

# A Schur Complement Method for DAE Systems in Power System Simulation

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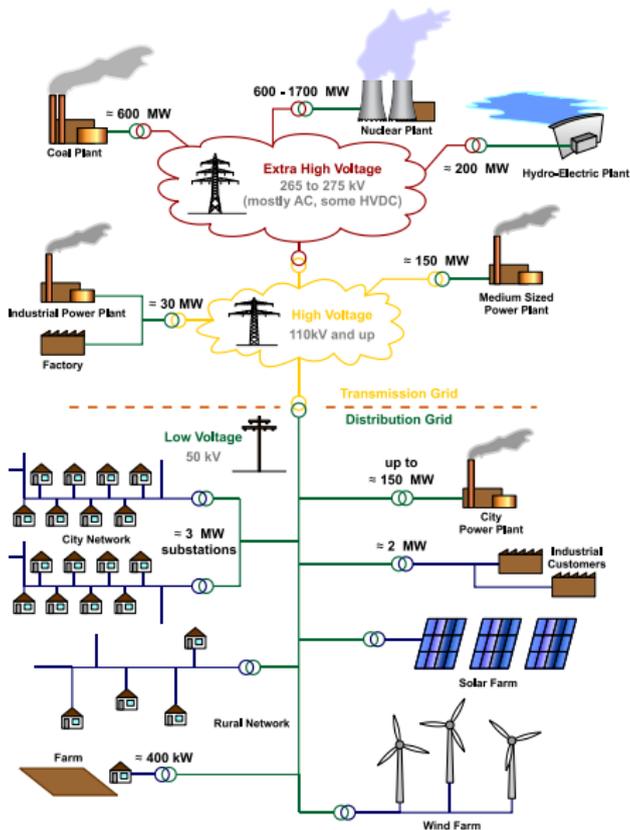
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# Large-Scale Electric Networks



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## Goal

Get accurate results, *faster*

# Mathematical Formulation

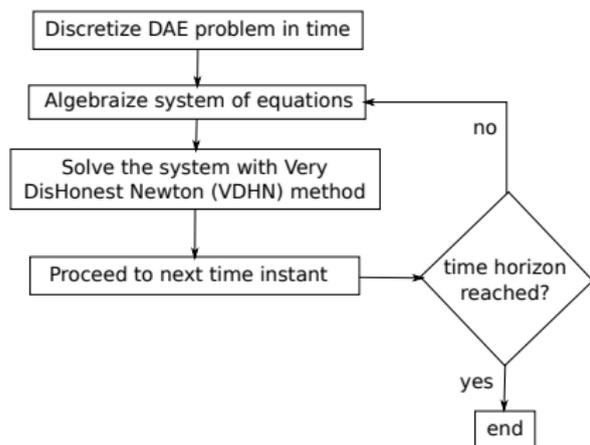
Initial value, hybrid, stiff, non-linear DAE problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma \dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \Xi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{V}) \\ x(t_0) &= x_0, V(t_0) = V_0\end{aligned}$$

where:

- $\mathbf{V}$  is the vector of voltages through the network
- $\mathbf{x}$  is the expanded state vector containing the differential and algebraic variables (except the voltages) of the system
- $\Gamma$  is a diagonal matrix with  $(\Gamma)_{\ell\ell} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{iff } \ell^{\text{th}} \text{ equation is algebraic} \\ 1 & \text{iff } \ell^{\text{th}} \text{ equation is differential} \end{cases}$

# Standard Integrated Algorithm



## Procedure Acceleration

- Sparse linear solvers
- Model Simplification/Reduction
- Better hardware (larger memory, faster CPUs, etc)

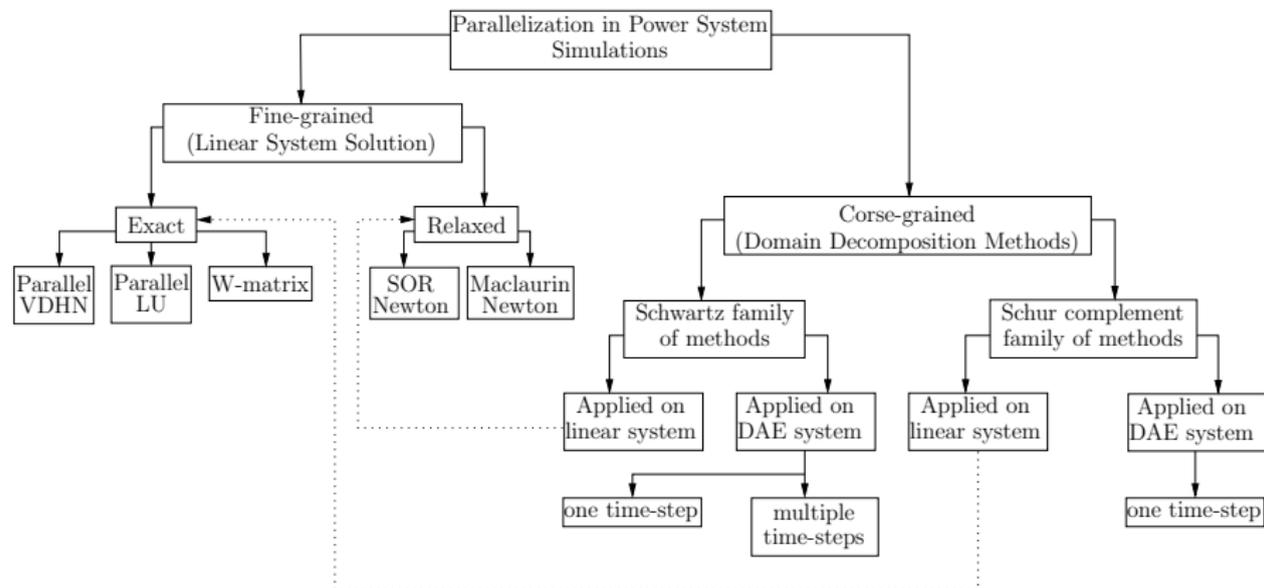
## Increased Demands

- Bigger models
- Higher accuracy
- More complex, hybrid, components

## Result

Dynamic simulations of large-scale systems *remain* time consuming

## DDMs and Parallel Processing techniques

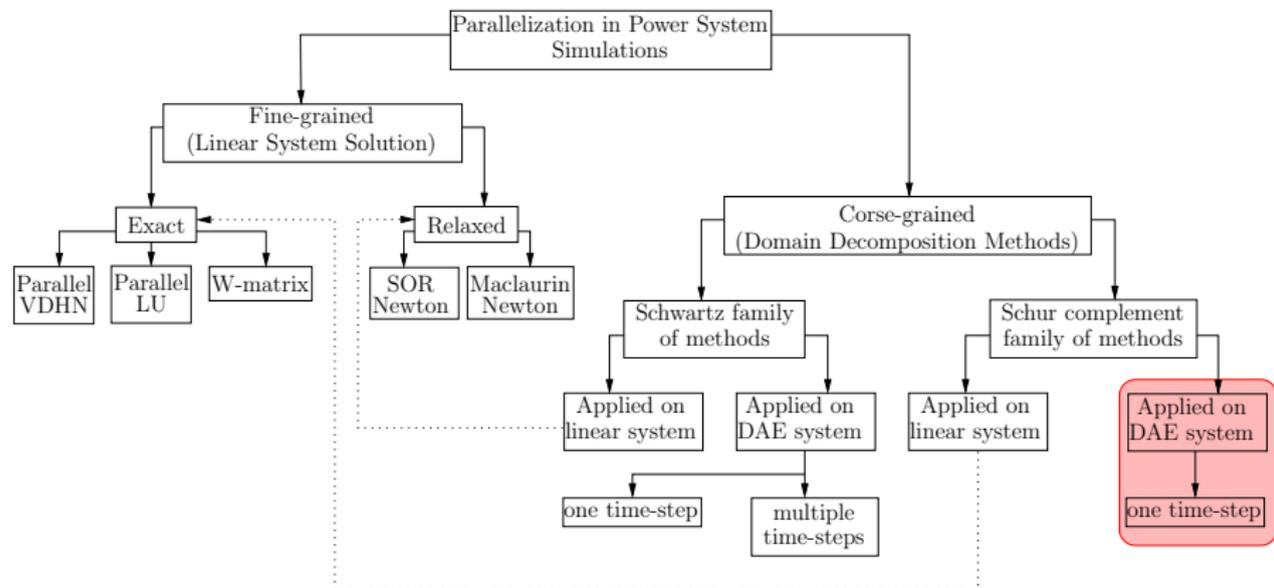


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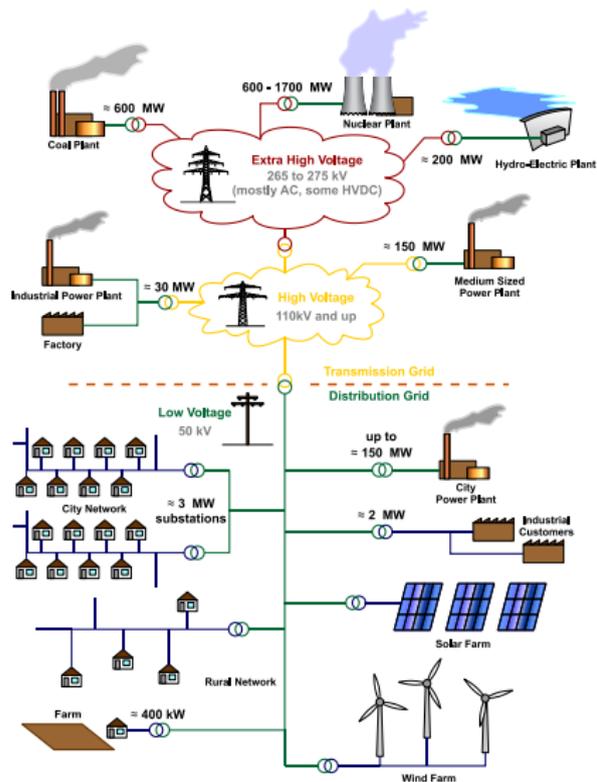


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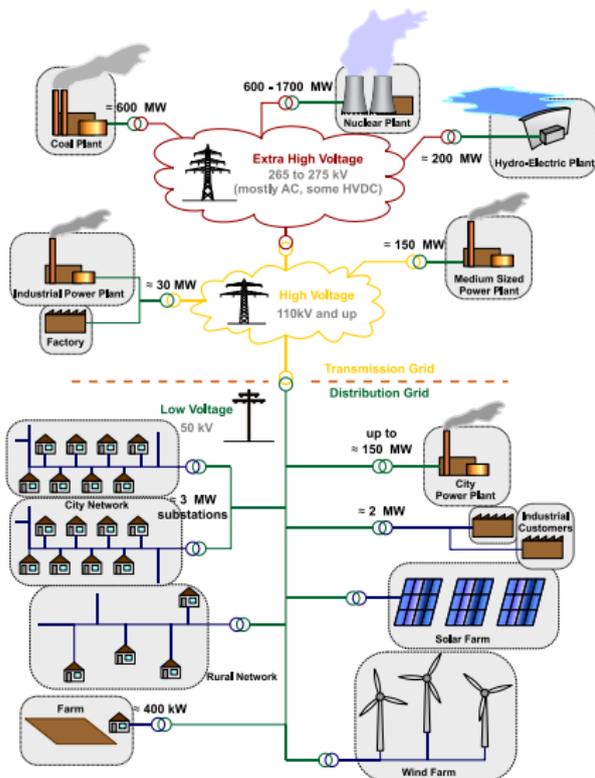
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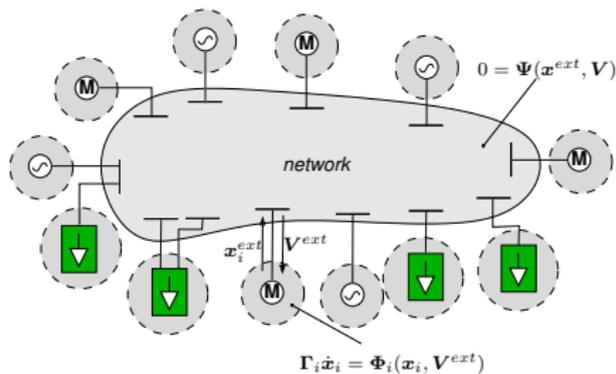
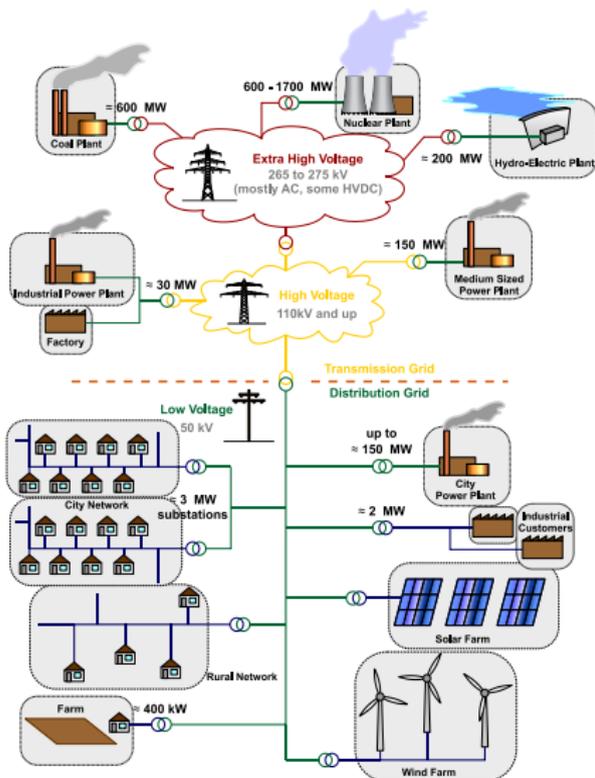
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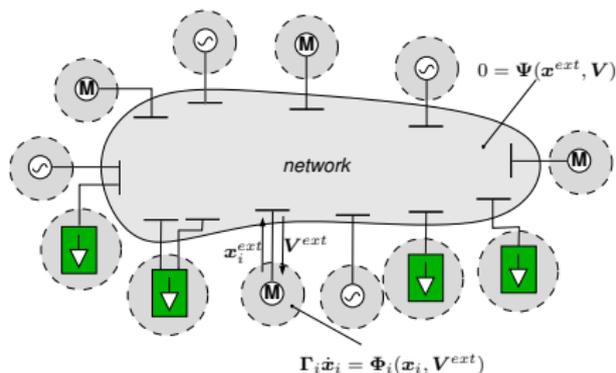
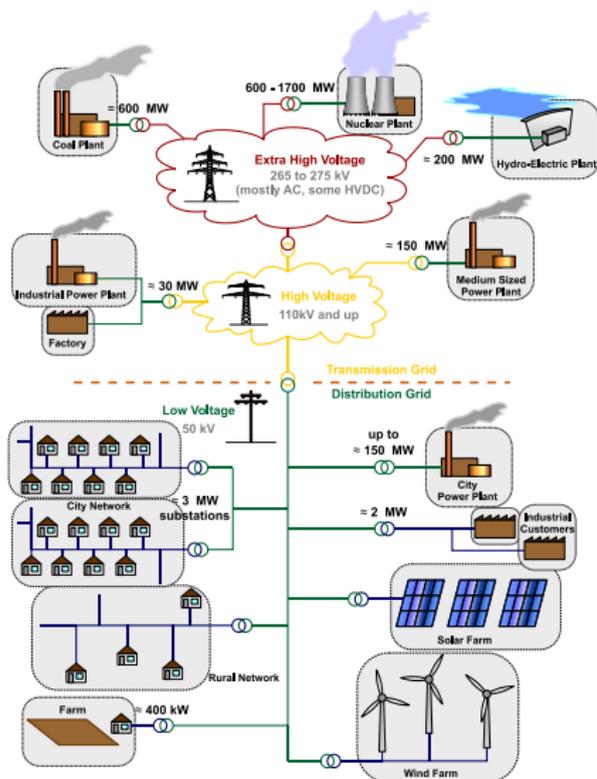
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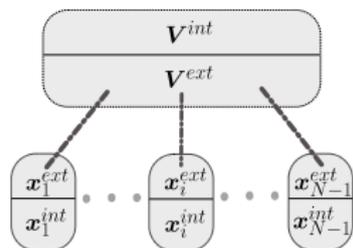
Network sub-domain:

$$0 = \Psi(\mathbf{x}^{ext}, \mathbf{V})$$

Component  $i$  (injector) sub-domain:

$$\Gamma_i \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{V}^{ext})$$

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where:

- $\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i^{int} \\ \mathbf{x}_i^{ext} \end{pmatrix}$ , injector  $i$  sub-domain variables
  - $\mathbf{x}_i^{int}$ : interior variables, coupled only with local equations
  - $\mathbf{x}_i^{ext}$ : local Interface variables, coupled with both local and non-local (external to the sub-domain) equations
- $\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}^{int} \\ \mathbf{V}^{ext} \end{pmatrix}$ , network sub-domain variables
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  - $\mathbf{V}^{ext}$ : local Interface variables, coupled with both local and non-local (external to the sub-domain) equations

## Solution Steps

Based on the Schur complement DDM:

- 1 Build sub-domain local systems (apply integration formula, compute Newton method matrices, etc)
- 2 Eliminate the interior variables from the sub-domains and build a global reduced system involving only the interface variables
- 3 Solve the reduced system to obtain the interface variables
- 4 Backward substitute the interface variables into the sub-domain local systems and solve to obtain interior variables
- 5 Repeat until all sub-domain local systems have converged

[Saad (2003)]

## Injector sub-domain local system

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{1i} & \mathbf{A}_{2i} \\ \mathbf{A}_{3i} & \mathbf{A}_{4i} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}_i} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x}_i^{int} \\ \Delta \mathbf{x}_i^{ext} \end{pmatrix}}_{\Delta \mathbf{x}_i} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{B}_i \Delta \mathbf{V}^{ext} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_i^{int}(\mathbf{x}_i^{int}, \mathbf{x}_i^{ext}) \\ \mathbf{f}_i^{ext}(\mathbf{x}_i^{int}, \mathbf{x}_i^{ext}, \mathbf{V}^{ext}) \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{f}_i}$$

- $\mathbf{A}_{1i}$ : coupling between interior variables,  $\mathbf{A}_{4i}$ : coupling between local interface variables,
- $\mathbf{A}_{2i}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_{3i}$ : coupling between the local interface and the interior variables,
- $\mathbf{B}_i$ : coupling between the local interface variables and external interface variables of network sub-domain

Matrix  $\mathbf{A}_i$ 

- General
- Dense
- Size:  $2 \div 40$

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## Elimination of injector sub-domain interior variables

$$\mathbf{S}_i \Delta \mathbf{x}_i^{ext} + \mathbf{B}_i \Delta \mathbf{V}^{ext} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i$$

- $\mathbf{S}_i = \mathbf{A}_{4i} - \mathbf{A}_{3i} \mathbf{A}_{1i}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{2i}$ : the “local” Schur complement matrix
- $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i = \mathbf{f}_i^{ext} - \mathbf{A}_{3i} \mathbf{A}_{1i}^{-1} \mathbf{f}_i^{int}$

## Network sub-domain local system

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_1 & \mathbf{D}_2 \\ \mathbf{D}_3 & \mathbf{D}_4 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{D}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{V}^{int} \\ \Delta \mathbf{V}^{ext} \end{pmatrix}}_{\Delta \mathbf{V}} + \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \mathbf{C}_j \Delta \mathbf{x}_j^{ext} \right) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}^{int}(\mathbf{V}^{int}, \mathbf{V}^{ext}) \\ \mathbf{g}^{ext}(\mathbf{V}^{int}, \mathbf{V}^{ext}, \mathbf{x}^{ext}) \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{g}}$$

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### Matrix $\mathbf{D}$

- Structurally symmetric
- Sparse
- Size: up to 20000 ÷ 30000

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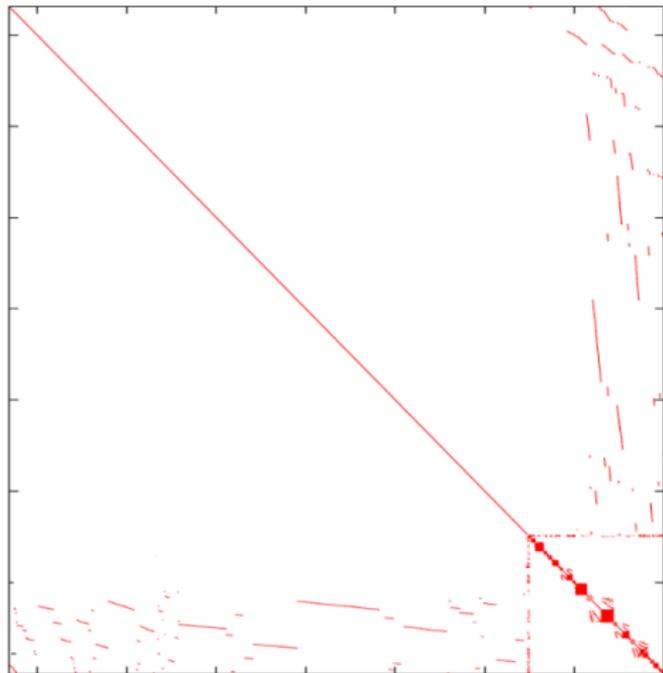
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 0 & 0 & \mathbf{S}_3 & \cdots & 0 & \mathbf{B}_3 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
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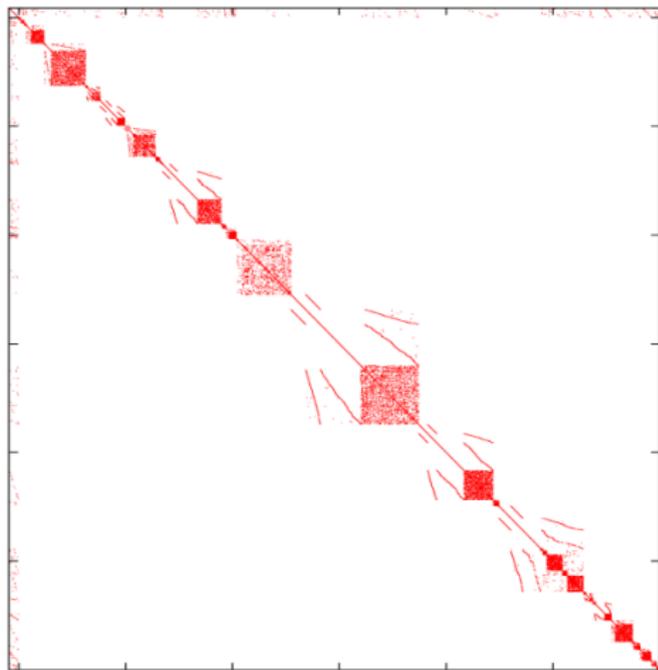
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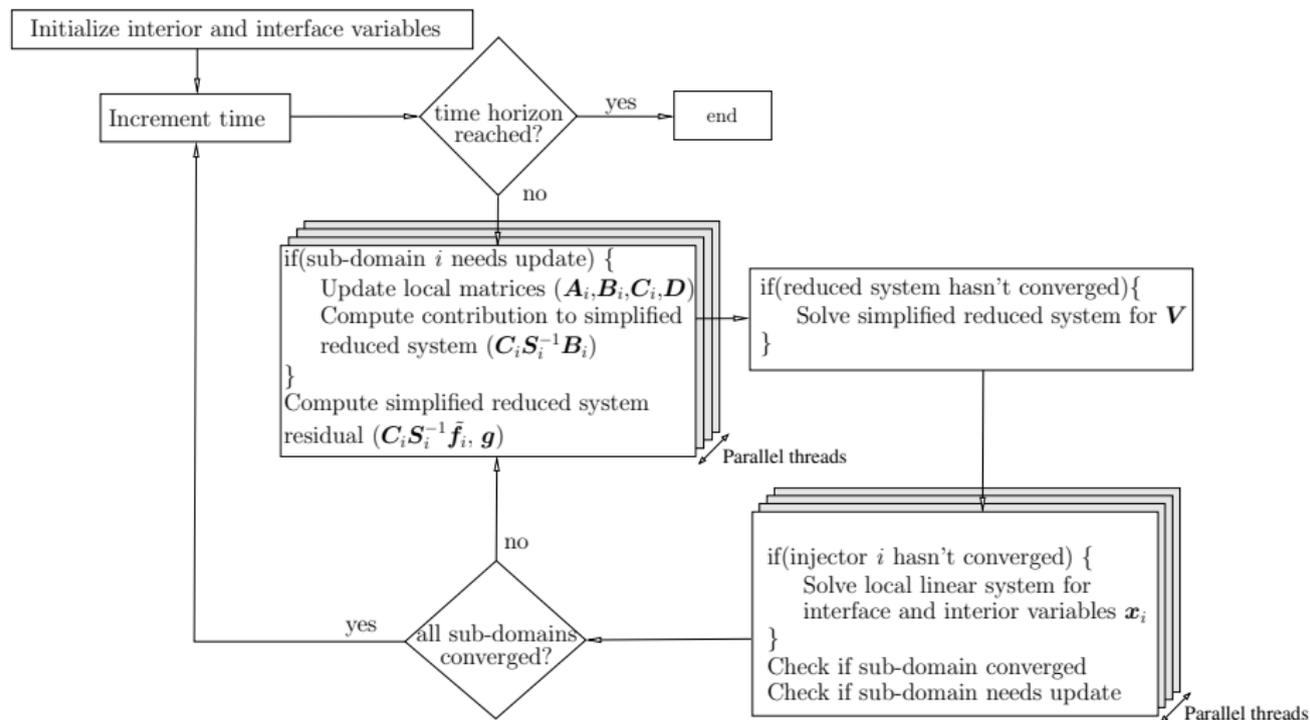
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# Solution Algorithm



# Implementation on RAMSES<sup>1</sup> platform

- General
  - Standard Fortran 95/2003
  - OpenMP shared-memory parallel programming API
  - HSL41 Sparse Linear Solver
  - BLAS-LAPACK (Intel MKL)
- Tested platforms
  - Intel/AMD, UMA/NUMA, 32/64 bit
  - Windows/Linux
  - Intel/GNU Fortran

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<sup>1</sup>“Relaxable Accuracy Multithreaded Simulator of Electric power Systems”

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Machine No	1.	2.	3.	4.
No of Cores	2	4	8	24
Speedup	2.9	3.3	4.1	4.5
Scalability	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.3

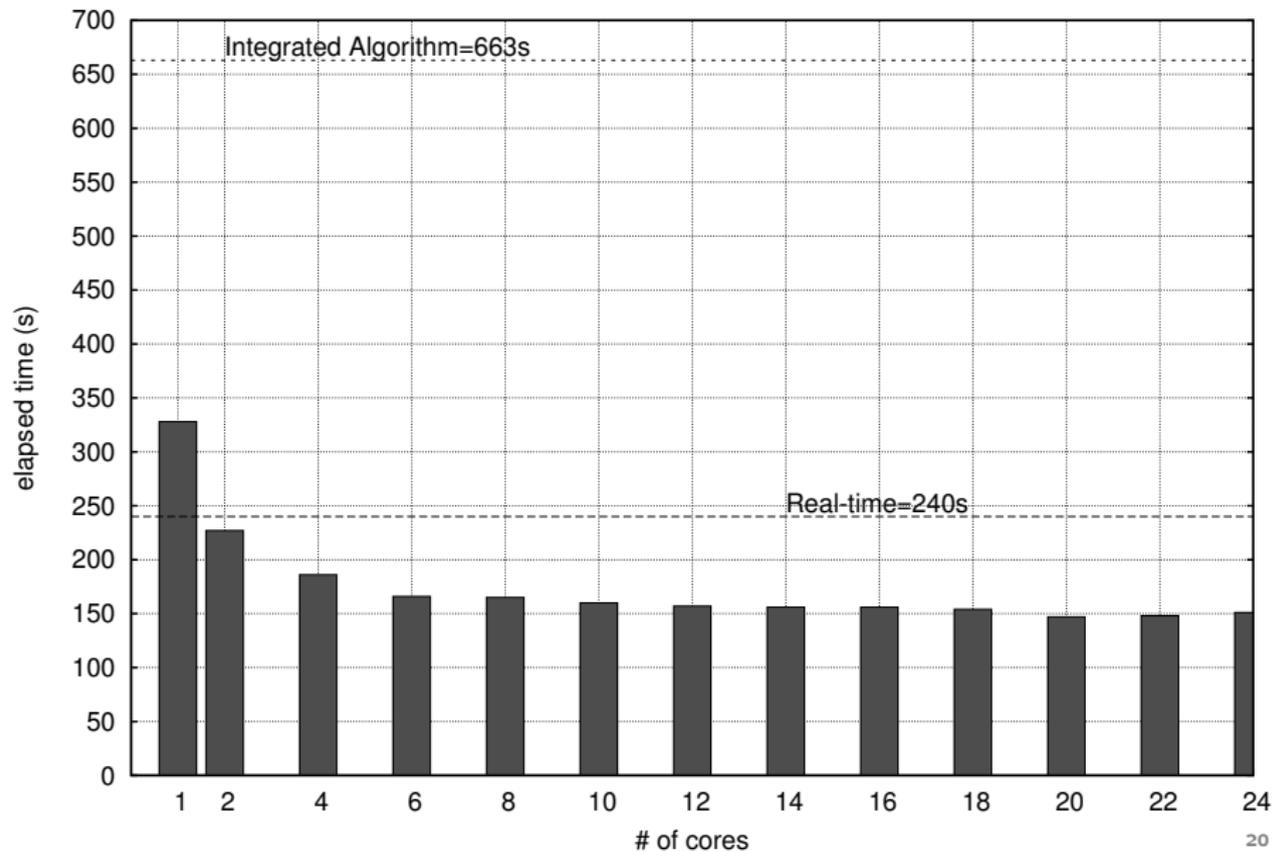
### Platforms

- 1 Intel Core2 Duo CPU T9400 @ 2.53GHz, 3.9GB, Microsoft Windows 7
- 2 Intel Core i7 CPU 2630QM @ 2.90GHz, 7.7GB, Microsoft Windows 7
- 3 Intel Xeon CPU L5420 @ 2.50GHz, 16GB, Scientific Linux 5
- 4 AMD Opteron Interlagos CPU 6238 @ 2.60GHz, 64GB, Debian Linux 6

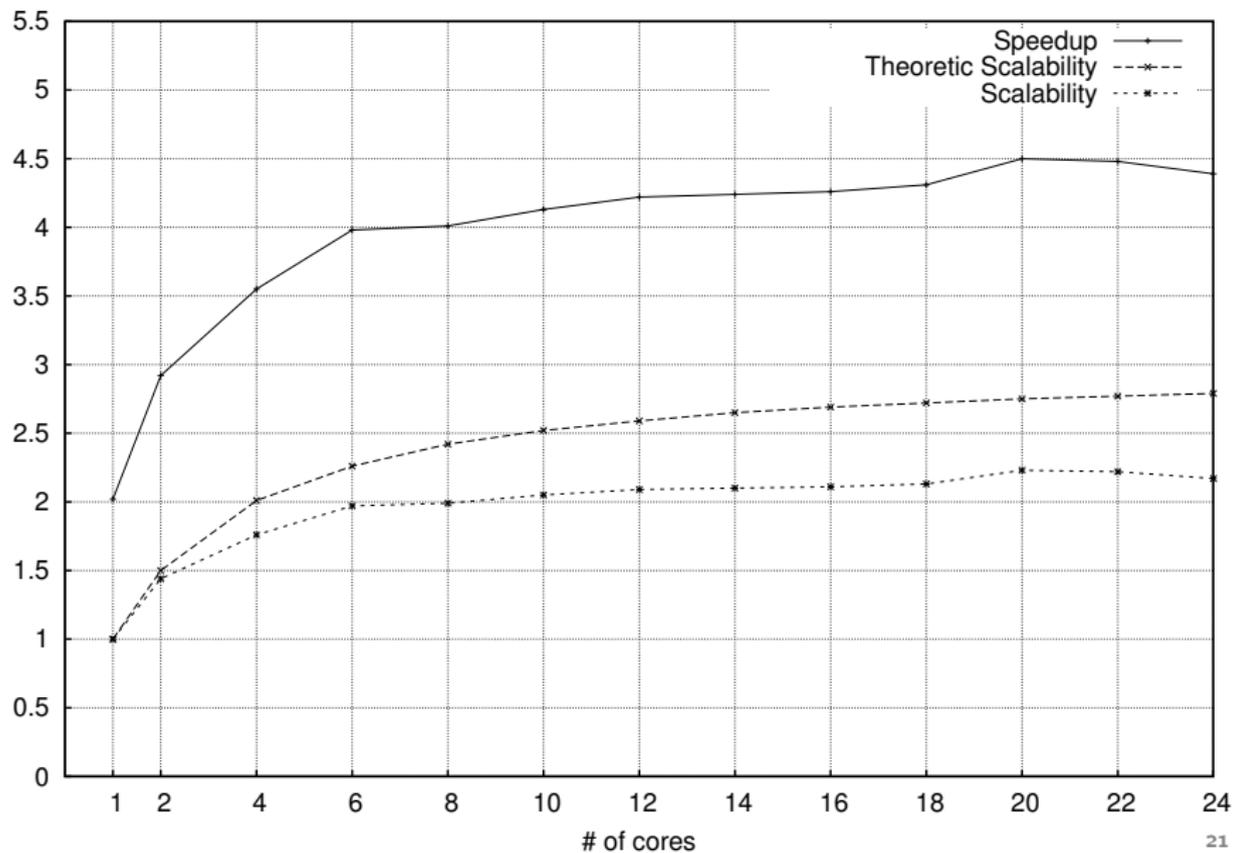
$$Speedup(M) = \frac{\text{time elapsed integrated algorithm (1 core)}}{\text{time elapsed parallel decomposed algorithm (M cores)}}$$

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# Results: Elapsed Time



# Results: Speedup and Scalability



## Results: Operations

### Integrated

Time steps	4833
Integrated Jacobian update	1373
Integrated Newton solutions	10975

### Decomposed

Time steps	4833
Global reduced system updates	32
Global reduced system solutions	8565
Local system updates *	40
Local system solutions *	5765

(\*) Average per injector sub-domain (N=10694 injector sub-domains)

# Conclusions

- Using a DDM for dynamic simulation of electric power systems allows the acceleration of the procedure
  - Numerically, by exploiting the locality of the sub-domain systems and avoiding the unnecessary computations (factorizations, evaluations, solutions)
  - Computationally, by exploiting the parallelization opportunities inherent to these methods
- The proposed domain decomposition algorithm
  - is accurate, DAE system is solved exactly, until global convergence, with no relaxation
  - is robust, applies to general power systems, for a great variety of disturbances without dependency on the exact decomposition
  - exhibits high convergence rate, each sub-problem is solved using a VDHN method with updated and accurate interface values during the whole procedure, convergence does not depend on number of sub-domains

# Conclusions

- The implementation
  - is portable, as it can be executed on any platforms supporting the OpenMP API and a standard Fortran compiler
  - can handle general power systems, as no hand-crafted, system specific, optimizations were used
  - exhibits good sequential and parallel performance on a wide range of shared-memory, multi-core computers

The end

Thank you!