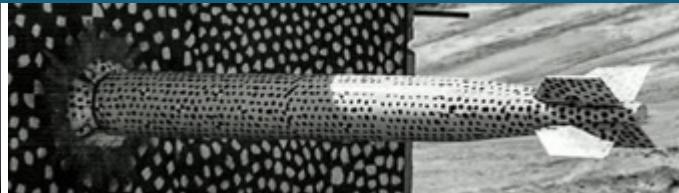
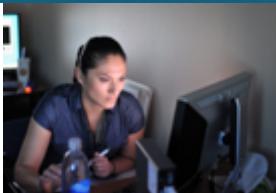




Variations on the theme of interfaces



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Roadmap

- This talk will survey a body of work performed at Sandia over the past decade or so.
- The common theme for this work is **” interface problems”**
- The variations are a result of **discretizing the interface**:
 - Discretized interfaces are **spatially coincident** (but can have non-matching grids)
 - Focus on **partitioned schemes derived from monolithic formulations** of the coupled problem
 - Discretized interface are **spatially non-coincident**
 - Focus on **coupling algorithms that can handle gaps and overlaps between interfaces**

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3 The theme and the variations

Problems with (physical or numerical) interfaces

$$\dot{u}_1 + L_1 u_1 = f_1 \text{ in } \Omega_1$$

$$\dot{u}_2 + L_2 u_2 = f_2 \text{ in } \Omega_2$$

$$u_1 = u_2 \text{ on } \gamma$$

$$-F_1 = F_2 \text{ on } \gamma$$

Subdomain equations

Continuity of states

Continuity of fluxes

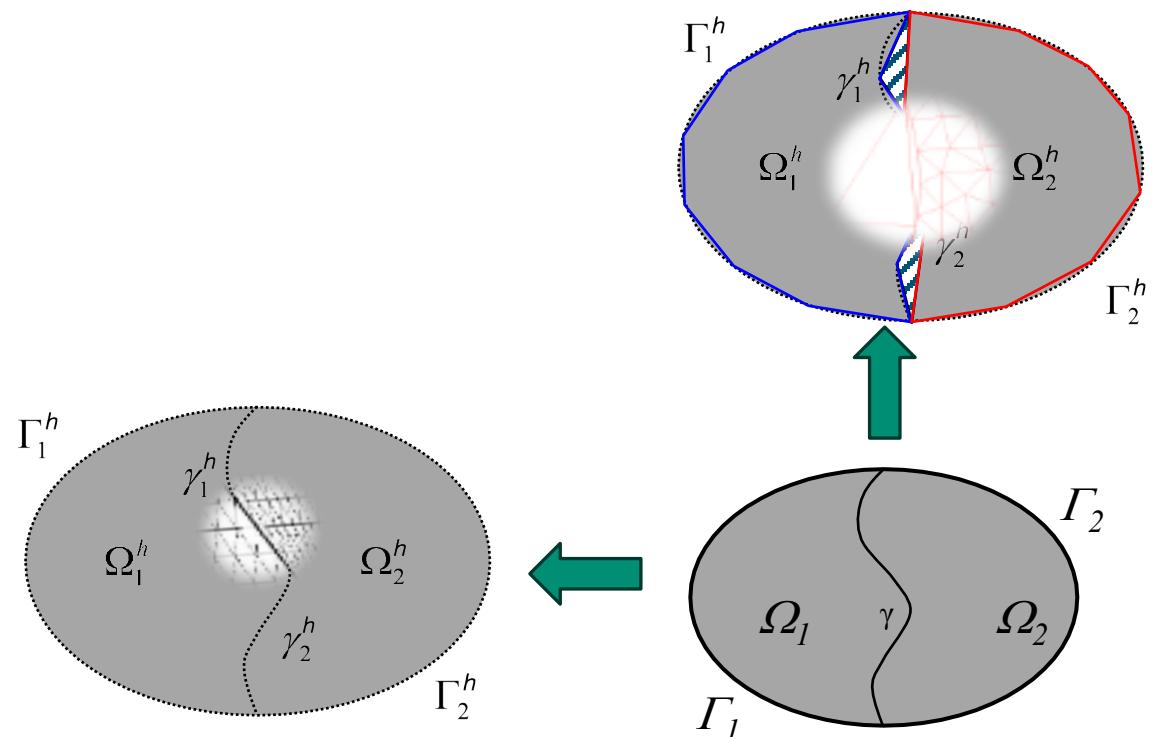


Spatially non-coincident interfaces

- Interface is physical or numerical, e.g., due to meshing
- **Separate meshing creates 2 distinct, non-coincident versions of the same interface.**
- Property-preserving data transfer between non-coincident interfaces remains a challenge.
- Existing approaches involve complex mesh manipulations.

Partitioned schemes based on **monolithic** formulations

- Interface is **physical**, e.g., material property.
- Mesh is **interface-fitted** but not necessarily matching.
- A **partitioned scheme** is developed from a well-posed monolithic formulation of the coupled problem
- Subdomain problems solved **independently** by different codes.





4 Basic types of partitioned methods (PM)

PM having an “iterative” basis

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_1 + L_1 u_1 &= f_1 \quad \text{in } \Omega_1 \\ \dot{u}_2 + L_2 u_2 &= f_2 \quad \text{in } \Omega_2 \end{aligned}$$

u₂ or F₂ *u₁ or F₁*

- Mathematically equivalent to a **single step of an iterative method**, e.g., fixed point, non-overlapping Schwarz, etc.
- Small number of steps \Rightarrow **stability & accuracy** issues
- Common mitigation strategies: optimized, Robin-like transmission conditions (J. Banks), Anderson acceleration (R. Pawłowski, CASL)

A. de Boer, A. van Zuijlen, H. Bijl, Review of coupling methods for non-matching meshes, CMAME 196 (2007). *Domain Decomposition Methods: recent advances and new challenges in engineering*.

PM having a “monolithic” basis

$$\dot{u}_1 + L_1 u_1 = f_1 \quad \text{in } \Omega_1$$

$$\dot{u}_2 + L_2 u_2 = f_2 \quad \text{in } \Omega_2$$

$$\langle u_1 - u_2, \lambda \rangle_\gamma = 0 \quad \text{on } \gamma$$

- Use Lagrange multipliers to enforce continuity of states
- Lead to semi-discrete problems that are Hessenberg index-2 DAE

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1 &= f_1(t, y, z) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= f_2(t, y, z) \\ 0 &= g(t, y) \end{aligned}$$

y - differential variable
z - algebraic variable
g - algebraic constraint

Note: *g* does not depend on *z*!

- Not “compatible” with explicit time integration: it “deletes” the constraint
- Resulting PM methods not truly explicit and resemble projection methods
- Have “hidden” constraints and are more difficult to solve



5 Explicit synchronous partitioned scheme (ESPS)

ESPS has a “monolithic” basis and comprises the following steps:

Step 1: reduce the DAE index of the monolithic problem

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}_1 &= f_1(t, y, z) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= f_2(t, y, z) \\ 0 &= g(t, y)\end{aligned}$$

Hessenberg index-2

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}_1 &= f_1(t, y, z) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= f_2(t, y, z) \\ 0 &= \mathbf{g}(t, y, z)\end{aligned}$$

Hessenberg index-1

where the Jacobian $\partial_z g$ is **non-singular**

Step 2: eliminate the algebraic variable

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}_1 &= f_1(t, y, z) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= f_2(t, y, z) \\ 0 &= g(t, y, z)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}_1 &= f_1(t, y, z(t, y)) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= f_2(t, y, z(t, y))\end{aligned}$$

$0 = g(t, y, z)$ defines an **implicit** function $z(t, y)$

Step 3: apply explicit time integration

$$y_1^{n+1} = f_1(t, y^n, z(t^n, y^n))$$

$$y_2^{n+1} = f_2(t, y^n, z(t^n, y^n))$$

- Subdomain equations can be solved **independently**!
- Explicit time integration effectively **decouples** the system
- Remains **equivalent** to the parent **monolithic** problem
- **No splitting error!**



6 Model Solid-Solid Interaction and Transmission Problems

SSI

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i - \nabla \cdot \sigma_i(\mathbf{u}_i) &= \mathbf{f}_i \quad \text{in } \Omega_i \times [0, T] \\ \mathbf{u}_i &= \mathbf{g}_i \quad \text{on } \Gamma_i \times [0, T] \quad , \quad i = 1, 2 \\ \sigma_i(\mathbf{u}_i) &= \lambda_i(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_i)I + 2\mu_i\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_i(0, \mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{u}_0(\mathbf{x})|_{\Omega_i} \quad \text{in } \Omega_i \\ \dot{\mathbf{u}}_i(0, \mathbf{x}) &= \dot{\mathbf{u}}_0(\mathbf{x})|_{\Omega_i} \quad \text{in } \Omega_i \quad i = 1, 2;\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_1(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{u}_2(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \sigma_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\gamma &= \sigma_2(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\gamma \quad \text{on } \gamma \times [0, T].\end{aligned}$$

Subdomain
equations

Initial
conditions

Coupling
conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\varphi}_i - \nabla \cdot F_i(\varphi_i) &= f_i \quad \text{in } \Omega_i \times [0, T] \quad i = 1, 2 \\ \varphi_i &= g_i \quad \text{in } \Gamma_i \times [0, T] \\ F_i(\varphi_i) &= \epsilon_i \nabla \varphi_i - \mathbf{u} \varphi_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi_i(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \varphi_{i,0}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{in } \Omega_i \quad i = 1, 2;$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1(\mathbf{x}, t) - \varphi_2(\mathbf{x}, t) &= 0 \\ F_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\gamma &= F_2(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\gamma \quad \text{on } \gamma \times [0, T].\end{aligned}$$

Monolithic problem (weak form)

seek $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{t}\} \in \mathbf{H}_\Gamma^1(\Omega_1) \times \mathbf{H}_\Gamma^1(\Omega_2) \times \mathbf{H}^{-1/2}(\gamma)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}(\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_1, \mathbf{v}_1)_{0, \Omega_1} + \langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle_\gamma &= (\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{v}_1)_{0, \Omega_1} - (\sigma_1(\mathbf{u}_1), \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_1))_{0, \Omega_1} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_1 \in \mathbf{H}_\Gamma^1(\Omega_1) \\ (\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_2, \mathbf{v}_2)_{0, \Omega_2} - \langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle_\gamma &= (\mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{v}_2)_{0, \Omega_2} - (\sigma_2(\mathbf{u}_2), \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_2))_{0, \Omega_2} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbf{H}_\Gamma^1(\Omega_2) \\ \langle \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{s} \rangle_\gamma &= 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{H}^{-1/2}(\gamma)\end{aligned}$$

seek $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \lambda\} \in H_\Gamma^1(\Omega_1) \times H_\Gamma^1(\Omega_2) \times H^{-1/2}(\gamma)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}(\dot{\varphi}_1, \psi_1)_{0, \Omega_1} + \langle \lambda, \psi_1 \rangle_\gamma &= (f_1, \psi_1)_{0, \Omega_1} - (F_1(\varphi_1), \nabla \psi_1)_{0, \Omega_1} \quad \forall \psi_1 \in H_\Gamma^1(\Omega_1) \\ (\dot{\varphi}_2, \psi_2)_{0, \Omega_2} - \langle \lambda, \psi_2 \rangle_\gamma &= (f_2, \psi_2)_{0, \Omega_2} - (F_2(\varphi_2), \nabla \psi_2)_{0, \Omega_2} \quad \forall \psi_2 \in H_\Gamma^1(\Omega_2) \\ \langle \varphi_1 - \varphi_2, \mu \rangle_\gamma dS &= 0 \quad \forall \mu \in H^{-1/2}(\gamma)\end{aligned}$$

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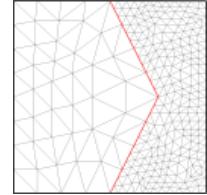
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Step 1. Spatial discretization: seek $\{\mathbf{u}_1^h, \mathbf{u}_2^h, \mathbf{t}^h\} \in S_{1,\Gamma}^h \times S_{2,\Gamma}^h \times G_\gamma^h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_1^h)_{0,\Omega_1} + (\mathbf{t}^h, \mathbf{v}_1^h)_{0,\gamma} &= (\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{v}_1^h)_{0,\Omega_1} - (\sigma_1(\mathbf{u}_1^h), \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_1^h))_{0,\Omega_1} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_1^h \in S_{1,\Gamma}^h \\ (\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_2^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h)_{0,\Omega_2} - (\mathbf{t}^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h)_{0,\gamma} &= (\mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{v}_2^h)_{0,\Omega_2} - (\sigma_2(\mathbf{u}_2^h), \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_2^h))_{0,\Omega_2} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_2^h \in S_{2,\Gamma}^h \\ (\mathbf{u}_1^h - \mathbf{u}_2^h, \mathbf{s}^h)_{0,\gamma} &= 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{s}^h \in G_\gamma^h \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} M_1 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_1 + G_1^T \mathbf{t} &= \mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{u}_1) \\ M_2 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_2 - G_2^T \mathbf{t} &= \mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{u}_2) \\ G_1 \mathbf{u}_1 - G_2 \mathbf{u}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



We assume spatially coincident interfaces (no gaps or overlaps) but allow non-matching grids.

Step 2. Index reduction: Assume $\mathbf{u}_0(x^-) = \mathbf{u}_0(x^+)$ and $\dot{\mathbf{u}}_0(x^-) = \dot{\mathbf{u}}_0(x^+)$ on γ .

$$\mathbf{u}_1(x, t) = \mathbf{u}_2(x, t)$$



$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_1(x, t) = \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_2(x, t)$$



$$\begin{aligned} M_1 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_1 + G_1^T \mathbf{t} &= \mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{u}_1) \\ M_2 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_2 - G_2^T \mathbf{t} &= \mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{u}_2) \\ G_1 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_1 - G_2 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



It is easy to check that this problem has the Hessenberg Index-1 structure: set

$$\begin{cases} y = (\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2); \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} f(t, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} M_1^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{u}_1) - G_1^T \mathbf{t}) \\ M_2^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{u}_2) + G_2^T \mathbf{t}) \end{pmatrix} \\ g(t, y, z) = S\mathbf{t} - G_1 M_1^{-1} \mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{u}_1) + G_2 M_2^{-1} \mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{u}_2) \end{cases} \\ z = \mathbf{t}, \quad S = G_1 M_1^{-1} G_1^T + G_2 M_2^{-1} G_2^T \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{y} &= f(t, y, z) \\ 0 &= g(t, y, z) \end{aligned}$$



8 ESPS for the Solid-Solid Interaction Problem

Step 3. Reduction of the DAE to the underlying ODE: **lumped mass matrix case**

Monolithic problem assumes a form where

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} M_{1,\gamma} & 0 & G_1^T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{2,\gamma} & -G_2^T & 0 & 0 \\ G_1 & -G_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{1,0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{2,0} \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{1,\gamma} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{2,\gamma} \\ \mathbf{t} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{1,0} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{2,0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{1,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_1) \\ \mathbf{f}_{2,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_2) \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{f}_{1,0}(\mathbf{u}_1) \\ \mathbf{f}_{2,0}(\mathbf{u}_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

← Interface blocks
are **completely separated** from the
← interior blocks

Form the Schur complement of the upper left 2×2 block in the decoupled interface system

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} M_{1,\gamma} & 0 & G_1^T \\ 0 & M_{2,\gamma} & -G_2^T \\ \hline G_1 & -G_2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{1,\gamma} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{2,\gamma} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{1,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_1) \\ \mathbf{f}_{2,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

← Note: solvability of the Schur complement requires G_1 and G_2 to have full column ranks

and solve the resulting equation for the interface force:

$$(G_1 M_{1,\gamma}^{-1} G_1^T + G_2 M_{2,\gamma}^{-1} G_2^T) \mathbf{t} = (G_1 M_{1,\gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{f}_{1,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_1) - G_2 M_{2,\gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{f}_{2,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_2))$$



9 ESPS for the Solid-Solid Interaction Problem

Step 3. Reduction of the DAE to the underlying ODE: **consistent mass matrix case**

Monolithic problem assumes a form where

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 M_{1,\gamma} & 0 & G_1^T \\
 0 & M_{2,\gamma} & -G_2^T \\
 G_1 & -G_2 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 M_{1,\gamma 0} & 0 \\
 0 & M_{2,\gamma 0}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{1,\gamma} \\
 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{2,\gamma} \\
 \mathbf{t}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbf{f}_{1,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_1) \\
 \mathbf{f}_{2,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_2) \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interface blocks
are not separated from the
interior blocks

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 M_{1,0\gamma} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & M_{2,0\gamma} & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 M_{1,0} & 0 \\
 0 & M_{2,0}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{1,0} \\
 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{2,0}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbf{f}_{1,0}(\mathbf{u}_1) \\
 \mathbf{f}_{2,0}(\mathbf{u}_2)
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3a. “Static condensation” of the interior variables

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 A_1 & 0 & G_1^T \\
 0 & A_2 & -G_2^T \\
 G_1 & -G_2 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{1,\gamma} \\
 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{2,\gamma} \\
 \mathbf{t}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{1,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_1) \\
 \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{2,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_2) \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3b. Form Schur complement and solve for \mathbf{t}

$$(G_1 A_{1,\gamma}^{-1} G_1^T + G_2 A_{2,\gamma}^{-1}) \mathbf{t} = (G_1 A_{1,\gamma}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{1,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_1) - G_1 A_{2,\gamma}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{2,\gamma}(\mathbf{u}_2))$$

Modified mass and force terms

$$A_i = M_{i,\gamma} - M_{i,\gamma 0} M_{i,0}^{-1} M_{i,0\gamma}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_{i,\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i) = \mathbf{f}_{i,\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i) - M_{i,\gamma 0} M_{i,0}^{-1} \mathbf{f}_{i,0}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i)$$



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Step 4. Explicit time discretization of the underlying ODE: $\ddot{D}^{n+1}(\mathbf{u}_i) \approx \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t^{n+1})$

We obtain two independent sets of fully discrete equations on each subdomain:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{i,\gamma} & 0 \\ 0 & M_{i,0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{D}^{n+1} \mathbf{u}_{i,\gamma} \\ \ddot{D}^{n+1} \mathbf{u}_{i,0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{i,\gamma}^n + (-1)^i G_i^T \mathbf{t}^n \\ \mathbf{f}_{i,0}^n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Lumped mass matrix case}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{i,\gamma} & M_{i,\gamma} \\ M_{i,0\gamma} & M_{i,0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{D}^{n+1} \mathbf{u}_{i,\gamma} \\ \ddot{D}^{n+1} \mathbf{u}_{i,0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{i,\gamma}^n + (-1)^i G_i^T \mathbf{t}^n \\ \mathbf{f}_{i,0}^n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Consistent mass matrix case}$$

- Time discretization **both discretizes** the system in time and **decouples** the subdomain equations
- As long as time step is within the stability region of the time integrator, the partitioned scheme is stable
- **Not subject to splitting errors** characteristic of iterative partitioned methods
- The **only error** incurred is the **time discretization** error

Here we use the second central difference $\ddot{D}^{n+1}(\mathbf{u}_i) = (\mathbf{u}_i^{n+1} - 2\mathbf{u}_i^n + \mathbf{u}_i^{n-1})/\Delta t^2$



ESPS analysis

Hessenberg Index-1 DAE requires a **non-singular Jacobian** $\partial_z g$. For ESPS we have that

$$\begin{aligned} g(t, y, z) &= St - G_1 M_1^{-1} \mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{u}_1) + G_2 M_2^{-1} \mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{u}_2) \\ \Rightarrow \partial_z g &= S \text{ where } S = G_1 M_1^{-1} G_1^T + G_2 M_2^{-1} G_2^T \end{aligned}$$



well-posedness of ESPS requires a non-singular Schur complement S .

Variational approach: the matrices in S are generated by two bilinear forms forming a “mixed problem”

$$a(\mathbf{u}_1^h, \mathbf{u}_2^h; \mathbf{v}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h) = (\mathbf{u}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_1^h)_{0, \Omega_1} + (\mathbf{u}_2^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h)_{0, \Omega_2} \quad \text{and} \quad b(\mathbf{v}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h; \mathbf{t}^h) = (\mathbf{v}_1^h - \mathbf{v}_2^h, \mathbf{t}^h)_{0, \gamma}$$

⇒ To show that the Schur complement S is non-singular we use Brezzi’s saddle-point theory:

1. $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is coercive on $Z = \{(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) | b(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2; \mathbf{t}) = 0 \forall \mathbf{t}\}$.

2. $b(\cdot, \cdot)$ satisfies the inf-sup condition

Trivially satisfied because

$$a(\mathbf{v}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h; \mathbf{v}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h) = \|\mathbf{v}_1^h\|_{0, \Omega_1}^2 + \|\mathbf{v}_2^h\|_{0, \Omega_2}^2 = \|\mathbf{v}_1^h; \mathbf{v}_2^h\|^2$$

is a norm on $S_{1, \Gamma}^h \times S_{2, \Gamma}^h$

$$\sup_{\{\mathbf{v}_1^h; \mathbf{v}_2^h\} \in X \times X} \frac{b(\mathbf{v}_1^h, \mathbf{v}_2^h; \mathbf{s}^h)}{\|\mathbf{v}_1^h; \mathbf{v}_2^h\|} \geq \beta \|\mathbf{s}^h\|_Y$$



ESPS analysis

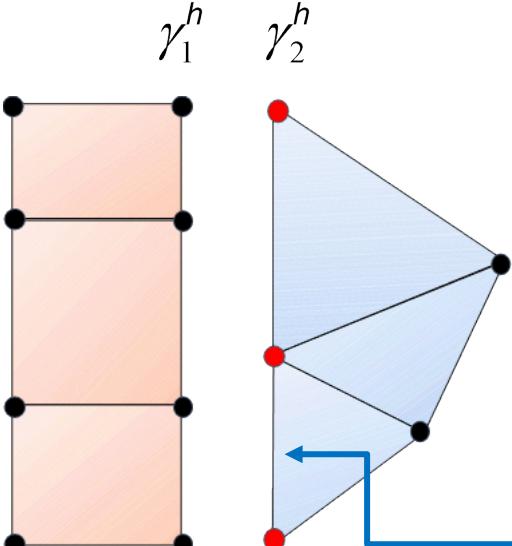
Lemma: Assume that the Lagrange multiplier space G_γ^h is such that there is an operator $Q : G_\gamma^h \mapsto S_{1,\Gamma}^h \times S_{2,\Gamma}^h$

$$\|\mathbf{s}^h\|_{0,\gamma} \leq C_1 \left(\mathbf{s}^h, (Q\mathbf{s}^h)_1 - (Q\mathbf{s}^h)_2 \right)_{0,\gamma} \quad \forall \mathbf{s}^h \in G_\gamma^h, \text{ and } \|Q(\mathbf{s}^h)\| \leq C_2 h_\gamma^\alpha \|\mathbf{s}^h\|_{0,\gamma}, \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

Then $b(\cdot, \cdot)$ **satisfies the inf-sup condition**, $G^T = (G_1^T, G_2^T)$ **has full column rank**, and the Schur complement $S = G_1 M_1^{-1} G_1^T + G_2 M_2^{-1} G_2^T$ is **SPD**.

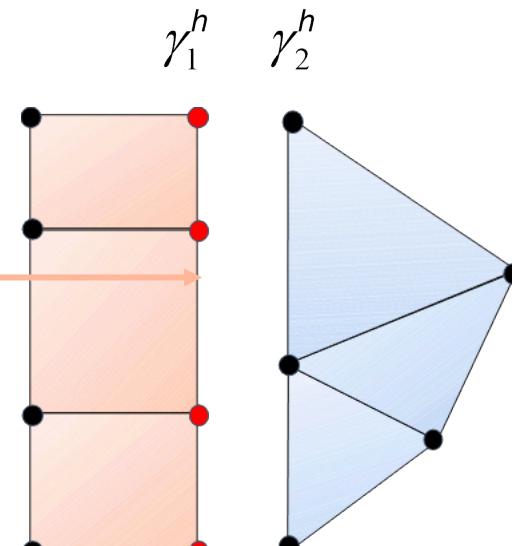
A **sufficient condition** for the existence of the operator Q is the following **Trace Compatibility Condition**:

Every Lagrange multiplier is a trace of a finite element function from one of the two sides of the interface.



Lemma. Assume that $h_1 \leq h_2$ and let $\rho = h_2/h_1 > 1$.

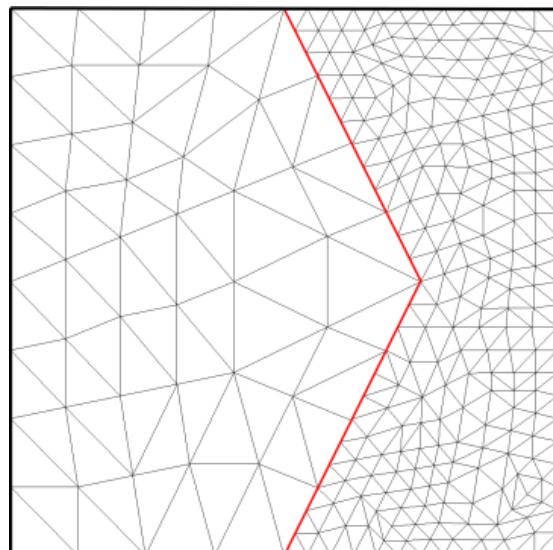
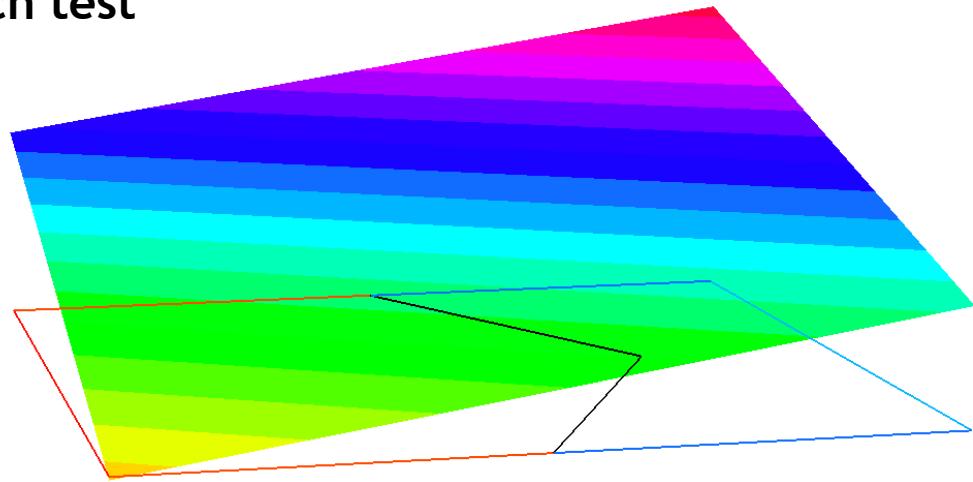
1. If the Lagrange multiplier space $G_\gamma^h = G_1^h$ then $\kappa(S) \leq C\rho^{d-1}$
2. If the Lagrange multiplier space $G_\gamma^h = G_2^h$ then $\kappa(S) \leq C\rho^d$





Numerical examples: Solid-Solid Interaction (SSI)

Patch test



Linear Elasticity

$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = \lambda_i(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_i)\mathbf{I} + 2\mu_i\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

$$\lambda_i = 400 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_i = 400$$

Manufactured Solution

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = (3x + 5y, 8x - 4.3y)$$

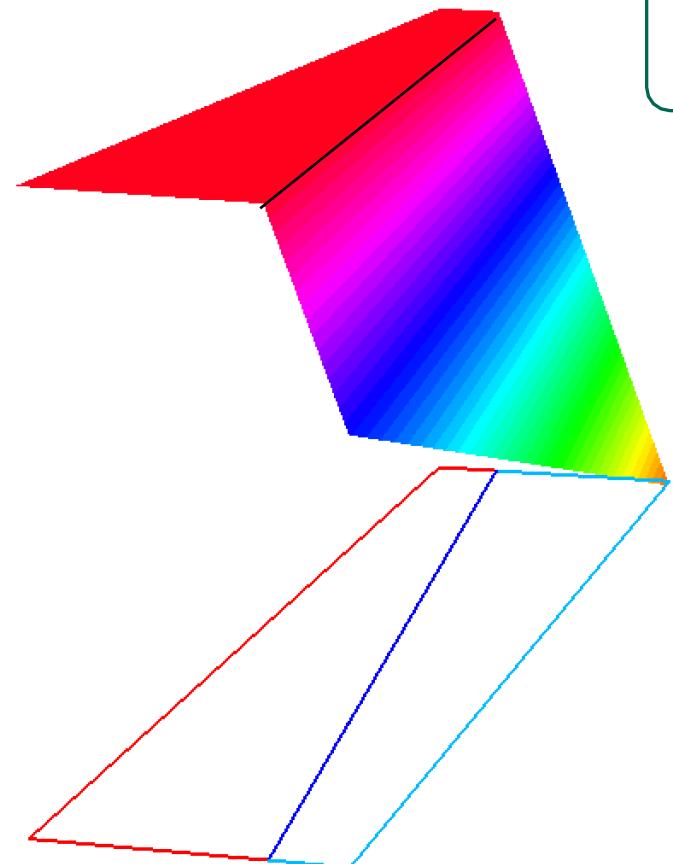
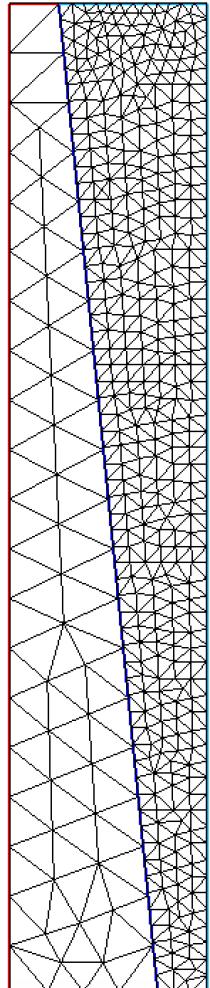
Error Norm	IVR(L1)	IVR(L2)	IVR(L12)
$L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$	5.166e-04	1.468e-06	2.223e-15
$L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$	1.683e-02	2.679e-05	3.412e-14

LM mesh: coarser finer common



Numerical examples: Solid-Solid Interaction (SSI)

Discontinuous patch test



Manufactured Solution

$$\mathbf{u}_1(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{-0.9 + x + 0.1y}{0.15}, \frac{18 - 20x - 2y}{0.15} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2(\mathbf{x}) = \left(100 \left(\frac{-0.9 + x + 0.1y}{0.15} \right) - 99, 100 \left(\frac{18 - 20x - 2y}{0.15} \right) + 1980 \right)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = \lambda_i(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_i)I + 2\mu_i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 40 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_1 = 40$$

$$\lambda_2 = 0.4 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_2 = 0.4$$

Error Norm	IVR(L1)	IVR(L2)	IVR(L12)
$L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$	1.093e-04	5.418e-07	4.832e-13
$L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$	4.591e-02	1.083e-04	6.658e-11

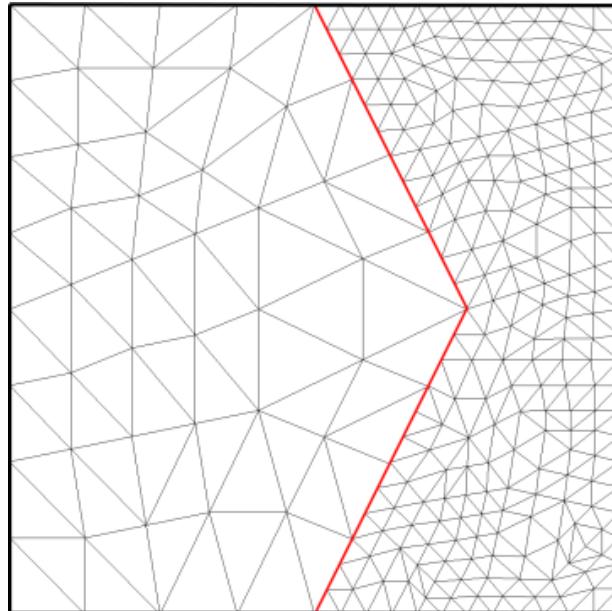
LM mesh: coarser finer common

Convergence

$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = \lambda_i(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_i)I + 2\mu_i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

$$\lambda = 0.864198 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = 0.37037$$



Manufactured Solution

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (3 \sin(x) \sin(y) \cos(t), \sin(x) \sin(y) t)$$

$L^2(\Omega)$ Error

$h_{min}(\Omega_1)$	$h_{min}(\Omega_2)$	Δt	IVR(1)	IVR(2)	IVR(12)
0.378545	0.113981	0.00371833	0.0146414	0.0146403	0.0146404
0.220723	0.0672413	0.00185917	0.00353829	0.00349268	0.00349301
0.107240	0.0359195	0.00101409	0.00095948	0.000854641	0.000854613
0.0514682	0.0196624	0.00053119	0.00033852	0.000217698	0.000217665
0.0277461	0.00957506	0.00024789	0.000141964	5.53096e-05	5.52471e-05
Rate			1.73	2.08	2.08

$H^1(\Omega)$ Error

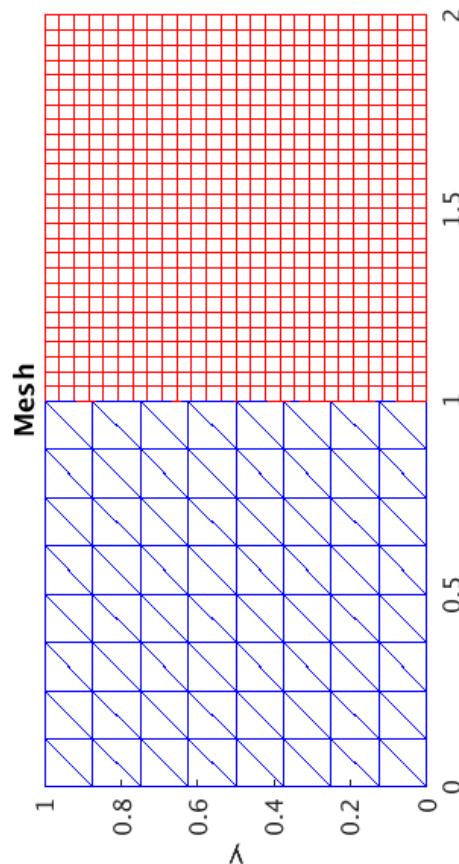
LM mesh: **coarser** **finer** **common**

$h_{min}(\Omega_1)$	$h_{min}(\Omega_2)$	Δt	IVR(1)	IVR(2)	IVR(12)
0.378545	0.113981	0.00371833	0.341327	0.340643	0.340643
0.220723	0.0672413	0.00185917	0.16736	0.16385	0.163848
0.107240	0.0359195	0.00101409	0.094672	0.081204	0.0812045
0.0514682	0.0196624	0.00053119	0.0701869	0.0404745	0.0404726
0.0277461	0.00957506	0.00024789	0.0576898	0.0204939	0.0204888
Rate			0.657	1.05	1.05



Numerical examples: Transmission Problem (TP)

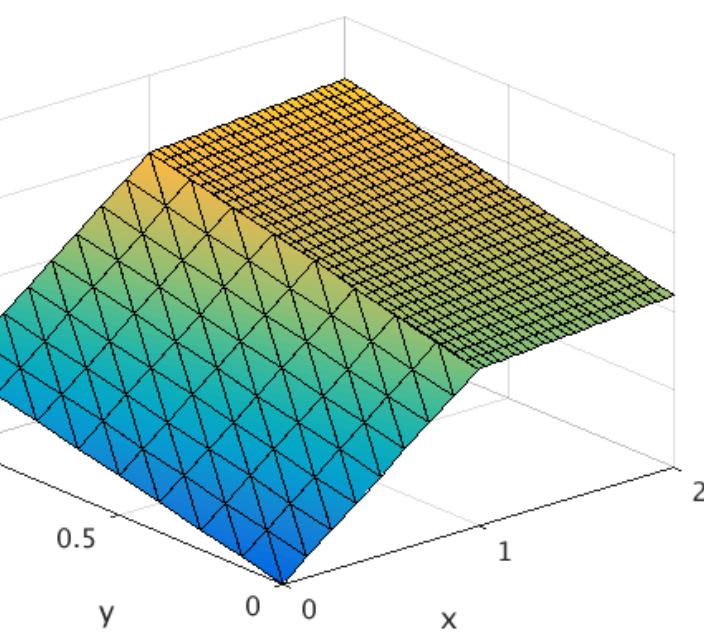
Discontinuous patch test



Advection Diffusion

$$\dot{\varphi}_i - \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \varphi_i - \mathbf{u} \varphi_i) = f_i$$

$$\epsilon_1 = 0.01 \quad \epsilon_2 = 0.1$$



Manufactured Solution

$$\varphi_1(\mathbf{x}, t) = 2x + y$$

$$\varphi_2(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0.2x + y + 1.8$$

Pure Diffusion

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$$

Error Norm	IVR(1)	IVR(2)	IVR(12)
$L^2(\Omega)$	1.899e-04	3.963e-07	4.365e-14
$H^1(\Omega)$	7.510e-03	8.674e-06	1.920e-12

LM mesh: coarser finer common

Moderate Advection $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2 = (-\sin(\pi/6), \cos(\pi/6))$

Error Norm	IVR(1)	IVR(2)	IVR(12)
$L^2(\Omega)$	1.269e-02	2.003e-05	1.700e-13
$H^1(\Omega)$	5.098e-01	3.573e-04	5.149e-12

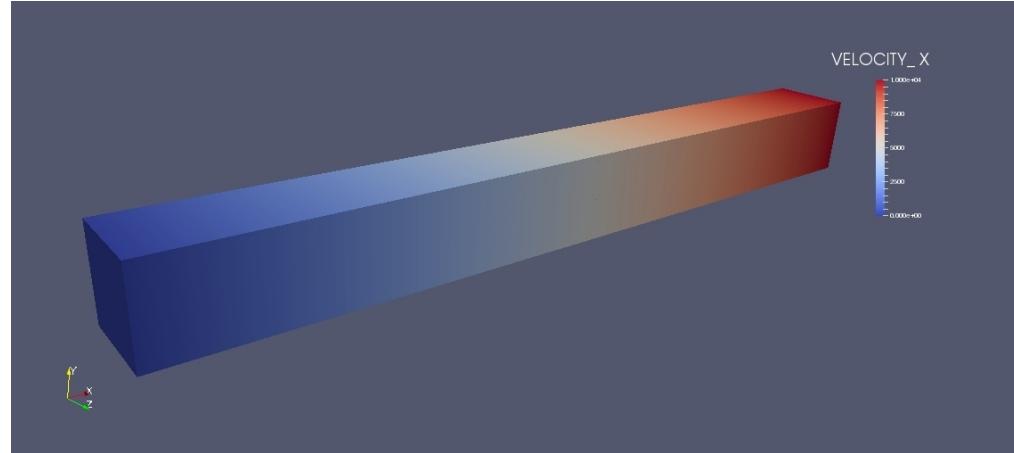


ESPS implementation in production codes

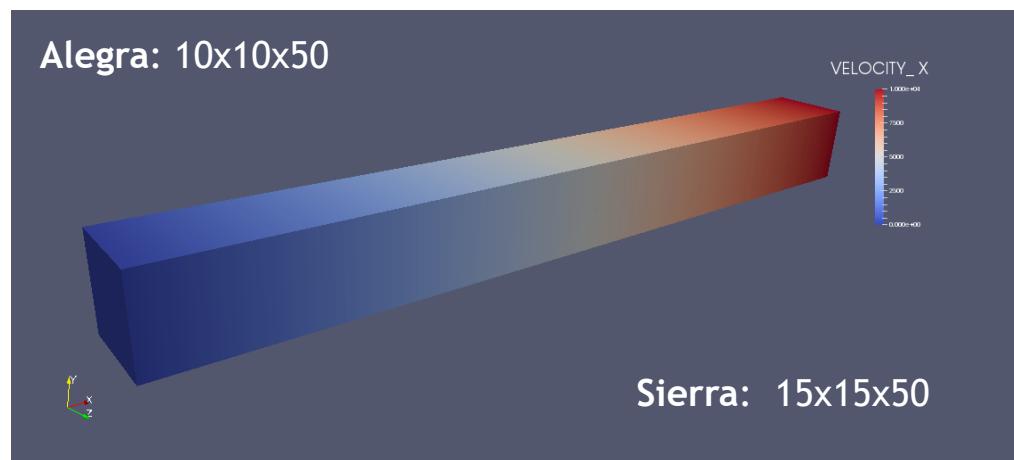
ESPS has been deployed in Sandia's Forte software to couple Alegra and Sierra SM codes.

Consistency test

Exact →



Forte →

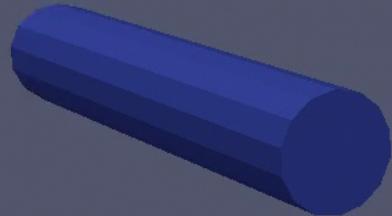




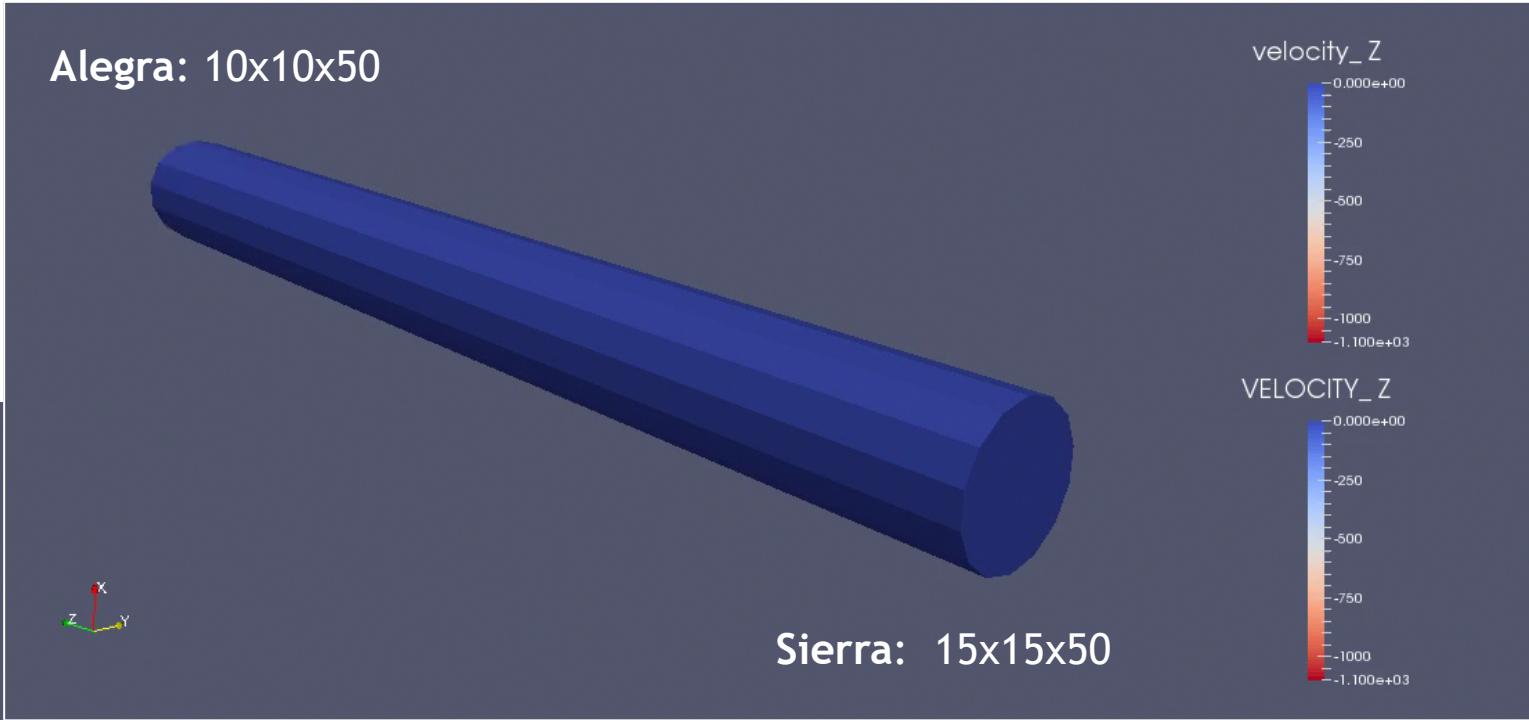
ESPS implementation in production codes

Axial pulse bar test

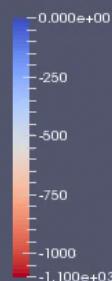
Alegra: 10x10x50



Alegra: 10x10x50



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ESPS extension to non-standard coupling conditions

Earth system models

- Coupled ocean-atmosphere problem with **velocity** and **temperature** states
- Ocean-atmosphere fluxes defined by a **parameterization** of the surface layers
- Results in the “**bulk**” coupling conditions

Lemarié, Blayo, Debreu (2015) *Proc. Comp. Sci.*; M. Gross, et al. (2018) *MWR*

$$\rho_a \nu_a \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_a}{\partial z} = \rho_o \nu_o \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_o}{\partial z} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

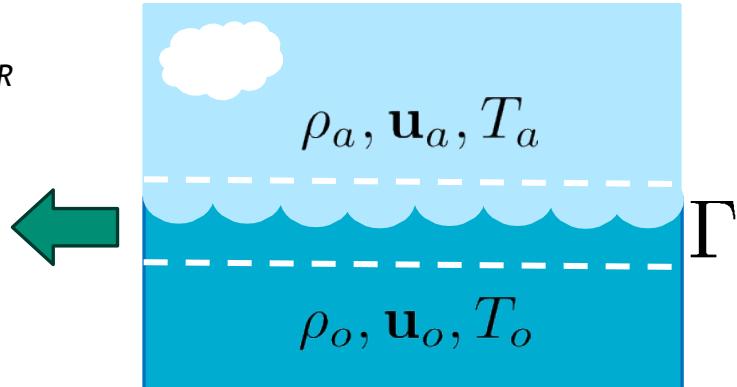
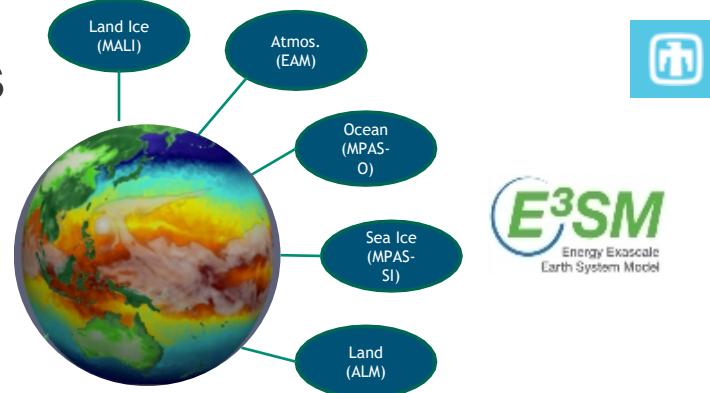
$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \rho_a C_\tau \|\llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket\| \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket = \mathbf{u}_a - \mathbf{u}_o \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

$$\rho_a K_a \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial z} = \rho_o K_o \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial z} = Q_{net} \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

$$Q_{net} = \mathcal{R} + \rho_a C_Q \|\llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket\| \llbracket T \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket T \rrbracket = T_a - T_o \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$



We consider the temperature equation with a prescribed velocity

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{T}_a + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_a T_a) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_a \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial z} \\ \Gamma: K_a \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial z} &= K_o \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial z} = \alpha(T_a - T_o) \\ \dot{T}_o + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_o T_o) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_o \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

- ESPS requires a **monolithic system** in which the flux is one of the variables
- For **standard coupling conditions** the **flux** is the **Lagrange multiplier**
- This is **not the case for the bulk condition** where the flux and the state are connected
- To get the desired monolithic formulation with the bulk condition:
 - Directly **introduce the flux as a new variable** λ
 - Close the system by **adding the bulk condition as a third equation**



ESPS with the bulk condition

The strong monolithic problem: system of 3 equations

Equations \rightarrow
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Atmosphere} \quad \textbf{Ocean} \quad \textbf{Bulk condition} \\ \dot{T}_a + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u_a T_a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_a \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial z} \quad \text{in } \Omega_a \quad \dot{T}_o + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u_o T_o) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_o \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial z} \quad \text{in } \Omega_o \quad \lambda = \alpha(T_a - T_o) \quad \text{on } \Gamma \\ K_a \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial z} = \lambda \quad \text{on } \Gamma \quad \xleftarrow{\text{Neumann BC}} \quad K_o \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial z} = -\lambda \quad \text{on } \Gamma \end{array} \right]$$

Semi-discrete monolithic problem: has the structure of a “stabilized” mixed formulation

$$\begin{aligned} M_a \dot{\mathbf{T}}_a + G_a^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \mathbf{f}_a(\mathbf{T}_a) \\ M_o \dot{\mathbf{T}}_o - G_o^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \mathbf{f}_o(\mathbf{T}_o) \\ \alpha G_a \mathbf{T}_a - \alpha G_o \mathbf{T}_o - \widehat{M}_\Gamma \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- The interface equation is **not a result of using a Lagrange multiplier**
- It relates $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ to \mathbf{T}_a and \mathbf{T}_o but not their time derivatives
- We can't use the Schur complement as in the standard interface case

Simple solution: Discretize in time, then solve the fully discrete problem for the flux $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$

$$\begin{aligned} M_a \left(\frac{\mathbf{T}_a^{n+1} - \mathbf{T}_a^n}{\Delta t} \right) + G_a^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \mathbf{f}_a(\mathbf{T}_a^n) \\ M_o \left(\frac{\mathbf{T}_o^{n+1} - \mathbf{T}_o^n}{\Delta t} \right) - G_o^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \mathbf{f}_o(\mathbf{T}_o^n) \\ \alpha G_a \mathbf{T}_a^{n+1} - \alpha G_o \mathbf{T}_o^{n+1} - \widehat{M}_\Gamma \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \left(\Delta t G_a^T A_a^{-1} G_a + \Delta t G_o^T A_o^{-1} G_o - \frac{\widehat{M}_\Gamma}{\alpha} \right)^{-1} (G_a^T A_a^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_a(\mathbf{T}_a^n) - G_o^T A_o^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_o(\mathbf{T}_o^n))$$

With explicit time stepping only involves information from old time step!



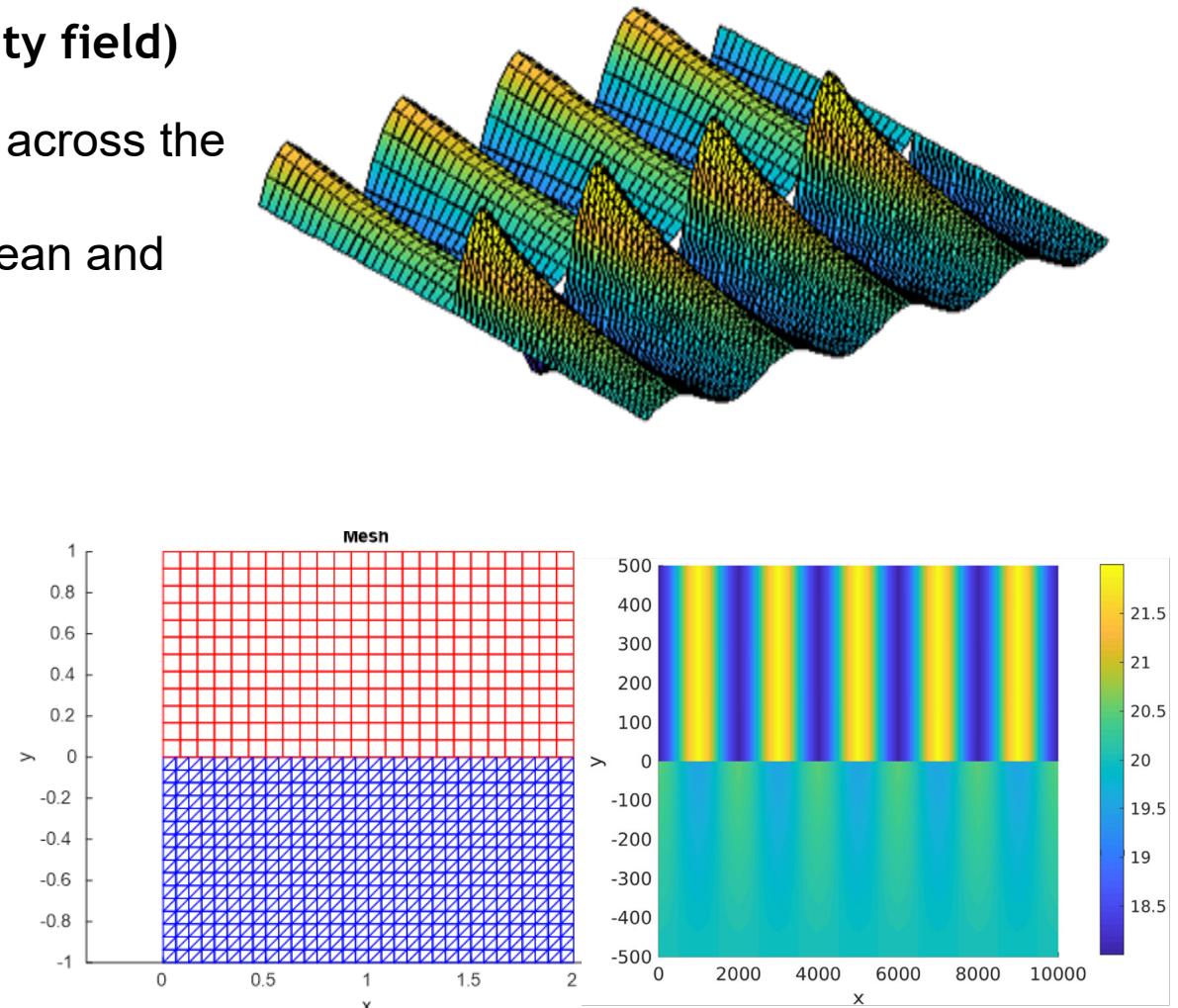
ESPS with the bulk condition: numerical results

Manufactured solution (temperature equation + velocity field)

- A wave in the horizontal direction with a discontinuity across the interface.
- Test case models the heat exchange between the ocean and atmosphere.

Mesh (Ω_o)	Mesh (Ω_a)	Δt	BIVR(λ_o)	BIVR(λ_a)
16×8	12×6	1.33e-02	2.09e-00	2.09e-00
32×16	24×12	6.67e-03	3.40e-01	3.40e-01
64×32	48×24	3.32e-03	6.18e-02	6.18e-02
128×64	96×48	1.66e-03	1.30e-02	1.30e-02
Rate	-	-	2.25	2.25

Mesh (Ω_o)	Mesh (Ω_a)	Δt	BIVR(λ_o)	BIVR(λ_a)
16×8	12×6	1.33e-02	5.66e01	5.66e01
32×16	24×12	6.67e-03	2.78e01	2.78e01
64×32	48×24	3.32e-03	1.37e01	1.37e01
128×64	96×48	1.66e-03	6.84e00	6.84e00
Rate	-	-	1.01	1.01





ESPS extension to reduced order models.

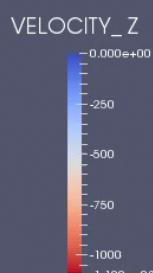
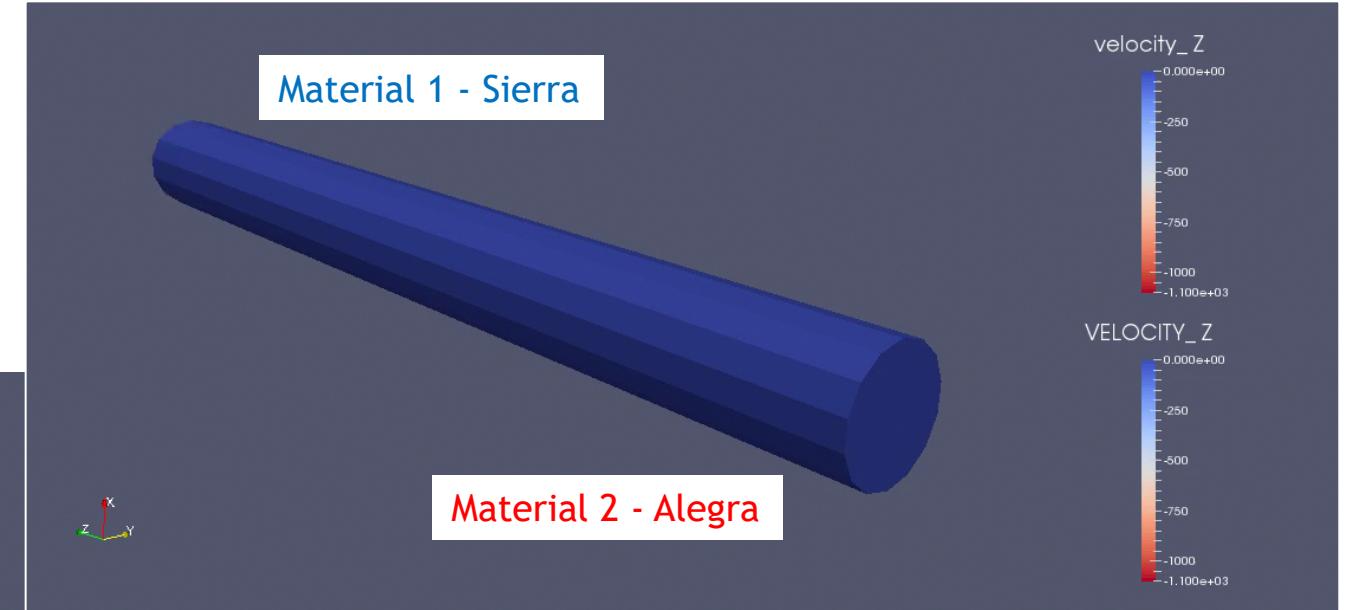
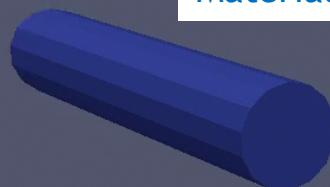
Recall the production implementation of ESPS, which solves a coupled structure-structure interaction problem with two different materials modeled by Sierra SM and Alegra, resp.

Axial pulse bar test

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i - \nabla \cdot \sigma_i(\mathbf{u}_i) &= \mathbf{f}_i \quad \text{in } \Omega_i \times [0, T] \\ \mathbf{u}_i &= \mathbf{g}_i \quad \text{on } \Gamma_i \times [0, T], \quad i = 1, 2 \\ \sigma_i(\mathbf{u}_i) &= \lambda_i(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_i)I + 2\mu_i\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_1(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{u}_2(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \sigma_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\gamma &= \sigma_2(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\gamma \quad \text{on } \gamma \times [0, T].\end{aligned}$$

Material 1 - Sierra



Material 2 requires a much finer mesh than Material 1. Replacing the FE code for Material 2 (and/or Material 1) by computationally efficient ROM can speed up the simulation.



Model Order Reduction (MOR) for Parametric PDEs (μ PDEs)

Basic idea: the solution $u(\mu)$ of the μ PDE: $\dot{u} + L(u, \mu) = f$; $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is often a “nice” function of μ .

- A good approximation for $u(\mu)$ can be computed from snapshots $u(\mu_i)$ sampling the parameter space

A proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) Galerkin projection approach

Step 1: compute a reduced basis (RB)

- Collect n snapshots \mathbf{u}_i (coefficients of $u(\mu_i)$) and compute the SVD: $S = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n] = U\Sigma V^T$
- Given tolerance $\delta > 0$ choose d such that $\frac{\sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_j^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_j^2} \geq 1 - \delta$
- Define the RB as the d left singular vectors, i.e., the matrix \tilde{U}

$$S = [\tilde{U} \quad \tilde{U}_{\text{trun}}] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Sigma}^T & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{trun}}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}^T \\ \tilde{V}_{\text{trun}}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$S \approx \tilde{S} = \tilde{U}\tilde{\Sigma}\tilde{V}^T$ Low-rank approximation of S

Step 2: Galerkin projection onto the reduced basis

$a(u, v) = f(v)$ for all $v \in V$

$$K\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \tilde{U}\mathbf{a}$$

$$\tilde{U}^T K \tilde{U} \mathbf{a} = \tilde{U}^T \mathbf{f}$$

$$d \ll m$$

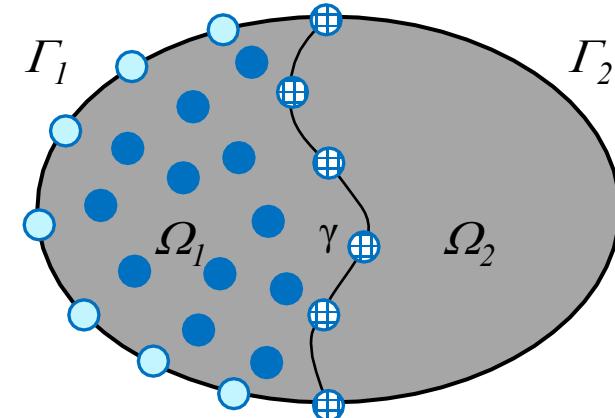
Full Order Model (FOM): $m \times m$

Reduced Order Model (ROM): $d \times d$

ESPS extension to ROM+ROM and ROM+FEM couplings

Full subdomain RB are commonly found in Domain Decomposition for ROM. Can they work for us?

A full subdomain RB formulation. Inhomogeneous Dirichlet conditions $\beta(x, t)$



- - Interior nodes
- 🌐 - Interface nodes
- - Dirichlet nodes

ROM-FEM coupled problem. (ROM-ROM very similar)

RB projection:

$$\Phi_1 = \tilde{U}_0 \varphi_R + \beta \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{M}_1 \dot{\varphi}_R + \widetilde{G}_1^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \widetilde{U}_0^T \bar{\mathbf{f}}_1 (\widetilde{U}_0 \boldsymbol{\varphi}_R + \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ M_2 \dot{\Phi}_2 - G_2^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \bar{\mathbf{f}}_2 (\boldsymbol{\Phi}_2) \\ \widetilde{G}_1 \dot{\varphi}_R - G_2 \dot{\Phi}_2 &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{M}_1 &:= \widetilde{U}_0^T M_1 \widetilde{U}_0 \\ \widetilde{G}_1^T &:= \widetilde{U}_0^T G_1^T.\end{aligned}$$



Full subdomain RB formulation: issues.

Key issue: the Schur complement is not provably non-singular!

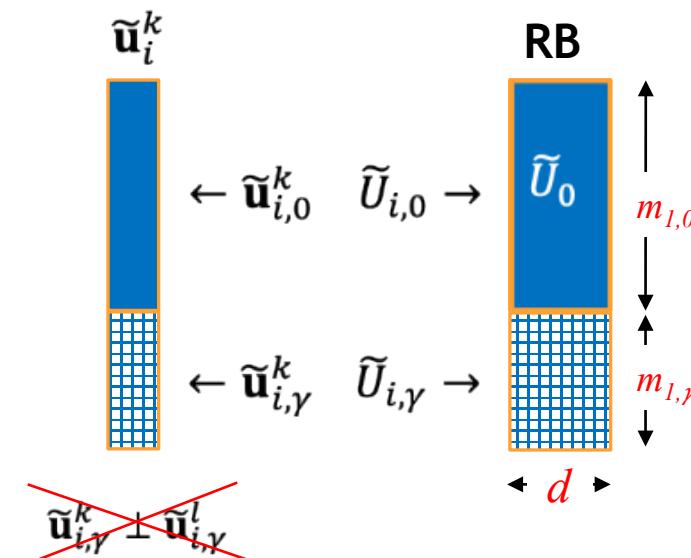
- To understand the problem, consider the lumped mass matrix case and the ROM-ROM coupling

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{1,\gamma} & 0 & G_1^T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{2,\gamma} & -G_2^T & 0 & 0 \\ G_1 & -G_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{1,0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{2,0} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Interface blocks} \\ \text{are separated from the} \\ \text{interior blocks} \end{array}$$

Any two columns of the RB are orthonormal by construction: $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i^k \perp \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i^l$

However, their parts $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{i,\gamma}^k$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{i,\gamma}^l$ corresponding to interface DoFs are not! They can be almost linearly dependent

The projected mass matrix $\tilde{M}_{i,\gamma}$ is not guaranteed to be non-singular!



The ROM-ROM Schur complement uses only the interface mass matrices

$$\tilde{S} = \tilde{G}_1 \tilde{M}_{1,\gamma}^{-1} \tilde{G}_1^T + \tilde{G}_2 \tilde{M}_{2,\gamma}^{-1} \tilde{G}_2^T$$

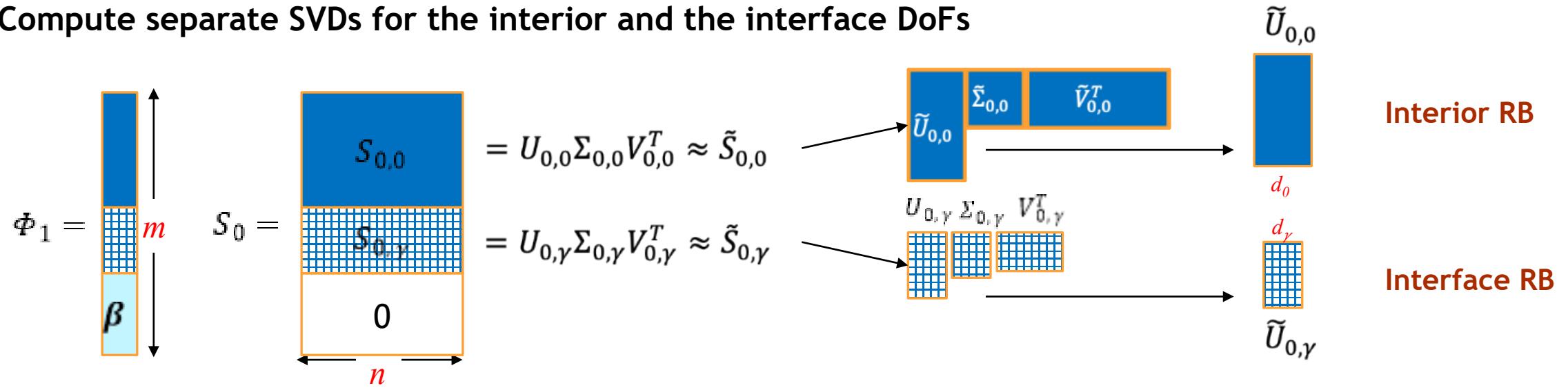
$$\tilde{M}_{i,\gamma} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{i,\gamma}^T M_{i,\gamma} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{i,\gamma}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{i,\gamma}^T \\ M_{i,\gamma} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{i,\gamma} \end{array}$$

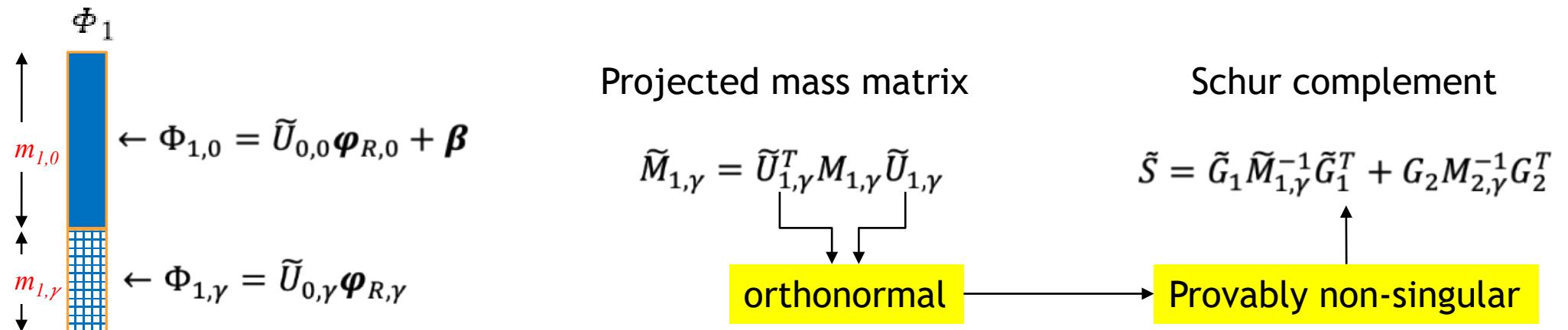


Solution: a Composite Reduced Basis Implementation

Compute separate SVDs for the interior and the interface DoFs



ROM-FEM coupled problem defined by using separate projections for interior and interface DoFs

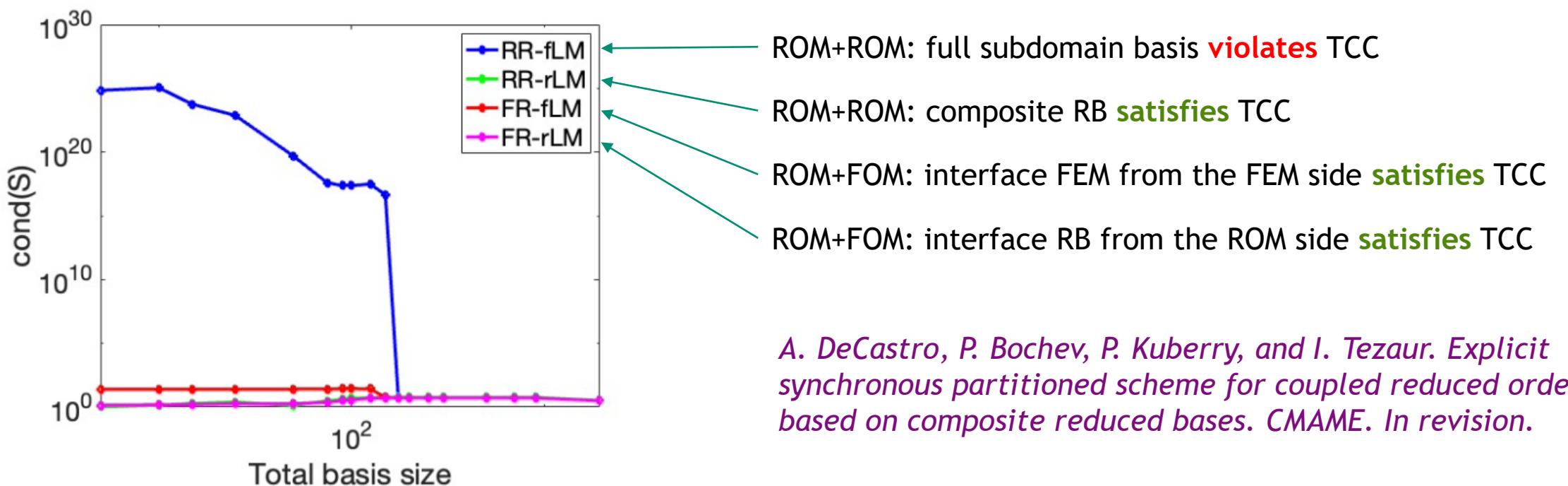




Analysis

One can show that a version of the **Trace Compatibility Condition (TCC)** is sufficient for the existence of a **nonsingular Schur complement** for the coupled ROM+ROM and ROM+FOM formulations.

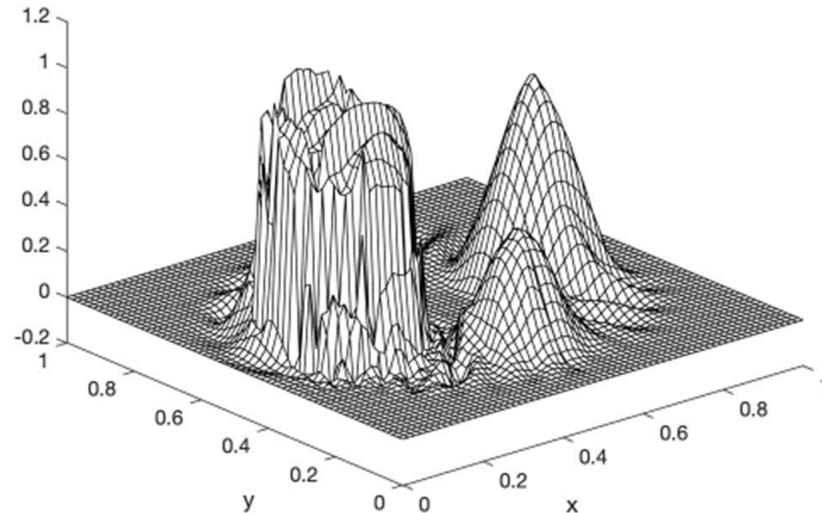
- **ROM+ROM:** Every RB Lagrange multiplier is a trace of a RB function from one of the two sides of the interface.
- **ROM+FOM:** Every Lagrange multiplier is either
 - a trace of a RB function from the ROM side of the interface, or
 - A trace of a FEM function from the FEM side of the interface





Numerical example

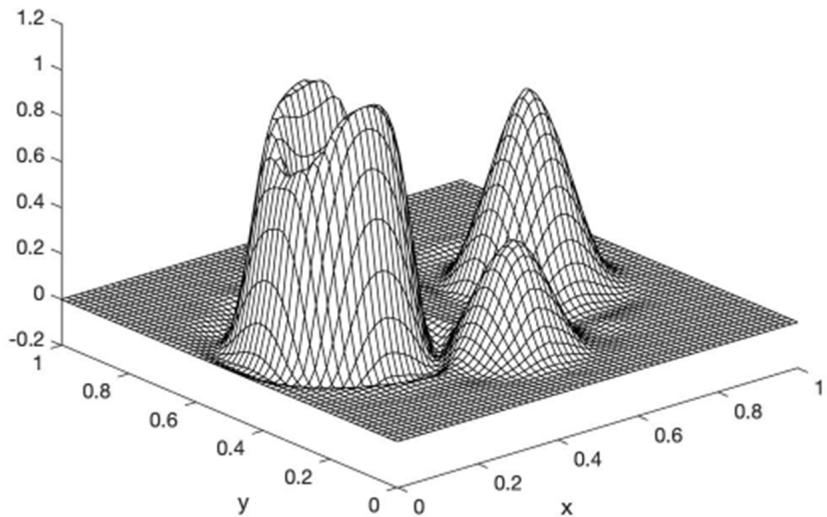
Full subdomain RB ROM-ROM



$d = 50$ modes in each subdomain

FOM: 4225 DOFs

Composite RB ROM-ROM



$d_{i,0} = 40$ interior modes
 $d_{i,\gamma} = 10$ interface modes

In each subdomain

- Composite RB improves conditioning of the Schur complement
- Allows accurate results with smaller total number of modes



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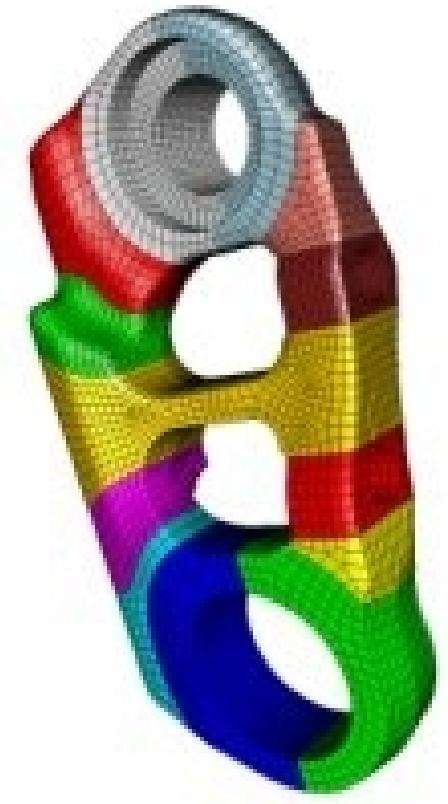
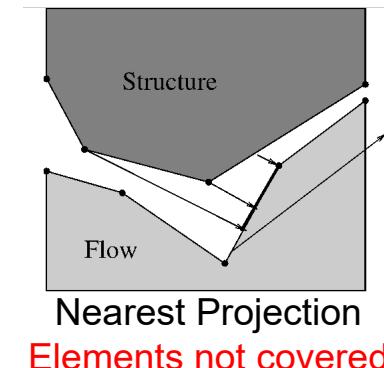
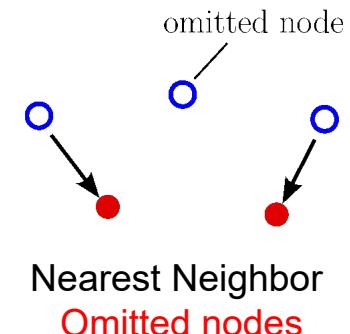
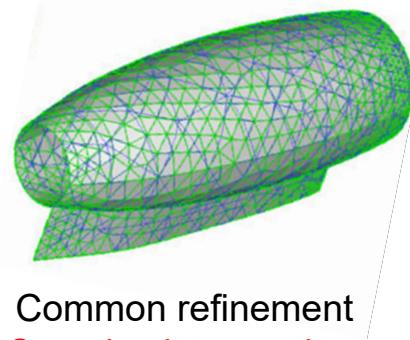
Separate subdomain meshing can create 2 non-coincident versions of the interface

- I. Interface problems where subdomain equations are solved by different codes
- II. Meshing of complex geometries may require breaking up the part into simpler pieces

Challenges

- ⇒ Traditional mortars not appropriate: duplicate interface typically requires some sort of master-slave identification and appropriate formulation of data transfers between them
- ⇒ Data transfers between non-coincident interfaces present theoretical and practical difficulties

Some of the commonly used data transfer strategies:



<http://cubit.sandia.gov>

X. Jiao and M. T. Heath. Common-refinement-based data transfer between non-matching meshes in multiphysics simulations. *IJNME*, 61(14):2402- 2427, 2004.

A. de Boer, A. van Zuijlen, and H. Bijl. Review of coupling methods for non-matching meshes. *CMAME* 196(8):1515 - 1525, 2007.



Optimization-based coupling approach for non-coincident interfaces

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We couch the coupling into a constrained optimization problem

- Physical properties can be **distributed** between the **objective** and the **constraints**.

Advantages:

- Physics-motivated constraints/objectives can be defined on non-coincident interfaces!
- Can avoid **complex and/or expensive mesh operations** at every time step

Objective: minimize the quadratic functional

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\phi_1, \phi_2; \theta_1, \theta_2) = & \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{\gamma_1^h} \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_1 \, ds + \int_{\gamma_2^h} \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \phi_2 \, ds \right)^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Flux continuity}} \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_1 = \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \phi_2 \quad \text{on } \gamma \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\|\phi_1 - E(\phi_2)\|_{\gamma_1^h}^2 + \|\phi_2 - E(\phi_1)\|_{\gamma_2^h}^2 \right) \xrightarrow{\text{State continuity}} \phi_1 = \phi_2 \quad \text{on } \gamma \\
 & + \frac{\delta}{2} \left(\|\theta_1\|_{\gamma_1^h}^2 + \|\theta_2\|_{\gamma_2^h}^2 \right) \xrightarrow{\text{control penalty}}
 \end{aligned}$$

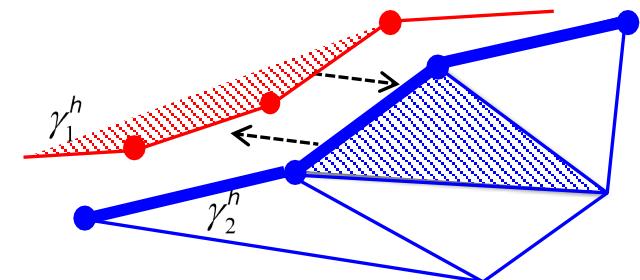
Subject to constraints (the subdomain PDEs)

$$(\nabla \phi_i, \nabla \psi_i)_{\Omega_i} = (f, \psi_i)_{\Omega_i} + \langle \theta_i, \psi_i \rangle_{\gamma_i^h}$$

Virtual Neumann controls

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi_i = f & \text{in } \Omega_i \\ \phi_i = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_i \\ \mathbf{n}_i \cdot \nabla \phi_i = \theta_i & \text{on } \gamma_i^h \end{cases}$$

Extension operators $E: \gamma_i^h \rightarrow \gamma_j^h$



- Polynomial extension
- Meshfree (GMLS), etc.

We close the subdomain problems by using a virtual control to specify a Neumann boundary condition on the interface

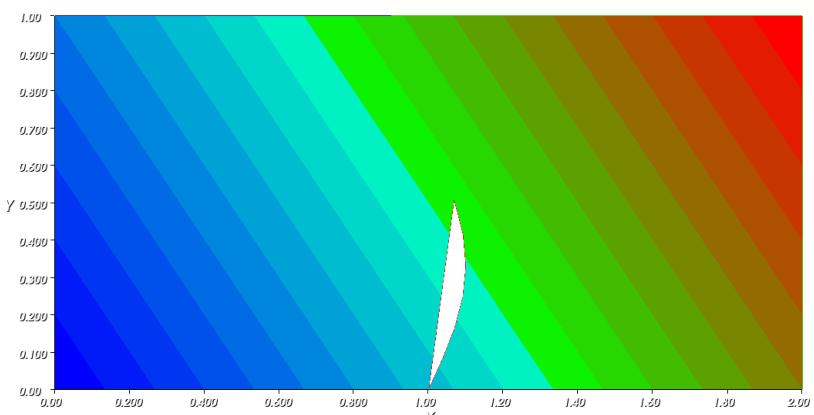
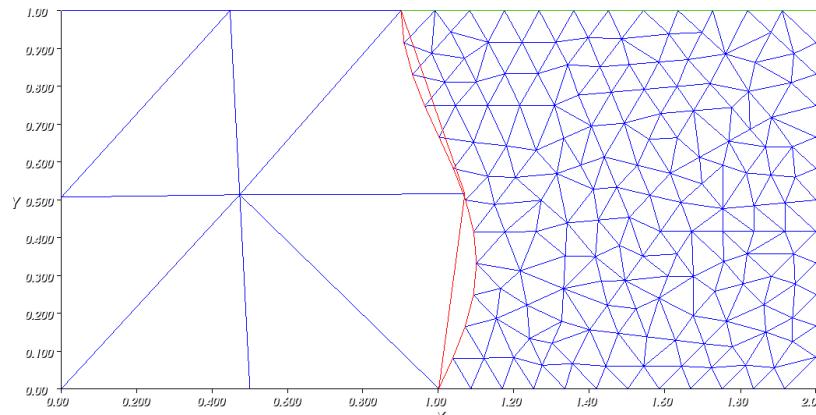


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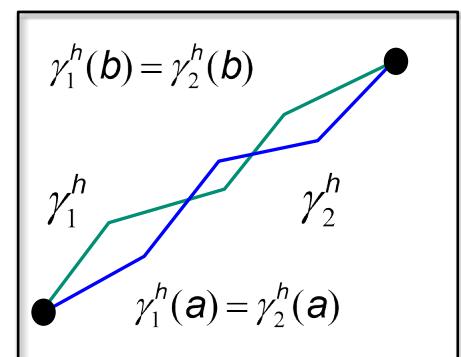
Theorem

Assume that the discrete interfaces have matching boundaries. Then the optimization-based coupling formulation **recovers exactly globally linear solutions ϕ^*** of the coupled problem.

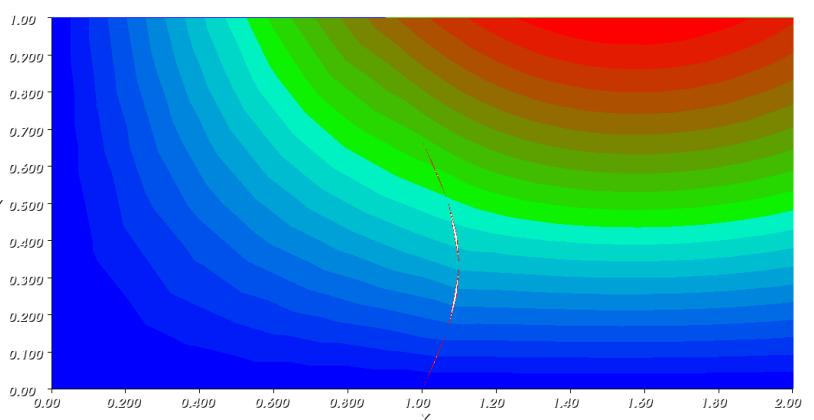
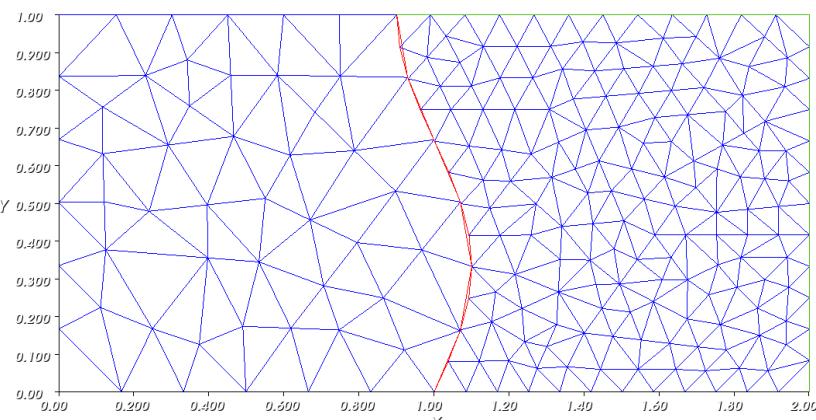
Patch test $\phi(x,y) = 3x+2y$



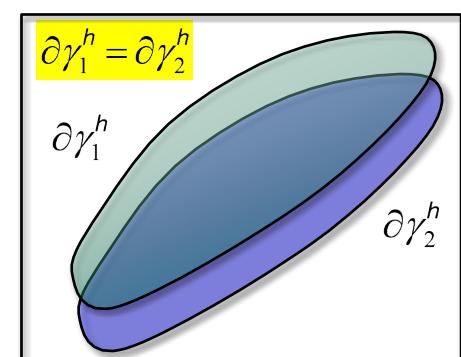
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Manufactured solution $\phi(x,y) = \sin(x) * \sin(y)$



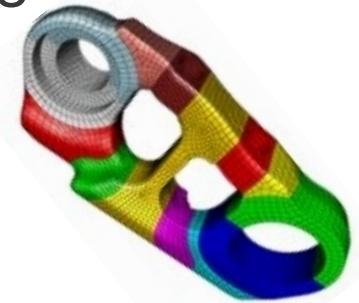
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Least-squares finite element (LSFEM) formulation for mesh tying

- Mesh tying is required when a complex part is meshed by breaking it into separate simpler parts
- Often the interface meshes have tiny gaps and overlaps.
- Creating **watertight** meshes may introduce **sliver elements**, which can limit explicit time steps



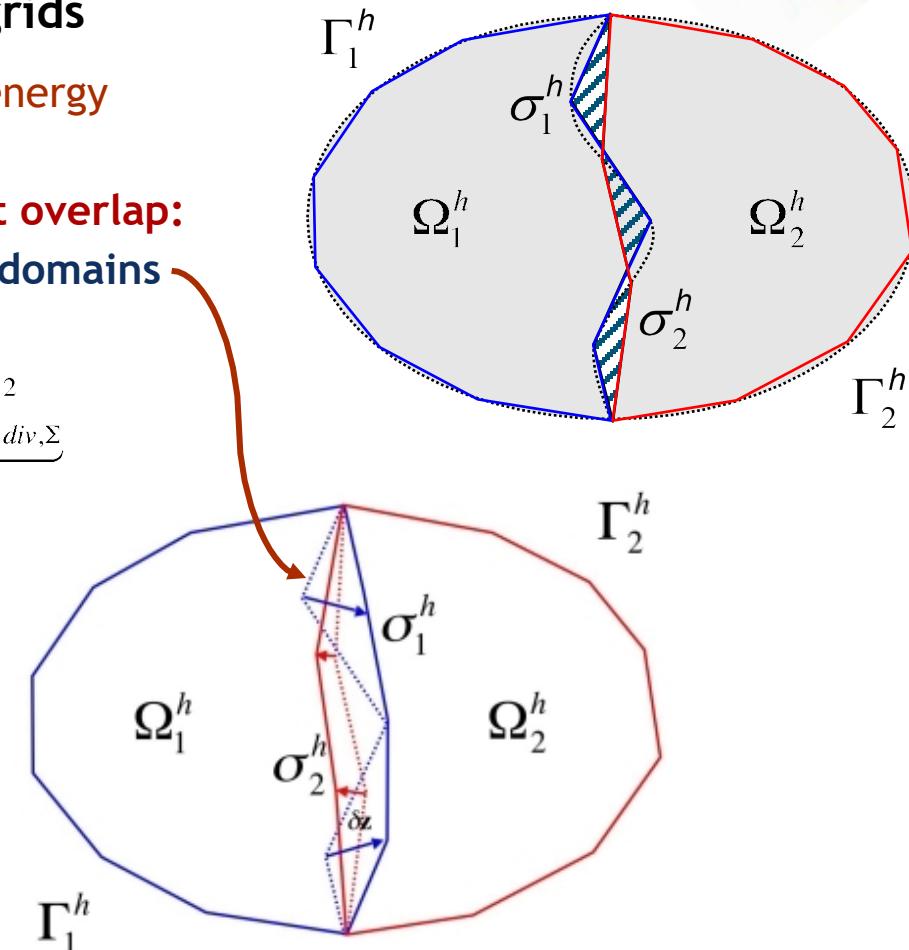
LSFEM offers a surprisingly effective solution for non-coincident grids

- ⇒ LS are based on minimization of **artificial residual energy**, not physical energy
- ⇒ Minimization of **residual energy** allows to measure energy **redundantly**
- ⇒ **All that is needed is elimination of the void regions to create sufficient overlap:**
 - Can be done by interface perturbation or by simply extending the domains

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left(\underbrace{\left(\|\nabla \phi_i + \mathbf{v}_i\|_{0,\Omega_i}^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_i - f\|_{0,\Omega_i}^2 \right)}_{\text{residual energy}} + \underbrace{\omega_\phi \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{1,\Sigma}^2 + \omega_v \|\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2\|_{div,\Sigma}^2}_{\text{coupling term}} \right)$$

Advantages

- ✓ Provably **stable** (coercive formulation)
- ✓ Provable **optimal convergence** rate
- ✓ Can pass an **arbitrary order** patch test
- ✓ Does not require expensive **mesh intersections**





Analysis: least-squares for mesh tying

Norm-equivalence of the mesh-tying LS functional

Theorem 1 *There exist positive weights $\omega_\phi, \omega_\mathbf{v}$, independent of the maximum element diameter h , such that for every $\{\psi, \mathbf{v}\} \in \mathbf{H}$ there holds the lower bound*

$$J_h(\{\psi, \mathbf{v}\}; 0) \geq \frac{1}{4} \|\{\psi, \mathbf{v}\}\|^2. \quad (17)$$

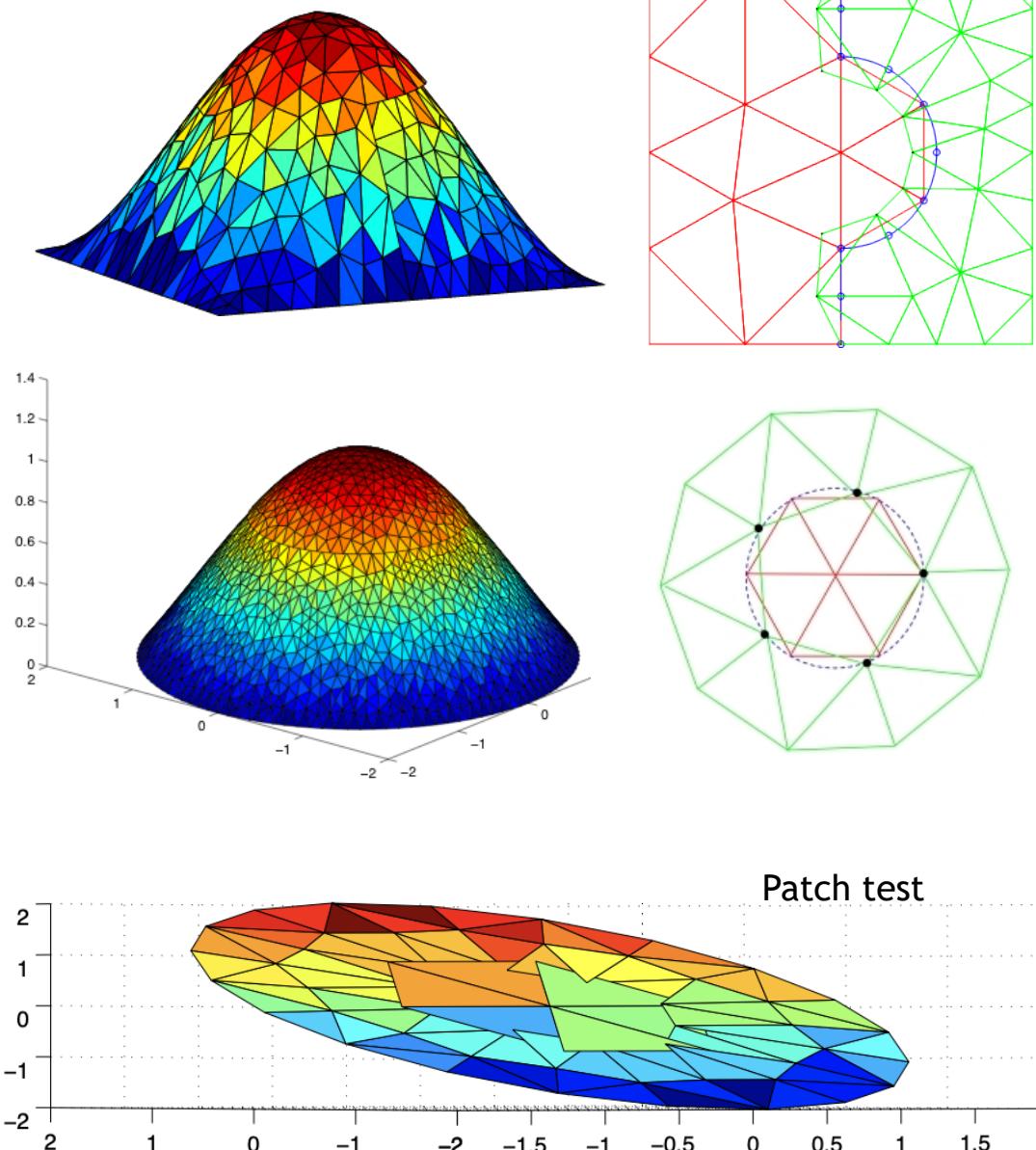
Optimal error estimates

Theorem 3 *Assume that the first order system*

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \phi = f & \text{and} \quad \nabla \phi + \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \phi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

has a solution $\phi \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{r+1}(\Omega)$ and $\mathbf{u} \in H(\text{div}, \Omega) \cap (H^{p+1}(\Omega))^2$. If $\{\phi^h, \mathbf{u}^h\} \in \mathbf{H}^h$ is a solution of the least-squares mesh-tying problem (12), then

$$\|\{\phi - \phi^h, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h\}\| \leq C (h^r \|\phi\|_{r+1,\Omega} + h^p \|\mathbf{u}\|_{p+1,\Omega}). \quad (22)$$





Thank you!

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