Multilevel block preconditioning for shifted Maxwell equations

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Time-harmonic Maxwell equations

First order formulation

$$\begin{cases} +i\omega\varepsilon \mathbf{E} - \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{H}) &= 0, \\ &+ \text{ b.c.} \\ -i\omega\mu \mathbf{H} - \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{E}) &= 0, \end{cases}$$

discretization using Discontinous Galërkin

• collective treatment $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})$

$$i\omega G_0 \mathbf{W} + G_x \partial_x \mathbf{W} + G_y \partial_y \mathbf{W} + G_z \partial_z \mathbf{W} = 0$$

- discretization using tetrahedral elements, **W** approximated by vector with (discontinous) polynomial components.
- integral representation over internal interfaces (divergence theorem)
- discretized system with block structure, block size depending on the degree of the polynomial (e.g. block size is 24 for linear polynomials)



General problem for numerical solvers:

- 3D problem, not feasible for sparse direct solvers
- large null space of curl operator makes it extremely sensitive to approximate factorizations
- time-harmonic problem is highly indefinite
- Necessary to modify the system prior to application of numerical solvers



Second order formulation (inserting H into the first equation)

$$\frac{1}{i\omega}\left(-\omega^2\varepsilon\mathbf{E} + \operatorname{curl}(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{E}))\right) = i\omega\varepsilon\mathbf{E} + \operatorname{curl}(\frac{1}{i\omega\mu}\operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{E})) = 0, \ + \text{ b.c.}$$

Helmholtz decomposition $\mathbf{E} = \operatorname{grad} \varphi + \mathbf{U}$, where div $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} -\omega^2 \mathsf{div}(\varepsilon \mathsf{grad})\varphi, \\ \left(-\omega^2 \varepsilon - \mathsf{div}(\frac{1}{\mu} \mathsf{grad}) \right) \mathbf{U} \end{array} \right.$$

twisted scaled Laplacian operator and Helmholtz operator for E



Shifted Helmholtz Equations

Consider the Helmholtz equation

$$-\Delta u - \omega^2 u = 0, + b.c.$$

 \rightarrow discrete system

$$(A - \omega^2 M)x = b$$
, where A, M are sym. pos. def.

Work by Magolu, Erlangga, Vuik, Oosterlee, van Gijzen: Introduce a complex shift, i.e., compute numerical solver for the shifted system

$$A-(1-\beta i)\omega^2 M$$

where β suitably chosen (e.g. $\beta = 1$, $\beta = 0.5$) and then apply it to unshifted system

$$A - \omega^2 M$$

• $A - (1 - \beta i)\omega^2 M$ is much easier to approximate

• eigenvalues of $(A - (1 - \beta i)\omega^2 M)^{-1}(A - \omega^2 M)$ can be easily characterized



Shifted Helmholtz Equations

Eigenvalues of the preconditioned system





Shifted Maxwell equations

 add artificial conductivity for E and similar contribution for H such that the reduced second order system refers to a shifted Helmholtz equation

$$\begin{cases} +i\omega\varepsilon \mathbf{E} - \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{H}) &= -\beta_{\mathbf{E}}\omega\varepsilon \mathbf{E}, \\ -i\omega\mu \mathbf{H} - \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{E}) &= +\beta_{\mathbf{H}}\omega\mu \mathbf{H}, \end{cases} + \text{b.c.}$$

Reduced second order system

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{i}\omega} \left(-(1-\beta_{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{i})\omega^{2}\varepsilon + \operatorname{curl}(\frac{1}{(1-\mathbf{i}\beta_{\mathbf{H}})\mu}\operatorname{curl}) \right) \mathbf{E} = 0, + \text{b.c.}$$

$$\left(-(1-\beta_{\mathbf{E}}\beta_{\mathbf{H}} - (\beta_{\mathbf{E}} + \beta_{\mathbf{H}})\mathbf{i})\omega^{2}\varepsilon + \operatorname{curl}(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl}) \right) E = 0, + \text{b.c.}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} -(1-\beta_{\mathbf{E}}\beta_{\mathbf{H}} - (\beta_{\mathbf{E}} + \beta_{\mathbf{H}})\mathbf{i})\omega^{2}\operatorname{div}(\varepsilon \operatorname{grad})\varphi, \\ (-(1-\beta_{\mathbf{E}}\beta_{\mathbf{H}} - (\beta_{\mathbf{E}} + \beta_{\mathbf{H}})\mathbf{i})\omega^{2}\varepsilon - \operatorname{div}(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{grad}) \right) \mathbf{U} \end{cases}$$



Discretized Maxwell equations

• Disrectization by discontinous Galërkin for $\mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}$

$$Ax = b$$

• Matrix block structure (first taking E, then H)

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{i}\omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\varepsilon} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{M}_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{11} & \mathbf{C}_{12} \\ \mathbf{C}_{12} & \mathbf{C}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- *M*_ε, *M*_μ refer to discretized mass matrices w.r.t. iωεE, -iωμH, block diagonal, s.p.d.
- C_{ij} = C_{ij}^T i, j, = 1, 2 refer to the discretized curl operators curl(H), curl(E), C₁₁, C₂₂ are block-diagonal

 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \text{ is complex-symmetric.}$

• Further underlying block structure of dense blocks arising from DG discretization (e.g. P_1 elements yields block size $4 \times 3 = 12$ for *E* as well as for *H*)



Discretized shifted Maxwell equations

Original system

$$\mathcal{A} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{i}\omega M_{\varepsilon} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{i}\omega M_{\mu} \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{cc} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} \end{array} \right)$$

shifted system

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{i} + \beta_{\mathbf{E}})\omega M_{\varepsilon} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -(\mathbf{i} + \beta_{\mathbf{H}})\omega M_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

• reduced shifted system (refers to shifted Helmholtz), Schur complement of \mathcal{P} .

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}} = -(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{\beta_{H}})\omega M_{\mu} - C_{22} - C_{12} \left((\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{\beta_{E}})\omega M_{\varepsilon} - C_{11}
ight)^{-1} C_{12}$$

- Three classes of shifted operators
 - \mathcal{P}_1 : \mathcal{P} for $\beta_{\mathbf{E}} = \beta_{\mathbf{H}} = \beta$
 - \mathcal{P}_2 : \mathcal{P}_S for $\overline{\beta}_{\mathbf{E}} = \beta_{\mathbf{H}} = \beta$
 - \mathcal{P}_3 : \mathcal{P}_S for $\beta_{\mathbf{E}} = 0$, $\beta_{\mathbf{H}} = \beta$



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Block structure of \mathcal{P}

Block structure of \mathcal{P}_S

The larger the β , the more diagonal dominant the systems will be.



Left-looking block ILU (Crout version)





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Computation based on Level-3 BLAS



Associated forward/backward solve only needs Level-2-BLAS



$$A \to \begin{pmatrix} B & F \\ F^{T} & C \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} L_{B} & 0 \\ L_{F} & I \end{pmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} D_{B} & 0 \\ 0 & S_{C} \end{pmatrix}}_{D} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} L_{B}^{T} & L_{F}^{T} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}}_{L^{T}} + E$$

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Multilevel ILU Inverse-Based Pivoting

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• If $\begin{pmatrix} A_{\mathcal{FF}} & A_{\mathcal{FC}} \\ A_{\mathcal{CF}} & A_{\mathcal{CC}} \end{pmatrix}$ has a large size block diagonal dominant block $A_{\mathcal{FF}}$, then $||L^{-1}|||, ||U^{-1}|||$ are small and a large portion of the system can be reduced.



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 \Rightarrow by inverse-based coarsening $S_{\mathcal{CC}}$ captures the eigenvalues with small modulus



Time-harmonic Maxwell equations

- 3D scattering problem discretized by a DG- \mathbb{P}_1 method using a mesh with 46704 tetrahedral elements
- For an incident plane wave of frequency F =900MHz we have $\omega = 18.84$
- Complex symmetric system of size n = 1120896, approx. 10 entries per row

Platform

• Platform INTEL XEON MP CPU with frequency 3.66 GHz and 16 GB of memory

Setup for the numerical solver

- drop tolerance for ILU set to $\tau = 10^{-2}$ and $\tau = 10^{-3}$ for the Schur complement.
- Fill per column/row limited to $20 \times nnz(A)/n \approx 200$
- Inverse bound set to $\kappa = 10$.
- Iterative solver SQMR until $||b Ax_k|| \leq 10^{-8}(||b|| + ||A|| ||x_k||)$



Maxwell equations

Three different shifted Systems

- \mathcal{P}_1 : Original system \mathcal{A} shifted by $\beta \omega \begin{pmatrix} M_{\varepsilon} & 0 \\ 0 & -M_{\mu} \end{pmatrix}$
- \mathcal{P}_2 : Schur complement of \mathcal{P}_1 after elimination of **E** part
- P₃: Schur complement of A after elimination of E part and then shifted by βωM_μ (discrete shifted curl curl operator)
- $\mathcal{P}_{2,3}$ are much denser then \mathcal{P}_1 , approx. 40 nonzeros per row. Therefore, maximum fill is also limited to $10 \times nnz(\mathcal{P}_{1,2}) \approx 400$.
- Use shifts $\beta = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$
- natural block sizes for \mathcal{P}_1 :
 - 3, taking E, H separately
 - 6, taking $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})$ together
 - 24, taking the matrix element by element
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 - 3, taking H separately
 - 12, taking the matrix element by element



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 \mathcal{P}_2



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- Multilevel Block ILU based on three major ingredients
 - Block-structured given system (here Maxwell equations)
 - System shifted by blocks
 - Level-3-BLAS updates resp. Level-2-BLAS forward/backward solve
- Efficient method for solving large scale complex symmetric systems arising from time-harmonic Maxwell equations
- For larger elements (e.g. P₂ elements) larger blocks will occur (e.g. block size 60 for P₂) and even more benefits are expected