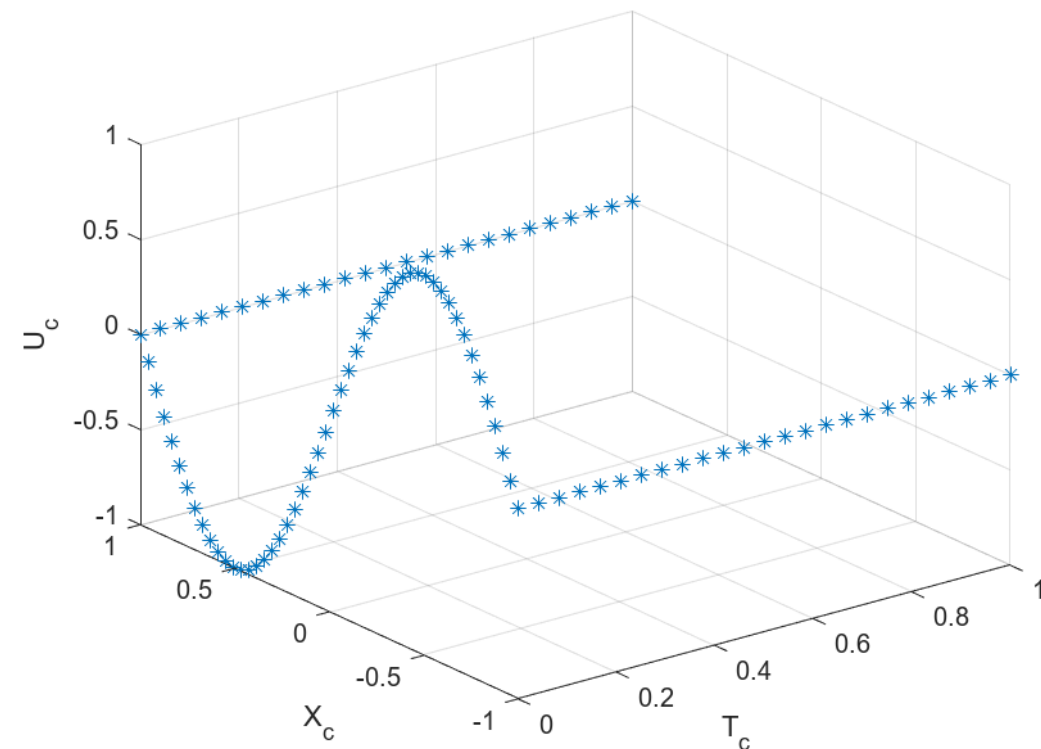
# Example: Partial Differential Equation

- Burger's equation: 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{0.01}{\pi} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

- Initial conditions:  $u(x, 0) = -\sin(\pi x)$

- Boundary conditions:  $u(-1, t) = 0$   
 $u(1, t) = 0$

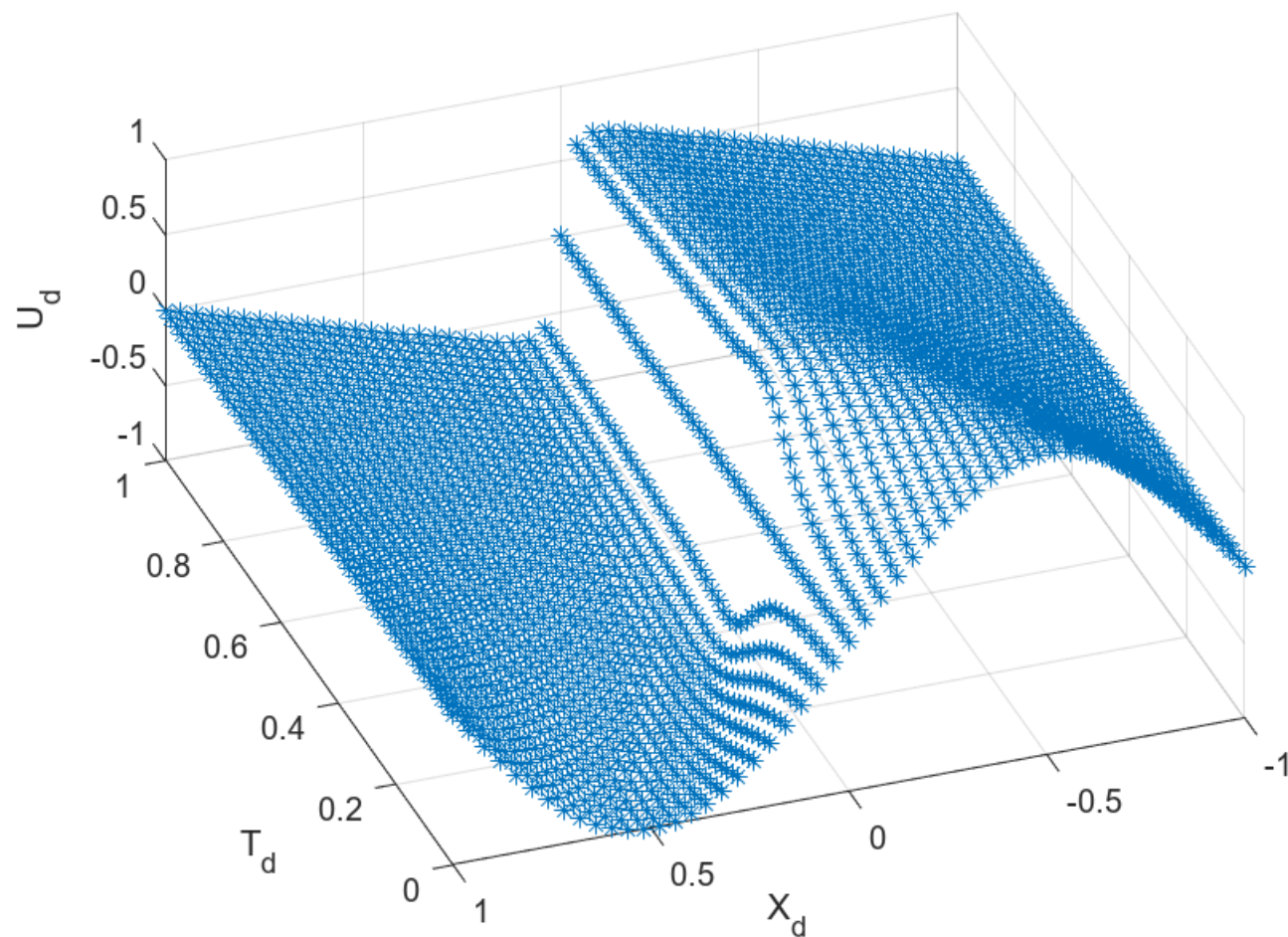
- Solution space:  $(t, x) \in (0, 1) \times (-1, 1)$



- Data points from initial and boundary conditions are used for  $L_{\text{Cond}}$  evaluation

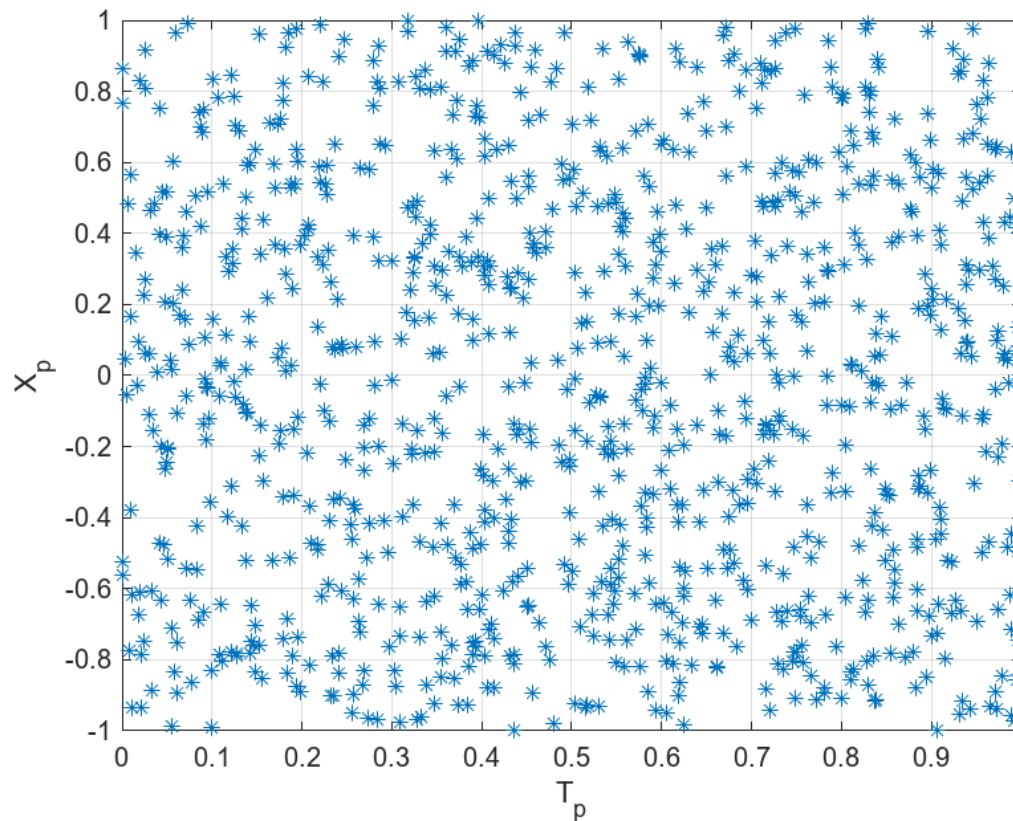
# Example: FEM Results

- Data points computed by COMSOL Multiphysics used for  $L_{\text{Data}}$  evaluation



# Example: Enforce the Physics

- Random data samples used for  $L_{\text{Physics}}$  evaluation
- Used to enforce the output of the network to fulfill the Burger's equation





# Example: Live Script in MATLAB

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FILE NAVIGATE TEXT CODE ANALYZE TEST SECTION RUN

Files

- Function
  - importFEMData.m
- Live Script
  - Test\_multiple\_networks.mlx
  - Train\_1D\_PINN\_COMSOL.mlx
  - Train\_1D\_PINN\_COMSOL\_test.mlx
- MAT-file
  - trainedNetCP1000.mat
  - trainedNetCP10000.mat
  - trainedNetCPfine1.mat
  - trainedNet.mat
  - trainedNetworks.mat
- Plain Text File
  - training\_data\_coarse.txt
  - training\_data\_fine.txt

Train\_1D\_PINN\_COMSOL.mlx x

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## Solve PDE Using Physics-Informed Neural Network

This example shows how to train a physics-informed neural network (PINN) to predict the solutions of the Burger's equation.

A physics-informed neural network (PINN) [1] is a neural network that incorporates physical laws into its structure and training process. For example, you can train a neural network that outputs the solution of a PDE that defines a physical system.

This example trains a PINN that takes samples  $(x, t)$  as input and outputs  $u(x, t)$ , where  $u$  is the solution of the Burger's equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{0.01}{\pi} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0,$$

with  $u(x, 0) = -\sin(\pi x)$  as the initial condition, and  $u(-1, t) = 0$  and  $u(1, t) = 0$  as the boundary conditions.

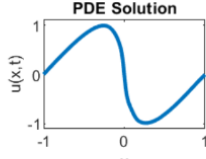
This diagram illustrates the flow of data through the PINN.

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$   
 $t$

PINN

$u(x, t)$

PDE Solution



Training of this model combine collecting data in advance (FEM, measurement) with generated data using the definition of the PDE and the constraints.

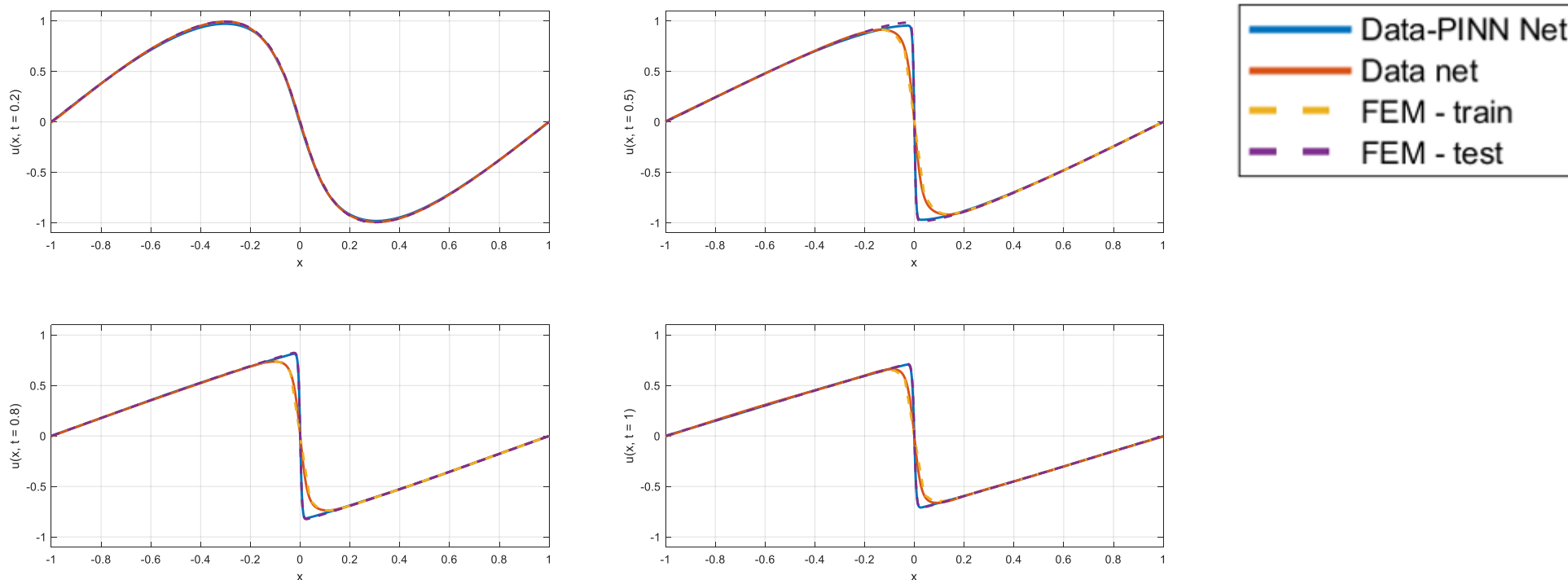
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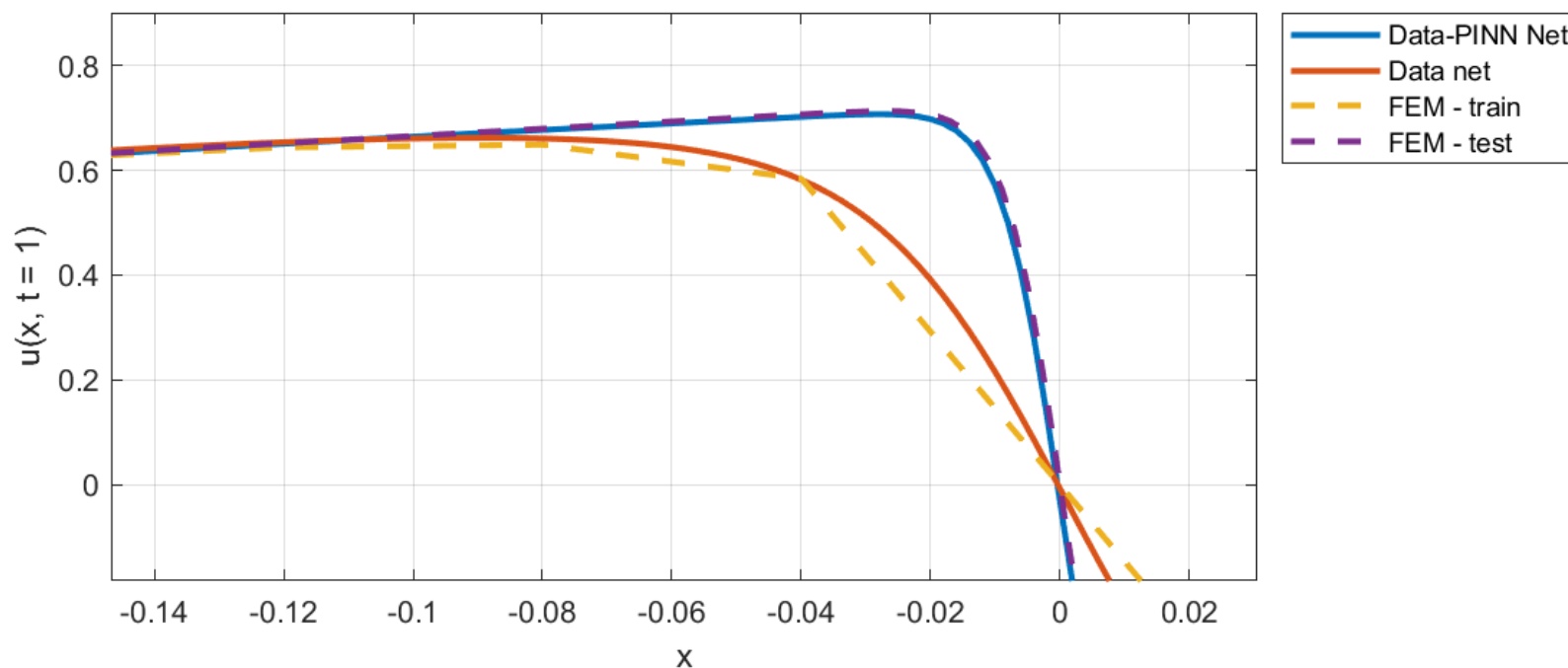
# Example: Results

- Solution computed by the trained network at the timestamps 0.2, 0.5, 0.8, 1 sec
- Comparison with the standard (non-PINN) network trained only on the FEM data



# Example: Results

(zoom-in the result at  $t = 1$  sec)



- PINN trained on sparse data (**FEM – train**) provides better results (**Data-PINN net**) compared to the standard network without physical knowledge (**Data net**)
- The data (**FEM – test**) is assumed to represent the correct result

Thank you for your attention!