

# Multigrid solver by using PETSc

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- Use or develop algebraic multigrid solver in BOUT++
- Use existing AMG in PETSc
- Find optimal options for 2D Laplace solver
- Prepare AMG solver for 3D problem in BOUT++



## What BOUT++ is:

- \* A toolbox for solving PDEs on parallel computers. Aims to reduce duplication of effort, and allow quick development and testing of new models
- \* Focused on flute-reduced plasma models in field-aligned coordinate systems, though has more general capabilities

## A toolbox for plasma simulations

- \* Collection of useful data types and associated routines. Occupies a middle ground between problem-specific codes and general libraries (PETSc, Trilinos, Overture, Chombo,...)
- \* Researchers can make use of a well tested library of simulation code and input/output tools
- \* Greatly reduces the time needed to develop a new simulation

## Key features:

- \* Finite difference initial value code in 3D
- \* Implicit or explicit time integration methods
- \* Coordinate system set in metric tensor components
- \* Handles topology of multiple X-points
- \* Written in C++, quite modular design
- \* Open Source (LGPL), available on [github](#)

# Coordinate system



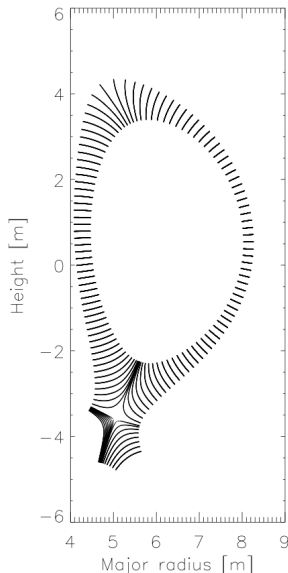
- \* Logically rectangular. Defined by metric tensor
- \* Field aligned:  $x$  (radial),  $y$  (parallel),  $z$  (toroidal)

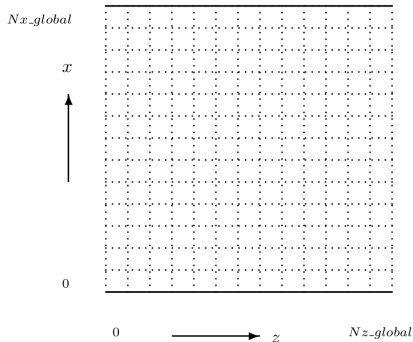
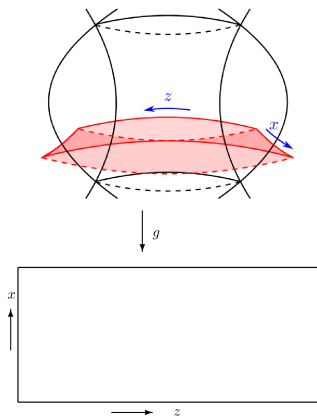
$$x = \psi - \psi_0; \quad y = \theta; \quad z = \phi - \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \frac{B_{\phi}}{RB_{\theta}} d\theta$$

(The  $y$  unit vector  $\hat{e}_y$  is along the magnetic field)

→ Has a singularity at the X-point

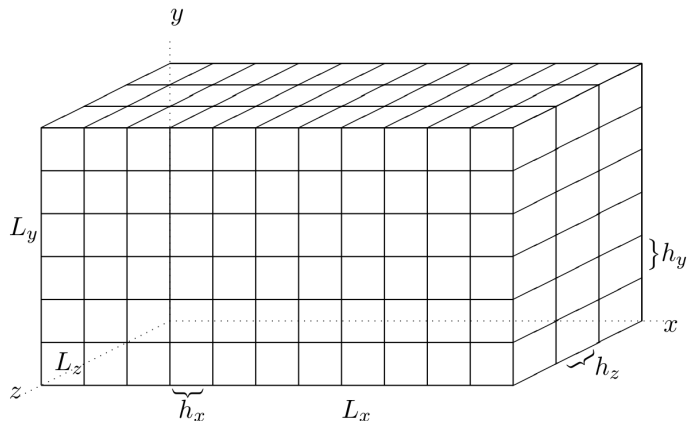
- \* A branch-cut, hole at the X-point itself
- \* Flux-Coordinate-Independent (FCI) scheme :  
Construct grid poloidal planes. Field-align parallel derivatives, but not grid. Under active development in BOI
- \* Various time solvers: Choice of fully-implicit or fully-explicit methods available  
Sundials CVODE, PVODE, RK4, PETSc,  
RK3SSP, Sundials IDA Karniadakis, POWER, Euler  
–User-supplied preconditioner possible for implicit solvers: CVODE, PETSc,  
Physics-based preconditioner can improve performance





- 2D( $x - z$ )-1D ( $y$ ) decoupling: Current implementation
- $n_x \times n_z$  on  $n_y$  planes.
- Use *NPEX* MPI tasks through  $x$ -direction for  $n_x \times n_z$
- Use *NPEY* MPI tasks through  $y$ -direction

# Computational domain for 3D problem



- z-direction: Periodic boundary condition
- x and y direction: Periodic, Neumann, or Dirichlet BD condition



# Laplace solvers

\* Solve the equation

$$d\nabla_{\perp}^2 f + \frac{1}{c_1} \nabla c_2 \cdot \nabla_{\perp} f + af = b$$

– Inverted for the potential  $f$  where  $d$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $a$  are constant.

\* With conformal mapping  $g$  on the reference domain

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\perp}^2 f &= G_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \left( G_2 - \frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{J}{g_{22}} \right) \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + G_3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + g^{11} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \\ &+ \left( g^{22} - \frac{1}{g^{22}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + g^{33} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} + 2g^{12} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + 2g^{13} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial z} + 2g^{23} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z} \\ \nabla c \cdot \nabla_{\perp} f &= \left( g^{11} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + g^{12} \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} + g^{13} \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \left( g^{12} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \left( g^{22} - \frac{1}{g^{22}} \right) \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} + g^{23} \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ &+ \left( g^{13} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + g^{23} \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} + g^{33} \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}. \end{aligned}$$

\* poloidal fields are perpendicular with toroidal field → In red can be neglected for 2D-1D

formulation



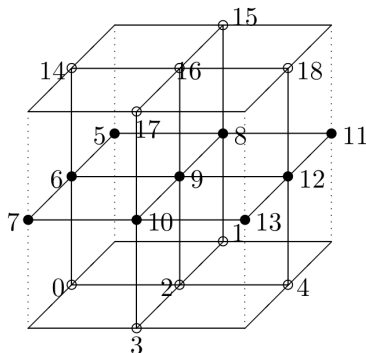


## 2D-1D approach vs. 3D solver

- 2D-1D approach: Fit when  $g^{12}, g^{23}$  are small
- Limitations
  - Cannot implement parallel boundary conditions
    - The sheath boundary conditions on the potential (critical to the correct description of the SOL) cannot be applied
  - The integrability conditions restrict the perpendicular boundary conditions that can be applied
    - Do not allow all-Neumann boundary conditions
  - Impose spurious constraints on the parallel variation of the solution
    - Fail to be a good approximation to the solution of the 3D problem, introducing unphysical behaviour.
- \* So we need the 3D solver
  - ⇐ Need to handle boundary conditions



# Discretization



$$\begin{aligned}
 dxd &= (D*G1+gt11*ddx\_C + gt12*ddy\_C + gt13*ddz\_C) / dxh \\
 dyd &= (D*(G2-ddJ)+gt12*ddx\_C + gt22*ddy\_C + gt23*ddz\_C) / dhy \\
 dzd &= (D*G3+gt33*ddz\_C + gt13*ddx\_C + gt23*ddy\_C) / dhz
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M0 &= dydz*V/4.0, \\
 M3 &= -dxdy*V/4.0, \\
 M5 &= dxdz*V/4.0, \\
 M8 &= (ddz - dzd/2.0)*V, \\
 M11 &= -dxdz*V/4.0, \\
 M14 &= -dydz*V/4.0, \\
 M17 &= dxdy*V/4.0,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M1 &= dxdy*V/4.0, \\
 M4 &= -dydz*V/4.0 \\
 M6 &= (ddx - dxd/2.0)*V, \\
 M9 &= (A - 2.0*(ddx+ddy+ddz))*V, \\
 M12 &= (ddx+dxd/2.0)*V, \\
 M15 &= -dxdy*V/4.0, \\
 M18 &= dydz*V/4.0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M2 &= (ddy + dyd/2.0)*V, \\
 M7 &= -dxdz*V/4.0, \\
 M10 &= (ddz + dzd/2.0)*V \\
 M13 &= dxdz*V/4.0 \\
 M16 &= (ddy+dyd/2.0)*V,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= dhx*dhx*dhz, \\
 gt11 &= g11, \quad gt12 = g12, \\
 gt13 &= g13, \quad gt22 = g22 - 1.0/g22 \\
 gt23 &= g23, \quad gt33 = g33 \\
 ddJ &= (J/g22 - J/g22)/2./dhy/J \\
 ddx\_C &= (C2(i2+1)-C2(i2-1))/2./dhx/C1 \\
 ddy\_C &= (C2(k2+1)-C2(k2-1))/2./dhy/C1 \\
 ddz\_C &= (C2(j2+1)-C2(j2-1))/2./dhz/C1 \\
 ddx &= D*gt11/dhx/dhx, \\
 ddy &= D*gt22/dhy/dhy, \\
 ddz &= D*gt33/dhz/dhz \\
 dxdy &= 2.0*D*gt12/dhx/dhy \\
 dxdz &= 2.0*D*gt13/dhx/dhz \\
 dydz &= 2.0*D*gt23/dhy/dhz
 \end{aligned}$$



- Divide Rectangular shape with Guard cell
  - $x$  and  $y$  directional parallelization
  - Easily extensible for  $z$  directional parallelization
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- Use Index set: Standard in PETSc.
  - Can define a different shape for domain by imposing the connectivity
  - Don't need guard cell for periodic boundary condition



- \* The Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific Computation (PETSc)
  - Easy the development of large-scale scientific application codes in Fortran, C, C++, and Python
  - A powerful set of tools for the numerical solution of partial differential equations and related problems on high performance computers
  - Provides clean and effective codes for the various phases of solving PDEs, with a uniform approach for each class of problem.
    - Enables easy comparison and use of different algorithms
  - Provides a rich environment for modeling scientific applications as well as for rapid algorithm design and prototyping.
  - Enable easy customization and extension of both algorithms and implementations.
    - Promotes code reuse and flexibility, and separates the issues of parallelism from the choice of algorithms



- index sets (IS), including permutations, for indexing into vectors, renumbering, etc;
- vectors (Vec);
- matrices (Mat) (generally sparse);
- over thirty Krylov subspace methods (KSP);
- dozens of preconditioners, including multigrid, block solvers, and sparse direct solvers (PC);
- managing interactions between mesh data structures and vectors and matrices (DM);
- nonlinear solvers (SNES);
- time steppers for solving time-dependent (nonlinear) PDEs, including support for differential algebraic equations, and the computation of adjoints (sensitivities/gradients of the solutions) (TS)



- \* Krylov Subspace Methods (KSP)
  - Need the operators (Mat), vectors (Vec), and preconditioners (PC)
  - Support various iterative solvers including direct solver
  
- \* Algebraic multigrid preconditioner for GMRES
  - GAMG: PETSc's native AMG framework
    - GAMG: parallel sparse matrices with the AIJ format
  
  - Two 3rd party solvers: hypre(BoomerAMG) and Trilinos(ML)
    - ← Need configure before compilation PETSc
    - Add `-download-hypre` for hypre and `-download-ml` for ML
  
  - Framework for multigrid method (MG) for AMG and GMG



# Configures and selecting solver

- Configure option: `$ ./configure -with-petsc`
- Include header files: `<petscksp.h>`  
→ call `<petscpc.h>`, `<petscmat.h>`, `<petscvec.h>`
- For direct solver: `ksptype = preonly`    `pctype = pclu`  
`KSPSetType (ksp, KSPREONLY)`    `PCSetType (pc, PCLU)`
- For GMRES with BJacobi: `ksptype = kspgmres`    `pctype = bjacobi`  
`KSPSetType (ksp, KSPGMRES)`    `PCSetType (pc, PCBJACOBI)`
- For GAMG: `PCSetType (pc, PCGAMG)`
- \* Use Aggregation options with `PCGAMGSetType (pc, PCGAMGAGG)`
- Set the number of Smooth Aggregation: 1 (default)  
    or `PCGAMGSetNSmooths (pc, 2 (or 4))`
- ML in Trillios: `PCSetType (pc, PCML)`
- BoomerAMG in HYPRE: `PCSetType (pc, PCHYPRE)`  
    and `PCHYPRESetType (pc, "boomeramg")`

# Setting options in BOUT++ in BOUT.inp



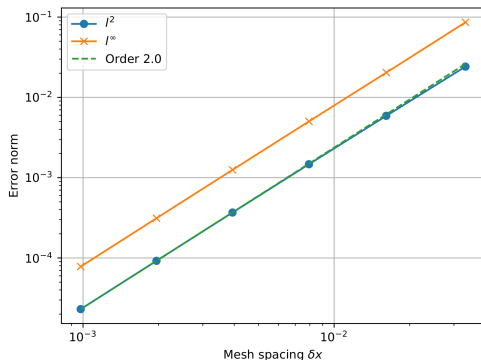
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myg = 1
mxg = 1
solution = f(x,y,z); input = f(x,y,z)
[mesh]
symmetricGlobalX = true
nx = 34 ; ny = 4; nz = nx-2*mxg
dx = 0.0036363636363636364/(nx-2*mxg)
dy = 2.*pi/ny
dz = 2.*pi/nz/600
g11 = ; g22 = ; g33 = ; g12 = ; g13 = ; g23 = ; g_11 = ; g_22 = ;
g_33 = ; g_12 = ; g_13 = ; g_23 = ; J = ; Bxy = ; G1_11 = ; G1_22 = ;
G1_33 = ; G1_12 = ; G1_13 = ; G1_23 = ; G2_11 = ; G2_22 = ; G2_33 = ;
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G3_13 = ; G3_23 = ; G1 = ; G2 = ; G3 = ;
Lx = 0.0036363636363636364
Lz = 0.0209439510239320
[laplace]
type = petscamg
flags = 0
[petscamg]
solvertype = hypre
multigridlevel = 6
```





# Test problems and verification

- Using test cases: prepared by J. Omotani (CCFE)
- $nx = nz$ ,  $ny = 16$  according to given  $nx = 2^k$  for  $k = 5, 6, \dots, 15$
- Numerical error in  $l^2$  and  $l^\infty$  for  $k = 5, 6, \dots, 10$



- Error convergent factor is 2: typical for centered finite diff. method
- Verified matrix generation and data conversion



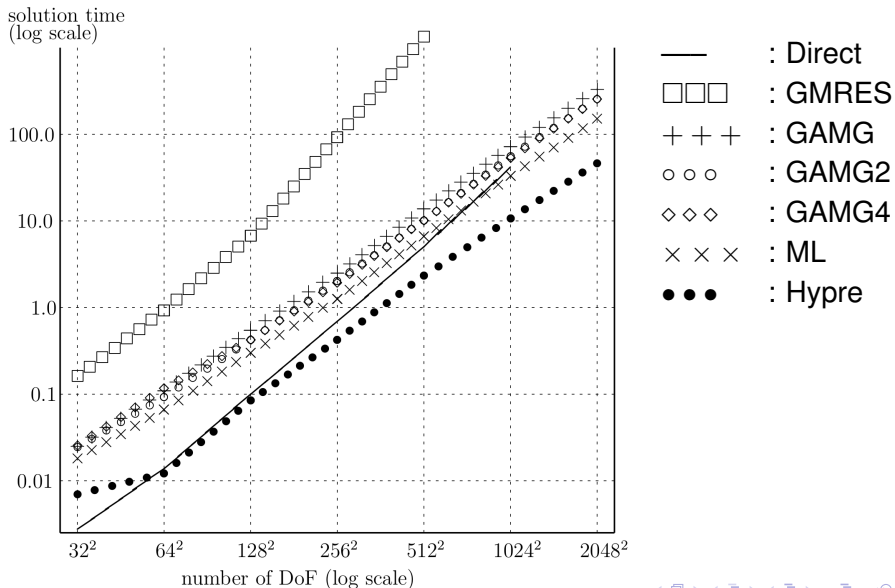
## Solution time on single core

- Tested several preconditioners:
- Some with default options fail: GAMG with Classical and Geometric
- Some options also fail. Might need more implementation
- GAMG : 1 aggregation smoothed GAMG (default options)
- GAMG2(4): 2 (4) aggregation smoother GAMG

DoF	Direct	GMRES	GAMG	GAMG2	GAMG4	ML	Hypre
$32^2$	0.003	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.007
$64^2$	0.014	0.85	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.012
$128^2$	0.098	6.43	0.54	0.43	0.41	0.30	0.081
$256^2$	0.682	87.68	2.50	1.95	1.90	1.27	0.410
$512^2$	5.045	1275.77	14.01	10.20	10.16	6.69	2.337
$1024^2$	42.523	*	73.11	54.71	51.99	33.11	10.656
$2048^2$	*	*	329.75	251.34	251.49	147.66	45.155
Ratio	6.88	9.58	4.85	4.69	4.64	4.47	4.33

- BoomerAMG (Hypre) has the best performance on 1 core from  $64^2$  DoF and the ratio

# Figure of solution time on single core



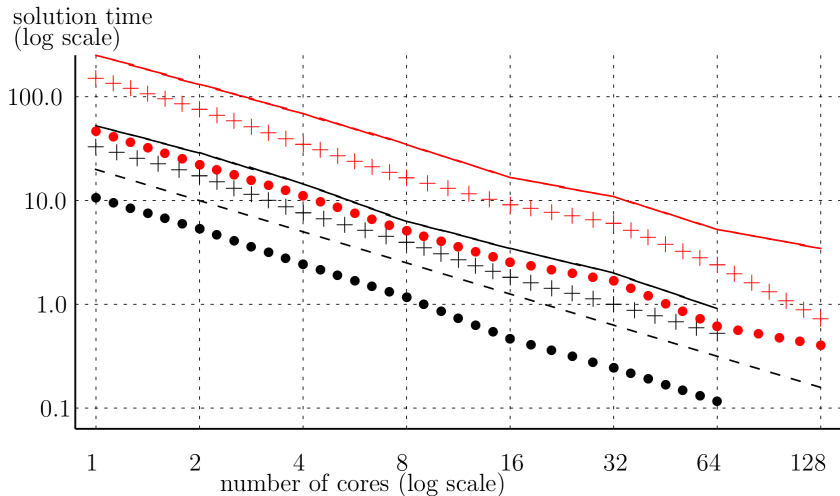
# Required number of iteration on single core



DoF	GMRES	GAMG	GAMG2	GAMG4	ML	Hypre
$32^2$	838	69	54	42	73	10
$64^2$	1884	94	73	53	91	12
$128^2$	5370	120	84	58	109	23
$256^2$	23613	138	93	65	116	28
$512^2$	83777	158	106	74	132	31
$1024^2$	*	182	125	90	150	32
$2048^2$	*	206	141	111	167	33
Ratio	3.16	1.31	1.26	1.27	1.23	1.37

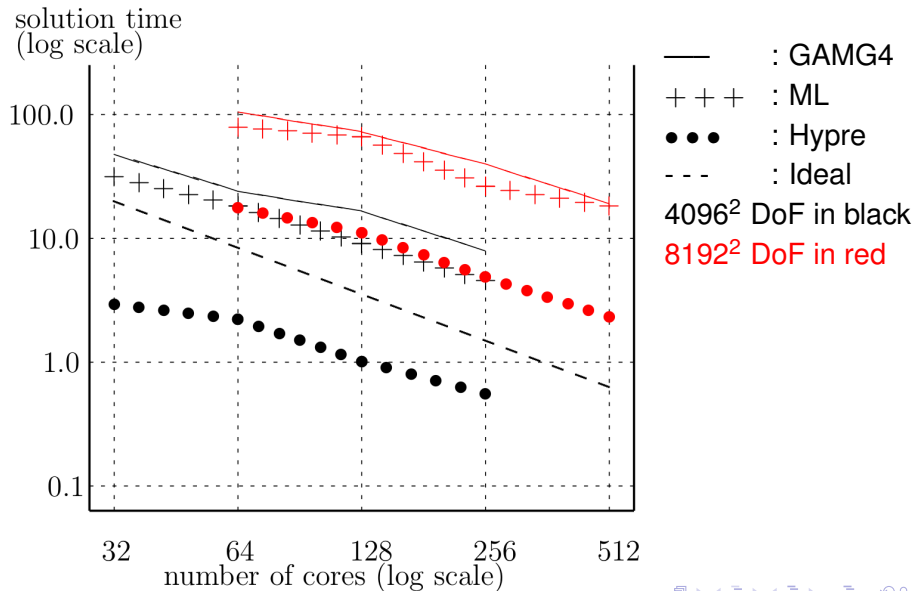
- Required number of iterations of GMRES from  $1024^2$  are over the limit
- Other preconditioners have a typical required number of iterations

# Comparison preconditioners (Strong scaling 1)



- GAMG4(solid line), ML (+ + +), BoomerAMG in HyPre (• • •)
- 1024<sup>2</sup> DoF in black and 2048<sup>2</sup> DoF in red. - - - for Ideal

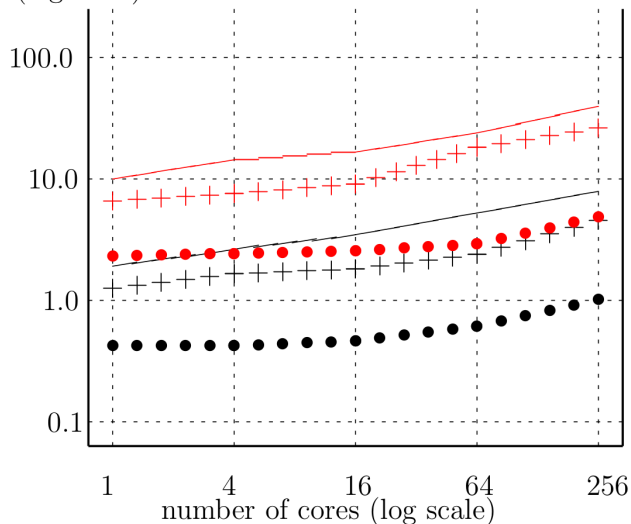
# Comparison preconditioners (Strong scaling 2)



# Comparison preconditioners (Weak scaling 1)



solution time  
(log scale)



— : GAMG4

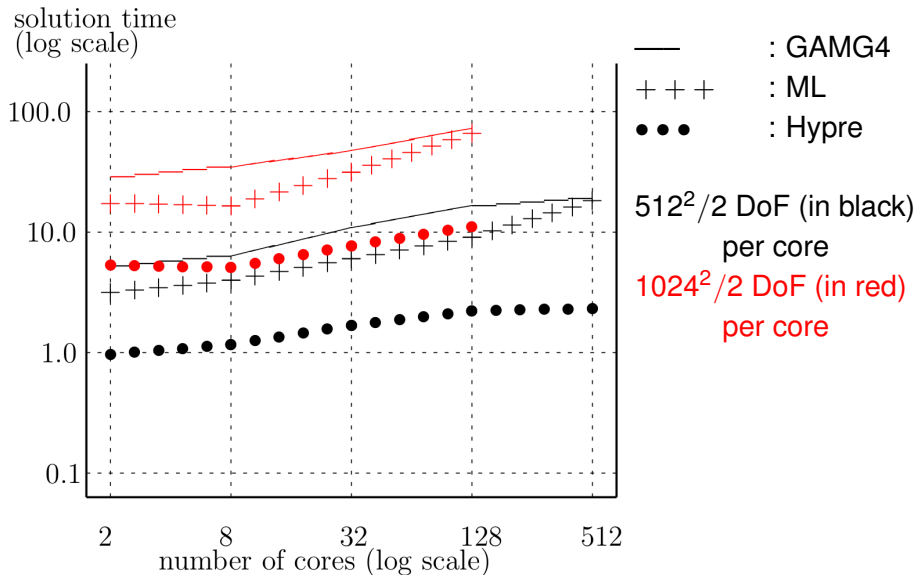
+ + + : ML

• • • : Hypre

256<sup>2</sup> DoF (in black)  
per core

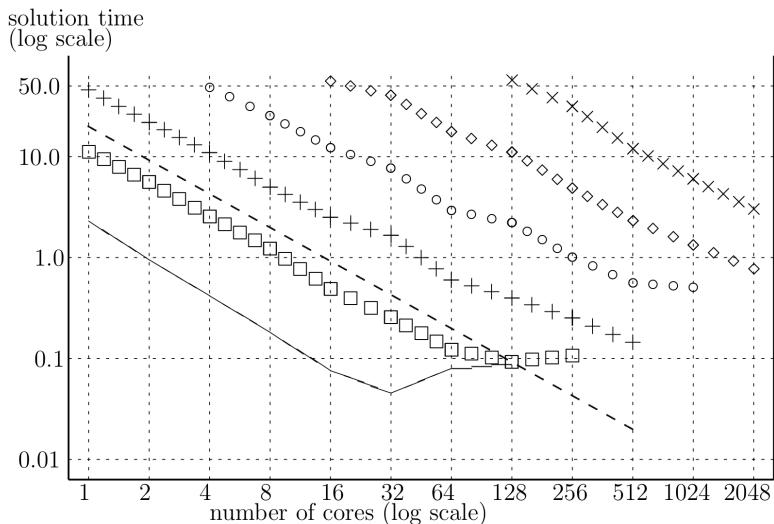
512<sup>2</sup> DoF (in red)  
per core

# Comparison preconditioners (Weak scaling 2)



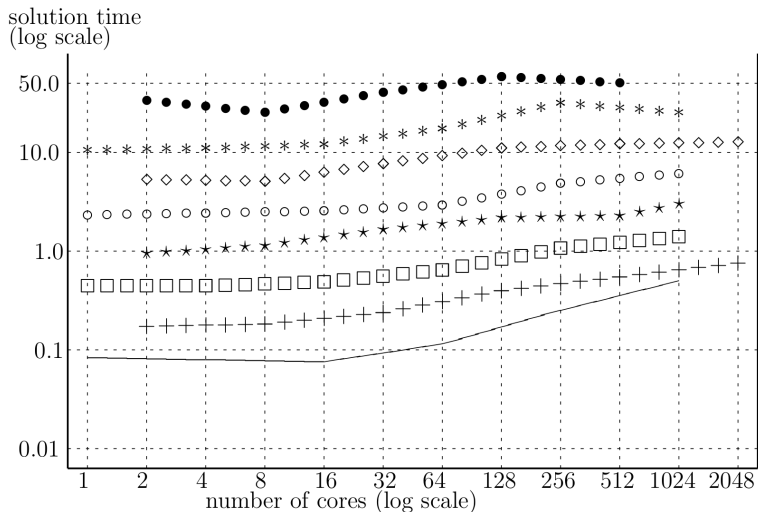


# Strong scaling of BoomerAMG



512<sup>2</sup>(-), 1024<sup>2</sup>(□), 2048<sup>2</sup>(+), 4096<sup>2</sup>(○), 8192<sup>2</sup>(◇), 8192<sup>2</sup>(×), ideal (- -)

# Weak scaling of BoomerAMG



$2^{14}$ (-),  $2^{15}$ (+),  $2^{16}$ (□),  $2^{17}$ (★),  $2^{18}$ (○),  $2^{19}$ (◇),  $2^{20}$ (\*),  $2^{21}$ (●) per MPI task



- \* Set an algebraic multigrid branch in github of BOUT++
- \* Installed on the Marconi machine with PETSc with Hypre and ML
- \* Made verification of data conversion with discretization error for the test problems
- \* Investigate convergence behavior of several solvers:
  - Direct solver on single core, PGMRES with Block Jacobi, GAMG, ML, and BoomerAMG preconditioners
- \* BoomerAMG in Hypre is the best solvers and acceptable
  
- \* Developing 3D solvers including generating matrix