

Hierarchical interpolative factorization

Kenneth L. Ho (Stanford)

Joint work with Lexing Ying

Darve Group Meeting, Jan 2014

Introduction

Elliptic PDEs in differential or integral form:

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) + v(x)u(x) &= f(x) \\ a(x)u(x) + \int_{\Omega} K(x,y)u(y) d\Omega(y) &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Fundamental to physics and engineering
- ▶ Interested in 2D/3D, complex geometry
- ▶ Discretize → structured linear system $Ax = b$

Goal: **fast** and accurate algorithms for the discrete operators

- ▶ Fast matrix-vector multiplication
- ▶ Fast solver, good preconditioner
- ▶ Linear or nearly linear complexity, high practical efficiency

Previous work

Fast matrix-vector multiplication

- ▶ Trivial for differential operators (**sparse**)
- ▶ Achieved for integral operators by FMM, treecode, \mathcal{H} -matrices, etc.

However, fast **solvers** have been much harder to come by

- ▶ Iterative methods
 - Number of iterations can be large
 - Inefficient for multiple right-hand sides
- ▶ Nested dissection/multifrontal, HSS matrices/recursive skeletonization
 - Small constants, optimal in quasi-1D
 - Rank growth in higher dimensions yields superlinear cost
- ▶ \mathcal{H} -matrices
 - Optimal complexity but large prefactor
- ▶ MF/RS with structured matrix algebra
 - Improved prefactor, complex geometry can be difficult

Many contributors; apologies for not listing names

Overview

Hierarchical interpolative factorization

- ▶ MF/RS + recursive dimensional reduction
- ▶ Same idea as with using structured algebra but in a new matrix framework
- ▶ Explicit **sparsification**, generalized LU decomposition
- ▶ Extends to 3D, complex geometry, etc.

Tools: Schur complement, interpolative decomposition, skeletonization

Schur complement

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & A_{pq} & \\ A_{qp} & A_{qq} & A_{qr} \\ & A_{rq} & A_{rr} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Think of A as a **sparse** matrix.) If A_{pp} is nonsingular, define

$$R_p^* = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ -A_{qp}A_{pp}^{-1} & I & \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_p = \begin{bmatrix} I & -A_{pp}^{-1}A_{pq} & \\ & I & \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}$$

so that

$$R_p^* A S_p = \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & & \\ & * & A_{qr} \\ & A_{rq} & A_{rr} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶ DOFs p have been eliminated
- ▶ Interactions involving r are unchanged

Interpolative decomposition

If $A_{:,q}$ is numerically low-rank, then there exist

- ▶ **redundant** (\check{q}) and **skeleton** (\hat{q}) columns partitioning $q = \check{q} \cup \hat{q}$
- ▶ an interpolation matrix T_q with $\|T_q\|$ small

such that

$$A_{:,\check{q}} \approx A_{:,\hat{q}} T_q.$$

- ▶ Essentially an RRQR written slightly differently
- ▶ Can be computed adaptively to any specified precision
- ▶ Fast randomized algorithms are available

Interactions between separated regions are low-rank.

Skeletonization

- ▶ Use ID + Schur complement to eliminate redundant DOFs
- ▶ Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & A_{pq} \\ A_{qp} & A_{qq} \end{bmatrix}$ with A_{pq} and A_{qp} low-rank
- ▶ Apply ID to $\begin{bmatrix} A_{qp} \\ A_{pq}^* \end{bmatrix}$: $\begin{bmatrix} A_{q\check{p}} \\ A_{\check{p}q}^* \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} A_{q\hat{p}} \\ A_{\hat{p}q}^* \end{bmatrix} T_p \implies \begin{aligned} A_{q\check{p}} &\approx A_{q\hat{p}} T_p \\ A_{\check{p}q} &\approx T_p^* A_{\hat{p}q} \end{aligned}$
- ▶ Reorder $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{\check{p}\check{p}} & A_{\check{p}\hat{p}} & A_{\check{p}q} \\ A_{\hat{p}\check{p}} & A_{\hat{p}\hat{p}} & A_{\hat{p}q} \\ A_{q\check{p}} & A_{q\hat{p}} & A_{qq} \end{bmatrix}$, define $Q_p = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ -T_p & I & \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ **Sparsify** via ID: $Q_p^* A Q_p \approx \begin{bmatrix} * & * & \\ * & A_{\hat{p}\hat{p}} & A_{\hat{p}q} \\ A_{q\hat{p}} & A_{qq} & \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ Schur complement: $R_p^* Q_p^* A Q_p S_p \approx \begin{bmatrix} * & & \\ & * & A_{\hat{p}q} \\ & A_{q\hat{p}} & A_{qq} \end{bmatrix}$

Differential equations

Algorithm: multifrontal

Build quadtree/octree.

for each level $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$ from finest to coarsest **do**

 Let C_ℓ be the set of all cells on level ℓ .

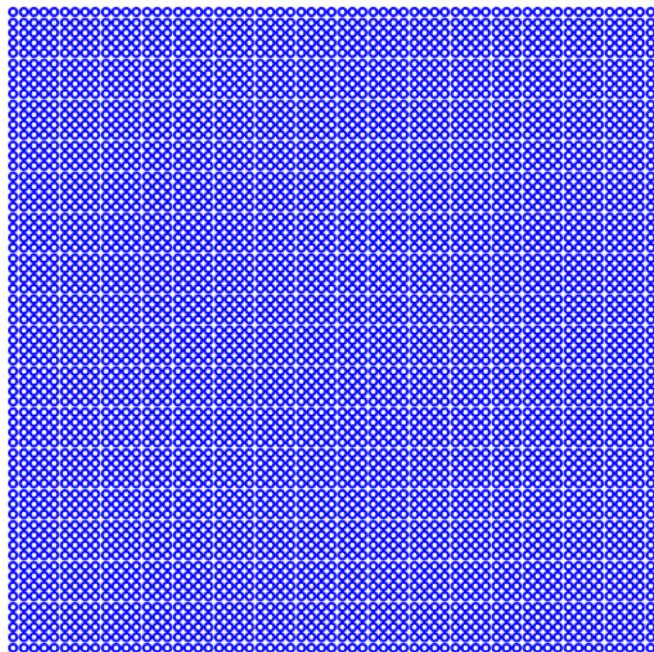
for each cell $c \in C_\ell$ **do**

Schur complement remaining interior DOFs in c .

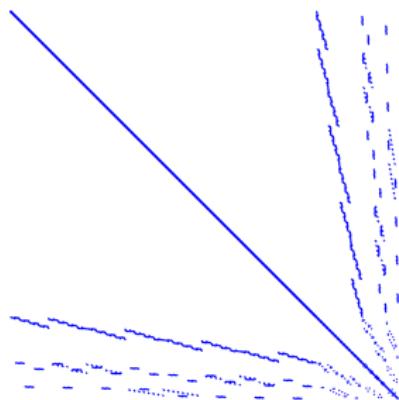
end for

end for

MF in 2D: level 0

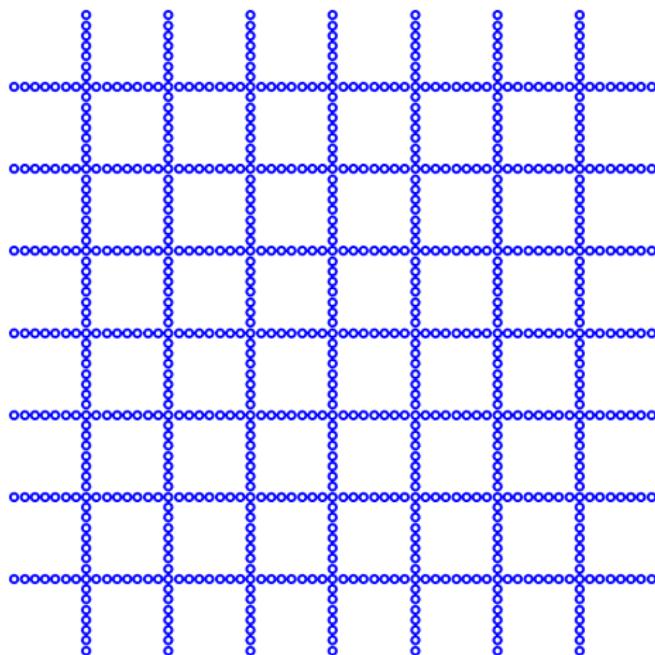


domain

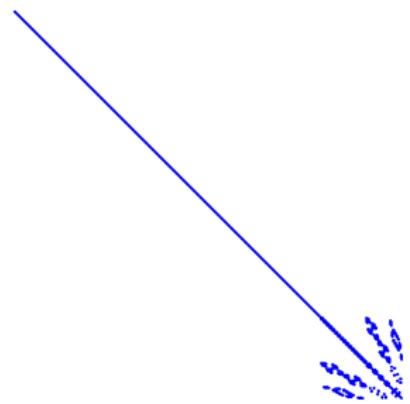


matrix

MF in 2D: level 1

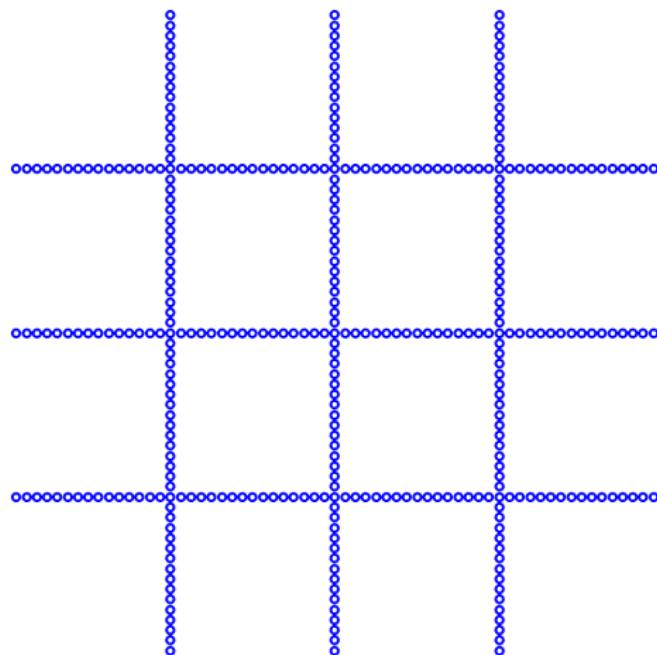


domain

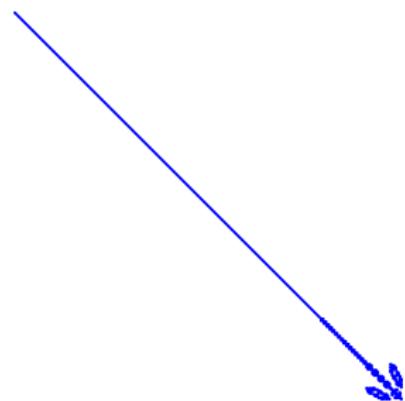


matrix

MF in 2D: level 2

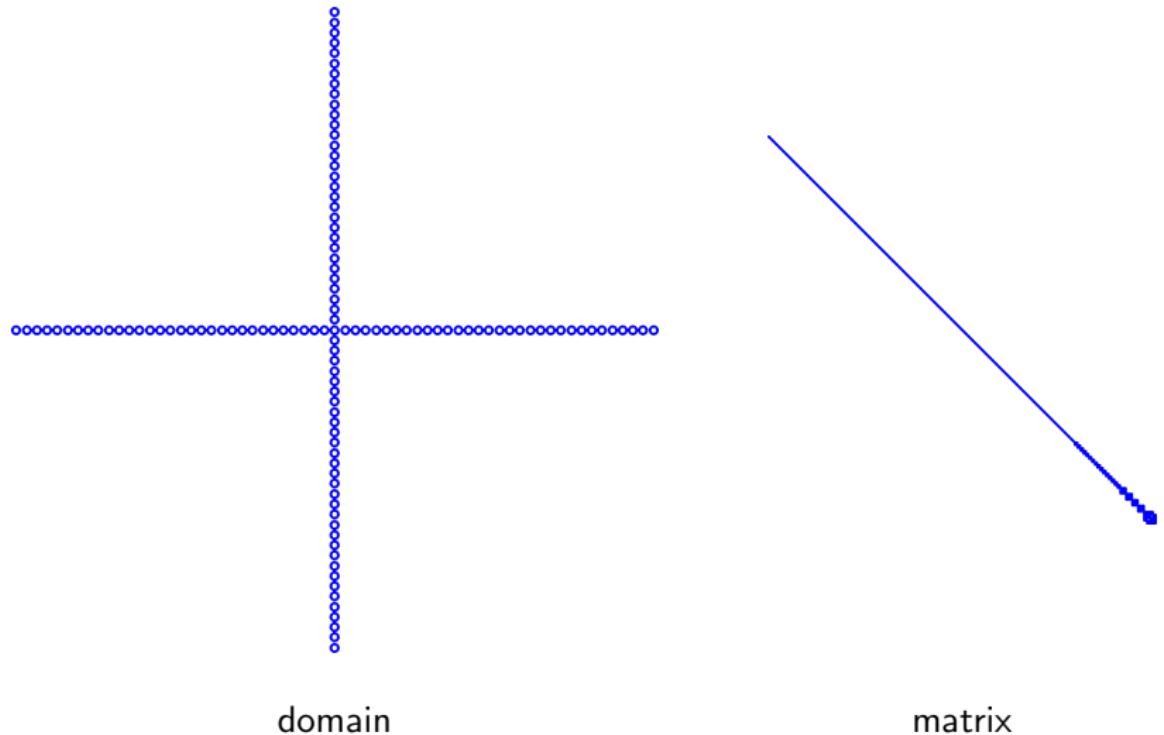


domain

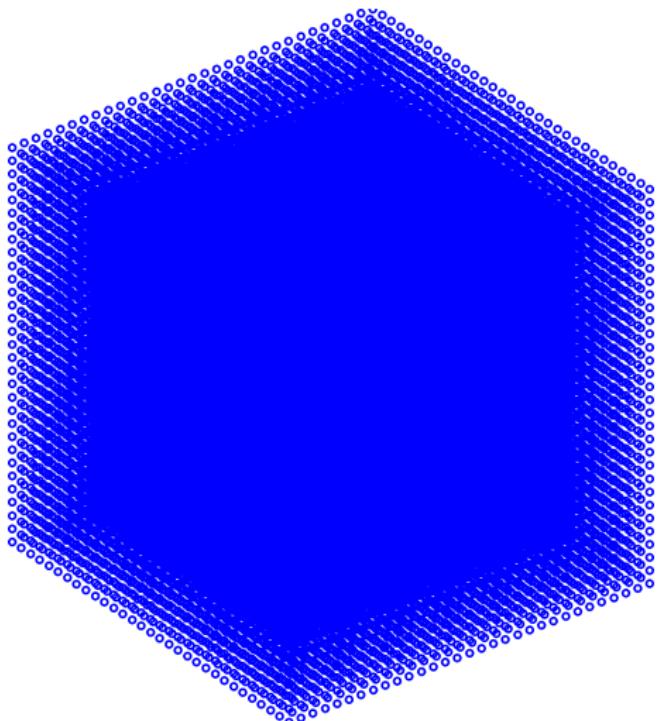


matrix

MF in 2D: level 3

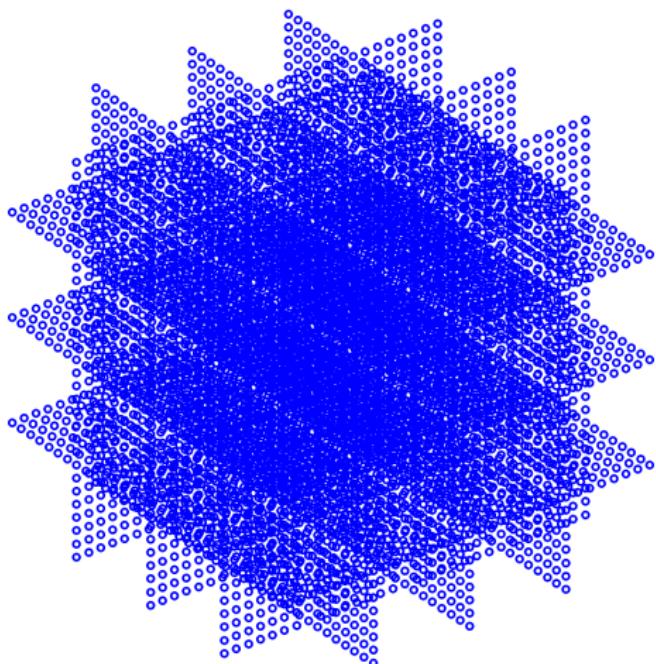


MF in 3D: level 0



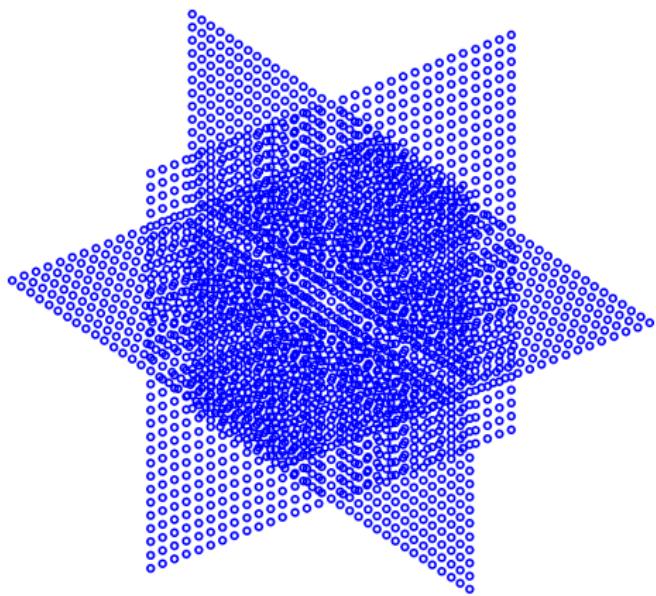
domain

MF in 3D: level 1



domain

MF in 3D: level 2



domain

MF analysis

- ▶ Schur complement operator (assume SPD):

$$W_\ell = \prod_{c \in C_\ell} S_c$$

- ▶ Block diagonalization:

$$D \approx W_{L-1}^* \cdots W_0^* A W_0 \cdots W_{L-1}$$

- ▶ LU decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} A &\approx W_0^{-*} \cdots W_{L-1}^{-*} D W_{L-1}^{-1} \cdots W_0^{-1} \\ A^{-1} &\approx W_0 \cdots W_{L-1} D^{-1} W_L^* \cdots W_0^* \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Numerically exact: fast direct **solver**

MF analysis

The cost is determined by the separator/front size.

	1D	2D	3D
Front size	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{1/2})$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{2/3})$
Factorization cost	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{3/2})$	$\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
Solve cost	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{4/3})$

Question: How to reduce the front size in 2D and 3D?

- ▶ Frontal matrices are dense but rank-structured
- ▶ Exploit separator geometry by **skeletonizing** along edges
- ▶ Dimensional reduction

Algorithm: hierarchical interpolative factorization in 2D

Build quadtree.

for each level $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$ from finest to coarsest **do**

 Let C_ℓ be the set of all **cells** on level ℓ .

for each cell $c \in C_\ell$ **do**

Schur complement remaining interior DOFs in c .

end for

 Let $C_{\ell+1/2}$ be the set of all **edges** on level ℓ .

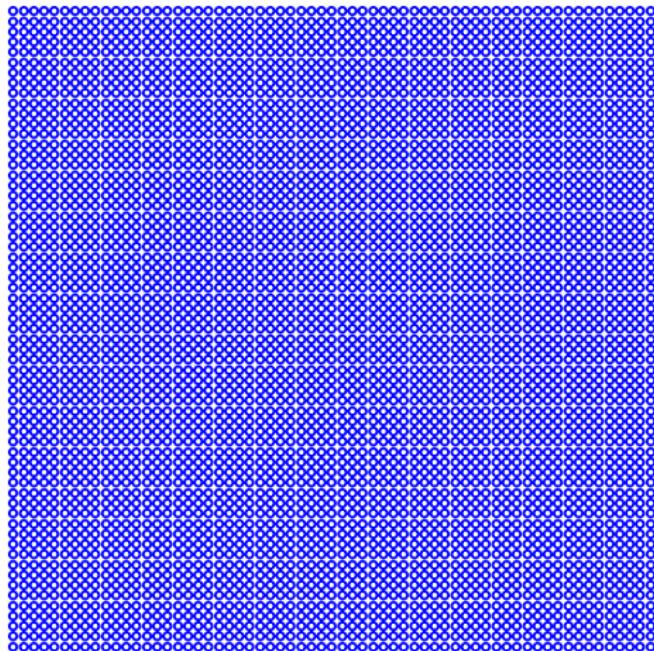
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+1/2}$ **do**

Skeletonize remaining interior DOFs in c .

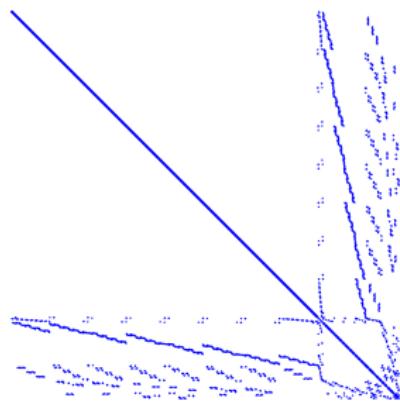
end for

end for

HIF-DE in 2D: level 0

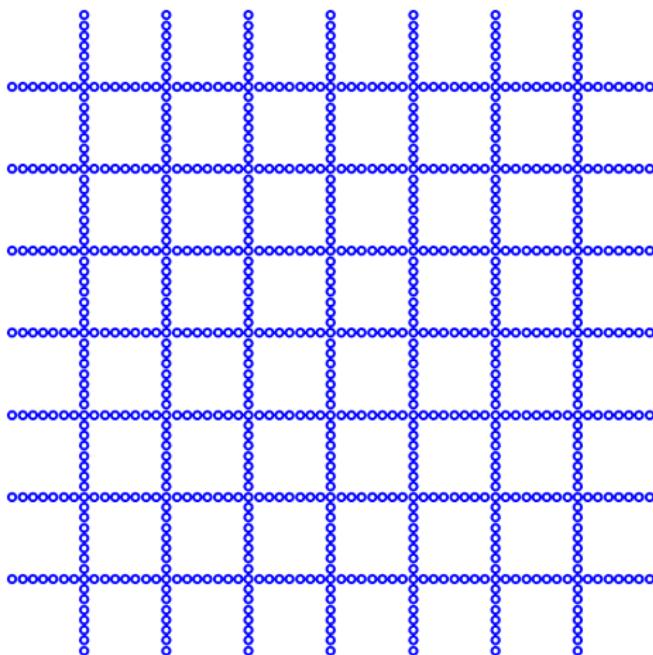


domain

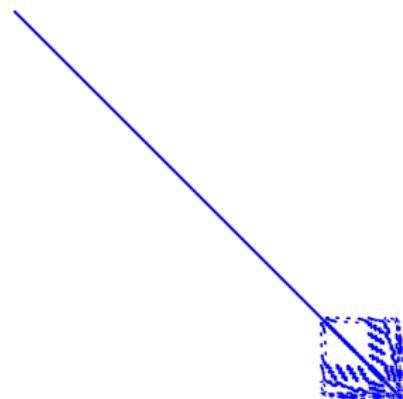


matrix

HIF-DE in 2D: level 1/2

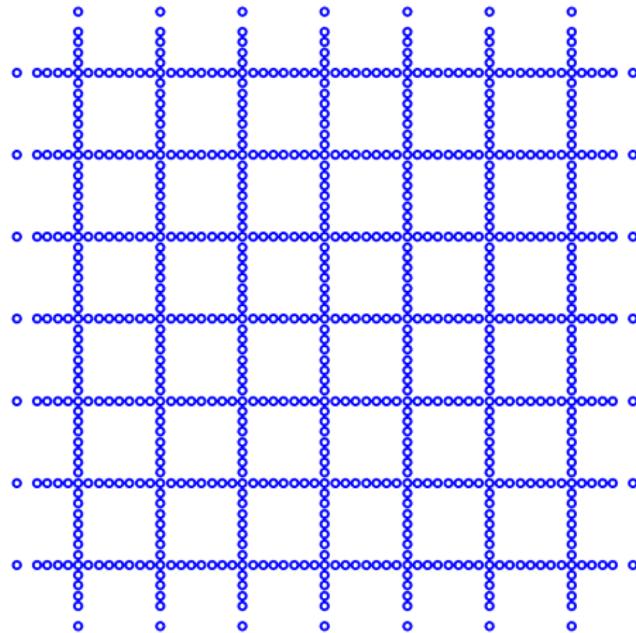


domain

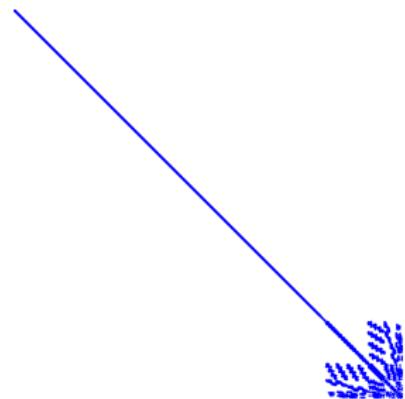


matrix

HIF-DE in 2D: level 1

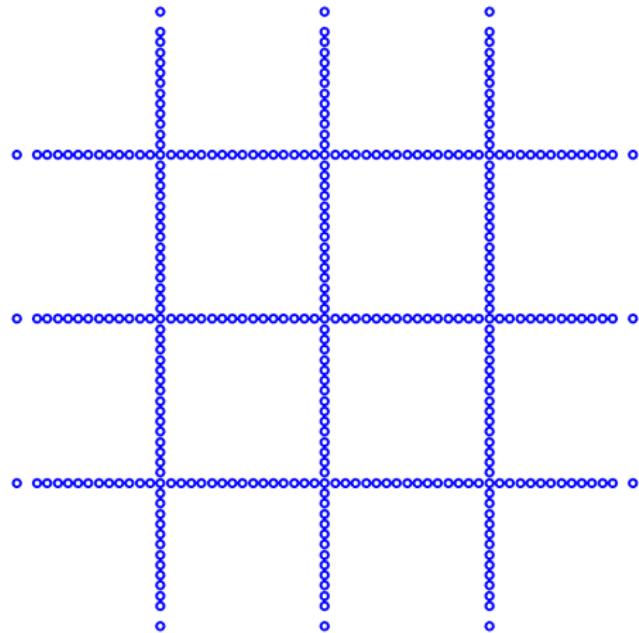


domain

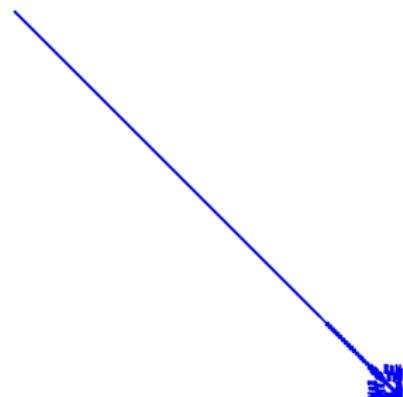


matrix

HIF-DE in 2D: level 3/2

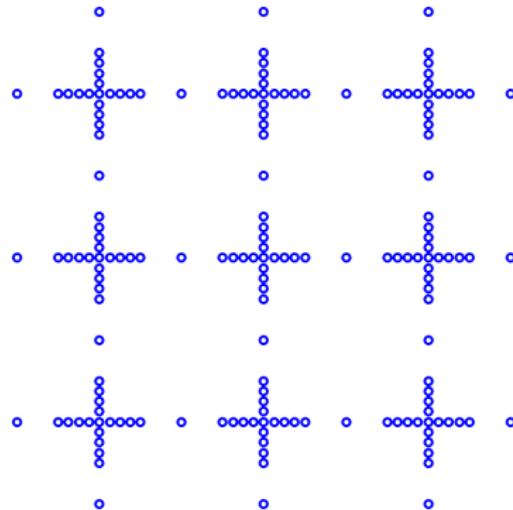


domain

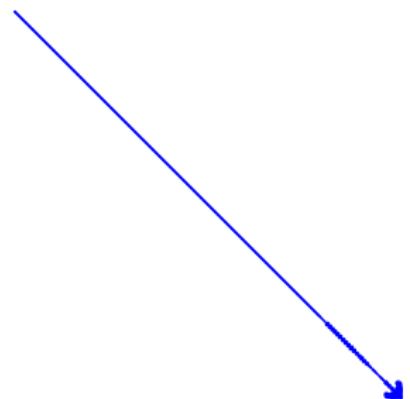


matrix

HIF-DE in 2D: level 2

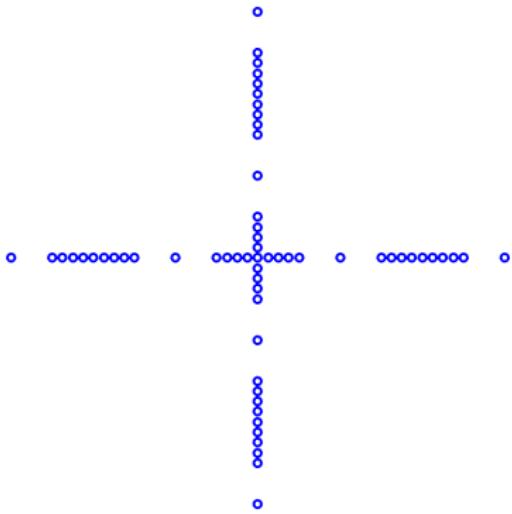


domain

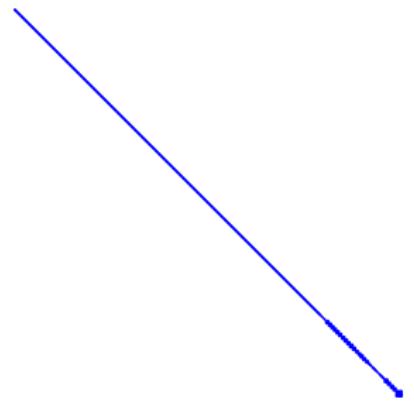


matrix

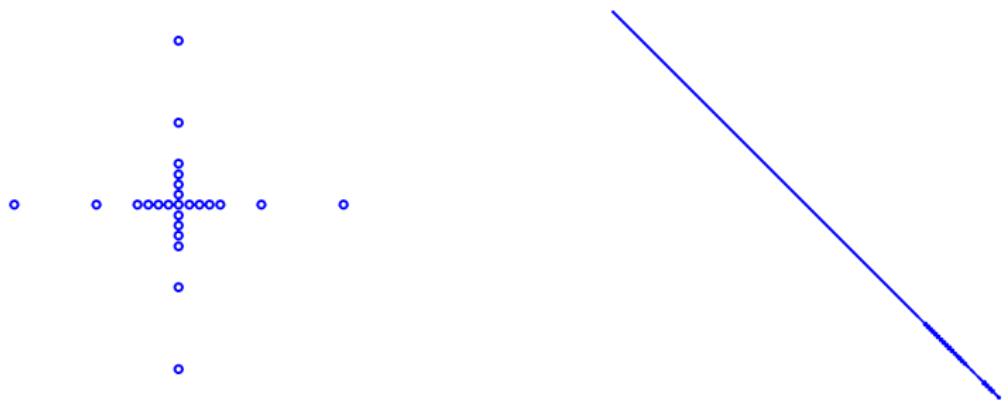
HIF-DE in 2D: level 5/2



domain



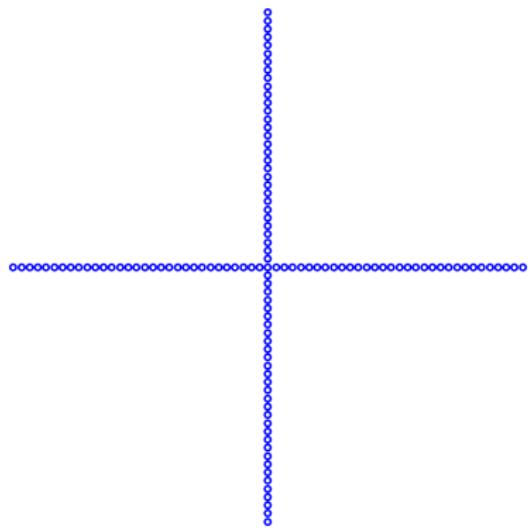
HIF-DE in 2D: level 3



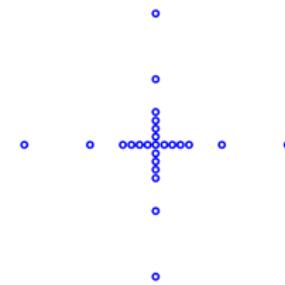
domain

matrix

MF vs. HIF-DE in 2D

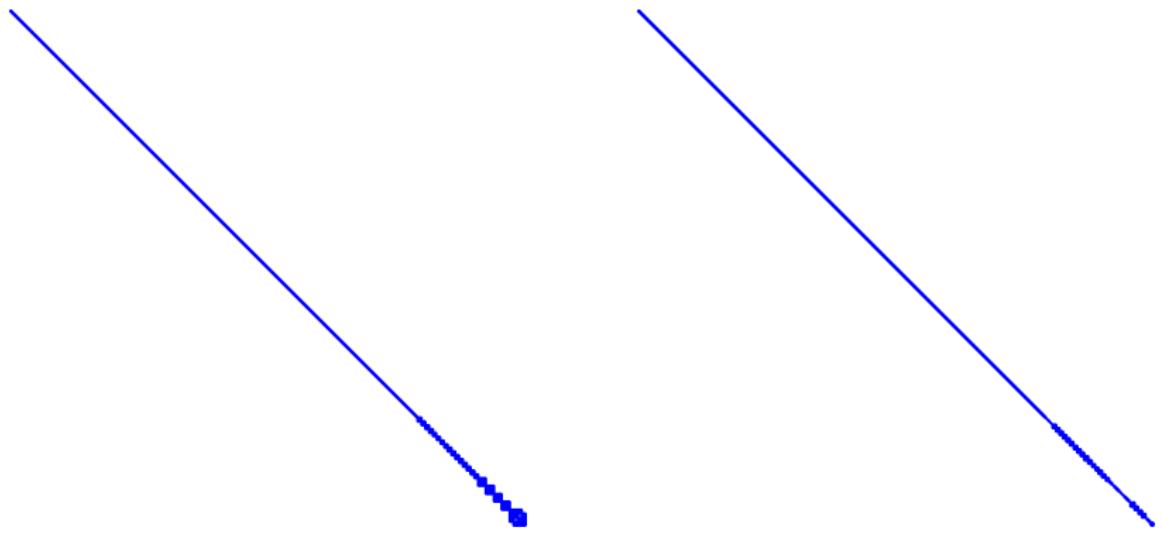


MF



HIF-DE

MF vs. HIF-DE in 2D



MF

HIF-DE

Algorithm: hierarchical interpolative factorization in 3D

Build octree.

for each level $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$ from finest to coarsest **do**

 Let C_ℓ be the set of all **cells** on level ℓ .

for each cell $c \in C_\ell$ **do**

Schur complement remaining interior DOFs in c .

end for

 Let $C_{\ell+1/2}$ be the set of all **faces** on level ℓ .

for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+1/2}$ **do**

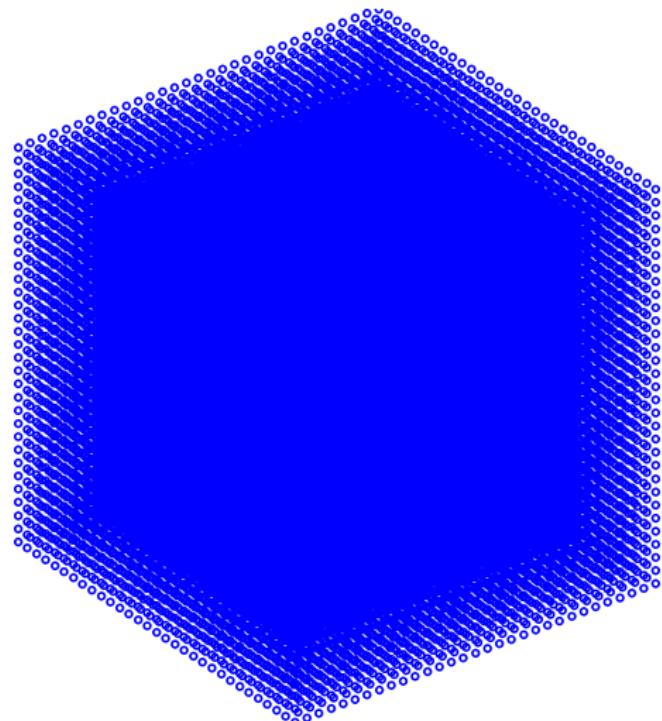
Skeletonize remaining interior DOFs in c .

end for

end for

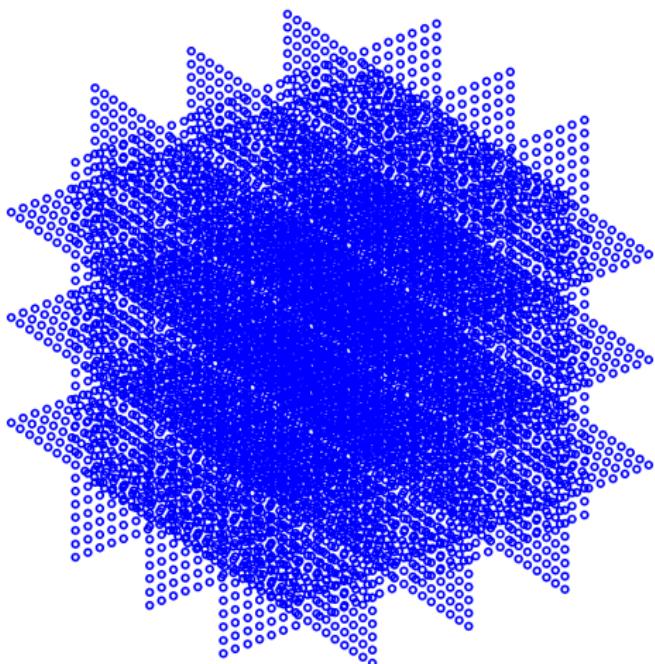
- ▶ Can also do additional skeletonization along edges for true linear complexity
- ▶ This algorithm is sufficient for $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ and better exploits sparsity

HIF-DE in 3D: level 0



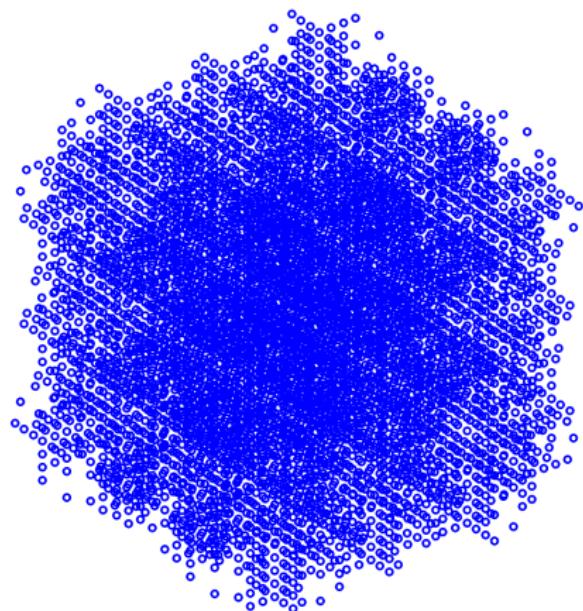
domain

HIF-DE in 3D: level 1/2



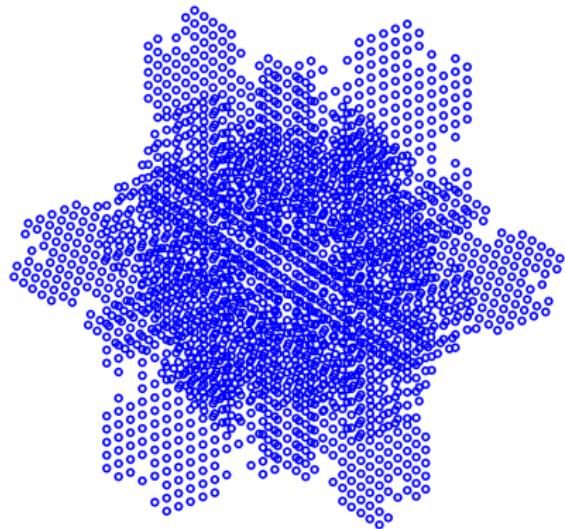
domain

HIF-DE in 3D: level 1



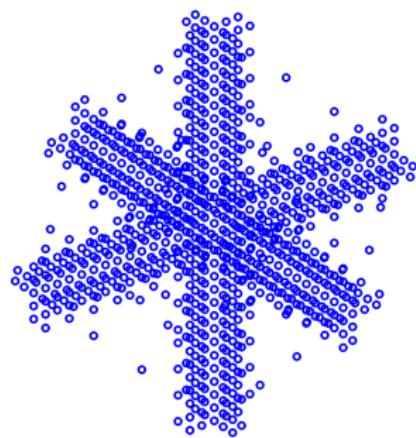
domain

HIF-DE in 3D: level 3/2



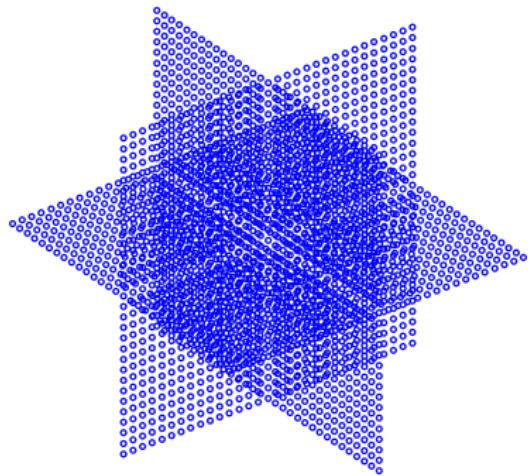
domain

HIF-DE in 3D: level 2

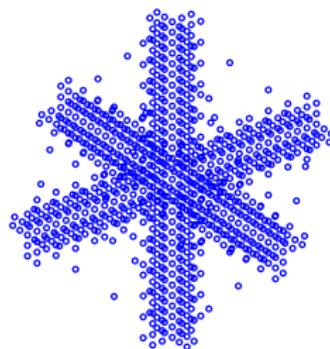


domain

MF vs. HIF-DE in 3D



MF



HIF-DE

HIF-DE analysis

- ▶ Skeletonization operator (assume SPD):

$$U_\ell = \prod_{c \in C_\ell} Q_c S_c$$

- ▶ Generalized LU decomposition:

$$A \approx W_0^{-*} U_{1/2}^{-*} \cdots W_{L-1}^{-*} U_{L-1/2}^{-*} D U_{L-1/2}^{-1} W_{L-1}^{-1} \cdots U_{1/2}^{-1} W_0^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} \approx W_0 U_{1/2} \cdots W_{L-1} U_{L-1/2} D^{-1} U_{L-1/2}^* W_L^* \cdots U_{1/2}^* W_0^*$$

- ▶ No longer exact, fast direct **solver** or preconditioner depending on accuracy

	2D	3D
Skeleton size	$\mathcal{O}(\log N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{1/3})$
Factorization cost	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$
Solve cost	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N)$

Numerical results in 2D

Finite difference discretization on a **square** with

$$a(x) = \prod_{\ell=0}^L \left(\frac{3}{8} \sin(2\pi 2^\ell x_1) \sin(2\pi 2^\ell x_2) + \frac{5}{8} \right), \quad v(x) \equiv 0$$

ϵ	N	$ \hat{c} $	m_f (GB)	t_f (s)	$t_{a/s}$ (s)	e_a	e_s	n_i
10^{-6}	255^2	20	$1.4e-1$	$3.6e+0$	$1.6e-1$	$2.3e-08$	$3.2e-06$	3
	511^2	22	$5.8e-1$	$1.7e+1$	$6.5e-1$	$2.2e-08$	$1.1e-05$	3
	1023^2	23	$2.4e+0$	$8.1e+1$	$2.4e+0$	$2.3e-08$	$1.8e-05$	3
10^{-9}	255^2	31	$1.5e-1$	$3.8e+0$	$2.1e-1$	$9.9e-12$	$1.1e-09$	2
	511^2	35	$6.0e-1$	$1.9e+1$	$6.3e-1$	$1.5e-11$	$2.7e-09$	2
	1023^2	38	$2.4e+0$	$8.1e+1$	$2.3e+0$	$1.6e-11$	$2.5e-08$	2
10^{-12}	255^2	38	$1.5e-1$	$3.5e+0$	$1.4e-1$	$1.4e-14$	$9.9e-13$	1
	511^2	44	$6.0e-1$	$1.8e+1$	$6.2e-1$	$1.5e-14$	$6.7e-12$	2
	1023^2	50	$2.5e+0$	$9.2e+1$	$2.6e+0$	$1.7e-14$	$7.4e-12$	2

Numerical results in 3D

Finite difference discretization on a **cube** with

$$a(x) = \prod_{\ell=0}^L \left(\frac{3}{8} \sin(2\pi 2^\ell x_1) \sin(2\pi 2^\ell x_2) \sin(2\pi 2^\ell x_3) + \frac{5}{8} \right), \quad v(x) \equiv 0$$

ϵ	N	$ \hat{c} $	m_f (GB)	t_f (s)	$t_{a/s}$ (s)	e_a	e_s	n_i
10^{-3}	31^3	83	1.9e-1	6.5e+0	7.4e-2	4.4e-05	5.8e-04	6
	63^3	189	2.1e+0	1.3e+2	8.3e-1	5.1e-05	1.1e-03	7
	127^3	388	2.2e+1	2.0e+3	8.7e+0	6.4e-05	3.2e-03	11
10^{-6}	31^3	152	2.4e-1	8.1e+0	8.5e-2	2.5e-08	1.3e-07	2
	63^3	367	3.1e+0	2.0e+2	1.1e+0	3.1e-08	3.2e-07	3
	127^3	802	3.6e+1	4.1e+3	1.1e+1	4.2e-08	1.3e-06	3
10^{-9}	31^3	197	2.7e-1	8.8e+0	7.9e-2	1.9e-11	6.6e-11	2
	63^3	531	3.7e+0	2.4e+2	1.0e+0	1.8e-11	1.2e-10	2
	127^3	1225	4.6e+1	6.2e+3	1.3e+1	2.7e-11	4.6e-10	2

Integral equations

Algorithm: recursive skeletonization

Build quadtree/octree.

for each level $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$ from finest to coarsest **do**

 Let C_ℓ be the set of all cells on level ℓ .

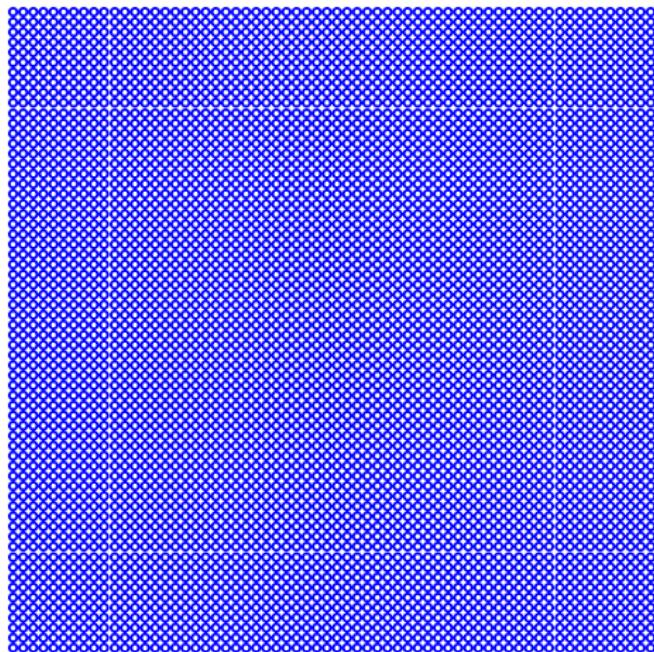
for each cell $c \in C_\ell$ **do**

 Skeletonize remaining DOFs in c .

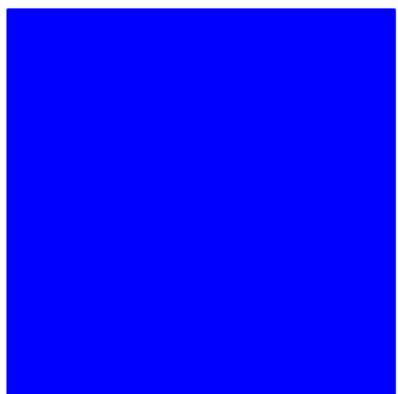
end for

end for

RS in 2D: level 0

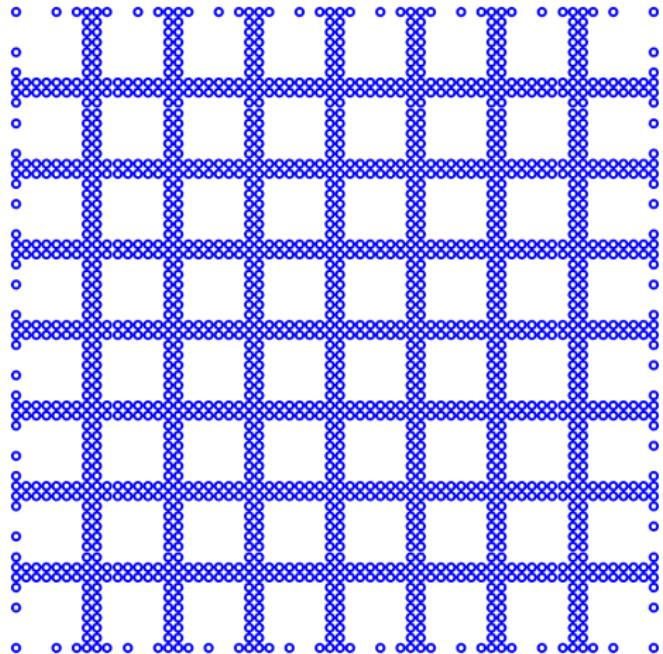


domain

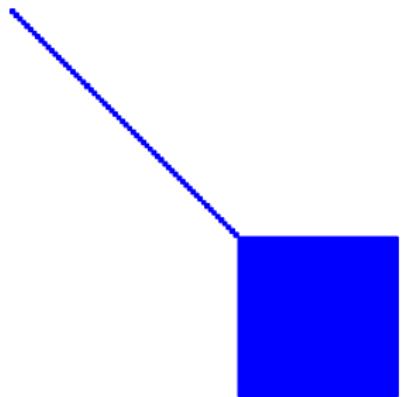


matrix

RS in 2D: level 1

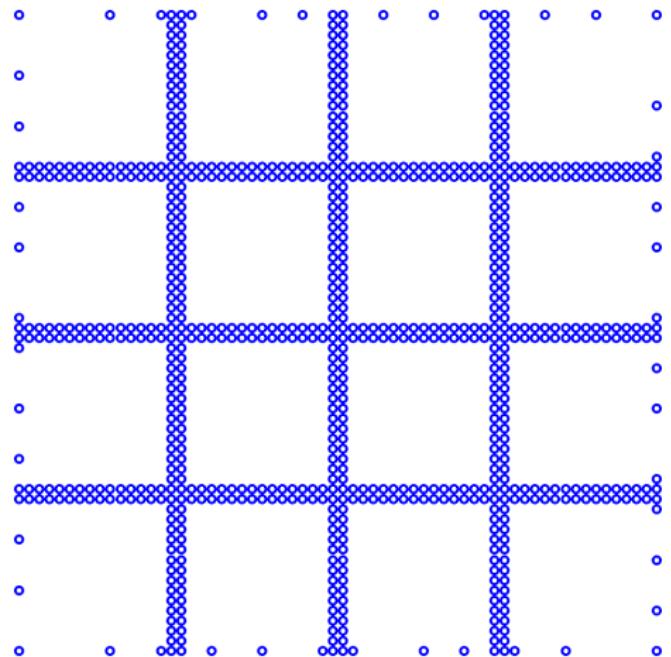


domain

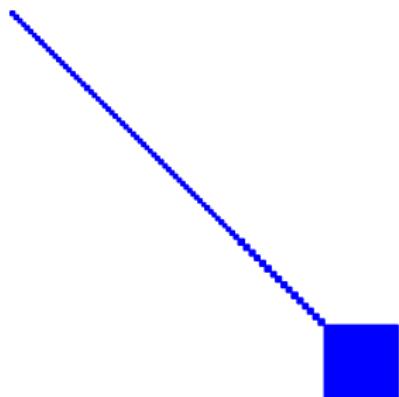


matrix

RS in 2D: level 2

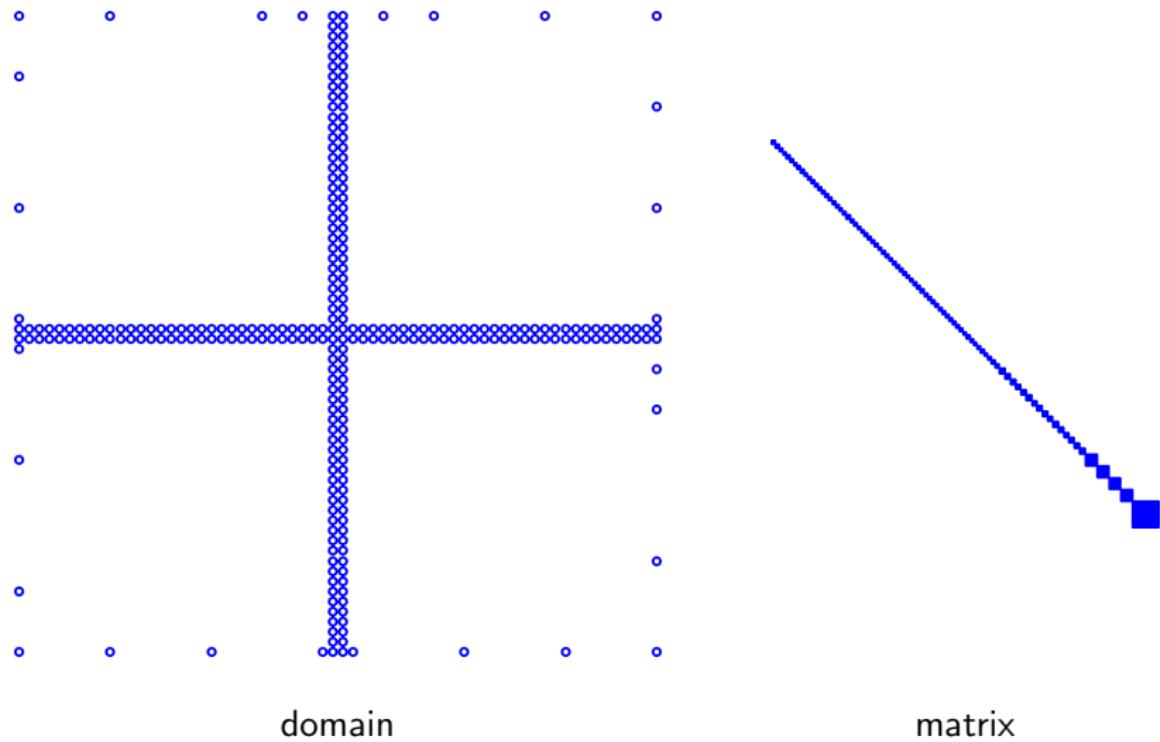


domain

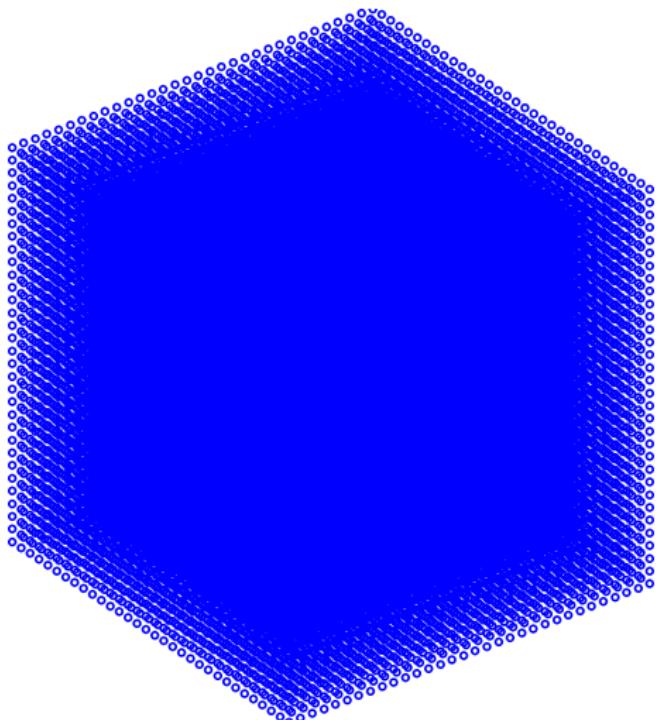


matrix

RS in 2D: level 3

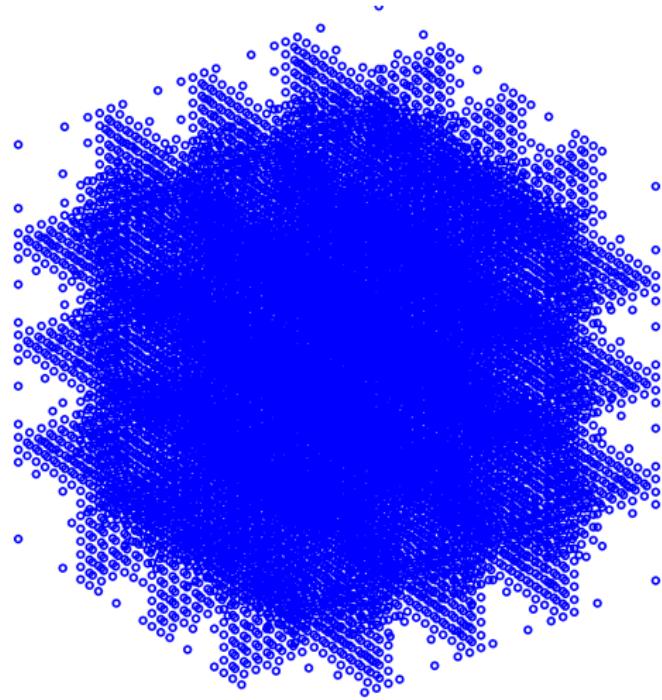


RS in 3D: level 0



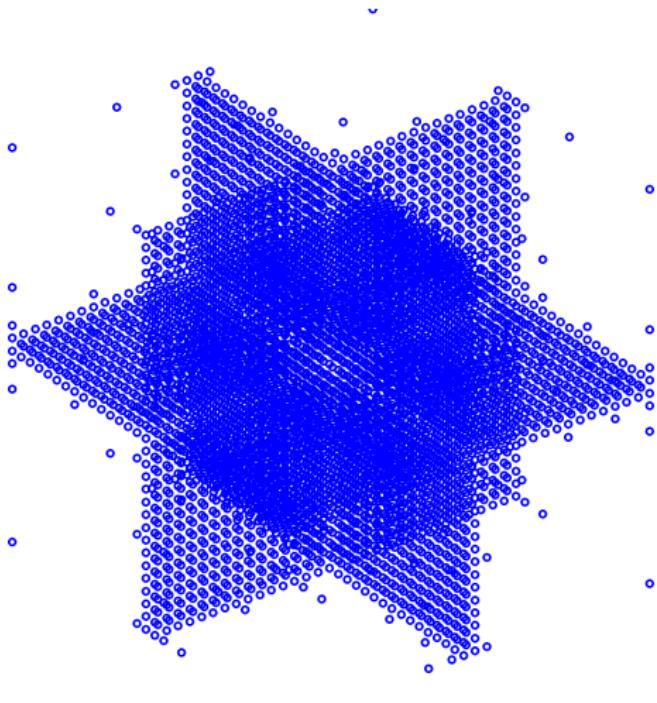
domain

RS in 3D: level 1



domain

RS in 3D: level 2



domain

RS analysis

- ▶ Skeletonization operators:

$$U_\ell = \prod_{c \in C_\ell} Q_c R_c, \quad V_\ell = \prod_{c \in C_\ell} Q_c S_c$$

- ▶ Block diagonalization:

$$D \approx U_{L-1}^* \cdots U_0^* A V_0 \cdots V_{L-1}$$

- ▶ Generalized LU decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} A &\approx U_0^{-*} \cdots U_{L-1}^{-*} D V_{L-1}^{-1} \cdots V_0^{-1} \\ A^{-1} &\approx V_0 \cdots V_{L-1} D^{-1} U_L^* \cdots U_0^* \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Fast direct **solver** or preconditioner

RS analysis

The cost is determined by the skeleton size.

	1D	2D	3D
Skeleton size	$\mathcal{O}(\log N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{1/2})$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{2/3})$
Factorization cost	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{3/2})$	$\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
Solve cost	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{4/3})$

Question: How to reduce the skeleton size in 2D and 3D?

- ▶ Skeletons cluster near cell interfaces
- ▶ Exploit skeleton geometry by skeletonizing along **interfaces**
- ▶ Dimensional reduction

Algorithm: hierarchical interpolative factorization in 2D

Build quadtree.

for each level $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$ from finest to coarsest **do**

 Let C_ℓ be the set of all **cells** on level ℓ .

for each cell $c \in C_\ell$ **do**

 Skeletonize remaining DOFs in c .

end for

 Let $C_{\ell+1/2}$ be the set of all **edges** on level ℓ .

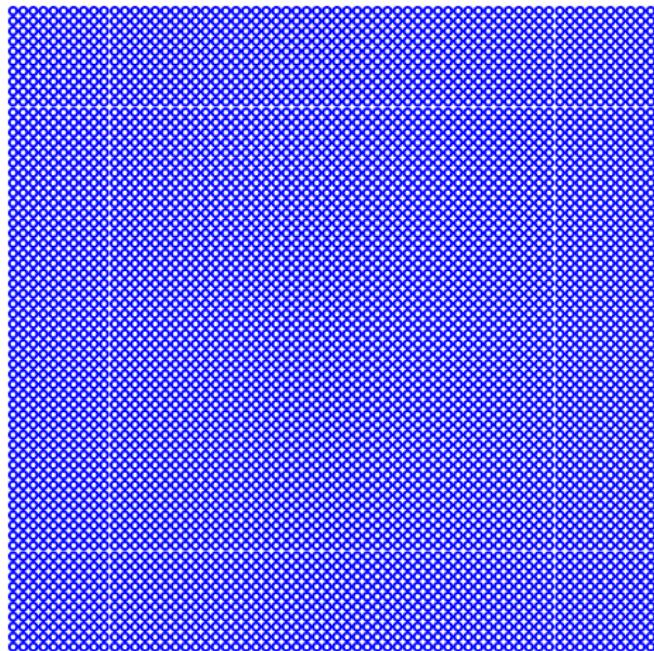
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+1/2}$ **do**

 Skeletonize remaining DOFs in c .

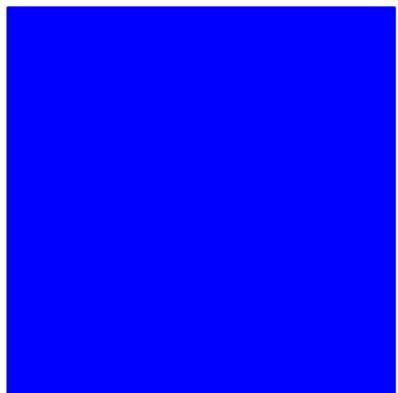
end for

end for

HIF-IE in 2D: level 0

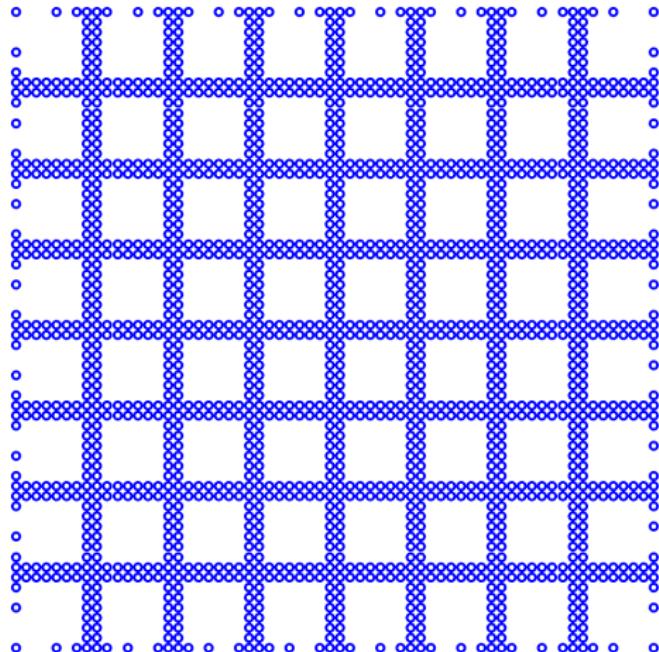


domain

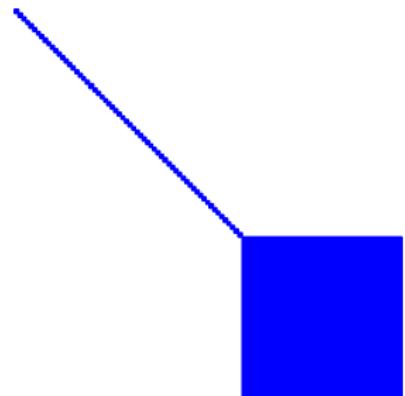


matrix

HIF-IE in 2D: level 1/2

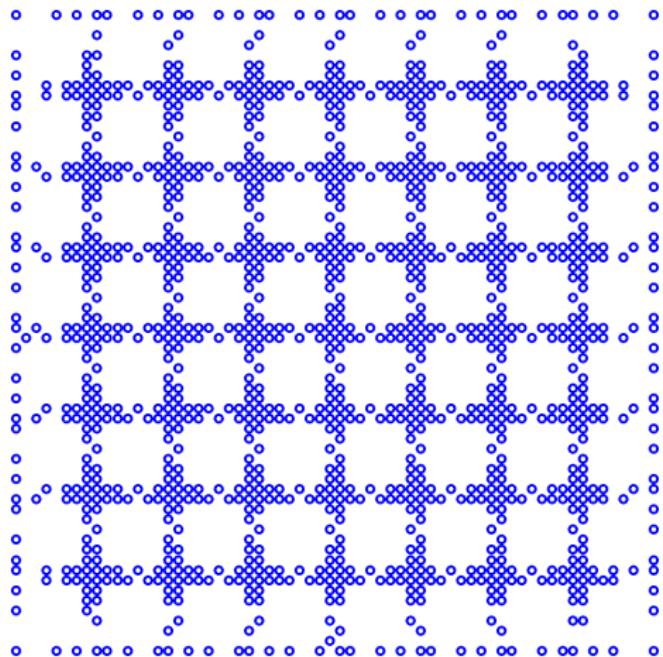


domain

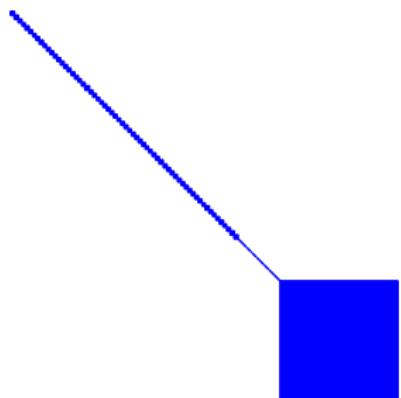


matrix

HIF-IE in 2D: level 1

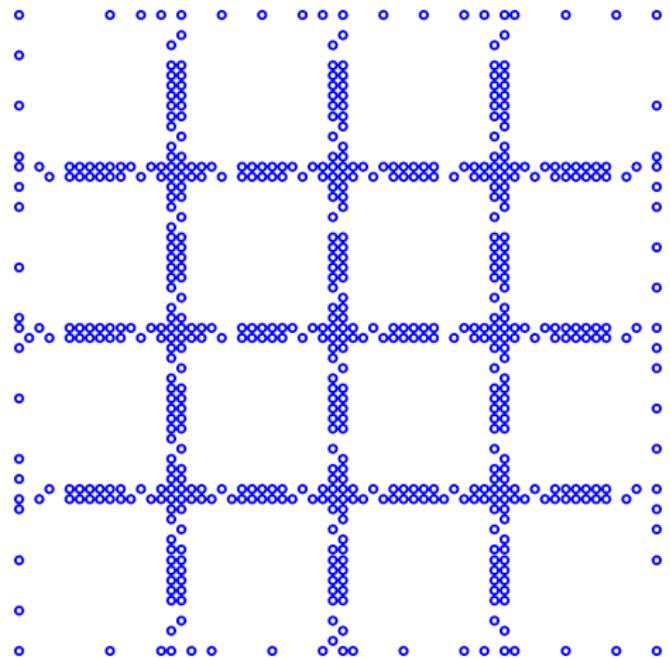


domain

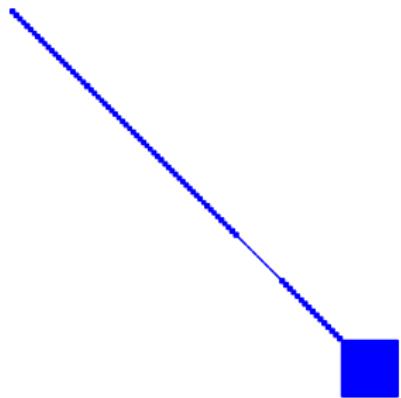


matrix

HIF-IE in 2D: level 3/2

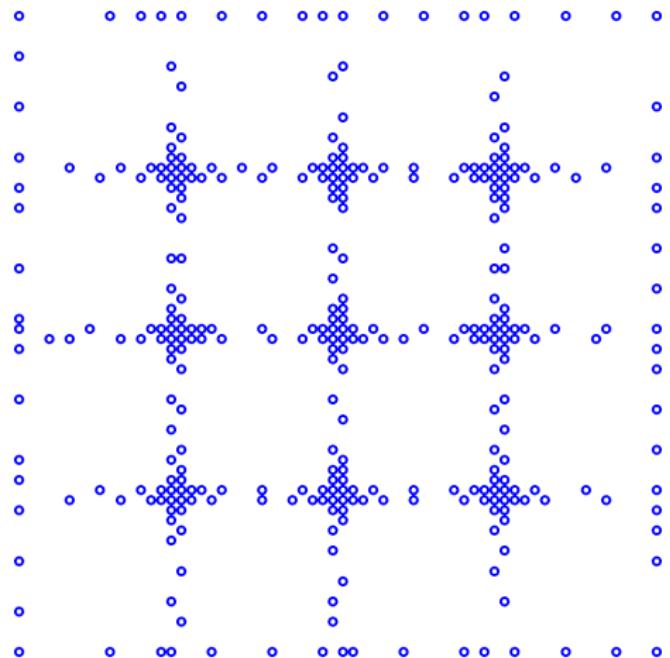


domain

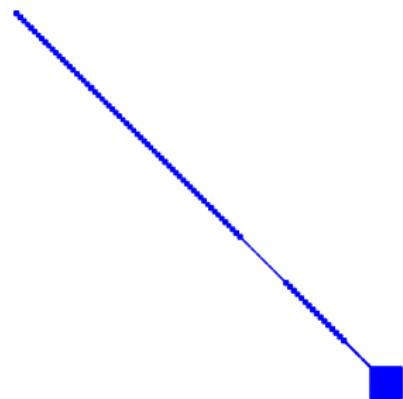


matrix

HIF-IE in 2D: level 2

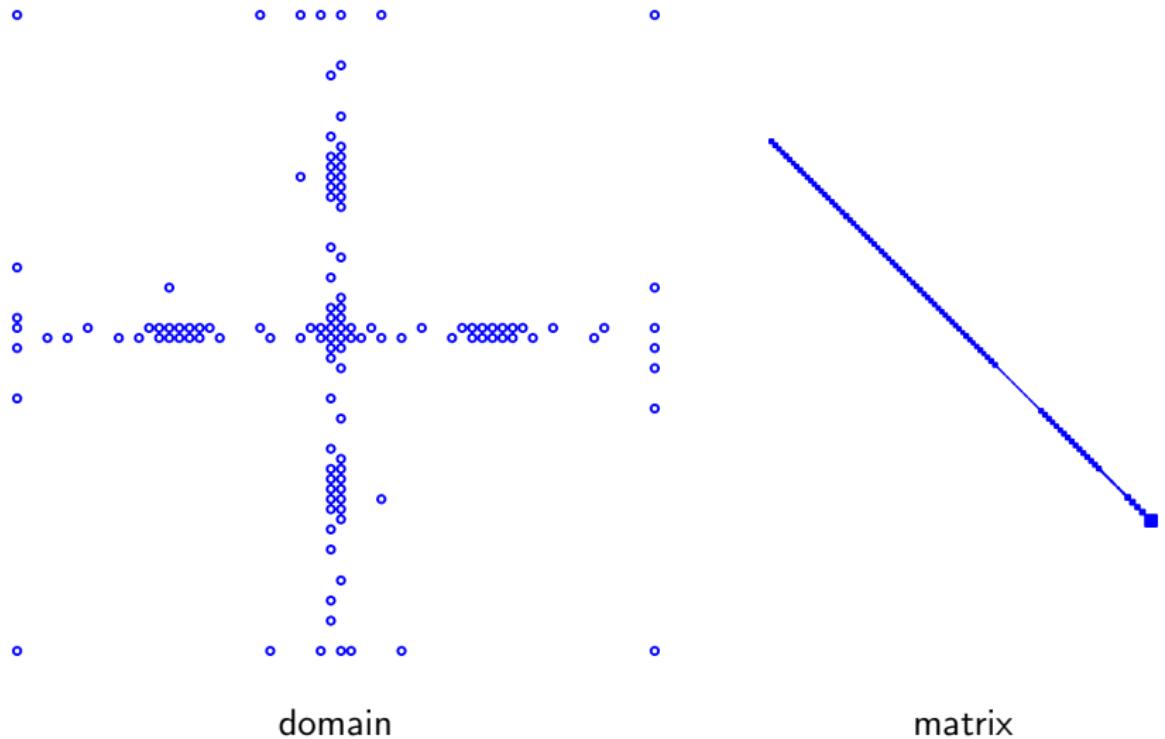


domain

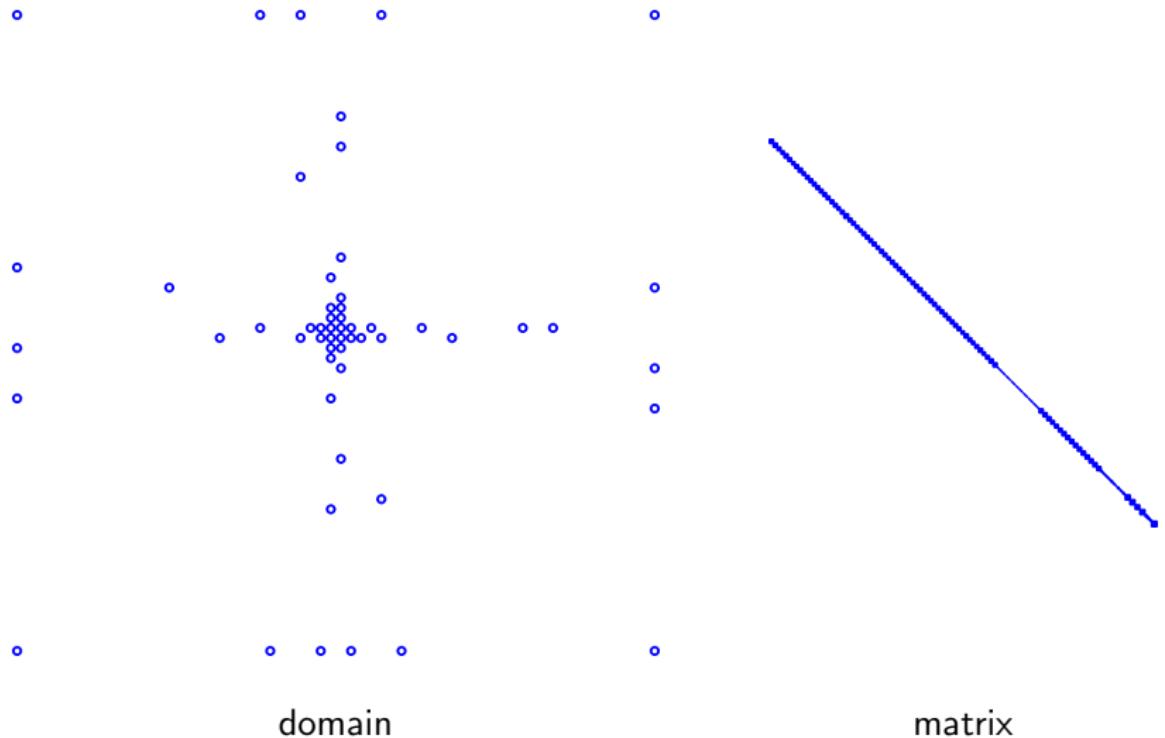


matrix

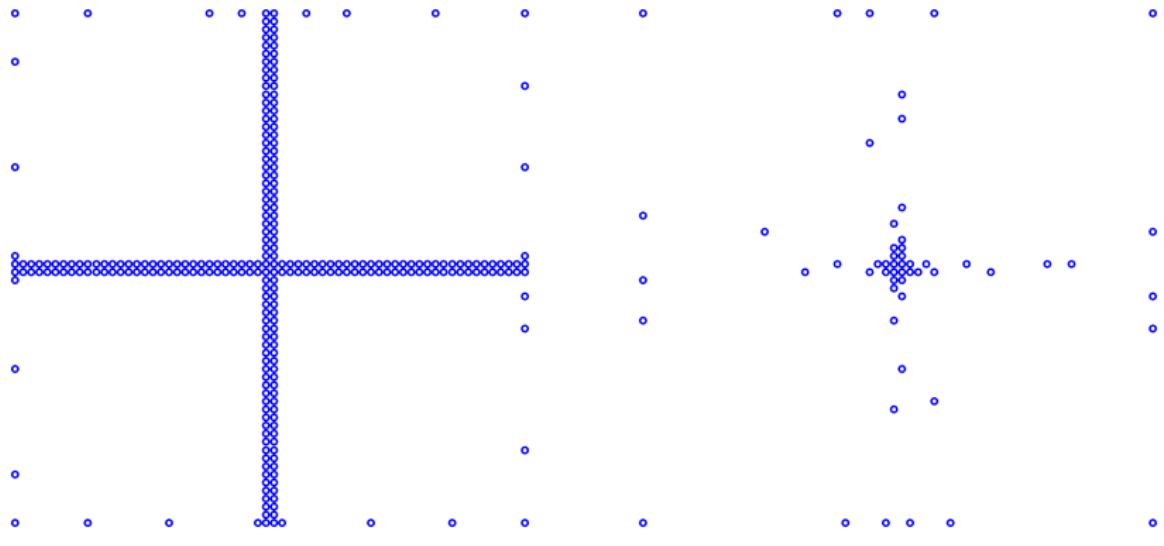
HIF-IE in 2D: level 5/2



HIF-IE in 2D: level 3



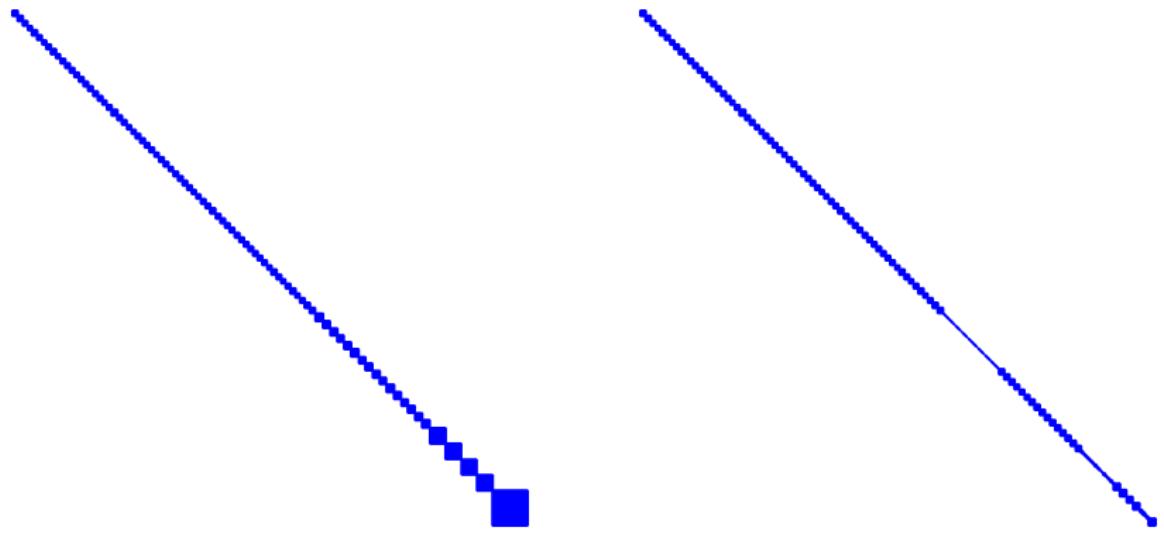
RS vs. HIF-IE in 2D



RS

HIF-IE

RS vs. HIF-IE in 2D



RS

HIF-IE

Algorithm: hierarchical interpolative factorization in 3D

Build octree.

for each level $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$ from finest to coarsest **do**

 Let C_ℓ be the set of all **cells** on level ℓ .

for each cell $c \in C_\ell$ **do**

 Skeletonize remaining DOFs in c .

end for

 Let $C_{\ell+1/3}$ be the set of all **faces** on level ℓ .

for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+1/3}$ **do**

 Skeletonize remaining DOFs in c .

end for

 Let $C_{\ell+2/3}$ be the set of all **edges** on level ℓ .

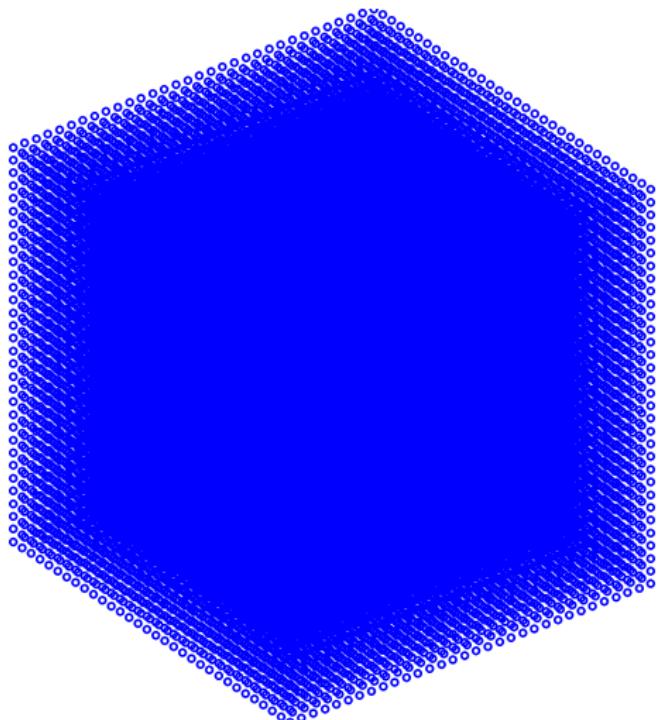
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+2/3}$ **do**

 Skeletonize remaining DOFs in c .

end for

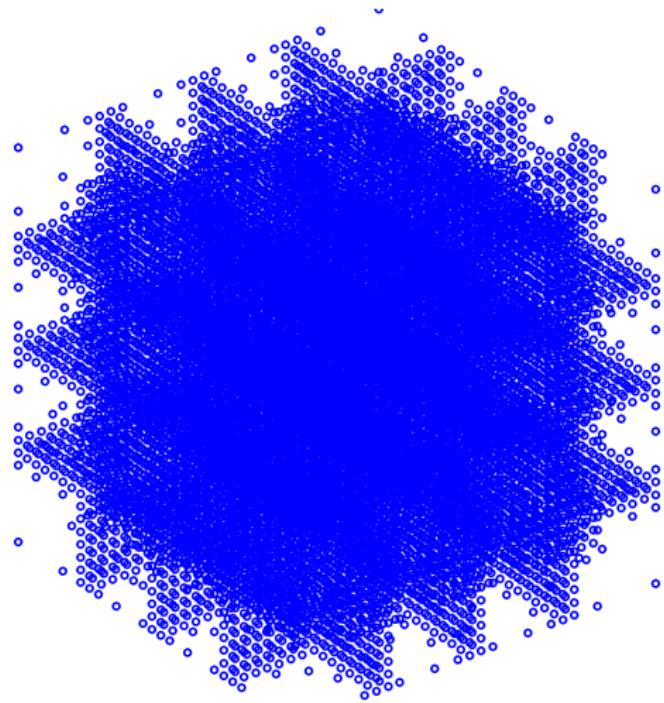
end for

HIF-IE in 3D: level 0



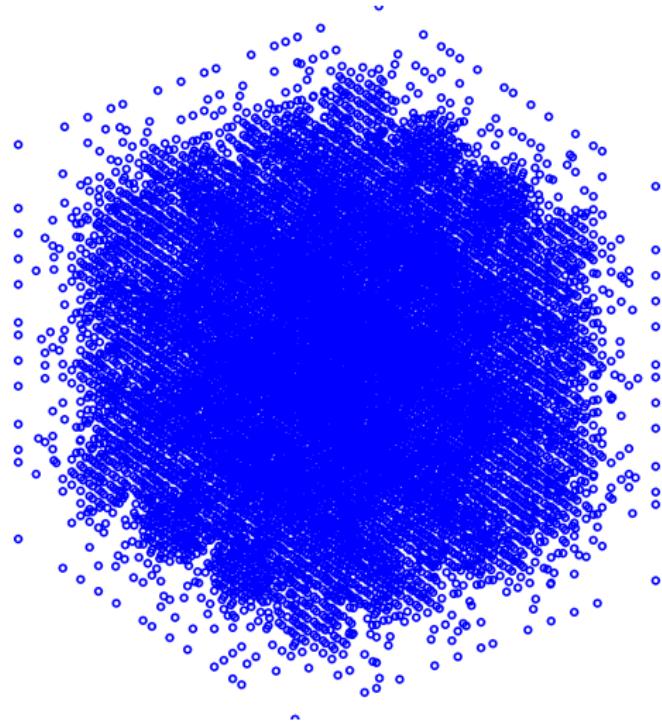
domain

HIF-IE in 3D: level 1/3



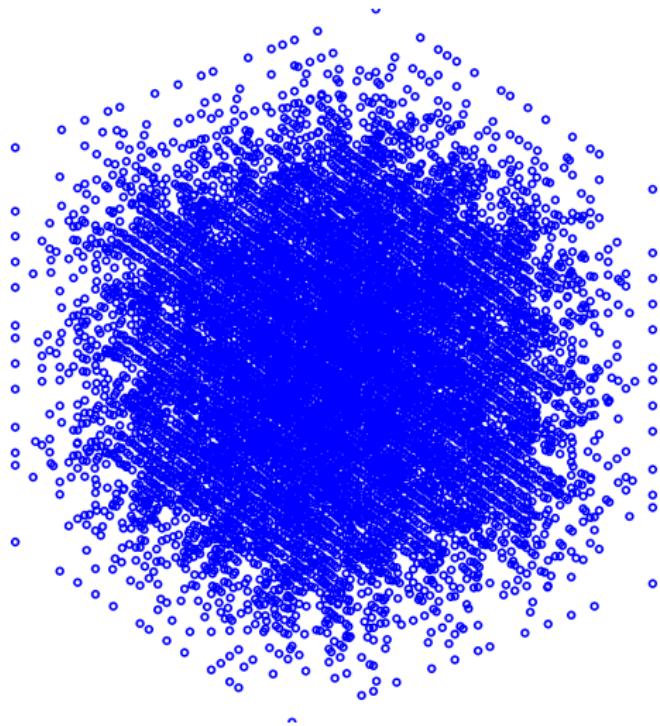
domain

HIF-IE in 3D: level 2/3



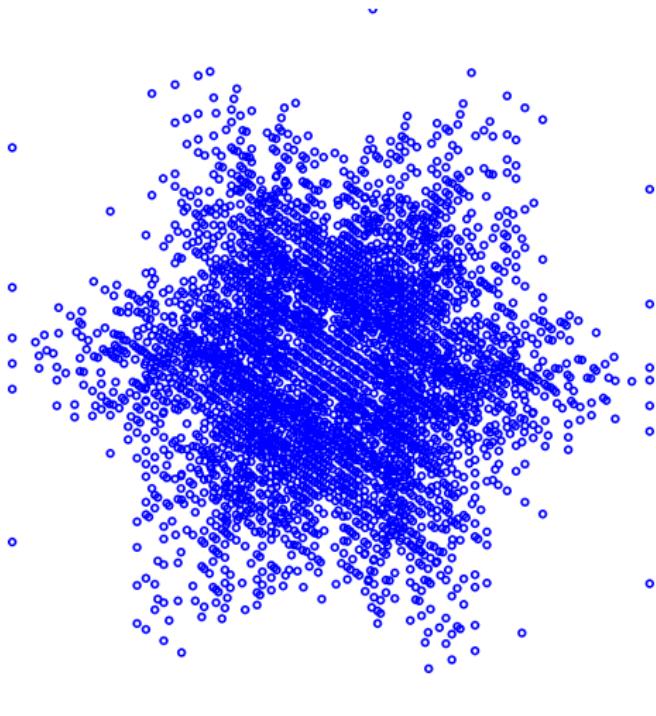
domain

HIF-IE in 3D: level 1



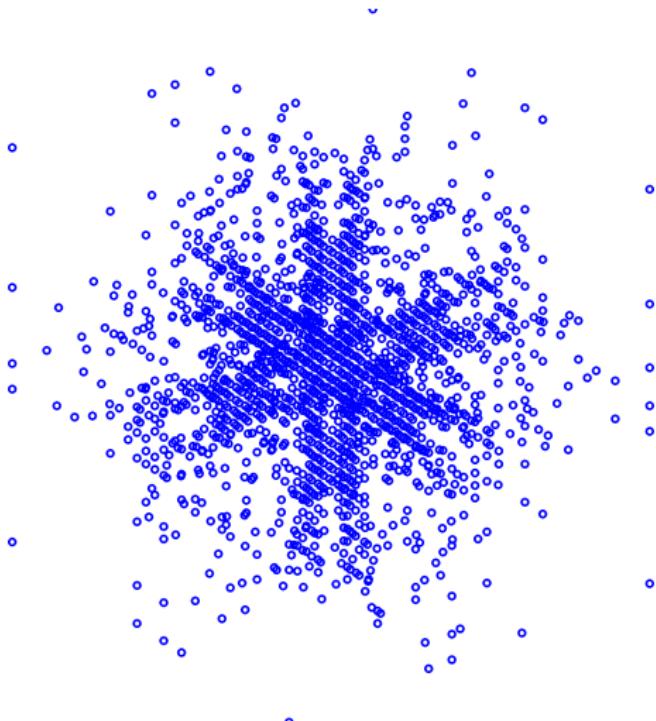
domain

HIF-IE in 3D: level 4/3



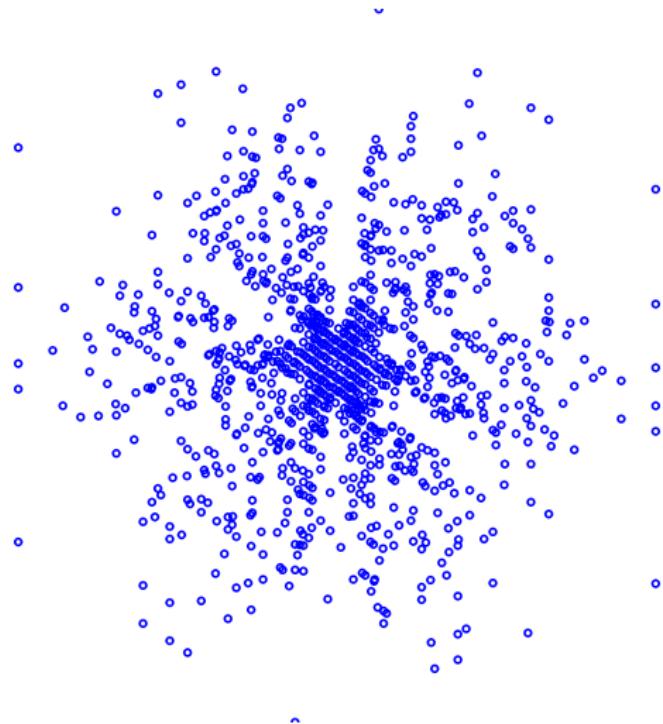
domain

HIF-IE in 3D: level 5/3



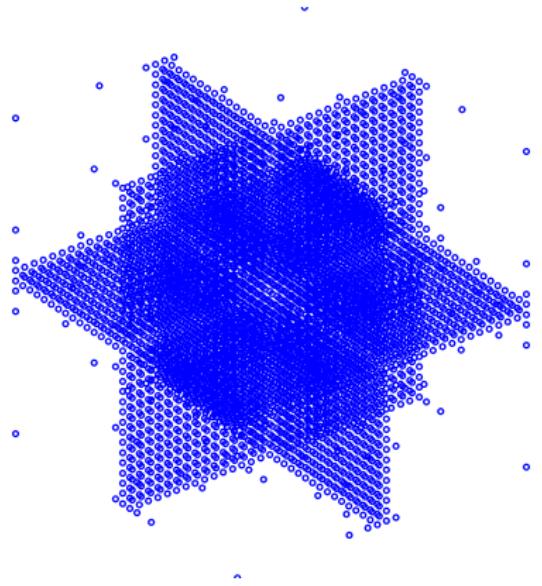
domain

HIF-IE in 3D: level 2

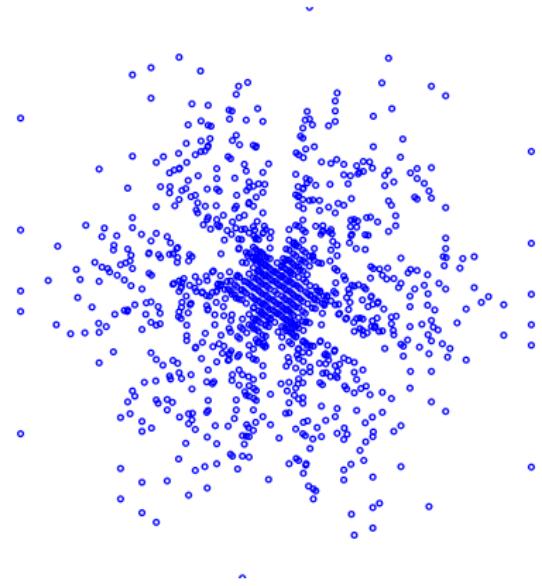


domain

RS vs. HIF-IE in 3D



RS



HIF-IE

HIF-IE analysis

► 2D:

$$A \approx U_0^{-*} U_{1/2}^{-*} \cdots U_{L-1/2}^{-*} D V_{L-1/2}^{-1} \cdots V_{1/2}^{-1} V_0^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} \approx V_0 V_{1/2} \cdots V_{L-1/2} D^{-1} U_{L-1/2}^* \cdots U_{1/2}^* U_0^*$$

► 3D:

$$A \approx U_0^{-*} U_{1/3}^{-*} U_{2/3}^{-*} \cdots U_{L-1/3}^{-*} D V_{L-1/3}^{-1} \cdots V_{2/3}^{-1} V_{1/3}^{-1} V_0^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} \approx V_0 V_{1/3} V_{2/3} \cdots V_{L-1/3} D^{-1} U_{L-1/3}^* \cdots U_{2/3}^* U_{1/3}^* U_0^*$$

Skeleton size: $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$

Factorization cost: $\mathcal{O}(N)$

Solve cost: $\mathcal{O}(N)$

Numerical results in 2D

First-kind **volume** integral equation on a **square** with

$$a(x) \equiv 0, \quad K(x, y) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log \|x - y\|.$$

ϵ	N	$ \hat{c} $	m_f (GB)	t_f (s)	$t_{a/s}$ (s)	e_a	e_s	n_i
10^{-3}	256^2	19	9.8e-2	1.0e+1	1.6e-1	1.8e-04	1.1e-2	8
	512^2	20	3.8e-1	4.3e+1	6.3e-1	1.6e-04	1.6e-2	8
	1024^2	20	1.5e+0	1.8e+2	2.6e+0	2.1e-04	1.4e-2	9
	2048^2	21	6.1e+0	7.5e+2	1.1e+1	2.2e-04	3.4e-2	9
10^{-6}	256^2	85	3.0e-1	2.7e+1	1.2e-1	2.0e-07	1.6e-5	3
	512^2	99	1.3e+0	1.3e+2	5.0e-1	1.3e-07	2.3e-5	3
	1024^2	115	5.4e+0	5.9e+2	2.1e+0	2.5e-07	3.4e-5	3
10^{-9}	256^2	132	4.4e-1	4.5e+1	1.2e-1	7.8e-11	1.3e-8	2
	512^2	155	1.8e+0	2.1e+2	4.9e-1	1.1e-10	1.6e-8	2
	1024^2	181	7.5e+0	9.7e+2	2.0e+0	1.8e-10	3.1e-8	2

Numerical results in 3D

Second-kind **boundary** integral equation on a **sphere** with

$$a(x) \equiv 1, \quad K(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi \|x - y\|}.$$

ϵ	N	$ \hat{c} $	m_f (GB)	t_f (s)	$t_{a/s}$ (s)	e_a	e_s
10^{-3}	20480	201	1.4e-1	9.8e+0	3.8e-2	7.2e-4	7.1e-4
	81920	307	5.6e-1	5.0e+1	1.8e-1	1.8e-3	1.8e-3
	327680	373	2.1e+0	2.2e+2	7.5e-1	3.8e-3	3.7e-3
	1310720	440	8.1e+0	8.9e+2	3.2e+0	9.7e-3	9.5e-3
10^{-6}	20480	497	5.2e-1	6.3e+1	5.3e-2	1.1e-7	1.1e-7
	81920	841	2.1e+0	4.1e+2	2.4e-1	2.3e-7	2.3e-7
	327680	1236	8.2e+0	2.3e+3	1.0e+0	1.2e-6	1.2e-6

Numerical results in 3D

First-kind **volume** integral equation on a **cube** with

$$a(x) \equiv 0, \quad K(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi \|x - y\|}.$$

ϵ	N	$ \hat{c} $	m_f	t_f	$t_{a/s}$	e_a	e_s	n_i
10^{-2}	16^3	39	1.5e-2	1.5e+0	1.5e-2	6.0e-3	2.8e-2	10
	32^3	51	1.7e-1	2.1e+1	1.5e-1	9.0e-3	5.7e-2	14
	64^3	65	1.7e+0	2.8e+2	1.4e+0	1.3e-2	1.3e-1	17
10^{-3}	16^3	92	4.3e-2	2.7e+0	9.6e-3	2.2e-4	1.0e-3	6
	32^3	171	4.1e-1	4.8e+1	5.9e-2	4.0e-4	2.0e-3	8
	64^3	364	4.2e+0	8.8e+2	5.7e-1	7.1e-4	2.4e-3	8
10^{-4}	16^3	182	6.1e-2	3.1e+0	7.2e-3	1.2e-5	1.2e-4	4
	32^3	360	7.7e-1	1.5e+2	8.6e-2	2.8e-5	2.3e-4	5
	64^3	793	9.1e+0	3.5e+3	9.1e-1	5.7e-5	3.6e-4	5

Conclusions

- ▶ Linear-time algorithm for structured operators in 2D and 3D
 - Fast matrix-vector multiplication
 - Fast direct **solver** at high accuracy, preconditioner otherwise
- ▶ Main novelties:
 - Dimensional reduction by alternating between cells, faces, and edges
 - Matrix **factorization** via new linear algebraic formulation
- ▶ Explicit elimination of DOFs, no nested hierarchical operations
- ▶ Can be viewed as adaptive numerical upscaling
- ▶ **Extensions:** $A^{1/2}$, $\log \det A$, $\text{diag } A^{-1}$
- ▶ High accuracy for IEs in 3D still challenging, may require new ideas

- ▶ **Perspective:** structured dense matrices can be sparsified very efficiently
- ▶ Can borrow directly from sparse algorithms, e.g., $RS = MF$
- ▶ What other features of sparse matrices can be exploited?