XBraid Tutorial

A flexible and scalable approach to parallel-in-time

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To interact with the tutorial, you need

A working installation of XBraid

https://github.com/XBraid/xbraid

- Github home page has basic information on installation
- User's manual has more comprehensive information https://github.com/XBraid/xbraid/files/5144094/user_manual.pdf

XBraid required (repository head)

GCC compiler required

MPI recommended

Python 3 with NumPy, Matplotlib recommended

■ hypre installation for running example ex-03 optional

https://github.com/hypre-space/hypre

To interact with the tutorial, you need

Make sure you can run

```
$ cd xbraid
$ make
$ cd examples
$ make ex-01 ex-02
$ ./ex-01
Braid: || r_1 || = 2.845538e-02, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_2 || = 8.621939e-04, conv factor = 3.03e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_3 || = 0.000000e+00, conv factor = 0.00e+00, wall time = ...
...
$ ./ex-02
Braid: || r_0 || = 4.041694e+00, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_1 || = 1.037471e-01, conv factor = 2.57e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_2 || = 2.926906e-03, conv factor = 2.82e-02, wall time = ...
...
```

Multigrid is well suited for exascale

 For many applications, the fastest and most scalable solvers are already multigrid methods





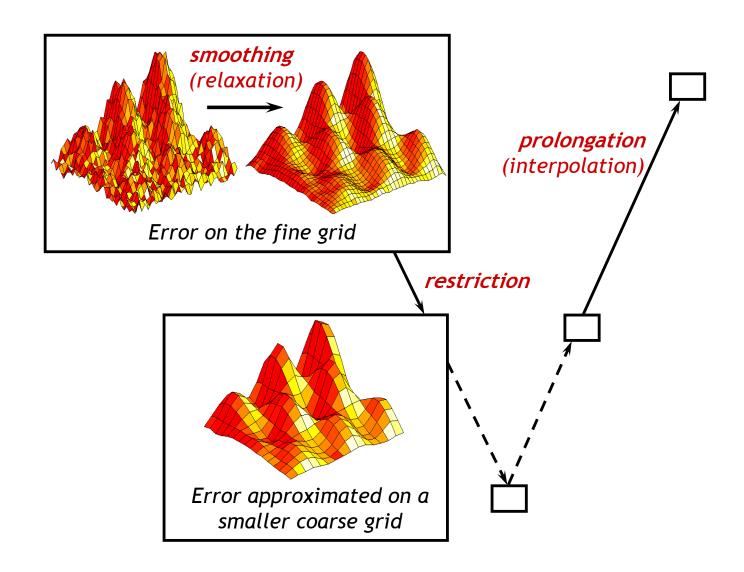
Magnetic Fusion Energy

- Exascale solver algorithms will need to:
 - Exhibit extreme levels of parallelism (exascale → 1 billion cores)
 Spatial multigrid has already scaled to over 1 million cores
 - Minimize data movement Multigrid is O(N) optimal
 - Exploit machine heterogeneity
 If the user's problem can exploit heterogeneity, then so can multigrid
 - Be resilient to faults
 Multigrid has already shown good resilience (iterative and multilevel helps)

Parallel-in-time approach: Leverage spatial multigrid research

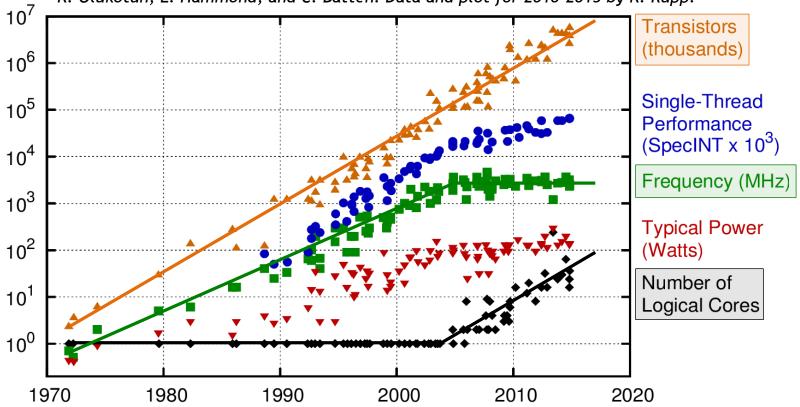
Solve:

$$A(u) = b$$



Parallel time integration: Paradigm shift driven by computer architecture trends

Data from 1970-2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten. Data and plot for 2010-2015 by K. Rupp.



- Architecture trend: clock rates are no longer increasing faster speed is now achieved through more concurrency
- Parallel time integration methods are needed (think exascale)!

Technical approach

Consider the general one-step method

$$u_i = \Phi_i(u_{i-1}) + g_i, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., N$$

- In the linear setting (for simplicity), time marching \equiv forward solve
 - This is an *O(N)* direct method, **but sequential**

$$A\mathbf{u} \equiv egin{pmatrix} I & & & & & \ -\Phi & I & & & \ & \ddots & \ddots & & \ & & -\Phi & I \end{pmatrix} egin{pmatrix} oldsymbol{u}_0 \ oldsymbol{u}_1 \ dots \ oldsymbol{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = egin{pmatrix} oldsymbol{g}_0 \ oldsymbol{g}_1 \ dots \ oldsymbol{g}_N \end{pmatrix} \equiv \mathbf{g}$$

- Instead solve this system iteratively with a multigrid method
 - Extend multigrid reduction (MGR, 1979) to the time dimension
 - Coarsens only in time (non-intrusive)
 - O(N), highly parallel

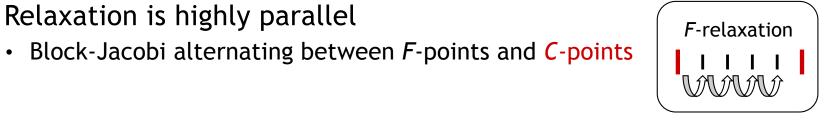
Multigrid reduction in time (MGRIT)¹

$$T_0 \qquad T_1 \qquad \Delta T = m \delta t \qquad - F\text{-point (fine grid only)}$$

$$t_0 \quad t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad \cdots \qquad \delta t \qquad t_N$$

$$C\text{-point (coarse & fine grid)}$$

- Relaxation is highly parallel

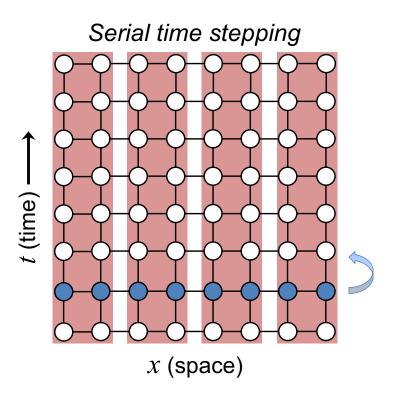


- Coarse system is a time rediscretization with N/m block rows
 - Approximate impractical Φ^m with Φ_Δ (some rediscretization with ΔT)

$$A_{\Delta} = \begin{pmatrix} I & & & \\ -\Phi^m & I & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -\Phi^m & I \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad B_{\Delta} = \begin{pmatrix} I & & & \\ -\Phi_{\Delta} & I & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -\Phi_{\Delta} & I \end{pmatrix}$$

Apply recursively for multilevel hierarchy

Parallel decomposition



Minus: Parallelize in space only Plus: Store only one time step

Multigrid in time

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x (space)

Plus: Minus:

Parallelize in space and time Store several time steps, but per processor costs still similar

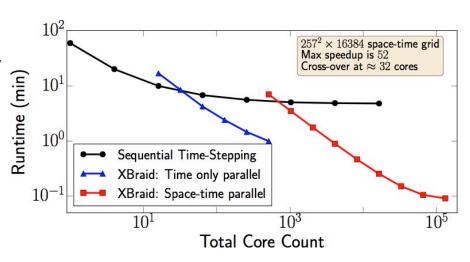
Pink regions denote one processor

A broad summary of MGRIT

- Expose concurrency in the time dimension with multigrid
- Non-intrusive, with unchanged fine-grid problem
- Converges to same solution as sequential marching

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & & & \\ -\Phi & I & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -\Phi & I \end{pmatrix}$$

- Optimal for variety of parabolic problems
- Extends to nonlinear problems with FAS formulation
- In simple two-level setting, $MGRIT \equiv Parareal$
- Large speedups available, but in a new way
 - Time stepping is already O(N)
 - Useful only beyond a crossover
 - More time steps → more speedup potential
 - XBraid is our MGRIT code



XBraid: Open source, non-intrusive, and flexible



- User writes several wrapper routines:
 - Step, Init, Clone, Sum, SpatialNorm, Access, BufPack, BufUnpack
 - Coarsen, Refine (optional, for spatial coarsening)
- Example: Step(app, u, status)
 - Advance vector u from time tstart to tstop
- Code stores only C-points to minimize storage
 - Memory multiplier per processor:
 - $\sim O(\log N)$ with time coarsening, O(1) with space-time coarsening
- Processes time-intervals to overlap communication and computation
- Supports adaptivity in time and space

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Simplest Example: Scalar ODE

- File: examples/ex-01.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$
- First, you must define your app and vector structures

This is your simulation application structure. Place any time-independent data here, which is needed to take a time step.

Here, we only need the MPI rank in the App structure (for later file output).

```
typedef struct _braid_App_struct{
   int          rank;
} my_App;

typedef struct _braid_Vector_struct{
   double value;
} my_Vector;
```

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This is your state vector structure. It holds any time-dependent information that should stay with a vector, e.g. mesh information and unknowns.

For this problem, the vector is one double.

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typedef struct _braid_App_struct{
   int      rank;
} my_App;

typedef struct _braid_Vector_struct{
   double value;
} my_Vector;
```

• File: examples/ex-01.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Step() evolves u from tstart to tstop

```
int my Step (braid App
                    app,
           braid Vector ustop,
           braid_Vector fstop,
           braid Vector u,
           braid StepStatus status)
  double tstart;
  double tstop;
  braid StepStatusGetTstartTstop(status, &tstart, &tstop);
   (u->value) = 1./(1. + tstop-tstart)*(u->value);
  return 0;
```

• File: examples/ex-01.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

The app structure is passed into every user-written function.

```
braid App
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        braid Vector u,
        braid StepStatus status)
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Vector at tstop from previous XBraid iteration (initial guess for implicit solvers)

```
int my Step(braid App
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           braid_Vector fstop,
           braid Vector u,
           braid StepStatus status)
  double tstart;
  double tstop;
  braid StepStatusGetTstartTstop(status, &tstart, &tstop);
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Vector at tstart

```
int my Step(braid App
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Ignore by default. (XBraid forcing term, only needed if residual option is used)

```
int my Step(braid App app,
          braid_Vector ustop,
           braid_Vector fstop,
           braid Vector u,
           braid StepStatus status)
  double tstart;
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Status structures can be queried for various information (level, iteration, etc...)

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           braid StepStatus status)
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  return 0;
```

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For instance, to get tstart, tstop

```
int my Step(braid App
                    app,
           braid Vector ustop,
           braid_Vector fstop,
           braid Vector u,
           braid StepStatus status)
  double tstart;
  double tstop;
  braid StepStatusGetTstartTstop(status, &tstart, &tstop);
   (u->value) = 1./(1. + tstop-tstart)*(u->value);
  return 0;
```

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Take backward Euler step

```
int my Step(braid App
                    app,
           braid Vector ustop,
           braid_Vector fstop,
           braid Vector u,
           braid StepStatus status)
  double tstart;
  double tstop;
  braid StepStatusGetTstartTstop(status, &tstart, &tstop);
  \{(u->value) = 1./(1. + tstop-tstart)*(u->value);
  return 0;
```

- File: examples/ex-01.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$
- Define functions: Init, Clone, Free, Sum, SpatialNorm,
 Access, BufPack, BufUnpack, BufSize

Again, we see the app structure being passed in

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This function carries out a simple AXPY operation

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This function is how the user accesses the solution

- By default, it is called at the end of the simulation for every time point
- Using braid AccessSetLevel() allows for more frequent access

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Here, we just write a single solution value to individual files

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The Buf* functions tell XBraid how to pack, unpack and size MPI Buffers

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```
BufPack() flattens the vector u into buffer
 int my BufPack (braid App
                                     app,
                braid Vector
                void
                                     *buffer,
                braid BufferStatus bstatus)
    double *dbuffer = buffer;
    dbuffer[0] = (u->value);
    braid BufferStatusSetSize( bstatus, sizeof(double) );
    return 0;
```

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Packing this buffer entails just setting a single double value

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This is an example of returning a value (the buffer size) with a status structure

- File: examples/ex-01.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$
- The next step is to setup XBraid in main()

```
int main()
 braid Core core;
 ntime = 10;
 tstart = 0.0; tstop = 5.0;
 app = (my_App *) malloc(sizeof(my App));
  (app->rank) = rank;
 braid Init (MPI COMM WORLD, MPI COMM WORLD, tstart, tstop,
             ntime, app, my Step, my Init, my Clone,
            my Free, my Sum, my SpatialNorm,
            my Access, my BufSize, my BufPack,
            my BufUnpack, &core);
```

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braid_Core is the core data structure, holding all of XBraid's internals

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Define your time domain

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 app = (my_App *) malloc(sizeof(my App));
  (app->rank) = rank;
 braid Init (MPI COMM WORLD, MPI COMM WORLD, tstart, tstop,
             ntime, app, my Step, my Init, my Clone,
            my Free, my Sum, my SpatialNorm,
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```

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Initialize App structure

```
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```

- File: examples/ex-01.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$
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Initialize braid Core, passing in all user-written functions

```
int main()
 braid Core core;
 ntime = 10;
 tstart = 0.0; tstop = 5.0;
  app = (my_App *) malloc(sizeof(my App));
  (app->rank) = rank;
 braid Init (MPI COMM WORLD, MPI COMM WORLD, tstart, tstop,
             ntime, app, my Step, my Init, my Clone,
            my Free, my Sum, my SpatialNorm,
            my Access, my BufSize, my BufPack,
            my BufUnpack, &core);
```

Set XBraid options and run

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Set all the XBraid options that you want

```
int main()
...
braid_SetPrintLevel( core, 2);
braid_SetMaxLevels(core, 2);
braid_SetAbsTol(core, 1.0e-06);
braid_SetCFactor(core, -1, 2);

braid_Drive(core);

braid_Destroy(core);
```

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Run the simulation

```
int main()
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Clean up

```
int main()
...
braid_SetPrintLevel( core, 1);
braid_SetMaxLevels(core, 2);
braid_SetAbsTol(core, 1.0e-06);
braid_SetCFactor(core, -1, 2);

braid_Drive(core);

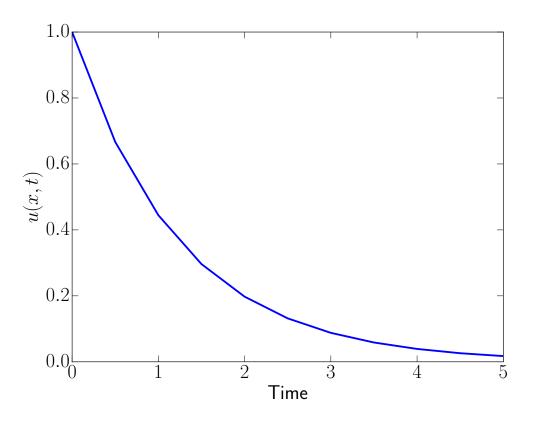
praid_Destroy(core);
```

Output

- File: examples/ex-01.c
- Finally! We can run the example.

```
cd examples
$ make ex-01
$./ex-01
$ cat ex-01.out.00*
 1.00000000000000e+00
  6.6666666666667e-01
 4.44444444444e-01
 2.96296296296e-01
 1.97530864197531e-01
 1.31687242798354e-01
 8.77914951989026e-02
  5.85276634659351e-02
 3.90184423106234e-02
 2.60122948737489e-02
 1.73415299158326e-02
```

Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$



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Moving to ex-01-expanded.c

- File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$
- Adds more XBraid features and a command line interface to ex-01.c

Let's experiment with some of these options!

```
$ cd examples
$ make ex-01-expanded
$./ex-01-expanded-help
 -ntime <ntime> : set num time points
 -ml <max levels> : set max levels
 -nu <nrelax> : set num F-C relaxations
-nu0 <nrelax> : set num F-C relaxations on level 0
 : use FMG cycling
 -fma
           : use my residual
  -res
```

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Residual history is printed out, along with convergence factors and wall times

```
$./ex-01-expanded
Braid: Begin simulation, 10 time steps
Braid: | | r 0 | | not available, wall time = 1.81e-04
Braid: | | r 1 | | = 2.845538e-02, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 0.000000e+00, conv factor = 0.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid Solver Stats:
start time = 0.000000e+00
stop time = 5.000000e+00
time steps = 10
use seq soln? = 0
                   = -1
storage
max iterations = 100
iterations
                  = 4
residual norm = 0.000000e+00
stopping tolerance = 1.000000e-06
use relative tol?
                   = 0
```

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Basic time domain information

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Advanced options

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Max allowed XBraid iterations

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XBraid iterations taken

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max iterations = 100
iterations
               = 4
residual norm = 0.000000e+00
stopping tolerance = 1.000000e-06
use relative tol?
                = 0
```

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XBraid final residual norm and halting tolerance

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storage
                = -1
max iterations = 100
iterations
               = 4
 | residual norm = 0.000000e+00 
stopping tolerance = 1.000000e-06
use relative tol?
                = 0
```

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Describe the XBraid options set for this run

```
$./ex-01-expanded
Braid: Begin simulation, 10 time steps
use fmq?
       = 0
access level = 1
print_level = 1
\max \text{ number of levels} = 2
min coarse = 2
number of levels = 2
skip down cycle = 1
periodic = 0
relax_only_cg = 0
finalFCRelax = 0
number of refinements = 0
level time-pts cfactor nrelax
      10 2
wall time = ...
```

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Describe the XBraid options for setting number of levels / how far to coarsen

```
$./ex-01-expanded
Braid: Begin simulation, 10 time steps
use fmg? = 0
access level = 1
print level = 1
max number of levels = 2
        = 2
min coarse
skip down cycle = 1
periodic = 0
relax_only_cg = 0
finalFCRelax = 0
number of refinements = 0
level time-pts cfactor nrelax
     10 2
wall time = ...
```

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Advanced XBraid options, e.g., periodic problem, num adaptive refinements, ...

```
$./ex-01-expanded
Braid: Begin simulation, 10 time steps
use fmq? = 0
access level = 1
print level
               = 1
max number of levels = 2
min coarse = 2
number of levels = 2
skip down cycle = 1
periodic = 0
relax only cg = 0
finalFCRelax = 0
number of refinements = 0
level time-pts cfactor nrelax
      10 2
wall time = ...
```

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Describes the levels in the XBraid hierarchy

```
$./ex-01-expanded
Braid: Begin simulation, 10 time steps
use fmq? = 0
access level = 1
print level
                = 1
\max \text{ number of levels} = 2
min coarse = 2
number of levels = 2
skip down cycle = 1
periodic = 0
relax_only_cg = 0
finalFCRelax = 0
number of refinements = 0
level time-pts cfactor nrelax
      10 2
wall time = ...
```

Increase number of time points

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Now, compare the effects of increasing the time domain size

```
\frac{1}{2} ./ex-01-expanded -ntime 16
Braid: Begin simulation, 16 time steps
Braid: | r 0 | not available, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 1 | | = 2.851025e-02, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 3.530338e-05, conv factor = 3.39e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 4 | | = 3.716892e-07, conv factor = 1.05e-02, wall time = ...
$./ex-01-expanded-ntime 128
Braid: Begin simulation, 128 time steps
Braid: | | r 0 | | not available, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 2 | | = 1.049429e-03, conv factor = 3.68e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 4.437913e-05, conv factor = 4.23e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 4 | | = 1.990483e-06, conv factor = 4.49e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 5 | | = 9.174722e-08, conv factor = 4.61e-02, wall time = ...
```

FCF-relaxation

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Observe how changing the number of FCF-relaxations improves convergence

```
$ ./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128 -nu 0
Braid: Begin simulation, 128 time steps
Braid: | | r 0 | | not available, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 1 | | = 6.415003e-02, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 2 | | = 5.312734e-03, conv factor = 8.28e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 5.055060e-04, conv factor = 9.51e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 5 | | = 5.290607e-06, conv factor = 1.04e-01, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 6 | | = 5.570496e-07, conv factor = 1.05e-01, wall time = ...
$ ./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128 -nu 3
Braid: Begin simulation, 128 time steps
Braid: | | r 0 | | not available, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 1 | | = 5.631827e-03, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 2 | | = 4.094709e-05, conv factor = 7.27e-03, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 3.420453e-07, conv factor = 8.35e-03, wall time = ...
```

Halting tolerance and max-iterations

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Observe how changing the tolerance and max-iter (-mi) parameters affect XBraid

```
$./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128 -tol 1e-3
...
iterations = 4
...

$./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128 -tol 1e-12
...
iterations = 10
...

$./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128 -tol 1e-12 -mi 3
...
iterations = 3
...
```

Don't over solve your problem

Full multigrid cycles (FMG)

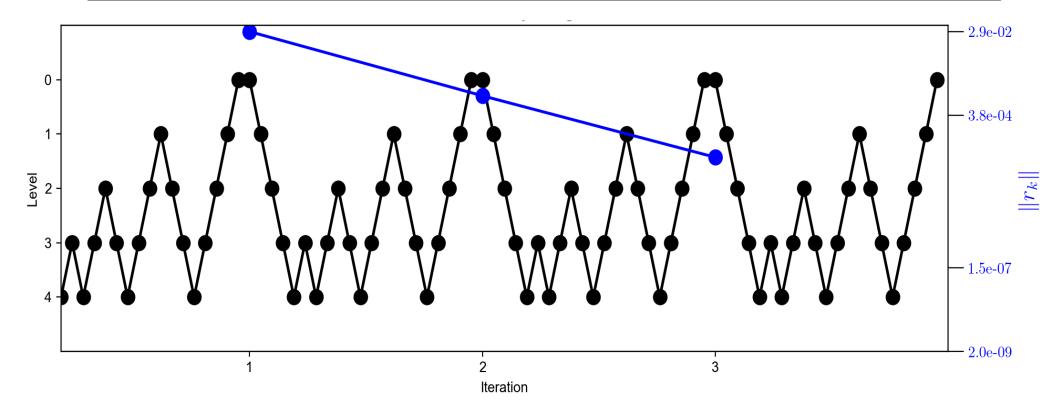
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Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Now, use the fmg parameter and plot braid.out.cycle (file generated at runtime)

```
$ ./ex-01-expanded -ntime 32 -ml 15 -mi 4 -fmg
$ python ../misc/user_utils/cycleplot.py
```

This functionality can be used to adaptively refine in time (nested iteration)



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 - Python Interface

• File: examples/ex-02*

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

ex-02-serial.c

```
/* Define space-time domain */
tstart= 0.0; tstop= 2*PI; ...
/* Initialize u(t=0) */
get solution(values, ...);
/* Main time step loop */
  t = t + deltaT;
  take step(values, t, ...);
  /* Output Solution */
  save solution(filename, ...);
```

ex-02-lib.cShared functions for serial and XBraid

```
/* Initialization routine */
/* Helpers for take step */
/* Core time-stepping routine */
void take step(...)
/* Output Functions */
/* XBraid specific spatial
interpolation/coarsening */
```

ex-02.c

XBraid Driver

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ex-02-serial.c

```
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/* Initialize u(t=0) */
get solution(values, ...);
/* Main time step loop */
for(step=1; step <= ntime; step++) {</pre>
   t = t + deltaT;
   take step(values, t, ...);
   /* Output Solution */
   save solution (filename, ...);
error = compute error norm(...);
```

ex-02-lib.c

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ex-02-lib.c

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void compute stencil(...)
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get solution(values, ...);
/* Main time step loop */
for(step=1; step <= ntime; step++) {</pre>
   t = t + deltaT;
   take step(values, t, ...);
   /* Output Solution */
   save solution (filename, ...);
error = compute error norm(...);
```

ex-02-lib.c

Shared functions for serial and XBraid

```
/* Initialization array of values*/
void get solution(...)
/* Helpers for take step */
void solve tridiag(...)
void matvec tridiag(...)
void compute stencil(...)
/* Core time-stepping routine */
void take step(...)
/* Output Functions */
double compute error norm(...)
void save solution(...)
/* XBraid specific spatial
interpolation/coarsening */
```

ex-02.c

XBraid Driver

• File: examples/ex-02*

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

void get solution(...)

Shared functions for serial and XBraid

ex-02-lib.c

```
/* Helpers for take step */
void solve tridiag(...)
void matvec tridiag(...)
void compute stencil(...)
```

/* Initialization routine */

/* Core time-stepping routine */ void take step(...)

/* Output Functions */ double compute error norm(...) void save solution(...)

/* XBraid specific spatial interpolation/coarsening */

```
typedef struct braid App struct
MPI Comm comm;
double matrix[3]; // 3pt stencil
typedef struct braid Vector struct
double *values; // vector at time t
int my Step(u, ...)
take step(u->values, ...);
int my Access(u, ...)
save solution(fname, u->values, ...);
get solution(u->values, ...);
braid Core core; app = (my App *) ...
braid Init(..., core);
```

ex-02.c

ex-serial.c

```
App structure holds time-independent data for stepping
```

• File: examples/ex-02*

ex-02-lib.c

Shared functions for serial and XBraid

```
/* Initialization routine */
void get solution(...)
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void solve tridiag(...)
void matvec tridiag(...)
void compute stencil(...)
/* Core time-stepping routine */
void take step(...)
/* Output Functions */
double compute error norm(...)
void save solution(...)
/* XBraid specific spatial
interpolation/coarsening */
```

ex-serial.c

Serial Driver

```
Solves: u_t = u_{xx}
```

ex-02.c

```
typedef struct braid App struct
MPI Comm comm;
double matrix[3]; // 3pt stencil
typedef struct braid Vector struct
        size;
double *values; // vector at time t
int my Step(u, ...)
take step(u->values, ...);
int my Access(u, ...)
save solution(fname, u->values, ...);
get solution(u->values, ...);
braid Core core; app = (my App *) ...
braid Init(..., core);
```

Vector holds time-dependent data for stepping

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ex-02-lib.c

Shared functions for serial and XBraid

```
/* Initialization routine */
void get solution(...)
/* Helpers for take step */
void solve tridiag(...)
void matvec tridiag(...)
void compute stencil(...)
/* Core time-stepping routine */
void take step(...)
/* Output Functions */
double compute error norm(...)
void save solution(...)
/* XBraid specific spatial
interpolation/coarsening */
```

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Serial Driver

```
Solves: u_t = u_{xx}
```

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typedef struct braid App struct
MPI Comm comm;
double matrix[3]; // 3pt stencil
typedef struct braid Vector struct
int size:
double *values; // vector at time t
int my Step(u, ...)
take step(u->values, ...);
int my Access(u, ...)
compute error norm(u->values, ...);
save solution(fname, u->values, ...);
int my Init(u, ...)
get solution(u->values, ...);
braid Core core; app = (my App *) ...
braid Init(..., core);
```

Various wrapper functions re-use library routines

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take step(u->values, ...);
int my Access(u, ...)
compute error norm(u->values, ...);
 save solution(fname, u->values, ...);
int my Init(u, ...)
get solution(u->values, ...);
main()
braid Core core; app = (my App *) ...
braid Init(..., core);
braid Drive (core);
```

Actually running XBraid is easy!

ex-serial.c

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void get solution(...)
/* Helpers for take step */
void solve tridiag(...)
void matvec tridiag(...)
void compute stencil(...)
/* Core time-stepping routine */
void take step(...)
/* Output Functions */
double compute error norm(...)
void save solution(...)
/* XBraid specific spatial
interpolation/coarsening */
void interpolate 1D(...)
void coarsen 1D(...)
```

ex-02.c

```
typedef struct braid App struct
MPI Comm comm;
double matrix[3];
typedef struct braid Vector struct
 int size;
 double *values;
int my Step(u, ...)
 take step(u->values, ...);
int my Access(u, ...)
 compute error norm(u->values, ...);
 save solution(fname, u->values, ...);
int my Init(u, ...)
get solution(u->values, ...);
main()
braid Core core; app = (my App *) ...
braid Init(..., core);
braid Drive (core);
```

\$ ex-02 -ntime 64 -nspace 17; python viz-ex-02.py

Run code in parallel -- Speed up!

• File: examples/ex-02.c

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

Run sequential baseline

Run Parareal

```
$ mpirun -np 6 ex-02 -nspace 1025 -ntime 1024 -ml 2 -tol 1e-4 -nu 0 -cf 16

> 0.19s, 7 iterations
Discretization error at final time: 1.9146e-03
```

Run MGRIT (still two-level, but with FCF)

```
$ mpirun -np 6 ex-02 -nspace 1025 -ntime 1024 -ml 2 -tol 1e-4 -nu 1 -cf 16
    → 0.19s, 4 iterations
    Discretization error at final time: 1.9125e-03
```

Run MGRIT with Richardson extrapolation in time (still two-level, but with FCF)

```
$ mpirun -np 6 ex-02 -nspace 1025 -ntime 1024 -ml 2 -tol 1e-4 -nu 0 -cf 16 -richardson

> 0.20s, 4 iterations
Discretization error at final time: 6.1440e-05
```

For larger problems, can go to more levels, further tune coarsening factor (cf), and so on...

How to debug your new code

• File: examples/ex-02.c Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

Set max-levels=1. The answer should exactly match sequential time stepping.

```
$ ./ex-02 -ntime 64 -nspace 17 -ml 1
$ python viz-ex-02.py

In practice, you want to check that the above XBraid run and a seperate sequential time-stepping run agree to 15 or 16 decimals
```

Continue with max-levels=1, but switch to multiple processors in time.

→ Check that the answer again exactly matches sequential time stepping.

```
$ mpirun -np 2 ex-02 -ntime 64 -nspace 17 -ml 1
$ python viz-ex-02.py
```

How to debug your new code

• File: examples/ex-02.c Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

Check that XBraid is a fixed-point method

Set max-levels=2, tol=0.0, max-iter=3, and initialize XBraid with the sequential solution

```
$ ./ex-02 -ntime 64 -nspace 17 -ml 2 -tol 0.0 -mi 3 -use_seq Braid: || r_0 || = 0.0000000e+00, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ... Braid: || r_1 || = 0.0000000e+00, conv factor = nan, wall time = ... Braid: || r_2 || = 0.0000000e+00, conv factor = nan, wall time = ... Braid: || r_3 || = 0.0000000e+00, conv factor = nan, wall time = ... Braid: || r_4 || = 0.0000000e+00, conv factor = nan, wall time = ...
```

How to debug your new code

• File: examples/ex-02.c Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

Turn on debug-level printing and check that the exact solution is propagating With FCF-relaxation, the exact solution propagates forward 2 C-points each iter

Then, run some larger, multilevel tests of XBraid, checking that the sequential and time-parallel versions agree to within the halting tolerance

Intrusiveness versus efficiency

- The more intrusive XBraid is allowed to be, the more efficient it is
 - **Residual option:** computing the residual with a naive implementation of XBraid is as expensive in FLOPs as sequential time stepping. Writing this extra function allows you to avoid this for implicit schemes.
 - This function also allows relaxation to be significantly less expensive
 - Creates a method closer to Gander/Neumueller
 - Further modifications can result in a method similar to space-time MG
 - Adaptivity: adaptively refine in time and space, building new MGRIT levels
 - Storage: store all time-steps (C and F), provides improved initial guess for implicit scheme
 - Level-dependent time-stepper: Change Step() on coarse-levels for efficiency (problem dependent), e.g., vary implicit solve tolerance in Step()
 - **Spatial coarsening:** this can affect convergence, but is required for an O(N) method in both time and space

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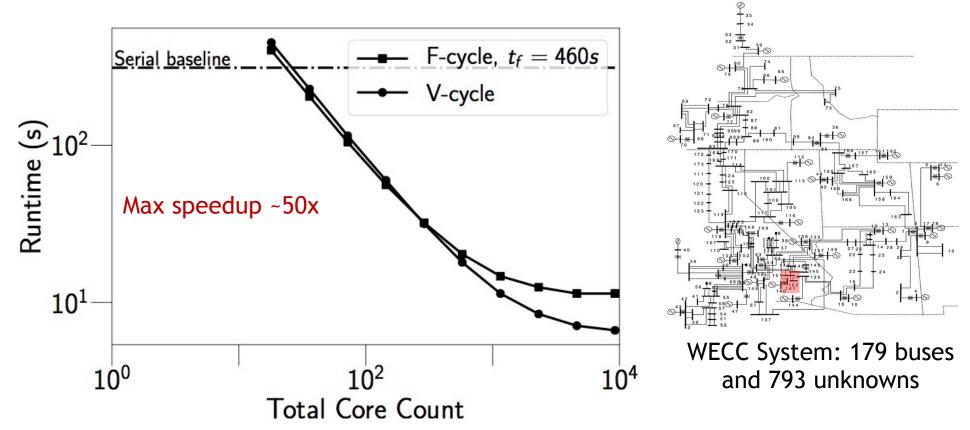
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Experiments coupling our code XBraid with various application research codes

- Navier-Stokes (compressible and incompressible), Shallow Water
 - Strand2D, CarT3D, Cyclops, Chord
- Heat equation (including moving mesh example)
 - MFEM, hypre
- Elasticity (e.g., cardiac modeling)
 - CHeart
- Nonlinear diffusion, the p-Laplacian
 - MFEM
- Power-grid simulations
 - GridDyn+SunDials
- Explicit time-stepping coupled with space-time coarsening
 - Advection, Burger's Equation
 - MFEM
- Optimization (XBraid-adjoint), Machine Learning
 - CoDiPack, <u>TorchBraid</u>

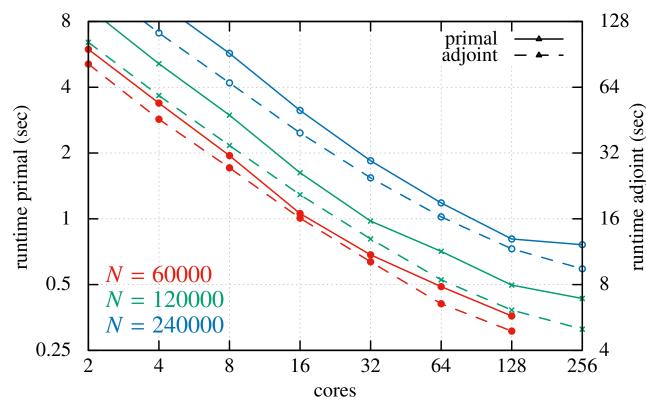
Powergrid (DAE)

- Discontinuous square pulse applied to bus 141 every second¹
 - Must handle discontinuities (events) for real-world relevance
 - Explore scalability w.r.t. number of discontinuities, 460s simulation has 460 events
 - Adaptively refine in time around discontinuities for improved accuracy



XBraid-Adjoint¹ for numerical optimization

- Extend the XBraid interface to accept a user-defined adjoint-Step()
 - Solve upper block-bidiagonal adjoint equation
- Automatically generate adjoint-Step() with CoDiPack
- Model Problem: Advection-diffusion
 - Minimize difference of space-time averaged solution to preset value
- When used with one-shot strategies, the max speedup is 25x



Scaling of primal (solid lines) and adjoint (dashed lines) XBraid solvers.

Parallel-in-time and residual neural networks

Layer 2 Layer 3

Layer 1

Output Layer

Insert time-step parameter

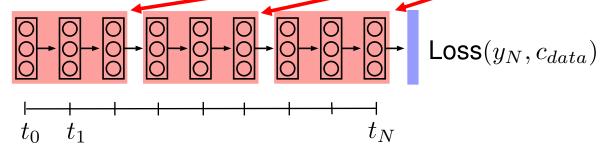
- - Let W_n, b_n, y_n be the weights, biases, and state at layer n
 - Classified training with input/output pair: (y_{data}, c_{data})
 - Forward problem $y_0 = y_{data}$ $y_{n+1} = y_n + F(W_n y_n + b_n) \quad \forall \, n = 0, \dots, N-1$
 - Learning problem $\min_{W_n,b_n} \mathsf{Loss}(y_N,c_{data}) \quad \text{subject to above forward problem}$
- Resnet propagation is equivalent to a forward Euler discretization and backpropagation is equivalent to discrete adjoint¹

Parallel-in-time and residual neural networks

- ResNet propagation is equivalent to a forward Euler discretization, and ResNet backpropagation is equivalent to discrete adjoint!
 - → Use this equivalence to apply XBraid-adjoint

Assign each block of layers to different procs

- Parallel-in-time goals¹
 - Treat layers as time-steps and apply MGRIT

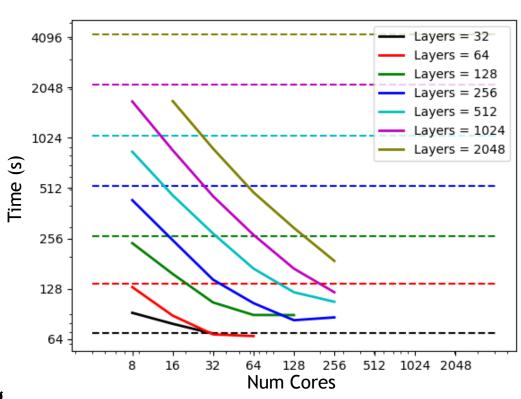


- Good strong and weak scaling with respect to number of network layers
 Train a network with 5 layers with same wall-clock time as 1000 layers
- Solve the same training problem (no shortcuts) as the sequential training version
- Provide novel layer-parallelism (decoupled layer computations in parallel)

Parallel-in-time and neural networks (ResNets)

- Apply XBraid-adjoint solver to ResNet training
 - Goal: Train a network with 5 layers in the same time as 1000 layers
 - Solve the same training problem (no shortcuts) as sequential
- MNIST image classification¹





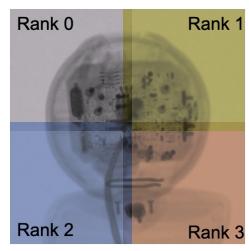
- Overall, good strong and weak scaling
 - Best training speedup 21x at 4096 layers
 - → Yes, it's too many layers, but the point is a scalable algorithm for future problems

Strong scaling for ResNet training Solid lines: TorchBraid (MGRIT) Dashed lines: Sequential-in-layer

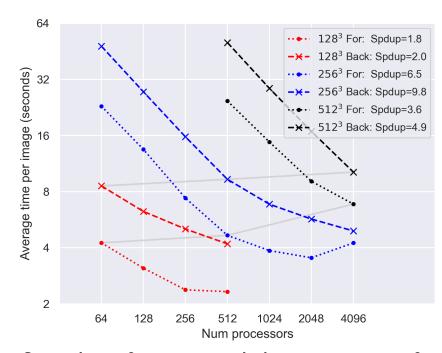
Extreme scale machine learning (ML)

- ML on traditional high-performance supercomputers is an open problem
 - Current work with Hewett, Cyr, & Saavedra
 - Train on 10³, 10⁶, ..., compute nodes?
 - Urgently needed for >TB datasets
 → Split data (e.g., image) across processors

- Target problems: Sandia CT scans and NMDID database (UNM) (>TB in size)
 - Training enabled by novel spatial decomposition coupled with MGRIT
 - Preliminary results promising
- Future: MG/Opt, GPU extensions, ...



Parallel spatial decomposition of CT scan for ML



Speedups from spatial decomposition for image segmentation (identify material)

Machine learning algorithmic and parallel speedups: Multigrid optimization (MGOPT) plus layer-parallel

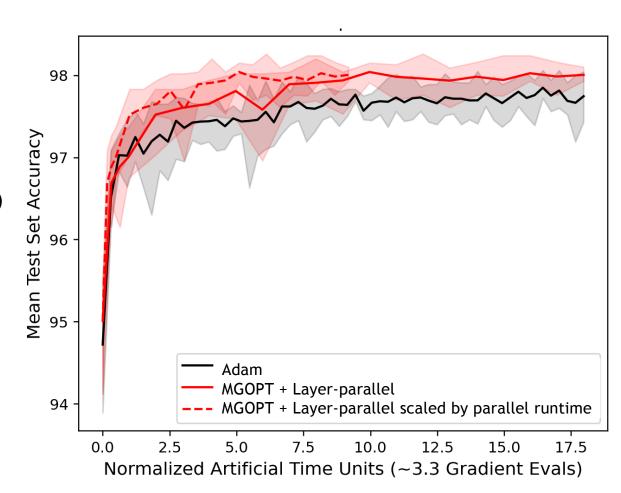
- ML algorithmic speedups possible with MGOPT (multilevel optimization)¹
 - Core concept: minimize the objective function on hierarchy of refined networks

$$\min_{W_n,b_n} \mathsf{Loss}(y_N,c_{data})$$

- → ODE perspective provides a natural way to coarsen problems in layer (time)
- → Coarser networks provide parameter updates to finer networks
- Coarse objective functions have an additional term¹ for consistency (FAS)
 - Let g_H, g_h, W_H be coarse gradient, fine gradient, and coarse weights, resp.,
 - Update coarse objective function with new term: $-\langle g_H g_h, W_H \rangle$
 - Make coarse and fine objective functions "consistent"
- When applied to ML^{2,3} the results are promising and provide an algorithmic speedup for some classification problems
- Can we combine this algorithmic speedup with parallel speedup? Yes!
- 1. Nash, A multigrid approach to discretized optimization problems, Optimization Methods and Software, 2000.
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- 3. Kopanicakova, Krause, Multilevel minimization for deep residual networks, (Arxiv) 2020.

Machine learning algorithmic and parallel speedups: Multigrid optimization (MGOPT) plus layer-parallel

- Train with MNIST
- Adam optimizer versus
 MGOPT + Layer-parallel
 - Layer-parallel computes gradients for MGOPT
 - 128 layers (as demonstration)
 - Parallel runs on Quartz (Intel cluster at LLNL)
- For this simple problem,
 MGOPT + layer-parallel
 exhibits an algorithmic
 and parallel speedup
- Next: fashion MNIST and other harder problems

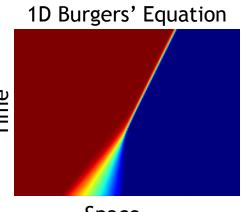


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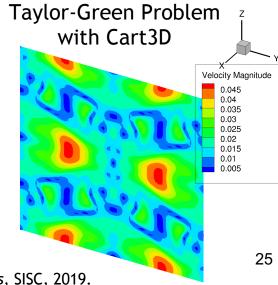
- Important initial successes
- 1D/2D advection and Burgers' equation¹
 - F-cycles needed (multilevel), slow iteration growth
 - Requires adaptive spatial coarsening
 - Dissipation improves convergence
 - FCF-relaxation and small coarsening factors important



- Special semi-Lagrangian coarse-grid discretization
- Navier-Stokes in 2D and 3D^{3,4}
 - Multiple codes: Strand2D, Cart3D, CHeart, Chord
 - Compressible and incompressible, modest Re







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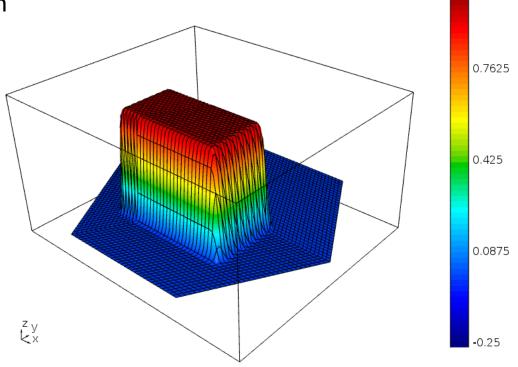
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 Stability determined by convection (convection dominated)

Diffusion term 0.001

Sequential Time Stepping

- Sharp profile is transported over 1100 time steps
- 3rd order explicit method

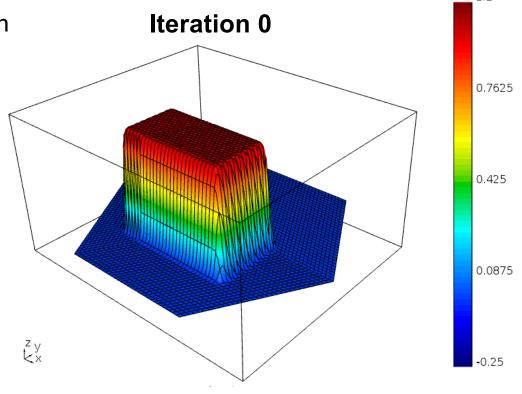


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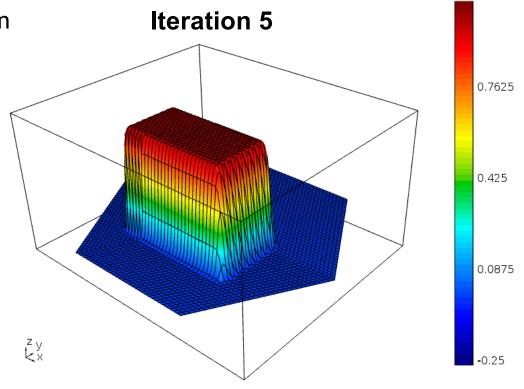


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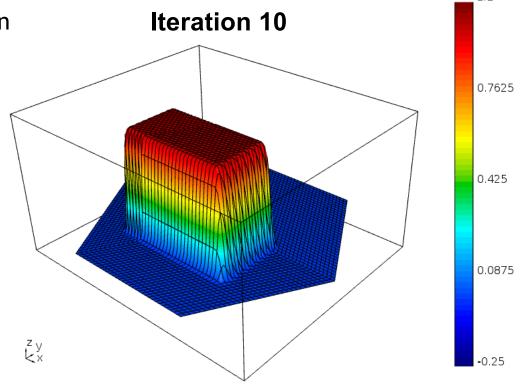


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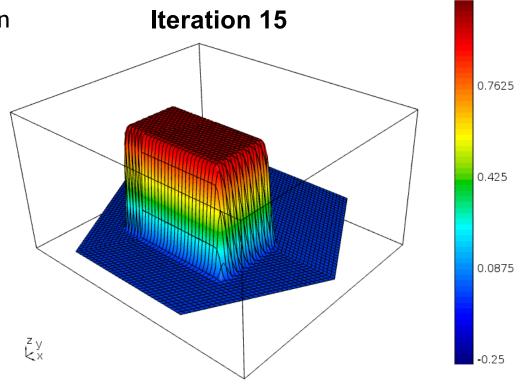


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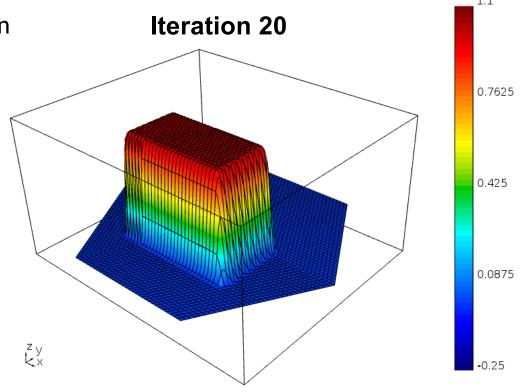


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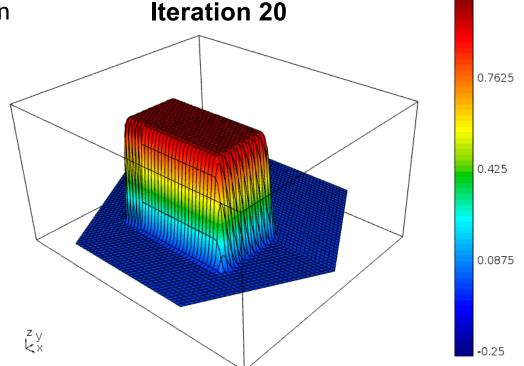
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Parallel-in-time solution

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Future Work

- Convergence can be vastly improved with better coarse-grid equations¹
- Consider space-time AMG solvers

Periodic fluid-structure interaction (FSI)

Goal: speedup biomedical simulations, e.g., blood flow

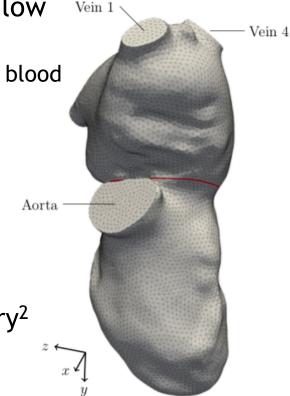
• Example problem: Periodic nonlinear flow in left ventricle

• Equations: elasticity for solid deformations, Navier-Stokes for blood

Periodicity allows for greater MGRIT efficiency¹

- MGRIT simulates only one periodic time interval
- Standard method simulates many intervals until steady state
- 20 processors in time → 5x speedup

 Current research is using multilevel convergence theory² to guide algorithm development



Left ventricle

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Nearly 50 years of research exists, but has only scratched the surface

- Earliest work goes back to 1964 by Nievergelt
 - Led to multiple shooting methods, Keller (1968)
- Space-time multigrid methods for parabolic problems
 - Hackbusch (1984); Horton (1992); Horton+Vandewalle (1995); Gander+Neumueller (2016)
 - The last two are among the most efficient methods for linear parabolic problems
- Parareal was introduced by Lions, Maday, and Turincini in 2001
 - Probably the most widely studied method
 - Gander and Vandewalle (2007) show that parareal is two-level FAS multigrid
- Discretization specific work includes
 - Minion, Williams (2008, 2010) PFASST, spectral deferred correction / parareal
 - De Sterck, Manteuffel, McCormick, Olson (2004, 2006) FOSLS
- Research on these methods is ramping up!
 - Ong, Ruprecht, Krause, Speck, Minion, Langer, De Sterck ... not an exhaustive list

Summary and conclusions

- Sequential time integration bottleneck is real
 - Parallel in time is needed for future architectures
 - This is a major paradigm shift
- XBraid applies multigrid reduction to the time dimension
 - Multigrid is ideal for exascale (optimal, resilient, ...)
 - Result is a flexible and non-intrusive approach
- The more intrusive XBraid is allowed to be, the more efficient the algorithm is.
- There is much future work to be done!
 - More problem types, more complicated discretizations
 - · Performance improvements, adaptive meshing
 - Enabling novel parallelism in machine learning

• ...

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Software

XBraid: https://github.com/XBraid/xbraid



Outline

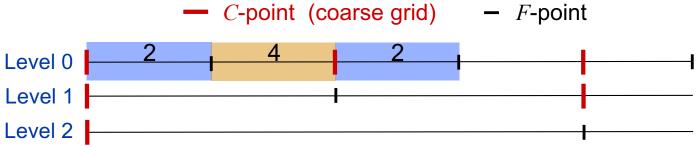
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 - → Tutorial software requirements and XBraid overview
- Simplest example of solving a scalar ODE with examples/ex-01
 → Defining the App and vector structures, writing wrapper functions, running XBraid
- 3. Explore more XBraid settings in examples/ex-01-expanded.c
- 4. Porting a user-code to XBraid with examples/ex-02
 - → Debugging the connection to XBraid
 - → Intrusiveness versus efficiency
- 5. A few application area highlights

Appendix: Advanced XBraid features

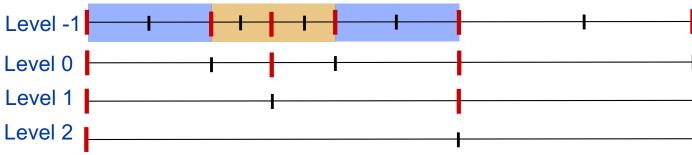
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- Shell-vectors and BDF-k
- Fortran90 Interface
- Residual and storage options
- Spatial coarsening
- Python Interface

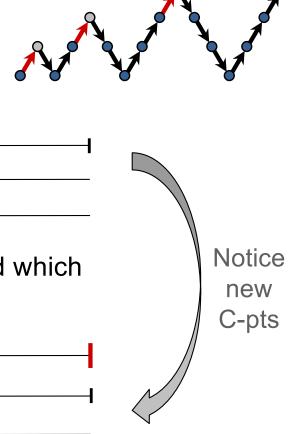
Advanced feature: FMG allows for adaptivity in time and space

- User returns refinement factor in Step ()
- Example time grid hierarchy



 User requests refinement factors on the finest grid which generates a new grid and hierarchy





Advanced feature: adaptivity in time

- File: examples/ex-02.c Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$
 - This example uses a built-in Richardson error estimator for refinement in time
 - braid StepStatusSetRFactor(status, k) refines an interval k times
 - Called from inside of Step ()

```
$ make ex-02
\frac{.}{ex-02} -ntime 8 -refinet 3e-2
Braid: Begin simulation, 8 time steps
Braid: | | r 0 | | = 1.855448e+00, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 1 | | = 2.371288e-02, conv factor = 1.28e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: Temporal refinement occurred, 38 time steps
Braid: Temporal refinement occurred, 66 time steps
Braid: | | r 2 | | = 8.337944e-02, conv factor = 1.30e-01, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 2.215613e-03, conv factor = 2.66e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: Temporal refinement occurred, 70 time steps
Braid: | | r 3 | | = 1.602040e-02, conv factor = 1.92e-01, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 4 | | = 2.011504e-04, conv factor = 1.26e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 5 | | = 4.412674e-06, conv factor = 2.19e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: | | r 6 | | = 1.013677e-07, conv factor = 2.30e-02, wall time = ...
Discretization error at final time: 2.3758e-02
```

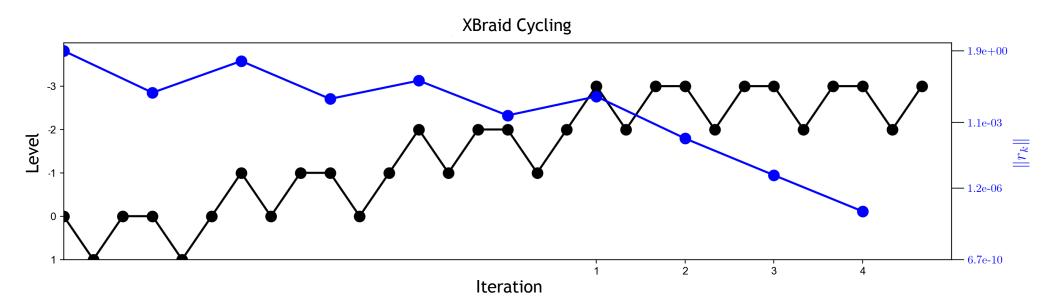
Advanced feature: adaptivity in time

• File: examples/ex-02.c

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

- Now, visualize the cycling
- · Observe how the new levels (and time-points) are added
- · This causes an uneven reduction in the residual

\$ python ../misc/user_utils/cycleplot.py



Advanced feature: residual function

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded.c Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Observe how turning on the residual function changes convergence

```
$./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128 -res
...
iterations = 7

$./ex-01-expanded -ntime 128
...
iterations = 6
```

• File: examples/ex-03.c

Solves: $u_t = -u_{xx} - u_{yy}$

```
$ make ex-03
$ ./ex-03 -nt 128 -nx 9 9 -mi 4 -res
Braid: || r_1 || = 5.231464e-01, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_2 || = 6.067546e-02, conv factor = 1.16e-01, wall time = ...

$ ./ex-03 -nt 128 -nx 9 9 -mi 4
Braid: || r_1 || = 5.002967e-01, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_2 || = 2.701758e-02, conv factor = 5.40e-02, wall time = ...
...
```

Understanding the residual feature

Let space-time block operator be

$$A\mathbf{u} \equiv egin{pmatrix} I & & & & & \\ -\Phi & \Psi & & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & -\Phi & \Psi \end{pmatrix} egin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_0 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_N \end{pmatrix} = egin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_0 \\ \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{f}_N \end{pmatrix}$$

- Block row of this system: $A_i(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_{i-1}) = f_i$
- Block row of operator: $A_i(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_{i-1}) = -\Phi(\mathbf{u}_{i-1}) + \Psi(\mathbf{u}_i)$
- Residual: $r_i = f_i + A_i(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_{i-1})$

XBraid Default

- User defines $Step(\mathbf{u}_{i-1}) = \Phi(\mathbf{u}_{i-1})$
- XBraid assumes $\Psi = I$
- XBraid computes the residual with no additional information
- ullet BUT for implicit, Φ must be a full implicit solve on finest level for accurate residual
- OUCH! This residual computation has same FLOPS as serial time-stepping.
- Residual setting: remove this cost
 - Compute the residual with another new user-defined function

Understanding the residual feature

Residual setting: define new user function for cheap residual computation

$$r_i = f_i + A_i(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_{i-1})$$
New function
 $r_i = f_i + \text{Residual}(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_{i-1})$

- lacktriangledown Residual($\mathbf{u}_{\mathtt{i}}$, $\mathbf{u}_{\mathtt{i-1}}$) = $A_i(\mathbf{u}_i,\mathbf{u}_{i-1}) = -\Phi(\mathbf{u}_{i-1}) + \Psi(\mathbf{u}_i)$
- Let $\Phi = I$, $\Psi =$ sparse matrix inverted by implicit time-stepping \rightarrow Now, residual computation requires NO matrix inverse and is cheap
- Step() now computes $\Psi^{-1}(f_i+\Phi(\mathbf{u}_{i-1})) o \mathbf{u}_i$
- BUT, this operation is only used for relaxation
 → THUS, cheap inexact solves are used, e.g., 1 or 2 spatial multigrid V-cycles
- Note the f_i term
 - Provided to user with the fstop vector in Step ()
 - This is the forcing term provided by FAS on coarse MGRIT levels

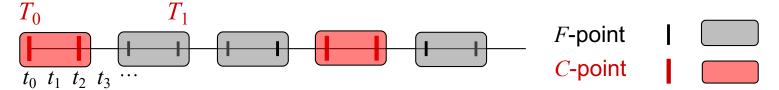
Advanced feature: shell-vectors & BDF-k

- ullet File: examples/ex-01-expanded-bdf2.c ullet Solves: $u_t=\lambda u$
- XBraid is designed for one-step methods. This is the standard way to partition the time-line.



Advanced feature: shell-vectors & BDF-k

- ullet File: examples/ex-01-expanded-bdf2.c ullet Solves: $u_t=\lambda u$
- XBraid is designed for one-step methods. The new way to partition so that BDF-k looks "one-step" is to group k time-steps together (here, k = 2).



- Creates non-uniform time-step sizes on coarse grids
- The shell-vector feature allows for the storage of meta-data at every time point, including F-points that are otherwise not stored.
 - This meta-data allows for tracking the irregular time-grid spacing
- Other BDF-k strategies, like reducing order on coarse-grids, are possible
- To use the shell option, you must define new shell functions for allocating, copying, and freeing vector shells

Advanced feature: extra storage

• File: examples/ex-03.c

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$

- Set a storage value k (default is -1)
 - For $level \ge k \ge 0$, store all points For level < k, store only C-points
 - k = 0 storage at all points on all levels
 - k = -1 special value, storage only at C-points on all levels



- F-point (fine grid only)
- C-point (coarse & fine grid)
- The extra storage critically gives improved initial guesses to implicit solvers
- The extra storage changes the problem being solved
 - The operator Φ changes as the initial guess changes
- Look at the residual histories with

```
$ make ex-03
$ ./ex-03 -nx 17 17 -nt 128 -storage -1
$ ./ex-03 -nx 17 17 -nt 128 -storage 0
$ ./ex-03 -nx 17 17 -nt 128 -storage 1
```

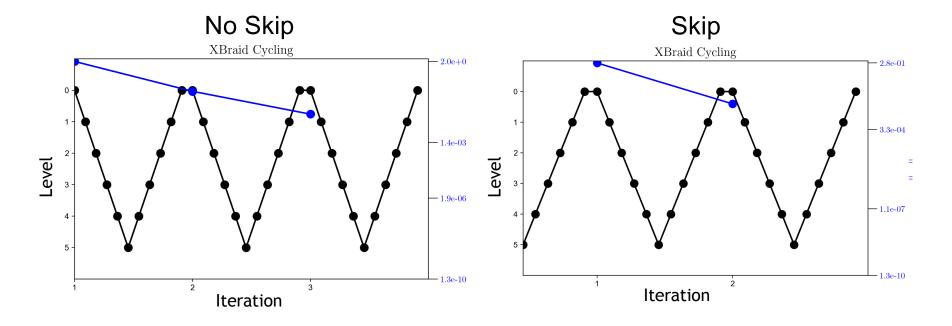
Advanced feature: skip option

• File: examples/ex-03.c

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$

- Skip allows XBraid to skip (typically useless) relaxations on the 1st down cycle
 - By default, skip is turned on
- Compare the residual histories for

```
$ ./ex-03 -nx 17 17 -nt 128 -mi 3 -skip 1
$ ./ex-03 -nx 17 17 -nt 128 -mi 3 -skip 0
```



Advanced feature: parallel-run

• File: examples/ex-03.c

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$

Run in parallel!

```
$ mpirun -np 8 ex-03 -pgrid 2 2 2 -nt 256 -nx 17 17
Braid: || r_0 || not available, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_1 || = 6.166798e-01, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_2 || = 2.319985e-02, conv factor = 3.76e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_3 || = 6.972052e-04, conv factor = 3.01e-02, wall time = ...
Braid: || r_4 || = 1.135286e-05, conv factor = 1.63e-02, wall time = ...
```

Advanced feature: spatial coarsening

• File: examples/ex-02.c Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

Here, we use simple bilinear interpolation (and its transpose) for spatial coarsening

```
$./ex-02 -ntime 64 -nspace 17 -ml 3 -sc
 Braid: | | r 0 | | = 3.652579e+00, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
 Braid: | | r 3 | | = 3.238587e-04, conv factor = 5.14e-02, wall time = ...
 level dx
                dt dt/dx^2
  0 | 1.96e-01 9.82e-02 2.55e+00
                                        Spatial coarsening can
  1 | 3.93e-01 1.96e-01 1.27e+00
                                        negatively impact convergence.
  2 | 7.85e-01 3.93e-01 6.37e-01
$./ex-02 -ntime 64 -nspace 17 -ml 3
 Braid: | | r 0 | | = 3.652579e+00, conv factor = 1.00e+00, wall time = ...
 Braid: | | r 1 | | = 1.557155e-01, conv factor = 4.26e-02, wall time = ...
 Braid: | | r 2 | | = 7.580438e-03, conv factor = 4.87e-02, wall time = ...
 Braid: | | r 3 | | = 2.430763e-04, conv factor = 3.21e-02, wall time = ...
 level dx dt dt/dx^2
  0 | 1.96e-01 9.82e-02 2.55e+00
  1 | 1.96e-01 1.96e-01 5.09e+00
        1.96e-01
               3.93e-01 1.02e+01
```

Advanced feature: coarsening factor

• File: examples/ex-02.c

Changing the coarsening factor does not change convergence (much)

Solves: $u_t = u_{xx}$

- This powerful fact applies to parabolic problems in general
 - Allows for a great deal of performance tuning
 - Requires that FCF-relaxation or F-cycles be used

```
$ ./ex-02 -ntime 1024 -nspace 128 -cf 16 -ml 10
...
iterations = 7

$ ./ex-02 -ntime 1024 -nspace 128 -cf 2 -ml 10
...
iterations = 8
```

Fortran90 interface

• File: examples/ex-01-expanded-f.f90 Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$

Uses Fortran90 modules to define the App and Vector Types

```
module braid_types

type my_vector
  double precision val
end type my_vector
...
```

User-defined wrapper functions are the same, only written in Fortran90

```
subroutine braid_Sum_F90(app, alpha, x, beta, y)
! Braid types
use braid_types
implicit none
type(my_vector) :: x, y
type(my_app) :: app

double precision alpha, beta
  y%val = alpha*(x%val) + beta*(y%val)
end subroutine braid_Sum_F90
```

Python interface

- File: examples/ex-01-cython/ex_01.pyx Solves: $u_t = \lambda u$
- Requires: Cython, MPI4PY, Numpy, Scipy
- Installs with: ex_01-setup.py (see file for instructions)

User-defined wrapper functions defined in Cython (hybrid Python/C)

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Run as normal Python package, e.g., with MPI4PY

```
$ mpirun -np K python3 ex 01 run.py
```

```
File: ex 01 run.py
```

```
# Use XBraid as normal Python package
import ex_01
core, app = ex_01.InitCoreApp()
ex 01.run Braid(core, app)
```

Ideas for More Tutorial Examples

- Do more of a Python example
- Add a three-part example [??? Maybe, maybe not...may be full enough]
 - Parareal
 - MGRIT
 - S.t. similar to Gander/Neumueller with PFMG iters and -res, may need to fix code
- Add/Change reaction or convection term to ex-02...? see what happens?
 - Connect to theory for convergence on real, imag, complex eigs