

# Fast and Accurate Simulation of Close-to-Touching Discs in 2D Stokes Flow

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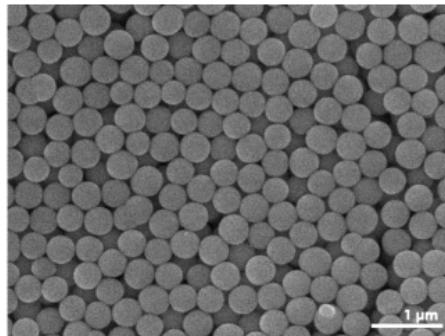


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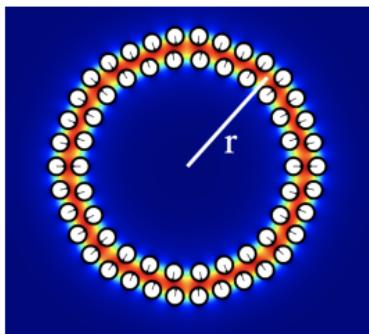
# Particulate Flows

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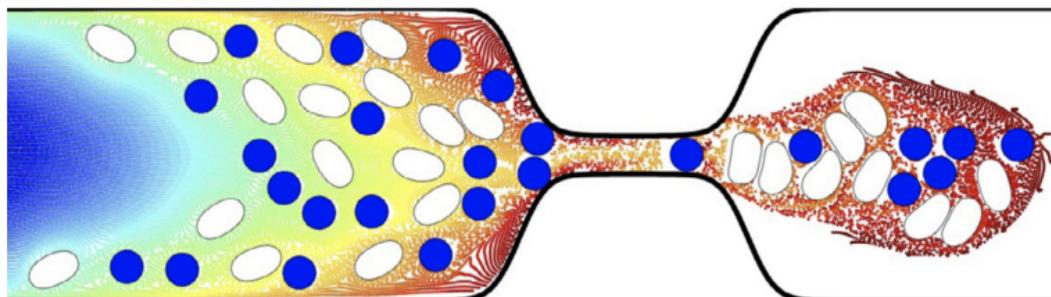
- Colloidal suspensions, emulsions
- Cellular biology, complex fluids
- Janus particles, clustering, self-assembly



Source: Wikipedia



Fu, Quaife, Ryham, Young (2021)



Lu, Rahimian, Zorin (JCP 2017)

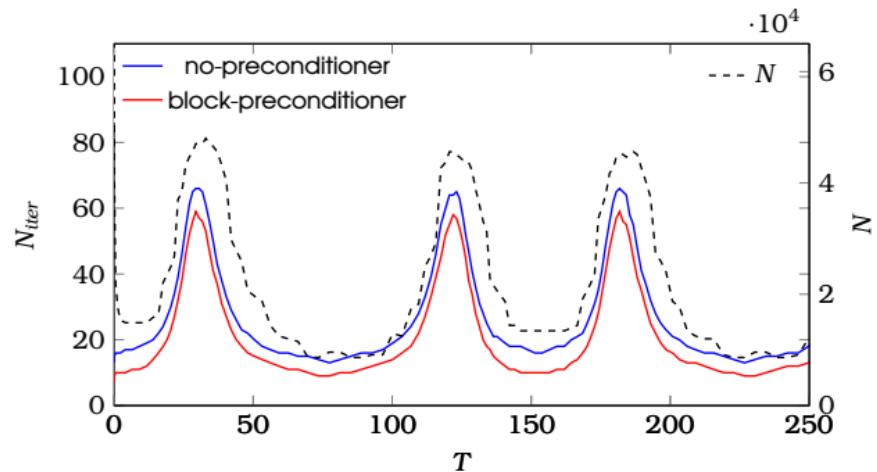
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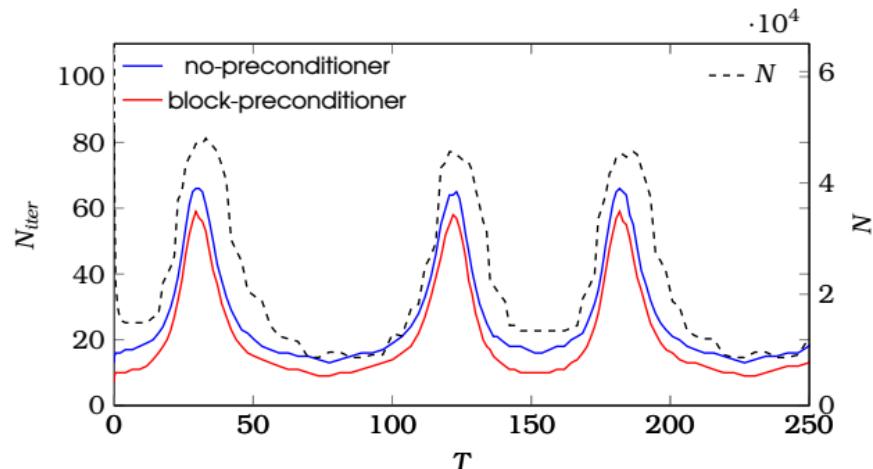
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**Close interactions:**

$\sim 5 \times$  **more unknowns**,

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$\sim 5 \times$  **smaller  $\Delta T$**

$> 100 \times$  **slower!**

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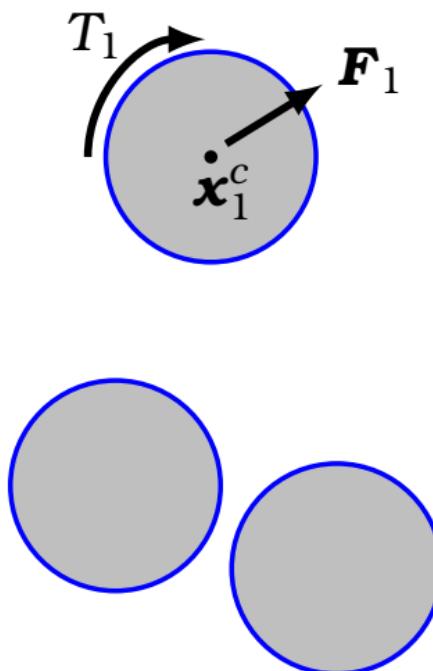
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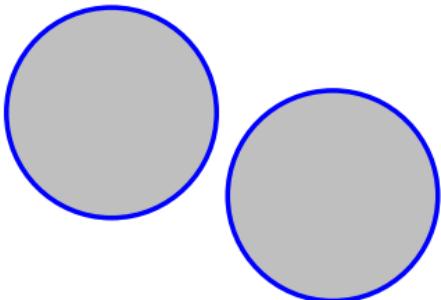
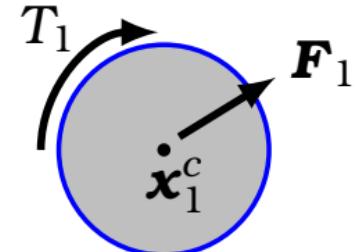
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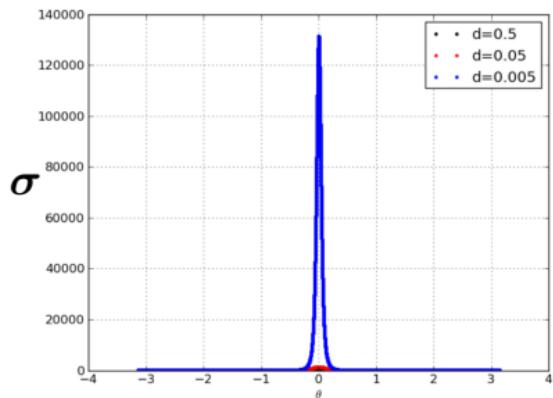
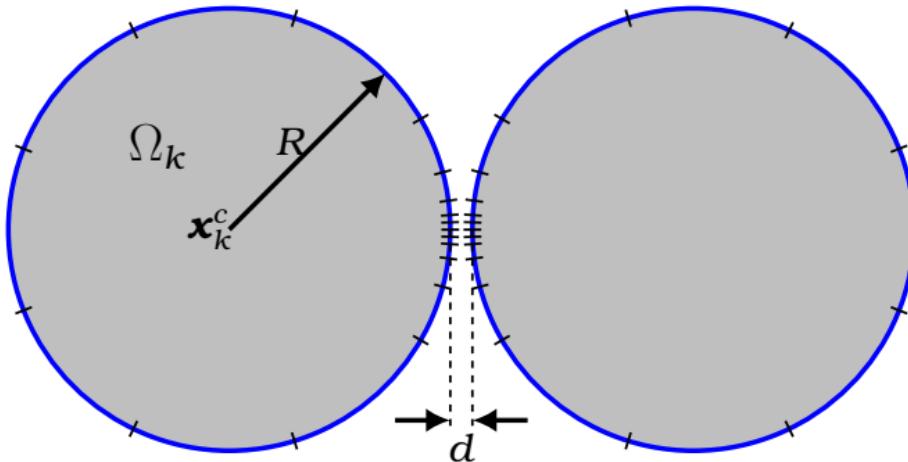
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$$(I/2 + D) \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^{6n} \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{u}_s - S \boldsymbol{\nu}$$

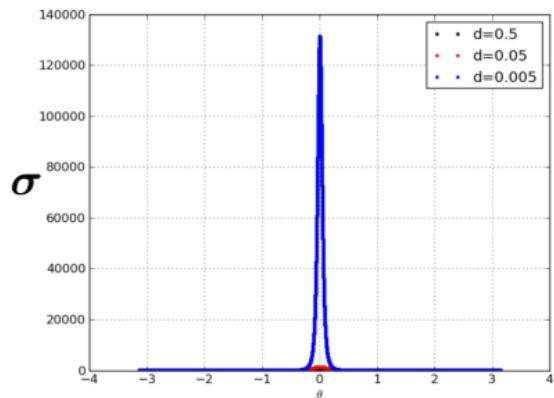
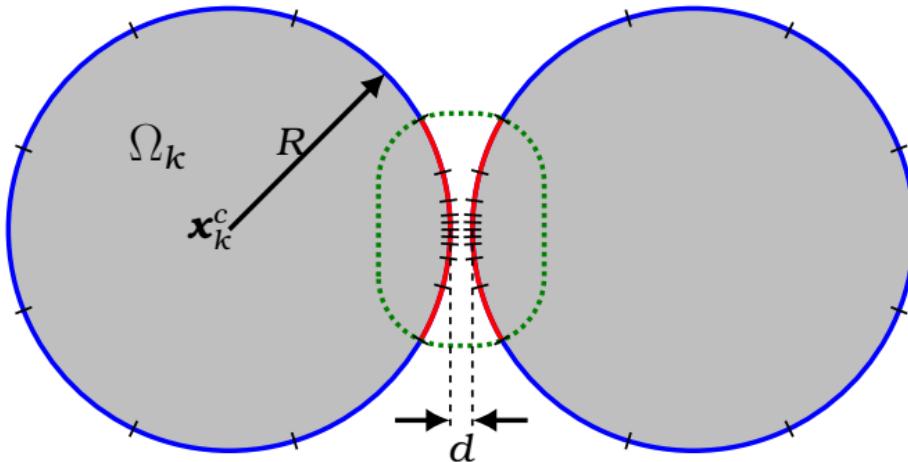
*(Pozrikidis - Boundary Integral and Singularity Methods for Linearized Viscous Flow)*

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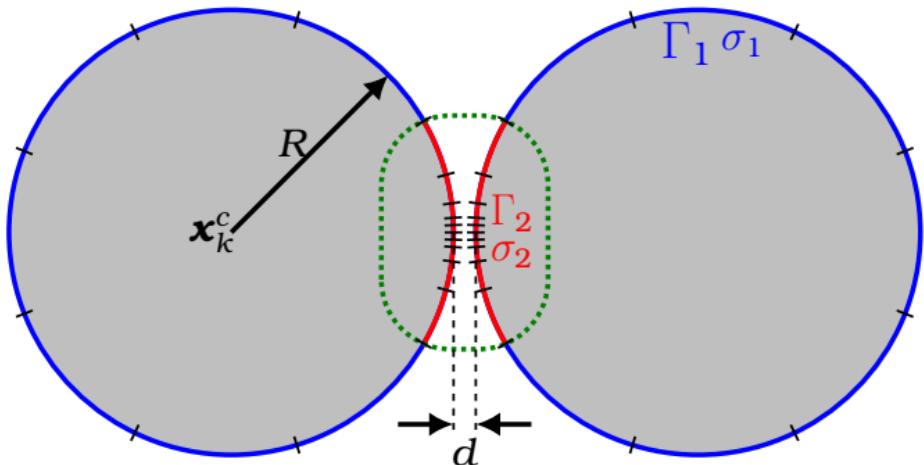
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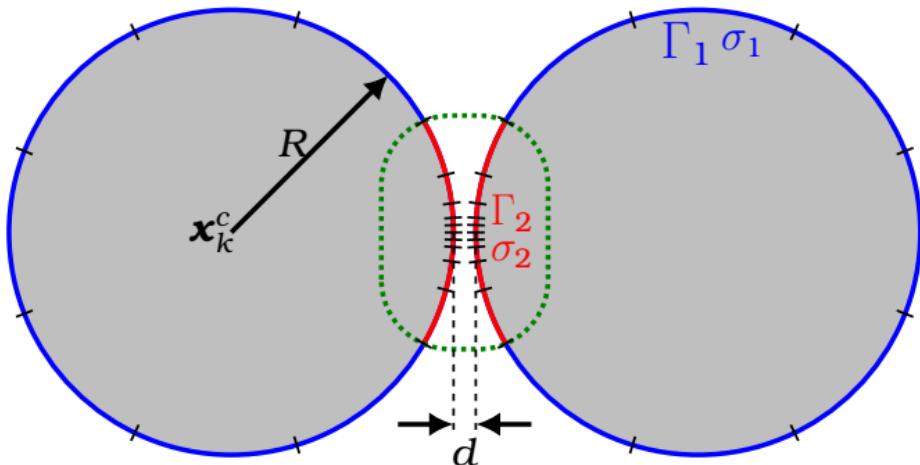
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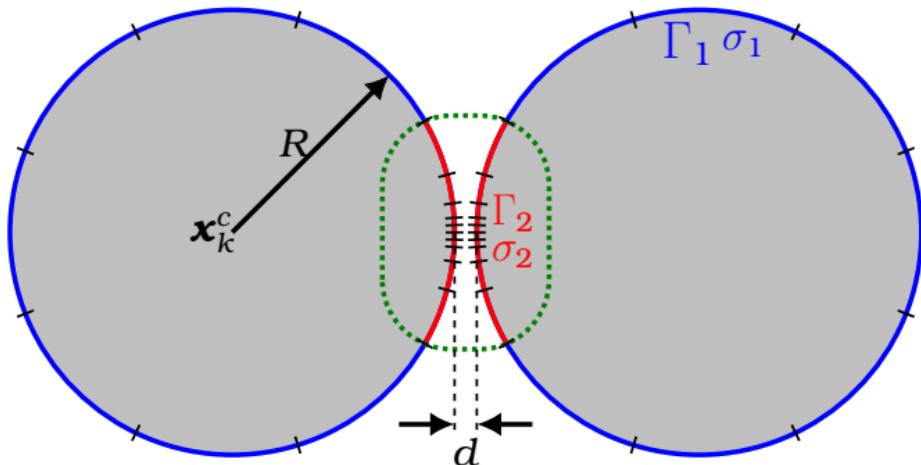
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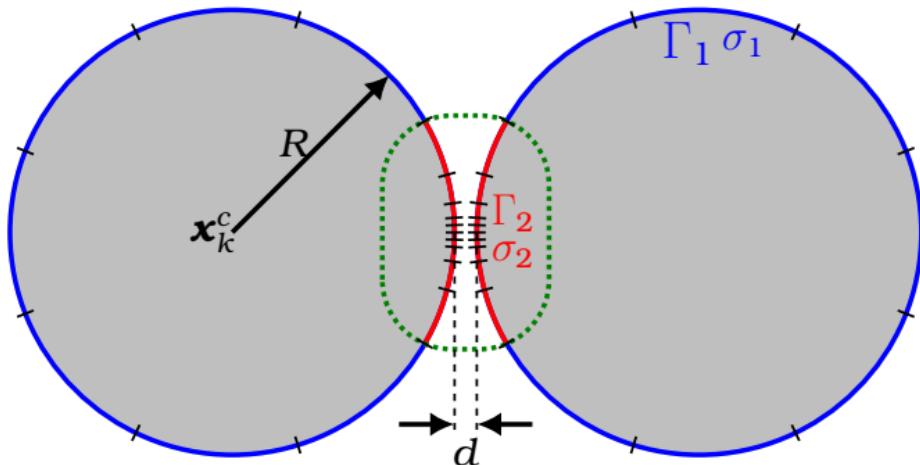
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$$\begin{pmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12}^c R \\ K_{21}^c & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \bar{\sigma}_2^c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2^c \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $R = W_c^{-1}P^T W_f K_{22}^{-1} P$ .

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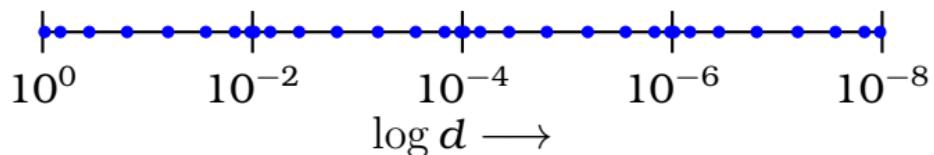
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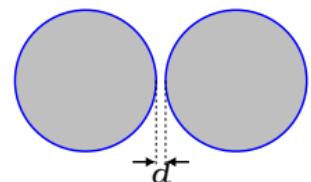
**Interpolating  $R_d$ :** Interpolated Compressed Inverse Preconditioning (ICIP)

$$R_{ij}(d) = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \alpha_k T_k(\log d)$$



Interpolation cost:  $\mathcal{O}(q^2 p)$  [  $\mathcal{O}(q^4 p)$  in 3D ]

# Convergence Results



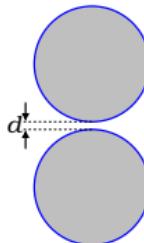
Errors (Stokes mobility with 2 discs):

d	Discretization	Interpolating $R_d$			
		p = 8	p = 16	p = 24	p = 32
1e-1	7.6e-15	1.0e-4	2.9e-07	2.1e-09	9.1e-12
1e-3	4.4e-13	3.4e-5	5.6e-10	4.8e-14	
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p: interpolation order

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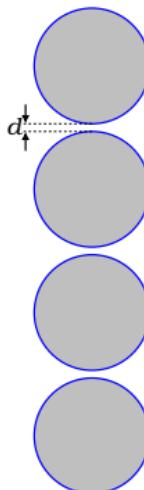
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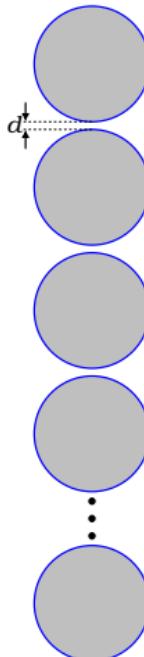
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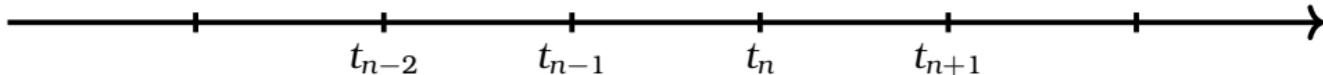
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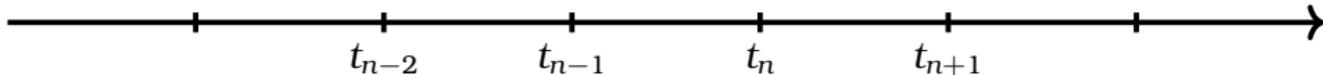
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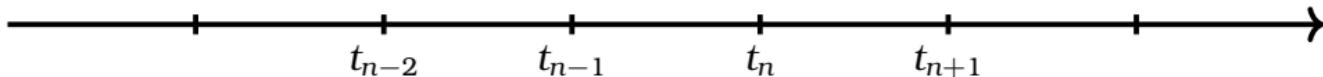
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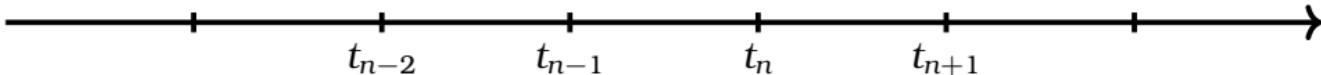
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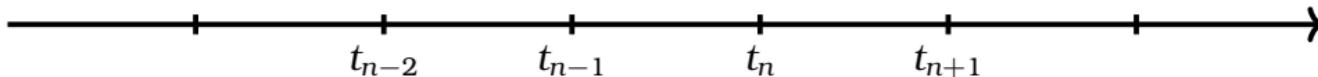
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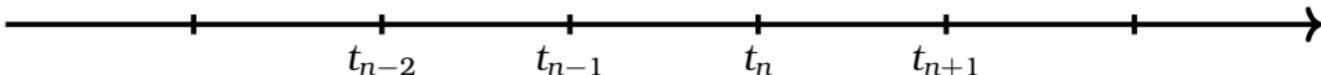


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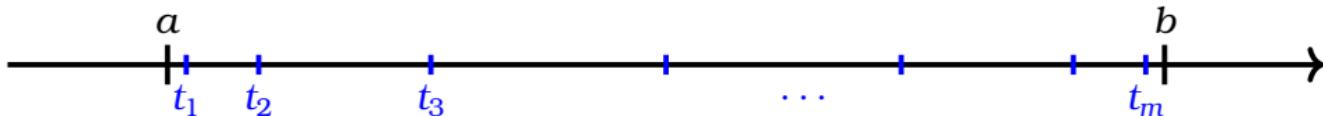
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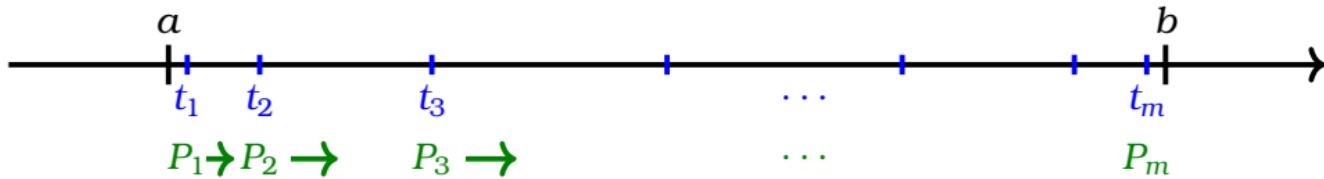
Similar to  
**subspace deflation**

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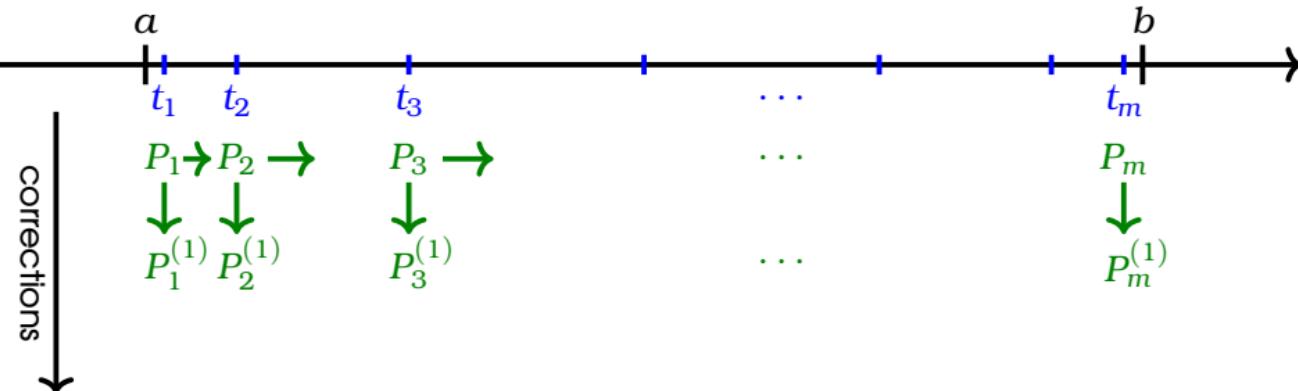
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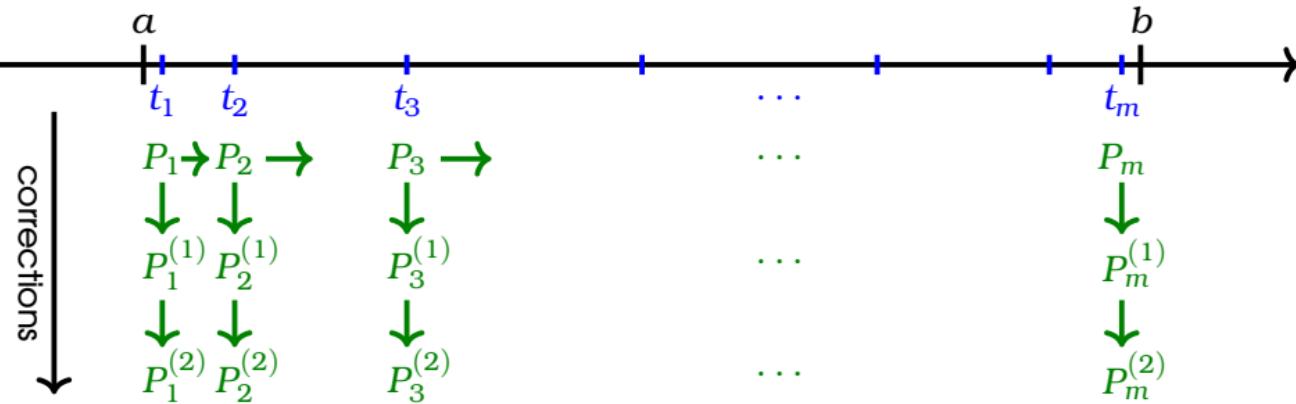
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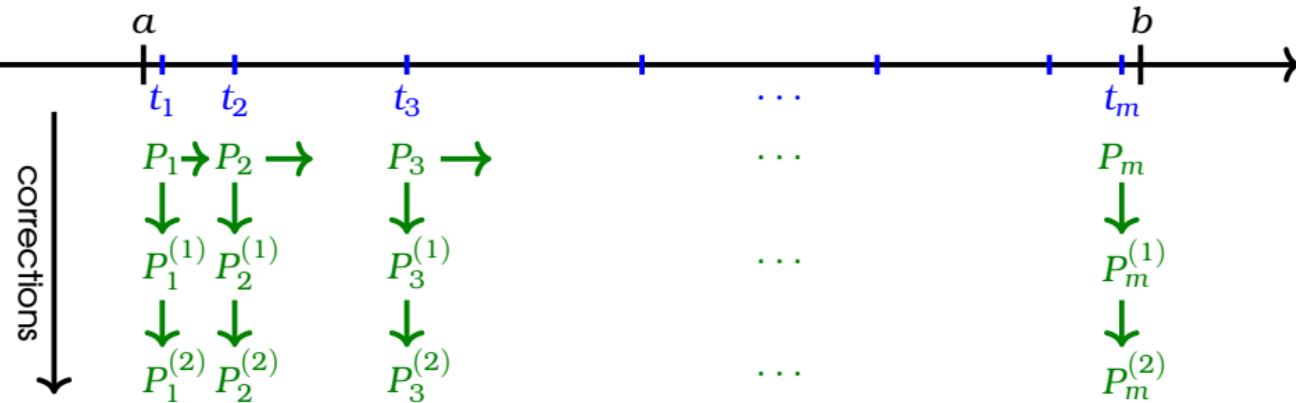
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Average iterations per GMRES solve: 30 (130 without Krylov preconditioner)



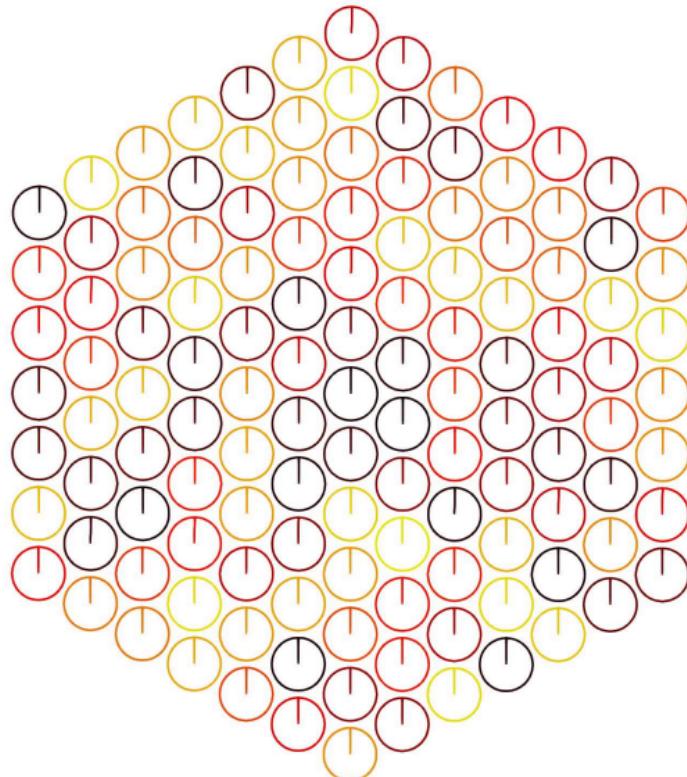
**32 discs (36K unknowns),**

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# Numerical Results - Sedimentation Flow



**200K unknowns**

127 discs.

**Minimum distance: 1e-4**

**10-th order adaptive SDC**

**5-digits accuracy** in quadratures,  
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# Conclusions

- Interpolated Compressed Inverse Preconditioning (ICIP)
  - fast pairwise preconditioner using interpolation of precomputed compressed interaction operators.
- Krylov subspace preconditioner
  - precondition using Krylov subspace constructed during the previous time steps.
  - accelerate time-stepping, particularly Picard iterations in spectral deferred correction.

## Ongoing work:

- Flows in confined geometries.
- Extension to spheres in 3D.

## Limitations:

- Restricted to simple geometries (disks, flat planes)