



# Algebraic Domain Decomposition Solvers for Large-Scale Problems Using Graph Techniques

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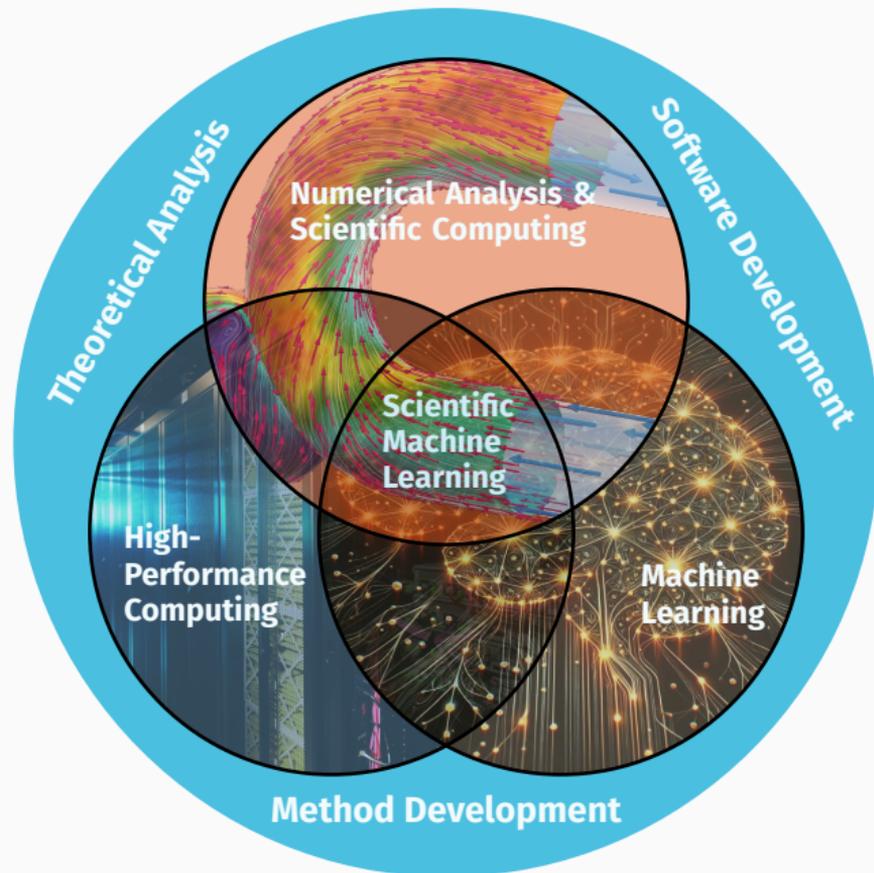
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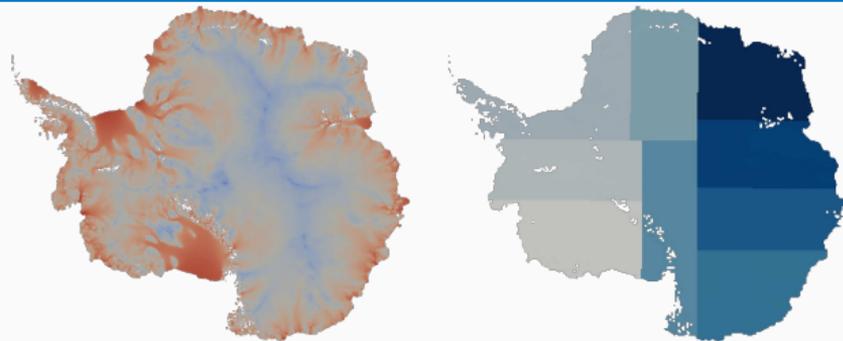
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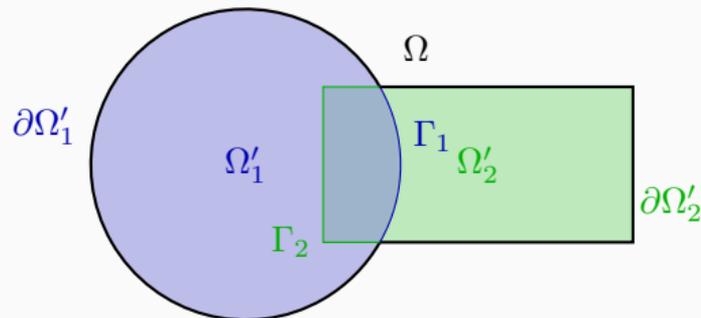
# Domain Decomposition Methods



Graphics based on results from [Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam \(2022\)](#)

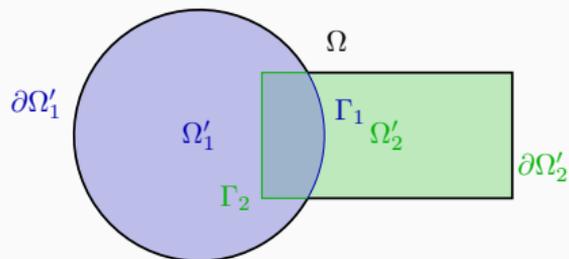
**Historical remarks:** The **alternating Schwarz method** is the earliest **domain decomposition method (DDM)**, which has been invented by **H. A. Schwarz** and published in **1870**:

- Schwarz used the algorithm to establish the **existence of harmonic functions** with prescribed boundary values on **regions with non-smooth boundaries**.



# The Alternating Schwarz Algorithm

For the sake of simplicity, instead of the two-dimensional geometry,



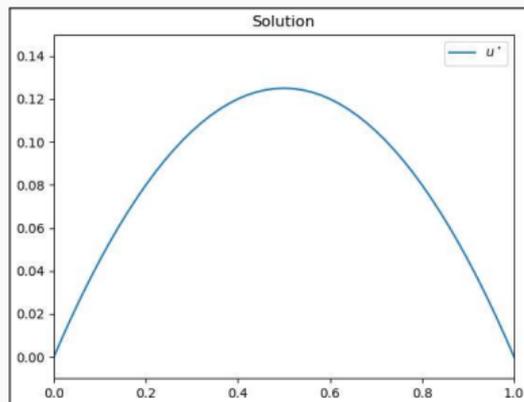
we consider the **one-dimensional Poisson equation**

$$\begin{aligned} -u'' &= 1 \quad \text{in } [0, 1], \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Overlapping domain decomposition:**



**Solution:**  $u(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x(x-1).$

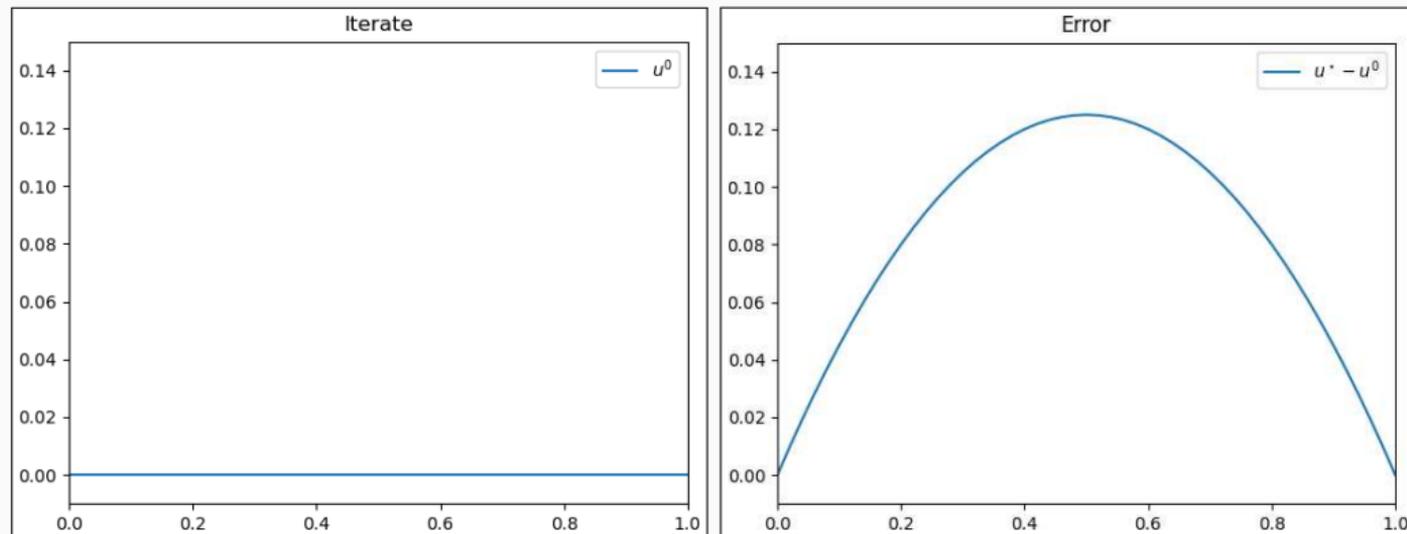


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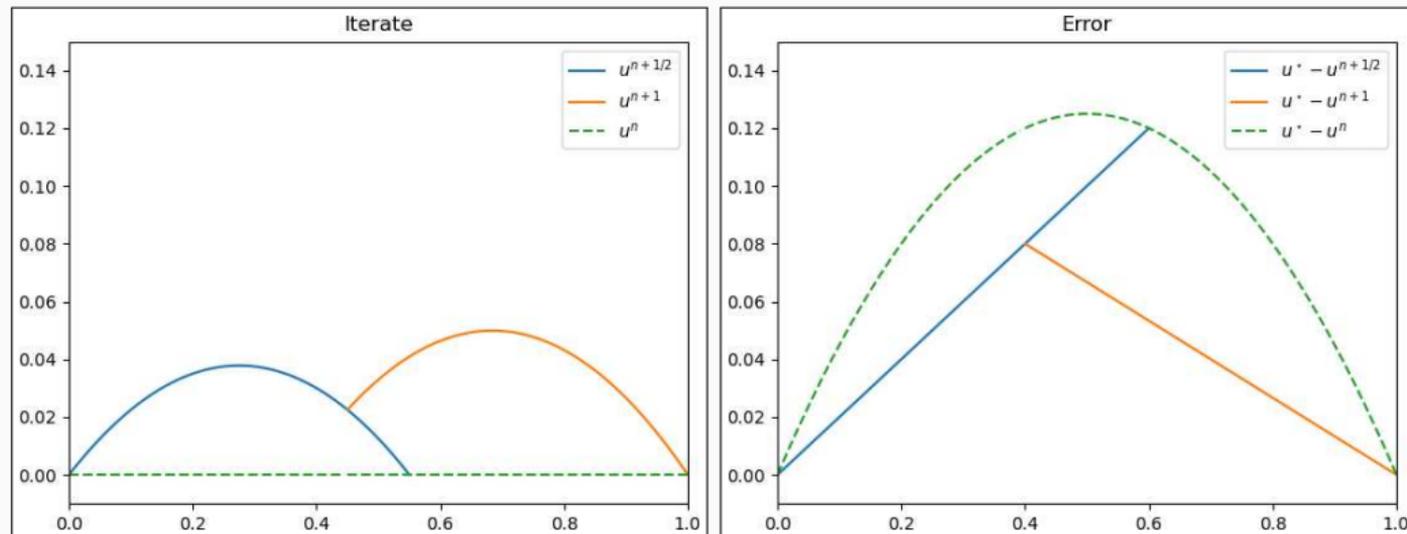
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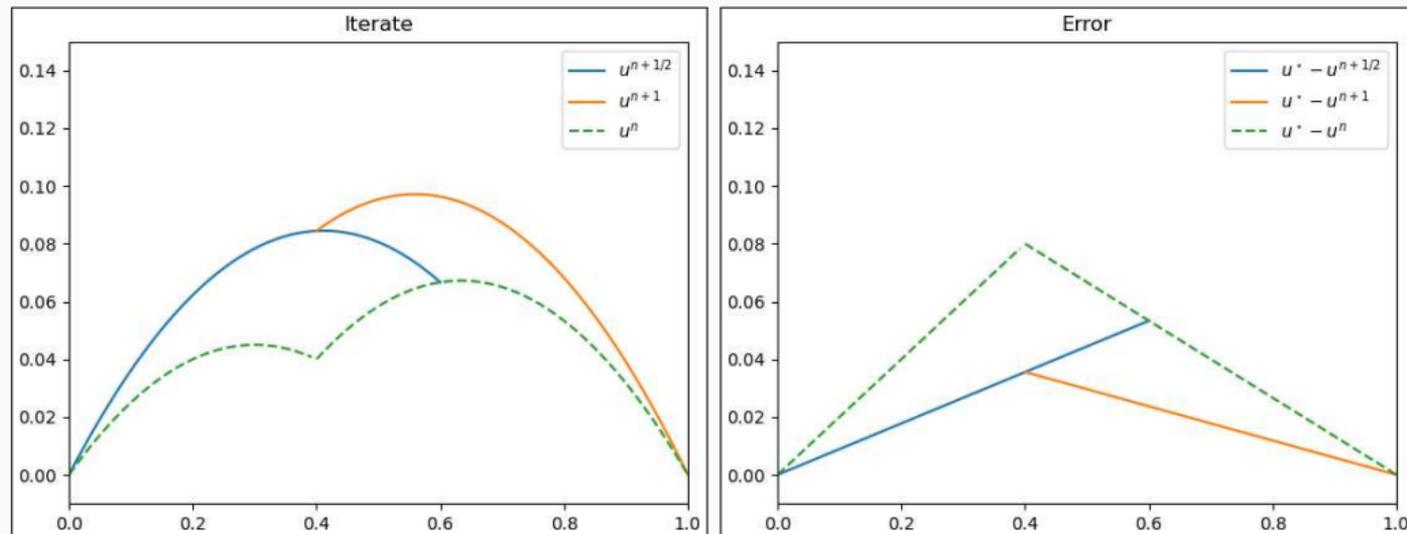
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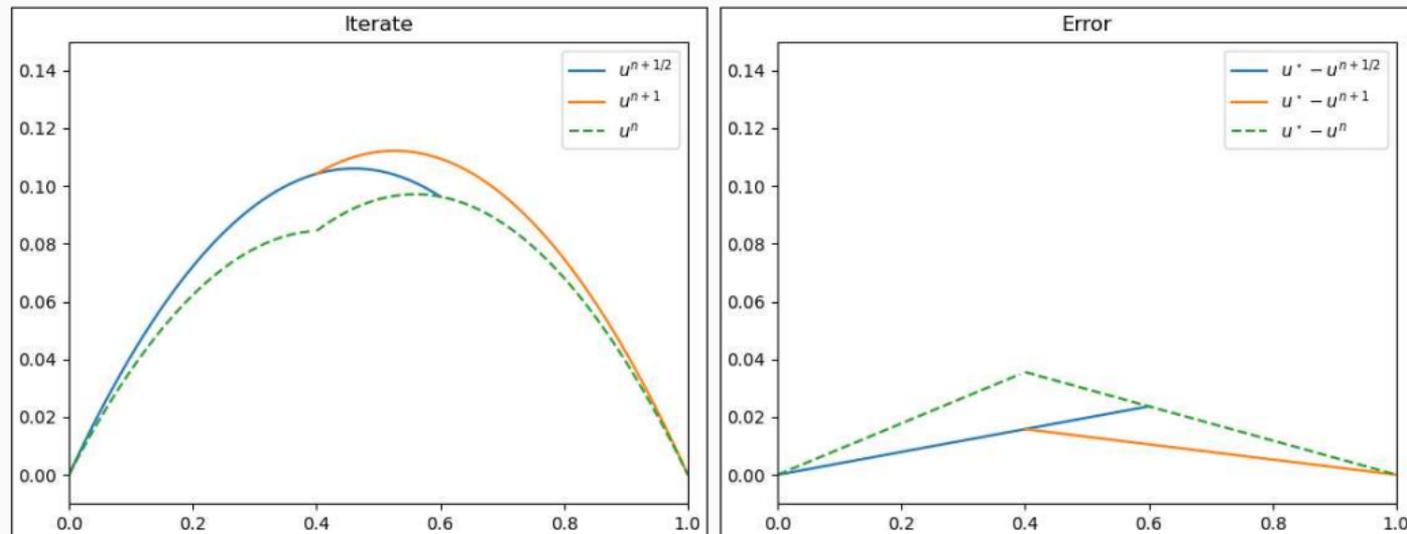
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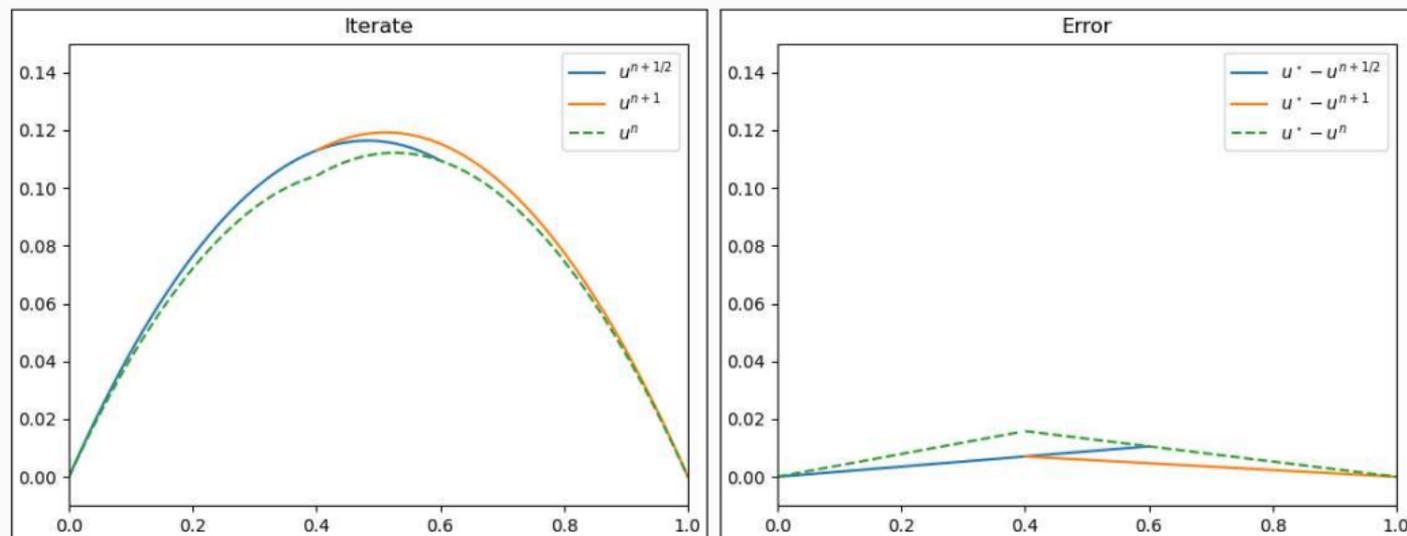
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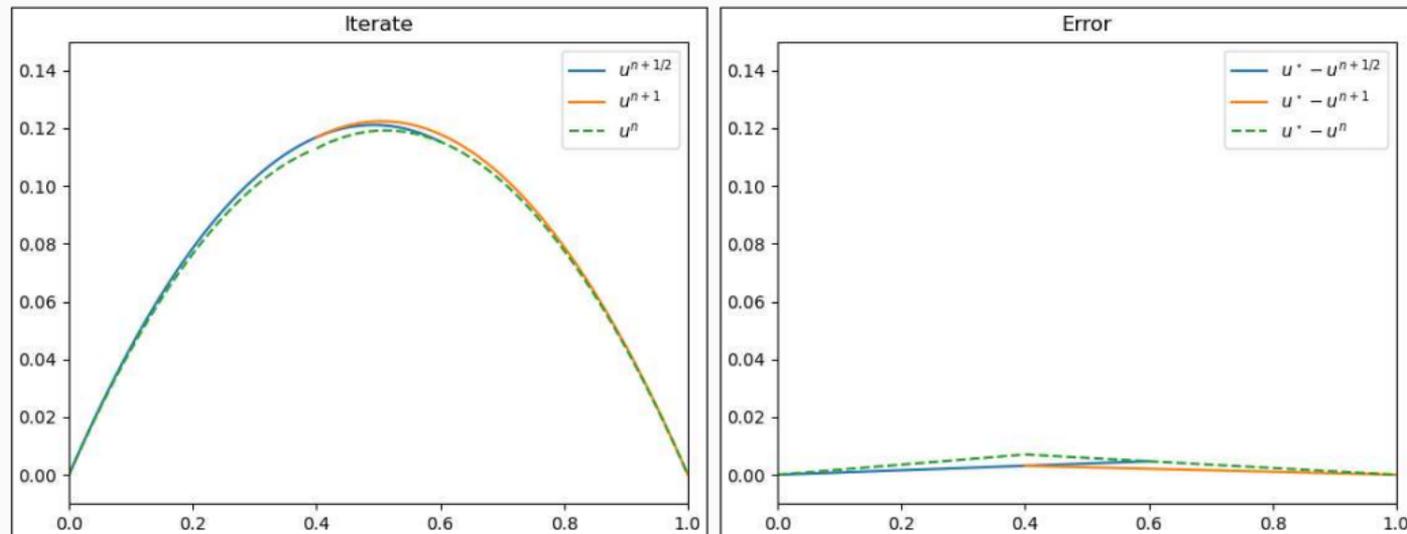
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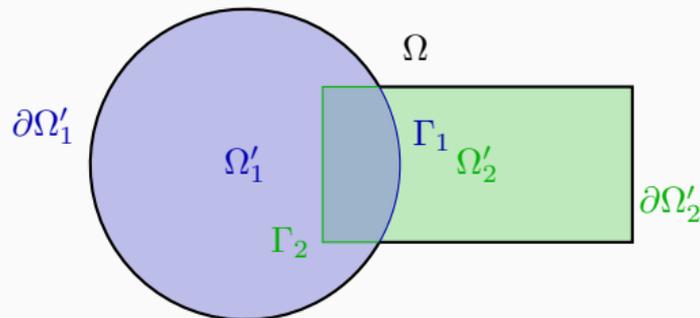
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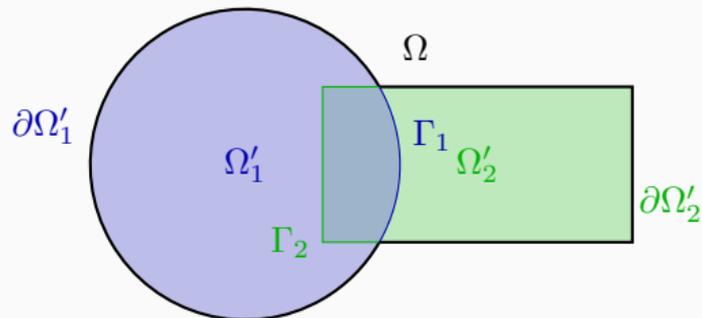
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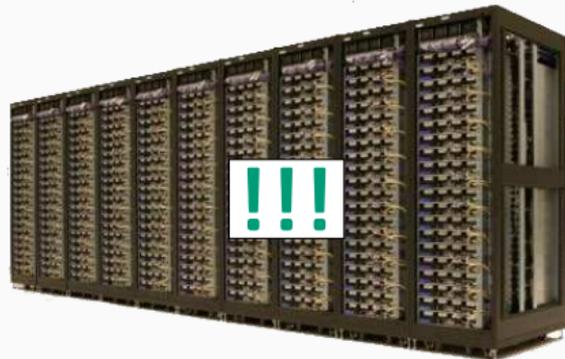
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This method is suitable for **parallel computing!**

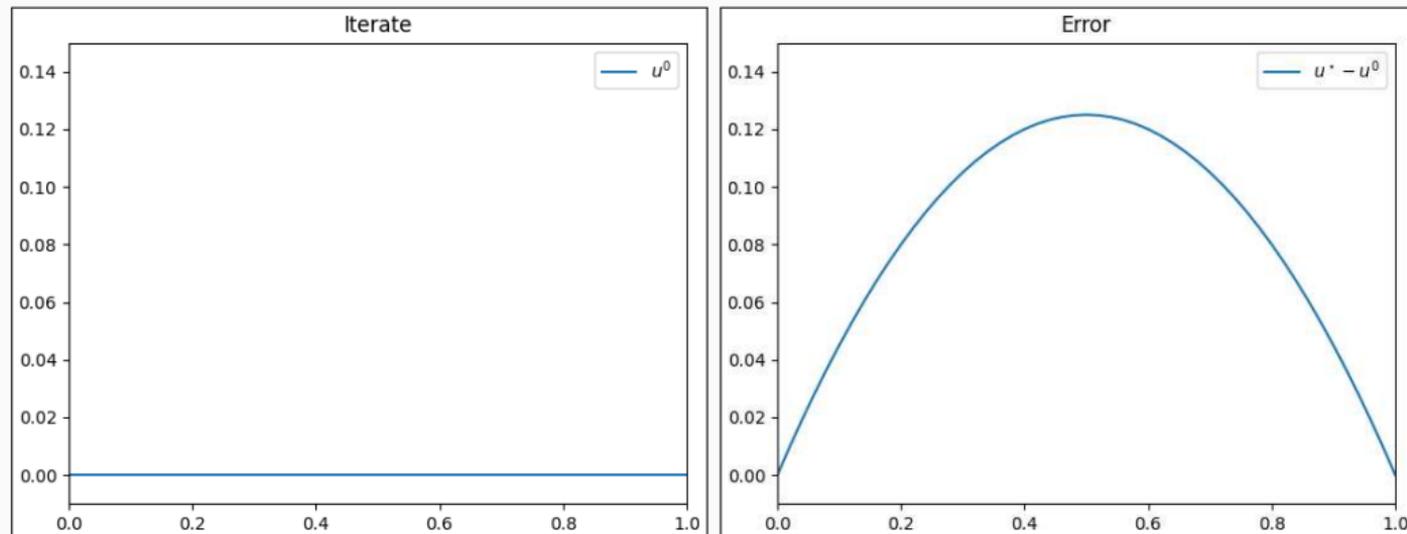


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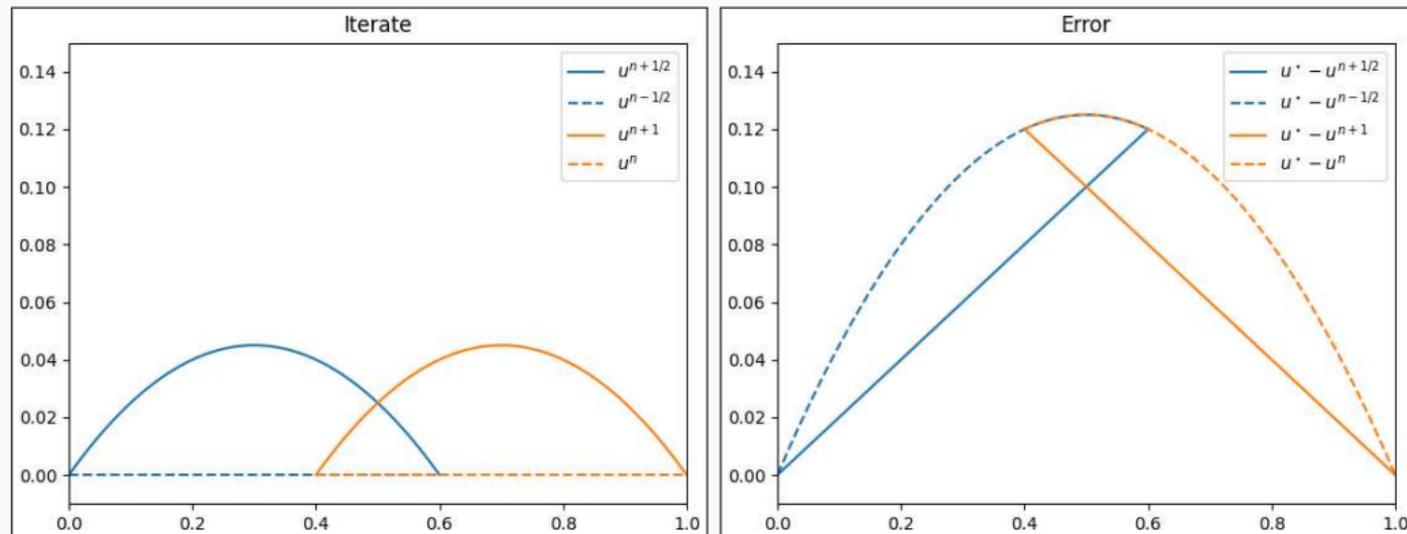


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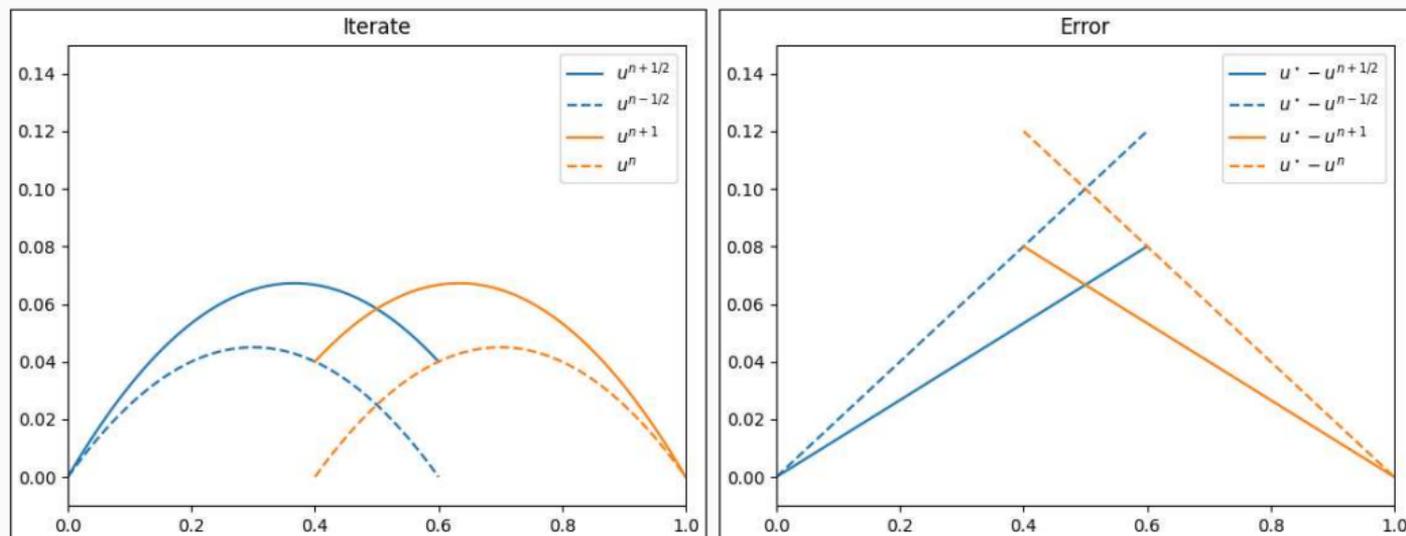


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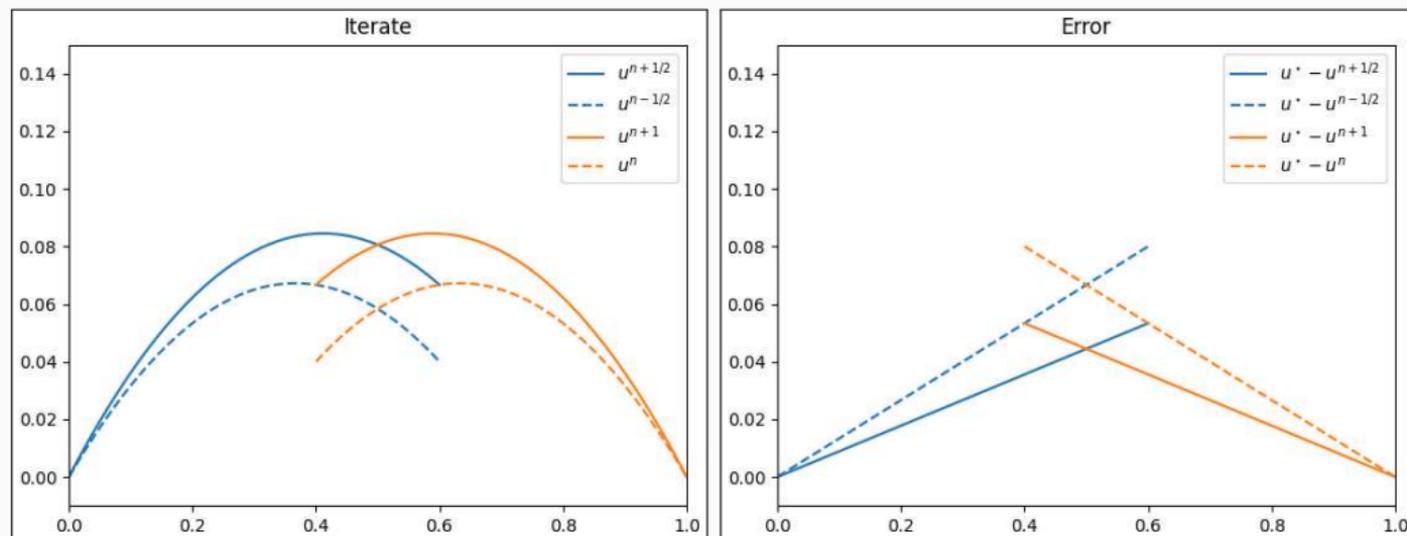


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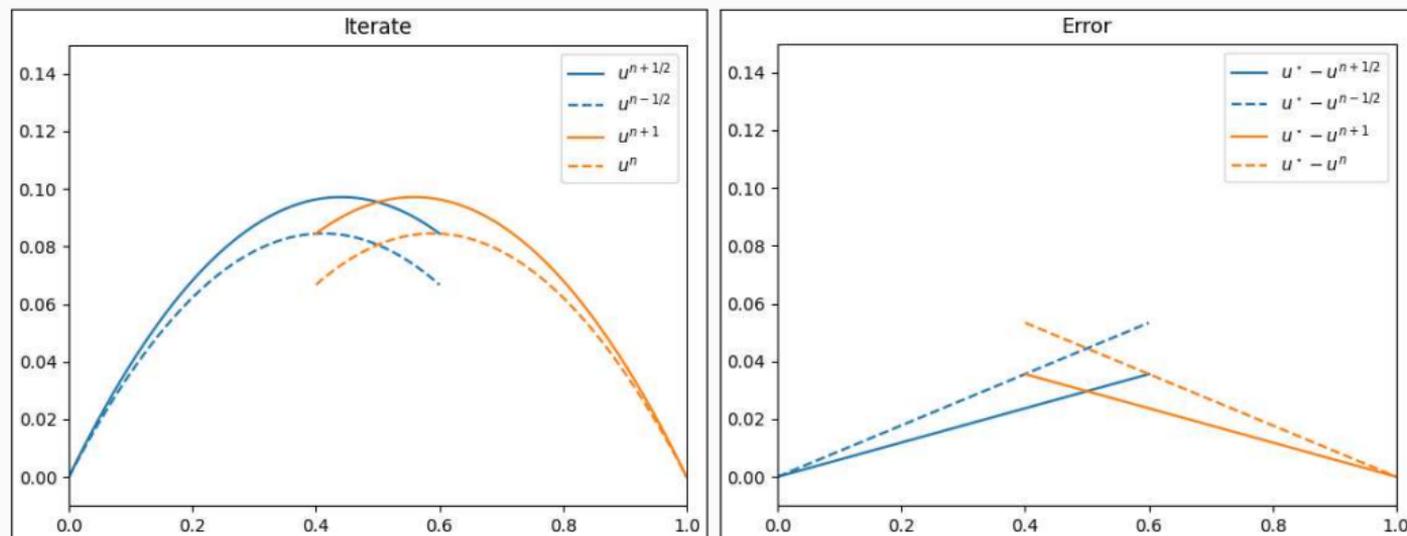


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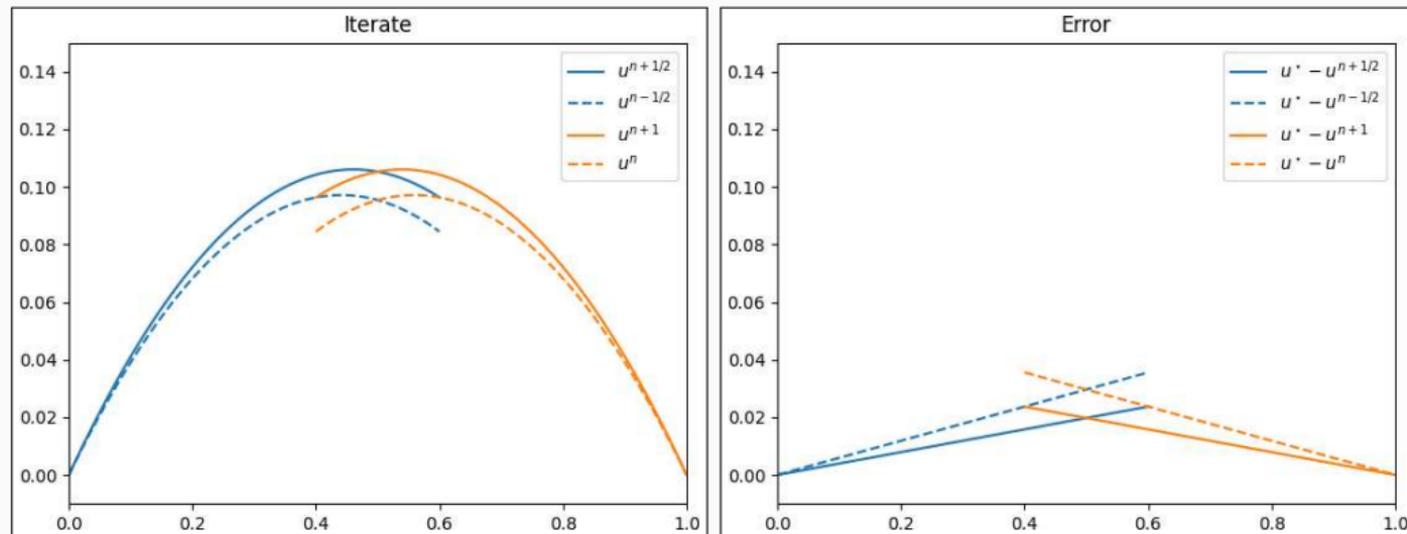
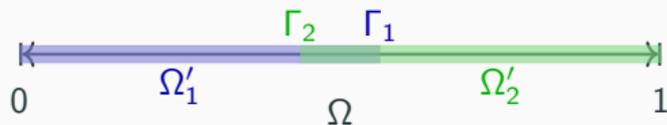


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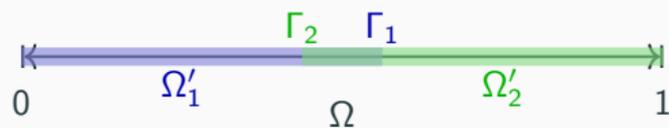


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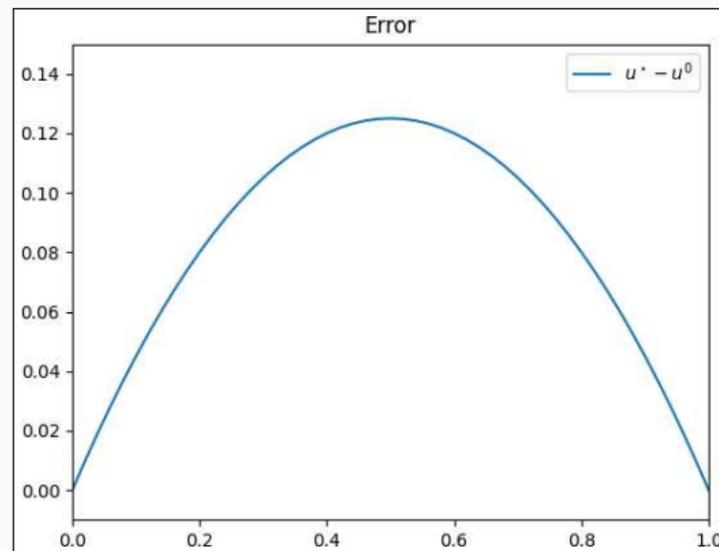
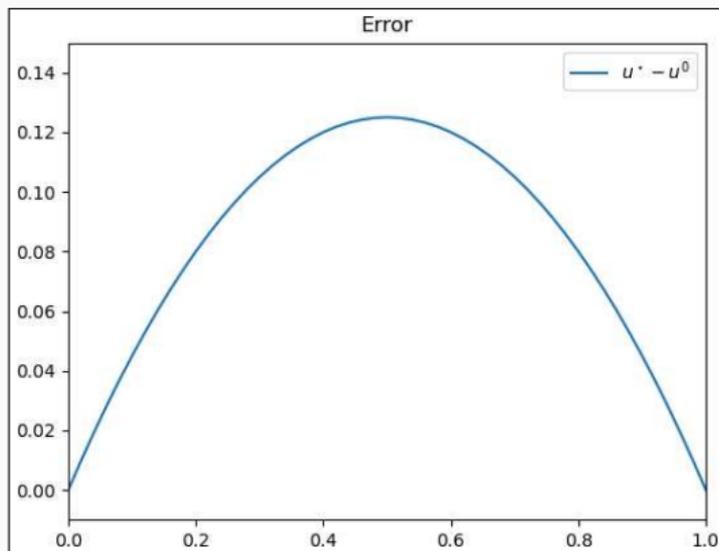
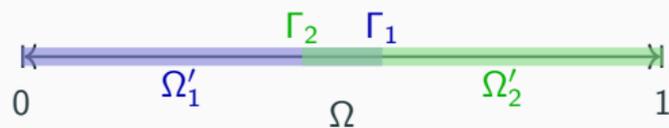


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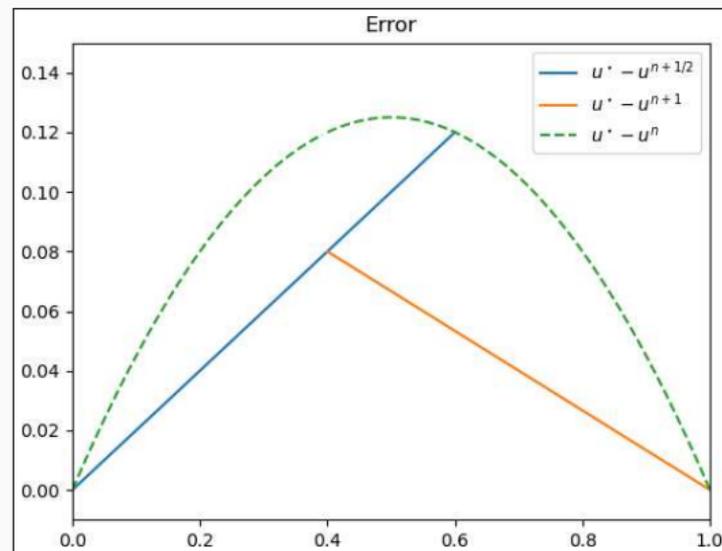
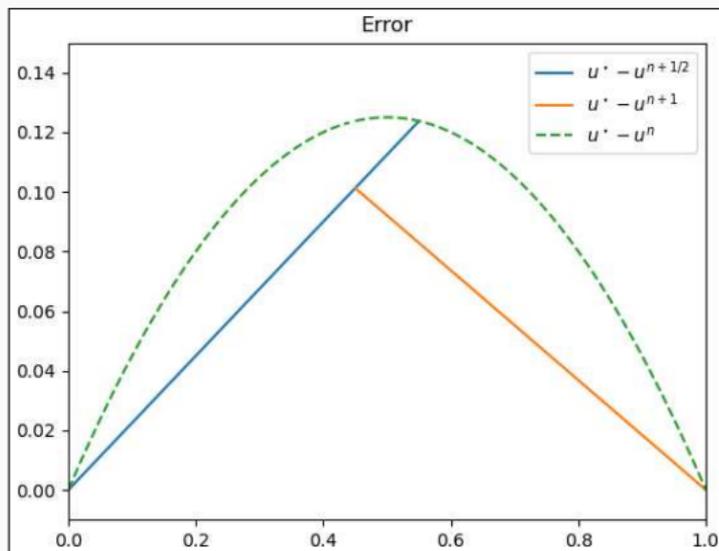
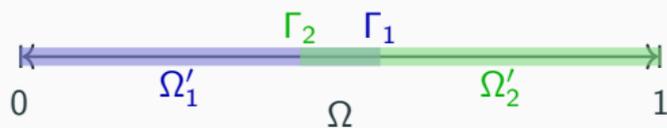


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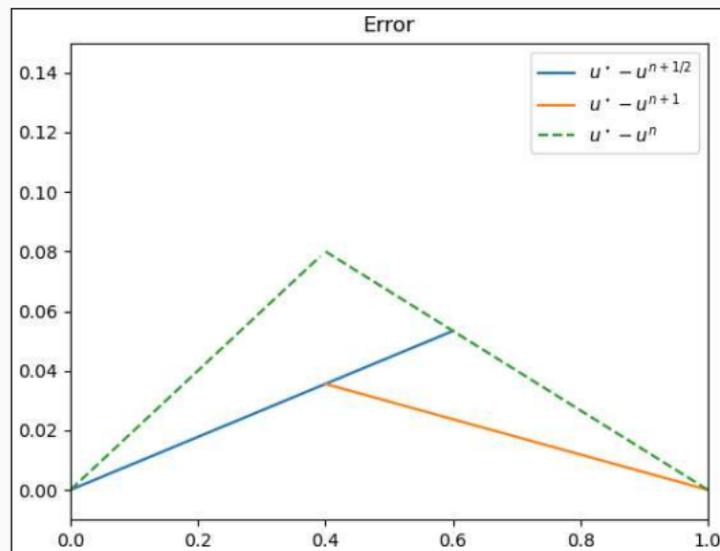
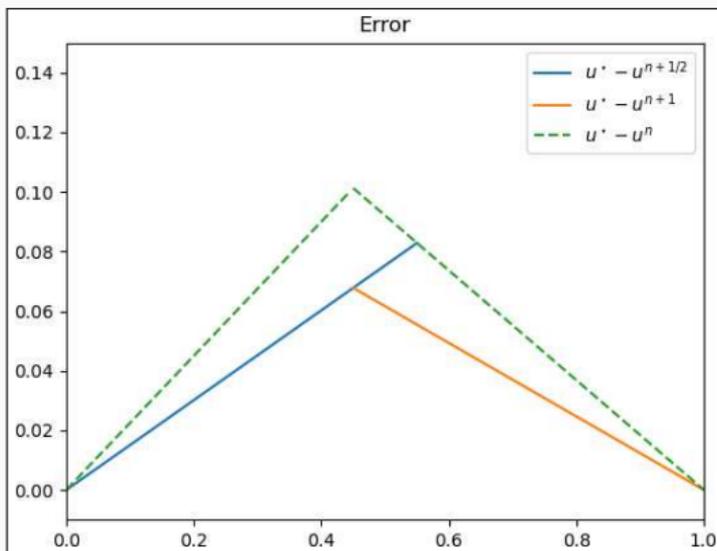
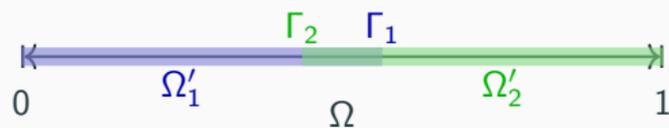


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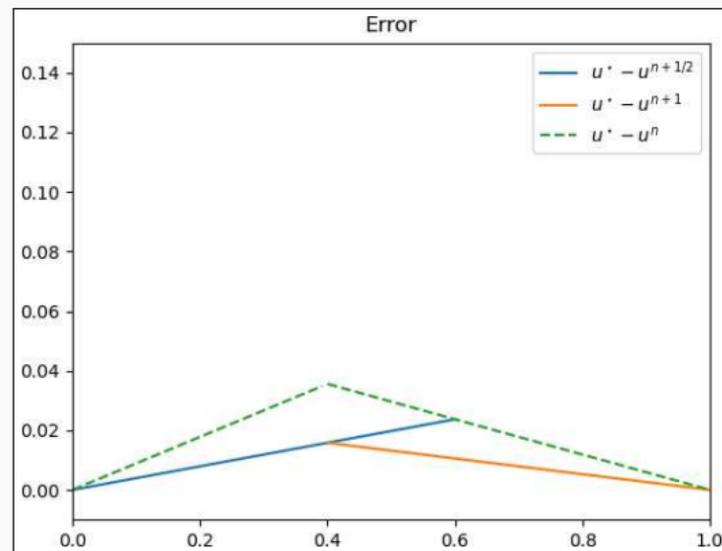
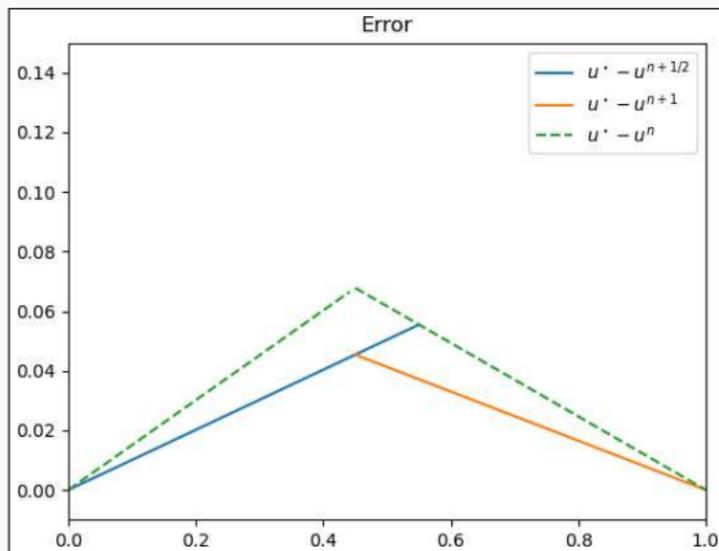
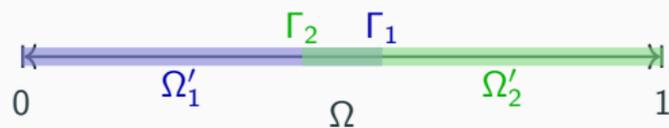


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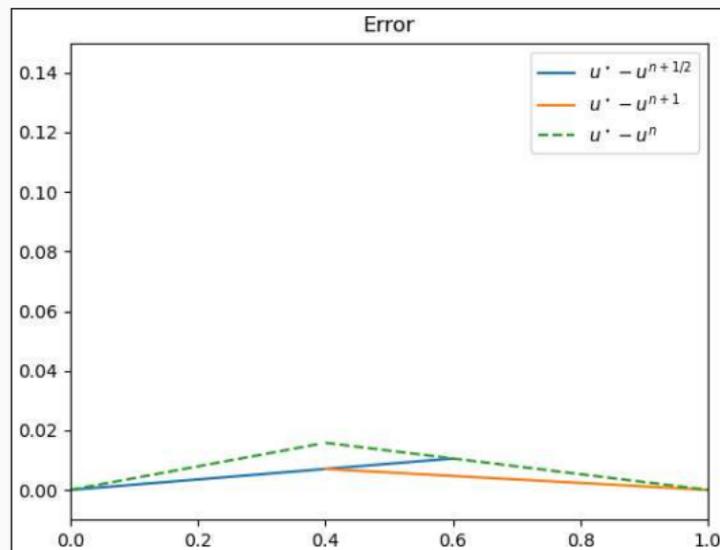
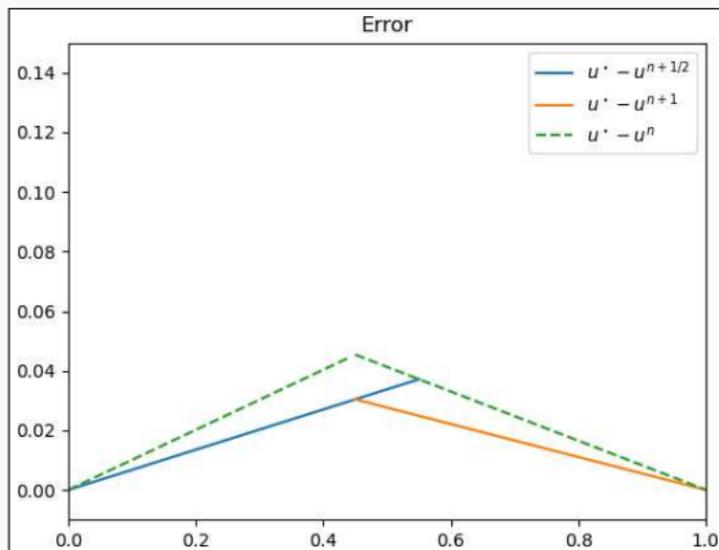
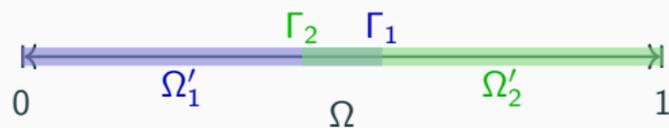


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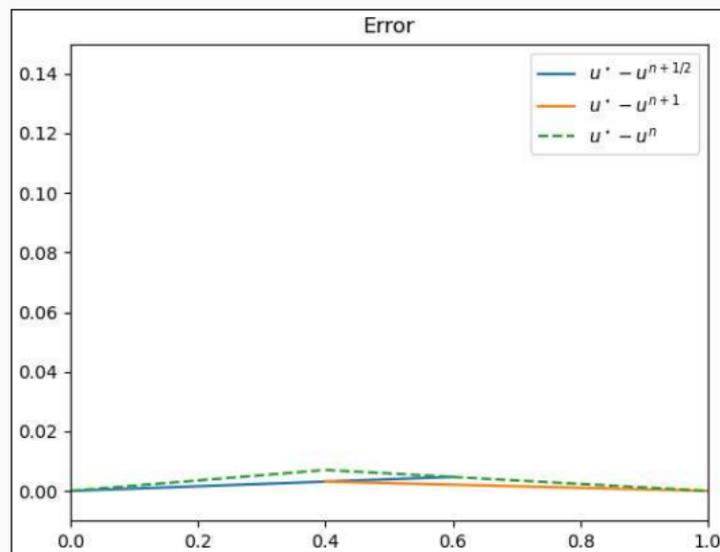
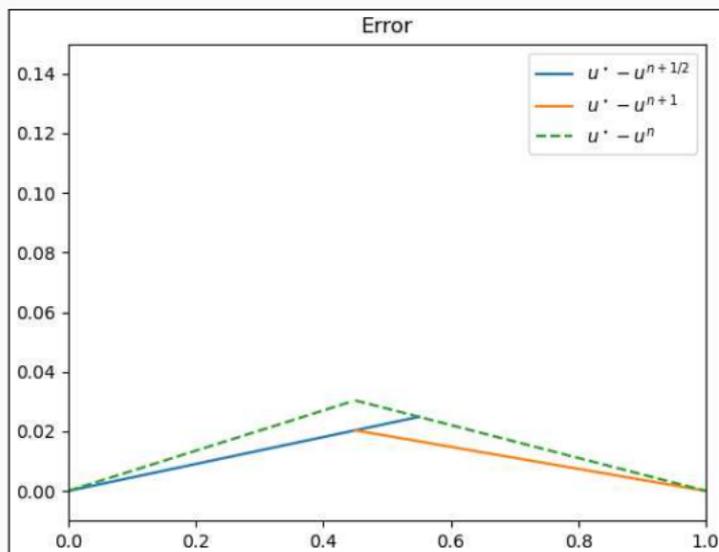
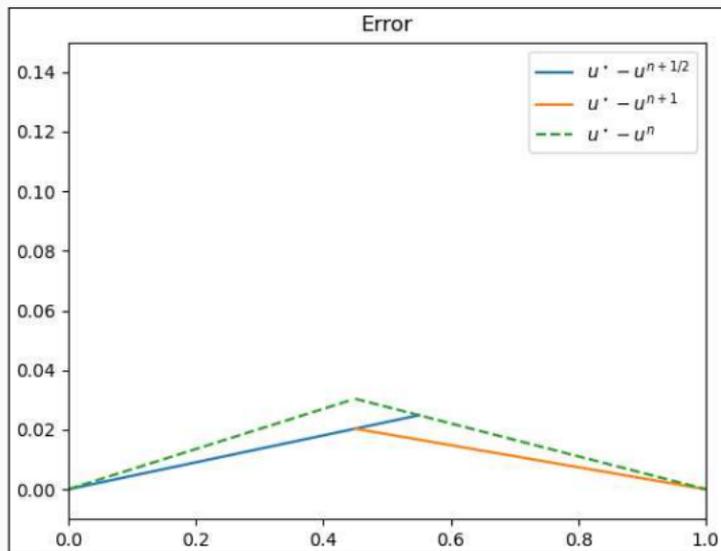


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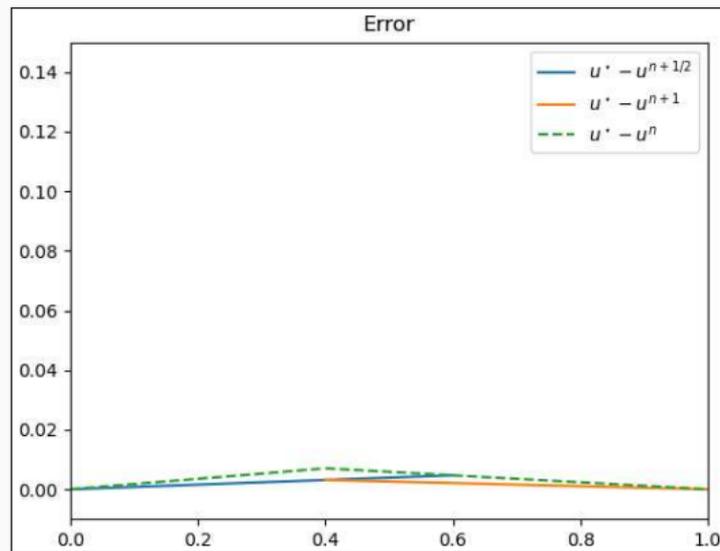


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⇒ A **larger overlap** leads to **faster convergence**.

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Discretization using finite elements yields a **sparse** system of linear equations

$$Ku = f.$$

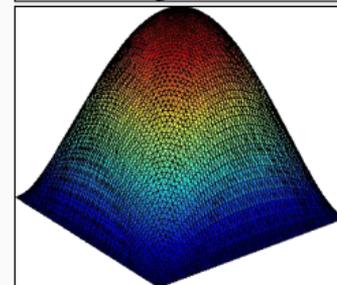
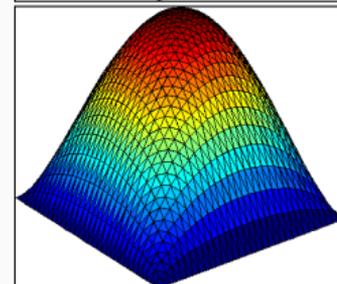
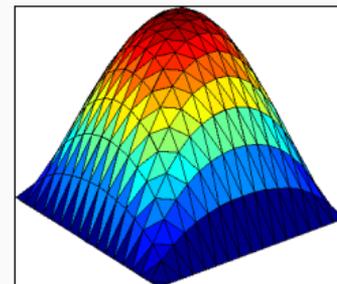
The accuracy of the finite element solution depends on the refinement level of the mesh  $h$ : **higher refinement**  $\Rightarrow$  **better accuracy**.

## Direct solvers

For fine meshes, solving the system using a direct solver is not feasible due to **superlinear complexity and memory cost**.

## Iterative solvers

**Iterative solvers are efficient** for solving **sparse systems**, however, the **convergence rate depends on the spectral properties of  $K$** .

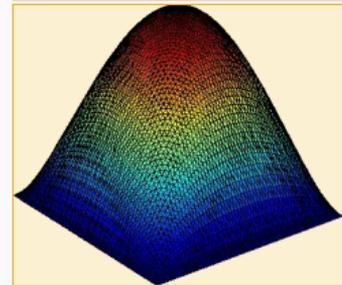
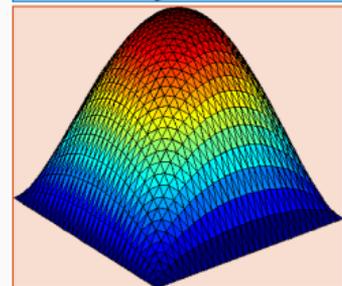
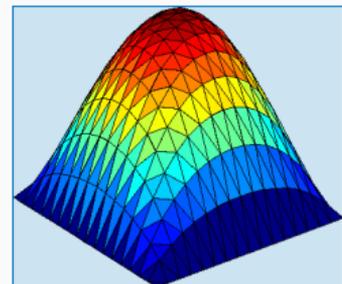
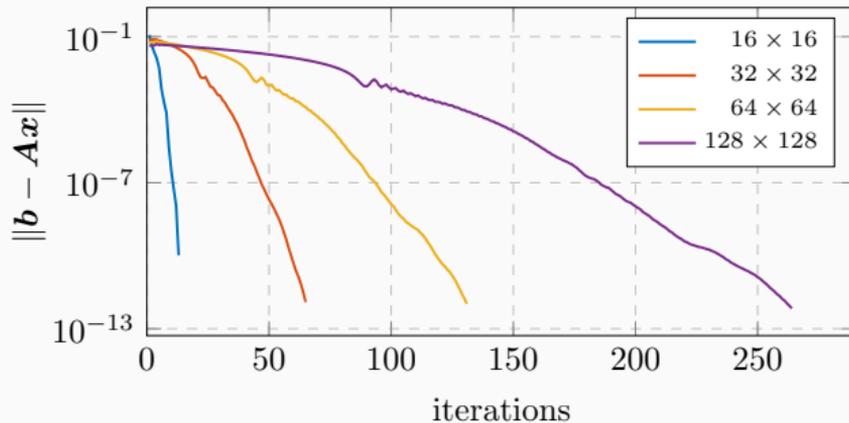


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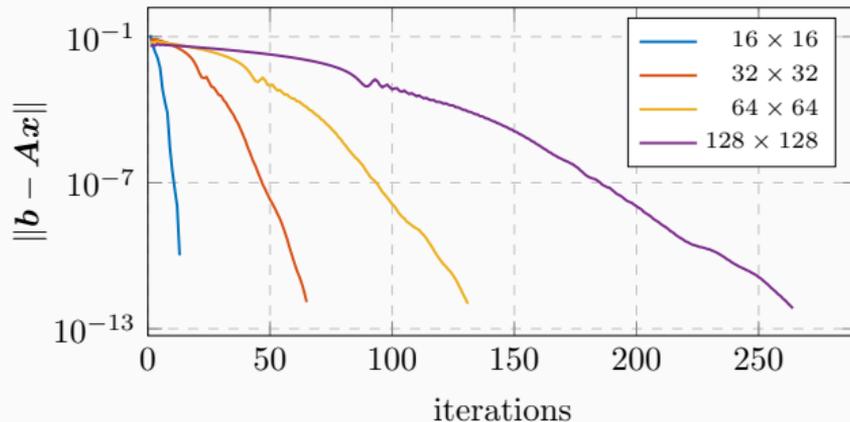


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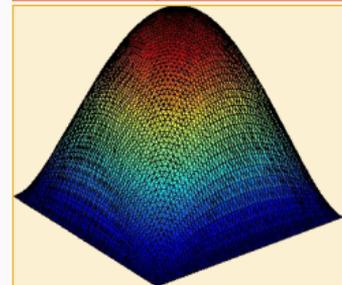
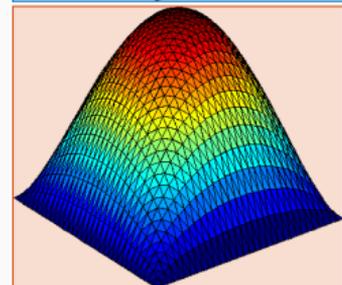
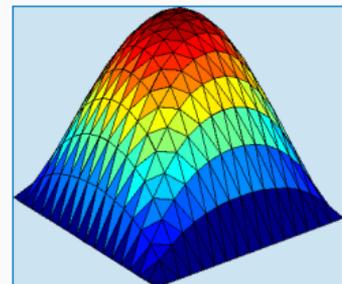
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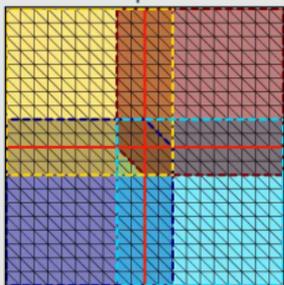
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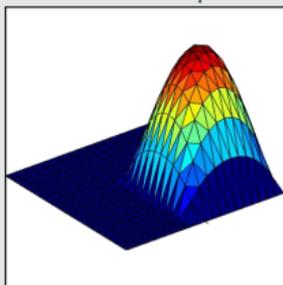


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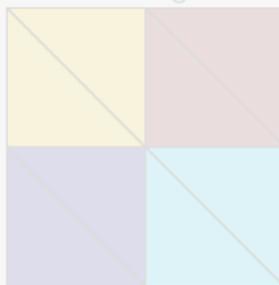
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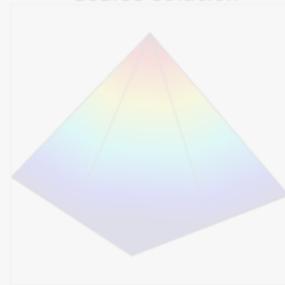
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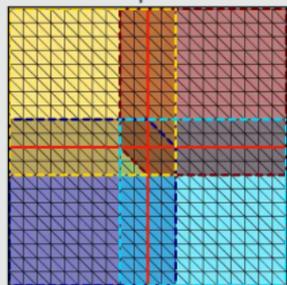
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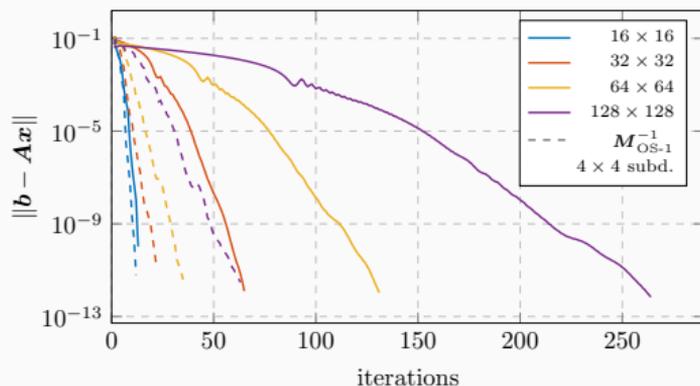
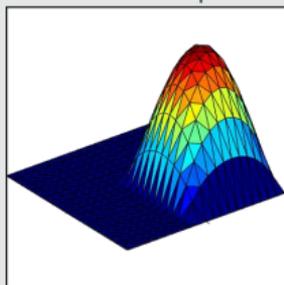
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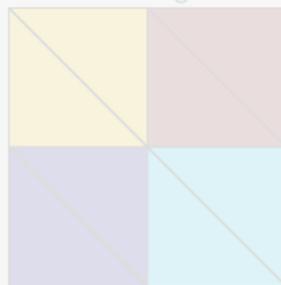


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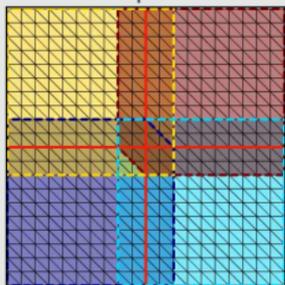
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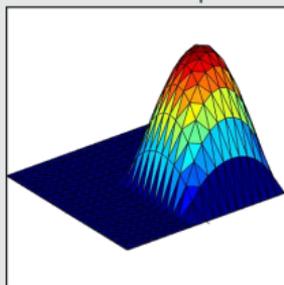
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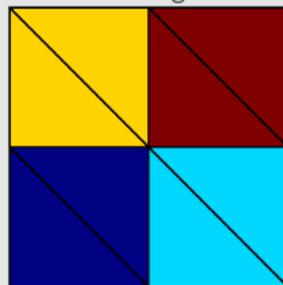
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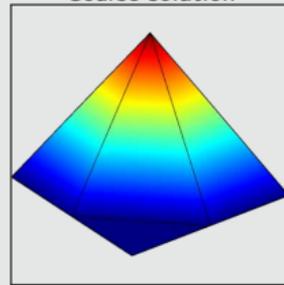
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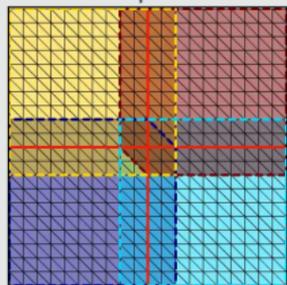
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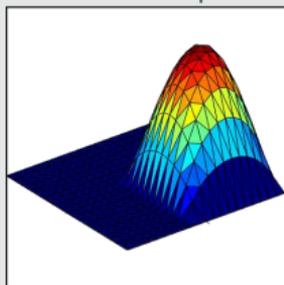
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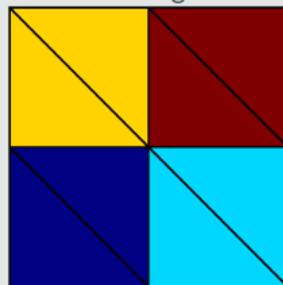


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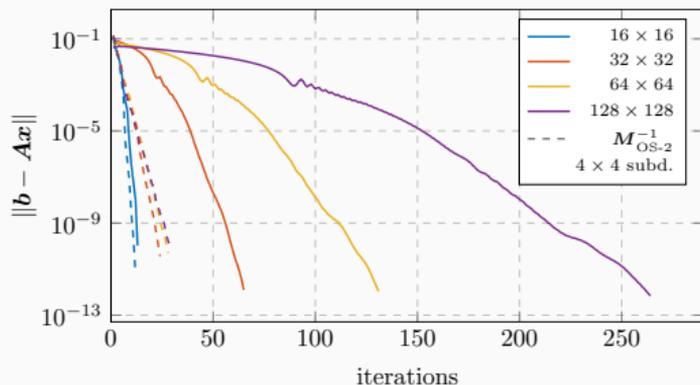
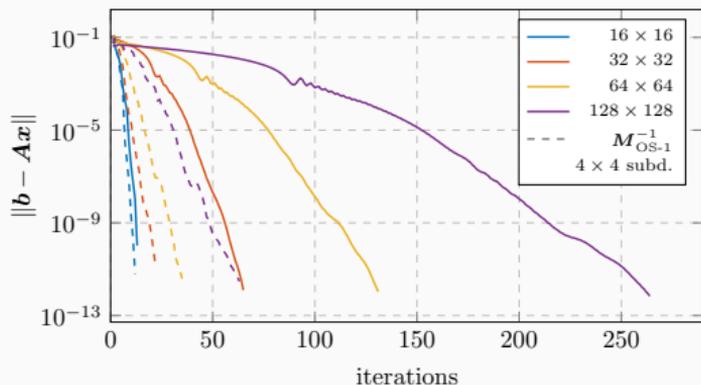
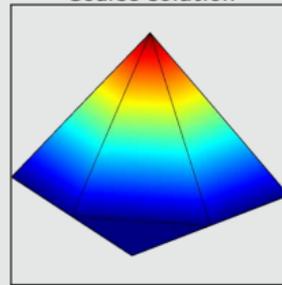


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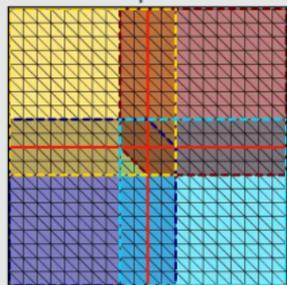
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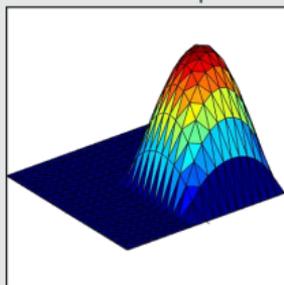
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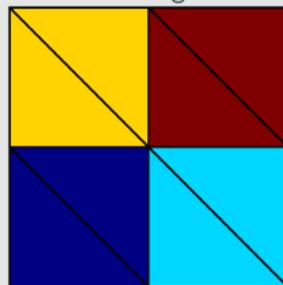


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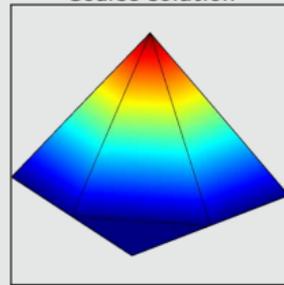


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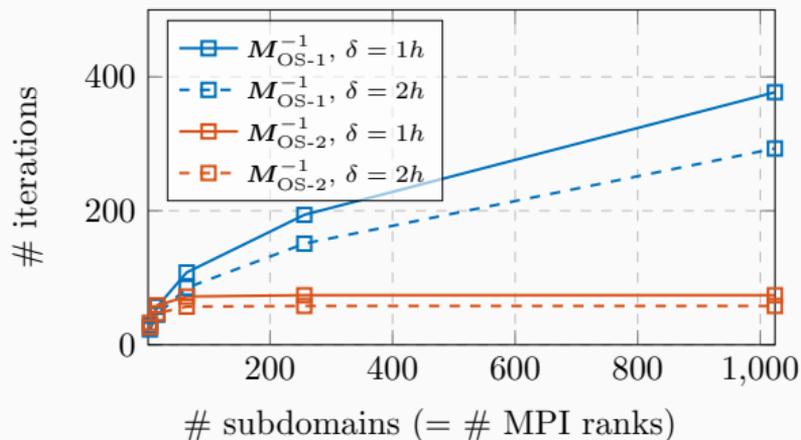
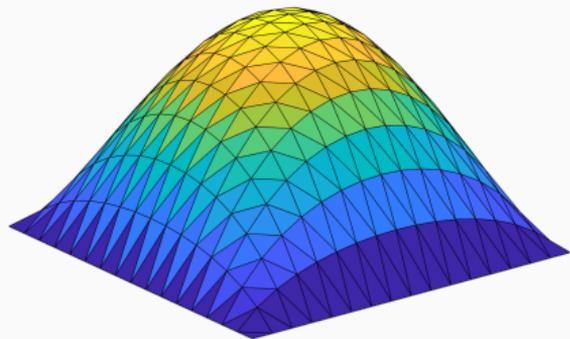
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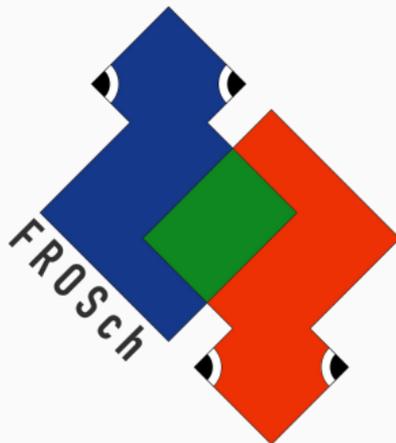
Diffusion model problem in two dimensions,  
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# **The FROSch Package – Algebraic and Parallel Schwarz Preconditioners in Trilinos**

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# 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 support for both parallel linear algebra packages EPETRA and 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**

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# Partition of Unity

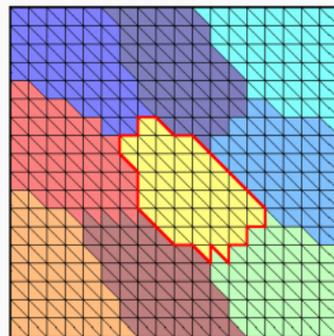
The **energy-minimizing extension**  $v_i = H_{\partial\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_i}(v_{i, \partial\Omega_i})$  solves

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Hence,  $v_i = E_{\partial\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_i}(\mathbb{1}_{\partial\Omega_i}) = \mathbb{1}$ .

Due to **linearity of the extension operator**, we have

$$\sum_i \varphi_i = \mathbb{1}_{\partial\Omega_i} \Rightarrow \sum_i E_{\partial\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_i}(\varphi_i) = \mathbb{1}_{\Omega_i}$$



## Null space property

Any extension-based coarse space built from a partition of unity on the domain decomposition interface satisfies the **null space property necessary for numerical scalability**:



## Algebraicity of the energy-minimizing extension

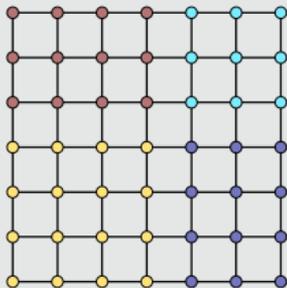
The computation of energy-minimizing extensions only requires  $K_{II}$  and  $K_{I\Gamma}$ , **submatrices of the fully assembled matrix  $K_i$** .

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -K_{II}^{-1} K_{I\Gamma} \\ I_{\Gamma} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{\Gamma},$$

# FROSch Construction – Graph View

In the algebraic construction of FROSch preconditioners, we use **two different graphs**:

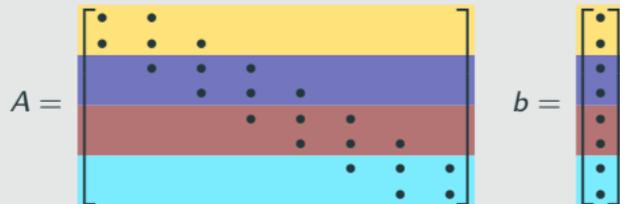
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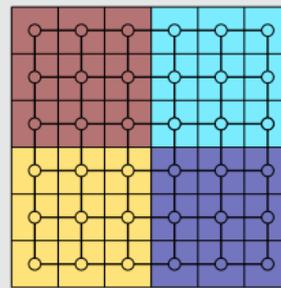
The **node graph** coincides with the simulation mesh of the computational domain:

- Graph nodes  $\equiv$  mesh nodes
- Graph edges  $\equiv$  mesh element edges

In parallel simulations:



## Dual graph



The **dual graph** represents the connectivity of mesh elements:

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In parallel finite element simulations, where the matrix assembly is element-based, the **distribution of the data** is done based on a partition of the dual graph.

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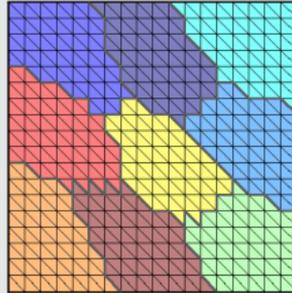
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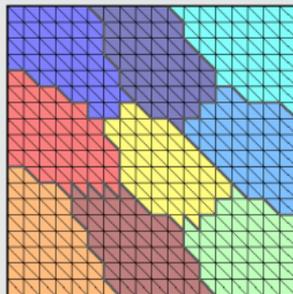
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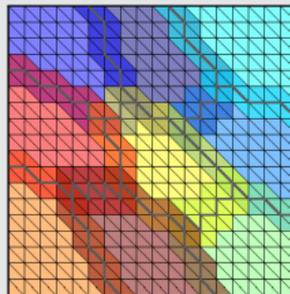
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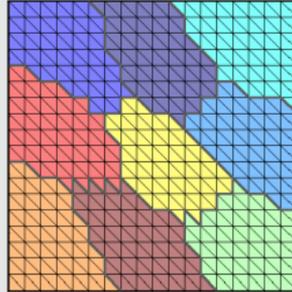
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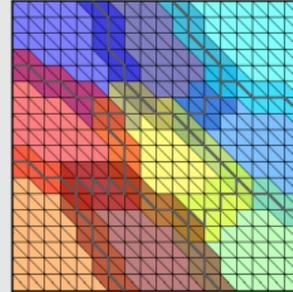
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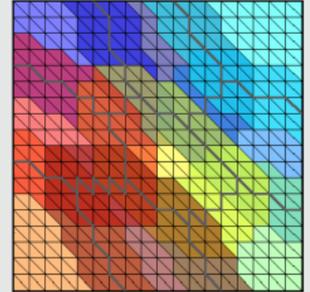
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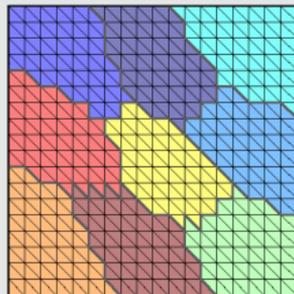
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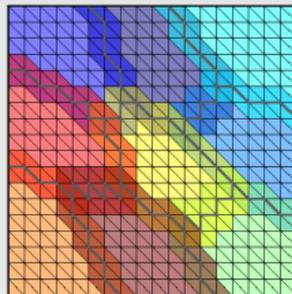
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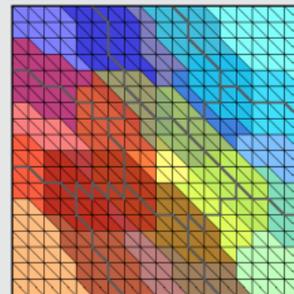
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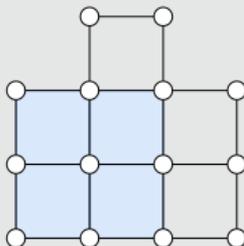


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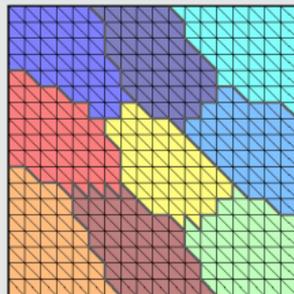
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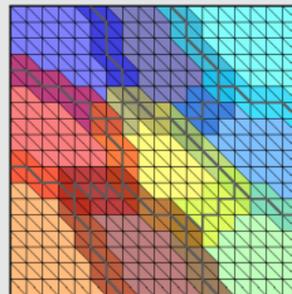
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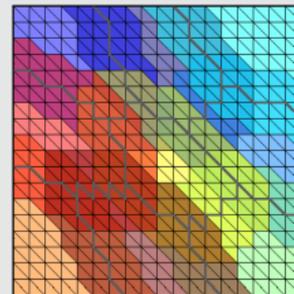
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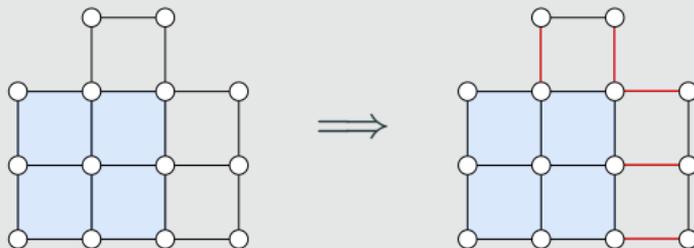


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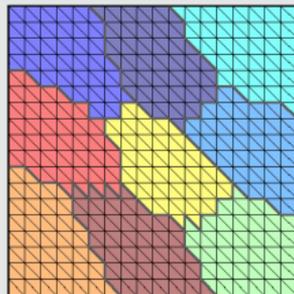
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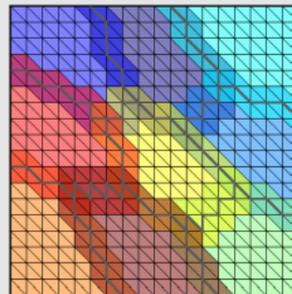
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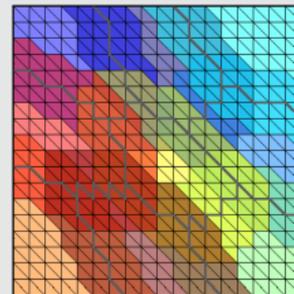
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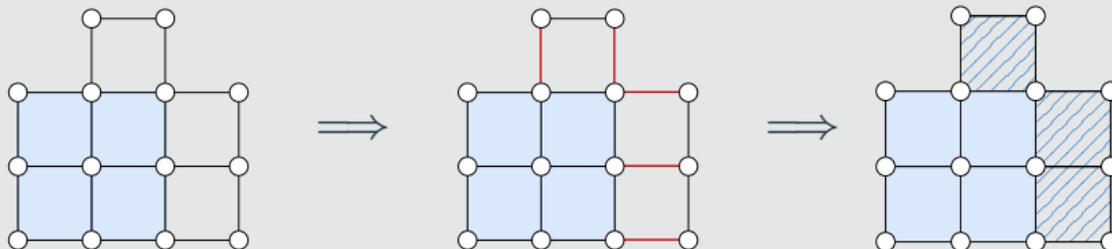


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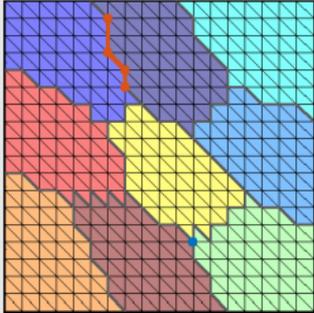
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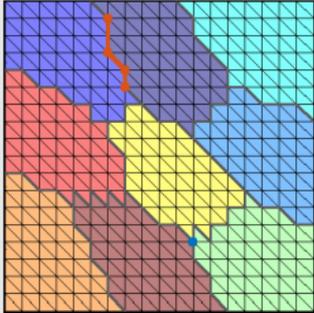
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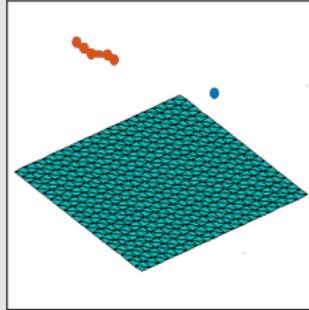


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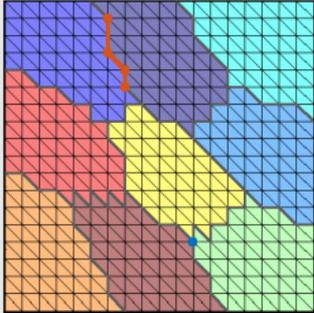
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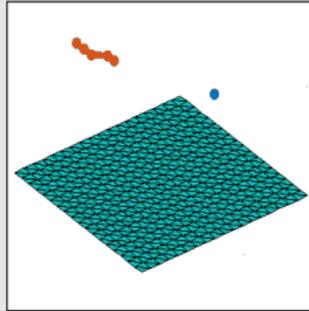
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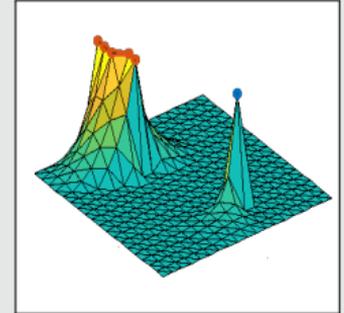


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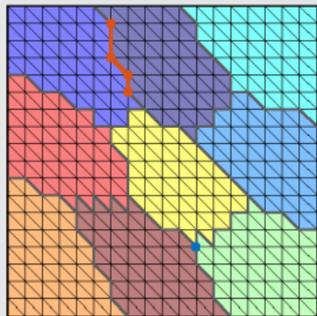
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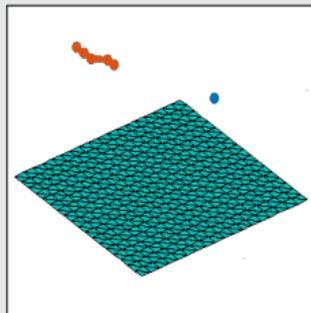


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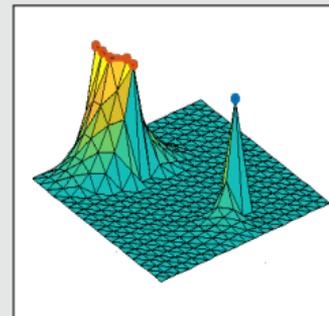


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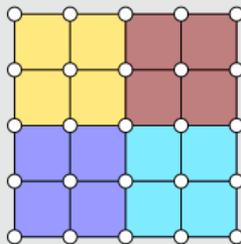
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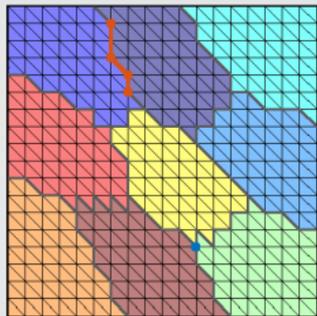
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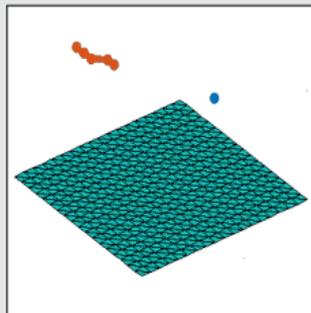


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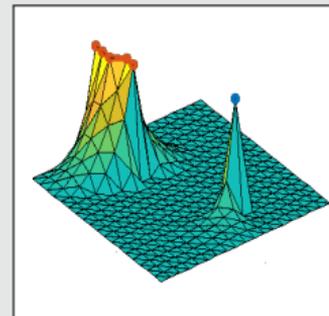


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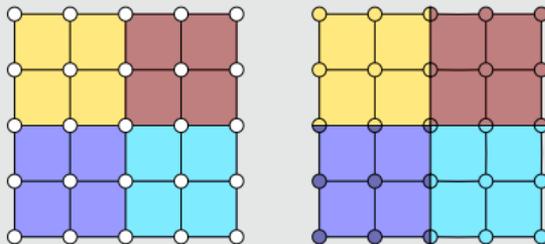
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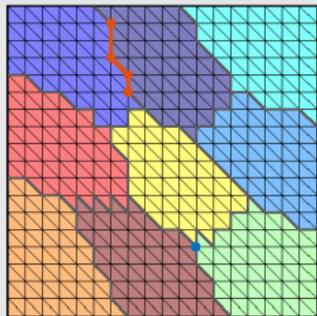
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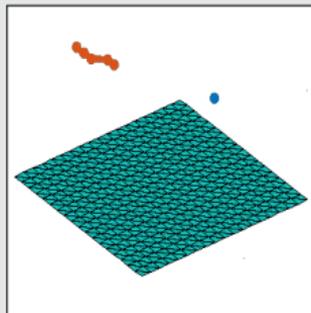
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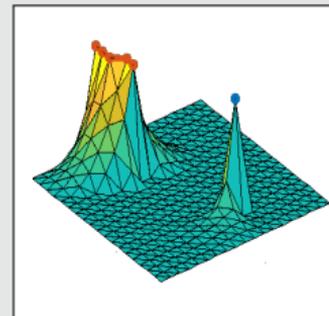


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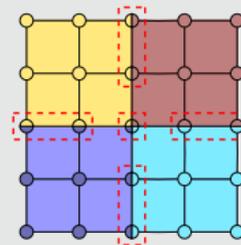
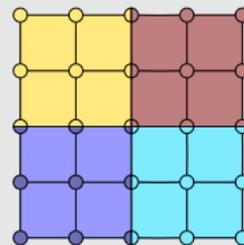
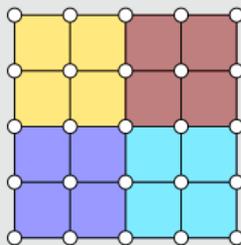
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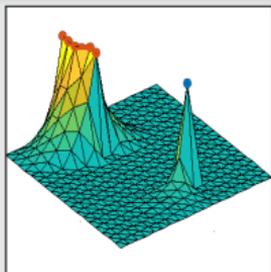
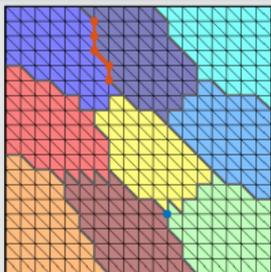
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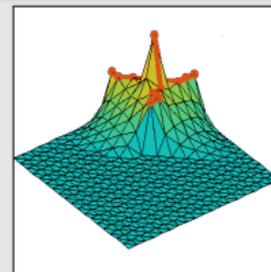
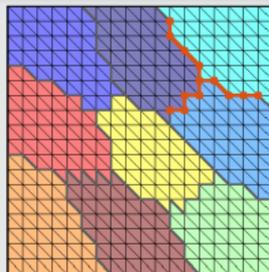
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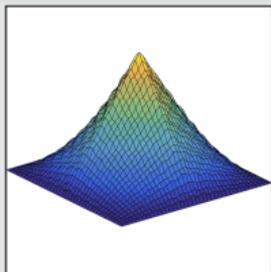
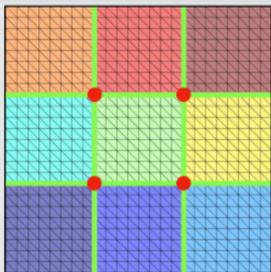
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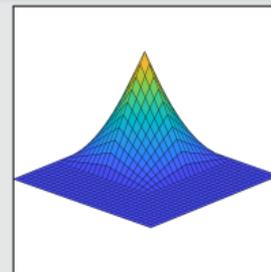
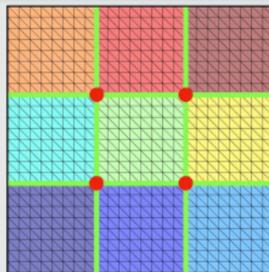
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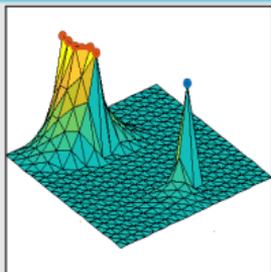
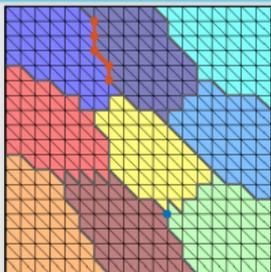
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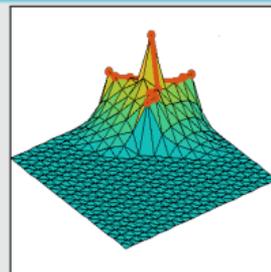
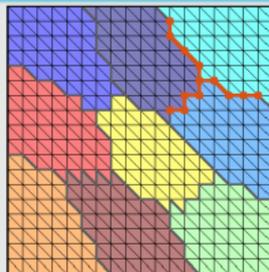
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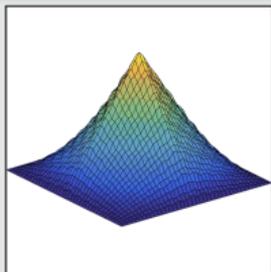
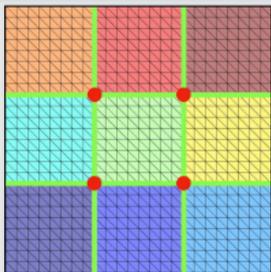
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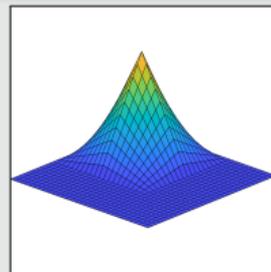
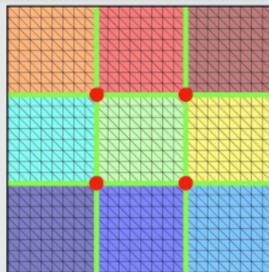
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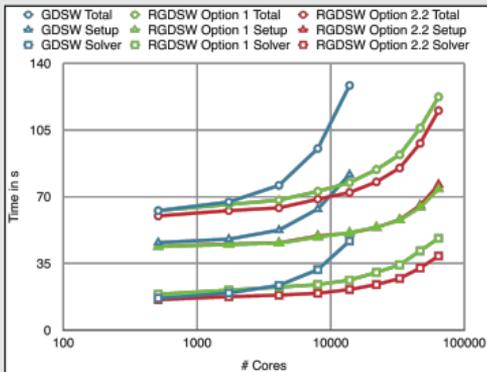
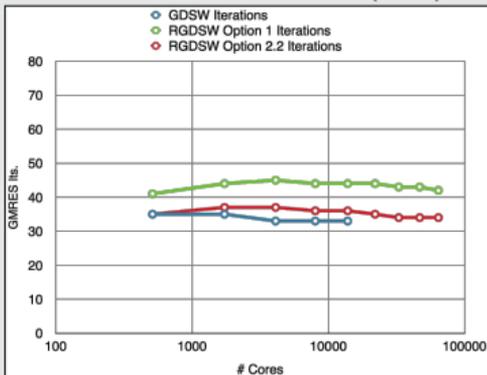


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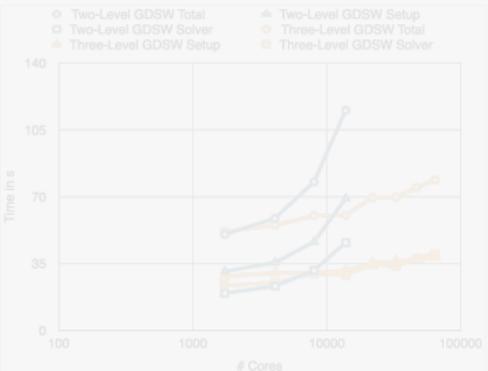
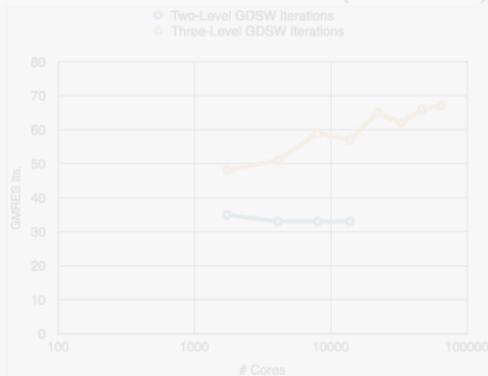
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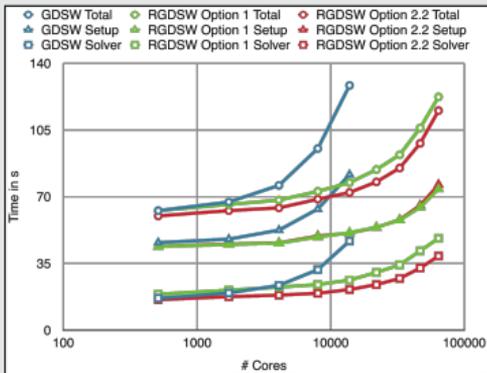
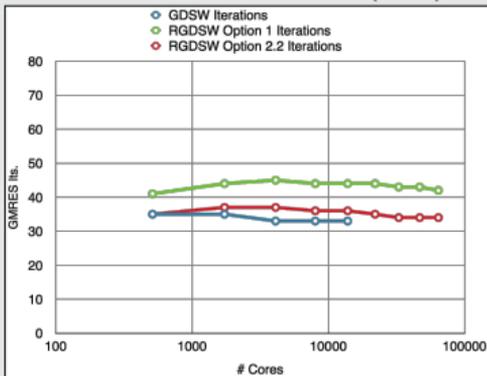
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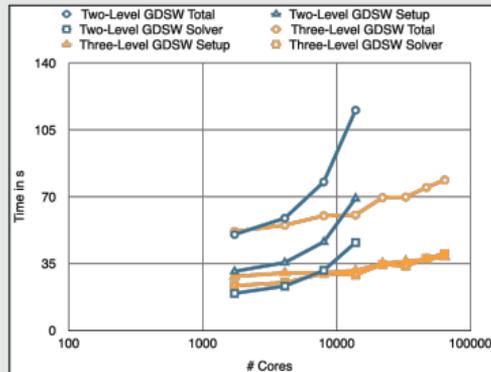
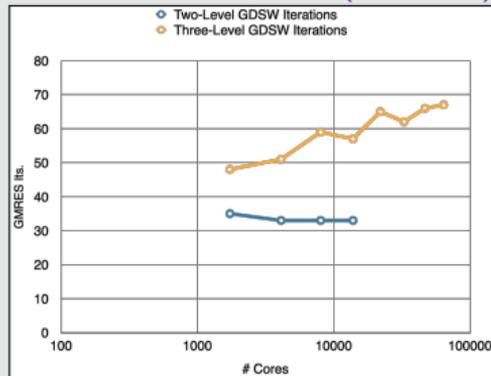
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## **Some Challenging Application Problems**

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# Monolithic (R)GDSW Preconditioners for CFD Simulations

Consider the discrete saddle point problem

$$\mathcal{A}x = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{B}^\top \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}.$$

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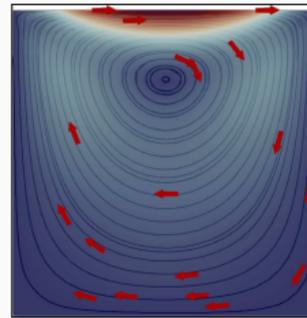
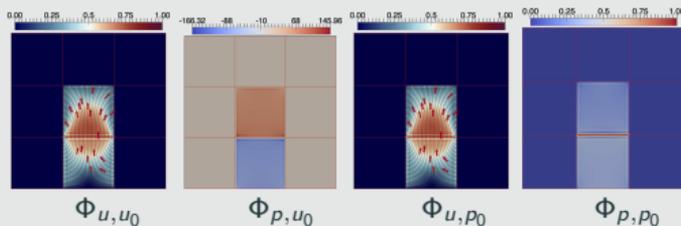
We construct a **monolithic GDSW preconditioner**

$$m_{\text{GDSW}}^{-1} = \phi \mathcal{A}_0^{-1} \phi^\top + \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{R}_i^\top \bar{\mathcal{P}}_i \mathcal{A}_i^{-1} \mathcal{R}_i,$$

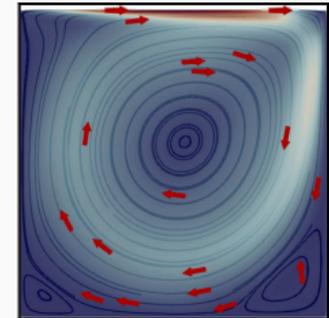
with block matrices  $\mathcal{A}_0 = \phi^\top \mathcal{A} \phi$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_i \mathcal{A} \mathcal{R}_i^\top$ , local pressure projections  $\bar{\mathcal{P}}_i$ , and

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{R}_{u,i} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{R}_{p,i} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{u,u_0} & \Phi_{u,p_0} \\ \Phi_{p,u_0} & \Phi_{p,p_0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using  $\mathcal{A}$  to compute extensions:  $\phi_l = -\mathcal{A}_{ll}^{-1} \mathcal{A}_{ll} \phi_l$ ; cf. **Heinlein, Hochmuth, Klawonn (2019, 2020)**.



Stokes flow



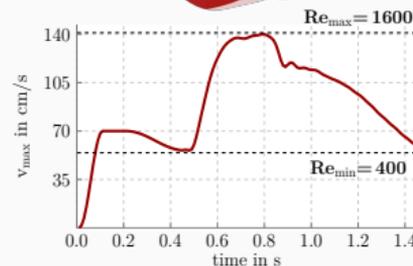
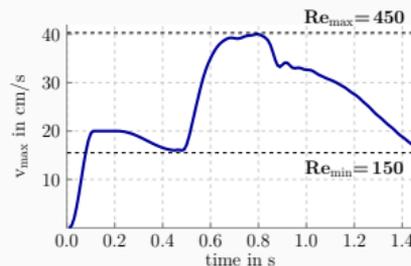
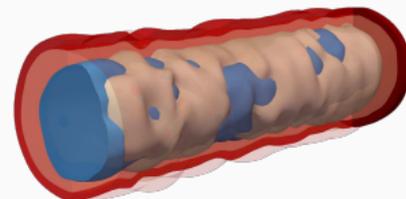
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## Related work:

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- Other publications on monolithic Schwarz preconditioners: e.g., **Hwang and Cai (2006)**, **Barker and Cai (2010)**, **Wu and Cai (2014)**, and the presentation **Dohrmann (2010)** at the *Workshop on Adaptive Finite Elements and Domain Decomposition Methods in Milan*.

# Results for Blood Flow Simulations

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- **Parabolic inflow profile** is prescribed at inlet of geometry
- **Time discretization:** BDF-2; **space discretization:** P2-P1 elements



prec.	# MPI ranks	16	64	256
Monolithic RGDSW (FRO <sub>SCH</sub> )	avg. #its.	33	31	30
	setup	4 825 s	1 422 s	701 s
	solve	3 198 s	1 004 s	463 s
	total	8 023 s	2 426 s	<b>1 164 s</b>
SIMPLE RGDSW (TE <sub>KO</sub> & FRO <sub>SCH</sub> )	avg. #its.	82	82	87
	setup	3 046 s	824 s	428 s
	solve	4 679 s	1 533 s	801 s
	total	<b>7 725 s</b>	<b>2 357 s</b>	1 229 s

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	setup	4 808 s	1 448 s	688 s
	solve	3 490 s	1 186 s	538 s
	total	<b>8 298 s</b>	<b>2 634 s</b>	<b>1 226 s</b>
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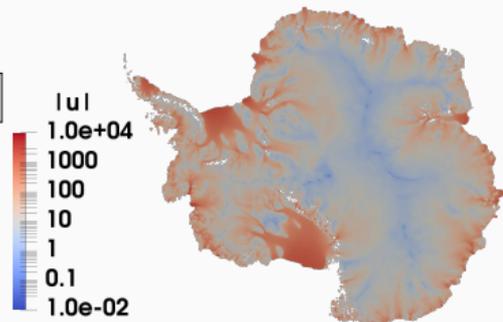


<https://github.com/SNLComputation/Albany>

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with a **nonlinear viscosity model** (Glen's law); cf., e.g., **Blatter (1995)** and **Pattyn (2003)**.



MPI ranks	Antarctica ( <b>velocity</b> )			Greenland ( <b>multiphysics vel. &amp; temperature</b> )		
	4 km resolution, 20 layers, 35 m dofs			1-10 km resolution, 20 layers, 69 m dofs		
	avg. its	avg. setup	avg. solve	avg. its	avg. setup	avg. solve
512	<b>41.9</b> (11)	25.10 s	12.29 s	<b>41.3</b> (36)	18.78 s	4.99 s
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2 048	<b>41.4</b> (11)	4.15 s	2.63 s	<b>62.2</b> (86)	4.47 s	4.23 s
4 096	<b>41.2</b> (11)	1.66 s	1.49 s	<b>68.9</b> (40)	2.52 s	2.86 s
8 192	<b>40.2</b> (11)	1.26 s	1.06 s	-	-	-

Computations performed on Cori (NERSC).

**Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam (2022)**

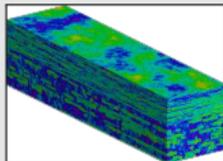
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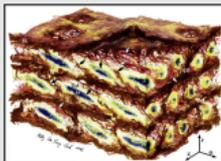
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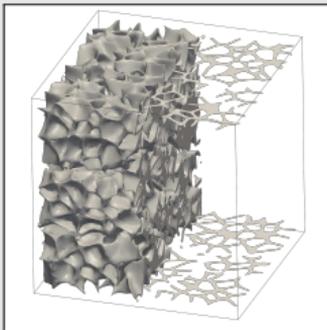
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## Foam coefficient function example



**Solid phase:**  $\alpha = 10^6$ ; **transparent phase:**  $\alpha = 1$ ; 100 subdomains

$V_0$	$tol_{\mathcal{E}}$	$tol_{\mathcal{F}}$	it.	$\kappa$	dim $V_0$	dim $V_0$ / dof
$V_{\text{GDSW}}$	—	—	<b>565</b>	<b><math>1.3 \cdot 10^6</math></b>	1601	0.27 %
$V_{\text{AGDSW}}$	0.05	0.05	<b>60</b>	<b>30.2</b>	1968	0.33 %
$V_{\text{OS-ACMS}}$	0.001	0.001	<b>57</b>	<b>30.3</b>	690	0.12 %

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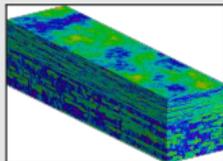
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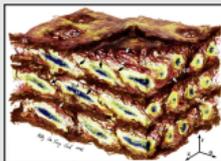
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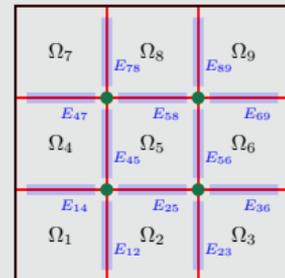
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$$\forall F \in \mathcal{F}: \quad S_{FF}T_{*,F} = \lambda_{*,F} K_{FF}T_{*,F}, \quad \forall T_{*,F} \in V_F,$$

with **Schur complements**  $S_{EE}$ ,  $S_{FF}$  with **Neumann boundary conditions** and **submatrices**  $K_{EE}$ ,  $K_{FF}$  of  $K$ . We select eigenfunctions corresponding to **eigenvalues below tolerances**  $tol_{\mathcal{E}}$  and  $tol_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

→ The corresponding coarse basis functions are **energy-minimizing extensions** into the interior of the subdomains.



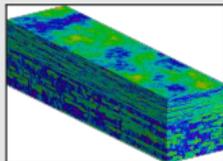
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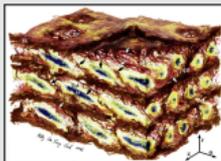
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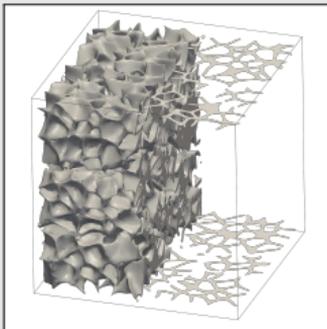
The coarse space is **enhanced** by eigenfunctions of **local edge and face eigenvalue problems** with eigenvalues below tolerances  $tol_{\mathcal{E}}$  and  $tol_{\mathcal{F}}$ :

$$\kappa(M_*^{-1}K) \leq C \left( 1 + \frac{1}{tol_{\mathcal{E}}} + \frac{1}{tol_{\mathcal{F}}} + \frac{1}{tol_{\mathcal{E}} \cdot tol_{\mathcal{F}}} \right);$$

$C$  does not depend on  $h$ ,  $H$ , or the coefficients.

**OS-ACMS** & **adaptive GDSW (AGDSW)** (**Heinlein, Klawonn, Knepper, Rheinbach (2018, 2018, 2019)**).

## Foam coefficient function example



**Solid phase:**  $\alpha = 10^6$ ; **transparent phase:**  $\alpha = 1$ ; 100 subdomains

$V_0$	$tol_{\mathcal{E}}$	$tol_{\mathcal{F}}$	it.	$\kappa$	dim $V_0$	dim $V_0$ / dof
$V_{\text{GDSW}}$	—	—	<b>565</b>	<b><math>1.3 \cdot 10^6</math></b>	1601	0.27 %
$V_{\text{AGDSW}}$	0.05	0.05	<b>60</b>	<b>30.2</b>	1968	0.33 %
$V_{\text{OS-ACMS}}$	0.001	0.001	<b>57</b>	<b>30.3</b>	690	0.12 %

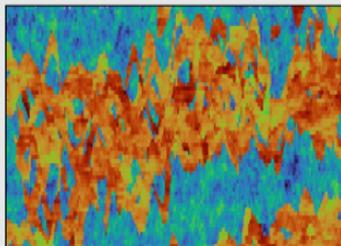
Cf. **Heinlein, Klawonn, Knepper, Rheinbach (2018, 2019)**.

# Domain Decomposition for Reservoir Simulations

## Algebraic multiscale coarse space

- We investigate **scalable and robust** simulation methods for underground hydrogen storage.
- We consider **two-level domain decomposition solver with algebraic multiscale solver (AMS)** coarse space; cf. **Wang, Hajibeygi and Tchelepi (2014)**.

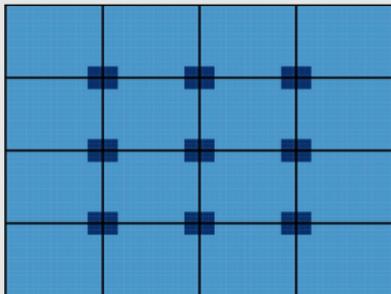
## Numerical results - SPE10 benchmark



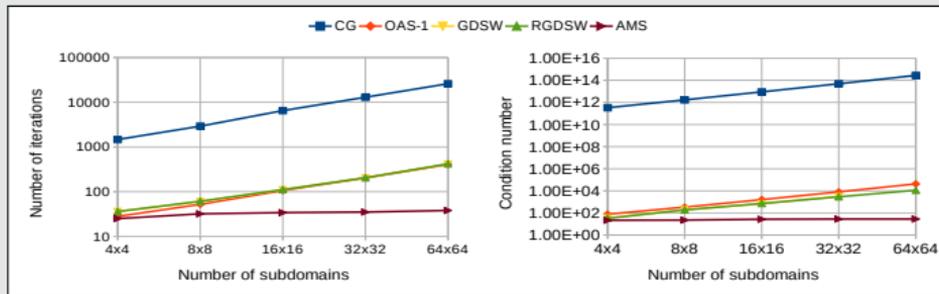
Layer 72 from model 2; cf. **Christie and Blunt (2001)**.

preconditioner	its.	$\kappa$
-	$> 10^4$	$8.61 \cdot 10^8$
one-level	174	$1.01 \cdot 10^5$
two-level w\ AMS	78	144.33

## Numerical results - Weak scalability for high coefficient inclusions



Dark blue:  $\alpha = 10^8$ ; light blue:  $\alpha = 1$



Cf. **Alves, Heinlein and Hajibeygi (2024; preprint arXiv)**

# Learning Extension Operators Using Graph Neural Networks

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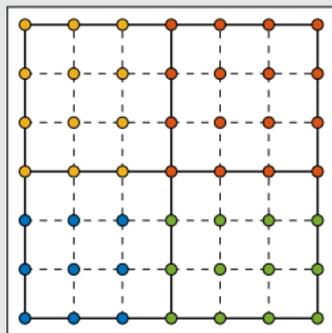
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Most coarse spaces for Schwarz preconditioners are constructed based on a **characteristic functions**

$$\varphi_i(\omega_j) = \delta_{ij},$$

on specifically chosen sets of nodes  $\{\omega_j\}_j$ . The **values in the remaining nodes** are then obtained by **extending the values into the adjacent subdomains**. Examples:

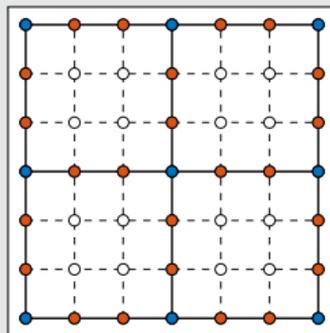
## Subdomain-based



- The  $\omega_j$  are based on nonoverl. subdomains  $\Omega_j$
- **No extensions** needed

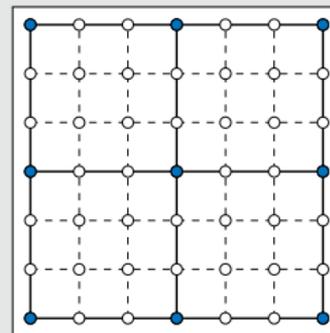
Cf. **Nicolaidis (1987)**.

## GDSW



- The  $\omega_j$  are based on **partition of the interface**
- **Energy-minimizing** exts.

## Vertex-based



- **Lagrangian**: geometric ext.
- **MsFEM**: geometric and energy-minimizing exts.
- **RGDSW**: algebraic and energy-minimizing exts.

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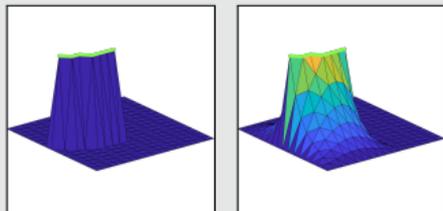
Energy-minimizing extensions

- are **algebraic**:

$$v_I = -K_{II}^{-1} K_{I\Gamma} v_\Gamma$$

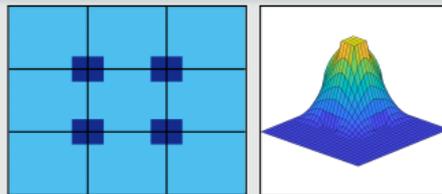
(with Dirichlet b. c.)

- can be **costly**: solving a problem in the interior



→ Improving efficiency & robustness via machine learning.

## Observation 2

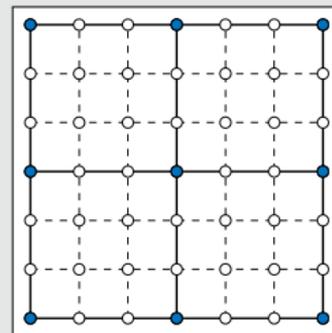


Heterogeneous:  $\alpha_{\text{light}} = 1$ ;  $\alpha_{\text{dark}} = 10^8$

The performance may **strongly** depend on extension operator:

coarse space	its.	$\kappa$
—	163	$4.06 \cdot 10^7$
Q1	138	$1.07 \cdot 10^6$
MsFEM	24	8.05

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This overview is **not exhaustive**:

## Coarse spaces for domain decomposition methods

- Prediction of the geometric location of adaptive constraints (adaptive BDDC & FETI-DP as well as AGDSW): [Heinlein, Klawonn, Lanser, Weber \(2019, 2020, 2021, 2021, 2021, 2022\)](#)
- Prediction of coarse basis functions: [Chung, Kim, Lam, Zhao \(2021\)](#); [Klawonn, Lanser, Weber \(2024, 2024\)](#); [Kopaničáková, Karniadakis \(2025\)](#)
- Learning interface conditions and coarse interpolation operators: [Taghibakhshi et al. \(2022, 2023\)](#)

## Algebraic multigrid (AMG)

- Prediction of coarse grid operators: [Luz et al. \(2020\)](#); [Tomasi, Krause \(2023\)](#); [Zhang et al. \(2024\)](#)
- Coarsening: [Taghibakhshi, MacLachlan, Olson, West \(2021\)](#); [Antonietti, Caldana, Dede \(2023\)](#)

An overviews of the **state-of-the-art on domain decomposition and machine learning** in early 2021 and 2023:



A. Heinlein, A. Klawonn, M. Lanser, J. Weber

**Combining machine learning and domain decomposition methods for the solution of partial differential equations — A review**  
GAMM-Mitteilungen. 2021.



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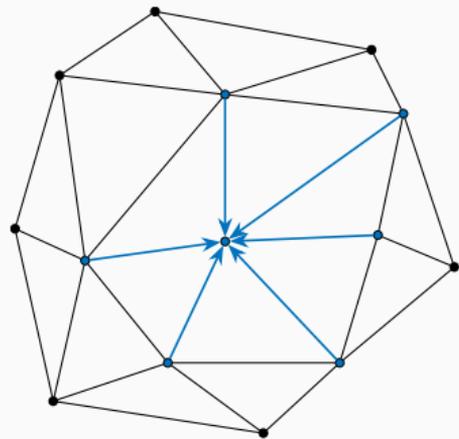
**Machine learning and domain decomposition methods – a survey**  
Computational Science and Engineering. 2024

# Prediction via Graph Convolutional Networks

**Graph neural networks (GNNs)** Gori, Monfardini, and Scarselli (2005) are a natural choice for learning on data defined over simulation meshes:

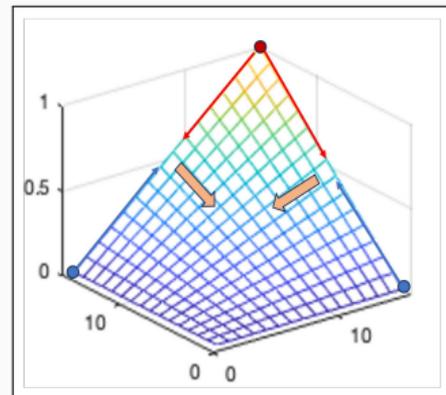
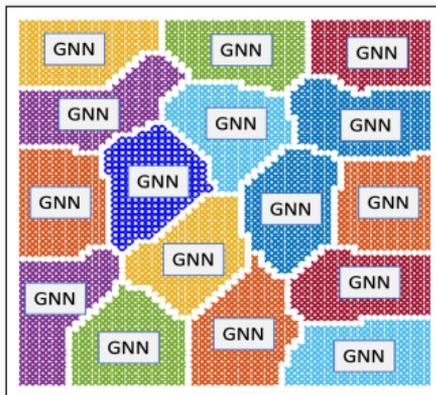
- Generalize **CNNs** LeCun (1998) to irregular, **graph-structured data**.
- Learn via **iterative aggregation** from **neighboring nodes**.
- Naturally **permutation invariant** and **geometrically robust**.

Further references: Scarselli et al. (2005), Bruna et al. (2014), Henaff et al. (2015), Defferrard et al. (2016), Kipf, Welling (2017), ...



## Local approach

- **Input:** subdomain matrix  $K_i$
- **Output:** basis functions  $\{\varphi_j^{\Omega_i}\}_j$  on the same subdomain
- Training on **subdomains with varying geometry**
- Inference on **unseen subdomains**



# Theory-Inspired Design of the GNN-Based Coarse Space

## Null space property

Any extension-based coarse space built from a partition of unity on the domain decomposition interface satisfies the **null space property necessary for numerical scalability**:

$$\sum_{\text{edges } \subset \partial\Omega_i} \text{[3D plot of a peak on an edge]} + \sum_{\text{vertices } \subset \partial\Omega_i} \text{[3D plot of a peak at a vertex]} = \text{[3D plot of a combined peak structure]}$$

## Explicit partition of unity

To **explicitly enforce** that the basis functions  $(\varphi_j)_j$  form a **partition of unity**

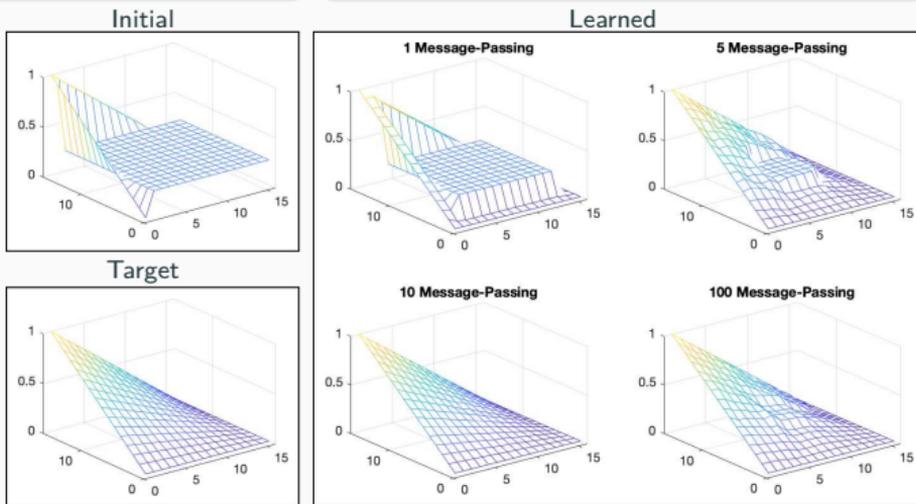
$$\varphi_j = \frac{\hat{\varphi}_j}{\sum_k \hat{\varphi}_k},$$

where the  $\hat{\varphi}_k$  are the outputs of the GNN.

## Initial and target

- **Initial function:** partition of unity that is constant in the interior
- **Target function:**
  - linear on the edges
  - energy-minimizing in the interior

→ **Information transport via message passing**

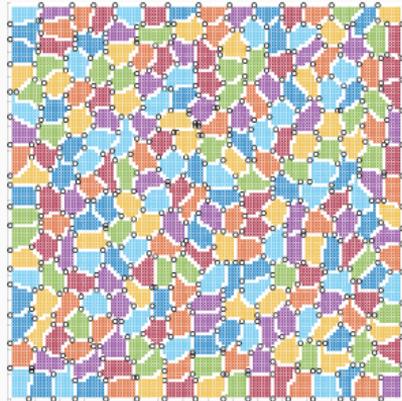


# Numerical Results for Homogeneous Laplacian – Weak Scaling Study

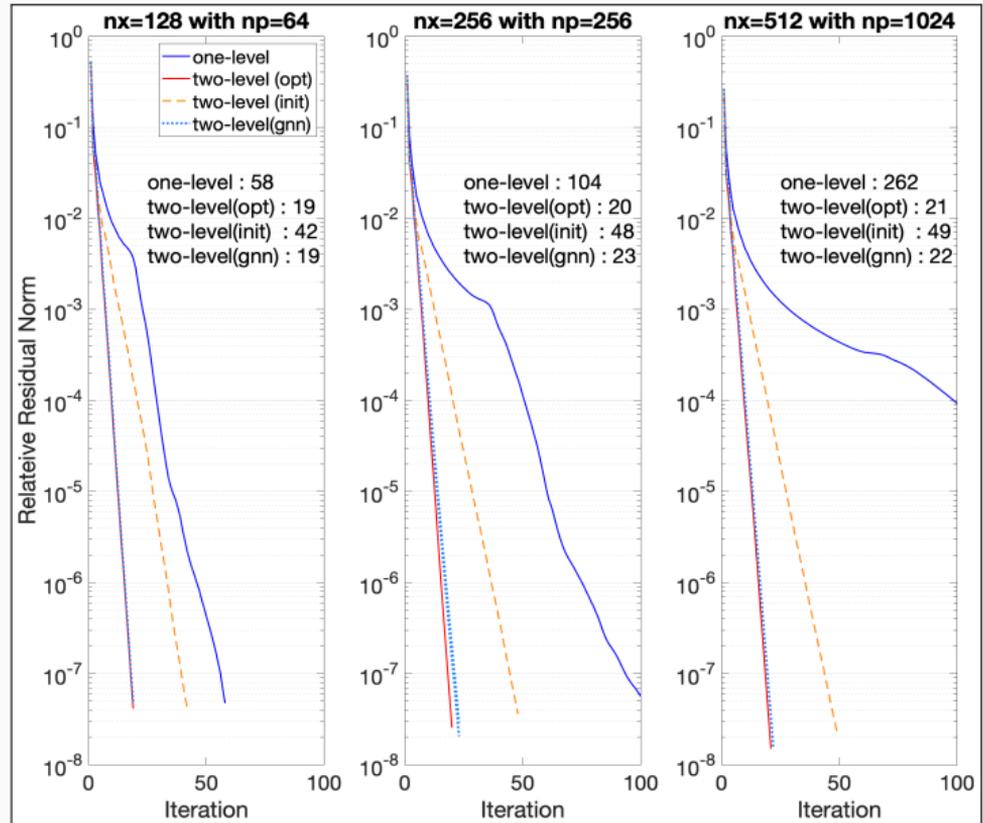
**Model problem:** 2D Laplacian model problem discretized using finite differences on a structured grid

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= 1 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

decomposed using **METIS**:



- The GNN has been **trained on 64 subdomains**.

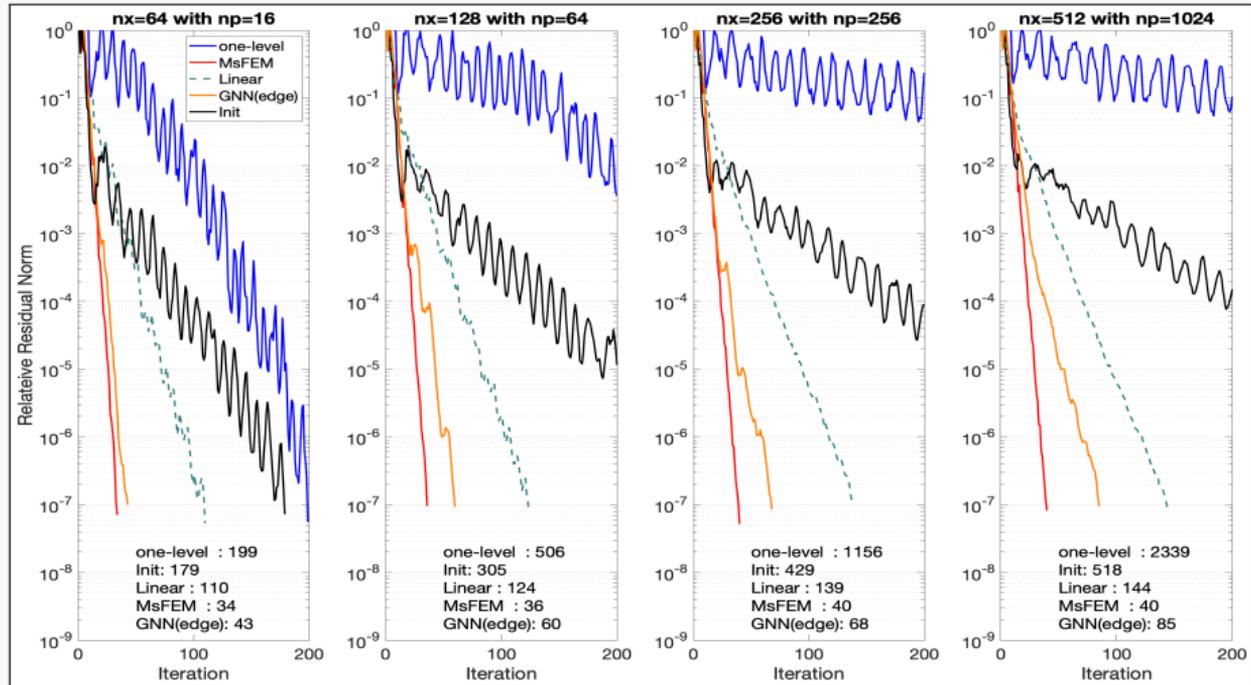


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# Numerical Results for Heterogeneous Laplacian – Weak Scaling Study

Heterogeneous Laplacian with  $\alpha_{\max}/\alpha_{\min} = 10^3$ :

$$-\nabla \cdot (\alpha(x)\nabla u(x)) = f \text{ in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$



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  - **large-scale distributed memory parallelization** and
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## Learning extension operators

- **Extensions** are a major component in the **construction of coarse spaces** for domain decomposition methods.
- Using **GNNs** and **known properties from the theory**, we can **learn extension operators** that lead to a **scalable coarse spaces**.

Thank you for your attention!



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