

Schwarz domain decomposition and domain truncation for exterior time-harmonic problems with variable coefficients and convective flows

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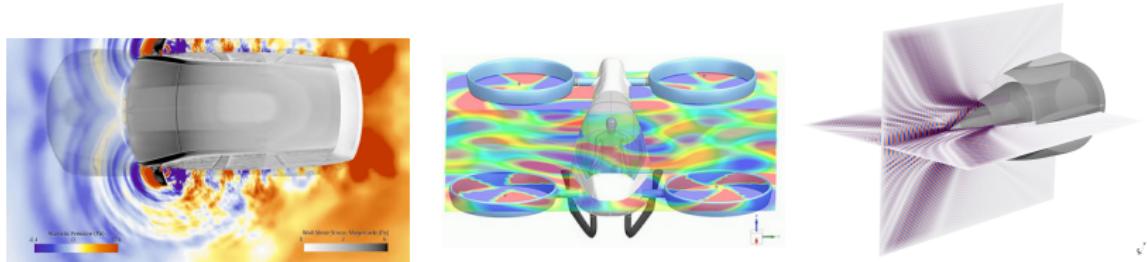
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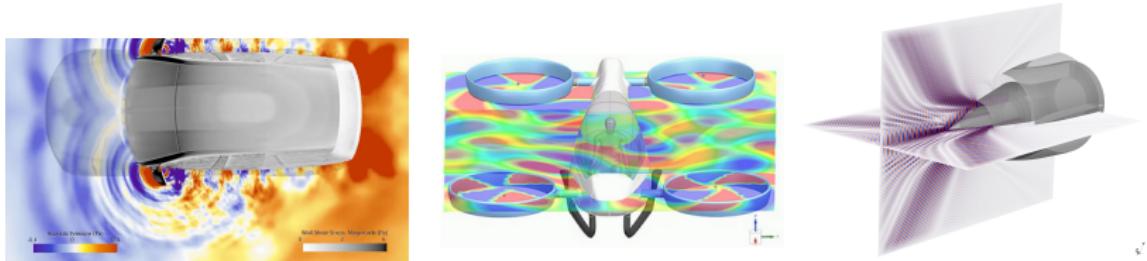
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Time-harmonic convected wave operator [Pierce 1990, Spieser, Bailly 2020]

$$\mathcal{P} = -\rho_0 \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{v}_0} \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0^2 c_0^2} \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{v}_0} \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \right), \quad \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{v}_0} = i\omega + \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \nabla$$

Mathematical properties

- **Helmholtz-type** operator with **varying $c_0(x)$, $\rho_0(x)$** and **mean flow $\mathbf{v}_0(x)$**
- \mathcal{P} is scalar and self-adjoint,
- If $c_0(x) = \rho_0(x) = 1 \Rightarrow$ convected Helmholtz, $\mathbf{v}_0(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$ Helmholtz

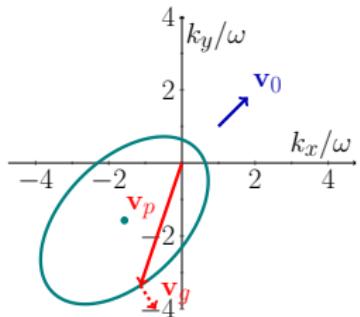
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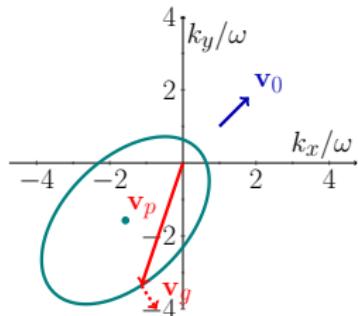
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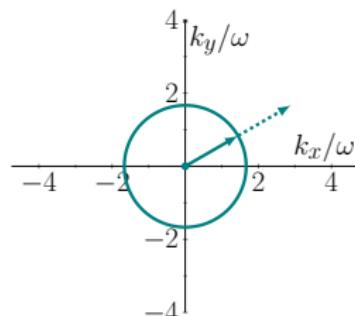
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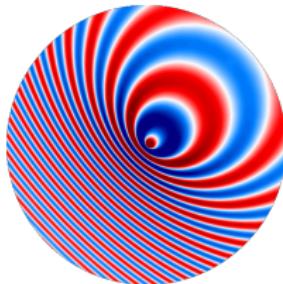
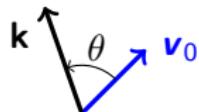
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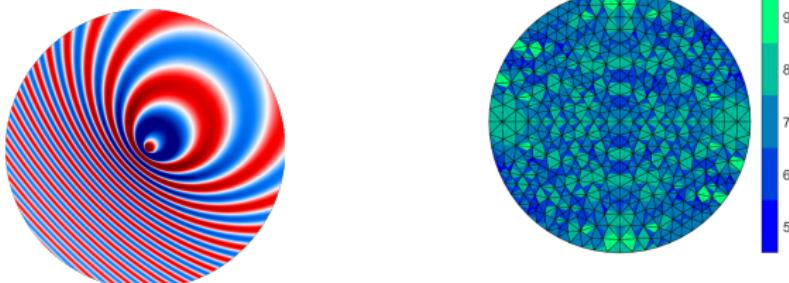
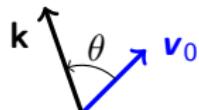
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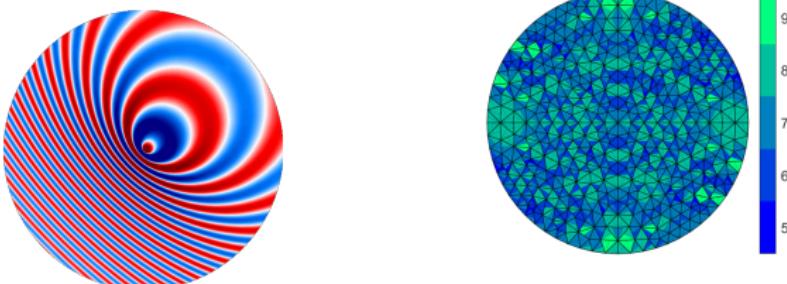
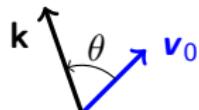
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- **Domain truncation:** phase and group velocity have different directions
→ high-frequency solver : use **domain truncation** to build preconditioner for iterative methods

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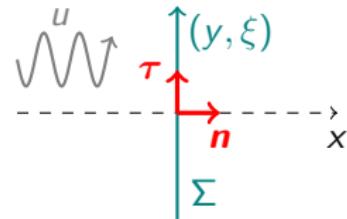
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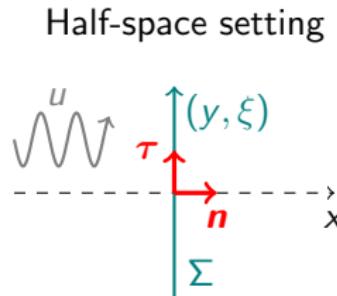
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→ Identify with the PDE operator to obtain a Riccati equation for Λ^+



$$(1 - M_x^{-2}) \left[(\Lambda^+)^2 + \imath \text{Op} \{ \partial_x \lambda^+ \} \right] + \imath(\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_0) \Lambda^+ = \mathcal{B}_2 + \mathcal{B}_1, \quad M_x = v_x/c_0$$

$\Lambda^+ = \text{Op}(\lambda^+)$ is a ψ DO associated to the symbol λ^+

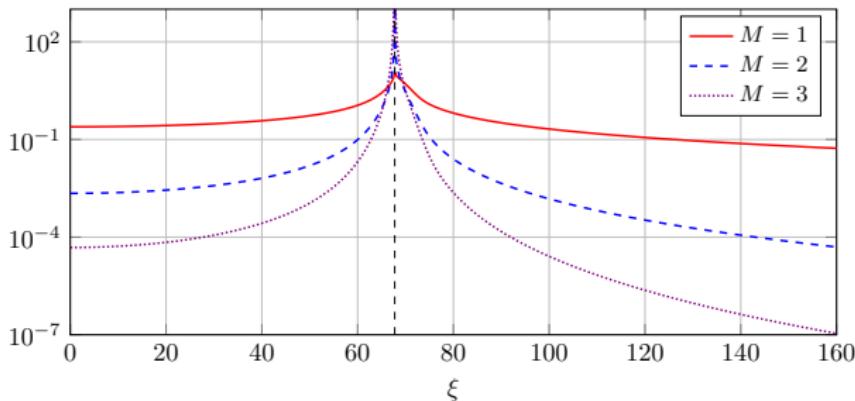
Use a “high-frequency” asymptotic expansion $\lambda^+ \sim \lambda_1^+ + \lambda_0^+ + \dots$, and compute each λ_{-j}^+ with homogeneity degree $(\omega, \xi)^{-j}$ [Hörmander 2007]

DtN symbol expansion for a Helmholtz problem

Symbol calculation with $\mathbf{v}_0 = 0$, $\rho_0 = 1$, $c_0^{-2}(x) = ax + b$, $\omega = 30$

Analytic symbol available $\lambda^+ = -ie^{-\frac{2i\pi}{3}} (a\omega^2)^{1/3} \frac{\text{Ai}'(z)}{\text{Ai}(z)}$, $z = e^{-\frac{2i\pi}{3}} \frac{\xi^2 - \omega^2(ax+b)}{(a\omega^2)^{2/3}}$

$$\left| \lambda^+ - \sum_{j=-1}^{M-2} \lambda_{-j}^+ \right|$$



- $\lambda_1^+ = \sqrt{\omega^2 c_0^{-2}(x) - \xi^2}$ is the “usual” square-root
- λ_0^+ depends on $\partial_x(c_0^{-2})$, matches the Airy function asymptotic expansion
- λ_{-1}^+ depends on $\partial_x^2(c_0^{-2})$ and $[\partial_x(c_0^{-2})]^2$, etc.

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$$\lambda_1^+ = \frac{1}{1 - M_x^2} \left[-M_x(k_0 - M_\tau \cdot \xi) + \sqrt{(k_0 - M_\tau \cdot \xi)^2 - (1 - M_x^2)|\xi|^2} \right]$$

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How to approximate $\text{Op}(\lambda_1^+)$ by a local operator ?

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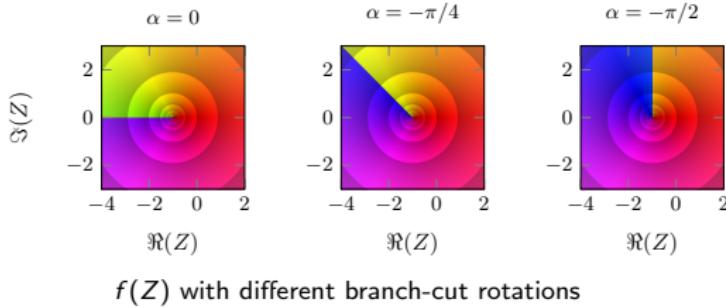
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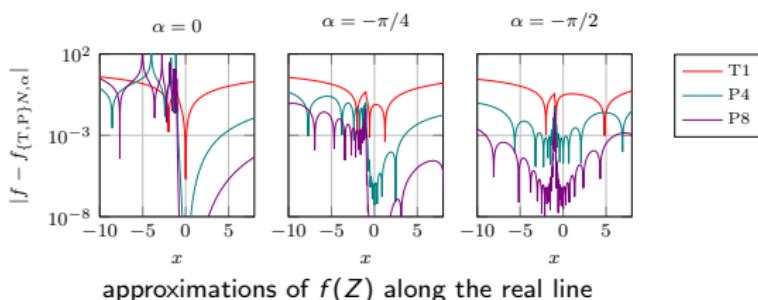
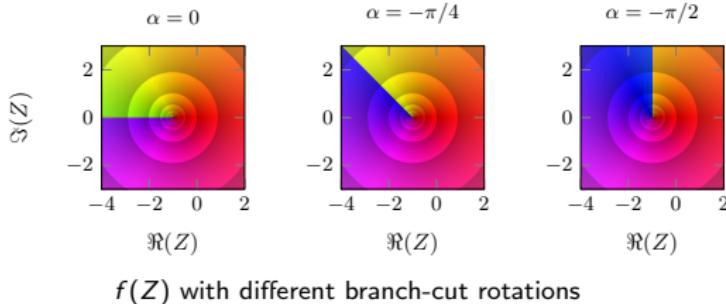
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- computational cost increase with Padé order
- uniform rational approximation ?
 \rightarrow Zolotarev solution

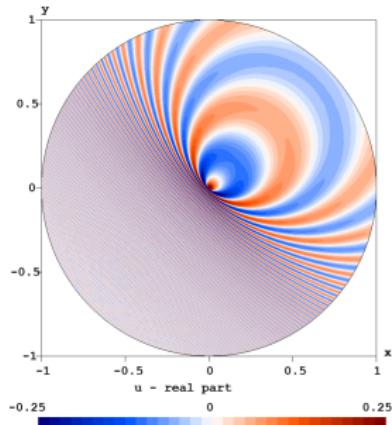
[Druskin et al. 2016]

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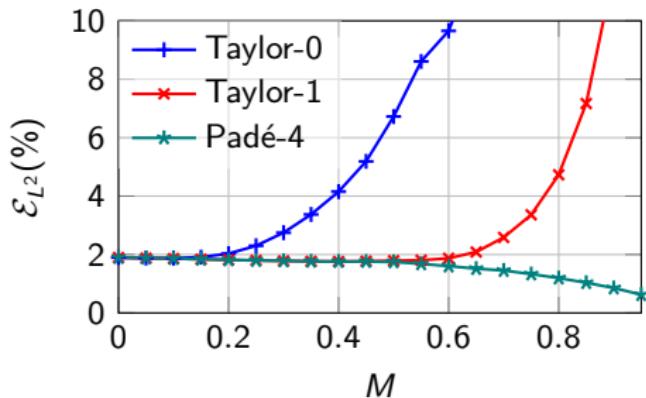
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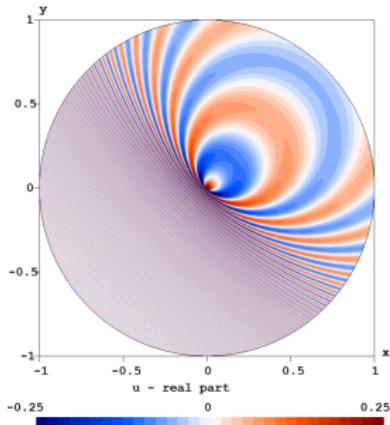
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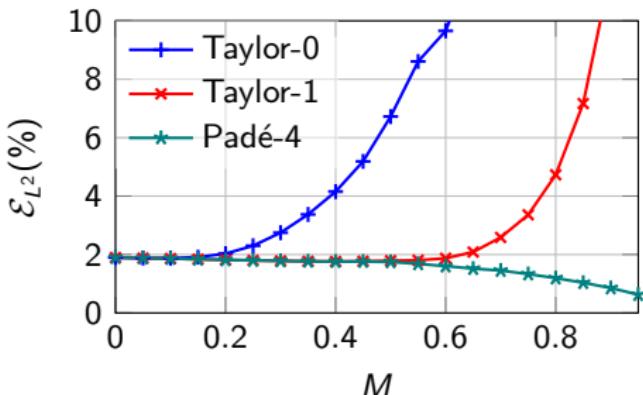
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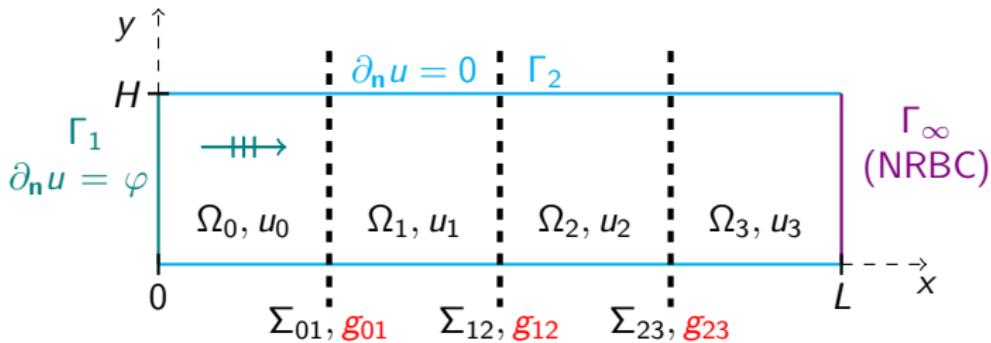
- Microlocal construction allows to design high-order ABCs
- including the correction term λ_0^+ requires technical effort

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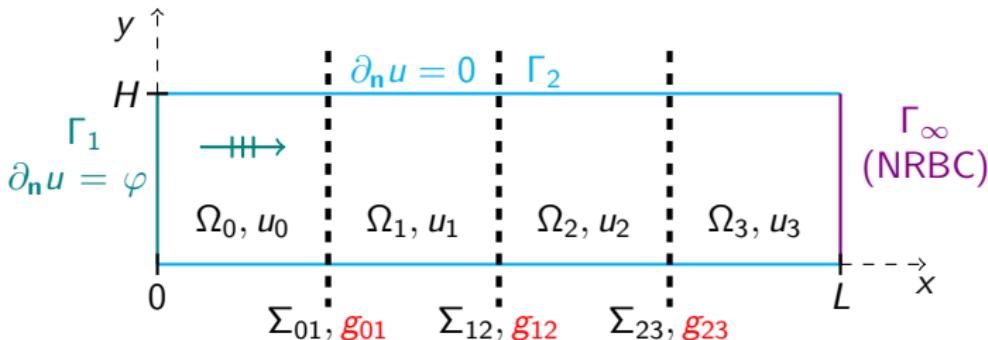
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Schwarz substructured formulation [Gander et al. 2002]

Iterative solver for interface problem $(\mathbb{I} - \Pi \mathbb{S})\mathbf{g} = \varphi$ on Σ

At each (n) iteration

- Given $\mathbf{g}_{ij}^{(n)}$, compute $u_i^{(n+1)}$ in Ω_i with direct solver $(\partial_{n_i} u_i + \imath \mathcal{S}_i u_i = g_{ij})$,
- Update the interface unknowns on Σ_{ij}
$$\mathbf{g}_{ji}^{(n+1)} = -\mathbf{g}_{ij}^{(n)} + \imath (\mathcal{S}_i + \mathcal{S}_j) u_i^{(n+1)}$$

If $(\mathcal{S}_i, \mathcal{S}_j) \approx$ outgoing DtN map Λ^+ \rightarrow convergence in N_{dom} iterations

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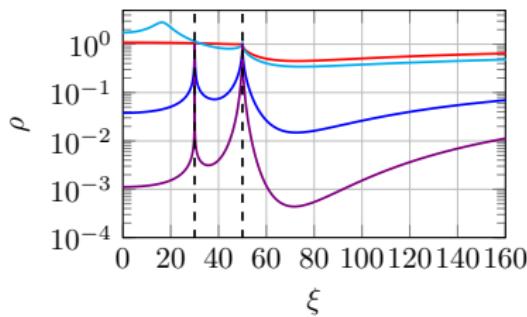
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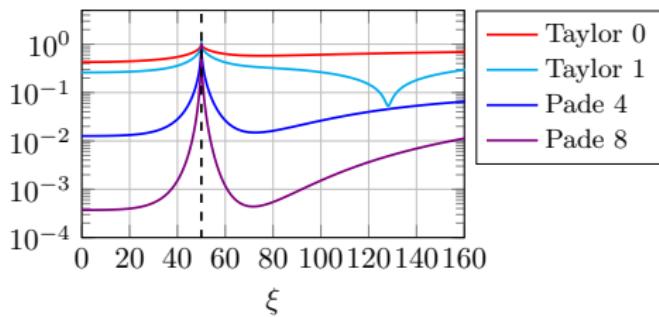
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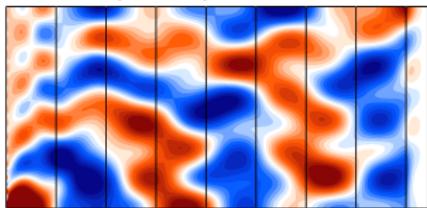
Convergence factor: $\alpha = -\pi/2$, $\omega = 30$. For $M_x = 0.8$, $\xi \in [30, 50]$, modes have negative phase velocity

How is numerical convergence affected ?

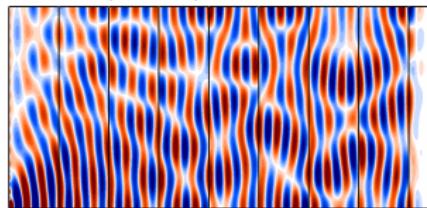
Assessment with ABC transmission operators

Absorbing boundary conditions as transmission operator, with $\alpha = -\pi/2$
The source is the superposition of the 30 first modes

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4	60 (dnc)	58 (dnc)	9 (9)
8	142 (dnc)	133 (dnc)	19 (21)

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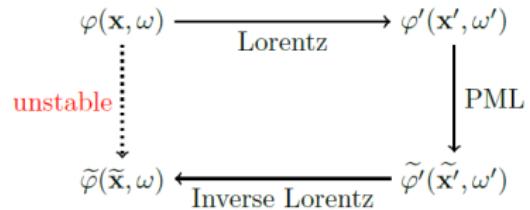
Number of iterations to $r_I = 10^{-6}$: GMRES vs ([Jacobi](#)) solver. T: Taylor, P: Padé

- inverse upstream modes significantly deteriorates convergence
- Padé approximations reach high accuracy after N_{dom} iterations

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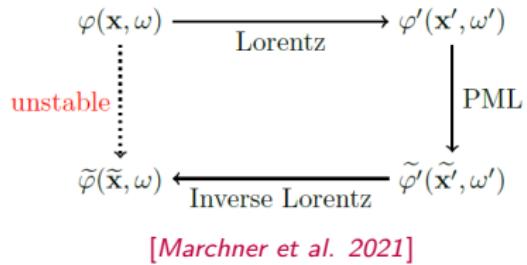


[Marchner et al. 2021]

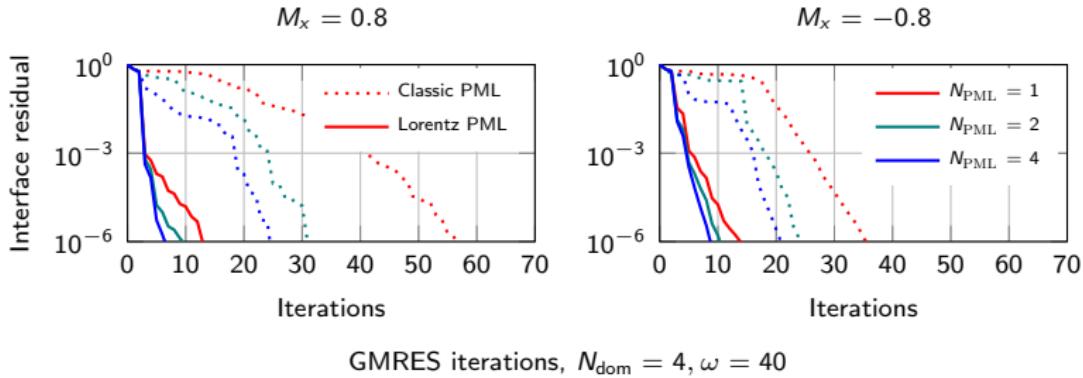
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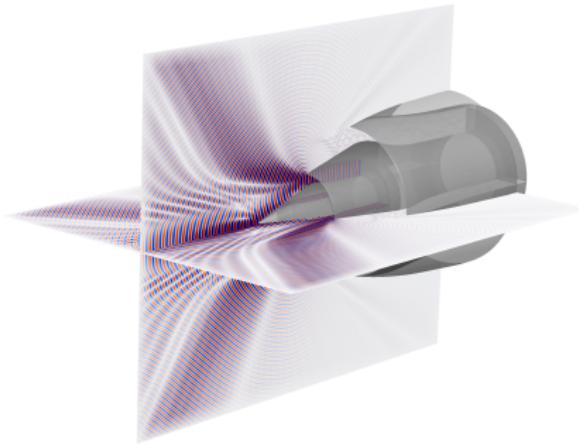


- With a Jacobi solver, a “classic” PML as transmission operator does not converge, even when $M_x < 0$!
- Caution is needed with PML-transmission conditions [Galkowski et al. 2024]

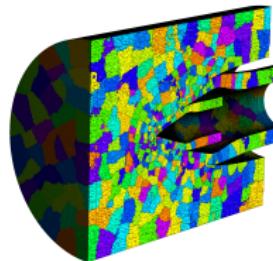
Large scale Schwarz domain decomposition

- For realistic problems we use 2nd order transmission condition

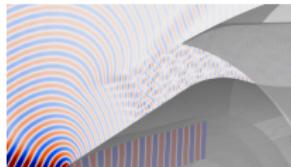
Turbofan engine jet noise benchmark at $\omega/2\pi = 40$ kHz [Marchner et al. 2025]



(a) $\Re(u)$



(b) partitioning (METIS)



(c) Zoom

Run on Lumi on 65k cores: $N_{\text{dom}} = 4096$, 1.3×10^9 unknowns, 96×10^9 nnz
Peak memory over MPIs: 18.4 Gb, Its : 555 ($r_I < 10^{-4}$), solving time: 15min

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