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Efficient solvers for constrained optimization in parameter identification problems

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Industrial framework

Context

- EDF is an operator and not a manufacturer of energy structures
- Exposition to high levels of vibration due to ageing installations and maintenance tasks



Vibration issues

- Reduction of structural integrity
- Impact on the quality of service and performance



Industrial needs

- To understand the mechanical behavior of equipment
- Predictive model to asses vibration issues



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Good properties

- Locate erroneously modeled regions in space
- Robust even in presence of noisy data
- Good convexity properties of cost functions

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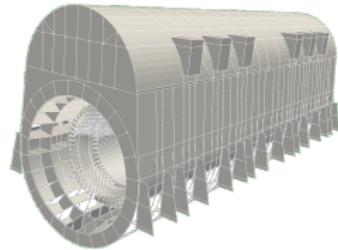
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Why not within model reduction framework ?^[1]

- Modal Reduced basis downgrades the error localization properties
- Enriched basis : normalization problems, numerical conditioning problems

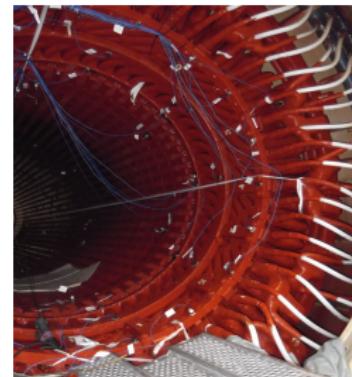
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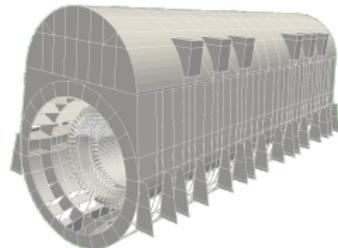
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Computational cost^[1]

- *MD Nastran*® direct solver provides a huge computation cost for a single calculation
→ 5h for one mode shape expansion, memory 36GB – cluster Intel 64 bit 2GHz
- Some options (ordering / shift trick) reduce computational time from 5h to 3h

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Objectives

Academic objective

- Specific linear system structure
- Recent research work devoted to solving comparable linear systems^[1,2,3,4,5]
- Develop proper solution methods for this specific structure

Industrial objectives

- Solve the linear systems on a **standard desktop computer**
- Develop powerful solution approach using **standard packages**
- Transfer efficient tools to engineering through the mechanical software **Code_Aster** ®

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Overview

- ① Mathematical framework**
- ② Double explicit implicit projection approach onto the nullspace of constraints**
- ③ Solving a large scale industrial problem : the power plant alternator**
- ④ Conclusions and perspectives**

① Mathematical framework

- The constrained optimization problem
- The saddle point system
- Scientific background

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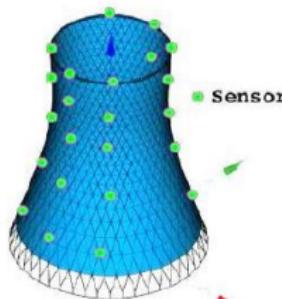
Numerical and experimental data

Ingredients

- Unknown model parameters θ
- FE model of the structure $(M(\theta), K(\theta))$ such that
 - n is the number of degrees of freedom
 - m is the number of kinematic constraints
- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors $(\omega_\theta, \varphi_\theta)$ satisfy

$$(K(\theta) - \omega_\theta^2 M(\theta))\varphi_\theta = 0, \varphi_\theta \neq 0$$

- Experimental modal basis from test campaign $(\omega_{exp}, \phi_{exp})$
 - s is the number of sensors



The objective function and the constraints

The solution fields and the constraints

- φ is the best estimation of φ_θ , minimizing the distance with the ϕ_{exp} at the pulsation ω_{exp}
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- Quadratic cost function → Model error + numerical/experimental distance

$$e_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \psi^T K(\theta) \psi + \frac{r}{2(1-r)} (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{exp})^T K_r (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{exp})$$

General formulation

Mathematical formulation of the constrained quadratic optimization problem

- Minimizing the cost function

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subject to

$$\begin{cases} C\varphi = 0 \\ C\psi = 0 \\ K(\theta)\psi = (K(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M(\theta))\varphi \end{cases}$$

Lagrange multipliers method

- convert the constrained problem into an unconstrained one

$$F_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta) = e_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \theta) + c_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta)$$

- c_{ω} is a Lagrangian functional with Lagrange multipliers λ , λ_1 , and λ_2 such that

$$c_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta) = \lambda^T ((K(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M(\theta))\varphi - K(\theta)\psi) - \lambda_1^T C\psi + \lambda_2^T (C\psi - C\varphi)$$

The linear system structure

The saddle-point linear system

- Minimizing the unconstrained cost function yields the following saddle-point linear system

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$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{C}^T \\ \tilde{C} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -A & B^T & -C^T & C^T \\ B & T & C^T & 0 \\ -C & C & 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation

- $A = K(\theta)$
- $B = K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^2 M(\theta)$
- $T = \frac{r}{1-r} \Pi^T K_r \Pi$.

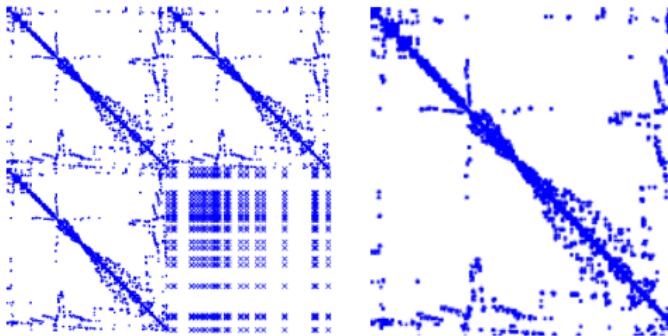
Assumptions

- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of full rank m
- $\ker(A) \cap \ker(C) = \{0\}$

The system properties

Coefficient matrix properties

- symmetric sparse matrix
- saddle-point matrix ^[1]
- nonsingular
- **some numerical issues** : Large bandwidth, bad fill-in ratio, highly indefinite, poorly conditioned ...



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Thesis contributions – direct solution methods

- Implementation of a code to compute a fill-in reducing ordering without pivoting
- Implementation of a symmetric sparse 2-by-2 block factorization approach adapted to the studied saddle-point systems
→ significant gain in term of fill-in reduction up to
 - 50% in comparison with symmetric sparse solvers
 - 90% in comparison with unsymmetric sparse solvers
- not presented here

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Thesis contributions – Double projection approach

- Hybrid approach : Double explicit-implicit projection approach onto the nullspace of constraints (chapter 4, thesis)

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① Mathematical framework

② Double explicit implicit projection approach onto the nullspace of constraints

- Elimination of the kinematic constraints – explicit projection
- Block preconditioned Krylov subspace method – implicit projection
- Implementation

③ Solving a large scale industrial problem : the power plant alternator

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Different constraints

Two constraints

- **kinematic constraints**
- **sensors constraints**

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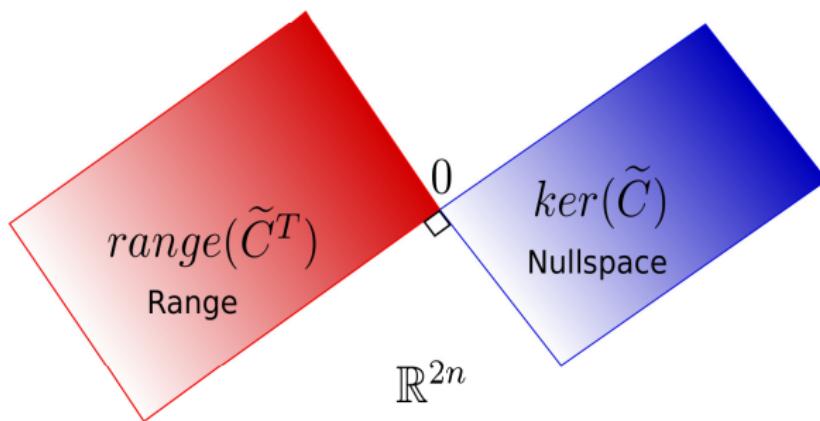
Implicit versus explicit projection

- Alternative ways to describe the projection operator

$$\tilde{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2(n-m)} \text{ such that } \text{span}(\tilde{Z}) = \ker(\tilde{C})$$

$$\tilde{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2m} \text{ such that } \text{span}(\tilde{Y}) = \text{range}(\tilde{C}^T)$$

$$x = \tilde{Y}x_Y + \tilde{Z}x_Z$$



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Elimination of kinematic constraints in the finite element matrices

New saddle point structure

- The saddle-point coefficient matrix is different from the literature

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{C}^T \\ \tilde{C} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The nullspace of kinematic constraints

- Compute a nullspace basis

$$\tilde{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2(n-m)} \text{ such that } \text{span}(\tilde{Z}) = \ker(\tilde{C}).$$

- Some criteria for \tilde{Z} : sparse, well-conditioned, easy to apply

Construction of a sparse nullspace basis of the kinematic constraint matrix \tilde{C}

Augmented nullspace basis

Let the matrix $\tilde{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -C & C \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2m \times 2n}$ be the constraint matrix.

If $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$ is a nullspace basis of C then $\tilde{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{pmatrix}$ is a nullspace basis of \tilde{C} .

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Computational benefits

- The computational cost is cut by half
- A minimum threshold of sparsity : two null $n \times (n - m)$ blocks
- Easy to apply due to similar blocks Z

The projected system

Projected system through the nullspace basis

- The projected system to solve is

$$\tilde{Z}^T \tilde{E} \tilde{Z} x_Z = \tilde{Z}^T f$$

which yields

$$\begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

where

$$A_Z = Z^T A Z$$

$$B_Z = Z^T B Z$$

$$T_Z = Z^T T Z$$

Explicit projection conclusions

- Low cost for computing the nullspace basis
- Generation of a new regularized saddle-point system where the block (1,1) is definite
- The nullspace basis is computed once for all generated saddle-point system

Implicit projection through constraint preconditioned Krylov subspace method

Implicit nullspace projection

- we apply a Krylov subspace method preconditioned with a constraint preconditioner^[1]

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Spectral characterization

Iterative solution method of the projected system

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{The preconditioned matrix } \mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} \mathcal{A}_Z} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

Spectral characterization (Section 4.2.1, thesis)

Let \mathcal{G}_Z and \mathcal{A}_Z be as defined before. The matrix $\mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} \mathcal{A}_Z$ has

- an eigenvalue at 1 with multiplicity $2(n - m) - s$,
- a generalized symmetric positive definite eigenproblem of dimension equal to the number of sensors s

Physics-based approximation of the constraint preconditioner

Schur complement decomposition of the constraint preconditioner

$$\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z^T \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -B_Z^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & (T_Z + B_Z G_Z^{-1} B_Z^T)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_Z G_Z^{-1} & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Choosing approximations

- The block (1,1) G_Z as the Cholesky decomposition of A_Z

$$G_Z = L_A L_A^T$$

- The Schur complement $S_Z = T_Z + B_Z G_Z^{-1} B_Z^T$ as a Cholesky decomposition of a sparse matrix

$$S_Z = T_Z + B_Z A_Z^{-1} B_Z = \underbrace{T_Z + K_Z}_{\text{Approx.}} - 2\omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M_Z + \omega_{\text{exp}}^4 M_Z K_Z^{-1} M_Z$$

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or

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- we call this constraint preconditioner $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Chol}}$

Algorithm of implicit projection onto the nullspace of sensors constraints

Step 1 : Build the constraint preconditioner \mathcal{G}_Z for the inner solution methods

$$\mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{blue}{PCG}(-G_Z^{-1}, -\hat{G}_Z^{-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -B_Z^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & \textcolor{red}{PCG}(S_Z^{-1}, \hat{S}_Z^{-1}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_Z \textcolor{blue}{PCG}(-G_Z^{-1}, -\hat{G}_Z^{-1}) & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Choose G_Z the approximation of the (1,1) block A_Z .
- Choose S_Z the approximation of the Schur complement.

Algorithm of implicit projection onto the nullspace of sensors constraints

Step 2 : Applying the outer solution method

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1}}_{\text{The preconditioned matrix } \mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} A_Z} \begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Code_Aster

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PETSc^[3]

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- C code to solve the projected system through the constraint preconditioned GMRES
- use the saddle-point block structure
- developed in a distributed parallel environment (MPI)

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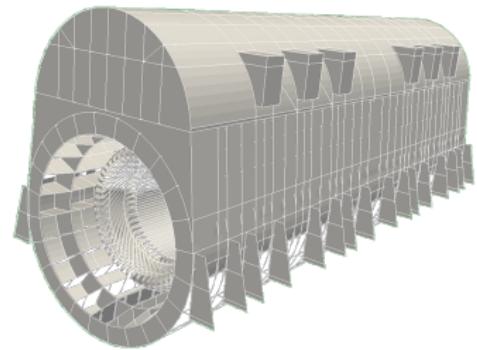
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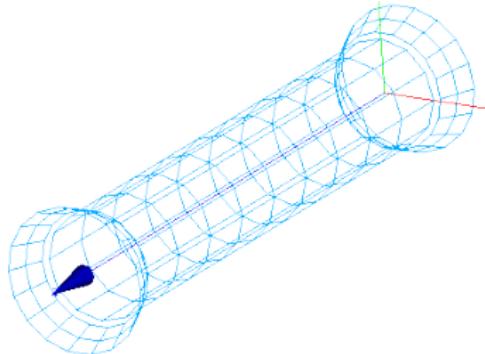
- Test case presentation
- Performance of the double projection approach

④ Conclusions and perspectives

Large scale industrial application

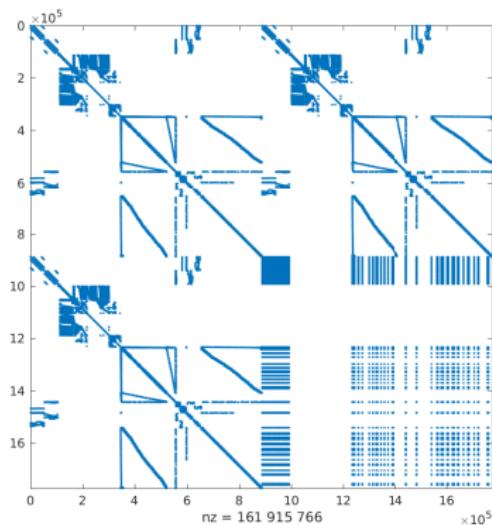


- $n = 887,601$ degrees of freedom
- $m = 44,292$ kinematic constraints



- experimental mesh using $s = 684$ sensors

The saddle-point system



$$\begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{K}(\theta) & \tilde{K}(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 \tilde{M}(\theta) \\ \tilde{K}(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 \tilde{M}(\theta) & \frac{r}{1-r} \tilde{\Pi}^T \tilde{K}_r \tilde{\Pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Size	nnz
1.81 million	162 million

Condition number 10^{11}

Explicit projection onto the nullspace of kinematic constraints

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Statistics

- CPU Time < 30 seconds
- Memory < 20 MB

Implicit projection onto the nullspace of sensors constraints – constraint preconditioner

Solution methods for the industrial test case

- Solving the saddle-point system using the direct solver MUMPS^[1] with METIS^[2] ordering
- Solving the saddle-point system using the double projection approach with two constraint preconditioners :

$$\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z^T \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -B_Z^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & S_Z^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_Z G_Z^{-1} & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

- we consider SIMPLE constraint preconditioner \mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE} such that

The block (1,1) $G_Z = A_Z$

the shur complement $S_Z \approx T_Z + B_Z \text{Diag}(A_Z)^{-1} B_Z^T$

- we recall the proposed constraint preconditioner \mathcal{P}_{Chol} such that

The block (1,1) $G_Z = A_Z$

the shur complement $S_Z \approx T_Z + K_Z$

- GMRES in the outer loop (Maximum iterations = 10,000, relative tolerance = 10^{-9})

[1] <http://mumps.enseeiht.fr>

[2] <http://glaros.dtc.umn.edu/gkhome/metis/metis/overview>

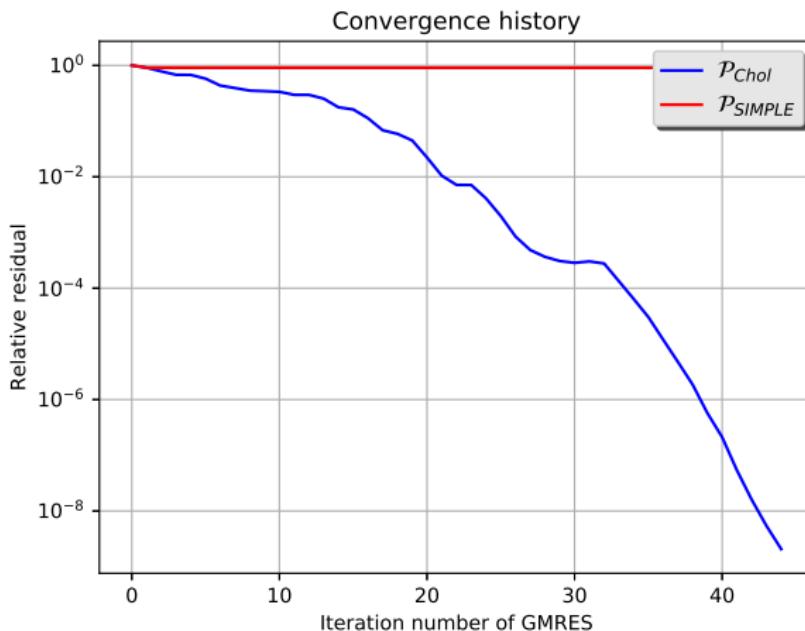
The double projection approach outperforms direct solver MUMPS – 16 procs/1 node [1]

Solver		Iterations	CPU Time (sec)	Memory (MB)
MUMPS		×	5,812	36,000
\mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE}	Implicit projection	8,624	41,520	724
	Explicit projection	×	29	19
	Total	×	41,549	743
\mathcal{P}_{Chol}	Implicit projection	45	2,516	393
	Explicit projection	×	29	19
	Total	×	2,545	412

- A saving of up to 56% in terms of CPU time using \mathcal{P}_{Chol}
- Limited amount of memory (up to 100% gain)
- High precision of 10^{-9}

[1] Computation is carried out on Aster5 cluster, a IBM IDATAPLEX computer, Physical memory available on a given node (24 cores) of Aster5 ranges from 64 GB to 1 TB.

Comparison between constraint preconditioners \mathcal{P}_{Chol} and \mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE}



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Numerical and theoretical results

Numerical results

- Efficiency : solving large scale industrial applications
- Robustness : study for different mesh sizes, with similar gains (see thesis, Section 4.3.3)
- Precision : high precision 10^{-9}

Theoretical results

- Proof of nonsingularity of the studied saddle-point system
- Proposition of an augmented form of the nullspace basis
- Proposition of a constraint preconditioner with a problem-dependent approximation of Schur complement
- Spectral characterization

Contributions – the direct solution methods

Academic contributions

- Article is being submitted on the sparse block-wise factorization for saddle point matrices in November 2017

Industrial contributions – direct solution methods

- Computing a fill-in reducing ordering without pivoting
- Computing an adapted symmetric sparse 2-by-2 block factorization approach
 - significant gain in term of fill-in reduction up to
 - 50% in comparison with symmetric sparse solvers
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Industrial contributions – double projection approach

- Implementation of a code to compute a sparse nullspace basis
- Standalone C code in PETSc
 - Incorporation of a new saddle-point structure
 - Definition and application of constraint preconditioners
- Implicit projection using constraint preconditioners is a general result

Perspectives

Double projection approach

- Choosing different sets of constraints for either explicit or implicit projection
- Testing the class of implicit-factorization constraint preconditioners
- Application of the constraint preconditioner using low-rank corrections
- More integrated developments in Code_Aster ®

Towards industrial applications

- Update large scale finite element models from test data
- Identify unknown parameters

Thanks for your attention



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Industrial framework

Context

- EDF is an operator and not a manufacturer of energy structures
- Exposition to high levels of vibration due to ageing installations and maintenance tasks



Vibration issues

- Reduction of structural integrity
- Impact on the quality of service and performance



Industrial needs

- To understand the mechanical behavior of equipment
- Predictive model to asses vibration issues



Building a predictive model : the hybrid model

Context

- The hybrid model = the numerical model + the experimental model
- Using the experimental data to model-updating → an inverse problem
- Least-squares methods is used in industrial context

The energy-based functional approach ^[1,2,3] (minimization of energy residual)

- Origin : an error indicator to check the quality of finite element solutions^[4]
- We seek to extend the solutions identified experimentally on the numerical model



Good properties

- Locate erroneously modeled regions in space
- Robust even in presence of noisy data
- Good convexity properties of cost functions

[1] E. Balmès. Review and evaluation of shape expansion methods. 2000

[2] M. Reynier. Sur le contrôle de modélisations par EF : recalage à partir d'essais dynamiques. Thèse de doctorat Paris VI. 1990

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The energy-based functional approach numerical issues

Why it is not implemented for industrial purposes ?

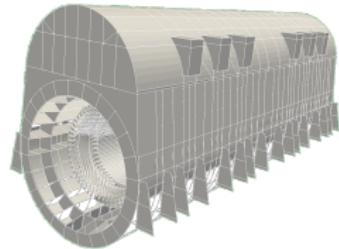
- The resulting linear system is a difficult challenge for mechanical softwares
- High cost in CPU time and memory when using direct solvers
- The repeated use of the approach in mechanical applications

Why not within model reduction framework ?^[1]

- Modal Reduced basis downgrades the error localization properties
- Enriched basis : normalization problems, numerical conditioning problems

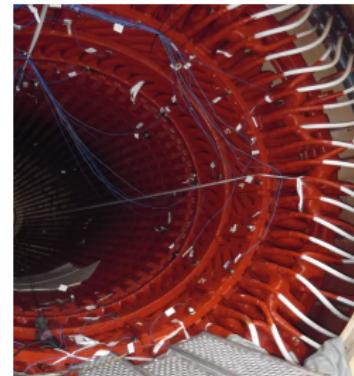
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The energy-based functional approach applied to a large scale problem



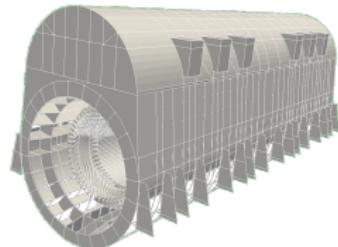
- Numerical model with more than 10^6 dofs
- 3D elements, shell elements, quadrangles, straight beams ...
- Experimental mesh using 684 sensors

→ Robust expansion of shape modes^[1]



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Computational cost^[1]

- *MD Nastran*® direct solver provides a huge computation cost for a single calculation
→ 5h for one mode shape expansion, memory 36GB – cluster Intel 64 bit 2GHz
- Some options (ordering / shift trick) reduce computational time from 5h to 3h

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Objectives

Academic objective

- Specific linear system structure
- Recent research work devoted to solving comparable linear systems^[1,2,3,4,5]
- Develop proper solution methods for this specific structure

Industrial objectives

- Solve the linear systems on a **standard desktop computer**
- Develop powerful solution approach using **standard packages**
- Transfer efficient tools to engineering through the mechanical software **Code_Aster** ®

[1] M. Benzi, G.H. Golub, J. Liesen. Numerical solution of saddle point problems. *Acta numerica*. 2005 May;14 :1-37.

[2] N.I. Gould, M.E. Hribar, J. Nocedal . On the solution of equality constrained quadratic programming problems arising in optimization. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*. 2001;23(4) :1376-95.

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Overview

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① Mathematical framework

- The constrained optimization problem
- The saddle point system
- Scientific background

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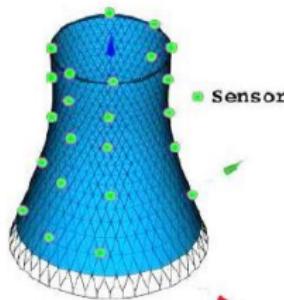
Numerical and experimental data

Ingredients

- Unknown model parameters θ
- FE model of the structure $(M(\theta), K(\theta))$ such that
 - n is the number of degrees of freedom
 - m is the number of kinematic constraints
- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors $(\omega_\theta, \varphi_\theta)$ satisfy

$$(K(\theta) - \omega_\theta^2 M(\theta))\varphi_\theta = 0, \varphi_\theta \neq 0$$

- Experimental modal basis from test campaign $(\omega_{exp}, \phi_{exp})$
 - s is the number of sensors



The objective function and the constraints

The solution fields and the constraints

- φ is the best estimation of φ_θ , minimizing the distance with the ϕ_{exp} at the pulsation ω_{exp}
- ψ is the stiffness error in the mode, such that

$$K(\theta)\psi = (K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^2 M(\theta))\varphi$$

- **Kinematic constraints**

$$C\varphi = 0, \quad C\psi = 0$$

where C represents m linear relations coming from the kinematic boundary conditions and constraints.

The objective function

- Quadratic cost function → Model error + numerical/experimental distance

$$e_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \psi^T K(\theta) \psi + \frac{r}{2(1-r)} (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{exp})^T K_r (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{exp})$$

General formulation

Mathematical formulation of the constrained quadratic optimization problem

- Minimizing the cost function

$$e_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \psi^T K(\theta) \psi + \frac{r}{2(1-r)} (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{\text{exp}})^T K_r (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{\text{exp}})$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} C\varphi = 0 \\ C\psi = 0 \\ K(\theta)\psi = (K(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M(\theta))\varphi \end{cases}$$

Lagrange multipliers method

- convert the constrained problem into an unconstrained one

$$F_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta) = e_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \theta) + c_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta)$$

- c_ω is a Lagrangian functional with Lagrange multipliers λ , λ_1 , and λ_2 such that

$$c_\omega(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta) = \lambda^T ((K(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M(\theta))\varphi - K(\theta)\psi) - \lambda_1^T C\psi + \lambda_2^T (C\psi - C\varphi)$$

The linear system structure

The saddle-point linear system

- Minimizing the unconstrained cost function yields the following saddle-point linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} -K(\theta) & K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^2 M(\theta) & -C^T & C^T \\ K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^2 M(\theta) & \frac{r}{1-r} \Pi^T K_r \Pi & C^T & 0 \\ -C & C & 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \varphi \\ \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{r}{1-r} \Pi^T K_r \phi_{exp} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{C}^T \\ \tilde{C} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -A & B^T & -C^T & C^T \\ B & T & C^T & 0 \\ -C & C & 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation

- $A = K(\theta)$
- $B = K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^2 M(\theta)$
- $T = \frac{r}{1-r} \Pi^T K_r \Pi$.

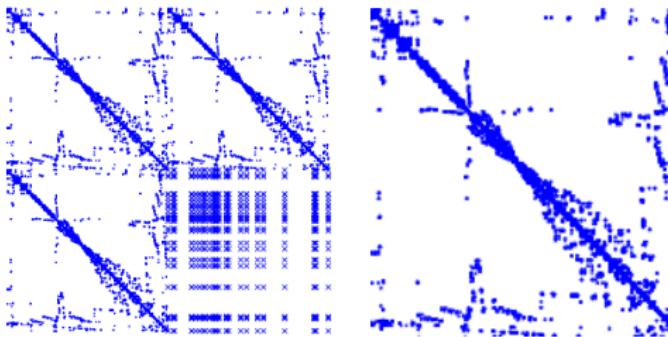
Assumptions

- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of full rank m
- $\ker(A) \cap \ker(C) = \{0\}$

The system properties

Coefficient matrix properties

- symmetric sparse matrix
- saddle-point matrix [1]
- nonsingular
- **some numerical issues** : Large bandwidth, bad fill-in ratio, highly indefinite, poorly conditioned ...



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Existing direct solution approaches and contributions

Direct solution methods existing in mechanical softwares

- Direct methods : multifrontal methods (inhouse solvers, external solver MUMPS^[1])
→ global approaches

Thesis contributions – direct solution methods

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Existing iterative solution approaches and contributions

Iterative solution methods existing in mechanical softwares

- Iterative methods : Krylov subspace methods + global preconditioners (incomplete factorization, multigrid)^[1]
→ global approaches

Thesis contributions – Double projection approach

- Hybrid approach : Double explicit-implicit projection approach onto the nullspace of constraints (chapter 4, thesis)

[1] Y. Saad. Iterative methods for sparse linear systems. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics ; 2003 Jan 1.

① Mathematical framework

② Double explicit implicit projection approach onto the nullspace of constraints

- Elimination of the kinematic constraints – explicit projection
- Block preconditioned Krylov subspace method – implicit projection
- Implementation

③ Solving a large scale industrial problem : the power plant alternator

④ Conclusions and perspectives

Different constraints

Two constraints

- **kinematic constraints**
- **sensors constraints**

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} -A_{ss} & -A_{st} & B_{ss}^T & B_{ts}^T & -C_{ss}^T & -C_{ts}^T & C_{ss}^T & C_{ts}^T \\ -A_{ts} & -A_{tt} & B_{st}^T & B_{tt}^T & -C_{st}^T & -C_{tt}^T & C_{st}^T & C_{tt}^T \\ B_{ss} & B_{st} & T_{ss} & 0 & C_{ss}^T & C_{ts}^T & 0 & 0 \\ B_{ts} & B_{tt} & 0 & 0 & C_{st}^T & C_{tt}^T & 0 & 0 \\ -C_{ss} & -C_{st} & C_{ss} & C_{st} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -C_{ts} & -C_{tt} & C_{ts} & C_{tt} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{ss} & C_{st} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{ts} & C_{tt} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} T_{ss} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{r}{1-r} \boldsymbol{\Pi}^T \boldsymbol{K}_r \boldsymbol{\Pi}$$

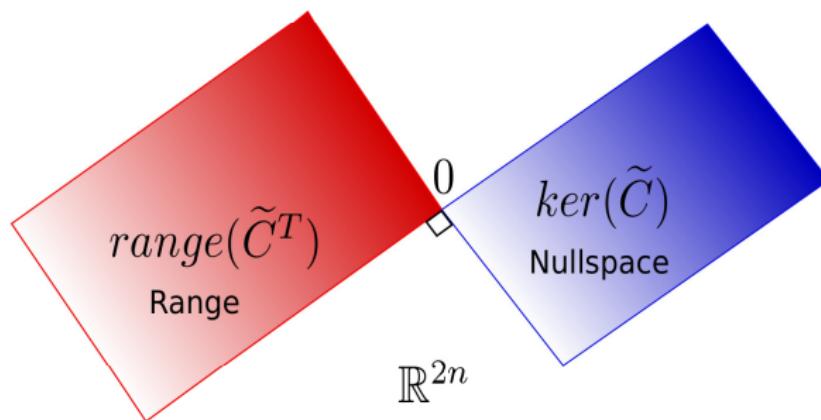
Implicit versus explicit projection

- Alternative ways to describe the projection operator

$\tilde{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2(n-m)}$ such that $\text{span}(\tilde{Z}) = \ker(\tilde{C})$

$\tilde{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2m}$ such that $\text{span}(\tilde{Y}) = \text{range}(\tilde{C}^T)$

$$x = \tilde{Y}x_Y + \tilde{Z}x_Z$$



Projection approaches

Two constraints

- **kinematic constraints**
- **sensors constraints**

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Elimination of kinematic constraints in the finite element matrices

New saddle point structure

- The saddle-point coefficient matrix is different from the literature

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{C}^T \\ \tilde{C} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The nullspace of kinematic constraints

- Compute a nullspace basis

$$\tilde{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2(n-m)} \text{ such that } \text{span}(\tilde{Z}) = \ker(\tilde{C}).$$

- Some criteria for \tilde{Z} : sparse, well-conditioned, easy to apply

Construction of a sparse nullspace basis of the kinematic constraint matrix \tilde{C}

Augmented nullspace basis

Let the matrix $\tilde{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -C & C \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2m \times 2n}$ be the constraint matrix.

If $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$ is a nullspace basis of C then $\tilde{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{pmatrix}$ is a nullspace basis of \tilde{C} .

Computational benefits

- The computational cost is cut by half
- A minimum threshold of sparsity : two null $n \times (n - m)$ blocks
- Easy to apply due to similar blocks Z

The projected system

Projected system through the nullspace basis

- The projected system to solve is

$$\tilde{Z}^T \tilde{E} \tilde{Z} x_Z = \tilde{Z}^T f$$

which yields

$$\begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

where

$$A_Z = Z^T A Z$$

$$B_Z = Z^T B Z$$

$$T_Z = Z^T T Z$$

Explicit projection conclusions

- Low cost for computing the nullspace basis
- Generation of a new regularized saddle-point system where the block (1,1) is definite
- The nullspace basis is computed once for all generated saddle-point system

Implicit projection through constraint preconditioned Krylov subspace method

Implicit nullspace projection

- we apply a Krylov subspace method preconditioned with a constraint preconditioner^[1]

$$\mathcal{A}_Z = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{The coefficient matrix}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2(n-m) \times 2(n-m)} \text{ and } \mathcal{G}_Z = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{The constraint preconditioner}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2(n-m) \times 2(n-m)}.$$

to solve

$$\begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Implicit projection through constraint preconditioned Krylov subspace method

Implicit nullspace projection

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Spectral characterization

Iterative solution method of the projected system

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{The preconditioned matrix } \mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} \mathcal{A}_Z} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

Spectral characterization (Section 4.2.1, thesis)

Let \mathcal{G}_Z and \mathcal{A}_Z be as defined before. The matrix $\mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} \mathcal{A}_Z$ has

- an eigenvalue at 1 with multiplicity $2(n - m) - s$,
- a generalized symmetric positive definite eigenproblem of dimension equal to the number of sensors s

Physics-based approximation of the constraint preconditioner

Schur complement decomposition of the constraint preconditioner

$$\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z^T \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -B_Z^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & (T_Z + B_Z G_Z^{-1} B_Z^T)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_Z G_Z^{-1} & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

Choosing approximations

- The block (1,1) G_Z as the Cholesky decomposition of A_Z

$$G_Z = L_A L_A^T$$

- The Schur complement $S_Z = T_Z + B_Z G_Z^{-1} B_Z^T$ as a Cholesky decomposition of a sparse matrix

$$S_Z = T_Z + B_Z A_Z^{-1} B_Z = \underbrace{T_Z + K_Z}_{\text{Approx.}} - 2\omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M_Z + \omega_{\text{exp}}^4 M_Z K_Z^{-1} M_Z$$

$$\widetilde{S}_Z = L_S L_S^T$$

or

$$S_Z = T_Z + B_Z A_Z^{-1} B_Z = \underbrace{T_Z + K_Z - 2\omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M_Z + \omega_{\text{exp}}^4 M_Z K_Z^{-1} M_Z}_{\text{Approx.}}$$

$$\widetilde{S}_Z = L_S L_S^T$$

- we call this constraint preconditioner $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Chol}}$

Algorithm of implicit projection onto the nullspace of sensors constraints

Step 1 : Build the constraint preconditioner \mathcal{G}_Z for the inner solution methods

$$\mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{blue}{PCG}(-G_Z^{-1}, -\hat{G}_Z^{-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -B_Z^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & \textcolor{red}{PCG}(S_Z^{-1}, \hat{S}_Z^{-1}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_Z \textcolor{blue}{PCG}(-G_Z^{-1}, -\hat{G}_Z^{-1}) & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Choose G_Z the approximation of the (1,1) block A_Z .
- Choose S_Z the approximation of the Schur complement.

Algorithm of implicit projection onto the nullspace of sensors constraints

Step 2 : Applying the outer solution method

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -A_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{The preconditioned matrix } \mathcal{G}_Z^{-1} A_Z} \begin{pmatrix} x_{Z_1} \\ x_{Z_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z^T f \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solve the projected system using the preconditioned GMRES with the constraint preconditioner \mathcal{G}_Z in the outer loop.

Implementation

Code_Aster

- a routine to retrieve matrix blocks by identifying the nature of each degree of freedom from the global ordering :
 - K Stiffness matrix
 - M Mass matrix
 - C Kin. con. matrix
 - Π Observation matrix
 - K_r Norm matrix
 - rhs Right hand side

SuperLU^[1] + SuiteSparse^[2]

- a routine to compute the nullspace basis Z
- we use an interface developed in Fortran 90 to the direct solver SuperLU
- we use the routine `amd` from package SuiteSparse to perform minimum degree ordering to get sparse factors

PETSc^[3]

- C code to solve the projected system through the constraint preconditioned GMRES
- use the saddle-point block structure
- developed in a distributed parallel environment (MPI)

[1] <http://crd-legacy.lbl.gov/xiaoye/SuperLU/>

[2] <http://faculty.cse.tamu.edu/davis/suitesparse.html>

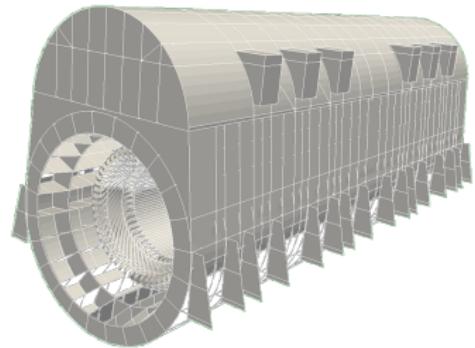
[3] <https://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc>

① Mathematical framework**② Double explicit implicit projection approach onto the nullspace of constraints****③ Solving a large scale industrial problem : the power plant alternator**

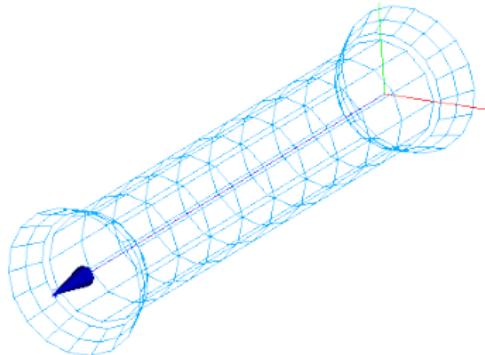
- Test case presentation
- Performance of the double projection approach

④ Conclusions and perspectives

Large scale industrial application

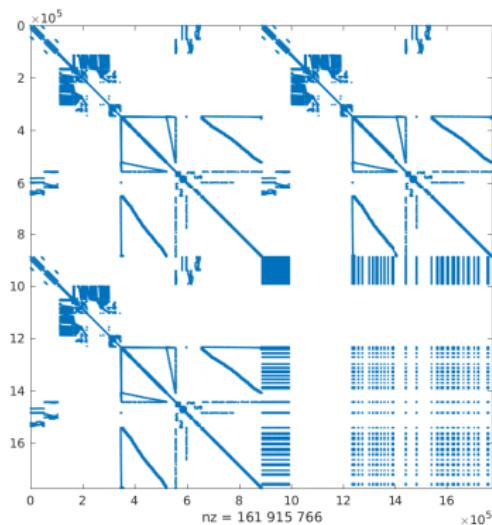


- $n = 887,601$ degrees of freedom
- $m = 44,292$ kinematic constraints



- experimental mesh using $s = 684$ sensors

The saddle-point system



$$\begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{K}(\theta) & \tilde{K}(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 \tilde{M}(\theta) \\ \tilde{K}(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 \tilde{M}(\theta) & \frac{r}{1-r} \tilde{\Pi}^T \tilde{K}_r \tilde{\Pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Size	nnz
1.81 million	162 million

Condition number 10^{11}

Explicit projection onto the nullspace of kinematic constraints

The constraint matrix C	$22,000 \times 890,000$ $nnz = 321,000$	The nullspace basis Z	$890,000 \times 865,000$ $nnz = 1.23$ million
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- The initial system
 - size ≈ 1.81 million
 - $nnz \approx 162$ million
- The projected system
 - size ≈ 1.77 million
 - $nnz \approx 167$ million (+3% of additional fill-in)

Statistics

- CPU Time < 30 seconds
- Memory < 20 MB

Implicit projection onto the nullspace of sensors constraints – constraint preconditioner

Solution methods for the industrial test case

- Solving the saddle-point system using the direct solver MUMPS^[1] with METIS^[2] ordering
- Solving the saddle-point system using the double projection approach with two constraint preconditioners :

$$\begin{pmatrix} -G_Z & B_Z^T \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -G_Z^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -B_Z^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & S_Z^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_Z G_Z^{-1} & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

- we consider SIMPLE constraint preconditioner \mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE} such that

The block (1,1) $G_Z = A_Z$

the shur complement $S_Z \approx T_Z + B_Z \text{Diag}(A_Z)^{-1} B_Z^T$

- we recall the proposed constraint preconditioner \mathcal{P}_{Chol} such that

The block (1,1) $G_Z = A_Z$

the shur complement $S_Z \approx T_Z + K_Z$

- GMRES in the outer loop (Maximum iterations = 10,000, relative tolerance = 10^{-9})

[1] <http://mumps.enseeiht.fr>

[2] <http://glaros.dtc.umn.edu/gkhome/metis/metis/overview>

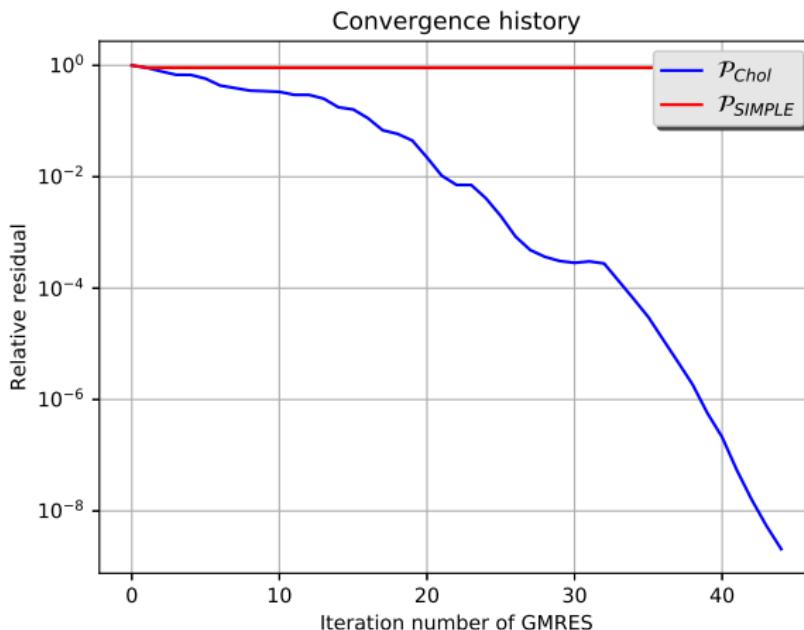
The double projection approach outperforms direct solver MUMPS – 16 procs/1 node [1]

Solver		Iterations	CPU Time (sec)	Memory (MB)
MUMPS		×	5,812	36,000
\mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE}	Implicit projection	8,624	41,520	724
	Explicit projection	×	29	19
	Total	×	41,549	743
\mathcal{P}_{Chol}	Implicit projection	45	2,516	393
	Explicit projection	×	29	19
	Total	×	2,545	412

- A saving of up to 56% in terms of CPU time using \mathcal{P}_{Chol}
- Limited amount of memory (up to 100% gain)
- High precision of 10^{-9}

[1] Computation is carried out on Aster5 cluster, a IBM IDATAPLEX computer, Physical memory available on a given node (24 cores) of Aster5 ranges from 64 GB to 1 TB.

Comparison between constraint preconditioners \mathcal{P}_{Chol} and \mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE}



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Numerical and theoretical results

Numerical results

- Efficiency : solving large scale industrial applications
- Robustness : study for different mesh sizes, with similar gains (see thesis, Section 4.3.3)
- Precision : high precision 10^{-9}

Theoretical results

- Proof of nonsingularity of the studied saddle-point system
- Proposition of an augmented form of the nullspace basis
- Proposition of a constraint preconditioner with a problem-dependent approximation of Schur complement
- Spectral characterization

Contributions – the direct solution methods

Academic contributions

- Article is being submitted on the sparse block-wise factorization for saddle point matrices in November 2017

Industrial contributions – direct solution methods

- Computing a fill-in reducing ordering without pivoting
- Computing an adapted symmetric sparse 2-by-2 block factorization approach
 - significant gain in term of fill-in reduction up to
 - 50% in comparison with symmetric sparse solvers
 - 90% in comparison with unsymmetric sparse solvers

Contributions – the double projection approach

Academic contributions

- Article is being submitted on the double explicit-implicit projection approach in November 2017

Industrial contributions – double projection approach

- Implementation of a code to compute a sparse nullspace basis
- Standalone C code in PETSc
 - Incorporation of a new saddle-point structure
 - Definition and application of constraint preconditioners
- Implicit projection using constraint preconditioners is a general result

Perspectives

Double projection approach

- Choosing different sets of constraints for either explicit or implicit projection
- Testing the class of implicit-factorization constraint preconditioners
- Application of the constraint preconditioner using low-rank corrections
- More integrated developments in Code_Aster ®

Towards industrial applications

- Update large scale finite element models from test data
- Identify unknown parameters

Thanks for your attention

Construction of a sparse nullspace basis of the kinematic constraint matrix \tilde{C}

Algorithm of construction of the nullspace basis Z

Step 1 : perform LU on the skinny matrix C^T

$$PC^T Q = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix} U_1,$$

where P used for stability, Q used for sparsity, and $L_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is invertible.

Step 2 : solve $n - m$ triangular linear systems $-L_1^{-T} L_2^T$

Step 3 : consider the nullspace basis such as

$$Z = P^T \begin{bmatrix} -L_1^{-T} L_2^T \\ \mathbb{I}_{n-m} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The projected system

Equivalent system through the nullspace basis

- we reduce the saddle-point system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{C}^T \\ \tilde{C} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- using the fundamental nullspace basis^[1]

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{Y} & \tilde{Z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{I}_{2m} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$\tilde{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2m}$ such that $\text{span}(\tilde{Y}) = \text{range}(\tilde{C}^T)$

- to get the block triangular form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{C}\tilde{E}\tilde{C}^T & \tilde{C}\tilde{E}\tilde{Z} & \tilde{C}\tilde{C}^T \\ \tilde{Z}^T\tilde{E}\tilde{C}^T & \tilde{Z}^T\tilde{E}\tilde{Z} & 0 \\ \tilde{C}\tilde{C}^T & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_Y \\ x_Z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{Y}^T f \\ \tilde{Z}^T f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

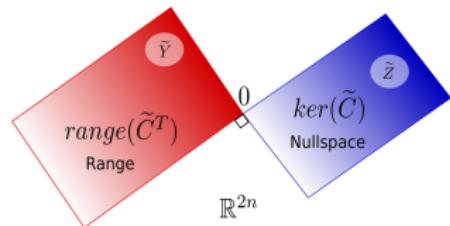
Notation

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \varphi \end{pmatrix} \text{ solution fields}$$

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Lagrange multipliers}$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{r}{1-r} \mathbf{\Pi}^T [\mathbf{K}_r] \phi_{exp} \end{pmatrix} \text{ right hand side}$$

$$x = \tilde{Y}x_Y + \tilde{Z}x_Z$$



[1] M. Benzi, G.H. Golub, J. Liesen. Numerical solution of saddle point problems. *Acta numerica*. 2005 May;14:1-37.

Spectral characterization

Spectral characterization

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- an eigenvalue at 1 with multiplicity $2(n - m) - s$,
- s eigenvalues which are defined by the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$N^T(\mathcal{A}_Z + B_Z^T L D^{-1} L^T B_Z)Nv = \lambda N^T(\mathcal{G}_Z + B_Z^T L D^{-1} L^T B_Z)Nv.$$

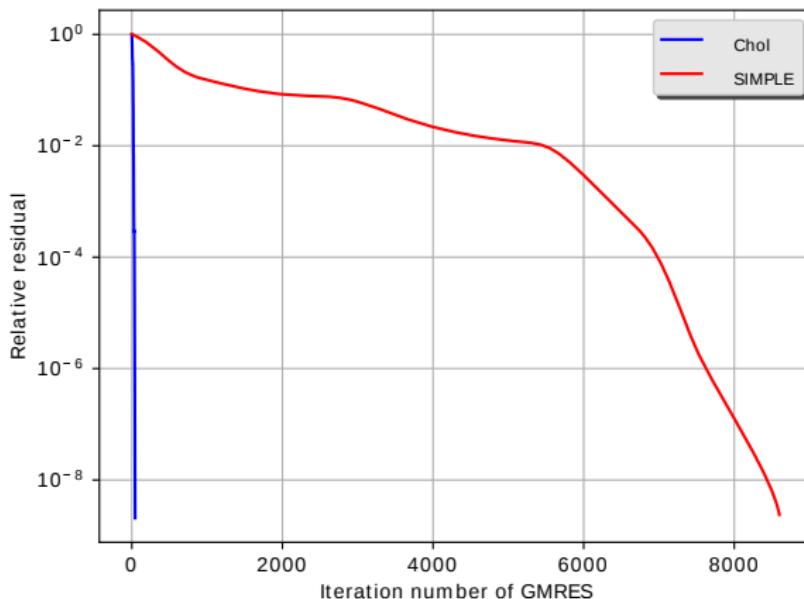
where

$s = \text{rank}(T_Z)$ is the number of sensors degrees of freedom

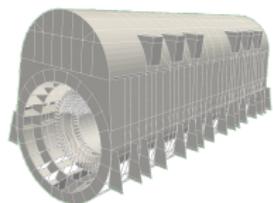
$T_Z = LDL^T$ such that $L \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-m) \times s}$ and $D \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}$ is SPD

$\text{range}(Q) = \ker(T_Z)$ such that $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-m) \times (n-m-s)}$

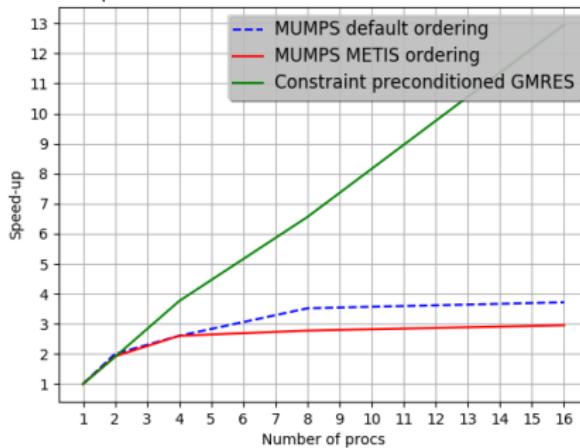
$\text{range}(N) = \ker(Q^T B_Z)$ such that $N \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-m) \times s}$

Comparison between both constraint preconditioners \mathcal{P}_{Chol} and \mathcal{P}_{SIMPLE} 

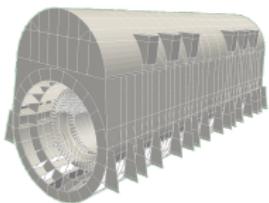
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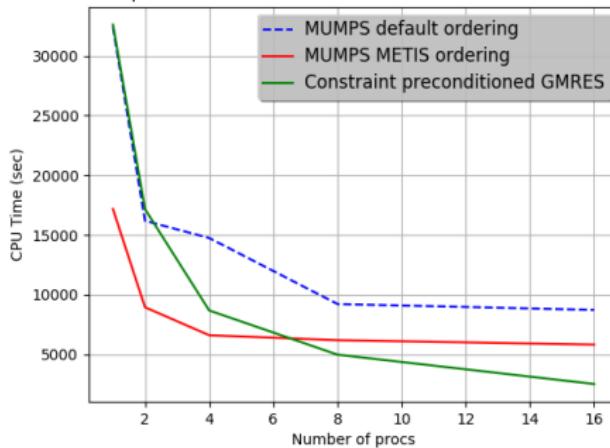
Comparison between Direct and iterative solution methods



Speed-up



Comparison between Direct and iterative solution methods



Cluster information

Cluster Athos/Aster5

- 2720 nodes, 2 CPU (12 cores each Intel e5-2600 2.7 GHz)
- Between 64 GB and 1 TB of RAM on each node (24 cores)
- Performance : real 352.7 Tflops / 391.9 Tflops

Sparse 2-by-2 block factorization – thesis, chapter 3

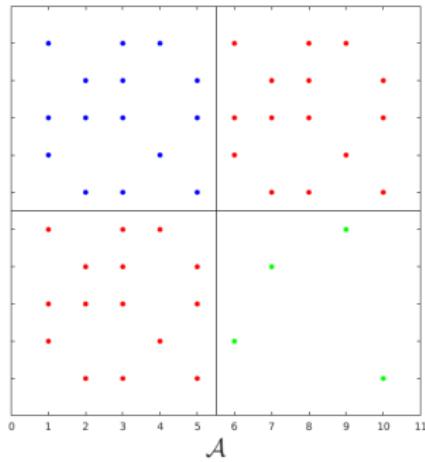


Figure – The matrix $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$

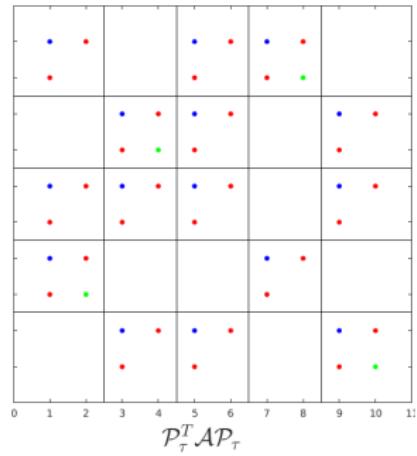


Figure – The matrix $\mathcal{P}_\tau^T \mathcal{A} \mathcal{P}_\tau$

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & 2(n+m)-1 & 2(n+m) \\ 1 & n+m+1 & 2 & \cdots & n+m & 2(n+m) \end{pmatrix}$$

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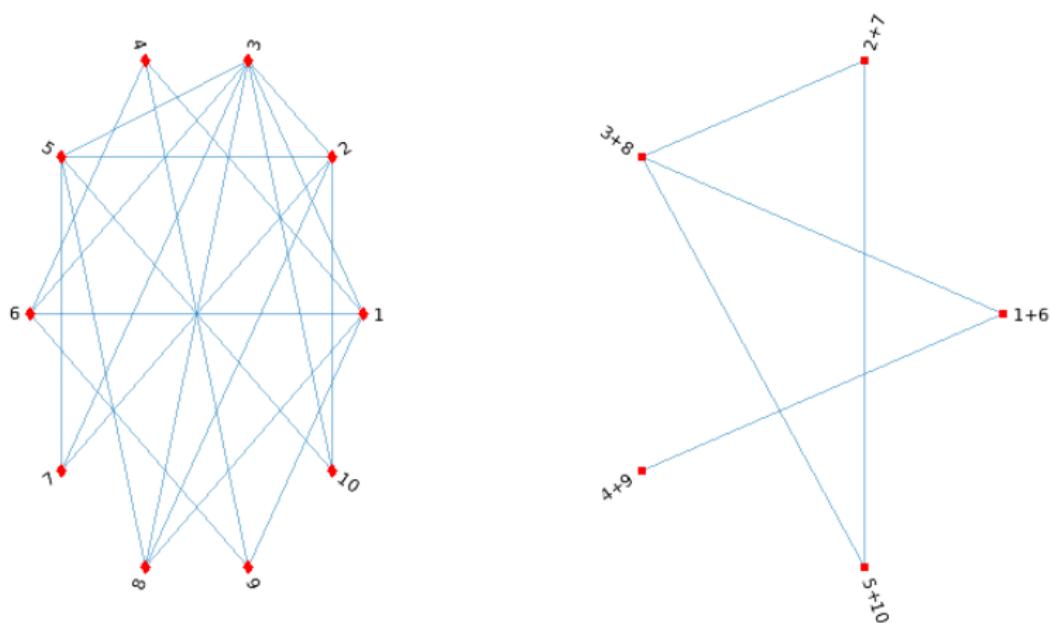


Figure – The graph associated with matrix $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ (left) and the compressed graph associated with matrix $\mathcal{P}_\tau^T \mathcal{A} \mathcal{P}_\tau$ (right)

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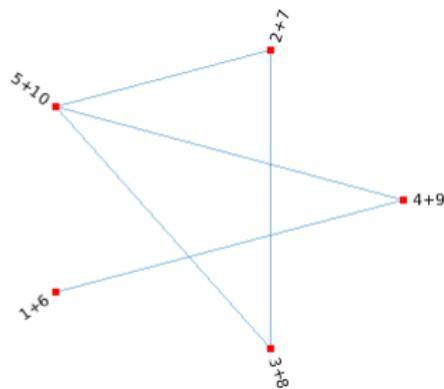
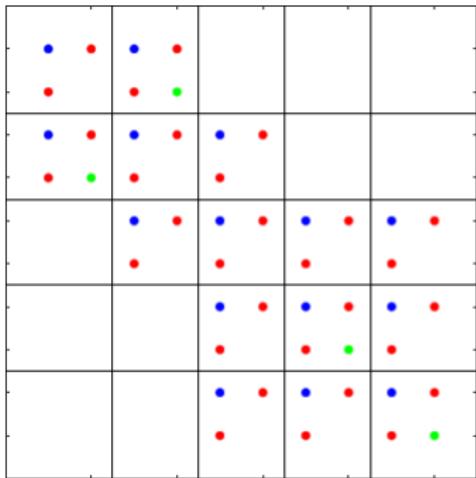


Figure – The matrix $\mathcal{P}_\pi^T \mathcal{A} \mathcal{P}_\pi$ and its associated compressed graph

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 2(n+m)-1 & 2(n+m) \\ r(1) & n+m+r(1) & r(2) & \dots & r(n+m) & (n+m)+r(n+m) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Sparse 2-by-2 block factorization – thesis, chapter 3

Choosing pivots of order 2

$$\begin{pmatrix} -A & B_1^T \\ B_2 & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_2 A^{-1} & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & C + B_2 A^{-1} B_1^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & A^{-1} B_1^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}.$$

→ Comparison with symmetric indefinite solvers

	Matrix	FE1	FE2	FE3	FE4
	$2(n + m)$ nnz	2,410 14,427	4,104 24,608	6,504 39,660	10,000 60,054
<i>SBlock</i>	<i>Fill-in</i> <i>Err</i>	100,112 1.94e-10	266,800 1.75e-10	612,522 2.48e-10	1,216,652 1.22e-09
<i>MA57 – LDL^T Matlab</i>	<i>Fill-in</i> <i>Err</i>	217,136 5.55e-09	624,756 1.62e-08	1,701,536 5.54e-09	3,583,097 1.69e-08
<i>MUMPS – LDL</i>	<i>Fill-in</i> <i>Err</i>	303,299 1.51e-09	1,016,383 2.54e-09	2,860,465 2.48e-09	6,602,797 4.18e-08

→ 50% in comparison with symmetric sparse solvers

Sparse 2-by-2 block factorization – thesis, chapter 3

Choosing pivots of order 2

$$\begin{pmatrix} -A & B_1^T \\ B_2 & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B_2 A^{-1} & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & C + B_2 A^{-1} B_1^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & A^{-1} B_1^T \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}.$$

→ Comparison with unsymmetric indefinite solvers

	Matrix	FE1	FE2	FE3	FE4
	$2(n + m)$ nnz	2,410 14,427	4,104 24,608	6,504 39,660	10,000 60,054
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<i>UMFPACK – LU Matlab</i>	<i>Fill-in</i> <i>Err</i>	774,108 9.90e-13	2,817,520 1.75e-12	7,165,751 2.48e-12	15,218,709 2.83e-12
<i>MUMPS – LU</i>	<i>Fill-in</i> <i>Err</i>	574,624 2.94e-12	1,823,314 4.18e-12	4,800,112 3.48e-12	10,365,088 8.60e-12

→ 90% in comparison with unsymmetric sparse solvers