

Hp-spectral FEM's  
in fast domain decomposition  
algorithms

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## An outline of the lecture

- Introduction: the state of art in developing fast solvers.
- Finite-difference/fem preconditioners for hierarchical and spectral  $p$  elements.
- Factorized preconditioners for spectral elements and their similarity to the preconditioners-solvers for hierarchical elements.
- Examples of the factorized fast solvers for spectral elements :
  - ✓ 2-d multigrid solver,
  - ✓ 3-d fast solver based on the wavelet multilevel decompositions,
  - ✓ multilevel solver for faces.
- Almost optimal in the arithmetic cost domain decomposition preconditioner-solver for  $hp$  spectral element methods.
- Conclusions.

## Preconditioners for hierarchical elements

$\mathcal{M}_{1,p} = (\mathcal{L}_i(s), i = 0, 1, \dots, p)$  – set of polynomials on  $(-1,1)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_0(s) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + s), \quad \mathcal{L}_1(s) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - s),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_i(s) := \beta_i \int_{-1}^s P_{i-1}(t) dt = \gamma_i [P_i(s) - P_{i-2}(s)], \quad i \geq 2,$$

$P_i$  are Legendre's polynomials and

$$\beta_i = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(2j-3)(2j-1)(2j+1)}, \quad \gamma_i = 0.5 \sqrt{(2i-3)(2i+1)/(2i-1)}.$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}_i$  are specially normalized integrated Legendre's polynomials.

By hierarchical ref. el.  $\mathcal{E}_{hi}$  is understood ref.el. on the cube  $\tau_0 = (-1, 1)^d$  with the basis in the space  $\mathcal{Q}_{p,x}$

$$\mathcal{M}_{d,p} = (L\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}(x_1)\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_2}(x_2)\dots\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_d}(x_d), \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \omega),$$

$$\omega := (\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d) : 0 \leq \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d \leq p),$$

and with the stiffness matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , induced by  $\mathcal{M}_{d,p}$  and Dirichlet integral

$$a_{\tau_0}(u, v) = \int_{\tau_0} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

$\mathbf{A}_I$  – *internal* stiff. matrix, generated by  $\overset{\circ}{\mathcal{M}}_{d,p} = (L\boldsymbol{\alpha}, 2 \leq \alpha_k \leq p)$ .

If to reorder set  $\overset{\circ}{\mathcal{M}}_{d,p}$ , matrices  $\mathbf{A}_I$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_I$  in  $d = 3$  become block diagonal

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_I &= \text{diag} [\mathbf{A}_{eee}, \mathbf{A}_{eeo}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_{ooe}, \mathbf{A}_{ooo}] , \\ \mathbf{M}_I &= \text{diag} [\mathbf{M}_{eee}, \mathbf{M}_{eeo}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{ooe}, \mathbf{M}_{ooo}] .\end{aligned}$$

At  $p = 2N + 1$  all 8 blocks are  $N^3 \times N^3$  matrices and, *e.g.*,

$$\mathbf{A}_{a_1 a_2 a_3} = (a_{\tau_0} (L\boldsymbol{\alpha}, L\boldsymbol{\alpha}'))_{\alpha_k, \alpha'_k=1}^N ,$$

with  $\alpha_k, \alpha'_k$  even/odd respectively to even/odd  $a_k$ .



**Lemma 1.** For 1-d preconditioners  $\mathcal{D}, \Delta$  and 3-d preconditioners  $\Lambda_e = \Delta \otimes \Delta \otimes \mathcal{D} + \Delta \times \mathcal{D} \otimes \Delta + \mathcal{D} \otimes \Delta \otimes \Delta$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \Delta \otimes \Delta \otimes \Delta$ , there hold the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &\prec \mathbb{K}_{0,a} \prec \Delta, & \mathcal{D} &\prec \mathbb{K}_{1,a} \prec \mathcal{D}, \\ \Lambda_e &\prec \mathbf{A}_{abc} \prec \Lambda_e, & \mathcal{M} &\prec \mathbf{M}_{abc} \prec \mathcal{M}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Ivanov/Korneev [1995] and Korneev/Jensen [1997],  
Korneev/Langer/Xanthis [2003]. □

## Finite-difference interpretation

In 2-d

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_e = \mathbf{\Delta} \otimes \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{D} \otimes \mathbf{\Delta}$$

and is the F-D approximation of the differential operator

$$Lu \equiv -2 \left( x_1^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + x_2^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} \right), \quad x \in \pi_1 := (0, 1)^2, \quad u|_{\partial\pi_1} = 0,$$

on the square mesh of size  $\hbar = 1/(N + 1)$ . In 3-d,  $\hbar^{-2}\mathbf{\Lambda}_e$  is the F-D approximation on the same mesh of the 4-th order operator

$$Lu \equiv x_3^2 u_{,1,1,2,2} + x_2^2 u_{,1,1,3,3} + x_1^2 u_{,2,2,3,3} = f(x), \quad x \in \pi_1 := (0, 1)^3, \quad u|_{\partial\pi_1} = 0,$$

where, e.g.,  $u_{,1,1,2,2} = \partial^4 u / \partial x_1^2 \partial x_2^2$ .



## FEM preconditioner

Suppose,  $d = 3$ ,  $\mathring{\mathcal{V}}(\pi_1)$  is the space of continuous on  $\bar{\pi}_1$  and piece wise trilinear on each cell of the cubic mesh functions, vanishing on  $\partial\pi_1$ , and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{e,\text{fem}}$  is the corresponding to this space matrix of bilinear form

$$b_{\pi_1}(u, v) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \int_{\pi_1} \varphi_k u_{,k+1,k+2} v_{,k+1,k+2} dx, \quad \varphi_k = x_k^2.$$

**Lemma 2.** The matrix  $\frac{1}{h} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{e,\text{fem}}$  is spectrally equivalent to  $\mathbf{A}_{abc}$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_e$  uniformly in  $p$ .

Proof. See, *e.g.*, Korneev [2002]. □

In 2-d, one can use the FE space  $\mathring{\mathcal{V}}_{\Delta}(\pi_1)$  of continuous and piece wise linear functions on the triangulation, obtained by subdivision of each square nest of the mesh in two triangles. Preconditioner  $\Lambda_{e,\text{fem}}$  is matrix of the bilinear form

$$b_{\pi_1}(u, v) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \int_{\pi_1} \varphi_k u_{,3-k} v_{,3-k} dx ,$$

on the space  $\mathring{\mathcal{V}}_{\Delta}(\pi_1)$ . We have  $\Lambda_{e,\text{fem}} \asymp \hbar^2 \mathbf{A}_{abc}, \hbar^2 \Lambda_e$ .

## Preconditioners for the spectral elements

GLL (Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre) nodes  $\eta_i$  satisfy equation

$$(1 - \eta_i^2)P'_p(\eta_i) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, p,$$

whereas for GLC (Gauss-Lobatto-Chebyshev) nodes we have

$$\eta_i = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{p}(p - i)\right), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, p.$$

Orthogonal tensor product grid  $\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\eta_{\alpha_1}, \eta_{\alpha_2}, \dots, \eta_{\alpha_d})$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \omega$ , with GLC or GLC nodes is termed Gaussian, whereas both types of the Lagrange reference elements are termed (for brevity) spectral. In their coordinate polynomials  $L_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}(x_1)\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_2}(x_2)\dots\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_d}(x_d)$ , 1-d polynomials satisfy  $\mathcal{L}_i(\eta_j) = \delta_{i,j}$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq p$ , where  $\delta_{i,j}$  is the Kronecker's delta.

For steps  $\bar{h}_i := \eta_i - \eta_{i-1}, i \leq N$ , of the Gaussian mesh, we have  $\bar{h}_i \asymp i/p^2$ . Mesh of a more general class satisfy

$$c_1 \frac{i^\gamma}{N} \leq \bar{h}_i \leq c_2 \frac{i^\gamma}{N}, \quad \aleph = \sum_{i=1}^N i^\gamma, \quad \gamma \geq 0,$$

on  $[-1,0]$  and is continued on  $[0,1]$  by symmetry.

- ✓ At  $\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \aleph = N$  – quasiuniform mesh,
- ✓ at  $\gamma = 1 \Rightarrow \aleph = N(N+1)/2$  – mesh, called **pseudospectral**, for which at  $c_1 = c_2 = 1$ , we have

$$\bar{h}_i = i/\aleph = \frac{i}{(N^2 + N)} = \beta(p) i/p^2, \quad \beta \in [4, 8].$$

$\mathbf{A}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathbf{A}_{\text{Psp}}$  – notations for ref. el. stiffness matrices for Gaussian and pseudospectral nodes, respectively,

$\mathcal{A}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Psp}}$  – notations for preconditioners, which are FE matrices, induced by the space  $\mathcal{H}(\tau_0) \cap C(\bar{\tau}_0)$  of continuous functions belonging to  $\mathcal{Q}_{1,x}$  on each square nest of the corresponding mesh.

Simpler preconditioner

$$\mathbb{A}_{\hbar} = \mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar} + \mathbb{D}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar} + \mathbb{D}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar},$$

where

$$\mathbb{D}_{\hbar} = \text{diag} [\tilde{h}_i = \frac{1}{2}(\hbar_i + \hbar_{i+1})]_{i=0}^p, \quad \tilde{h}_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 0, p+1,$$

and  $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar}$  is FE matrix:

$$(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar} \mathbf{u})|_i = -\frac{1}{\hbar_i} u_{i-1} + \left(\frac{1}{\hbar_i} + \frac{1}{\hbar_{i+1}}\right) u_i - \frac{1}{\hbar_{i+1}} u_{i+1}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1,$$

$$(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar} \mathbf{u})|_{i=0} = -\frac{1}{\hbar_1} (u_1 - u_0), \quad (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar} \mathbf{u})|_{i=p} = \frac{1}{\hbar_p} (u_p - u_{p-1}).$$

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\mathbb{A}_{\tilde{h}}$  be obtained on Gaussian or pseudospectral ( $\gamma = 1$ ) mesh. Stiffness matrix  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{Sp}}$  of the spectral reference element and matrices  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Psp}}, \mathbb{A}_{\tilde{h}}$  are spectrally equivalent uniformly in  $p$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{Psp}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathbb{A}_{\tilde{h}} \prec \mathbf{A}_{\text{Sp}} \prec \mathbb{A}_{\tilde{h}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Psp}}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{Sp}}$  be mass matrix of spectral element,  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathcal{M}_{\text{P/Sp}}$  be its FE preconditioners, generated by space  $\mathcal{H}(\tau_0)$  on Gaussian or pseudospectral mesh, and  $\mathbb{M}_{\tilde{h}} := \mathbb{D}_{\tilde{h}} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\tilde{h}} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\tilde{h}}$ . Then uniformly in  $p$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{Psp}}, \mathcal{M}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathbb{M}_{\tilde{h}} \prec \mathbf{M}_{\text{Sp}} \prec \mathbb{M}_{\tilde{h}}, \mathcal{M}_{\text{Sp}}, \mathcal{M}_{\text{Psp}}.$$

Proof. Most important contribution by Bernardi/Maday [1992], who studied 1-d case. Step to more dimensions in Canuto [1994] Casarin [1997].

Note :

– in the multi-d preconditioner  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_e$  for hierarchical ref. el.  $\mathcal{E}_{hi}$ , matrices  $\mathbf{\Delta}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are preconditioners for the **mass and stiffness** matrices in 1-d, respectively,

– whereas, in the multi-d preconditioner  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{\hbar}$  for spectral ref. el.  $\mathcal{E}_{sp}$ , matrices  $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\hbar}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{\hbar}$  are preconditioners for the **stiffness and mass** matrices in 1-d.

## Factored preconditioners for spectral elements

Let us introduce  $(p - 1) \times (p - 1)$  matrices

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\text{Sp}} &= \text{tridiag}[-1, 2, -1], \\ \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} &= \text{tridiag}[1, 4, \dots, N^2, (N - 1)^2, (N - 2)^2, \dots, 4, 1],\end{aligned}$$

$(p - 1)^3 \times (p - 1)^3$  matrices

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{I,\text{Sp}} = \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes (\Delta_{\text{Sp}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}}^{-1}) + \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes (\Delta_{\text{Sp}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}}^{-1}) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} + (\Delta_{\text{Sp}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}}^{-1}) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}},$$

$$\Lambda_{I,\text{Sp}} = \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \Delta_{\text{Sp}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \Delta_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} + \Delta_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}},$$

**diagonal transformation  $(p - 1)^3 \times (p - 1)^3$  matrix**

$$\mathbf{C} = p^{-4} \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{-1/2} \quad (\mathbf{C} = p^{-2} \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{-1/2} \text{ for } 2\text{-d}),$$



and matrices  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\hbar} = \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} \Delta_{\hbar} \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbb{A}}_{\hbar} &:= \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbb{A}_{\hbar} \mathbf{C}^{-1} = p^8 \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} \mathbb{A}_{\hbar} \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^{1/2} = \\ &p^8 \left( \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^2 \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^2 \otimes \tilde{\Delta}_{\hbar} + \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^2 \otimes \tilde{\Delta}_{\hbar} \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^2 + \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^2 \otimes \mathbb{D}_{\hbar}^2 \otimes \tilde{\Delta}_{\hbar} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.** If matrices  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}_{I,\hbar}$ ,  $\Lambda_{I,\text{Sp}}$ ,  $\tilde{\Lambda}_{I,\text{Sp}}$  are obtained on Gaussian or pseudospectral mesh  $\hbar_i \asymp i/p^2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , then they are spectrally equivalent uniformly in  $p$ .

Proof. Korneev/Rytov [2005].

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\Lambda_{I,C} := \mathbf{C} \Lambda_{I,\text{Sp}} \mathbf{C}$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda}_{I,C} := \mathbf{C} \tilde{\Lambda}_{I,\text{Sp}} \mathbf{C}$ . Under conditions of Theorem 1

$$\Lambda_{I,C}, \tilde{\Lambda}_{I,C} \prec \Lambda_{I,\text{Sp}} \prec \Lambda_{I,C}, \tilde{\Lambda}_{I,C}.$$

## Finite – difference interpretation

Matrix  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{sp}}$  is 7-point F-D approximation of diff. operator

$$L_{\text{Sp}}u = - \left[ \phi^2(x_2)\phi^2(x_3)u_{,1,1} + \phi^2(x_1)\phi^2(x_3)u_{,2,2} + \phi^2(x_1)\phi^2(x_2)u_{,3,3} \right] ,$$

at  $u|_{\partial\tau_0} = 0$  and  $\phi(x) = \min(x + 1, x - 1)$ . Indeed, for  $\hbar = 2/p$ ,  $\phi_i = \phi(-1 + i\hbar)$  and  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{i_1, i_2, i_3=1}^{p-1}$ ,

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{sp}}\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{i}} = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \sum_{k=1,2,3} \phi_{i_{k+1}}^2 \phi_{i_{k+2}}^2 [u_{\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{e}_k} - 2u_{\mathbf{i}} + u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{e}_k}], \quad 1 \leq i_1, i_2, i_3 \leq (p-1),$$

where  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$ , indices  $k, k + 1, k + 2$  are understood modulo 3,  $\mathbf{e}_k = (\delta_{k,l})_{l=1}^3$  is the unite vector. For  $d = 2$ ,

$$L_{\text{Sp}}u = - \left[ \phi^2(x_2)u_{,1,1} + \phi^2(x_1)u_{,2,2} \right] , \quad u|_{\partial\tau_0} = 0 ,$$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{sp}}\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{i}} = - \sum_{k=1,2} \phi_{i_3-k}^2 [u_{\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{e}_k} - 2u_{\mathbf{i}} + u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{e}_k}], \quad \mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2) .$$

## Finite element preconditioners

Let  $d = 2$ . We divide square nests of size  $\hbar$  in pairs of triangles and, on such triangulation, introduce the space  $\mathcal{V}_\Delta(\tau_0) \in C(\bar{\tau}_0)$  of piece wise linear functions, vanishing on  $\partial\tau_0$ . The FE preconditioner  $\mathbf{B}_{I,\text{sp}}$  is the matrix of the bilinear form

$$b_{\tau_0}(u, v) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \int_{\tau_0} \phi_{3-k}^2 u_{,k} v_{,k} dx$$

on this space. In 2 and 3-d,  $\mathbf{B}_{I,\text{sp}}$  can be defined by the FE spaces of bilinear and trilinear functions, respectively. We have

$$\mathbf{B}_{I,\text{sp}} \asymp \hbar^{4-d} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{Sp}}.$$

## Comparison

- At  $d = 2$  in each quarter of  $\tau_0$ , operator  $L_{\text{Sp}}$  coincides with  $L$  up to the constant multiplier (and rotation and transportation of the axes).
- The same is true for F-D operators  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_e$ ,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{sp}}$ .
- At  $d = 3$ , differential and F-D operators are different even in the order:  $L$  is of 4-th order, whereas  $L_{\text{Sp}}$  is of 2-nd.
- However, multipliers  $\mathbf{\Delta}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  and respectively  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\text{Sp}}$  in representations of  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_e$ ,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{sp}}$  by sums of Kroneckers products are similar.
- An additional difficulty for deriving fast solvers for 3-d hierarchical elements directly on the basis of  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_e$  is that it is a F-D analogue of 4-th order differential operator. More over, this operator contains only mixed derivatives. The use of the spectral elements and the preconditioner  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,C}$  simplifies the problem by reducing it to designing a fast solver for  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{I,\text{sp}}$ , which is the F-D approximation of the 2-nd order differential operator containing only derivatives  $\partial^2/\partial x_k^2$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ .

## Conclusions

★All fast solvers for systems with the hierarchical reference element stiffness matrices (or spectrally equivalent, e.g.,  $\Lambda_e$ ) are easily adjusted into fast solvers for systems with the spectral reference element stiffness matrices or spectrally equivalent to them matrices like  $\Lambda_{I,sp}$

★The arithmetic costs of the latter and the former solvers are the same in the order.

★At least, these conclusions are true for the all known fast solvers see, e.g., [K1],[K2],[KA],[B],[BSS], for systems with matrices  $\Lambda_e$ .

## Example 1

### Algebraic multilevel solver for 2d spectral elements

We set  $p = 2N$ ,  $N = 2^{\ell_0 - 1}$  and introduce

- sequence of  $\ell_0$  embedded meshes of the sizes  $h_l = 2^{-l}$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots, \ell_0$ , with the nodes  $x = h_l(i, j) - (1, 1)$ ,
- sequence of spaces  $\mathcal{V}_l(\tau_0)$  with  $\mathcal{V}_{\ell_0}(\tau_0) = \mathring{\mathcal{V}}_{\Delta}(\tau_0)$  and
- FE matrices  $\mathbf{B}_l$  with  $\mathbf{B}_{\ell_0} = \mathbf{B}_{I,Sp}$ .

Each space  $\mathcal{V}_l(\tau_0)$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{B}_l$  are the space  $\mathring{\mathcal{V}}_{\Delta}(\tau_0)$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{B}_{I,Sp}$  for the mesh of the level  $l$ .

Also the following notations are used:

- $X_l$  – the subset of internal nodes,
- $V_l$  and  $W_l$  – vector-spaces, related to subsets of nodes  $X_l$  and  $X_{W,l} := X_l \setminus X_{l-1}$ , so that

$$V_l = V_{l-1} \oplus W_l = W_l \oplus W_{l-1} \oplus \dots \oplus W_2 \oplus V_1.$$

- $\mathbf{P}_{l-1} : V_{l-1} \rightarrow V_l$  – usual interpolation matrix from the mesh " $l - 1$ " on the next finer mesh " $l$ ".
- $\mathbf{R}_l : V_l \rightarrow W_l$  – restriction matrix to the set of nodes  $X_{W,l}$ .
- $\mathbf{B}_{V_l}, \mathbf{B}_{W_l}$  – blocks on the diagonal of  $\mathbf{B}_l$  related to the subspaces  $V_l$  and  $W_l$ .

## One multilevel iteration

If  $\mathcal{B}_{W_l}$  is a preconditioner for  $\mathbf{B}_{W_l}$ , one multigrid iteration for  $\mathbf{B}_l \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$ , producing  $\mathbf{u}^{k+1,l} := \text{Mgm}(l, \mathbf{B}_l, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{u}^{k,l})$  for a given  $\mathbf{u}^{k,l}$  is:

**If  $l > 1$ , then do**

Pre-smoothing in the subspace  $W_l$ :

$\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{u}^{k,l}$  ;

**do  $\nu$  times**       $\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{v} - \sigma_l^{-1} \mathbf{R}_l^\top \mathcal{B}_{W_l}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_l (\mathbf{B}_l \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{F})$  ;

Correction of the solution on the lower level in the space  $V_{l-1}$ :

$\mathbf{d}_{l-1} := \mathbf{P}_{l-1}^* (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{B}_l \mathbf{v})$  ;  $\mathbf{w} = 0$  ;

**do  $\mu_{l-1}$  iterations**  $\mathbf{w} = \text{Mgm}(l-1, \mathbf{B}_{l-1}, \mathbf{d}_{l-1}, \mathbf{w})$  ;

$\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{P}_{l-1} \mathbf{w}$  ;

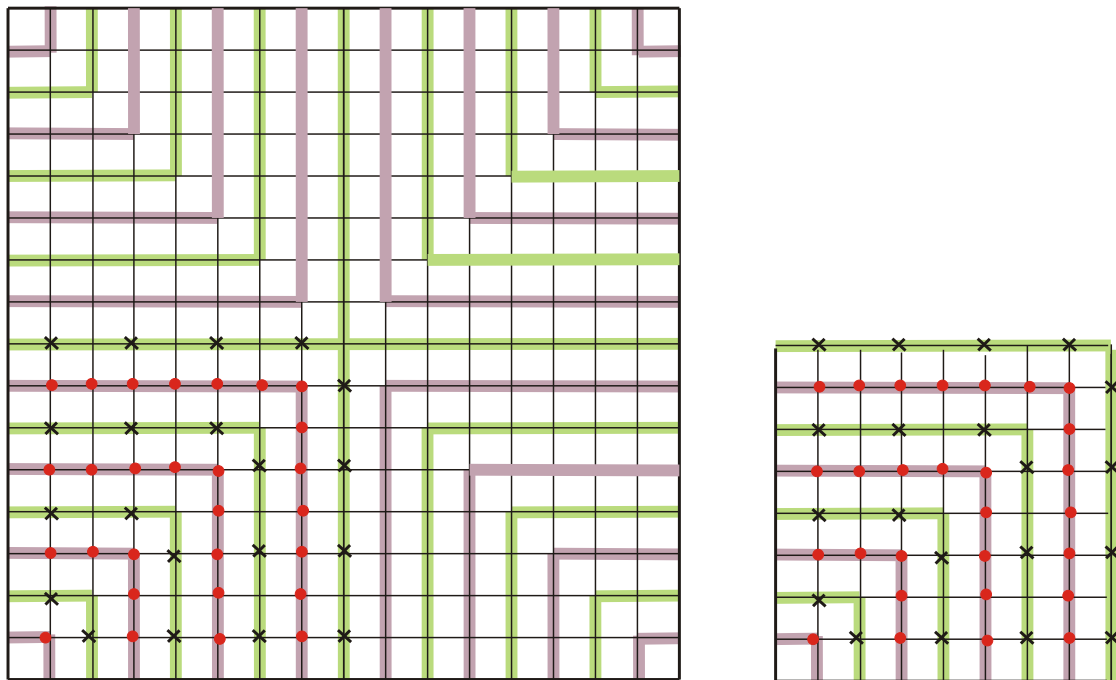
Post-smoothing in the subspace  $W_l$ :

**do  $\nu$  times**       $\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{v} - \sigma_l^{-1} \mathbf{R}_l^\top \mathcal{B}_{W_l}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_l (\mathbf{B}_l \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{F})$  ;

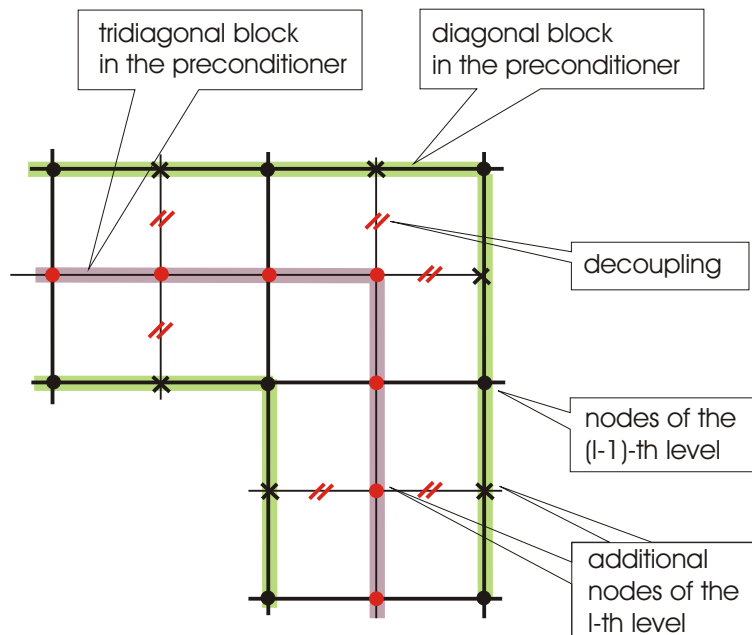
$\mathbf{u}^{k+1,l} = \mathbf{v}$

**else, then solve  $\mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$  by the exact method**





Lines  $\mathfrak{S}_j$  along which smoothing is performed in the multigrid solvers for spectral (left) and hierarchical reference elements (right)



Line preconditioning.

**Two factors influence efficiency** : 1) efficiency of preconditioners  $\mathcal{B}_{W_l}$ , i.e., the values of  $c_k > 0$  in the inequalities

$$c_1 \mathcal{B}_{W_l} \leq \mathbf{B}_{W_l} \leq c_2 \mathcal{B}_{W_l} ,$$

and the cost of solving systems with the matrices  $\mathbf{B}_{W_l}$ . 2) the value of  $c_0$  in the strengthened Cauchy inequality

$$(b_{\tau_0}(u, v))^2 \leq c_0 b_{\tau_0}(u, u) b_{\tau_0}(v, v), \quad c_0 < 1, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{V}_{l-1}, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{W}_l ,$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_l(\tau_0) := \mathcal{V}_l(\tau_0) \ominus \mathcal{V}_{l-1}(\tau_0)$ .

**Lemma 4.**  $c_1 \geq 1 - 2/\sqrt{11}$ ,  $c_2 \leq 1 + 2/\sqrt{11}$ ,  $c_0 \leq 97/176 < 2/3$ .

Proof. Repeats the proof of Beuchler [2002] for hierarchical reference element.

## Convergence of the multigrid iterations

**Theorem 2** (Korneev/Rytov [2005]). Let  $\mathbf{B}_l \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$  be solved by the multigrid method in which  $\sigma = 2/(c_1 + c_2)$ ,  $\mu \geq 3$  and  $\nu$  be greater than some  $\nu_o(c_0, c_1, c_2)$ . Then the convergence factor

$$\rho_{l,\text{mult}} := \sup_{\mathbf{u}^k \in U_l} \|\mathbf{u}^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{B}_l} / \|\mathbf{u}^k - \mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{B}_l}$$

is bounded by the constant  $\rho < 1$  independent of  $p, l$  and  $\mathbf{u}^k$ .

Proof. Follows from results of Schieweck [1985] and Pflaum [2000] and Lemma 4.

## Multigrid iteration as a preconditioner

Let  $\mathbf{M}_\mu$  be the linear error transmission operator for one multigrid iteration for system  $\mathbf{B}_{I,\text{sp}} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$ . Then  $\varkappa$  multigrid iterations implicitly define the preconditioner  $\mathbf{Mg}_{\text{Sp}}$  for  $\widehat{\Lambda}_{I,C}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_{I,\text{sp}}$ , the inverse to which is  $\mathbf{Mg}_{\text{sp}}^{-1} = \hbar^{-2} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}_\mu^\varkappa) \mathbf{B}_{I,\text{sp}}^{-1} \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = p^{-2} \mathbb{D}_\hbar^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbb{D}_\hbar^{-1/2}$ .

**Theorem 3** (Korneev/Rytov [2005]). Let  $\mu = 3$ ,  $\nu \geq 3$  and  $\varkappa \geq 1$ . Then

$$\underline{c} \mathbf{Mg}_{\text{sp}}^{-1} \leq \mathbf{A}_{I,\text{sp}}^{-1} \leq \bar{c} \mathbf{Mg}_{\text{sp}}^{-1},$$

with constants  $\underline{c}, \bar{c} > 0$  independent of  $p$  ( and  $\varkappa$ ). The procedure of the matrix-vector multiplication by  $\mathbf{Mg}_{\text{sp}}^{-1}$  requires  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$  arithmetic operations.

## Example 2

### Multiresolution wavelet solver for 3d spectral elements

Since, e.g.,  $\Lambda_{I,\text{Sp}}$  is a sum of Kronecker products of matrices  $\Delta_{\text{Sp}}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{Sp}}$  related to 1-d integrals, fast solver for  $\Lambda_{I,\text{Sp}}$  is constructed by deriving multilevel preconditioners for these matrices.

For simplicity, we set again  $p = 2N$ ,  $N = 2^{\ell_0 - 1}$ , and for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, \ell_0$  introduce

- uniform mesh of size  $h_l = 2^{1-l}$  on the interval  $(-1, 1)$

$$x_i^l = -1 + ih_l, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 2N_l, \quad x_0 = -1, \quad x_{2N_l} = 1, \quad N_l = 2^{l-1}$$

- space  $\mathcal{V}_l(-1, 1)$  of continuous piece wise linear functions, vanishing at  $x = -1, 1$ ,
- nodal=hat basis function  $\sigma_i^l \in \mathcal{V}_l(-1, 1)$ , such that  $\sigma_i^l(x_j^l) = \delta_{i,j}$  and

$$\mathcal{V}_l(-1, 1) = \text{span} \left( \sigma_i^l \right)_{i=1}^{p_l-1}, \quad p_l = 2^l,$$

- Gram matrices in the nodal basis

$$\Delta_l = \tilde{h}_l \left( \int_{-1}^1 (\sigma_i^l)', (\sigma_j^l)' \right)_{i,j=1}^{p_l-1}, \quad \mathcal{M}_l = \tilde{h}_l^{-1} \left( \int_{-1}^1 \phi^2 \sigma_i^l, \sigma_j^l \right)_{i,j=1}^{p_l-1},$$

- single scale wavelet basis  $(\psi_k^l)_{k=1}^{p_l-1}$  in the space  $\mathcal{W}_l := \mathcal{V}_l \ominus \mathcal{V}_{l-1}$ , so that  $\mathcal{W}_l = \text{span} [\psi_k^l]_{k=1}^{p_l-1}$ ,
- multiscale wavelet basis  $(\psi_k^l)_{k,l=1}^{p_{l-1}, l_0}$ , composed of single scale bases according to the representation

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{W}_1 \oplus \mathcal{W}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{W}_{l_1}, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{l_0}, \quad \mathcal{W}_1 = \mathcal{V}_1,$$

- Gram matrices in the multiscale wavelet basis

$$\Delta_{\text{wlet}} = \left( (\tilde{h}_k \tilde{h}_l)^{1/2} \int_{-1}^1 (\psi_i^k)', (\psi_j^l)' dx \right)_{i,j=1; k,l=1}^{p_{l-1}; l_0},$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{wlet}} = \left( (\tilde{h}_k \tilde{h}_l)^{-1/2} \int_{-1}^1 \phi^2 \psi_i^k, \psi_j^l dx \right)_{i,j=1; k,l=1}^{p_{l-1}; l_0},$$

- diagonal matrices with the main diagonals from  $\Delta_{\text{wlet}}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{wlet}}$

$$\mathbb{D}_1 = \text{diag} \left[ \hbar_l \int_{-1}^1 ((\psi_i^l)')^2 dx \right]_{i,l=1}^{p_{l-1}, l_0}, \quad \mathbb{D}_0 = \text{diag} \left[ \hbar_l^{-1} \int_{-1}^1 \phi^2 (\psi_i^l)^2 dx \right]_{i,l=1}^{p_{l-1}, l_0}.$$

The transformation matrix from the multiscale wavelet basis to the basis  $(\sigma_k^{l_0})_{k=1}^{p-1}$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{Q}$ . If  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{wavelet}}$  are the vectors of the coefficients of a function from  $\mathcal{V}(0, 1)$  in the one scale nodal and the multiscale wavelet bases, respectively, then  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{v}_{\text{wavelet}}$ .

**Theorem 4.** There exist wavelet bases  $(\psi_k^l)_{k,l=1}^{p_{l-1}, l_0}$  such that matrices  $\Delta_{\text{wlet}}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{wlet}}$  are simultaneously spectrally equivalent to their diagonals  $\mathbb{D}_1$  and  $\mathbb{D}_0$ , respectively, (uniformly in  $p$ ) and multiplications  $\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{v}_{\text{wlet}}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{v}$  require  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  arithmetic operations.

Proof. Basically it is the same as the proof of a similar result by Beuchler/Schneider/Schwab [2004] in the case of hierarchical element.



**Theorem 5.** Let

$$\mathcal{A}_{I, \text{sp} \leftarrow w}^{-1} = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Q}^T \otimes \mathbf{Q}^T)[\mathbb{D}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_1 + \mathbb{D}_1 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0]^{-1}(\mathbf{Q} \otimes \mathbf{Q}), & d = 2, \\ (\mathbf{Q}^T \otimes \mathbf{Q}^T \otimes \mathbf{Q}^T)[\mathbb{D}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_1 \otimes \mathbb{D}_1 + \mathbb{D}_1 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_1 + \\ \quad \mathbb{D}_1 \otimes \mathbb{D}_1 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0]^{-1}(\mathbf{Q} \otimes \mathbf{Q} \otimes \mathbf{Q}), & d = 3, \end{cases}$$

then  $\mathcal{A}_{I, \text{sp} \leftarrow w} \asymp \mathbf{A}_I$  and therefore

$$\text{cond} [\mathcal{A}_{I, \text{sp} \leftarrow w}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_I] \prec 1.$$

The computational cost of the operation  $\mathcal{A}_{I, \text{sp} \leftarrow w}^{-1} \mathbf{v}$  for any  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $\text{ops} [\mathcal{A}_{I, \text{sp} \leftarrow w}^{-1} \mathbf{v}] = \mathcal{O}(p^d)$ .

## Example 3

### Multiresolution wavelet solver for faces

Good master preconditioner-solver for one face subproblem may be matrix spectrally equivalent to the matrix of the norm

$$\|v\|_{1/2, F_0}^2 = \|v\|_{1/2, F_0}^2 + \int_{F_0} \frac{|v(x)|^2}{\text{dist}[x, \partial F_0]} dx, \quad \forall v \in \mathring{Q}_{p,x},$$

for a typical face  $F_0 = (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1)$  of the reference element. By diagonal entries  $d_{0,i}, d_{1,i}$  of  $\mathbb{D}_0, \mathbb{D}_1$ , respectively, one can define diagonal  $(2N - 1)^2 \times (2N - 1)^2$  matrix  $\mathbb{D}_{1/2}$  with diagonal entries

$$d_{i,j}^{(1/2)} = d_{0,i} d_{0,j} \sqrt{d_{1,i}/d_{0,i} + d_{1,j}/d_{0,j}}.$$

**Theorem 6** (Korneev/Rytov [2005]). Let

$$\mathbb{S}_0^{-1} = (\mathbf{Q}^\top \otimes \mathbf{Q}^\top) \mathbb{D}_{1/2}^{-1} (\mathbf{Q} \otimes \mathbf{Q}), \quad \mathcal{S}_0 = \mathbf{C} \mathbb{S}_0 \mathbf{C}.$$

Then for all  $v \in \mathring{Q}_{p,x}$  and the corresponding vectors  $\mathbf{v}$ , the norms  $|||v|||_{1/2,\tau_0}$  and  $||\mathbf{v}||_{\mathcal{S}_0}$ , respectively, are equivalent uniformly in  $p$ , i.e.,

$$|||v|||_{1/2,\tau_0} \asymp ||\mathbf{v}||_{\mathcal{S}_0}.$$

Proof. Basis tool is Peetre's K-interpolation method.

$\mathbb{S}_0$  is a multiscale wavelet preconditioner for which  $\text{ops}[\mathbb{S}_0^{-1}\mathbf{v}] = \mathcal{O}(p^2)$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{v}$ , and, therefore,  $\text{ops}[\mathcal{S}_0^{-1}\mathbf{v}] = \mathcal{O}(p^2)$  as well. Similar preconditioner-solver for faces of hierarchical elements was approved in Korneev/Langer/Xanthis [2003].

## DOMAIN DECOMPOSITION ALGORITHM

The problem to be solved

$$a_{\Omega}(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \varrho(x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = (f, v)_{\Omega}, \quad \forall v \in \mathring{H}^1(\Omega),$$

in the domain  $\bar{\Omega} = \cup_{r=1}^{\mathcal{R}} \bar{\tau}_r$ , which is an assemblage of compatible and in general curvilinear finite elements occupying domains  $\tau_r$ . It is assumed that finite elements satisfy the generalized conditions of shape regularity. The positive coefficient  $\varrho(x)$  is assumed to be piece wise constant, *i.e.*,  $\varrho(x) = \varrho_r$  for  $x \in \tau_r$ .

The finite element stiffness matrix may be represented in the block forms

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_I & \mathbf{K}_{IB} \\ \mathbf{K}_{BI} & \mathbf{K}_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_I & \mathbf{K}_{IF} & \mathbf{K}_{IW} \\ \mathbf{K}_{FI} & \mathbf{K}_F & \mathbf{K}_{FW} \\ \mathbf{K}_{WI} & \mathbf{K}_{WF} & \mathbf{K}_{WW} \end{pmatrix} =$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_I & \mathbf{K}_{IF} & \mathbf{K}_{IE} & \mathbf{K}_{IV} \\ \mathbf{K}_{FI} & \mathbf{K}_F & \mathbf{K}_{FE} & \mathbf{K}_{FV} \\ \mathbf{K}_{EI} & \mathbf{K}_{EF} & \mathbf{K}_E & \mathbf{K}_{EV} \\ \mathbf{K}_{VI} & \mathbf{K}_{VF} & \mathbf{K}_{VE} & \mathbf{K}_V \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where}$$

I – stands for internal d.o.f., F – faces, E – edges, V – vertices, B – interface boundary, W – wire basket.

We consider the DD Dirichlet-Dirichlet preconditioner-solver  $\mathcal{K}$

$$\mathcal{K}^{-1} = \overline{\mathcal{K}}_I^+ + \mathbf{P}_{V_B \rightarrow V} \mathcal{S}_B^{-1} \mathbf{P}_{V_B \rightarrow V}^\top, \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_B^{-1} = \overline{\mathcal{S}}_F^+ + \mathbf{P}_{V_W \rightarrow V_B} (\mathcal{S}_W^B)^{-1} \mathbf{P}_{V_W \rightarrow V_B}^\top.$$

i) The block diagonal preconditioner-solver for the internal Dirichlet problems on finite elements has the form

$$\overline{\mathcal{K}}_I^+ := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_I^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_I = \text{diag} [h_1 \varrho_1 \mathcal{B}_{I,\text{sp}}, h_2 \varrho_2 \mathcal{B}_{I,\text{sp}}, \dots, h_{\mathcal{R}} \varrho_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}_{I,\text{sp}}]$

$\mathcal{B}_{I,\text{sp}} = \mathcal{A}_{I,\text{sp} \leftarrow w}$  – multiresolution preconditioner-solver of Theorem 5.

ii) Block diagonal preconditioner-solver for internal problems on faces

$$\overline{\mathcal{S}}_F^+ = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{S}_F^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{S}_F = \text{diag} [\kappa_1 \mathcal{S}_0, \kappa_2 \mathcal{S}_0, \dots, \kappa_Q \mathcal{S}_0],$$

- $Q$  is the number of faces  $F_k \subset \Omega$ ,
- $\kappa_k$  are multipliers

$$\kappa_k = (h_{r_1(k)} \varrho_{r_1(k)} + h_{r_2(k)} \varrho_{r_2(k)}),$$

with  $r_1(k)$ ,  $r_2(k)$  being numbers of two elements  $\overline{\tau}_{r_1(k)}$  and  $\overline{\tau}_{r_2(k)}$ , sharing the face  $F_k$ ,

- $h_r$  is the characteristic size of an element,
- $\mathcal{S}_0$  is the preconditioner-solver for one face, defined in Theorem 4.

**iii)** Preconditioner-solver  $\mathcal{S}_W^B$  for wire basket subproblem of relatively small dimension  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R}p) \times \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R}p)$ . We borrow it from Casarin [1997] and Pavarino/Widlund [1996], assuming that its arithmetical cost does not disturb optimality of DD solver, *i.e.*,  $\text{ops}[(\mathcal{S}_W^B)^{-1}\mathbf{v}] = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R}p^3)$ .

**The prolongation operations include :**

**iv)** prolongation  $\mathbf{P}_{V_B \rightarrow V}$  from interelement boundary on the whole computational domain  $\bar{\Omega}$ , completed by means of inexact solver with the preconditioner  $\mathcal{B}_{I,sp}$ ,

**v)** simple prolongation  $\mathbf{P}_{V_W \rightarrow V_B}$  from wire basket on interelement boundary, not requiring solution of any systems, which is the same as in Pavarino/Widlund [1996] and Casarin [1997].



**Theorem 7.** Suppose, the generalized conditions of shape regularity are fulfilled and the coefficient  $\rho > 0$  is piece wise constant. Then the bound for the relative condition number of DD preconditioner-solver  $\mathcal{K}$  is

$$\text{cond} [\mathcal{K}^{-1}\mathbf{K}] \leq c(1 + \log p)^2 .$$

Suppose additionally that the wire basket solver satisfy the above assumption **iii**). Then the number of arithmetic operations needed for solving the system  $\mathcal{K}^{-1}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f}$  has the majorant

$$\text{ops} [\mathcal{K}^{-1}\mathbf{f}] \leq \mathcal{O}(p^3(1 + \log p)\mathcal{R}), \quad \forall \mathbf{f} .$$

## CONCLUSIONS

Factored preconditioners, presented in this lecture for the spectral reference element stiffness and mass matrices, allow to design almost optimal in computational work preconditioners-solvers for three most important subproblems, arising in DD algorithms for elliptic equations in 3d domains. Indeed, two of these preconditioners-solvers are optimal.

In the presented DD preconditioner-solver, only one sparse subsystem of the relatively small dimension  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R}) \times \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R})$ , which is a part of the wire basket subproblem, was not supplied with the solver optimal with the respect to its dimension  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R})$ .

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