

A Parallel Neutron Transport Solver based on Domain-Decomposition

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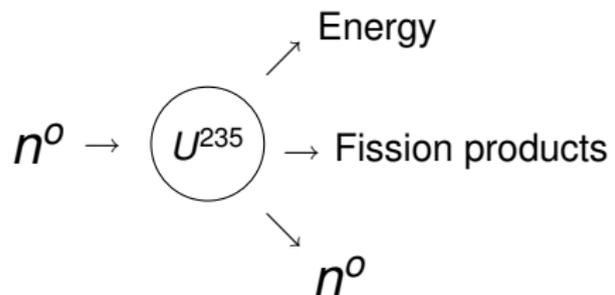
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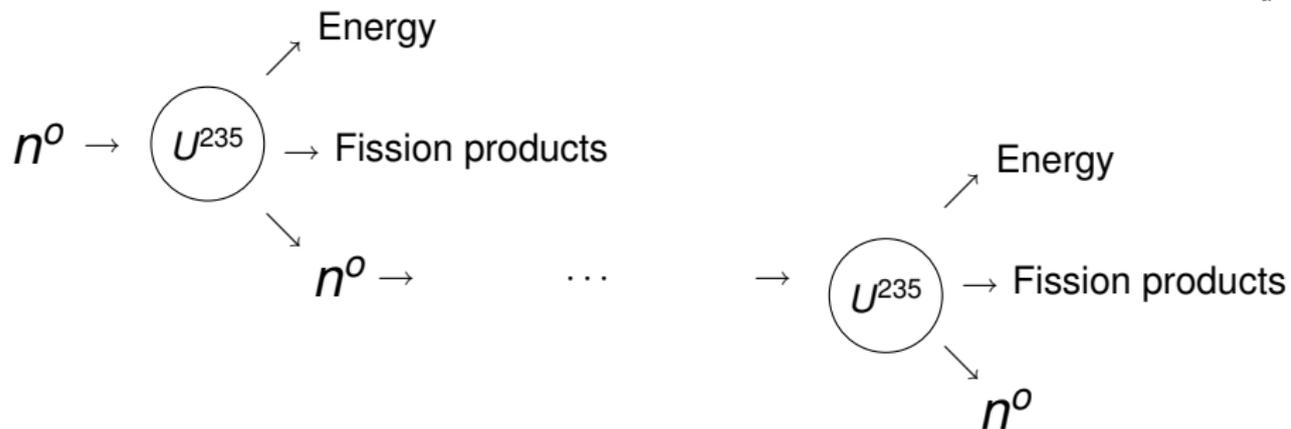


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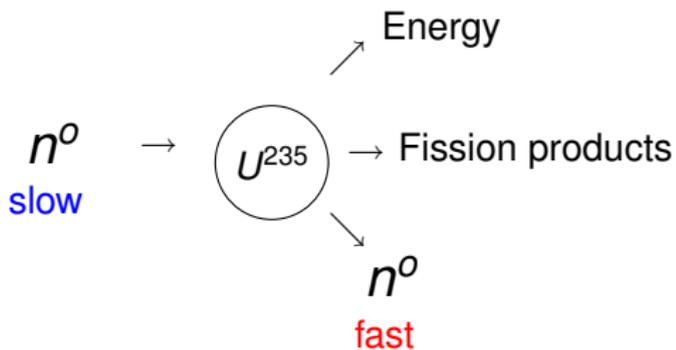
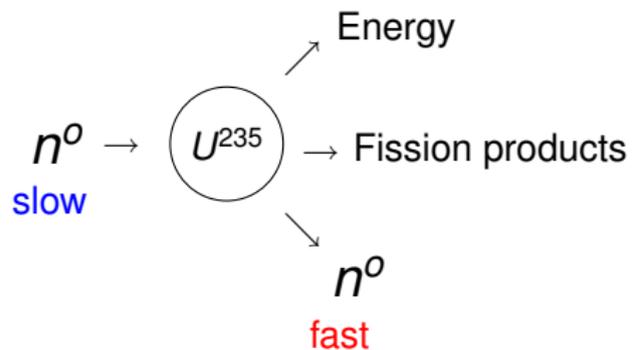
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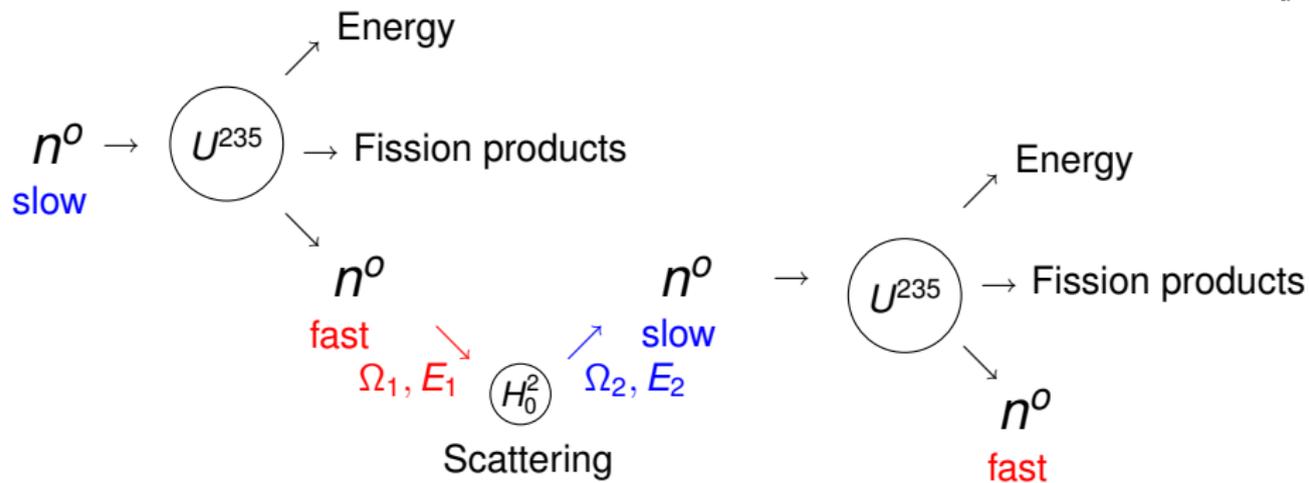
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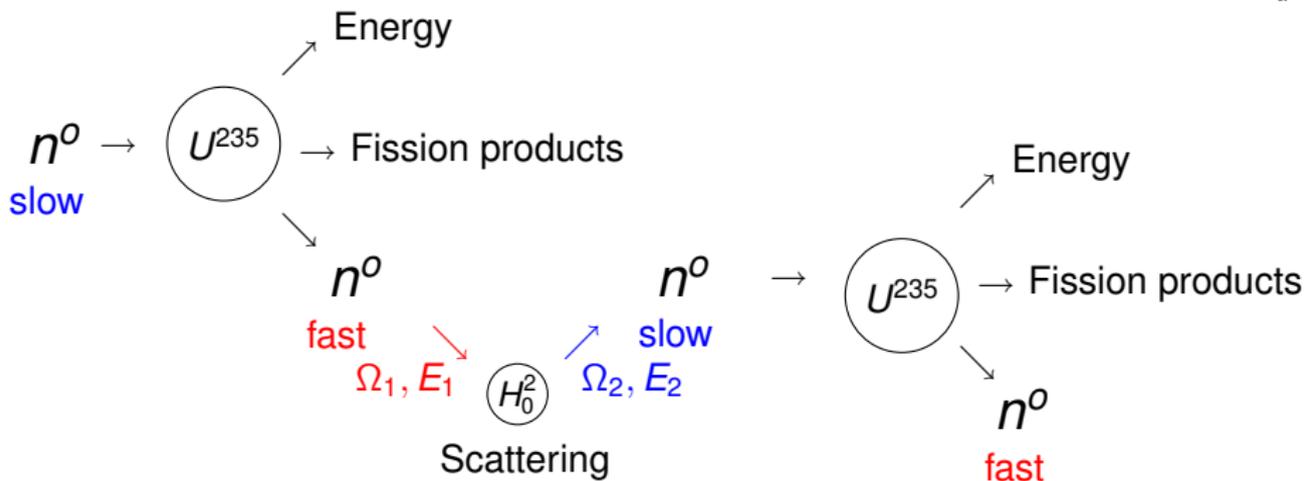
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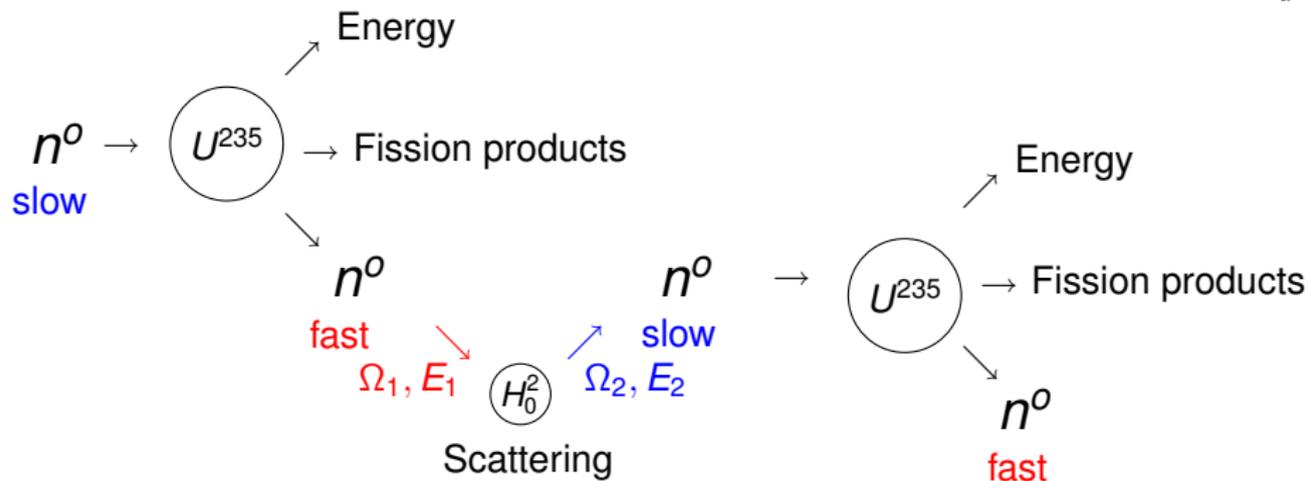


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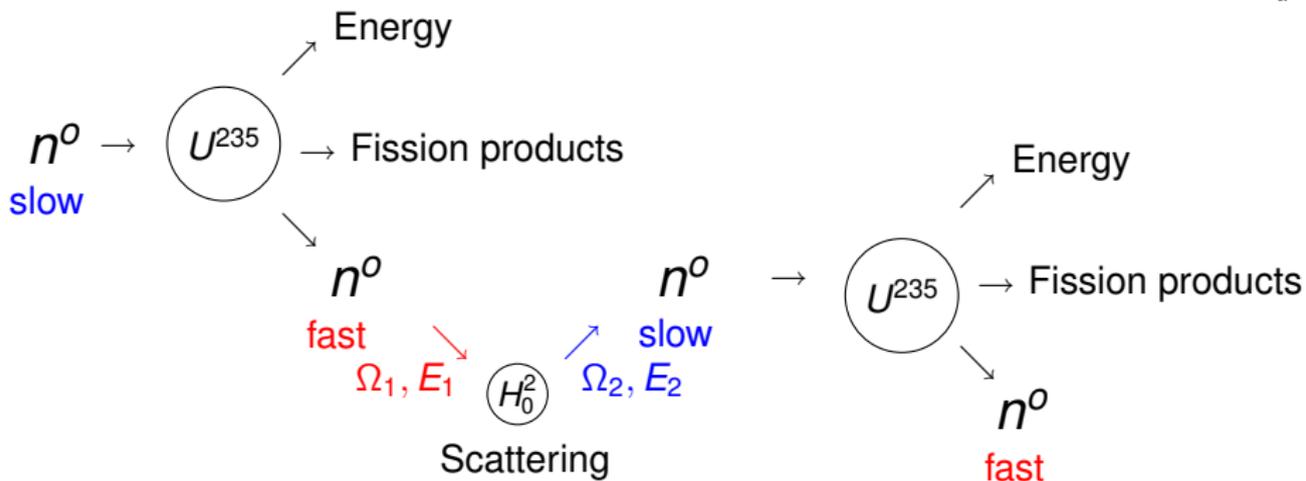
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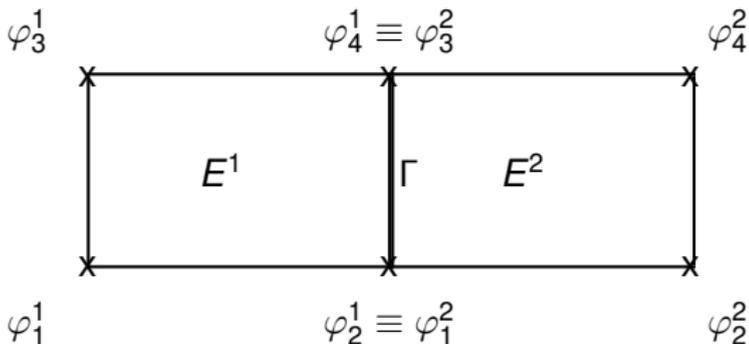
We use **algebraic domain decomposition** to invert the H_{gg} .

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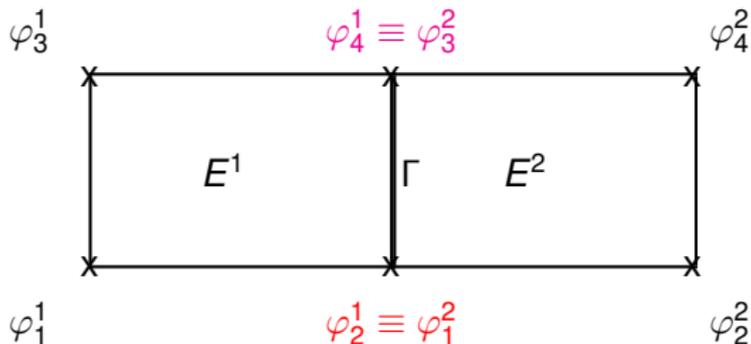
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cf. P.L. Lions (1991): “On the Schwarz alternating method III: ...”

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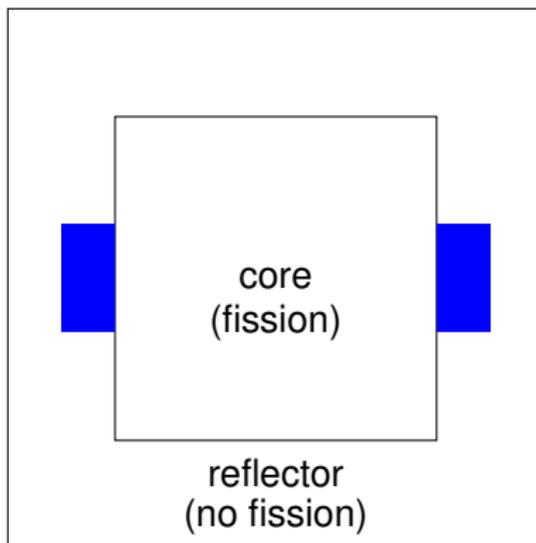
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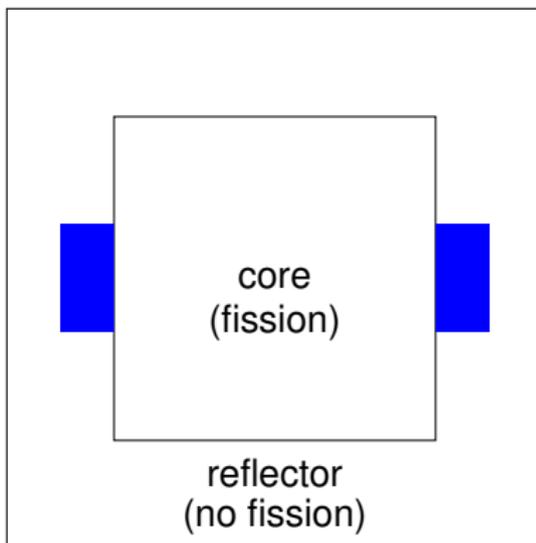


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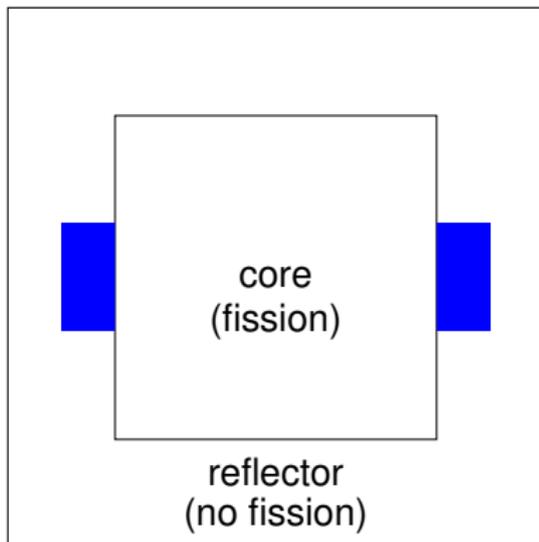


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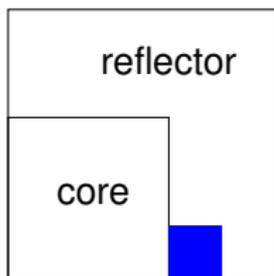
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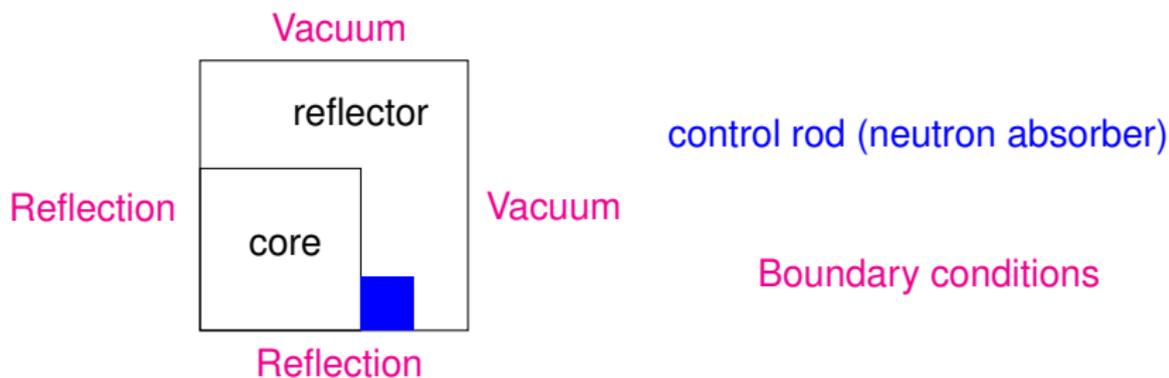
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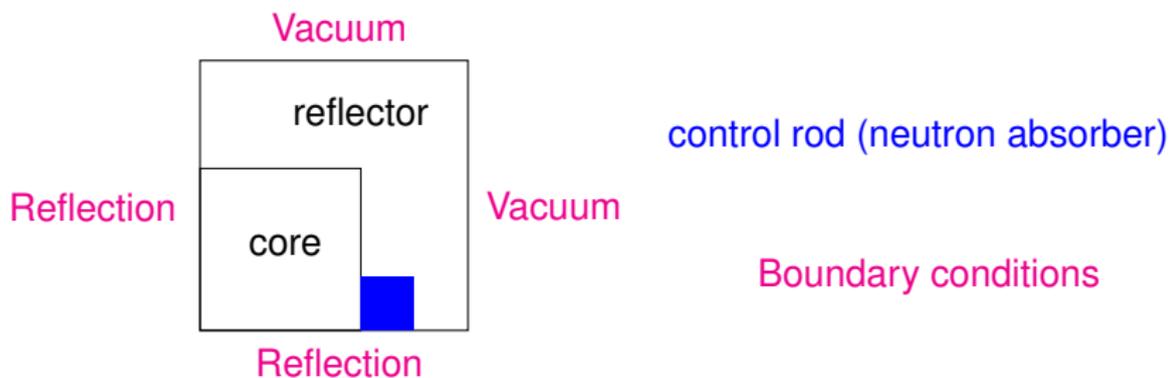


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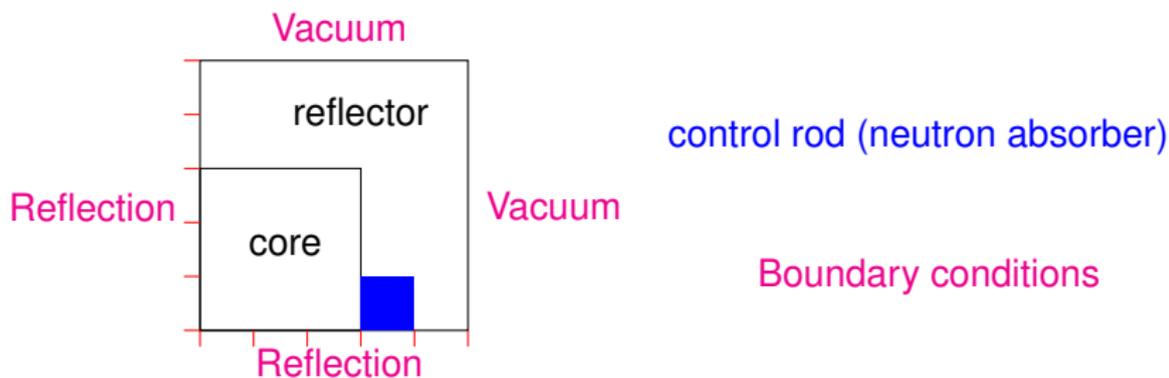


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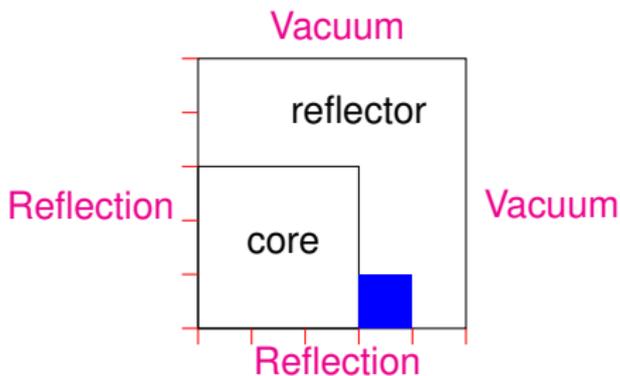
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