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# Models, Math, Data, and Computing - Computational Science at USI

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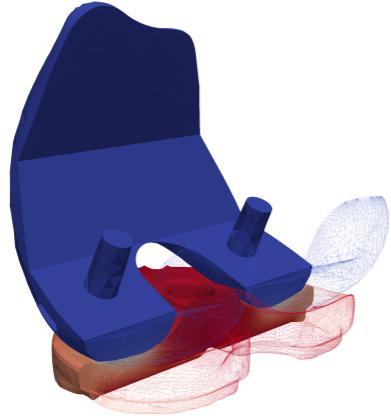
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# Models, Methods, Applications

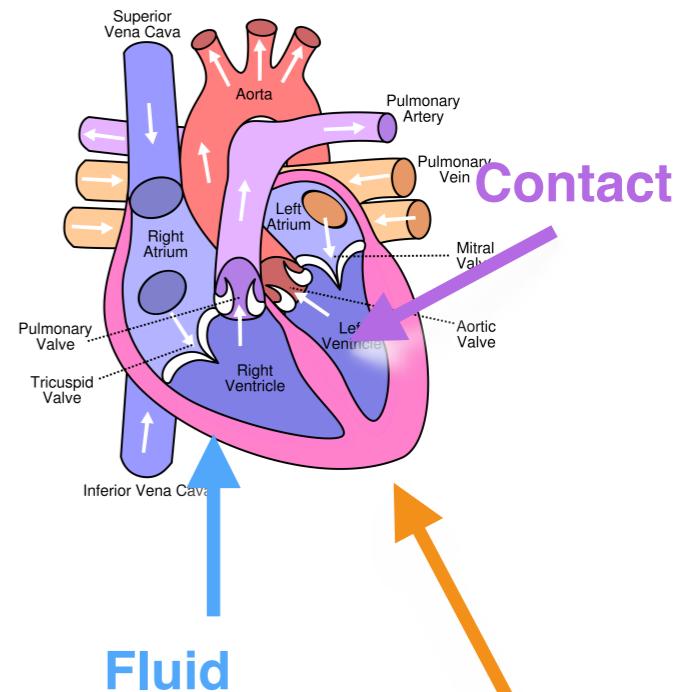
## Computational Mechanics



## High-performance computing



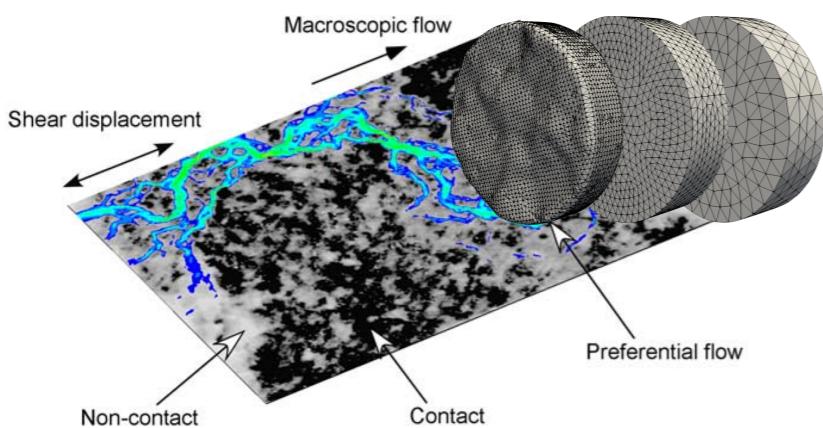
## Computational Medicine



Abstraction  
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## Computational Geophysics

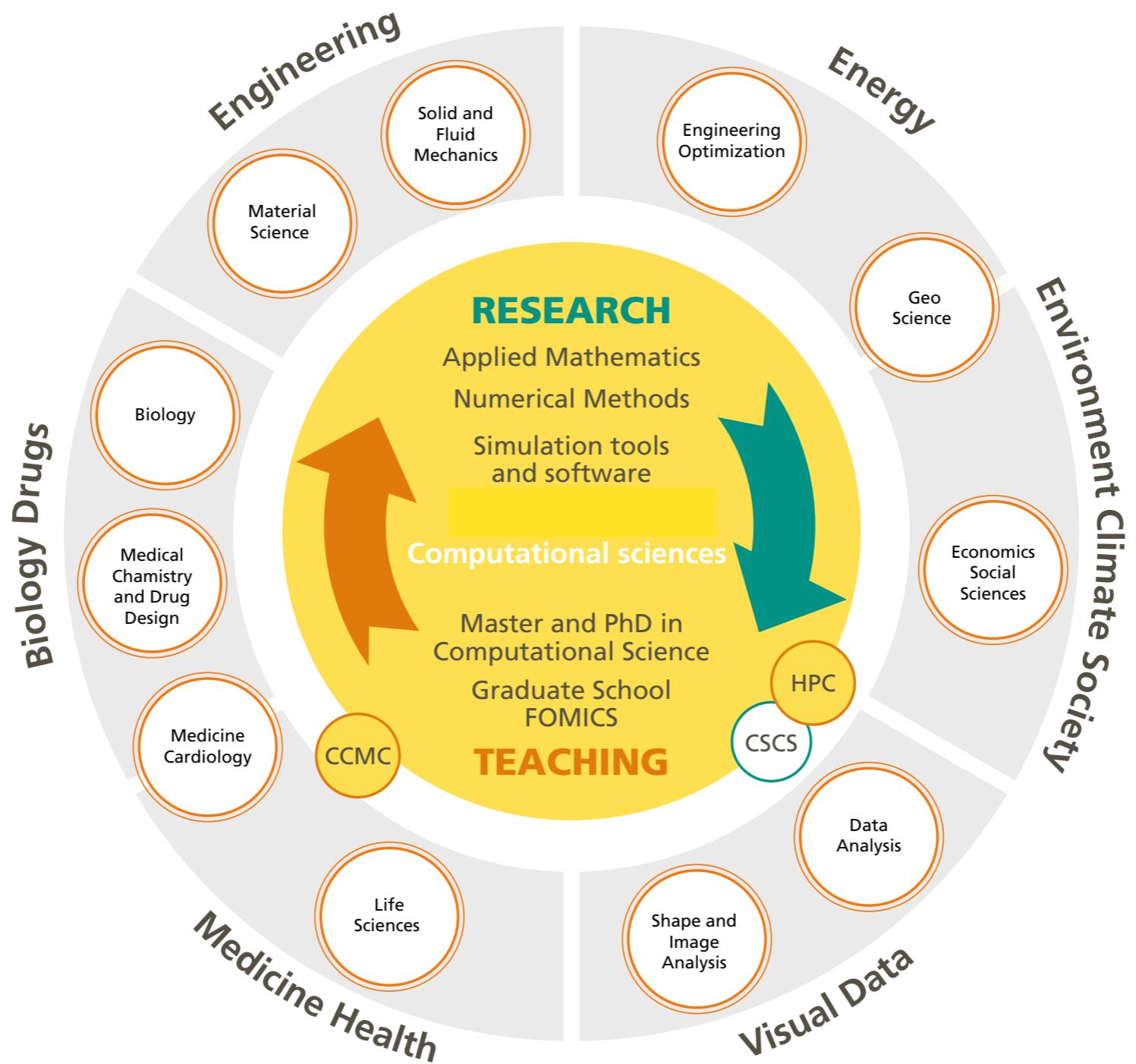


## Machine Learning



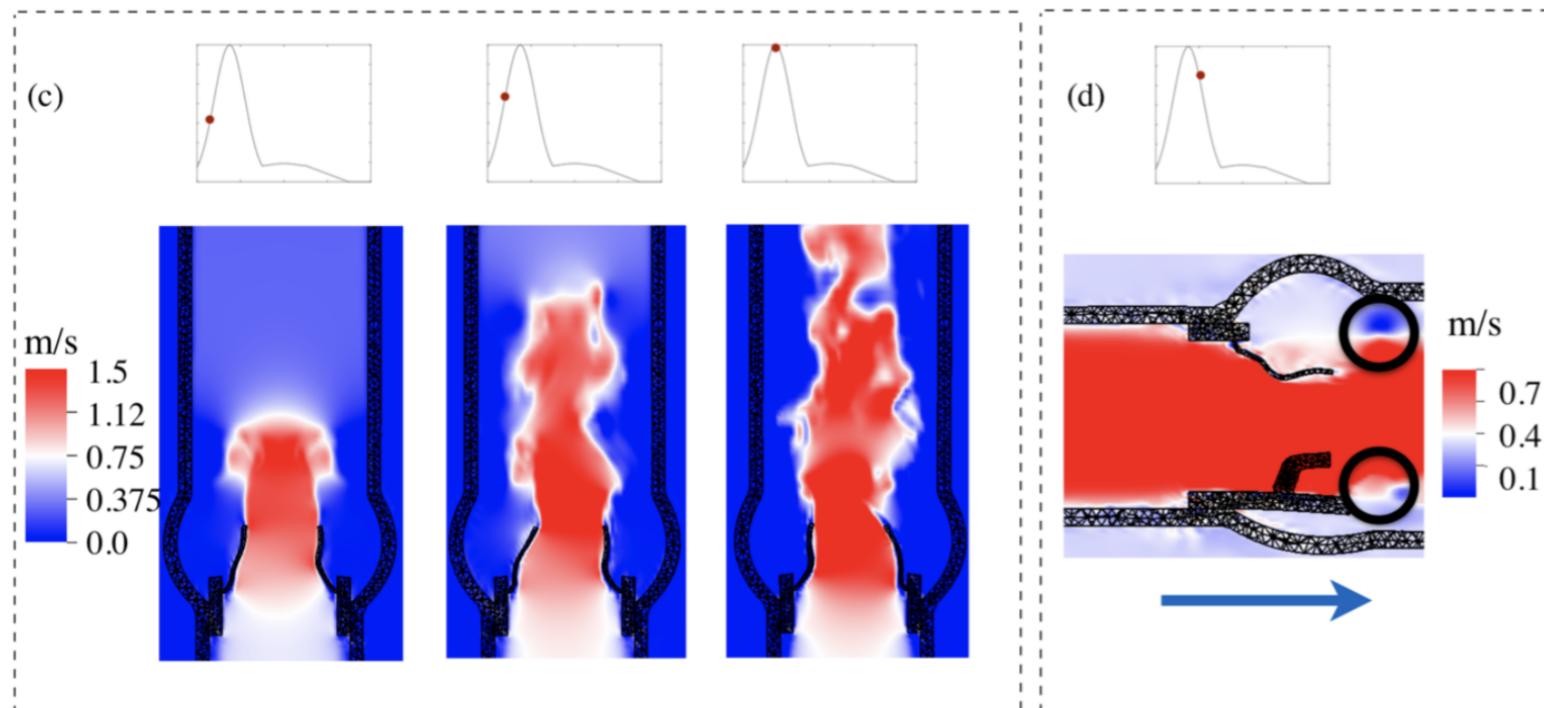
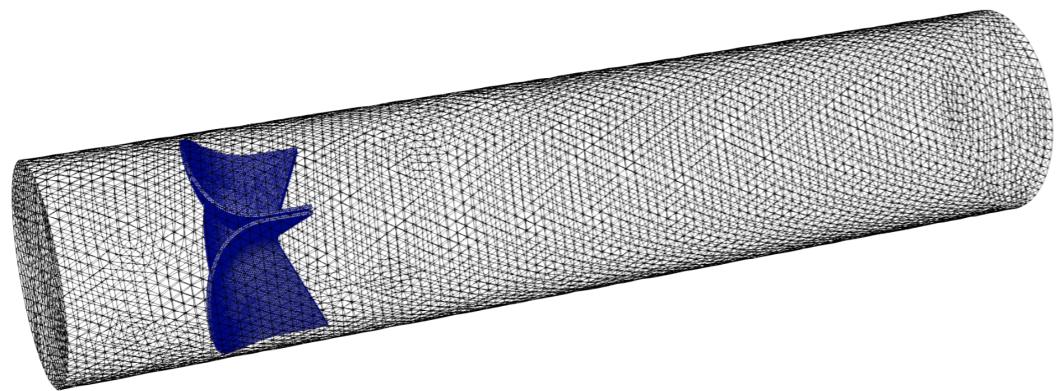
## Cloth simulations for animation

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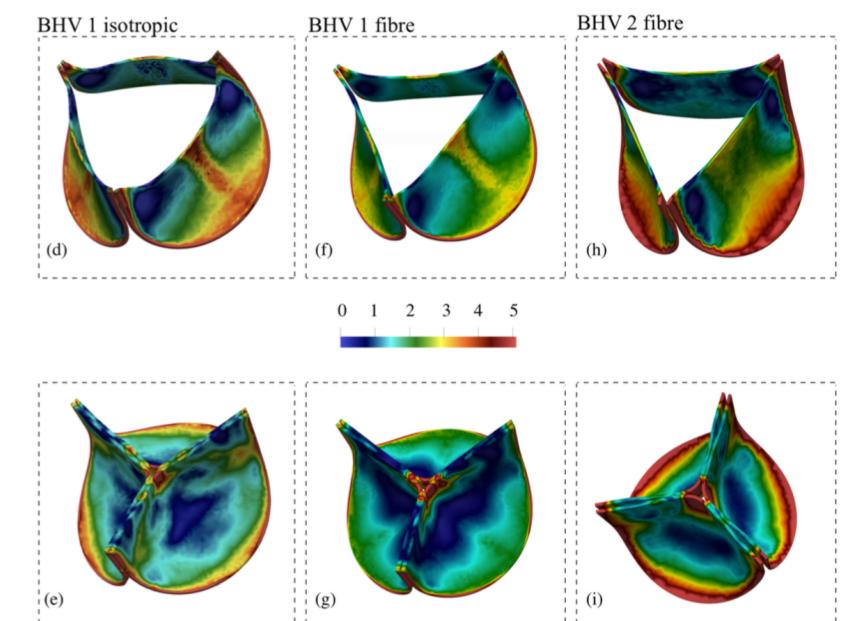
# Multiphysics - Bioprosthetic Heart Valve

**Immersed domain** → fluid and solid are coupled in the entire intersection volume



## FSI-contact simulation

- Mechanical and haemodynamic performance
- (a) Velocity. Inflow boundary condition.
- (b) Windkessel model for pressure gradient between 80 and 120 mmHg
- (c) Systole
- (d) Diastole



# Lagrange multipliers

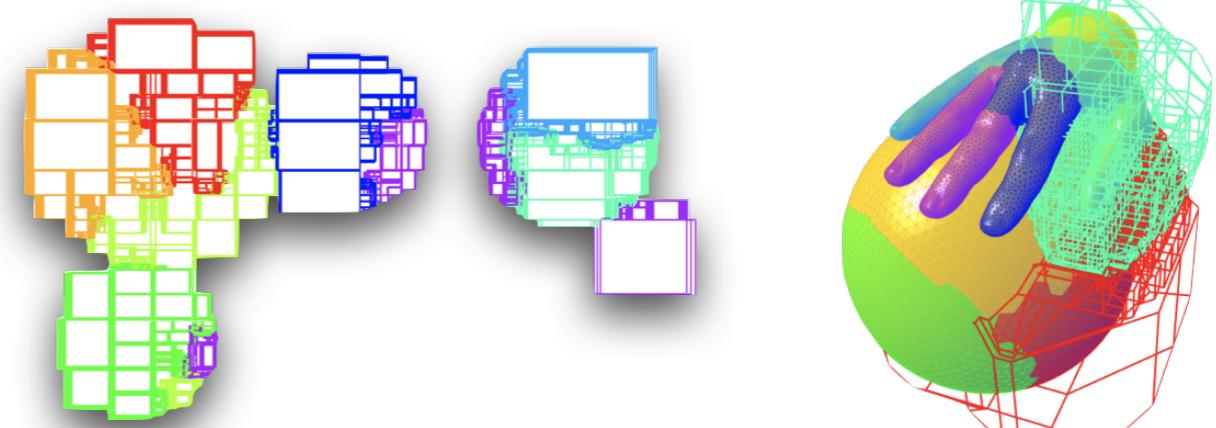
## Method of **Lagrange multipliers**

- **FSI** terms (**Volumetric** coupling)
- **Contact** conditions (**Surface** coupling)
- Transfer of information between **solid** and **fluid** discretizations
  - In this presentation both use **FEM** or **CVFEM**



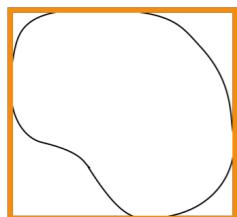
## Geometric operations

- **Solid** is considered in the **deformed/physical configuration**
- Mesh **entity relationships** have to be determined
  - Geometric search using space partitioning techniques (MPI based bounding volume hierarchies)

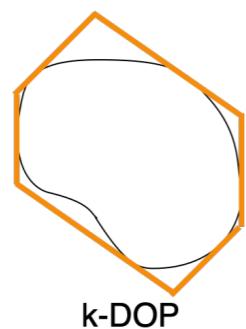


# Variational transfer: parallel algorithm

Bounding-volumes



AABB

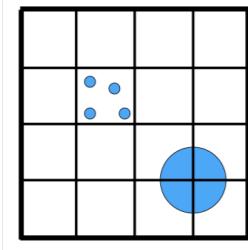


k-DOP

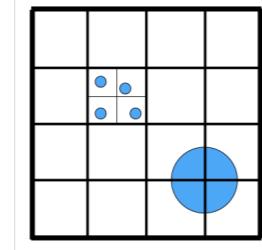


Sphere

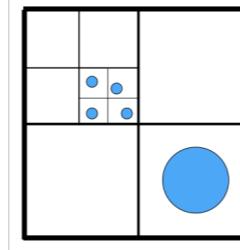
Space partitioning data-structures



Uniform grid



Hierarchical grid



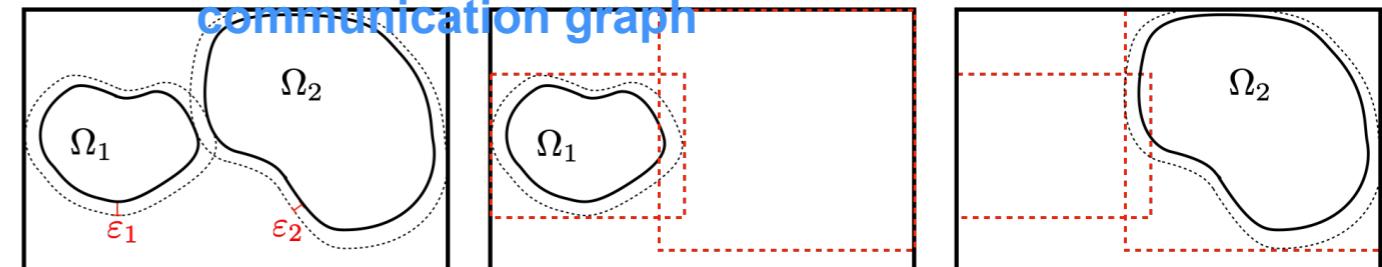
Quad-tree

## Parallel tree-search

### Broad-phase detection

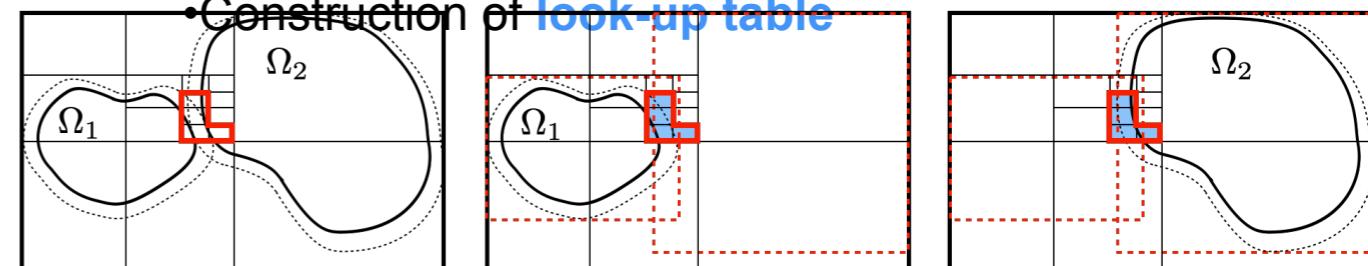
- Computation of local bounding volumes
- **All-to-all** communication
- Construction of **sparse** point-to-point

### communication graph



### Middle-phase detection

- Tree-construction and **asynchronous** point-to-point
- **tree comparison**
- Construction of **look-up table**



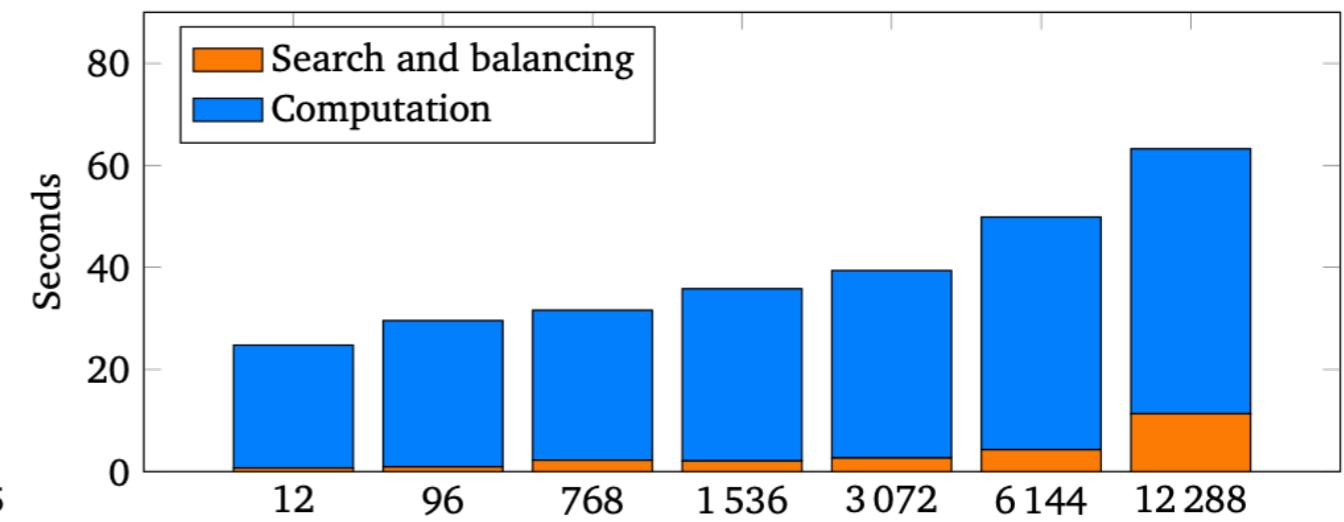
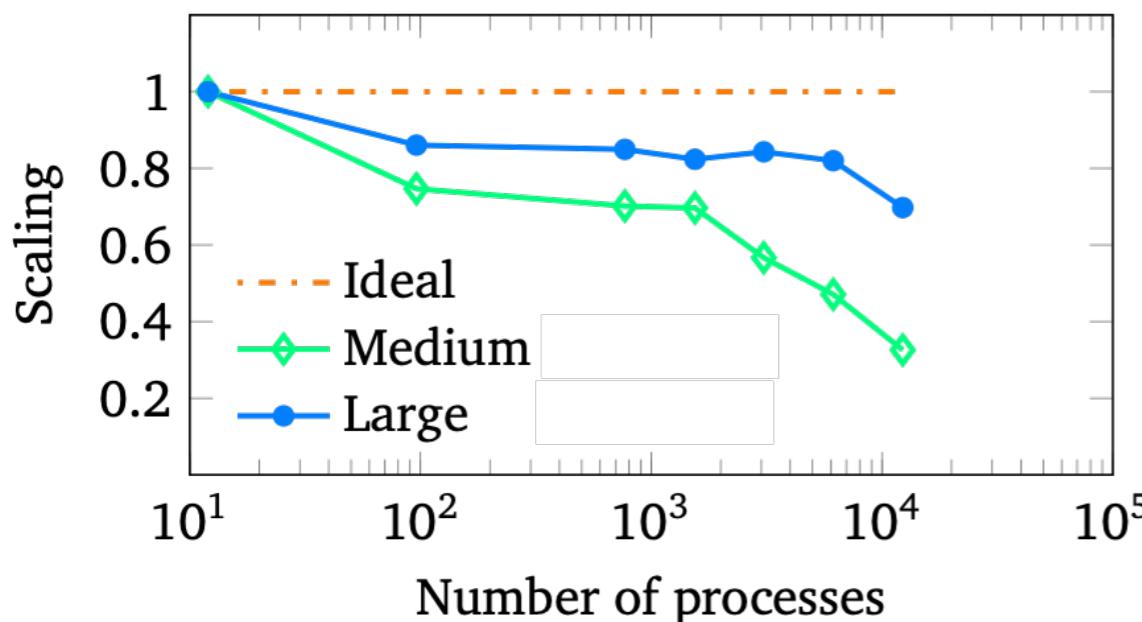
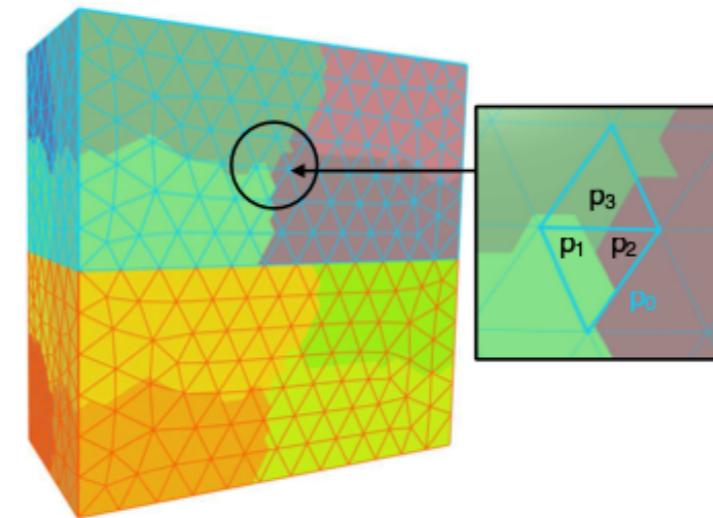
Article: A parallel approach to the variational transfer of discrete fields between arbitrarily distributed unstructured finite element meshes, R. Krause and P. Zulian, SIAM Journal of Scientific Computing 2016

# Variational transfer: weak scaling

Experiments:

- **Small** 10 000 elements per process
- **Large** 150 000 elements per process
- Output is **x4** (max 8e9 intersections)

Weak scaling is measured as  
(time base experiment)/(time experiment)

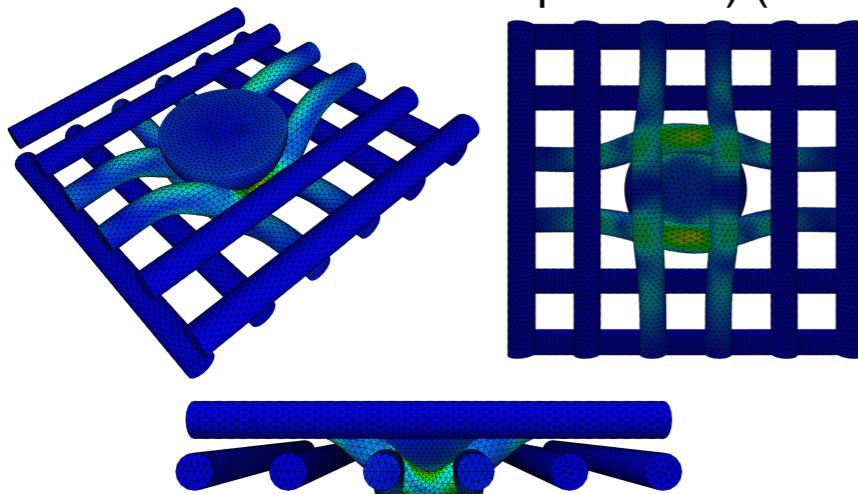


# Variational transfer: strong scaling

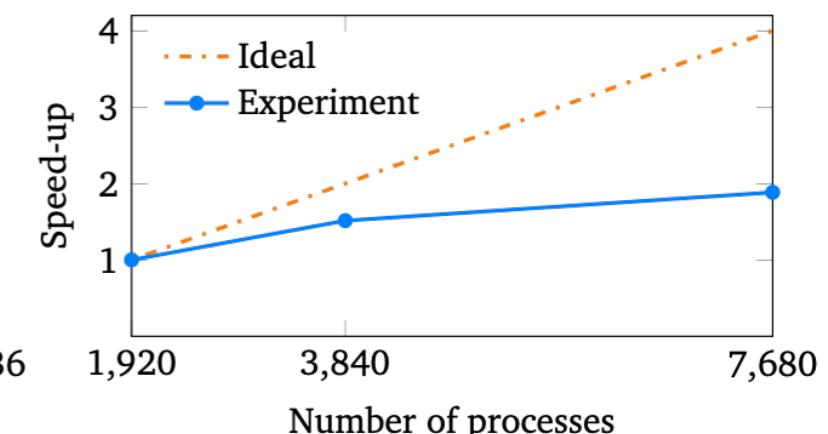
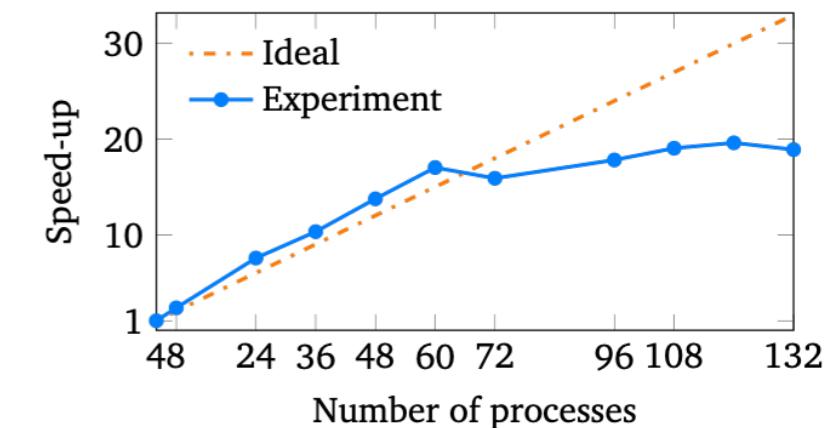
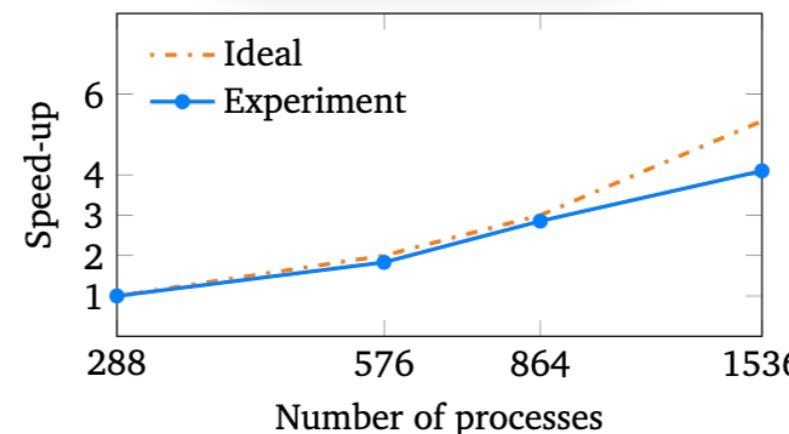
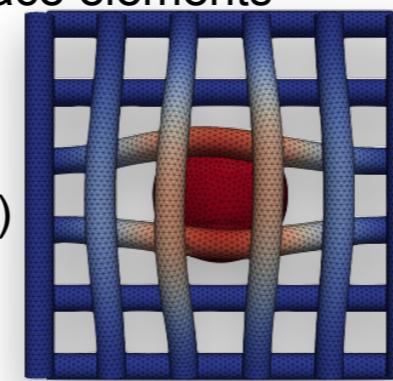
Experiments:

- **Small** 11M elements, 500K surface elements
- **Medium** 700M elements, 8M surface elements
- **Large** 5G elements, 30M surface elements
- Output is  $\times 0.1$

Strong scaling is measured as  
(time base experiment)/(time experiment)



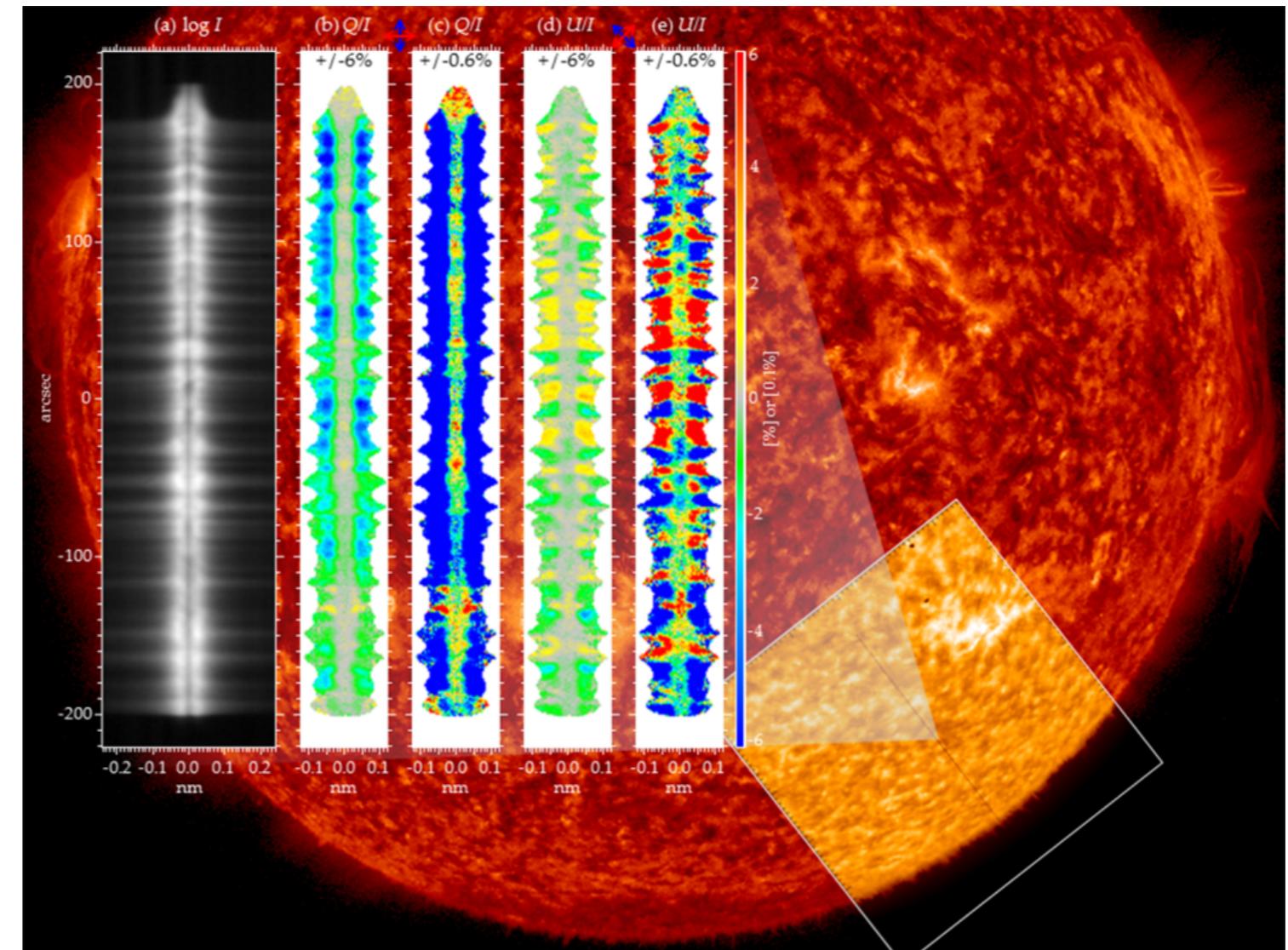
Example simulation



# Polarized radiative transfer to understand Sun magnetism

**Key problem in solar physics:** investigate the magnetism of the outer layers of the solar atmosphere (chromosphere and transition region)

**How to do that:** by deciphering the information that the magnetic fields on the sun encode in the polarization of solar light



**Task:** to model the polarization of the solar radiation by *numerically solving the radiative transfer problem for 3D models of the solar atmosphere*

**Computational challenge:** to solve this problem particular physical processes (partial frequency redistribution (PRD) effects), which strongly affect the polarization of chromospheric spectral lines.

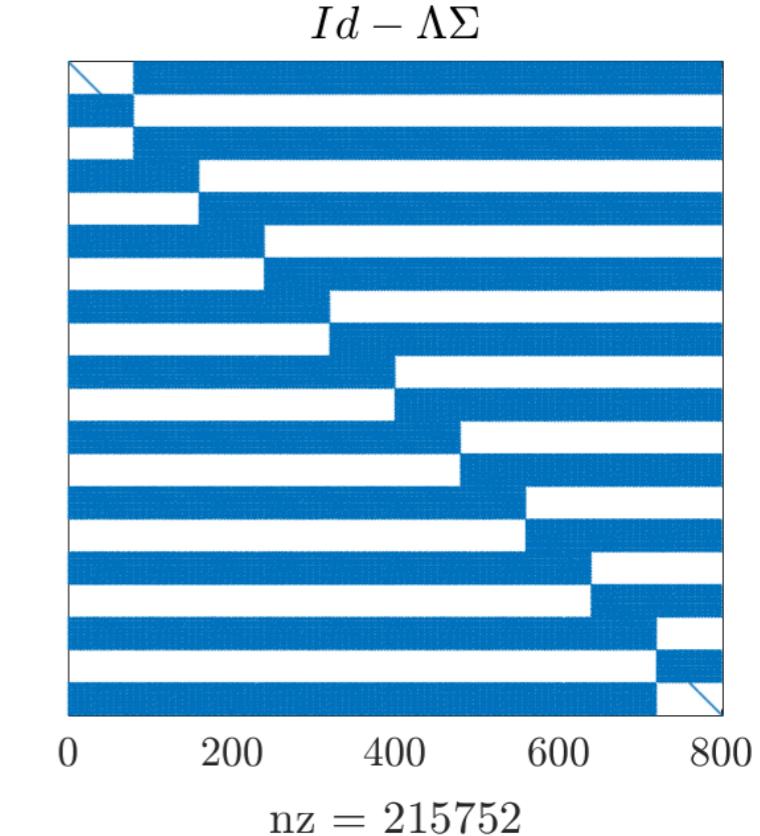
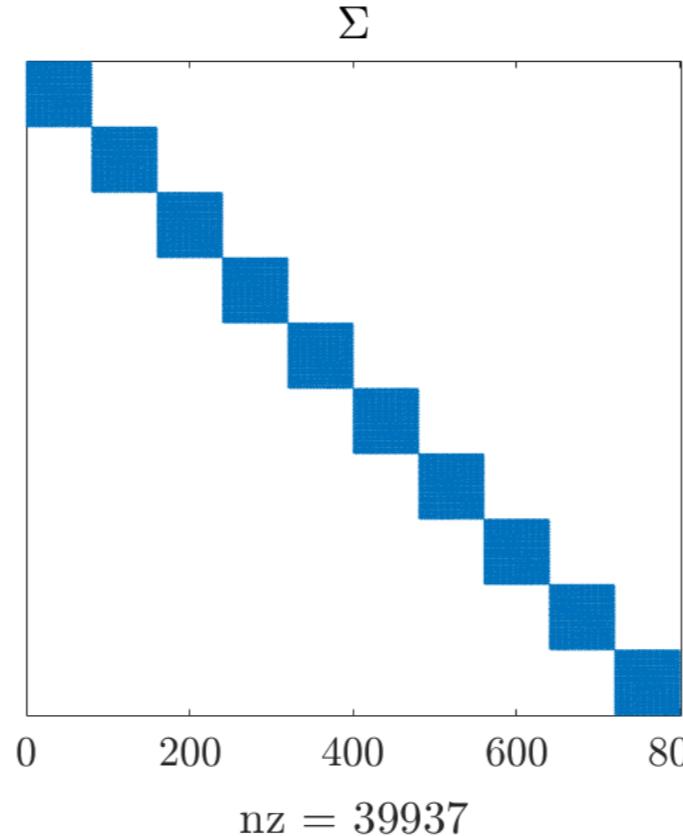
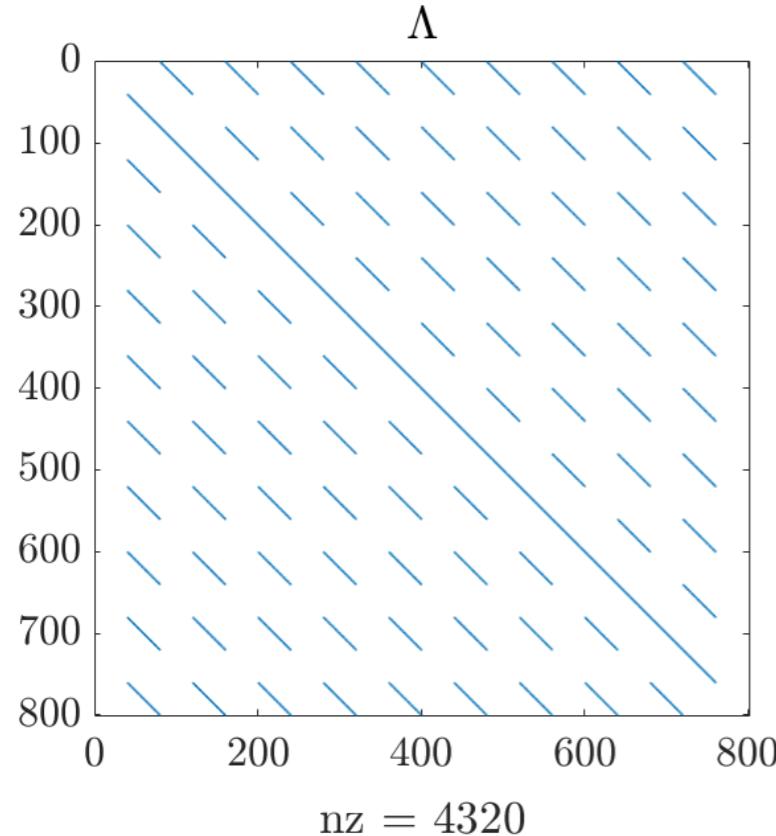
**State of the art:** for polarized radiation never solved in 3D taking PRD effects into account

# RT algebraic formulation

Combining  $\mathbf{I} = \Lambda \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \mathbf{t}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \Sigma \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{\text{th}}$ :

$$(Id - \Lambda \Sigma) \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{t} + \Lambda \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{\text{th}},$$

with RT operator  $Id - \Lambda \Sigma$ .

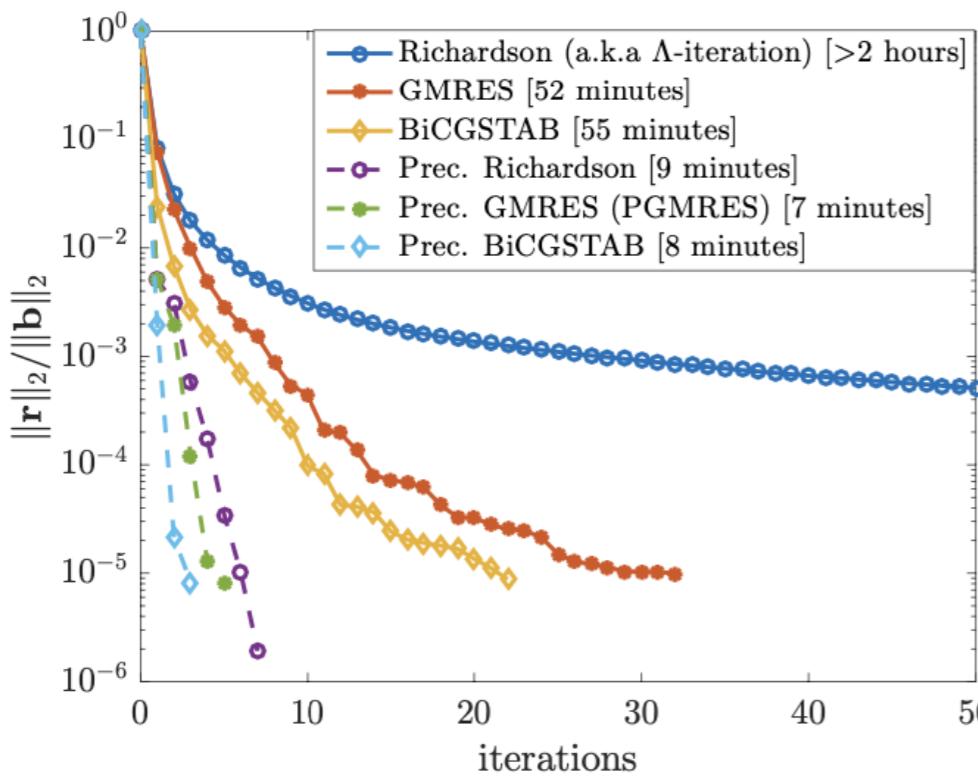


## Remarks

- 1 Operators are **matrix-free**
- 2 The cost of applying  $\Lambda$  is negligible w.r.t. the  $\Sigma$  one

$$P = \textcolor{red}{Id} - \Lambda \tilde{\Sigma}$$

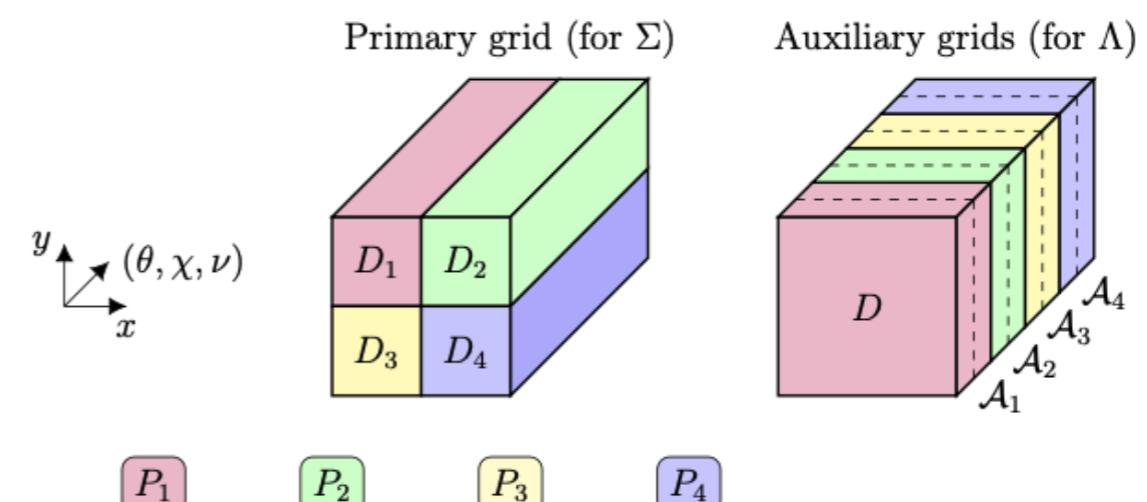
- With  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  cheap approximation of  $\Sigma$  (CRD)
- Computing  $P^{-1}$  action using GMRES



## Remarks

- Robust strategy w.r.t. all disc. parameters

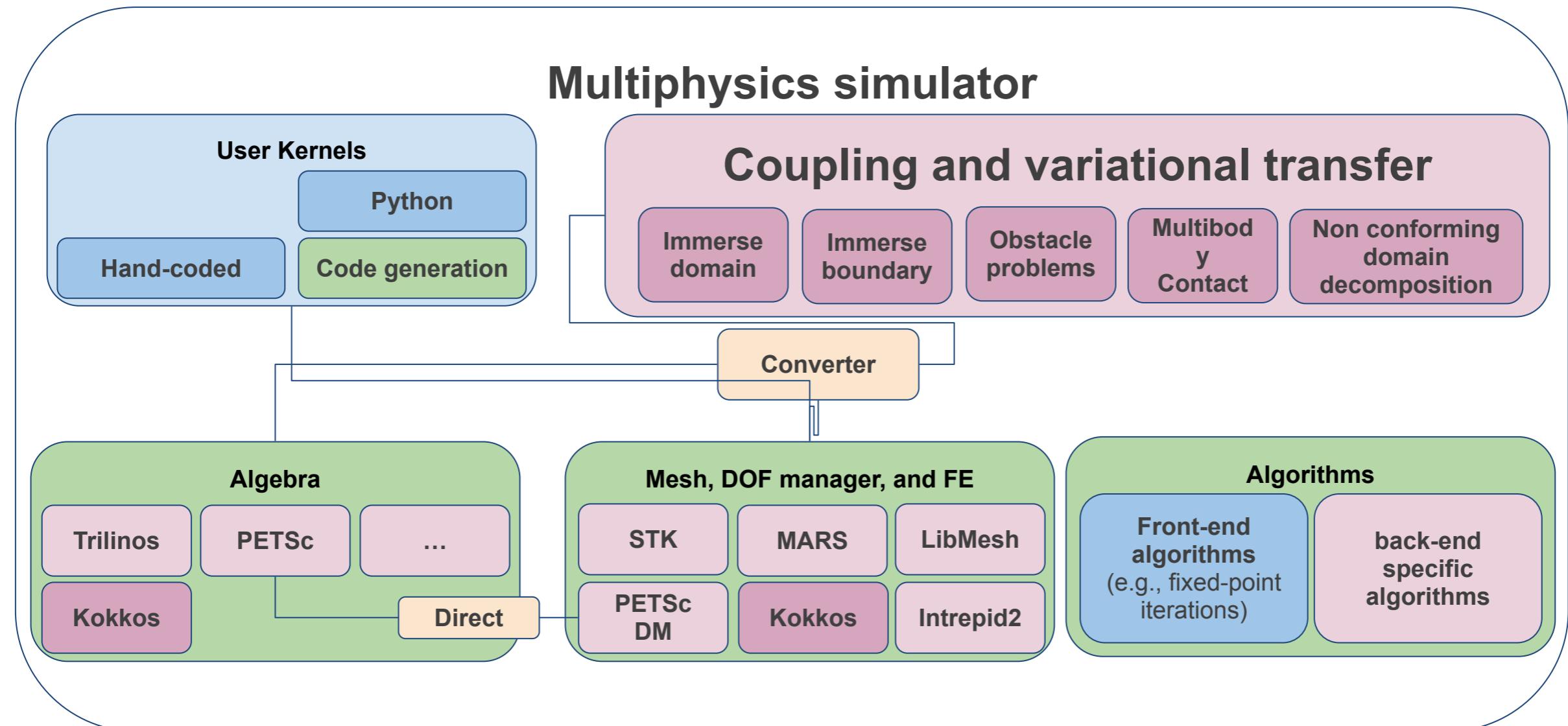
- $\Sigma$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  evaluation embarrassingly parallel over  $N_s$
- $\Lambda$  evaluation embarrassingly parallel over  $N_\Omega N_v$



Single call to `MPI_All_to_all()` to exchange data (no ghost layers)



# Flexible Software



# Thank you



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