

# Fast 3D Helmholtz Solvers for Seismic Inversion in the Frequency Domain

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- No need to invert source time series

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \text{FFT}(f(t))$$

- Only need specific frequency components

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- Reduced memory and disk requirements in inverse problem

$$\delta m = -\langle q, \partial_{tt} u_0 \rangle_T = - \int_0^T q(x, t) \partial_{tt} u_0(x, t) dt$$

becomes

$$\delta m = -\langle q, -\omega^2 u_0 \rangle_\Omega = - \sum_\omega \hat{q}(x, \omega) -\omega^2 \hat{u}_0(x, \omega)$$

- Hybrid modeling: Use time-domain + DFT to achieve frequency domain update

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- ▶ Multiple simultaneous right-hand sides
- ▶ With a factorization based method, only need to Helmholtz operator once per domain
- ▶ Compare to explicit time-stepping: matvec required for each time step for each source

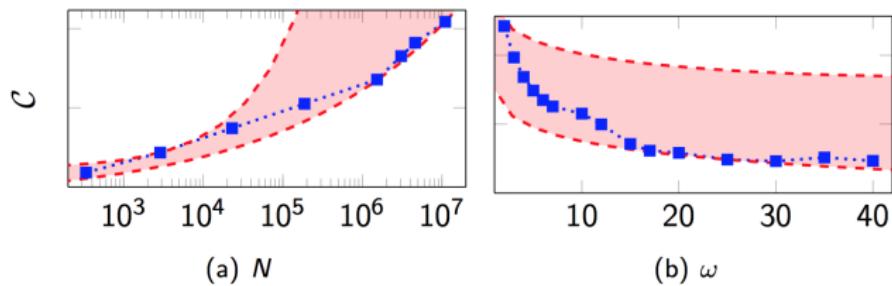
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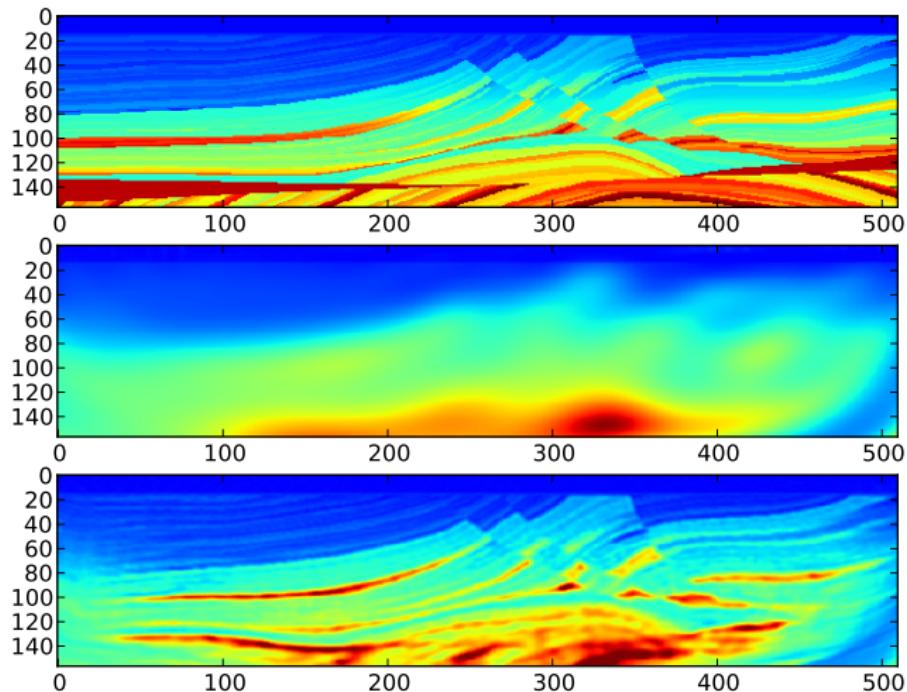
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- Hierarchical frequency “sweeping”  $\Rightarrow$  Convergence guarantees



(E. Beretta, M.V. de Hoop, F. Faucher, O. Scherzer (SIMA 2016))

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Created with PySIT ([www.pysit.org](http://www.pysit.org)).

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Challenges:

- ▶ Helmholtz in high frequency regime
- ▶ Helmholtz in 3D at high resolution
- ▶ Scalable Helmholtz in HPC environment

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Classical iterative schemes

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## Our approach: DDMs + sweeping w/ polarized traces

- ▶ Use direct methods distributed over tractable subproblems
- ▶ Glue with boundary integral formulations
- ▶ Embedded within iterative scheme

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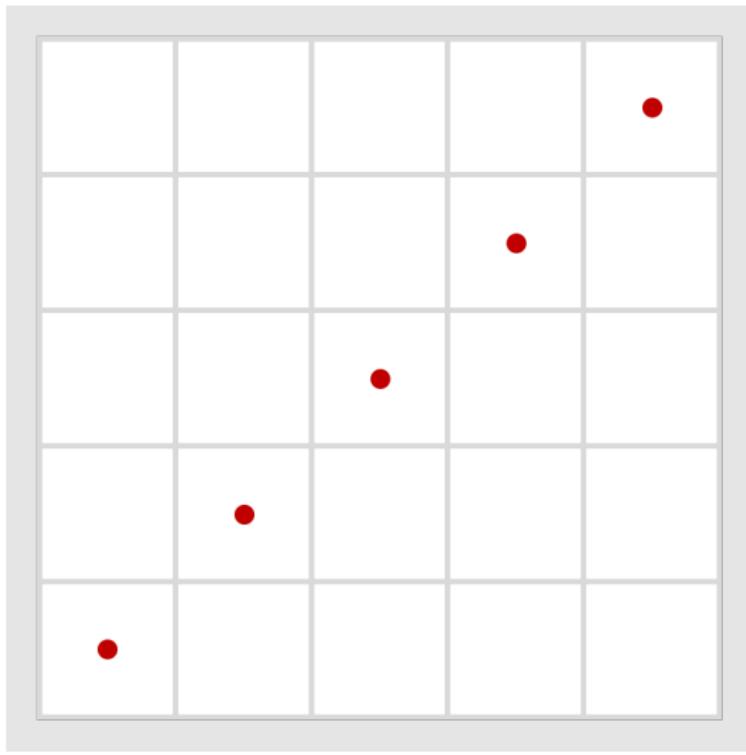
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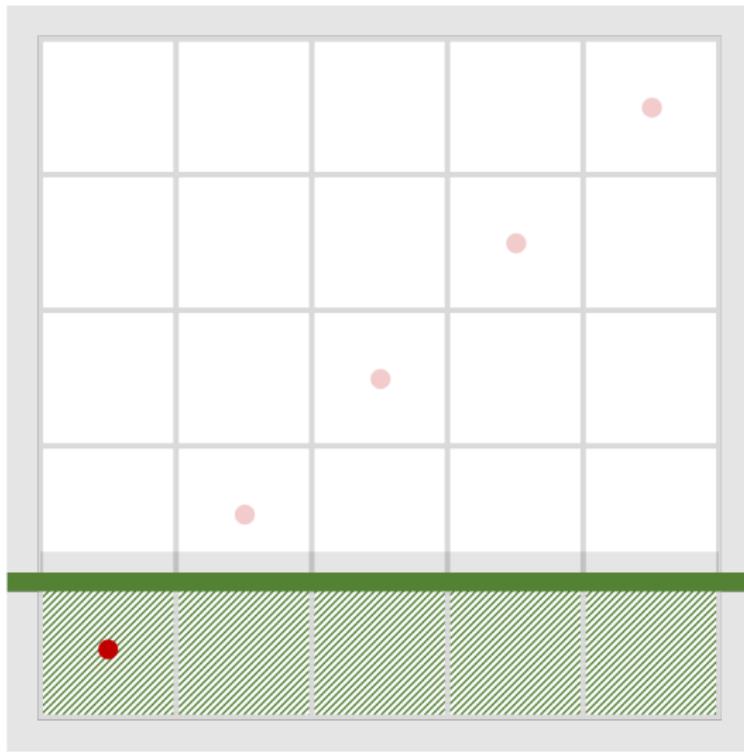
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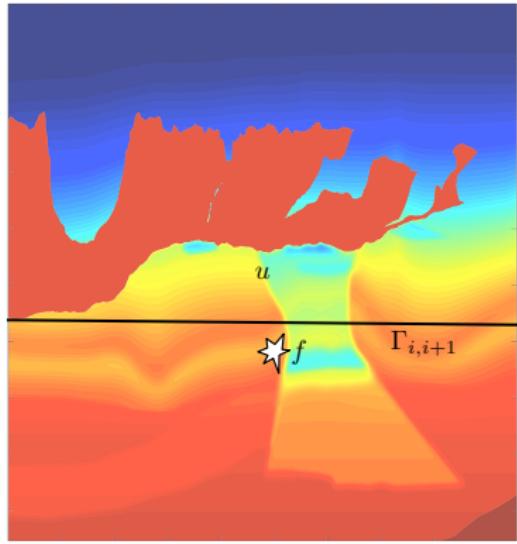
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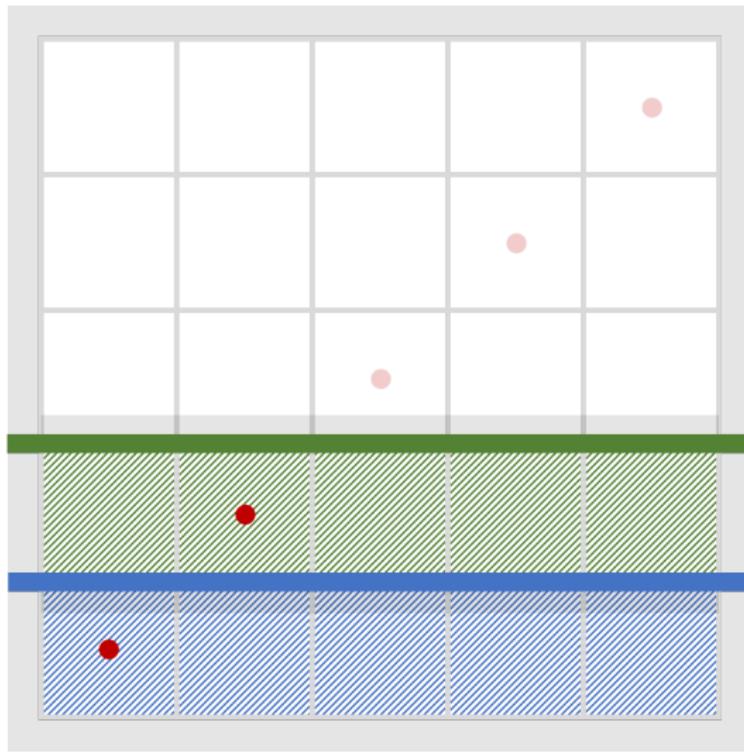
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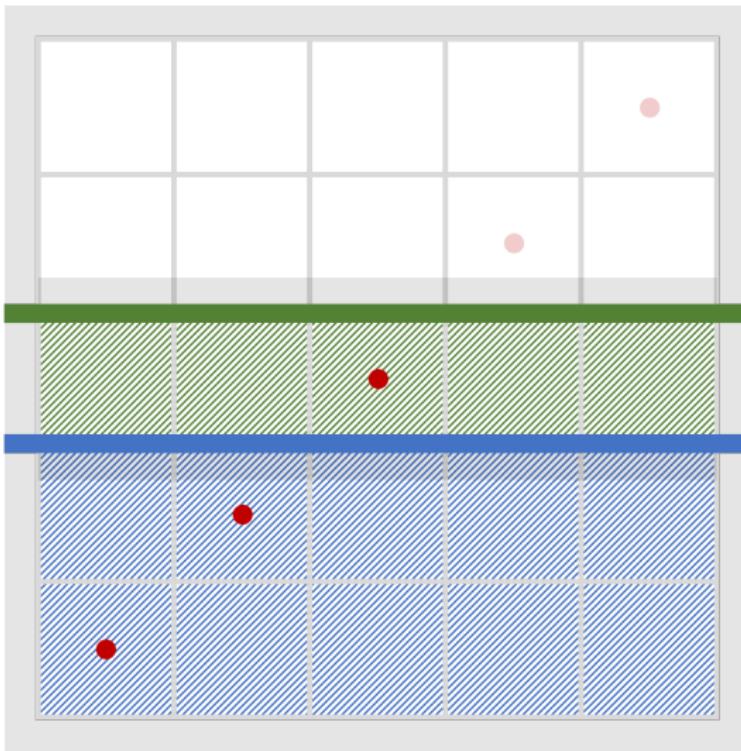
Polarization condition:

$$0 = - \int_{\Gamma} G(x, y) \partial_{n_y} u^{\uparrow}(y) ds_y \\ + \int_{\Gamma} \partial_{n_y} G(x, y) u^{\uparrow}(y) ds_y$$

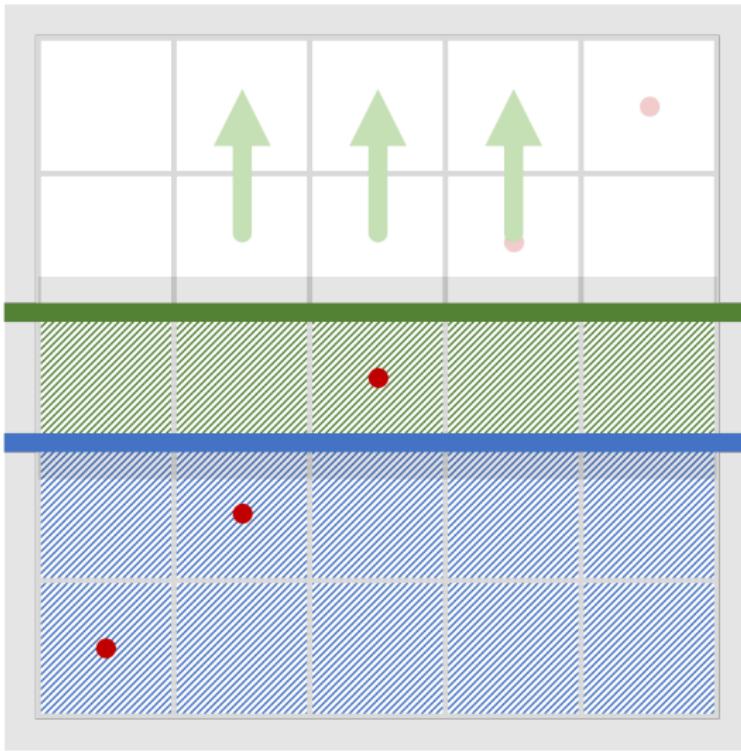
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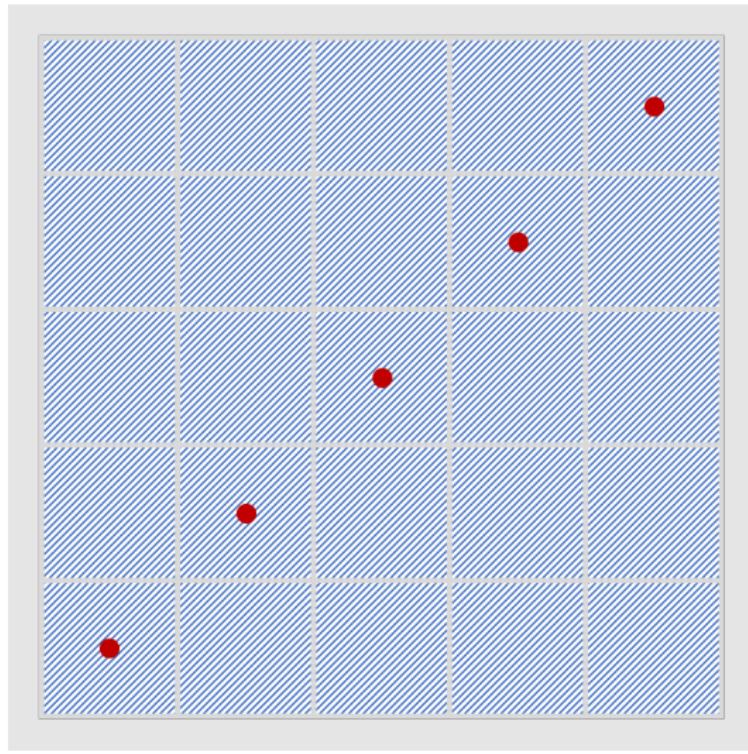
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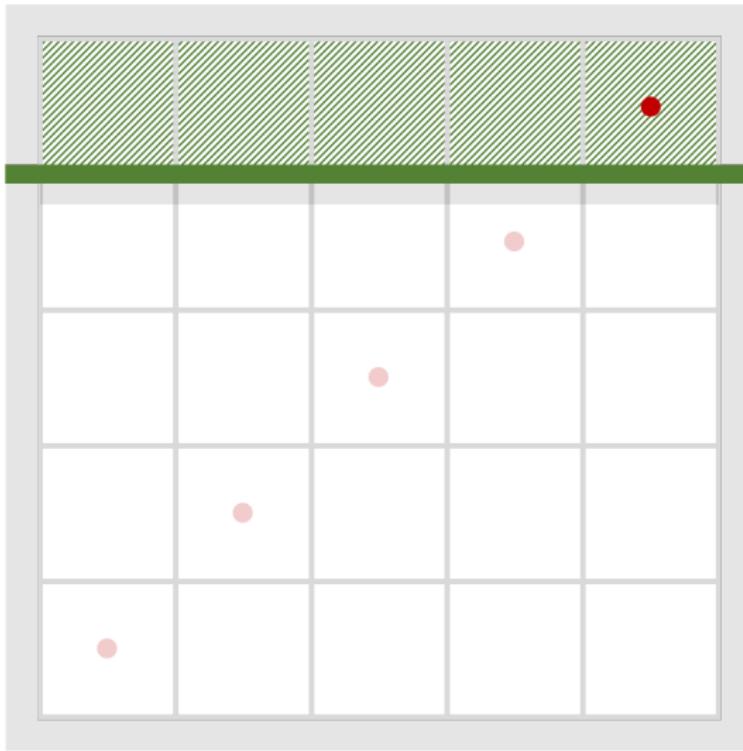
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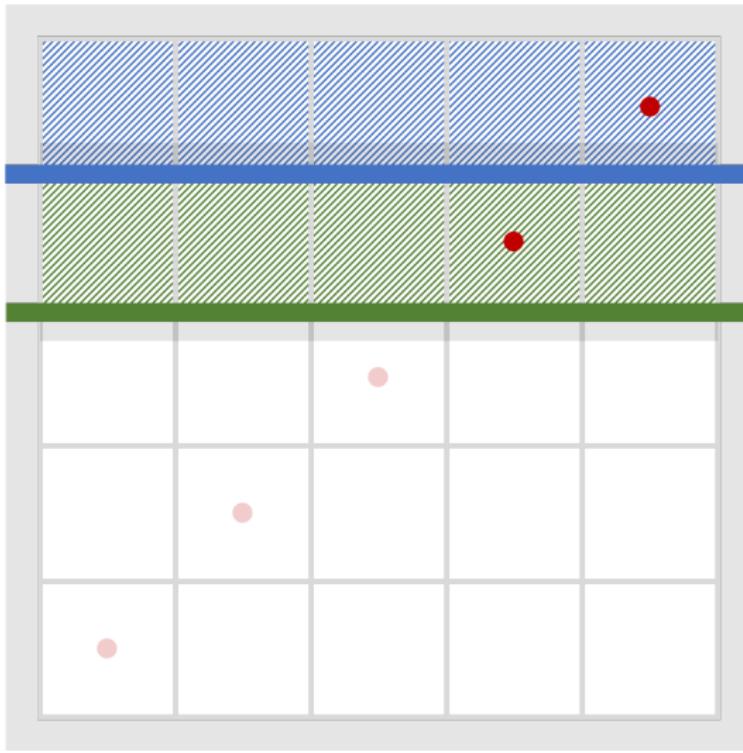
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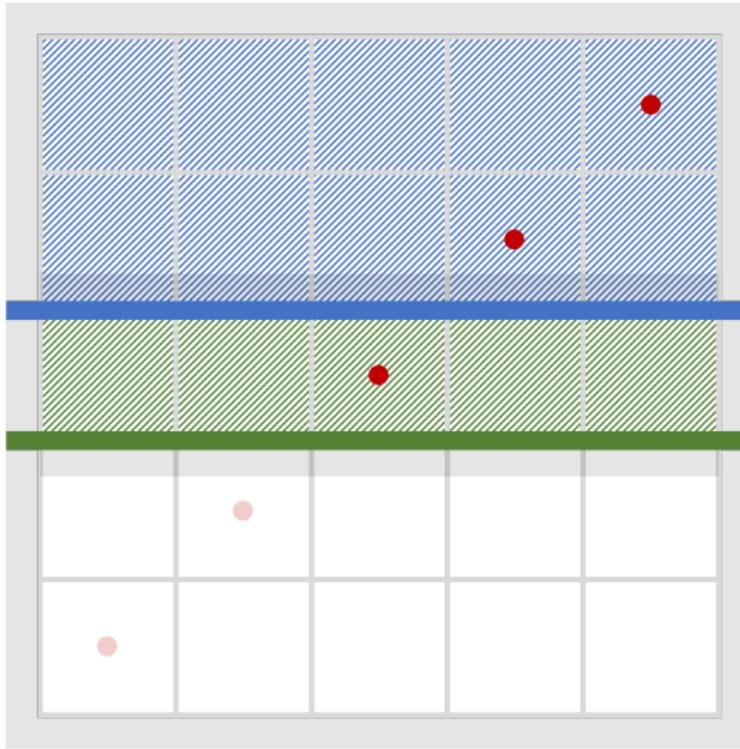
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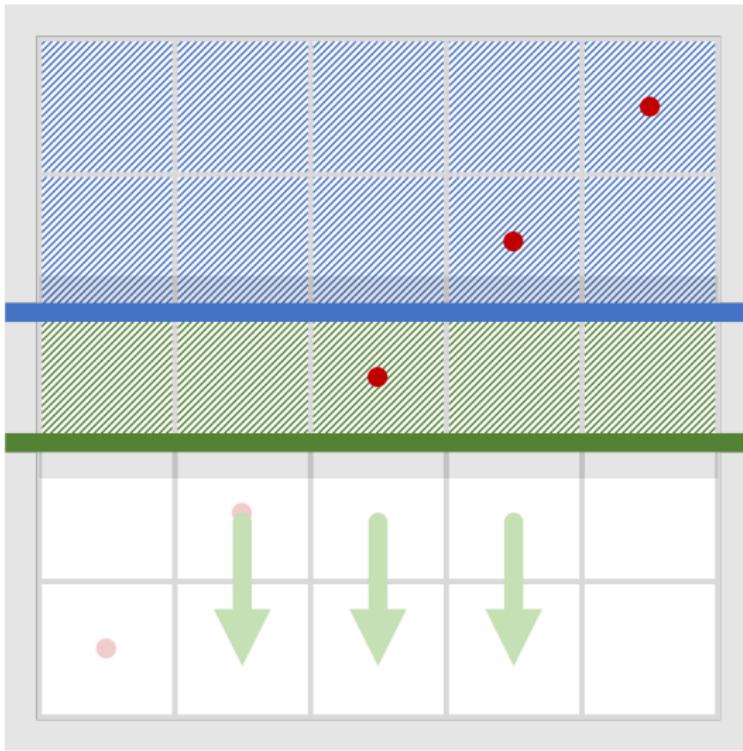
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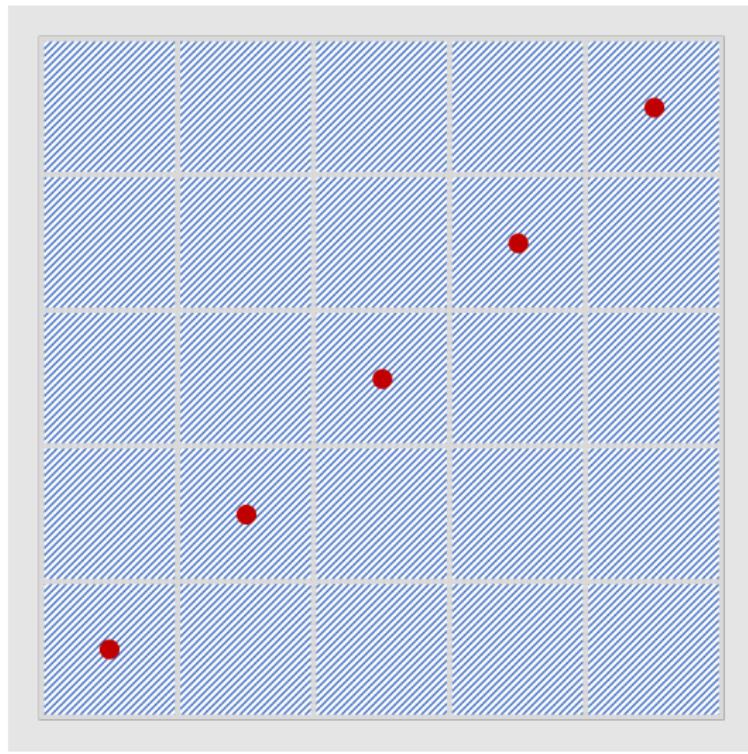
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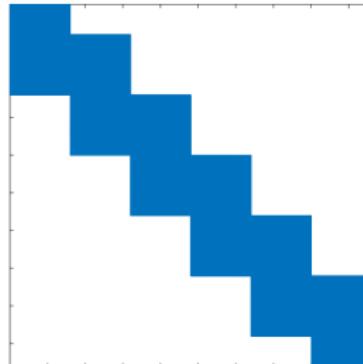
# A System for Traces

- ▶ Assume local PDE is solved in the bulk

- ▶ Traces can be found by solving  $\underline{\mathbf{M}} \underline{\mathbf{u}} = \underline{\mathbf{f}} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_n^1 \\ \mathbf{v}_1^2 \\ \mathbf{v}_n^2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1^L \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$  is constructed from dense Green's function blocks...



- ▶ ... non-trivial to invert

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- ▶ Annihilation relation:

- ▶ If  $\mathbf{u}^\uparrow$  is an up-going wavefield, then the annihilator relations are true on the lower-half plane, i.e.

$$\mathcal{G}_i^{\downarrow,\ell}(\mathbf{u}_-^\uparrow, \mathbf{u}_1^\uparrow) = 0, \quad \text{for } i \geq 1.$$

- ▶ If  $\mathbf{u}^\downarrow$  is a down-going wavefield, then the annihilator relations are true on the upper-half plane, i.e.

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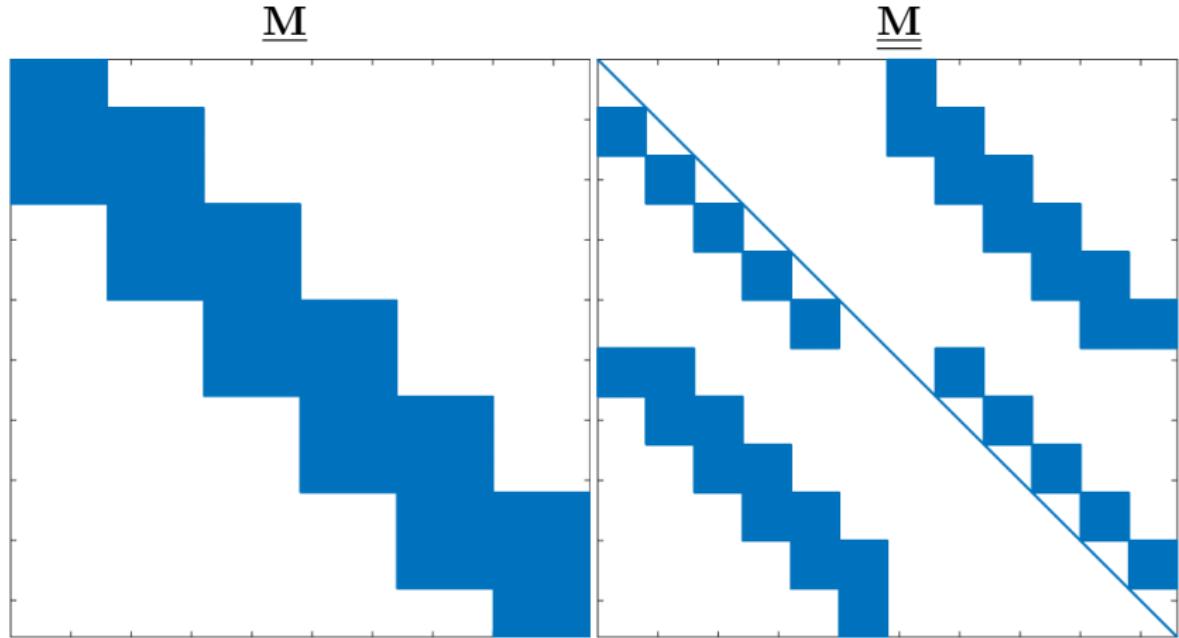
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5. Final system of equations

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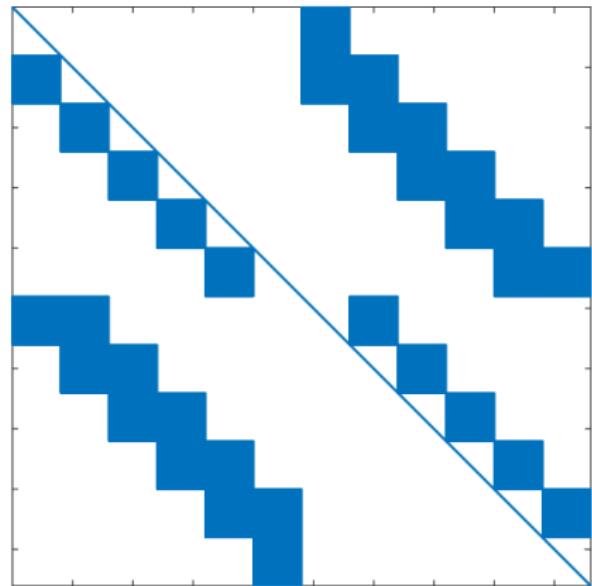
# Structure of Polarized SIE matrix $\underline{\underline{M}}$



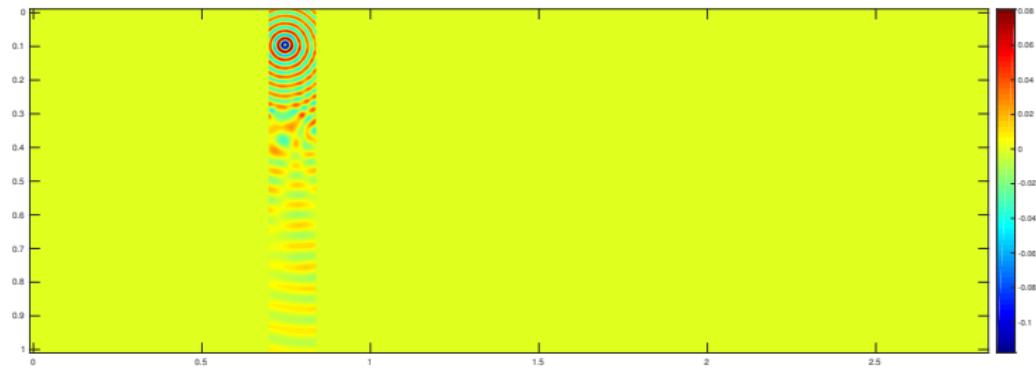
- ...  $\underline{\underline{M}}$  is far easier to invert

# Solving for Traces

- ▶  $\underline{\underline{M}} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{D}}^\downarrow & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \underline{\underline{D}}^\uparrow \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \underline{\underline{U}} \\ \underline{\underline{L}} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ Block diagonal, and block upper and lower triangular
  - ▶ Perfect for block Gauss-Seidel
- ▶ Embed Gauss-Seidel iteration into GMRES to achieve convergence independent of number of layers

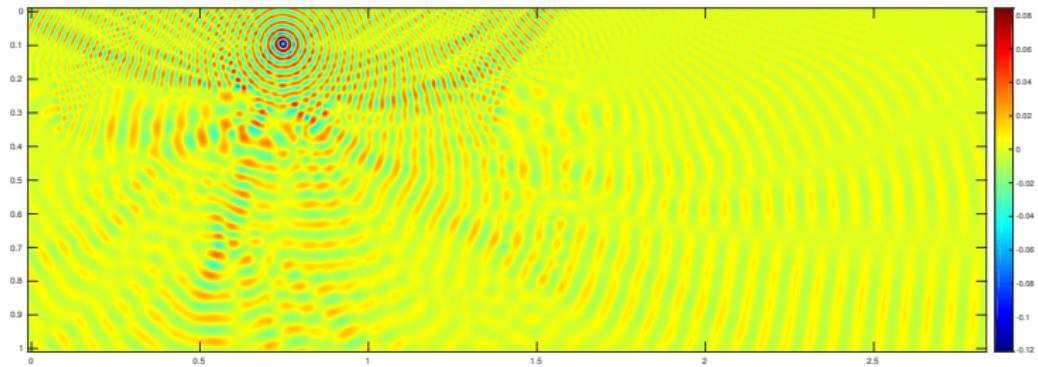


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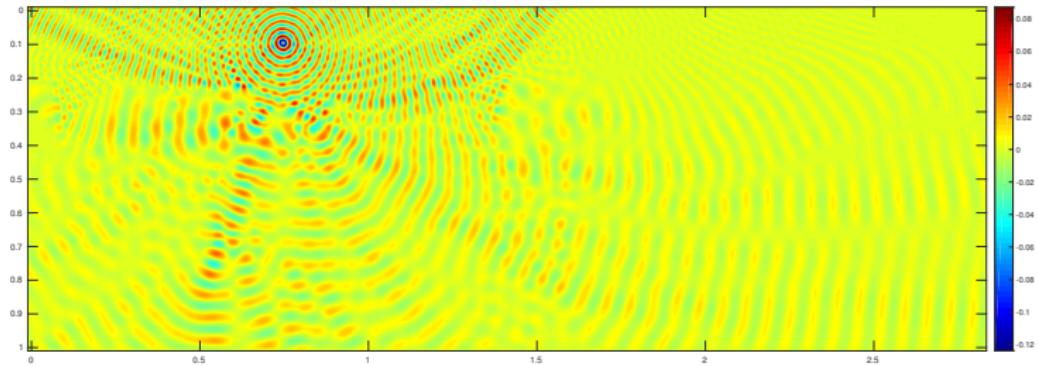
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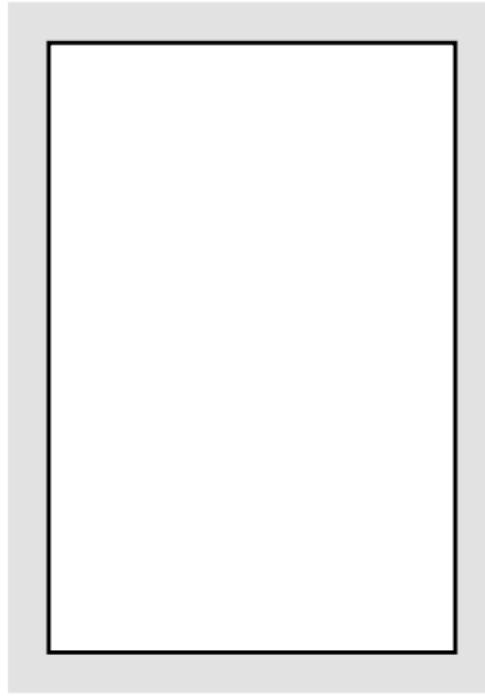
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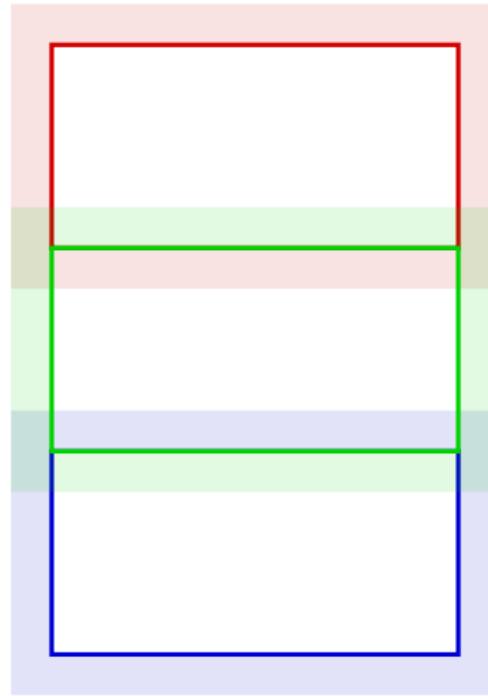
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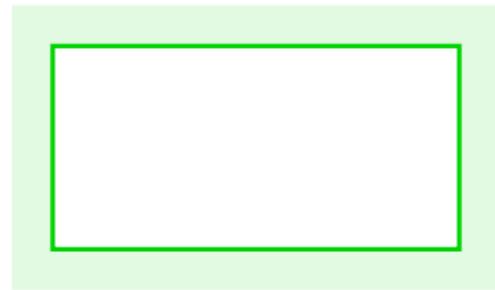
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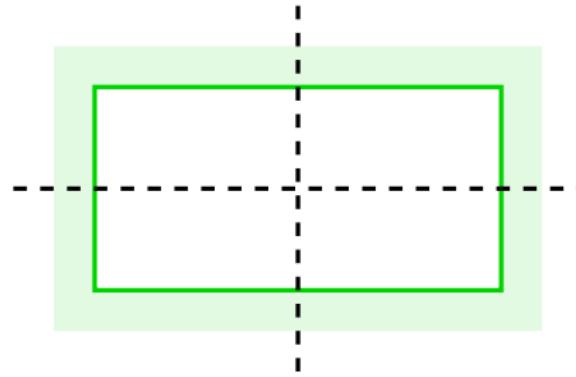
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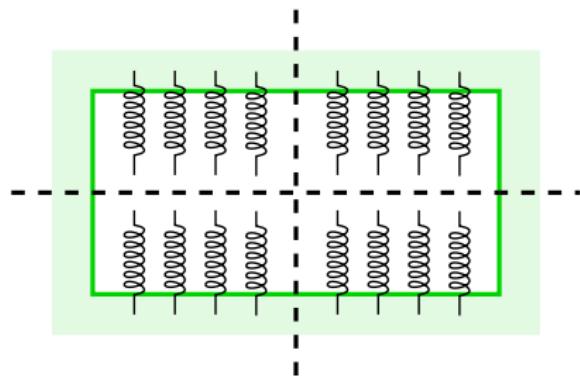
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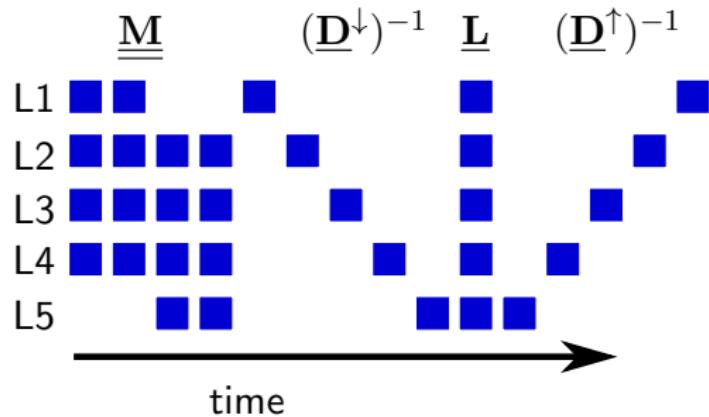


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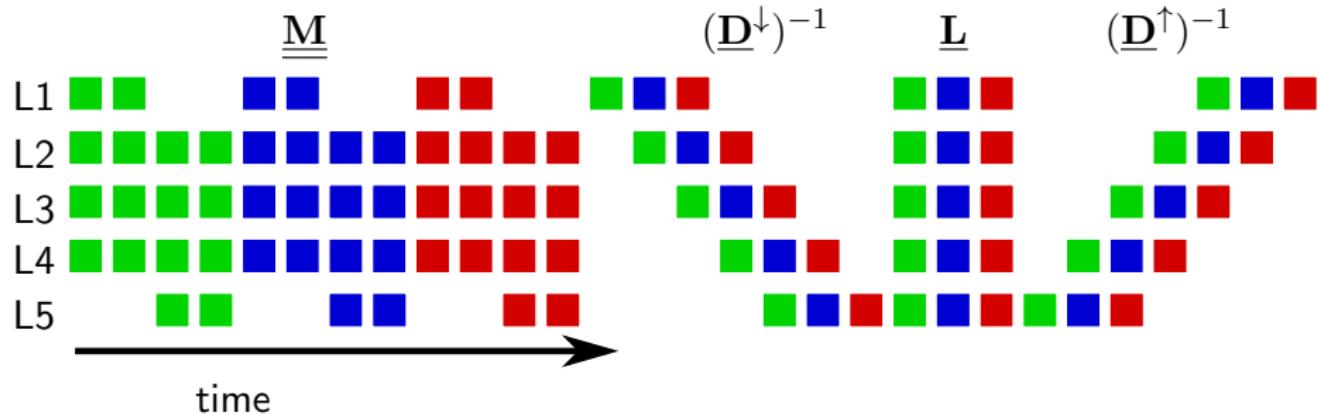
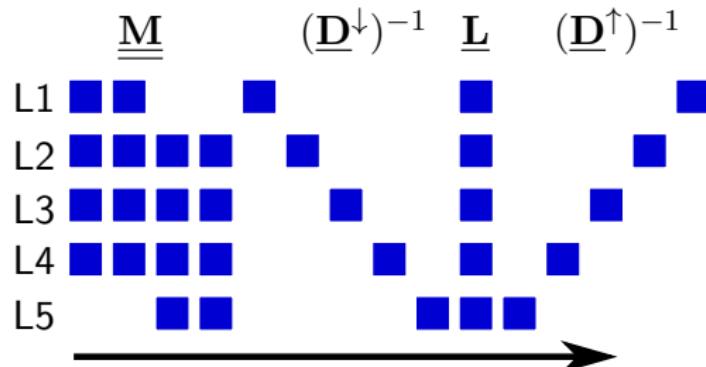
OpenMP: Parallelize within MPI tasks



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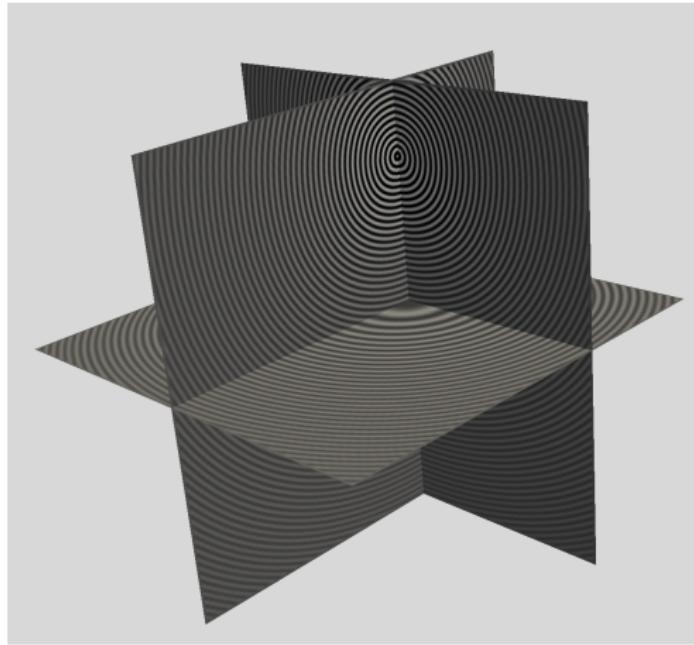


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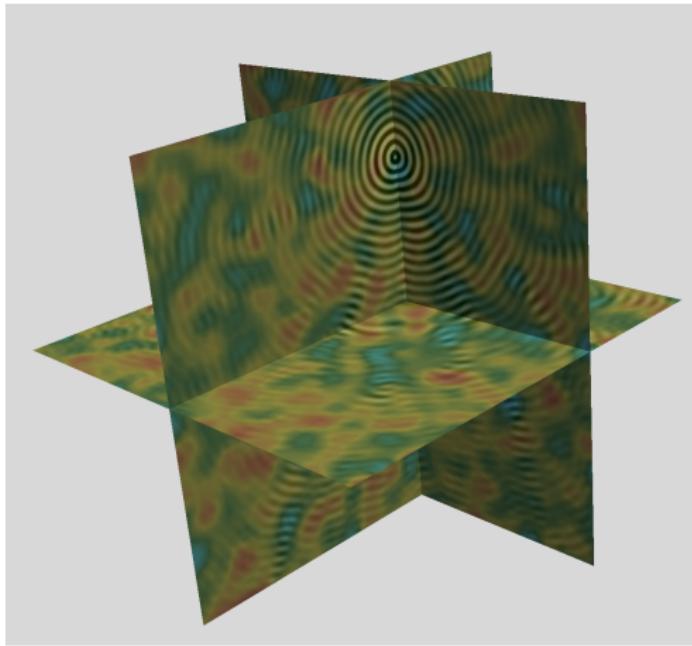
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Total Cores	5	10	20	80	160	640	1280	1920
Total Nodes	1	1	2	5	10	80	80	128
<b>Single rhs</b>								
# GMRES Iterations	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6
Initialization [s]	0.2	1.0	0.9	6.9	4.4	18.9	18.9	18.4
Factorization [s]	4.1	41.1	21.9	153.2	78.3	320.5	200.1	148.6
Online [s]	4.0	39.2	22.6	182.0	109.7	696.6	401.4	315.5
Avg. GMRES [s]	0.9	8.4	4.8	32.0	19.2	103.5	59.3	46.6
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Online [s]	15.8	189.4	106.2	1255.5	668.5	3994.2	2654.4	1878.1
Avg. GMRES [s]	3.4	40.6	22.7	223.8	118.6	599.9	401.0	283.0
Online/rhs [s]	3.2	18.9	10.6	62.8	33.4	99.9	66.4	47.0
Avg. GMRES/rhs [s]	0.7	4.1	2.3	11.2	5.9	15.0	10.0	7.1

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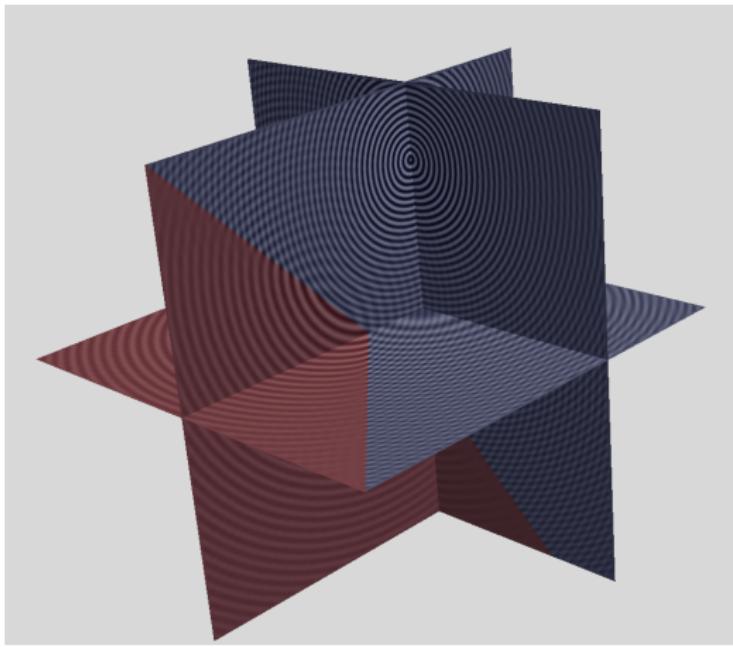
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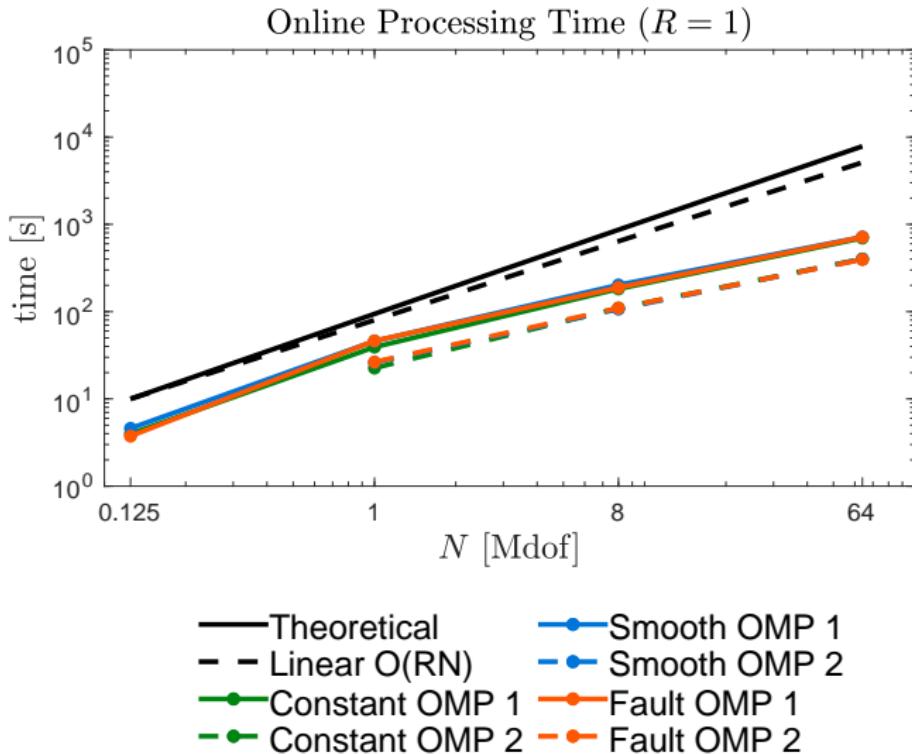


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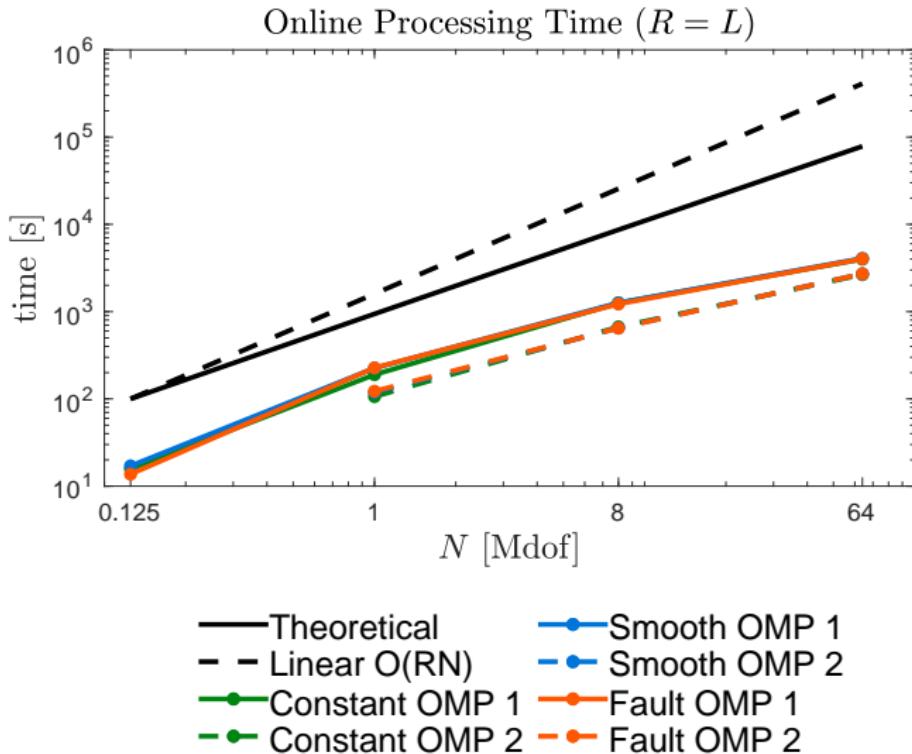
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MPI Tasks	5	10	10	80	80	640	640	640
OMP Threads/Task	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	3
Total Cores	5	10	20	80	160	640	1280	1920
Total Nodes	1	1	2	5	10	80	80	128
<b>Single rhs</b>								
<b># GMRES Iterations</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Initialization [s]	0.4	1.1	1.0	7.3	4.7	20.4	20.3	21.0
Factorization [s]	3.8	40.4	22.1	152.2	79.9	317.6	199.5	152.5
<b>Online [s]</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>188.5</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>713.2</b>	<b>395.8</b>	<b>315.6</b>
Avg GMRES [s]	0.8	8.1	4.6	33.0	19.2	106.2	58.7	46.5
<b>Pipelined rhs</b>								
R (number of rhs)	5	10	10	20	20	40	40	40
Online [s]	13.7	226.7	122.4	1222.7	647.1	4031.6	2710.6	1838.9
Avg GMRES [s]	2.9	40.1	21.6	216.5	114.7	605.0	409.9	276.3
<b>Online/rhs [s]</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>46.0</b>
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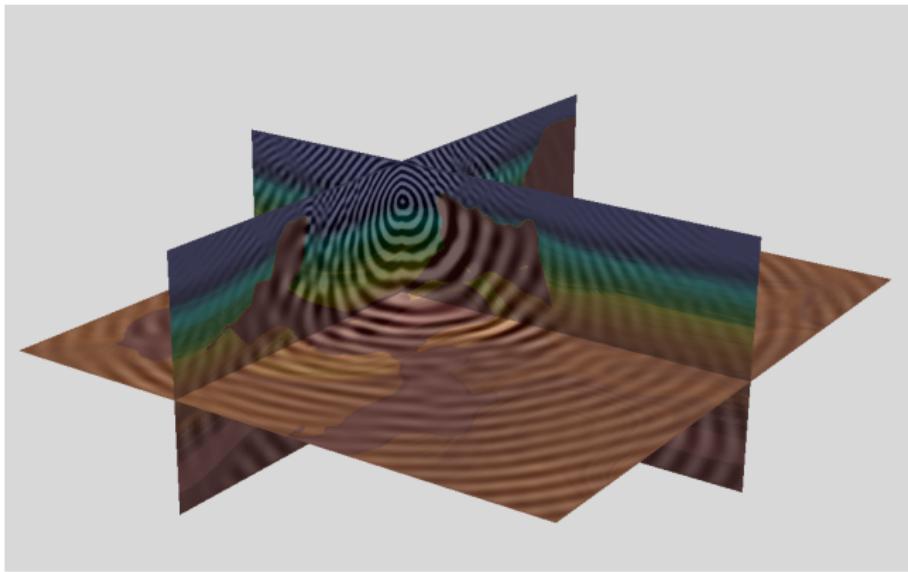


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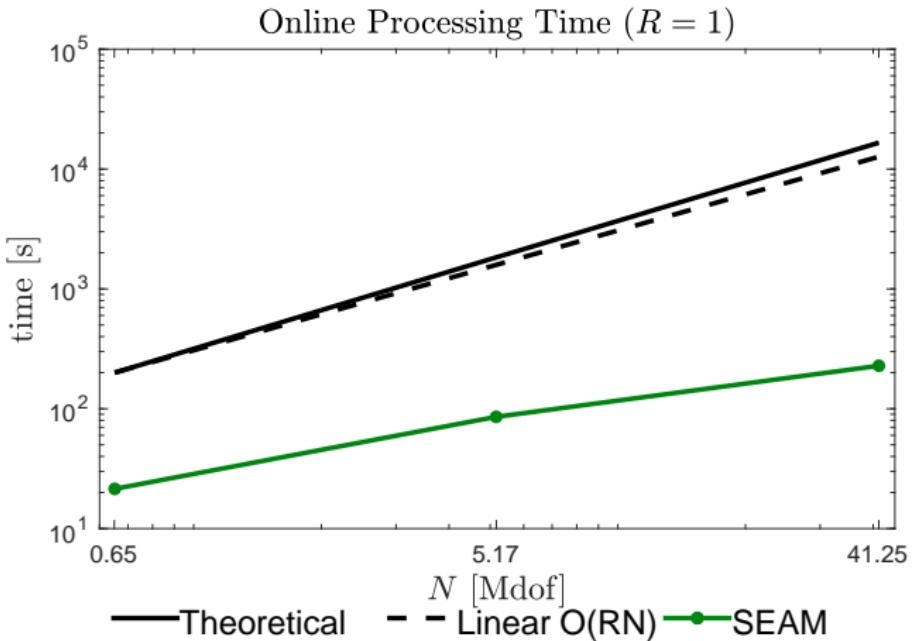


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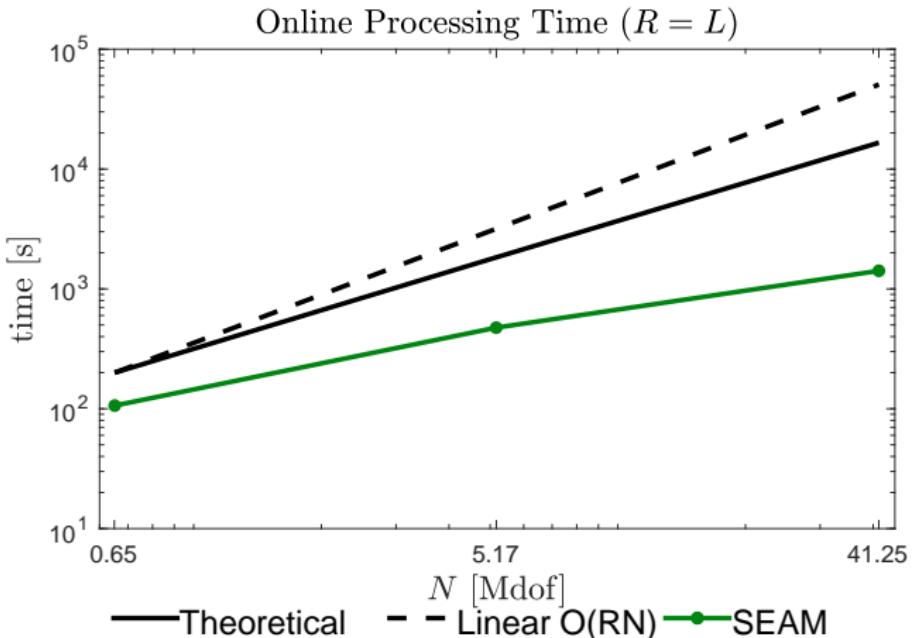
## SEAM Problem

N	$6.51 \cdot 10^5$	$5.16 \cdot 10^6$	$4.12 \cdot 10^7$	$4.12 \cdot 10^7$
L	12	24	48	48
MPI Tasks	12	48	384	384
OpenMP Threads per Task	1	2	2	3
Total Cores	12	96	768	1152
Total Nodes	1	6	77	77
<b>Single rhs</b>				
# GMRES Iterations	4	5	6	6
Initialization [s]	0.6	2.3	10.4	10.7
Factorization [s]	15.2	46.5	111.4	97.9
Online [s]	21.4	85.6	269.8	228.4
Average GMRES [s]	4.6	14.9	40.0	33.7
<b>Pipelined rhs</b>				
R (number of rhs)	12	24	48	48
Online [s]	106.3	474.8	1527.1	1415.4
Average GMRES [s]	22.8	83.9	229.4	212.9
Online per rhs [s]	8.8	19.8	31.8	29.5
Average GMRES per rhs [s]	1.9	3.5	4.8	4.4

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**Pipelined Parallel Run-time complexity:**  $\mathcal{O}(\max(1, R/L)N \log N)$

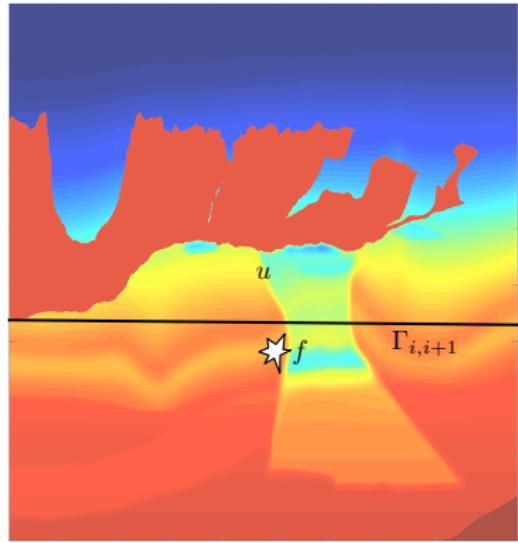
**Question:** Can we *better* parallelize this preconditioner?

**Problem:** Serial nature of the sweeps

**Problem:** 2D memory growth due to planar slabs

**Problem:** Interface “communication” volume

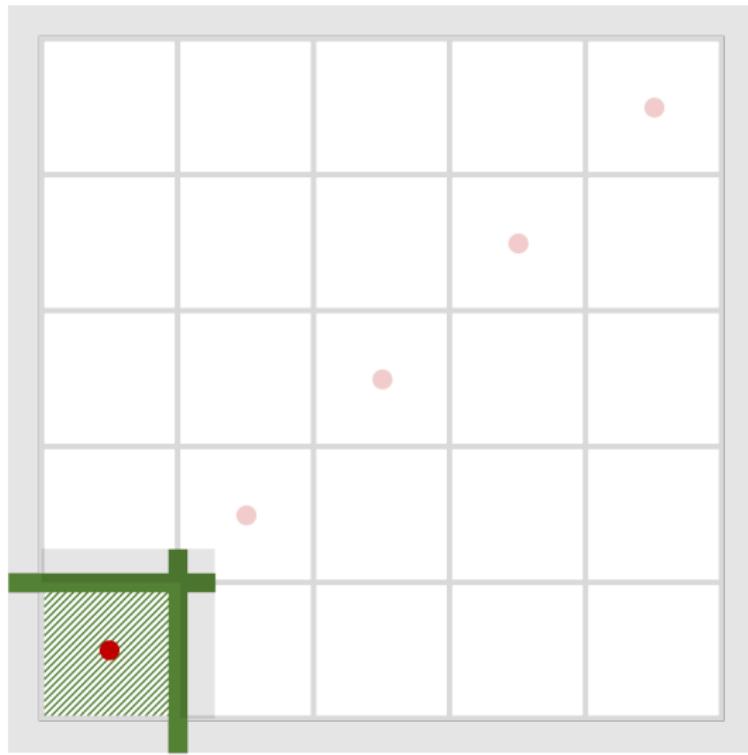
# Half-space Problem



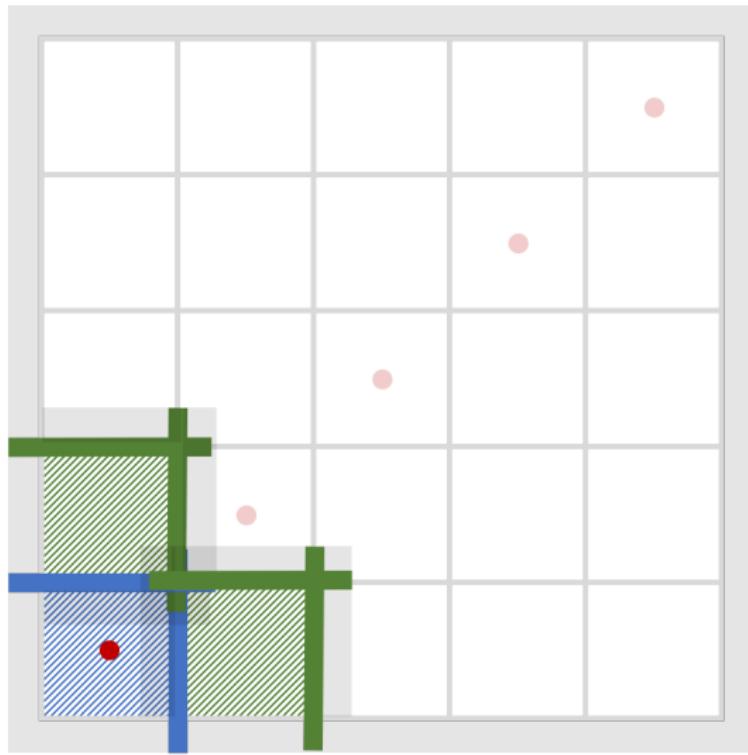
Polarization condition:

$$0 = - \int_{\Gamma} G(x, y) \partial_{n_y} u^{\uparrow}(y) ds_y \\ + \int_{\Gamma} \partial_{n_y} G(x, y) u^{\uparrow}(y) ds_y$$

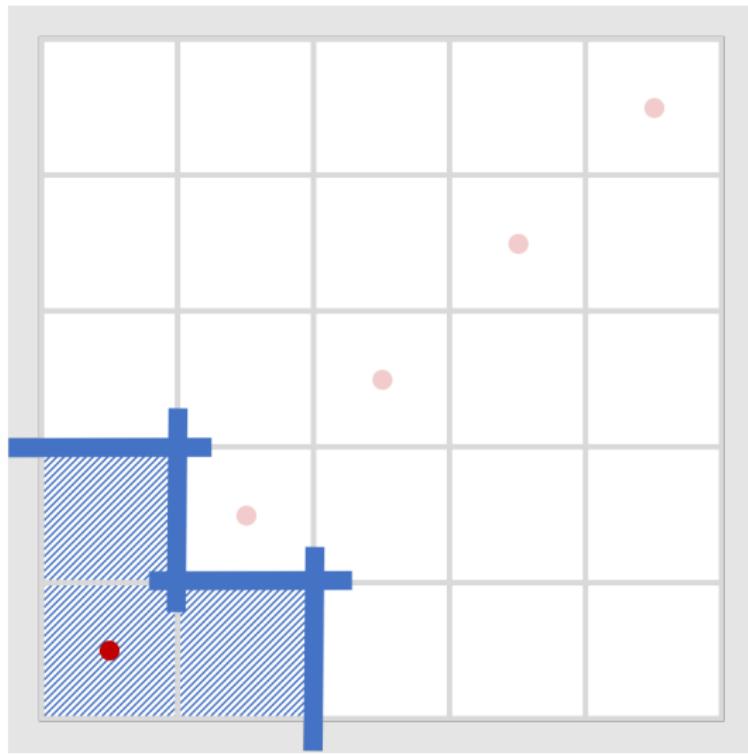
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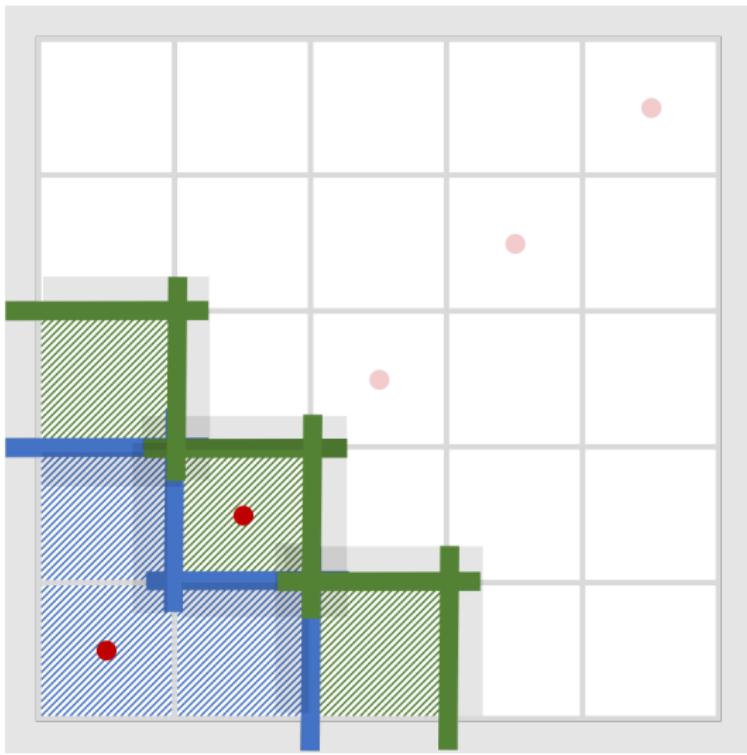
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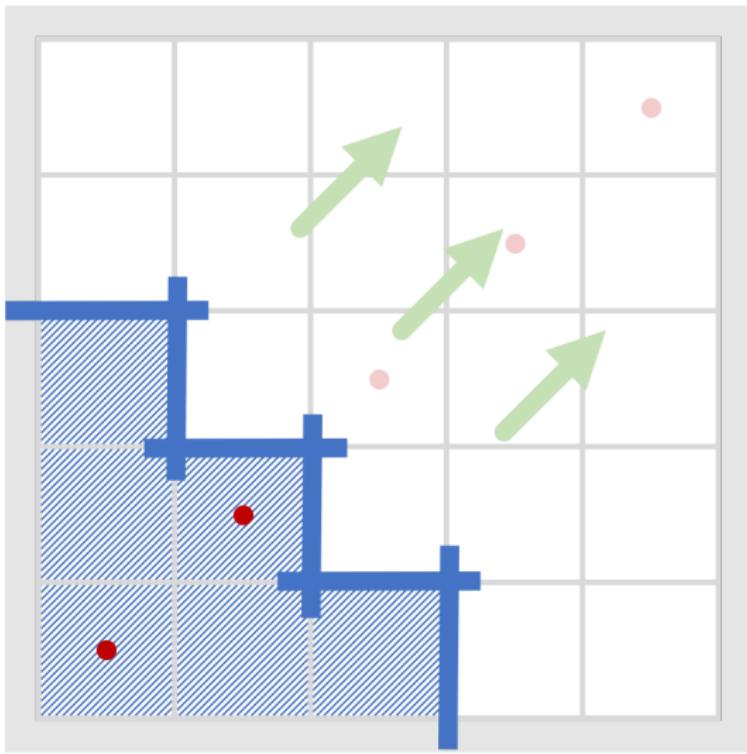
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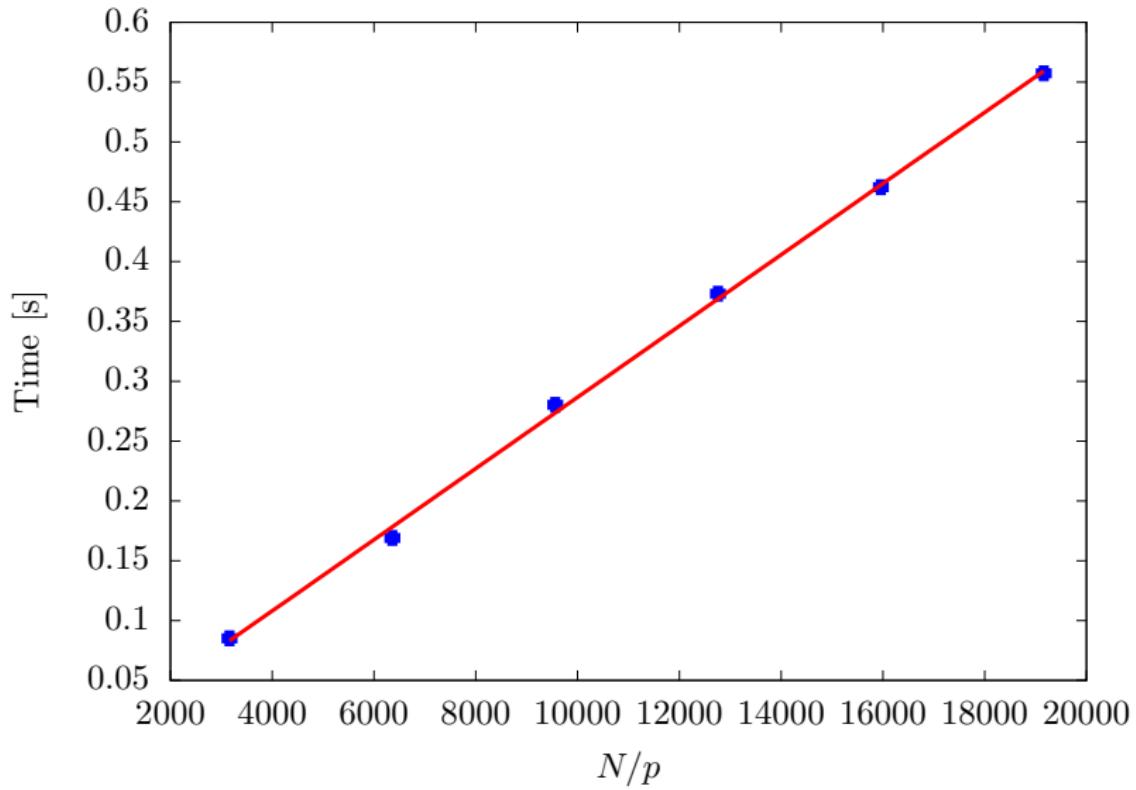


M O V I E! :)

**Each propagation onto the next diagonal can be  
embarrassingly parallel on a cell-wise level!**

$\Rightarrow O(N/p)$  complexity  
(as long as  $p = O(N^{1/d})$ )

## Numerical Example: Complexity



# Numerical Example: Iteration Count

4 points per wavelength

Wavelengths in domain	Number of cells	Wavelengths in PML				
		1	1.5	2	2.5	3
16	2	5	3	3	3	3
32	4	7	5	5	5	5
64	8	7	6	6	6	6
128	16	9	6	7	7	7
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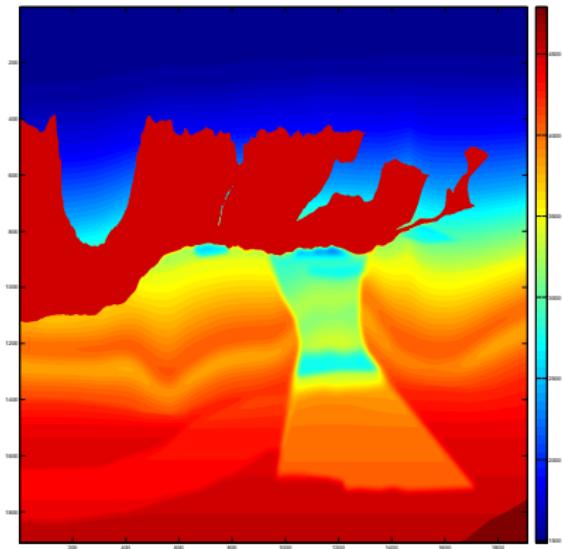
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# Numerical Example: BP Model Setup



- ▶ Second order finite difference discretization
- ▶ unit square

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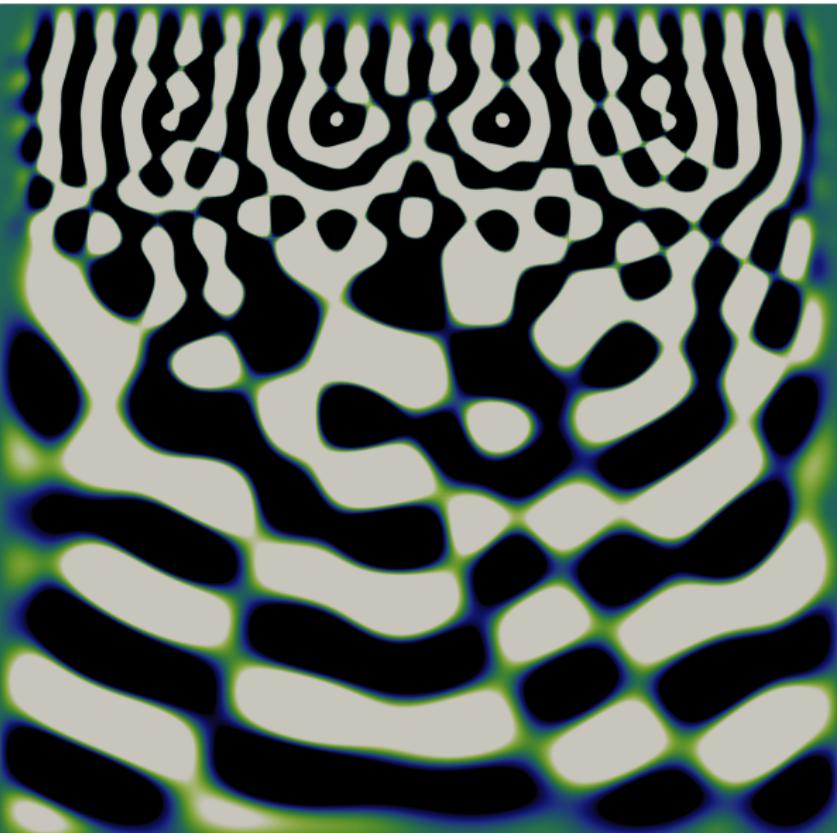
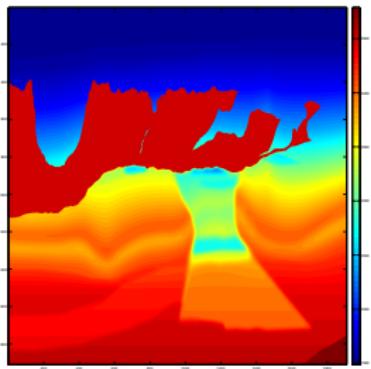
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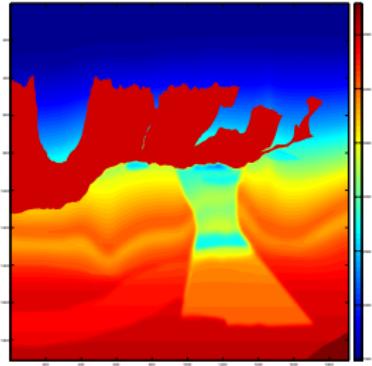
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# Numerical Example: High Frequency Solutions



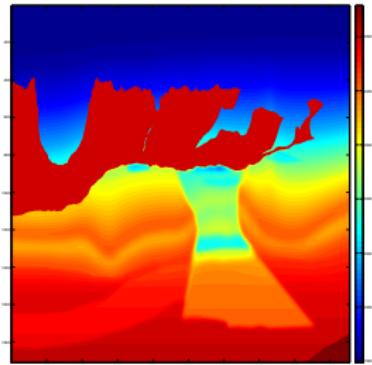
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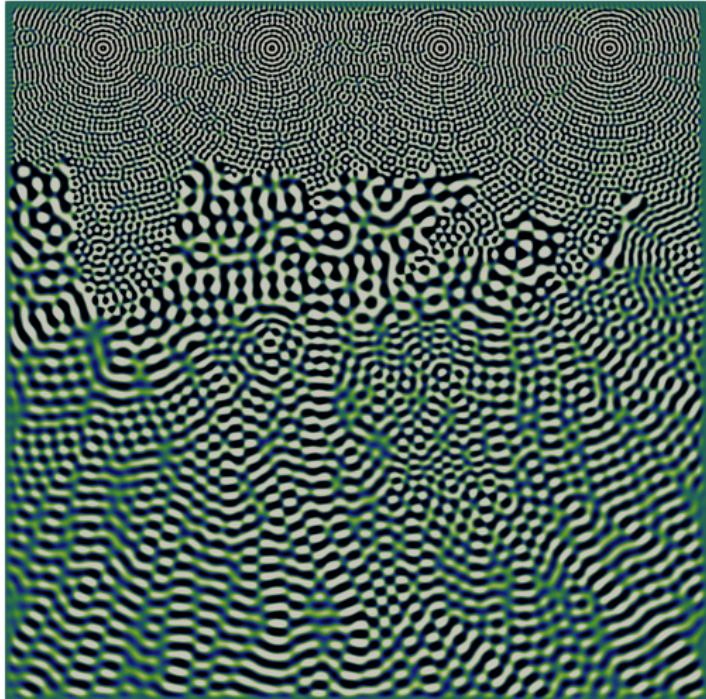
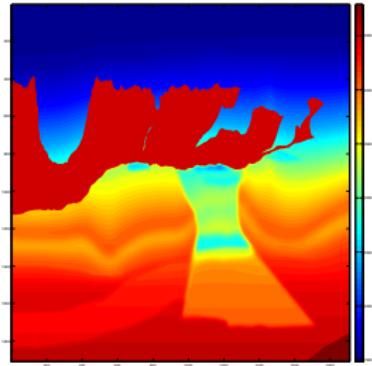
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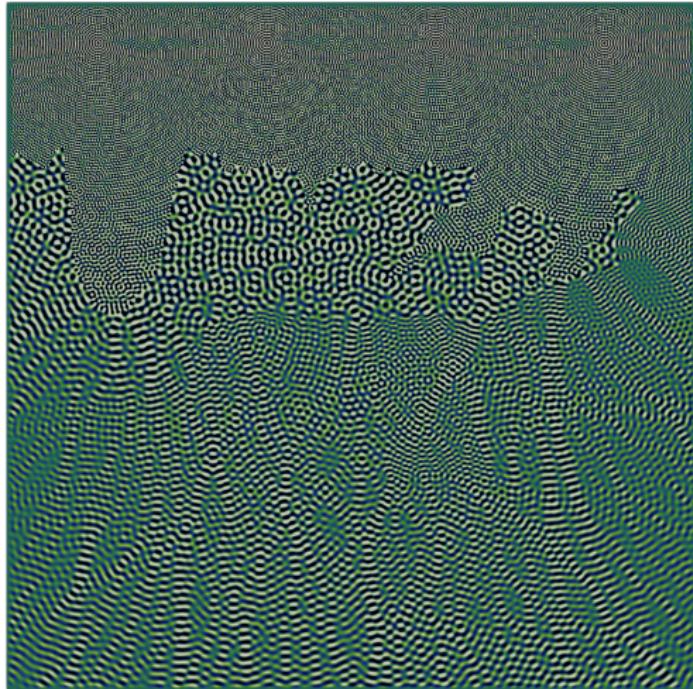
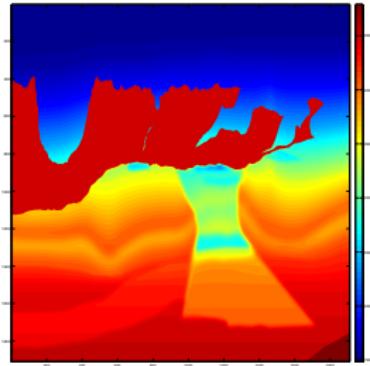
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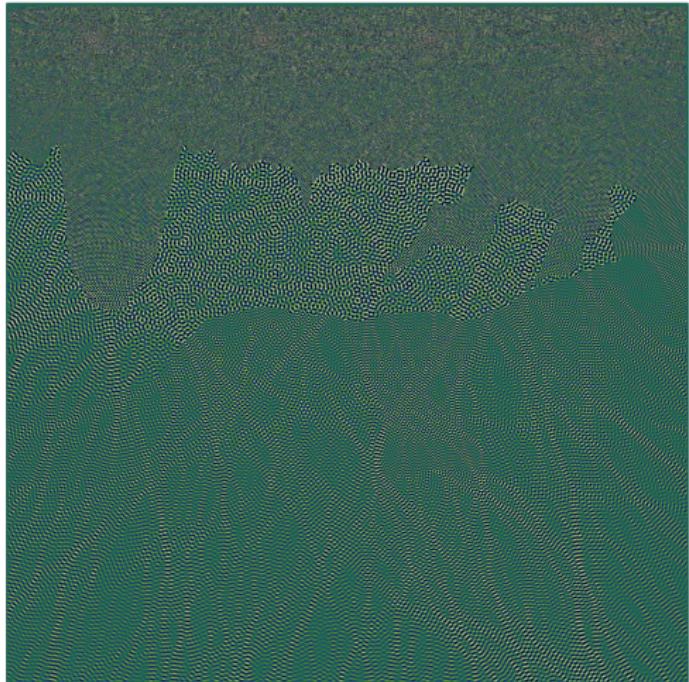
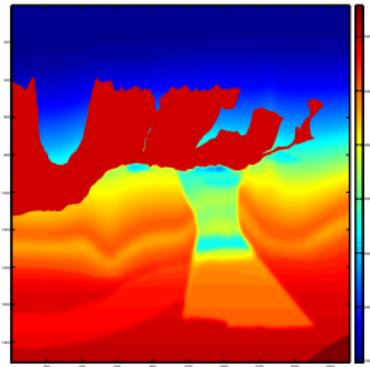
- ▶ max. 128 wavelengths in domain
- ▶ PML width: 2.00 wavelengths
- ▶  $16 \times 16$  domain decomposition

# Numerical Example: High Frequency Solutions



- ▶ max. 256 wavelengths in domain
- ▶ PML width: 2.25 wavelengths
- ▶  $32 \times 32$  domain decomposition

# Numerical Example: High Frequency Solutions



- ▶ max. 512 wavelengths in domain
- ▶ PML width: 2.5 wavelengths
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Application to inverse problem:

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- ▶ How exact do we need to solve?