

Introduction to

Hardware-oriented Numerics

(for PDEs)

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Trends in Numerics for PDEs:

‘A posteriori error control/adaptive meshing’

‘Iterative (parallel) solution strategies’

‘Operator-splitting for coupled problems’



Aim: Improvement of efficiency via:

1. ‘Optimal’ **numerical complexity**
 - ‘Less’ number of grid points/#dofs (?)
 - ‘Less’ MG/DD iteration steps (?)
2. ‘Optimal’ use of **efficient** ‘sub-components’
 - Reduction to ‘simpler’ subproblems (?)

Trends in Processor Technology:

*‘Enormous improvements in **Processing Data**’*

*‘Much lower advances in **Moving Data**’*



National Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors						
Year	1997	1999	2003	2006	2009	2012
Local clock (MHz)	750	1250	2100	3500	6000	10K
Transistors/chip	11M	21M	76M	200M	520M	1.4B



1. 1 Billion Transistors (× **100 !**)
2. 10 Ghz clock rate (× **10 !**)



*1 PC ‘faster’ than **complete CRAY T3E today !***

Questions:

‘Can we use this enormous computing power?’

‘Particularly: For Numerics for PDEs ???’

*‘If **not**, how to achieve a significant percentage?’*

Error Control/Adaptivity!

Iterative (parallel) Solvers!

Decoupling Strategies!



Not data processing, but data moving is costly!

Employ cache-oriented techniques!

Key Tools: *‘Data Locality/Pipelining’!*

Counterexample: Poisson Problem in 3D

- $100 \times 100 \times 100$ grid points $\Rightarrow$ **Problem size:** $N = 10^6$
- **Complexity of GE:** $N^{7/3} \approx 10^{14}$ FLOPs

100 sec on a 1 TFLOP/s computer

- **Complexity of (opt.) MG:** $1,000N \approx 10^9$ FLOPs

100 sec on a 10 (!!!) MFLOP/s computer

- $1,000^3$ grid points $\Rightarrow$ **Problem size:** $N = 10^9$

- **Complexity of GE:** $N^{7/3} \approx 10^{21}$ FLOPs

10^6 sec on a 1 P(!!!)FLOP/s computer

- **Complexity of (opt.) MG:** $1,000N \approx 10^{12}$ FLOPs

1,000 sec on a 1 (!!!) GFLOP/s computer



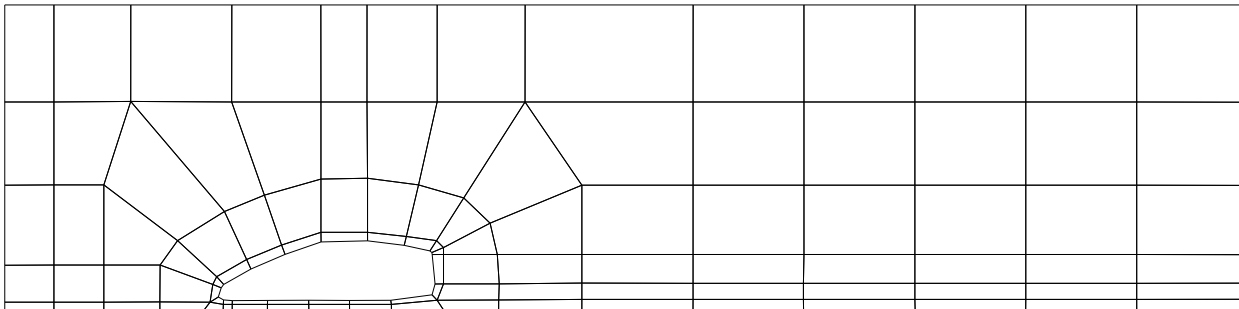
Improvements by modern Numerics !??

Main components in iterative schemes: **Matrix-Vector applications (MV)**

- Krylov-space methods, **Multigrid**, etc.
- **Smoothing**, defect calculations, step-length control, etc.
- Often consuming (at least) **60 - 90%** of CPU time
- **How many MFLOP/s are realistic ?**



Sparse MV multiplication in **FEATFLOW**



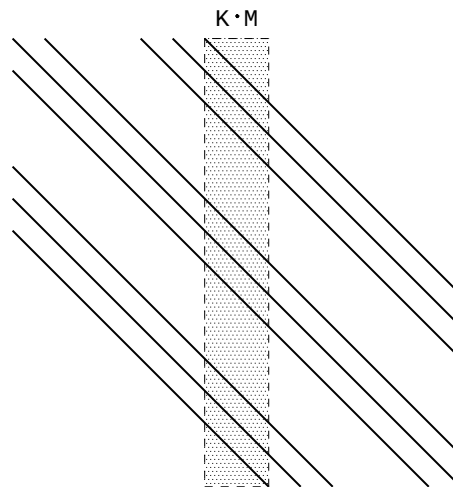
Computer	#Unknowns	CM	TL	STO
SUN E450 (~ 250 MFLOP/s)	13,688	22	20	19
	54,256	17	15	13
	216,032	16	14	6
	862,144	16	15	4

SPARSE Matrix-Vector techniques

```
DO 10 IROW=1,N
DO 10 ICOL=KLD(IROW),KLD(IROW+1)-1
10    Y(IROW)=DA(ICOL)*X(KCOL(ICOL))+Y(IROW)
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- Standard technique in most **FEM** or **FV** codes
- Storage of ‘**non-zero**’ matrix elements only (*CSR*, *CSC*, ...)
- Access via **index vectors**, **linked lists**, **pointers**, etc
- Comparable with ‘**indexed DAXPY**’

SPARSE BANDED MV techniques



- Typical for **FD** codes on ‘**tensorproduct meshes**’
- Storage of ‘**non-zero**’ elements in **bands/diagonals**
- MV multiplication ‘**bandwise**’ and ‘**window-oriented**’

Results on locally structured meshes

2D case	N	DAXPY-I	SBB-V	SBB-C	MG-V	MG-C
DEC 21264	65^2	205 (178)	538	795	370	452
(667 MHz)	257^2	224 (110)	358	1010	314	487
‘ ES40 ’	1025^2	78 (11)	158	813	185	401
HITACHI	65^2	173 (82)	238	391	191	266
(375 MHz)	257^2	143 (29)	243	388	198	260
‘ SR8000 ’	1025^2	144 (7)	226	390	200	267
AMD K7	65^2	203 (195)	101	556	122	355
(850 MHz)	257^2	29 (27)	78	241	72	166
‘ ATHLON ’	1025^2	31 (10)	64	236	58	126

SPARSE MV techniques (DAXPY-I)

- MFLOP/s rates far away from ‘**Peak Performance**’
- Depending on **problem size + numbering**
- PC partially **faster** than processors in ‘supercomputers’ !!!

SPARSE BANDED MV techniques (SBB)

- ‘Supercomputing’ power gets visible (up to **1 GFLOP/s**)
- FEM-Simulation for **complex domains**???

FEAST project

Implementation techniques and
Numerics (!) adapted to **hardware !!!**



Precise knowledge of **processor** characteristics
for different tasks in **MG** for **FEM** spaces:

(Collection of) **FEAST INDICES**



1) Get the optimum (from the hardware)!!!

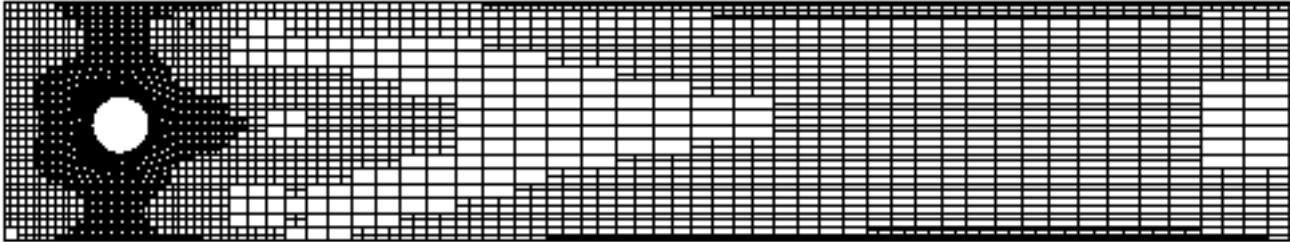
2) Prevent from dramatic performance losses !!!



Hardware-oriented Numerics ???

1) *Patch-oriented adaptivity*

‘Many’ (local) tensorproduct grids (S-B BLAS)
‘Few’ (local) unstructured grids (SPARSE)



2) *Generalized MG-DD solver: SCARC*

Exploit locally ‘regular’ structures (efficiency)
Recursive ‘clustering’ of anisotropies (robustness)
‘Strong local solvers improve global convergence !’

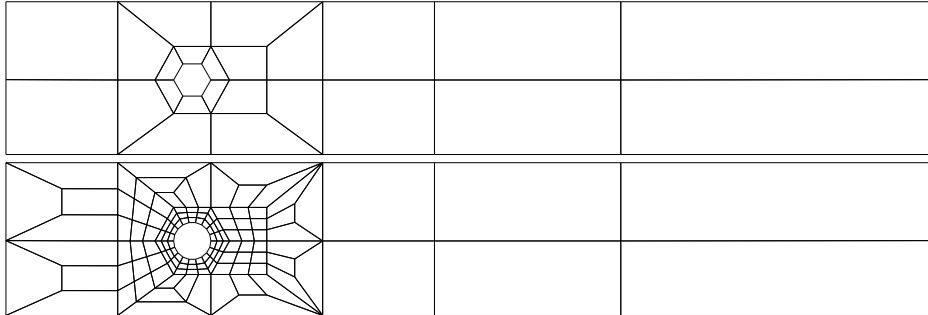
3) *Navier-Stokes solvers: Full Galerkin MPSC*

*Develop Navier-Stokes solvers with more ‘arithmetic’
than ‘memory intensive’ operations*

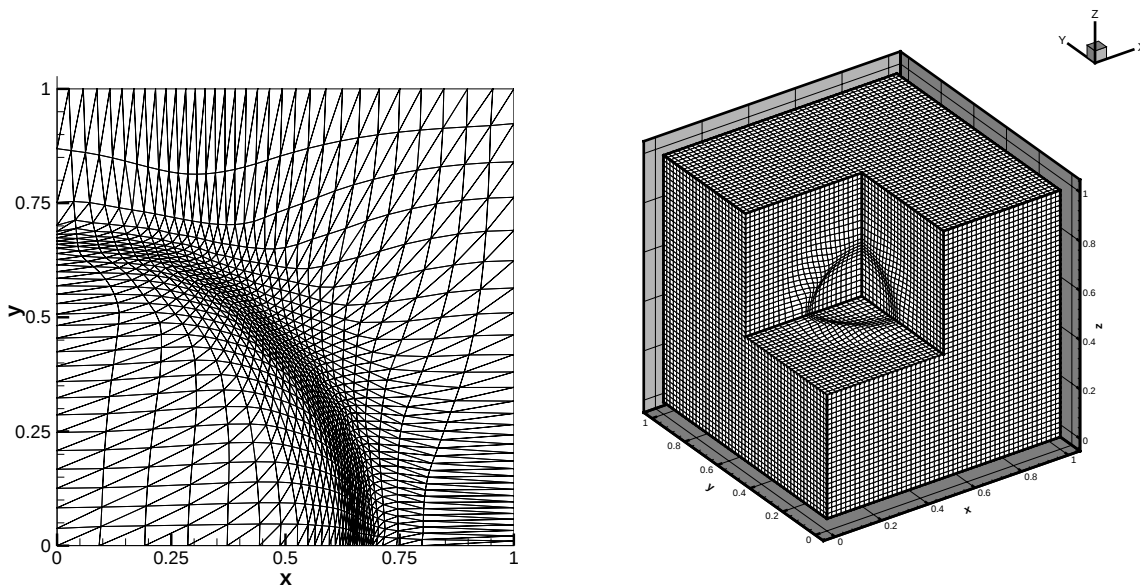
‘Exploit locally regular structures !!!’

1) Concepts for adaptive meshing

1) *macro-oriented adaptivity*



2) *patchwise adaptivity*



3) *local adaptivity*

→ hanging nodes, triangles/quads,...

‘Exploit the locally nice structures !’

- Local use of efficient SPARSE BANDED BLAS techniques
- Local superconvergence through orthogonal meshes
- Local storage cost small through the use of matrix stencils



Open problems:

1. *‘Optimality’ of the mesh?*

→ *w.r.t. number of unknowns or CPU time ?*

2. *Error estimators ?*

→ *degree of macro-refinement ?*

→ *anisotropic refinement ?*

→ *h/p -refinement ?*

11) Concepts for iterative (parallel) solvers

1) Standard Multigrid

- parallelization of ‘recursive’ smoothers (only blockwise) ?
- complicated geometric structures with local anisotropies ?
- **too few arithmetic work vs. data exchange !**

2) Standard Domain Decomposition

- good ratio for communication/arithm. work !
- implementation (overlap, coarse grid problem, **3D**) ?
- **bad convergence behaviour w.r.t. multigrid !**



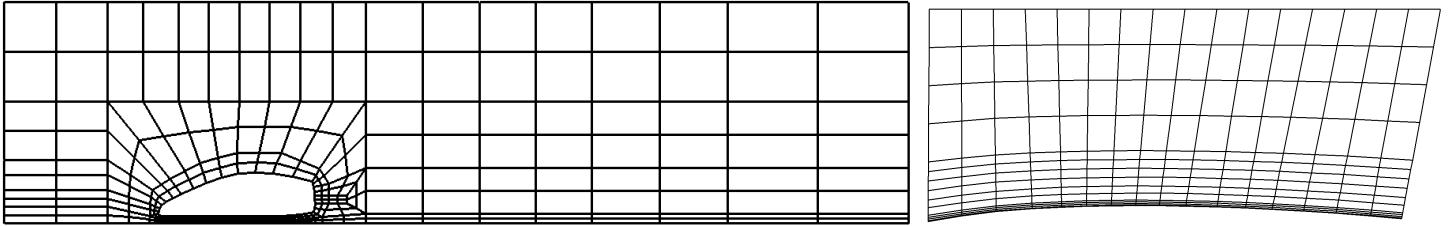
$$1) + 2) = \text{SCARC}$$

*Hide recursively all anisotropies in more
‘local’ units! (robustness)*

*Perform all Linear Algebra tasks on ‘local’
units only! (efficiency)*

Example: Realization of SCARC in FEAST

2D decomposition and zoomed (macro) element (LEVEL 3) with locally anisotropic refinement towards the wall

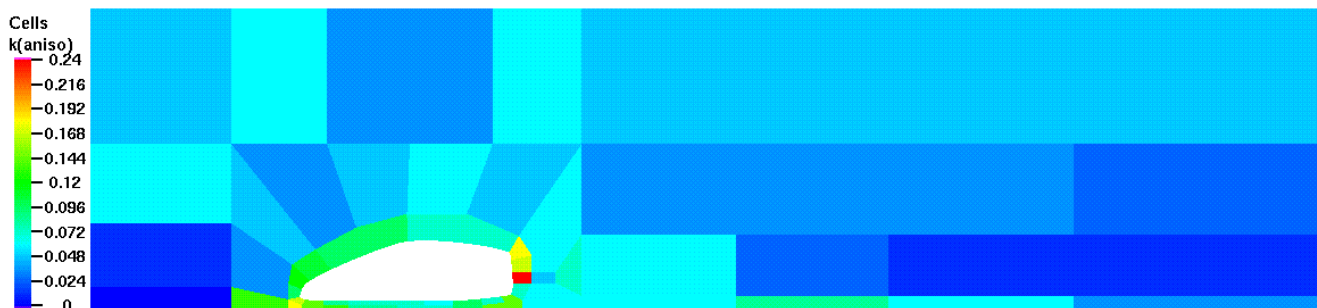


SCARC-CG solver (smoothing steps: 1 global SCARC ; 1 local ‘MG-TriGS’) for locally (an)isotropic refinement

Global (parallel) convergence rates

$\#NEQ$	$AR \approx 10$	$AR \approx 10^6$
286,720	0.17	0.20
1,146,880	0.17	0.18
4,587,520	0.17	0.19

Local convergence rates (for $AR \approx 10^6$)



‘Exploit the locally nice structures !’

- Local use of efficient SPARSE BANDED BLAS techniques
- Locally different choice of components (V/C, smoothing)
- Local storage cost small through the use of matrix stencils



Open problems:

Dynamic a posteriori Load Balancing ?

Macro-refinement vs. number of macros ?

III) MPSC: Incompressible Flow Solvers

Results with FEATFLOW

Computer	total time	'memory intensive'	'floating point'
IBM SP2 (160 MHz)	2748	1587 (58%)	1161 (42%)
PC PII (400 MHz)	4927	2401 (49%)	2526 (51%)
IBM SP2 (66 MHz)	5970	3824 (64%)	2146 (36%)

- **'Discrete Projection'**: Burgers + Pressure Poisson
- Streamline-Diffusion FEM discretization in 3D
- Implicit adaptive time stepping
- *Faster solvers useless!*



How to increase the
'floating point' intensive parts?

Larger time steps!

How ???

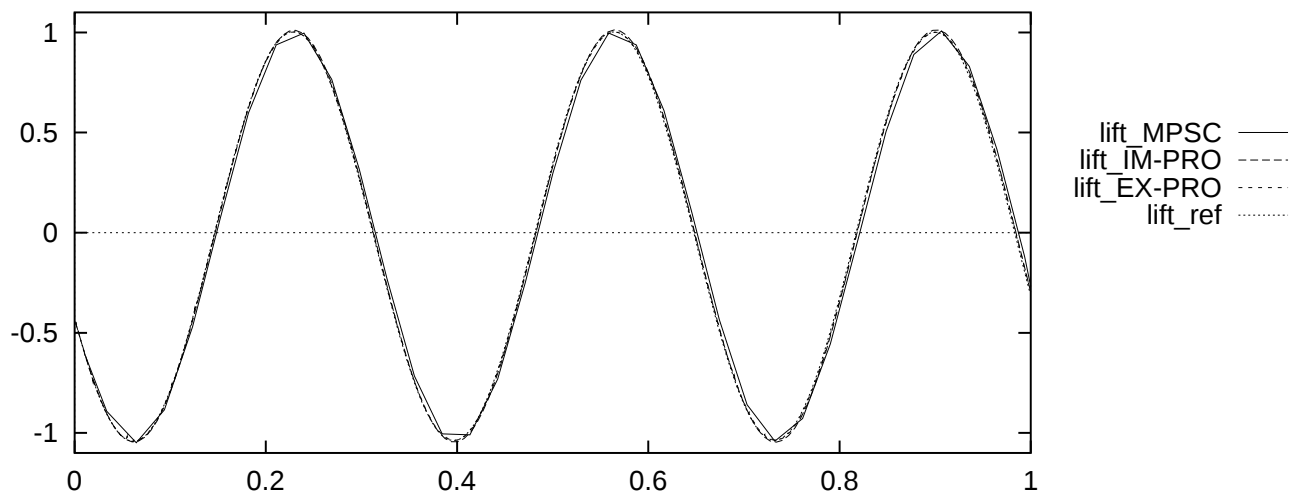
Stronger velocity-pressure coupling:

‘Perform more arithmetic work with the once assembled matrices and vectors’!



Multilevel Pressure Schur Complement

CPU (solvers)	Method	#NT	Lift		Drag	
			mean	peak	mean	peak
14,358 (81%)	fully impl. MPSC	39	1%	1%	0%	2%
42,679 (51%)	semi-impl. DPM	165	0%	0%	0%	0%
64,485 (54%)	semi-expl. DPM	889	0%	8%	0%	0%



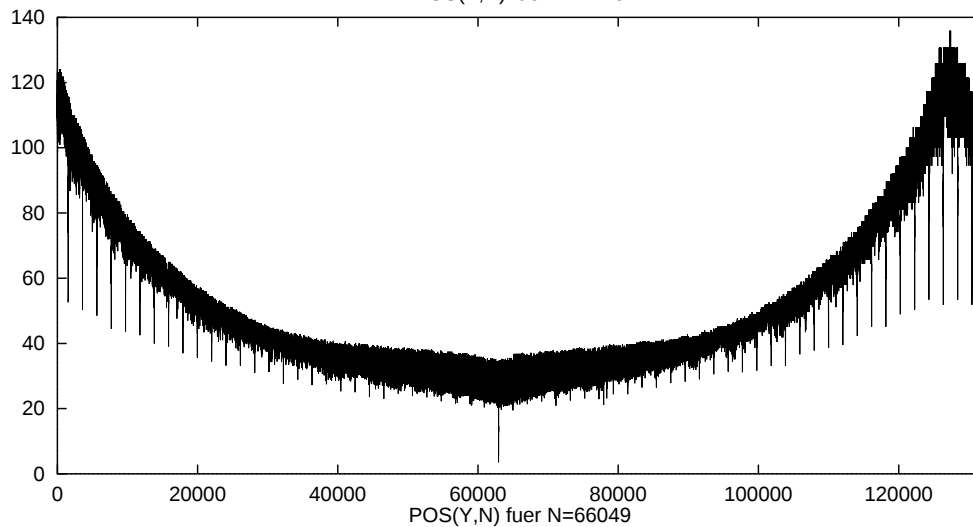
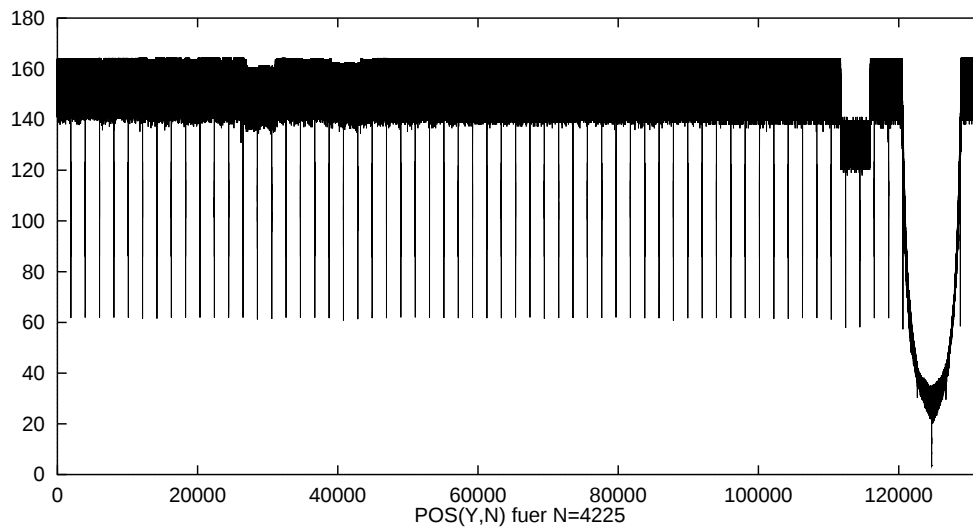
‘Ready’ for SPARSE BANDED BLAS

Memory management

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DOUBLE PRECISION DX(8000000)
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DO 220 I = 1,ITER(J)
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220    CALL DAXPY(N(J),ALPHA,DX(1),INCX,DX(1+N(J)+JSTEP),INCX)
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Cache associativity ???

TRIDI preconditioner (I)

Computer	#unknowns	'classic'	SBTRI-V	SBTRI-C
IBM RS6K/597 (160 MHz) ' SP2 '	65^2	33	32	33
	257^2	32	32	33
	1025^2	32	32	33



"Division-free" variants

```

MNUM =M/K ; MSIZE=M*K
DO 10 I=0,MNUM-1
  DO 100 J=2,MSIZE
100    B(I*MSIZE+J)=B(I*MSIZE+J)-L(I*MSIZE+J-1)*B(I*MSIZE+J-1)
  DO 200 J=1,MSIZE
200    B(I*MSIZE+J)=B(I*MSIZE+J)*D(I*MSIZE+J)
  DO 300 J=MSIZE-1,1,-1
300    B(I*MSIZE+J)=B(I*MSIZE+J)-U(I*MSIZE+J)*B(I*MSIZE+J+1)
10  CONTINUE

```

Computer	#unknowns	'classic'	SBTRI-V	SBTRI-C
IBM RS6K/597 (160 MHz) ' P2SC '	65^2	144	130	141
	257^2	80	105	150
	1025^2	80	106	150



Divison vs. Mult./Addition ???

TRIDI preconditioner (II)

Computer	#unknowns	SBTRI-V	MTGS-V	MJAC-V
CRAY T90 ‘Vector’	65^2	34	195	882
	257^2	34	215	925
	1025^2	34	230	928



”Cyclic Reduction” variant

Computer	#unknowns	SBTRI-V	MTGS-V	MJAC-V
CRAY T90 ‘Vector’	65^2	172	186	882
	257^2	201	270	925
	1025^2	205	419	928



Renaissance of ‘old’ methods

LINUX (GNU F77) vs. vendor-optimized compilers ???

DEC 21164 PC/LINUX, in Cache!!!

ULTRIX F77: MV-C 830 MFLOP/s !!!

EGCS F77: MV-C 196 MFLOP/s !!!

F90 vs. F77 compilers ???

SUN ULTRA II, in Cache!!!

F77: MV-C 404 MFLOP/s !!!

F90: MV-C 64 MFLOP/s !!!

C(++) vs. F77 compilers (SUN E3500) ???

$N = 1025^2$	F77	C
DAXPY-C	30	14
DAXPY-V	16	12
DAXPY-I	8	7

$N = 65^2$	F77	C
DAXPY-C	228	62
DAXPY-V	166	42
DAXPY-I	109	36

‘My’ conclusions:

*Everybody can/must test the absolute (!)
computational performance!*

*Compromise between ‘flexible/reusable/abstract’
and ‘machine-dependent/hardware-oriented’
implementation styles is required!*

*Modern Numerics has to consider recent and
future hardware trends!*



Future:

‘Hardware-Oriented Numerics’