

# Fast Iterative Solution of Models of Incompressible Flow

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# Outline

1. General approach:  
Block preconditioners for Navier-Stokes problems
2. Performance in an applied setting: MPSalsa
3. Application: Microfluidics
4. Ongoing / future research

# General Statement of Problem: Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations

$$\alpha u_t - \nu \nabla^2 u + (u \cdot \text{grad})u + \text{grad } p = f$$
$$-\text{div } u = 0$$

$\alpha=0 \rightarrow$  steady state problem

$\alpha=1 \rightarrow$  evolutionary problem

Discretization and linearization  $\longrightarrow$  Matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta u \\ \delta p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{A}x=b$$

Goal: Robust general solution algorithms

Easy to implement

Derived from subsidiary building blocks

Adaptable to a variety of scenarios

(steady / evolutionary / Stokes / Boussinesq)

# General Approach to Preconditioning

Solving 
$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta u \\ \delta p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{A}x = b$$

Use preconditioner of form 
$$\mathcal{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_F & B^T \\ 0 & -Q_S \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve right-preconditioned system

$$[\mathcal{A}\mathcal{Q}^{-1}][\hat{x}] = b, \quad x = \mathcal{Q}^{-1}\hat{x}$$

using Krylov subspace method (GMRES)

$$\mathcal{A}\mathcal{Q}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_F & B^T \\ 0 & -Q_S \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} FQ_F^{-1} & (FQ_F^{-1} - I)B^T Q_S^{-1} \\ BQ_F^{-1} & (BQ_F^{-1}B^T + C)Q_S^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# General Approach to Preconditioning

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$$\stackrel{Q_F=F}{=} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ BF^{-1} & \underbrace{(BF^{-1}B^T + C)Q_S^{-1}}_S \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{Q_S=S}{=} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ BF^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues  $\equiv 1 \rightarrow$  Convergence in two steps

Seek approximation to inverses of

$F \sim$  convection-diffusion operator

$S =$  Schur complement matrix

**Key point:** Build using methods for scalar operators,  
use existing (multigrid) code

# Two Strategies for Preconditioning $S$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} Q_F & B^T \\ 0 & -Q_S \end{pmatrix}$$

## 1. Pressure Convection-Diffusion Preconditioner $Q_S^{-1} \equiv M_p^{-1} F_p A_p^{-1}$

$A_p$  = Discrete pressure Poisson operator

$F_p$  = Discrete convection-diffusion operator on pressure space

$M_p$  = Pressure mass matrix

## 2. Least Squares Commutator

$$Q_S^{-1} \equiv (BM_u^{-1}B^T)^{-1}(BM_u^{-1}FM_u^{-1}B^T)(BM_u^{-1}B^T)^{-1}$$

Comments:

- main cost: pressure Poisson solve
- PCD (1): requires (user) specification of auxiliary operators
- LSC (2): user independent

# Derivation of these Methods

1. PCD: start with commutator of operators

$$\nabla(-\nu \nabla^2 + w \cdot \nabla)_p \approx (-\nu \nabla^2 + w \cdot \nabla)_u \nabla$$

↑ Requires pressure convection-diffusion operator

Discrete analogue:  $M_u^{-1} B^T M_p^{-1} F_p \approx M_u^{-1} F M_u^{-1} B^T$

$$\Rightarrow BF^{-1} B^T \approx Q_s \equiv BM_u^{-1} B^T F_p^{-1} M_p$$

$\leftarrow A_p \rightarrow$

2. LSC: define  $F_p$  to minimize

$$\left\| (M_u^{-1} F)(M_u^{-1} B^T) - (M_u^{-1} B^T)(M_u^{-1} F_p) \right\|_{M_u}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_S^{-1} \equiv (BM_u^{-1} B^T)^{-1} (BM_u^{-1} F M_u^{-1} B^T) (BM_u^{-1} B^T)^{-1}$$



## Properties of these Methods

### Implementation:

To implement in GMRES: need action of  $Q^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_F & B^T \\ 0 & -Q_S \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$

Convection-diffusion solve for  $Q_F^{-1}$  } Both approximated  
Poisson solve(s) for  $Q_S^{-1}$  } using “off-the-shelf”  
algebraic MG

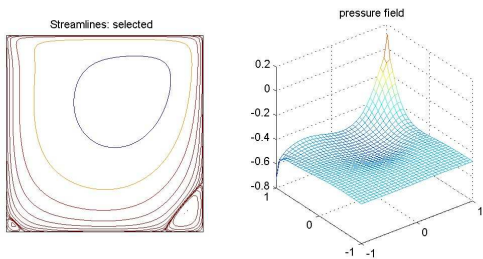
### Convergence properties:

- PCD: convergence rate independent of discretization mesh size
- LSC: some dependence on mesh size, but often faster
- Both: mild dependence on Reynolds number (steady-state)  
no dependence on Re (transient)

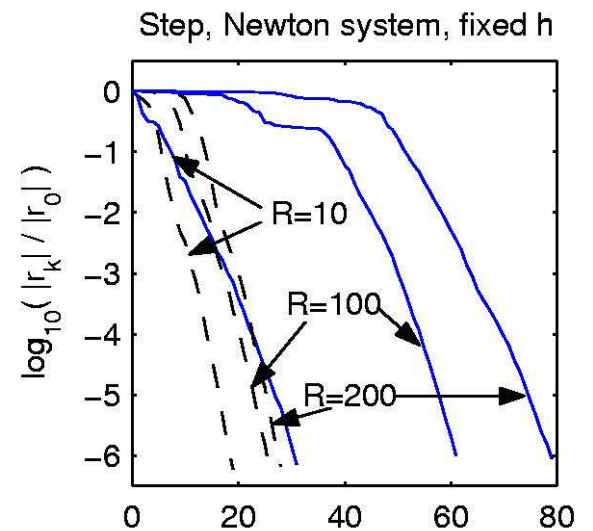
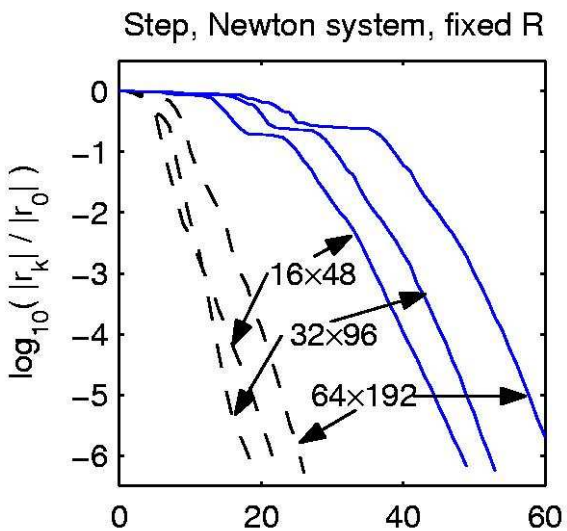
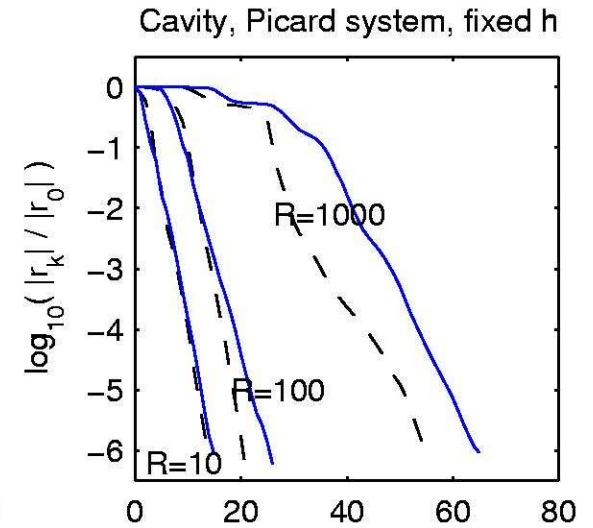
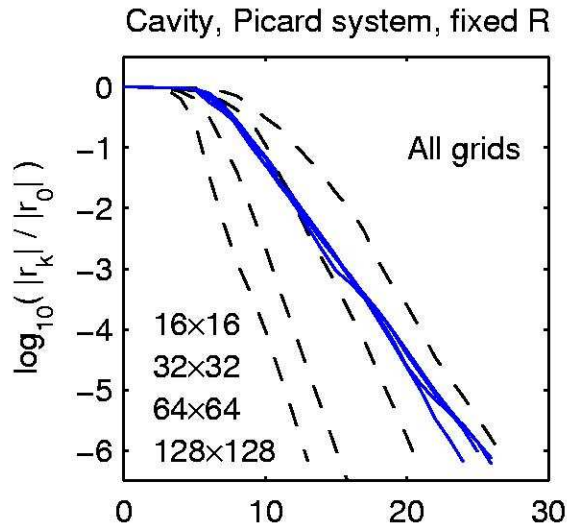
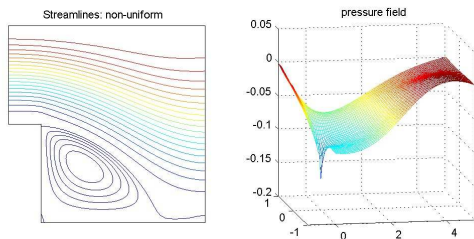
# Preliminary Performance Results

E., Silvester, & Wathen

## Cavity Picard system



## Step Newton system



- - Lst sq comm  
— Pres conv-diff

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## Relation to SIMPLE

### *Semi-Implicit Method for Pressure-Linked Equations*

Patankar & Spaulding, 1972

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ B & -BF^{-1}B^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & F^{-1}B^T \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

$\curvearrowright \approx$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_F & 0 \\ B & -B\hat{F}^{-1}B^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & \hat{F}^{-1}B^T \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

$Q_F$ : approximate convection-diffusion solve

$\hat{F}$ : diagonal part of  $F$

**N.B. Does not take convection into account**

Many variants (SIMPLEC:  $\hat{F} = \text{diag}(\text{row-sum}(F))$ )

## Benchmarking using MPSalsa

**MPSalsa** (Shadid, Salinger, Hennigan, Pawlowski, Smith, Wilkes, O'Rourke)

General purpose parallel code

- models low Mach number, incompressible and variable density fluid flows
- coupled with heat transport, multi-component species transport
- discretizes using biquadratic Petrov-Galerkin (Galerkin least squares) finite elements on unstructured grids
- offers Krylov subspace solvers with ILU/domain decomposition

**Task:**

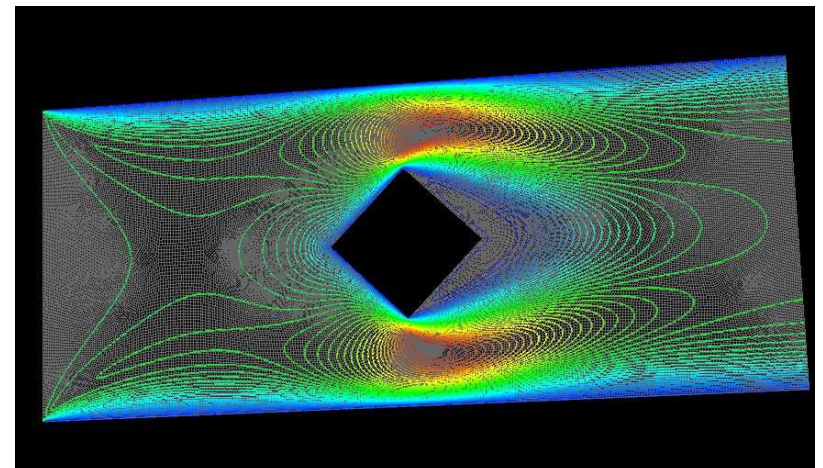
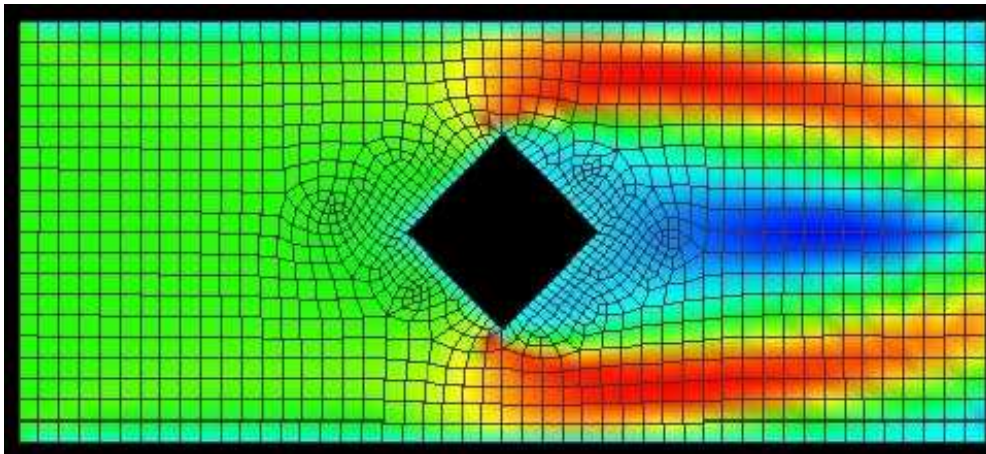
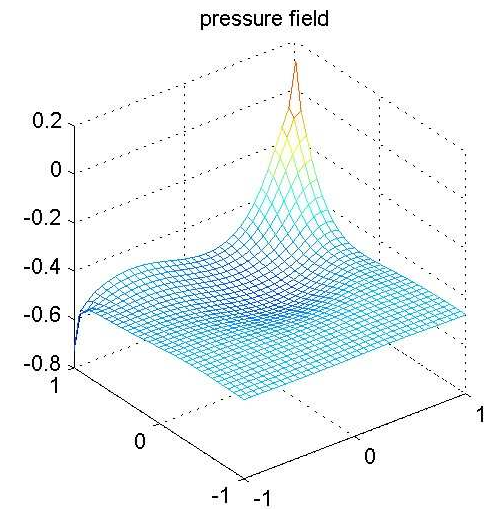
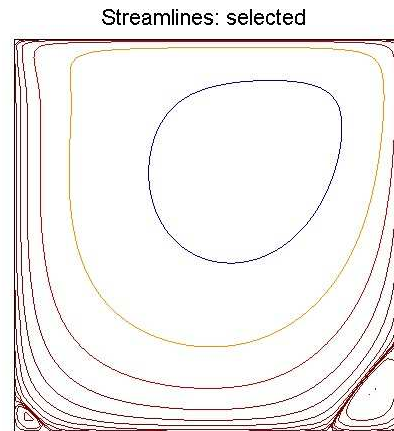
- Integrate and test block preconditioner within MPSalsa
- Build using existing Sandia software

# Benchmark Problems

1. 2D Driven Cavity

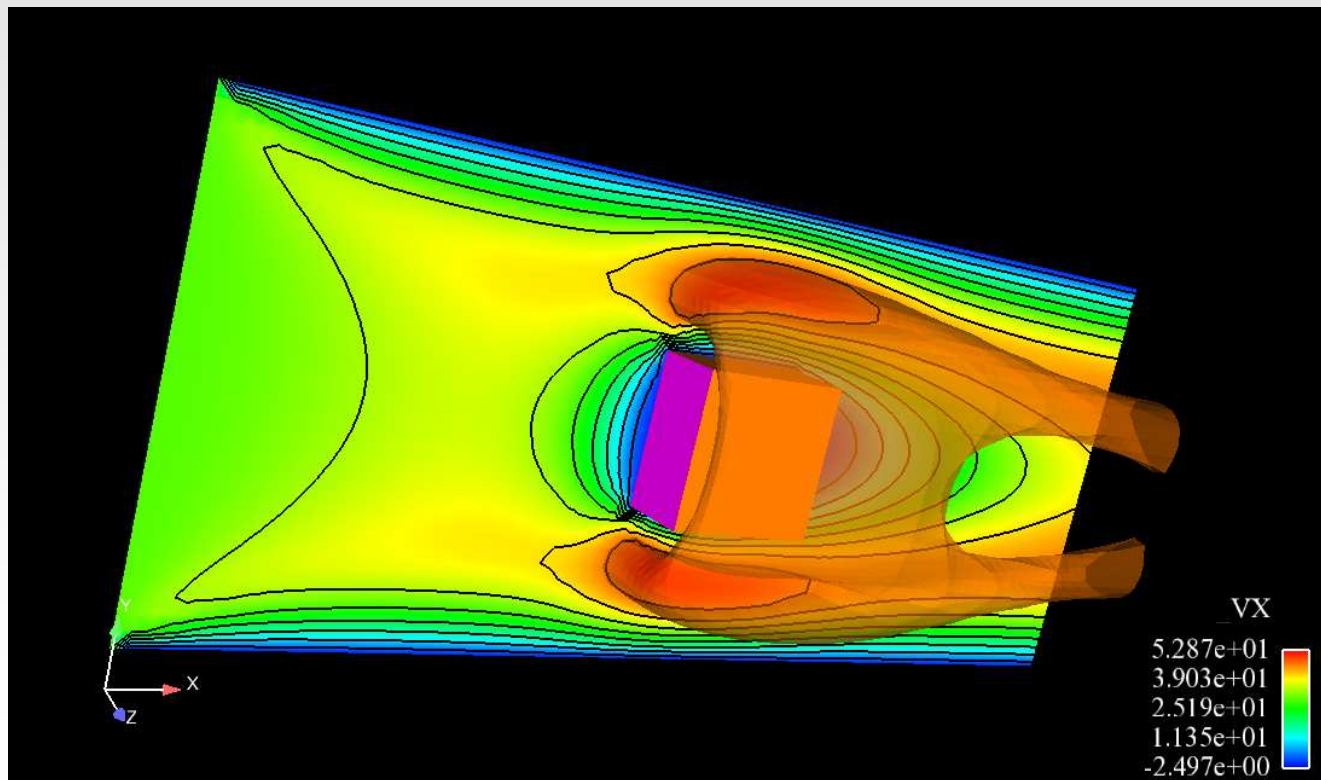
2. 3D Driven Cavity

3. 2D flow over a diamond obstruction  
Inflow-outflow b.c., unstructured grid



# Benchmark Problems

## 4. 3D flow over a cube obstruction



## Criteria used in Numerical Experiments

Solving nonlinear algebraic system 
$$\begin{pmatrix} F(u) & B^T \\ \hat{B} & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

Using Newton's method. Stop when iterate  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies

$$\left\| \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} F(u) & B^T \\ \hat{B} & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Nonlinear residual}} \right\| \leq 10^{-4} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

Jacobean system: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ \hat{B} & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta u \\ \delta p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_f \\ r_g \end{pmatrix}$$

## Criteria used in Numerical Experiments

Solve system using Pressure Convection-Diffusion (PCD) preconditioned GMRES

Stop GMRES iteration when

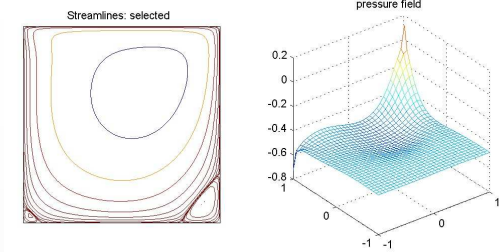
$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} r_f \\ r_g \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta u^{(k)} \\ \delta p^{(k)} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq 10^{-5} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} r_f \\ r_g \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

Report average  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{iterations} \\ \text{CPU times} \end{array} \right\}$  over Newton run

Computations done on Sandia National Laboratories' *Institutional Computing Cluster*, with up to 64 dual Intel 3.6GHz Xenon processors with 2GB RAM each.



# Results: 2D Cavity

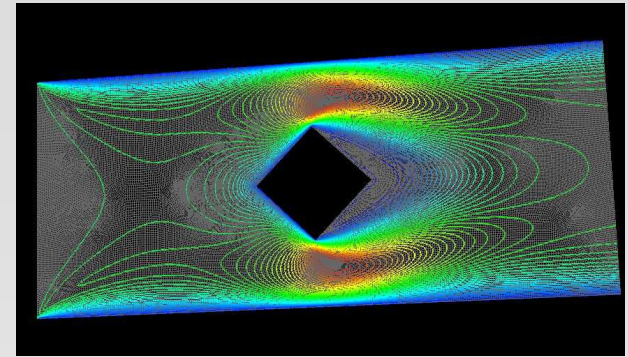


Re	Mesh size	PCD		SIMPLE		1-level DD		Procs
		Iters	Time	Iters	Time	Iters	Time	
10	64 x 64	19.4	17.2	41.8	32.9	79.4	19.4	1
	128 x 128	21.2	28.4	66.0	78.9	220.6	79.8	4
	256 x 256	23.0	69.3	104.3	229.2	467.2	619.4	16
	512 x 512	23.2	257.2	164.0	619.4	1356.8	2901.9	64
100	64 x 64	35.0	28.7	52.0	50.8	86.5	26.4	1
	128 x 128	34.9	59.5	71.8	87.9	300.3	130.2	4
	256 x 256	41.3	102.1	109.8	410.5	528.8	593.1	16
	512 x 512	41.0	345.7	169.4	941.2	NC	NC	64
1000	64 x 64	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	1
	128 x 128	126.4	570.9	142.0	1220.4	352.5	275.8	4
	256 x 256	126.6	1207.6	251.6	3494.2	839.5	2009.6	16
	512 x 512	143.2	2563.2	401.2	7598.2	NC	NC	64

## Results: 3D Cavity

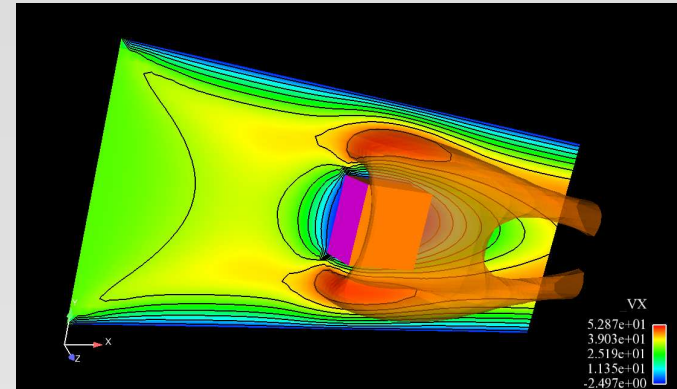
Re	Mesh size	PCD		SIMPLE		1-level DD		Procs
		Itrs	Time	Itrs	Time	Itrs	Time	
10	32 x 32 x 32	28.0	802.3	30.5	1205.6	67.0	634.6	1
	64 x 64 x 64	28.4	865.2	50.8	2034.1	159.8	1507.5	8
	128 x 128 x 128	31.1	1249.0	280.8	12490.5	356.2	4529.3	64
50	32 x 32 x 32	40.2	946.9	33.3	1302.6	62.2	615.5	1
	64 x 64 x 64	47.8	1061.6	52.5	2457.6	162.6	1533.2	8
	128 x 128 x 128	50.1	2101.2	291.2	14987.2	385.5	6460.9	64
100	32 x 32x 32	56.0	1232.7	40.8	1884.4	67.0	730.7	1
	64 x 64x 64	62.1	1697.8	61.6	3184.4	159.8	2131.6	8
	128 x 128 x 128	64.2	3019.2	299.1	17184.2	356.2	6953.9	64

## Results: 2D Flow over Diamond Obstruction



Re	Unknowns	PCD		SIMPLE		1-level DD		Procs
		Iters	Time	Iters	Time	Iters	Time	
10	62K	21.7	138.8	52.8	502.2	110.8	186.6	1
	256K	22.6	192.7	83.6	1203.9	282.6	1054.9	4
	1M	25.6	252.3	130.8	1845.3	890.2	6187.4	16
	4M	29.7	397.5	212.6	5834.6	NC	NC	64
25	62K	34.9	248.0	66.5	760.5	101.7	198.8	1
	256K	40.4	384.6	104.7	1920.3	273.8	1118.6	4
	1M	43.6	445.9	160.8	2985.2	864.5	6226.0	16
	4M	49.1	736.6	402.1	8241.3	NC	NC	64
40	62K	64.6	565.8	74.8	1278.7	70.4	267.2	1
	256K	68.9	975.2	113.6	2718.9	203.9	1269.3	4
	1M	72.7	1039.2	260.9	7535.0	770.0	6933.5	16
	4M	78.3	1528.6	410.1	11992.2	NC	NC	64

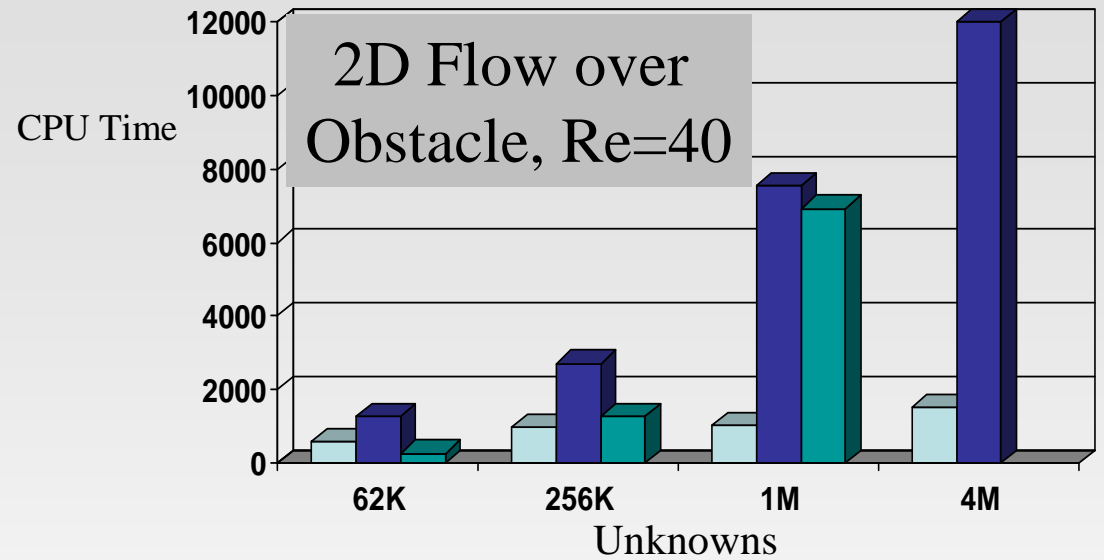
# Results: 3D Flow over Cube Obstruction



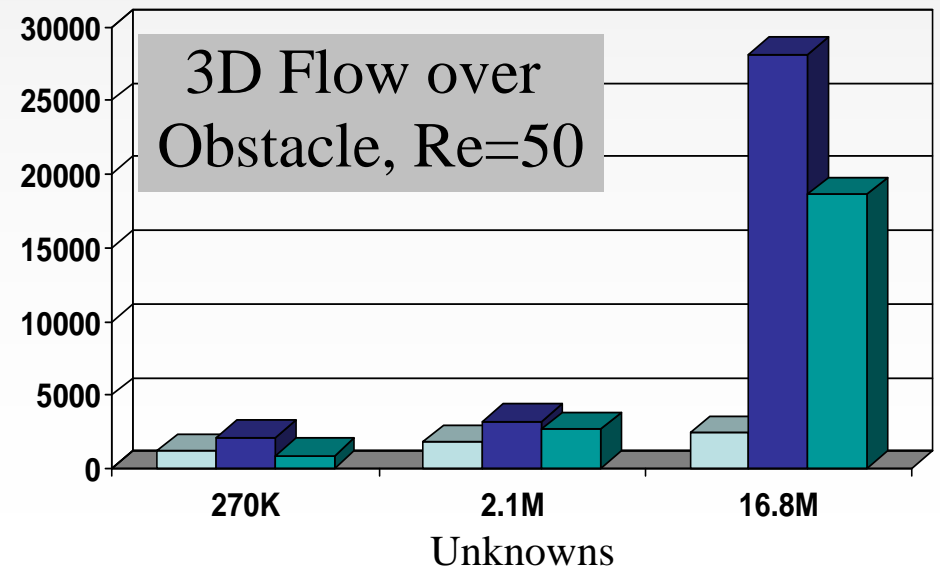
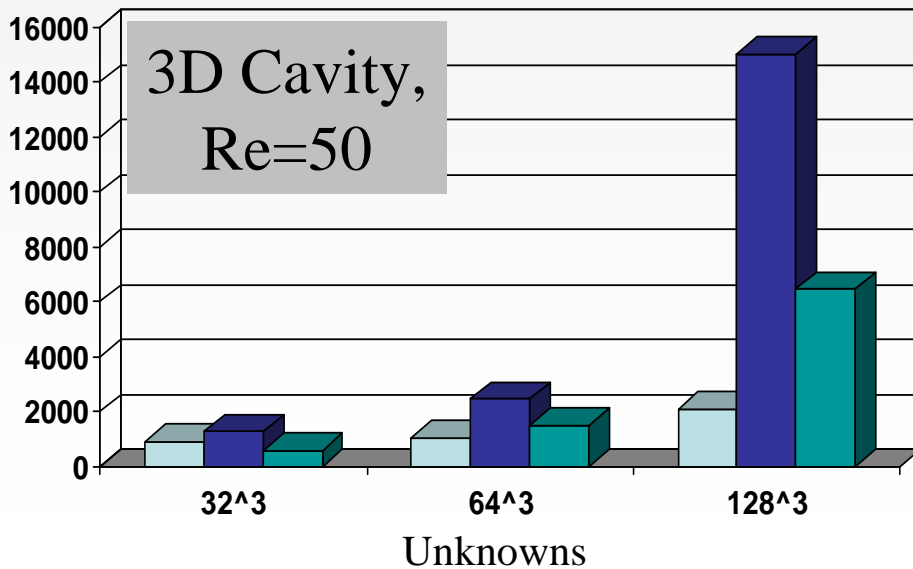
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		Itrs	Time	Itrs	Time	Itrs	Time	
10	270K	20.7	997.7	45.2	1897.1	67.2	859.8	1
	2.1M	21.7	1507.5	79.3	4593.2	151.2	2004.0	8
	16.8M	24.7	1997.7	118.7	19907.1	667.2	20908.0	64
50	270K	35.9	1209.7	49.2	2109.2	69.4	889.2	1
	2.1M	38.7	1797.7	84.9	3201.3	132.4	2676.1	8
	16.8M	44.7	2397.7	140.2	28156.1	637.2	18646.0	64

# Graphical Depiction of these Results

- Pressure conv-diff
- Simple
- Domain decomposition



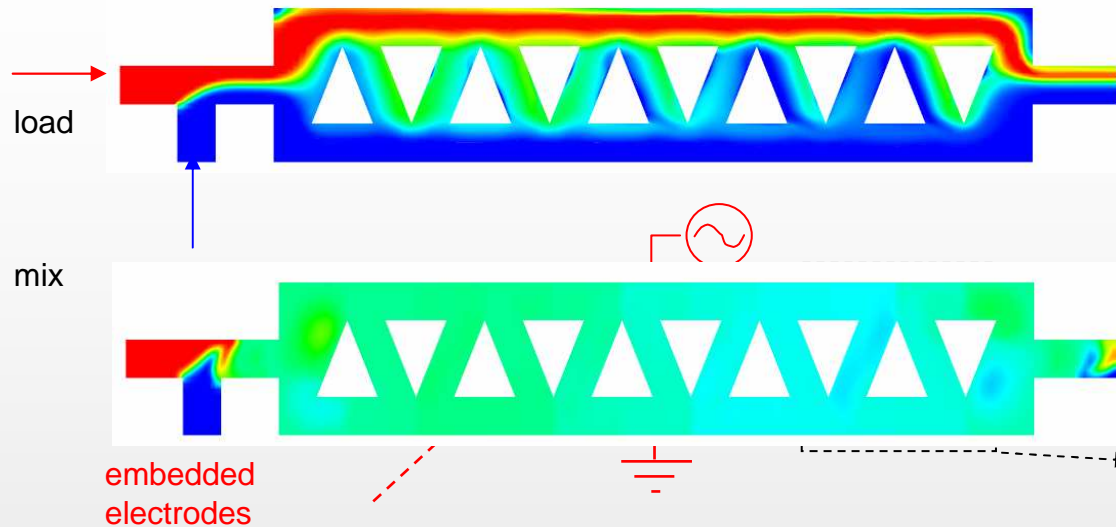
CPU Time



## Implementation Issues

1. Solving subsidiary scalar problems (convection-diffusion and Poisson equations) using “off-the-shelf” algebraic multigrid software **ML** (smoothed aggregation).
2. Solving these systems “inexactly”.
3. Other components of the code built using Sandia tools, (Trilinos, Meros, Epetra, Aztec, CHACO, NOX), which handle nonlinear and Krylov subspace solvers and all parallelism.

## Application: Topology of MicroFluidics Devices



High level problem statement:

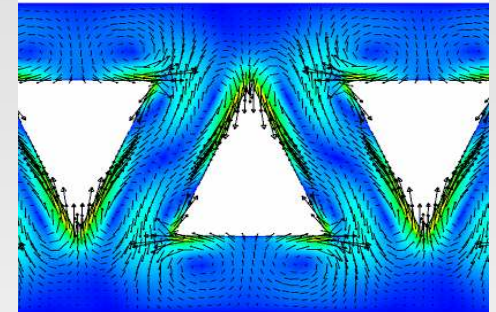
- Mix two liquids at low  $Re$
- Flow driven by electrokinetic means: induced charge electro-osmosis (ICEO), via charge on interior obstacles
- Goal: choose shape and topology of obstructions to optimize “mixing metric”

Collaboration with SNL’s Thermal/Fluid Science & Engineering Group (M. P. Kanouff, J. Templeton) 22

## Computational Procedure

Given topology of device (38 parameters):

Electric field on obstacles obtained by solving the Laplace equation for electric potential  $\phi$ , tangential component of  $E = \nabla\phi$  defines velocity b.c. along obstructions



### Solve incompressible NS equations

Use computed velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  to obtain mass fraction of solute

$$-D\nabla^2 m + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{grad})m = 0$$

Calculate mixing metric = measure of extent of mixing

$$M = \frac{\int (m - \bar{m})^2 dV}{V}$$



# Computational Procedure

## Optimization loop:

Minimize  $M$  with respect to 38 design parameters

Optimization performed using derivative-free asynchronous parallel pattern search, via **APPSPACK** (Gray, Griffen, Hough, Kolda, Torczon)

## Software environment:

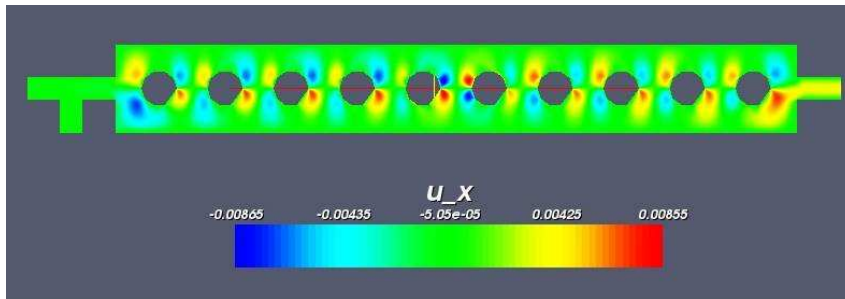
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## Results: Use PCD-Preconditioned GMRES

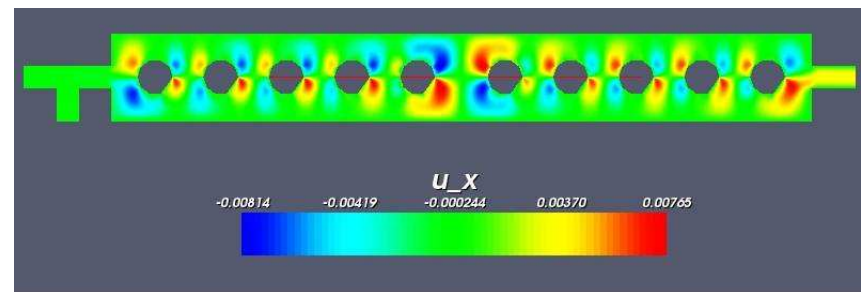
Iteration Counts	CPU time
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62.1	20831.1
67.1	21874.1
66.1	20923.9
68.2	20643.1
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67.3	20488.9
66.3	20898.2

# Examples of Flow Fields Computed

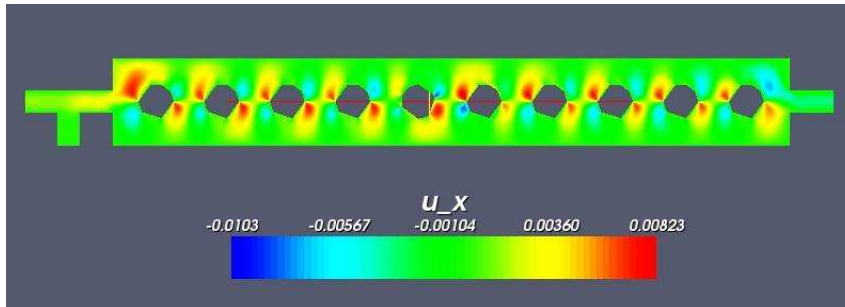
Original  $M = 0.0287106$



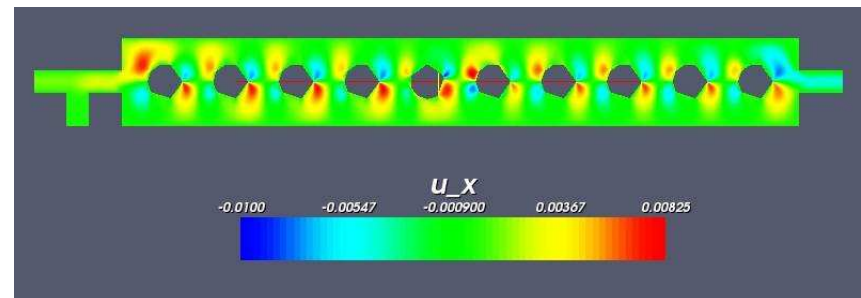
$M = 0.0233216$



$M = 0.032451$



$M = 0.000811796$



$M = 0.000923394$

## Ongoing Efforts

1. Extension of these ideas to *spectral element methods*

Build using additive Schwarz methods with *fast diagonalization methods* on subdomains

2. Use of these ideas for *stability analysis* of flows: solve

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ q \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} M_u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ q \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Extension of approach to handle thermal / chemical effects

E.g. Boussinesq model  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_u & G & B^T \\ H & F_T & 0 \\ B & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta u \\ \delta T \\ \delta p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Uncertainty quantification: solution algorithms for problems posed with uncertainty