

LFA-tuned matrix-free multigrid for the elastic Helmholtz equations

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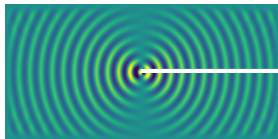
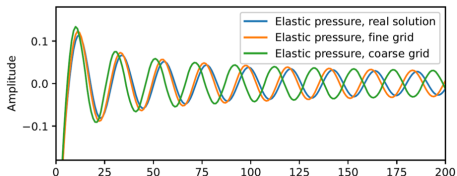
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- 4-th order [Harari & Turkel 1994], [Singer & Turkel 1998]
- 6-th order [Turkel et. al. 2013]
- Non-compact [Dastur & Liao 2020]
- Lower dispersion compact [Liu 2015], [Chen et. al. 2012]
- Rotated grids [Alghamiry et. al. 2022]
- Wavelength adaptive [Xu & Gao 2018]

Solvers for acoustic Helmholtz

- Domain decomposition [Gander & Zhang 2013], [Hu & Li 2016], [Tausa et. al. 2020], [Daia et. al. 2022], [Claeys, MS2], [Dolean, MS2], [Gong, MS2], [Rees, IP6]
- Shifted Laplacian multigrid [Erlangga et. al. 2006], [Umetani et. al 2009], [Chen et. al. 2012], [Dwarka, MS2], [Chen, MS1]
- FFT [Beylkin 2009], [Osnabrugge 2016], [Wang et. al. 2020]

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- 2^{nd} order staggered (rotated grids) [Virieux 1986]
- Compact nodal [Sketl & Pratt 1998],
[Gosselin-Cliche & Giroux 2014]
- 4^{th} order staggered [Levander 1988]
- 4^{th} order staggered with mass spreading [Li et. al. 2016]

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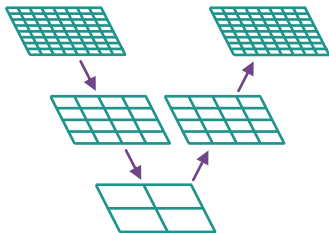
Multigrid adaptations for elastic Helmholtz

- Shifted Laplacian “as is” [Airaksinen et. al. 2009]
- Shifted Laplacian using line-smoothers. [Rizzuti & Mulder 2016]

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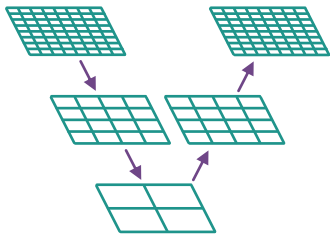
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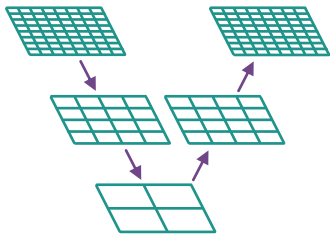
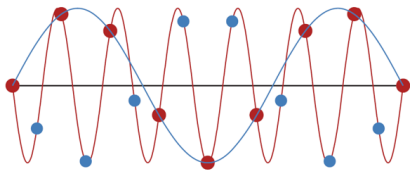


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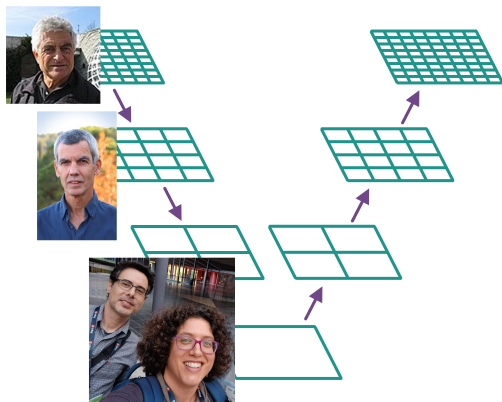


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Being matrix-free is not (only) about implementation, but about improving complexity [Pazner, IP2].

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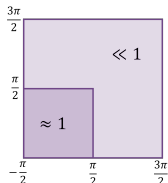
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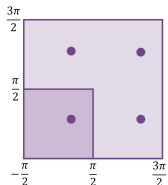


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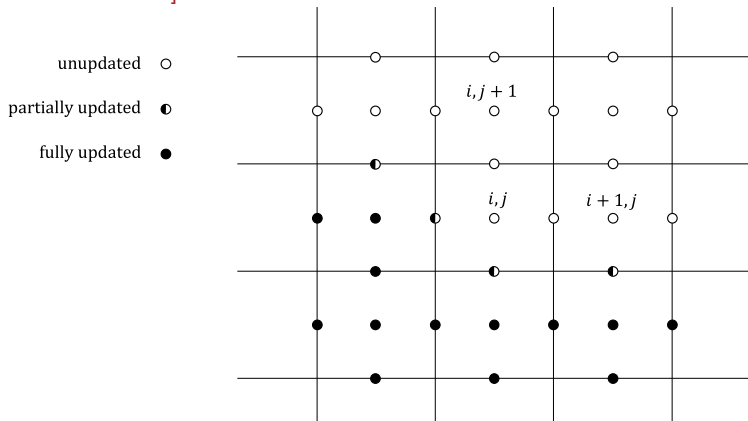
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LFA for multiplicative overlapping smoothers

- The amplification factor $\approx \frac{|\text{error after}|}{|\text{error before}|}$
- We need “middle”. “before” and “after” are not enough!

[Sivaloganathan 1991], [Maclachlan & Oosterlee 2011], [Rodrigo et. al. 2016],
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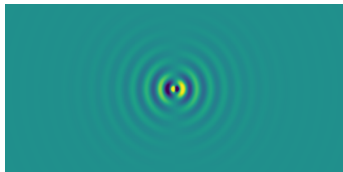
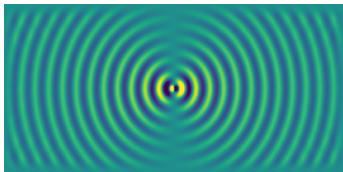
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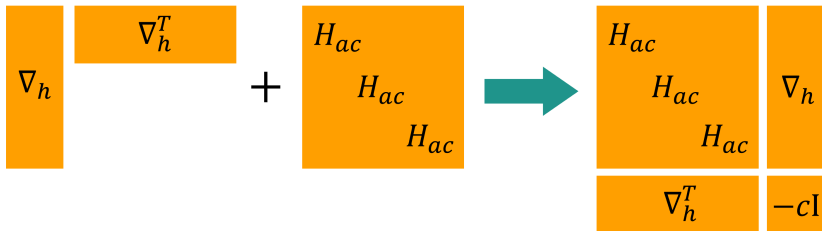
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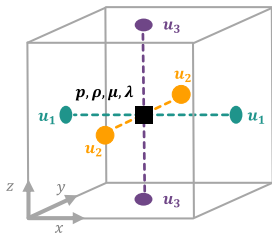
Elastic Helmholtz - mixed formulation

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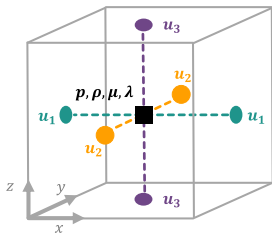
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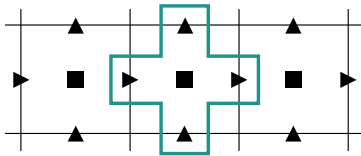


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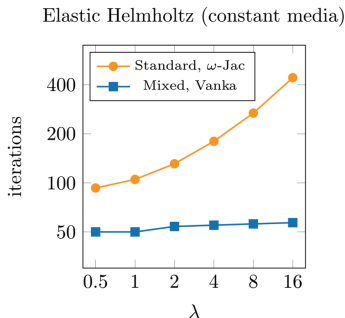
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- Cell-wise Vanka smoother: invert a 5×5 matrix at every cell.
[Vanka 1986]



Multigrid for elastic Helmholtz: results



- $\mu = \rho = 1$, shift $\alpha = 0.2$. Second-order discretization.
- Scaling: largest λ corresponds to Poisson's ratio $\sigma = 0.47$
- Grid size 512×256 , 10 grid points per wavelength
- GMRES(5) + 3-level W-cycle as a preconditioner
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Shifted Laplacian: acoustic (shear) vs. elastic						
Grid size	400 × 128		800 × 256		1600 × 512	
ω	2.4 π	3.5 π	4.7 π	7.1 π	9.4 π	14.2 π
Acoustic	25	40	45	86	75	196
Elastic	27	37	47	78	79	148

- Linear heterogeneous media
- Acoustic: Jacobi W(2,2) cycles
- Elastic: Vanka W(1,1) cycles
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We adapt it to the elastic mixed formulation.

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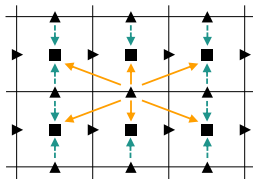
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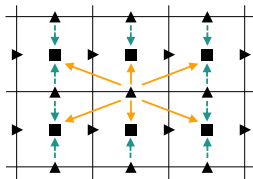
Divergence and gradient:

$$(\nabla \cdot)_h^\beta = \left((\partial_{x_1})_{h/2}^\beta \quad (\partial_{x_2})_{h/2}^\beta \right), \quad \nabla_h^\beta = \begin{pmatrix} (\partial_{x_1})_{h/2}^\beta \\ (\partial_{x_2})_{h/2}^\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

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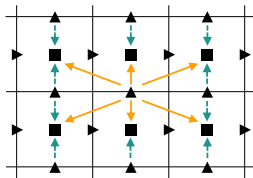
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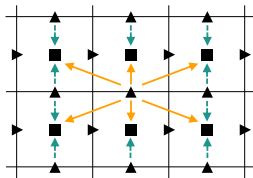
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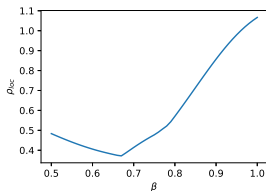
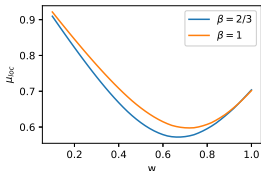
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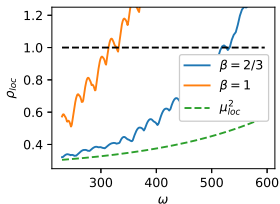
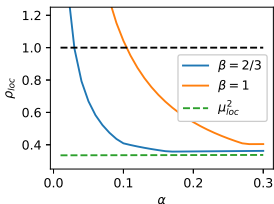
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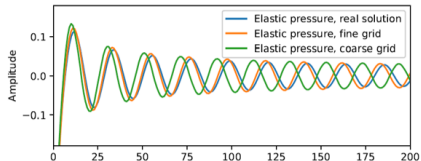
Damping $w = 0.7$ near optimal, $\beta = 2/3$ optimal



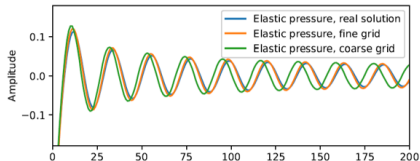
Minimal shift 0.03 for the spread discretization, 0.11 for standard

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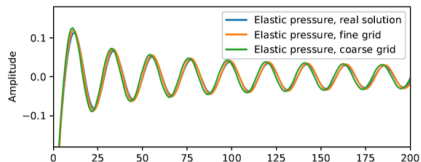
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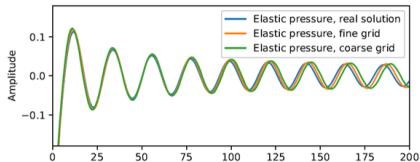
(a) $\beta = 1$



(b) $\beta = 0.8$



(c) $\beta = 2/3$



(d) $\beta = 0.5$

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Multigrid convergence on the shifted problem:

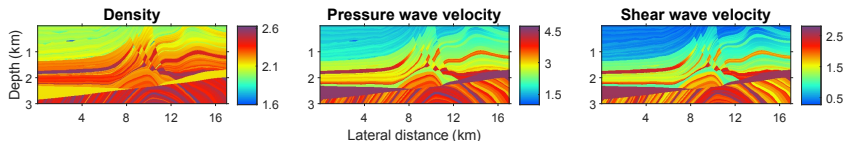
LFA two-grid factor and convergence factor in practice									
discretization	$\omega = \frac{\pi}{5h}, \alpha = 0.15$			$\omega = \frac{\pi}{4h}, \alpha = 0.2$			$\omega = \frac{\pi}{3.3h}, \alpha = 0.3$		
	ρ_{loc}	c_f	μ_{loc}^2	ρ_{loc}	c_f	μ_{loc}^2	ρ_{loc}	c_f	μ_{loc}^2
$\beta = 1$	0.73	0.6	0.35	0.81	0.74	0.38	0.75	0.7	0.44
$\beta = 2/3$	0.37	0.24	0.31	0.4	0.27	0.34	0.47	0.35	0.39

- The convergence factor is defined by

$$c_f^{(k)} = \left(\frac{\|r_k\|}{\|r_0\|} \right)^{1/k}$$

- μ_{loc}^2 serves as a best-case lower bound.

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Results for Marmousi geophysical model:

Iteration count for Marmousi-2 elastic media

Grid size	$\beta = 1, G_s = 10$			$\beta = 2/3, G_s = 10 (8)$		
	2-level $\alpha = 0.1$	3-level $\alpha = 0.4$	4-level $\alpha = 0.5$	2-level $\alpha = 0.1$	3-level $\alpha = 0.3 (0.4)$	4-level $\alpha = 0.4 (0.5)$
544×112	31	107	147	28 (32)	67 (106)	100 (194)
1088×224	48	172	238	39 (51)	102 (174)	157 (338)
2176×448	70	243	374	53 (63)	137 (242)	238 (572)

- α is the added attenuation
- G_s grid points per shear wavelength

Conclusion

- Mixed formulation enables elastic shifted Laplacian MG.
- Our shifted Laplacian MG scales w.r.t. Poisson's ratio.
- Our spread discretization enables a matrix-free method.
- Less shift is needed and less grid points per wavelength.

Future: Better 3D, Block-preconditioning, better acoustic solvers



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