

# AMG Preconditioners for Computational and Data Science at Extreme Scale



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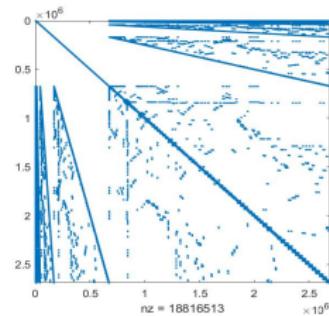
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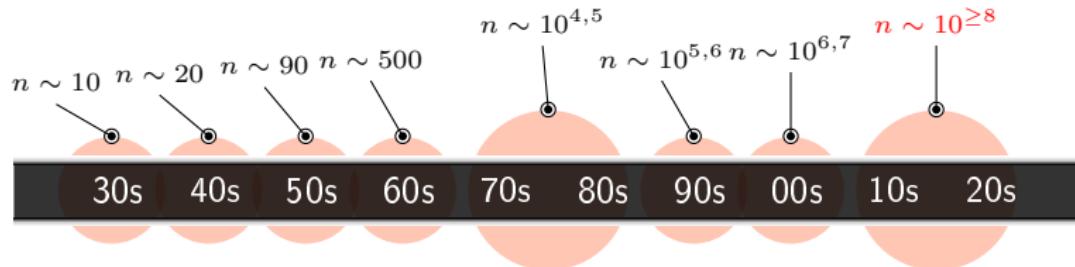
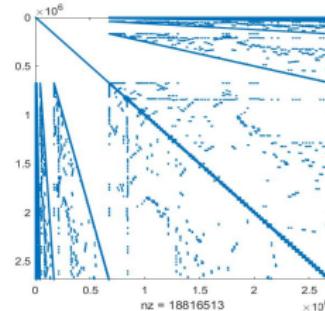
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The **exascale** challenge: using computer that do  $10^{15}$  Flops, targeting next-gen systems doing  $10^{18}$  Flops, to solve problems with **tens of billions** ( $10^{12}$ ) dofs

# Where we want to solve it<sup>1</sup>

System	Cores	Rmax (TFlops/s)
1 Fugaku	7,630,848	442,010.0
2 Summit	2,414,592	148,600.0
3 Sierra	1,572,480	94,640.0
⋮	⋮	⋮
18 Marconi-100	347,776	21,640.0
20 Piz Daint	387,872	21,230.0
⋮	⋮	⋮
74 MareNostrum	153,216	6,470.8



Marconi 100 - Cineca



Piz Daint - CSCS

- Computers with thousands of CPU cores and GPU accelerators
- Hybrid form of parallelism/programming models: MPI, OpenMP, CUDA/OpenCL/OpenACC, ...

<sup>1</sup>TOP500 list, November 2021 – <https://www.top500.org>

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New Mathematics, new algorithms  
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## Il software matematico: le sfide della ricerca sui supercalcolatori

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Il software matematico è alla base della simulazione computazionale applicata nei più diversi settori, dalla fluidodinamica all'Intelligenza Artificiale, ed è determinante per lo sviluppo dei supercalcolatori. Cos'è, come funziona, storia, strumenti e metodologie

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# EoCoE project

Energy oriented Center of Excellence: toward exascale for energy  
applying cutting-edge computational methods to accelerate the transition to the  
production, storage and management of clean, decarbonized energy



Wind



Materials



Water



Fusion

## Main aim

prepare selected applications to face the exascale challenge

# EoCoE target applications

## Wind Models

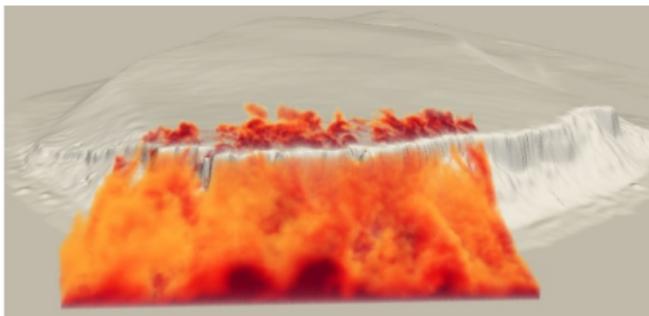
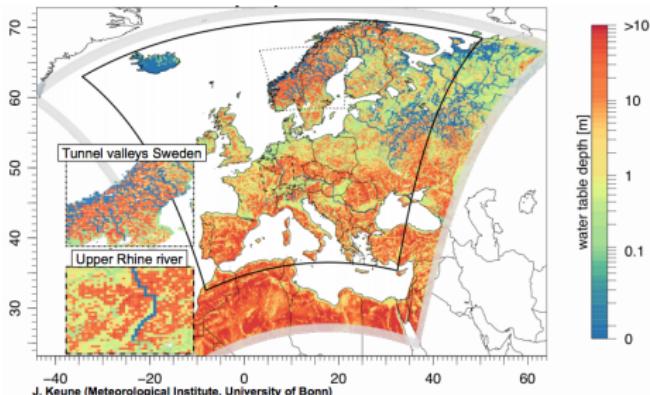


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- Navier-Stokes equations,
- Euler equations,
- Turbulence models,
- ...

## Regional Hydrological Models



- Darcy equation,
- Richards equation,
- Equations for overland flow
- ...

Target DoFs:  $n > 10^{12}$ , Computing processes:  $np \approx 10^6$

# TEXTAROSSA project

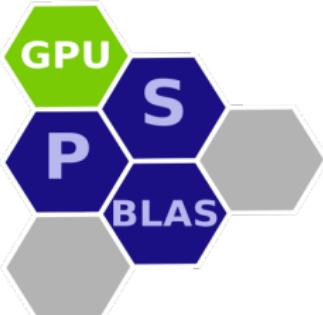
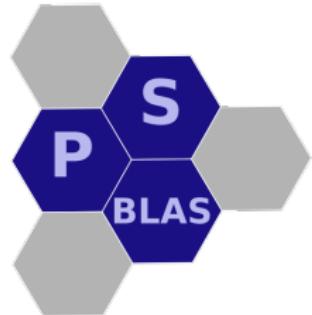
Towards EXtreme scale Technologies and Accelerators for euROhpc  
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developing new software tools for high-performance and high-energy efficiency on  
near-future exascale computing systems by multi-directional co-design approach



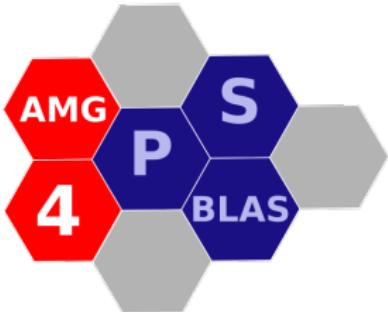
Our contribution: performance/power efficient MathLib

# Parallel Sparse Computation Toolkit



## Parallel Sparse Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines

Prompted by some works of Iain Duff et al. on standard for Sparse BLAS  
+  
its GPU-plugin



## AMG Preconditioners for PSBLAS

Available from <https://psctoolkit.github.io/>  
Recently selected as Key Innovation from EU Innovation Radar

# AMG4PSBLAS: AMG Preconditioners for PSBLAS

A software development project started in late 2007

- initially developed as a package of algebraic multigrid Schwarz preconditioners, **extended to more general AMG preconditioners**
- object-oriented design in Fortran 2003/2008, layered sw architecture on top of PSBLAS
  - ⇒ modularity and flexibility
- clear separation between interface and implementation of methods
  - ⇒ performance and extensibility (e.g., works transparently on GPUs)
- separated users' interface for setup of the multigrid hierarchy and setup of the smoothers and solvers to have large flexibility at each level

P. D'Ambra et al., MLD2P4: a Package of Parallel Algebraic Multilevel Domain Decomposition Preconditioners in Fortran 95, ACM TOMS, 37, 3, 2010

# AMG Methods

## Example: symmetric V-cycle

```
procedure V-cycle( $k, nlev, A^k, b^k, x^k$ )
```

```
if ( $k \neq nlev$ ) then
```

$$x^k = x^k + (M^k)^{-1} (b^k - A^k x^k)$$

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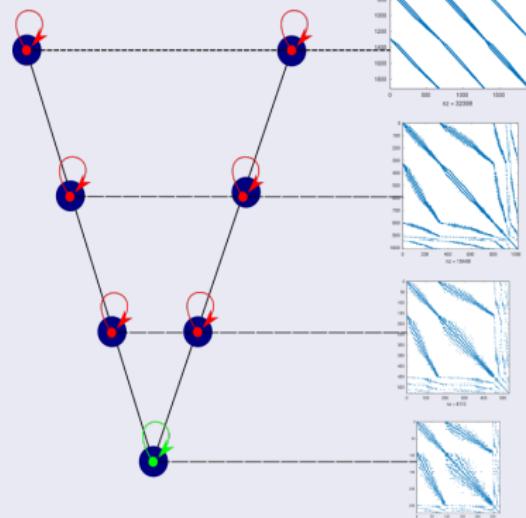
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```
return  $x^k$ 
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end
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AMG methods do not explicitly use the problem geometry and rely only on matrix entries to generate coarse grids (setup phase)

# (Two-grid) Convergence

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## Ideal prolongator

Assume that  $R$  and  $S$  form an orthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{R}^n$ , i.e.,  $RS = 0$ , and  $P$  is such that  $PR$  is a projection onto  $\text{Range}(P)$ , the best constant is

$$K^* = (\lambda_{\min}((S^T\tilde{M}S)^{-1}S^TAS))^{-1} \text{ and the corresponding minimizer is}$$
$$P^* = (I - S(S^TAS)^{-1}S^TA)R^T$$

# Scalable preconditioners

Solve the system:

$$BAx = Bb,$$

with matrix  $B \approx A^{-1}$  (left preconditioner) such that:

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## MultiGrid performance parameters

- **convergence rate**  $\rho < 1$ : affects number of solver iterations
- **operator complexity**  $opc = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{nlev-1} nnz(A^k)}{nnz(A^0)}$ : affects memory requirements and cycle time
- **average stencil size**  $s(A^k) = nnz\_row(A^k)$ : affects computation and communication both in setup and in cycle time

## Our recipes: CMATCH parallel coarsening

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### Our idea (D'Ambra et al., 2013, 2016, 2018)

build  $P_c$  (and  $P_f$ ) by dofs **aggregation based on matching in the weighted (adjacency) graph of  $A$** , to make  $A_f$  as diagonally-dominant as possible

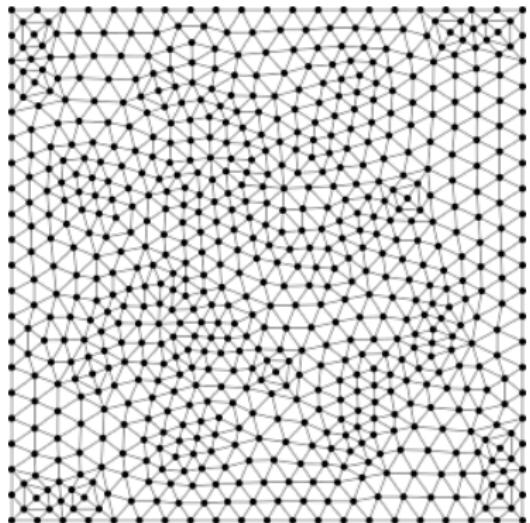
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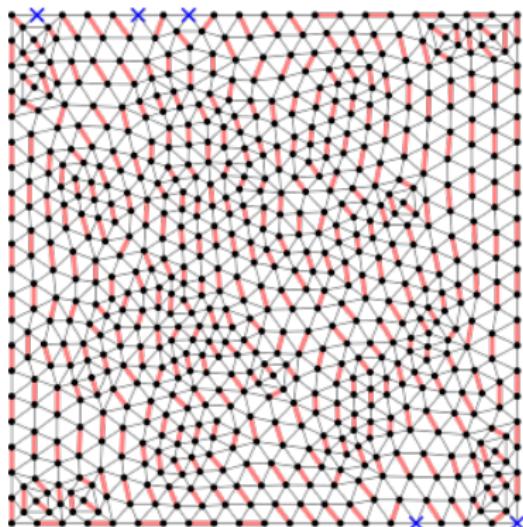
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We divide the index set into **matched vertices**  $\mathcal{I} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_p} \mathcal{G}_i$ , with  $\mathcal{G}_i \cap \mathcal{G}_j = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$ , and (possible) **unmatched vertices**, i.e.,  $n_s$  singletons  $G_i$

# From the matching to the prolongator

We can formally define a *prolongator*:

$$P_c = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \textcolor{red}{w_{e_1}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcolor{red}{w_{e_{n_p}}} \end{bmatrix}_{2n_p} & 0 \\ 0 & \begin{bmatrix} w_1/|w_1| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w_{n_s}/|w_{n_s}| \end{bmatrix}_{n_s} \end{bmatrix}_{n = 2n_p + n_s}$$

$n_c = n_p + n_s = J$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P} & O \\ O & W \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_J], \quad \textcolor{red}{w_e} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_i^2 + w_j^2}} \begin{bmatrix} w_i \\ w_j \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ The  $\mathcal{M}$  on (a log transformation of)  $\hat{A}$  produces  $A_f$  with dominant diagonal entries, for  $P_f$  such that  $P_c^T D P_f = 0$ , with  $D = \text{diag}(A)$  (Olschowka et al. 1996, Duff et al., 2001)

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## Increasing Coarsening Ratio for Reducing Complexity

Consecutive levels based on pairwise aggregation can be combined,  
e.g., double pairwise can be obtained by:

$$\overline{P}_c^k = P_c^{2k-1} P_c^{2k}, \quad \overline{R}_c^k = (\overline{P}_c^k)^T, \quad \overline{A}_c^k = A_c^{2k}, \quad k = 1, \dots, \lceil nl/2 \rceil$$

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- significant flexibility in the choice of the size of aggregates, almost arbitrarily aggressive coarsening

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- possible improving in V-cycle convergence, by smoothing of matching-based prolongators as in classic smoothed aggregation

$$P_s^k = (I - \omega(D^k)^{-1}A^k)P_c^k, \text{ for } D^k = \text{diag}(A^k)$$

# Quality and Convergence: *a posteriori* analysis

## Theorem

(D'Ambra, Durastante, Filippone, Zikatanov, 2022) Our TG-AMG  $B_{TG}$  with convergent smoother  $M$  and BCMATCH exact algorithm has the following property:

$$\|I - B_{TG}^{-1}A\|_A \leq 1 - \frac{\mu_c}{c^D}$$

$$\text{with } \mu_c = \min_{1 \leq j \leq J} \mu_j(V_j^c) = \min_{1 \leq j \leq J} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v}_j \in V_j} \min_{\mathbf{v}_j^c \in V_j^c} \frac{\|\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_j^c\|_{D_j}^2}{\|\mathbf{v}_j\|_{A_j}^2} \right]$$

and  $c^D$  the continuity constant of the smoother.

- The constants  $c^D$  depends on the symmetrized  $\tilde{M}$  convergent smoother

$$c_D \|\mathbf{v}\|_D^2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\tilde{M}^{-1}}^2 \leq c^D \|\mathbf{v}\|_D^2$$

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with  $(M_{HINVK})_p = A_{pp}^{-1} \approx ZD^{-1}Z^T$  suitable for GPUs

# The weak approximation constant

Let be  $P_c$  the CMATCH prolongator and  $P_f$  its D-orthogonal complement, with  $D = \text{diag}(A)$ . Our weak approximation constant is:

$$K = (\lambda_{\min}((P_f^T \tilde{M} P_f)^{-1} (P_f^T A P_f)))^{-1}$$

Unsmoothed prolongator with 3 sweeps of pairwise aggregation

m	np	HGS	$\ell_1$ -HGS	HINVK	$\ell_1$ -INVK
4096	1	1.3766	1.3766	1.5562	1.5562
2048	2	1.4194	1.5270	1.5273	1.7196
1024	4	1.4587	1.6621	1.6093	2.2149
512	8	1.4744	1.7803	1.8284	2.6713
256	16	1.4945	1.8230	1.8608	2.7307
128	32	1.5149	1.8682	1.8977	2.7972
64	64	1.5335	1.9162	1.9390	2.8715
32	128	1.5880	2.0343	2.0272	3.0707
16	256	1.6406	2.1594	2.1440	3.3688
8	512	1.6665	2.3088	2.3137	3.7280
$\ell_1$ -Jacobi		5.6220			

homogeneous 3D Laplacian problem with mesh size  $m = 16^3$  over  $np$  processes.

# Test Case: Poisson Equation

$-\Delta u = 1$  on unit cube, with DBC

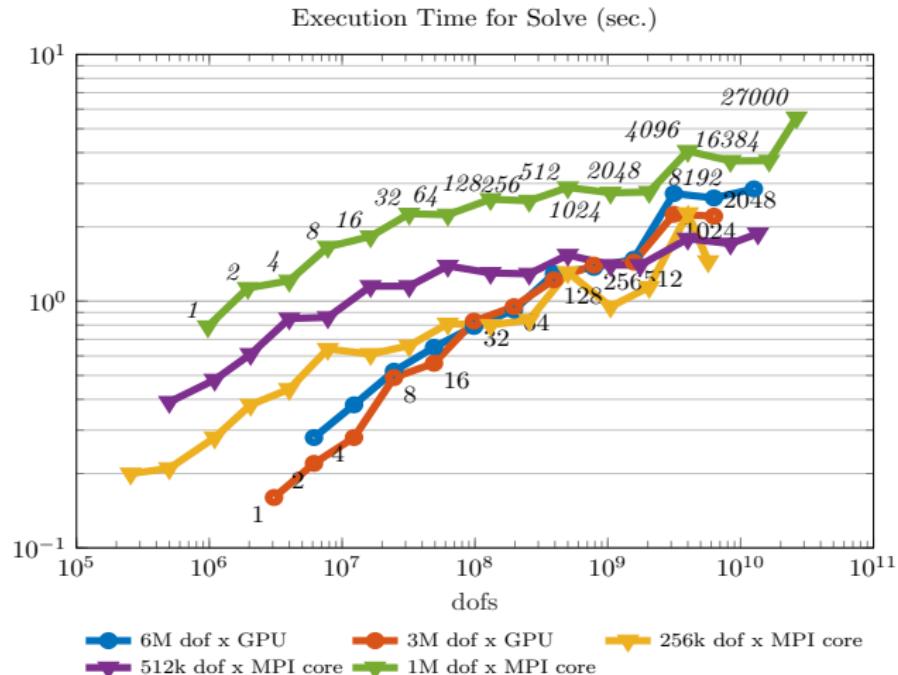
- 7-point finite-difference discretization
- cartesian grid with uniform refinement along the coordinates for increasing mesh size

## Solver/preconditioner settings

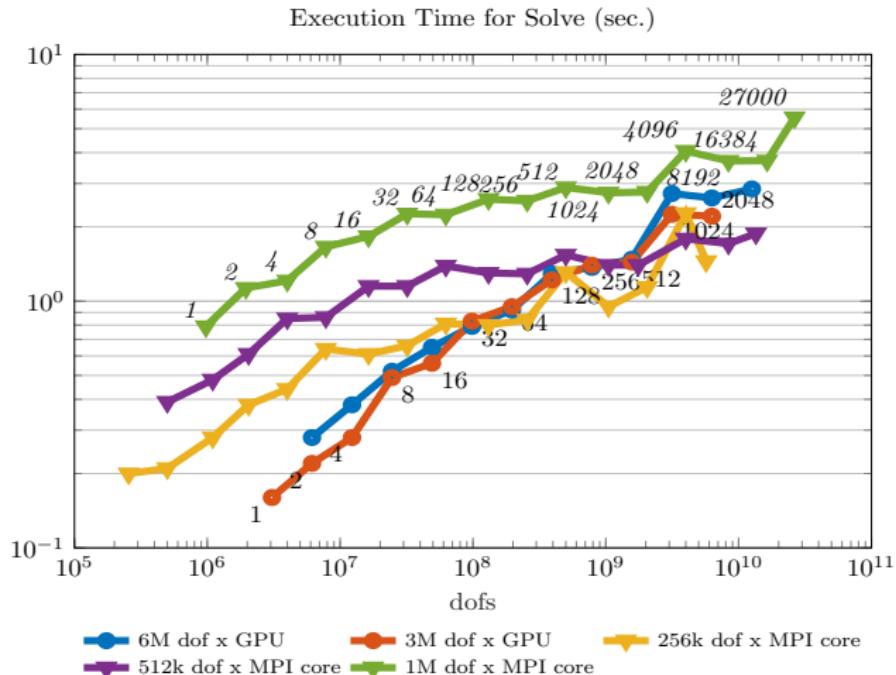
- AMG as preconditioner of CG, stopped when  $\|\mathbf{r}^k\|_2/\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \leq 10^{-6}$ , or  $itmax = 500$   
VSCMATCH V-cycle, CMATCH building aggregates of max size 8,  
smoothed prolongators
- coarsest matrix size  $n_c \leq 200np$ , with  $np$  number of cores
- 1 sweep of forward/backward Hybrid Gauss-Seidel smoother (4 sweeps of  $l_1$ -Jacobi on GPU), parallel PCG coupled with Block-Jacobi+ILU(0) at the coarsest level

Platform: Piz Daint, Cray Model XC40/Cray XC50 with 5704 hybrid compute nodes (Intel Xeon E5-2690 v3 with Nvidia Tesla P100)

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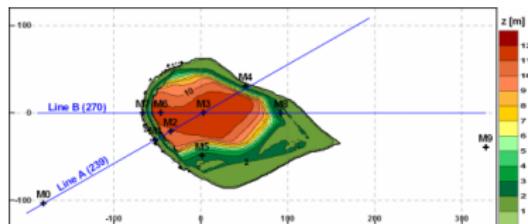
the hybrid approach permits savings in solve time and energy consumption

# A CFD application inside Alya



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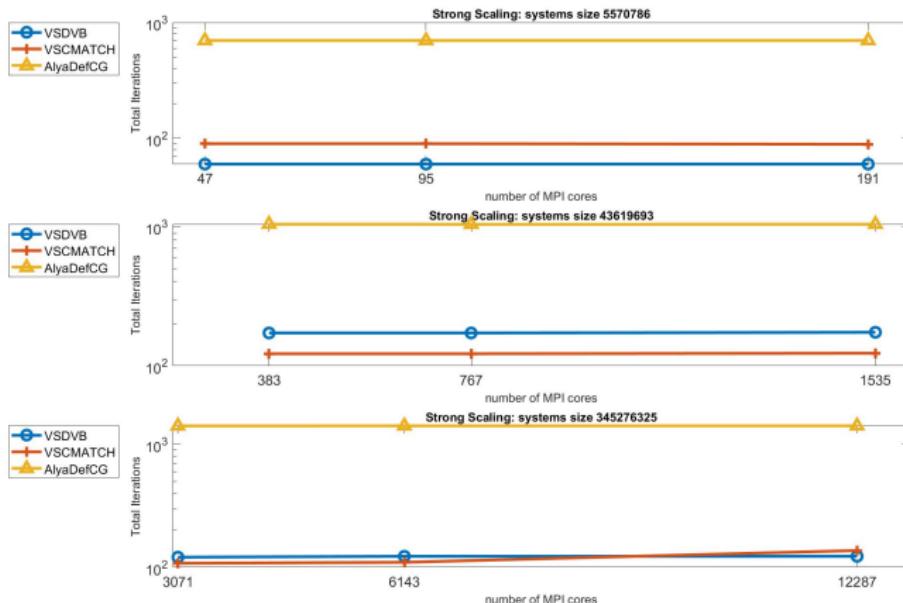


**Bolund** is an isolated hill situated in Roskilde Fjord, Denmark. An almost vertical escarpment in the prevailing W-SW sector ensures flow separation in the windward edge resulting in a complex flow field.

- **Model:** 3D incompressible unsteady Navier-Stokes equations for Large Eddy Simulations of turbulent flows  $Re_\tau = 10^7$
- **Discretization:** low-dissipation mixed FEM (linear FEM both for velocity and pressure)
- **Time-Stepping:** non-incremental fractional-step for pressure, explicit fourth order Runge-Kutta method for velocity

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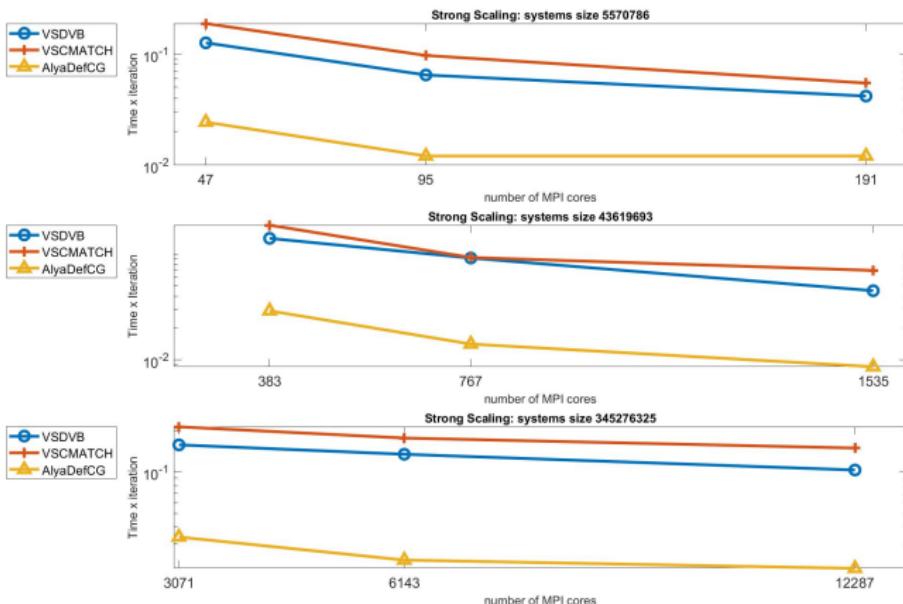
Three fixed size problems ( $\approx 6 \times 10^6$ ,  $4.4 \times 10^7$ ,  $0.35 \times 10^9$ ), for increasing number of cores, 20 time steps in the fully development flow phase



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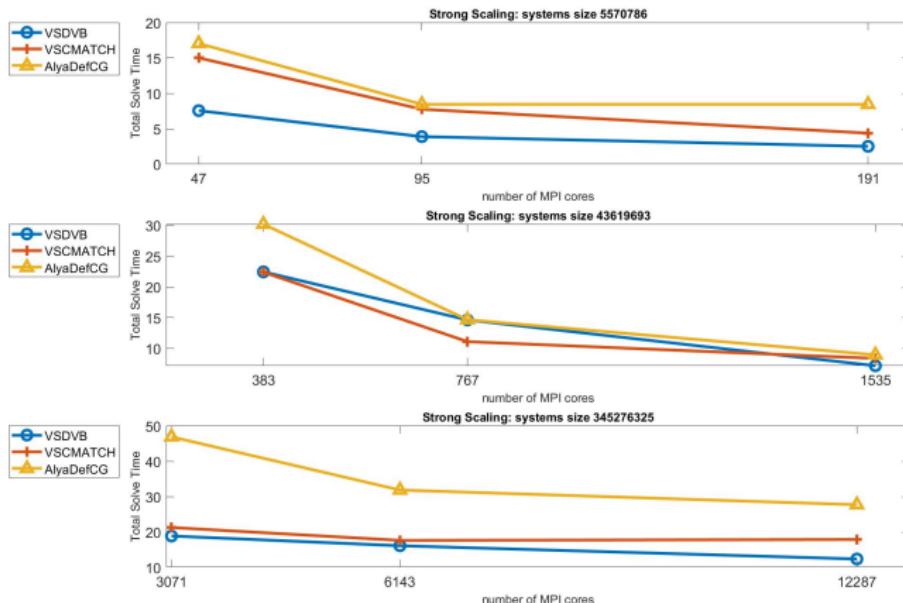
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# Concluding Remarks and Work in Progress

- PSCToolkit is a software project addressing scalability, flexibility and robustness for high-performance scientific computing at extreme scale
- our new parallel coarsening algorithm based on compatible weighted matching, used in conjunction with smoothed prolongators and highly parallel smoothers, shows algorithmic and implementation scalability
- we solve systems with size larger than  $10^{10}$  on current pre-exascale computers, embedding hybrid CPU-GPU nodes, saving time and energy
- scalability results and comparison with available software demonstrates the validity of our approaches both in terms of algorithms and in terms of software development
- integration and testing within very large scale wind simulations and hydrology applications, in collaborations with BSC and JSC, gave very promising results
- we want to explore extreme scalability beyond  $10^5/10^6$  computing cores and trillions ( $10^{18}$ ) of dofs

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# Preconditioners Setup Time in Alya

