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# *hypre* - High Performance Preconditioners

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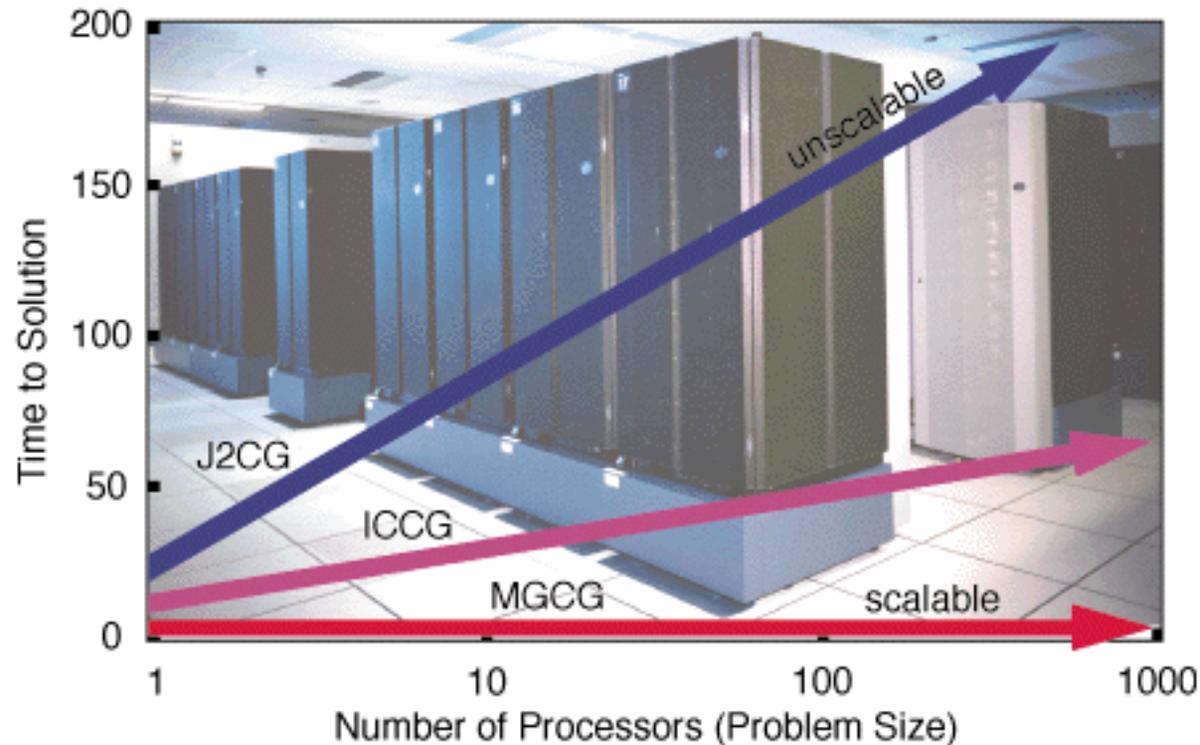
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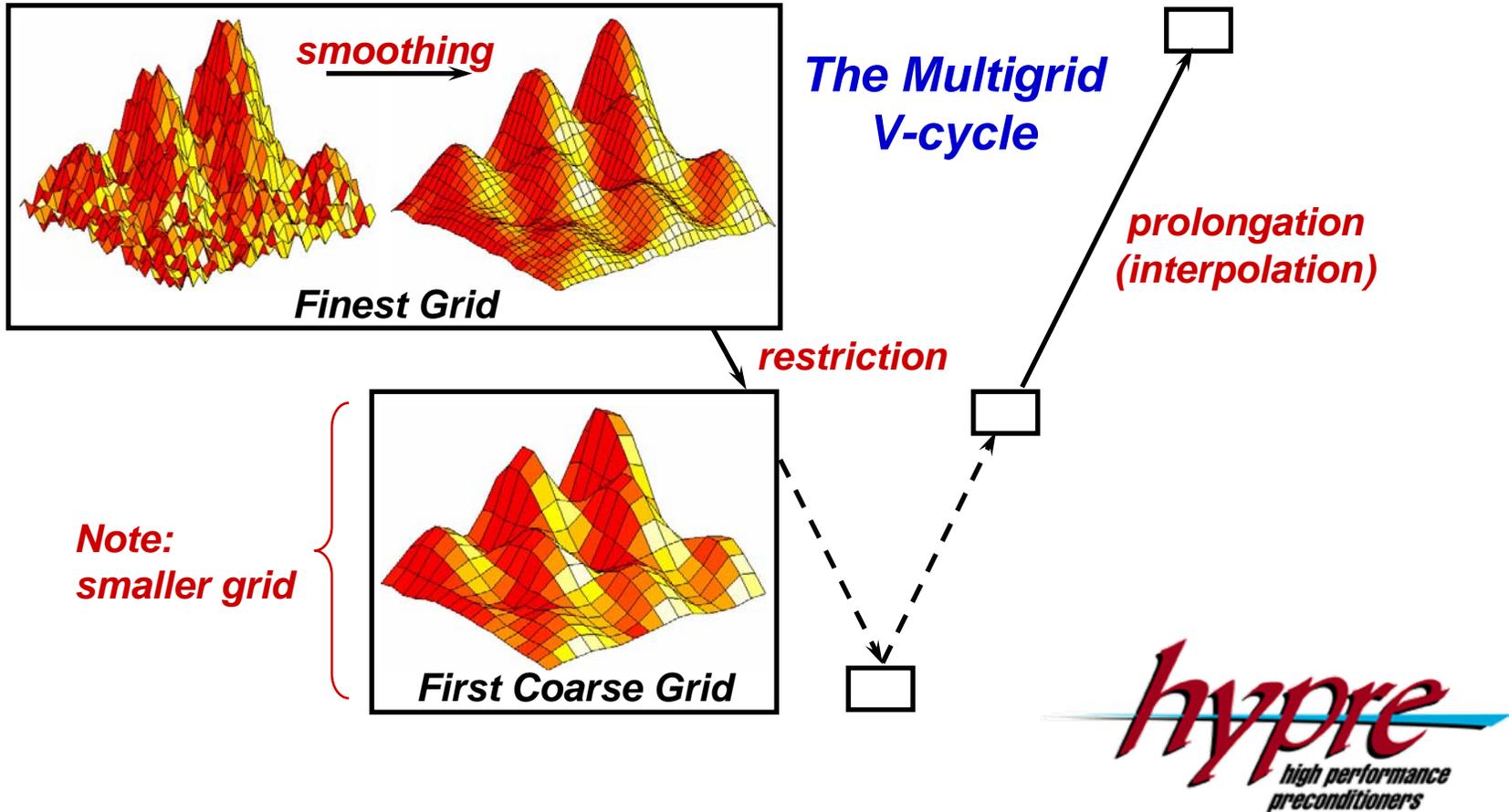


# Scalability is a central issue for large-scale parallel computing

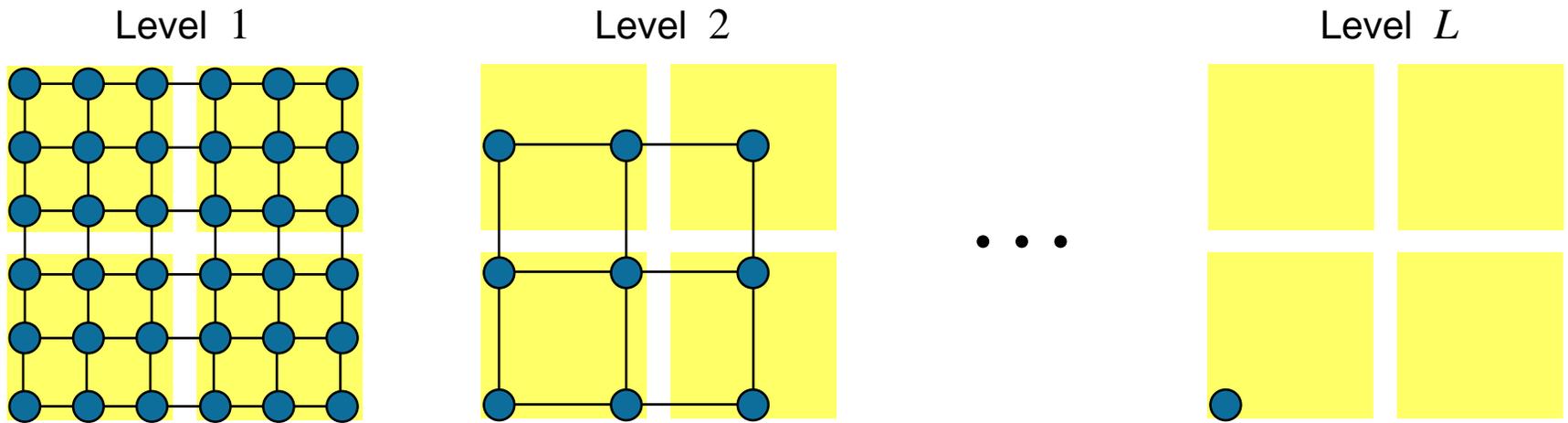


***Want (nearly) constant solution time as problem size grows in proportion to the number of processors***

# Multigrid methods use coarse grids to efficiently damp out smooth error



# Approach for parallelizing multigrid is straightforward data decomposition



- Basic communication pattern is “nearest neighbor”
- Time for doing relaxation in a V-cycle is

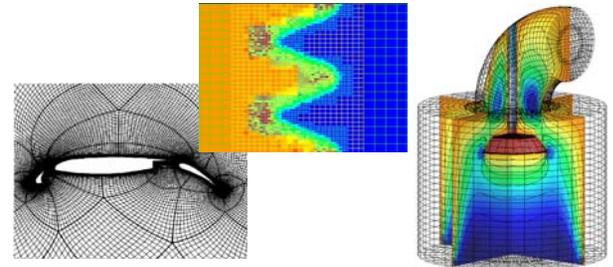
$$T = O(\log N)\alpha + O(n)\beta + O(n^2)\gamma$$

- Primary difference between this and a simple matrix-vector multiply is the *log* term

# We are developing *MG* methods for a variety of application settings

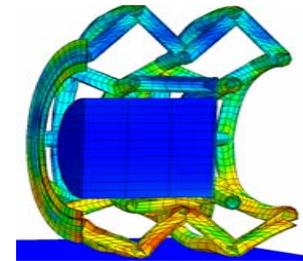
- Geometric multigrid for semi-structured grids

- Grids highly structured, e.g., **block-structured, structured AMR, overset**
- **Exploit structure where present**



- Algebraic multigrid (*AMG*) for unstructured grids

- Assumes only the underlying matrix
- Automatically coarsens “grids”
- **Characterizing smooth error is key**

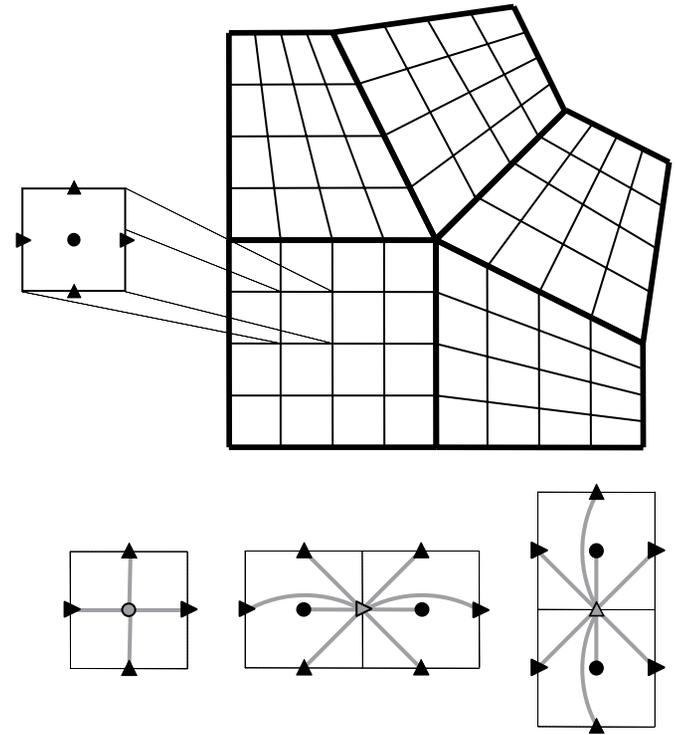


- Our work ranges from...

- longer-term fundamental research and theory, to
- shorter-term focused research and software development

# Conceptual system interfaces supply “best” solvers

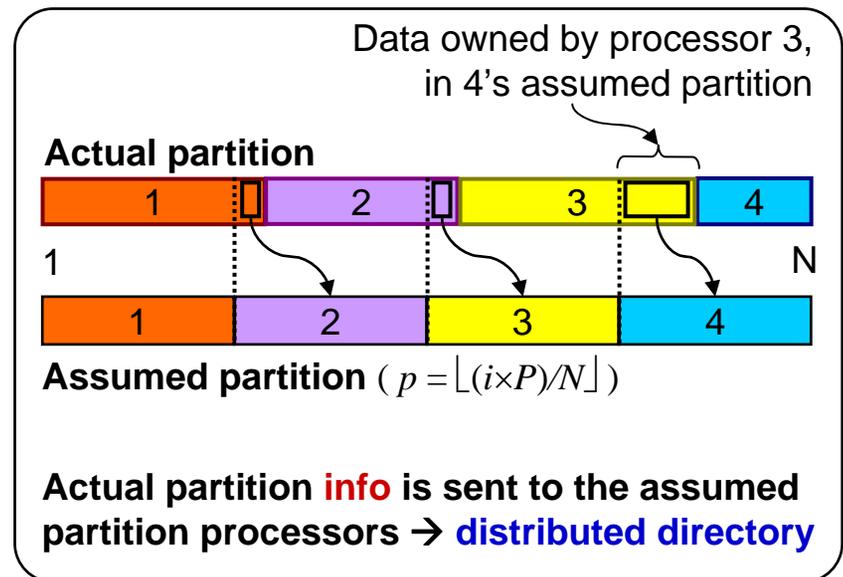
- Example: *hypr*'s interface for semi-structured grids
- Appropriate for problems that are mostly structured
  - based on “grids” and “stencils”
- Allows for specialized solvers like *FAC* for structured AMR
  - **First time in a linear solver library**
- Also provides for more general solvers like *AMG*
- **This is unique to *hypr***



A block-structured grid with 3 variable types and 3 discretization stencils

# New assumed partition (AP) algorithm enables scaling to 100K+ procs

- Answering global data distribution queries currently requires  $O(P)$  storage and computations (e.g., `MPI_Allgatherv`)
- **On BG/L, storing  $O(P)$  data is not always practical or possible**
- New algorithm employs an **assumed partition** to answer queries through a kind of **rendezvous algorithm**
- **Reduces storage to  $O(I)$  and computations to  $O(\log P)$**
- Developed for *hypre's IJ* and *SEMI* interfaces
- **Assumed partition idea may help wherever there is a call to `MPI_Allgatherv`**



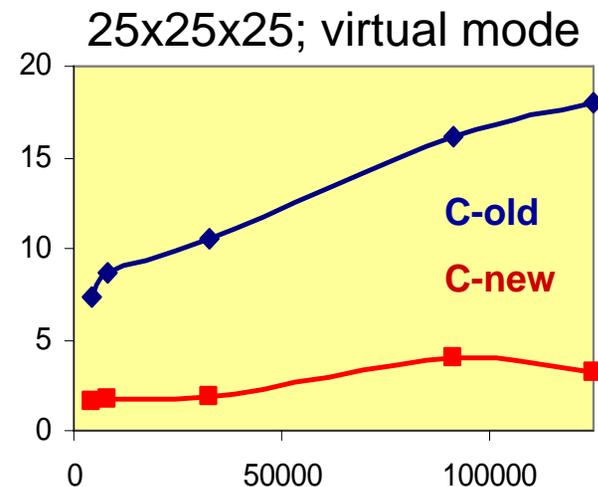
# New AP and coarsening algorithms in AMG reduces memory and is 16x faster on BG/L

- BoomerAMG-CG, total times in seconds

Algorithms:	global partition (old)		assumed partition (new)	
# of procs	C-old	C-new	C-old	C-new
4,096	12.42	3.06	12.32	2.86
64,000	67.19	10.45	19.85	4.23

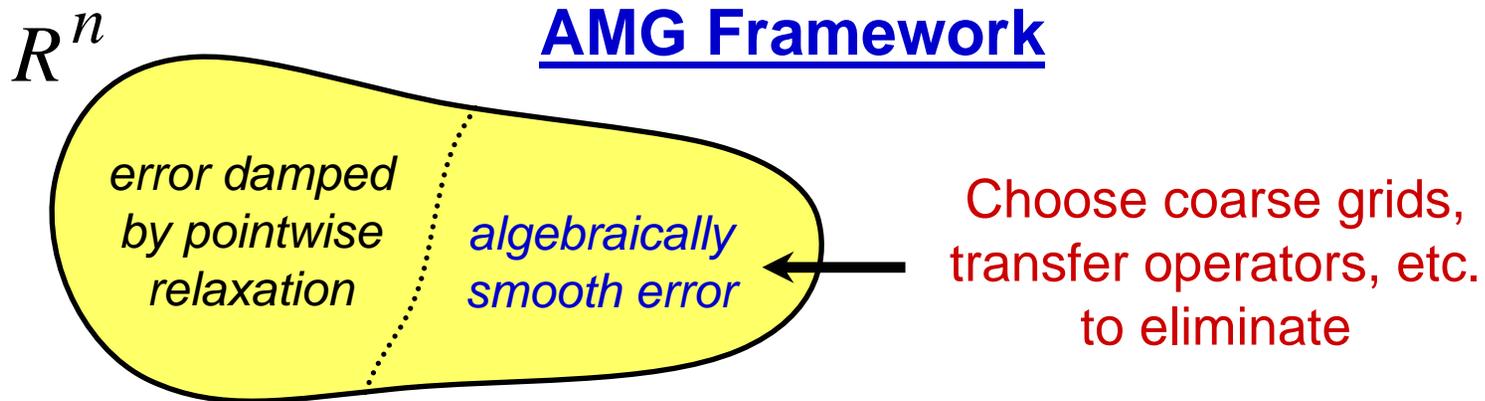
7pt 3D Laplacian; 30x30x30 unknowns per processor;  
co-processor mode

- Coarsening algorithms:
  - C-old: RS with CLJP between procs
  - C-new: HMIS with 1 aggressive
- 15x overall speedup on 64K procs!
- 2 billions unknowns on 125K procs!



# Good local characterization of smooth error is key to *AMG*

- Early *AMG* work assumed pointwise smoothers:



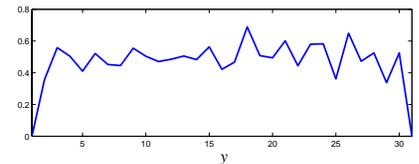
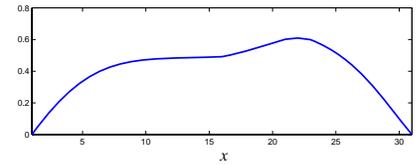
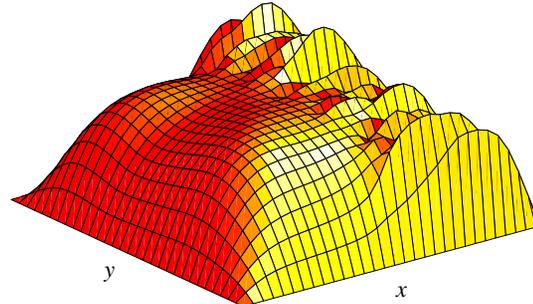
- **Weak approximation property:** interpolation must be more accurate on small eigenmodes
- **The near null space (kernel) is important!**

# Algebraically smooth error can be geometrically oscillatory

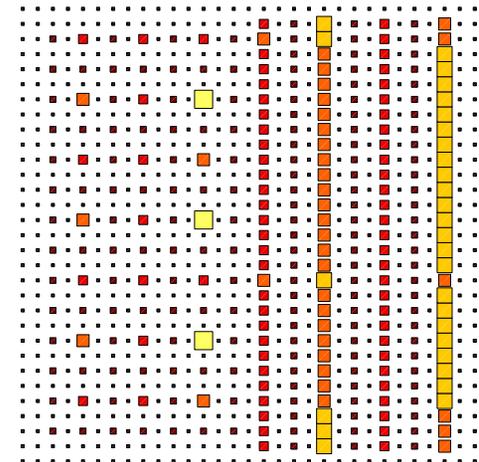
- 7 GS sweeps on

$$-au_{xx} - bu_{yy} = f$$

$a = b$	$a \gg b$
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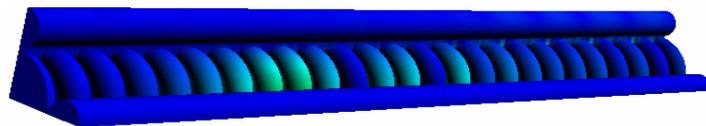
- AMG can “follow physics”
- This example still targets **geometric smoothness** and **pointwise smoothers**
- Not sufficient for some problems!**



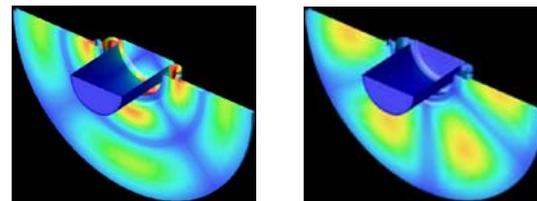
AMG coarse grids

# We generalized the *AMG* framework to address new problem classes

- Maxwell & Helmholtz problems have huge near null spaces and require more than pointwise smoothing



*Model of a section of the Next Linear Collider structure*



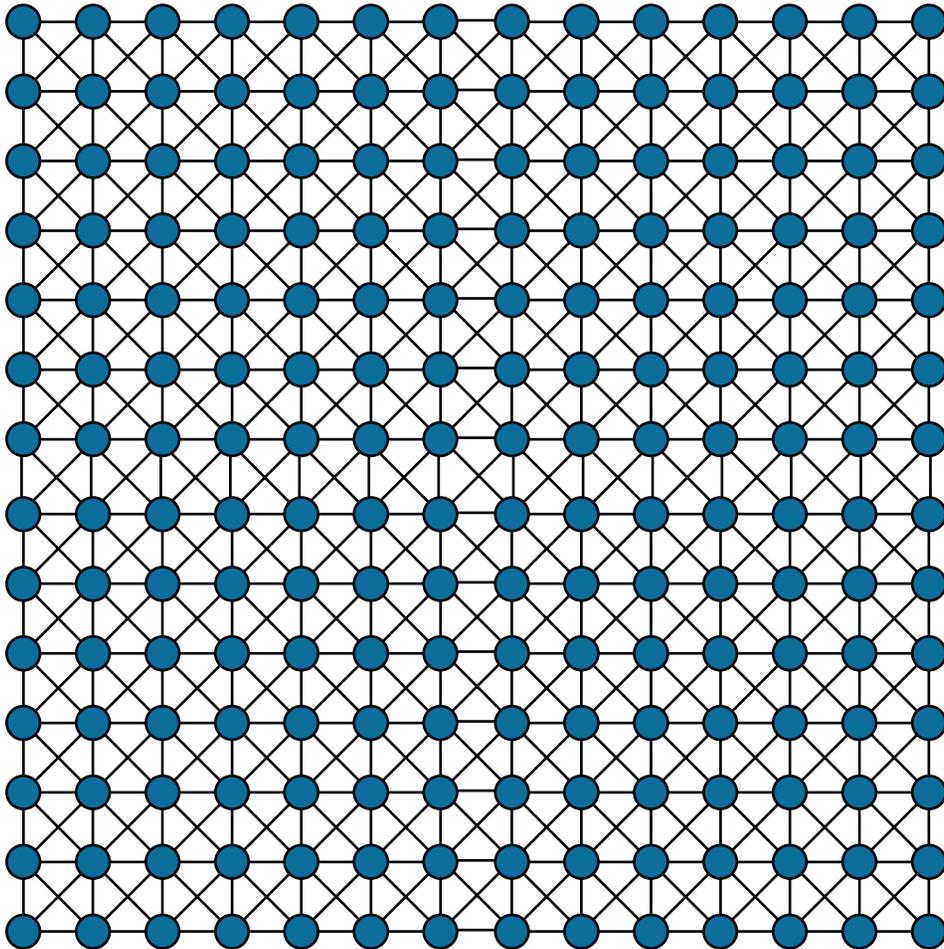
*Resonant frequencies in a Helmholtz Application*

- Our new theory works for any smoother & formalizes idea of compatible relaxation (*CR*) (SINUM, 2004)
  - We defined **several variants of *CR***, and proved that **fast converging *CR* implies a good coarse grid**
  - *CR* efficiently measures coarse grid quality!
- **Developed *CR*-based coarsening algorithm**

# CR to choose the coarse grid

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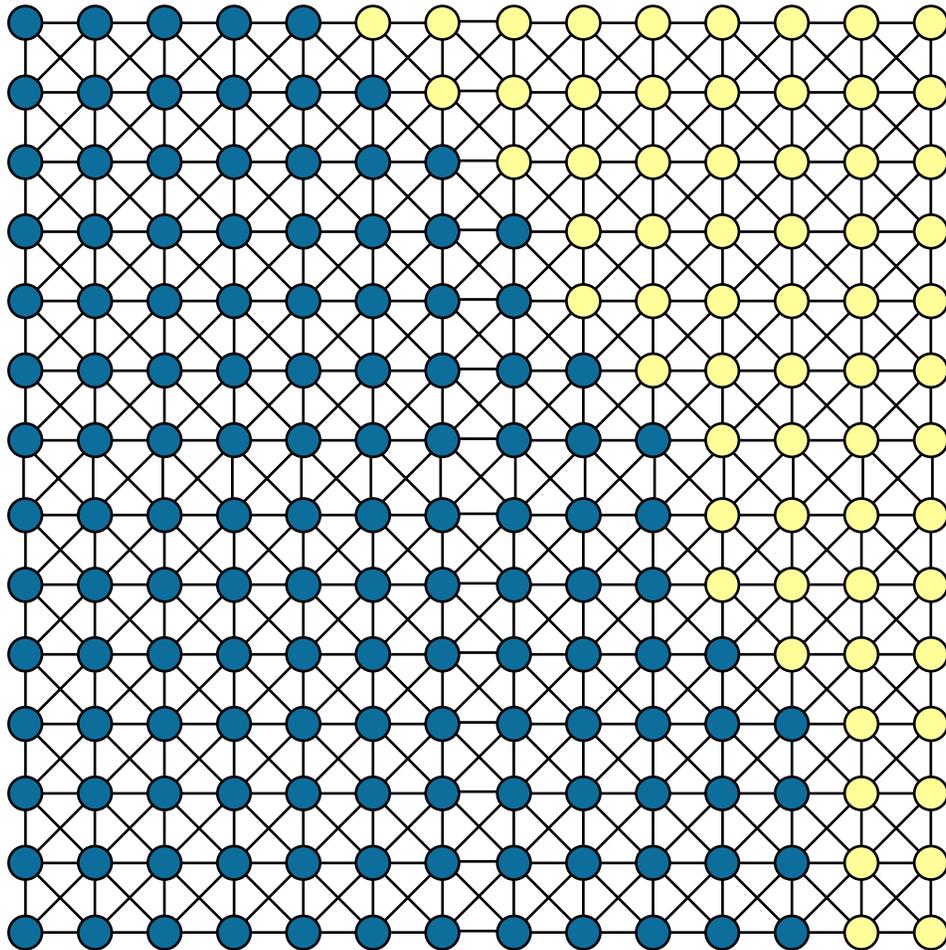


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→ Do CR on  $Au=0$ , and  
redefine U-pts

→ Select new C-pts as  
indep. set over U

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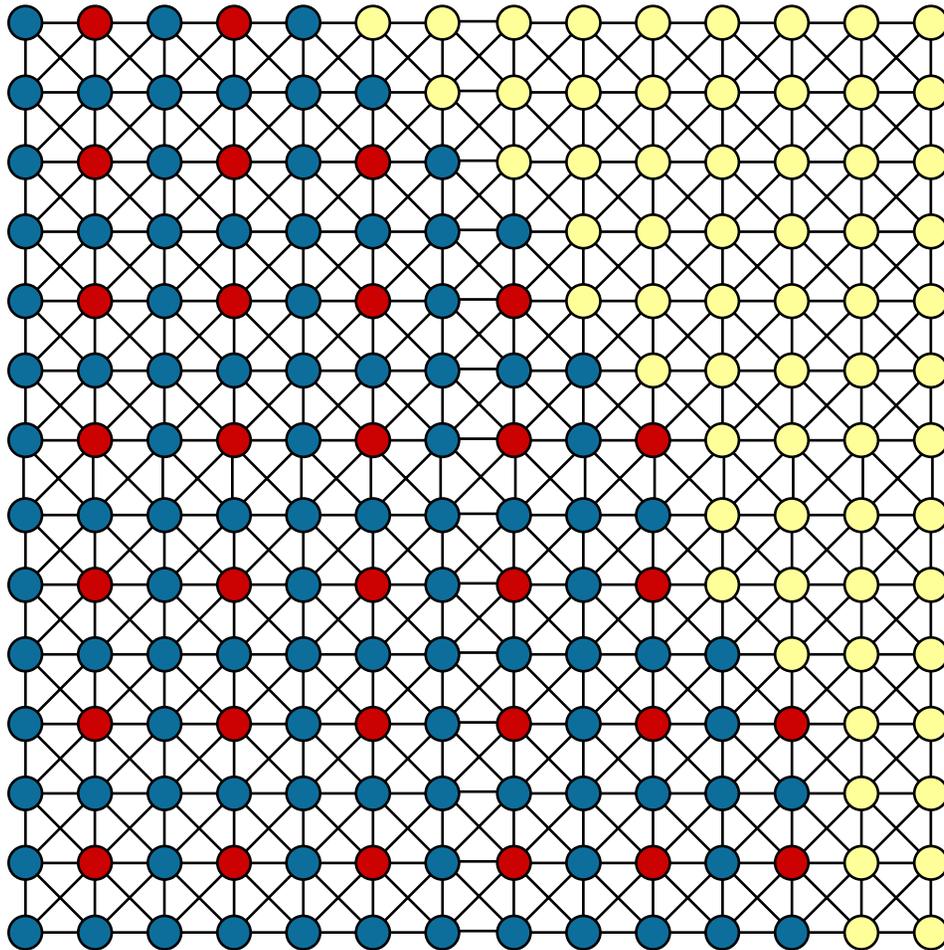


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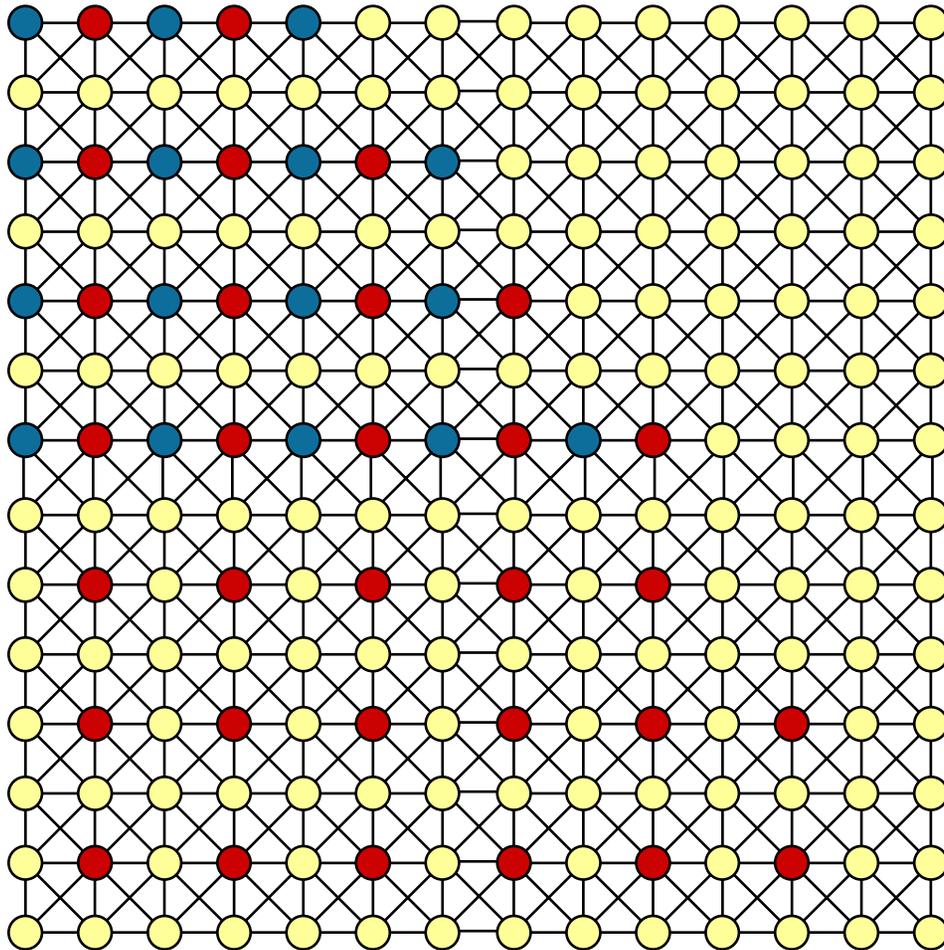


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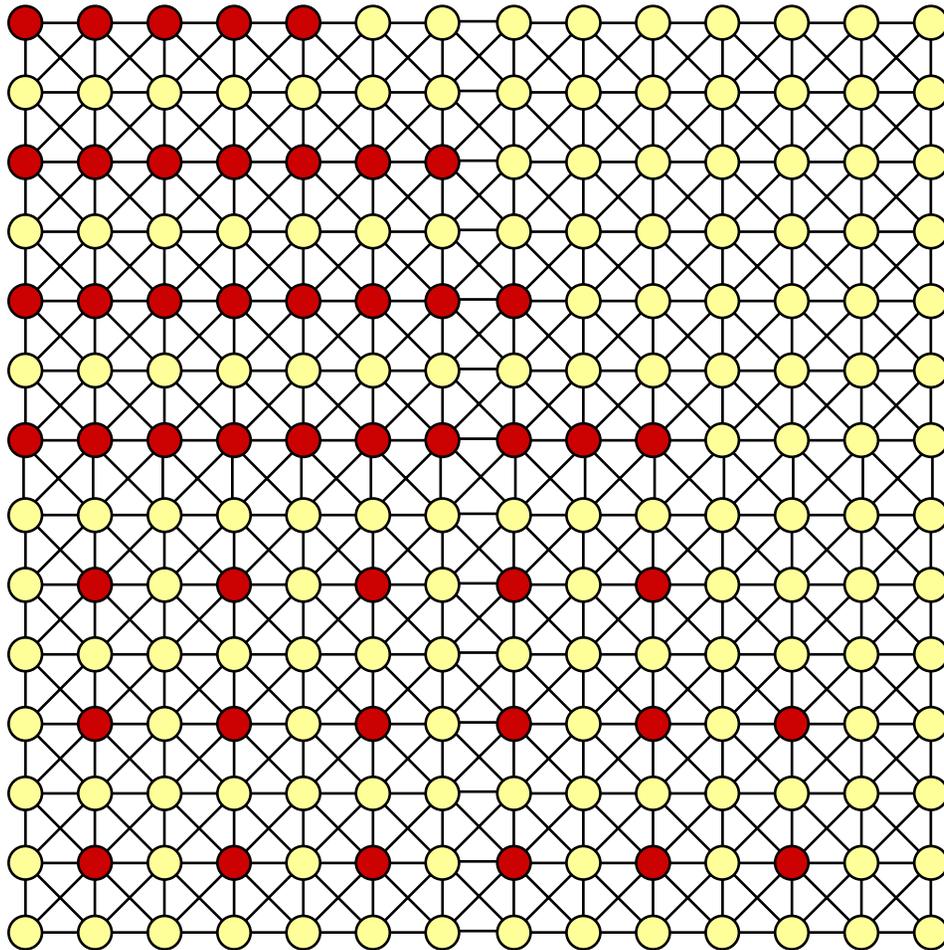


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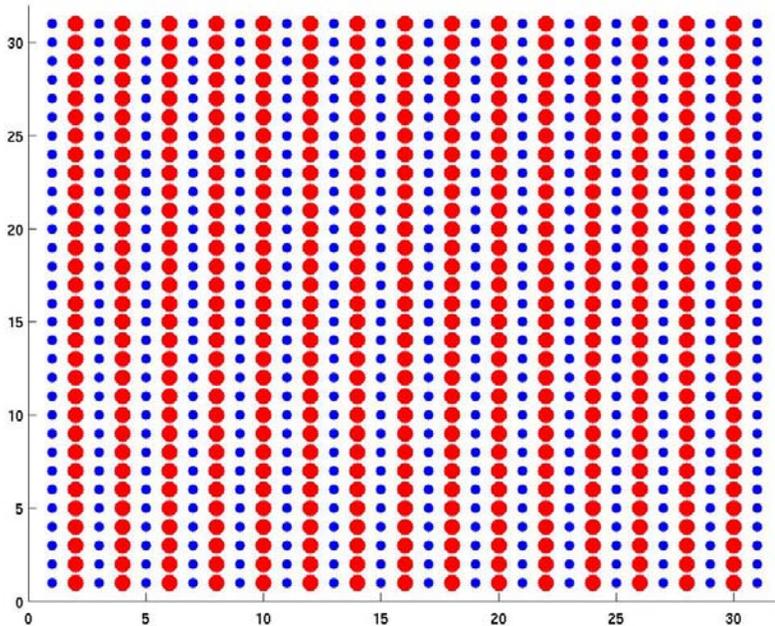
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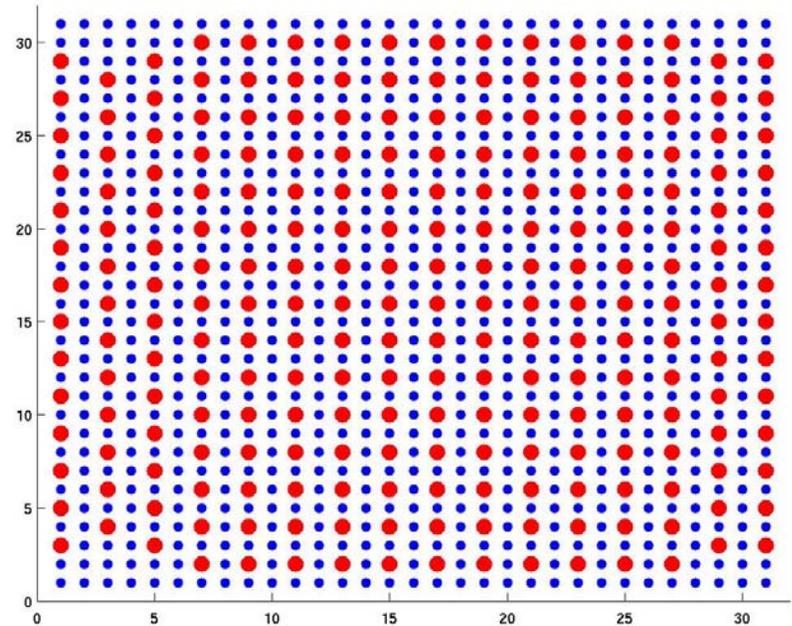
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# Anisotropic 9-pt FE: coarse grids reflect smoother used in *CR*

- Pointwise Gauss-Seidel *CR*



- Line Jacobi *CR*



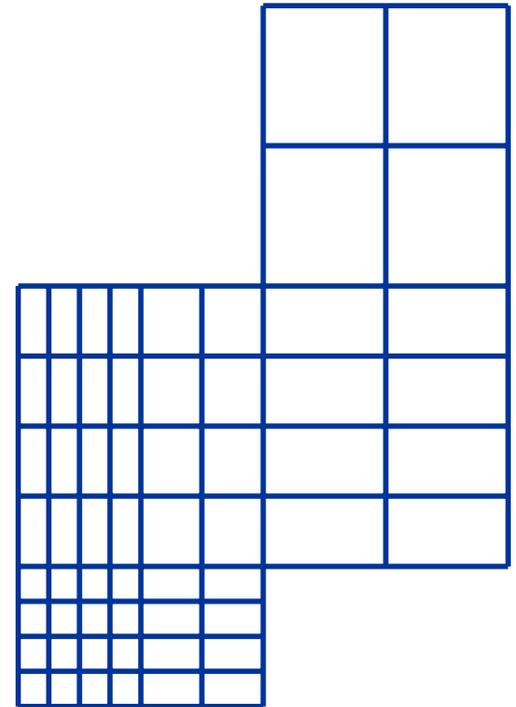
- ***Not possible with other coarsening algorithms!***
- **Need new interpolation schemes to use in AMG**

# Current solver / preconditioner availability via *hypr*'s conceptual interfaces

Solvers	System Interfaces			
	Struct	SStruct	FEI	IJ
Jacobi	✓	✓		
SMG	✓	✓		
PFMG	✓	✓		
Split		✓		
SysPFMG		✓		
FAC		✓		
Maxwell		✓		
AMS		✓	✓	✓
BoomerAMG		✓	✓	✓
MLI		✓	✓	✓
ParaSails		✓	✓	✓
Euclid		✓	✓	✓
PILUT		✓	✓	✓
PCG	✓	✓	✓	✓
GMRES	✓	✓	✓	✓
BiCGSTAB	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hybrid	✓	✓	✓	✓

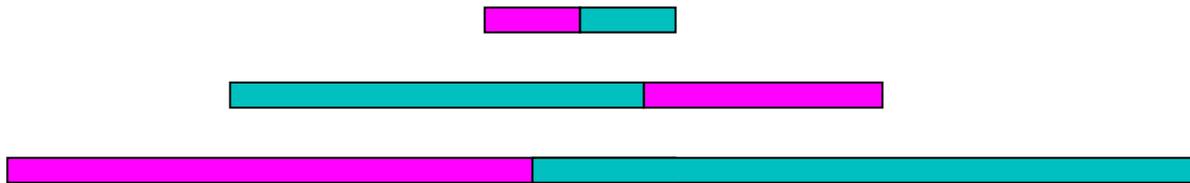
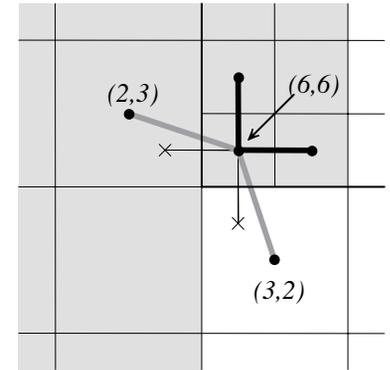
# SMG and PFMG are semicoarsening multigrid methods for structured grids

- Interface: `Struct`/`SStruct`
- Matrix Class: `Struct`/`SStruct`
- SMG uses plane smoothing in 3D, where each plane “solve” is effected by one 2D V-cycle
- SMG is very robust
- PFMG uses simple pointwise smoothing, and is less robust
- **Constant-coefficient versions!**



# FAC is an algebraic cell-centered fast adaptive composite grid solver in *hypre*

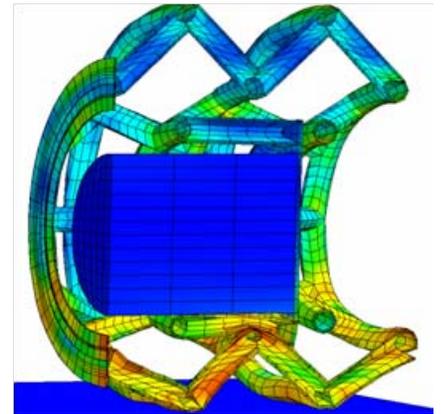
- **Interface:** `SStruct`
- **Matrix Class:** `SStruct`
- **Requires only the composite matrix**
  - no coarse underlying matrix needed
- **Does not require nested AMR levels in the processor distribution, e.g., 3 levels on 2 procs**
  - uses intra- and inter-level communication



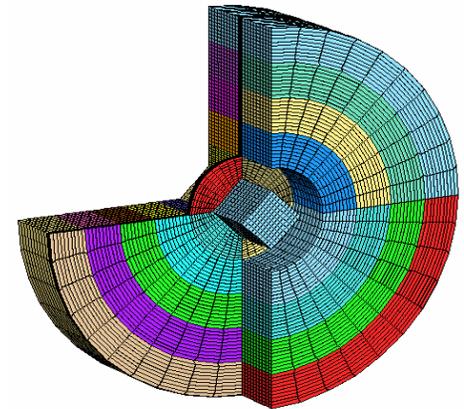
- **Designed for smooth-coefficient diffusion problems**

# BoomerAMG is an algebraic multigrid method for unstructured grids

- Interface: `SStruct`, `FEI`, `IJ`
- Matrix Class: `ParCSR`
- Originally developed as a general matrix method (i.e., assumes given  $A$ ,  $x$ , and  $b$  only)
- Uses various coarsening, interpolation and relaxation schemes
- Automatically defines coarse “grids”
- Can also be used for solving systems of PDEs if additional information provided



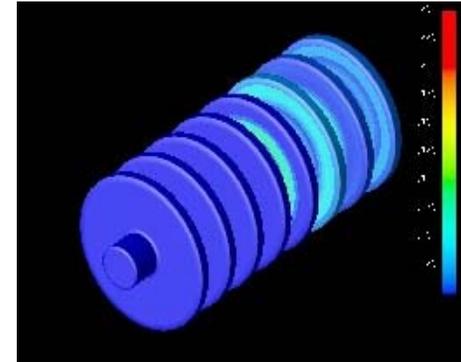
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PMESH

# **New:** We have just released a Maxwell solver for (semi)-structured grids

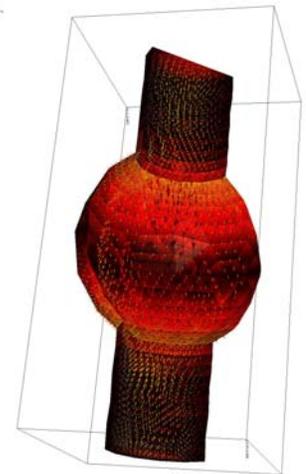
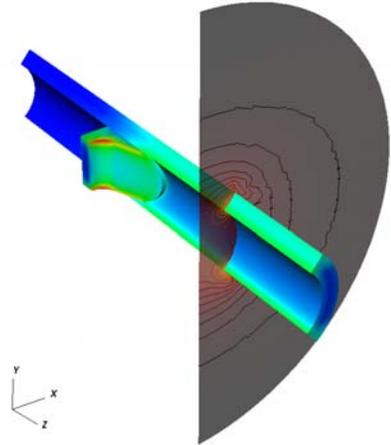
- **Interface:** `SStruct`
- **Matrix Class:** `SStruct`



- **Solves definite problems**  $\nabla \times \alpha \nabla \times E + \beta E = f, \beta > 0$
- **Uses multiple coarsening and special relaxation, a coupled hierarchy to resolve different vector components of the correction**
- **Requires the linear system and a gradient matrix**
- **Only for edge finite element discretizations**

# **New:** AMS is an auxiliary space Maxwell solver for unstructured grids

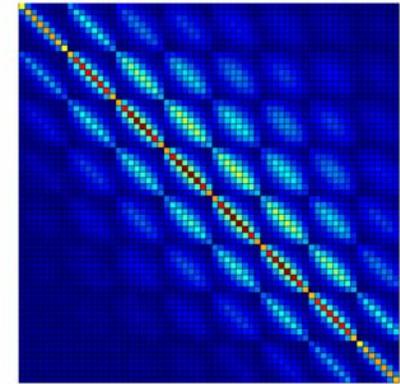
- Interface: SStruct, FEI, IJ
- Matrix Class: ParCSR
- Solves definite problems:  
$$\nabla \times \alpha \nabla \times E + \beta E = f, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta \geq 0$$
- Requires the linear system, a gradient matrix, the coordinates of the mesh vertices
- Based on methods by Hiptmair and Xu
- Uses BoomerAMG



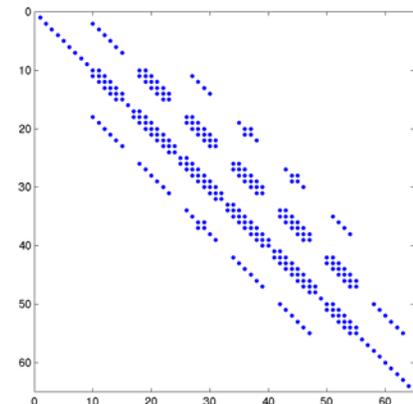
# ParaSAILS is an approximate inverse method for sparse linear systems

- Interface: `SStruct`, `FEI`, `IJ`
- Matrix Class: `ParCSR`
  
- Approximates the inverse of  $A$  by a sparse matrix  $M$  by minimizing the Frobenius norm of  $I - AM$
- Uses graph theory to predict good sparsity patterns for  $M$

Exact inverse



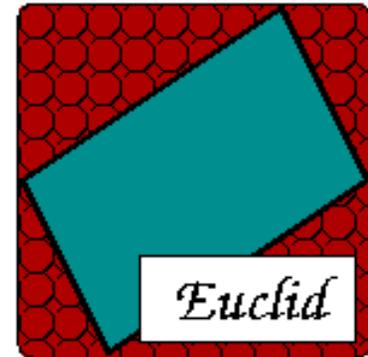
Approx inverse



# Euclid is a family of Incomplete LU methods for sparse linear systems

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- **Interface:** `SStruct`, `FEI`, `IJ`
- **Matrix Class:** `ParCSR`
  
- **Obtains scalable parallelism via local and global reorderings**
- **Good for unstructured problems**
  
- <http://www.cs.odu.edu/~hysom/Euclid>



# The *hypre* library is LGPL open source

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- Download the source at:

<http://www.llnl.gov/CASC/hypre/>

A short form must be filled out prior to download, just for our own records.



- Send support questions, bug reports, etc. to:

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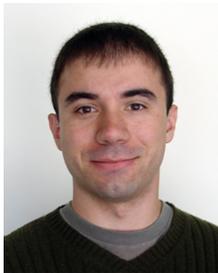
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# Selected Publications

(see [http://www.llnl.gov/casc/linear\\_solvers](http://www.llnl.gov/casc/linear_solvers))

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