

# Preconditioned iterative solvers for large-scale saddle point systems arising in constrained optimization problems

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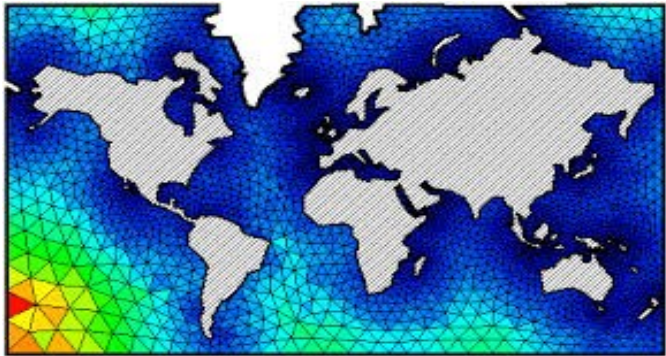
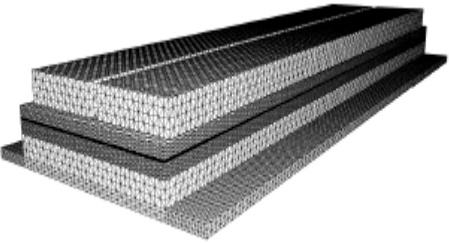
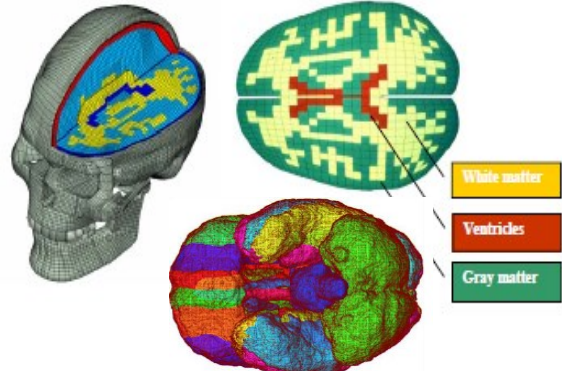
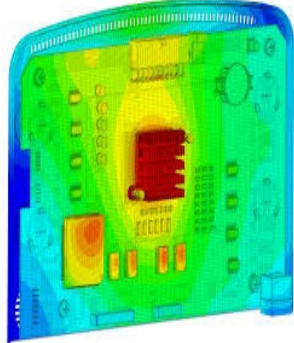
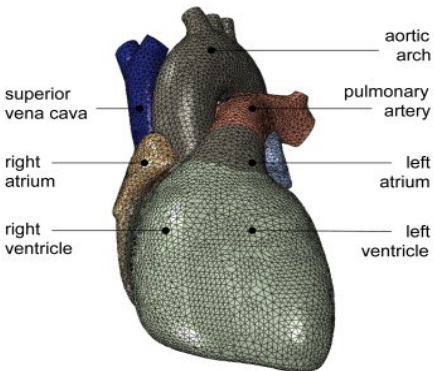
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# Introduction & motivation: Some applications



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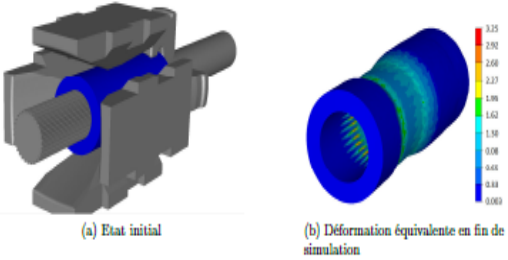
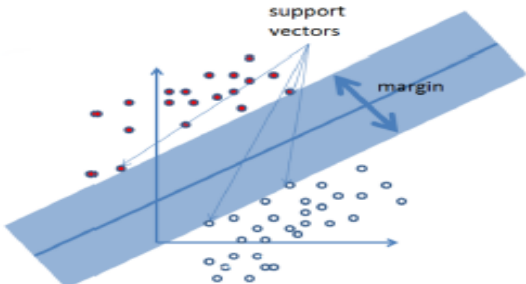
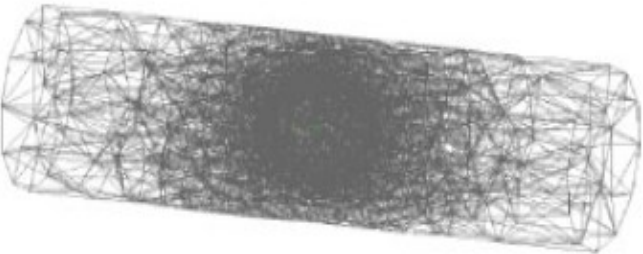
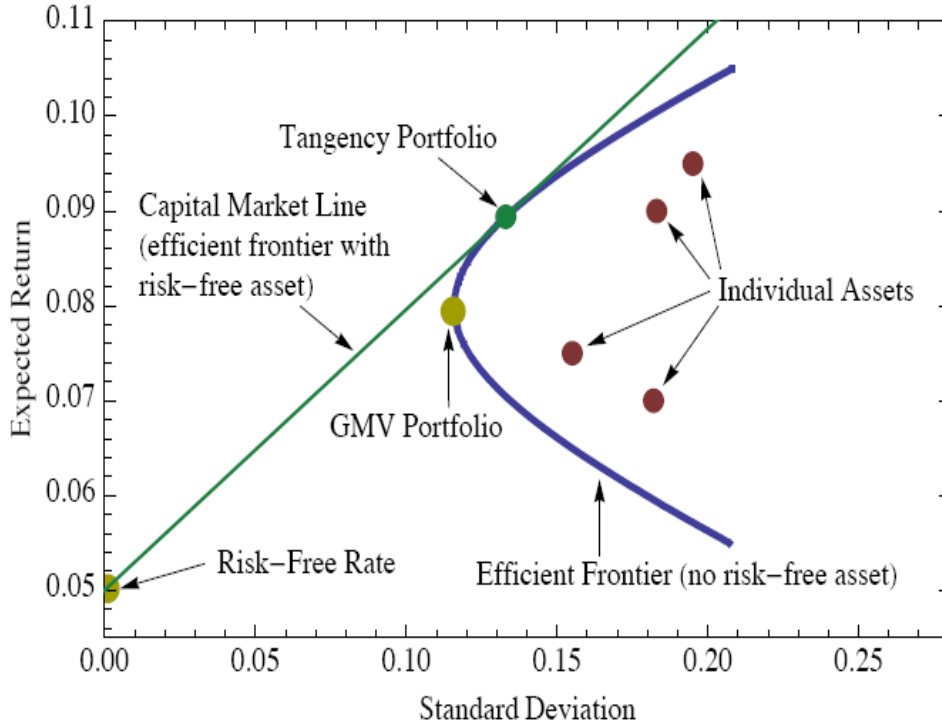


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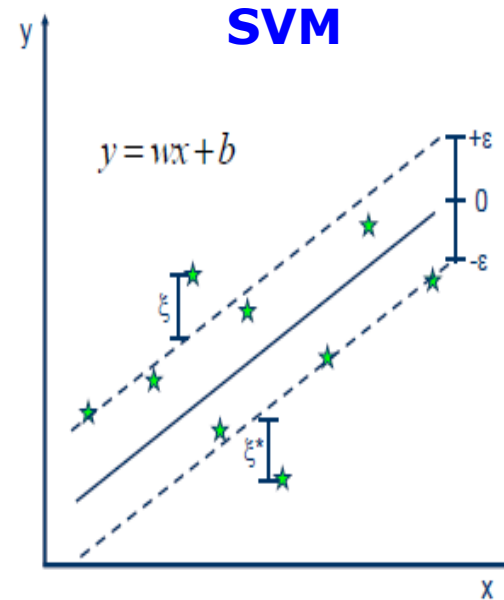
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$$J_t(W_t, Z_t) = \max_{\{x_s\}_{s=t}^{T-1}} \mathbb{E}[u(W_T) | W_t, Z_t]$$

s.t.  $W_{s+1} = W_s \cdot (x'_s R_{s+1}^e + R^f) \forall s \geq t$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1, x \geq 0.$$



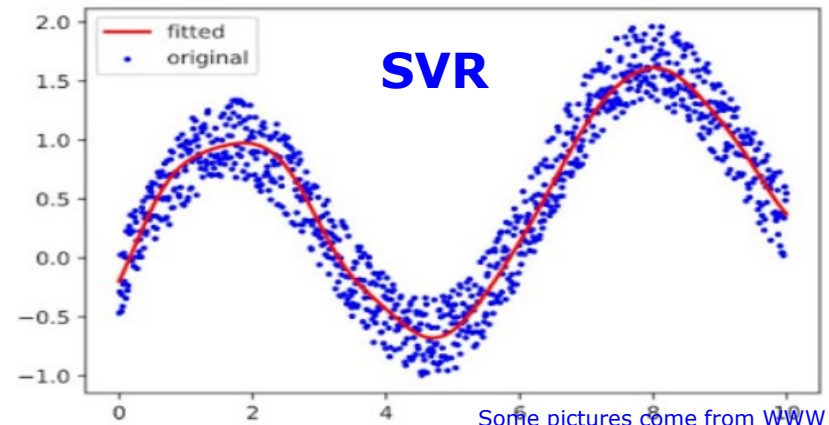
- Minimize:  

$$\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$
- Constraints:  

$$y_i - wx_i - b \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i$$

$$wx_i + b - y_i \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i^*$$

$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$$



## Introduction & motivation: Some applications

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Many application areas in science, engineering, and finance give rise to 1X1, 2X2 or 3X3 sparse systems **with equality and/or inequality constraints**, including

- **chemical engineering**
  - fluid flow
  - **oceanography**
  - multiphysics
  - **acoustics**
  - economic modelling
  - **Large-Scale Portfolio Optimization**
  - magnetohydrodynamic
  - **structural engineering ...**
  - **PDE-constrained optimization**
  - Least Square approximations and estimation
  - **Sequential quadratic programming (SQP) methods for NLP**
  - Signal and image processing, computer
  - **Machine Learning (SVM, SVR, ...)**
- **Nonlinear optimisations**(NLO) and nonlinear PDE models capture the complex nature of many **real-world problems**
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## Newton's Method

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Problem:  $F(u) = 0$ ,  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuously differentiable.

### Newton's Method

Given an initial  $u$ .

Iterate:

Solve

$$F'(u^k)\delta = -F(u^k)$$

Update

$$u^{k+1} = u^k + \delta$$

**Include the constraints:** In many circumstances some unknowns are **linked** by **additional equations or inequalities**:

- $Bu=b$ 
  - linear constraints occur when one or more regions behave as rigid bodies,  $B$  and  $b$  are obtained by prescribing constant distances between all nodes belonging to that region
  - prescribed normal displacement
- $Cu \leq g$ 
  - linear constraints represent non penetration conditions
- **Mixture of the both equations**

# Inexact Newton

Inexact Newton methods (Dembo-Eisenstat-Steihaug, 1982) provide a framework for analysis and implementation.

## Inexact Newton Method

Given an initial  $u$ .

Iterate:

Find some  $\eta \in [0; 1)$  and  $s$  that satisfy

$$\|F(u) + F'(u) s\| \leq \eta \|F(u)\|$$

Update  $u$ :  $u + s$ .

## Newton-Krylov methods:

Choose  $\eta \in [0; 1)$

Apply the Krylov solver to  $F'(u) s = -F(u)$  until

$$\|F(u) + F'(u) s\| \leq \eta \|F(u)\|$$

A small value of  $\eta$  may make computing a step that satisfies **very expensive**.

The issue of when to stop the linear iterations becomes the issue of choosing the « forcing term »  $\eta$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{We apply relative} \\ \text{and absolute} \\ \text{criteria tests} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \frac{\|F'(u^k) + F(u^k)\delta\|}{\|F(u^0)\|} \leq 10^{-6} \text{ OR} \\ \|F'(u^k) + F(u^k)\delta\| \leq 10^{-8} \end{array}$$

# Problem: Resolution of large-scale linear system

## ○ Direct Solvers

- Factorization (LU, MultFront, MUMPS, PARDISO, ...).
- **Exact solution, robust.**
- Direct method can be prohibitively resource intensive as far as memory and CPU are concerned. (systems with high connectivity (3D problems)).

## ○ Krylov Method:

- Use a Krylov subspace method to approximately solve  $F'(u) \delta = -F(u)$  ( $Ax=b$ )
- Construction of the sequence  $(x_k)$  which converge to the solution.
- Need only the application of  $A$  on the vector (free matrix).

Krylov Subspace Method

Given  $x_0$ , determine . . .

$$x_k = x_0 + z_k,$$

$$z_k \in K_k \equiv \text{span} \{r_0, Ar_0, \dots, A^{k-1}r_0\}$$

Examples:

CG/CR, GMRES, TFQMR, BiCGSTAB, FGMRES, GMRESR, **GCR**, MINRES, . . .

- **Preconditioners are a key to successful of these iterative methods**



## Preconditioning techniques

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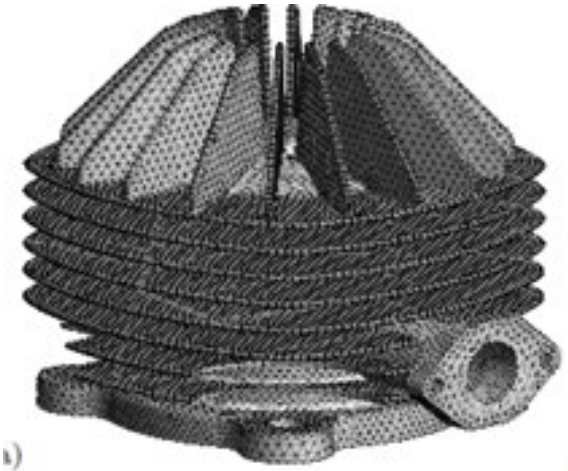
**Preconditioning techniques:**  $Ax = b$  .  $\Leftrightarrow$   $M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b$

- *The matrix  $M^{-1}A$  need not to be formed explicitly.  
However,  $Mw = v$  need to be solved whenever needed.*
  - The preconditioned system should converge faster
  - Linear systems with coefficient matrix  $M$  are easy to solve.
  - Note that if  $M = A$  any iterative method converges in one iteration.
- **Standard preconditioners:** ILU, Jacobi, SOR ,.....
- **Advanced preconditioners:**
- *Multigrid, Multilevel*
  - *Domain decomposition*
- **Preconditioning of *Karush-Kuhn-Tucker* (KKT) systems or saddle point systems**
- The robust and **efficient preconditioner**, **depends completely on the problem**
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# Discretized nonlinear PDEs.

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- The **linearized system** must be solved on the domain discretization



- **FEM: this technique** is more widely used in many applications for its several favourable characteristics such as capability of dealing with **complex boundary conditions**
- **AIM: Computing the solution with high-precision and low costs in the CPU Execution time and memory storage**

## Systems with equality constraints

$$A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$$

- Convection-diffusion
- Linear elasticity
  
- Navier-Stokes problem
- Nearly incompressible elasticity
- Elasticity with equality Contact constraints

$$A \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F & B^t \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

- Incompressible elasticity with equality contact constraints

$$A \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K & B^T & C^T \\ B & -\epsilon M_p & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

# Nearly incompressible elasticity problem with contact *equality constraints*

- Using the finite element discretization gives the **3x3 sparse system below:**

$$\mathcal{F} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K & B^T & C^T \\ B & -\varepsilon M_p & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

**We can approximate this matrix by a block factorization:**

$$\mathcal{F} = \begin{bmatrix} K & B^T & C^T \\ B & -\varepsilon M_p & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K & 0 & 0 \\ B & -S_p & 0 \\ C & -CK^{-1}B^T & -S_\eta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & K^{-1}B^T & K^{-1}C^T \\ 0 & I & -S_p^{-1}BK^{-1}C^T \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{U}$$

## **MIGCR(m): GCR + Approximate Block Factorization**

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**We use the block matrix**

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{K} & 0 & 0 \\ B & -\tilde{S}_p & 0 \\ C & 0 & -\tilde{S}_\eta \end{bmatrix}$$

**as preconditioner for Generalised Conjugate Residual (GCR) algorithm and then we obtain the following algorithm :**

**MIGCR(m): GCR(m) +  $\mathcal{L}$**

## Submatrices approximation

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There are several ways to solve the submatrices(  $\tilde{K}$  ,  $\tilde{S}_p$  ,  $\tilde{S}_\eta$  ) :

- Exact solves. This is in general (too) expensive.
- Inexact solves using an incomplete decomposition ILUP.
- Inexact solves using an algebraic multigrid: AMG, ML HEPRE.
- Inexact solves using an iterative method to solve the subproblems.

Since in this case the **preconditioner is variable**, the outer iteration **should be flexible**, for example **GCR**.

## Stiffness matrix $K$ approximation

- **Taylor-Hood  $P_2 - P_1$  element is used**
  - Quadratic finite element ( $P_2$ ) for  $\mathbf{u}$
  - Linear finite element ( $P_1$ ) for  $\mathbf{p}$
  - Linear finite element ( $P_1$ ) for  $\lambda$

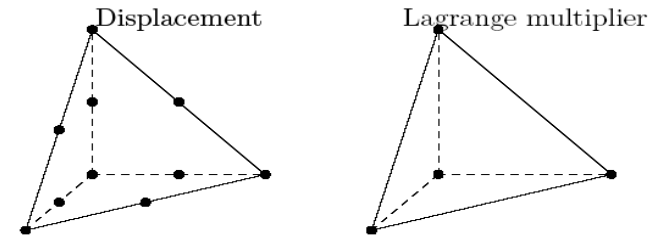


Figure 1. Taylor-Hood  $P_2 - P_1$  element ( $O(h^2)$ )

- **To approximate the matrix  $K$ , we exploit its structure**
- **Using quadratic hierarchical basis, the matrix  $K$  takes the form**

$$K\delta = \begin{pmatrix} K_{ll} & K_{lq} \\ K_{ql} & K_{qq} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_l \\ \delta_q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_l \\ r_q \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} K_{ll} & \text{associated with vertices, linear part} \\ K_{qq} & \text{associated with midside nodes, quadratic part.} \end{cases} \quad \text{cond}(K_{qq})=O(1)$$

- For  $P_2$  tetrahedral finite element  $\text{size}(K) \approx 7 \times \text{size}(K_{ll})$

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### Algorithm 7. Symmetric Hierarchical Preconditioner (SHP)

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- Make a few iterations of SSOR on the system (pre-smoothing)  $K\delta = \begin{pmatrix} K_{ll} & K_{lq} \\ K_{ql} & K_{qq} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_l \\ \delta_q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_l \\ r_q \end{pmatrix}$
  - Calculate the residual  $d_l = r_l - K_{ll}\delta_l - K_{lq}\delta_q$ .
  - Solve  $K_{ll}\delta_l^* = d_l$ .
  - Update:  $\delta^f = (\delta_l + \delta_l^*, \delta_q)^T$ .
  - Update residual  $r = r - K\delta^f$ .
  - Make a few iterations of SSOR on the global system  $K\delta^b = r$  (post-smoothing).
  - Update  $\delta = \delta^b + \delta^f$ .
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- **The preconditioner HP developed is efficient and robust.**

## Schur complement approximation

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➤ Schur complement is too expensive to compute and has to be approximated:

$$\tilde{S}_p = \varepsilon M_p + BK^{-1}B^T \approx \theta M_p$$

$$\tilde{S}_\mu = CK^{-1}C^T \approx M_\mu$$

For equality constraints :

-  $M_p$  the mass matrix on pressure space or its diagonal  $\text{diag}(M_p)$

For inequality constraints :

-  $M_\mu$  the mass matrix on pressure contact space or its diagonal  $\text{diag}(M_\mu)$



## Systems with inequalities constraints

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- Elasticity with inequality Contact constraints

$$\begin{cases} Ku + C^T \lambda = f \\ Cu \leq g, \lambda \geq 0, (Cu - g) \cdot \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Incompressible elasticity with Inequality contact constraints

$$\begin{cases} Ku + B^T p + C^T \eta = f \\ Bu - \epsilon M p = 0 \\ Cu - g \leq 0, \eta \geq 0, \eta \cdot (Cu - g) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**In this study, we are interested in 3x3 sparse systems with equality and/or inequality constraints**

There are two classes of algorithms

**Primal-Dual Active-Set method (PDAS)**

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- Nonlinear optimization algorithms: (**Inequality constraints**)
  - ✓ **Active-Set Methods (ASM)**
  - ✓ *Penalty method,*
  - ✓ *Augmented Lagrangian methods*
  - ✓ *Interior Point Method (IPM)*
  - ✓ *Projected gradient type.* (*May(1986), Dilintas et al. (1988), Renouf & Alart (2005),...*)
- Strengths of active-set methods:
  - can be run concurrently with the Newton iteration
  - warm-start easily
  - accurate solutions despite degeneracy and ill-conditioning
- Our goals:
  - Active-set methods** for **large-scale** sequential quadratic optimization problems

**To do this, we combine some advanced preconditioning techniques, Krylov Subspace method and primal-dual active set strategy.**

**Based on work by:**

- Hintermüller, Ito, Kunisch (2002)
- A. El Maliki, M. Fortin, J. Deteix & A. Fortin (2013)

## PMI-GCR algorithm for *nearly incompressible material problems with inequality constraints contact*

- Using the finite element discretization gives the saddle-point problems with *Kuhn-Tucker conditions*:

$$\begin{cases} Ku + B^T p + C^T \eta = f \\ Bu - \varepsilon M_p = 0 \\ Cu - g \leq 0, \quad \eta \geq 0 \quad \eta \cdot (Cu - g) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**represents the non-penetration condition on the contact zones**

The KKT condition:  
Can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & Cu - g \leq 0, \quad \eta \geq 0 \quad \eta \cdot (Cu - g) = 0 \\ & P(\eta, Cu - g) = \eta - \max(0, \eta + c(Cu - g)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We define the active set  $\mathcal{A}_c = \{j \mid \lambda_j + c(Cu - g)_j > 0\}$

Let  $\tilde{C}$  be the restriction of  $C$  to  $\mathcal{A}_c$

$$\begin{cases} Au + B^t p + \tilde{C}^t \lambda = f \\ B^t u - \varepsilon M_p p = 0 \\ \tilde{C}u - \tilde{g} = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Primal-Dual Active-Set (PDAS) Method

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The authors Hintermüller, Ito, Kunisch show the **PDAS** algorithms is equivalent to a semi-smooth Newton's method

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**Algorithm 3** The general active set strategy

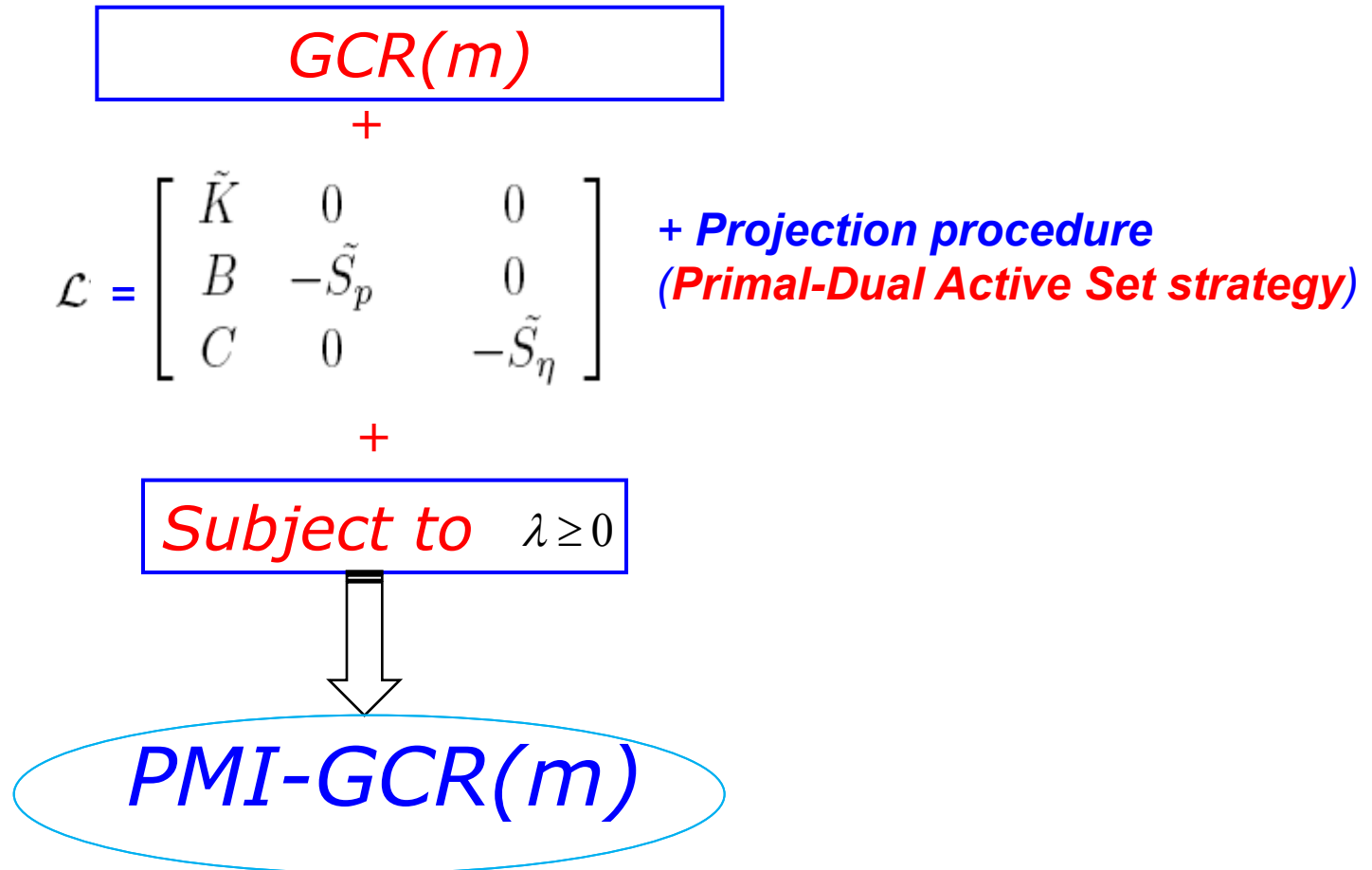
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- Initialize  $u_0, \lambda_0$ . Set  $k = 0$ .
- Set  $\mathcal{A}_c = \{j \mid \lambda_j + c(Cu - g)_j > 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_c = \{j \mid \lambda_j + c(Cu - g)_j \leq 0\}$
- Let  $\tilde{C}$  be the restriction of  $C$  to  $\mathcal{A}_k$ . We then solve

$$\begin{cases} Au + B^t p + \tilde{C}^t \lambda = f \\ B^t u - \varepsilon M_p p = 0 \\ \tilde{C}u - \tilde{g} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

- We project  $\lambda$  on the admissible set  $\Lambda_+ = \{\lambda \geq 0\}$  and recompute the active and inactive sets  $\mathcal{A}_c$  and  $\mathcal{I}_c$
  - We iterate till those sets are stabilized.
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# Projected Mixed Iteration Generalized Conjugate Residual Algorithm (PMI-GCR)



**Remark:** in the case of equality constraints, we use the above algorithm without the projection procedure: we obtain the **algorithm MI-GCR(m)**.

## Inexact-Newton

**To avoid the oversolving of inner iteration in Newton algorithm, we use**

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### Algorithm 3 Summary of Inexact-Newton and P-Mix-It-GCR

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Let  $(\delta_u, \delta_p, \delta_\lambda)$  the correction on the  $u$ ,  $p$  and  $\lambda$ . The Inexact-Newton method combined with P-Mix-It-GCR is summarized as follow:

- While  $\|(\delta_u, \delta_p, \delta_\lambda)\|_2 \geq \varepsilon_{newton}$  solve the system

$$\begin{cases} K(u_k)\delta_u + B^T \delta_p + C^T \delta_\lambda = r_f \\ B\delta_u - \varepsilon M_p \delta_p = r_p \\ C\delta_u - r_g \leq 0, \quad \lambda_k \geq 0, \quad (C\delta_u - r_g, \lambda_k) = 0 \end{cases}$$

*PMI-GCR(m)*

by P-Mix-It-GCR using the two criterions

$$\|z_k^{(0)}\|_2 \geq tol_r * \|z_0^{(0)}\|_2 \quad or \quad \|z_k^{(0)}\|_2 \geq tol_a$$

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + \delta_u, p_{k+1} = p_k + \delta_p \quad and \quad \lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_k + \delta_\lambda$$

# Preconditioning strategies for mixed system

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- The success of the combination **PMI-GCR** involves
  - ✓ *an efficient and robust preconditioner for  $K$*
  - ✓ *a good approximation of the Shur complement  $S$*
  - ✓ *Primal-Dual Active Set method*
- The **PMI-GCR** algorithm is equivalent to apply **MI-GCR(m)** on the system with equality constraints with a modified residual
- Contrarily to *standard projected gradient type* methods, **PMI-GCR(m)** consists in solving the saddle-point system “**all-at-once**”.
- The methods do not require the exact solution (direct method)

# Some numerical results

- Taylor-Hood  $P_2 - P_1$  element is used. This element satisfies the *inf-sup* condition and is second order  $O(h^2)$
- The elastic body is represented by the Brick  $[0, 3] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  with material properties:  $E=200\text{MPa}$  (Young's Modulus), Poisson's ratio  $\nu=0.4999$
- For **nearly incompressible material** we take the bulk modulus  $\kappa = 10^6$
- The candidate contact surface  $\Gamma_C = (0, 3) \times (0, 1) \times \{0\}$
- The Dirichlet condition is imposed on the border  $\Gamma_D = (0, 3) \times (0, 1) \times \{1\}$
- Problem sizes: 6,460 to **2,555,142** unknowns.
- Newton algorithm tolerance =  $10^{-6}$  and for inner solver  $10^{-6}$  and  $10^{-12}$
- Inexact-Newton algorithm tolerance =  $10^{-6}$  and for inner solver  $10^{-4}$  and  $10^{-6}$



$S_\eta \setminus$ Meshes	M1	M2	M3	M4
$M_\eta$	41/ 0.22s	40/ 1.44s	36/ 10s	34/ 92s
$diag(M_\eta)$	53/ 0.28s	49/ 1.76s	43/ 13s	35/ 95s
$S\tilde{S}$	43/ 0.28s	38/ 1.44s	41/ 12s	49/ 135s

Table 3: Contact of a Brick on the rigid flat surface with equality constraints and ( $\nu = 0.499999$ ). MI – GCR(30): Iterations count / CPU time(seconde)

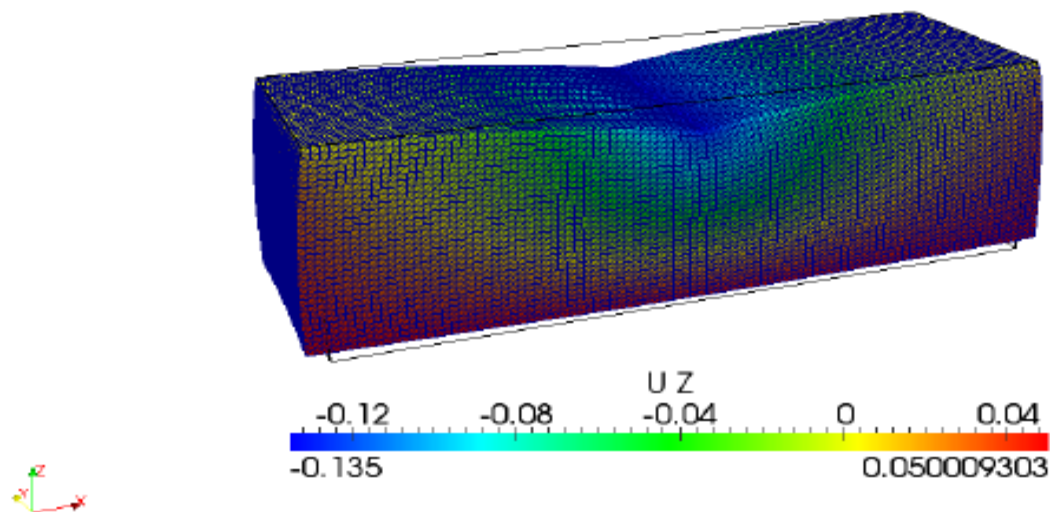
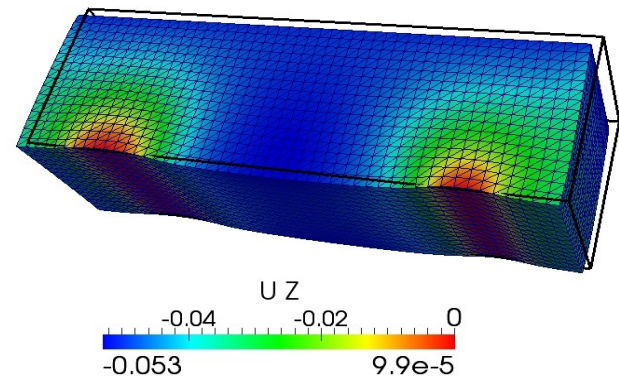
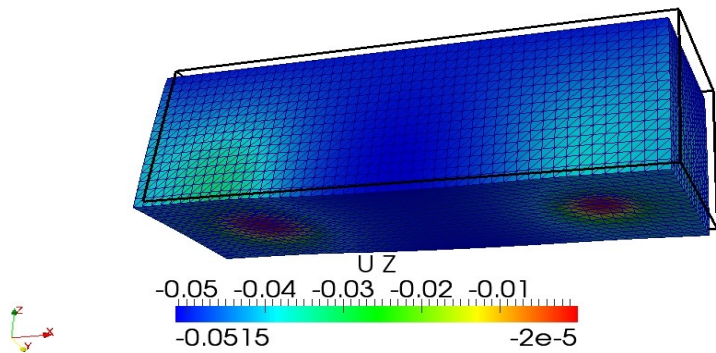


Figure 1: (a) Contact on the rigid flat surface: Case of equality constraints

## Some numerical results:

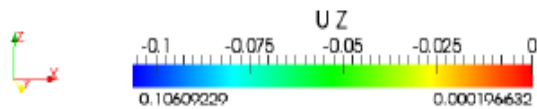
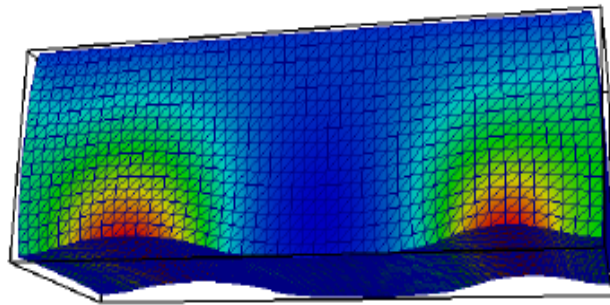
Table 4: Contact on the two rigid cylinders surface (CS) and two rigid spheres surface (SS): case of inequality constraints and ( $\nu = 0.499999$ ). Nonlinear iterations / Average inner iteration count / CPU time(s) for PMI-GCR(30).  $t=10$

Problem	$\tilde{S} \setminus$ meshes	$M_1$	$M_2$	$M_3$	$M_4$
CS	$diag(M_\eta)$	6/ 38/ 0.99 s	6/ 47/ 9 s	6/ 63/112 s	6/ 87/ 1362 s
	$M_\eta$	6/ 37/ 0.99 s	6/ 40/ 8 s	6/ 48/83 s	6/ 68/ 1099 s
SS	$diag(M_\eta)$	6/ 35/ 0.92 s	6/ 41/ 8 s	6/ 62/109 s	6/ 91/ 1434 s
	$M_\eta$	6/ 36/ 0.95 s	6/ 39/ 8s	6/ 48/ 83 s	6/ 68/ 1070s

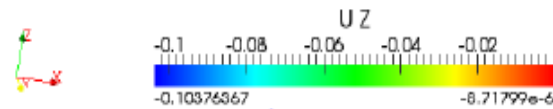
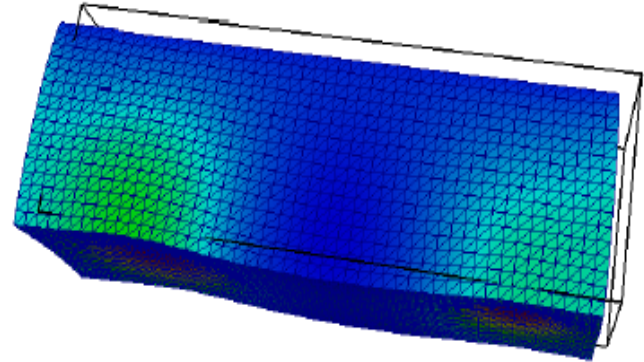


## Some numerical results: solution Case: Moony-Rivlin

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(a)



(b)

Figure 3: Moony-Rivlin with bulk modulus  $\kappa = 10^6$  (a) Contact on the two rigid cylinders surface, (b) Contact on the two rigid spheres surface

## **Some numerical results**

### **Case: Moony-Rivlin and Néo-Hookéen**

Table 5: Contact of Brick body on a two spheres and two cylinders. Cases of a Mooney-Rivlin and néo-hookéen material ( $\kappa = 10^6$ ) with Newton and Inexact-Newton combined with PMI-GCR(30). Nonlinear iterations / Average inner iteration count / CPU time(s).

Meshes		$M_3$		$M_4$	
Problem	material	$c_{01} = 1.0$	$c_{01} = 1.0$	$c_{01} = 1.0$	$c_{01} = 1.0$
	parameters	$c_{10} = 0.1$	$c_{10} = 0.0$	$c_{10} = 0.1$	$c_{10} = 0.0$
CS	Newton	99/(42)/ 1284s	99/(41)/ 1165s	105/(55)/ 15390s	105/(53)/ 14719s
	Inexact-Newton	99/ 35/ 1008s	99/ 34/ 1010s	105/ 47/ 13198s	105/ 48/ 12712s
SS	Newton	98/(40)/ 1464s	99/(41)/ 1222s	105/(52)/ 14874s	105/(69)/ 19152s
	Inexact-Newton	98/ 33/ 1008s	99/ 34/ 1028s	105/ 44/ 12198s	105/ 58/ 16072s

**Time Gain using Inexact-Newton: more than 20%**


# Summary

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- *The proposed methods do not require a direct solver*
- *Numerical results on the examples show that the proposed methods*
  - *are scalable for equality constraints*
  - *show a little dependence on the mesh for inequality constraints*
  - *Cost per iteration typically only slightly more than linear system solve*
- *Inexact-Newton has been successfully applied.*
- *Large and realistic 3D simulations of elasticity with constraints contacts problems are now possible at low computing costs*
- *Still needed:*
  - *extensions to multiphysics problems;*
  - *MPGCR in the Blackbox Model (For machine Learning,...)*

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# Thank you



For your attention