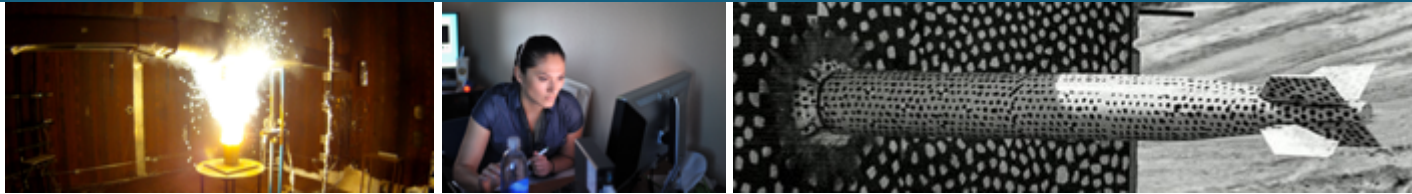




# A multigrid method for generalized (or extended) magnetohydrodynamics



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## Equations of interest

$$\partial_t \mathbf{D} - \text{curl } \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{J} = 0, \quad \partial_t \mathbf{B} + \text{curl } \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H},$$

$$\tau \partial_t \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{J} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{J} - \sigma \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Generalized Ohm's law replaces classical Ohm's law,}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \frac{e\tau}{m_e} \mathbf{B}, \quad \sigma = \frac{e^2 n_e}{m_e} \tau.$$

$\mathbf{E}$  is the electric field,  $\mathbf{H}$  is the magnetic field,  $\mathbf{D}$  is the displacement field,  $\mathbf{J}$  is the current density,  $\mathbf{B}$  is the magnetic flux density (magnetic induction),  $|\boldsymbol{\beta}|$  is the so-called Hall parameter,  $\sigma$  is the electrical conductivity,  $\mu$  is the magnetic permeability,  $\epsilon$  is the electric permittivity,  $e$  denotes the unit electric charge,  $n_e$  the electron number density,  $m_e$  the electron mass, and  $\tau$  the ion-electron relaxation time.



$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

vs.

$$\tau \partial_t \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{J} - \beta \times \mathbf{J} - \sigma \mathbf{E} = 0$$

Hall term

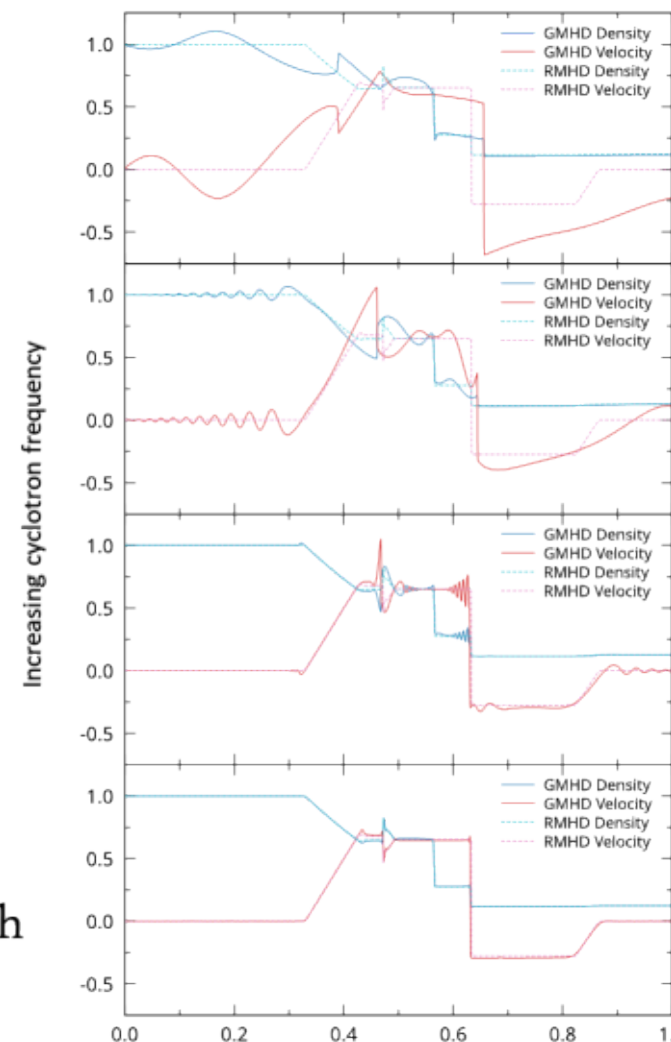
assumes certain quantities vary only slightly between electron-ion collisions and ions are stationary

incorporates accelerations, important for plasmas (e.g., high current pulsed power accelerators at high plasma densities). Allows for asymmetric coupling between current & magnetic fields.

Recall,

$$\beta = \frac{e\tau}{m_e} \mathbf{B}, \quad \dots \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \dots \text{so } \beta \times \mathbf{J} \text{ has null space}$$

Generalized Ohm's law can be derived from two-fluid approximation. Other MHD extensions also incorporate additional physics (Nerst, Ettingshausen, Leduc-Righi), which may incur new linear solver challenges.





Recall, GMHD equations include unknowns  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{J}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$ .

$\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  easily eliminated. While  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{J}$ , and  $\mathbf{B}$  are coupled, we can often use  $\mathbf{B}$  at a prior time step to advance  $\mathbf{E}$  &  $\mathbf{J}$ , so main focus is on  $\mathbf{E}$ - $\mathbf{J}$  system.

We consider discrete 2x2 block linear system which avoids element projections within Ohm's law to produce matrix *more amenable to solver*.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{A}_{11} & \mathbb{A}_{12} \\ \mathbb{A}_{21} & \mathbb{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}^{n+1} \\ \mathbf{J}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

edge basis functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}_{11}(\hat{\mathbf{E}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j) &= \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta t} \int_{\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j d\Omega + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu} \int_{\Omega} \text{curl } \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \text{curl } \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j d\Omega & \mathbb{A}_{12}(\hat{\mathbf{E}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j) &= \int_{\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j d\Omega \\ \mathbb{A}_{21}(\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j) &= - \int_{\Omega} \sigma^{n+1} (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j) d\Omega & \mathbb{A}_{22}(\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j) &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \left(1 + \frac{\tau}{\Delta t}\right) (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j) - \frac{e\tau}{m_e} [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i \cdot (\mathbf{B}^n \times \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j)] \right) d\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Hall term

Many AMG solvers developed for  $\mathbb{A}_{11}$ , e.g. auxiliary space methods.



We have considered a few alternative formulations and discretizations (all based on edge elements). Formulation still remains a research topic. Among those considered, 2x2 system presented on previous page is attractive in terms of solution quality and amenability to linear solvers

One alternative formulation

$$\int \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta t} + \underbrace{\underline{\chi}_\beta \sigma^{n+1} \Pi_P}_{\text{when Hall term dominates, } \approx \frac{1}{3} \text{ of spectrum is nearly 0}} \right) \mathbf{E}^{n+1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi} d\Omega + \int \frac{\Delta t}{\mu} \text{curl} \mathbf{E}^{n+1} \cdot \text{curl} \boldsymbol{\Psi} d\Omega$$

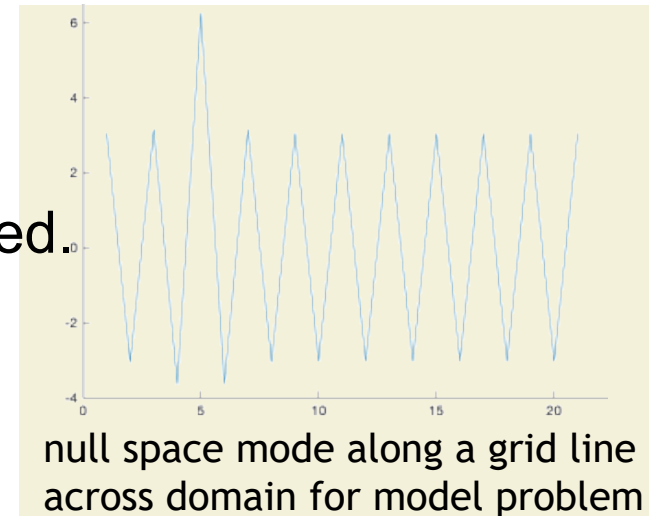
solve for  $\mathbf{E}^{n+1}$

where

$$\underline{\chi}_\beta^{-1} = \left( 1 + \frac{\tau}{\Delta t} \right) \mathbf{I} - \underline{\beta}_P^n \quad \& \quad \beta_P^n = \frac{e\tau}{m_e} \Pi_P (\mathbf{B}^n)$$

A continuous Schur complement elimination that can be efficiently formed

The discrete near null space includes non-physical oscillatory modes complicating linear solve.



## Null space associated with Hall term



Notice that there are no derivatives in the Hall term associated with the null space

$$\tau \partial_t \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{J} - \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{J}}_{\text{no derivatives}} - \sigma \mathbf{E} = 0$$

A basis for the discrete null space has a local character. Though connected to continuous null space,  $\mathbf{J}(x,y,z) = \boldsymbol{\beta}(x,y,z)$ , the nature of discretization basis functions plays a role.

We try to address both curl-curl null space and Hall term null space using Arnold-Falk-Winther style smoothers.



## 7 Patch Smoothers Background



An overlapping Schwarz method with  $n_p$  patches

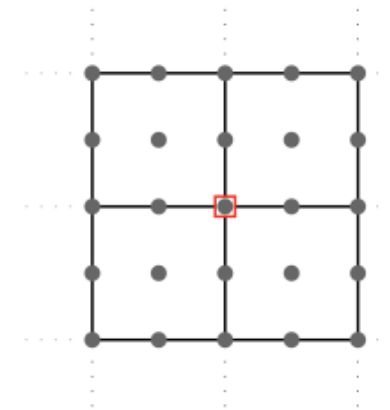
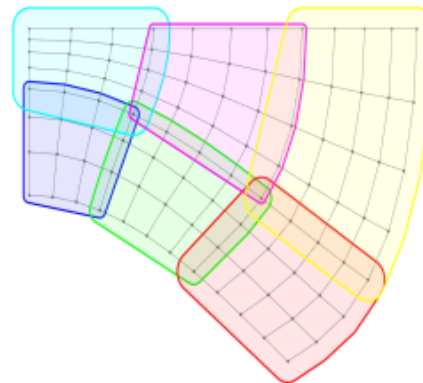
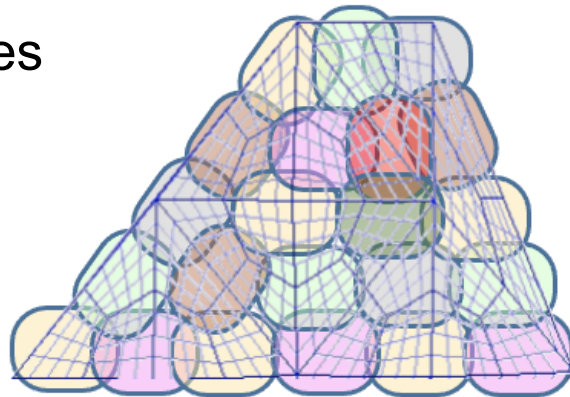
$$M^{-1} = W \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} V_k^T A_k^{-1} V_k$$

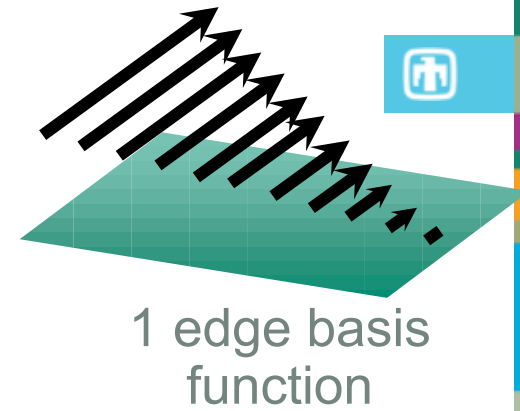
where  $V_k$  is a Boolean restriction matrix to  $k^{th}$  patch ,

$$W = \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^{n_p} V_\ell^T V_\ell \right)^{-1}$$

and  $A_k = V_k A V_k^T, \quad k = 1, \dots, n_p$

examples with patches





$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\mu}^{-1} \nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \boldsymbol{E} = \boldsymbol{f}$$

Edge element discretization

$$S_1 + M_1 = \dots$$

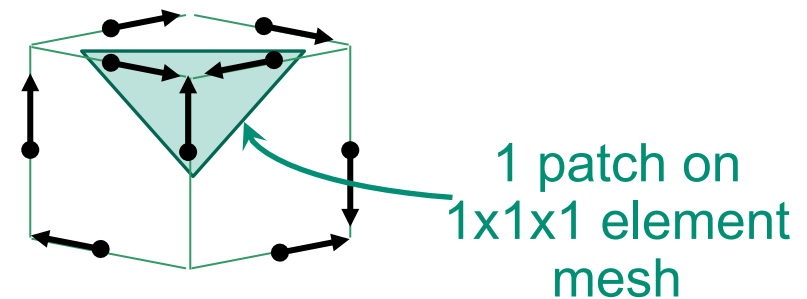
Null(curl, curl)

continuous :  $\{\nabla \varphi \mid \varphi \text{ scalar}\}$

discrete :  $S_1 D_0 = \emptyset$

$$D_0(\boldsymbol{e}, \boldsymbol{v}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{v} = \text{head}(\boldsymbol{e}) \\ -1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{v} = \text{tail}(\boldsymbol{e}) \end{cases}$$

$k^{th}$  AFW patch takes all edge dofs adjacent to  $k^{th}$  vertex, which corresponds to nonzeros in  $k^{th}$  column of  $D_0$





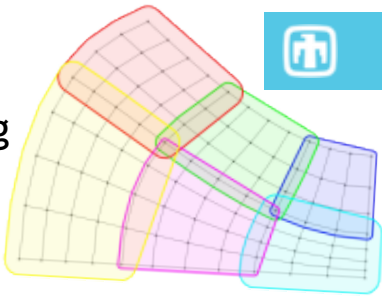
# 9 Patch Compression

$$M^{-1} = W \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} V_k^T A_k^{-1} V_k \approx W \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} V_k^T A_{\pm(k)}^{-1} V_k \rightarrow \cong A_k^{-1}$$

patch relaxation: overlapping Schwarz with small domains

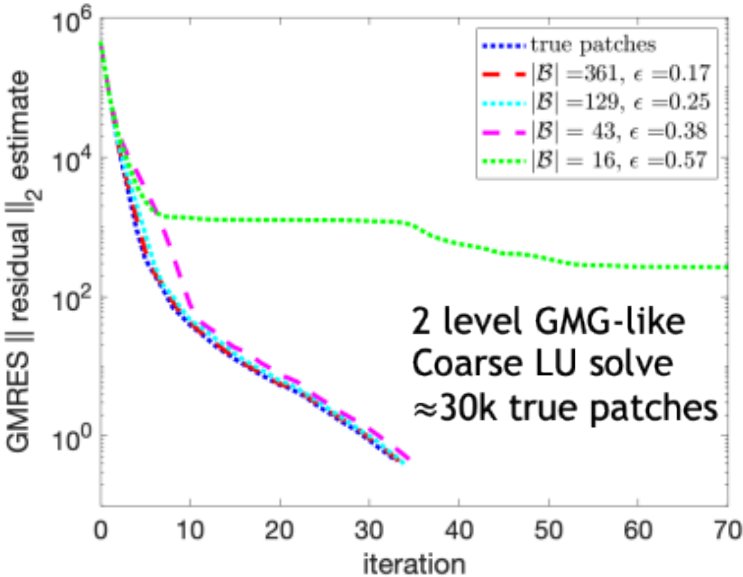
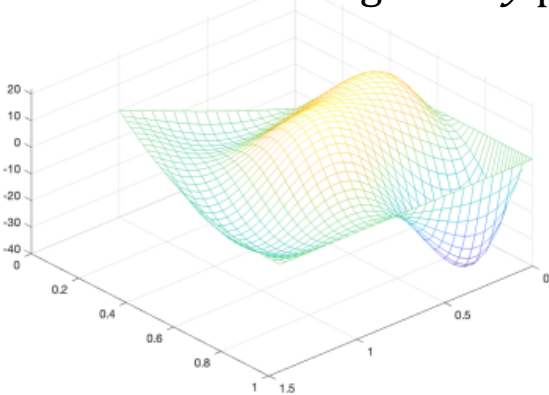
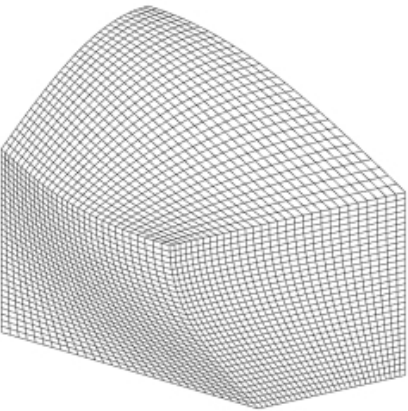
compression example

- approx.  &  patches using
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$$(curl\, v, curl\, u) + .0001\, (v, u) = f$$

$u$  for  $z$ -oriented edges in  $xy$  plane



Often able to effectively solve linear systems with < 5% of true patches !



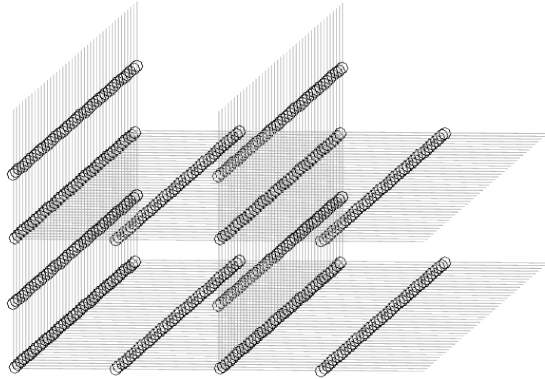
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Define AFW for  $\mathbb{A}_{11}$  and then take co-located unknowns associated with  $\mathbb{A}_{22}$

Notice that when applying patch algorithm across MG hierarchy we need a notion of nodes or  $D_0$  on all levels.

We plan to use patches in conjunction with a variant of the Rietzinger/Schoberl AMG algorithm for (curl, curl) operators as this algorithm naturally develops a notion of nodes, edges, and  $D_0$  on all levels.

Shock tube  $n \times 2 \times 2$  elements  
x 2 elements



Edge element basis functions centered at 'o' locations

Scaled Current Sheet  $2n \times n$



Dirichlet BCs in long direction

$$\rho = 10^6, m_e = 10^{-4}/(1 + 10^{-4}), \\ e = 10^4/(1 + 10^{-4}), \mu = 1, \text{ and } \epsilon = 10^{-4}$$

$$n_e = \begin{cases} 1.0, & 0.0 \leq x < 0.5, \\ 0.125, & 0.5 < x \leq 1.0, \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{cases} (0.75, +1.0, 0.0), & 0.0 \leq x < 0.5, \\ (0.75, -1.0, 0.0), & 0.5 < x \leq 1.0, \end{cases}$$

Hall term dominates

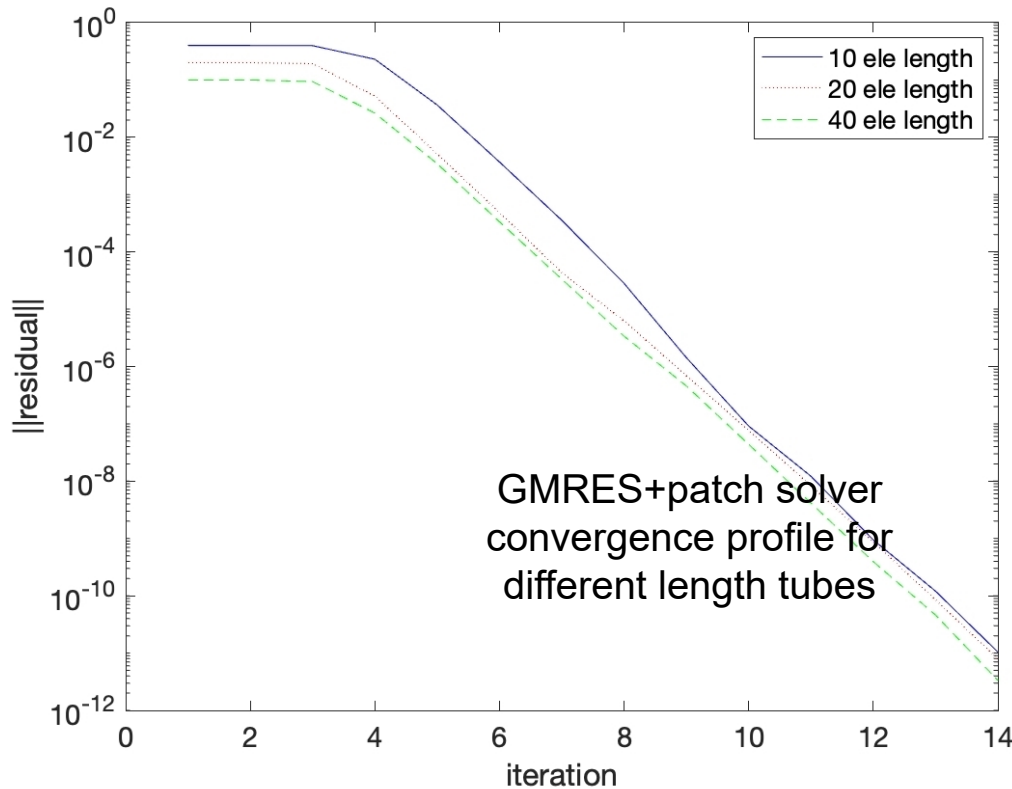
Dirichlet BCs in middle direction

$$\sigma = 10^6, e = 1, \mu = 1, \\ \epsilon = 1/c^2 \quad c = \delta m_i^{-1/2}, \\ m_e = 4.16 \times 10^{-2}/(1 + 4 \times 10^{-2}), \\ m_i = 1.04/(1 + 4 \times 10^{-2}), \\ \delta \text{ either } 10^2 \text{ or } 10^6.$$

$\delta$

Hall term dominates for small

## Shock tube results using geometric MG



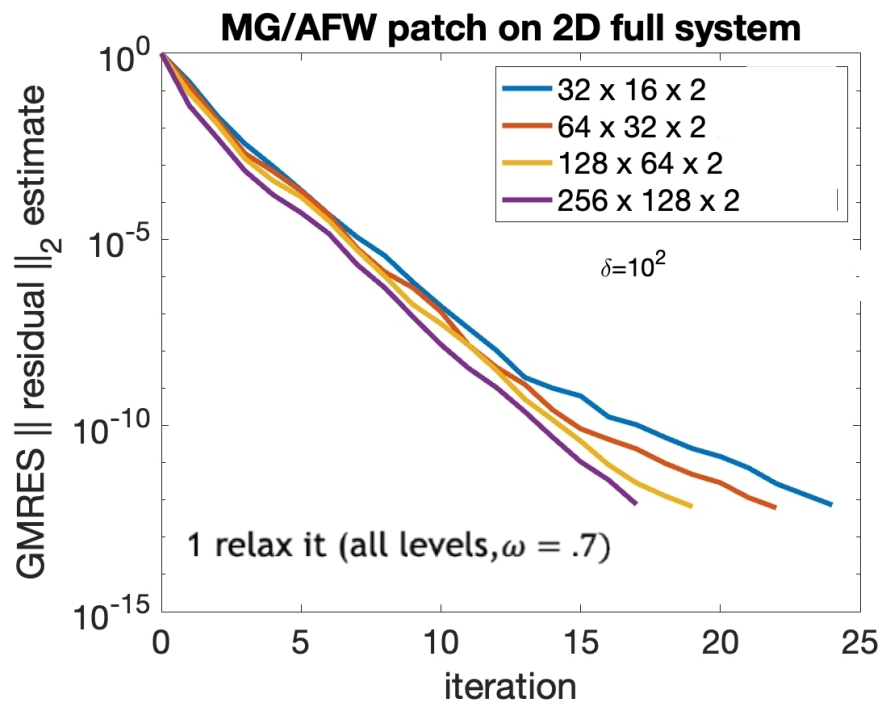
Able to solve problem where we previously struggled to converge

No MG needed as Hall term dominates

Each block of  $2 \times 2$  system is scaled by a scalar to improve matrix conditioning. Still,  $\text{cond}(A) = 10^7$ .

ALEGRA (<https://www.sandia.gov/alegra/>) shock hydrodynamics and multiphysics code used to generate matrices for both test problems.

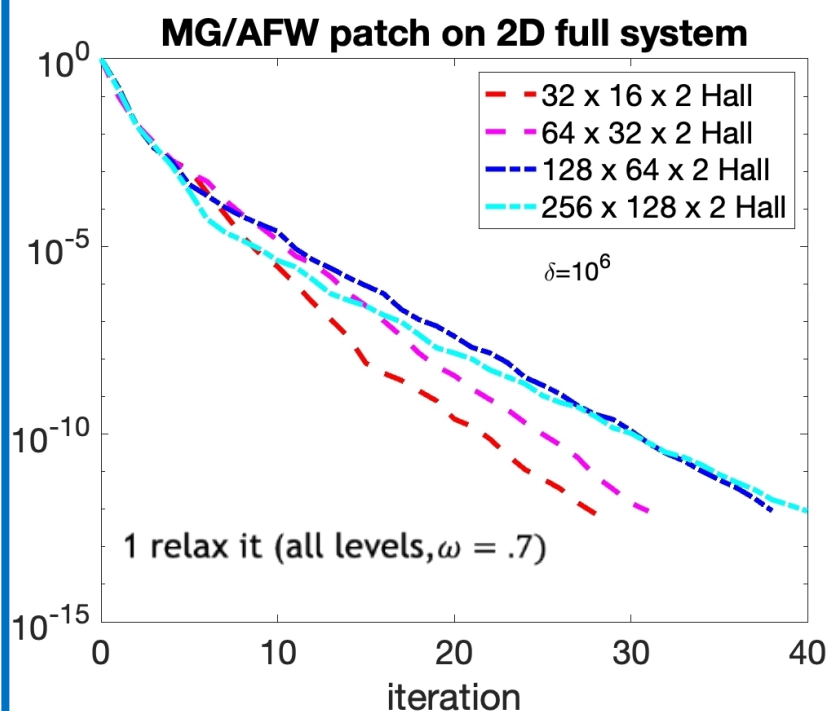
# Current sheet results using geometric MG



Hall term dominates

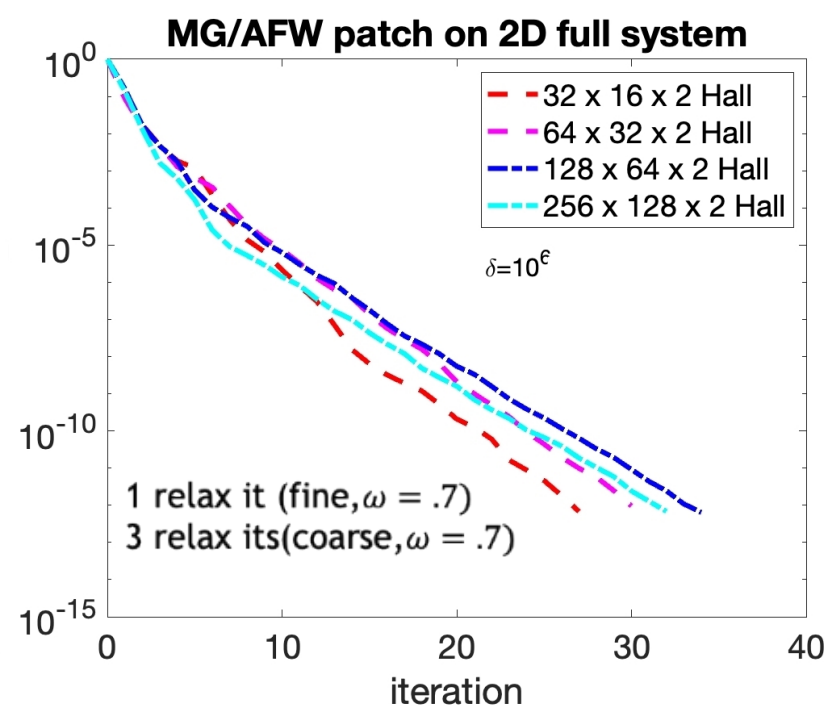
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Cond(A) =  $4.7e10$   
for 64 x 32 x 2 mesh



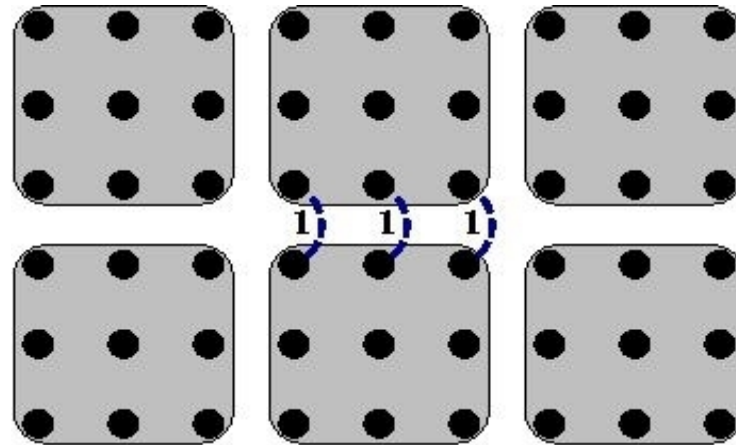
Hall & (curl,curl) terms both

Cond(A) =  $7.4e11$   
for 64 x 32 x 2 mesh



Extend variant of Rietzinger/Schoberl AMG, as it has notion of nodes/edges on all levels  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_0$  can be used to define AFW patch smoother on all levels.

R/S interpolation  
 basis function



key idea enforce commuting relationship  
 so hierarchy satisfies a de Rham complex

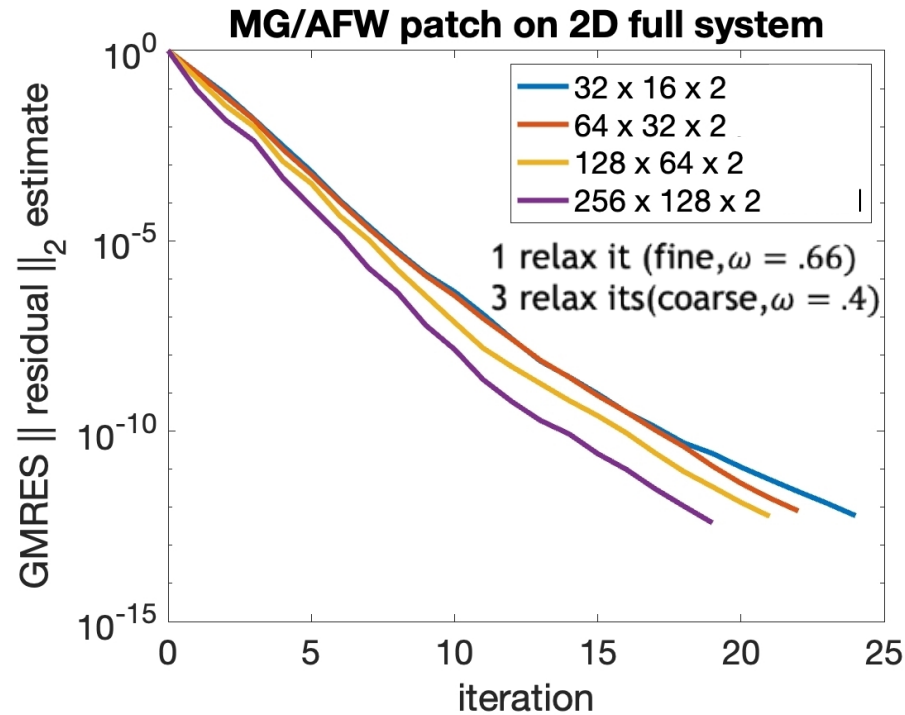
$$P_e \mathcal{D}_{0,H} = \mathcal{D}_{0,h} P_n$$

$P_n$ : piecewise constant

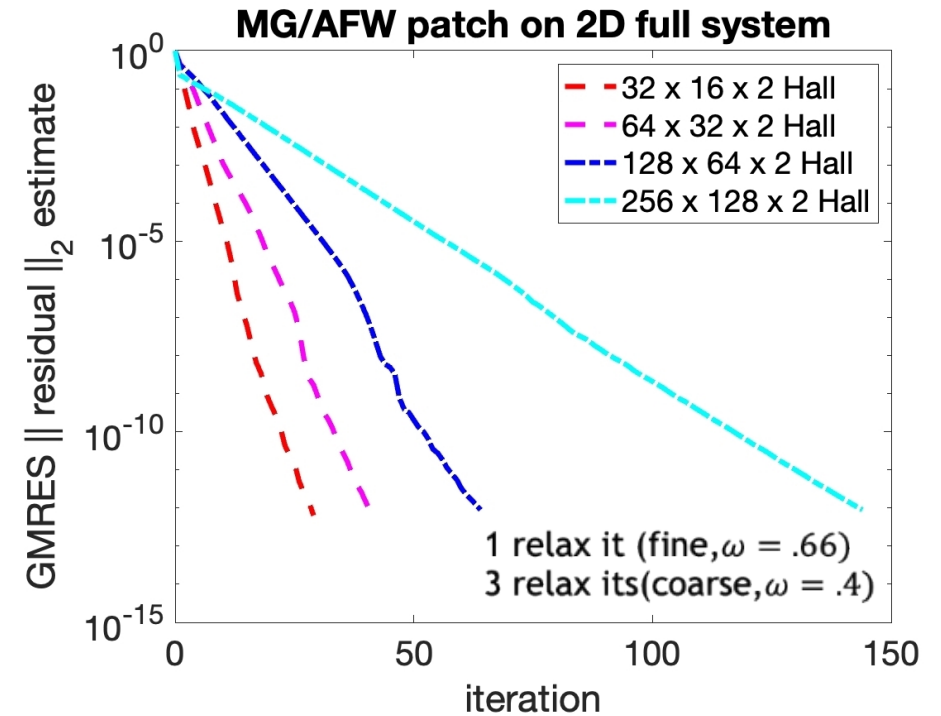
can use smoothed aggregation AMG idea to improve interpolant

$$\mathcal{P}_e = (I - \rho D^{-1} S + \beta \mathcal{D}_{0,h} (\mathcal{D}_{0,h})^T) P_e, \quad D = \text{diag}(S)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_e \mathcal{D}_{0,H} = \mathcal{D}_{0,h} (I + \beta (\mathcal{D}_{0,h})^T \mathcal{D}_{0,h}) P_n = \mathcal{D}_{0,h} (I + \beta (\mathcal{D}_{0,h})^T \mathcal{D}_{0,h}) P_n = \mathcal{D}_{0,h} \mathcal{P}_n$$



dominate Hall term



Hall & (curl,curl) both significant

Good results when Hall term dominates, but currently not scalable when (curl,curl) term significant. R/S AMG struggles with just solve. Perhaps, better to look at adapting patch scheme to flux-style AMG for  $\mathbb{A}_{11}$ , which is quite ill-conditioned for this problem





- GMHD linear solvers include Hall term that introduces a 2<sup>nd</sup> null space term (in addition to the null space of curl-curl operator).
  - Depending on regime, curl-curl term might dominate or Hall term might dominate or both.
- Questions remain as to how best to incorporate general Ohm's law and discretize.
- A scalable geometric multigrid solver can be devised by extending Arnold-Falk-Winther patch relaxation ideas.
- Rietzinger/Schoberl AMG ideas are natural with AFW patches, though other AMG extensions are possible. Still working on AMG adaptations.