

# Double sweep preconditioner for Schwarz methods applied to the Helmholtz and Maxwell equations

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# Who's who



H. von Helmholtz  
1821-1894



K. H. Schwarz  
1843-1921



J. C. Maxwell  
1831-1879

$$(\Delta + k^2)u = 0$$

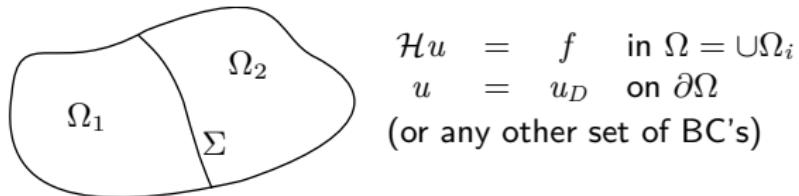


$$(\Delta + k^2)\mathbf{E} = 0$$

For large values of  $k$ , FE systems become too large to be solved with usual direct solvers

pictures from Wikipedia

## Basic DDM principle (without overlap)



Equivalent to:

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \mathcal{H}(u_1) = f & \text{in } \Omega_1 \\ u_1 = u_D & \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \setminus \Sigma \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l|l} \mathcal{H}(u_2) = f & \text{in } \Omega_2 \\ u_2 = u_D & \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \setminus \Sigma \end{array}$$

on  $\Sigma$  :

$$\begin{array}{lcl} u_1 & = & u_2 \\ \partial_n u_1 & = & -\partial_n u_2 \end{array}$$

Need to design iterations as  $u$  is not known on  $\Sigma$

# Non-overlapping optimized Schwarz    Lions (1990), Després (1991)

Iteration: solve in all domains (in parallel, direct solver)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \mathcal{H}u_i^{(k+1)} & = & f \\ u_i^{(k+1)} & = & u_D \\ \partial_n u_i^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{S}u_i^{(k+1)} & = & -\partial_n u_j^{(k)} + \mathcal{S}u_j^{(k)} \\ & = & g_{ij}^{(k)} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{in } \Omega_i \\ \text{on } \partial\Omega_i \setminus \Sigma \\ \text{on } \Sigma_{ij} = \Sigma_{ji}. \end{array}$$

with the update:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ij}^{(k+1)} &= -\partial_n u_j^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{S}u_j^{(k+1)} \\ &= -g_{ji}^{(k)} + 2\mathcal{S}u_j^{(k)} \end{aligned}$$

New unknowns: the  $g_{ij}$  functions defined on  $\Sigma_{ij}$  (2 per interface)

Optimum:  $\mathcal{S}$  should be the Dirichlet-to-Neumann (DtN) map:

$$\mathcal{D} : H^{1/2}(\Sigma) \rightarrow H^{-1/2}(\Sigma) : \mathcal{D}u|_\Sigma = \partial_n u|_\Sigma$$

## GMRES acceleration and matrix-free implementation

Schwarz iteration operator  $\mathcal{A}$  := one step of the algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} : \quad & \prod \times H^{-1/2}(\Sigma_i) \rightarrow \prod \times H^{-1/2}(\Sigma_i) \\ : \quad & g^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{A}g^{(k)} + b \quad (\Rightarrow \text{solve } N \text{ subproblems})\end{aligned}$$

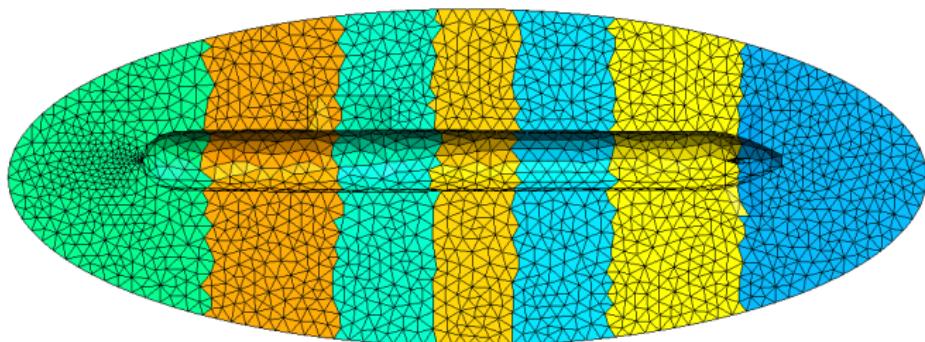
Solve the linear system  $\mathcal{F}g = (\mathcal{I} - \mathcal{A})g = b$  with GMRES

“Matrix free”: give the application (matrix-vector product) of  $\mathcal{F}$  as a routine that solves the subproblems and updates  $g$

## Focus on “layered” or “sliced” decompositions

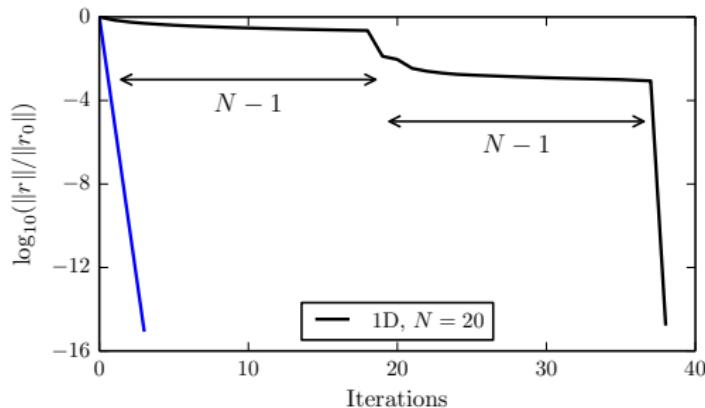
The decomposition should not contain any loop

- ▶ easy to generate
- ▶ naturally avoid crosspoints



Problem: large plateaus in the convergence curve  
urge the need for a preconditioner

Even with the best possible transmission condition  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{D}$ ,  
optimized Schwarz requires  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  iterations



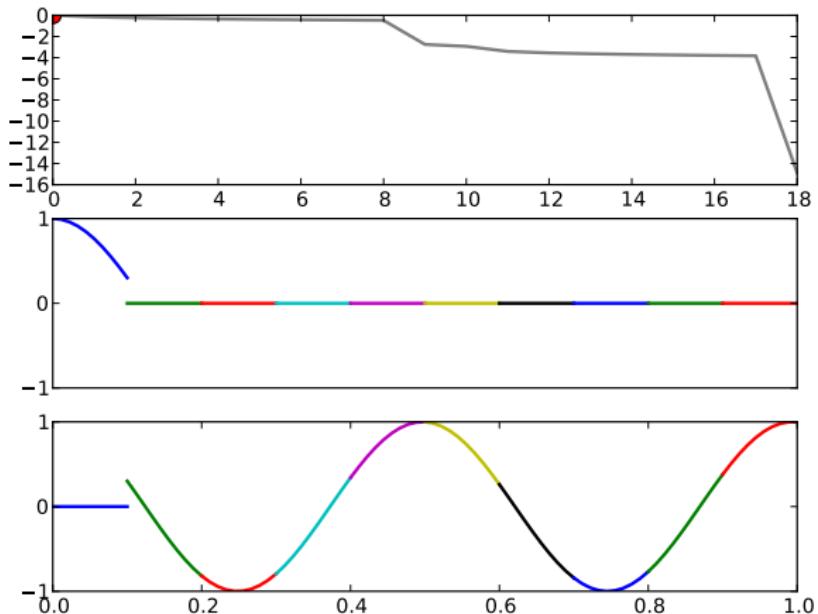
Problem:

$$\begin{aligned}N_{it} &= \mathcal{O}(N) \\&= 2(N-1)\end{aligned}$$

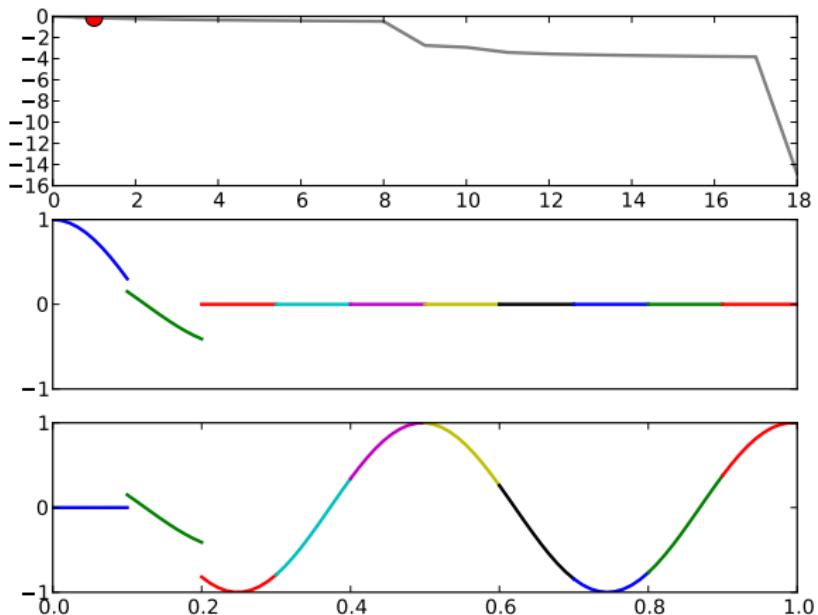
This talk:

$N_{it} = \mathcal{O}(1)$   
Fast and smooth

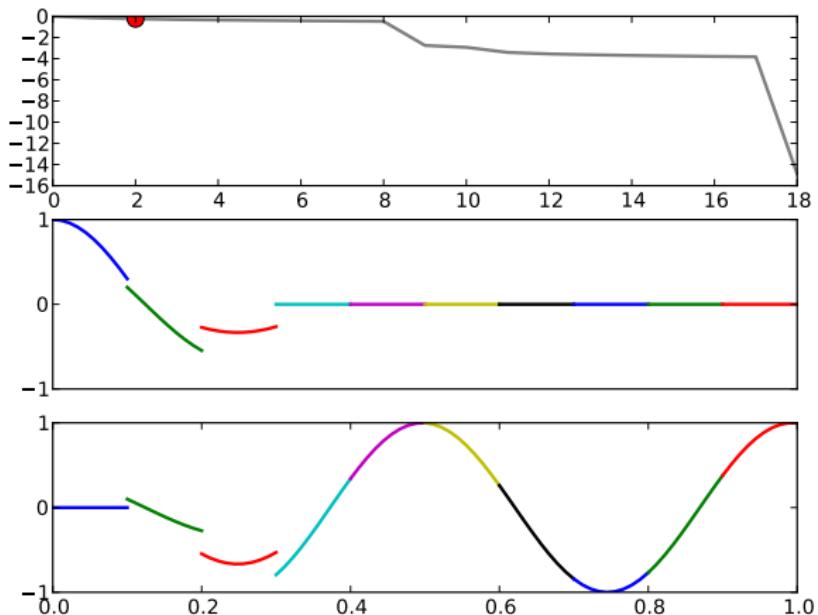
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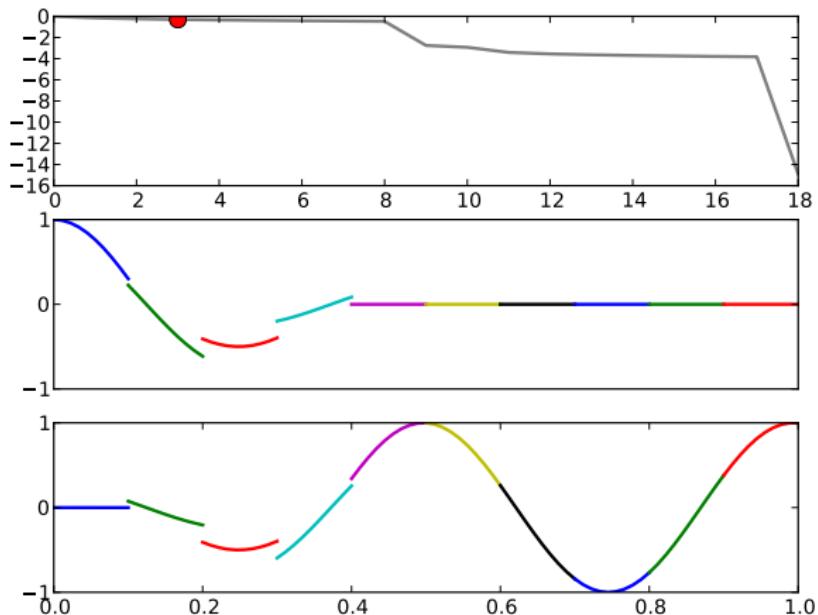
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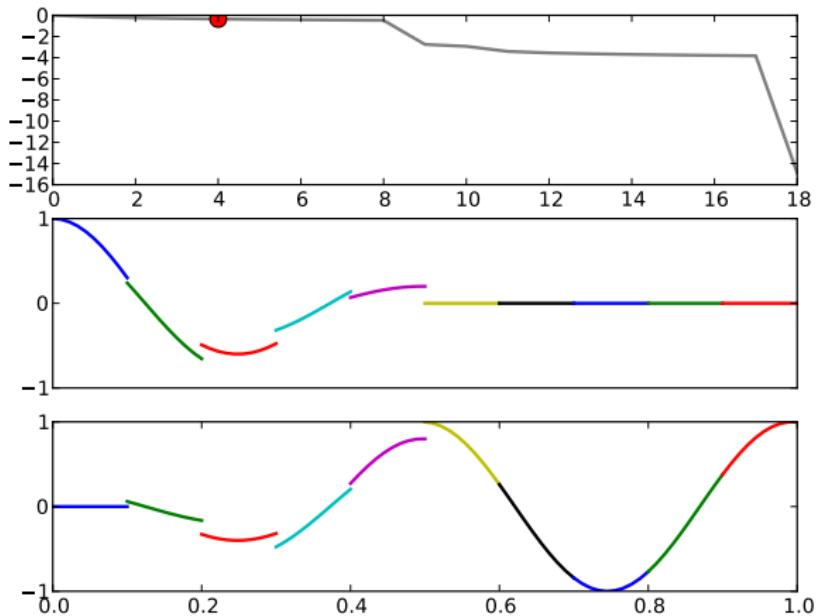
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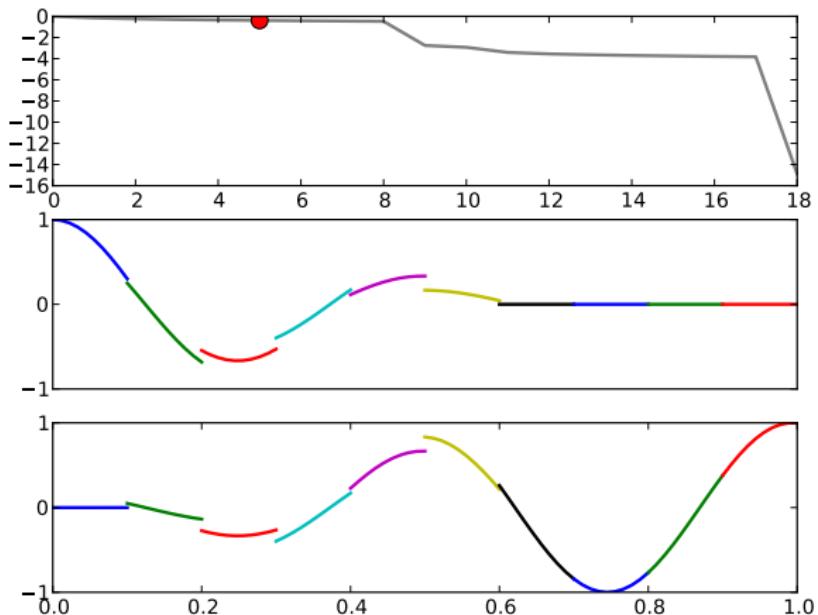
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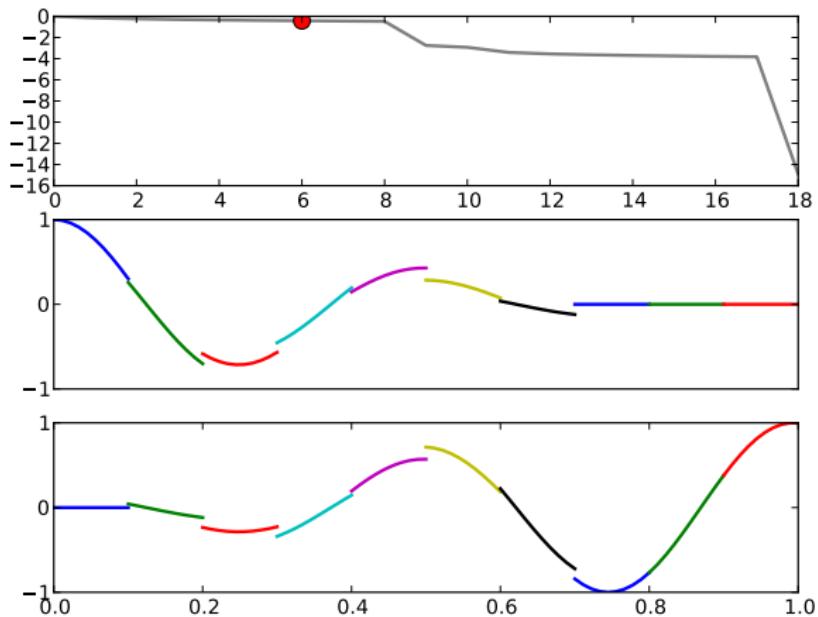
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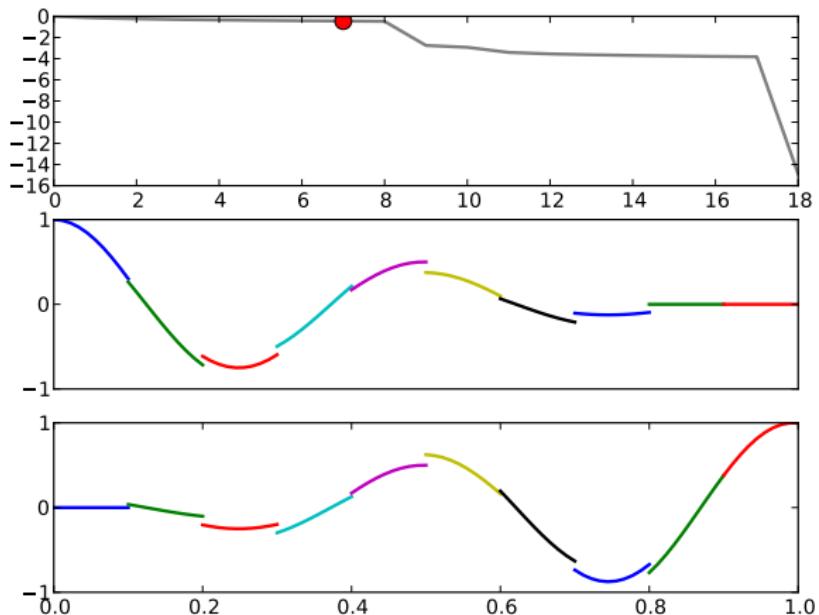
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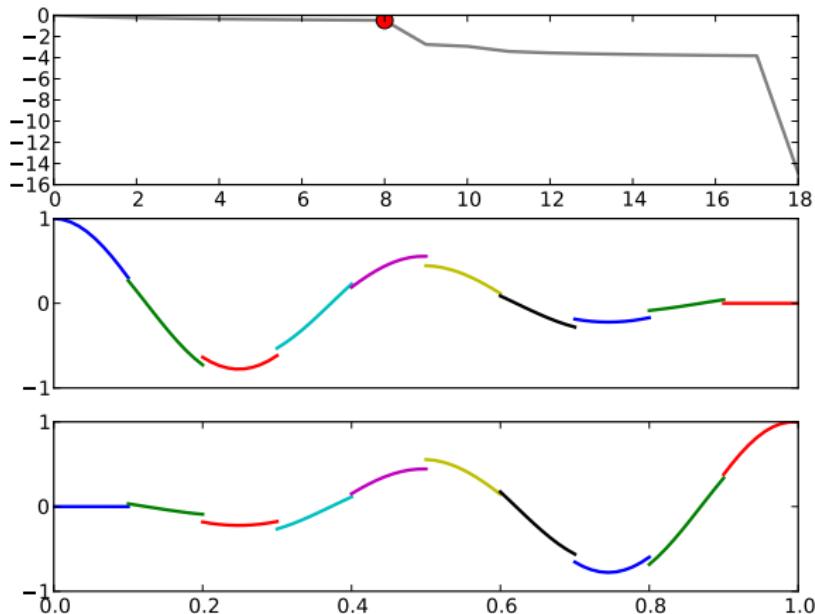
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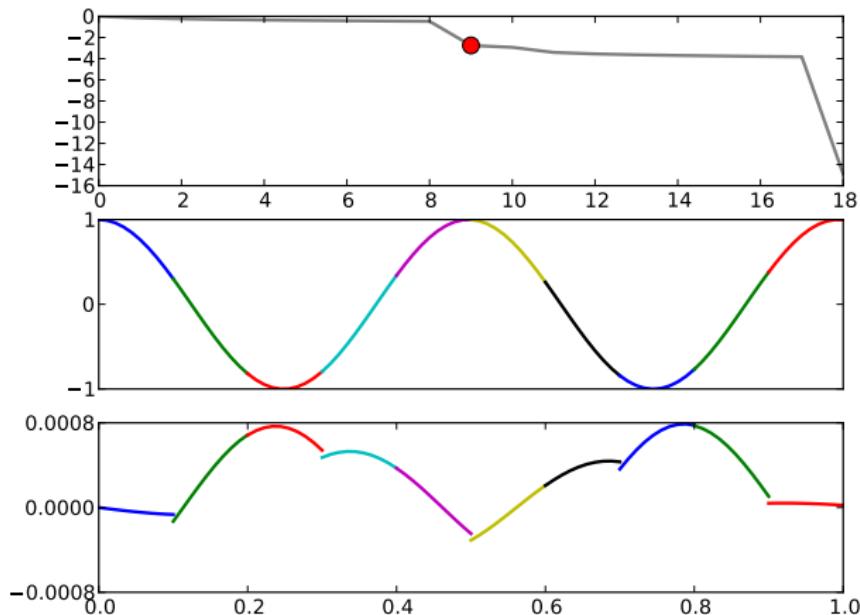
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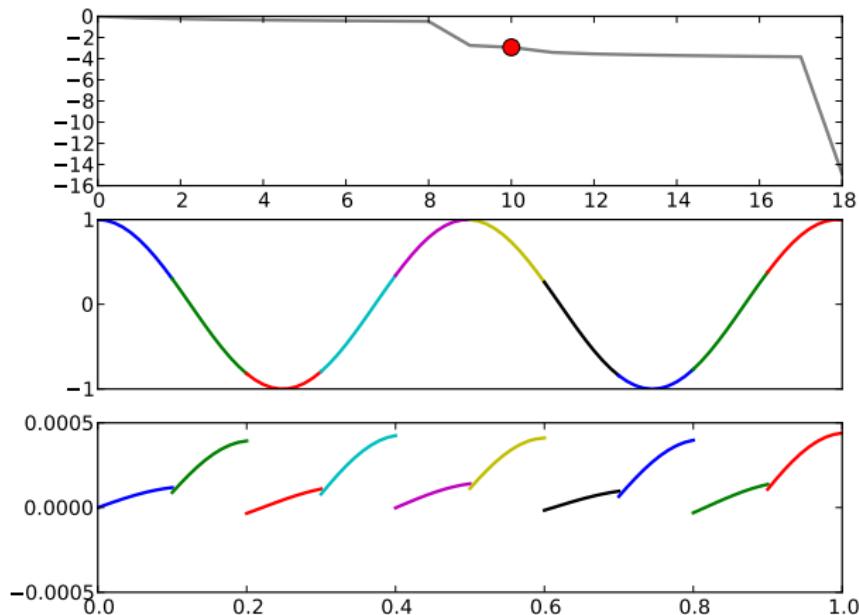
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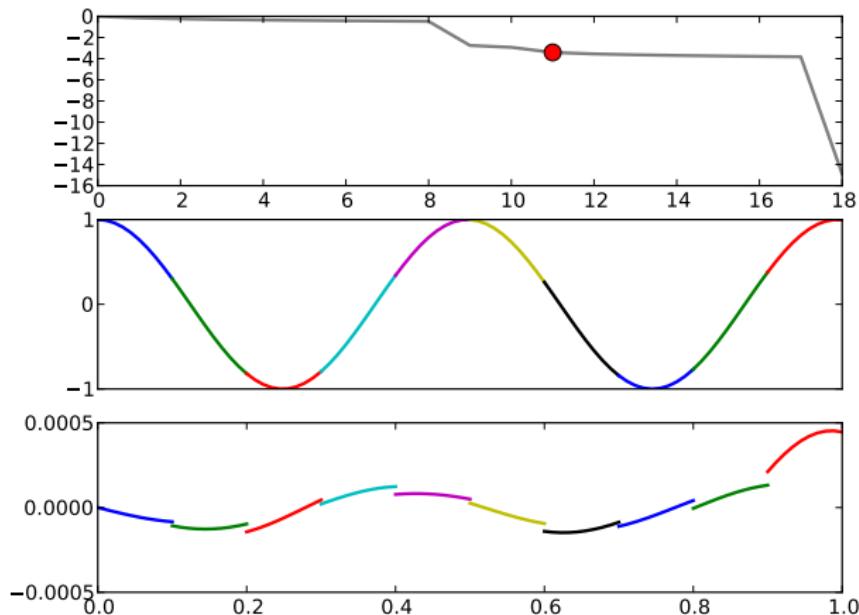
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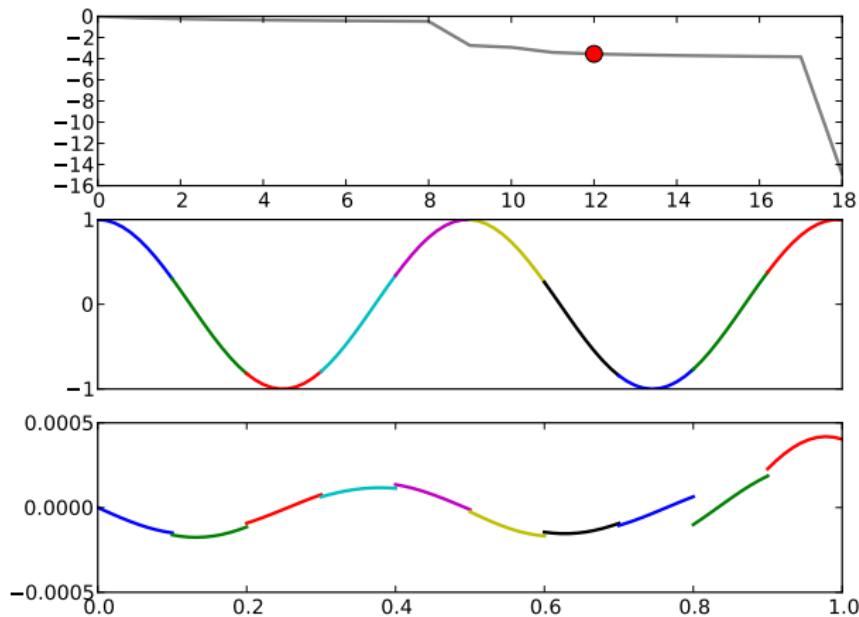
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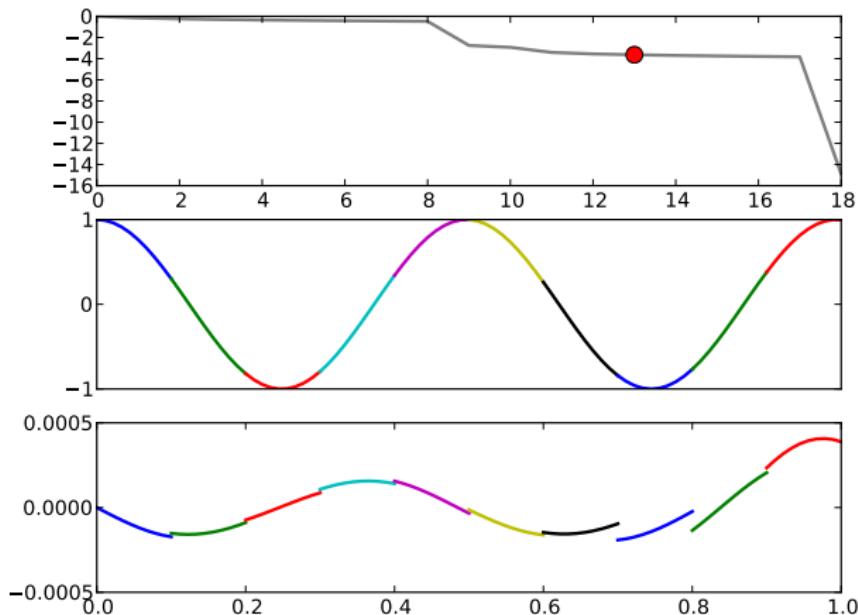
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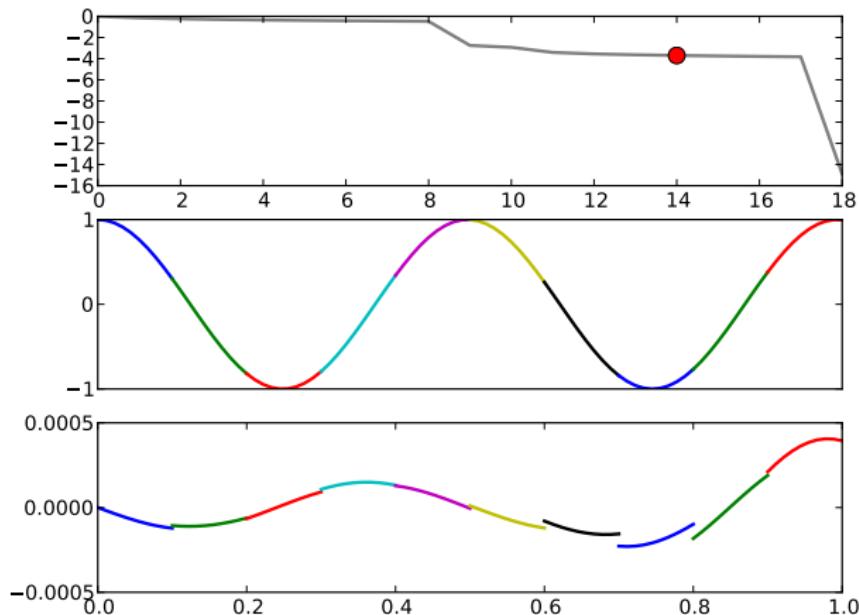
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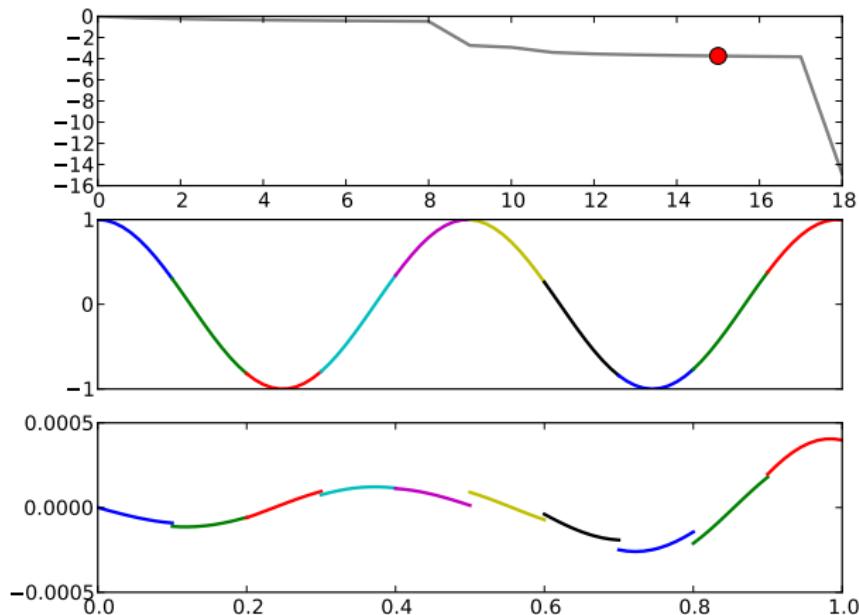
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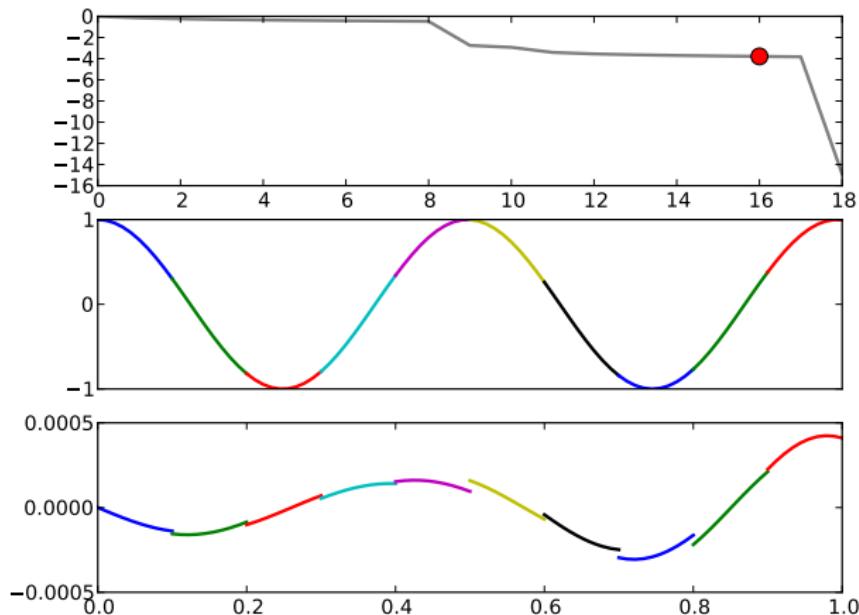
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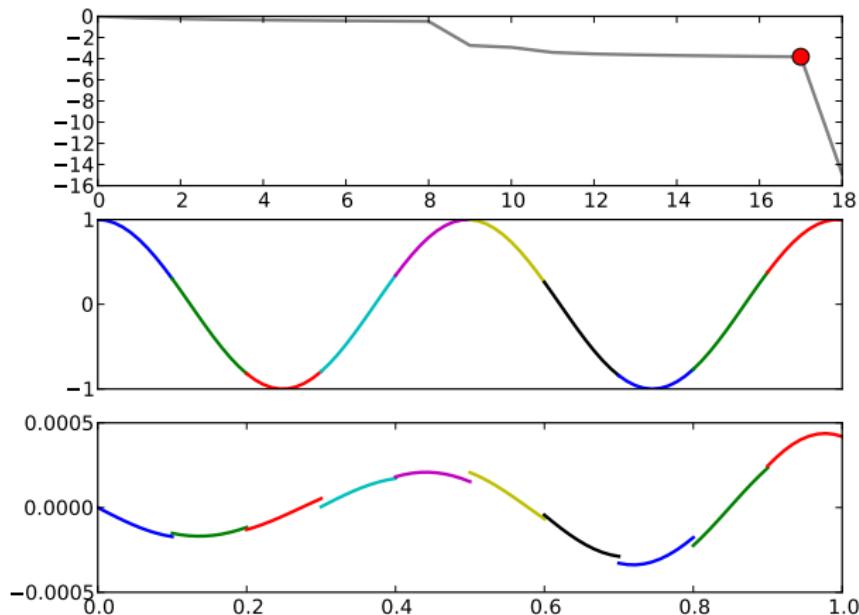
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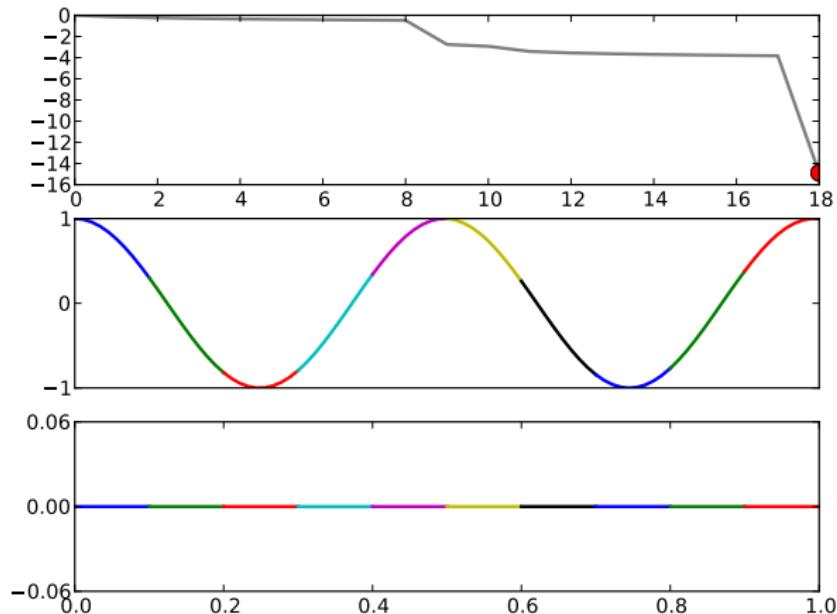
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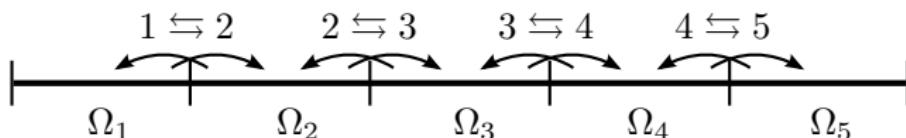


# Unpreconditioned optimized Schwarz



Explanation: information is exchanged between neighboring subdomains only

Local interactions:  $N - 1$  steps to travel from  $\Omega_1$  to  $\Omega_N$



Remedy: propagate information globally ("coarse grid")

- ▶ Well known for Laplace-like problems (Dryja–Widlund, 1989)
- ▶ Not obvious how to do that for Helmholtz  
(plane waves, eigenmodes, ...)

Form the matrix of the iteration operator  
and use standard algebra to analyze it

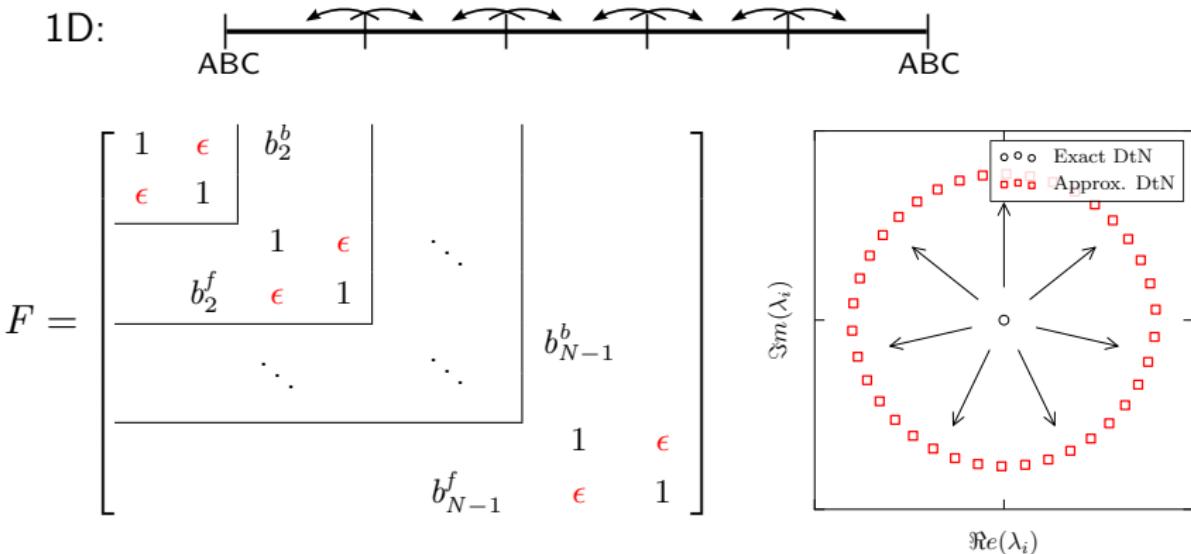
Notations:

- ▶ Operator  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{I} - \mathcal{A}$  (linear, implies solving  $N$  subproblems)
- ▶ Matrix  $F$ , with equivalence  $\mathcal{F}v = Fv, \quad \forall v$   
 $\Rightarrow F = \mathcal{F}\mathcal{I}$

Linear system  $Fg = b$ , equivalent to the Schwarz problem

N.B.: if one can compute  $F^{-1}$ , the problem is solved...

# Iteration operator matrix for layered partitioning and constant velocity



$$F_A: \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \epsilon = 0 \quad ; \quad F_N: \mathcal{S} \approx \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \epsilon \neq 0$$

N.B.: variable velocity has a similar effect (reflection)

## Properties of the iteration operator $F_A$

It is defective:  $\lambda_{1,\dots,M} = 1$

- ▶ Algebraic multiplicity =  $M = 2(N - 1)$
- ▶ Geometric multiplicity = 2

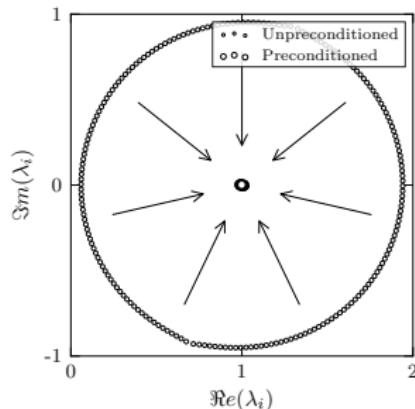
⇒ slow Krylov convergence, despite perfect conditioning ( $\kappa = 1$ )  
Chen (1977), Strang (1988), Zhongxiao (1998)

Its inverse exists and is easy to find  $\forall N$ , via recursion formula

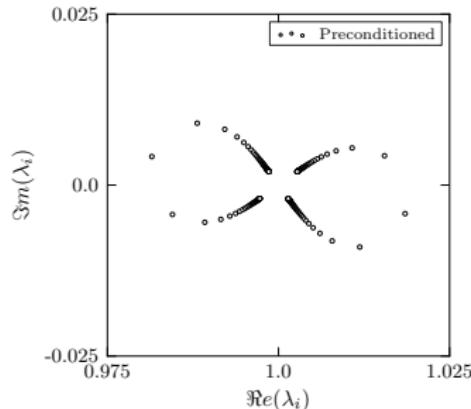
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b_2^b \\ & \hline 1 & 1 \\ & b_2^f & 1 \\ & \hline & b_3^f & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{F_A} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -b_2^b & b_2^b b_3^b \\ & \hline 1 & 1 & -b_3^b \\ -b_2^f & & 1 & \\ & \hline b_3^f b_2^f & -b_3^f & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{F_A^{-1}}$$

Strategy: use the easy to form  $F_A^{-1}$   
to precondition the slow convergent  $F_N$

Modify the system:  $F_N F_A^{-1} g' = b \quad ; \quad g = F_A^{-1} g'$



Eigenvalues of  $F_A^{-1} F_N$

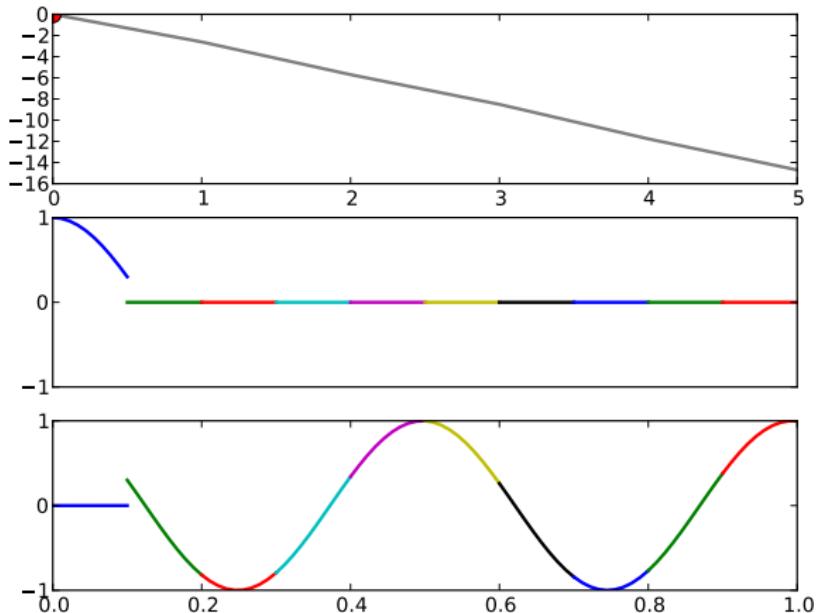


Zoom on (1, 0)

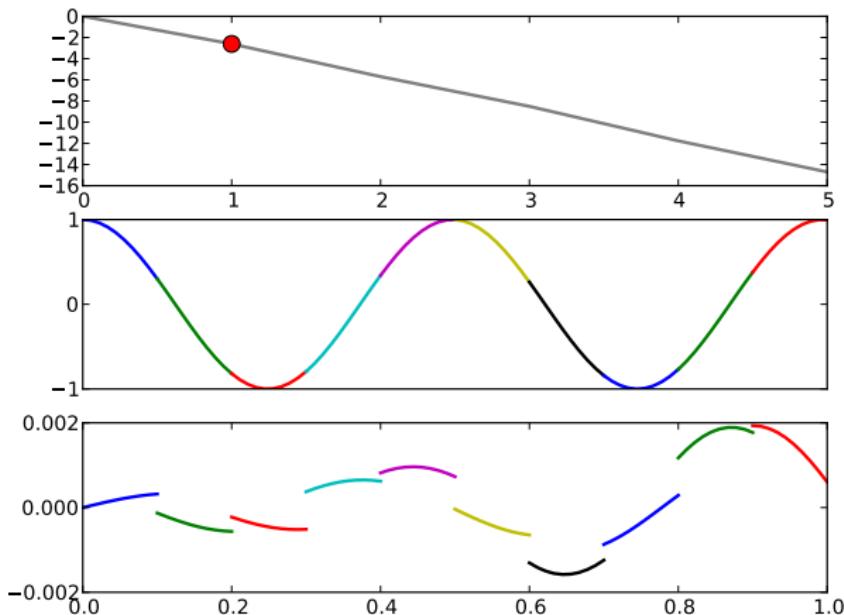
- ▶ Excellent clustering of the eigenvalues
- ▶ Preconditioned operator is no longer defective

This opens the way to fast convergence !

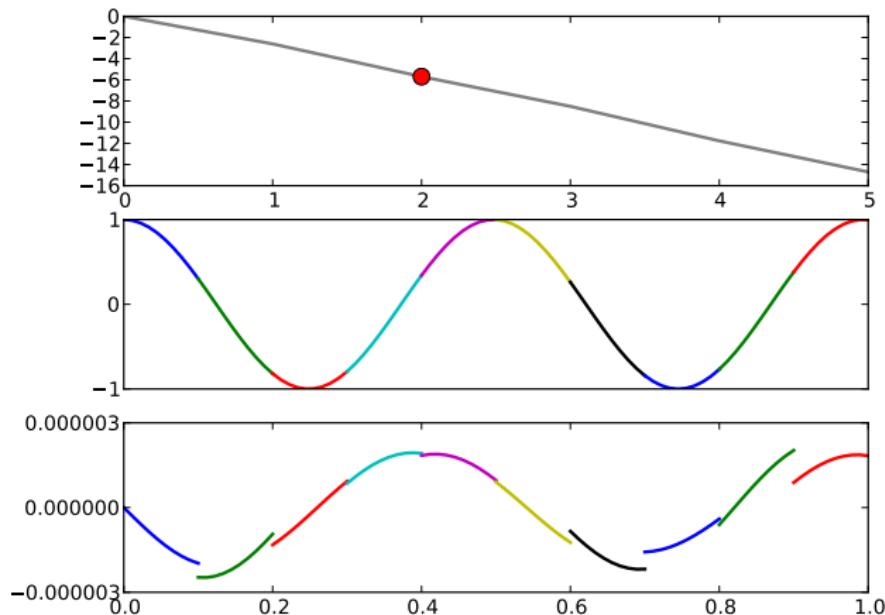
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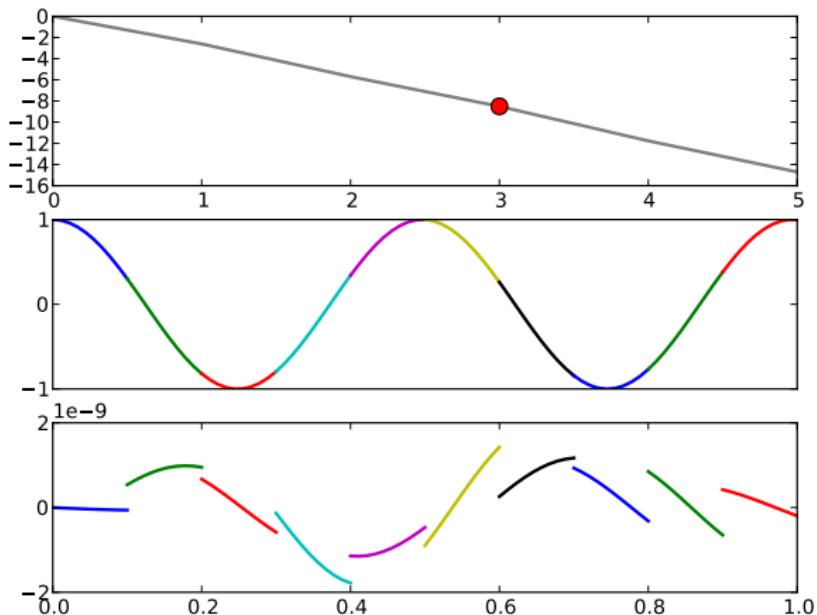
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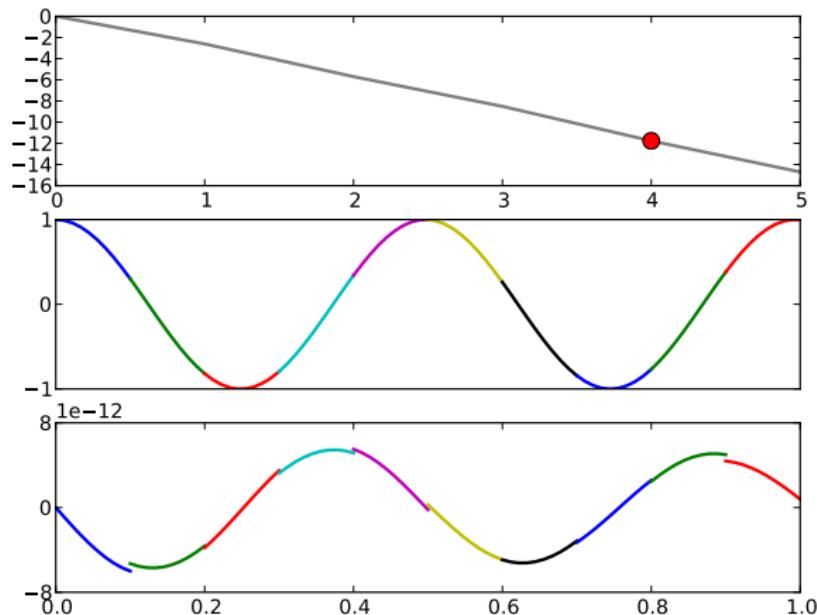
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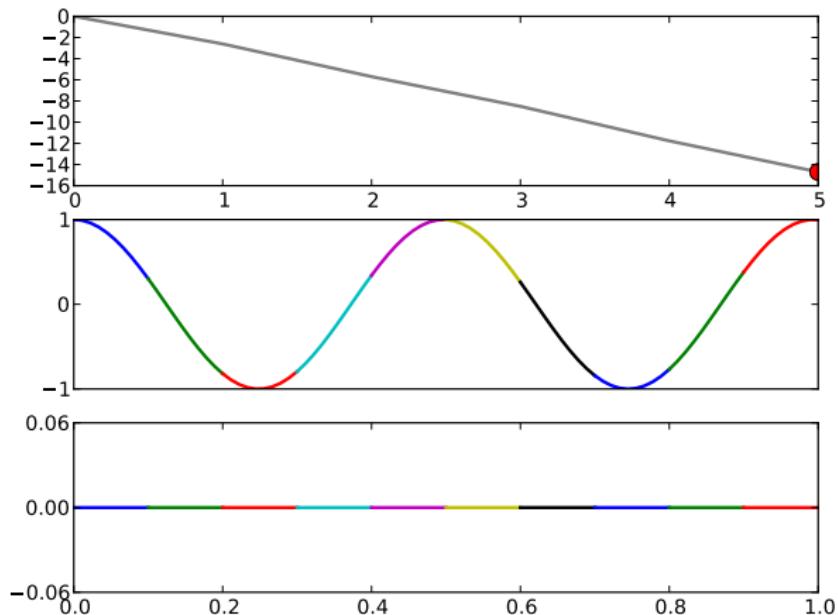
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## Generalization 2D/3D: matrix coefficients become operators

$$\mathcal{F}_A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{I} & & -\mathcal{B}_2^b & \mathcal{B}_2^b \mathcal{B}_3^b & -\mathcal{B}_2^b \mathcal{B}_3^b \mathcal{B}_4^b \\ & \mathcal{I} & & & \\ \hline & & \mathcal{I} & -\mathcal{B}_3^b & \mathcal{B}_3^b \mathcal{B}_4^b \\ -\mathcal{B}_2^f & & & & -\mathcal{B}_4^b \\ \hline & \mathcal{B}_3^f \mathcal{B}_2^f & -\mathcal{B}_3^f & \mathcal{I} & \mathcal{I} \\ \hline & -\mathcal{B}_4^f \mathcal{B}_3^f \mathcal{B}_2^f & \mathcal{B}_4^f \mathcal{B}_3^f & -\mathcal{B}_4^f & \mathcal{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_i^{\{f,b\}} : H^{-1/2}(\Sigma_{\{l,r\}}) \rightarrow H^{-1/2}(\Sigma_{\{r,l\}})$$

$$g_{\{l,r\}} \longmapsto 2\mathcal{S}u_i(\{g_l, 0\}, \{0, g_r\})|_{\Sigma_{\{r,l\}}} = \mathcal{B}_i^{\{f,b\}} g_{\{l,r\}};$$

**Problem:** the cost of applying the preconditioner grows quickly with  $N$

## Matrix-free version of the preconditioner: the double sweep

Rearranging the terms of the matrix-vector product  $g' = \mathcal{F}_A^{-1} r$  yields the double recurrence relation:

$$g = [g_{12} \quad g_{21} \quad \dots \quad g_{N-1,N} \quad g_{N,N-1}]^T$$

Forward sweep  $\begin{cases} g'_{21} &= r_{21}; \\ g'_{i+1,i} &= r_{i+1,i} - \mathcal{B}_i^f \mathbf{g}'_{i,i-1}, \quad i = 2, \dots, N-1; \end{cases}$

Backward sweep  $\begin{cases} g'_{N-1,N} &= r_{N-1,N}; \\ g'_{i-1,i} &= r_{i-1,i} - \mathcal{B}_i^b \mathbf{g}'_{i,i+1}, \quad i = N-1, \dots, 2. \end{cases}$

Cost of the preconditioner:  $2(N - 2)$  sequential subproblem solves

# Application of the preconditioner as a double sweep of subproblem solves

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**Algorithm 1:** Application of the double sweep preconditioner  $g' \leftarrow F_A^{-1}r$

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// Forward sweep
 $g'_{21} \leftarrow r_{21}$ 
for  $i = 2 : N - 1$ 
|    $g_l \leftarrow r_{i,i-1}$ 
|    $g_r \leftarrow 0$ 
|   Solve  $\mathcal{H}_i u_i = f_i$ 
|    $g'_{i+1,i} \leftarrow r_{i+1,i} + 2\mathcal{S}u_i|_{\Sigma_{i,i+1}}$ 
end

// Backward sweep
 $g'_{N-1,N} \leftarrow r_{N-1,N}$ 
for  $i = N - 1 : 2$ 
|    $g_l \leftarrow 0$ 
|    $g_r \leftarrow r_{i,i+1}$ 
|   Solve  $\mathcal{H}_i u_i = f_i$ 
|    $g'_{i-1,i} \leftarrow r_{i-1,i} + 2\mathcal{S}u_i|_{\Sigma_{i,i-1}}$ 
end
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The sweeps are independent and can be performed in parallel  
No precomputation required !

The idea of sweeping has emerged some time ago

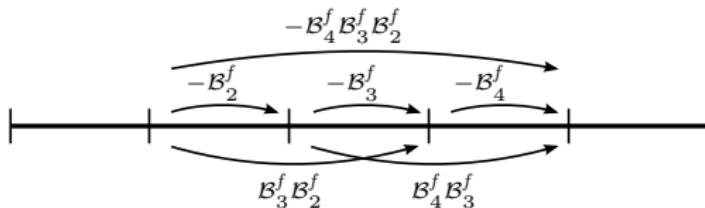
- ▶ Nataf, Nier (1997)
- ▶ Engquist, Ying (2011)
- ▶ Stolk (DD21)

cf. DD22 talk by Hui Zhang this morning

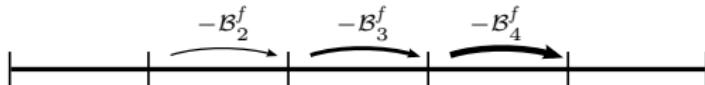
N.B. : we use it as a preconditioner for the Schwarz iteration operator (not the Helmholtz operator), which acts as a coarse grid

## Interpretation of the double sweep as a “coarse grid”

The preconditioner  $F_A^{-1}$  distributes information all over the domains, instead of only between adjacent domains:



Equivalently, the sweep collects and transports information:



# Combined application of operator and preconditioner

Compute the product of the matrices and rearrange terms  
to avoid redundant solves ; cost is  $\mathcal{O}(2N)$  vs.  $\mathcal{O}(3N)$

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**Algorithm 2:** Combined application  $r \leftarrow FF_A^{-1}r$

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// gc contains the correction to the input data
// gt saves data for use at next step.

// Forward sweep                                // Backward sweep
gt2,1 ← 0                                     gtN-1,N ← 0
for i = 2 : N                                    for i = N - 1 : 1
    gl ← ri,i-1 + gti,i-1           gl ← 0
    gr ← 0                                     gr ← ri,i+1 + gti,i+1
    Solve  $\mathcal{H}_i u_i = f_i$                    Solve  $\mathcal{H}_i u_i = f_i$ 
    gci-1,i ← gl - 2Sui| $_{\Sigma_{i,i-1}}$    gci+1,i ← gr - 2Sui| $_{\Sigma_{i,i+1}}$ 
    gti+1,i ← 2Sui| $_{\Sigma_{i,i+1}}$            gti-1,i ← 2Sui| $_{\Sigma_{i,i-1}}$ 
end                                            end

// Add correction
r ← r + gc
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# Some approximations of the DtN map

Local approximations:

IBC

Després (1991) ; Boubendir (2007)

$$\mathcal{S}^{IBC(x)} = -ik + \chi$$

OO<sub>2</sub>

Gander, Magoulès, Nataf (2002)

$$\mathcal{S}^{OO_2} = (a - b\Delta_\Sigma)$$

$a$  and  $b$  obtained from an optimization procedure

GIBC (Padé – square root)

Boubendir, Antoine & G. (2012)

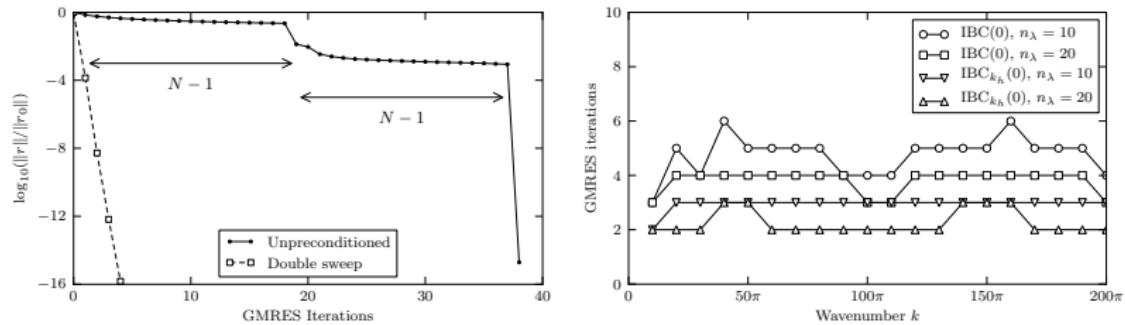
$$\mathcal{S}^{GIBC(N_p)} = C_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_p} A_\ell \operatorname{div}_\Sigma(k_\varepsilon^{-2} \nabla_\Sigma)(1 + B_\ell \operatorname{div}_\Sigma(k_\varepsilon^{-2} \nabla_\Sigma))^{-1}$$

Padé rational expansion of the square-root operator

Non-local approximations:

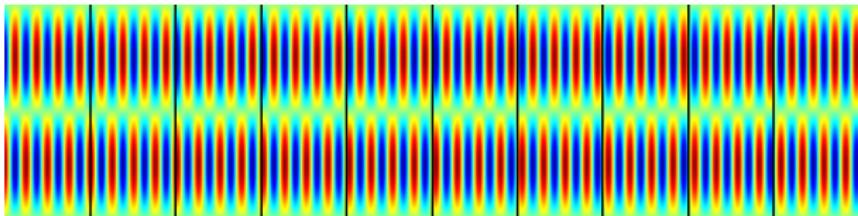
PML :  $\mathcal{S}^{PML(n_{PML})}$

# Numerical results — 1D, homogeneous medium



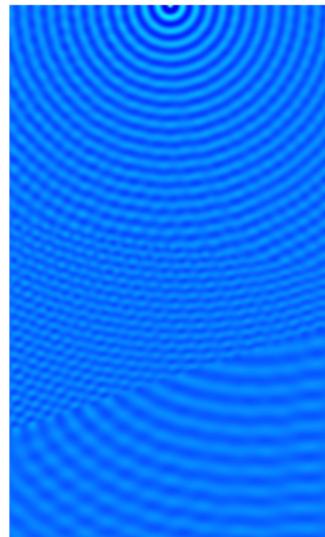
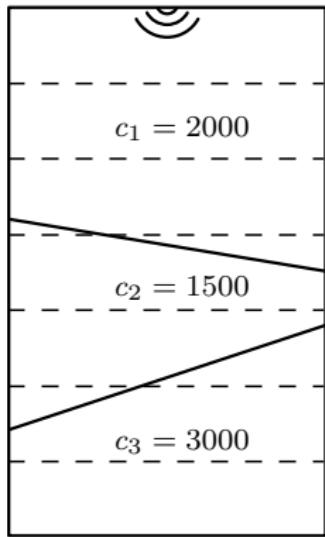
	$N = 5$	25	50	100	150	200
IBC(0), $n_\lambda = 10$	4 (8)	4 (48)	5 (98)	5 (198)	6 (298)	6 (398)
IBC(0), $n_\lambda = 20$	3 (8)	3 (48)	4 (98)	4 (198)	4 (298)	4 (398)
$\text{IBC}_{k_h}(0)$ , $n_\lambda = 10$	3 (8)	3 (48)	3 (98)	3 (198)	3 (298)	3 (398)
$\text{IBC}_{k_h}(0)$ , $n_\lambda = 20$	2 (8)	2 (48)	2 (98)	2 (198)	2 (298)	3 (398)

# Numerical results — 2D, homogeneous waveguide



	$\omega = 20\pi$					$\omega = 40\pi$				
	$N = 5$	10	25	50	100	5	10	25	50	100
IBC(0)	3 (8)	3 (18)	4 (48)	4 (98)	4 (198)	3	3	4	4	4
OO <sub>2</sub>	3 (8)	3 (18)	4 (46)	4 (98)	4 (201)	3	3	3	3	4
GIBC(2)	3 (8)	3 (18)	3 (48)	4 (119)	4 (239)	3	3	4	4	8
PML(5)	4 (8)	4 (18)	5 (48)	6 (96)	6 (196)	4	4	6	8	12
PML(15)	3 (8)	3 (18)	3 (48)	4 (98)	4 (198)	3	3	3	3	4
PML(75)	2 (8)	2 (18)	2 (48)	3 (98)	3 (198)	2	2	2	2	2

## Numerical results — 2D, 'Underground'

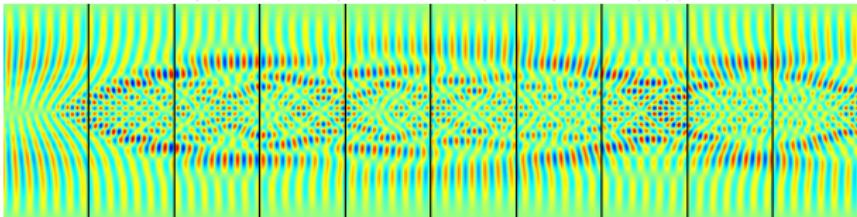


## Numerical results — 2D, 'Underground'

	$\omega = 80\pi$					$\omega = 160\pi$				
	$N = 5$	10	25	50	100	5	10	25	50	100
IBC( $k/4$ )	62 (70)	63 (110)	68 (231)	92 (404)	178 (dnc)	66	67	73	90	168
OO <sub>2</sub>	22 (38)	24 (77)	28 (207)	46 (384)	70 (dnc)	25	27	42	74	186
GIBC(2)	25 (40)	27 (74)	29 (186)	35 (369)	41 (dnc)	25	26	29	36	56
PML(5)	15 (38)	16 (75)	17 (195)	23 (368)	29 (dnc)	22	27	43	143	dnc
PML(15)	14 (36)	15 (74)	16 (183)	16 (359)	15 (dnc)	14	15	15	16	79
PML(75)	14 (35)	14 (72)	14 (182)	14 (357)	14 (dnc)	14	14	14	15	15

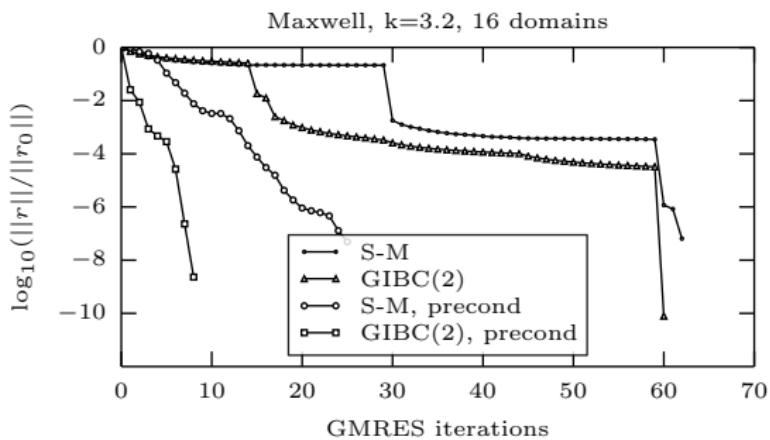
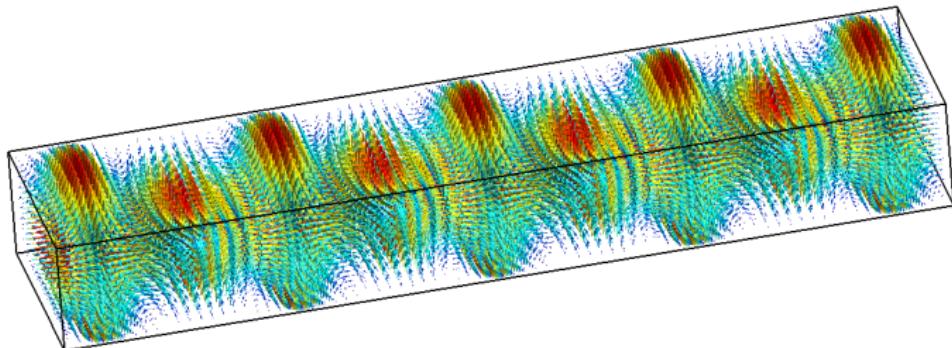
# Numerical results — 2D, 'Gaussian' waveguide

$$c(y) = 1.25(1 - .4 \exp(-32(y - .5)^2))$$



	$\omega = 20\pi$					$\omega = 40\pi$				
	$N = 5$	10	25	50	100	5	10	25	50	100
IBC( $k/2$ )	35 (71)	45 (157)	134 (412)	314 (dnc)	dnc (dnc)	56	82	241	495	dnc
OO <sub>2</sub>	30 (62)	33 (128)	69 (356)	175 (dnc)	303 (dnc)	41	53	123	202	dnc
GIBC(2)	19 (53)	20 (114)	42 (314)	98 (dnc)	149 (dnc)	27	31	67	103	288
PML(5)	13 (47)	12 (103)	13 (271)	15 (dnc)	16 (dnc)	16	20	30	52	115
PML(15)	12 (44)	12 (101)	12 (266)	12 (dnc)	12 (dnc)	13	13	13	14	15
PML(75)	11 (44)	11 (99)	11 (264)	11 (dnc)	11 (dnc)	13	13	13	13	13

## Numerical results — 3D, waveguide (Maxwell)



# Conclusion

The double sweep preconditioner is a coarse grid for the optimized Schwarz algorithm

- ▶ Very simple implementation, no additional preprocessing
- ▶ Time to solution:
  - ▶ is reduced in sequential (1 proc)
  - ▶ *can* be reduced in parallel,  
depending on  $\frac{N}{\# \text{proc}}$  and convergence tolerance
- ▶ Energy to solution drops drastically

# Conclusion

Provided that an accurate enough DtN map approximation is used as transmission operator, the number of GMRES iterations is small and independent of number of domains  $N$  and wavenumber  $k$

In homogeneous media, the local approximations perform well;  
In variable media, we still need improvements

## Perspectives:

Fast application of the preconditioner (approximate solutions)

More general decompositions ?

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# Randomized matrix probing: approximate a matrix when only the matrix-vector product is available

Chiu, Demanet (2012)

$D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is an **unknown matrix**,  
but we have access to  $v = Du$

**Model:**  $\exists B = \{B_i\}_{1 < i < p}$  s.t.  $D \approx \tilde{D} = \sum_{i=1}^p x_i B_i$

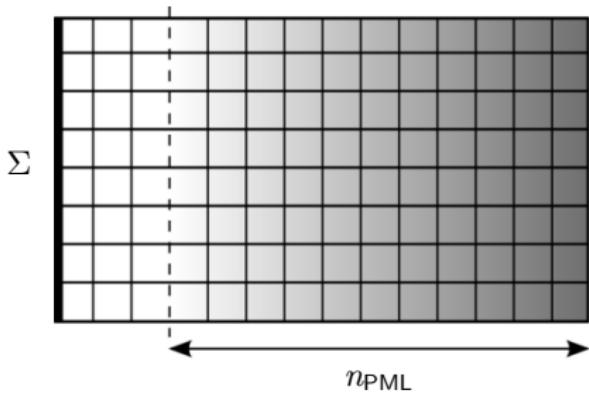
For some **random vector(s)**  $u$ :  $v = Du \approx \sum_{i=1}^p x_i B_i u = \psi_u x$

Solve for  $x$  by taking the pseudo-inverse of  $\psi_u$   
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{D}$  is a least-square approximation of  $D$  in  $\text{span}\{B_i\}_{1 < i < p}$

Drawback: (small) probability of failure

The matrix-vector product with the DtN map is obtained by means of a “black-box” that involves a PML

Bélanger-Rioux, Demanet (2012)



$v = \mathcal{D}u$ : impose  $u$  on  $\Sigma$  (Dirichlet) and solve  $\mathcal{H}u = 0$  in  $\Omega_{bb}$ ;  
“measure”  $v = \partial_n u|_{\Sigma}$  (Neumann).

The main challenge is to choose  
an appropriate set of basis matrices

Use *a priori* knowledge to ensure a good quality and small basis  $B$ :

- ▶ free-space: geometrical optics
- ▶ relaxed terms of the Padé expansion of the square-root operator
- ▶ [your input here...]

Low-rank basis matrices ( $B_i = b_i b_i^*$ ) yield fast matrix-vector product, hence fast implementation of the probing procedure and application of the DtN map !

Example: the singular vectors (low-rank by nature) of the DtN map in a waveguide are the modes on the artificial interfaces  $\Sigma_{ij}$ .

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