

Optimized Schwarz Methods

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Why working on DDM: a personal view

- a Matter of Taste

Interplay between linear algebra and partial differential equations

- Background

Optimized Schwarz methods are strongly related to parabolic approximations of PDEs and to Absorbing boundary conditions (my PhD subjects)

- Generality

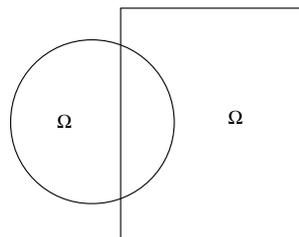
A transverse tool (no specific application field) with regular meetings

- Future

The feeling that DDMs are (part of) the future of scientific computing in connection with parallel computing.

The First Domain Decomposition Method

The original Schwarz Method (H.A. Schwarz, 1870)



$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Additive Schwarz Method : $(u_1^n, u_2^n) \rightarrow (u_1^{n+1}, u_2^{n+1})$ with

$$-\Delta(u_1^{n+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1$$

$$u_1^{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega$$

$$u_1^{n+1} = u_2^n \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \overline{\Omega_2}.$$

$$-\Delta(u_2^{n+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2$$

$$u_2^{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega$$

$$u_2^{n+1} = u_1^{n(+1)} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \overline{\Omega_1}.$$

Parallel algorithm, converges but very slowly

Matching interface conditions are of the Dirichlet type

Improvement will come from introducing Neumann or more general boundary conditions+ Krylov methods in replacement of the fixed point algorithm.

First family of modern methods : Schur Complement methods – Substructuring formulation

Consider a non overlapping decomposition of the domain Ω into Ω_1 and Ω_2 and Dirichlet BVP in each subdomain with $u|_{\Gamma}$ as a Dirichlet data

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta(u_i) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega_i, \\ u_i &= u|_{\Gamma} \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad u_i = 0 \quad \text{sur } \partial\Omega_i \setminus \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

The jump of the normal derivative across the interface is a function of f and $u|_{\Gamma}$

$$\mathcal{S}(f, u|_{\Gamma}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial n_1} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial n_2} \right) |_{\Gamma}$$

The substructured interface problem reads : Find $u|_{\Gamma}$ s.t.

$$\mathcal{S}(0, u|_{\Gamma}) = -\mathcal{S}(f, 0)$$

The corresponding discretized problem is solved by a Krylov type method such as CG, GMRES, BICGSTAB, QMR, ...

- Gain: if $\kappa(-\Delta_h) = O(1/h^2)$, then $\kappa(\mathcal{S}_h) = O(1/h)$. At the expense of a costly matrix-vector product.
- Extension : Find a good preconditioner \mathcal{T}_h s.t. $\kappa(\mathcal{T}_h \mathcal{S}_h) \simeq O(1)$. The Neumann-Neumann preconditioner is based on solving [Neumann](#) problems in the subdomains.

FETI method : Substructured problem in terms of the normal derivative of the solution on the interface, preconditioned by Dirichlet problems.

Other possible improvement: Other Interface Conditions

(P.L. Lions, 1988)

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta(u_1^{n+1}) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1, \\ u_1^{n+1} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega, \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + \alpha\right)(u_1^{n+1}) &= \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial n_2} + \alpha\right)(u_2^n) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \overline{\Omega_2}, \end{aligned}$$

(n_1 and n_2 are the outward normal on the interface)

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta(u_2^{n+1}) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2, \\ u_2^{n+1} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega, \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n_2} + \alpha\right)(u_2^{n+1}) &= \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + \alpha\right)(u_1^n) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \overline{\Omega_1}. \end{aligned}$$

with $\alpha > 0$. Overlap is not necessary for convergence.

Extended to the Helmholtz equation (B. Desprès, 1991): the first iterative solver to Helmholtz.

a.k.a [Two-Lagrange Multiplier FETI Method, FETI-2LM 1998](#).

- Gain: Much faster convergence, no need for overlaps
- Extensions:
 - Find even better interface conditions (Optimized Schwarz methods)
 - introduce Krylov type methods in place of the above fixed point algorithm

Optimized Schwarz Methods

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4. Algebraic Optimized Schwarz Methods
5. Conclusion

Optimal Schwarz Methods

(Hagstrom, 1988)

Constant coefficient Advection-Diffusion equation on a domain decomposed into two subdomains.

$$\begin{aligned}(\vec{a}\nabla - \nu\Delta)(u_1^{n+1}) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1, \\ u_1^{n+1} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega, \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + \mathcal{B}_1\right)(u_1^{n+1}) &= \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial n_2} + \mathcal{B}_1\right)(u_2^n) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \overline{\Omega_2},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\vec{a}\nabla - \nu\Delta)(u_2^{n+1}) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2, \\ u_2^{n+1} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega, \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n_2} + \mathcal{B}_2\right)(u_2^{n+1}) &= \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + \mathcal{B}_2\right)(u_1^n) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \overline{\Omega_1}.\end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{B}_i , $i = 1, 2$ are defined via a Fourier transform along the interface

Convergence in two iterations

Optimal Schwarz Methods

Let us consider the problem

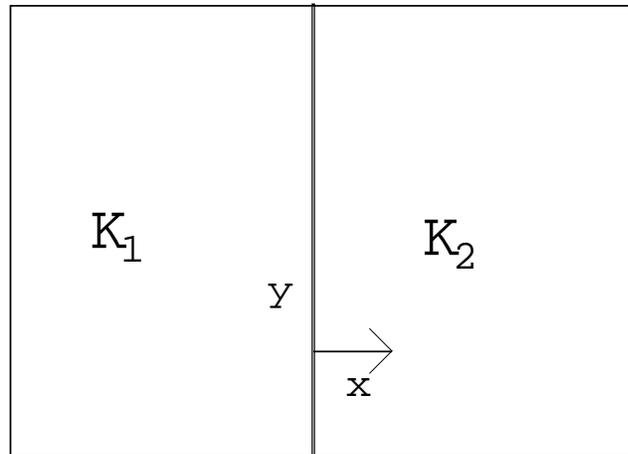
$$\mathcal{L}_i(P_i) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$P_1 = P_2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{12},$$

$$\kappa_1 \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial n_1} + \kappa_2 \frac{\partial P_2}{\partial n_2} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{12}.$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_i = \eta_i - \operatorname{div}(\kappa_i \nabla)$$



Optimal Schwarz Methods

Let

$$u_i = \kappa_i \nabla P_i$$

Let us consider a Schwarz type method:

$$\mathcal{L}_1(P_1^{n+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1$$

$$P_1^{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega$$

$$u_1^{n+1} \cdot \vec{n}_1 + \mathcal{B}_1(P_1^{n+1})$$

$$= -u_2^n \cdot \vec{n}_2 + \mathcal{B}_1(P_2^n) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2(P_2^{n+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2$$

$$P_2^{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega$$

$$u_2^{n+1} \cdot \vec{n}_2 + \mathcal{B}_2(P_2^{n+1})$$

$$= -u_1^n \cdot \vec{n}_1 + \mathcal{B}_2(P_1^n) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2$$

We take

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = DtN_2.$$

and have convergence in **two** iterations.

The optimal interface conditions are **Exact Absorbing Boundary Conditions**

Optimal Schwarz Methods

We introduce the DtN (Dirichlet to Neumann) map (a.k.a. Steklov-Poincaré):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } P_0 : \Gamma_{12} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ DtN_2(P_0) &\equiv \kappa_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_2} (P)|_{\Gamma_{12}} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where n_2 is the outward normal to $\Omega_2 \setminus \bar{\Omega}_1$ and P satisfies the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(P) &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega_2 \\ P &= 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_2 \setminus \Gamma_i \\ P &= P_0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = DtN_2.$$

Optimal Schwarz Methods

(Rogier, de Sturler and N., 1993)

The result can be generalized to variable coefficients operators and a decomposition of the domain Ω in more than two subdomains.

For the following geometries,



one can define interface conditions such as to have convergence in a number of iterations equals to the number of subdomains.

For arbitrary decompositions, negative conjectures have been formulated (F. Nier, *Séminaire X-EDP*, 1998).

Optimized Interface Conditions

The Dirichlet to Neumann map (DtN) is not a partial differential operator :

1. it is non local
2. no explicit formula in the general case

It is approximated by a partial differential operator

$$DtN \simeq \alpha_{opt} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left(\gamma_{opt} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)$$

minimizing the convergence rate using Fourier transform as an essential tool. The resulting interface conditions are called **optimized of order 2 (opt2)** interface conditions.

Work of C. Japhet on the convection-diffusion equation (PhD thesis, 1998)

More relevant than classical approximate absorbing boundary conditions.

Application: the Helmholtz Equation

Joint work with M. Gander and F. Magoulès

SIAM J. Sci. Comp., 2002.

We want to solve

$$-\omega^2 u - \Delta u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

The relaxation algorithm is : $(u_1^p, u_2^p) \rightarrow (u_1^{p+1}, u_2^{p+1})$ with
 $(i \neq j, i = 1, 2)$

$$(-\omega^2 - \Delta)(u_i^{p+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_i$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n_i} + \mathcal{S}\right)(u_i^{p+1}) = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial n_j} + \mathcal{S}\right)(u_j^p) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{ij}.$$

$$u_i^{p+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega$$

The operator \mathcal{S} has the form

$$\mathcal{S} = \alpha - \gamma \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} \quad \alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$$

Application: the Helmholtz Equation

By choosing carefully the coefficients α and γ , it is possible to optimize the convergence rate of the iterative method which in the Fourier space is given by

$$\rho(k; \alpha, \gamma) \equiv \begin{cases} \left| \frac{I\sqrt{\omega^2 - k^2} - (\alpha + \gamma k^2)}{I\sqrt{\omega^2 - k^2} + (\alpha + \gamma k^2)} \right| & \text{if } \omega > |k| \text{ (} I^2 = -1 \text{)} \\ \left| \frac{\sqrt{k^2 - \omega^2} - (\alpha + \gamma k^2)}{\sqrt{k^2 - \omega^2} + (\alpha + \gamma k^2)} \right| & \text{if } \omega < |k| < 1/h \end{cases}$$

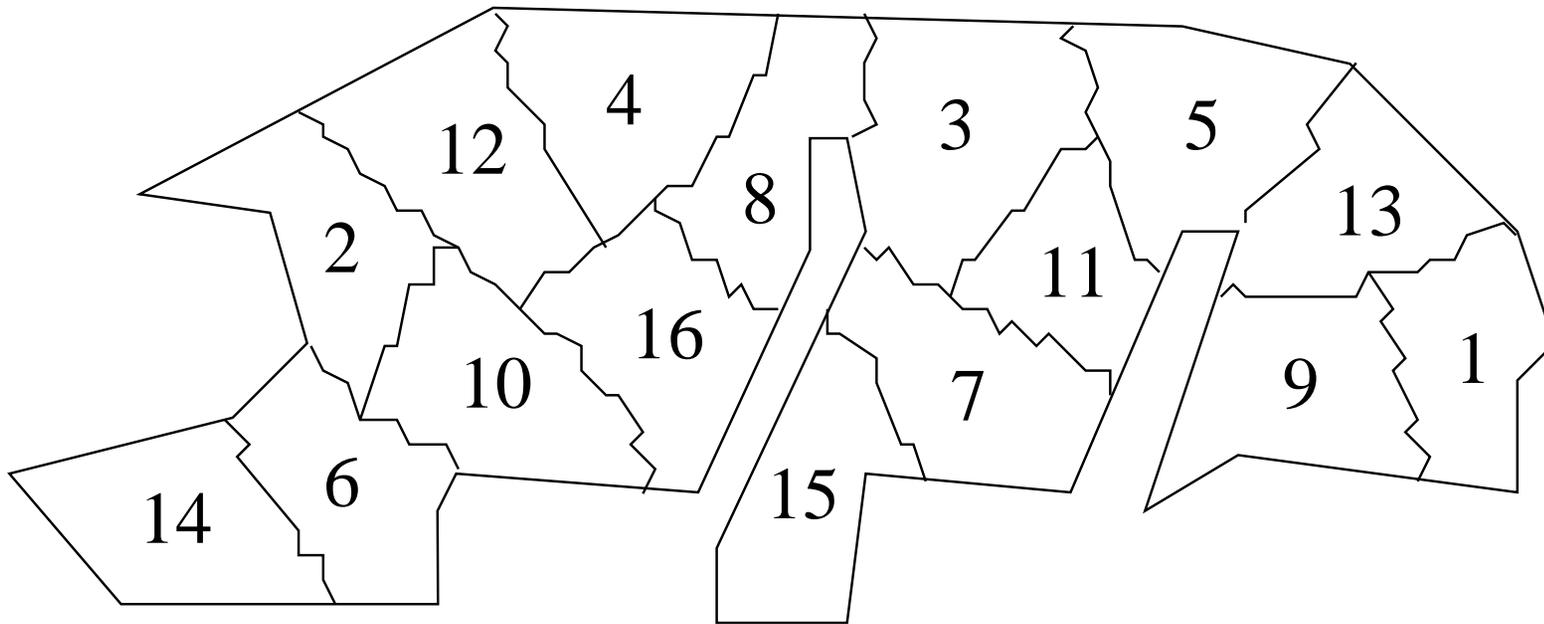
Finally, we get analytic formulas for α and γ (h is the mesh size):

$$\alpha_{opt} = \alpha(\omega, h) \text{ and } \gamma_{opt} = \gamma(\omega, h),$$

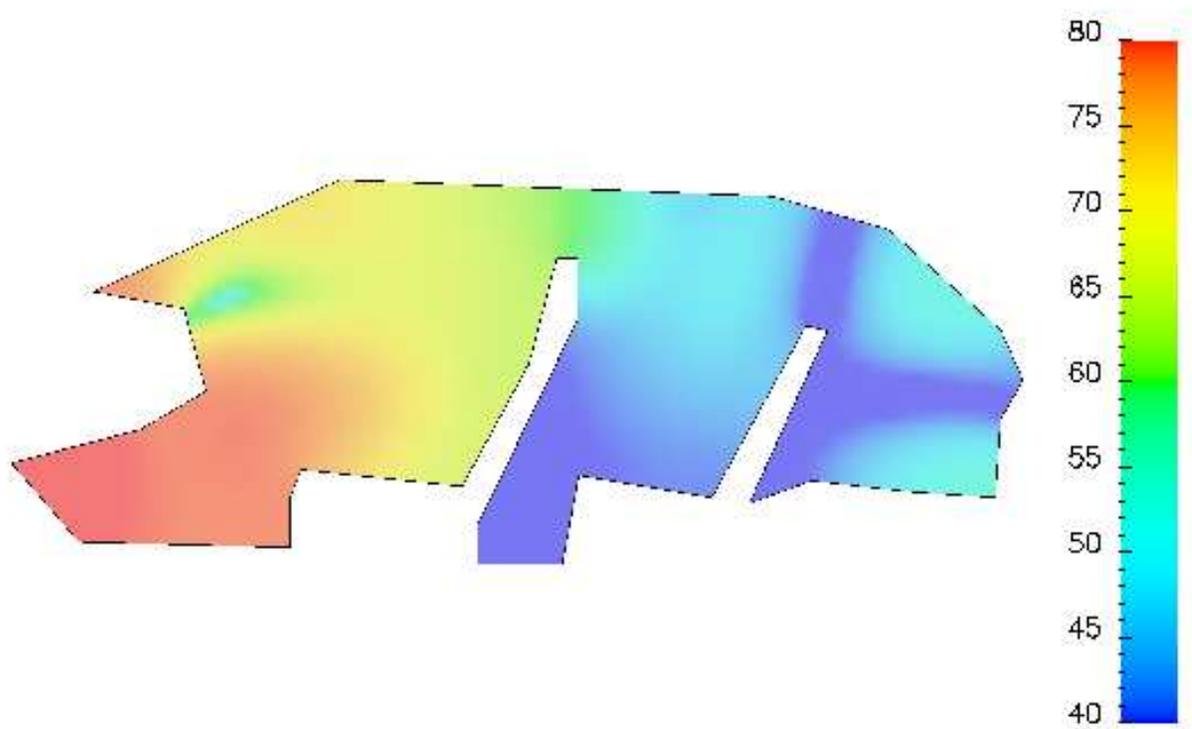
Moreover, a Krylov method (GC, GMRES, BICGSTAB, ...) replaces the fixed point algorithm.

Optimized Schwarz method for the Helmholtz Equation

Numerical Results: Acoustic in a Car



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Numerical Results

Acoustic in a Car : Iteration Counts for various interface conditions

N_s	ABC 0	ABC 2	Optimized
2	16 it	16 it	9 it
4	50 it	52 it	15 it
8	83 it	93 it	25 it
16	105 it	133 it	34 it

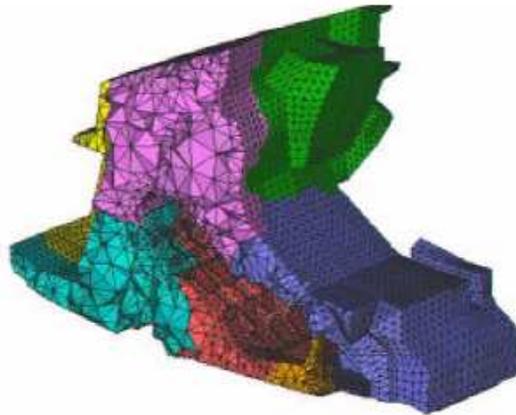
ABC 0: Absorbing Boundary Conditions of Order 0 ($\partial_n + I\omega$)

ABC 2: Absorbing Boundary Conditions of Order 2

($\partial_n + I\omega - 1/(2I\omega)\partial_{yy}$)

Optimized: Optimized Schwarz Methods

Motor compartment



Frequency	Number of sub-domains	Order Zero		Order Two	
		Taylor	Optimized	Taylor	Optimized
600	2	451	205	453	147
600	4	573	287	625	186
600	8	715	355	803	237
800	2	447	221	445	146
800	4	647	323	733	212
800	8	1069	531	1105	354

Table 5: Number of iterations for different transmission conditions, frequencies values and numbers of sub-domains for the engine compartment problem.

Optimal Schwarz Methods at the matrix level

When a finite element method, for instance, is used it yields a linear system of the form $AU = F$, where F is a given right-hand side and U is the set of unknowns.

Corresponding to a domain decomposition, the set of unknowns U is decomposed into interior nodes of the subdomains U_1 and U_2 , and to unknowns, U_Γ , associated to the interface Γ .

This leads to a block decomposition of the linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{1\Gamma} & 0 \\ A_{\Gamma 1} & A_{\Gamma\Gamma} & A_{\Gamma 2} \\ 0 & A_{2\Gamma} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_\Gamma \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_\Gamma \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Optimal Schwarz Methods at the matrix level

The DDM method reads:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{1\Gamma} \\ A_{\Gamma 1} & A_{\Gamma\Gamma} + S_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1^{n+1} \\ U_{\Gamma,1}^{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_\Gamma + S_2 U_{\Gamma,2}^n - A_{\Gamma 2} U_2^n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{22} & A_{2\Gamma} \\ A_{\Gamma 2} & A_{\Gamma\Gamma} + S_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_2^{n+1} \\ U_{\Gamma,2}^{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_2 \\ F_\Gamma + S_1 U_{\Gamma,1}^n - A_{\Gamma 1} U_1^n \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where

$$S_1 = -A_{\Gamma 1} A_{11}^{-1} A_{1\Gamma}$$

and

$$S_2 = -A_{\Gamma 2} A_{22}^{-1} A_{2\Gamma}$$

Convergence in two iterations

Approximate Interface Condition at the matrix level

The matrices $S_1 = -A_{\Gamma_1} A_{11}^{-1} A_{1\Gamma}$ and $S_2 = -A_{\Gamma_2} A_{22}^{-1} A_{2\Gamma}$ are full interface matrices ($\Gamma \times \Gamma$).

Cons

- Costly to compute
- The subdomain matrix is partly full

Approximate S_1 and S_2 by sparse matrices

1. e.g. via sparse approximations to A_{ii}^{-1} : SPAI
2. via local Schur complements on successive reduced “outer” domains, “patches”, $(\gamma \times \delta)$ (Roux, 2003)

The first approach gives mild results. The second one is not better than using an overlap of depth δ but is cheaper.

Conclusion

- Both approaches (Neumann-Neumann and optimized Schwarz methods) are robust (thanks to Krylov methods).
- Neumann-Neumann, FETI, .. optimal but lacks generality
- optimized Schwarz methods are general but are more difficult to tune

Open problems

- Theory

- Convergence proof or condition number estimate in a general overlapping case

- proof of the Non existence of Optimal Interface Conditions for a general domain decomposition

- Algorithm

- Algebraic Optimized Interface Conditions

- Interplay between the Optimized Interface Conditions and a Coarse Grid (see Japhet, Nataf, Roux, 1998)

- Systems of PDEs (versus scalar PDEs)

Thanks!

How to use Krylov type methods ?

Schwarz method

with arbitrary interface conditions

\mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2

$$\mathcal{L}(u_1^{n+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1,$$

$$u_1^{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega,$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1(u_1^{n+1}) = \mathcal{C}_1(u_2^n) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \overline{\Omega_2},$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_2^{n+1}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2,$$

$$u_2^{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega,$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2(u_2^{n+1}) = \mathcal{C}_2(u_1^n) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \overline{\Omega_1},$$

\iff

$$\text{Sub}(\mathcal{C})(\lambda) = b \text{ solved by Jacobi}$$
$$\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_i = \mathcal{C}_i(u_j), i \neq j$$

\Downarrow

CG, GMRES, BICG, ...