

# Spectral Deferred Corrections, Bacon-flavored

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- Recall polynomial approximation:  $f(t, u) \approx \sum_{j=1}^M f(\tau_j, u(\tau_j)) l_j^T(t)$
- Plug into continuous equation:

$$u(\tau_m) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^{\tau_m} f(s, u) ds \approx u_0 + \int_{t_0}^{\tau_m} \sum_{j=1}^M f(\tau_j, u(\tau_j)) l_j^T(s) ds \quad (1)$$

$$= u_0 + \sum_{j=1}^M f(\tau_j, u(\tau_j)) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_m} l_j^T(s) ds = u_0 + \sum_{j=1}^M q_{m,j} f(\tau_j, u(\tau_j)) \quad (2)$$

- Use quadrature rule  $Q$  from integrating Lagrange polynomials to approximate the integral!

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# Spectral Deferred Corrections

## Basic idea

- Use spectral quadrature rule to get solutions of order  $2M$  or  $2M - 1$  (or  $2M - 2$ )
- Solve equation for the error with simple quadrature rule (originally Euler) and refine the solution
- Iterate

Key innovation: Apply deferred corrections to integral form of initial value problem



# Error Equation

- Error at iteration  $k$  depends on unknown exact solution:

$$\delta^k(t) = u(t) - \vec{u}^k \vec{l}^\tau(t)$$

- Plugging error into initial value problem gives:

$$\delta^k(t) - \int_0^t \left( f \left( \vec{u}^k \vec{l}^\tau(s) + \delta^k(s) \right) - f \left( \vec{u}^k \vec{l}^\tau(s) \right) \right) ds = r^k(t)$$

- Residual depends only on available quantities:

$$r^k(t) = u_0 + \int_0^t \left( f(\vec{u}^k \vec{l}^\tau(s)) - \vec{u}^k \vec{l}^\tau(s) \right) ds$$

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# Error Equation Continued

What have we gained?

→ Nothing, if we solve the error equation with the same  $Q_\Delta = Q$  we used for the collocation problem!

Need simpler quadrature rule  $Q_\Delta$  (called preconditioner) to solve for the error.

For instance, implicit Euler:

$$Q_\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_2 - \tau_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \tau_2 - \tau_1 & \tau_3 - \tau_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots & 0 \\ \tau_2 - \tau_1 & \tau_3 - \tau_2 & \dots & \dots & \tau_M - \tau_{M-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Error Equation Continued

Resulting iteration after algebraic manipulation:

$$(I - \Delta t Q_{\Delta} f)(\vec{u}^{k+1}) = \vec{u}_0 + \Delta t (Q - Q_{\Delta}) f(\vec{u}^k)$$

Compare to vanilla implicit Euler:

$$(1 - \Delta t f)(u) = u_0$$

Now did we gain something?

- We better choose  $Q_{\Delta}$  lower triangular such we can solve with forward substitution
- We just need to solve implicit Euler steps with modified step size and right-hand side
- If we choose  $Q_{\Delta}$  diagonal, we can solve for the nodes in parallel!
- Consider PDE with  $N$  degrees of freedom: Collocation problem is size  $NM \times NM$ , but if SDC converges after  $K$  iterations, it requires  $KM$  solves of  $N \times N$  systems

# Modern Interpretation of SDC

- Consider fully implicit collocation problem:  $(I - \Delta t Q f)(\vec{u}) = \vec{u}_0$
- Simplest iterative approach: Picard iteration:

$$\vec{u}^{k+1} = \vec{u}^k - \underbrace{((I - \Delta t Q f)(\vec{u}^k) - \vec{u}_0)}_{\vec{r}^k}$$

→ poor stability because it is explicit

- Precondition the Picard iteration with  $Q_\Delta$ :

$$(I - \Delta t Q_\Delta f)(\vec{u}^{k+1}) = \vec{u}_0 + \Delta t (Q - Q_\Delta) f(\vec{u}^k)$$

- Looks familiar! SDC = preconditioned Picard iteration

# Modern Interpretation of SDC Continued

## Construct SDC iteration matrix

- Consider linear test equation:  $u_t = \lambda u$
- SDC iteration becomes:

$$\vec{u}^{k+1} = \underbrace{(I - \Delta t Q_{\Delta} \lambda)^{-1} \Delta t (Q - Q_{\Delta}) \lambda \vec{u}^k}_{G \vec{u}^k} + \underbrace{(I - \Delta t Q_{\Delta} \lambda)^{-1} \vec{u}_0}_c$$

- Convergence:
  - Look for  $Q_{\Delta}$  with  $\rho(G) < 1$
  - Look for  $Q_{\Delta}$  with  $\|G\| < 1$
  - Look for  $Q_{\Delta}$  that make  $G$  nilpotent

$Q_{\Delta}$  is now a preconditioner and not necessarily a quadrature rule!

# Modern Interpretation of SDC Continued

Look at stiff limit of SDC iteration matrix

Stiff limit  $\lambda \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\vec{u}^{k+1} \approx \underbrace{(I - Q_{\Delta}^{-1} Q)}_G \vec{u}^k$$

- LU:  $Q_{\Delta} = U^T$  with  $LU = Q^T$  and  $L_{ii} = 1$

$$G = I - (U^T)^{-1} U^T L^T = I - L^T$$

is strictly upper triangular and hence nilpotent

- MIN: Numerically minimize spectral radius of  $G$  with  $Q_{\Delta}$  diagonal

# Why bother with SDC?

- Special time-marching schemes easier to construct in low order, use SDC to get higher order
  - Can accelerate SDC with inexactness, adaptive resolution between iterations, ...
  - Parallel-in-Time (PinT) extensions
- Much greater flexibility than most other RK schemes

But: For non-stiff problems, explicit RK methods are very hard to beat with SDC



# SDC examples

Implicit-Explicit Splitting, with Daniel Ruprecht

- Replace  $Q_{\Delta}f$  with  $Q_{\Delta,I}f_I + Q_{\Delta,E}f_E$  in SDC iteration
- Choose  $Q_{\Delta,E}$  strictly lower triangular for explicit integration
- Done

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## Spectral Deferred Corrections with Fast-wave Slow-wave Splitting

Authors: Daniel Ruprecht and Robert Speck

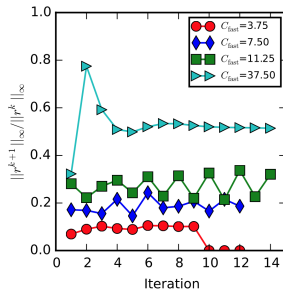
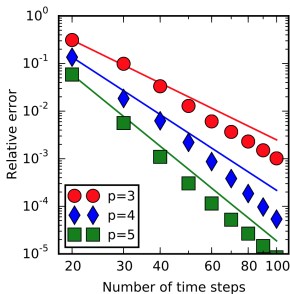
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# SDC examples

Boris SDC, with Mathias Winkel and Daniel Ruprecht

- Apply SDC to second-order equations of motion
- Choose  $Q_{\Delta}$ s to mimic velocity-Verlet integration
- Apply Boris trick for the (seemingly) implicit part
- Done



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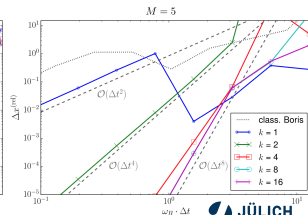
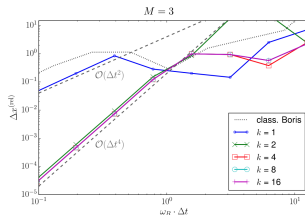
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## A high-order Boris integrator

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# SDC examples

Adaptive SDC, with Thomas Baumann and the TUHH crew

- Use update formula to get an error estimate (or be even more clever)
- Use standard RK techniques to find new  $\Delta t$
- Done

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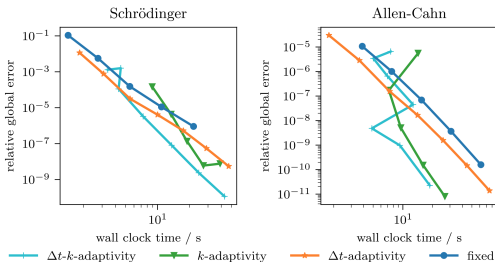
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## Adaptive time step selection for spectral deferred correction

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# Parallel-in-Time extensions

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Following Kevin Burrage's terminology:

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# Parallelization across the method I

## Diagonalization

For suitable choices of the  $M$  collocation nodes,  $Q$  can be diagonalized, i.e. for linear problems

$$(I - \Delta t Q F)(\vec{u}) = (I - \Delta t Q \otimes A)\vec{u} = (V_Q \otimes I)(I - \Delta t D_Q \otimes A)(V_Q \otimes I)^{-1}\vec{u}$$

with diagonal matrix  $D_Q$ .

### Remarks:

- This is a direct solver for linear problems
- Extension to nonlinear problems via inexact Newton
- Classical approach to deal with fully-implicit RK methods
- Beware:  $D_Q$  has complex entries!

# Parallelization across the method II

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**Improving Efficiency of Parallel Across the Method Spectral Deferred Corrections**

Gayatri Čaklović, Thibaut Lunet, Sebastian Götschel, Daniel Ruprecht



# Parallel SDC for Navier-Stokes equations

Monolithic SDC with diagonal preconditioners, with Abdelouahed Ouarghi

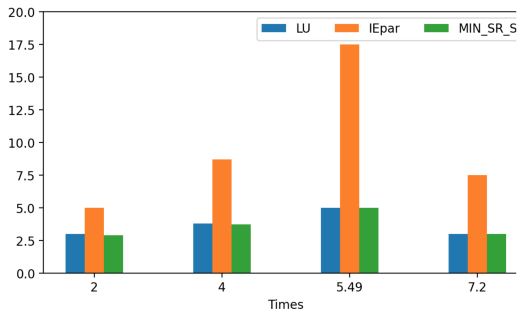
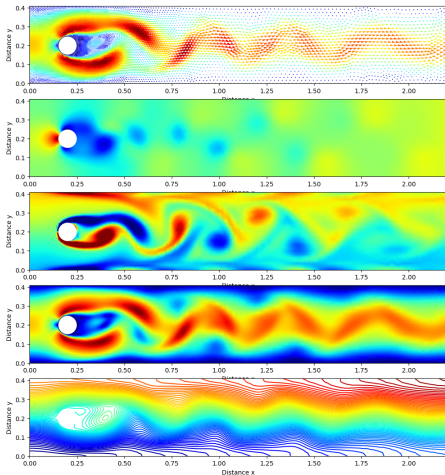


Figure: Left: Flow around the cylinder, DFG95 benchmark. Top: Number of iterations for different SDC preconditioners at selected time-steps. Smaller is better, blue is serial reference.

# Parallelization across the steps

## Multigrid for the composite collocation problem

We now glue  $L$  time-steps together, using  $N$  to transfer information from step  $l$  to step  $l + 1$ . We get the composite collocation problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} I - \Delta t QF & & & & \\ -N & I - \Delta t QF & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -N & I - \Delta t QF \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Parallel Full Approximation Scheme in Space and Time (PFASST, Minion and Emmett, 2012):

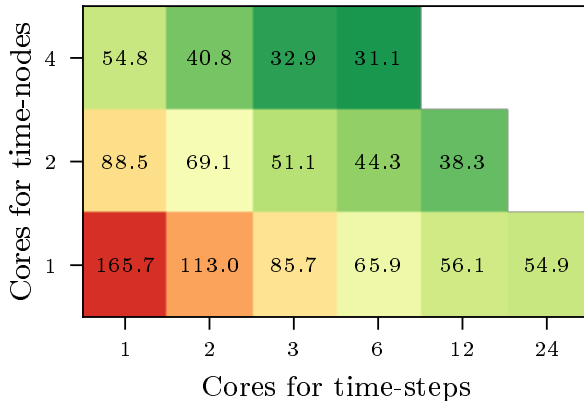
- use (linear/FAS) multigrid to solve this system iteratively
- smoother: **parallel** block-wise Jacobi with SDC in the blocks
- coarse-level solver: **serial** block-wise Gauß-Seidel with SDC in the blocks
- exploit cheapest coarse level to quickly propagate information forward in time

# One step further: PFASST-ER

PFASST + parallel SDC, with Ruth Schöbel

Idea: Use parallel SDC sweeps within parallel time-steps

Example: 2D Allen-Cahn, fully-implicit, 256x256 DOFs in space, up to 24 available cores.



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# pySDC - Prototyping Spectral Deferred Corrections

Test before you invest at <https://parallel-in-time.org/pySDC>

## Tutorials and examples

- Ships with a lot of examples
- Many SDC flavors up to PFASST
- Problems beyond heat equation



## Parallel and serial

- Serial algorithms
- Pseudo-parallel algorithms
- Time-parallel algorithms
- Space-time parallel algorithms



## Python

- Interface compiled code for expensive spatial solves
- Implementation close to formulas



## CI/CD/CT

- Well documented
- Well tested
- Works ~~on my machine~~ anywhere
- Reproduce paper results



# Code separated into modules

## Problem

- implicit Euler like solves
- evaluate right hand side
- initial conditions, maybe exact solution
- use your own datatype

## Callbacks: Modify anything at any time

- solution
- step size
- sweeper
- ...

## Sweeper: Timestepping

- assembles and calls solves in problem class
- administers right hand side evaluations
- takes care of  $Q_\Delta$ , splitting etc.
- DIRK methods available as sweepers

## Hooks: Extract anything at any time

- Newton / SDC iterations and  $f$  evaluations
- wall time
- error
- ...

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# Three takeaways



**Spectral Deferred Corrections (SDC)** are a great playground for research on time integration methods

**Lots of SDC variants** and their combination can lead to highly competitive time integration methods (and are a lot of fun)



**Prototyping ideas**, with real code, on real (parallel) machines, is crucial to find out about potential and limitations

