

# Parallel-in-Time Solver for the All-at-Once Runge–Kutta Discretization

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# Heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \nabla^2 v = f(x, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_f), \\ v(x, t) = g(x, t) & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, t_f), \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

Finite Elements in space + Runge-Kutta time discretizations

$$Mv_{n+1} = Mv_n + \tau M \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_{in} \quad n = 0, \dots, n_t - 1,$$

The stages  $k_{in}$  are defined as follows:

$$Mk_{in} + Kv_n + \tau K \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_{jn} = f_{in}, \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad n = 0, \dots, n_t - 1,$$

where

$$(f_{in})_m = \int_{\Omega} f(x, t_n + c_i \tau) \phi_m \, d\Omega, \quad i = 1, \dots, s.$$

$K$  and  $M$  are the *stiffness* and *mass* matrix respectively.

Coefficients

$$a_{ij} \rightarrow A_{\text{RK}}, \quad b_i \rightarrow b_{\text{RK}}$$

form the **Butcher tableau**.



# Preconditioner

We consider as a preconditioner for  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi & \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 & \Theta_H \end{bmatrix}$

the matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} S & \Psi_1 \\ 0 & \Theta_H \end{bmatrix}$ ,

where  $S = \Phi - \Psi_1 \Theta_H^{-1} \Psi_2$  is the Schur complement.

Specifically we have

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} M & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & M \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_x} & & & \\ -I_{n_x} + \hat{X} & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -I_{n_x} + \hat{X} & I_{n_x} \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{S}},$$

where

$$\hat{X} = \tau \begin{bmatrix} b_1 I_{n_x} & \dots & b_s I_{n_x} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{[I_s \otimes M + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K]^{-1}}_{\hat{\Theta}_H} [\mathbf{e} \otimes K].$$

# Practical approximation of $\mathcal{P}$

$\mathbf{P}$  is optimal.

In fact, supposing that both  $\Theta_H$  and  $S$  are invertible,

- 1  $\lambda(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}) = \{1\}$
- 2 the minimal polynomial of the  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$  has degree 2 (GMRES will converge in at most 2 iterations)

**WARNING!** We can not explicitly form the Schur complement  $S$  due to the large dimension of the system.

## Practical approximation of $\mathbf{P}$

- Application of block diagonal matrix  $\Theta_H$  needs solution of  $n_t$  linear systems with matrix  $I_s \otimes M + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K$ . Preconditioner needed.
- A parallel solve for  $\hat{S}$  is performed by MGRIT routine [Falgout et al, SISC 2014] employing the [XBraid v3.0.0](#) routine.



Falgout, Friedhoff, Kolev, MacLachlan and Schröder

Parallel time integration with multigrid

SISC, 2014

# Preconditioner for the stages

We need an optimal preconditioner for the system of the stages

$$\underbrace{(I_s \otimes M + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K)}_{\hat{\Theta}_H} \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{b}$$

The idea is to compute a (real) SVD of  $A_{\text{RK}}$ :  $A_{\text{RK}} = U\Sigma V^T$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I_s \otimes M + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K &= I_s \otimes M + \tau U\Sigma V^T \otimes K \\ &= (U \otimes I_{n_x})[(U^T V) \otimes M + \tau \Sigma \otimes K](V^T \otimes I_{n_x}). \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $U^T V$  lie all on the unit circle centered at the origin of the complex plane, and its eigenvectors are mutually orthogonal.

**Main idea.** Since  $|\lambda(U^T V)| = 1$ , we approximate  $U^T V \approx I_s$  and propose the following preconditioner:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}} := [U \otimes I_{n_x}] [I_s \otimes M + \tau \Sigma \otimes K] [V^T \otimes I_{n_x}] \approx \hat{\Theta}_H.$$

Note that now the systems to be solved (with  $I_s \otimes M + \tau \Sigma \otimes K$ ) are decoupled due to diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$ .

# Preconditioner application

To (approximately) solve for  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} S & \Psi_1 \\ 0 & \Theta_H \end{bmatrix}$ , we employ the (inner) GMRES method to solve for  $\hat{\Theta}_H$  with preconditioner

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}} = (\mathbf{U} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n_x})(\mathbf{I}_s \otimes \mathbf{M} + \tau \Sigma \otimes \mathbf{K})(\mathbf{V}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n_x}).$$

## Theorem

If the real part of Rayleigh quotient  $\frac{x^*(U^T V)x}{x^*x}$  is positive, for any  $x \in \mathbb{C}^s \setminus \{0\}$

then the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}}^{-1} \hat{\Theta}_H$  all lie in the right-half of the unit circle centered at the origin of the Gauss plane. If in addition  $1 \in \sigma(U^T V)$  then  $1 \in \sigma(\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}}^{-1} \hat{\Theta}_H)$  with *multiplicity*  $n_x$ .

- Assumption  $\text{Re}(\sigma(U^T V)) > 0$  holds for all RK methods we tried, up to order 7.

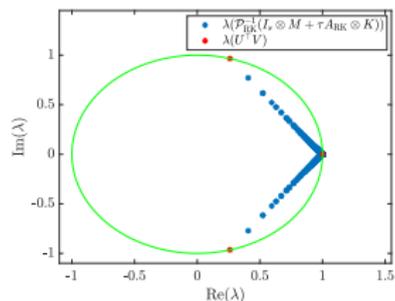
5-stage Radau method (order 9) works fine in practice but it has a pair of eigenvalues with real part equal to  $-5 \times 10^{-4}$ .

- for odd  $s$  eigenvalue 1 always belongs to  $\sigma(U^T V)$ .

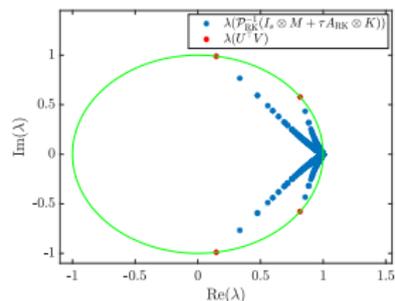


$Q_2$  elements,  $\ell = 4$  with  $h = 2^{-\ell}$ ,  $\tau = 0.2$ . Unit circle in green.

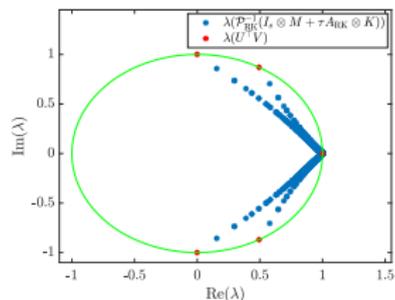
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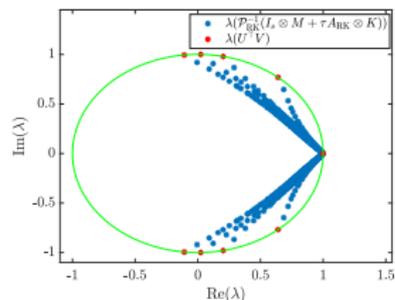
4-stages Lobatto IIIc



5-stages Radau IIA



9-stages Radau IIA



# Properties of the SVD preconditioner

Even when the hypotheses of the Theorem are not satisfied: the preconditioner performs well:

GMRES residual after 5 and 10 inner iterations (Lobatto RK method) is weakly influenced by the number of stages  $s$ .

$s$	$\ r_5\ $	$\ r_{10}\ $
3	2.8228e-03	4.0014e-06
5	5.3229e-02	1.7263e-03
7	5.2125e-02	6.1990e-03
9	5.6382e-02	8.1128e-03
11	6.6290e-02	1.2204e-02
13	7.2945e-02	1.8589e-02
15	7.8344e-02	1.8545e-02

# Construction of RK methods satisfying the hypotheses

We recall the  $W$ -transformation (Theorem 5.1, p. 71, Hairer & Wanner book, [HW]) to construct a stable implicit RK method of a given order. Given an integer  $s \geq 2$ ,

let  $P_s(x)$  a shifted and scaled Legendre polynomial. The nodes  $c_i$  are the roots of

$$\widehat{P}(x) = P_s(x) + \alpha_1 P_{s-1}(x) + \alpha_2 P_{s-2}(x).$$

The weights satisfy the usual (interpolatory) condition  $B(s-2)$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^s b_i c_i^{q-1} = \frac{1}{q}, \text{ for } q = 1, \dots, s-2.$$

Define matrix  $W$  as  $W = (w_{ij})$ , and  $w_{ij} = P_{j-1}(c_i)$ ,  $\varepsilon_k = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4k^2-1}}$ , and

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -\varepsilon_1 & & & \\ \varepsilon_1 & 0 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 0 & \beta_{s-1} \\ & & & \varepsilon_{s-1} & \beta_s \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $A_{\text{RK}} = W^{-1}XW$  corresponds to an RK method of **order  $2s-2$** .

# Construction of RK methods satisfying the hypotheses

We are (almost) free to vary four parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_{s-1}, \beta_s$  to **maximize the minimum of the real parts of the eigenvalues of  $U^T V$** .

Constraints on the parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2 &< \frac{s-1}{s} \frac{\sqrt{2s+1}}{2s-3} && \text{to have real } c_i\text{'s} \\ \beta_{s-1} < 0 \quad \wedge \quad \beta_s &\geq 0, && \text{for A-stability, see (5.45) of [HW].} \end{aligned}$$

Then run Matlab function `fmincon` for the constrained optimization problem

$$\bar{\mu} = \max_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_{s-1}, \beta_s} \min\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) : \lambda \in \sigma(U^T V)\}$$

**Aim:**  $\bar{\mu} > 0$ .

# Construction of RK methods satisfying the hypotheses

Compare with Lobatto( $s$ ) method

$$\mu_{\min} = \min\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) : \lambda \in \sigma(U^T V)\}$$

$s$	$\bar{\mu}$	$\mu_{\min}$	$\beta_{s-1}$	$\beta_s$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
3	0.6329	0.3855	-0.0005	0.6138	-2.2912	-2.9759
4	0.3371	0.1472	-2.9977	1.0152	-2.9955	0.1492
5	0.2354	0.0155	-1.4125	0.4791	-1.6364	-2.3049
6	0.1131	-0.0431	-0.4872	0.2597	-2.5456	-1.6340
7	0.0476	-0.0701	-0.4240	0.2304	-2.4701	-1.3328
8	0.0034	-0.0892	-0.3376	0.1950	-2.0680	-1.1077
9	-0.0223	-0.1036	-0.3371	0.1985	-1.7087	-0.9326
10	-0.0392	-0.1143	-2.0388	1.1091	-1.4238	-0.8077

Up to  $s = 8$  (order 14) RK matrices satisfy the hypotheses of the Theorem.

Eigenvalues are shifted towards the right part of the complex plane by the optimization procedure.

# Are the eigenvalues of the preconditioned $\widehat{\Theta}_k$ bounded away from zero?

Heuristic says: Yes!

The eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{RK}}^{-1} \widehat{\Theta}_k$  solve the following generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$(U^T V + \tau \bar{\lambda} \Sigma) x = \lambda (I_s + \tau \bar{\lambda} \Sigma) x,$$

where  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $M^{-\frac{1}{2}} K M^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . This can be seen as a perturbation of

$$(\Lambda + \tau \bar{\lambda} \Sigma) x = \lambda (I_s + \tau \bar{\lambda} \Sigma) x, \quad \Lambda = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_s).$$

For every  $j$ , setting  $\mu_j \equiv a + \mathbf{i}b$ ,  $c = \tau \bar{\lambda} \sigma_j$ , with  $a \geq \mu_{\min} > 0$ , we have

$$\lambda = \frac{a + \mathbf{i}b + c}{1 + c} = \frac{a + c}{1 + c} + \mathbf{i} \frac{b}{1 + c}, \quad |\lambda|^2 = \frac{(a + c)^2 + b^2}{(1 + c)^2}.$$

Whence

$$|\lambda|^2 = \frac{1 + 2ac + c^2}{(1 + c)^2} = 1 + 2(a-1) \frac{c}{(1+c)^2} \equiv \varphi(c) \geq \varphi(1) = \frac{1+a}{2} \geq \frac{1 + \mu_{\min}}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2},$$

which shows that the eigenvalues are outside the circle of center 0 and radius  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

# Alternative preconditioners for $\widehat{\Theta}_k$ (comparisons underway)

$L$  and  $U$ : triangular factor in the LU decomposition of  $A_{RK}^{-1}$  (with  $\text{diag}(U) = I_s$ )

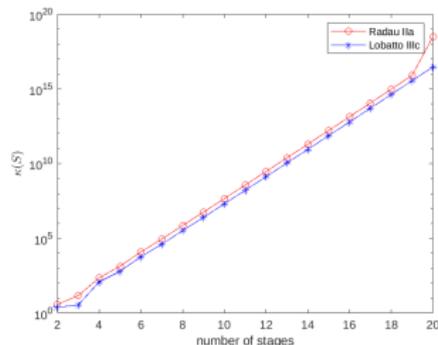
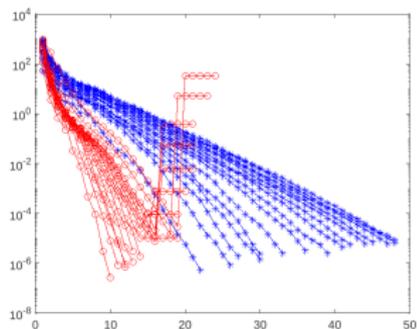
Spectral decomposition of  $L$  as

$$L = S\Lambda S^{-1}.$$

Munch-et-al's preconditioner is defined as

$$\mathbf{P}_{RK}^{-1} = (S \otimes I_n) (\Lambda \otimes M + \tau I_s \otimes K)^{-1} (S^{-1} \otimes I_n)$$

- **PRO**: Eigenvalue distribution of  $\mathbf{P}_{RK}^{-1} \widehat{\Theta}_k$  more favorable.
- **CON**: Matrix  $S$  exponentially ill-conditioned with the number of stages  $s$ .



Munch, Dravins, Kronbichler, Neytcheva

Stage-parallel fully implicit Runge-Kutta implementations with optimal multilevel preconditioners at the scaling limit

[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.48550/ARXIV.2209.06700](https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2209.06700)

# Approximate inversion of the Schur complement

Recalling the expression for  $S$ .

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} M & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & M \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_x} & & & \\ -I_{n_x} + \hat{X} & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -I_{n_x} + \hat{X} & I_{n_x} \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{S}},$$

Solving then for  $S$  requires multiplying by matrix

$$\hat{X} = \tau [b_1 I_{n_x} \quad \dots \quad b_s I_{n_x}] [I_s \otimes M + \tau A_{RK} \otimes K]^{-1} [e \otimes K]$$

which in its turn calls for (a GMRES) solution of  $n_t$  systems with  $\hat{\Theta}_H$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} - \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \nabla p = \vec{f}(x, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_f), \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_f), \\ \vec{v}(x, t) = \vec{g}(x, t) & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, t_f), \\ \vec{v}(x, 0) = \vec{v}_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

[click to go to the test](#)

After dividing the time interval  $[0, t_f]$  into  $n_t$  subintervals, the discretization of the Stokes equation by a Runge–Kutta method reads:

$$\begin{aligned} M_v v_{n+1} &= M_v v_n + \tau M_v \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_{in}^v & n = 0, \dots, n_t - 1, \\ M_p p_{n+1} &= M_p p_n + \tau M_p \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_{in}^p & n = 0, \dots, n_t - 1, \end{aligned}$$

The stages  $k_{in}^v$  and  $k_{in}^p$  are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} M_v k_{in}^v + K_v v_n + \tau K_v \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_{jn}^v + B^T p_n + \tau B^T \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_{jn}^p &= f_{in}, \\ B v_n + \tau B \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_{jn}^v &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

- $f_{in}$  accounts for the discretization of the source term,
- $K_v$  and  $M_v$  (resp.,  $K_p$  and  $M_p$ ) are the *vector*– (resp. *pressure*–) stiffness and mass matrices.
- $B$  ( $B^T$ ) is the discrete divergence (gradient) operator.

In matrix form, the system is, as before,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Phi & \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 & \Theta_S \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{with}$$

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & \dots & & \\ & \dots & \dots & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes M, \quad \Psi_2 = I_{n_t} \otimes \hat{\Psi}_2$$

$$\Psi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \\ & I_{n_t} \end{bmatrix} \otimes (\tau \mathbf{b}_{\text{RK}}^\top \otimes M), \quad \Theta_S = I_{n_t} \otimes \hat{\Theta}_S$$

where the blocks defined for each time-step are  $M = \begin{bmatrix} M_v & 0 \\ 0 & M_p \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$\hat{\Psi}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e} \otimes K_v & \mathbf{e} \otimes (B^\top) \\ \mathbf{e} \otimes B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{\Theta}_S = \begin{bmatrix} I_s \otimes M_v + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K_v & \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B^\top \\ \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying preconditioner  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} S & \Psi_1 \\ 0 & \Theta_S \end{bmatrix}$  rests on efficiently approximating block  $\hat{\Theta}_S$

$$\hat{\Theta}_S = \begin{bmatrix} I_s \otimes M_v + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K_v & \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B^T \\ \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Theta}_H & \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B^T \\ \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In order to solve for this matrix, we employ as a preconditioner

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_s \otimes M_v + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K_v & 0 \\ \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B & S_{\text{RK}} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Theta}_H & 0 \\ \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B & S_{\text{RK}} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$S_{\text{RK}} = -\tau^2 (A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B) \hat{\Theta}_H^{-1} (A_{\text{RK}} \otimes B^T).$$

Again we need an efficient strategy to solve a system with  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}}$ .

The (1,1) block in  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{RK}}$  is preconditioned as described before for the Heat equation.

$$S_{\text{RK}} = -\tau^2(A_{\text{RK}} \otimes I_{n_p})S_{\text{int}}(A_{\text{RK}} \otimes I_{n_p}).$$

where, using properties of the Kronecker product, we have defined

$$S_{\text{int}} = (I_s \otimes B)\hat{\Theta}_H^{-1}(I_s \otimes B^\top).$$

We approximate (precondition)  $S_{\text{int}}$  with

$$\tilde{S}_{\text{int}} := (I_s \otimes K_p)(I_s \otimes M_p + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K_p)^{-1}(I_s \otimes M_p).$$

employing the **block-commutator argument** derived independently in



**Leveque, Pearson**

Parameter-robust preconditioning for Oseen iteration applied to stationary and instationary Navier–Stokes control  
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**Danieli, Southworth, Wathen**

Space-time block preconditioning for incompressible flow  
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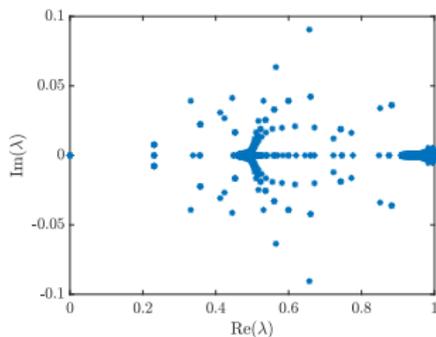
Then, our approximation of the Schur complement is given by

$$\tilde{S}_{\text{RK}} = -\tau^2(A_{\text{RK}} \otimes I_{n_p})\tilde{S}_{\text{int}}(A_{\text{RK}} \otimes I_{n_p}).$$

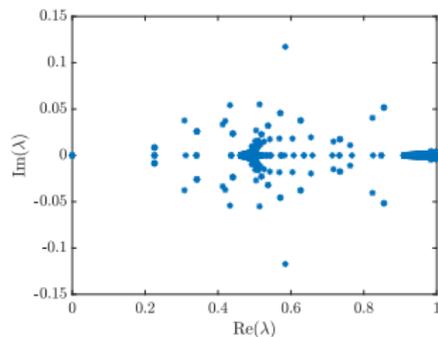
# How good is $\tilde{S}_{\text{RK}}$ as a preconditioner for $S_{\text{RK}}$ ?

Eigenvalues of  $\tilde{S}_{\text{RK}}^{-1} S_{\text{RK}}$

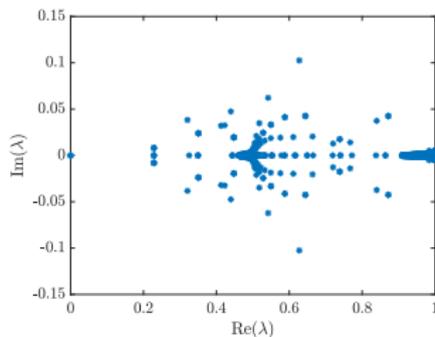
3-stages Gauss.



3-stages Lobatto IIIC.



3-stages Radau IIA.



$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{RK}} = \begin{bmatrix} U \otimes I_{n_v} & 0 \\ 0 & U \otimes I_{n_p} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{int}} \begin{bmatrix} V^T \otimes I_{n_v} & 0 \\ 0 & V^T \otimes I_{n_p} \end{bmatrix},$$

with

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{int}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_s \otimes M + \tau \Sigma \otimes K & 0 \\ \tau \Sigma \otimes B & -\tau^2 ((\Sigma V^T) \otimes I_{n_p}) \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{int}} ((U \Sigma) \otimes I_{n_p}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{int}} := (I_s \otimes K_p)(I_s \otimes M_p + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K_p)^{-1}(I_s \otimes M_p).$$

Solution of a system with  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{RK}}$  involves solution of a system with  $\hat{\Theta}_H$  and “inversion” of  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{RK}}$ .

$$\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{RK}}^{-1} = -\tau^{-2} ((U \Sigma) \otimes I_{n_p})^{-1} (I_s \otimes M_p^{-1})(I_s \otimes M_p + \tau A_{\text{RK}} \otimes K_p)(I_s \otimes K_p^{-1}) ((\Sigma V^T) \otimes I_{n_p})^{-1}$$

whose application to a vector is carried on by iterative solution of systems with  $M_p$  and  $K_p$ .

# Stokes equations: parallel all-at-once solve

Problem: time-dependent version of the *lid-driven cavity*

Initial condition  $\vec{v}(x, 0) = \vec{0}$

Flow described by the Stokes equations with  $\vec{f}(x, t) = \vec{0}$  and the following boundary conditions:

$$\vec{g}(x, t) = \begin{cases} [t, 0]^T & \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \times (0, 1), \\ [1, 0]^T & \text{on } \partial\Omega_1 \times [1, t_f], \\ [0, 0]^T & \text{on } (\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_1) \times (0, t_f). \end{cases}$$

We set  $\partial\Omega_1 := (-1, 1) \times \{1\}$ .

Simulations up to more than 200 time units.

- 2D examples.
- Discretizations:  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  FE for the heat equation; inf-sup stable Taylor–Hood  $Q_2$ – $Q_1$  for the Stokes equations.
- $\ell$  denotes the level of refinement:  $h = 2^{-\ell-1}$  ( $Q_1$ ),  $h = 2^{-\ell}$  ( $Q_2$ )
- Solution to mass matrices: 20 steps of Chebyshev semi-iteration
- Solution to stiffness/related matrices: Multigrid with 2 V-cycles of the HSL\_MI20 solver.
- FGMRES as the outer solver ( $10^{-8}$  tolerance on the relative residual)
- Linear systems with  $\Theta_H$  are solved with GMRES and maximum number of iterations 5 (Heat equation) 10 (Stokes equation).
- MATLAB R2018b, (1.70GHz Intel quad-core i5 processor with 8 GB RAM)

# Heat equation: All-at-once solver with Lobatto IIC methods

Test case with exact solution known.

$it$  = outer FGMRES iterations

$s$	$\ell$	Q <sub>1</sub>				Q <sub>2</sub>			
		DoF	it	CPU	$v_{error}$	DoF	it	CPU	$v_{error}$
2	4	11,025	6	1.7	3.56e-03	133,579	7	16	3.25e-04
	5	93,217	7	8.2	1.05e-03	1,528,065	8	162	4.56e-05
	6	766,017	7	58	2.71e-04	17,580,610	8	1979	4.64e-06
3	4	5625	6	1.1	1.28e-03	39,401	7	4.9	1.58e-05
	5	31,713	6	3.3	3.63e-04	257,985	7	27	2.59e-06
	6	194,481	7	16	8.27e-05	1,758,061	8	231	2.58e-07
4	4	4725	8	1.1	1.54e-03	29,791	9	7	1.57e-06
	5	29,791	10	4.7	3.53e-04	162,729	10	26	7.26e-08
	6	142,884	9	16.0	8.40e-05	983,869	9	157	3.71e-07
5	4	5625	9	1.7	1.54e-03	29,791	9	5.5	1.17e-06
	5	24,025	9	3.6	4.01e-04	146,853	10	25	5.30e-08
	6	123,039	9	15.0	9.64e-05	790,321	9	137	2.18e-07

# Heat equation: All-at-once solver with Radau IIA methods

$it$  = outer FGMRES iterations

$s$	$\ell$	$Q_1$				$Q_2$			
		DoF	$it$	CPU	$V_{error}$	DoF	$it$	CPU	$V_{error}$
2	4	5625	6	0.9	1.35e-03	47,089	7	5.2	2.51e-05
	5	38,440	6	3.0	3.46e-04	384,993	8	40	3.41e-06
	6	254,016	7	19	8.35e-05	3,112,897	8	351	5.71e-07
3	4	4725	7	0.9	1.46e-03	27,869	7	3.4	2.28e-06
	5	27,869	7	2.9	3.30e-04	178,605	8	21	2.24e-07
	6	130,977	7	11	1.03e-04	1,048,385	8	136	2.68e-08
4	4	4725	9	1.4	1.54e-03	24,986	10	4.7	1.12e-06
	5	24,986	10	4.0	3.77e-04	142,884	12	27	7.14e-08
	6	123,039	10	15	9.00e-05	741,934	12	159	1.34e-08
5	4	5625	10	1.9	1.54e-03	24,025	10	4.8	1.20e-06
	5	24,025	10	4.1	4.01e-04	146,853	9	22	3.15e-07
	6	123,039	10	17	9.65e-05	693,547	9	119	1.82e-07

**Comment:** satisfactory scalability with respect to both meshsize parameter  $\ell$  and number of stages.

# Comparisons with ParaDiag. Sequential

All-at-once solve of the Heat equation.

ParaDiag vs 5-stage Radau IIA methods – Q2 finite elements.

s	ParaDiag				5-stage Radau IIA			
	DOF	it	CPU	$v_{error}$	DOF	it	CPU	$v_{error}$
3	3825	4	0.1	2.26e-04	5625	10	1.1	1.92e-05
4	45,167	4	1.1	2.68e-05	24,025	9	3.7	1.21e-06
5	512,001	3	14	3.41e-06	146,853	10	32	7.59e-08
6	5,870,956	3	179	4.26e-07	693,547	10	176	1.08e-07
7	†	–	–	–	3,186,225	8	761	6.47e-07

For fine meshes the proposed solver outperforms ParaDIAG.

This is mainly due to the high order RK discretization which allows reduction of number of time-steps and hence the overall size of the system.



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# Parallel machine and efficiency indicators

The parallel code is written in Fortran 95 with pure MPI as the message passing protocol, and compiled with the `-O5` option.

**Computing machine:** [Marconi 100](#): IBM Power AC922 (located at CINECA, Bologna) with 980 computing nodes and 2x16 cores at 2.6(3.1) GHz on each node.

$T_{n_p}$  = CPU seconds when running the code on  $n_p$  processors.

Parallel efficiency measures: **Speedup**  $S_{n_p}$  and **Efficiency**  $E_{n_p}$ :

$$S_{n_p} = \frac{T_1}{T_{n_p}}, \quad E_{n_p} = \frac{S_{n_p}}{n_p} = \frac{T_1}{T_{n_p} n_p}.$$

$T_{n_p}^\Theta$  and  $T_{n_p}^S$   $\rightarrow$  approximate inversion of  $\Theta$  and  $S$  preconditioner blocks.

We approximate (from below)  $T_1$  time by setting  $T_1 := 2n_p T_{n_p}^\Theta$  since

$$T_1 \lesssim 2T_1^\Theta \lesssim 2n_p T_{n_p}^\Theta$$

Thus we **underestimate**  $T_1$  and also both  $S_{n_p}$  and  $E_{n_p}$ .

Uniform distribution of the data: each processor manages  $n_t/n_p$  timesteps.

To solve the system with  $\widehat{S}$  at every FGMRES iteration we employed the Parallel MGRIT: Xbraid with the following parameters

- Coarsening factor: `cfactor = 4`,
- Minimum coarse grid size: `min_coarse = 2`,
- Maximum number of iterations: `max_its = 1`.

Test cases (last column: number of FGMRES outer iterations)

#	Eq.	RK method	$T_f$	order FE RK	$n_t$	$\ell$	$s$	Total N dof	Its
1	Heat	Radau IIA	255.9	3 7	2048	8	4	2 674 140 160	<b>11</b>
2	Heat	Lobatto IIIC	2047.9	3 6	16384	7	4	5 326 913 024	<b>9</b>
3	Stokes	Radau IIA	386.8	2 5	2048	7	3	1 201 839 360	<b>13</b>
4	Stokes	Lobatto IIIC	510.7	2 6	2048	7	4	1 502 262 528	<b>19</b>

# Heat equation

Test case # 1

$p$	$T_{n_p}^\Theta$	$T_{n_p}^S$	$T_{n_p}$	$S_{n_p}$	$E_{n_p}$
64	14471	17536	32065	58	90%
128	7254	11717	19000	98	76%
256	3639	9511	13166	141	55%
512	1888	8419	10320	180	35%

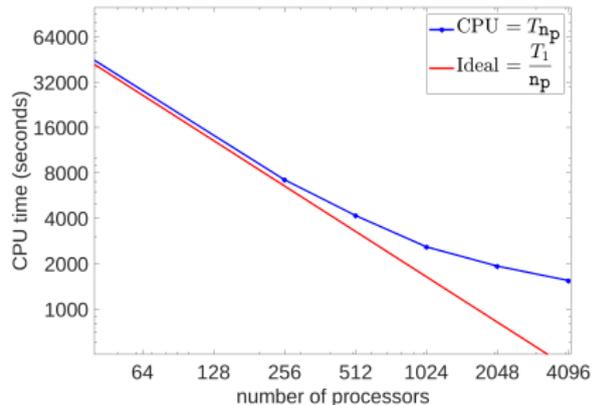
Test case # 2

256	3061	4103	7187	224	87%
512	1586	2568	4168	386	75%
1024	784	1785	2583	622	61%
2048	427	1485	1926	834	41%
4096	205	1334	1545	1040	25%

CPUs vs  $n_p$  for test case #2.

Blue line: real CPUs

Red line: ideal CPUs  
assuming 100% efficiency.



Parallel run with  $n_p = 4096$

1545 seconds

= 25 minutes

Sequential run (projected CPU)

288381 seconds

= 3 days 8 hours

# Results for the Stokes equation

Simulation of the Lid-Driven Cavity.

Each block of the preconditioner is approximately inverted with 10 GMRES (inner) iterations

(Outer) FGMRES is restarted after 20 iterations, with tolerance of  $10^{-6}$ .

*CPUs, speedups and parallel efficiencies for test case #3 (left) and #4 (right).*

$p$	$T_{n_p}^\ominus$	$T_{n_p}^S$	$T_{n_p}$	$S_{n_p}$	$E_{n_p}$	$T_{n_p}^\ominus$	$T_{n_p}^S$	$T_{n_p}$	$S_{n_p}$	$E_{n_p}$
64	10345	13540	23925	55	87%	21314	26696	48084	57	89%
128	5180	8898	14100	94	73%	10685	17521	28247	97	76%
256	2624	7228	9870	134	52%	5257	13921	19207	142	56%
512	1309	6288	7606	174	34%	2695	12375	15085	181	35%
	Radau IIIA					Lobatto IIC				

# State-of-the-art and Next steps

What we have achieved:

- Block triangular preconditioner based on the SVD of  $A_{RK}$  (no complex arithmetics!)
- In the Stokes problem this is combined with the block-commutator preconditioner.
- Robustness wrt space discretization parameter  $h$  and to the number of RK stages.
- Parallel solution of the block bidiagonal system successfully performed by MGRIT.
- High speedups and efficiencies up to a number of processors roughly  $n_t/4$ .

Future directions:

- Variable timestep implementation
- (Non trivial) extension to problems with nonsymmetric operators. Advection-diffusion, Navier-Stokes?
- Parallelization also in space (to handle finer space discretization).

- Our paper



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