

A POWERFUL SOFTWARE FOR APPLYING MASSIVELY PARALLELIZED SUPERCOMPUTERS TO THE MODELING OF GEOPHYSICAL SYSTEMS

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SUMMARY

The basic models of mathematical geophysics are systems of partial differential equations whose solution methods require the use of the most powerful hardware available. Today, the most powerful computers are parallel computers. The main difficulties for applying such computers to the solution of partial differential equations are associated with the coordination of the many processors that carry out the different tasks and the information-transmission between them. At present, the most effective procedures for overcoming such difficulties are non-overlapping domain decomposition methods [1]. However, the application of such methods is case-specific to a large extent. Recently, Herrera and coworkers [2-11] have developed a novel methodology, the *derived-vector-space domain decomposition method (DVS-DDM)*, which allows the construction of software that achieves higher degrees of parallelization (measured by its speed-up) and furthermore is case-independent. Whenever a conventional solver is available at each one of the processors that constitute the parallel hardware, application of the case-independent DVS-software yields a code that solves the overall problem in parallel. In this talk a general description of the DVS-software is given and its underpinnings explained.

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