

Iterative Helmholtz Solvers

Scalable Convergence using multilevel methods

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Aim and Impact

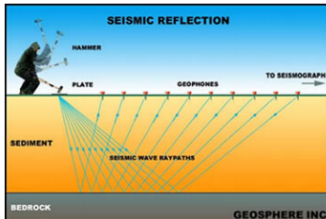
- Joint-work with PhD candidate **Vandana Dwarka**
- **Contribute** to broad research on Helmholtz solvers
- Understand **inscalability** (convergence)
- This presentation: **improve** convergence properties
 - Two-level methods
 - Multilevel methods (multigrid and deflation)

Introduction - The Helmholtz Equation

- **Inhomogeneous** Helmholtz equation + BC's

$$(-\nabla^2 - k^2) u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

- k is the **wave number**: $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$
- Practical applications in **seismic/medical** imaging and **plasma fusion**



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¹Images: <https://www.chalmers.se/sv/institutioner/math/utbildning/grundutbildning-chalmers> and Geosphere Inc.

Introduction - Numerical Model

- Start with **analytical** 1D model problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} - k^2 u &= \delta\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right), \\ u(0) &= 0, u(1) = 0, \\ x \in \Omega &= [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

- Discretization using **second-order** FD with at least 10 gpw
- We obtain a **linear system** $A\hat{u} = f$

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \text{tridiag}[-1 \quad 2 - (kh)^2 \quad -1],$$

- A is **real, symmetric, normal, indefinite** and **sparse**
- Using Sommerfeld BC's A becomes **non-Hermitian** \Rightarrow **non-selfadjoint**

Introduction - Challenges

- Negative & positive eigenvalues \Rightarrow limits Krylov based solvers
- Fast near-origin moving eigenvalues \Rightarrow slows convergence
 - CSLP (Helmholtz operator with complex shift)
 - Deflation + CSLP
 - Despite improvements problem remains
- Problems exacerbate in 2D & 3D and as k gets larger

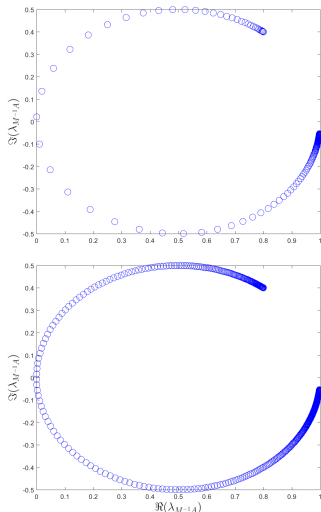
Preconditioning - CSLP

- Preconditioning to speed up convergence of Krylov subspace methods
- Solve $M^{-1}Au = M^{-1}f$, M is CSLP-preconditioner.

$$M = L - (\beta_1 - \beta_2 i)k^2 I,$$
$$(\beta_1, \beta_2) \in [0, 1]$$

- Increasing $k \Rightarrow$ eigenvalues move fast towards origin \Rightarrow inscalable CSLP-solver
- Project unwanted eigenvalues onto zero = Deflation

Figure: $\sigma(M^{-1}A)$ for $k = 50$ (top) and $k = 150$ bottom.



Preconditioning - Deflation

- Projection principle: solve $PAu = Pf$

$$\tilde{P} = AQ \text{ where } Q = ZE^{-1}Z^T \text{ and } E = Z^T AZ,$$
$$P = I - \tilde{P}, Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, m < n$$

- Columns of Z span **deflation** subspace
- Ideally Z contains **eigenvectors**
- In practice **approximations**: inter-grid vectors from **multigrid**
- Use DEF + CSLP combined \Rightarrow **spectral improvement**

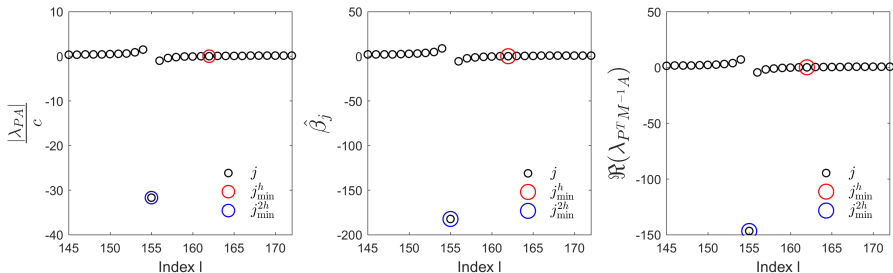
$$M^{-1}PAu = M^{-1}Pf$$

- Monitor eigenvalues using **RFA** (Dirichlet)

Preconditioning - Deflation

- Investigate near-null eigenvalue of all operators involved

Figure: $\lambda_i(PA)$, β_j , $\lambda_i(P^T M^{-1}A)$ for $k = 500$



- Eigenvalues of PA and $P^T M^{-1}A$ behave like $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\lambda^i(A)}{\lambda^i(A_{2h})}$
- If near-kernel of A and A_{2h} **misaligned** \Rightarrow near-null eigenvalues reappear!
- Equivalent** to $j_{\min}^h \neq j_{\min}^{2h}$

Preconditioning - Deflation

Figure: Restricted & interpolated eigenvectors (left $kh = 0.625$, right $k^3 h^2 = 0.625$)

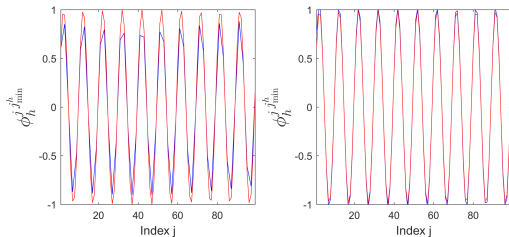


Table: Projection error DEF-scheme

k	$E(0.625)$	$E(0.3125)$
10^2	0.8818	0.1006
10^3	9.2941	1.0062
10^4	92.5772	10.0113
10^5	926.135	100.1382
10^6	9261.7129	1001.3818

- Recall: deflation space spanned by **linear approximation** basis vectors
- Transfer coarse-fine grid \Rightarrow interpolation error
- Measure effect by **projection error E**

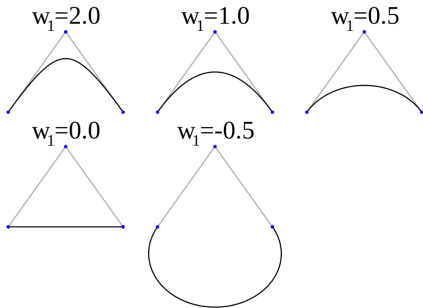
$$E(kh) = \|(I - P)\phi_{j_{\min}, h}\|^2,$$

$$P = Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T$$

Our Approach - Introduction

- Higher-order deflation vectors
- Rational quadratic Bezier curve \Rightarrow one control-point
- Weight-parameter w to adjust control-point

Figure: Effect of changing weight



- w determined such that projection error minimized

Our Approach - Projection Error (1D)

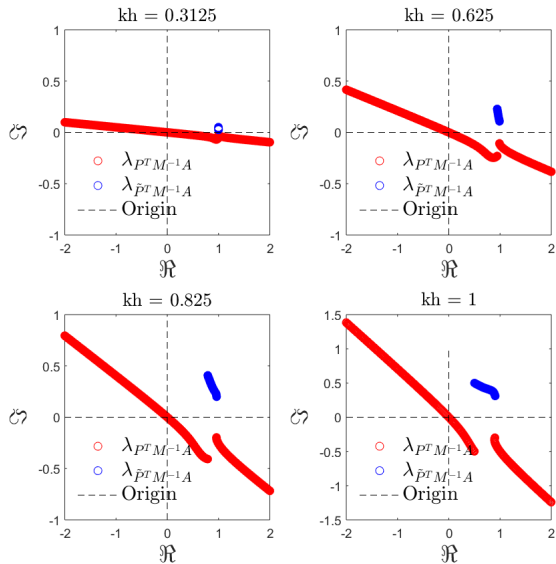
Table: Projection error $E(kh)$ for various w

k	$w = 0.1250$	$w = 0.0575$	$w = 0.01875$	$w = 0.00125$
	$kh = 1$	$kh = 0.825$	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$
10^2	0.0127	0.0075	0.0031	0.0006
10^3	0.0233	0.0095	0.0036	0.0007
10^4	0.0246	0.0095	0.0038	0.0007
10^5	0.0246	0.0095	0.0038	0.0007
10^6	0.0246	0.0095	0.0038	0.0007

- Weight-parameter w chosen to **minimize** projection error
- In all cases projection error **strictly** < 1
- **RFA** confirms favourable spectrum

Our Approach - Spectral Analysis (1D)

Figure: Spectrum of old (red) and new (blue) method for $k = 10^6$



Two-Level Deflation - 2D

Table: GMRES-iterations with $\text{tol} = 10^{-6}$ using Sommerfeld BC's and MG-approximation of CSLP(1,1). AD contains no CSLP.

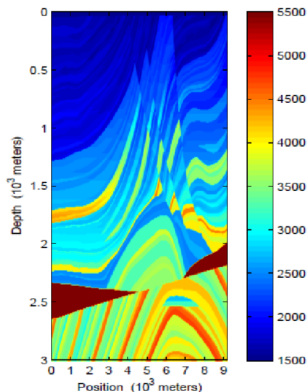
k	APD(0.1250)	APD(0.0575)	AD(0)
	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$	$kh = 0.3125$
100	4	4	3
250	5	4	4
500	5	5	5
750	7	5	5
1000	8	8	7

- DEF + CSLP needs 471 iterations for $k = 250$
- Close to wavenumber independence
- Weight-parameter w and CSLP less important as kh decreases

Two-Level Deflation - 2D Marmousi

Table: Solve time (s) and GMRES-iterations for 2D Marmousi

	DEF-TL	APD-TL	DEF-TL	APD-TL
10 gpw				
f	Solve time (s)		Iterations	
1	1.72	4.08	3	4
10	7.20	3.94	16	6
20	77.34	19.85	31	6
40	1175.99	111.78	77	6
20 gpw				
1	9.56	3.83	3	5
10	19.64	15.45	7	5
20	155.70	122.85	10	5
40	1500.09	1201.45	15	5



Two-Level Deflation - 3D

Table: GMRES-iterations with $\text{tol} = 10^{-6}$ using Sommerfeld BC's and MG-approximation of CSLP(1,1). AD contains no CSLP.

k	APD(0.125)	AD(0)
	Iterations	Iterations
10	4	4
25	4	5
50	4	5
75	4	5

- DEF + CSLP takes **66** iterations for $k = 40$
- **Wavenumber independent** convergence
- Two-level method **memory** \Rightarrow **multilevel methods**

Multilevel methods

Multilevel Deflation

- Pros
 - Close to linear complexity
 - Memory efficient
 - Recursive structure
 - Use as preconditioner with FGMREs
- Cons
 - Needs more inner cycles
 - Convergence depends weakly on k

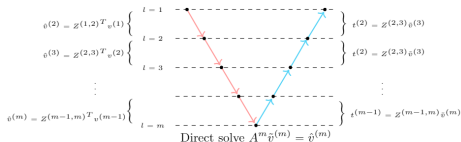
Multigrid

- Pros
 - Linear complexity
 - Memory efficient
 - Recursive structure
 - Use as stand-alone or preconditioner
- Cons
 - Diverges for Helmholtz
 - Slow convergence for small k

New research on convergent multigrid solver!

Multilevel Deflation

- Apply two-level method **recursively**
- Only 1 FGMRES it. per level



- Krylov 'smoother' vs Multigrid
- max $\mathcal{O}(n^{0.25})$ iterations on **indefinite** levels
- 1 Jacobi iteration on all others
- Reduce **time** and **memory**

Algorithm 3.1 Two-level Deflation FGMRES

Initialization:

Choose u_0 and dimension k of the Krylov subspaces.

Define $(k+1) \times k$ \bar{H}_k and initialize to zero.

Arnoldi process: $r_0 = f - Au_0$, $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$, $v_1 = r_0/\beta$.

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ **do**

$$\tilde{v} = Z^T v_j$$

$$\tilde{v} = E^{-1} \tilde{v}$$

$$t = Z \tilde{v}$$

$$s = At$$

$$\tilde{r} = v_j - s$$

$$r = M^{-1} \tilde{r}$$

$$x_j = r + t$$

$$w = Ax_j$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, j$ **do**

$$| \quad h_{i,j} = (w, v_j) \quad w = w - h_{i,j} v_i$$

end

Compute $h_{j+1,j} = \|w\|_2$ and $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,j}$.

Define $X_k = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k]$

$$\bar{H}_k = \{h_{i,j}\}_{1 \leq i \leq j+1, 1 \leq j \leq k}$$

end

Form approximate solution:

Compute $u_k = u_0 + X_k y_k$ where $y_k = \arg \min_y \|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_k y\|_2$.

Restart:

If satisfied stop, else set $u_0 \leftarrow u_k$ and repeat Arnoldi process.

Multilevel Deflation - 3D

Table: Number of outer FGMRES-iterations for $kh = 0.625$. Column 1 quadratic, column 2 linear deflation vectors.

k	APD	DEF
	Iterations	Iterations
10	9	11
20	9	12
40	11	17
80	14	45

- Both methods benefit from **multilevel** implementation
- Reduced **time** and **memory**
- Convergence APD slightly depends on **wavenumber**
- **What about heterogeneous models?**

Multilevel Deflation - 2D Wedge

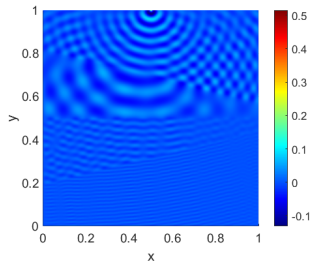
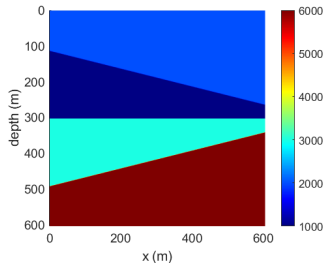


Table: Number of outer FGMRES-iterations for $kh = 0.625$

$\mathbf{k} = 2\pi\mathbf{f}$	n	$c(x, y) \in [500, 3000]$ m/s		$c(x, y) \in [1000, 6000]$ m/s	
		Iterations	CPU(s)	Iterations	CPU(s)
f (Hz)					
10	10.201	9	0.428	9	0.598
20	41.209	11	2.112	14	11.148
40	162.409	17	47.080	19	86.171
60	366.025	21	157.143	22	325.960
80	648.025	23	459.561	25	774.926

Multilevel Deflation - 3D Sine

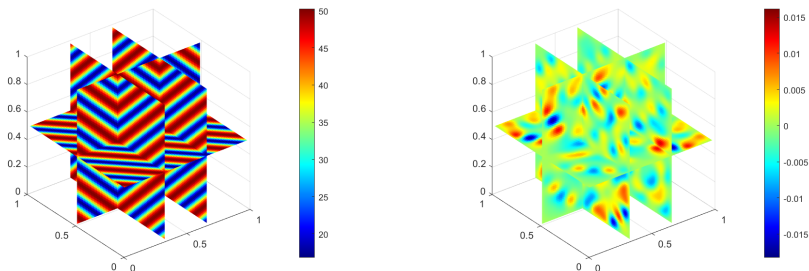


Table: Number of outer FGMRES-iterations for $kh = 0.625$

$k(\mathbf{x})^2 = \alpha + \beta \sin(8\pi\mathbf{x}), \alpha = 0.5(k_1^2 + k_2^2), \beta = 0.5 k_2^2 - k_1^2 $					
		$\gamma = 1$		$\gamma = 2$	
$[k_1, k_2]$	n	Iterations	CPU(s)	Iterations	CPU(s)
[8, 25]	68.921	8	3.041	6	4.026
[16, 50]	531.441	26	133.688	15	123.218
[24, 75]	1.771.561	49	1295.185	28	1359.926

Multilevel Deflation - 3D Elastic Wave

- Coupled vector equations for time-harmonic
- Wedge domain
- 20 gpw (grid points per wavelength)

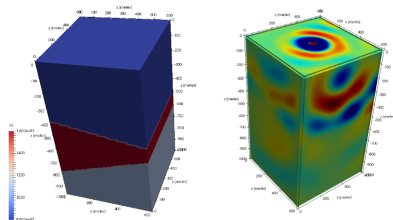


Table: Number of outer FGMRES-iterations.

$k = 2\pi f$	n	$\gamma = 1$		$\gamma = 2$	
		Iterations	CPU(s)	Iterations	CPU(s)
$f(\text{Hz})$					
1	19.968	8	2.871	8	3.598
2	147.033	11	87.214	9	77.971
4	1.127.463	15	1665.686	13	1735.294

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²Image and model problem from: An MSSS-preconditioned matrix equation approach for the time-harmonic elastic wave equation at multiple frequencies, M. Baumann et al.

Multigrid

- Standard multigrid **diverges** for small k
- **Open problem** in math for 30 years
- But, **convergence** if:
 - Higher-order prolongation/restriction
 - Coarsening on CSLP** instead of original Helmholtz operator
- Small number of smoothing steps using ω -**Jacobi**
- **GMRES(3)** smoothing gives a fast solver
- Works for both V - and W -cycles

Multigrid - 2D

- Constant k using Sommerfeld BC

Table: Number of V- ($\gamma = 1$) and W-cycles ($\gamma = 2$) for constant k using tol. 10^{-5} . ν denotes the number of ω -Jacobi smoothing steps.

	$k = 50$		$k = 100$		$k = 150$		$k = 200$		$k = 250$	
	$N = 6724$		$N = 26244$		$N = 57600$		$N = 102400$		$N = 160000$	
	$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 4$		$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 4$	
γ	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 4$	58	58	104	108	155	159	209	213	267	271
$\nu = 5$	58	58	104	104	150	166	194	229	238	287
$\nu = 6$	55	58	99	102	139	167	183	222	226	283
$\nu = 7$	53	60	97	101	136	163	179	219	221	280
$\nu = 8$	53	60	95	104	131	161	178	212	218	277

- Coarsening on CSL (shift = 0.7)
- No level-dependent parameters!
- Linear interpolation diverges ($k = 50, \gamma = 1$)
- What about GMRES(3) smoothing?

Multigrid - 2D

- Constant wave number using Sommerfeld BC

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γ	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 1$	14	7	24	10	39	19	51	24	64	29
$\nu = 2$	8	5	13	7	22	10	28	13	34	16
$\nu = 3$	6	5	10	6	16	9	20	10	24	12
$\nu = 4$	6	5	8	5	12	7	15	9	18	10
$\nu = 5$	5	5	7	5	11	7	13	8	15	9

- Coarsening + on CSL (shift = k^{-1})
- Iteration count with $\gamma = 2$ close to k -independent
- Linear interpolation 199 iterations ($k = 50, \gamma = 1$)
- What about heterogeneous problems?

Multigrid - 2D random k (high-contrast)

Figure: $k(x, y)$

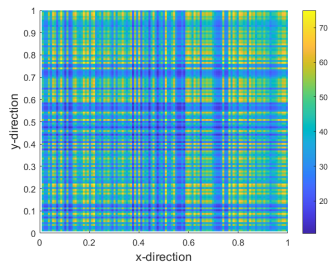


Figure: $u(x, y)$

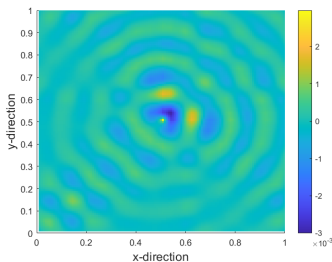


Table: Number of V- ($\gamma = 1$) and W-cycles ($\gamma = 2$) with tol 10^{-5} . ν denotes the number of ω -Jacobi smoothing steps.

	$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 50)$		$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 75)$	
γ	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 4$	102	96	111	107
$\nu = 5$	97	95	103	105
$\nu = 6$	95	95	101	104
$\nu = 7$	94	94	102	104
$\nu = 8$	94	94	102	104

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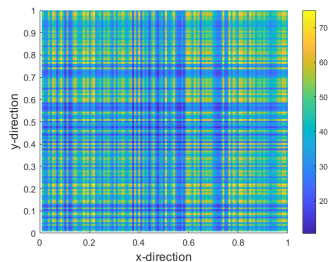


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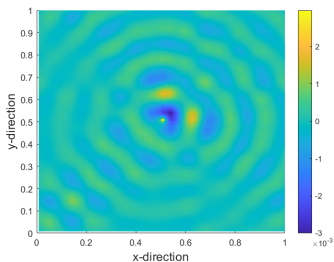





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	$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 50)$		$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 75)$	
γ	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 1$	28	12	31	12
$\nu = 2$	16	8	17	7
$\nu = 3$	12	7	12	6
$\nu = 4$	10	6	10	6
$\nu = 5$	9	6	9	6

Conclusion

- Deflation **projects** unwanted eigenmodes to zero
- Misalignment of near-zero eigenvalues affects **convergence**
- New deflation scheme: **higher-order** approximation
- Two-level method **wavenumber independent** convergence but **memory** constrained
- Use higher-order scheme in **multilevel** methods
 - ① Multilevel deflation (with FGMRES)
 - ② Multigrid (preconditioner or stand-alone solver)
- **Upcoming work**: research on interpolation schemes and large-scale applications

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