

Uncertainty Quantification: Does it need efficient linear algebra?

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- joint work with Catherine Powell (University of Manchester)



Incompressible Flow & Iterative Solver Software

An open-source software package

Summary

IFISS is a graphical package for the interactive numerical study of incompressible flow problems which can be run under [Matlab](#) or [Octave](#). It includes algorithms for discretization by mixed finite element methods and a posteriori error estimation of the computed solutions. The package can also be used as a computational laboratory for experimenting with state-of-the-art preconditioned iterative solvers for the discrete linear equation systems that arise in incompressible flow modelling.

Key Features

Key features include

- implementation of a variety of mixed finite element approximation methods;
- automatic calculation of stabilization parameters where appropriate;
- a posteriori error estimation for steady problems;
- a range of state-of-the-art preconditioned Krylov subspace solvers ;
- built-in geometric and algebraic multigrid solvers and preconditioners;
- fully implicit self-adaptive time stepping algorithms;
- useful visualization tools.

The developers of the IFISS package are [David Silvester](#) (School of Mathematics, University of Manchester), [Howard Elman](#) (Computer Science Department, University of Maryland), and [Alison Ramage](#) (Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Strathclyde).

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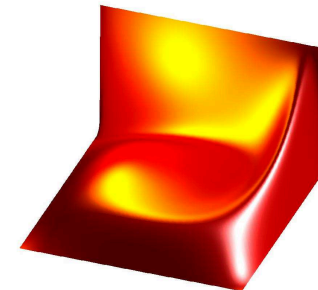
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PART I

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Buoyancy driven flow

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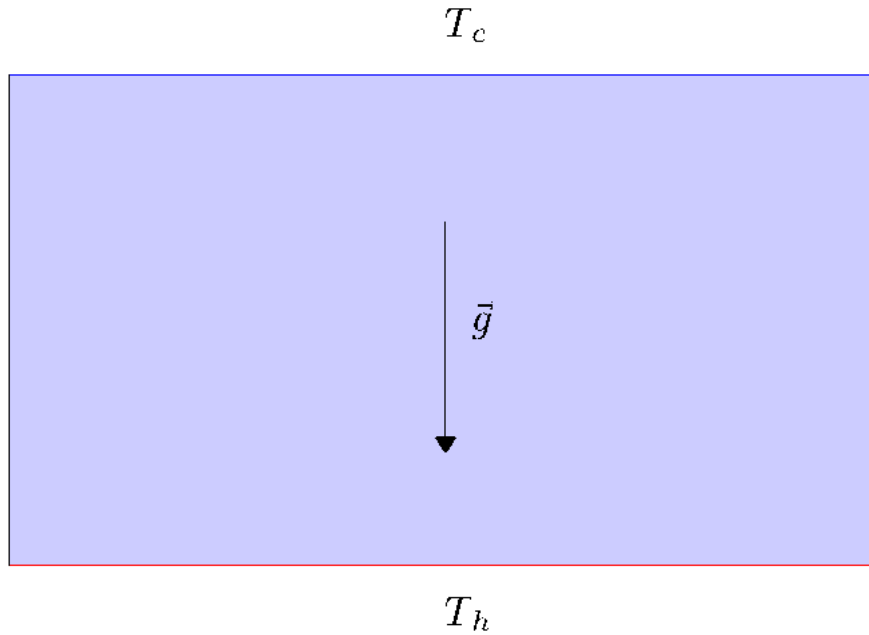
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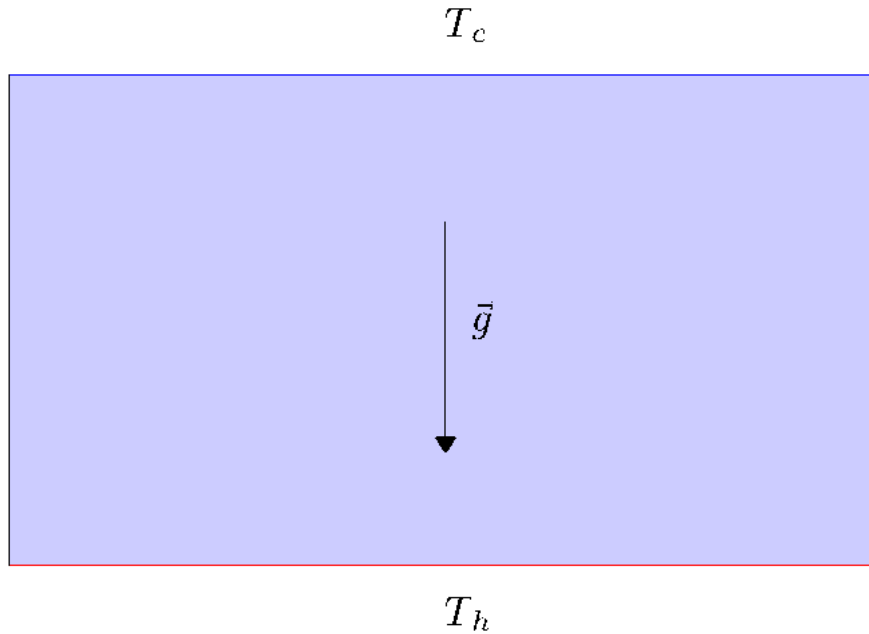
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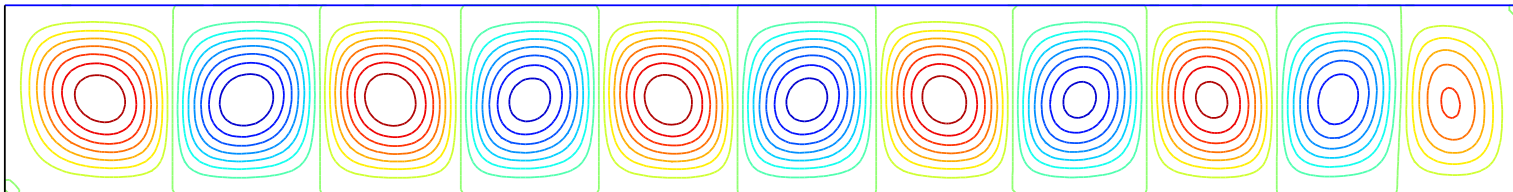


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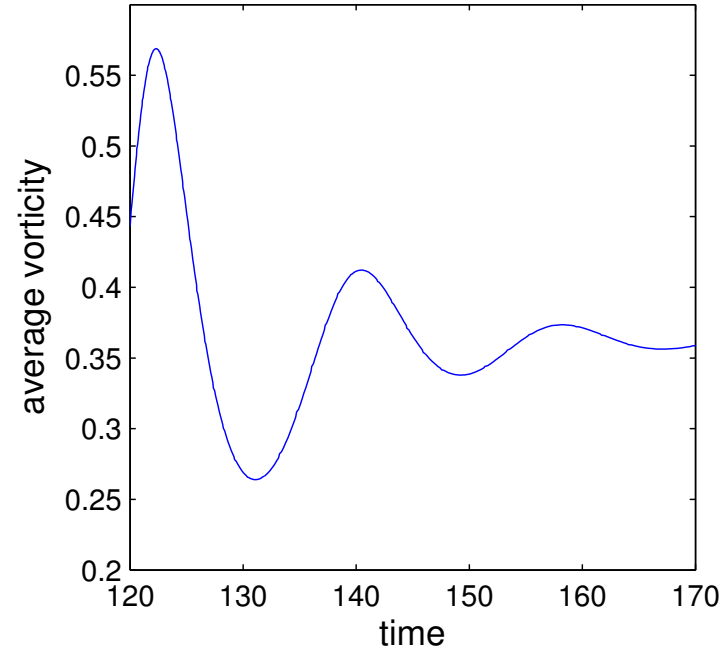
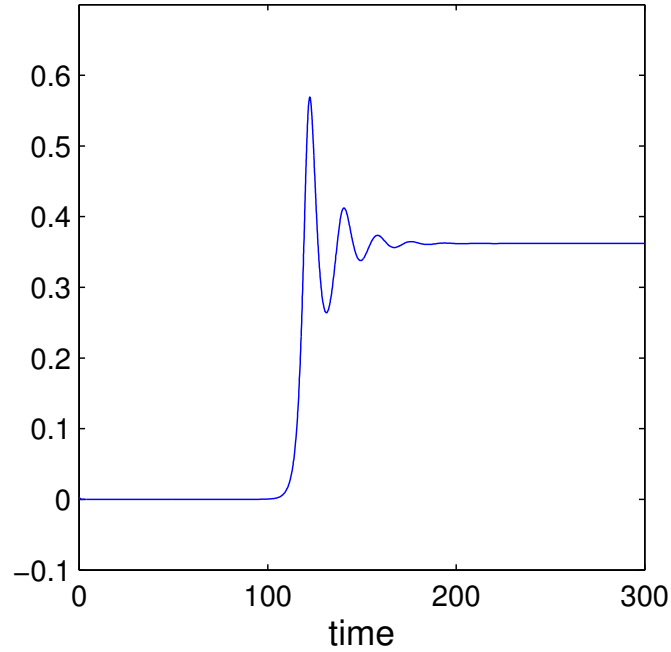
Stationary streamlines: time = 300.00



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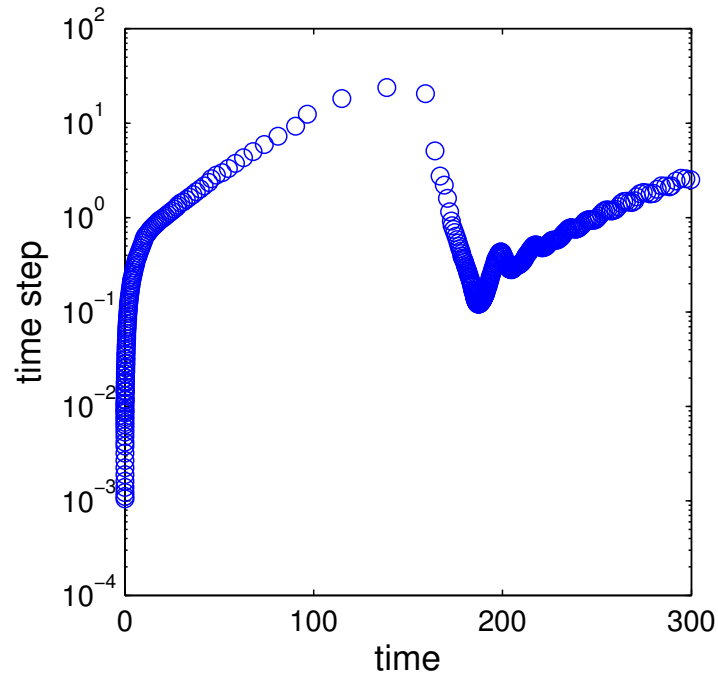
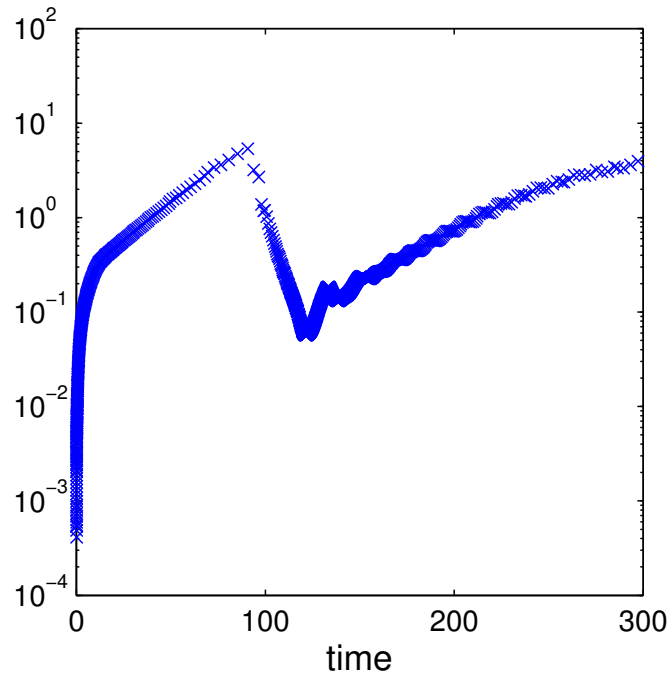
- Optimal time-stepping
- Black-box implementation
- Algorithm efficiency
- **Solver efficiency:** the linear solver convergence rate is robust with respect to the mesh size h and the flow problem parameters.

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$$\omega = \nabla \times \vec{u}, \quad \bar{\omega}_\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\mathcal{A}} \int_\Omega \omega^2}$$

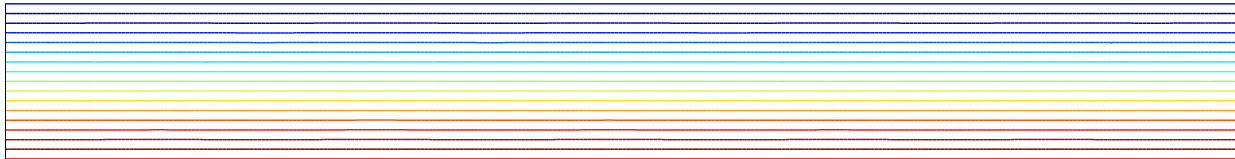
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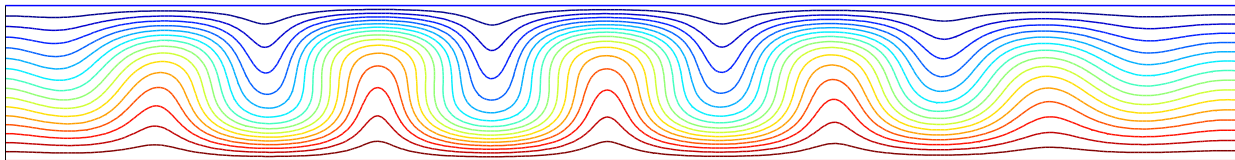
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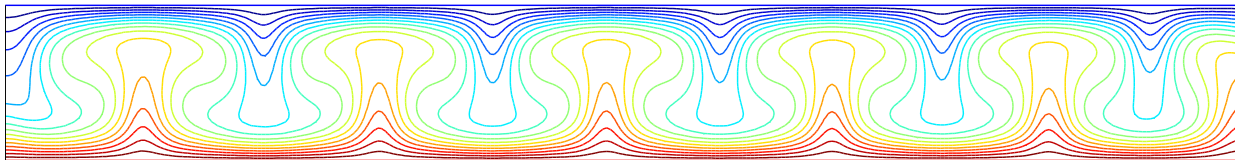
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Isotherms: time = 300.00



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Trapezoidal Rule (TR) time discretization

Subdivide $[0, T]$ into time levels $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^N$. Given (\mathbf{u}^n, p^n, T^n) at time t_n , $k_{n+1} := t_{n+1} - t_n$, compute $(\mathbf{u}^{n+1}, p^{n+1}, T^{n+1})$ via

$$\frac{2}{k_{n+1}} \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \nabla p^{n+1} - \vec{j} T^{n+1} = \frac{2}{k_{n+1}} \mathbf{u}^n + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^n}{\partial t} \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

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$$\nu \nabla T^{n+1} \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N.$$

Linearization

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with $\vec{w}^{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n}\right) \vec{u}^n - \frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n} \vec{u}^{n-1}$.

Adaptive time stepping components

The adaptive time step selection is based on **coupled** physics.

Given L_2 error estimates $\|\vec{e}_h^{n+1}\|$ and $\|e_h^{n+1}\|$ for the velocity and temperature respectively, the subsequent **TR-AB2** time step k_{n+2} is computed using

$$k_{n+2} = k_{n+1} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t}{\sqrt{\|\vec{e}_h^{n+1}\|^2 + \|e_h^{n+1}\|^2}} \right)^{1/3}.$$

The following parameters must be specified:

time accuracy tolerance	ε_t (10^{-5})
GMRES tolerance	<code>itol</code> (10^{-6})
GMRES iteration limit	<code>maxit</code> (50)

Finite element matrix formulation

Introducing the basis sets

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}_h &= \text{span}\{\vec{\phi}_i\}_{i=1}^{n_u}, & \text{Velocity basis functions;} \\ M_h &= \text{span}\{\psi_j\}_{j=1}^{n_p}, & \text{Pressure basis functions.} \\ T_h &= \text{span}\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^{n_T}, & \text{Temperature basis functions;}\end{aligned}$$

gives the method-of-lines discretized system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F & B^T & -\overset{\circ}{M} \\ B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0} \\ 0 \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

with a (vertical–) **mass** matrix:

$$\left(\frac{\circ}{M}\right)_{ij} = ([0, \phi_i], \phi_j)$$

Preconditioning strategy

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T & -\overset{\circ}{M} \\ B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{P}^{-1} \mathcal{P} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^u \\ \alpha^p \\ \alpha^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}^u \\ \mathbf{f}^p \\ \mathbf{f}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Given $S = BF^{-1}B^T$, a **perfect** preconditioner is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T & -\overset{\circ}{M} \\ B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} F^{-1} & F^{-1}B^T S^{-1} & F^{-1}\overset{\circ}{M}F^{-1} \\ 0 & -S^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F^{-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathcal{P}^{-1}} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ BF^{-1} & I & BF^{-1}\overset{\circ}{M}F^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

For an **efficient** preconditioner we need to construct a sparse approximation to the “exact” Schur complement

$$S^{-1} = (BF^{-1}B^T)^{-1}$$

See Chapter 11 of

- Howard Elman & David Silvester & Andrew Wathen
Finite Elements and Fast Iterative Solvers: with applications in incompressible fluid dynamics
Oxford University Press, **second edition**, 2014.

For an efficient implementation we must also have an efficient AMG (convection-diffusion) solver ...

HSL

HSL_MI20

PACKAGE SPECIFICATION

HSL 2007

1 SUMMARY

Given an $n \times n$ sparse matrix \mathbf{A} and an n -vector \mathbf{z} , HSL_MI20 computes the vector $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Mz}$, where \mathbf{M} is an algebraic multigrid (AMG) v-cycle preconditioner for \mathbf{A} . A classical AMG method is used, as described in [1] (see also Section 5 below for a brief description of the algorithm). The matrix \mathbf{A} must have positive diagonal entries and (most of) the off-diagonal entries must be negative (the diagonal should be large compared to the sum of the off-diagonals). During the multigrid coarsening process, positive off-diagonal entries are ignored and, when calculating the interpolation weights, positive off-diagonal entries are added to the diagonal.

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[1] K. Stüben. *An Introduction to Algebraic Multigrid*. In U. Trottenberg, C. Oosterlee, A. Schüller, eds, 'Multigrid', Academic Press, 2001, pp 413-532.

ATTRIBUTES — **Version:** 1.1.0 **Types:** Real (single, double). **Uses:** HSL_MA48, HSL_MC65, HSL_ZD11, and the LAPACK routines `_GETRF` and `_GETRS`. **Date:** September 2006. **Origin:** J. W. Boyle, University of Manchester and J. A. Scott, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. **Language:** Fortran 95, plus allocatable dummy arguments and allocatable components of derived types. **Remark:** The development of HSL_MI20 was funded by EPSRC grants EP/C000528/1 and GR/S42170.

Schur complement approximation – I

Introducing the diagonal of the velocity mass matrix

$$M_* \sim M_{ij} = (\vec{\phi}_i, \vec{\phi}_j),$$

gives the “least-squares commutator preconditioner”:

$$(BF^{-1}B^T)^{-1} \approx \underbrace{(BM_*^{-1}B^T)^{-1}}_{amg} (BM_*^{-1}FM_*^{-1}B^T) \underbrace{(BM_*^{-1}B^T)^{-1}}_{amg}$$

Schur complement approximation – II

Introducing associated pressure matrices

$$M_p \sim (\nabla\psi_i, \nabla\psi_j), \quad \text{mass}$$

$$A_p \sim (\nabla\psi_i, \nabla\psi_j), \quad \text{diffusion}$$

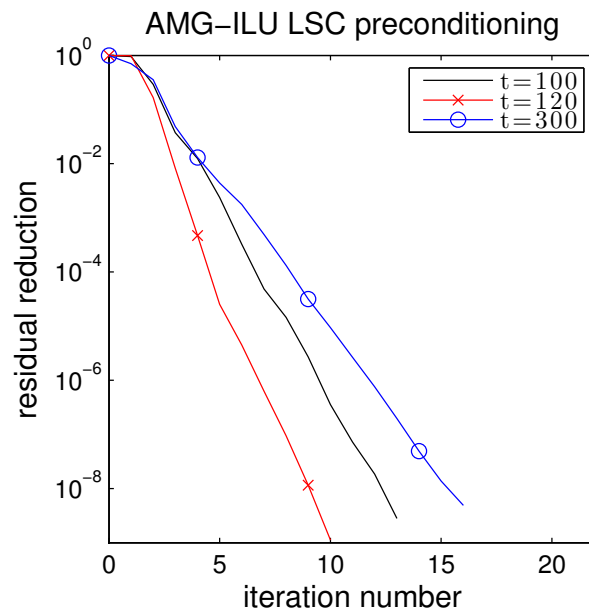
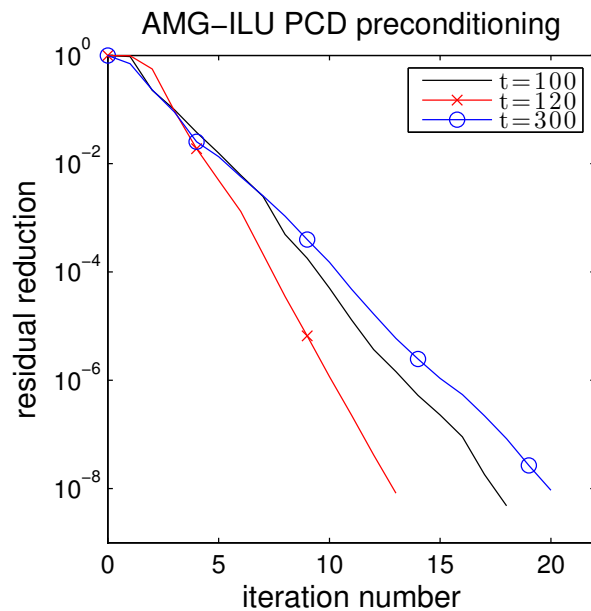
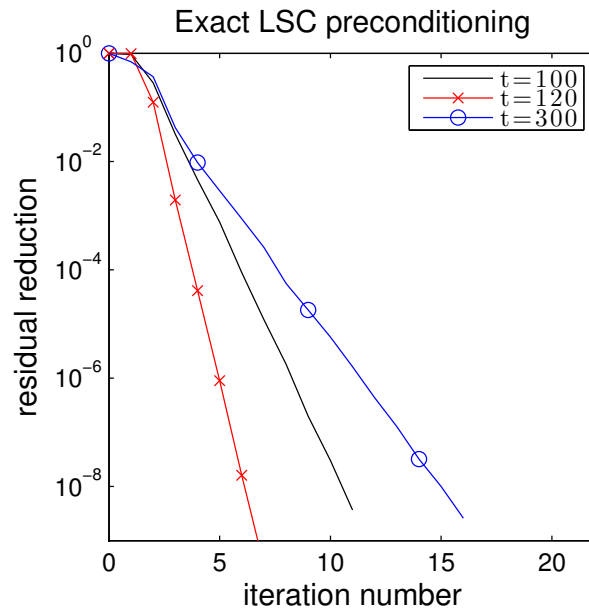
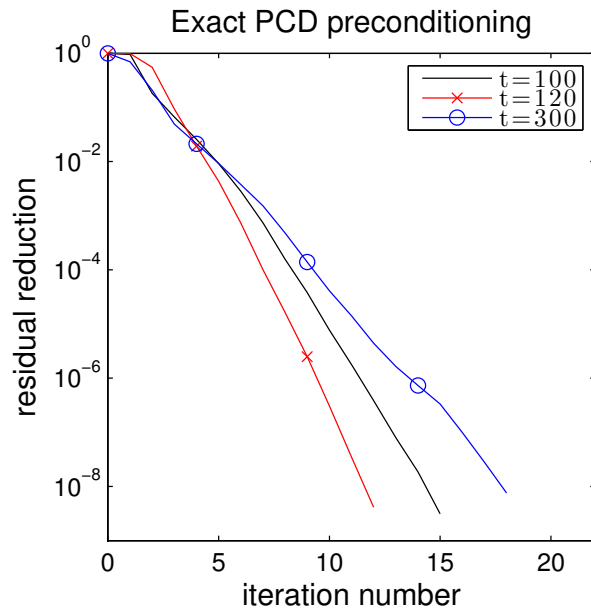
$$N_p \sim (\vec{w}_h \cdot \nabla\psi_i, \psi_j), \quad \text{convection}$$

$$F_p = \frac{2}{k_{n+1}} M_p + \nu A_p + N_p, \quad \text{convection-diffusion}$$

gives the “pressure convection-diffusion preconditioner”:

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What have we achieved?

- ♡ **Black-box implementation:** few parameters that have to be estimated a priori.
- ♡ **Optimal complexity:** essentially $O(n)$ flops per iteration, where n is dimension of the discrete system.
- ♡ **Efficient linear algebra:** convergence rate is (essentially) independent of h . Given an appropriate time accuracy tolerance convergence is also robust with respect to diffusion parameters ν and ν .

PART II

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A framework for the development of implicit solvers for incompressible flow problems. Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems — Series S, vol. 5, 1195–1221, 2012.

Steady-state flow with random data

Problem statement

$$\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

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$$\vec{u} = \vec{g} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D$$

$$\nu \nabla \vec{u} \cdot \vec{n} - p \vec{n} = \vec{0} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N.$$

We model uncertainty in the viscosity as

$$\nu(\omega) = \mu + \sigma \xi(\omega).$$

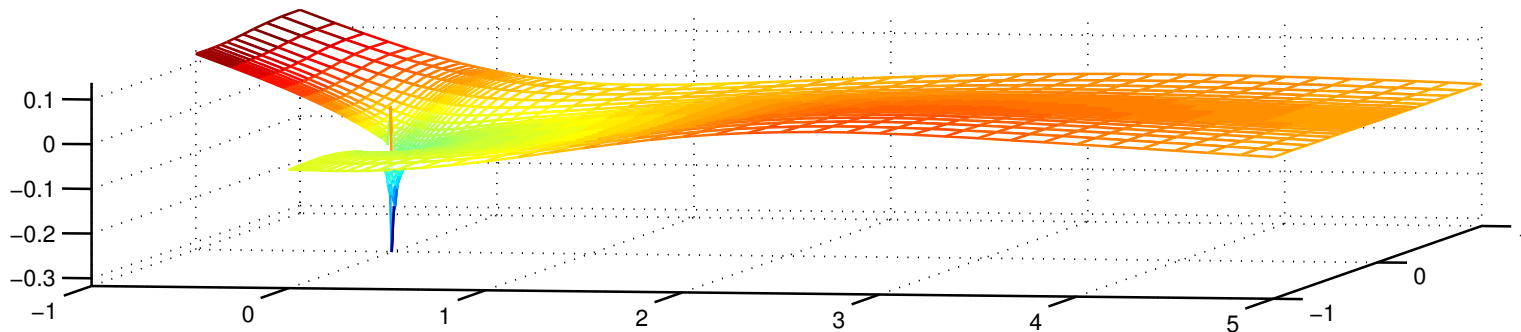
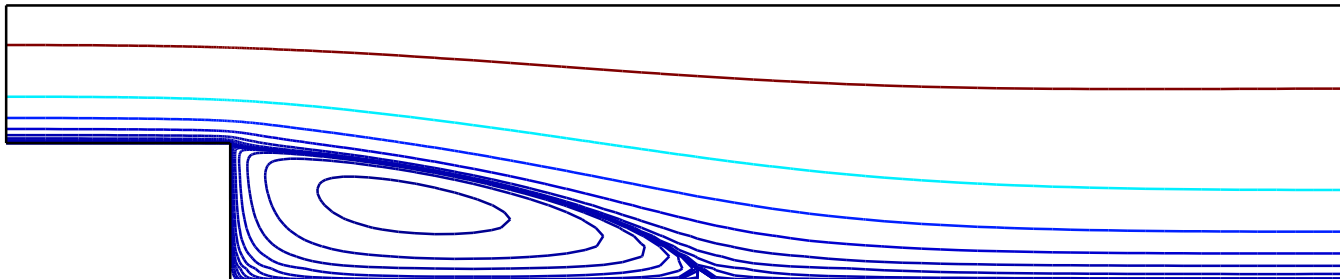
If $\xi \sim U(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$, then ν is a **uniform random variable** with

$$\mathbb{E}[\nu(\omega)] = \mu, \quad \text{Var}[\nu(\omega)] = \sigma^2.$$

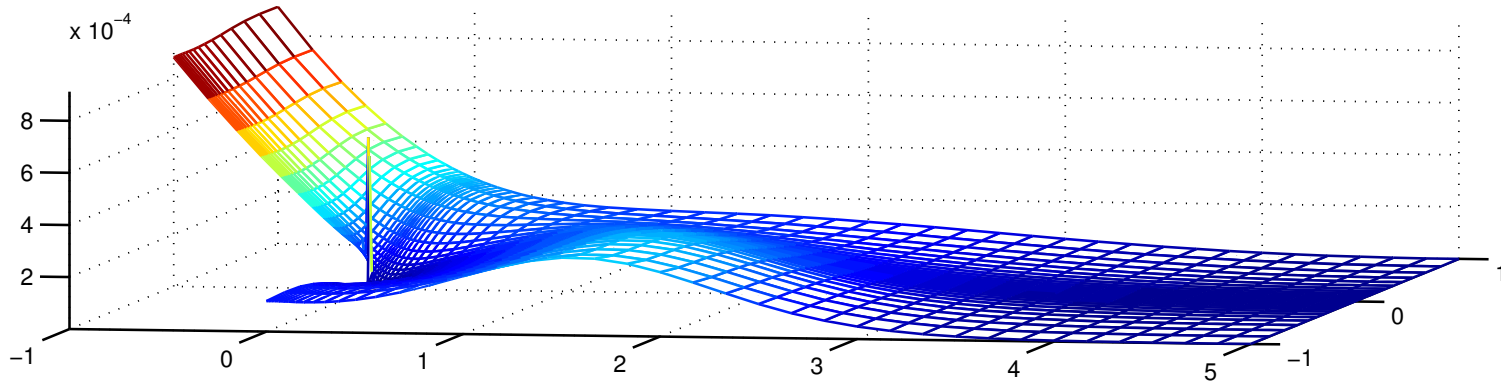
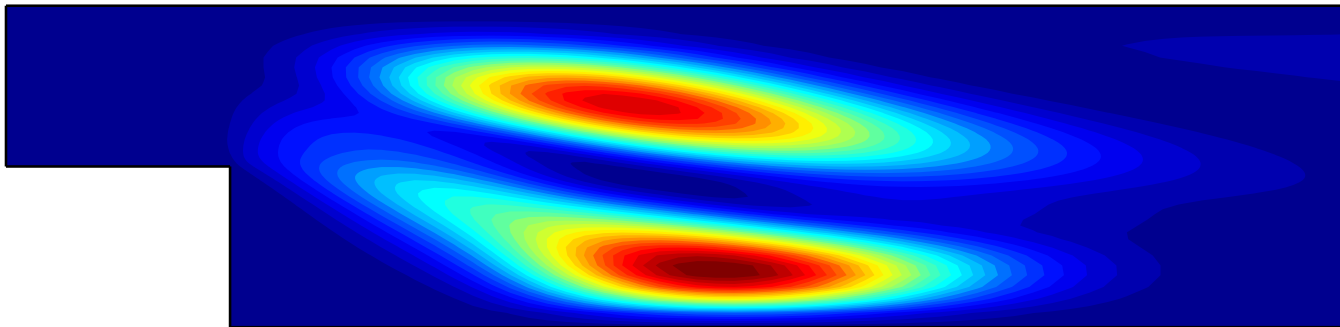
N-S example I: flow over a step

Streamlines of the **mean** flow field (top) and plot of the **mean** pressure field (bottom):

$$\mu = 1/50, \quad \sigma = \mu/10$$



Variance of the magnitude of flow field (top) and variance of the pressure (bottom)



Stochastic discretisation methods

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Key points

- If the number of random variables describing the input data is **small** then **Stochastic Galerkin** and **Stochastic Collocation** methods can outperform **Monte Carlo**.
- If software for the deterministic problem is to be useful for **Stochastic Galerkin** approximation then **specialised solvers** need to be developed.

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$$\mathbb{E} \left[\nu(y) (\nabla \vec{u}_{hk}^{n+1}, \nabla \vec{v}) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[(\vec{u}_{hk}^n \cdot \nabla \vec{u}_{hk}^{n+1}, \vec{v}) \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[(p_{hk}^{n+1}, \nabla \cdot \vec{v}) \right] = 0$$
$$\mathbb{E} \left[(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}_{hk}^{n+1}, q) \right] = 0$$

for all $\vec{v} \in \mathbf{X}_0^h \otimes S^k$ and $q \in M^h \otimes S^k$.

Stochastic Galerkin discretisation II

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Sets of basis functions

$$\mathbf{X}_0^h = \text{span} \left\{ (\phi_i(\vec{x}), 0), (0, \phi_i(\vec{x})) \right\}_{i=1}^{n_u}; \quad M^h = \text{span} \left\{ \psi_j(\vec{x}) \right\}_{j=1}^{n_p};$$

$$\mathcal{S}^k = \text{span} \left\{ \varphi_\ell(y) \right\}_{\ell=0}^k.$$

Stochastic Galerkin discretisation III

The linear system at the $(n + 1)$ st Picard iteration is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{F}_{\nu}^n & \mathbb{B}^T \\ \mathbb{B} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^n \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}^n \\ \mathbf{g}^n \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathbb{F}_{\nu}^n = \begin{pmatrix} F_{\nu}^n & 0 \\ 0 & F_{\nu}^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{B} = \begin{pmatrix} G_0 \otimes B_{x_1} & G_0 \otimes B_{x_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$F_{\nu}^n := (\mu G_0 + \sigma G_1) \otimes A + \sum_{\ell=0}^k H_{\ell} \otimes N_{\ell},$$

B_{x_1}, B_{x_2} are discrete representations of the first derivatives.

The system dimension is: $(n_u + n_p)(k + 1) \times (n_u + n_p)(k + 1)$.

(1-1) block: $F_{\nu}^n := (\mu G_0 + \sigma G_1) \otimes A + \sum_{\ell=0}^k H_{\ell} \otimes N_{\ell}$.

- F_{ν}^n is a **non-symmetric** matrix.
- convection matrices N_{ℓ} ($\ell = 0, \dots, k$) are given by

$$[N_{\ell}]_{ij} = (\vec{u}_{h\ell}^n(\vec{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_i, \phi_j) \quad i, j = 0, \dots, n_u.$$

where $\vec{u}_{h\ell}^n$ are the ‘spatial coefficients’ in the expansion of the lagged velocity field,

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- $G_0 = H_0 = I$, $G_1 = H_1$ is sparse (2 non-zeros per row);
- H_{ℓ} is dense for $\ell \geq 2$.

Ideal preconditioning

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An **ideal** preconditioner is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} F^{-1} & F^{-1} B^T S^{-1} \\ 0 & -S^{-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathcal{P}^{-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ BF^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

For an **efficient** preconditioner we need to construct a sparse approximation to the “exact” Schur complement

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A natural candidate for \mathbb{P}_F is the **block-diagonal** mean-based approximation:

$$\mathbb{P}_F = \mathbb{F}_0 := \begin{pmatrix} I \otimes F_0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \otimes F_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is a good approximation when $\frac{\sigma}{\mu}$ is not too large.

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S_0 is the Schur-complement corresponding to the **deterministic problem** with

- viscosity μ
- convection coefficient \vec{u}_{hk}^0 (the mean component of velocity at the previous Picard step)

Preconditioning III

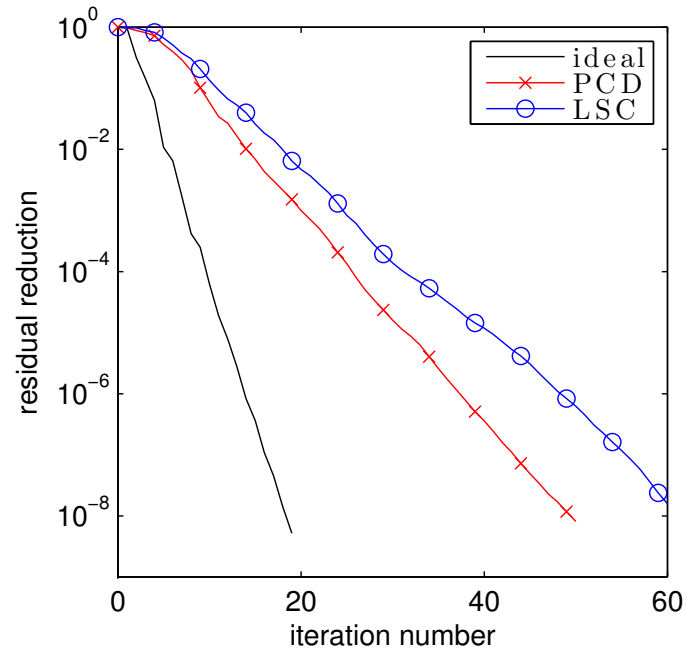
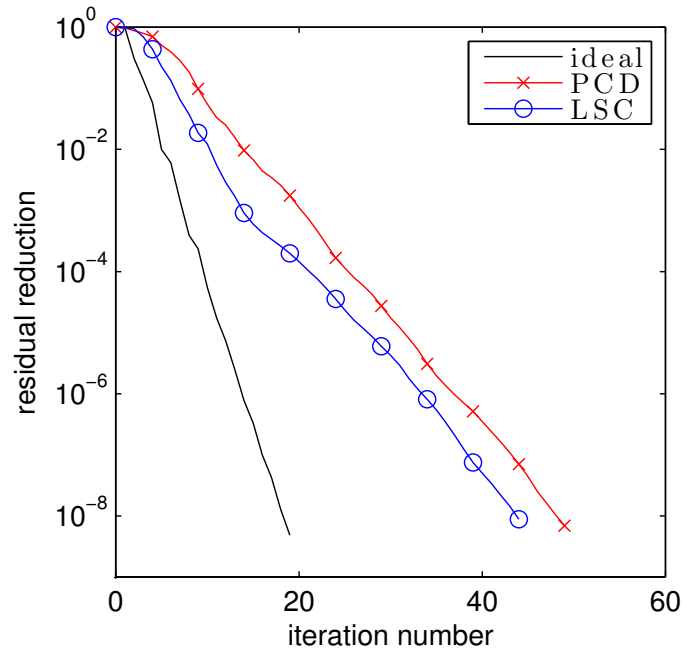
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To apply \mathbb{P}_S^{-1} in each GMRES iteration requires $(k + 1)$ solves with S_0 . This can be done

- exactly (ideal preconditioner); or
- inexactly with the **deterministic** approaches:
 - pressure convection–diffusion approximation (PCD)
 - least–squares commutator approximation (LSC).

Flow over a step



GMRES convergence for a coarsened grid (left) and for a reference grid (right) ($\mu = 1/50$; $\sigma = 2\mu/10$).

Typical GMRES iteration counts

		$\mathbb{E}[Re]$	Coarse grid			Fine grid		
			$k = 2$	4	6	$k = 2$	4	6
Ideal	$\sigma = \mu/10$	67	14	14	14	14	14	15
	$\sigma = 2\mu/10$	70	18	20	21	14	20	21
	$\sigma = 3\mu/10$	74	25	28	29	25	28	29
PCD	$\sigma = \mu/10$	67	37	38	39	37	39	39
	$\sigma = 2\mu/10$	70	43	44	50	44	48	50
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