

# A Parareal Algorithm with Spectral Coarse Solver

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## How to find $V_N$ ?

### Weak greedy basis generation

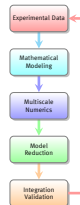
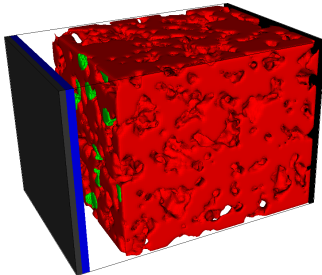
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1: function WEAK-GREEDY( $\mathcal{S}_{\text{train}} \subset \mathcal{P}, \varepsilon$ )  
2:    $V_N \leftarrow \{0\}$   
3:   while  $\max_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{train}}} \text{ERR-EST}(\text{ROM-SOLVE}(\mu), \mu) > \varepsilon$  do  
4:      $\mu^* \leftarrow \arg\text{-max}_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{train}}} \text{ERR-EST}(\text{ROM-SOLVE}(\mu), \mu)$   
5:      $V_N \leftarrow \text{span}(V_N \cup \{\text{FOM-SOLVE}(\mu^*)\})$   
6:   end while  
7:   return  $V_N$   
8: end function
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### ERR-EST

Use residual-based error estimate w.r.t. FOM (finite dimensional  $\rightsquigarrow$  can compute dual norms).

- Use parameter separability / hyperreduction to gain online efficiency.

## Example: MOR for Li-Ion Battery Models



**MULTIBAT:** Gain understanding of degradation processes in rechargeable Li-Ion Batteries through mathematical modeling and simulation at the pore scale.

**FOM:**

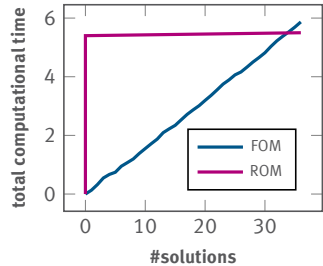
- ▶ 2.920.000 DOFs
- ▶ Simulation time:  $\approx 15.5h$

**ROM:**

- ▶ Snapshots: 3
- ▶  $\dim V_N = 245$
- ▶ Rel. err.:  $< 4.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- ▶ Reduction time:  $\approx 14h$
- ▶ Simulation time:  $\approx 8m$
- ▶ Speedup: 120

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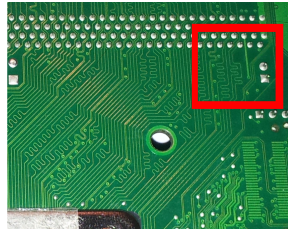
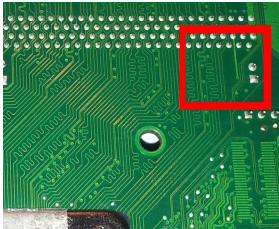
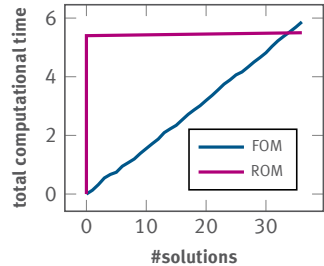
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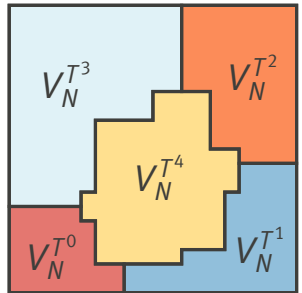
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**Scenario:** Many parameters with only local influence / local non-parametric changes.



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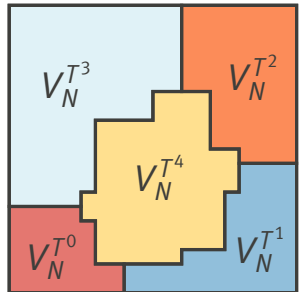
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- ▶ Global reduced space  $V_N = \oplus_{T \in \mathcal{T}_H} V_N^T$ .
- ▶ Various approaches:
  - ▶ overlapping / non-overlapping
  - ▶ different coupling approaches
  - ▶ interface spaces
  - ▶ ...



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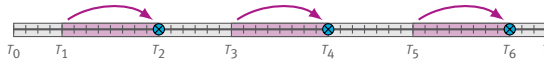
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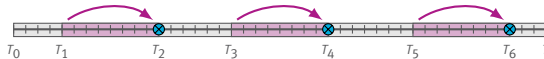


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- ▶ Iterative scheme to converge to arbitrary precision?

## Parareal algorithm

Solve  $\partial_t u(t) = f(t, u(t))$  using:

$$F_n u := F(u, T_{n-1}, T_n)$$

fine solver (accurate, but slow)

$$G_n u := G(u, T_{n-1}, T_n)$$

coarse solver (fast, but inaccurate)

### Parareal iteration

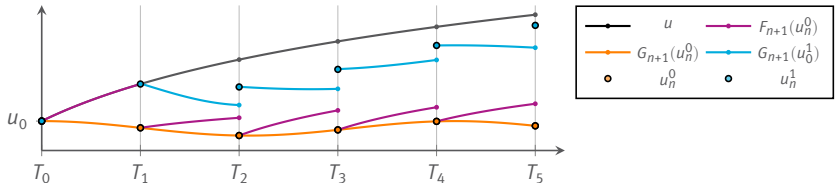
$$u_0^0 := u_0, \quad u_{n+1}^0 := G_{n+1} u_n^0$$

$$0 \leq n < N$$

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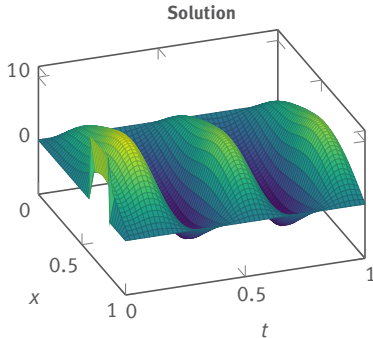
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$F_n$  can be computed in parallel!



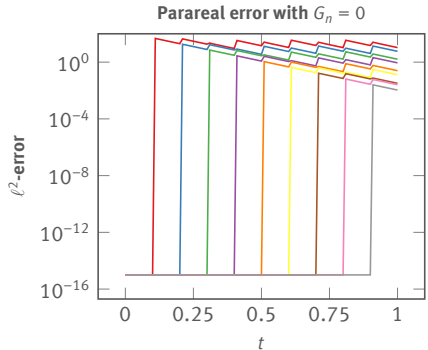
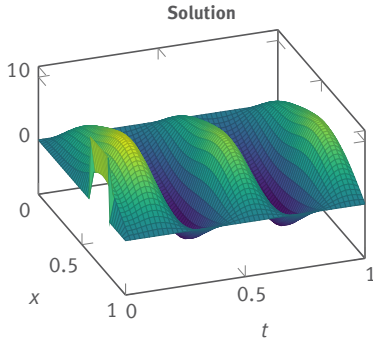
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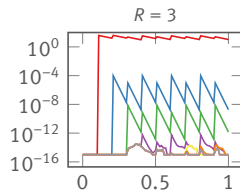
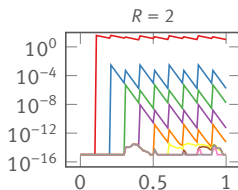
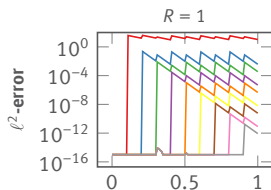
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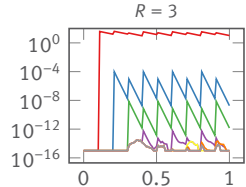
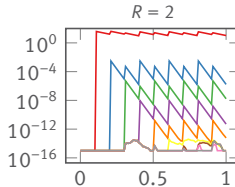
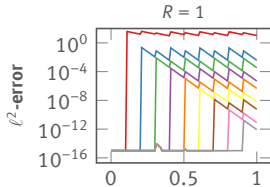
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A priori error bound (time-invariant, self-adjoint case)

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$$\|F_n - G_n\| = \sigma_{n, R_n+1}.$$



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## Computational effort

$R_n + p + 1$  eval. of  $F_n$  (embarrassingly parallel) and  $R_n + p$  eval. of  $F_n'^*$  (embarrassingly parallel)

# A Priori Error Bounds

## Superlinear convergence

Let

$$\delta = \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \sigma_{n,1} \quad \varepsilon = \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \sigma_{n,R_n+1}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_n^k\| &\leq \varepsilon^k \sum_{m=1}^{n-k} \binom{n-m}{k-1} \delta^{n-m-k} \|e_m^0\| \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon^k \sum_{m=1}^{n-k-1} \binom{n-m}{k} \delta^{n-m-k} \|b_m\| \end{aligned}$$

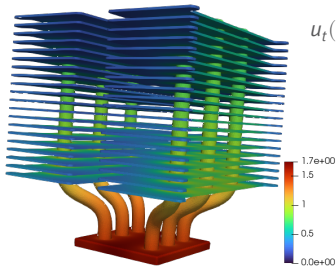
## Linear convergence (long time)

If  $\delta < 1$ , we have for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \|e_n^k\| \leq \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\delta} \right)^k \max_{1 \leq n \leq N-k} \|e_n^0\|$$



## Example: Heat conduction with time-varying Robin boundary



$$u_t(t, \mathbf{x}) - \nabla \cdot [d(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u(\mathbf{x})] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \Omega, t \in [0, 1]$$

$$-d(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + t\right) \cdot u(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_{\text{fin}}$$

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$$\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_{\text{bot}}$$

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$$\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma \setminus (\Gamma_{\text{fin}} \cup \Gamma_{\text{bot}})$$

$$u(0, \mathbf{x}) = 0.$$

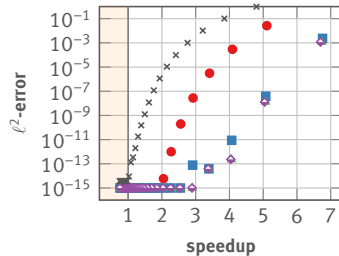
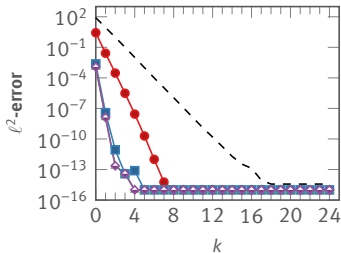
$$d(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 10 & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{\text{fin}} \\ 100 & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{\text{base}} \\ 1000 & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{\text{pipe}}, \end{cases}$$

- ▶ P1 simplicial FEs
- ▶ 444,693 DOFs
- ▶  $N = 25$

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 50 \cdot \frac{t}{0.3} & t \leq 0.3 \\ 50 \cdot \left(1 + \text{sign} \left( \sin \left( \frac{t-0.3}{0.3} \cdot 8 \cdot \pi \right) \right) \right) & 0.3 < t \leq 0.6 \\ 50 \cdot \left(1 + \cos \left( \frac{t-0.6}{0.4} \cdot 20 \cdot \pi \right) \right) & 0.6 < t. \end{cases}$$

## Example: Heat conduction with time-varying Robin boundary

- ▶ Spectral  $G_n$  with  $p = 1$  compared to  $G_n =$  single backward Euler step.
- ▶  $R = 2$ : Error of  $10^{-13}$  at  $k = 2$  iterations.
- ▶ Choose  $R$  to tune parallelism vs. computational work.
- ▶ **Less**  $F_n$  evaluations than Euler to reach same error.



# A Posteriori Error Bounds

## Error bound

$$\|e_n^k\| \leq \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \delta^{n-m-1} \|u_m^k - u_m^{k-1}\|$$

- ▶ Easily computable ( $\delta, \varepsilon$  known from SVDs).
- ▶ Rigorous when randomized SVD error taken into account.

Estimator efficiency for heatsink example

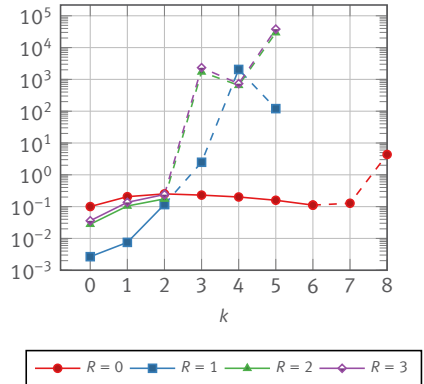


Figure: dashed plot when error below  $10^{-13}$

# Thank you for your attention!

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