

Flexible Time Integration Methods for Multiphysics PDE Systems

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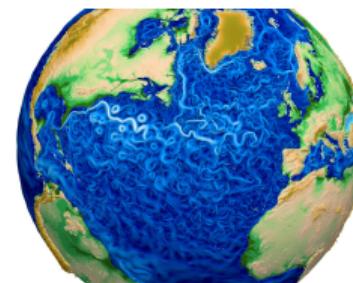
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Multiphysics Simulations

Multiphysics simulations couple different models either in the bulk or across interfaces.

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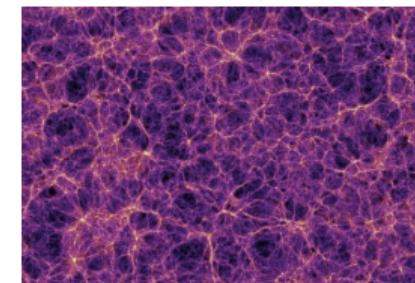
- Atmospheric simulations combine fluid dynamics with local “physics” models for chemistry, condensation,
- Atmosphere is coupled at interfaces to myriad other processes (ocean, land/sea ice, . . .), each using distinct models.



Above: <https://e3sm.org>.

Astrophysics/cosmology:

- Dark matter modeled using particles that give rise to large-scale gravitational structures (at right).
- Baryonic matter modeled by combining fluid dynamics, gravity, radiation transport, and reaction networks for chemical ionization states.



Multiphysics Challenges

[Keyes et al., 2013]

These model combinations can challenge traditional numerical methods:

- “Multirate” processes evolve on different time scales but prohibit analytical reformulation.
- Stiff components disallow fully explicit methods.
- Nonlinearity and insufficient differentiability challenge fully implicit methods.
- Parallel scalability demands optimal algorithms – while robust/scalable algebraic solvers exist for parts (e.g., FMM for particles, multigrid for diffusion), none are optimal for the whole.

We may consider a prototypical problem as having m coupled evolutionary processes:

$$\dot{y}(t) = f^{\{1\}}(t, y) + \cdots + f^{\{m\}}(t, y), \quad t \in [t_0, t_f], \quad y(t_0) = y_0.$$

Each component $f^{\{k\}}(t, y)$:

- may act on all of y (in the bulk), or on only a subset of y (within a subdomain),
- may evolve on a different characteristic time scale,
- may be “stiff” or “nonstiff,” thereby desiring implicit or explicit treatment.

Implicit-Explicit Additive Runge–Kutta Methods

[Ascher et al., 1997; Kennedy & Carpenter, 2003; ...]

IMEX-ARK methods allow high-order adaptive ImEx time integration for additively-split *single rate* simulations:

$$\dot{y}(t) = f^E(t, y) + f^I(t, y), \quad t \in [t_0, t_f], \quad y(t_0) = y_0,$$

- $f^E(t, y)$ contains the nonstiff terms to be treated explicitly,
- $f^I(t, y)$ contains the stiff terms to be treated implicitly.

Combine two s -stage RK methods; denoting $h_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$, $t_{n,j}^E = t_n + c_j^E h_n$, $t_{n,j}^I = t_n + c_j^I h_n$:

$$z_i = y_n + h_n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{i,j}^E f^E(t_{n,j}^E, z_j) + h_n \sum_{j=1}^i a_{i,j}^I f^I(t_{n,j}^I, z_j), \quad i = 1, \dots, s,$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h_n \sum_{j=1}^s \left[b_j^E f^E(t_{n,j}^E, z_j) + b_j^I f^I(t_{n,j}^I, z_j) \right] \quad (\text{solution})$$

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1} = y_n + h_n \sum_{j=1}^s \left[\tilde{b}_j^E f^E(t_{n,j}^E, z_j) + \tilde{b}_j^I f^I(t_{n,j}^I, z_j) \right] \quad (\text{embedding})$$

Solving each stage z_i , $i = 1, \dots, s$

[Ascher et al., 1997; Kennedy & Carpenter, 2003; ...]

Per-stage cost is commensurate with implicit Euler for $\dot{y}(t) = f^I(t, y)$ – solve a root-finding problem:

$$0 = G_i(z) = \left[z - h_n a_{i,i}^I f^I(t_{n,i}^I, z) \right] - \left[y_n + h_n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left(a_{i,j}^E f^E(t_{n,j}^E, z_j) + a_{i,j}^I f^I(t_{n,j}^I, z_j) \right) \right]$$

- If $f^I(t, y)$ is *linear* in y then this is a large-scale linear system for each z_i .
- Else this requires an iterative solver (e.g., Newton, accelerated fixed-point, or problem-specific).
- All operators in $f^E(t, y)$ are treated explicitly (do not affect algebraic solver convergence).

Defined by compatible *explicit* $\{c^E, A^E, b^E, \tilde{b}^E\}$ and *implicit* $\{c^I, A^I, b^I, \tilde{b}^I\}$ tables. These are derived in unison to satisfy order conditions arising from NB-trees (along with stability, high stage order, ...).

Multirate Infinitesimal (MRI) methods

[Schlegel et al., 2009; Sandu, 2019; ...]

MRI methods provide a flexible approach to “subcycling” and support up to $\mathcal{O}(H^6)$ for multirate problems:

$$\dot{y}(t) = \textcolor{red}{f^S(t, y)} + \textcolor{green}{f^F(t, y)}, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f], \quad y(t_0) = y_0.$$

- $f^S(t, y)$ contains the “slow” dynamics, evolved with time step H .
- $f^F(t, y)$ contains the “fast” dynamics, evolved with time steps $h \ll H$.
- The **slow** component is defined by an “outer” RK method, while the **fast** component is advanced between slow stages by solving a modified IVP with a subcycled “inner” RK method.
- Extremely efficient – fourth order is attainable with *only a single traversal* of $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$.

MRI Algorithm Outline

[Schlegel et al., 2009; Sandu, 2019; ...]

Denoting $y_n \approx y(t_n)$ and $H = t_{n+1} - t_n$, a single step $y_n \rightarrow y_{n+1}$ proceeds as follows:

1. Let: $z_1 = y_n$.
2. For each slow stage z_i , $i = 2, \dots, s$:

a) Define: $r_i(\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^i \gamma_{i,j} \left(\frac{\tau}{(c_i - c_{i-1})H} \right) f^S(t_n + c_j H, z_j)$.

b) Evolve: $\dot{v}(\tau) = f^F(t_n + \tau, v) + r_i(\tau)$, for $\tau \in [c_{i-1}H, c_iH]$, $v(c_{i-1}H) = z_{i-1}$.

c) Let: $z_i = v(c_iH)$.

3. Let: $y_{n+1} = z_s$.

- MIS: $\gamma_{i,j}(\theta)$ is independent of θ , with coefficients computed from an “outer” RK method [Schlegel et al., 2009].
- MRI: $\gamma_{i,j}(\theta)$ is polynomial in θ , coefficients satisfy GARK-based order conditions [Sandu, 2019].
- Step 2b may use any applicable algorithm of sufficient accuracy (including another MRI method).
- When $c_i = c_{i-1}$, step 2b reduces to a standard ERK/DIRK Runge–Kutta stage update.
- Implicitness at the slow scale depends on $\gamma_{i,i}(\theta) \neq 0$, only used when $c_i = c_{i-1}$ (“solve-decoupled”).

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Implicit-Explicit Multirate Infinitesimal GARK Methods

[Chinomona & R., SISC, 2021]

To better support the flexibility needs of multiphysics problems, we have extended Sandu's MRI-GARK methods to support implicit-explicit treatment of the slow time scale, for problems of the form:

$$\dot{y}(t) = f^I(t, y) + f^E(t, y) + f^F(t, y), \quad t \in [t_0, t_f], \quad y(t_0) = y_0.$$

These follow the same basic approach as the previous MRI algorithm, but with in ImEx forcing function

$$r_i(\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^i \gamma_{i,j} \left(\frac{\tau}{(c_i - c_{i-1})H} \right) f^I(t_n + c_j H, z_j) + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega_{i,j} \left(\frac{\tau}{(c_i - c_{i-1})H} \right) f^E(t_n + c_j H, z_j),$$

where $\gamma_{i,j}(\theta) := \sum_{k=0}^{k_{max}} \gamma_{i,j}^{\{k\}} \theta^k$ and $\omega_{i,j}(\theta) := \sum_{k=0}^{k_{max}} \omega_{i,j}^{\{k\}} \theta^k$.

- Coefficients matrices $\Gamma^{\{k\}}, \Omega^{\{k\}} \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}$ are lower and strictly lower triangular, respectively.
- Order conditions up to $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$ leverage GARK framework.

IMEX-MRI-GARK Construction

[Chinomona & R., SISC, 2021]

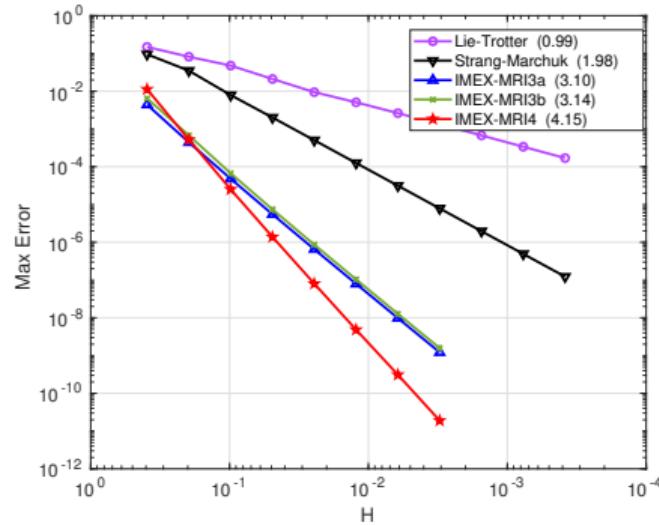
Begin with an IMEX-ARK pair $\{A^I, b^I, c^I; A^E, b^E, c^E\}$ where $c^I = c^E \equiv c$ with $0 = c_1 \leq \dots \leq c_{\tilde{s}} \leq 1$.

- Convert to solve-decoupled form: insert redundant stages such that $\Delta c_i A_{ii}^I = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$.
- Extend A^I , A^E and c to ensure “stiffly-accurate” condition: $c_s = 1$, $A_{s,:}^I = b^I$, $A_{s,:}^E = b^E$.
- Generate $\Gamma^{(k)}$ and $\Omega^{(k)}$ for $k = 0, \dots, k_{max}$, to satisfy ARK consistency (s^2 conditions), internal consistency ($2s(k_{max} + 1)$ conditions), plus order conditions:
 - $\mathcal{O}(H^1)$ and $\mathcal{O}(H^2)$: no additional order conditions,
 - $\mathcal{O}(H^3)$: 2 additional order conditions,
 - $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$: 16 additional order conditions.
- With any additional degrees of freedom, we maximized “[joint linear stability](#)”.

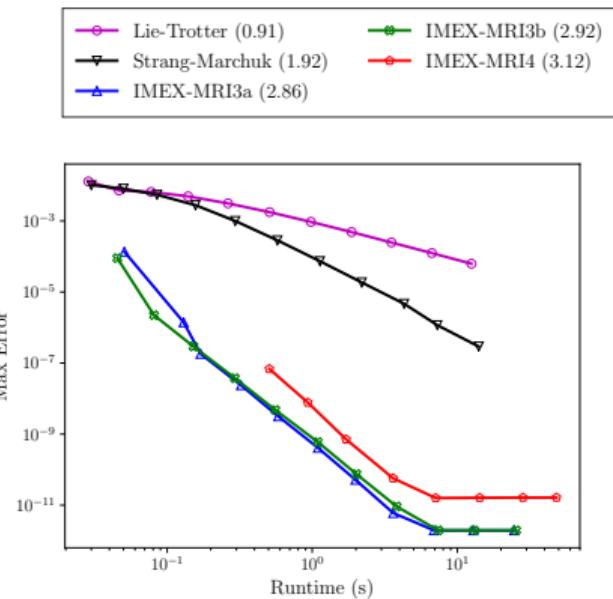
Note: we found it challenging to construct embedded IMEX-MRI-GARK methods, largely due to our reliance on IMEX-ARK base methods and the “sorted” abscissa requirement.

IMEX-MRI-GARK Convergence/Efficiency

[Chinomona & R., SISC, 2021]



Nonlinear Kværnø-Prothero-Robinson
test problem convergence.



Stiff brusselator PDE test runtime efficiency.
 $H = \left\{ \frac{1}{40}, \frac{1}{80} \right\}$ runs were unstable for IMEX-MRI4.

Implicit-Explicit Multirate Infinitesimal Stage-Restart Methods

[Fish, R., & Roberts, *JCAM*, 2024]

To circumvent the constraints required for IMEX-MRI-GARK construction, we developed IMEX-MRI-SR methods by assuming a simpler structure for the step $y_n \rightarrow y_{n+1}$:

1. Let: $z_1 = y_n$.

2. For each slow stage z_i , $i = 2, \dots, s$:

a) Define: $r_i(\tau) = \frac{1}{c_i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega_{i,j} \left(\frac{\tau}{c_i H} \right) \left(f_j^E + f_j^I \right)$, with $\omega_{i,j}(\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{n_\Omega-1} \omega_{i,j}^{\{k\}} \theta^k$.

b) Evolve: $\dot{v}(\tau) = f^F(t_n + \tau, v) + r_i(\tau)$, for $\tau \in [0, c_i H]$, $v(0) = y_n$.

c) Solve: $z_i = v(c_i H) + H \sum_{j=1}^i \gamma_{i,j} f^I(t_n + c_j H, z_j)$.

3. Let: $y_{n+1} = z_s$.

- For brevity above, we denote $f_j^E := f^E(t_n + c_j H, z_j)$ and $f_j^I := f^I(t_n + c_j H, z_j)$.
- The embedding has an identical structure as the last stage, z_s .
- There is no “hidden” dependence on $\Delta c_i = 0$ for the algorithm structure, and no “padding” is required when deriving IMEX-MRI-SR methods from IMEX-ARK.

IMEX-MRI-SR Construction

[Fish, R., & Roberts, *JCAM*, 2024]

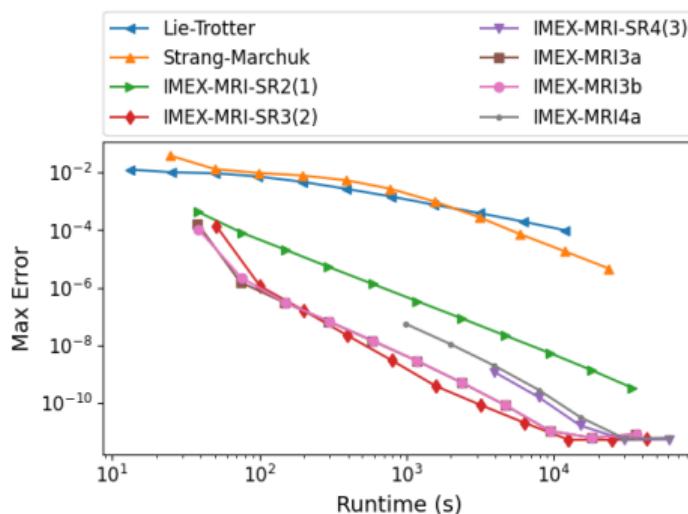
Again take an an IMEX-ARK pair $\{A^I, b^I, c^I; A^E, b^E, c^E\}$ where $c^I = c^E \equiv c$ (not necessarily sorted).

- Extend A^I , A^E and c to ensure "stiffly-accurate" condition: $c_s = 1$, $A_{s,:}^I = b^I$, $A_{s,:}^E = b^E$.
- Generate Γ and $\Omega^{(k)}$ for $k = 0, \dots, n_\Omega$, to satisfy IMEX-ARK consistency (s^2 conditions), internal consistency ($s(2 + n_\Omega)$ conditions), plus order conditions:
 - $\mathcal{O}(H^1)$ and $\mathcal{O}(H^2)$: no additional order conditions,
 - $\mathcal{O}(H^3)$: 1 additional order condition,
 - $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$: 6 additional order conditions.
- With remaining degrees of freedom, maximize joint linear stability for the method and minimize leading order error for embedding.

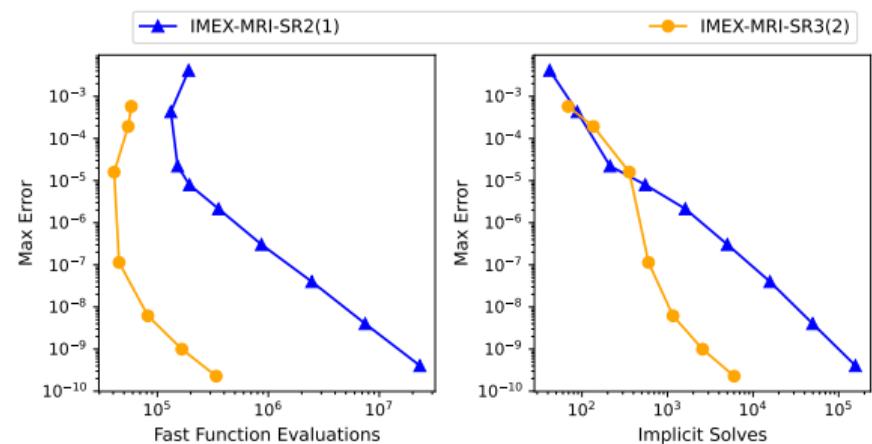
IMEX-MRI-SR Convergence/Efficiency – “Stiff” Brusselator PDE

[Fish, R., & Roberts, *JCAM*, 2024]

Runtime efficiency of IMEX-MRI-SR,
IMEX-MRI-GARK, and IMEX-MRI versions of
Lie–Trotter and Strang–Marchuk splittings:



Modified problem with time-dependent advection,
diffusion and reaction coefficients. We explore adaptive
IMEX-MRI-SR efficiency using tolerances 10^{-k} with
 $k = 1, \dots, 9$ (more on MRI adaptivity in a moment):



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Multirate Infinitesimal Time Step Adaptivity

[Fish & R., *SISC*, 2023]

As with single-rate IVPs, robustness, accuracy, and efficiency hinge on appropriate selection of time step sizes. In the MRI setting, this is complicated:

- We now have separate control parameters at each time scale (H and h):
- The overall solution error is not simply the sum of errors at fast and slow time scales, since errors may propagate between them.
- With two parameters, we need separate estimates of temporal errors that arise at each scale.
- Although significant work has been performed on single-rate controllers, multirate control has received little investigation (particularly higher-order controller methods).

Multirate control

[Fish & R., SISC, 2023]

Denoting the overall error in an MRI time step solution as ε_{n+1} , we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{n+1} &= \|y(t_{n+1}) - y_{n+1}\| \\ &\leq \|y(t_{n+1}) - y_{n+1}^*\| + \|y_{n+1}^* - y_{n+1}\| \\ &= \varepsilon_{n+1}^s + \varepsilon_{n+1}^f \\ &= \left(\phi_n^s H_n^P + \mathcal{O}(H_n^{P+1}) \right) + \left(\phi_n^f \left(\frac{H_n}{M_n} \right)^p H_n + \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\frac{H_n}{M_n} \right)^{p+1} H_n \right) \right),\end{aligned}$$

where

- y_{n+1}^* is the imagined solution wherein each fast IVP is solved exactly,
- P and p are the global orders of accuracy for the MRI method embedding and fast solver embedding, resp.,
- ϕ^s and ϕ^f are the principal error functions for each scale (these depend on method and IVP, but not on H_n or M_n).

Multirate controllers

[Fish & R., SISC, 2023]

Extending the single-rate approach for controller derivation by Gustafsson [ACM TOMS, 1994], we:

- set the desired fast and slow errors to separate tolerances $\varepsilon_{n+1}^f \approx \text{TOL}^f$ and $\varepsilon_{n+1}^s \approx \text{TOL}^s$,
- solve the previous asymptotic estimates for $\log(H_n)$ and $\log(M_n)$, and
- approximate the principal error functions $\log(\phi_n^f)$ and $\log(\phi_n^s)$ using piecewise polynomials,

to derive the *constant-constant* controller

$$H_{n+1} = H_n \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^\alpha, \quad M_{n+1} = M_n \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\beta_1} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^f} \right)^{\beta_2},$$

and the *linear-linear* controller

$$H_{n+1} = H_n \left(\frac{H_n}{H_{n-1}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_n^s} \right)^{\alpha_2},$$

$$M_{n+1} = M_n \left(\frac{M_n}{M_{n-1}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\beta_{11}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_n^s} \right)^{\beta_{12}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^f} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_n^f} \right)^{\beta_{22}}.$$

Multirate controllers (continued)

[Fish & R., SISC, 2023]

We additionally propose two additional controllers:

- *PIMR* is a multirate extension of the PI single-rate controller:

$$H_{n+1} = H_n \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_n^s} \right)^{\alpha_2},$$

$$M_{n+1} = M_n \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\beta_{11}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_n^s} \right)^{\beta_{12}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^f} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_n^f} \right)^{\beta_{22}}.$$

- *PIDMR* is a multirate extension of the PID single-rate controller:

$$H_{n+1} = H_n \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_n^s} \right)^{\alpha_2} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n-1}^s} \right)^{\alpha_3},$$

$$M_{n+1} = M_n \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^s} \right)^{\beta_{11}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_n^s} \right)^{\beta_{12}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^s}{\varepsilon_{n-1}^s} \right)^{\beta_{13}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_{n+1}^f} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_n^f} \right)^{\beta_{22}} \left(\frac{\text{TOL}^f}{\varepsilon_{n-1}^f} \right)^{\beta_{23}}.$$

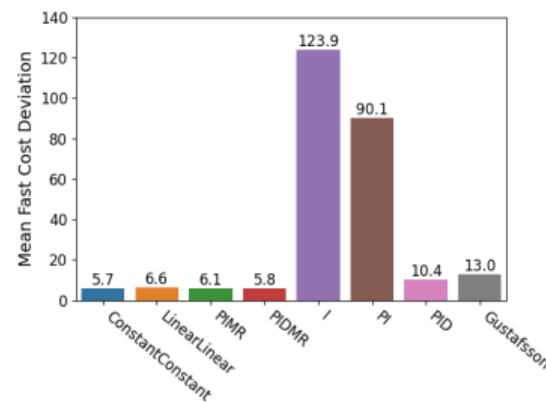
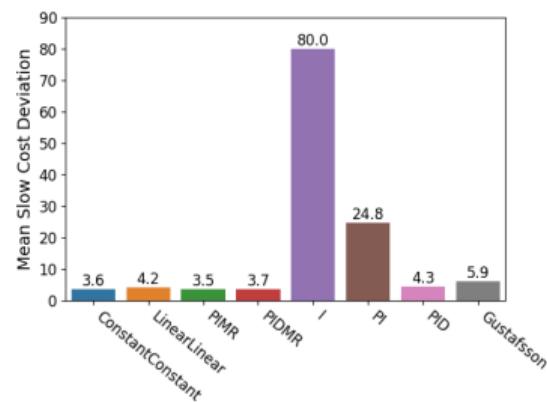
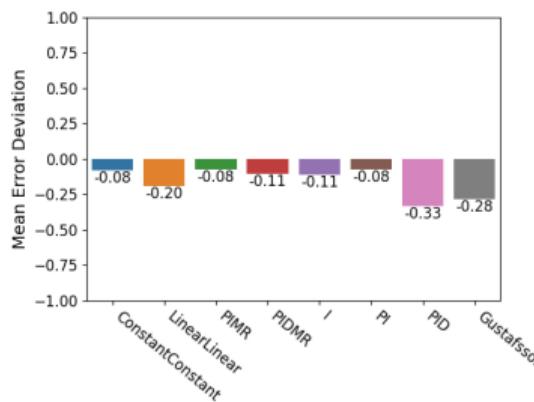
[Approaches for estimating ε_n^f and ε_n^s (time-permitting)]

MRI controller performance

[Fish & R., SISC, 2023]

Tested 4 MRI controllers along with 4 single-rate H controllers (each used a fixed $M = 10$), across a test suite of 7 test problems, 4 IVP methods, and 3 tolerances.

- Left: overall controller ability to achieve desired tolerance ($0 \Rightarrow$ perfect, $< 0 \Rightarrow$ overly accurate)
- Center: overall controller f^S cost as multiple of “best possible” (i.e., 1 \Rightarrow perfect)
- Right: overall controller f^F cost as multiple of “best possible”



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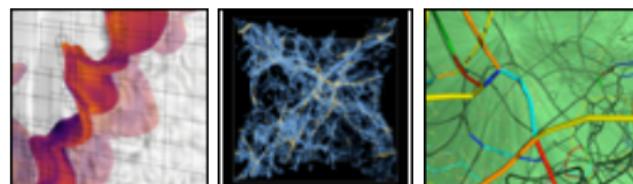
Open Source Software

[Gardner et al., *TOMS*, 2022; Balos et al., *ParComp*, 2021; Hindmarsh et al., *TOMS*, 2005]

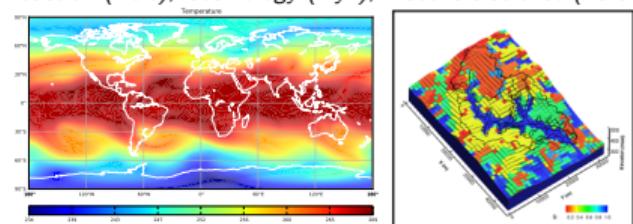
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Combustion (*Pele*), Cosmology (*Nyx*), Materials science (*ParaDiS*)



Climate (*Tempest*), Subsurface flow (*ParFlow*)

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Software: ARKODE

[R. et al., ACM TOMS, 2023]

Our “flexible” integrators reside in ARKODE, initially released within SUNDIALS in 2014 with adaptive IMEX-ARK methods. Since then we have enhanced it to include a variety of “steppers”:

- ARKStep: supports all of ARKODE’s original functionality (adaptive ARK, ERK, DIRK methods); includes an interface to XBraid for PinT (work by D. Gardner).
- ERKStep: tuned for highly efficient explicit Runge–Kutta methods.
- MRIStep: multirate infinitesimal time stepping module.
 - Includes explicit MIS methods $\mathcal{O}(H^3)$, explicit or implicit MRI-GARK methods of $\mathcal{O}(H^2)$ to $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$, IMEX-MRI-GARK methods of $\mathcal{O}(H^3)$ and $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$.
 - Supports user-provided MRI-GARK tables $\Gamma^{\{k\}}$ or IMEX-MRI-GARK tables $\{\Gamma^{\{k\}}, \Omega^{\{k\}}\}$.
 - Currently requires a user-defined H that can be varied between steps. Fast time scale evolved using ARKStep or any viable user-supplied IVP solver.
 - *Will soon include embedded IMEX-MRI-SR methods of $\mathcal{O}(H^2)$ to $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$, and multirate time adaptivity controllers.*

[Large-scale multirate reacting flow results (time permitting)]

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Conclusions

Large-scale multiphysics problems:

- Nonlinear, interacting models pose key challenges to stable, accurate and scalable simulation.
- Large data requirements require scalable solvers; while individual processes admit “optimal” algorithms & time scales, these rarely agree.
- Most classical methods derived for idealized problems perform poorly on “real world” applications.

Although operator-splitting remains standard, new & flexible methods are catching up, supporting high order accuracy (even up to $\mathcal{O}(H^6)$) and multirate/ImEx flexibility.

The optimal choice of method depends on a variety of factors:

- whether the problem admits a natural and effective ImEx and/or multirate splitting,
- relative costs of $f^S(t, y)$ and $f^F(t, y)$ for multirate; availability of optimal algebraic solvers for $f^I(t, y)$,
- desired solution accuracy, ...

Future Work

Much work remains to be done:

- Improved [embedded] IMEX-MRI-GARK and IMEX-MRI-SR methods (particulary for $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$).
- Robust temporal controllers for nested multirating, $h_1 > h_2 > \dots > h_m$.
- Extension of flexible integration approaches to large-scale systems of DAEs.
- Robust (automated?) approaches for determining additive splittings $f(t, y) \rightarrow \sum_k f^{\{k\}}(t, y)$.
- Support for a broad range of adaptive MRI methods within open-source software libraries.
- Close collaboration with applications scientists to incorporate novel algorithms within their codes.
- Suggestions?

Postdoctoral Positions in Numerical Methods for Fusion Energy

I'm recruiting two postdocs to work on the development and implementation of advanced time integration methods for large-scale simulations in magnetic fusion energy.

- Looking for candidates with expertise in one or more of:
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 - numerical analysis, and
 - simulation of differential equations.
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- Information and application at MathJobs.org.



We're also hiring two data science postdocs as part of our department's RTG (also on MathJobs.org).

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IMEX-MRI-GARK Joint Linear Stability

[Chinomona & R., SISC, 2021]

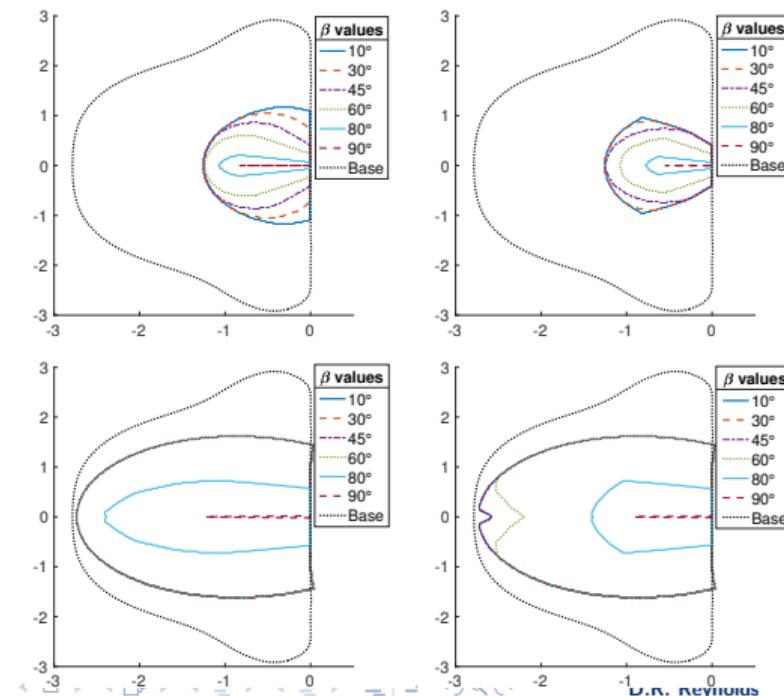
Multirate method stability is currently difficult to analyze. Examining “joint stability” [Zharovsky et al., 2015] for the Dahlquist-like test problem $\dot{y} = \lambda^I y + \lambda^E y + \lambda^F y$:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha,\beta} = \left\{ z^E \in \mathbb{C}^- : \left| R(z^F, z^E, z^I) \right| \leq 1, \forall z^F \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^F, \forall z^I \in \mathcal{S}_\beta^I \right\}, \quad \mathcal{S}_\alpha^\sigma = \left\{ z^\sigma \in \mathbb{C}^- : |\arg(z^\sigma) - \pi| \leq \alpha \right\}$$

$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha,\beta}$ regions for various implicit sector angles β :

- IMEX-MRI-GARK3a (\uparrow)
- IMEX-MRI-GARK3b (\downarrow)
- fast $\alpha = 10^\circ$ (\leftarrow)
- fast $\alpha = 45^\circ$ (\rightarrow)

We have an $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$ IMEX-MRI-GARK4 table for convergence verification, though it has poor joint stability.



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IMEX-MRI-SR Joint Linear Stability

[Fish, R., & Roberts, JCAM, 2024]

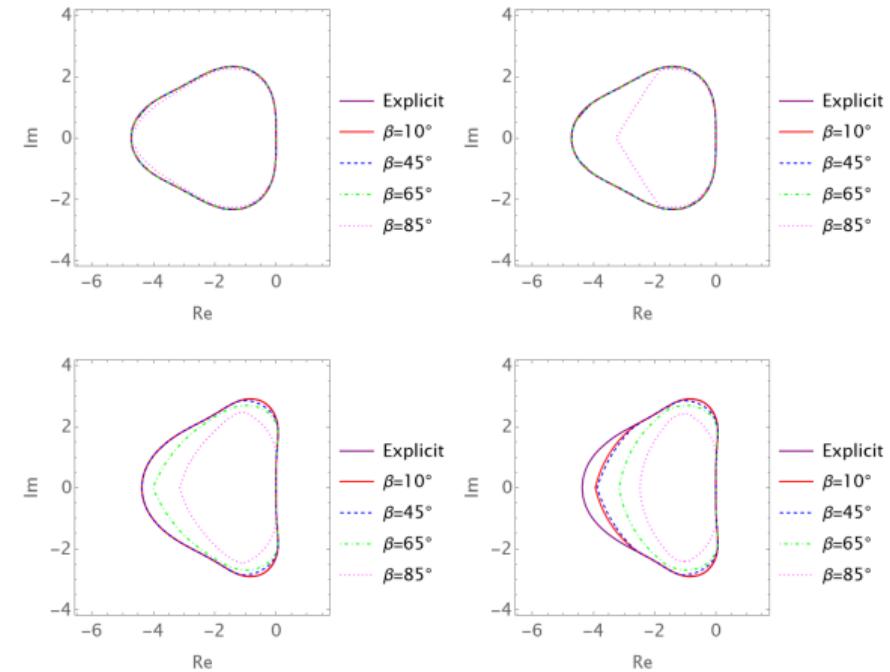
We again analyze joint linear stability for the Dahlquist-like test problem $\dot{y} = \lambda^I y + \lambda^E y + \lambda^F y$:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha,\beta} = \left\{ z^E \in \mathbb{C}^- : \left| R(z^F, z^E, z^I) \right| \leq 1, \forall z^F \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^F, \forall z^I \in \mathcal{S}_\beta^I \right\}, \quad \mathcal{S}_\alpha^\sigma = \left\{ z^\sigma \in \mathbb{C}^- : |\arg(z^\sigma) - \pi| \leq \alpha \right\}$$

$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha,\beta}$ regions for various implicit sector angles β :

- IMEX-MRI-SR2(1) (\uparrow)
- IMEX-MRI-SR3(2) (\downarrow)
- fast $\alpha = 10^\circ$ (\leftarrow)
- fast $\alpha = 45^\circ$ (\rightarrow)

We have an $\mathcal{O}(H^4)$ IMEX-MRI-SR4(3) table for convergence verification, though it again has relatively poor joint stability.



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MRI error estimation

[Fish & R., SISC, 2023]

All controllers require accurate/cheap estimates for ε_n^s and ε_n^f . Assuming the MRI method provides an embedding, \tilde{y}_n , then $\varepsilon_n^s \approx \|y_n - \tilde{y}_n\|$. However, estimation of $\varepsilon_n^f = \|y_n^* - y_n\|$ is less obvious.

We tested a variety of strategies:

- *Full-Step (FS)* – compute each fast solve twice using fast integrators of different orders, with forcing functions $r_i(\tau)$ that use separate $f^S(t, y)$ evaluations, to obtain $\varepsilon_n^f = \|y_n - \hat{y}_n\|$.
- *Stage-Aggregate (SA)* – compute each fast solve twice using fast integrators of different orders, but with forcing functions $r_i(\tau)$ that use shared $f^S(t, y)$ evaluations, and aggregate stage differences to obtain $\varepsilon_n^f = \text{aggregate}(\|z_i - \hat{z}_i\|, i = 2, \dots, s)$.
- *Local-Accumulation-Stage-Aggregate (LASA)* – compute each fast solve once using an embedded method, and accumulate sub-step error estimates $d_{i,j}$ into an overall estimate

$$\varepsilon_n^f = \text{aggregate} \left(\sum_{j=1}^M d_{i,j}, i = 2, \dots, s \right).$$

In the end, the “LASA” strategies proved sufficiently accurate (with the least expense).

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Multirate reacting flow demonstration problem

[R. et al., ACM TOMS, 2023]

3D nonlinear compressible Euler equations combined with stiff chemical reactions for a low-density primordial gas (molecular & ionization states of H and He, free electrons, and internal gas energy), present in models of the early universe.

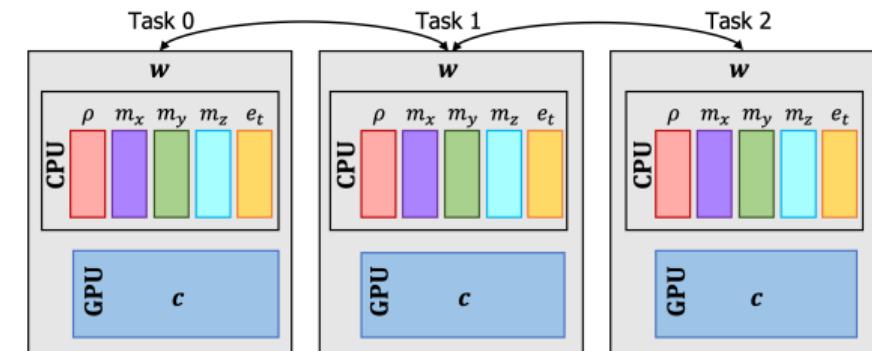
$$\partial_t \mathbf{w} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{w}), \quad \mathbf{w}(t_0) = \mathbf{w}_0,$$

\mathbf{w} : density, momenta, total energy, and chemical densities (10)

\mathbf{F} : advective fluxes (nonstiff/slow); and \mathbf{R} : reaction network (stiff/fast)

\mathbf{w} is stored as an MPIManyVector:

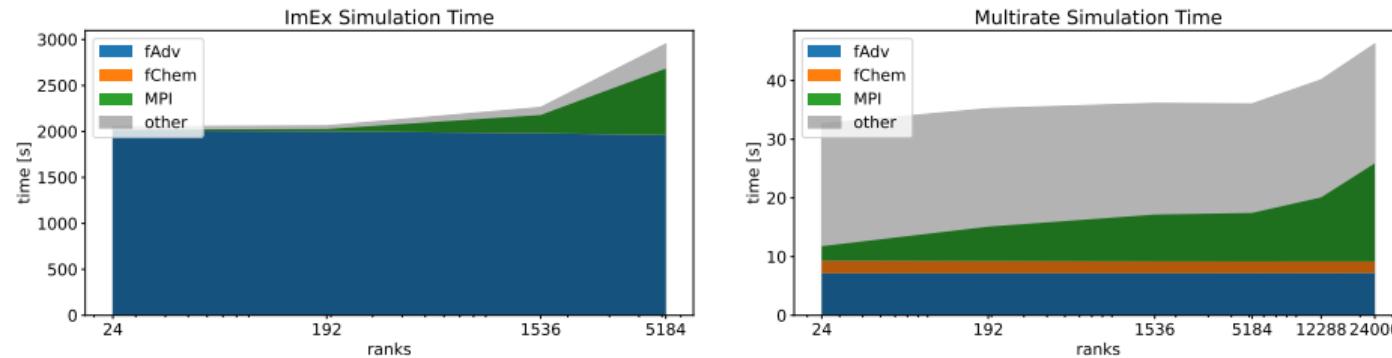
- Software layer treating collection of vector objects as a single cohesive vector.
- Does not touch any vector data directly.
- Simplifies partitioning of data among computational resources (e.g., CPU vs GPU).
- May also combine distinct MPI intracomunicators together in a multiphysics simulation.



Fluid species (density, momenta, total energy) are stored in main memory, while chemical densities are stored in GPU memory.

- Method of lines: $(X, t) \in \Omega \times (t_0, t_f]$, with $\Omega = [x_l, x_r] \times [y_l, y_r] \times [z_l, z_r]$.
- Regular $n_x \times n_y \times n_z$ grid for Ω , parallelized using standard 3D MPI domain decomposition.
- $\mathcal{O}(\Delta x^5)$ FD-WENO flux reconstruction for $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{w})$ [Shu, 2003].
- Resulting IVP system: $\dot{\mathbf{w}}(t) = f_1(\mathbf{w}) + f_2(\mathbf{w})$, $\mathbf{w}(t_0) = \mathbf{w}_0$, where $f_1(\mathbf{w})$ contains $-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{w})$ and is evaluated on the CPU, while $f_2(\mathbf{w})$ contains spatially-local reaction network $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{w})$ and is evaluated on the GPU.
- Compare two forms of temporal evolution:
 - (a) Temporally-adaptive, $\mathcal{O}(H^3)$ IMEX-ARK method from `ARKStep`: f_1 explicit and f_2 implicit,
 - (b) Fixed-step, $\mathcal{O}(H^3)$ MRI-GARK method from `MRIStep` (temporally-adaptive fast step h): f_1 slow/explicit and f_2 fast/DIRK.

Multirate reacting flow – ImEx and multirate results using hybrid CPU+GPU on OLCF Summit.



- Weak scaling runs with 1 MPI rank per GPU.
- Both use robust, GPU-enabled MAGMA batched linear solver.
- Multirate H chosen proportional to CFL condition on f_1 .
- Both ImEx & MRI show excellent algorithmic scalability, good MRI runtime scaling up to 86% of Summit.
- Huge reduction in f_1 evaluations allows ImEx → MRI speedup of $\sim 70\times$.
- GPU synchronization more severely hinders ImEx scalability, due to increased frequency (fast vs slow stages).

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