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## WHY YOUR SCIENCE APPLICATION SHOULD BE USING TRILINOS LINEAR SOLVERS

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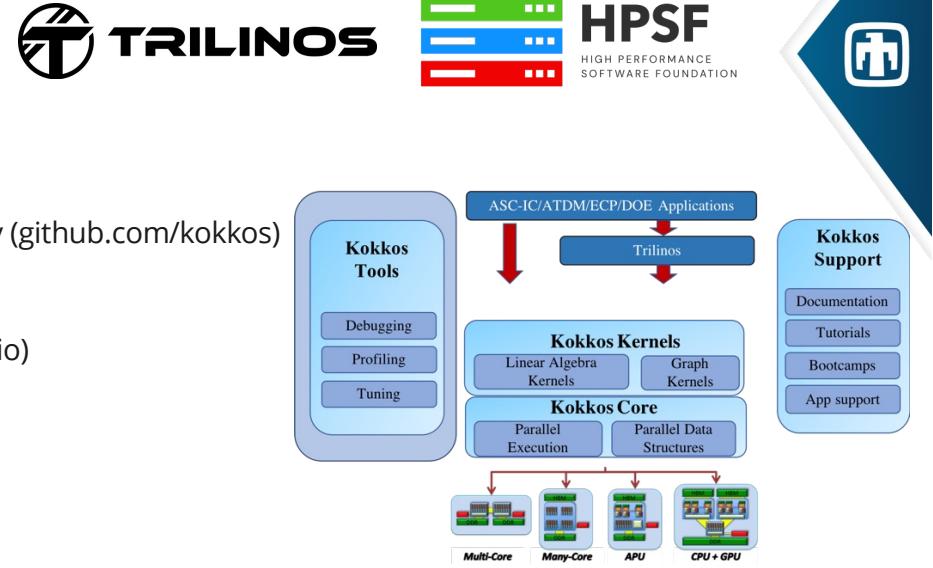
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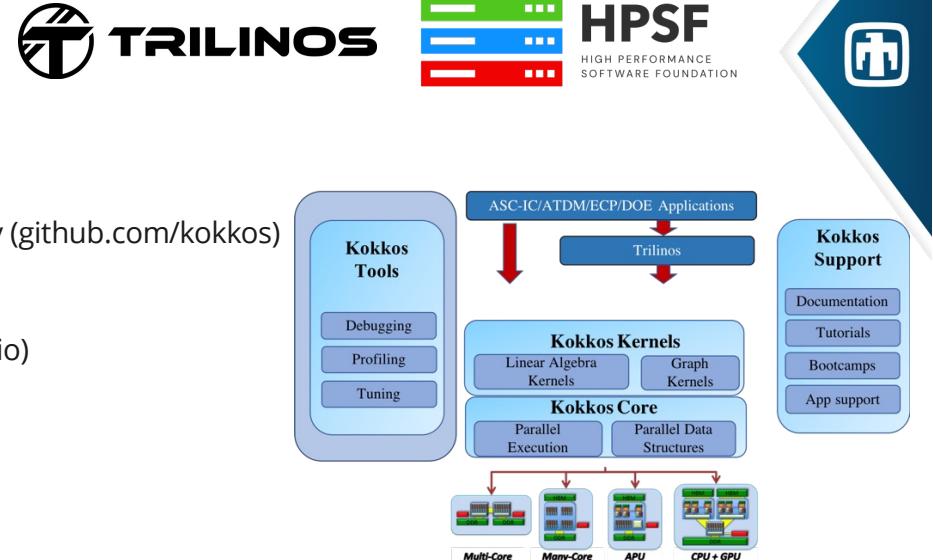
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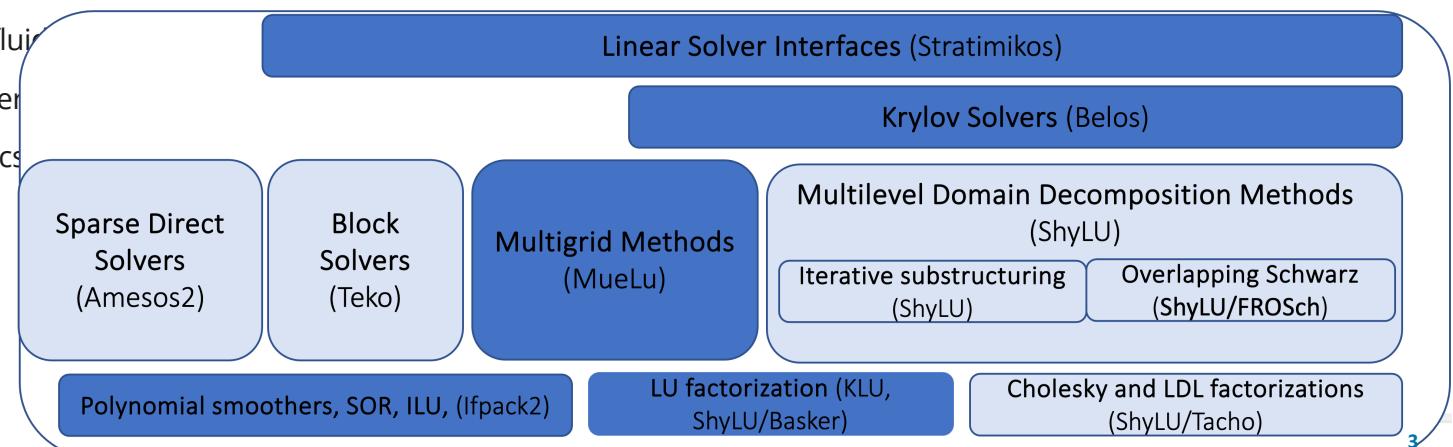


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## CURRENT SOLVERS DEVELOPERS



- Luc Berger-Vergiat
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- Vinh Dang
- Max Fernbach
- Jim Foucar
- Christian Glusa
- Graham Harper
- Alexander Heinlein
- Kyrill Ho
- Jonathan Hu
- Brian Kelley
- Sebastian Kinnewig
- Jascha Knepper
- Jennifer Loe
- Matthias Mayr
- Roger Pawlowski
- Malachi Phillips
- Siva Rajamanickam
- Lea Sassmannshausen
- Chris Siefert
- Heidi Thornquist
- Ray Tuminaro
- Ichitaro Yamazaki
- many other contributors!

# ITERATIVE KRYLOV METHODS (BELOS)

C++ framework for developing iterative algorithms for solving large-scale, linear problems.

- Standard Krylov methods for single systems  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ 
  - Simultaneously solved systems w/ multiple RHS:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$
  - Sequentially solved systems w/ multiple RHS:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{B}_i, i=1,\dots,t$
  - Sequences of multiple RHS systems:  $\mathbf{A}_i\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{B}_i, i=1,\dots,t$
- Advanced methods
  - Block methods: block GMRES, block CG/BICG
  - “Seed” solvers: hybrid GMRES
  - Recycling solvers: CGRODR (block recycling GMRES)
  - Restarting techniques, orthogonalization techniques, ...
- Algorithms implemented using traits & abstract base classes

## ALGEBRAIC SOLVERS (IFPACK2)

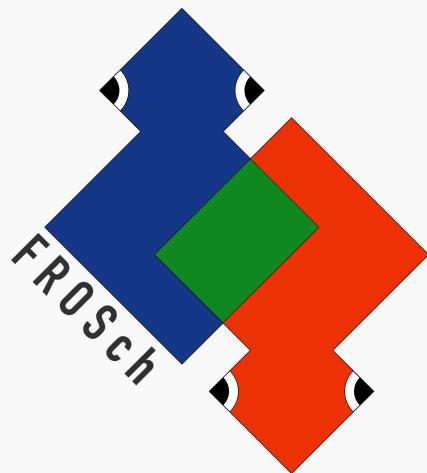
- Methods are typically used as Krylov preconditioner or multigrid smoother
- Provides:
  - SOR iterative methods: Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel
  - Chebyshev polynomial
  - Incomplete factorizations (traditional & iterative)
  - Additive Schwarz
  - Block Jacobi
  - Block tri-diagonal
- Interfaces to shared memory algorithms in Kokkos-Kernels
  - ILUT, ILU(k)

## MULTIGRID (MUELU)

- Smoothers: Jacobi, GS,  $\backslash$ 1 GS, polynomial, ILU (traditional & iterative), block
- Unstructured algorithms
  - classic smoothed aggregation (SA)
  - non-symmetric AMG
  - AMG for Maxwell's equations
- Structured Algorithms
  - semi-coarsening AMG, geometric MG
  - structured-grid aggregation-based MG
- Matrix load-balancing: multijagged, RCB
- Leverages many other Trilinos libraries
  - Shared memory parallelism from **Kokkos** → architecture portability
  - Sparse distributed linear algebra: **Tpetra**
  - Distributed smoothers: **Ifpack2**
  - Shared memory smoothers, SpGEMM, distance-2 coloring: **Kokkos-Kernels**
  - Load balancing: **Zoltan2**
  - Direct Solvers: **Amesos2**



# FROSch (Fast and Robust Overlapping Schwarz) Framework in Trilinos



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## Software

- Object-oriented C++ domain decomposition solver framework with MPI-based distributed memory parallelization
- Part of Trilinos with the parallel linear algebra based on TPETRA
- Node-level parallelization and performance portability on CPU and GPU architectures through KOKKOS and KOKKOSKERNELS
- Accessible through unified Trilinos solver interface STRATIMIKOS

## Methodology

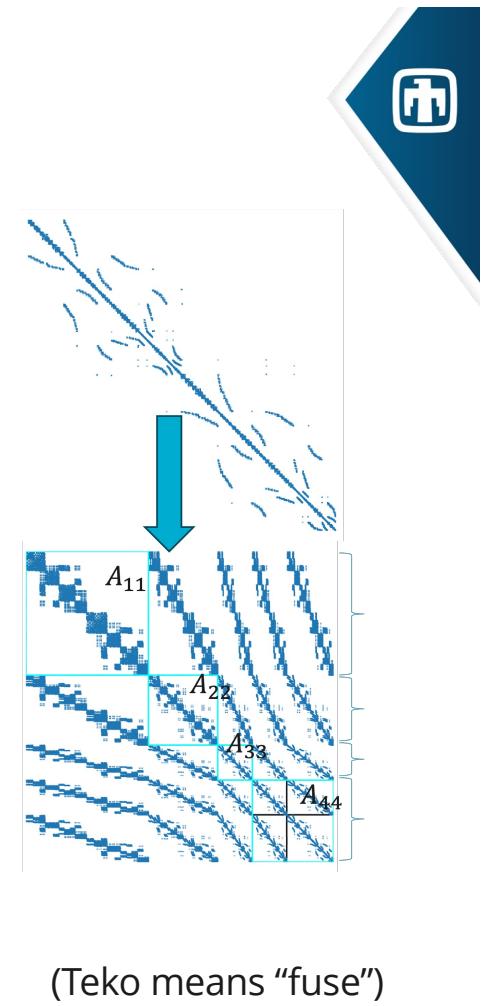
- Parallel scalable multi-level Schwarz domain decomposition preconditioners
- Algebraic construction based on the parallel distributed system matrix
- Extension-based coarse spaces

## Team (active)

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ▪ Filipe Cumaru (TU Delft)      | ▪ Stephan Köhler (TUBAF)        |
| ▪ Alexander Heinlein (TU Delft) | ▪ Friederike Röver (TUBAF)      |
| ▪ Kyrill Ho (UCologne)          | ▪ Siva Rajamanickam (SNL)       |
| ▪ Sebastian Kinnewig (LUH)      | ▪ Oliver Rheinbach (TUBAF)      |
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## MONOLITHIC BLOCK MULTI-PHYSICS PRECONDITIONING (TEKO)

- Provides block inverse schemes:
  - Generic: Block Jacobi, (Hierarchical) Block Gauss-Seidel
  - Navier-Stokes: SIMPLEC, PCD, LSC
  - Extensible: Easy-to-develop user-defined block splitting
- Sub-blocks inverted via various Trilinos packages:
  - Ifpack2, Belos, MueLu, etc.
  - *Adaptive* sub-block solvers based on target residual reduction
- Interfaces with Tpetra and Epetra types
  - GPU sub-block assembly for Tpetra
- Automated preconditioner selection for generic multi-physics
  - Talk by Malachi Phillips @ 4:00 PM
- Application talk by Matthias Mayr @ 3:40pm



(Teko means “fuse”)

# NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

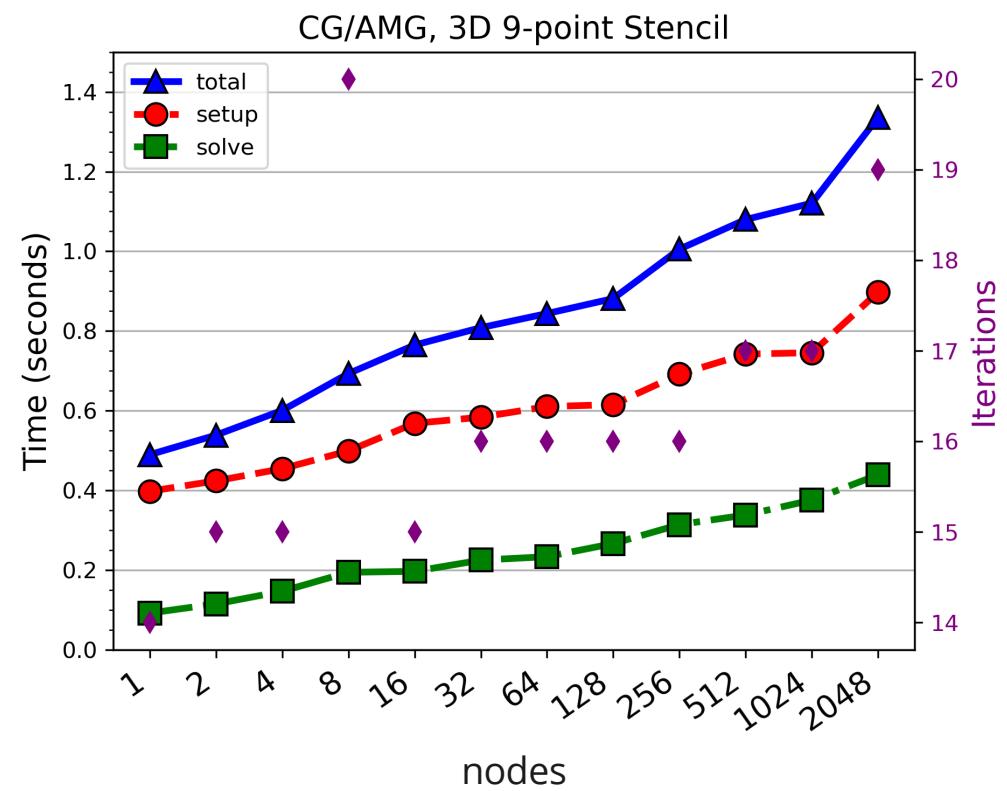
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## ALGEBRAIC MULTIGRID PERFORMANCE, 3D MODEL PROBLEM



- 3D 9-point stencil
- Weak scaling, 300k rows/rank
- Preconditioned conjugate gradient
  - aggregation-based algebraic multigrid
  - Polynomial smoother on all levels
- Frontier
  - AMD MI-250x
  - 8 to 16384 MPI ranks

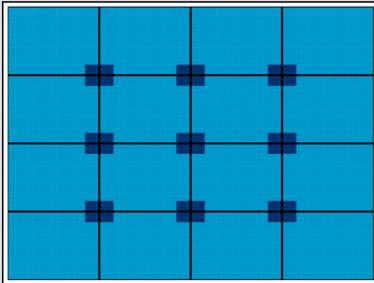


## Weak Scalability for the Scalar Poisson Equation (FROSch)

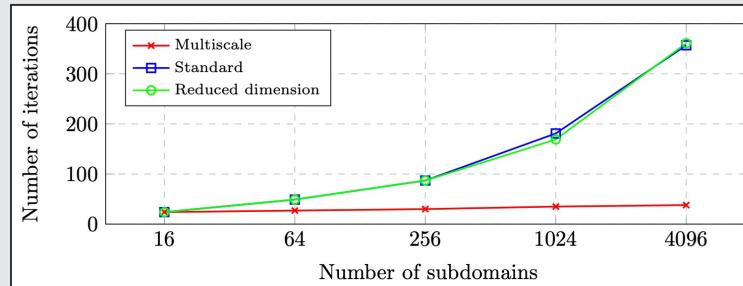
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2D heterogeneous Poisson problem (Cumaru, Heinlein, and Hajibeygi, 2024)



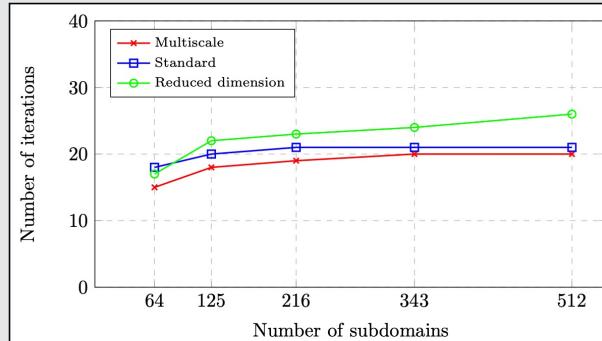
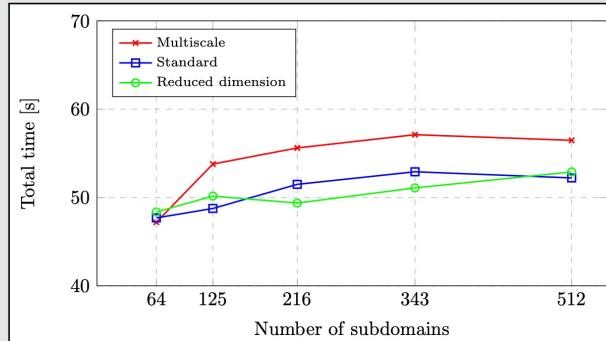
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Comparison of coarse spaces with  $H/h = 16$ , two layers of overlap

The algebraic multiscale coarse space is also **robust** for **highly heterogeneous problems**.

## 3D homogeneous Poisson problem on FROSch running on DelftBlue (TU Delft)



Comparison of coarse spaces with  $H/h = 30$ , two layers of overlap

# APPLICATIONS

## TRILINOS: REMOVAL OF 32-BIT STACK

- Trilinos initially based on sparse linear algebra library, Epetra
  - 32-bit, CPU only
  - MPI-centric, with limited threading support
- To use Trilinos, many Sandia apps adopted Epetra linear algebra model
- In Fall 2025, Epetra and associated libraries are slated to be removed
- Question: How performant are Tpetra-based solvers relative to Epetra-based counterparts?

# THREE PERFORMANCE TEST PROBLEMS FOR RESISTIVE MHD IN ALEGRA



Courtesy: J. Niederhaus

1. 2D axisymmetric exploding wire system

- Up to 23 million unknowns
- Up to 1152 cores

2. 3D high-velocity impact in magnetic field

- Up to 21 million unknowns
- Up to 1152 cores

3. 3D exploding bridgewire (EBW) detonator

- 132 million unknowns
- 720 cores

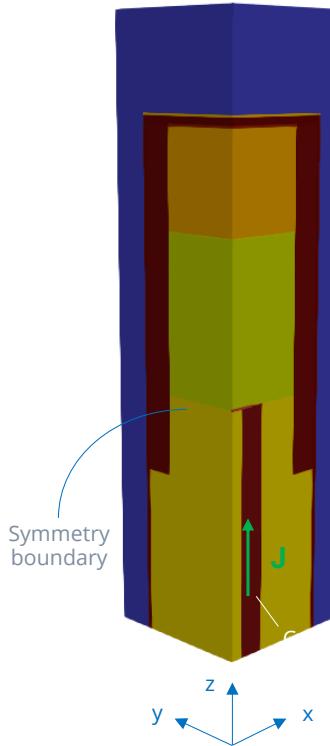


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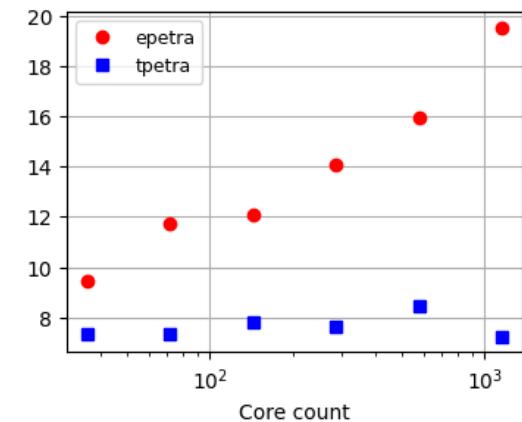
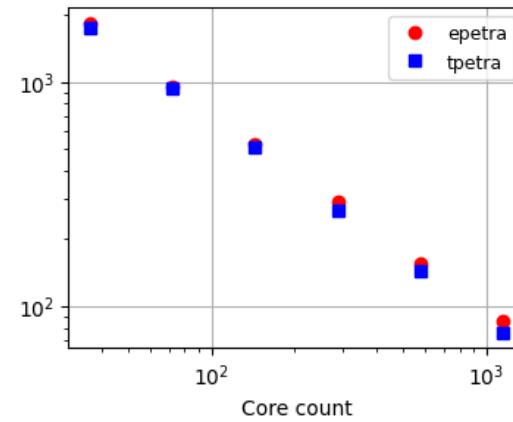
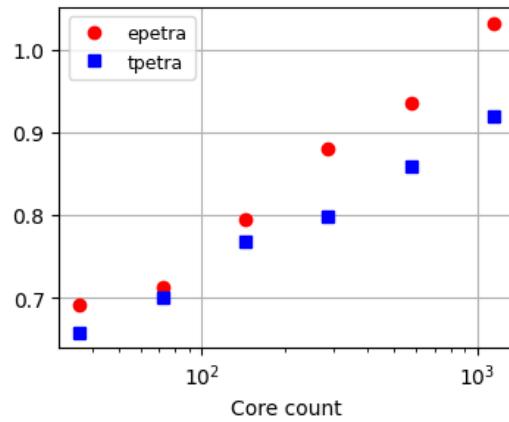
## 1. EXPLODING WIRE, 2D, WEAK SCALING STUDY (CPU)

Performance comparison of ALEGRA application using Trilinos/Epetra and Trilinos/Tpetra stacks:

- Conjugate gradient Krylov solver, SA-AMG preconditioner

Sandia “Eclipse” CTS-1 cluster

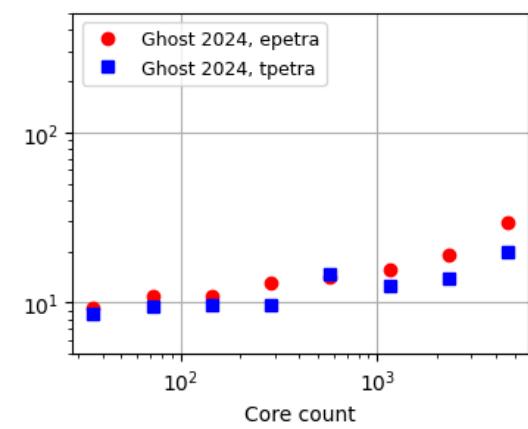
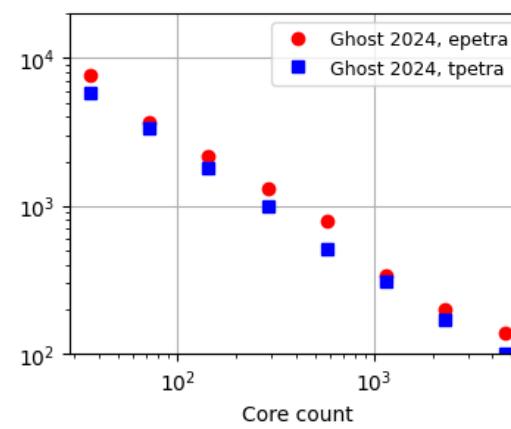
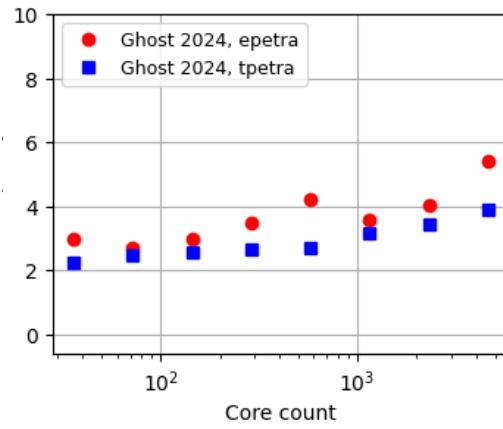
- dual socket Intel Cascade Lake (2.1 – 2.9 GHz), 128GB or 192 GB per node
- Cornelis Omni-path interconnect



## 2. IMPACT IN MAGNETIC FIELD, 3D, WEAK SCALING (CPU)

Alegra simulation, **magnetized oblique impact** problem, comparing performance of Trilinos/Epetra and Trilinos/Tpetra stacks:

- Epetra: (AztecOO/ML) Conjugate gradient with Maxwell2 formulation
- Tpetra: (Belos/MueLu) Conjugate gradient with Maxwell2 formulation
- Sandia “Ghost” CTS-1 cluster
  - Dual socket 2.1 Ghz Broadwell, 128 GB per node, Cornelis Omni-Path interconnect



### 3. EXPLODING BRIDGEWIRE (EBW) DETONATOR, 3D



Single large **EBW** simulation run using:

- Epetra: (AztecOO/ML) Conjugate gradient, Maxwell2 formulation
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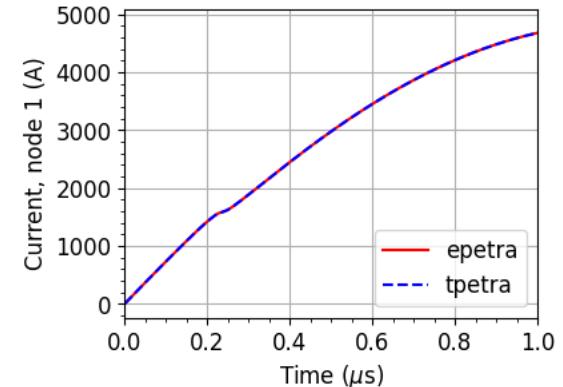
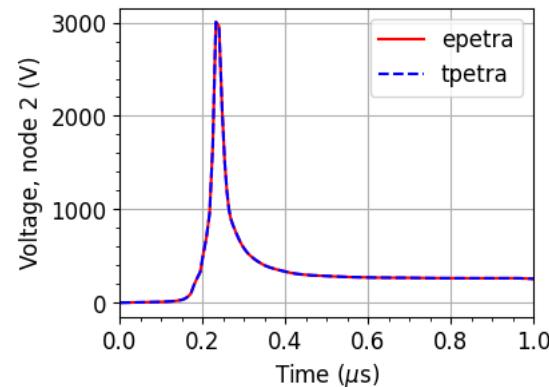
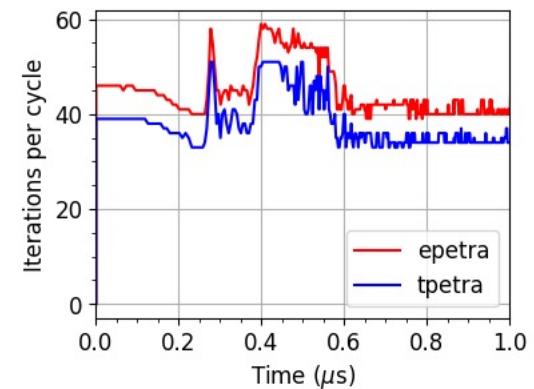
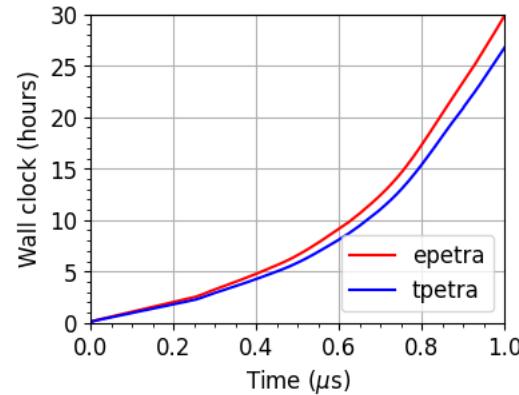
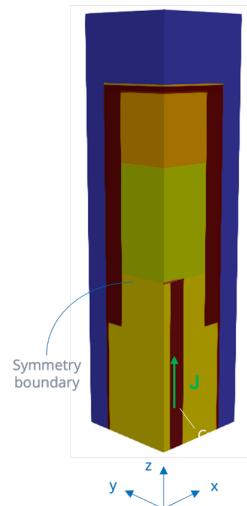
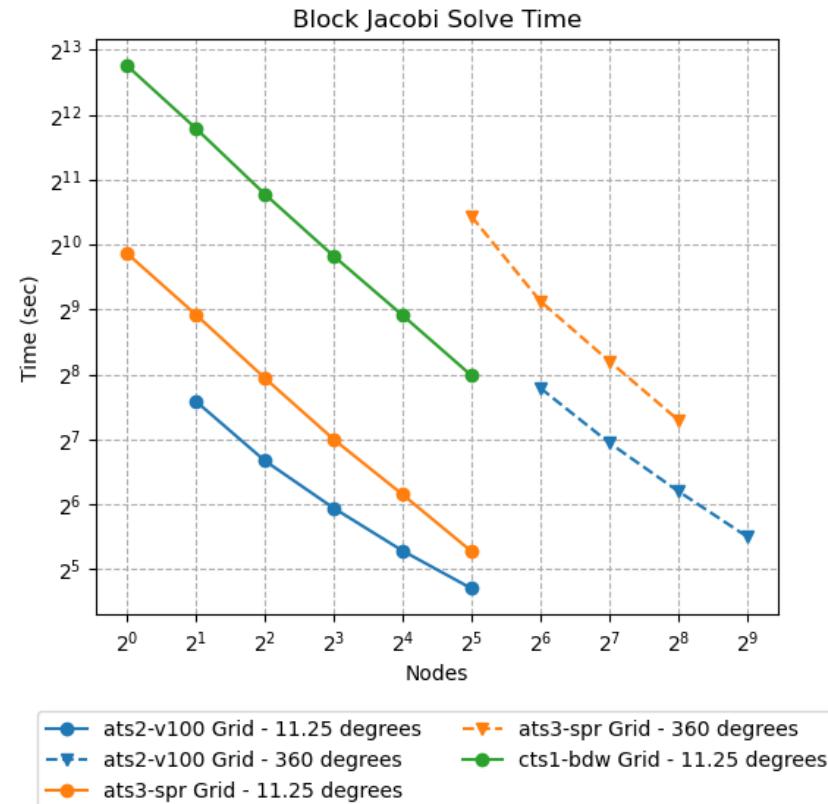


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## BLOCK JACOBI SOLVER IN CFD SIMULATIONS



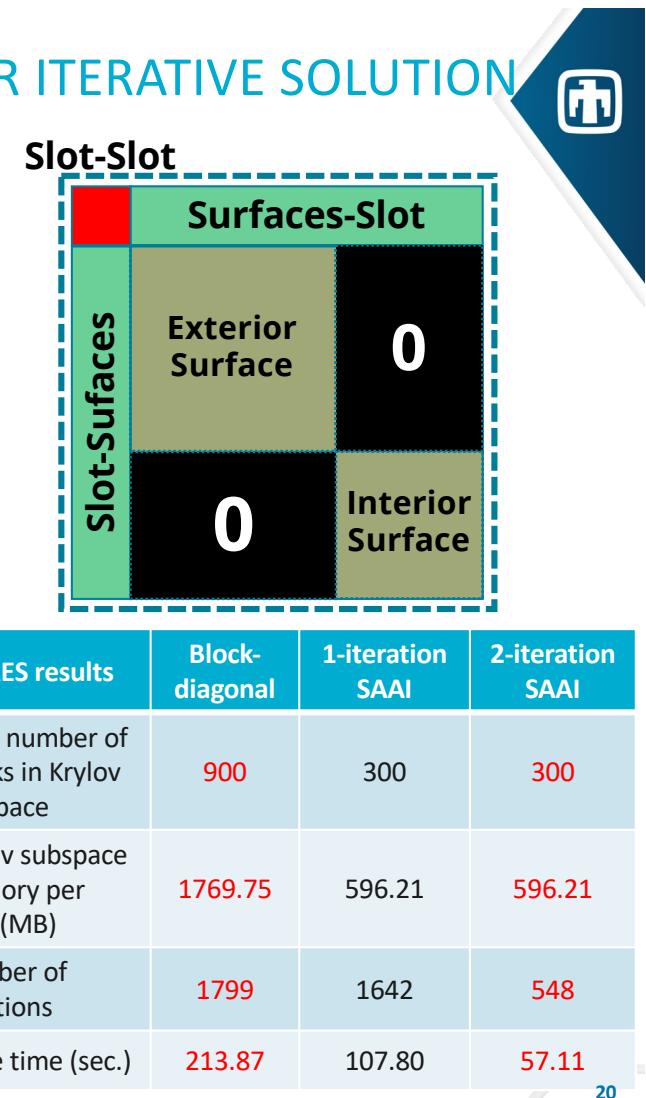
- Sandia SPARC application
  - CFD simulations for high-speed flows
- Test case: wall-modeled LES, perfect gas
  - 5 DOFs/cell
  - Two grid resolutions
    - 11.25 degree – 17.3e6 cells
    - 360 degree – 5.53e7 cells
- Solver
  - Ifpack2 Block Jacobi
- Architectures
  - ats2: Nvidia V100
  - ats3: Intel Sapphire Rapids
  - cts1: Intel Broadwell



plot courtesy V. Brunini

# MULTI-REGION SOLVER AND PRECONDITIONERS FOR ITERATIVE SOLUTION OF HIGH-Q CAVITY PROBLEMS

- Multi-region distributed-memory solver framework:
  - Selection of appropriate solver for each region interaction
  - Use of fast numerical techniques, e.g. adaptive cross approximation (**ACA\***)
  - Use of Kokkos, Kokkos Kernels and Belos iterative solvers
  - Reduction of matrix memory footprint (~**5.5x** vs. direct solver on our test problem)
- Current preconditioner: additive Schwarz using local block-diagonal preconditioners from self-interaction blocks
- New local prec. approach: multi-iteration Simple Algebraic Approximate Inverse (**SAAI**)
  - Zero two blocks closest to diagonal blocks and transform diagonal blocks
  - Approximate  $X = M^{-1}Y \approx Z^{-1}Y$  via multiple iterations in each preconditioner apply
- Test problem: high-Q cylindrical cavity at  $f=1.2\text{GHz}$  with 126,976 unknowns
  - SAAI preconditioner is ~**3x** better than local block-diagonal preconditioner in terms of memory footprint, convergence rate, and iterative solution time
- Current work
  - Integration of SAAI preconditioner into Gemma is ongoing
  - Optimizing multi-region solver framework (e.g., matrix fill)



# SOME ONGOING RESEARCH



## ACTIVITIES IN FROSCH



- Land ice simulations & GPUs [I. Yamazaki]
- Optimized Schwarz (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.22871>)
- Optimizing many to few communication [C. Pearson, C. Glusa, I. Yamazaki, A. Heinlein]
- Spectral coarse spaces in FROSCh [Jascha Knepper (U. Cologne), I. Yamazaki, A. Heinlein]
- Monolithic coarse spaces in FROSCh [L. Sassmannshausen, A. Klawonn, J. Knepper (all U. Cologne), A. Heinlein]
- Algebraic multiscale coarse spaces (ongoing work; see <https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.08187>)

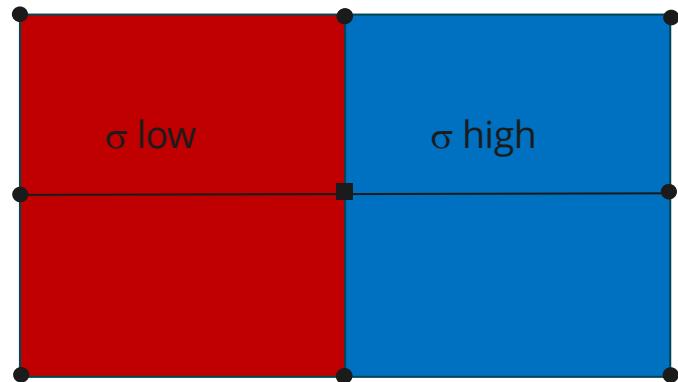
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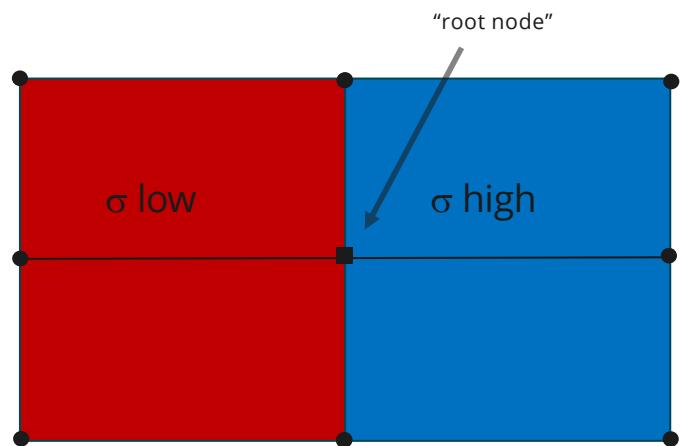
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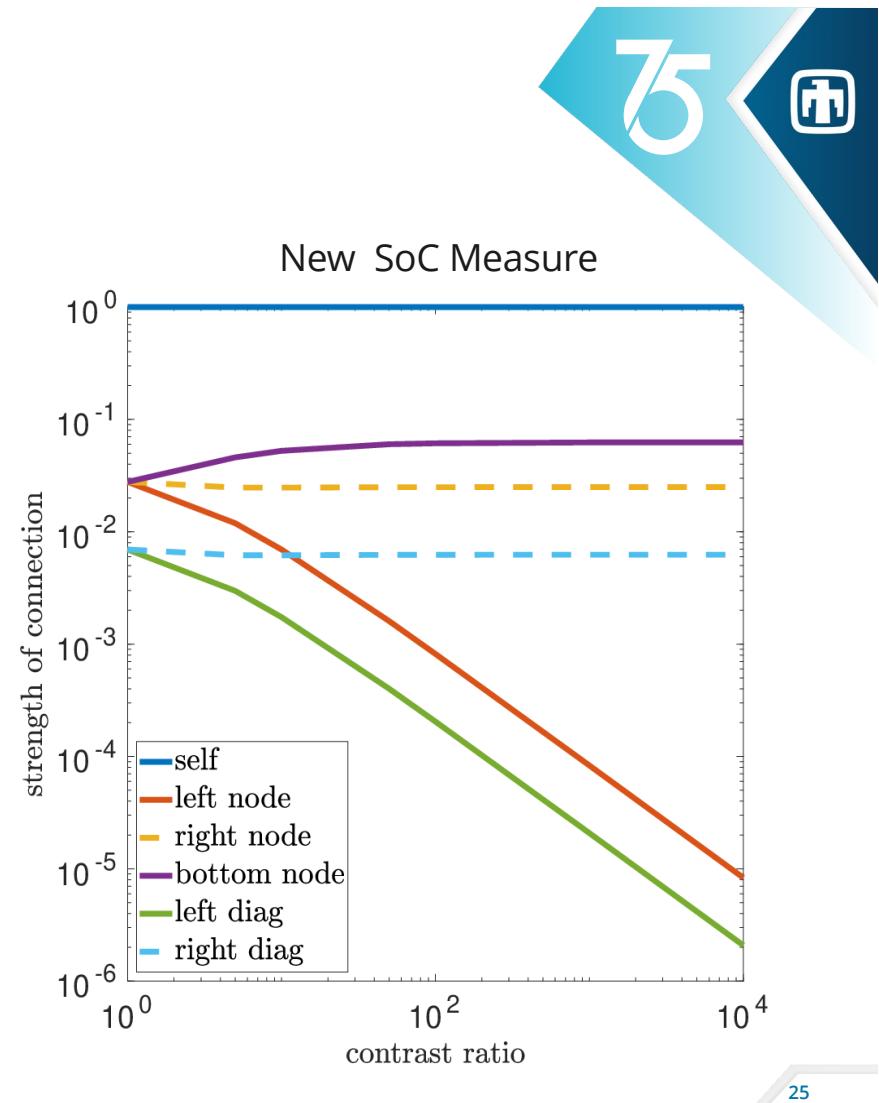
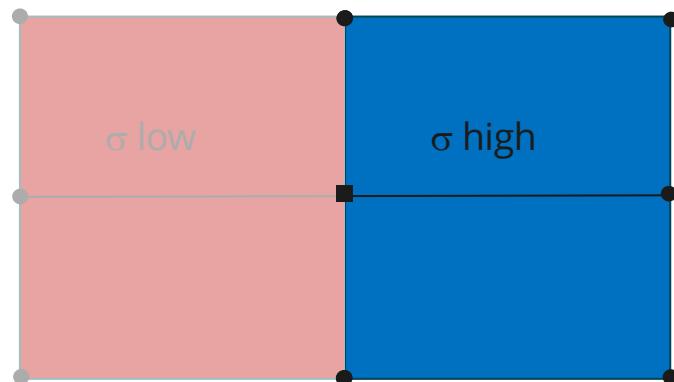
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  - Keep connection to *high* diffusion on right
  - Drop connection connections *low* diffusion on left.



## SOLVING MULTIPHYSICS SYSTEMS USING TEKO



- See Malachi Phillip's talk later today!

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## CONCLUDING REMARKS

- How to get started with Trilinos solvers
  - ATPESC solver tutorials
    - <https://tinyurl.com/atpesc-2024-trilinos-solvers> or
  - MueLu tutorial
    - coming soon!
- Related talks:
  - Matthias Mayr @ 3:40pm: Application experience
  - Malachi Phillips @ 4pm: Teko preconditioners for multiphysics
  - Christian Glusa @ 5pm: Python interfaces

