

# Solver Strategies Used in SEL

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- Now: Static condensation, Schur complement.
  - Small local direct solves for grid cell interiors.
  - Preconditioned GMRES for Schur complement.
- Eventual: Domain substructuring, FETI-DP. Improved precondition, scalability

# Static Condensation, Schur Complement

Partition into Subdomains (Grid Cells)  $\Omega_i$

$I$ : Interiors

$\Gamma$ : Interface: (faces) + edges + vertices.

## Block Matrix Form

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r}, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{II} & \mathbf{L}_{I\Gamma} \\ \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma I} & \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma\Gamma} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_I \\ \mathbf{u}_\Gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_I \\ \mathbf{r}_\Gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

## Solution for $\mathbf{u}_I$

$$\mathbf{u}_I = \mathbf{L}_{II}^{-1} (\mathbf{r}_I - \mathbf{L}_{I\Gamma} \mathbf{u}_\Gamma)$$

## Schur Complement

$$\mathbf{S} \equiv \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma\Gamma} - \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma I} \mathbf{L}_{II}^{-1} \mathbf{L}_{I\Gamma}, \quad \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_\Gamma = \mathbf{r}_\Gamma - \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma I} \mathbf{L}_{II}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_I$$

- $\mathbf{L}_{II}^{-1}$ : small local direct solves, LU factorization and back substitution.
- $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ : global solve, preconditioned GMRES.

# The Benefits of Static Condensation

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$nx$  = number of grid cells in  $x$  direction

$ny$  = number of grid cells in  $y$  direction

$np$  = degree of polynomials in  $x$  and  $y$

$nqty$  = number of physical quantities

$N$  = order of global matrix to be solved

Without static condensation:  $N = nx \ ny \ nqty \ np^2$

With static condensation:  $N = nx \ ny \ nqty \ (2 \ np - 1)$

Surface to volume ratio.

Substantial reduction of condition number.

# FETI-DP

Finite Element Tearing and Interconnecting, Dual-Primal  
Domain decomposition, non-overlapping, Schur complement

Axel Klawonn and Olof B. Widlund,  
“Dual-Primal FETI Methods for Linear Elasticity,”  
Comm. Pure Appl. Math. **59**, 1523-1572 (2006).

## Partition

- I: Interior points, inside each subdomain (grid cell)  $\Omega_i$ .
- $\Delta$ : Dual interface points, continuity imposed by Lagrange multipliers.
- $\Pi$ : Primal interface points, continuity imposed directly.

## Initial Block Matrix Form

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r}, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{II} & \mathbf{L}_{I\Delta} & \mathbf{L}_{I\Pi} \\ \mathbf{L}_{\Delta I} & \mathbf{L}_{\Delta\Delta} & \mathbf{L}_{\Delta\Pi} \\ \mathbf{L}_{\Pi I} & \mathbf{L}_{\Pi\Delta} & \mathbf{L}_{\Pi\Pi} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_I \\ \mathbf{u}_\Delta \\ \mathbf{u}_\Pi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_I \\ \mathbf{r}_\Delta \\ \mathbf{r}_\Pi \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solution Strategy

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- Small dense block matrices of  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{BB}}$  solved locally by LAPACK.
- Sparse global, primal matrix  $\mathbf{S}_{\text{III}}$  solved in parallel by SuperLU\_dist.
- Global Schur complement matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  solved by parallel preconditioned Krylov method, *e.g.* GMRES. Requires preconditioner for adequate rate of convergence.
- Choose primal interface constraints to provide coarse global problem, ensure scalability. 2D: vertices. 3D: more complicated.
- The scalability of  $\mathbf{F}$  is accomplished by the coarse, primal solver. The quality of the preconditioner determines the rate of convergence but not the scalability.
- Scalability has been proven analytically for a limited range of simple problems: Poisson, linear elasticity, Navier-Stokes. More general: empirical.

# Preconditioning and Scalability

## Definitions For Each Subdomain $\Omega_i$

$\mathbf{B}_{D,\Delta}^{(i)} \equiv$  scaled jump matrix

$\mathbf{R}_{\Gamma\Delta}^{(i)} \equiv$  restriction matrix from full interface to dual variables

$\mathbf{S}_{\varepsilon}^{(i)} \equiv$  Schur complement obtained by eliminating interior variables

## Preconditioner

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{B}_{D,\Delta}^{(i)} \mathbf{R}_{\Gamma\Delta}^{(i)} \mathbf{S}_{\varepsilon}^{(i)} \mathbf{R}_{\Gamma\Delta}^{(i)T} \mathbf{B}_{D,\Delta}^{(i)T}, \quad \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{F} \lambda = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{d}$$

## Condition Number

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i, \quad \kappa(\mathbf{A}) \equiv \left| \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}} \right|$$

## Scalability

A method is scalable if the condition number of the matrix, and hence the number of Krylov iterations to convergence, is independent of the number of subdomains.