

# Multigrid Methods in PDE-Constrained Optimization

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# Outline

- 1 Motivation and problem formulation
- 2 Optimization
- 3 Multigrid for linear systems
- 4 Numerical results

# Problem formulation

- **Model problem:**

$K : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$  compact, linear,  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$

## Optimal control problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|Ku - f\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|^2 \\ \text{subj to:} \quad & u \in L^2(\Omega), \quad a \leq u \leq b \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- **Motivating examples:**

- 1  $K$  time- $T$  solution operator of a parabolic equation
- 2  $K$  image-blurring (integral) operator
- 3  $K = -\Delta^{-1}$  - elliptic optimal control problem

# Motivating applications

## 1. Backward (inverse) advection-diffusion problems:

- $T > 0$  fixed “end-time”,  $f$  end-time state,  $u_0$  initial state
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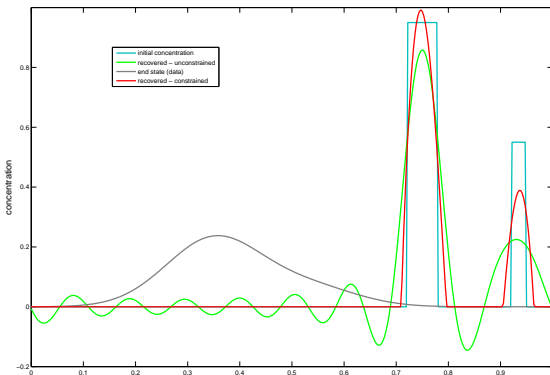
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## Why bound-constraints ?

- Physically meaningful, other qualitative considerations
- Example: solution is localized if the “true” solution is so





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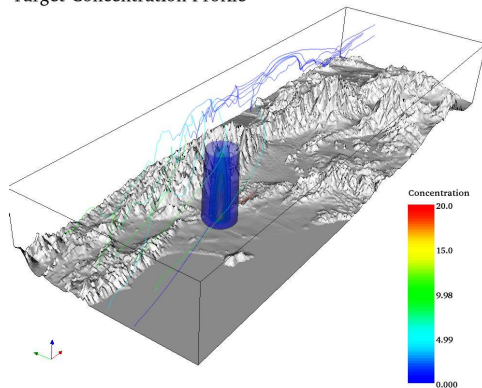
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## initial event

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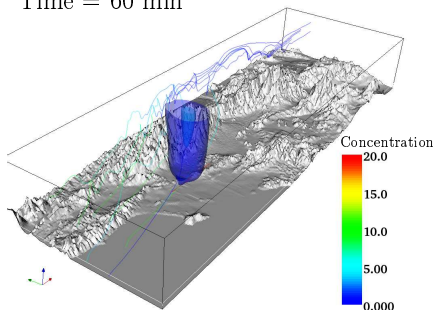


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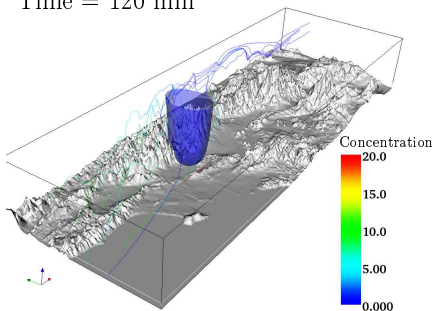


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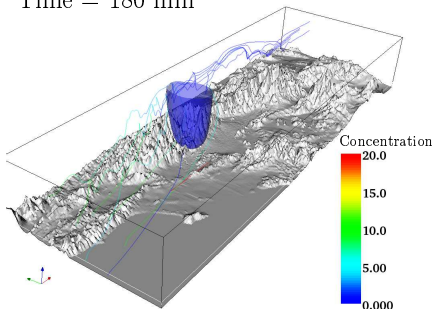


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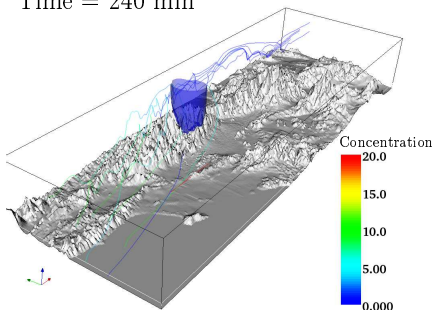


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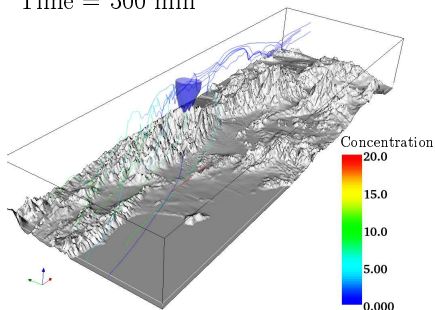


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## Related work

- **Unconstrained**

Hackbusch, King (92), Rieder (97), Hanke and Vogel (99),  
Kaltenbacher (03), Draganescu and Dupont (08),  
Akcelik, Biros, Draganescu, Ghattas, Hill, and van Bloemen  
Waanders (05), Biros and Dogan (08)

- **Control-constrained**

Maar and Schulz (00), Borzi and Kunisch (05), Vallejos and Borzi (08),  
Benzi, Haber, and Taralli (09)

- **Review**

Borzi and Schulz (SIAM Review, June 09)

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$$G_h = I + (K_h A_h)^* (K_h A_h) = I + (L_h)^* (L_h)$$

with  $A_h = D \sqrt{1/(\beta + \lambda_h)}$

- Assume  $\lambda_h = \text{interpolate}(\lambda)$

$$L_h \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K_h A_h$$

$$L \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K D \sqrt{1/(\beta + \lambda)}$$



## Key facts

- $G_h = I + L_h^* L_h$  is **dense**, available only matrix-free
- $\text{cond}(I + L_h^* L_h) = O(\beta^{-1})$ , mesh-independent, large
- $A_h = D \sqrt{1/(\beta + \lambda_h)}$  neutral with respect to smoothing
- $L_{(h)} = K_{(h)} A_{(h)}$  same smoothing properties as  $K_{(h)}$

# Two-grid preconditioner

- Scale separation:

$$V_h = \underbrace{V_{2h}}_{\text{"smooth" functions}} \oplus \underbrace{W}_{\text{"rough" functions}}$$

- $\pi = \pi_{2h} = L^2$ -projection onto  $V_{2h}$

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## Two-grid preconditioner

Theorem (A.D. and C.P., 2009)

On a uniform grid

$$\rho(I - M_h^{-1}G_h) \leq Ch^2 \|(\beta + \lambda)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{W_\infty^2}$$

Remarks:

- optimal order in  $h$
- quality expected to decay as  $\mu \downarrow 0$  since  $\lambda$  only  $L^2$  in general
- for fixed  $\beta \neq \#$  linear iterations/outer iteration expected to decrease with  $h \downarrow 0$
- $M_h$  is slightly non-symmetric

# Multigrid preconditioner

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1/80	0.0206		0.1127		0.2812	
1/160	0.0066	3.1342	0.0363	3.1078	0.1270	2.2140
1/320	0.0020	3.3140	0.0102	3.5488	0.0445	2.8535
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1/640	1.34e-004	4.0039	1.91e-004	6.2046	6.51e-003	4.0161
1/1280	3.35e-005	4.0016	4.86e-005	3.9275	1.07e-003	6.0762

# Backwards advection-diffusion problem example

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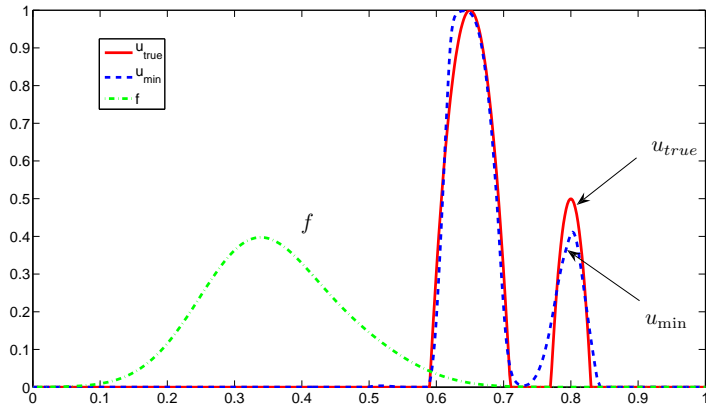
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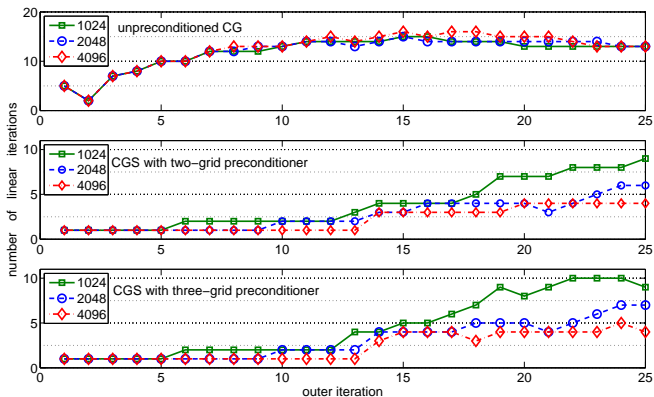
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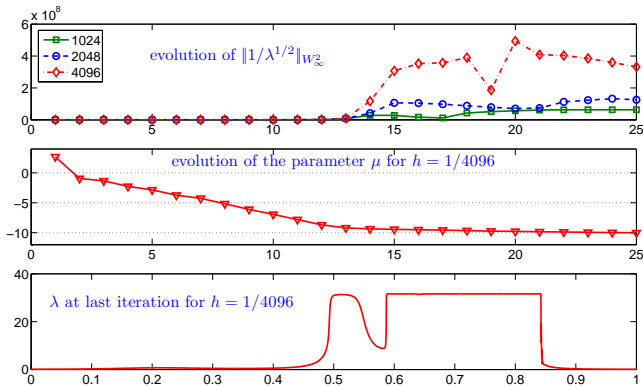


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# Evolution of quantities of interest

- Evolution of  $\|\lambda^{-1/2}\|_{W_\infty^2}$ ,  $\mu$ , and last  $\lambda_h$ :



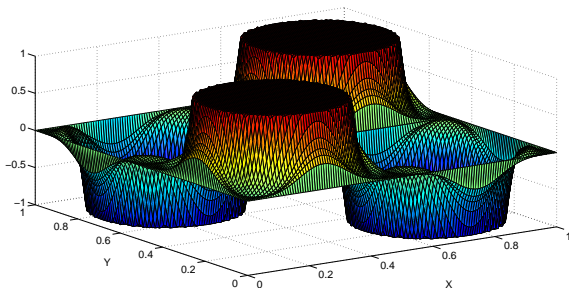
## Another measure of success

Total number of finest-level mat-vecs (application of  $K$ )

$h \setminus$ levels	1	2	3
1/1024	728	581	661
1/2048	740	463	489
1/4096	764	403	425
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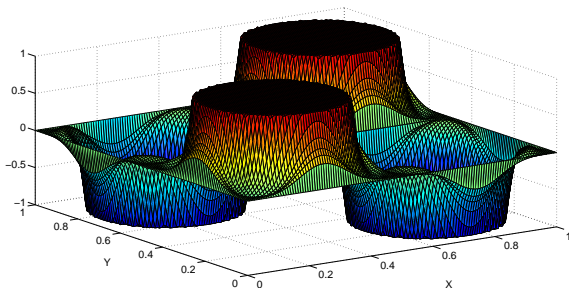
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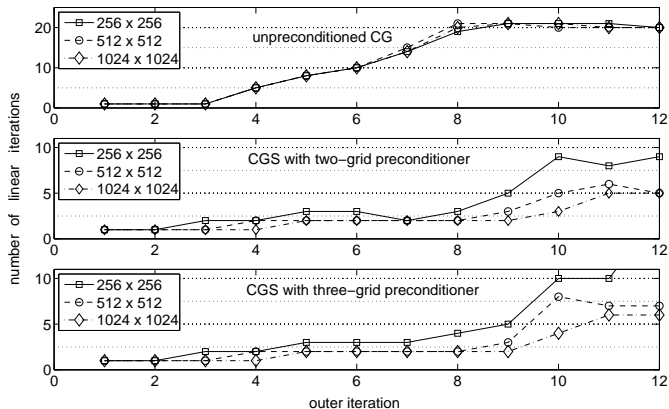


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# Mat-vecs count

Total number of finest-level mat-vecs (Poisson solves)

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1/256	354	282	572	—
1/512	355	220	250	452
1/1024	355	198	210	224
1/2048	363	172	174	174



## Current and future directions

- Inverse systems of semilinear advection-reaction-diffusion equations (Saraswat, N. R. Lee)
- Inverse hyperbolic problems (Hill, J. Lee)
- State constrained problems
- Long-term goal: efficient solution of large-scale data assimilation problems (4D Var method for weather and climate modeling)

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