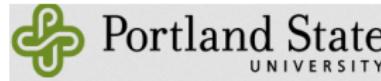


# Adaptive Composite AMG Solvers with Graph Modularity Coarsening

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# Problem Statement

Want to solve the linear matrix system:

$$Ax = b$$

Where  $A$  is symmetric positive definite (s.p.d.).

Often resulting from discretizations of elliptic PDEs:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & , \text{ in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & , \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

or with a diffusion coefficient

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f & , \text{ in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & , \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

# Stationary Iteration Algorithm

**Data:** Matrix  $A$ , method matrix  $B$ , vector  $b$ , initial guess  $x$ ,  
convergence tolerance  $\varepsilon$ , maximum iterations  $max\_iter$

**Result:** Approximate solution to  $Ax = b$

```
1  $r \leftarrow b - Ax$                                 // Initial residual
2  $r_{norm} \leftarrow \|r\|$ 
3  $i \leftarrow 0$ 
4 while  $i < max\_iter$  do
5    $r \leftarrow b - Ax$                                 // Current residual
6   if  $\|r\|/r_{norm} < \varepsilon$  then
7     return  $x$                                     // Convergence achieved
8    $x \leftarrow x + B^{-1}r$                             // Update step
9    $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
10 return  $x$                                      // Max iterations reached
```

# Stationary Iteration Analysis

$$\begin{aligned}x_{i+1} &= x_i + B^{-1}r_i \\&= x_i + B^{-1}(b - Ax_i) \\&= B^{-1}b + (I - B^{-1}A)x_i\end{aligned}$$

We call  $E := I - B^{-1}A$  the iteration matrix.

This functional iteration has a closed form of:

$$x_i = E^i x_0 + C(b)$$

# Stationary Iteration Analysis

$$x_{i+1} = Ex_i + B^{-1}b$$

The solution  $x$  is a fixed point of this functional iteration

$$x = Ex + B^{-1}b$$

Subtracting these two equations gives that,

$$e_{i+1} = Ee_i$$

hence,

$$e_m = E^m e_0$$

Choosing a vector norm and its induced matrix norm,

$$\|e_m\| \leq \|E\|^m \|e_0\|$$

# Stationary Iteration Analysis

$$\|e_m\| \leq \|E\|^m \|e_0\|$$

Choosing the  $L^2$  vector norm gives the spectral radius of  $E$ ,

$$\|E\|_2 = \max |\lambda(E)|$$

which clearly must be less than 1 for the method to be convergent. In the context of iterative methods this is called the **Asymptotic Convergence Factor**.

$$-\log_{10} \|E\|_2$$

is called the **Asymptotic Convergence Rate** and its reciprocal is the maximum number of iterations to reduce the error by an order of magnitude.

## Simple Example (1d centered finite difference)

Consider  $\Omega = (0, 1)$  and

$$\begin{cases} -u'' = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The classic centered finite difference discretization ( $n$  elements of length  $h$ ) yields the familiar  $n - 1 \times n - 1$  matrix system  $Ax = b$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = u_h, \quad b = h^2 f_h$$

Example adapted from [BHM00]

## Simple Example (weighted Jacobi method)

Let  $D$  be the diagonal of  $A$ . Choose

$$B^{-1} := \frac{2}{3}D^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

as the method matrix. The resulting iteration matrix is

$$E = \left( I - \frac{1}{3}A \right)$$

The  $k$ th eigenvalue of  $E$  is

$$\lambda_k(E) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \left( \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right), \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1$$

and the  $j$ th component of the associated eigenvector is

$$Q_{j,k} = \sin(x_j k \pi)$$

Notice that as  $h \rightarrow 0$  we get  $\|E\|_2 \rightarrow 1$

## Simple Example (spectral / convergence analysis)

$$\lambda_k(E) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \left( \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right), \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1$$

$$Q_{j,k} = \sin(x_j k \pi)$$

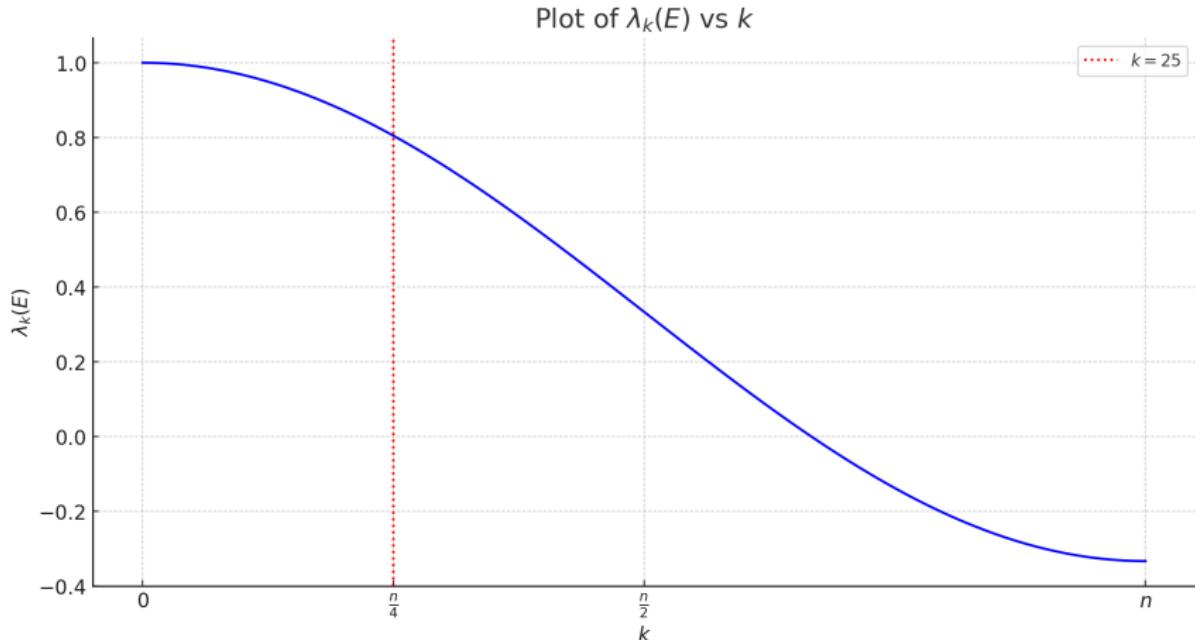
Let  $w_k$  be the  $k$ th eigenvector (column of  $Q$ ).

$$e_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k w_k$$

$$e_m = E^m e_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k E^m w_k = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k \lambda_k^m w_k$$

**The  $k$ th mode of  $e_0$  is reduced by a factor of  $\lambda_k^m$  after  $m$  steps**

# Simple Example (spectrum visualization)



The  $k$ th eigenvector is the discretization of  $\sin(k\pi)$

## Simple Example (geometric multigrid solution)

Discretize with small  $h$  and iterate weighted Jacobi  $i$  times.

$$r_i = b - Ax_i$$

$$A^{-1}r_i = A^{-1}b - x_i$$

$$= e_i \approx \sum_{k=1}^{n/4} c_k w_k$$

$$r_i \approx \sum_{k=1}^{n/4} c_k \lambda_k(A) w_k$$

Main ideas of geometric multigrid:

- If we solve  $Ae_i = r_i$ , then  $b = x_i + e_i$
- $r_i$  and  $e_i$  are linear combinations of **smooth eigenvectors**
- Smooth eigenvectors are accurately represented on coarse grids

# Anatomy of Multigrid

A multigrid method with  $\ell$  levels has some basic components:

- Hierarchy of vector spaces, operators, and solvers

$$\{V_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \quad \{A_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \quad \{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$$

- Interpolation (or prolongation) Operators

$$\{P_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell-1}, \quad P_i : V_{i+1} \rightarrow V_i$$

- Restriction Operators

$$\{R_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell-1}, \quad R_i : V_i \rightarrow V_{i+1}$$

In our case, all operators are matrices:

- $R_i := P_i^T$
- $A_i : V_i \rightarrow V_i$
- $A_{i+1} := P_i^T A_i P_i$

# V—Cycle Algorithm (recursive definition)

Initial call:  $x_{i+1} \leftarrow V(x_i, b, 1)$

**Data:** Levels  $\ell$ , hierarchy  $A = \{A_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$ , smoothers  $B = \{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$ ,  
interpolation operators  $P = \{P_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell-1}$ , current iterate  $x$ , rhs  
vector  $b$ , smoothing steps  $s$ , current level  $k$

**Result:** Next Iterate (or update)  $x_{new} \leftarrow V(x, b, k)$

- 1 **if**  $k \neq \ell$  **then**
- 2     Relax for  $s$  iterations on  $A_k x = b$  with  $B_k^{-1}$  (stationary algorithm)
- 3      $r \leftarrow b - A_k x$
- 4      $r_c = P_k^T r$
- 5      $k \leftarrow k + 1$
- 6      $c \leftarrow V(\mathbf{0}, r_c, k)$
- 7      $x \leftarrow x + P_k c$
- 8     Relax for  $s$  iterations on  $A_k x = b$  with  $B_k^{-1}$
- 9 **return**  $x$

## Geometric Multigrid

- Requires a hierarchy of refinements ( $h$  or  $p$ )
- Interpolation and restriction operators come from this hierarchy
- For ‘nice’ problems iteration scaling is  $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- Analysis is fairly simple and well understood

## Algebraic Multigrid

- No knowledge of problem structure/nature required
  - can be utilized for heuristics
- ‘Black Box’ for the end user with varying levels of tuning
- ‘Algebraically’ finds  $R$  and  $P$  matrices from  $A$
- Solver construction and application can be expensive
- General analysis is difficult

# Anisotropy

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

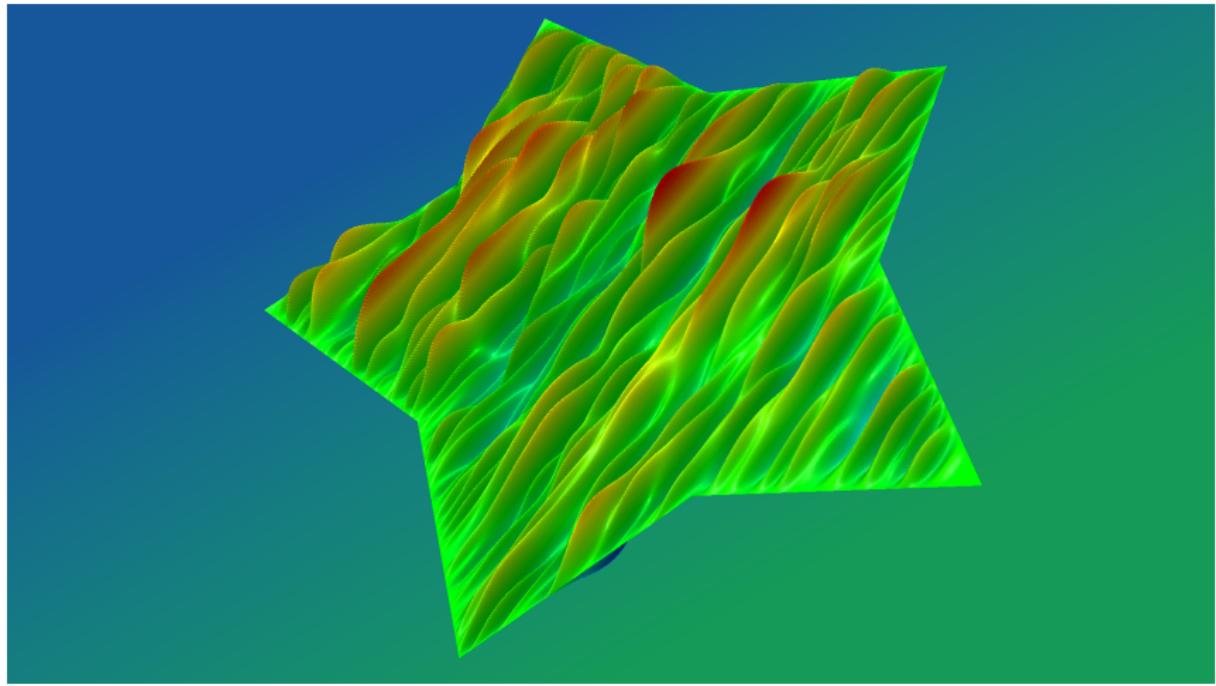
$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f & , \text{ on } \Omega \\ u = 0 & , \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

$$\beta := \varepsilon I + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^T$$

for small  $\varepsilon > 0$  and

$$\mathbf{b} := \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

# Anisotropy — Algebraic Smoothness

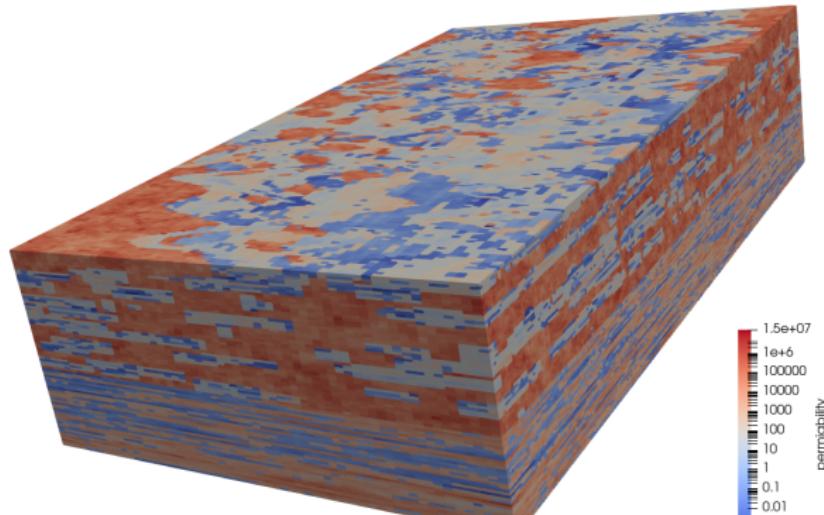


# Heterogeneous Coefficients (SPE10)

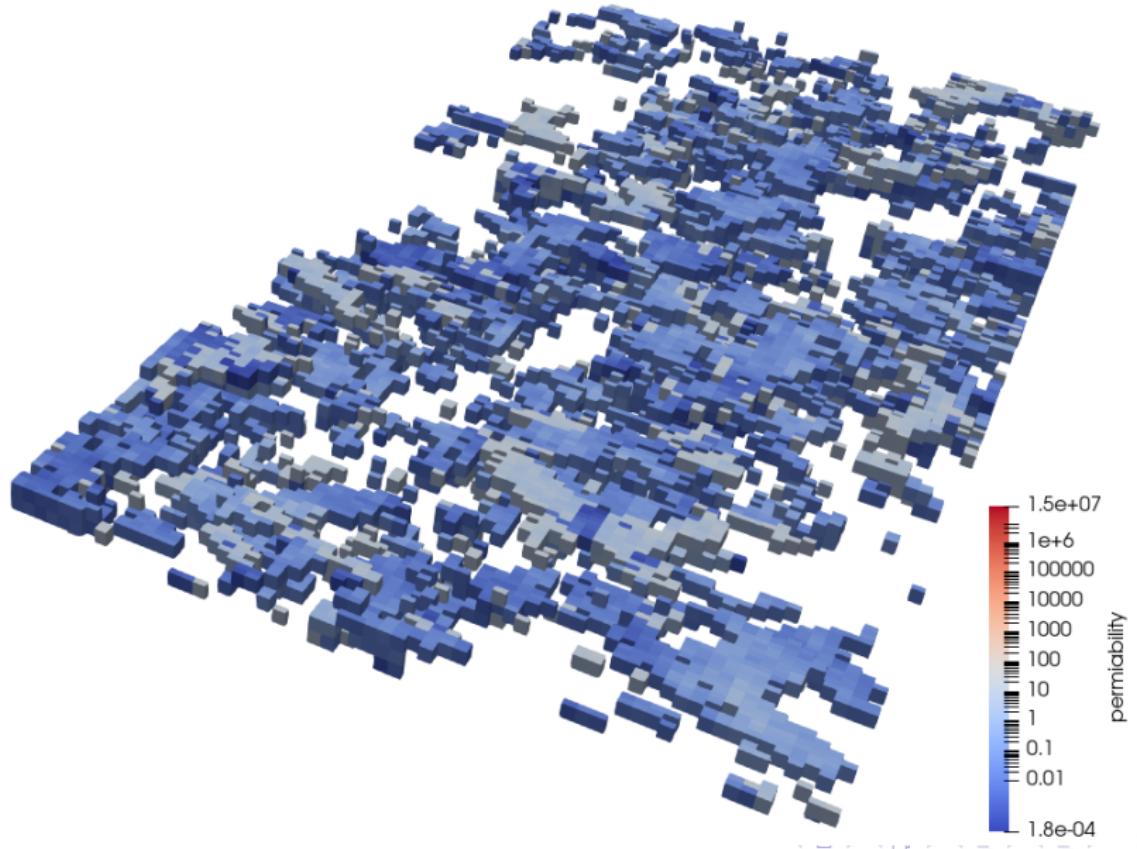
$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f & , \text{ on } \Omega \\ u = 0 & , \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $\beta$  (called the permeability) is a piecewise constant diagonal matrix coefficient (constant on each element).

$\|\beta\|_2$  **on each element**



# SPE10 Clipped Cross Section (High Permeability)



# Adaptivity Algorithm

**Data:** Matrix  $A$ , desired convergence factor  $\rho$ , max components  $m$ , smoother type  $B$

**Result:** Adaptive Solver  $\bar{B}$

```
1  $\bar{B} \leftarrow \text{CreateSolver}(B, A)$ 
2  $i, cf \leftarrow 1$ 
3 while  $\rho < cf$  and  $i < m$  do
4    $w, cf \leftarrow \text{TestHomogeneous}(A, \bar{B})$ 
5    $w = w / \|w\|_2$ 
6    $B_{new} \leftarrow \text{AdaptiveMLSolver}(B, A, w)$ 
7    $\bar{B} \leftarrow \text{SymmetricComposition}(\bar{B}, B_{new})$ 
8    $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
```

# Composition of Solvers

$$I - B^{-1}A = (I - B_1^{-T}A)(I - B_0^{-1}A)(I - B_1^{-1}A). \quad (1)$$

$$B^{-1} = \bar{B}_1^{-1} + (I - B_1^{-T}A)B_0^{-1}(I - AB_1^{-1}). \quad (2)$$

$\bar{B}_1$  is a symmetrization of  $B_1$  (if needed)

$$\bar{B}_1 = B_1(B_1 + B_1^T - A)^{-1}B_1^T. \quad (3)$$

## Lemma

If  $B_0$  is s.p.d. and  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  are  $A$ -convergent solvers, then their composition defined in (1) or equivalently, in (2), is s.p.d. and  $B$  is also  $A$ -convergent. Also, if the symmetrized solver  $\bar{B}_1$  (see (3)) satisfies  $\|\bar{B}_1\| \leq c_0\|A\|$  for some constant  $c_0 > 0$ , then the same inequality holds for  $B$ , i.e.,  $\|B\| \leq c_0\|A\|$ . Finally, if  $B_1$  is s.p.d. and satisfies the inequalities  $\mathbf{v}^T B_1 \mathbf{v} \geq \mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}$  and  $\|B_1\| \leq c_0\|A\|$ , we have  $\|B\| \leq \|\bar{B}_1\| \leq \|B_1\| \leq c_0\|A\|$ .

# Algebraically Smooth Error is Near-nullspace of A

$$A\mathbf{x} = 0, \text{ gives } B(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = -A\mathbf{x}_{k-1} \quad (4)$$

## Theorem

Let  $B$  define an s.p.d.  $A$ -convergent iterative method such that  $\frac{\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^T B \mathbf{v}} < 1$  and  $\|B\| \simeq \|A\|$ , i.e.,  $\|B\| \leq c_0 \|A\|$  for a constant  $c_0 \geq 1$ . Consider any vector  $\mathbf{w}$  such that the iteration process (4) with  $B$  stalls for it, i.e.,

$$1 \geq \frac{\|(I - B^{-1}A)\mathbf{w}\|_A^2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|_A^2} \geq 1 - \delta, \quad (5)$$

for some small  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . Then, the following estimate holds  
 $\|A\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq c_0 \|A\| \delta \|\mathbf{w}\|_A^2$ .

# Strength of Connectivity Graph

Since  $Aw \approx 0$  componentwise by construction, we have for each  $i$

$$0 \approx w_i \sum_j a_{ij} w_j,$$

or equivalently

$$0 \leq a_{ii} w_i^2 \approx \sum_{j \neq i} (-w_i a_{ij} w_j).$$

Then,  $\bar{A} = (\bar{a}_{ij})$  with non-zero entries  $\bar{a}_{ij} = -w_i a_{ij} w_j$ , ( $i \neq j$ ) has positive row-sums.

$\bar{A}$  is the sparse adjacency matrix associated with the connectivity strength graph  $G$ .

# Modularity Matching (Coarsening) for AMG Hierarchy

Let  $\mathbf{1} = (1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the unity constant vector,  $\mathbf{r} = A\mathbf{1}$ , and  $T = \sum_i r_i = \mathbf{1}^T A\mathbf{1}$ .

The *Modularity Matrix* [New10]

$$B = A - \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^T.$$

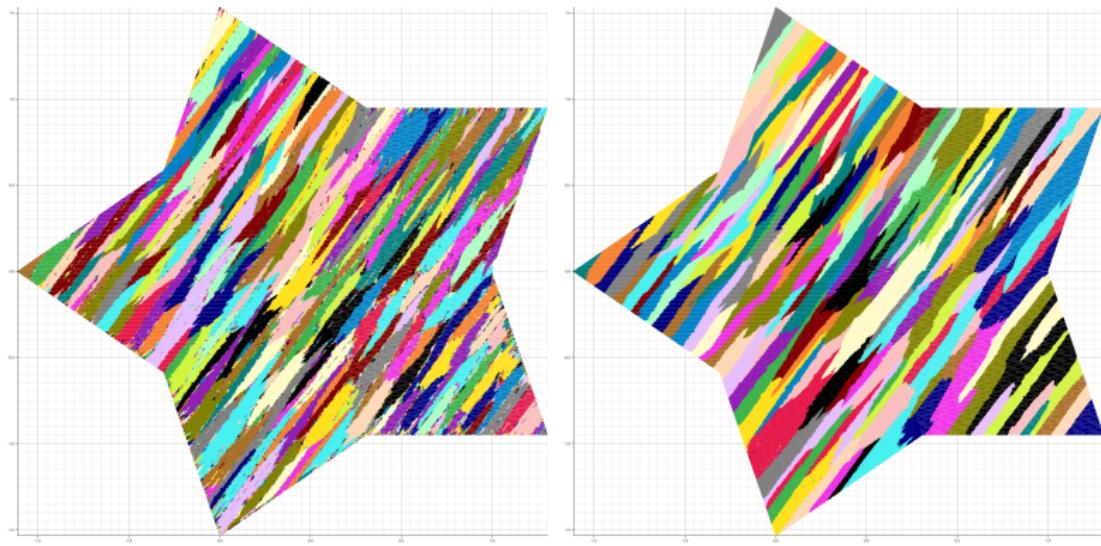
By construction, we have that

$$B\mathbf{1} = 0. \tag{6}$$

The *Modularity Functional* [QV19]

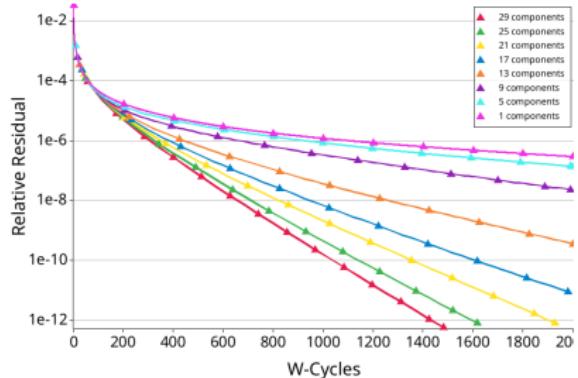
$$Q = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{i, j \in \mathcal{A}} b_{ij} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{i, j \in \mathcal{A}} \left( a_{ij} - \frac{r_i r_j}{T} \right).$$

# Hierarchy Visualization for 2d Anisotropy

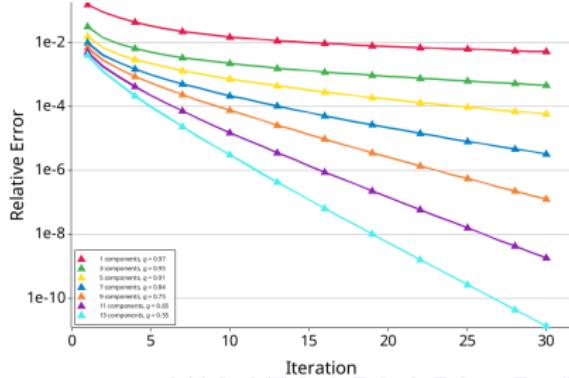
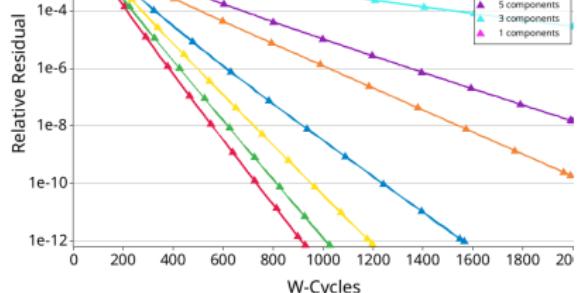
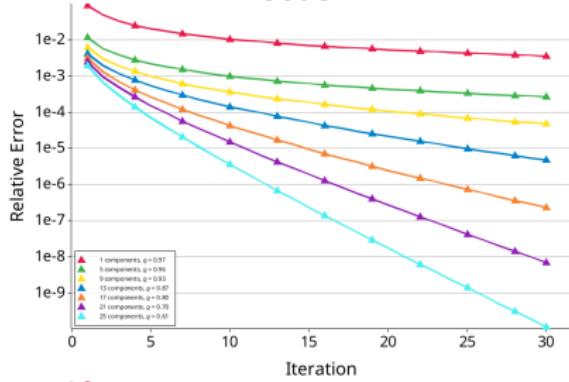


# 2d Anisotropy (top) and SPE10 (bottom)

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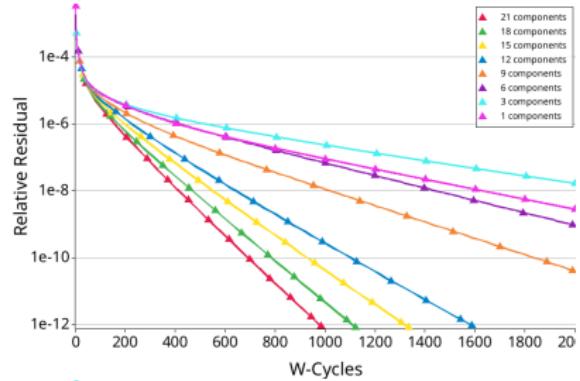


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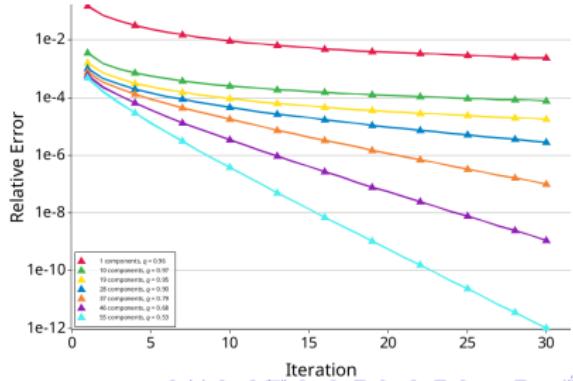
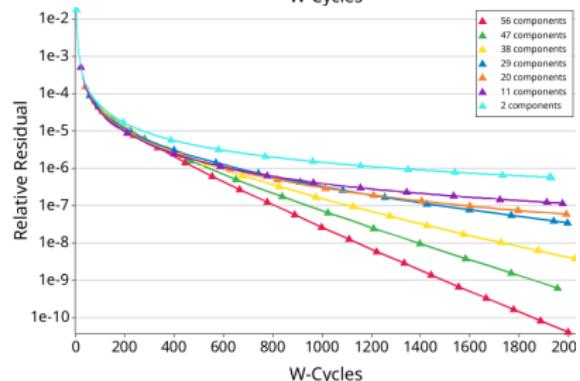
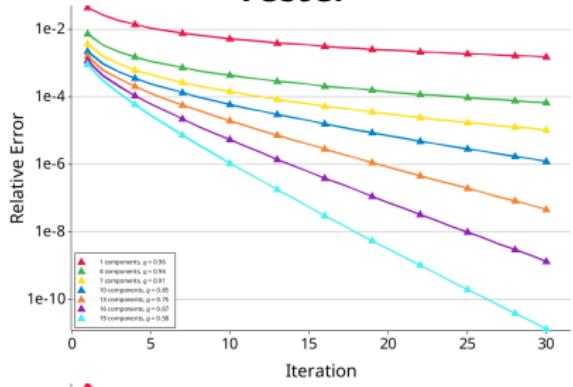


# G3-circuit (top) and Janna-Flan (bottom)

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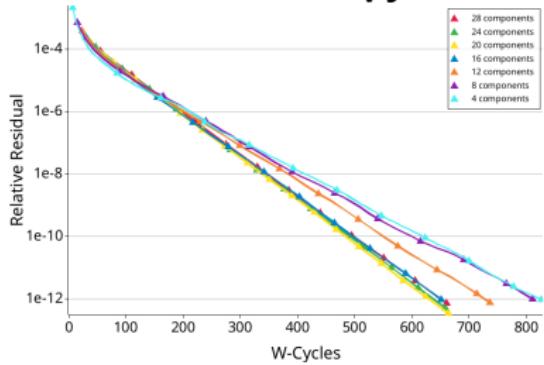


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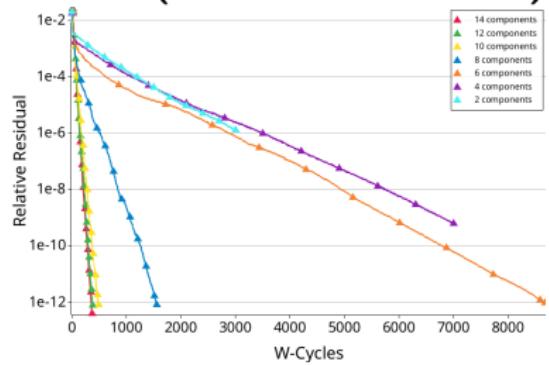


# As Preconditioner for Conjugate Gradient

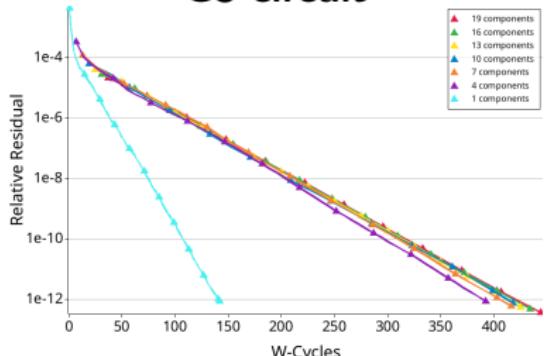
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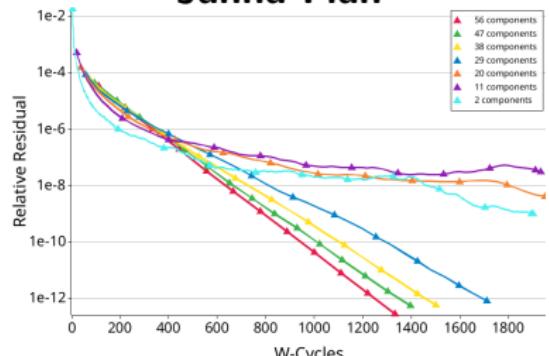
## SPE10 (inverted coefficient)



## G3-circuit



## Janna-Flan



# Future Work

- We suspect the interpolation technique is limiting the solver / PC performance
- Study the algorithmic and implementation scalability
- Study more advanced relaxation techniques
- Study applications to eigensolvers

Submitted work to a student paper competition (with presentation) for:

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