

Advanced Analysis, Sensitivity, and Optimization Capabilities in the Trilinos Collection

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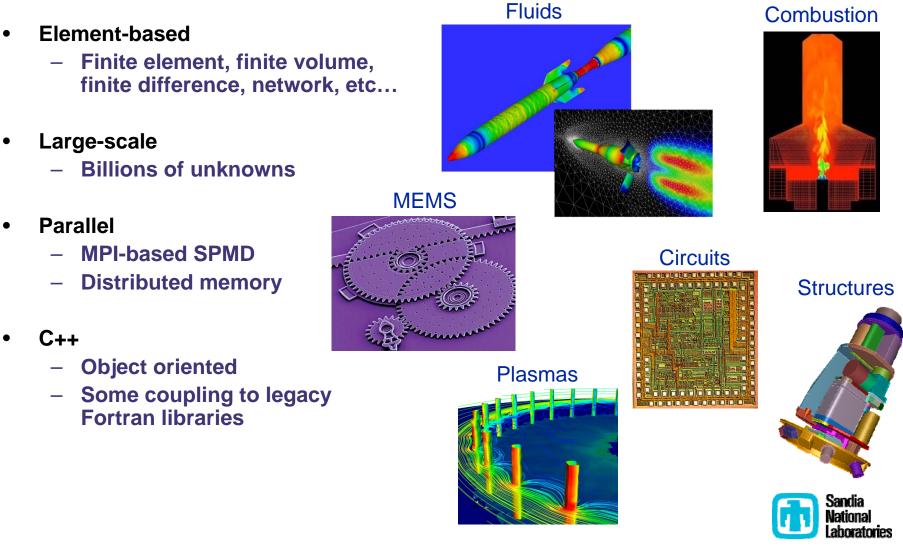


Overview of Trilinos





Sandia Physics Simulation Codes





- Sandia does LOTS of solver work.
- 11 years ago ...
 - Aztec was a mature package. Used in many codes.
 - FETI, PETSc, DSCPack, Spooles, ARPACK, DASPK, and many other codes were (and are) in use.
 - New projects were underway or planned in multi-level preconditioners, eigensolvers, non-linear solvers, etc...
- The challenges:
 - Little or no coordination was in place to:
 - Efficiently reuse existing solver technology.
 - Leverage new development across various projects.
 - Support solver software processes.
 - Provide consistent solver APIs for applications.
 - ASCI was forming software quality assurance/engineering (SQA/SQE) requirements:
 - Daunting requirements for any single solver effort to address alone.





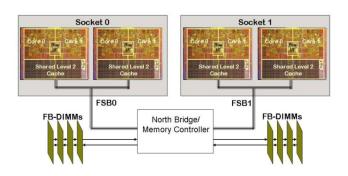
- Trilinos¹ is an evolving framework to address these challenges:
 - Follow a **TOOLKIT** approach.
 - Fundamental atomic unit is a *package*.
 - Includes core set of vector, graph and matrix classes (Epetra/Tpetra packages).
 - Provides a common abstract solver API (Thyra package).
 - Provides a ready-made package infrastructure (new_package package):
 - Source code management (cvs, bonsai => Moving to git).
 - Build tools (CMake [New]).
 - Automated regression testing (CTest/CDash [New]).
 - Communication tools (mailman mail lists).
 - Specifies requirements and suggested practices for package SQA.
- In general allows us to categorize efforts:
 - Efforts best done at the Trilinos framework level (useful to most or all packages).
 - Efforts best done at a package level (peculiar or important to a package).
 - Allows package developers to focus only on things that are unique to their package.

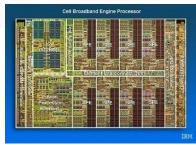




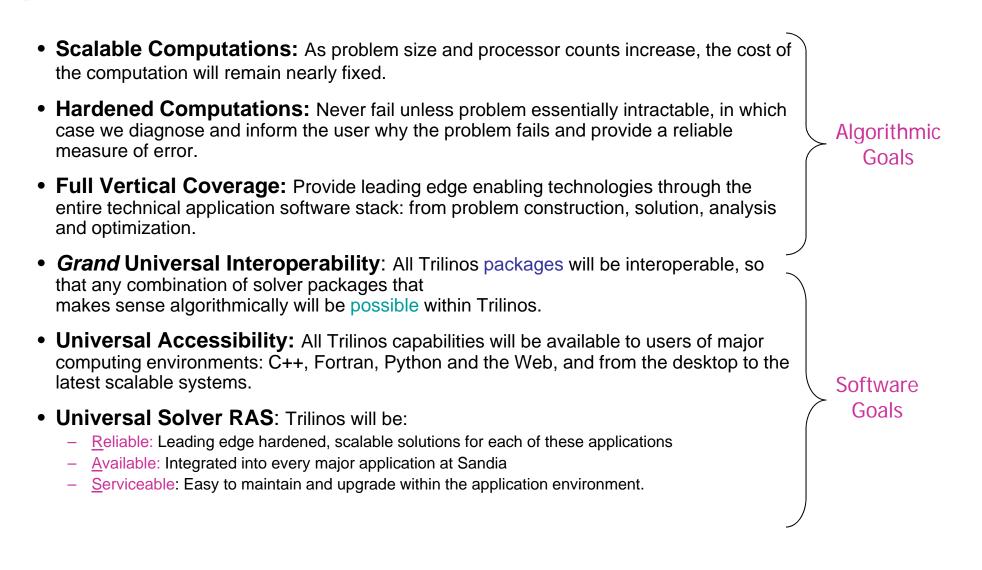
Target Platforms: Any and All

- Desktop: Development and more...
 - Native MS Windows (Visual C++, CMake)
 - Native MAC (XCode, CMake)
- Capability machines:
 - Redstorm (XT3), Clusters
 - Roadrunner (Cell-based).
 - Multicore nodes.
- Parallel software environments:
 - MPI of course.
 - UPC, CAF, threads, vectors,...
 - Combinations of the above.
- User "skins":
 - C++/C, Python
 - Fortran
 - Web, CCA













Trilinos Package Summary

	Objective	Package(s)										
	Meshing & Spatial Discretizations	phdMesh, Intrepid, Phalanx, Shards, Pamgen, Sundance, FEI										
Discretizations	Time Integration	Rythmos										
	Automatic Differentiation	Sacado										
Methods	Mortar Methods	Moertel										
	Linear algebra objects	Epetra, Jpetra, Tpetra										
	Abstract interfaces	Thyra, Stratimikos, RTOp										
Core	Load Balancing	Zoltan, Isorropia										
	"Skins"	PyTrilinos, WebTrilinos, Star-P, ForTrilinos, CTrilinos										
	C++ utilities, I/O, thread API	Teuchos, EpetraExt, Kokkos, Triutils, TPI										
	Iterative (Krylov) linear solvers	AztecOO, Belos, Komplex										
	Direct sparse linear solvers	Amesos										
	Direct dense linear solvers	Epetra, Teuchos, Pliris										
	Iterative eigenvalue solvers	Anasazi										
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Solvers	Multilevel preconditioners	ML, CLAPS										
	Block preconditioners	Meros										
	Nonlinear system solvers	NOX, LOCA										
	Optimization	MOOCHO, Aristos, GlobiPack, OptiPack, TriKota										
	Stochastic PDEs	Stokhos										





Automatic Intra-Package Dependency Handling

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(Partial) List of People Who Have Developed Trilinos

Developer of Anasazi, RBGen, Tpetra

Ross Bartlett Lead Developer of Thyra, Stratimikos and MOOCHO Developer of Rythmos, Teuchos

Pavel Bochev Project Lead and Developer of Intrepid

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Eric Boman Lead Developer of Isorropia Developer of Zoltan

Todd Coffey Lead Developer of Rythmos

David Day Developer of Komplex and Intrepid

Karen Devine Lead Developer of Zoltan

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Jonathan Hu Developer of ML

Sarah Knepper Developer of Komplex

Tammy Kolda Lead Developer of NOX

Joe Kotulski Lead Developer of Pliris

Rich Lehoucq Developer of Anasazi and Belos

Kevin Long Lead Developer of Thyra, Sundance Developer of Teuchos

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Andrew Salinger Lead Developer of LOCA

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Ken Stanley Lead Developer of Amesos and New_Package

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Ray Tuminaro Lead Developer of ML and Meros

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Alan Williams Lead Developer of Isorropia Developer of Epetra, EpetraExt, AztecOO, Tpetra





Overview of Nonlinear Analysis, Sensitivity and Optimization Capabilities





Trilinos Packages

 \bigcirc Nonlinear Problems: Given nonlinear operator $f(x,p) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} \to \mathbb{R}^n$

- [∞] Nonlinear equations: Solve f(x) = 0 for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Stability analysis: For f(x, p) = 0 find space $p \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ is singular

LOCA

NOX

⑦ Transient Nonlinear Problems:

 \odot DAEs/ODEsSolve $f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), t) = 0, t \in [0, T], x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = x'_0$ \odot ODE/DAE Sensitivities ...for $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$ Rythmos

⑦ Optimization Problems:

O Unconstrained:	Find $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that minimizes $g(p)$	
⑦ Constrained:	Find $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that: minimizes $g(x,p)$	MOOCHO
	such that $f(x,p) = 0$	Sar Nati

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Optimization Unconstrained: Constrained:	Find $u \in \Re^n$ that minimizes $g(u)$ Find $x \in \Re^m$ and $u \in \Re^n$ that minimizes $g(x, u)$ s.t. $f(x, u) = 0$		acado)	моосно
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Linear Problems Linear Equations: Eigen Problems:	Given Linear Ops (Matrices) $A, B \in \Re^{m \times n}$ Solve $Ax = b$ for $x \in \Re^n$ Solve $A\nu = \lambda B\nu$ for (all) $\nu \in \Re^n$, $\lambda \in$		(Automati	AztecOO Belos Ifpack, ML, etc Anasazi
Distributed Linear Algebra Matrix/Graph Equations Vector Problems:	Compute $y = Ax; A = A(G); A \in \Re^{m \times n}, G \in$ Compute $y = \alpha x + \beta w; \alpha = \langle x, y \rangle; x, y \in \Re^n$		imes n	Epetra Tpetra





Suite of time integration (discretization) methods

- Includes: backward Euler, forward Euler, explicit Runge-Kutta, and implicit BDF at this time
- Preliminary implicit Runge-Kutta methods (no local error control, other limitations)
- Binary checkpoints and restarting (new in Trilinos 10.0)
- Native support for operator split methods
- Highly modular
- Forward sensitivity computations
- Adjoint sensitivities being developed



Developers: Todd Coffey, Roscoe Bartlett



The Standard Steady-State Forward Simulation Problem

For a given set of input parameters $p \in \mathbf{R}^{n_p},$ solve the square state equations

f(x,p) = 0

for the state variables $x \in \mathbf{R}^{x_x}$ then compute observation(s) g(x).

Example applications

- Discretized PDEs (e.g. finite element, finite volume, discontinous Gelerkin, finite difference, ...)
- Network problems (e.g. circuit simulation, power grids, ...)
- ...

Why is a forward solver is not enough?

- A forward solve p → g(x(p),p) can only give point-wise information, it can't tell you what you ultimately want to know:
 - How to a characterize the error in my model so that it can be improved? \rightarrow Error estimation
 - What is the uncertainty in x or g(x(p), p) given uncertainty in p? \rightarrow UQ
 - What is the "best" value of p so that my model f(x,p)=0 fits exp. data? \rightarrow Param. Estimation
 - What is the "best" value for p to achieve some goal? \rightarrow Optimization

What are some of the tools that we need to answer these higher questions?

Sensitivities and Optimization!



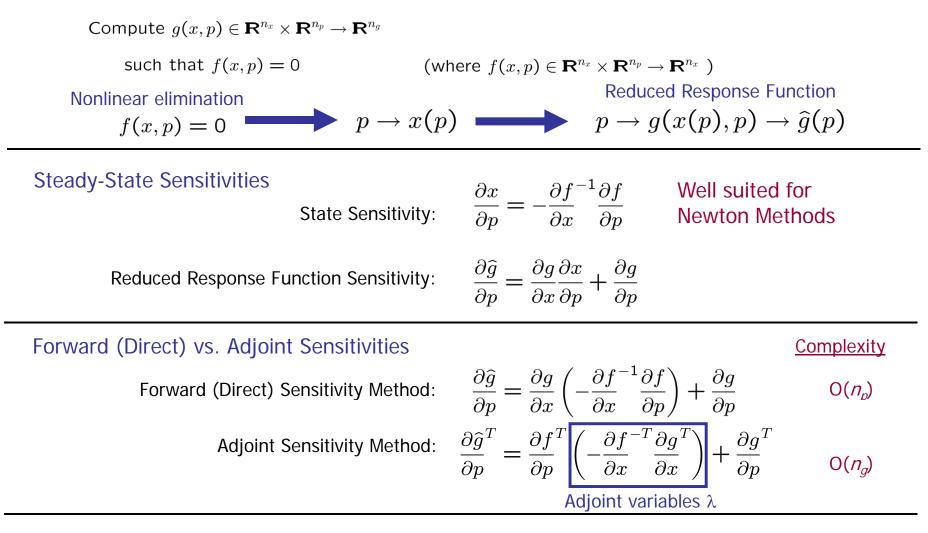


Derivatives and Sensitivity Computations





Steady-State Simulation-Constrained Response



Uses for Sensitivities: Derivative-based optimization, UQ, error estimation etc ...





Fully Implicit ODE/DAE State Equations

$$f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), p, t) = 0, t \in [t_0, t_f]$$

$$x(0) = x_0(p)$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = \dot{x}_0(p)$$

Composite Response Function

$$d(x,p) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\dot{x}(t), x(t), p, t) dt + h(\dot{x}(t_f), x(t_f), p)$$

Reduced Composite Response Function

$$\widehat{d}(p,v) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \widehat{g}(p,t) dt + \widehat{h}(p)$$

where:

$$\widehat{g}(p,t) = g(\dot{x}(p,t), x(p,t), p, t))$$
$$\widehat{h}(p) = h(\dot{x}(p,t_f), x(p,t_f), p))$$

http://www.cs.sandia.gov/~rabartl/TransientSensitivitiesDerivation.pdf





Forward Sensitivity Equations:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} \left(\frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial p} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial p} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = 0, \ t \in [t_0, t_f]$$
$$\frac{\partial x(t_0)}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial p}$$
$$\frac{\partial \dot{x}(t_0)}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial \dot{x}_0}{\partial p}$$

Forward Reduced Gradient

$$\frac{\partial \hat{d}}{\partial p} = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{x}} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} \right) dt + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{x}} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \right) \Big|_{t=t_f}$$

Forward Sensitivity Methods:

- The forward sensitivities d(x)/d(p) are integrated right along with the forward state equation
- Can be solved using explicit or implicit time integration mehtods
- O(n_p) extra storage and computation per time step
- Reuse of forward solver integrator infrastructure, Jacobian/preconditioner storage

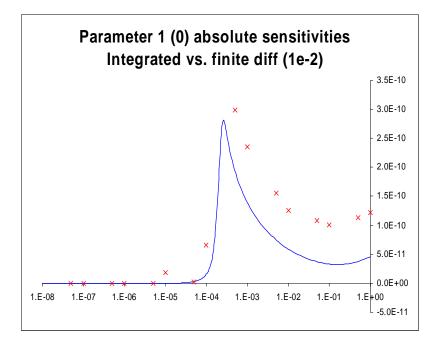
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QASPR transient current sensitivities w.r.t. reaction parameters for an irradiated semiconductor device modeled with Charon

- Embedded sensitivities with AD/Sacado (Phipps) & Rythmos
- Finite differences (steplen=1e-2) (optimal steplen=1e-1)
- Embedded sensitivities vs. finite diff.
 - Much more accurate and robust!
 - 10x faster for 40 parameters!



Bartlett, Roscoe, Scott Collis, Todd Coffey, David Day, Mike Heroux, Rob Hoekstra, Russell Hooper, Roger Pawlowski, Eric Phipps, Denis Ridzal, Andy Salinger, Heidi Thornquist, and Jim Willenbring. *ASC Vertical Integration Milestone*. SAND2007-5839, Sandia National Laboratories, 2007 [http://www.cs.sandia.gov/~rabartl/publications.html]





Optimization





Basic Steady-State Simulation-Constrained Optimization Problem:

Find $x \in \mathbf{R}^{n_x}$ and $p \in \mathbf{R}^{n_p}$ that: minimizes q(x, p)such that f(x, p) = 0

Basic example optimization formations

- Parameter estimation / data reconciliation
- Optimal design
- Optimal control

• ...

Define Lagrangian: $L(x, p, \lambda) = q(x, p) + \lambda^T f(x, p)$

First-order <u>necessary</u> optimality conditions

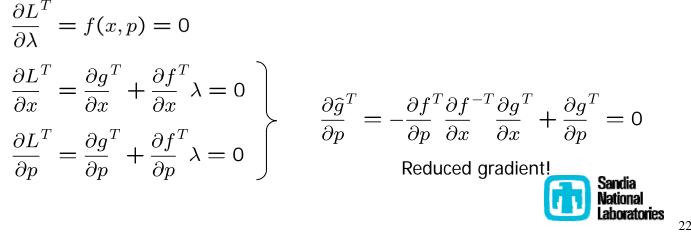
State equation:

Adjoint equation:

Gradient equation:
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

Trilinos Optimization Packages

- MOOCHO (R. Bartlett)
- Aristos (D. Ridzal)





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Two broad approaches for solving optimization problems

• Non-invasive (decoupled) approach (simulation constraints always satisfied): **DAKOTA**

Find $p \in \mathbf{R}^{n_p}$ that:	Optimization method never
minimizes $\hat{g}(p) = g(x(p), p)$	"sees" the state space!

• Embedded (coupled) approach (converges optimality and feasibility together): MOOCHO

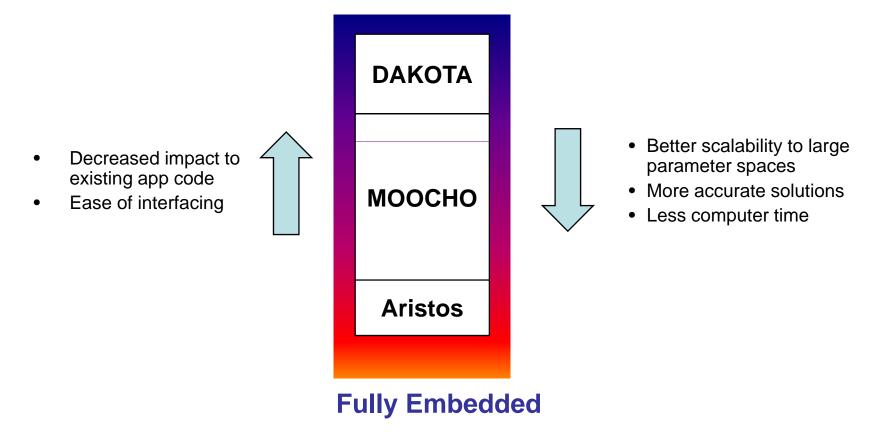
Find $x \in \mathbf{R}^{n_x}$ and $p \in \mathbf{R}^{n_p}$ that: minimizes g(x,p)such that f(x,p) = 0

- Optimization method deals with the (parallel) state space and the parameter space together!
- Requires special globalization methods to converge to a minimum!



A Spectrum of Optimization Methods form Decoupled to Coupled

Fully Non-Invasive







Example: Parallel, Finite-Element, 2D, Diffusion + Reaction (GL) Model

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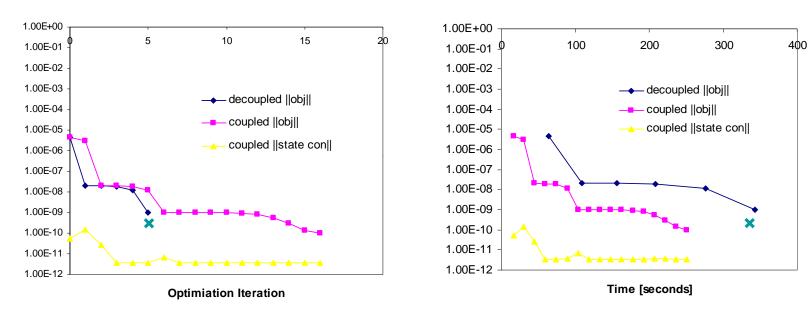
 $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (x(y) - x^*(y))^2 dy$ g(x,p)min s.t. $\nabla^2 x + \alpha (x - x^3) = r(y)$ $y \in \Omega$ $\frac{\partial x(y)}{\partial n} = q(p, y)$ $y \in \partial \Omega$ s.t. f(x,p) = 0

- State PDE: Scalar Ginzburg-Landau equations (based on Denis Ridzal's Ph.D. code)
- Discretization:
 - Second-oder FE on triangles
 - $n_x = 110,011$ state variables and equations
- Optimization variables:
 - Sine series basis
 - $n_{D} = 8$ optimization variables
 - Note: df/dp is constant in this problem!!!
- Iterative Linear Solver : ILU (Ifpack), (GMRES) AztecOO

Key Points

- Simple physics but leads to very nonlinear state equations
- Inverse optimization problem is very ill posed in many instances





Decoupled Finite Diff. vs. Coupled Finite Diff.

Decoupled Finite Diff. vs. Coupled Finite Diff.

Key Points

- Finite differencing the underlying functions is much more efficient than finite differencing entire simulation!
- Finite differencing the underlying functions is more accurate!
- Coupled approach requires (almost) no extra application requirements!

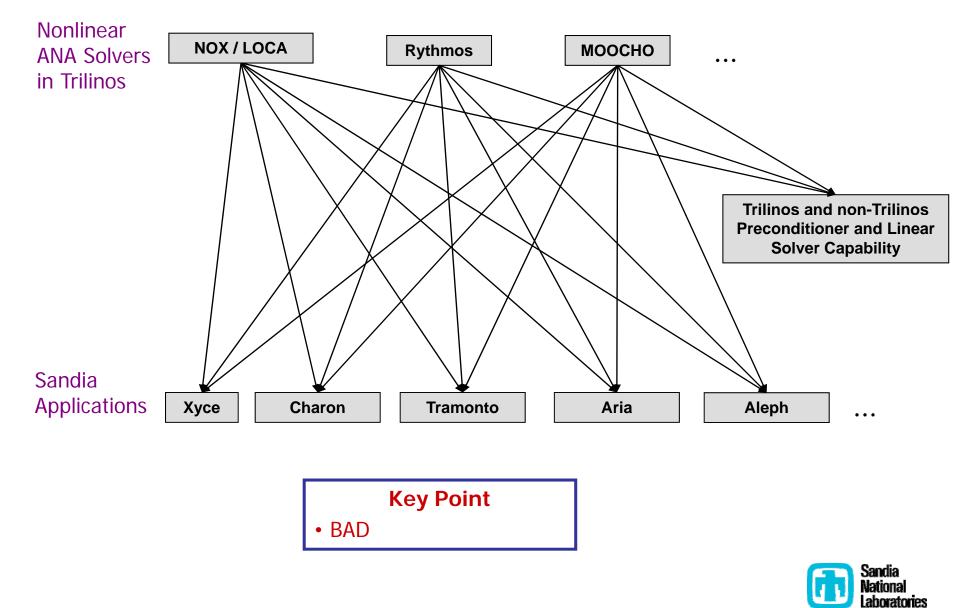
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ModelEvaluator Overview



Nonlinear Algorithms and Applications : Everyone for Themselves?





Overview of Nonlinear Model Evaluator Interface

Motivation: An interface for nonlinear problems is needed that will support a variety of different types of problems

- Nonlinear equations (and senstitivities)
- Stability analysis and continuation
- Explicit ODEs (and sensitivities)
- DAEs and implicit ODEs (and sensitivities)
- Unconstrained optimization
- Constrained optimization
- Uncertainty quantification
- ...

as well as different combinations of problem types such as:

- Uncertainty in transient simulations
- Stability of an optimum under uncertainty of a transient problem

Approach: Develop a single, scalable interface to address all of these problems

- (Some) Input arguments:
 - State and differential state:
 - Parameter sub-vectors:
 - Time (differential):
- (Some) Output functions:
 - State function:
 - Auxiliary response functions:
 - State/state derivative operator (LinearOpWithSolve):

 $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} \in \mathcal{X}$ $p_l \in \mathcal{P}_l$ for $l = 0 \dots N_p - 1$ $t \in \mathbf{R}$

 $(\dot{x}, x, \{p_l\}, t) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{F}$

 $(\dot{x}, x, \{p_l\}, t) \Rightarrow g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j, \text{ for } j = 0 \dots N_g - 1$ $(\dot{x}, x, \{p_l\}, t) \Rightarrow W = \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$



Key Point

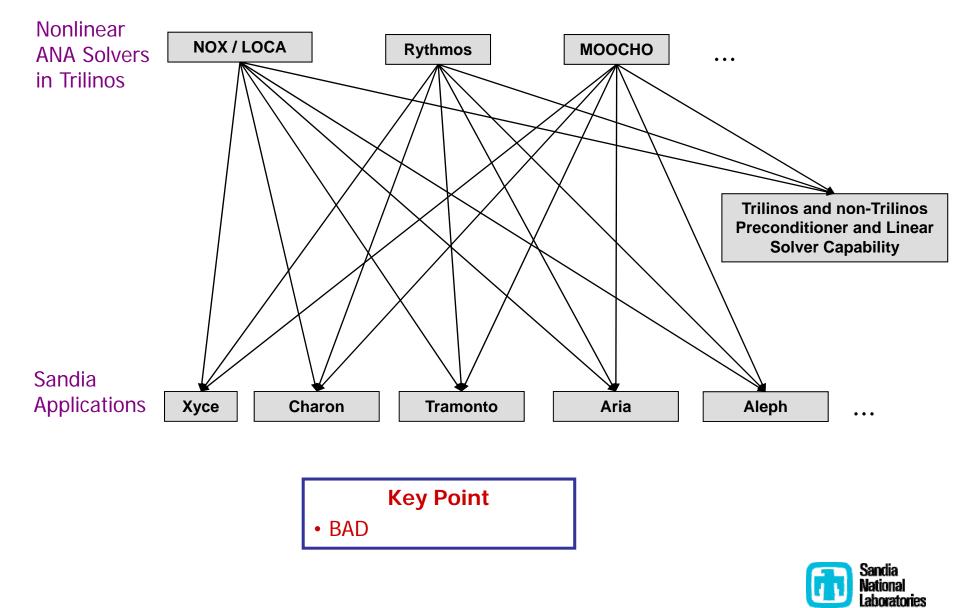
The number of combinations of different problem types is large and trying to statically type all of the combinations is not realistic

Key Point

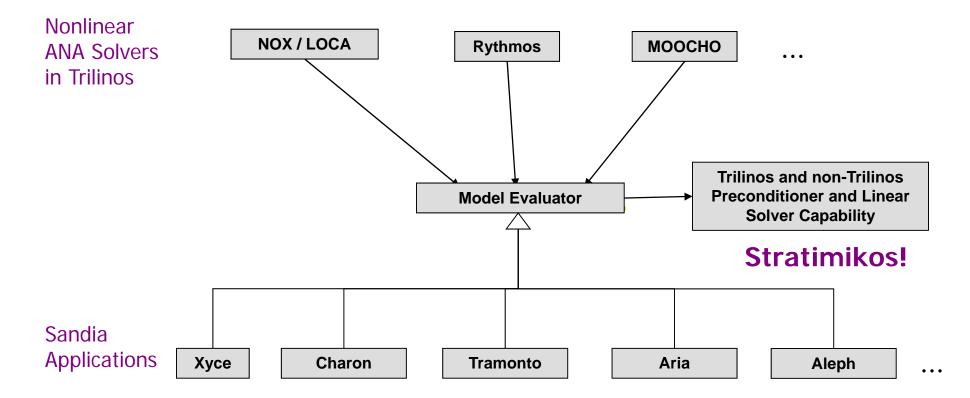
All inputs and outputs are optional and the model evaluator object itself decides which ones are accepted. Some Nonlinear Problems Supported by the ModelEvaluator

Nonlinear equations:	Solve $f(x) = 0$ for $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$							
Stability analysis:	For $f(x,p)=0$ find space $p\in \mathcal{P}$ such that $rac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ is singular							
Explicit ODEs:	Solve $\dot{x} = f(x, t) = 0, t \in [0, T], x(0) = x_0,$ for $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$							
DAEs/Implicit ODEs:	Solve $f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), t) = 0, t \in [0, T], x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = x'_0$ for $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$							
Explicit ODE Forward Sensitivities:	Find $\frac{\partial x}{\partial p}(t)$ such that: $\dot{x} = f(x, p, t) = 0, t \in [0, T]$, $x(0) = x_0$, for $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$							
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Unconstrained Optimization:	Find $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that minimizes $g(p)$							
Constrained Optimization:	Find $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that: minimizes $g(x, p)$ such that $f(x, p) = 0$							
ODE Constrained Optimization:	Find $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in $t \in [0,T]$ and $p \in \mathbb{R}^m$ that: minimizes $\int_0^T g(x(t),p)$ such that $\dot{x} = f(x(t),p,t) = 0$, on $t \in [0,T]$ Sandia where $x(0) = x_0$ 30							

Nonlinear Algorithms and Applications : Everyone for Themselves?



Nonlinear Algorithms and Applications : Thyra & Model Evaluator!



Key Points

- Provide single interface from nonlinear ANAs to applications
- Provide single interface for applications to implement to access nonlinear ANAs
- Provides shared, uniform access to linear solver capabilities
- Once an application implements support for one ANA, support for other ANAs can quickly follow

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Trilinos "Skins" and Interoperability with Other Software



Trilinos "Skins"

PyTrilinos provides Python access to Trilinos packages

- Uses SWIG to generate bindings.
- Epetra, AztecOO, IFPACK, ML, NOX, LOCA, Amesos and NewPackage are supported.
- ModelEvaluator wrapper is being developed
- Developers: Bill Spotz

CTrilinos provides C and Fortran 77 compatible wrappers to Trilinos

- Currently wraps just part of Epetra
- More wrappers to come => ModelEvaluator ...
- Provides basic C++/Fortran interoperability for ForTrilinos interfaces
- Developers: ???

ForTrilinos developing full object-oriented interfaces to Trilinos

- Based on basic wrappers in CTrilinos
- Uses new OO features of Fortran 2003
- Developers: Damian Rousan
- Not in Trilinos 10.0





• Epetra_PETScAIJMatrix class

- Derives from Epetra_RowMatrix
- Wrapper for serial/parallel PETSc aij matrices
- Utilizes callbacks for matrix-vector product, getrow
- No deep copies
- Enables PETSc application to construct and call virtually any Trilinos preconditioner
- ML accepts fully constructed PETSc KSP solvers as smoothers
 - Fine grid only
 - Assumes fine grid matrix is really PETSc aij matrix
- Complements Epetra_PETScAIJMatrix class
 - For any smoother with getrow kernel, PETSc implementation should be *much* faster than Trilinos
 - For any smoother with matrix-vector product kernel, PETSc and Trilinos implementations should be comparable

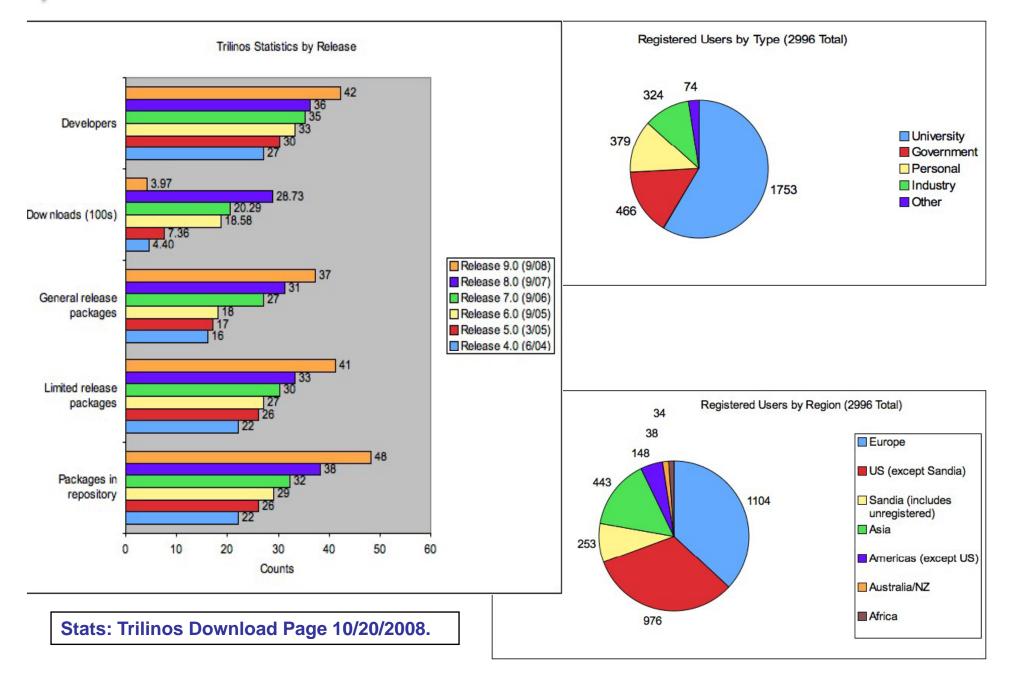




Summary Wrap-up











- Awards: R&D 100, HPC SW Challenge (04).
- www.cfd-online.com:

Trilinos 🙂

A project led by Sandia to develop an object-oriented software framework for scientific computations. This is an active project which includes several state-of-the-art solvers and lots of other nice things a software engineer writing CFD codes would find useful. Everything is freely available for download once you have registered. Very good!

- Industry Collaborations: Boeing, Goodyear, ExxonMobil, others.
- Linux distros: Debian, Mandriva, Ubuntu, Fedora.
- SciDAC TOPS-2 partner, IAA Algorithms (with ORNL).
- Over 8000 downloads since March 2005.
- Occasional unsolicited external endorsements such as the following two-person exchange on mathforum.org:
 - > The consensus seems to be that OO has little, if anything, to offer
 - > (except bloat) to numerical computing.
 - I would completely disagree. A good example of using OO in numerics is
 - Trilinos: http://software.sandia.gov/trilinos/



Trilinos and related packages are available via LGPL.

- Current release (9.0) is "click release". Unlimited availability.
- Trilinos Release 10.0: September 2009.
 - CMake is now the supported build system
 - Autotools is no longer supported
 - Alpha release currently available to try CMake build system
- Trilinos Awards:
 - 2004 R&D 100 Award.
 - SC2004 HPC Software Challenge Award.
 - Sandia Team Employee Recognition Award.
 - Lockheed-Martin Nova Award Nominee.
- More information:
 - http://trilinos.sandia.gov
- 6th Annual Trilinos User Group Meeting in October 2008 @ SNL
 - talks available for download
- 7th Annual Trilinos User Group Meeting November 3-5, 2009



Dependencies and Reusability

Using externally developed software can be as risk!

- External software can be hard to learn
- External software may not do what you need
- Upgrades of external software can be risky:
 - Breaks in backward compatibility?
 - Regressions in capability?
- External software may not be well supported
- External software may not be support over long term

What can reduce the risk of depending on external software?

- Strong software engineering skill and processes (high quality, low defects, frequent releases)
- Strong organizational relationships
- Regulated backward compatibility and smooth upgrading
- Long term commitment (i.e. 10-30 years) to actively support the software

Trilinos leaders and stakeholders recognize these issues and are committed to continual improvement!





Useful Links

Trilinos website: http://trilinos.sandia.gov

Trilinos tutorial: http://trilinos.sandia.gov/Trilinos8.0Tutorial.pdf

Trilinos mailing lists: <u>http://trilinos.sandia.gov/mail_lists.html</u>

Trilinos User Group (TUG) meetings: http://trilinos.sandia.gov/events/trilinos_user_group_2008 http://trilinos.sandia.gov/events/trilinos_user_group_2007

