# Robust coarse spaces for the boundary element method

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# Introduction

# **Boundary Integral Equation**

We want to solve a PDE in  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  using

#### Boundary Integral Equations (BIE)

- + Reformulation on  $\partial \Omega$  using its fundamental solution
- Non-local integral operators (pseudo-differential operators)
- Dense matrices using Galerkin approximation



#### Figure 1: Mesh of a cavity

# Implementation

#### Some practical difficulties

- Compression (*H*-matrices, FMM,SCSD,...)
- Parallelism and vectorization (MPI, OpenMP,...)
- $\implies$  Htool library by P.-H. Tournier and P.M. (available on GitHub **\overline{a}**)



- free and open-source
- $\cdot \sim$  460 commits
- +  $\sim$  6800 lines of C++

#### Figure 2: H-matrice for COBRA cavity

Volume domain decomposition THEN boundary integral

- PMCHWT formulation
- + Boundary Element Tearing and Interconnecting (BETI) method  $\rightarrow$  boundary element counterpart of the FETI methods
- Multitrace formulation

 $\rightarrow$  the local variant is equivalent to Optimal Schwarz Method for particular parameters^1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Claeys, Dolean, and M. Gander 2019; Claeys and Marchand 2018.

Boundary integral formulation THEN surface domain decomposition: Additive Schwarz Method (ASM).



**Figure 3:** Surface decomposition for COBRA cavity

- Two-level Schwarz preconditioners with coarse mesh<sup>2</sup>
- In our turn, we develop GenEO-type preconditioners

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Hahne and Stephan 1996; Heuer 1996; Stephan 1996; Tran and Stephan 1996.

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# Associated norms

$$\cdot \ \|\varphi\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)}^2 := \|\varphi\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\partial\Omega\times\partial\Omega} \frac{|\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \varphi(\mathbf{y})|^2}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^{d+1}} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

 $\cdot \|\varphi\|^2_{\widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma)} := \|E_{\Gamma}(\varphi)\|^2_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)}$ 

where  $E_{\Gamma}$  is the extension by zero.

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Fundamental solution

$$L(G) = \delta_0$$
 in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ 

Example of a fundamental solution

Laplacian in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\mathsf{G}(\mathbf{x}) := rac{1}{4\pi \|\mathbf{x}\|} \quad ext{ for } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}.$$

# Surface potentials

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# Dirichlet (resp. Neumann) problem

- Dirichlet data  $g_D \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma) \implies V(q) = g_D$  with  $V = \gamma_D \circ SL$
- Neumann data  $g_N \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \implies W(v) = g_N$  with  $W = \gamma_N \circ DL$

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Hypothesis: *a* is symmetric positive definite

#### Remarks

- Laplace equation on screens, Laplace equation with Dirichlet conditions on closed surface, Modified Helmholtz...
- Example of analytical expression for Laplacian in 3D:

$$\langle V(q), \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Gamma} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{4\pi \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|} q(\mathbf{y}) \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \, \mathrm{ds}_{\mathbf{y}} \, \mathrm{ds}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

• Condition number for the linear system associated with the preceding bilinear form and obtained with finite element:

$$\kappa(\mathbf{V}) \leq Ch^{-1}.$$

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- $\implies$  preconditioning techniques:  $PA_hu_h = Pf$

# **Domain Decomposition Methods**



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 $\widetilde{\Gamma}_1$ 

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# Notations

#### Subdomains

- $\mathsf{dof}_{h,p} \subset \{1, \dots, N\}$
- $\widetilde{\Gamma}_{p} := \cup_{j \in \mathsf{dof}_{h,p}} \operatorname{supp}(\varphi_{j})$
- $\cdot \ \ \Gamma_p := \widetilde{\Gamma}_p \setminus \cup_{j \notin \mathsf{dof}_{h,p}} \mathsf{supp}(\varphi_j) \subset \widetilde{\Gamma}_p$

# Decomposition

- Number of unknowns in the subdomain p:  $N_p$ ,
- Extension by zero:  $\mathbf{R}_p^{\mathsf{T}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N_p}$ ,
- Restriction matrices:  $\mathbf{R}_p$
- Partition of unity: diagonal matrices  $\mathbf{D}_p \in \mathbb{R}^{N_p \times N_p}$  s.t.

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{D}_{p} \mathbf{R}_{p} = \mathbf{I}_{d}.$$

# Preconditioners for BEM

#### Additive Schwarz Preconditioner<sup>3</sup>

$$\mathbf{P}_{ASM} = \mathbf{R}_0^T (\mathbf{R}_0 \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{R}_0^T)^{-1} \mathbf{R}_0 + \sum_{p=1}^n \mathbf{R}_p^T (\mathbf{R}_p \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{R}_p^T)^{-1} \mathbf{R}_p$$

- +  $Z = R_0^T \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N_0}$ , an interpolation operator from the coarse space to the finite element space
- $\cdot$  The coarse space  $\mathcal{V}_{h,0}$  is spanned by the columns of Z

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Widlund and Dryja 1987.

#### Hypotheses of the Fictitious Space lemma<sup>4</sup>

(H1) 
$$\|\sum_{p=0}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{p}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{p}\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2} \leq c_{R} \sum_{p=0}^{n} \|\mathbf{R}_{p}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{p}\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2} \quad \forall (\mathbf{u}_{h}^{p})_{p=0}^{n} \in \prod_{p=0}^{n} \mathbb{C}^{N_{p}},$$
  
(H2) For  $\mathbf{u}_{h} \in V_{h}$ , how can we define  $(\mathbf{u}_{h}^{p})_{p=0}^{n} \in \prod_{p=0}^{n} \mathbb{C}^{N_{p}}$  s.t.  
 $\mathbf{u}_{h} = \sum_{p=0}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{p}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{p}$  and

$$c_T \sum_{p=0}^n \|\mathbf{R}_p^T \mathbf{u}_h^p\|_{\mathbf{A}_h}^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbf{A}_h}^2,$$

Result

$$\operatorname{cond}_2(\mathbf{P}_{ASM}\mathbf{A}_h) \leq \frac{c_R}{c_T}.$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Nepomnyaschikh 1992.

#### Lemmas

#### Lemma (Sauter and Schwab 2011, Lemma 4.1.49 (b))

For  $(u_p)_{1 \le p \le n} \in \prod_{p=1}^{n} \widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\widetilde{\Gamma}_p)$ , we have the following inequality:

$$\left\|\sum_{p=1}^{n} E_{\widetilde{\Gamma}_{p}}(u_{p})\right\|_{\widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma)}^{2} \lesssim \sum_{p=1}^{n} \|u_{p}\|_{\widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\widetilde{\Gamma}_{p})}^{2}.$$

# Proof for (H1) $\left\|\sum_{p=0}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{p}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{p}\right\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2} \lesssim \|\mathbf{R}_{0}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{0}\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2} + \underbrace{\left\|\sum_{p=1}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{p}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{p}\right\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2}}_{\lesssim \sum_{p=1}^{n} \|\mathbf{R}_{p}^{T} \mathbf{u}_{h}^{p}\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2}}$

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We introduce the following eigenvalue problem: find  $(\lambda_k^p, \mathbf{v}_k^p)$  s.t.

$$\mathbf{D}_{p}\mathbf{R}_{p}\mathbf{A}_{h}\mathbf{R}_{p}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{D}_{p}\mathbf{v}_{k}^{p}=\lambda_{k}^{p}\mathbf{B}_{p}\mathbf{v}_{k}^{p},$$

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#### Theorem

With the previous coarse space, there exists  $C_{\Gamma}>0$  independent of the meshsize and the number of subdomains such that

 $\operatorname{cond}_2(\mathbf{P}_{ASM}\mathbf{A}_h) < C_{\Gamma}\tau.$ 

# Concrete coarse spaces: three possibilities

For the hypersingular operator W (s = 1/2):

(i) Continuous injection

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} \|u_{h}\|_{\mathbf{\Gamma}_{p}}\|_{L^{2}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{p})}^{2} \lesssim \|u_{h}\|_{L^{2}(\mathbf{\Gamma})}^{2} \lesssim \|u_{h}\|_{\widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\mathbf{\Gamma})}^{2} \simeq \|\mathbf{u}_{h}\|_{\mathbf{A}_{h}}^{2}.$$

(ii) Inverse inequality<sup>6</sup>:

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} \|h_{\mathcal{T}} \nabla u|_{\Gamma_p}\|_{L^2(\Gamma_p)}^2 \lesssim \|h_{\mathcal{T}} \nabla u_h\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}^2 \lesssim \|u_h\|_{\widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma)}^2 \simeq \|\mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbf{A}_h}^2,$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the mesh and  $h_{\mathcal{T}}|_{\mathcal{T}} = |\mathcal{T}|^{1/(d-1)}$  for every mesh element  $\mathcal{T}$ .

(iii) H<sup>1/2</sup> – localization

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} \underbrace{\langle V_p^{-1} u_h, u_h \rangle_{\widetilde{H}^{-1/2}(\Gamma_p) \times H^{1/2}(\Gamma_p)}}_{(\underline{M_p V_p^{-1} M_p u_h, u_h}) \leq} \stackrel{?}{\lesssim} \sum_{p=1}^{n} \|u_h|_{\Gamma_p}\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)}^2 \lesssim \|u_h\|_{\widetilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma)}^2 \simeq \|u_h\|_{A_h}^2,$$

# Numerical simulations

#### 2D test case

- Problem:  $-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = 0$  with  $\gamma_N u = 100 * (x 1.5)^2$
- ·  $A_h$  is compressed using a  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrix
- + Parameters: 24000 P1 elements, au= 60
- Supercomputer: Occigen (64th in TOP500)
- Solution for  $\kappa = 1$

![](_page_44_Figure_6.jpeg)

**Figure 4:** Solution of  $-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = 0$  with  $\gamma_N u = 100 * (x - 1.5)^2$ 

# Spectra

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Strong scaling 2D

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Figure 5:** Number of iterations in function of the number of subdomain with CG (right) and GMRes (left) for  $\kappa = 0.1$ 

**Remark:** 656 iterations without preconditioner for CG and 450 for GMRes.

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Figure 6:** Mean local contribution (left) and size of the coarse space (right) in function of the number of subdomains for  $\kappa = 0.1$ 

# Implementation

- C++ libraries available on GitHub **O**:
  - https://github.com/xclaeys/BemTool by X. Claeys,
    - BEM library for Laplace, Helmholtz, Yukawa and Maxwell matrices in 2D and 3D.
  - https://github.com/PierreMarchand20/htool by P.-H. Tournier and P. M.,
    - Hierarchical matrices (*H*-matrices),
    - Parallelized assembly, *H*-matrice/vector and *H*-matrice/matrice products using MPI and OpenMP,
    - DDM preconditioners with HPDDMs.
  - https://github.com/hpddm/hpddm by P. Jolivet and F. Nataf,
    - Various iterative solvers and block solvers,
    - DDM preconditioners,
    - Support for dense/compressed matrices recently added.

- Theoretical results about a new coarse space for DDM preconditioner applied to BEM matrices for the hypersingular operator
- Implementation available using Htool and HPDDM (which can be interfaced with your own code)
- $\implies$  article to be submitted and Htool integrated in Freefem++

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# Weak scaling 2D

![](_page_52_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Figure 7:** Number of iterations in function of the number of subdomain with CG (right) and GMRes (left) for  $\kappa = 0.1$ 

Remark: We have 750 degrees of freedom for each subdomain.

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Figure 8:** Mean local contribution (left) and size of the coarse space (right) in function of the number of subdomains for  $\kappa = 0.1$ 

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