

Efficient Handling of Multiple Sources in Domain Decomposition Methods for Full Waveform Inversion

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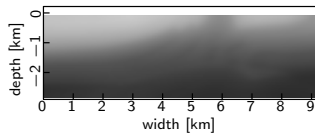
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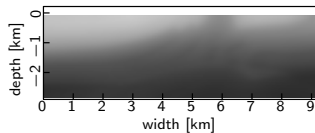
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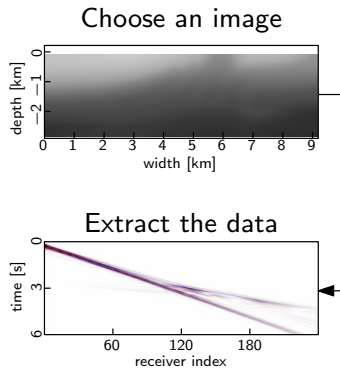
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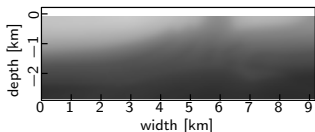
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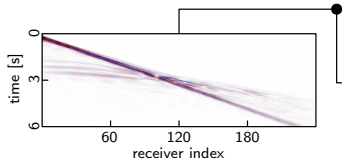
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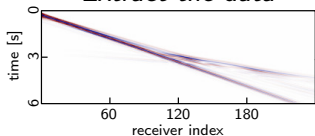
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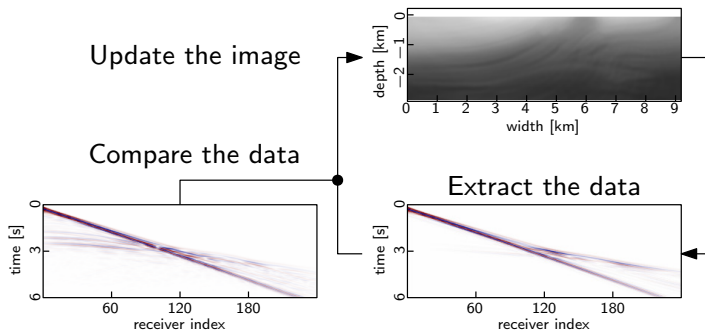


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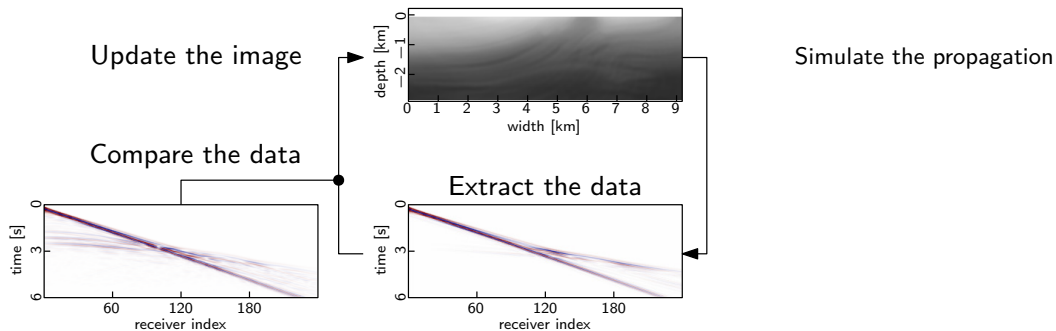
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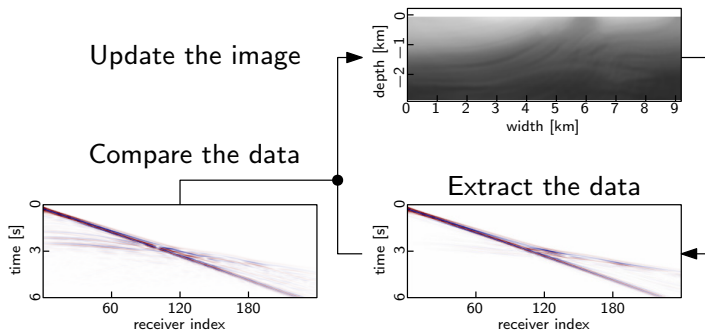
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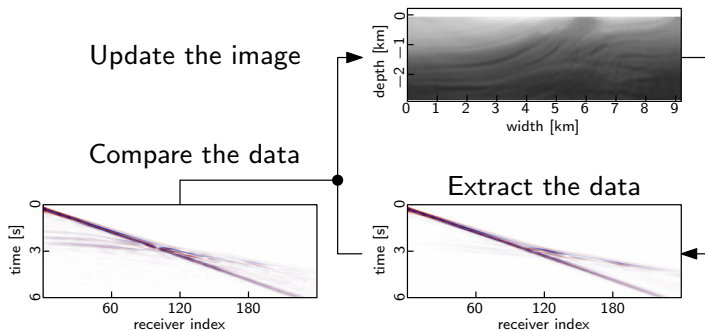
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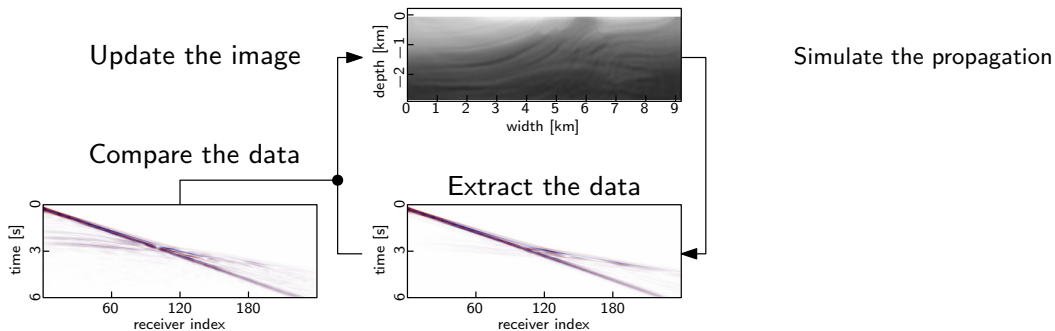
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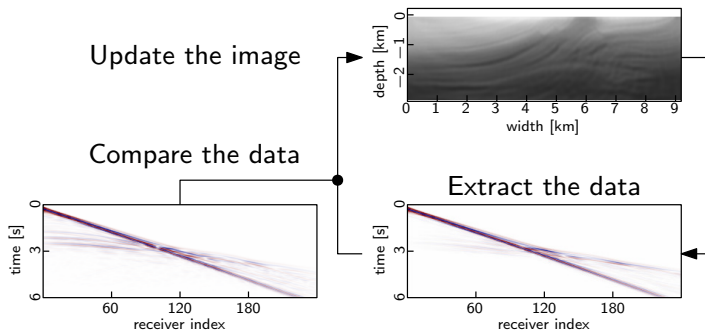
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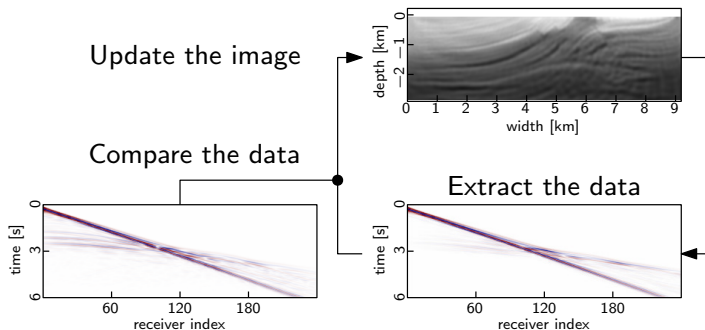
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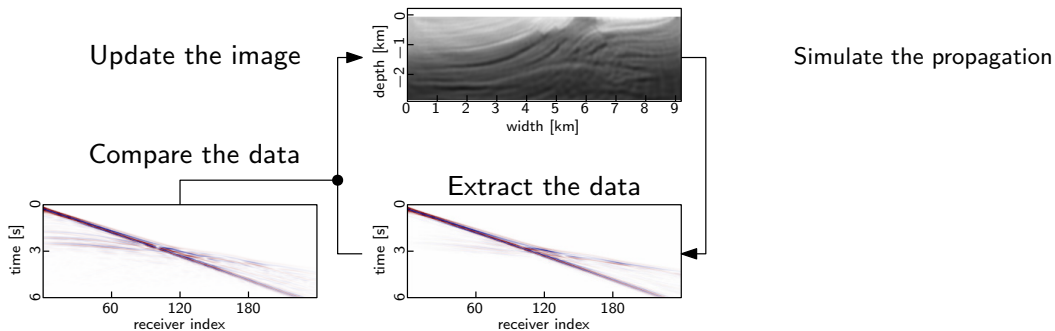
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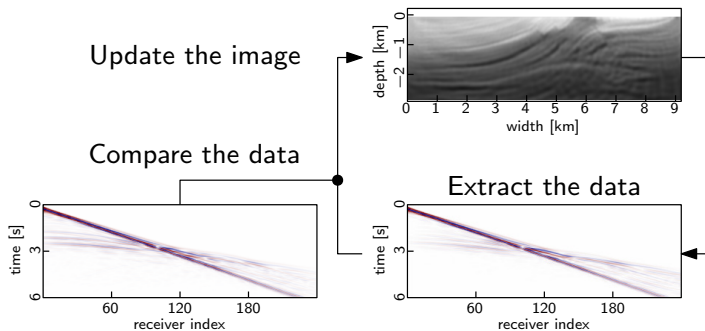
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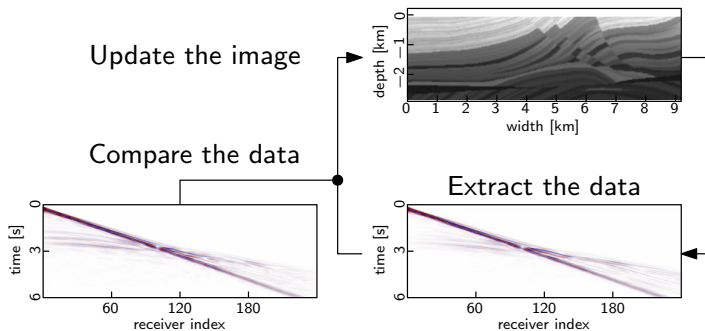
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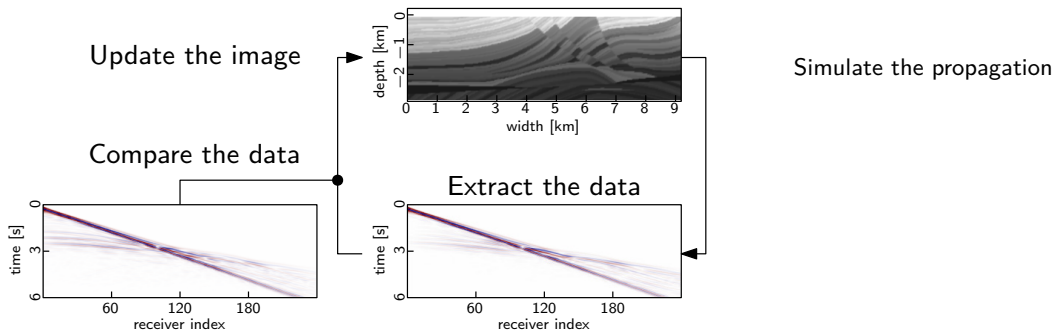
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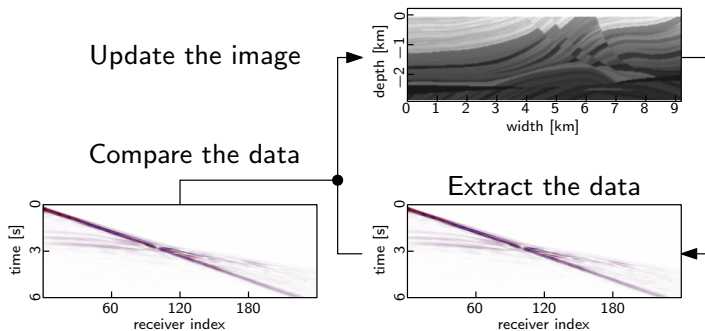
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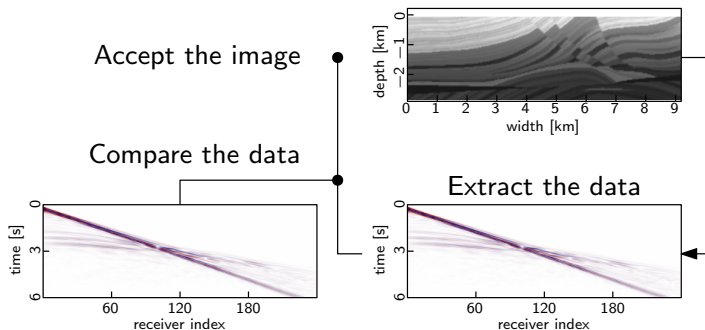
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[Adriaens et al. 2023]

This is FWI in the time domain: we will use it in the **frequency domain**, solving the Helmholtz equation instead of the wave equation

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Main cost: solve $A(m)u = f$ for different f and m

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With Domain Decomposition Methods (DDM) we can either:

- Build a preconditioner made of local solves (e.g. ORAS)
- Solve an **interface problem** to glue local solutions together (e.g. OSM)

Which one to use for FWI?

Model problem: Helmholtz equation

We focus on the Helmholtz equation, but generalizations to other PDEs (Maxwell, elastodynamics) are natural. Using Fourier transform with $e^{-i\omega t}$ time dependence, we get:

Helmholtz equation

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u - k^2 u = f & \text{in } \Omega_i, & \text{(Helmholtz equation)} \\ (\partial_{\mathbf{n}} u - iku) = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma^\infty & \text{(radiation condition)} \end{cases}$$

with $k = \frac{\omega}{c(x)}$ the wave number, complex-valued in presence of damping.

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Introduce the interface coupling on Σ_{ij}

$$g_{ij} = -g_{ji} + 2\mathcal{S} u_j := \mathcal{T}_{ji} g_{ji} + b_{ji}$$

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Properties of the interface problem:

- Significantly smaller number of unknowns than the volume problem
- Eigenvalues are in the unit ball centered on 1 for “good” \mathcal{S}
- One matrix-vector product involves solving each subproblem once

Solving the subproblems using a sparse direct solver is the most computationally expensive part

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Then, we solve with GMRES (or related) the linear system $M_{\text{ORAS}}^{-1} A u = M_{\text{ORAS}}^{-1} f$.

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The relative cost of each part depends on the operators, the problem size and the iteration count.

- The orthogonalization cost is higher in ORAS than in OSM, because the search space is larger.
- Subdomain solves are more expensive in ORAS because of the overlap.
- Overlap should help convergence.

When many sources are involved, the matrix assembly and factorization costs are amortized over many right-hand sides. The additional cost per source is then only the cost of the GMRES iterations.

Is applying naively GMRES to each source the best strategy?

Block GMRES for multiple right hand sides

Let p be the number of sources and m a number of iterations.

For each source b_p , we build an orthonormal basis of $K^m(M^{-1}A, b_p)$, whose cost is $(O)m^2$.

The total cost is thus $O(pm^2)$.

Then, x_p is sought in the p -th space. Why not share information between the sources?

GMRES allows us to search for x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p in the direct sum of the p subspaces, a large space of size pm .

- The cost of the orthogonalization is $O(p^2m^2)$.
- The approximation at iteration m is the best approximation in the pm -dimensional space.
- How much the convergence improves is problem-dependent.

Can BGMRES reduce the iteration count enough to mitigate the higher orthogonalization cost?

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Our hypothesis at first:

- Convergence impact should be similar in both cases. (Similar physical intuition)
- Block should be significantly cheaper with non-overlapping methods.
- Without blocks, we expect ORAS to be faster, but with blocks and enough sources, OSM could become faster.

How much smaller is the reduced problem ?

It depends on the surface/volume ratio of the subdomains. Typically, it will be 5 to 10 times smaller (for subdomains of around 100k DOFs).

We try to solve the Helmholtz equation in a 3D box ($13.5 \text{ km} \times 13.5 \text{ km} \times 4.18 \text{ km}$), with 64 sources on top of it. (8×8 array on a plane)

We use:

- Either ORAS or OSM.
- Either GMRES or BGMRES.
- A cartesian partition of the domain into boxes.
- Tetrahedral elements with P2 or P3 basis functions.

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Hardware: One node of Lemaitre4 (CÉCI cluster at UC Louvain), 2x AMD EPYC 9534 64-Core CPUs, 766 GB of RAM. We use 64 processes with 2 threads.

Software: Gmsh + GmshFEM + GmshDDM + PETSc with HPDDM (for multi-RHS GMRES and BGMRES).

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- Blocks are **not** 64 times more expensive in the orthogonalization (higher arithmetic intensity etc.)
- Substructured methods are 5 times faster in the orthogonalization, because the problem is 5 times smaller.
- Optimized assembly needed of OSM needed in the future.

Intermediate conclusions

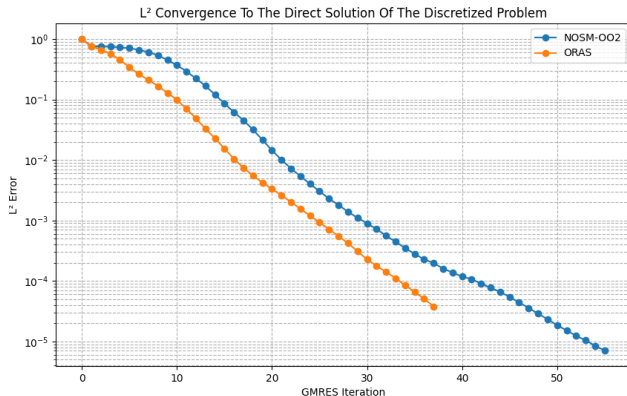
- ✓ Substructuring efficiently reduces the cost of orthogonalization.
- ✓ Block methods are affordable (in time) on real hardware¹, especially with substructured methods.
 - Impact on convergence?
 - Global conclusion on what approach to use?
 - Not taken into account: lower memory cost of non-overlapping methods.

¹With a Cholesky QR, BGMRES doesn't require more synchronizations than GMRES

Convergence of ORAS and OSM for 1 RHS

ORAS and OSM minimize different residuals: what metric to use for comparing accuracy?

We use the L^2 error on the solution from a direct solver. We set a tolerance of 10^{-6} for the ORAS preconditioned residual and 10^{-4} for the OSM residual.



L^2 -convergence of ORAS and OSM for a homogeneous medium and the prescribed tolerances.

Convergence of ORAS and OSM for 64 RHSs

How fast can we solve the 64 RHSs with and without block?

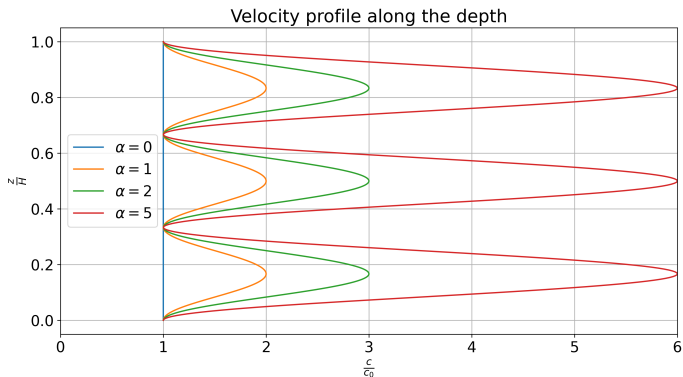
The cost of blocks depends on the problem size and partitioning, **but the convergence impact depends heavily on the problem.** Let's try with a medium with a parametric heterogeneity.

Effectiveness on heterogeneous media

Toy problem: oscillating velocity along the z-axis ($c_0 = 2000$ m/s).

$$c(x, y, z) = c_0 \left(1 + \alpha \sin^2\left(3\pi \frac{z}{H}\right) \right), \quad 0 < z < H.$$

We compare the 4 approaches for various values of α , including 0 (homogeneous).



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0.5	35 (32)	18 (20)	49 (18)	39 (18)
1	40 (35)	17 (19)	59 (22)	42 (19)
2	47 (40)	17 (19)	98 (34)	48 (21)
5	66 (57)	16 (17)	> 200	59 (25)
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5	66 (57)	16 (17)	> 200	59 (25)
10	57 (49)	16 (18)	> 300	75 (32)

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- Under-resolved mesh, probably with some pollution.
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0	34 (241)	27 (229)	45 (109)	41 (111)
0.5	38 (270)	29 (247)	51 (118)	45 (121)
1	39 (257)	30 (267)	54 (126)	47 (125)
2	45 (307)	28 (240)	65 (150)	51 (133)
5	48 (332)	17 (161)	75 (168)	54 (138)
10	16 (167)	12 (124)	97 (210)	54 (140)

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Intermediate approach: BGMRES or BGCRODR (subspace recycling) on smaller blocks.

Conclusion

We compared two domain decomposition methods for solving the Helmholtz equation, ORAS and OSM.

For both approaches, we assessed the relevance of using BGMRES instead of GMRES.

- ✓ Substructuring efficiently reduces the cost of orthogonalization.
- ✓ Block methods sometimes have a significant boost on convergence, especially in highly heterogeneous media.
- × The best method is heavily problem-dependent.
- × Optimized implementation needed for a fair benchmarking.

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Thanks for your attention

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How much smaller is the reduced problem ?

It depends on the surface/volume ratio of the subdomains. Rule of thumb: for a cube of size n , the surface is $6n^2$ and the volume is n^3 .

Surface to volume ratio is then $6/n$.

For domains around 50k to 100k DOFs, **the reduction factor is typically between 5 and 10.**

(In 2D, the reduction factor can go beyond 100!)

Neglected aspects

- For ORAS: Sparse matrix-vector product. (Cheap and efficiently implemented in PETSc)
- OSM: assembly of the interface problem. Very expensive in our implementation but easily optimized: replace the assembly by an explicit sparse matrix-vector product.
- We have not considered variable overlap sizes.
- Optimized transmission conditions for ORAS were not used, for simplicity.