

# Deal.II Matrix Free Solver for Advection-Diffusion-Reaction

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# Mathematical Background

## Advection-Diffusion-Reaction

### Problem

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla u) + \beta \cdot \nabla u + \gamma u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = g & \text{on } \Gamma_D \subset \partial\Omega \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = h & \text{on } \Gamma_N = \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma_D \end{cases}$$

### Weak Formulation

$$\text{Find } u \in V \quad a(u, v) = f(v) - a(R_g, v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$\text{where:} \quad a(u, v) = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla u \cdot \nabla v}_{\text{diffusion}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla u) v}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \gamma u v}_{\text{reaction}}$$

$$f(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v + \int_{\Gamma_N} h v$$

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## Matrix-Free discretization

$$(A_k)_{ij} = \int_k [\mu \nabla \varphi_j \nabla \varphi_i] + [\beta \cdot \nabla \varphi_j \varphi_i] + [\gamma \varphi_j \varphi_i]$$

$$(A_k)_{ij} \approx \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} [\mu(\nabla \varphi_j(x_q) \cdot \nabla \varphi_i(x_q)) + \beta \cdot \nabla \varphi_j(x_q) \varphi_i(x_q) + \gamma \varphi_j(x_q) \varphi_i(x_q)] |J_q| w_q$$

$$(A_k)_{ij} \approx \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} \nabla \varphi_i(x_q) \underbrace{[\mu J_q w_q]}_{D_\mu} \nabla \varphi_j(x_q) + \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} \varphi_i(x_q) \underbrace{[\beta J_q w_q]}_{D_\beta} \nabla \varphi_j(x_q) + \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} \varphi_i(x_q) \underbrace{[\gamma J_q w_q]}_{D_\gamma} \varphi_j(x_q)$$

$$A_k = \underbrace{B^T D_\mu B}_{\text{Diffusion}} + \underbrace{B^T D_\beta K}_{\text{Advection}} + \underbrace{K^T D_\gamma K}_{\text{Reaction}}$$

$$B_{qj} = \nabla \phi_j(x_q)$$

$$K_{qj} = \phi_j(x_q)$$

$$B, K \in \mathbb{R}^{N_q \times N_{\text{DoF}}}$$

$$D_\mu, D_\beta, D_\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{N_q \times N_q}$$

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## Non-Homogeneous lifting

Deal.ii Matrix-Free classes **do not** natively support **non-homogeneous problems...**

Our solution:

Solve for  $Au_0 = \hat{f}$

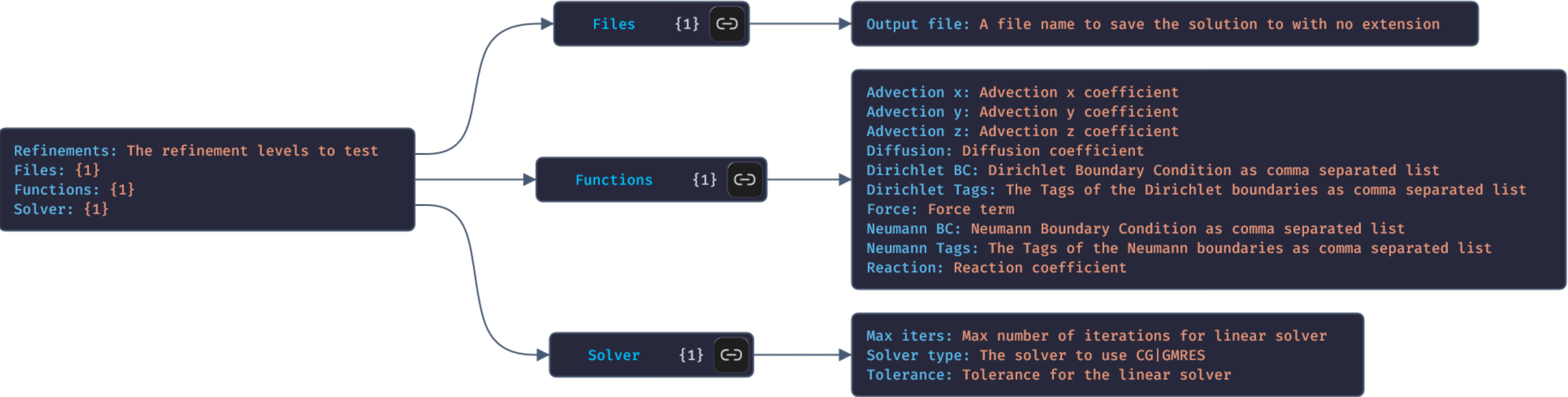
Where  $\hat{f} = f - Au_g$  and  $u_g = \begin{cases} g & \text{on the boundary nodes} \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

# Project Architecture

## Problem definition system

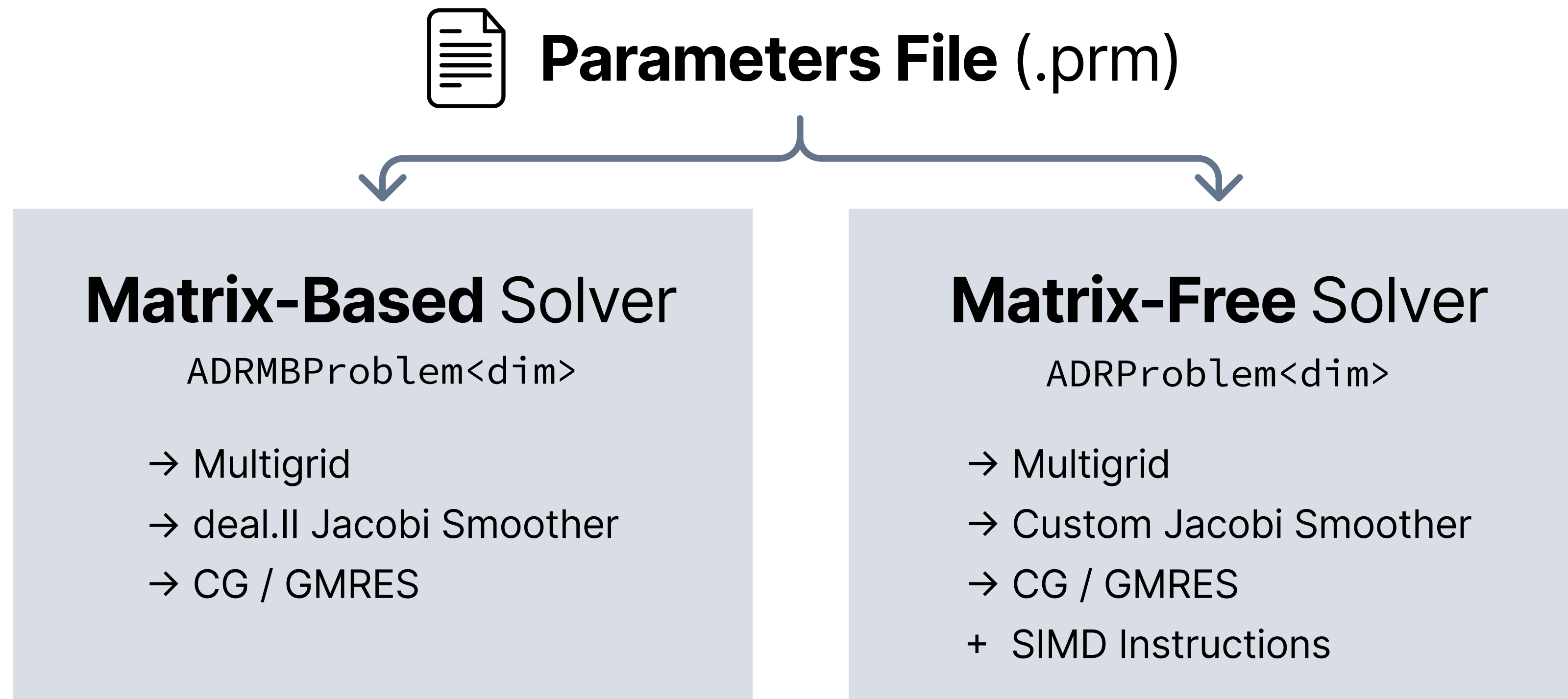


### Parameters File (.prm)



# Project Architecture

## Solver classes



## Usage example

```
Utilities::MPI::MPI_InitFinalize mpi_init(argc, argv,1);  
MatrixBasedADR::ADRMProblem<3> adr_problem;  
adr_problem.run("../input/params/pb_3d_mb.prm");
```

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## Documentation

### Matrix-Free ADR Solver

Implementation of a Matrix-Free solver library for ADR problems

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#### Matrix-Free FEM Solver for the Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equation

A finite element solver for the advection-diffusion-reaction (**ADR**) equation in 2D/3D using [deal.II](#). Compares a **matrix-free** approach (sum factorization + SIMD vectorization + geometric multigrid) against a traditional **matrix-based** approach (sparse matrix assembly) in terms of performance and memory usage.

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#### Mathematical Formulation

##### Strong form

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla u) + \beta \cdot \nabla u + \gamma u = f & \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \quad d \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ u = g & \text{on } \Gamma_D \subset \partial\Omega \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = h & \text{on } \Gamma_N = \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma_D \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu$  is the diffusion coefficient,  $\beta$  is the advection coefficient,  $\gamma$  is the reaction coefficient, and  $f$  is the forcing term.

##### Weak form



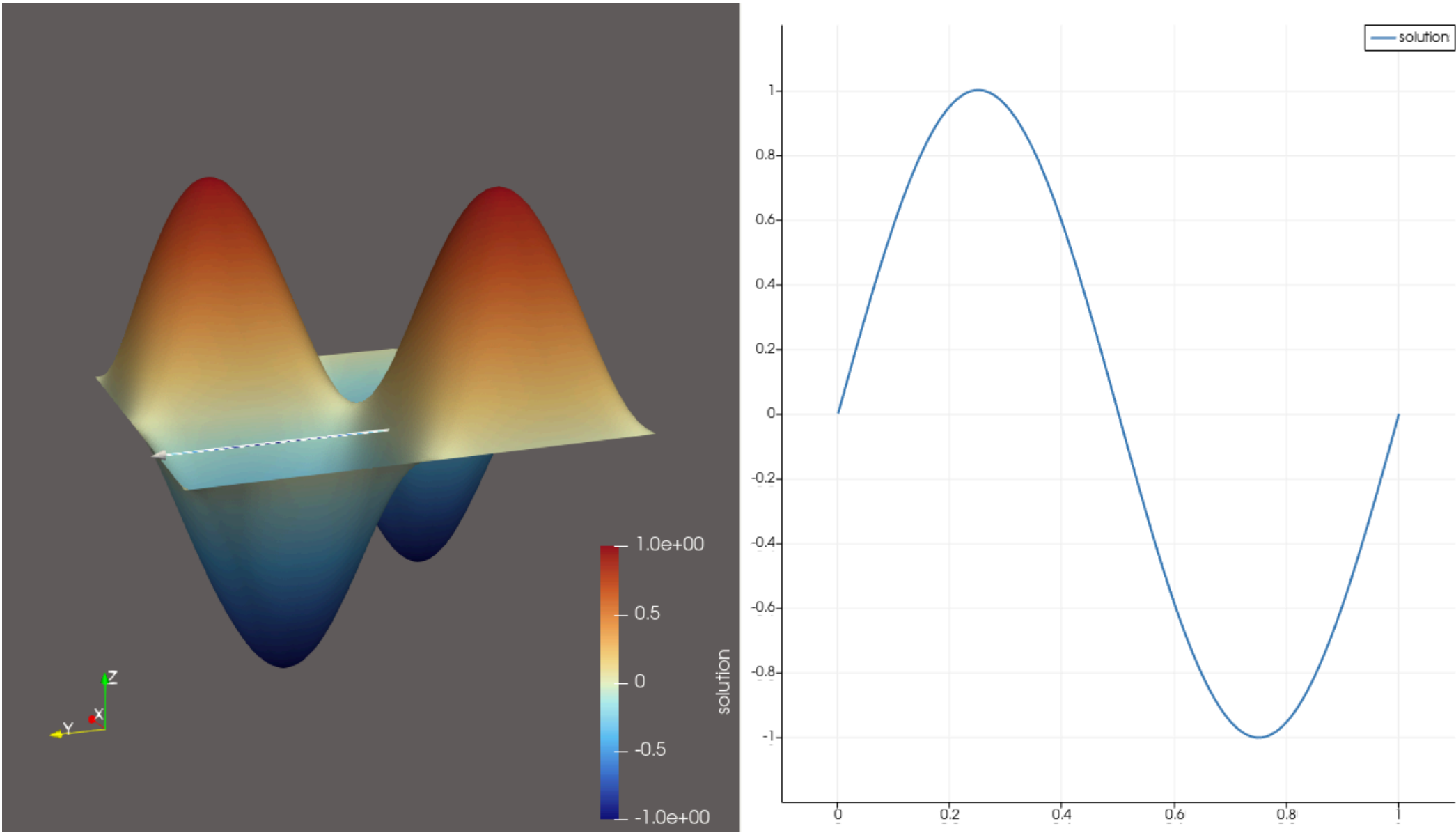
# Benchmarks

## Homogeneous Dirichlet Boundary Conditions

Running on: Intel i7-14700HX @ 5.3GHz  
20 Cores | 28 Threads

2D  $u_{ex} = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(2\pi y) \quad \Omega = [0, 1]^2$

$$\beta_{\text{small}} = [0.1 \quad 0.3]^T$$
$$\beta_{\text{medium}} = [10 \quad 30]^T$$
$$\beta_{\text{big}} = [20 \quad 60]^T$$



Matrix free solver, **Single** rank

Ref.	DoF	Small Time (s)	Medium Time (s)	Big Time (s)
5	4225	0.54	0.62	0.94
6	16641	2.04	2.43	3.46
7	66049	8.41	9.64	14.40
8	263169	35.74	44.12	57.82



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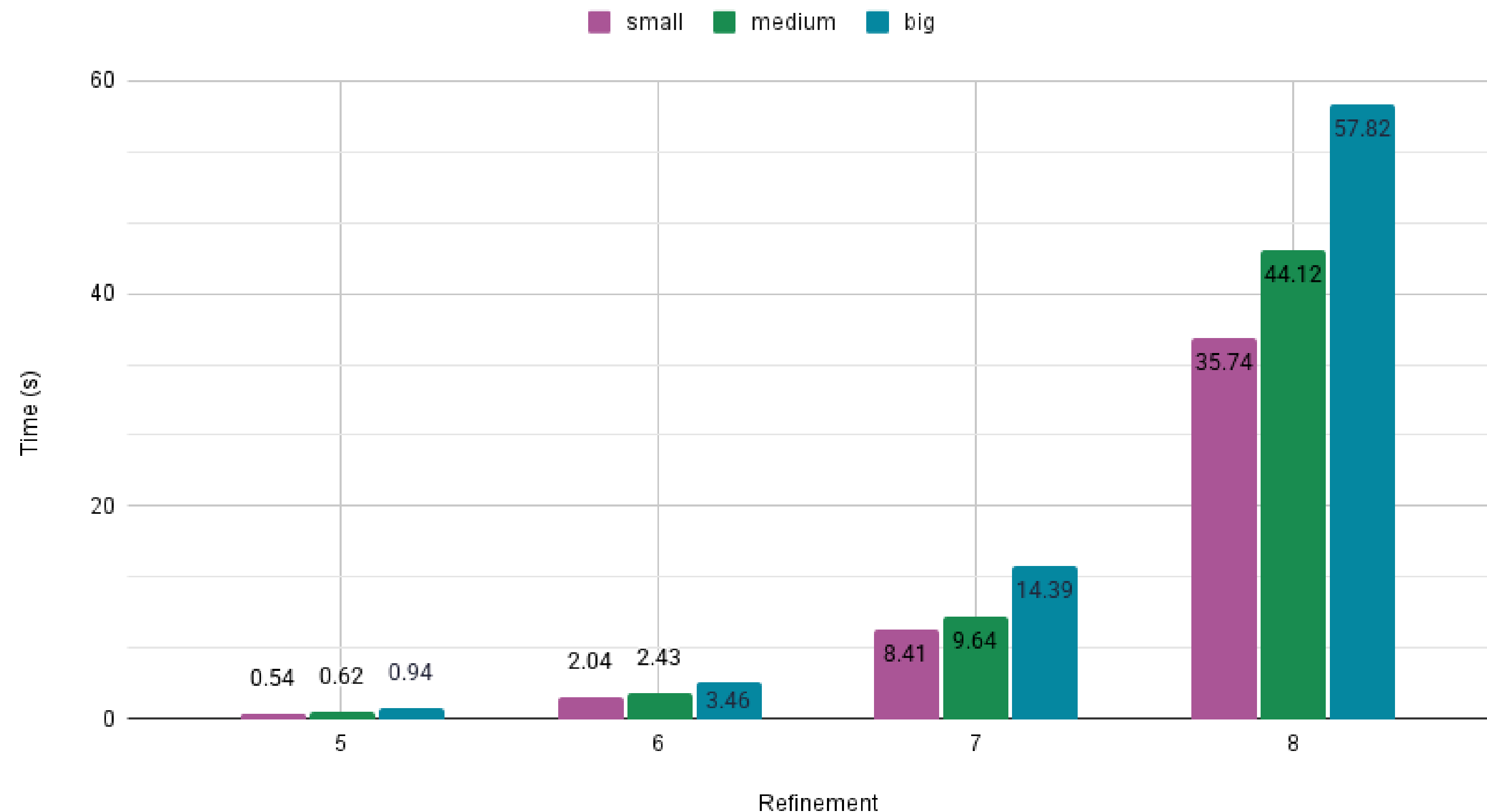
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Jacobi is a good Smoother

$\|\beta\| \gg \mu \implies$  A not symmetric  
Jacobi is not a good Smoother



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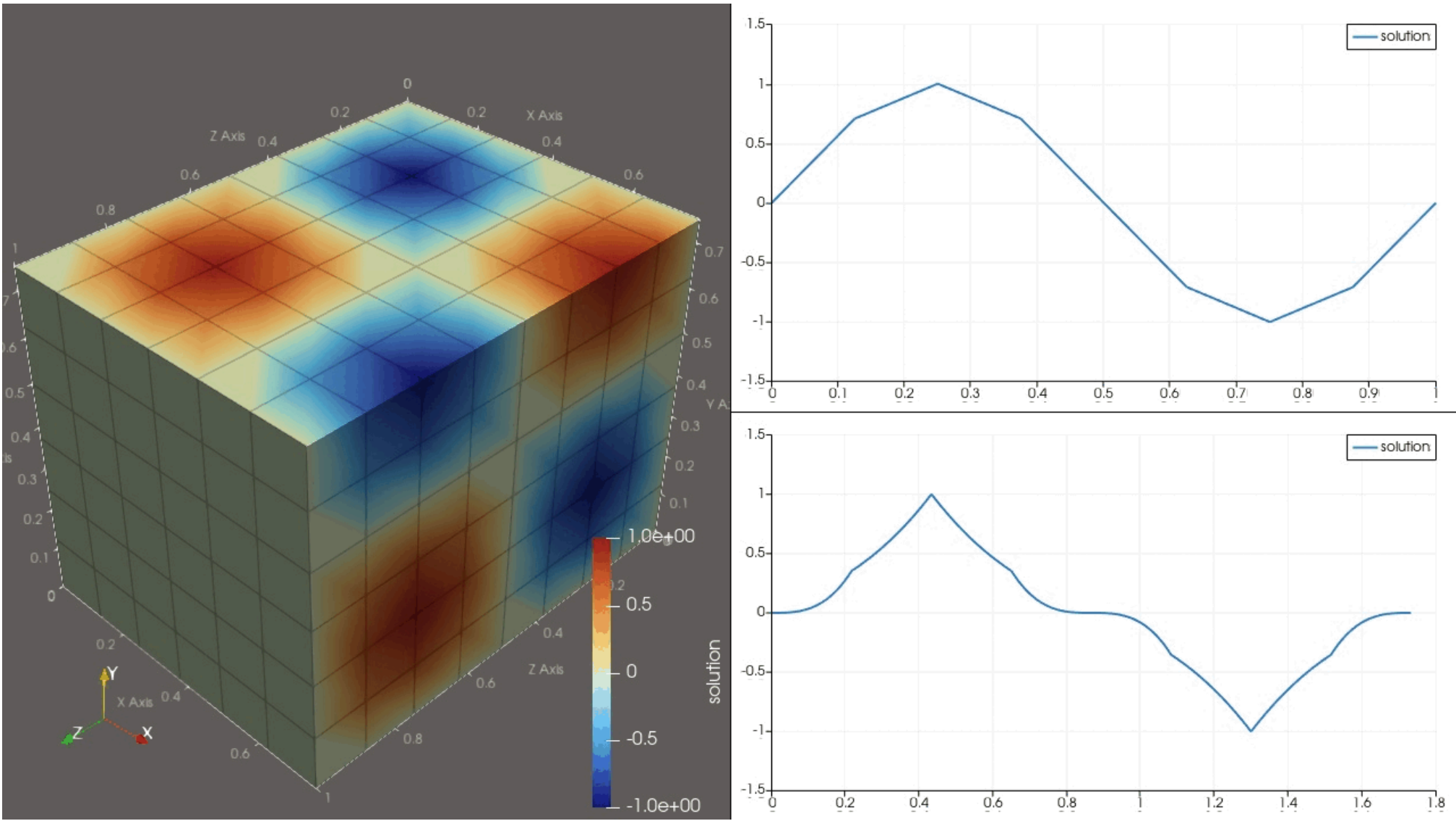
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3D

$$u_{ex} = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(2\pi y)\sin(2\pi z)$$

$$\Omega = [0, 1]^3$$

$$\beta = [0.1 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.1]^T$$



Matrix Free vs Matrix Based, Single rank

DoF	Matrix Based Time (s)	Matrix Free Time (s)	Matrix Based Memory (MB)	Matrix free Memory (MB)
4913	17.14	0.83	4.94	1.28
35937	133.98	6.76	38.29	9.92
274625	1057.77	58.54	301.82	78.26
2146689	8448.95	553.39	2396.80	622.17

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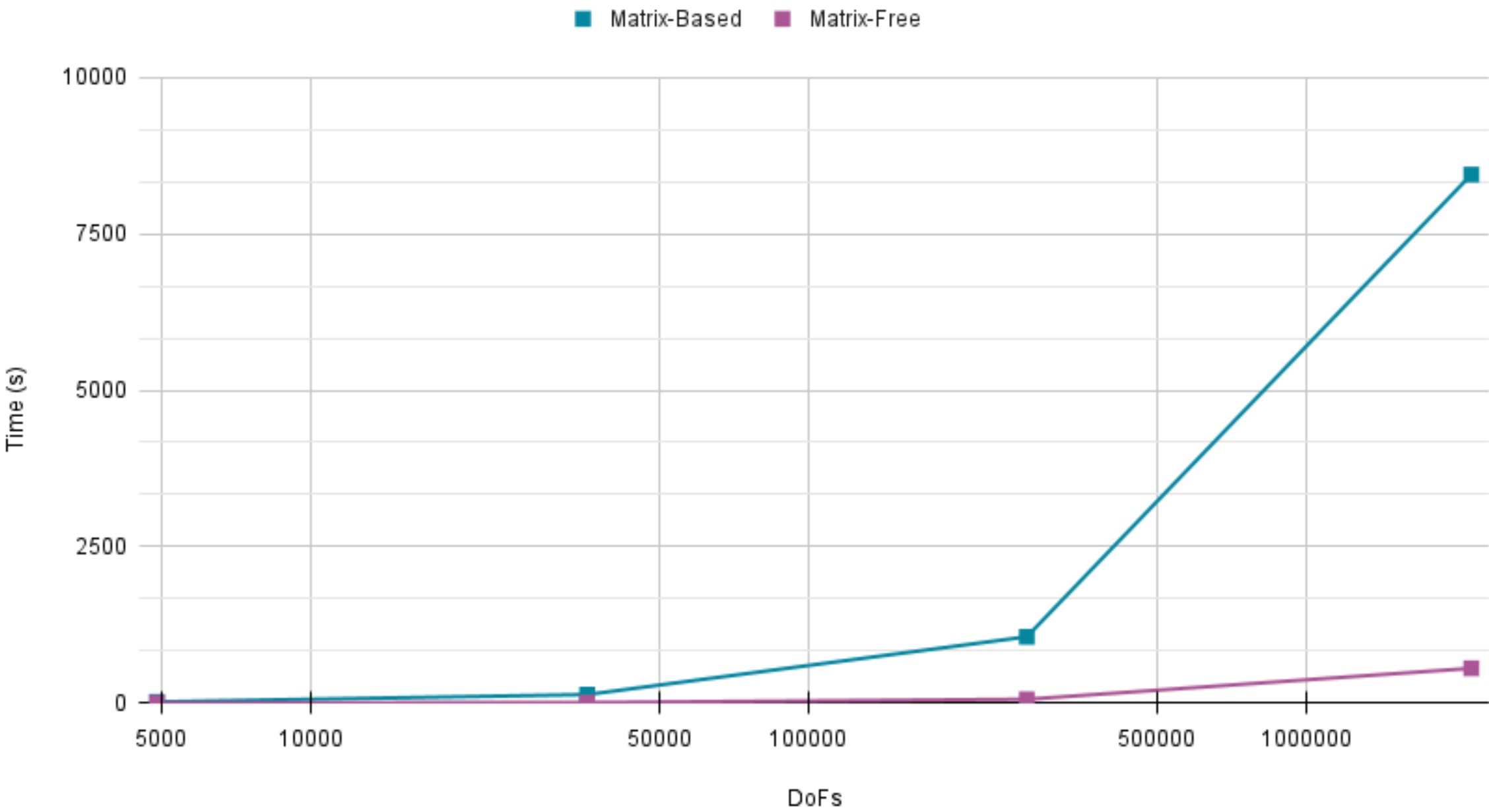
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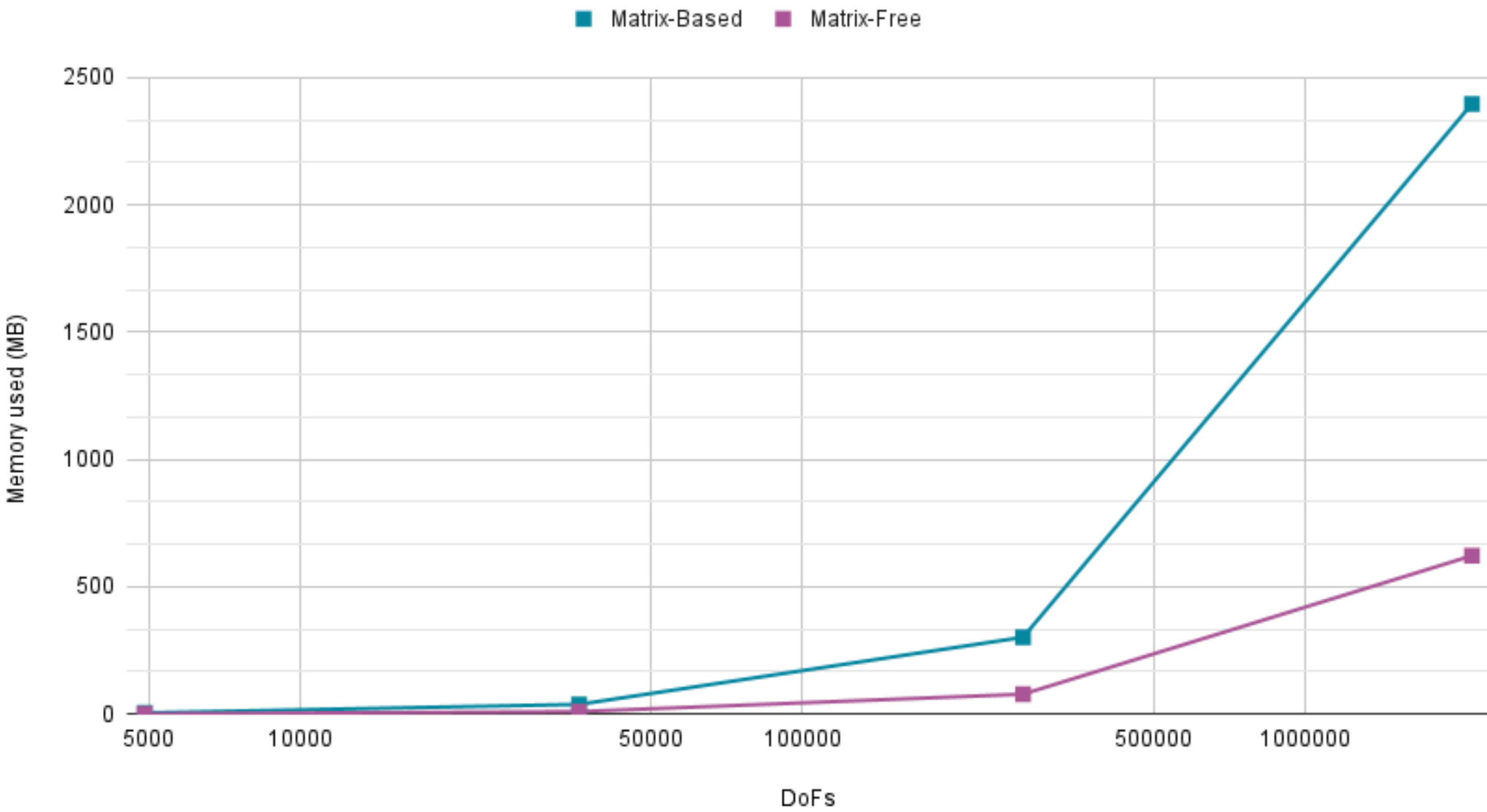
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$\beta = [0.1 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.1]^T$

Computation time for homogeneous Dirichlet problem



Memory usage for homogeneous Dirichlet problem



# Benchmarks

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$$u_{ex} = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(2\pi y)\sin(2\pi z) \quad \Omega = [0, 1]^3 \quad \beta = [0.1 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.1]^T$$

Matrix Free solver Parallel Speedup

Type	MPI Ranks	Time (s)	Memory (MB)
Matrix based	1	1075.50	8448.95
Matrix free	1	553.39	622.17
Matrix free	4	156.02	161.92
Matrix free	8	109.64	82.80
Matrix free	16	106.66	42.42
Matrix free	20	98.97	34.59

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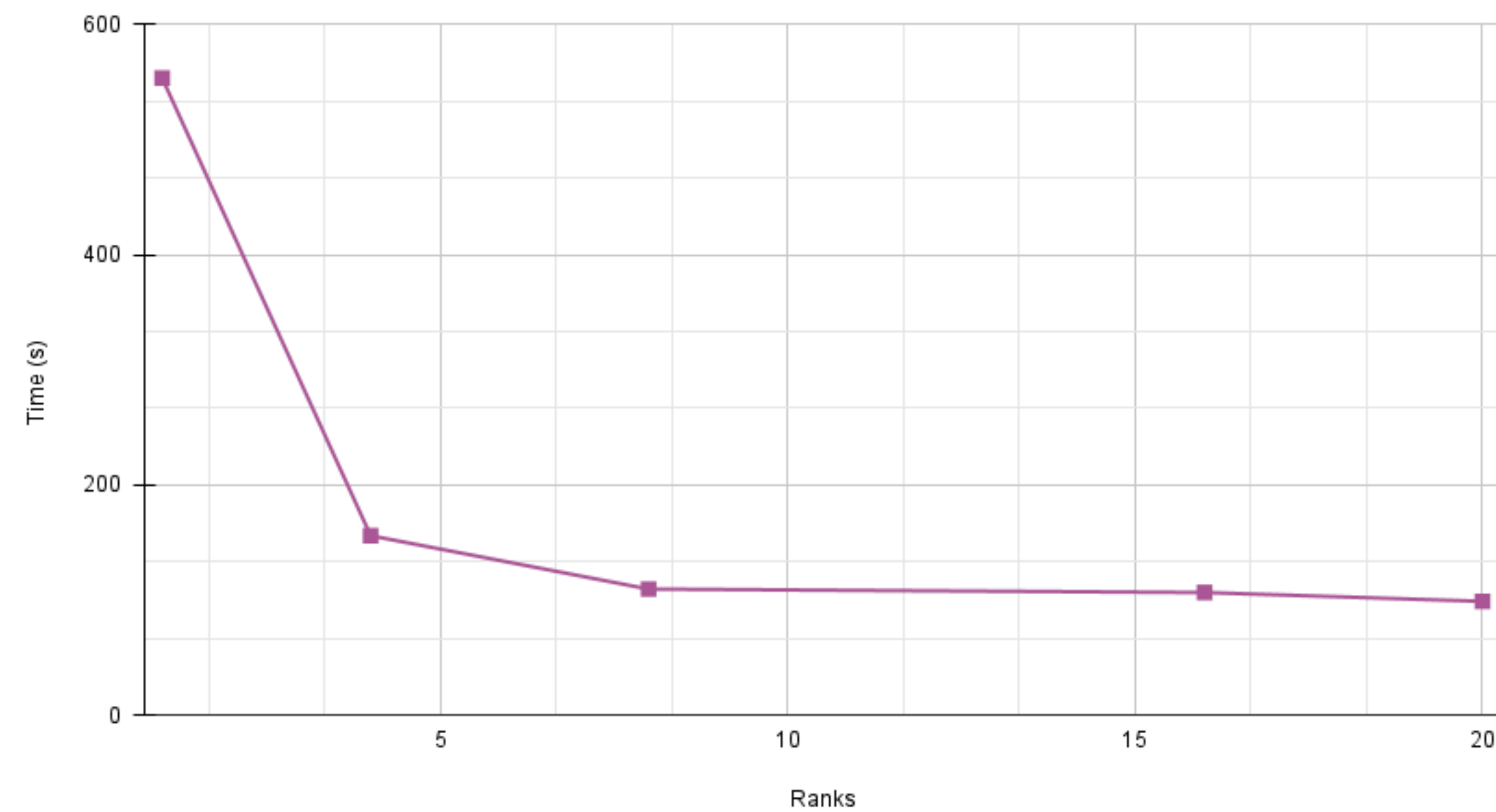
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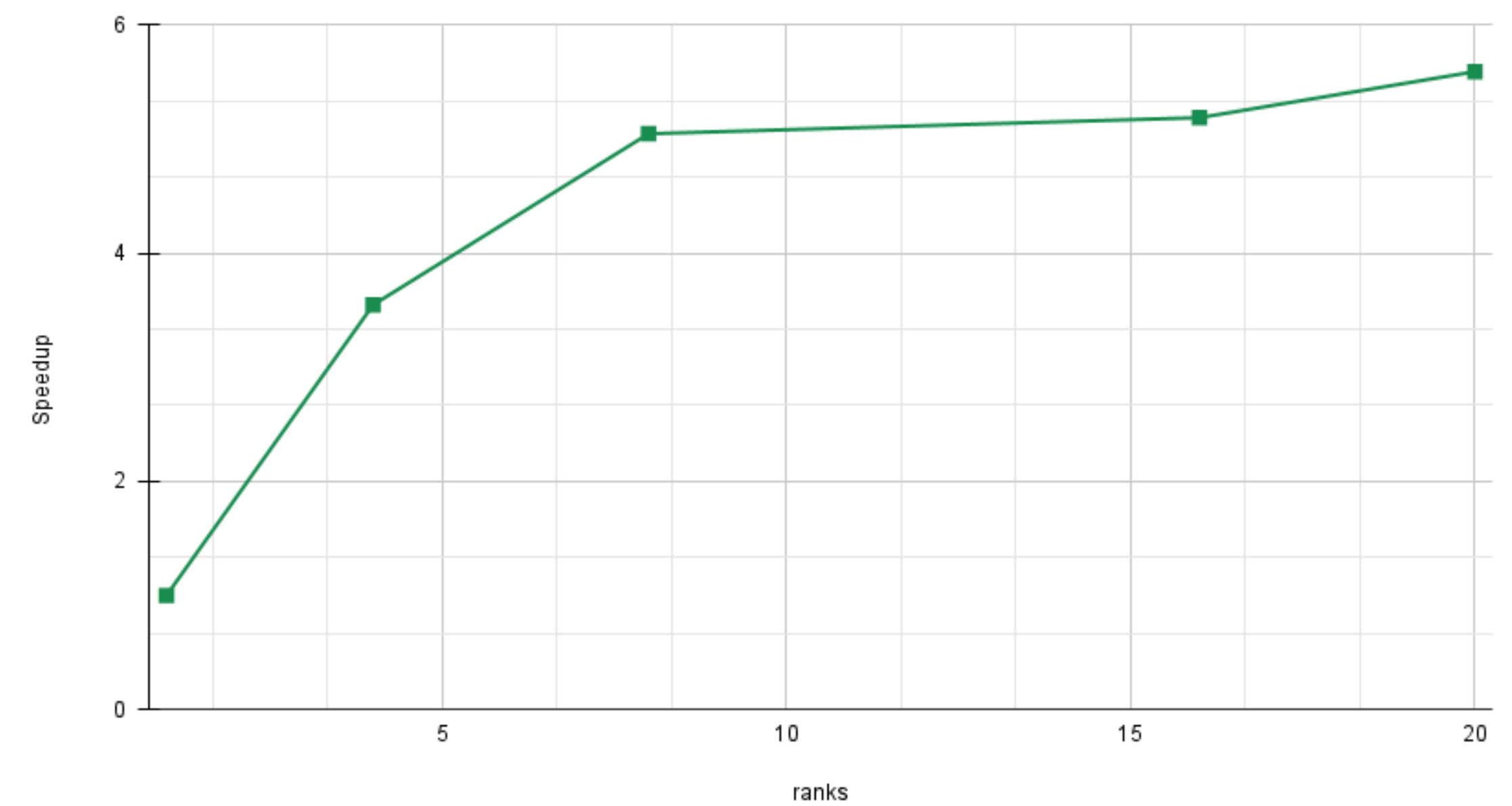
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### Matrix Free solver Parallel Speedup

Computation time vs Ranks



Computation time Speed up



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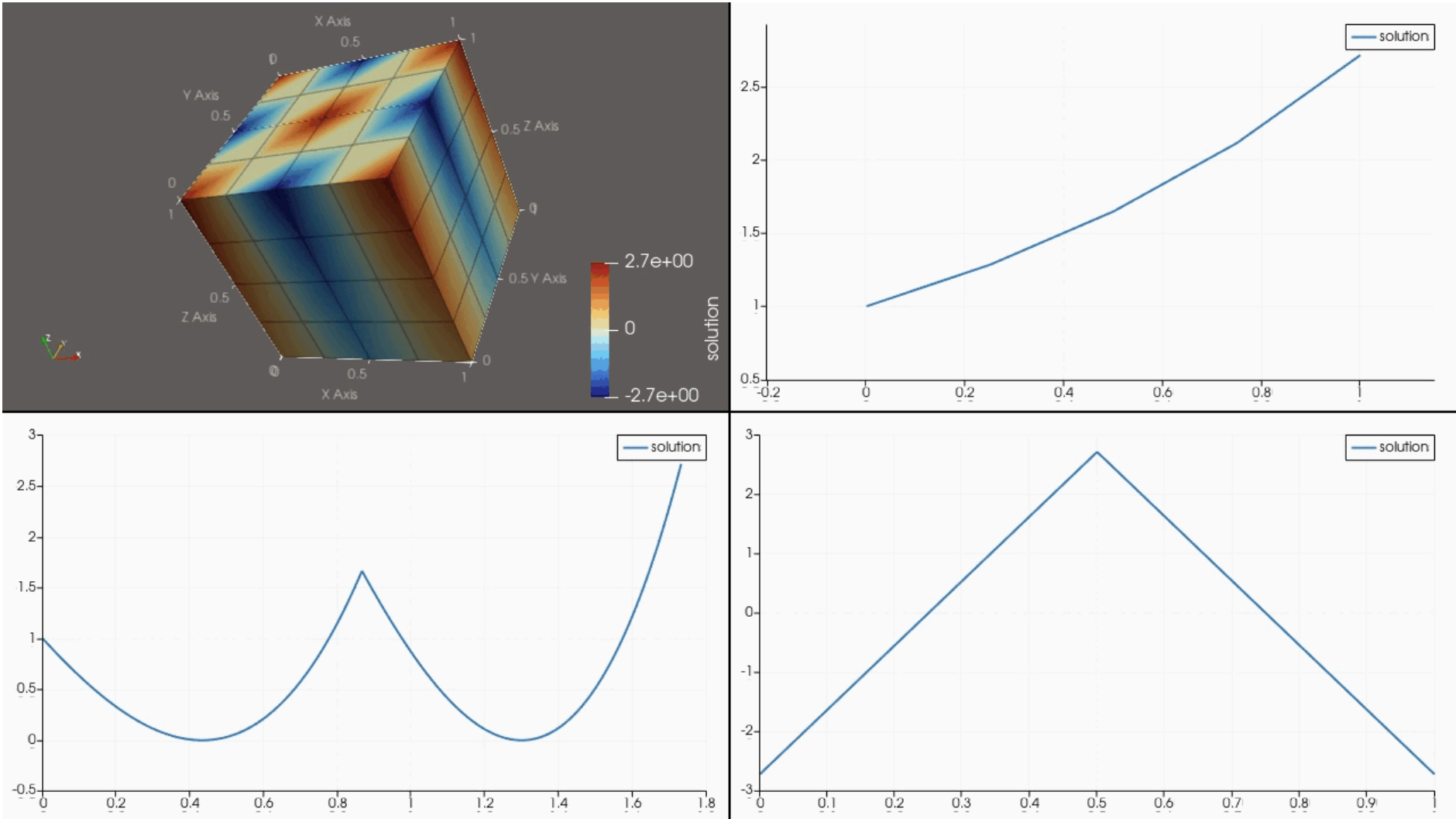
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3D

$$u_{ex} = e^z \cos(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) \quad \Omega = [0, 1]^3$$

Matrix Free vs Matrix Based, Single rank

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729	2.59	0.15	0.66	0.18
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35937	163.84	7.19	38.29	9.91
274625	1075.50	64.74	301.81	78.26





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