

# HiFlow<sup>3</sup>: an Open Source Multi-Purpose Finite Element Software

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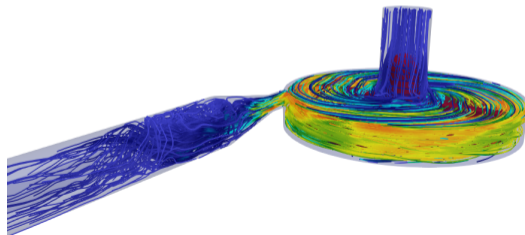
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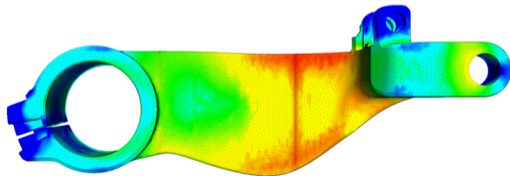
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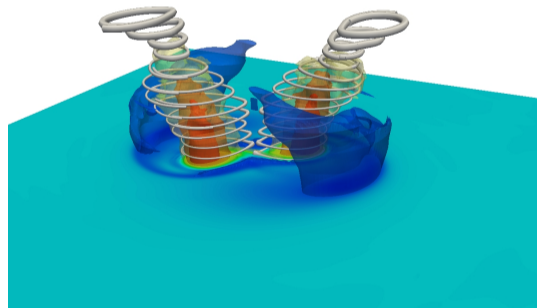
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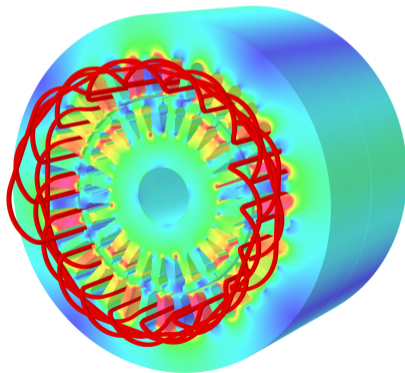
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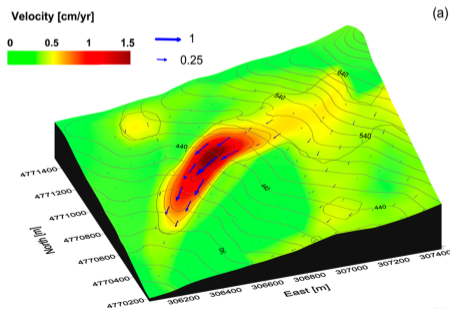
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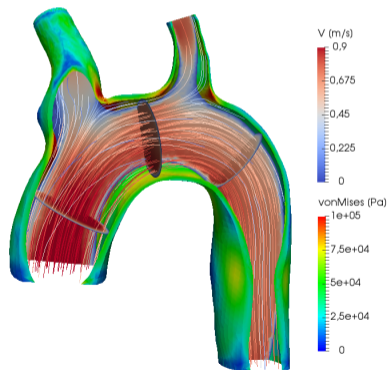
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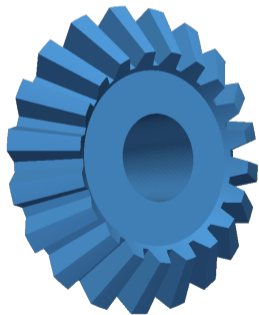




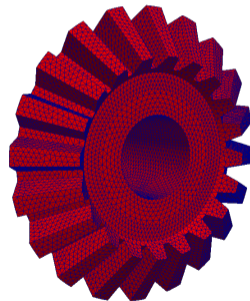
Three common frameworks for numerical solution of PDEs:

- Finite element method (FEM).
- Finite volume method (FVM).
- Finite difference method (FDM).

The **philosophy** is the same: **Divide and Conquer**.



geometry



generated mesh

## Strong formulation

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= g_D, & \text{on } \partial\Omega_D, \\ \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} &= g_N, & \text{on } \partial\Omega_N. \end{aligned}$$

## Weak (Variational) formulation

find  $u \in V$ , such that:

$$a(u, v) = L(v), \quad \forall v \in V,$$

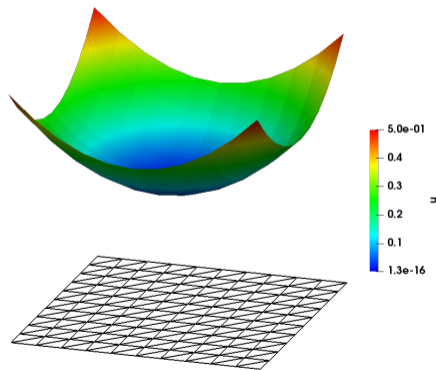
where  $V$  is a suitable function space, and

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v d\mathbf{x}, \\ L(v) &= \int_{\Omega} f v d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega_N} g_N v d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

# Numerics for PDEs: Poisson Equation (example)

In this talk, we consider an example of Poisson Equation with following conditions:

- Physical domain:  $\Omega \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .
- Analytical solution:  $u_e(x, y) = (x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2$ .
- $f = -4$ .
- $g_N = 0$ .
- $g_D = (x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2$ , on  $\partial\Omega$ .



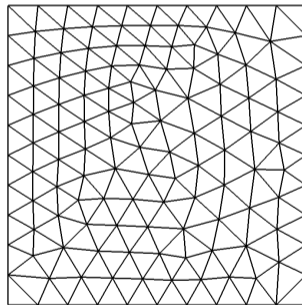
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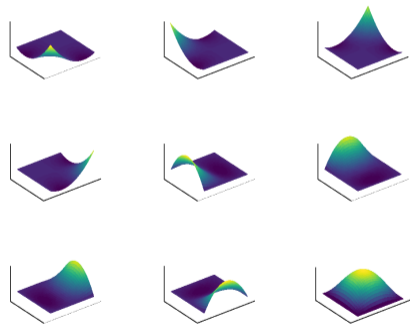
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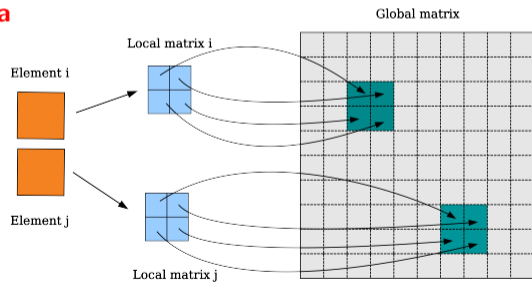
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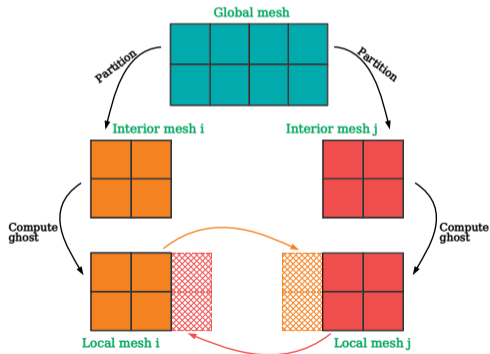
$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$



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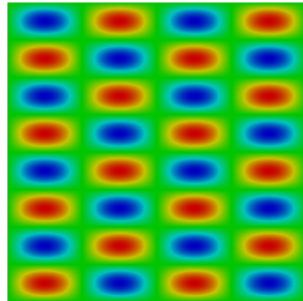
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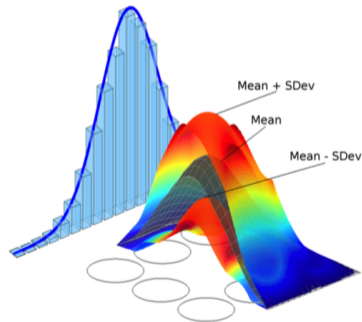
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**Efficient numerics software is needed ...**

## 1 Numerics for PDEs

## 2 HiFlow<sup>3</sup>

- Mesh
- DoF/FEM
- Linear Algebra and Linear Solver
- Uncertainty Quantification
- Parallelization
- Visualization
- External Library

## 3 Scalability and Applications

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- Applications

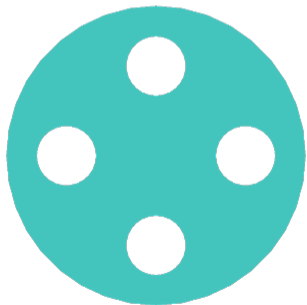
## 4 Demos

- Parallel finite element software.
- Developed by EMCL (Engineering Mathematics and Computing Lab), IWR, Heidelberg University.
- 16 years of development and experience.
- Open source: European Union Public License, version 1.2 (EUPL-1.2).

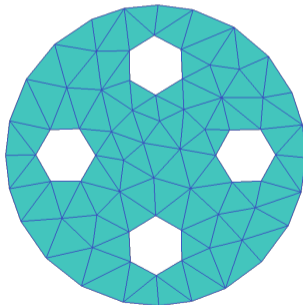


# Mesh: HiFlow<sup>3</sup> mesh module

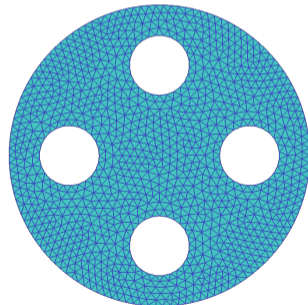
- Describing the computational domain (discrete).
- Each cell represents an individual solution of the PDEs.
- Mesh module is of one core modules in HiFlow<sup>3</sup>.
- Grid data handling is also the fundamental issue in finite element software development.
- General interface through the computation in HiFlow<sup>3</sup>.



computational domain

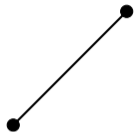


coarse mesh

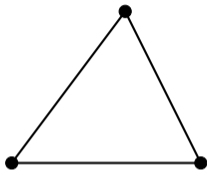


fine mesh

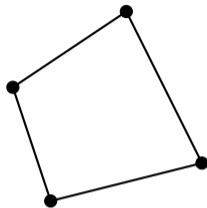
# Mesh: supporting mesh cells



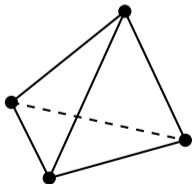
line



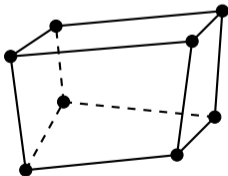
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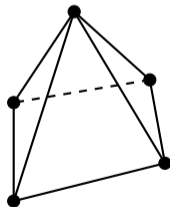
quadrilateral



tetrahedron



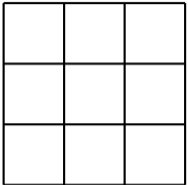
hexahedron



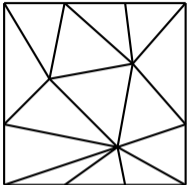
pyramid



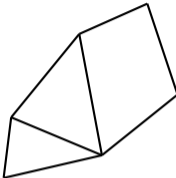
# Mesh: different types of cells



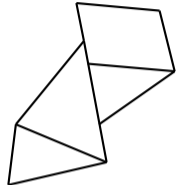
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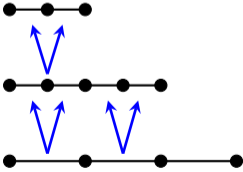
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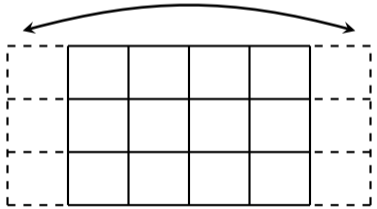
conforming



non-conforming



nested



periodic



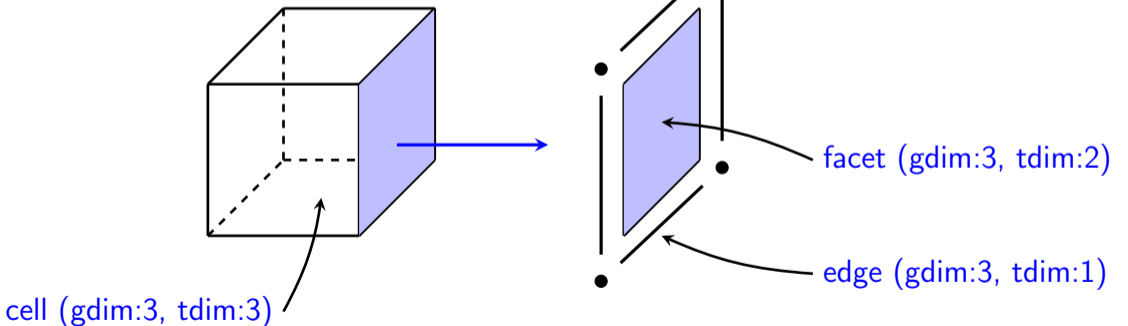
parallel

# Mesh: HiFlow<sup>3</sup> mesh cell is a container of entities

**Entities** are: vertices, line, edges, facet, cell.

Each **cell** has two kinds of dimension:

- gdim: geometrical dimension.
- tdim: topological dimension.



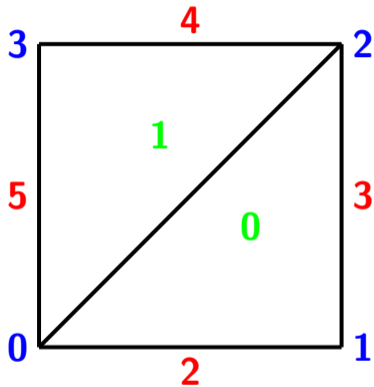
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- HiFlow<sup>3</sup> mesh contains a set of cells.
- multiple element types.
- graph decomposition.
- conforming, non-conforming.
- hierarchical.
- local refinement.
- customized cell refinement scheme.
- parallel mesh handling.
- dynamic load balancing.
- ...

# Mesh: code example

Initial mesh data:

```
4 6 0 0 0
0 0.0 0.0 0.0
1 1.0 0.0 0.0
2 1.0 1.0 0.0
3 0.0 1.0 0.0
0 10 tri 0 1 2
1 10 tri 0 2 3
2 11 line 0 1
3 11 line 1 2
4 11 line 2 3
5 11 line 3 0
```



## Code

```
if (rank_ == MASTER_RANK) {
    master_mesh_ = read_mesh_from_file(mesh_filename, DIMENSION, DIMENSION, 0);
    for (r = 0; r != refinement_level_; ++r) {
        master_mesh_ = master_mesh_->refine();
        ++r;
    }
}

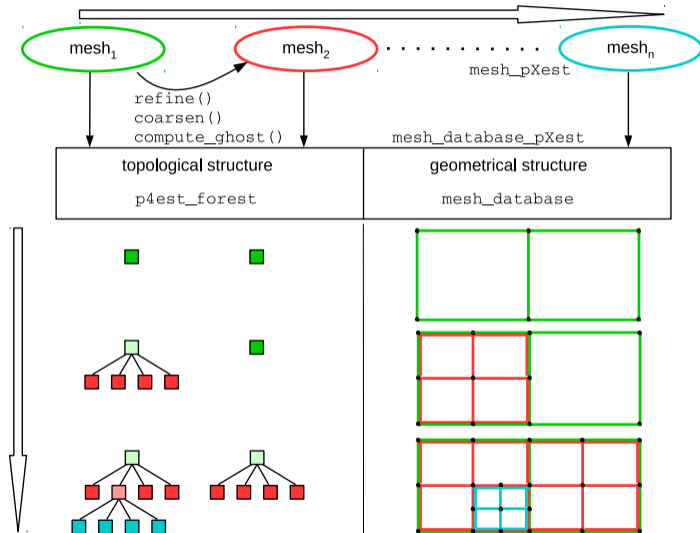
int uniform_ref_steps;

MeshPtr local_mesh = partition_and_distribute(master_mesh, MASTER_RANK, comm_,
uniform_ref_steps);

SharedVertexTable shared_verts;

mesh_ = compute_ghost_cells(*local_mesh, comm_, shared_verts);
```

# Mesh: local refinement



**DoF**: degrees of freedom.

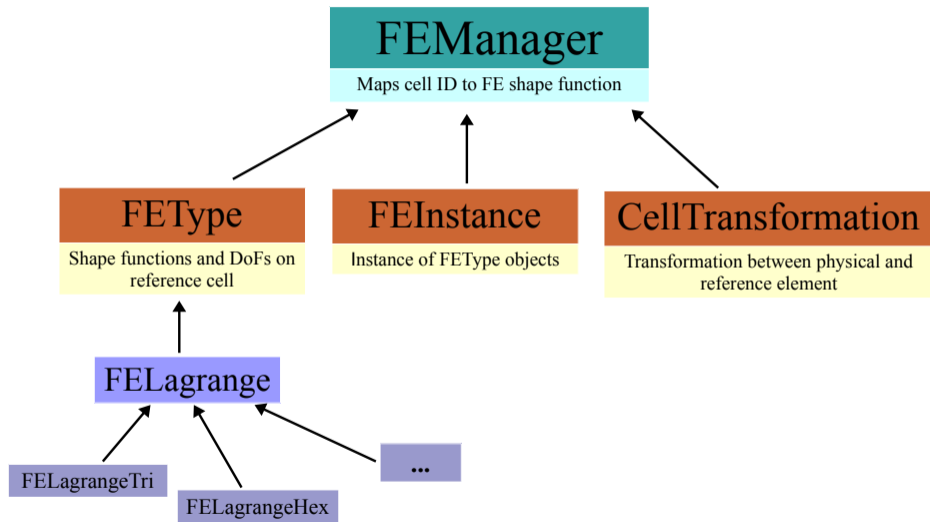
**FEM**: finite element method (module).

The important features in DoF/FEM modules are:

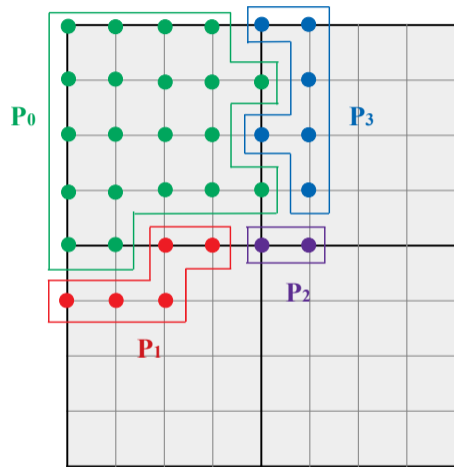
- 8 local finite elements. 1D: 1. 2D: 3. 3D: 4.
- High order shape functions, up to 20.
- 3 DoF numbering strategies: Classic, CUTHILL-MCKEE and KING.
- Hanging nodes interpolation.
- Periodic boundary condition.
- Economical Gauss quadrature points and customized possibility.
- Continuous and Discontinuous Galerkin method.
- ...

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<sup>1</sup>Besides the *pyramid* element, it can only be constructed up to degree 2.







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Coupled Matrix

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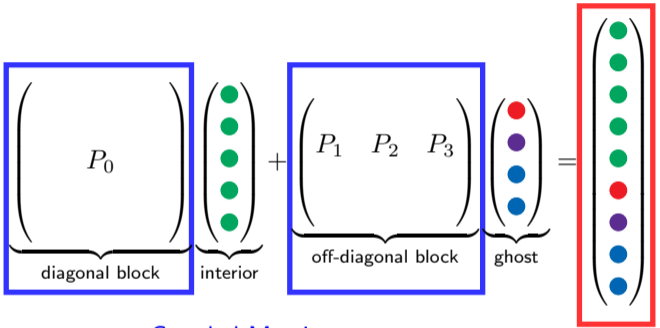
The diagram illustrates the multiplication of a matrix and a vector. On the left, a matrix is shown with a blue border, divided into a  $P_0$  block (labeled "diagonal block") and an "off-diagonal block" containing  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$ . To the right of the matrix is a vector with five green dots, labeled "interior". A plus sign follows. To the right of the plus sign is another matrix with a blue border, labeled "off-diagonal block" with  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$ . To its right is a vector with five dots: red, purple, blue, blue, and blue, labeled "ghost". An equals sign follows. On the right is a final vector with five dots: green, green, green, red, and blue, labeled "Coupled Vector". This final vector is enclosed in a red box.

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{diagonal block} \\ P_0 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{pmatrix} + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{off-diagonal block} \\ P_1 \quad P_2 \quad P_3 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{pmatrix}$$

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LA\_couplings



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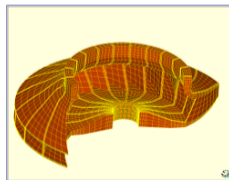
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space_.Init(degrees, mesh_, is_cg, HIFLOW_CLASSIC);
couplings_.Init(comm_);
std::vector< int > global_offsets, ghost_dofs, ghost_offsets;
space_.GetLaCouplings(global_offsets, ghost_dofs, ghost_offsets);
couplings_.InitializeCouplings(global_offsets, ghost_dofs, ghost_offsets);
matrix_.Init(comm_, couplings_);
rhs_.Init(comm_, couplings_);
sol_.Init(comm_, couplings_);
matrix_.InitStructure(
    vec2ptr(sparsity.diagonal_rows), vec2ptr(sparsity.diagonal_cols),
    sparsity.diagonal_rows.size(), vec2ptr(sparsity.off_diagonal_rows),
    vec2ptr(sparsity.off_diagonal_cols), sparsity.off_diagonal_rows.size());
```

Implemented linear solvers/preconditioners:

- Conjugate Gradient (CG).
- Flexible/Generalized Minimal Residual (F/GMRES).
- BiConjugate Gradient Stabilized (BiCG-Stab).
- Diagonal Block solver - general implementation.
- Schur-Complement block solver/preconditioner.
- Geometric Multigrid.
- Vanka preconditioner/smoothen.
- Incomplete LU factorization.
- Block/Jacobi preconditioner.
- Naive parallel preconditioner.

In combination with external libraries:

- PETSc.
- Hypr:
  - boomer AMG.
  - bicgstab.
  - cg.
  - gmres.
  - euclid.
  - parasails.
  - pilut.
- SLEPc.
- UMFPACK.
- MUMPS.
- ...





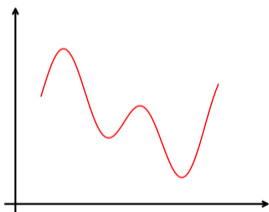
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**Uncertainty Quantification** (UQ) quantifies the influence on the simulation results, when the input parameters are **uncertain**.

Single input

Single output

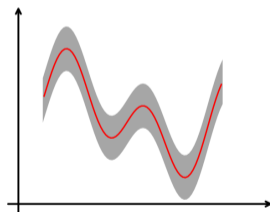
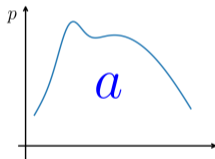
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Deterministic.

Stochastic input

Probability outcome



Uncertainty Quantification.

# Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)

Two categories for propagating uncertainties approaches:

- **Non-intrusive**: Monte-Carlo, Collocation, Sparse-Grid,
- **Intrusive**: Stochastic Galerkin.

In HiFlow<sup>3</sup>, the **intrusive** method is implemented based on **generalized Polynomial Chaos Expansion (gPCE)**:

$$U(\mathbf{x}, t, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \psi_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \approx \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \psi_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}).$$

$\boldsymbol{\xi}$ : vector of random variables.

$\psi_i(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ : orthogonal Polynomial Chaos basis.

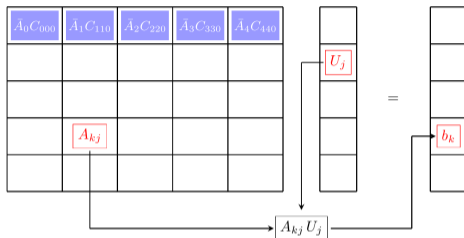
$$P := \frac{(M+N_o)!}{M!N_o!}.$$

$$M = \dim(\boldsymbol{\xi}).$$

$N_o$ : polynomial order.

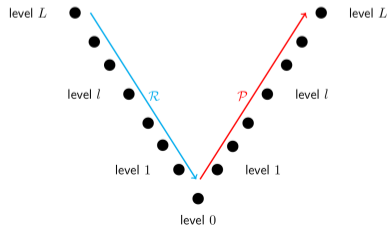
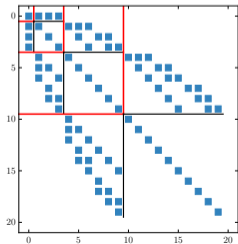
# Uncertainty Quantification (UQ): Linear Algebra - Preconditioner

PCE Matrix-Vector multiplication:



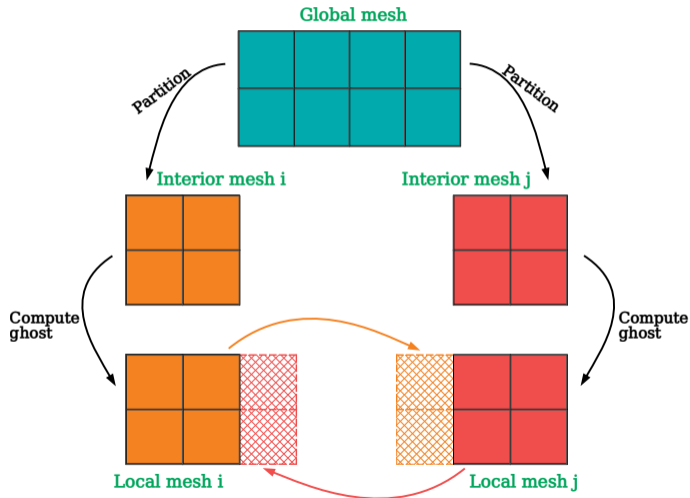
$$A_{kj}U_j := \sum_{i=0}^P C_{ijk} \bar{A}_i U_j = b_k,$$
$$j, k = 0, \dots, P.$$

PCE Multilevel preconditioner:



# Parallelization

Parallelization starts with **mesh decomposition**:



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HiFlow<sup>3</sup> offers also [XDMF format](#) (eXtensible Data Model and Format):

- separating [light data](#) and [heavy data](#).
- light data: XML.
- heavy data: DHF5.

## Code

```
int num_intervals = 2;
ParallelCellVisualization< double > visu(space_, num_intervals, comm_, MASTER_RANK);
std::stringstream name;
name << "solution" << refinement_level_;
visu.visualize(FeEvalOnCellScalar< LAD >(space_, *(sol_)), "u");
visu.write(name.str());
```



Minimum requirements:

- **CMake**: cross-platform build managing.
- **TinyXml2**: operating system-independent XML parser.
- **Compiler**: GCC or Intel.
- **MPI**: OpenMPI or Intel MPI.
- **Boost**: C++ Boost.

Optional:

- **OpenMP**: shared memory multiprocessing.
- **CUDA, OpenCL**: GPU accelerators.
- **CLABS, CLAPACK, MKL, ATLAS**: linear algebra routines and linear solvers.
- **METIS, ParMETIS**: graph partitioner, mesh decomposition.
- **MUMPS**: parallel sparse direct solver.
- **UMFPACK**: multifrontal LU factorization.

- **Hypr**: linear solvers and multigrid methods.
- **PETSc**: portable and extensible toolkit for scientific computation.
- **SLEPc**: PETSc based eigenvalue solver.
- **HDF5**: large data management and storage.
- **p4est**: dynamic management of adaptive octrees.
- **ILU++**: incomplete LU factorization.
- **gaussq**: Gauss quadrature for numerical integration.

Additionally:

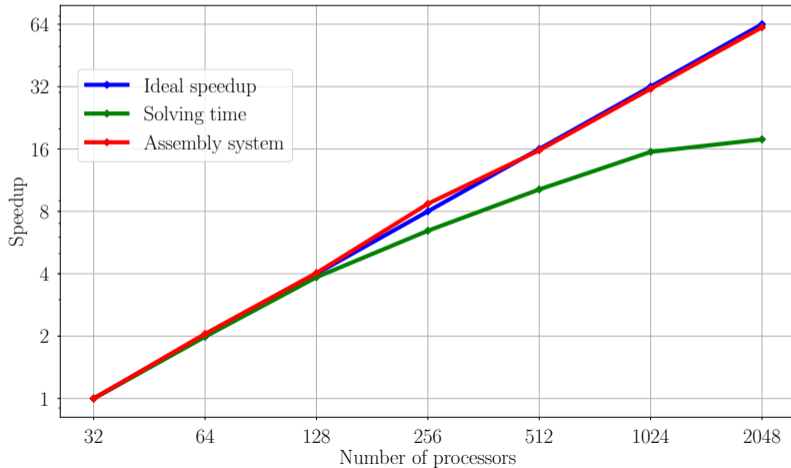
- **Paraview**: visualization.

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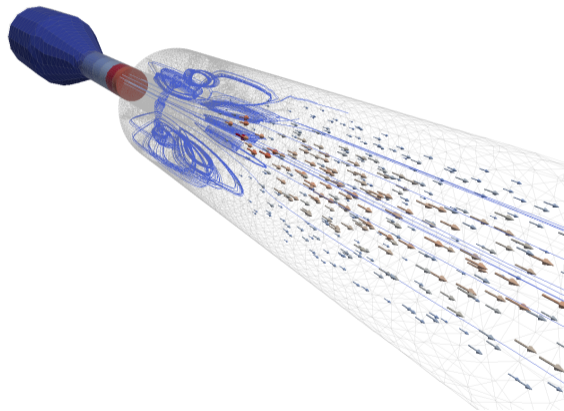
- Unit cube, 8 refinements.
- Discretization with linear elements.
- About 17 Mio. unknowns.
- CG iterative linear solver.
- Algebraic Multigrid preconditioner.

# Scalability: Poisson equation

Scaling of Poisson equation on **BWforCluster**, Heidelberg University:



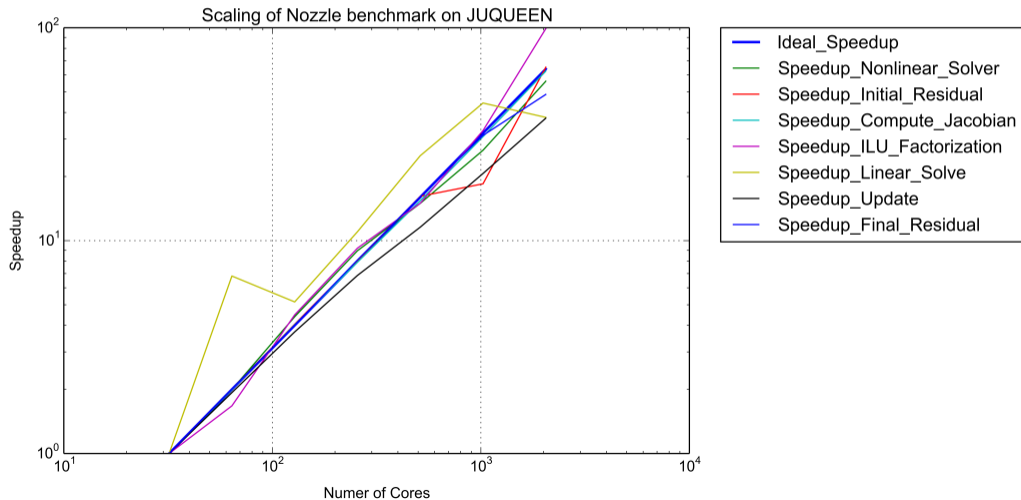
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- Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations.
- Discretization with P2/P1 elements.
- about 8 Mio. unknowns.
- Block preconditioning with ILU++.
- GMRES iterative linear solver.
- Newton method.

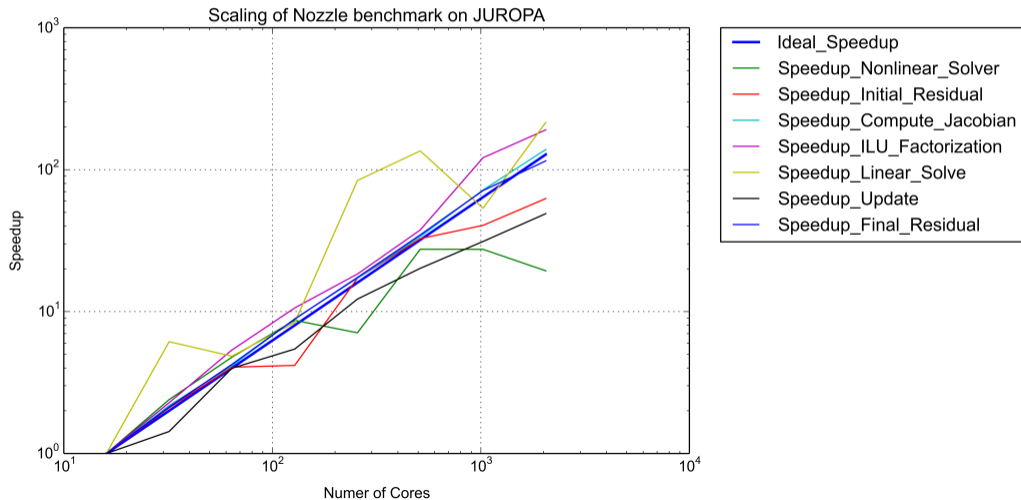
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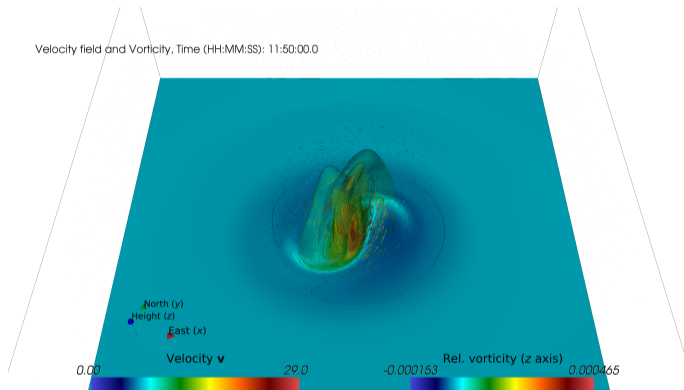
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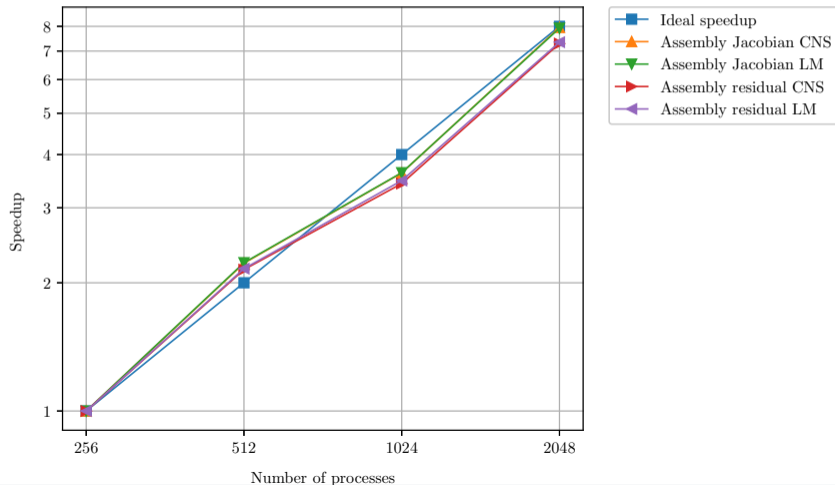
# Scalability: Cyclone-Cyclone simulation

- Diameters of tropical cyclones: several 100 km.
- Computational domain:  $4,000,000 \times 4,000,000 \times 13,000$ .
- Stabilized elements.
- 31.6 Mio degrees of freedom (DoFs).
- Numerical models:
  - Compressible Navier-Stokes equations (CNS).
  - Low Mach model (LM).



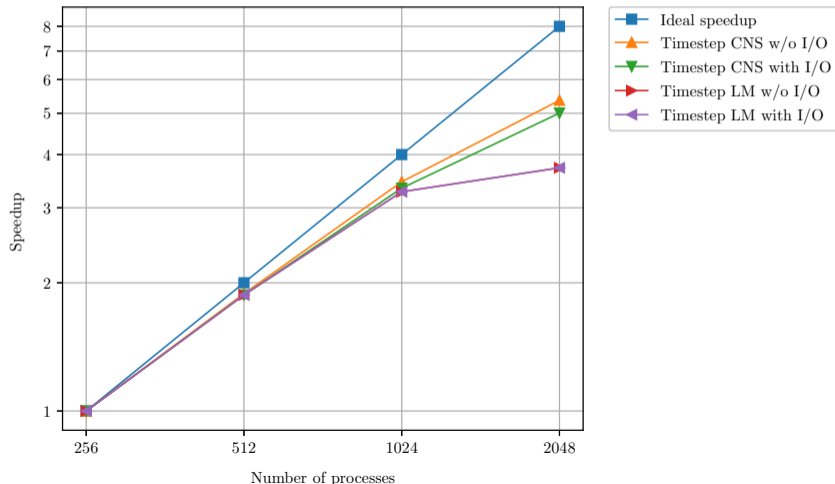
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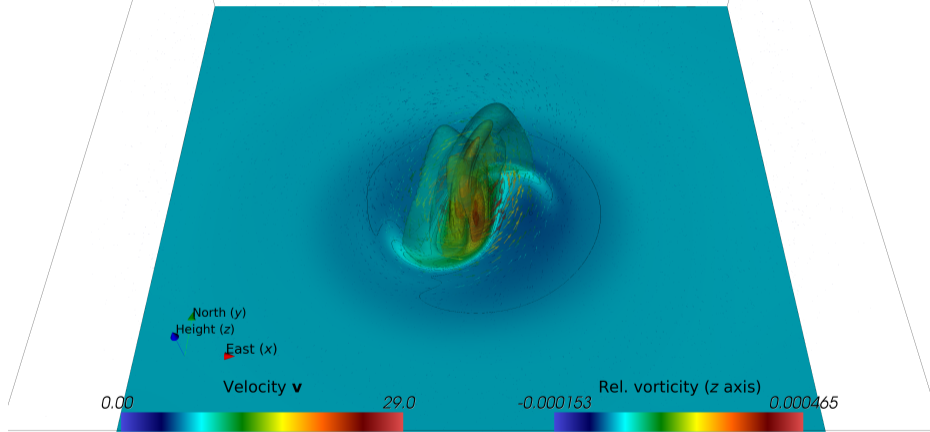
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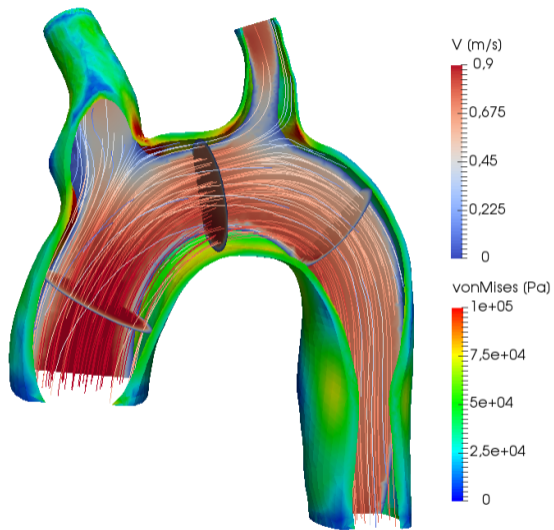
# Applications: tropical cyclones

Velocity field and Vorticity, Time (HH:MM:SS): 11:50:00.0



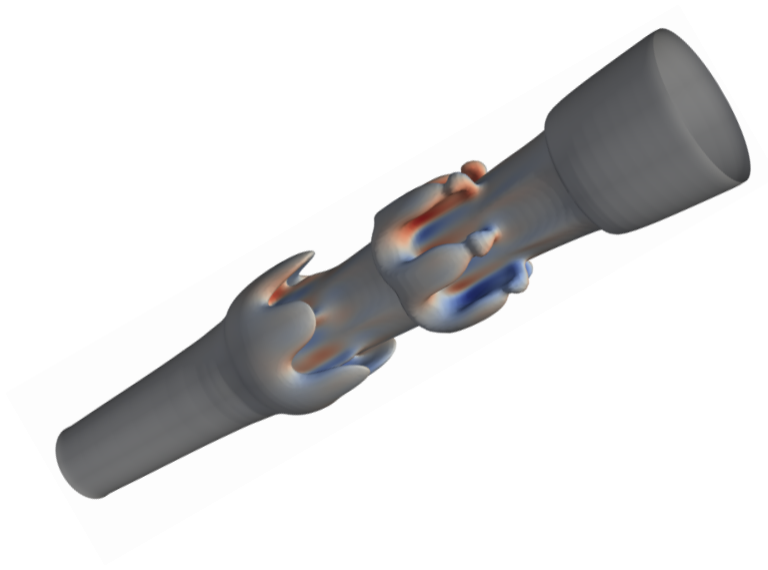
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Velocity and Von Mises stress

mean value and stress overload probability



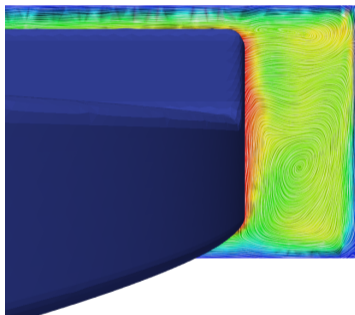




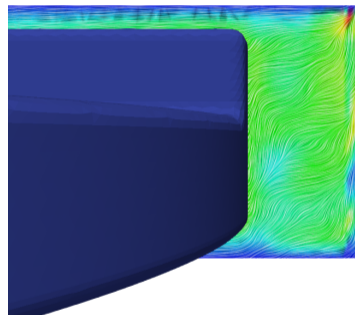
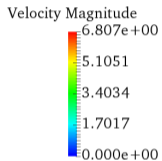




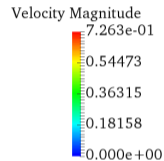
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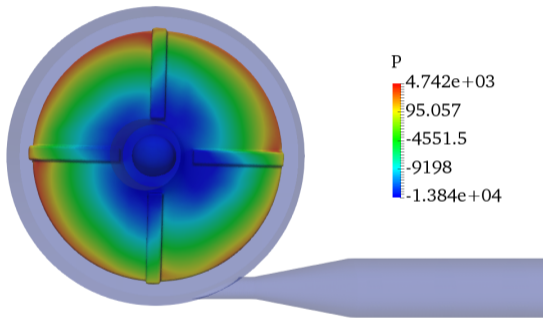
Mean value (m/s).



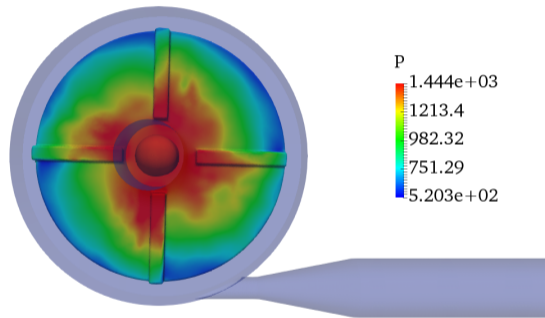
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- General compilation.
- Poisson equation.
- UQ - Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE).
- Adaptive mesh refinement.
- HDF5 visualization.



Thanks for your attention

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