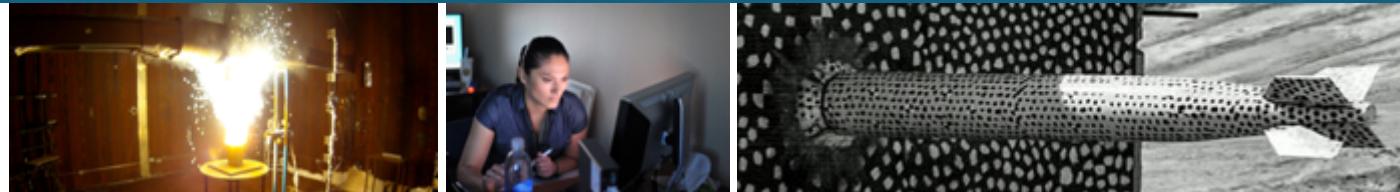




A multigrid method for generalized (or extended) magnetohydrodynamics



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2 What is generalized or extended magnetohydrodynamics (GMHD)



Equations of interest

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

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

Generalized Ohm's law replaces classical Ohm's law,

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

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

\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), $|\beta|$ is the so-called Hall parameter, σ is the electrical conductivity, μ is the magnetic permeability, ϵ is the electric permittivity, e denotes the unit electric charge, n_e the electron number density, m_e the electron mass, and τ the ion-electron relaxation time.

Classical Ohm's law vs. Generalized Ohm's Law



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

vs.

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

Hall term

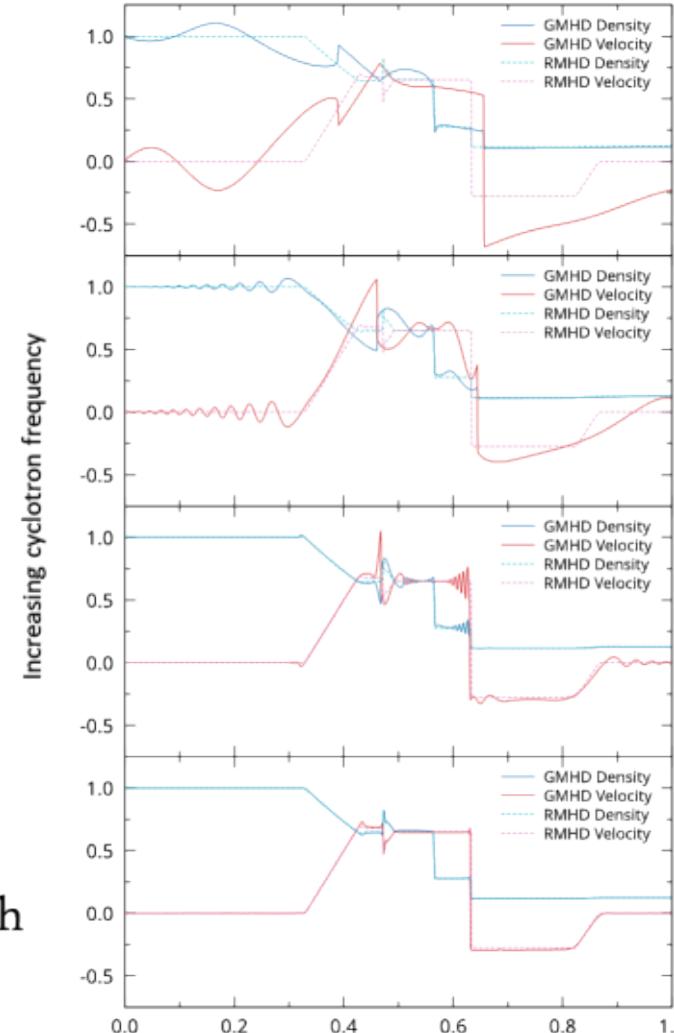
assumes certain quantities vary only slightly between electron-ion collisions and ions are stationary

Recall,

$$\beta = \frac{e\tau}{m_e} \mathbf{B}, \quad \dots \quad \text{and}$$

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

$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = 0$... so $\beta \times \mathbf{J}$ 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*.

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

Hall term

$$\mathbb{A}_{11}(\hat{\mathbf{E}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j) = \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta t} \int_{\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j d\Omega + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu} \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \operatorname{curl} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j d\Omega$$

$$\mathbb{A}_{12}(\hat{\mathbf{E}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j) = \int_{\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j d\Omega$$

$$\mathbb{A}_{21}(\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j) = - \int_{\Omega} \sigma^{n+1} (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}_j) d\Omega$$

$$\mathbb{A}_{22}(\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j) = \int_{\Omega} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\tau}{\Delta t}\right) (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j) - \frac{e\tau}{m_e} [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_i \cdot (\mathbf{B}^n \times \hat{\mathbf{J}}_j)] \right) d\Omega$$

edge basis
functions

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

$$\int \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\Delta t} + \underline{\chi}_{\beta} \sigma^{n+1} \Pi_P \right) \mathbf{E}^{n+1} \cdot \Psi d\Omega + \int \frac{\Delta t}{\mu} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E}^{n+1} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \Psi d\Omega$$

when Hall term dominates,
 $\approx \frac{1}{3}$ of spectrum is nearly 0

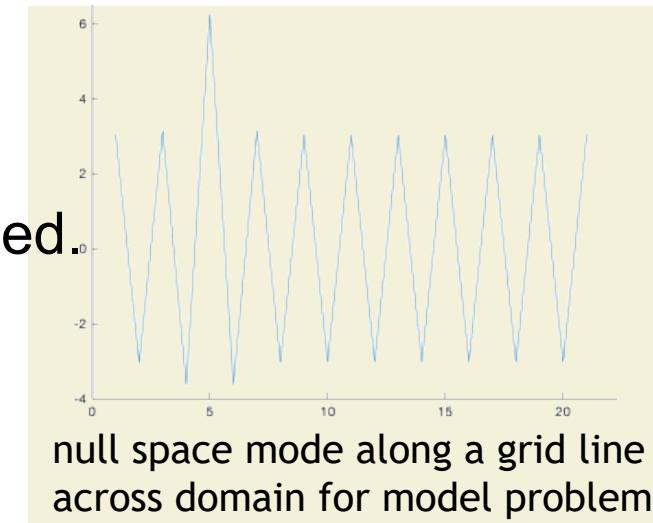
solve for \mathbf{E}^{n+1}

where

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

A continuous Schur complement elimination that can be efficiently formed.

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





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



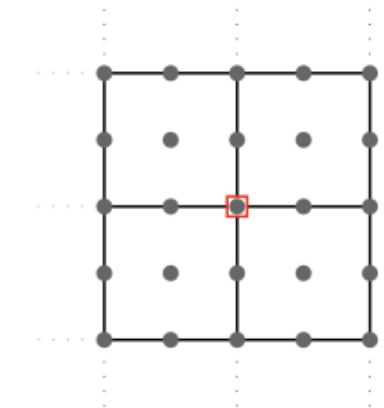
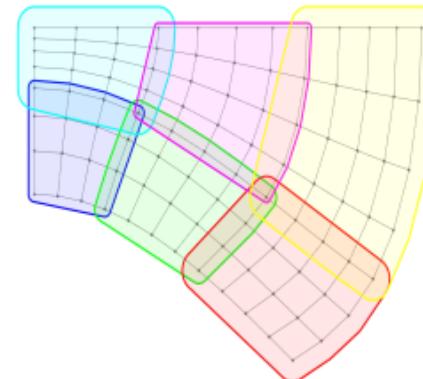
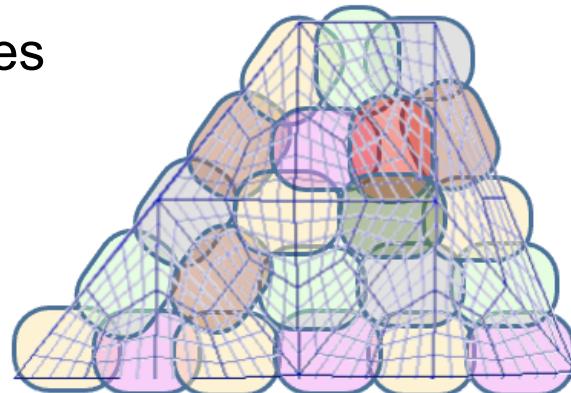
An overlapping Schwarz method with n_p patches

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

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

$$W = \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{n_p} V_\ell^T V_\ell \right)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad A_k = V_k A V_k^T, \quad k = 1, \dots, n_p$$

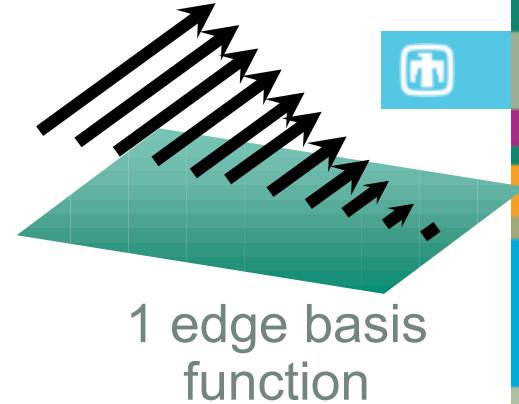
examples with patches



8 Edge Elements and Arnold-Falk-Winther (AFW) Patches



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



Edge element discretization

$$S_1 + M_1 = \dots$$

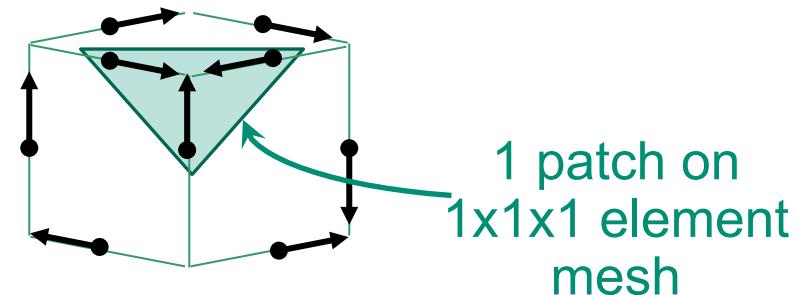
Null(curl,curl)

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

discrete : $S_1 D_0 = \emptyset$

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

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

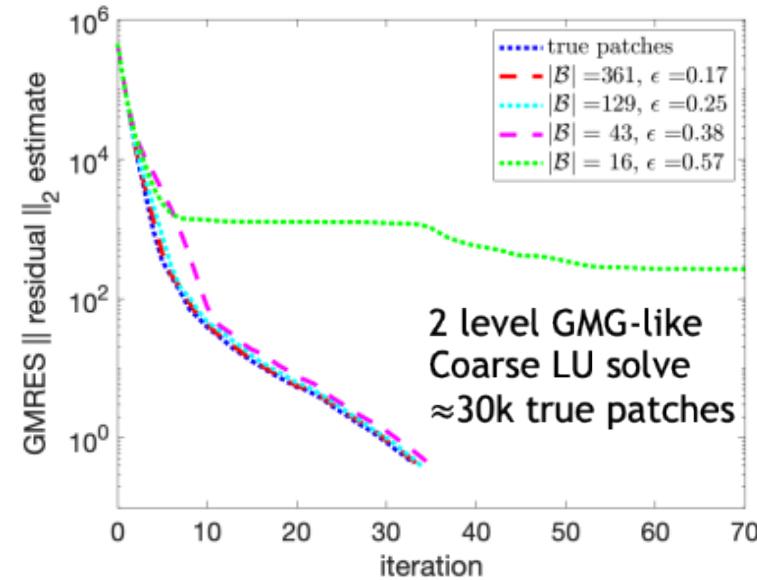
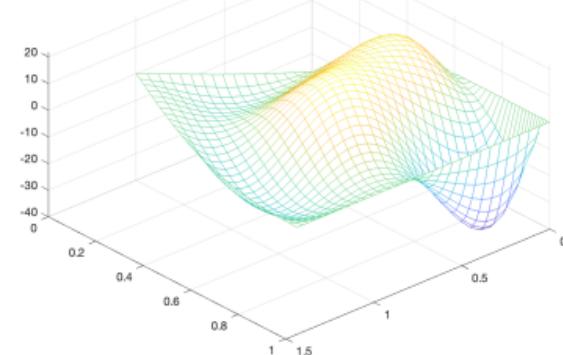
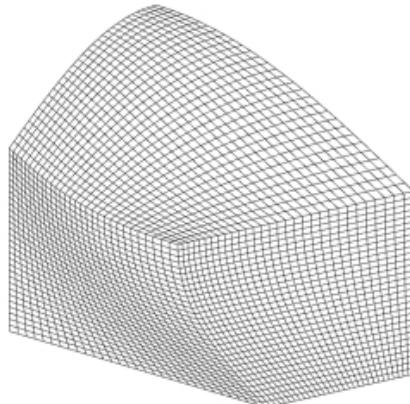


9 Patch Compression

$$M^{-1} = W \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} V_k^T A_k^{-1} V_k \approx W \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} V_k^T A_{\star(k)}^{-1} V_k \xrightarrow{\text{approx.}} \cong A_k^{-1}$$

$$(\operatorname{curl} v, \operatorname{curl} u) + .0001 (v, u) = f$$

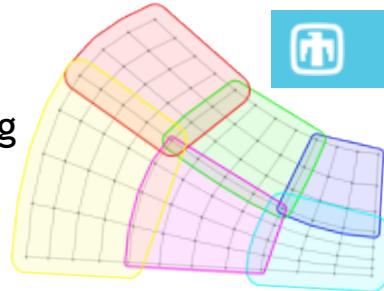
u for z-oriented edges in xy plane



patch relaxation: overlapping Schwarz with small domains

compression example

- approx. & patches using
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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}

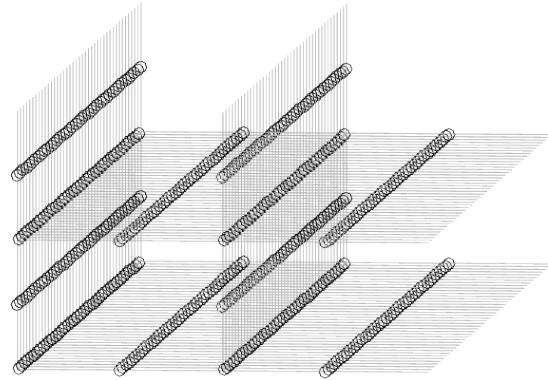
Notice that when applying patch algorithm across MG hierarchy we need a notion of nodes or D_0 on all levels.

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.

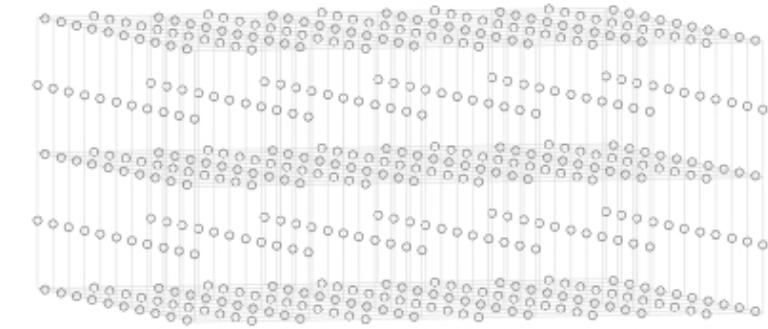
11 Test Problems



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



Scaled Current Sheet $2n \times n$



Edge element basis functions centered at 'o' locations

Dirichlet BCs in long direction

~~periodic BCs in other directions~~
 $\sigma = 10^6$, $m_e = 10^{-4}/(1 + 10^{-4})$,
 $e = 10^4/(1 + 10^{-4})$, $\mu = 1$, 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

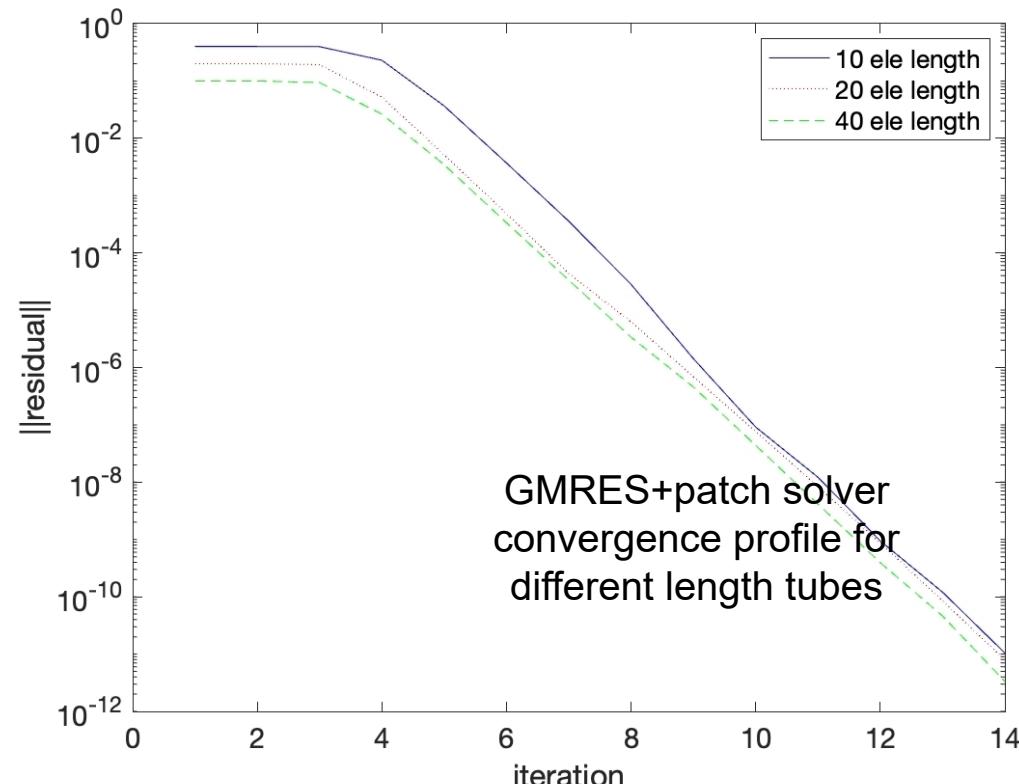
Dirichlet BCs in middle direction

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

δ

Hall term dominates for small
(δ and ϵ) until δ is large

Shock tube results using geometric MG



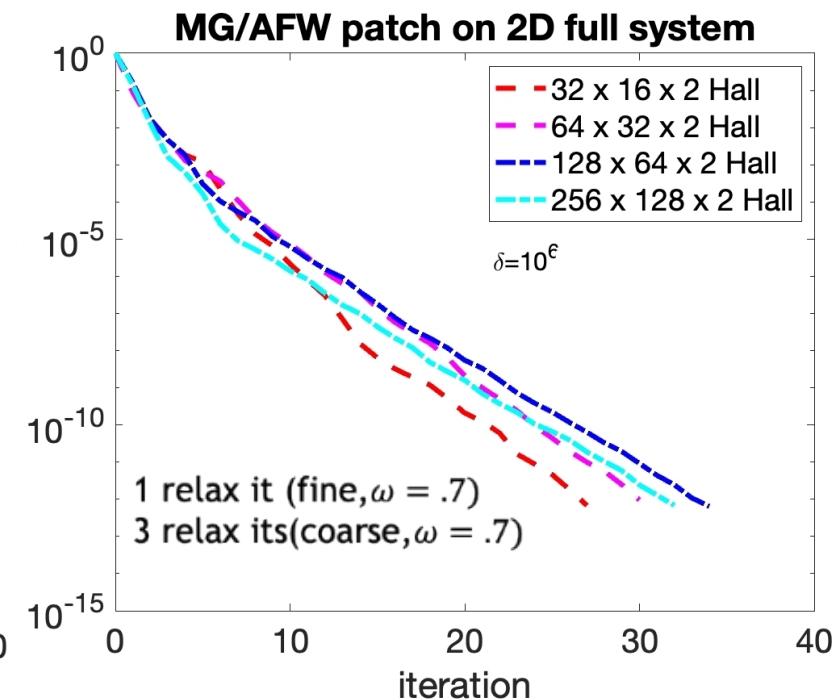
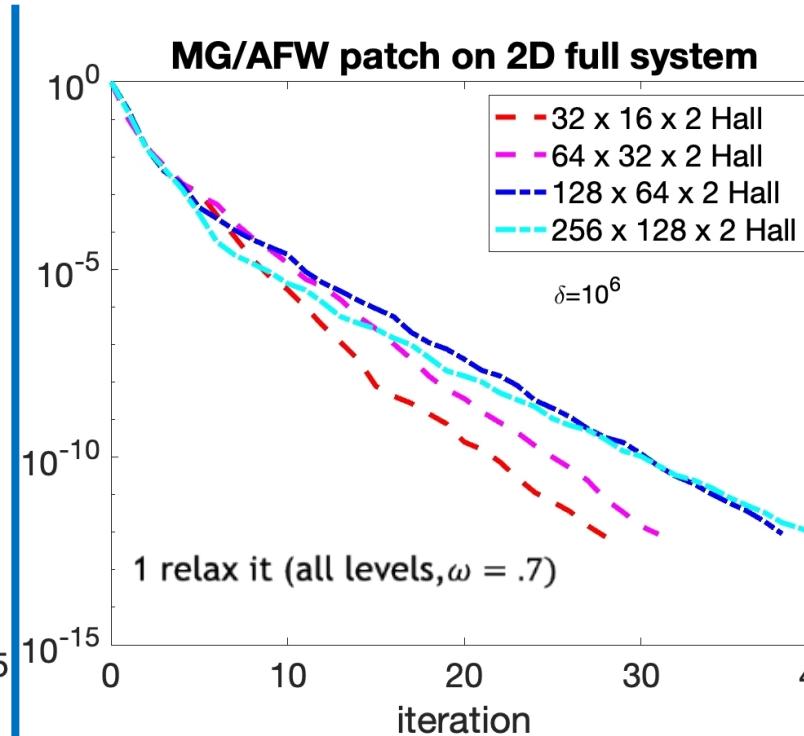
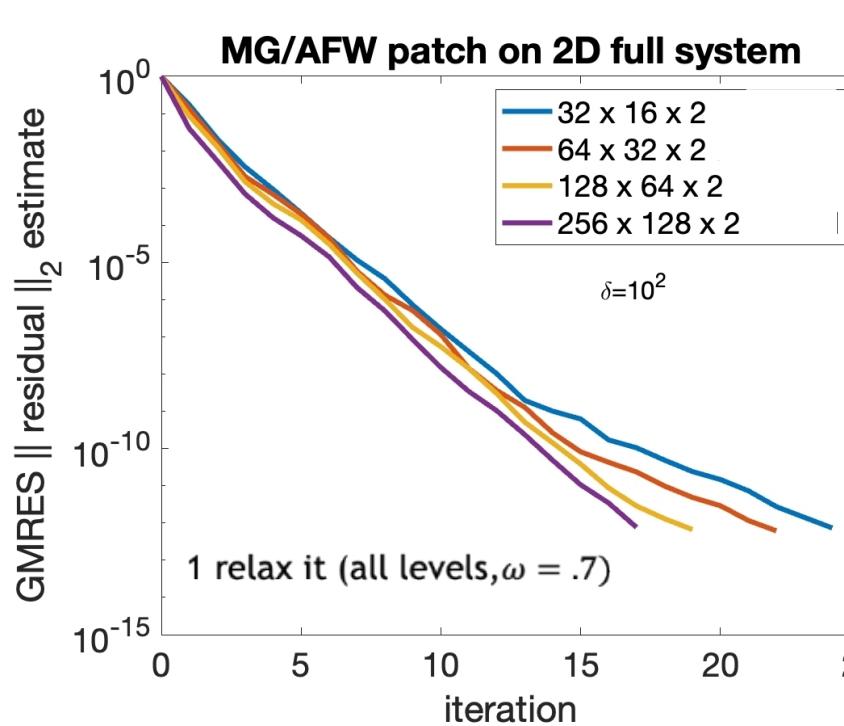
Able to solve problem where we previously struggled to converge

No MG needed as Hall term dominates

Each block of 2×2 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



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Hall term dominates

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

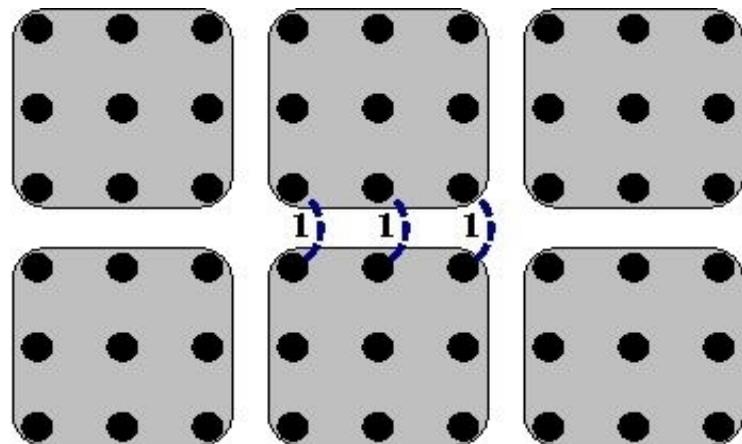
Hall & (curl,curl) terms both

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

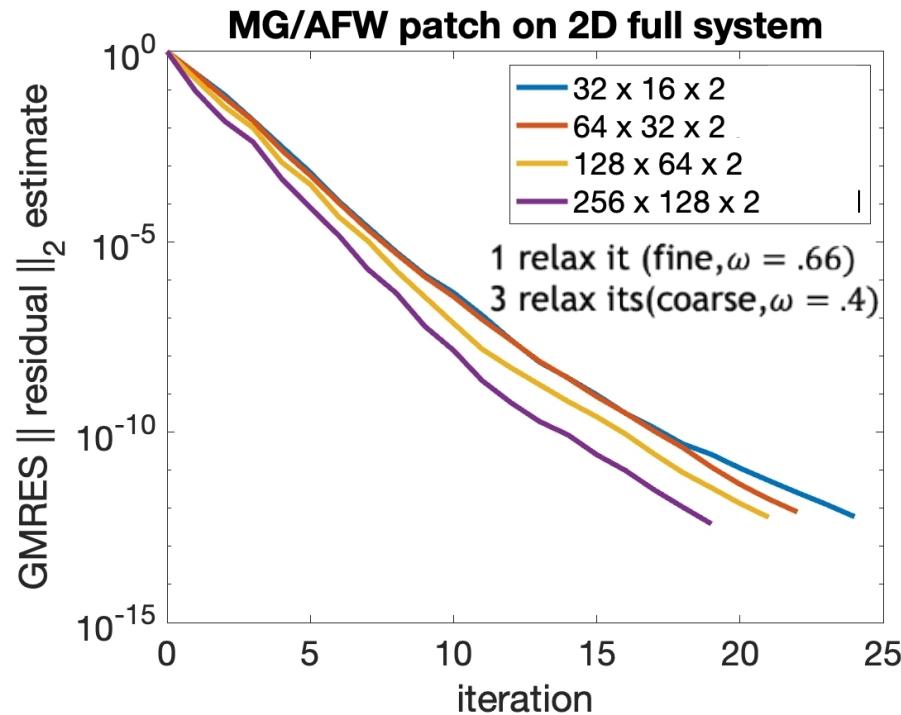
$$P_e D_{0,H} = D_{0,h} P_n$$

P_n : piecewise constant

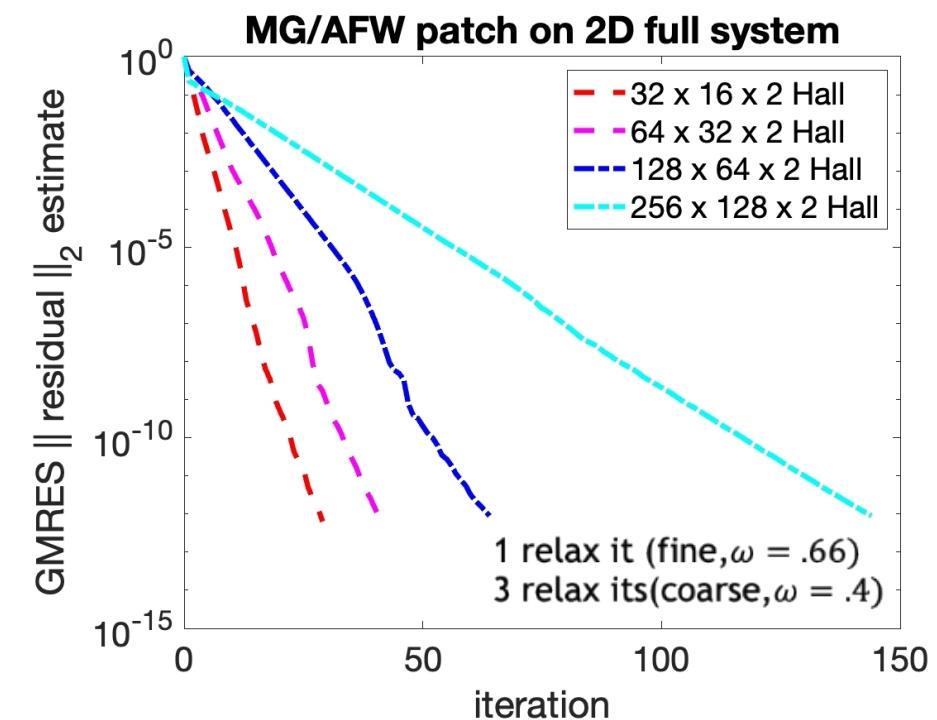
can use smoothed aggregation AMG idea to improve interpolant

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

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

1st AMG (quick) attempt

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 struggling with just solve. Perhaps, better to look at adapting patch scheme to flux-style AMG for ., which is quite ill-conditioned for this problem



- GMHD linear solvers include Hall term that introduces a 2nd 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.