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# Acquired clustering properties of certain saddle point systems and applications

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- Computational Fluid Dynamics (Elman, Silvester, Wathen 2005)
- Elasticity problems
- Mixed (FE) formulations of II and IV order elliptic PDEs
- Linearly Constrained Programs
- Linear Regression in Statistics
- Image restoration and registration
- ... **Survey:** Benzi, Golub and Liesen, Acta Num 2005

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Hypotheses:

- ★  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  symmetric
- ★  $B^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  tall,  $m \leq n$
- ★  $C$  symmetric positive (semi)definite

More hypotheses later on specific problems...

## Outline

- Approximating the Schur complement
- Facing a spectral difficulty
- Fix during the iterative solve
- Application to
  - A Stokes type problem
  - A PDE-constrained problem

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If  $\text{spec}(\mathcal{M}) \subset [-a, -b] \cup [c, d]$ , with  $|b - a| = |d - c|$ , then

$$\|b - \mathcal{M}x_{2k}\| \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{ad} - \sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{ad} + \sqrt{bc}} \right)^k \|b - \mathcal{M}x_0\|$$

**Note:** more general but less tractable bounds available

## Spectral properties

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & O \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 < \lambda_n \leq \dots \leq \lambda_1 \quad \text{eigs of } A \\ 0 < \sigma_m \leq \dots \leq \sigma_1 \quad \text{sing. vals of } B \end{array}$$

$\text{spec}(\mathcal{M})$  subset of (Rusten & Winther 1992)

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some extremes still valid for  $\lambda_n = 0$

## Block diagonal Preconditioner

★  $A$  nonsing.,  $C = 0$ :

$$\mathcal{P}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & BA^{-1}B^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{P}_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-\frac{1}{2}} B^T (BA^{-1}B^T)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ (BA^{-1}B^T)^{-\frac{1}{2}} BA^{-\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

MINRES converges in at most 3 iterations.  $\text{spec}(\mathcal{P}_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{P}_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = \{1, \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{5})\}$

A more practical choice:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{spd.} \quad \tilde{A} \approx A \quad \tilde{S} \approx BA^{-1}B^T$$

spectrum in  $[-a, -b] \cup [c, d]$ ,  $a, b, c, d > 0$

## Approximating the Schur complement

$$\tilde{S} \approx BA^{-1}B^T$$

$\tilde{S}$  **optimal**<sup>a</sup> approximation when  $\text{spec}(BA^{-1}B^T\tilde{S}^{-1})$  well clustered

Typical choices for  $\tilde{S}$  :

- Incomplete Cholesky fact. of  $BA^{-1}B^T$
- Algebraic/Geometric Multigrid method
- Operator-based approximation
- ...

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<sup>a</sup>With some abuse of language

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Possibly: well clustered eigs are mesh-independent

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- Can we eliminate this influence?

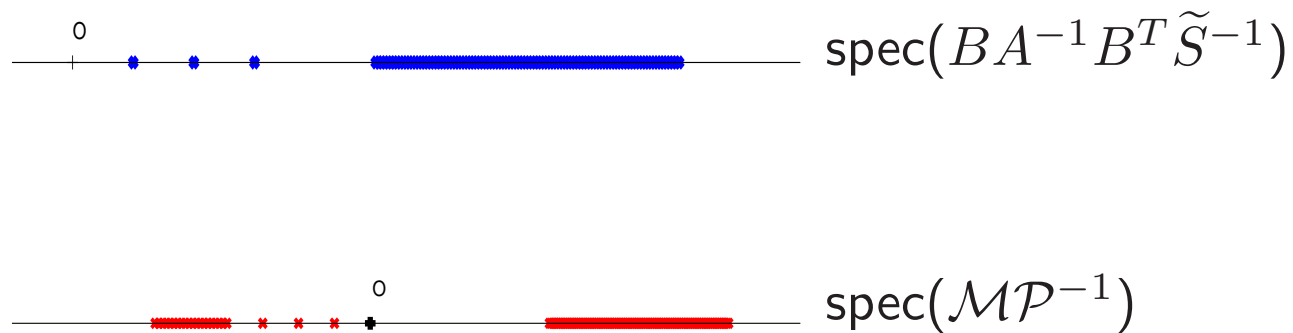
All answers in the affirmative...



## The role of $\tilde{S}$

Claim:

The presence of outliers in  $BA^{-1}B^T\tilde{S}^{-1}$  is accurately inherited by the preconditioned matrix  $\mathcal{M}\mathcal{P}^{-1}$



## Spectral intervals of preconditioned problem

$$\text{spec}(A\tilde{A}^{-1}): \quad 0 < \gamma_1 \leq \dots \leq \gamma_n$$

$$\text{spec}(BA^{-1}B^T\tilde{S}^{-1}): \quad 0 < \mu_1 \leq \dots \leq \mu_m$$

Assume that for some  $\ell \ll m$ :

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for some  $\varepsilon_0, c_0$ .

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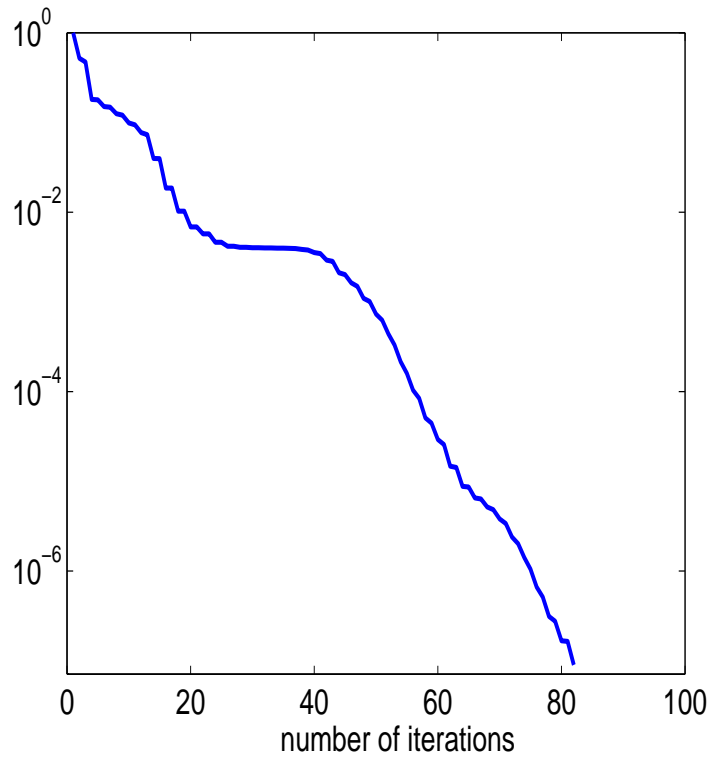
$$0 < \mu_1 \leq \dots \leq \mu_\ell \leq \varepsilon_0 \ll c_0 < \mu_{\ell+1} \leq \dots \leq \mu_m$$

for some  $\varepsilon_0, c_0$ . Then  $\text{spec}(\mathcal{M}\mathcal{P}^{-1})$  is contained in:

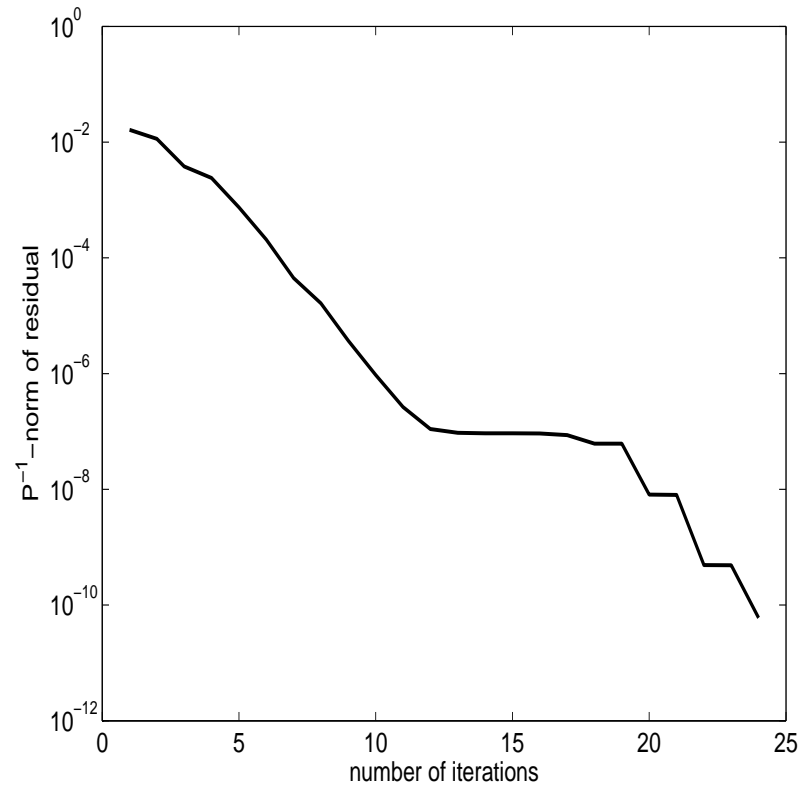
$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \gamma_1 - \sqrt{\gamma_1^2 + 4\gamma_n\mu_m} \right), \frac{1}{2} \left( \gamma_n - \sqrt{\gamma_n^2 + 4\gamma_1\mu_{\ell+1}} \right) + \sqrt{\varepsilon_0\gamma_n} \right] \\ & \cup \left[ \gamma_1, \frac{1}{2} \left( \gamma_n + \sqrt{\gamma_n^2 + 4\gamma_n\mu_m} \right) \right] \cup \underbrace{\left[ -\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\gamma_n}, \gamma_n - \sqrt{\gamma_n^2 + 4\gamma_1\mu_1} \right]}_{I_\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

For sufficiently small  $\varepsilon_0$  at most  $\ell$  eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{M}\mathcal{P}^{-1}$  are in  $I_\varepsilon$

## Effect on MINRES convergence



Stokes-type problem



Monge-Kantorovich problem

## Eliminating the stagnation phase: “Deflated” MINRES

Consider  $\underbrace{L^{-1}\mathcal{M}L^{-T}}_{\widehat{\mathcal{M}}}\hat{u} = \hat{b}, \quad \mathcal{P} = LL^T$

Let  $Y$  be an approximate eigenbasis of  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$ .

\* **Approximation space:** Augmented Lanczos sequence

$$v_{j+1} \perp \text{span}\{Y, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_j\}, \quad \|v_{j+1}\| = 1$$

obtained by standard Lanczos method with coeff.matrix

$$\mathcal{G} := \widehat{\mathcal{M}} - \widehat{\mathcal{M}}Y(Y^T\widehat{\mathcal{M}}Y)^{-1}Y^T\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, \quad \text{giving } K_j(\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, Y, v_1)$$

\* **MINimal RESidual method:**

$$r_j = \hat{b} - \widehat{\mathcal{M}}\hat{u}_j \perp \mathcal{G}K_j(\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, Y, v_1)$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{u}_j$  obtained with a short-term recurrence

## Augmented MINRES (“Stanford” style)

Given  $\mathcal{M}, b$ , maxit, tol,  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $Y$  with orthonormal columns

$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{Y}^T \mathcal{M} \mathbf{Y})^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{b}$  starting approx,  $r = b - \mathcal{M}u$ ,  $r_1 = r$ ,  $y = \mathcal{P}^{-1}r$ , etc while ( $i < \text{maxit}$ )

$$i = i + 1 \quad v = y/\beta;$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{M}\mathbf{v} - \mathcal{M}\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{Y}^T \mathcal{M} \mathbf{Y})^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathcal{M}\mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{if } i \geq 2, \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} - (\beta/\beta_0)r_1$$

$$\alpha = v^T \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} - r_2 \alpha / \beta$$

$$r_1 = r_2, \quad r_2 = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{P}^{-1}r_2$$

$$\beta_0 = \beta, \quad \beta = \sqrt{r_2^T \mathbf{y}}$$

$$e_0 = e, \quad \delta = c\bar{d} + s\alpha \quad \bar{g} = s\bar{d} - c\alpha \quad e = s\beta \quad \bar{d} = -c\beta$$

$$\gamma = \|\bar{g}, \beta\| \quad c = \bar{g}/\gamma, \quad s = \beta/\gamma, \quad \phi = c\bar{\phi}, \quad \bar{\phi} = s\bar{\phi}$$

$$w_1 = w_2, \quad w_2 = w$$

$$w = (v - e_0 w_1 - \delta w_2) \gamma^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{Y}^T \mathcal{M} \mathbf{Y})^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathcal{M} \mathbf{w} \phi$$

$$u = u - \mathbf{g} + \phi w$$

$$\zeta = \chi_1/\gamma, \quad \chi_1 = \chi_2 - \delta z, \quad \chi_2 = -e\zeta$$

Check preconditioned residual norm ( $\bar{\phi}$ ) for convergence

end

Stokes type problem with variable viscosity in  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbf{div} \nu(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f} & \text{in } \Omega, \\ -\mathbf{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

with  $0 < \nu_{\min} \leq \nu(\mathbf{x}) \leq \nu_{\max} < \infty$ . (Here,  $\nu(\mathbf{x}) = 2\mu + \frac{\tau_s}{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})|^2}}$ )

$\mathbf{u}$  : velocity vector field       $p$  : pressure

$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\mathbf{u} + \nabla^T\mathbf{u})$  rate of deformation tensor;

Prec.  $S$ : pressure mass matrix wrto weighted product  $(\nu^{-1}\cdot, \cdot)_{L^2(\Omega)}$

## Experiments with Bercovier-Engelman model of the Bingham viscoplastic fluid

- \* One zero pressure mode (eigvec easy to approx)
- \* One small eigenvalue of precon'd Schur Complement

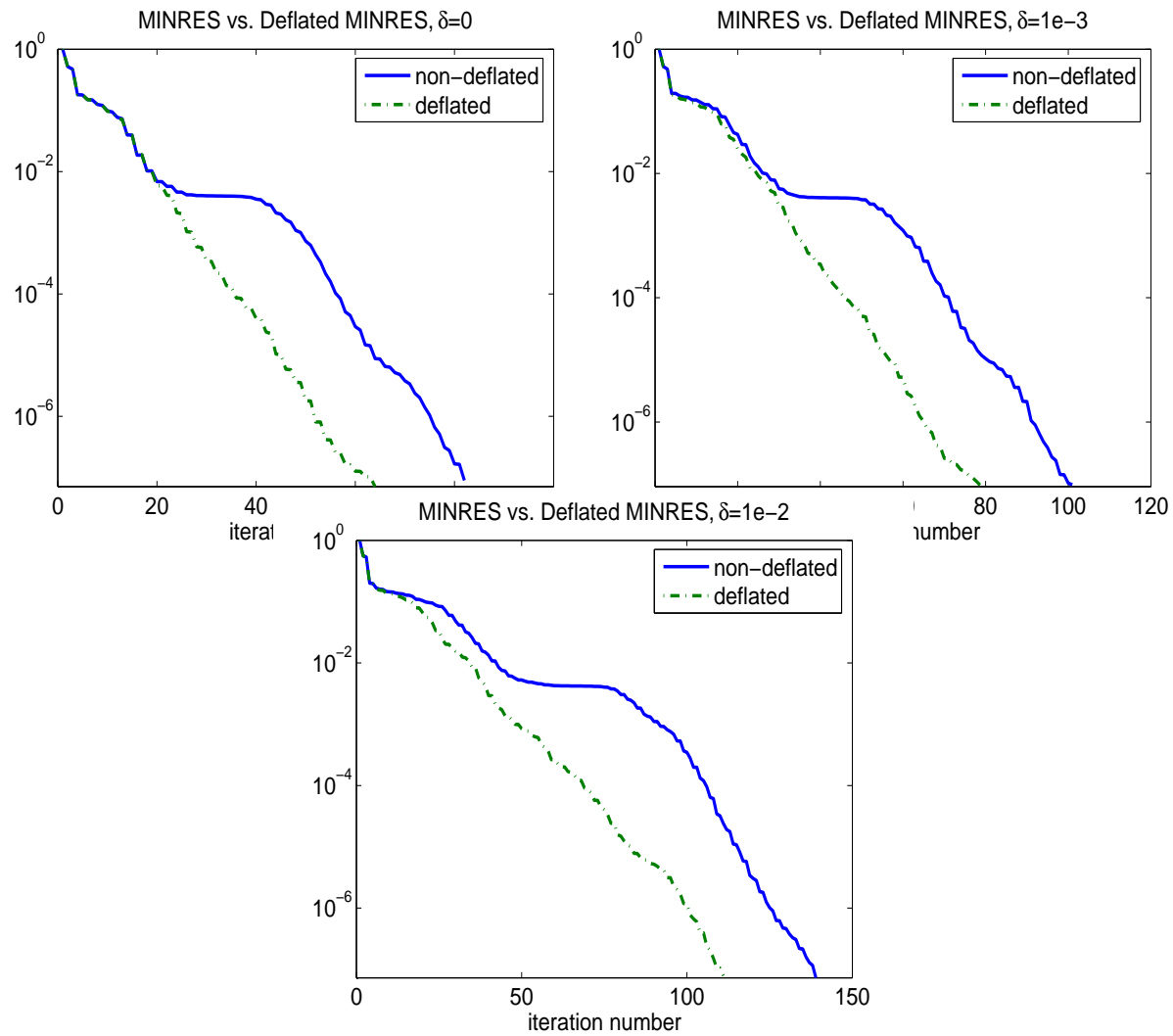
⇒ rough eigvec approximation :  $\{\tilde{u}_2, \tilde{p}_2\}^T \approx \{u_2, p_2\}^T$

$$\tilde{p}_2 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} - \tau_s \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2} + \tau_s, \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq y < \frac{1}{2} - \tau_s, \\ -1 & \text{if } 1 \geq y > \frac{1}{2} + \tau_s, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{u}_2 = -\tilde{A}^{-1} B^T \tilde{p}_2$$

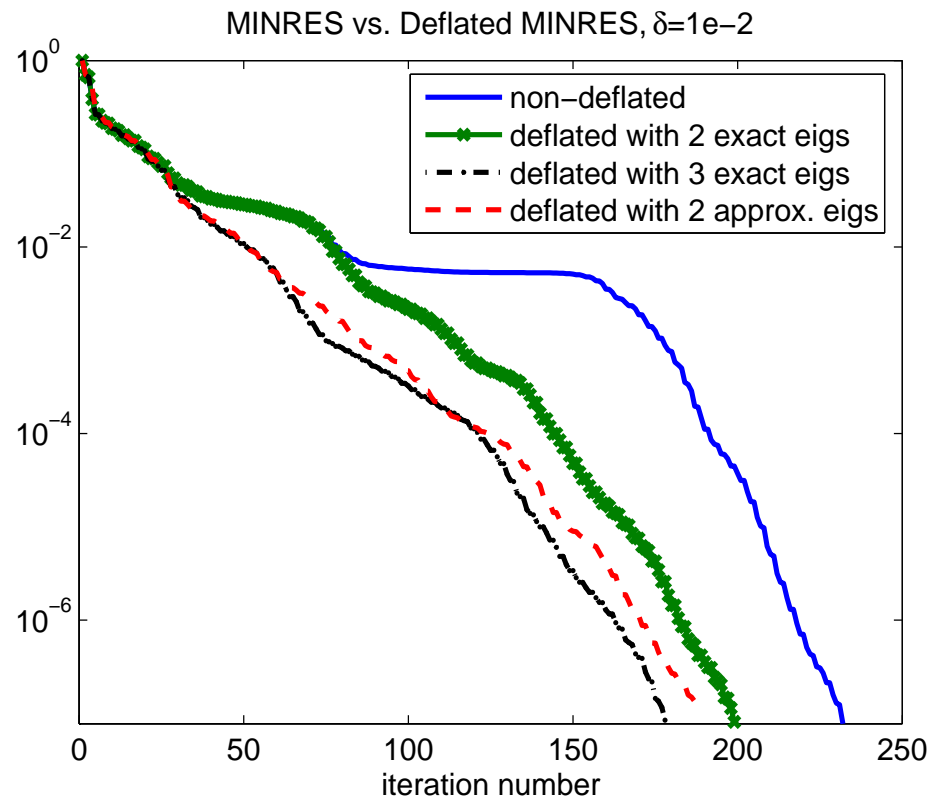


# Bercovier-Engelman model of the Bingham viscoplastic fluid

$$\tilde{A} = IC(A, \delta)$$



## Exact and approximate eigenvectors



Here  $\tilde{A} = IC(A, 10^{-2})$  poor approximation  $\Rightarrow$  one small positive eig

## A parameter identification problem

$$\min_q \frac{1}{2} \|F(q) - z\|^2 + \alpha \mathcal{J}_{reg}(q) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(q)u \equiv -\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla u) = f \quad (2)$$

(2): model for groundflow

$u$ : fluid pressure       $\sigma(x)$ : (spatially dep.) hydraulic conductivity

$f(x)$ : in/out-going fluid (incompressible flows)

Parameter of interest:       $q(x) = \log(\sigma(x))$ , obs from soln:  $u_{obs} = Cu$

(1):  $F(q) = C\mathcal{B}(q)^{-1}f$  (parameter-to-obs map, non-linear function)

$\mathcal{J}_{reg}$  regularization functional (e.g. total variation)

## PDE-constrained formulation

$$\min_{q,u} \frac{1}{2} \|Cu - z\|^2 + \alpha \mathcal{J}_{reg}(q)$$
$$\mathcal{B}(q)u - f = 0.$$

Space discretization + inexact Newton method provide linear systems:

$$\begin{bmatrix} H & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_v \\ -L_\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$H$ : Hessian of the operator

$B$ : Jacobian of the constraint

$v = [q, u]$  variables,       $\lambda$ : Lagrange multipliers

## A similar setting: Monge-Kantorovich mass transfer problem

Pb: Given two density functions  $u_0$  and  $u_T$  on the set  $\Omega$ , find an “optimal” mapping from  $u_0$  to  $u_T$

Formulation (time in  $[0, T]$ ):

$$\min_{u, m} \frac{1}{2} \|u(T, \mathbf{x}) - u_T(\mathbf{x})\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha T \int_{\Omega} \int_0^T u \|m\|^2 dt d\mathbf{x}$$

*s.t.*  $u_t + \nabla \cdot (um) = 0, \quad u(0, \mathbf{x}) = u_0$

$u(t, \mathbf{x})$ : density field       $m(t, \mathbf{x})$ : velocity field

*A preconditioning technique for a class of PDE-constrained optimization problems*

M. BENZI, E. HABER AND L. TARALLI, Adv. in Comput. Math. '10

A similar setting: Monge-Kantorovich mass transfer problem

Time and space discretization + Gauss-Newton approximation on the Lagrangian

Sequence of “Newton step-depending” linear systems:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q^T Q & 0 & B_1^T \\ 0 & L & B_2^T \\ B_1 & B_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}_k \\ \tilde{m}_k \\ \tilde{p}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $Q^T Q$  diagonal and highly singular,  $L > 0$  diagonal

$B_2$  rank deficient

## Reduced order problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q^T Q & 0 & B_1^T \\ 0 & L & B_2^T \\ B_1 & B_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}_k \\ \tilde{m}_k \\ \tilde{p}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

into

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q^T Q & B_1^T \\ B_1 & -B_2 L^{-1} B_2^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}_k \\ \tilde{p}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_2 \\ \tilde{b}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Both  $Q^T Q$ ,  $B_2 L^{-1} B_2^T$  pos. semi-definite,  $B_1$  square nonsing.

## Augmented Block Diagonal Preconditioning

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} Q^T Q & B_1^T \\ B_1 & -B_2 L^{-1} B_2^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Both diagonal blocks are singular. Augmented preconditioning:

$$\mathcal{P}_{ad} = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & C(D) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{array}{l} D > 0 \\ C(D) \approx B_2 L^{-1} B_2^T + B_1 D^{-1} B_1^T \end{array}$$

Work in Progress



## Exact preconditioner

$$\mathcal{P}_{ad} = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 L^{-1} B_2^T + B_1 D^{-1} B_1^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} D &= Q^T Q + \gamma \mathcal{N}(Q^T Q) \\ \gamma &= \|L\| \end{aligned}$$

$n_x$	$n_t$	$n$	#	CPU time	$n_x$	$n_t$	$n$	#	CPU time
20	20	8000	14	8.17	30	10	9000	21	34.16
25	25	15625	15	33.31	40	20	32000	21	376.54
30	30	27000	16	109.25	50	20	50000	-	-
35	35	42875	16	309.97					
40	40	64000	-	-					

## Practical preconditioner

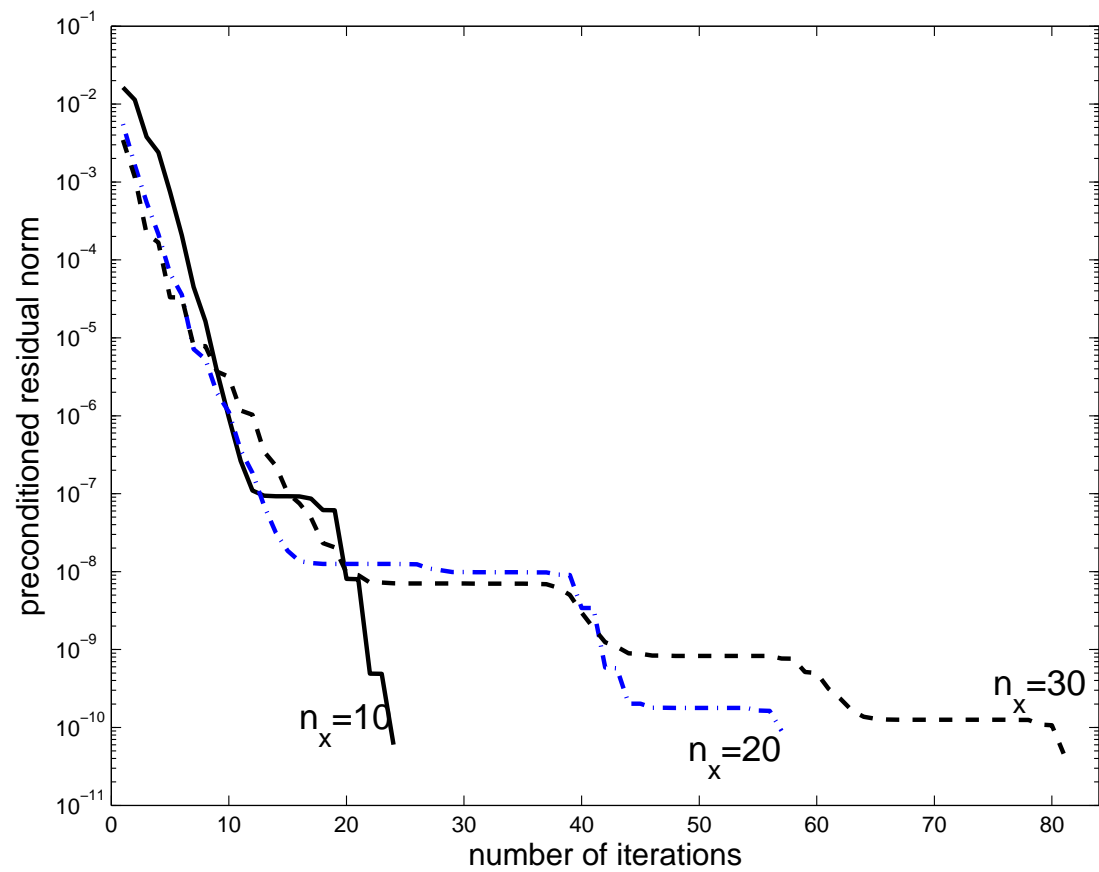
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$$D: \quad D = Q^T Q + \gamma \mathcal{N}(Q^T Q), \quad \gamma = \|L\|$$

$C(D)$ : Algebraic Multigrid of  $B_2 L^{-1} B_2^T + B_1 D^{-1} B_1^T$

(routine HSL\_MI20)

## Numerical results with practical $\mathcal{P}_{ad}$



## Approximate smallest eigenvalues

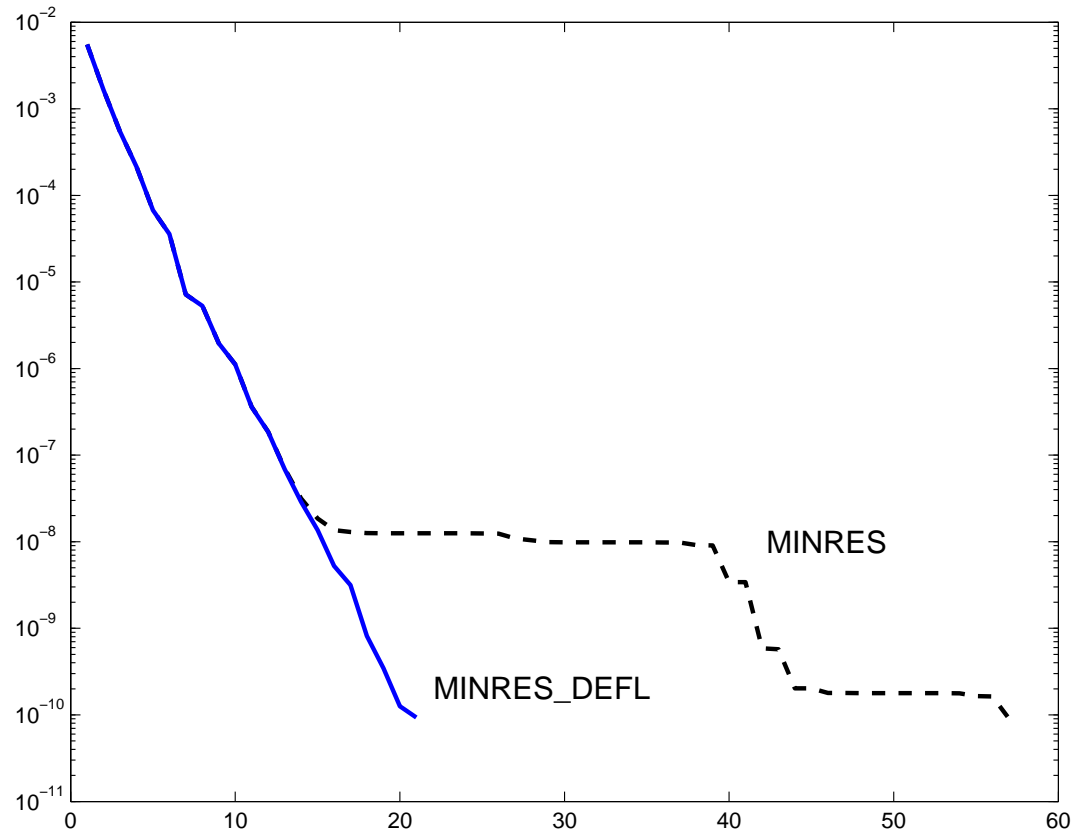
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Eigs of “preconditioned augmented Schur complement”

$$\text{spec}((B_2L^{-1}B_2^T + B_1D^{-1}B_1^T)C(D)^{-1})$$

approx $\lambda_i$	$n_x = 10$	$n_x = 20$	$n_x = 30$
i=1	<b>9.4632e-04</b>	<b>1.7676e-05</b>	<b>1.3247e-05</b>
i=2	<b>9.4999e-04</b>	<b>1.8274e-05</b>	<b>1.3937e-05</b>
i=3	8.5302e-01	<b>1.5449e-04</b>	<b>4.6116e-05</b>
i=4	8.5400e-01	<b>1.5484e-04</b>	<b>4.6200e-05</b>
i=5	8.5722e-01	6.2973e-01	3.7707e-01
i=6	8.5752e-01	6.3079e-01	3.7791e-01
i=7	8.6410e-01	6.6089e-01	3.8408e-01
i=8	8.6825e-01	6.6091e-01	3.8409e-01
i=9	8.7875e-01	6.6557e-01	4.0425e-01
i=10	8.8097e-01	6.6674e-01	4.0514e-01

## Augmented/Deflated MINRES



Approximation:

50 its of Arnoldi method of precon'd Schur complement  
(at first Newton step)

## Complete timings

$n$	$\mathcal{P}_{ad}$		$\mathcal{P}_{ad}$ w/AMG		$\mathcal{P}_{ad}$ w/AMG+DEFL		
	# its	time	# its	time	# its	time	
1000	12	0.19	24	0.29	17	0.26	+ 0.52, 2 eigs
3375	13	1.28	52	1.43	25	0.80	+ 1.53, 5 eigs
8000	14	8.17	57	4.64	21	1.95	+ 4.51, 4 eigs
15625	15	33.31	85	14.64	36	6.68	+ 9.57, 5 eigs
27000	16	109.25	81	28.37	28	10.61	+19.03, 4 eigs
42875	16	309.97	122	65.82	47	27.33	+29.82, 5 eigs
64000	-		90	88.63	37	37.82	+52.23, 4 eigs

## Conclusions

- Construction of Schur complement type preconditioner is spectrally crucial
- An effective way to overcome an “isolated” difficulty

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