

INTRODUCTION TO FREEFEM

WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PARALLEL COMPUTING

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INTRODUCTION

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PREREQUISITES (THE MORE THE BETTER)

- FreeFEM [Hecht 2012] <https://github.com/FreeFem/FreeFem-sources>
- Gmsh [Geuzaine and Remacle 2009] <http://gmsh.info>
- ParaView <https://www.paraview.org>
- MPI <https://www.mpi-forum.org>
- HPDDM [Jolivet, Hecht, Nataf, et al. 2013] <https://github.com/hpddm/hpddm>
- PETSc [Balay et al. 1997] <https://gitlab.com/petsc/petsc>
- SLEPc [Hernandez et al. 2005] <https://gitlab.com/slepc/slepc>

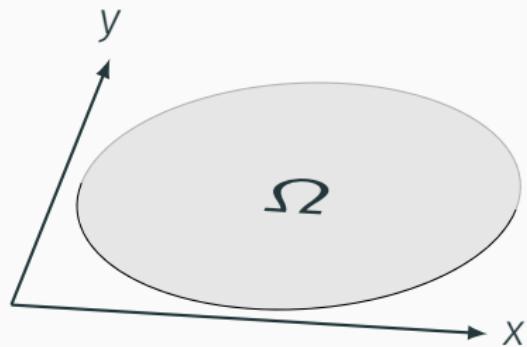
PROGRAM OF THE LECTURE

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Finite elements
- 3. FreeFEM
- 4. Shared-memory parallelism
- 5. Distributed-memory parallelism
- 6. Overlapping Schwarz methods
- 7. Substructuring methods
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- 10. Applications

FINITE ELEMENTS

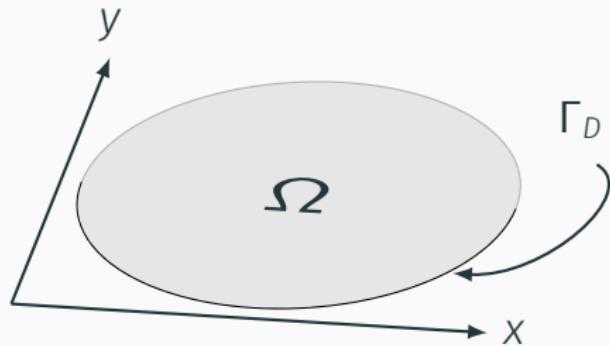
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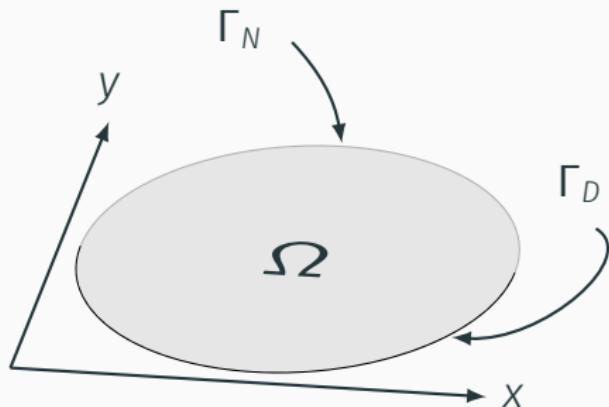
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$$\forall i \in \llbracket 1; N_h \rrbracket, b_i = \int_{\Omega_h} f \varphi_i + \int_{\Gamma_N^h} g_N \varphi_i$$

⇒ numerical integration using quadrature rules

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FREEFEM

HISTORY

- 1987 MacFem/PCFem by Pironneau
- 1992 FreeFem by Pironneau, Bernardi, Hecht, and Prud'homme
- 1996 FreeFem+ by Pironneau, Bernardi, and Hecht
- 1998 FreeFem++ by Hecht, Pironneau, and Ohtsuka
- 2008 version 3
- 2014 version 3.34 with distributed-memory parallelism
- 2018 moving to GitHub
- 2019 version 4, rebranded as FreeFEM
- 2023 version 4.13, composite spaces

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⇒ <https://community.freefem.org>

STANDARD COMPIRATION PROCESS I

- remove any previous instance of FreeFEM
- install gcc/clang and gfortran
- make sure you have a working MPI implementation

STANDARD COMPILE PROCESS II

```
> git clone https://github.com/FreeFem/FreeFem-sources  
> cd FreeFem-sources  
> git checkout develop  
> autoreconf -i  
> ./configure --enable-download --without-hdf5  
    --prefix=${PWD}  
> cd 3rdparty/ff-petsc  
> make petsc-slepc  
> cd -  
> ./reconfigure  
> make
```

BINARIES

- FreeFem++
- FreeFem++-mpi
- ffglut
- ffmedit
- ff-c++

Basic parameters

- `-ns` script not printed
- `-nw/-wg` graphical output deactivated
- `-v 0` level of verbosity

Structured meshes

- in 2D, `square`
- in 3D, `cube`

Unstructured meshes

- `buildmesh`
- interface with Gmsh, TetGen [Si 2013], and MMG

Online visualization

- mostly for debugging purposes
- prefer `medit` over `plot` in 3D

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Essential boundary conditions

- `tgv` = -1 for nonsymmetric elimination
- `tgv` = -2 for symm. elim. (careful about the RHS)
- `tgv` = 1e+30 for penalization

- `real[int,int]`
- `real[int][int]`
- `complex[int]`
- `matrix[int], string[int]`
- formal array of finite element functions

Common members and methods

- `.n` and `.m`
- `.resize`
- `=, +=, /=`

- keyword `load`
- `load "something"` ⇒ ff-c++ -auto something.cpp
- FreeFEM objects manipulated in C++/Fortran

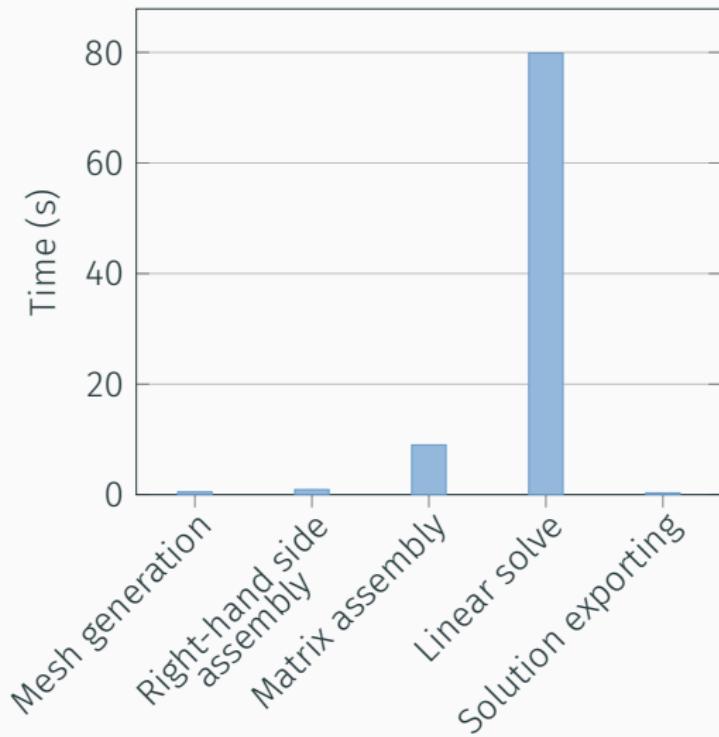
- user-defined functions
- may be passed to external codes
- useful for matrix-free computations
- **LinearCG, EigenValue**

- evaluated when parsing input files
- defined on the command line -DmacroName=value
- conditional statements using IFMACRO

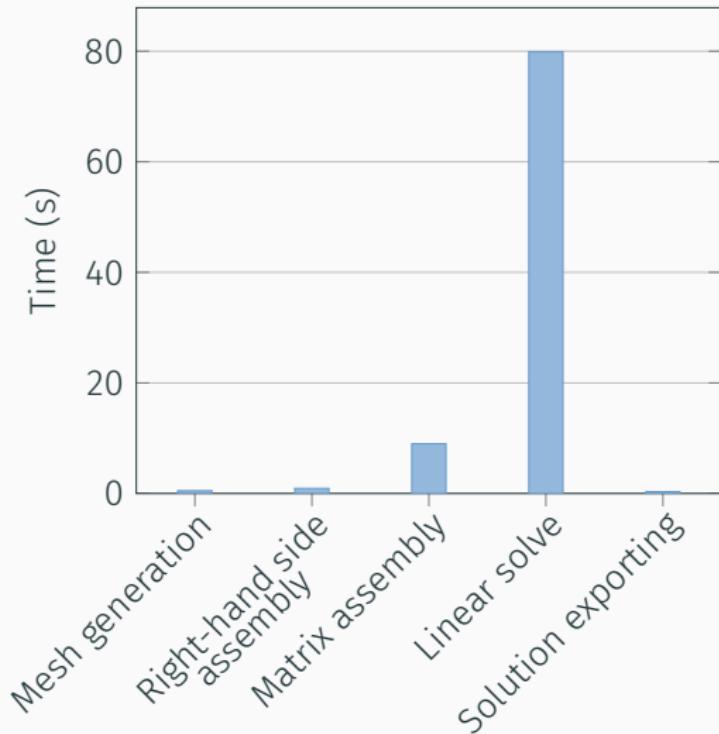
- **trunc** optional parameter **new2old**
- + **restrict** to go from one **fespace** to another
- useful to avoid (costly) interpolations
- meshes in multiphysics, e.g., solid + fluid domains

SHARED-MEMORY PARALLELISM

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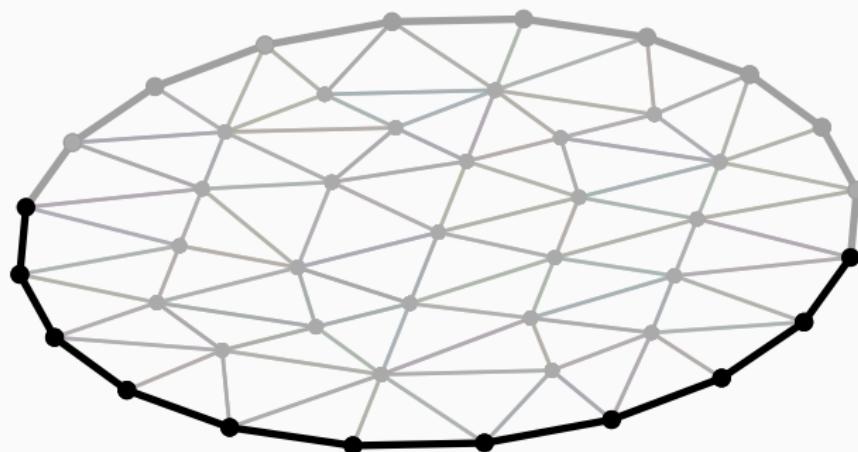
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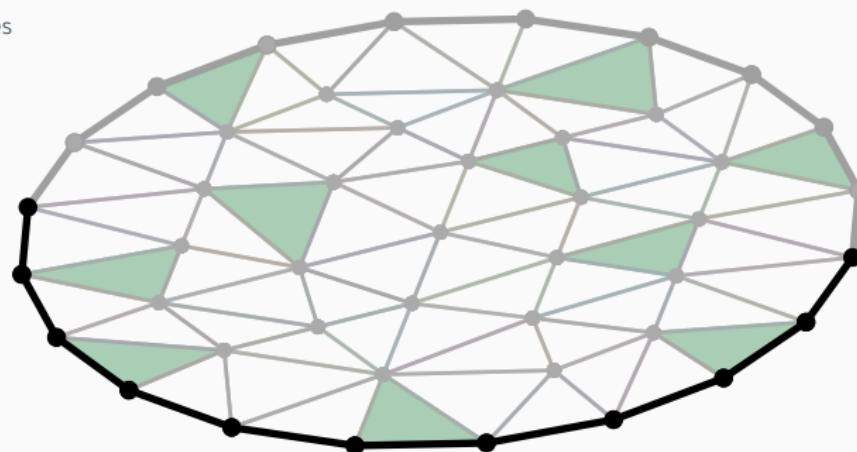
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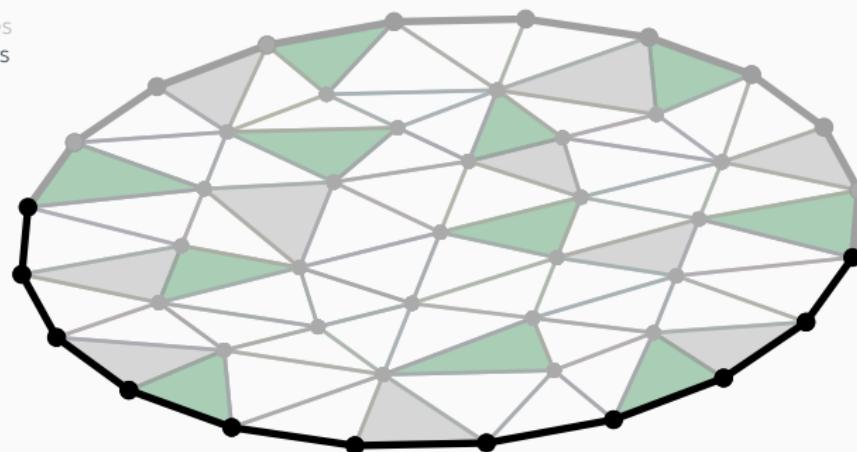
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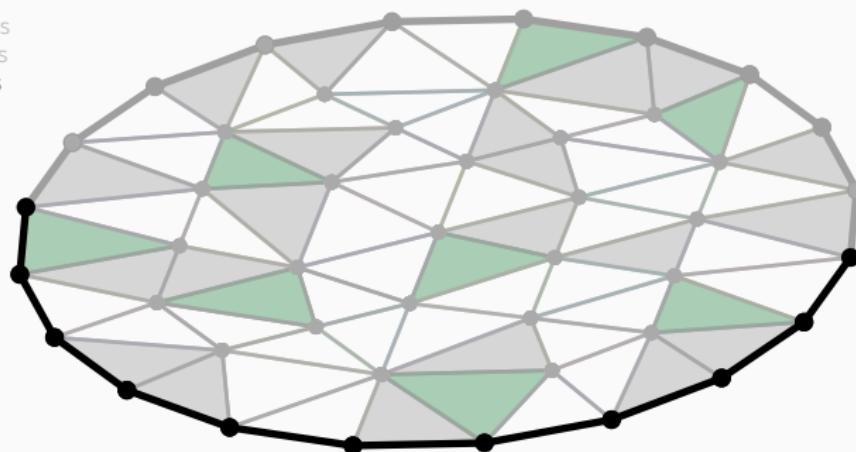
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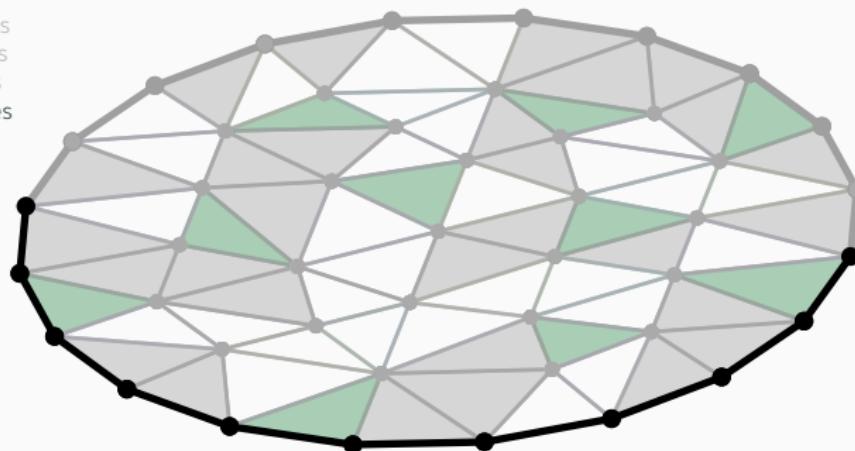
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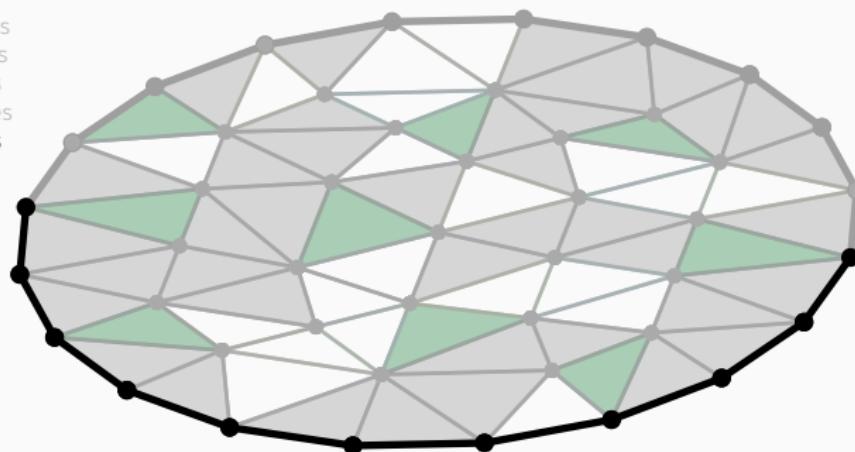
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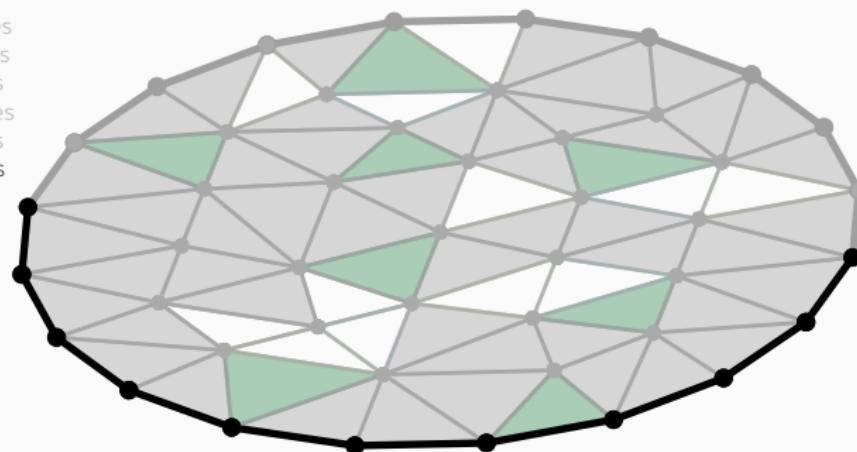
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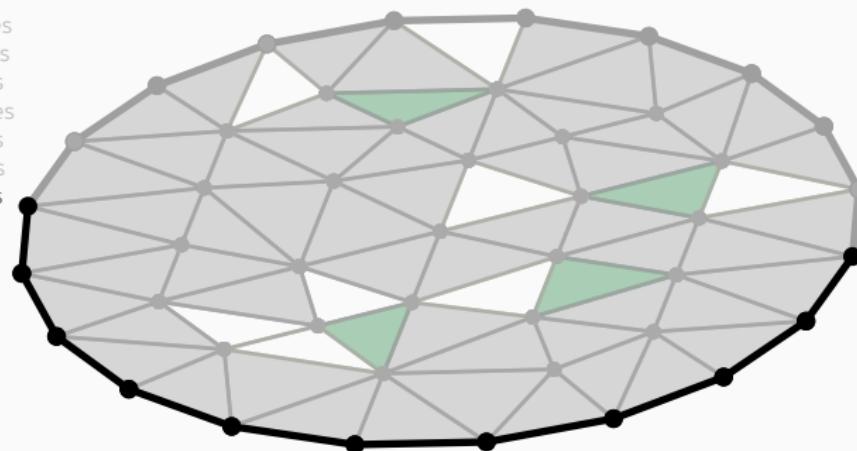
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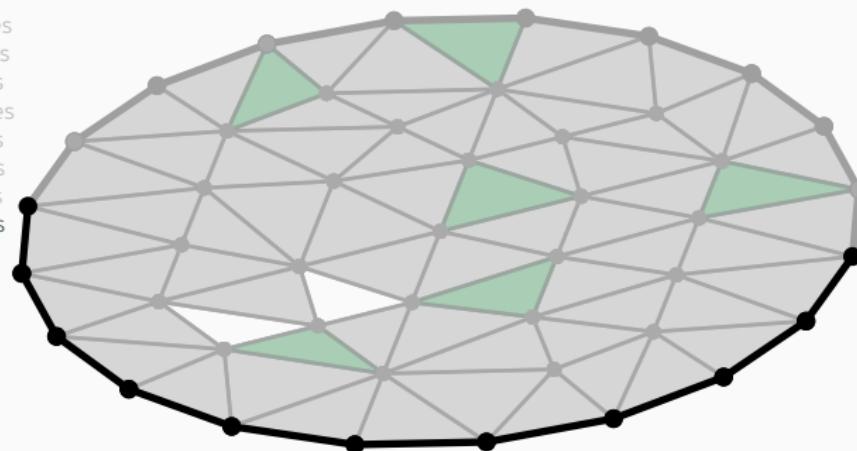
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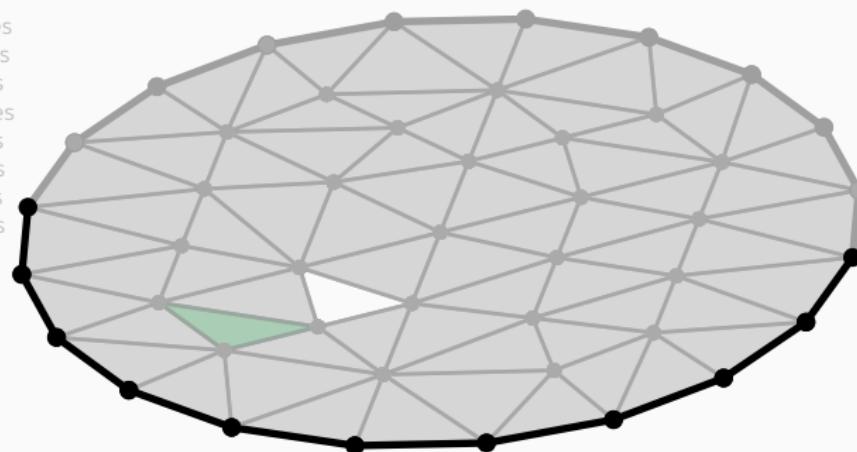
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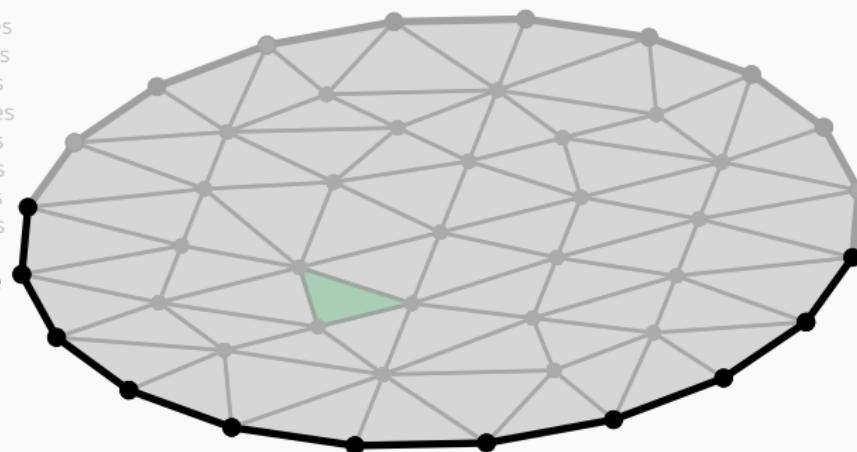
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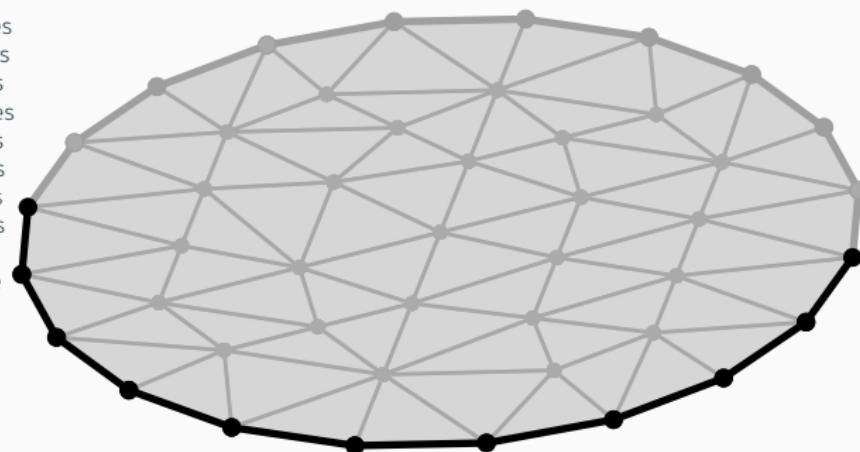
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OTHER KERNELS

- efficient assembly is hard (especially for low-order FE)
- linear algebra
- exact factorizations (LU or LDL^H)

DIRECT SOLVERS AND BLAS

- three options
 - MKL PARDISO, Intel [EXAMPLE2.EDP]
 - Dissection [Suzuki and Roux 2014]
 - MUMPS_seq
- MKL for dense linear algebra [EXAMPLE3.EDP]
- be careful with `OMP_NUM_THREADS`

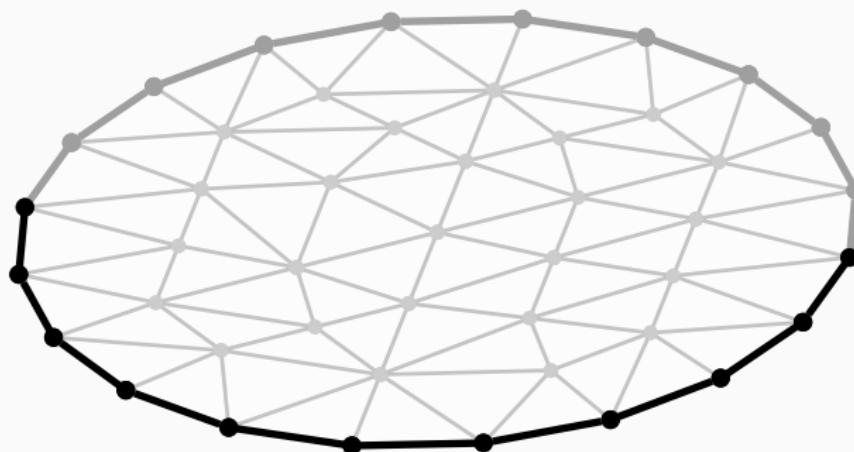
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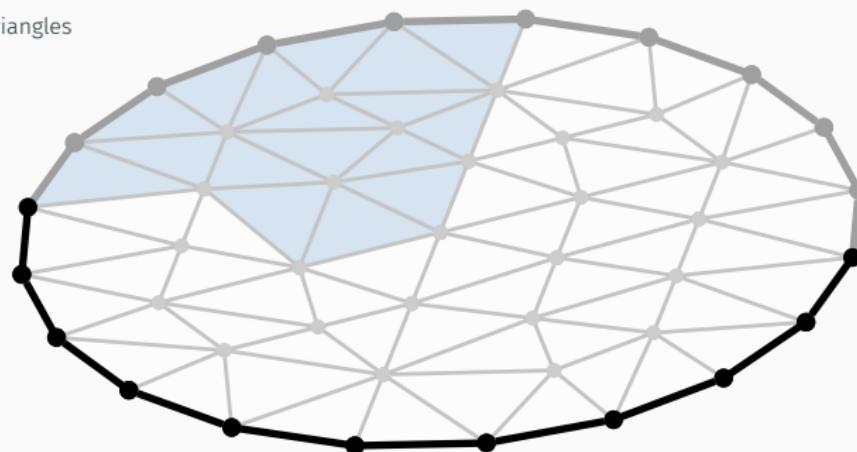
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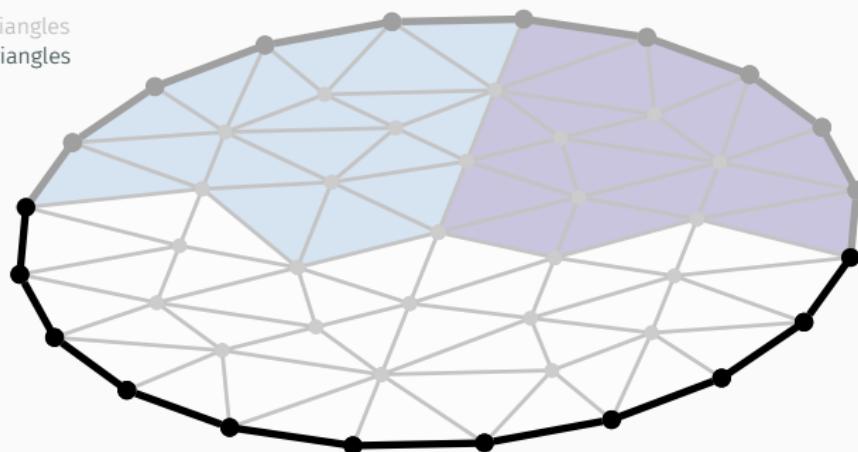
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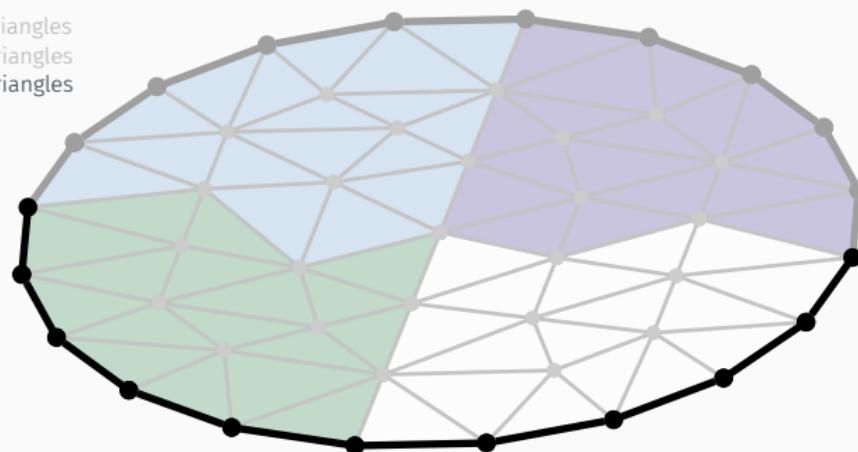
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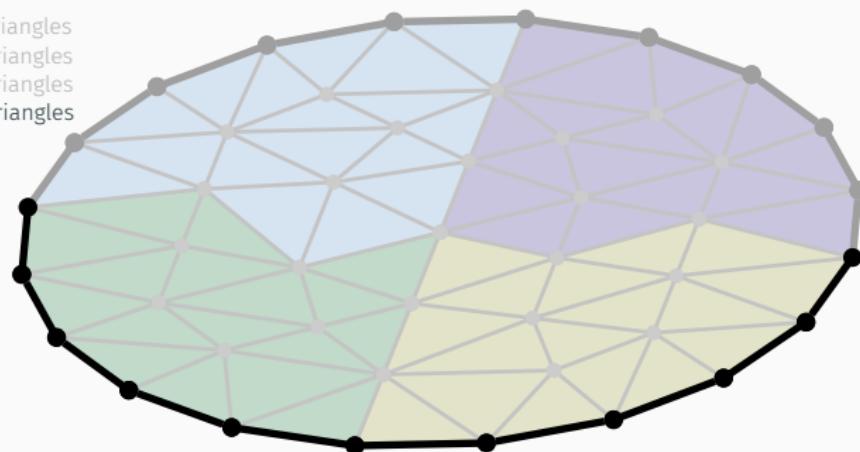
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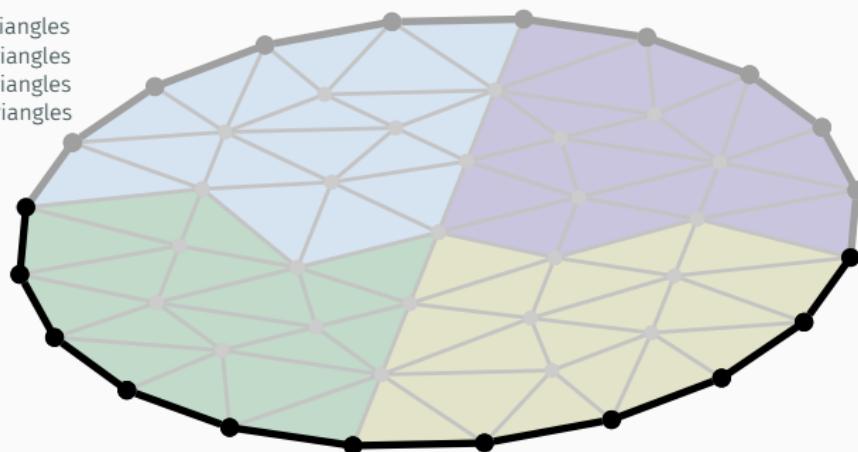
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FreeFem++-mpi

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- a friendly approach to message passing (like mpi4py)
- some new types like `mpiComm` or `mpiRequest`
- no problem with `mesh`, `matrix`, arrays

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PARAVIEW

- more powerful postprocessing tool
- handle distributed solutions
- generate movies if needed
- `savevtk("sol.vtu", Th, sol)`

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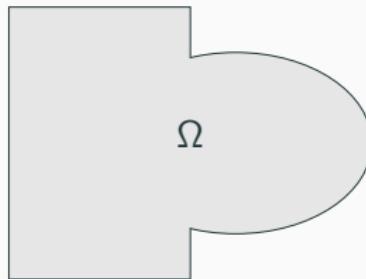
OVERLAPPING SCHWARZ METHODS

HISTORY

- initially focused on domain decomposition methods
- new developments around iterative methods [Jolivet and Tournier 2016]
- only interfaced with FreeFEM at first
- low-level languages (C/C++, Fortran, Python)
- first commit in late 2011
- open-sourced in late 2014
- <https://github.com/hpddm/hpddm>
- integrated in PETSc in 2019

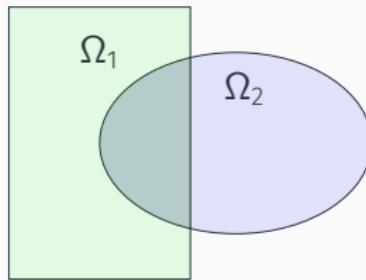
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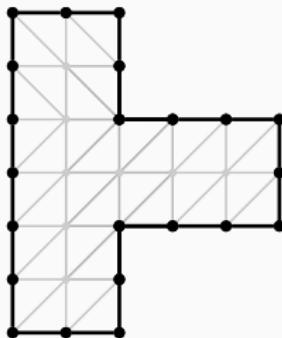
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- by using solvers that work on simpler subdomains

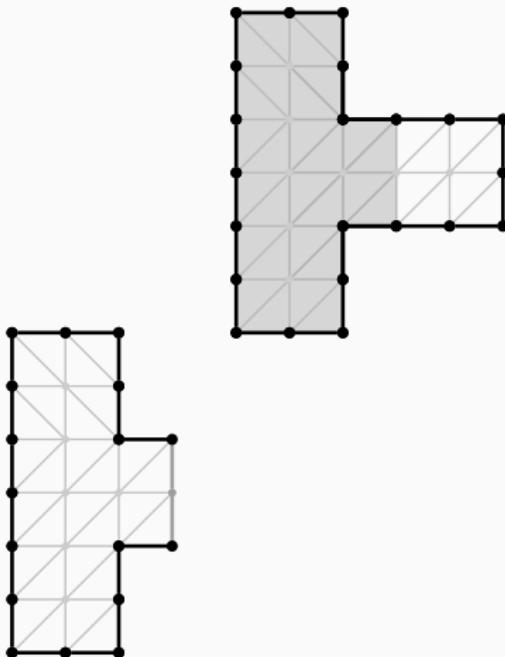
DISCRETIZED MODEL PROBLEM

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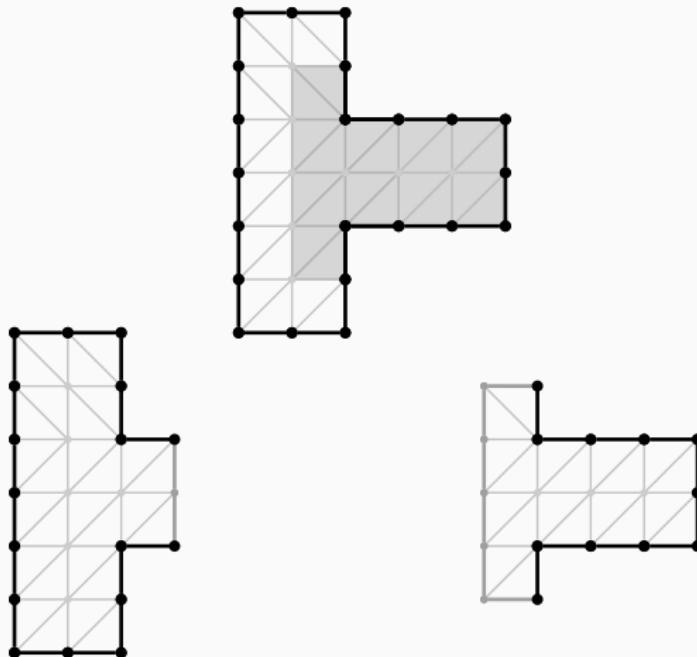
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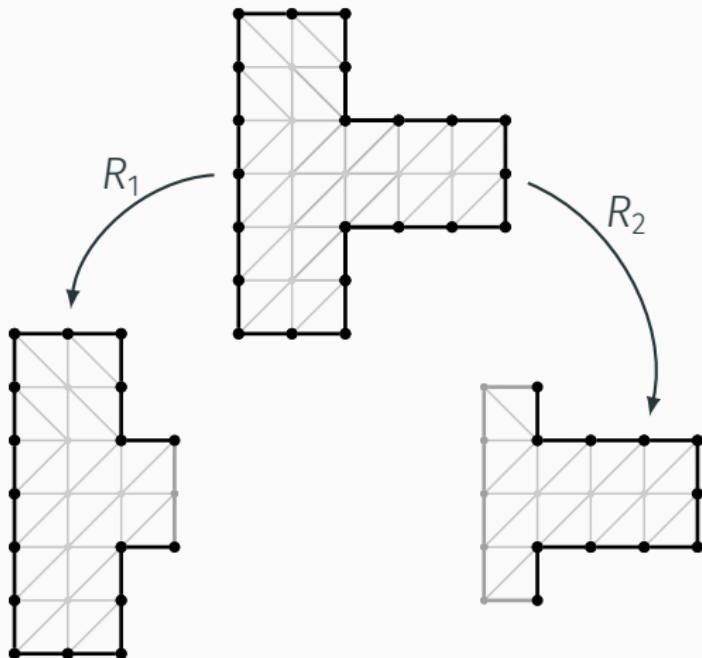
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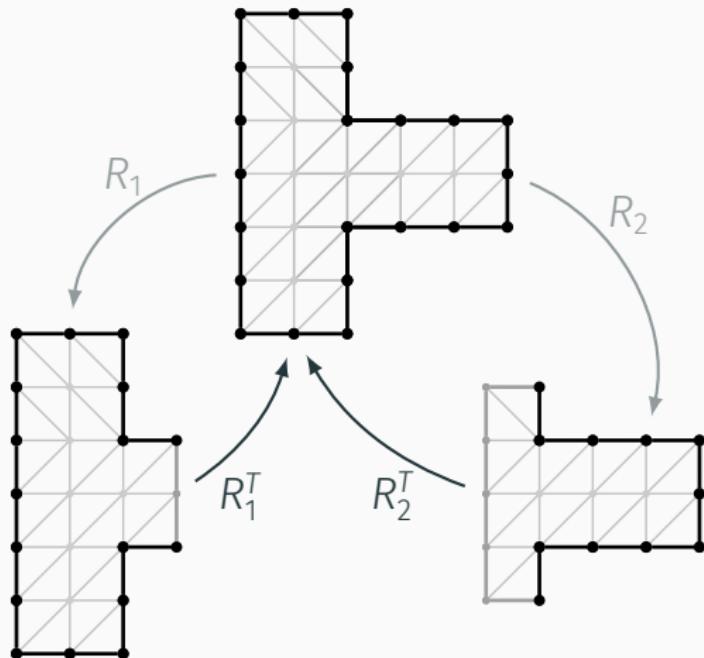
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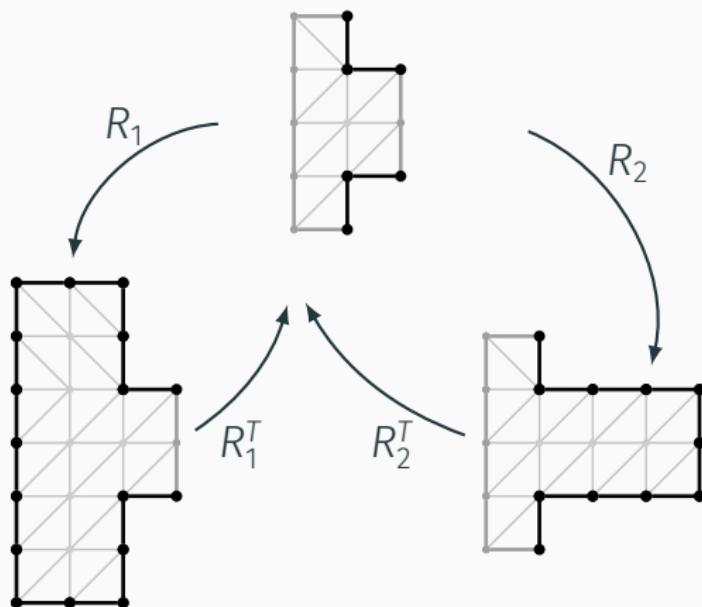
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SOME UTILITY ROUTINES

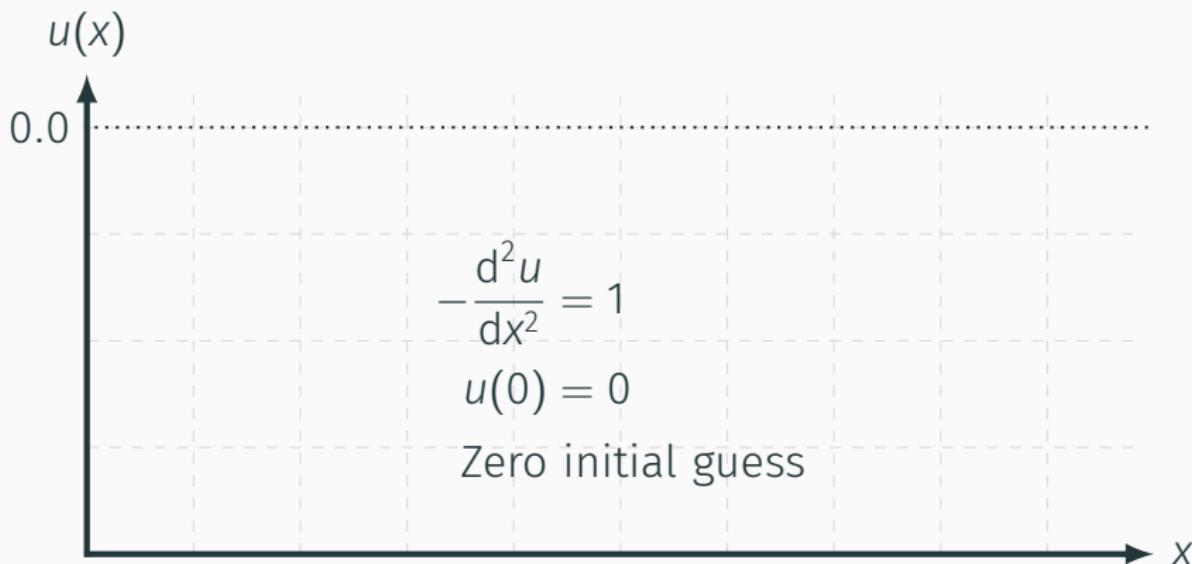
- **exchange** for consistency in the overlap
- **statistics** to get some metrics about the DD
- $A(u, v)$ to compute weighted dot products
- **ChangeOperator** to update a local matrix

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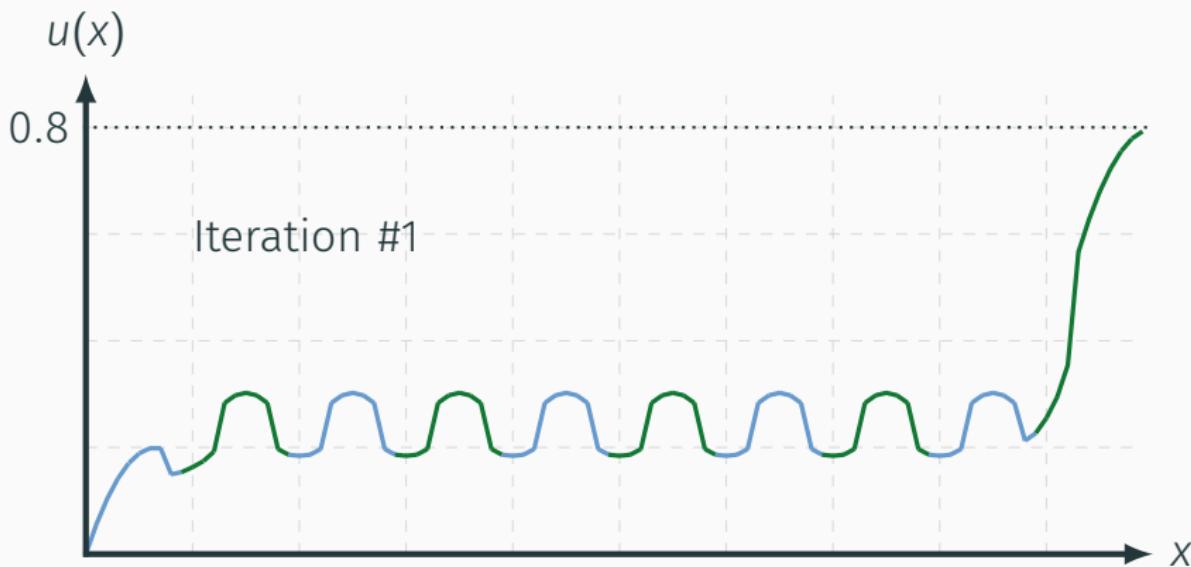
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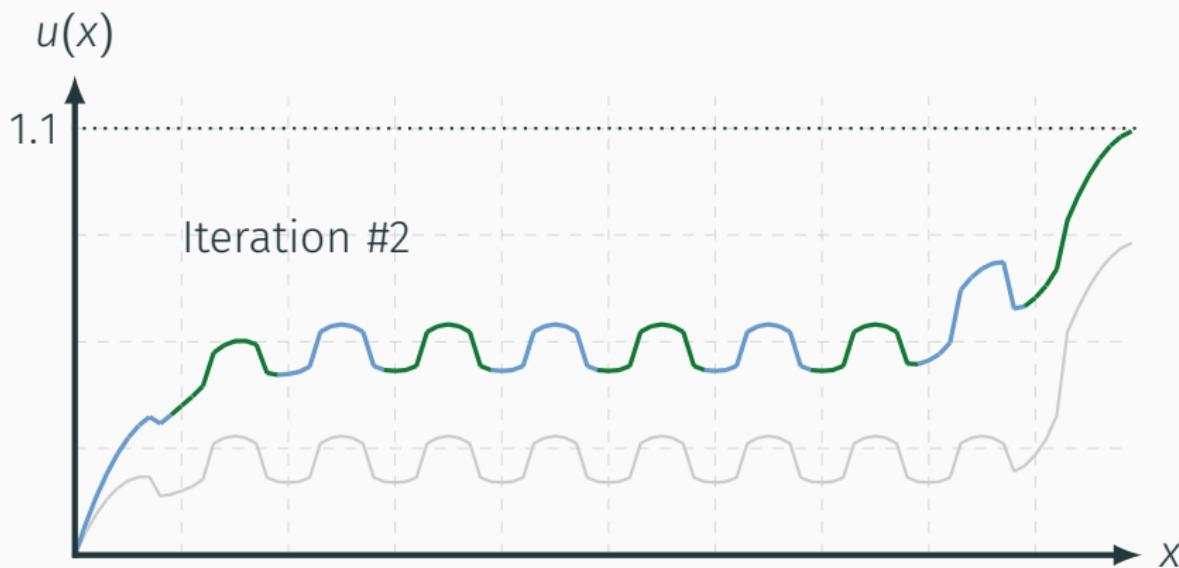
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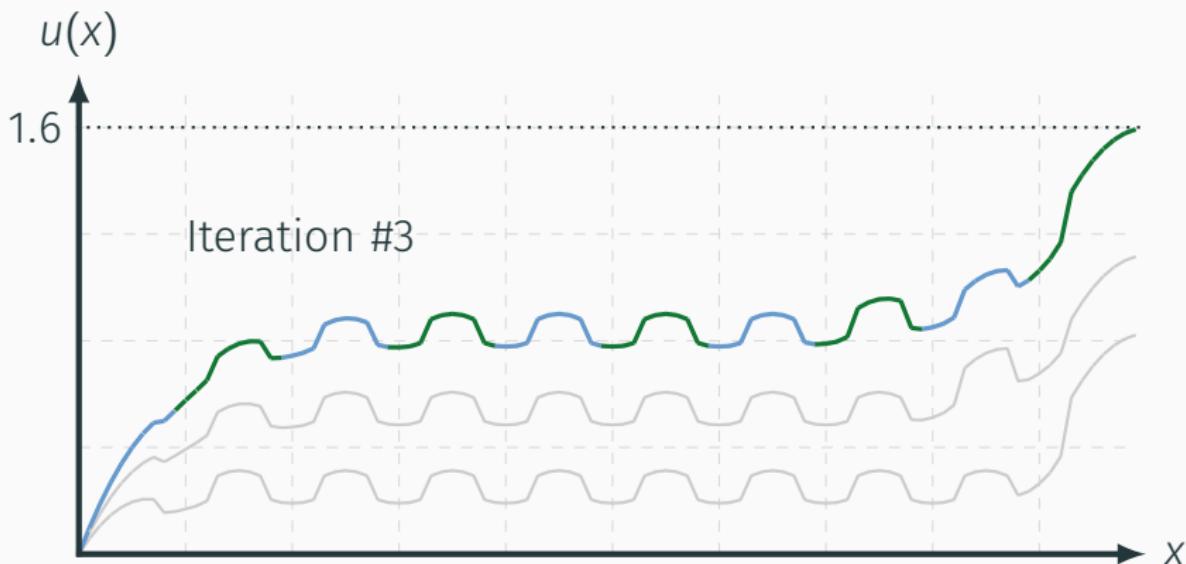
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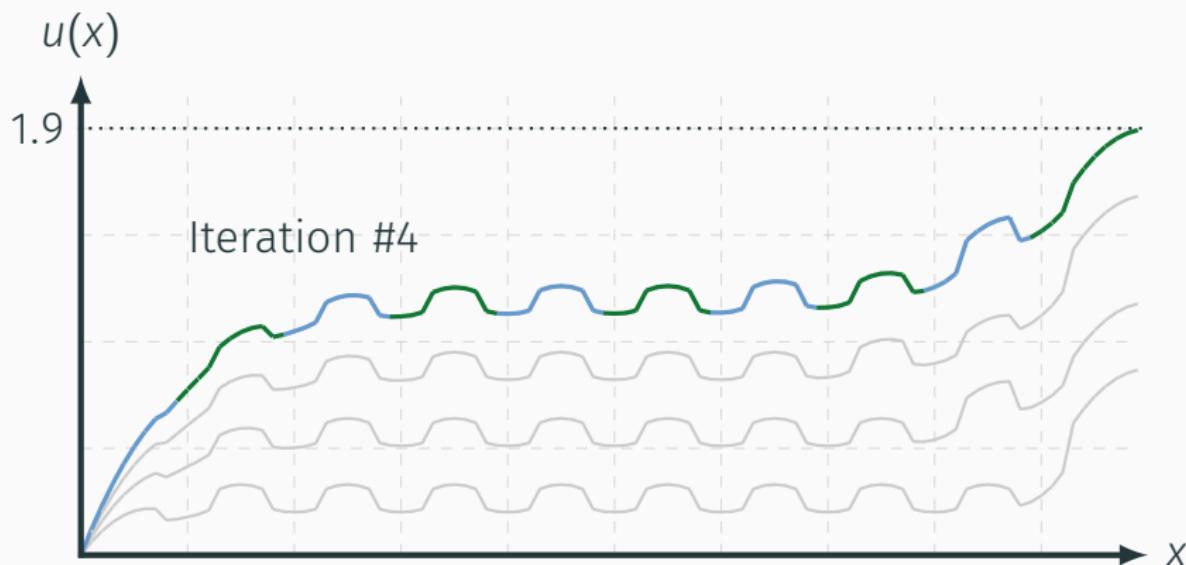
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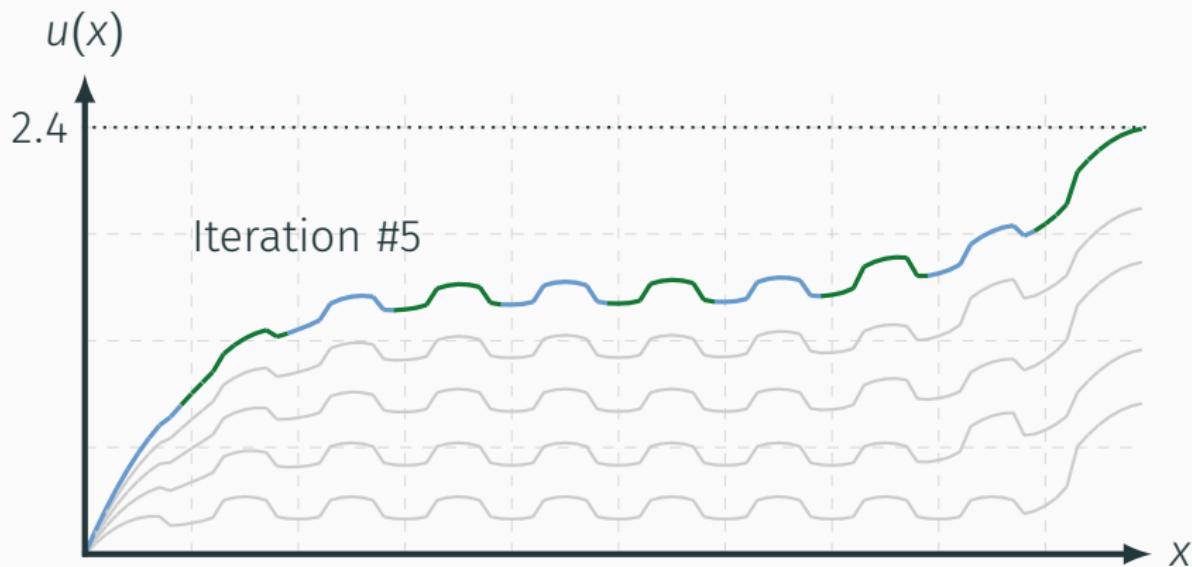
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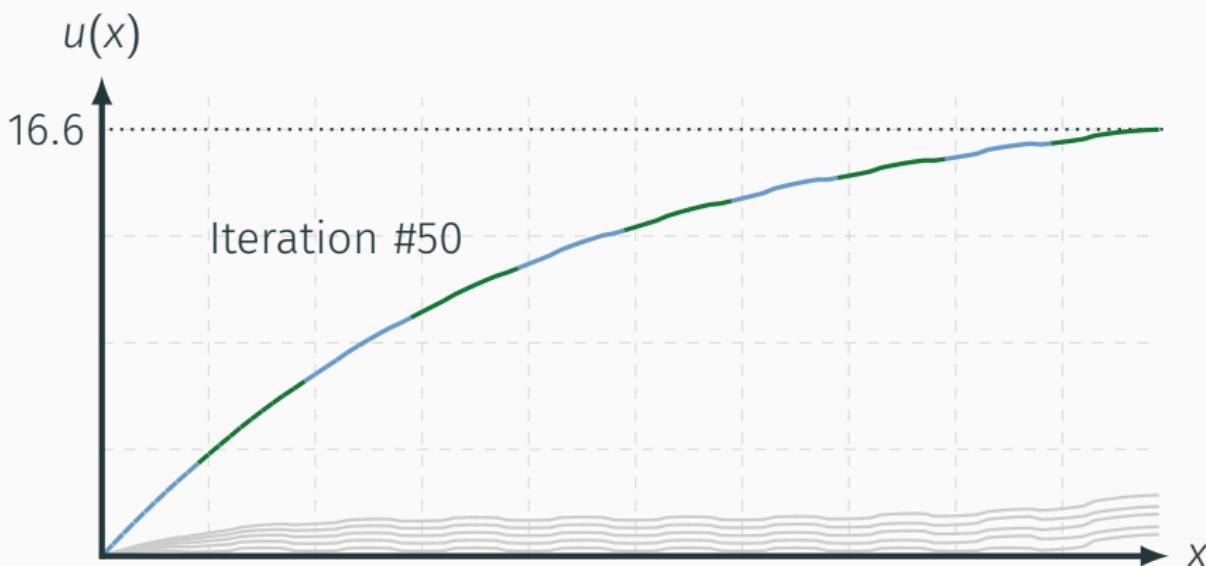
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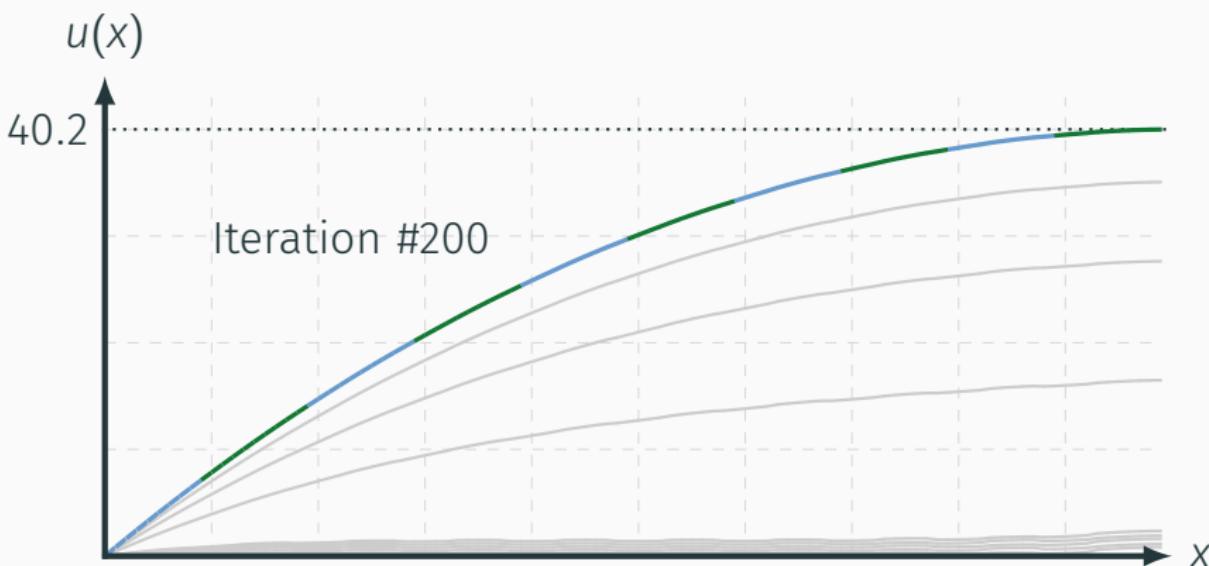
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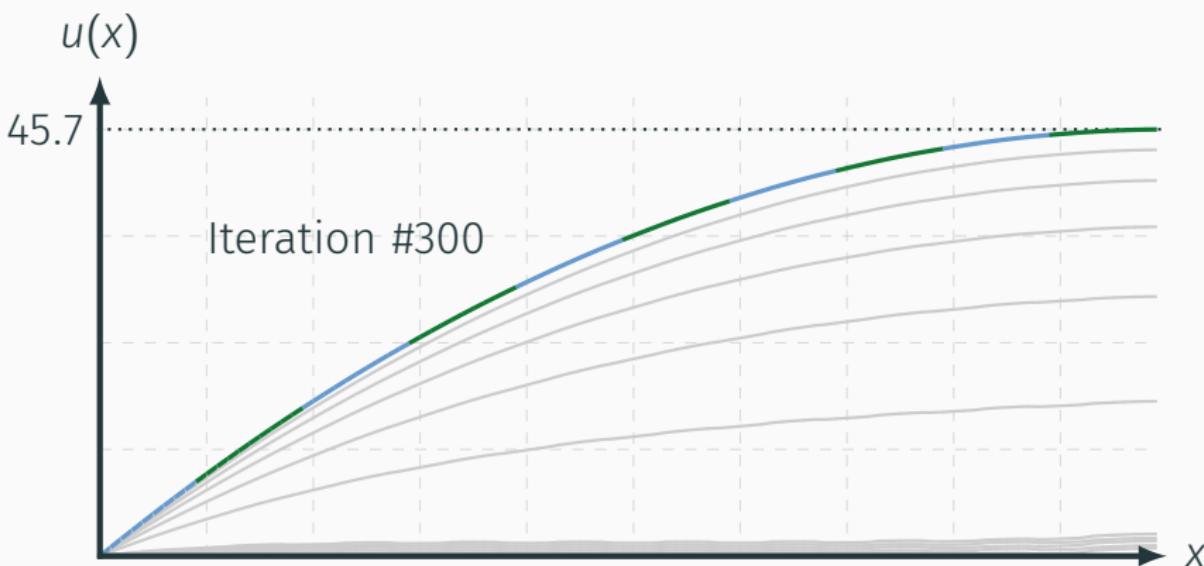
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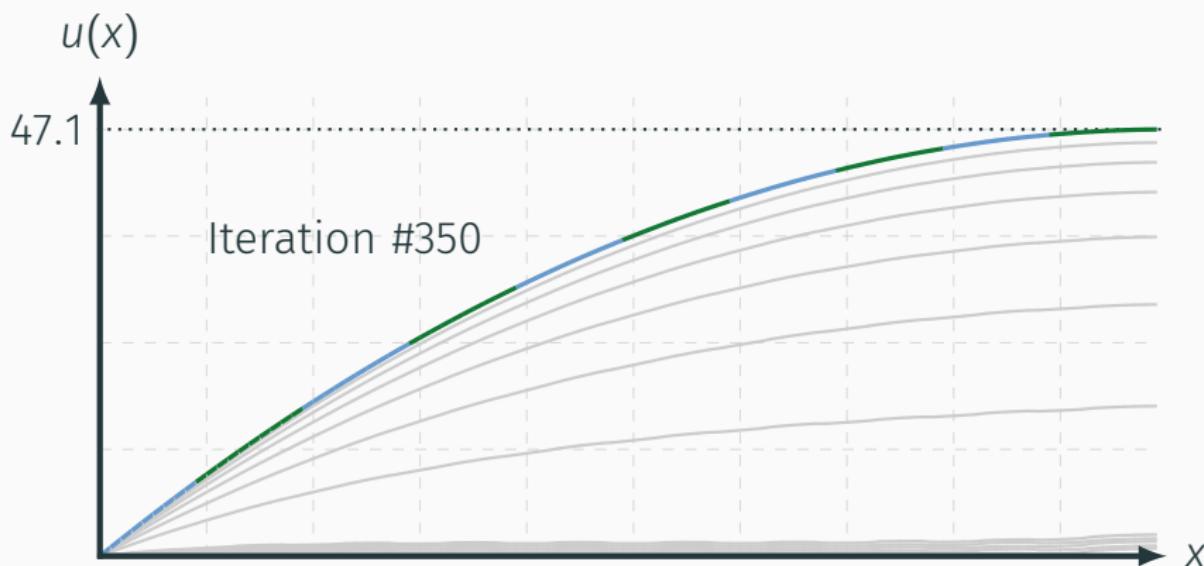
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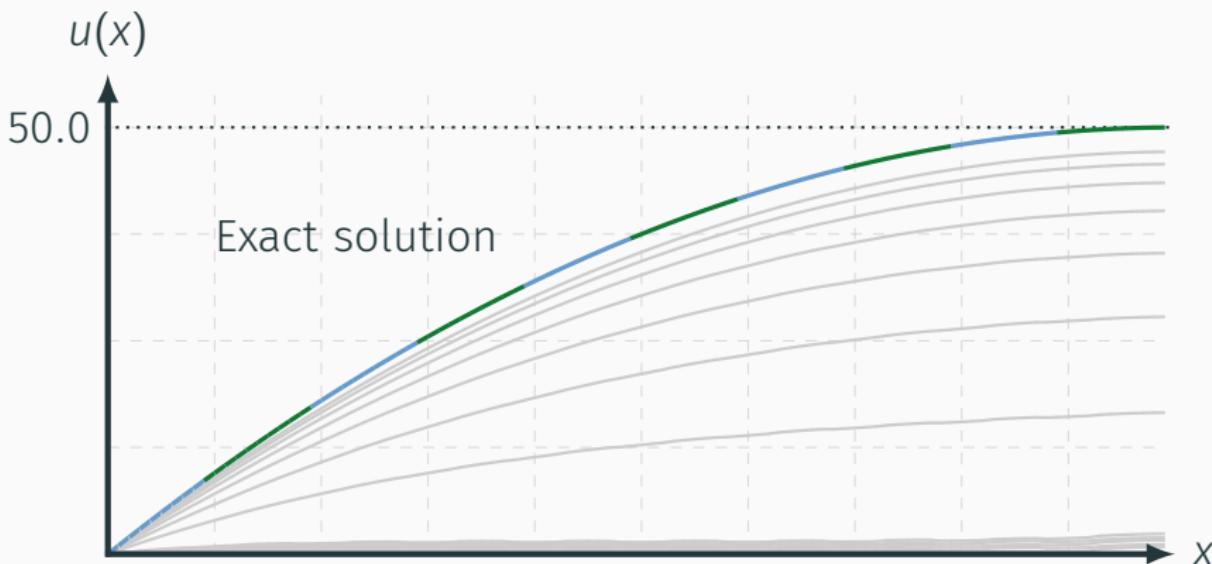
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- `-hpddm_schwarz_method` [asm|ras|osm]
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SUBSTRUCTURING METHODS

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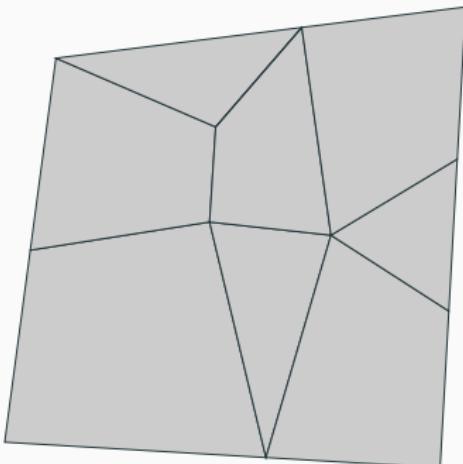
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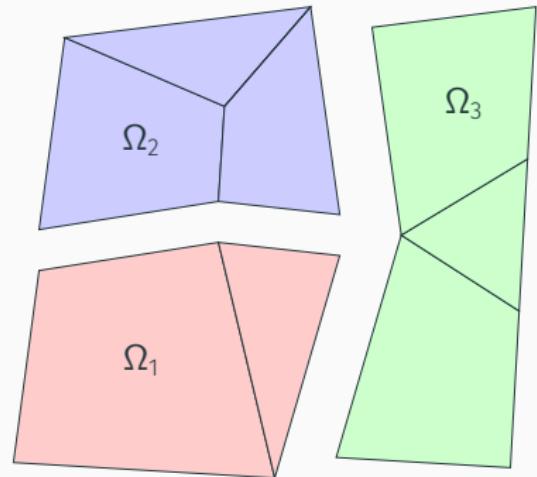
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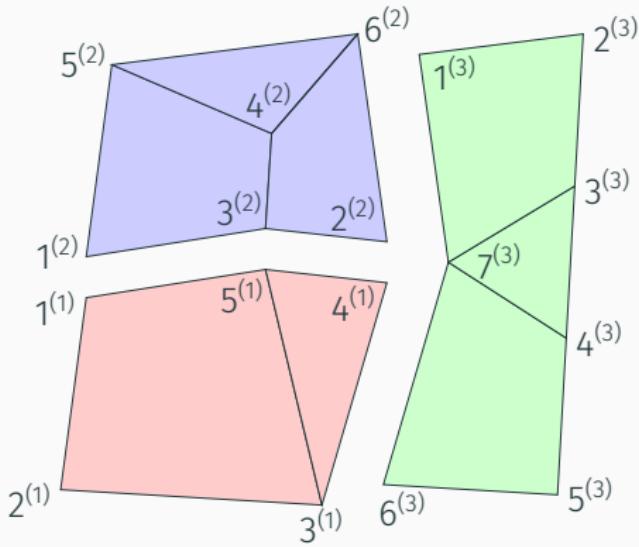
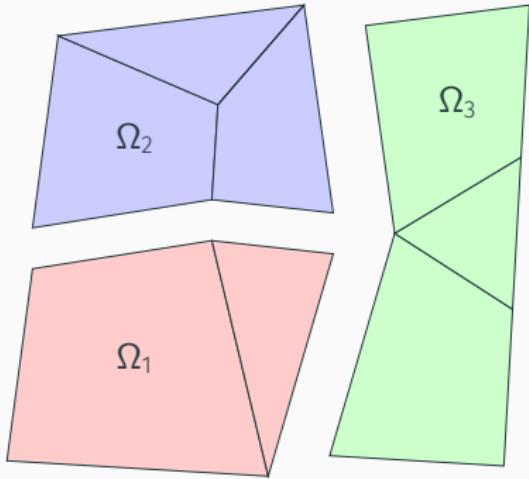


[Gosselet and Rey 2006]



Subdomain tearing

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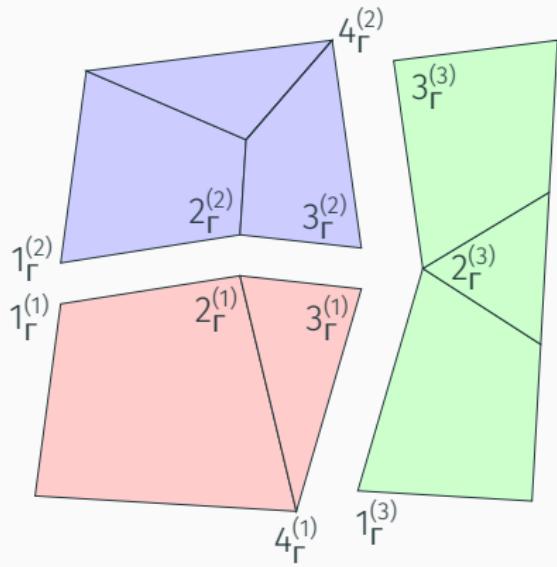
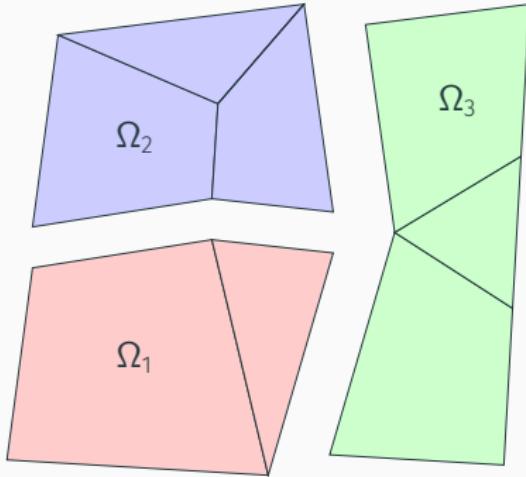


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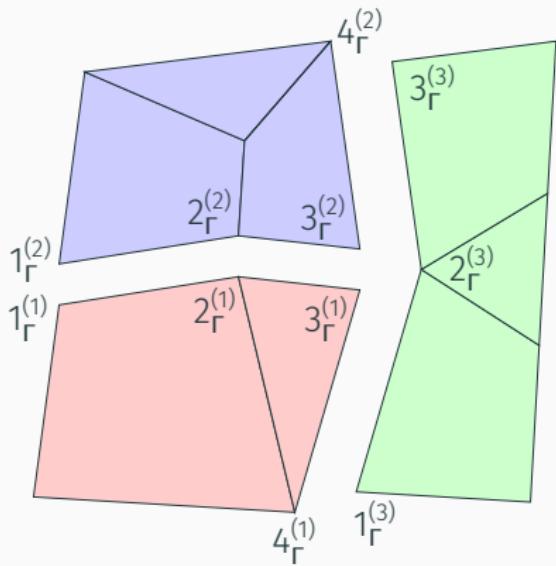


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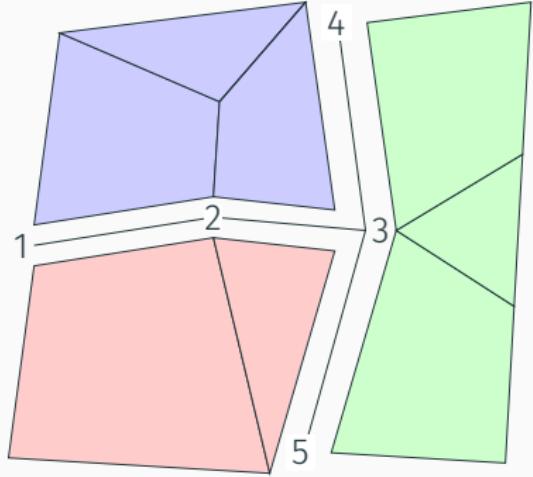
Elimination of interior d.o.f.

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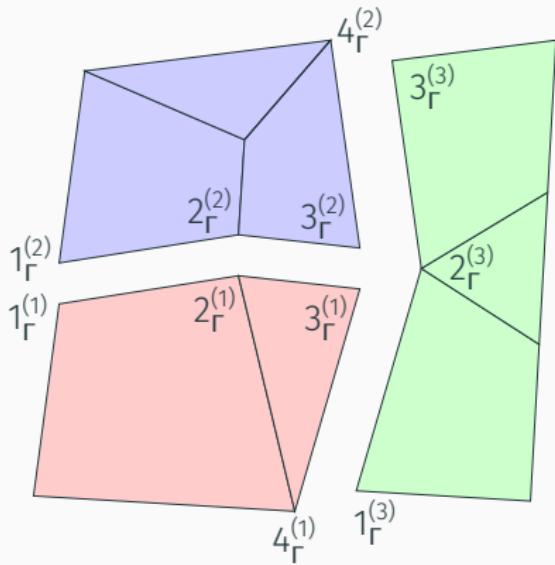


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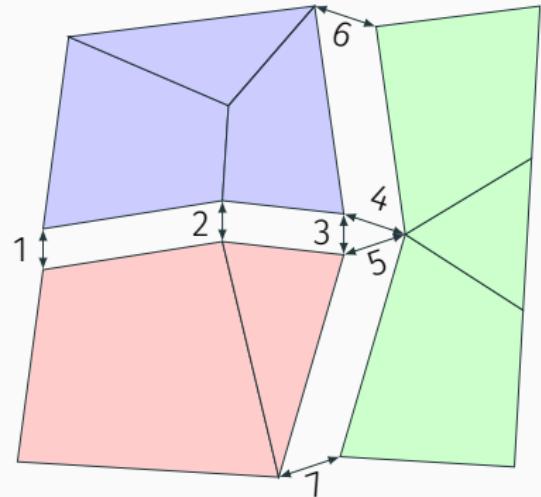


Primal constraints
[Mandel 1993]

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Dual constraints
[Farhat and Roux 1991]

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- saddle-point formulation

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_d & R_\Gamma \\ \underline{R}_\Gamma^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_\Gamma \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b}_d \\ -\mathbf{g}_\Gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

SIMILAR UTILITY ROUTINES

- `exchange`
- `statistics`
- `renumber`

PETSc

INTRODUCTION

- Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific Computation
- suite of data structures
 - Vec and Mat
 - PC and KSP
 - SNES, TS, and Tao
- useful for compiling other libraries (MUMPS, *hypre*)
- <https://petsc.org>
- <https://gitlab.com/petsc/petsc>
- interfaced with HPDDM

Application Codes

**TS**

Time Steppers

Pseudo-Transient, Runge-Kutta, IMEX, SSP, ...
Local and Global Error Estimators
Adaptive Timestepping
Event Handling
Sensitivity via Adjoints



PDE-Constrained
Adjoint-Based
Derivative-Free

Levenberg-Marquardt
Newton's Method
Interior Point Methods

SNES

Nonlinear Solvers

Newton Line search Successive Substitution
Newton Trust Region Nonlinear CG
BFGS (Quasi-Newton) Active Set VI
Nonlinear Gauss-Seidel

KSP

Linear Solvers

CG, GMRES, BiCGStab, FGMRES, ...
Pipelined Krylov Methods
Hierarchical Krylov Methods

**PC**

Preconditioners

ILU/ICC
Additive Schwarz
Fieldsplit (Block Preconditioners)
PCMG (Geometric Multigrid)
GAMG (Algebraic Multigrid)

Vec

Vectors

IS

Index Sets

Mat

Linear Operators

AIJ (Compressed Sparse Row)
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- optional parameters
 - `inverse` to go from PETSc to FreeFEM
 - `exchange` to update ghost values

Just as with FreeFEM matrix

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- default to BJacobi with *ILU(0)* as a subdomain solver
- attach a KSP using **set** and **sparams**
- **-ksp_type**, **-pc_type**
- **-help** generated dynamically

Updating a Mat

- **Mat = matrix** if same pattern or first update
- **Mat = Mat** if different pattern

DIRECT FACTORIZATIONS

- `-pc_type [lu|cholesky]`
- `-pc_factor_mat_solver_type [mumps|superlu]`
- `-help` for fine-tuning a solver
- e.g., `-mat_mumps_icntl_4 2`

SCHWARZ METHODS

- `-pc_type` [asm|gasm]
- `-pc_asm_overlap` n
- `-pc_asm_type` [basic|restrict|interpolate|none]
- `-sub_pc_type`, `-sub_ksp_type`
- more at PCASM manual page

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$$\text{with} \quad d_w \mathcal{F}(u^n) = \Delta w + \lambda \exp^{u^n} w$$

[EXAMPLE4_SEQ.EDP] + [EXAMPLE4.EDP]

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Solving linear systems with `MatNest`

- no explicit representation ⇒ no LU , BJacobi
- automatic conversion or `MatConvert`

EXAMPLE 5: POISSON EQ. WITH NEUMANN BC [EXAMPLE5.EDP]

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- written as **Mat N** = **[[A,c],[c',0]]**
- **A** is a **Mat** and **c** follows PETSc numbering
- use either $^{-1}$ or **MatConvert** + **KSPSolve**
- λ stored only on the process with the lowest rank

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fespaces defined with the same partitioning

- one square **Mat A** for distributing **Vh**
- one square **Mat B** for distributing **Ph**
- one **Mat C(A,B,Loc)**

⇒ **DmeshCreate(Th) + MatCreate(A|B)**

EXAMPLE 7: STOKES EQUATION

[EXAMPLE7.EDP]

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- two **varfs**
- two **fespace** distributions
- two assembled **Mats A and B**
- coupled system **Mat N = [[A,B],[B',0]]**
- transposed operators not formed explicitly

MULTIGRID METHODS

- point-wise aggregation
 - *hypre* (--download-hypre) [Falgout and Yang 2002]
 - AMS [Hiptmair and Xu 2007]
- smoothed aggregation
 - GAMG [Adams et al. 2004]
 - ML (--download-ml) [Gee et al. 2006]

Systems of equations

- matrix block size
- **MatNullSpace**, e.g., rigid body modes

EXAMPLE 8: SYSTEM OF LINEAR ELASTICITY [EXAMPLE8.EDP]

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Tools

- vectorial **fespace**
- block size of three
- **MatNullSpace** with the rigid body modes
 - translations $(1, 0, 0) \quad (0, 1, 0) \quad (0, 0, 1)$
 - rotations $(y, -x, 0) \quad (-z, 0, x) \quad (0, z, -y)$

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Tools

- Nédélec edge elements
- Schwarz smoothers
- `buildMatEdgeRecursive`
- more at PCMG manual page

- separate preconditioners for each field
- unknowns are interleaved
- underlying **IS**
- fespace $V_h(P_k, P_q, P_t) \Rightarrow V_h [u, v, w] = [1, 2, 3]$
- new option prefixes **-fieldsplit_%d_**

Optional parameters

- prefixes customizable with a **string[int]**
- approximate Schur complement

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} C & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx pc_A = \begin{bmatrix} C^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

```
-ksp_type gmres -pc_fieldsplit_type additive  
-fieldsplit_velocity_pc_type lu  
-fieldsplit_pressure_pc_type jacobi
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```
-ksp_type fgmres -pc_fieldsplit_type schur  
-fieldsplit_velocity_pc_type gamg  
-fieldsplit_pressure_pc_type jacobi  
-pc_fieldsplit_schur_factorization_type diag
```

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```
-ksp_type fgmres -pc_fieldsplit_type schur  
-fieldsplit_velocity_pc_type gamg  
-fieldsplit_pressure_pc_type jacobi  
-pc_fieldsplit_schur_factorization_type lower
```

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```
-ksp_type gmres -fieldsplit_pressure_ksp_max_its 1  
-pc_fieldsplit_type schur -fieldsplit_velocity_pc_type  
    lu -fieldsplit_pressure_ksp_type richardson  
-pc_fieldsplit_schur_factorization_type upper
```

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 - `KSP` is oblivious to a `Mat` type
 - underlying `PCSHELL`

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- useful monitoring, e.g., `-ksp_view_singularvalues`
- variable `precon` to supply a PCSHELL
- 1D `meshL`

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- solve $\mathcal{F}(u) = b$
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EXAMPLE 12: NEWTON METHOD

[EXAMPLE12.EDP]

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Solve

$$\nabla J(u) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\text{with } J(u) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} f(||\nabla u||^2) - cu$$

subject to $u_{\text{lower}} \leq u \leq u_{\text{upper}}$ in \mathcal{C}

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- compute constant term from $\mathcal{F}(u) = b$
- assemble residuals and update the Jacobian
- additional parameters in **SNES****Solve** for the bounds
- no automatic differentiation

EXAMPLE 13: SOLUTION RECONSTRUCTION [EXAMPLE13.EDP]

Aim

Distributed local functions to a global function

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- mesh adaptation
- centralized postprocessing
- `DmeshCreate` additional macro `N20`
- + `restrict` to go from local to global
- global reduction needed to sum contributions

EXAMPLE 14: SYSTEMS WITH MULTIPLE RHS [EXAMPLE14.EDP]

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Solve the complex-valued system

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- `KSPSolve + complex[int,int]`
- use PETSc numbering
- single solve with an exact factorization
- block GMRES from HPDDM

END-USER PERSPECTIVES

- timesteppers **TS** manual pages
- optimizers **Tao** manual pages
- easy compositability between PETSc objects

SLEPC

INTRODUCTION

- Scalable Library for Eigenvalue Problem Computations
- built on top of PETSc
- suite of additional data structures
 - EPS
 - ST
- useful for compiling other libraries (ARPACK)
- <http://slepc.upv.es>
- <https://gitlab.com/slepc/slepc>

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Spectral transformations

- improve convergence for some eigenproblems
- underlying **KSP** configured via **set**

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HPDDM Krylov methods

- `-ksp_type hpddm`
- `-st_ksp_type hpddm`

EXAMPLE 1: STEKLOV–POINCARÉ OPERATOR [EXAMPLE1.EDP]

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- equivalent to finding (λ, u) s.t. $Au = \lambda Bu$
- shift-and-invert spectral transformation
- same **Mat** distribution for A and B using **Mat B(A, Loc)**

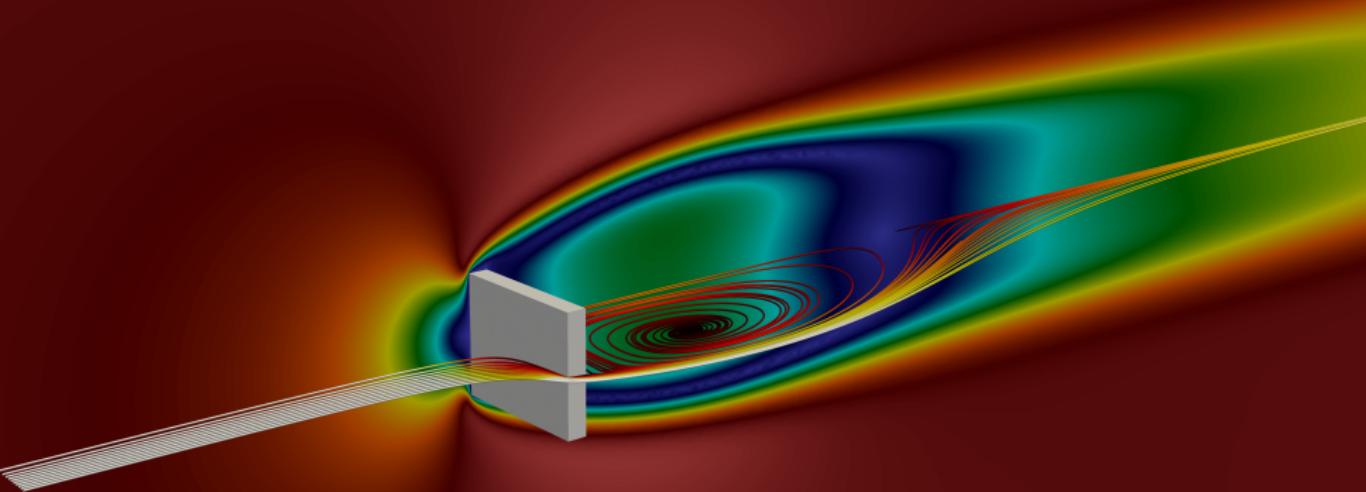
APPLICATIONS

AUGMENTED LAGRANGIAN FOR STABILITY ANALYSIS

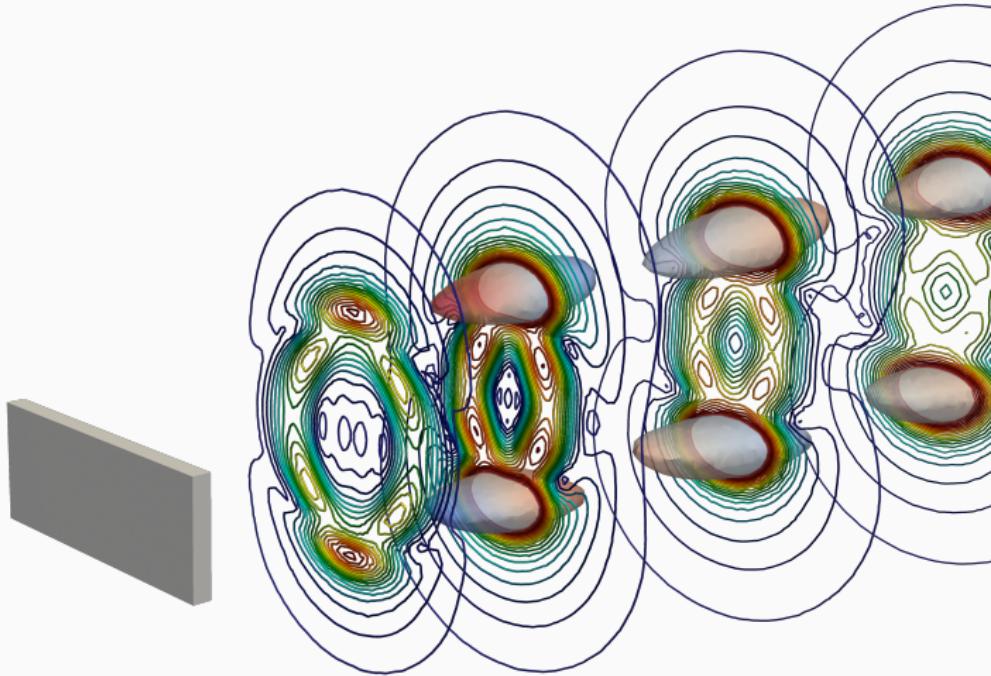
[Moulin et al. 2019]

- <https://github.com/prj-/moulin2019al>
- Nonlinear-solver.edp
 - -gamma (0.1)
 - -mesh (FlatPlate3D.mesh)
 - -Re (50)
- Eigensolver.edp
 - -shift_real (10^{-6})
 - -shift_imag (0.6)
 - -nev (5)
 - -recycle (0)

BASEFLOW



LEADING UNSTABLE EIGENVECTOR



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

OPTIMAL COMPILE PROCESS I

GENERAL VARIABLES

- remove any previous instance of FreeFEM
- install gcc/clang and gfortran
- make sure you have a working MPI implementation
 - > `export FF_DIR=${PWD}/FreeFem-sources`
 - > `export PETSC_DIR=${PWD}/petsc`
 - > `export PETSC_ARCH=arch-FreeFem`
 - > `export PETSC_VAR=${PETSC_DIR}/${PETSC_ARCH}`

OPTIMAL COMPILE PROCESS II

CLONING THE REPOSITORIES

```
> git clone https://github.com/FreeFem/FreeFem-sources  
> git clone https://gitlab.com/petsc/petsc
```

OPTIMAL COMPIRATION PROCESS III

COMPIRATION FOR REAL SCALARS

```
> cd ${PETSC_DIR} && ./configure --download-mumps  
--download-parmetis --download-metis  
--download-hypre --download-superlu  
--download-slepc --download-hpddm  
--download-ptscotch --download-suitesparse  
--download-scalapack --download-tetgen  
--download-mmg --download-parmmg  
--with-fortran-bindings=no --with-scalar-type=real  
--with-debugging=no  
> make
```

OPTIMAL COMPIRATION PROCESS IV

COMPIRATION FOR COMPLEX SCALARS, OPTIONAL

```
> export PETSC_ARCH=arch-FreeFem-complex  
> ./configure --with-mumps-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-parmetis-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-metis-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-superlu-dir=arch-FreeFem --download-slepc  
  --download-hpddm --download-htool  
  --with-ptscotch-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-suitesparse-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-scalapack-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-tetgen-dir=arch-FreeFem  
  --with-fortran-bindings=no  
  --with-scalar-type=complex --with-debugging=no  
> make
```

OPTIMAL COMPIRATION PROCESS V

FINAL COMPIRATION

```
> cd ${FF_DIR}
> git checkout develop
> autoreconf -i
> ./configure --without-hdf5
--with-petsc=${PETSC_VAR}/lib
--with-petsc_complex=${PETSC_VAR}-complex/lib


- if PETSc is not detected, overwrite MPIRUN


> make -j4
> export PATH=${PATH}:${FF_DIR}/src/mpi
> export PATH=${PATH}:${FF_DIR}/src/nw


- setup ~/.freefem++ .pref or define FF_INCLUDEPATH  
and FF_LOADPATH

```

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