



PROPHET Internals

- PDE description
- externals
- Database
- externals
- internals
- Grid datastructures
- PDE description
- internals
- Solution flowchart
- Matrix structure

User level

Input parser
3.3K

Graphics
2.2K

Modules

Solve
0.2K

Grid
0.9K

Field
0.1K

Bias
0.6K

...

PDE level

Assembly
Control
9.2K

Discretization
("geoterms")
8.2K

Models
("phyterms")
3.6K

Libraries

Database
2.0K

Vexpr
1.4K

Grid d/s +
routines
4.1K

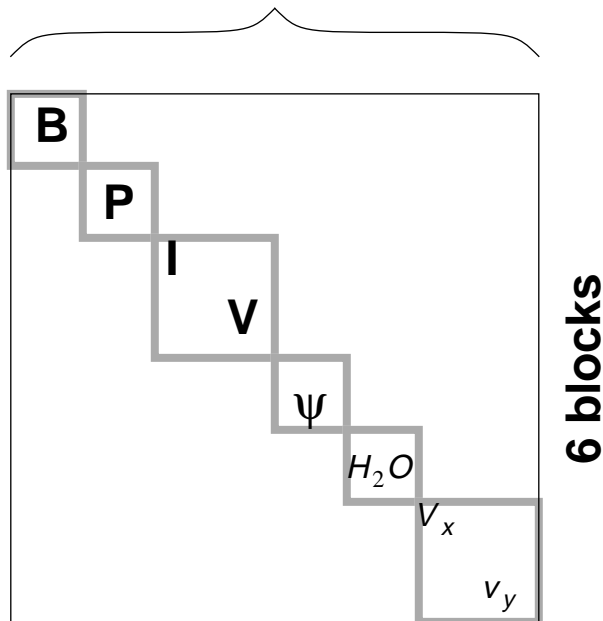
Linear
Solver



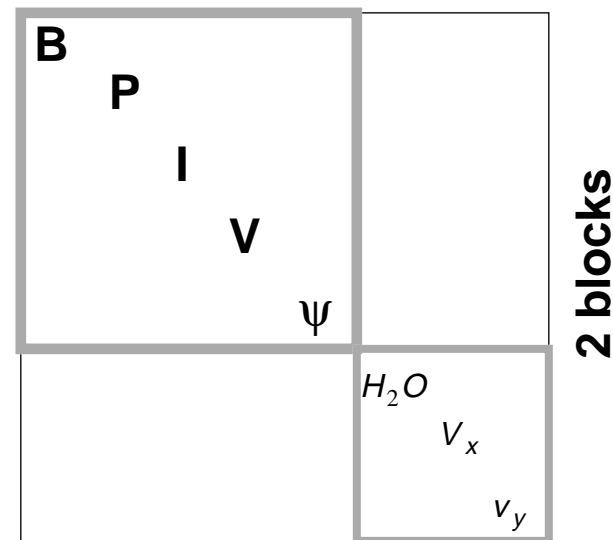
System decomposition

- Problem may be composed of several blocks of PDE/ODEs

PDE System



Loosely coupled



Tightly coupled

- Blocks may be sparse



Differential Equation Specification

- 2 level decomposition
 - PDE is a sum of terms
 - Each term is a combination of a geometrical and a physical operator

$$\text{PDE} = G_1 P_1 + G_2 P_2 + G_3 P_3 + \dots$$

- Geometrical operator

$$\nabla \times$$

$$\nabla \cdot$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

- Physical operator

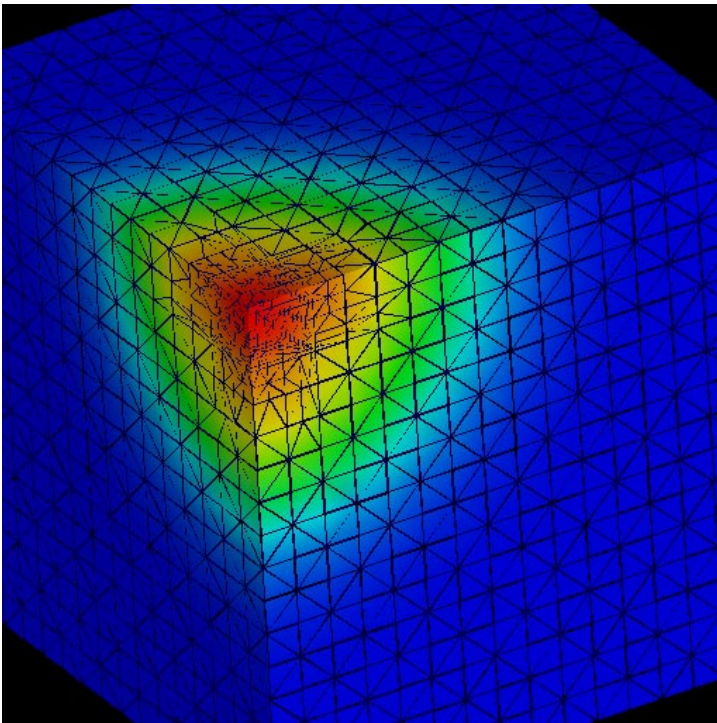
$$F_A = f(A, \nabla A, X, \nabla X)$$



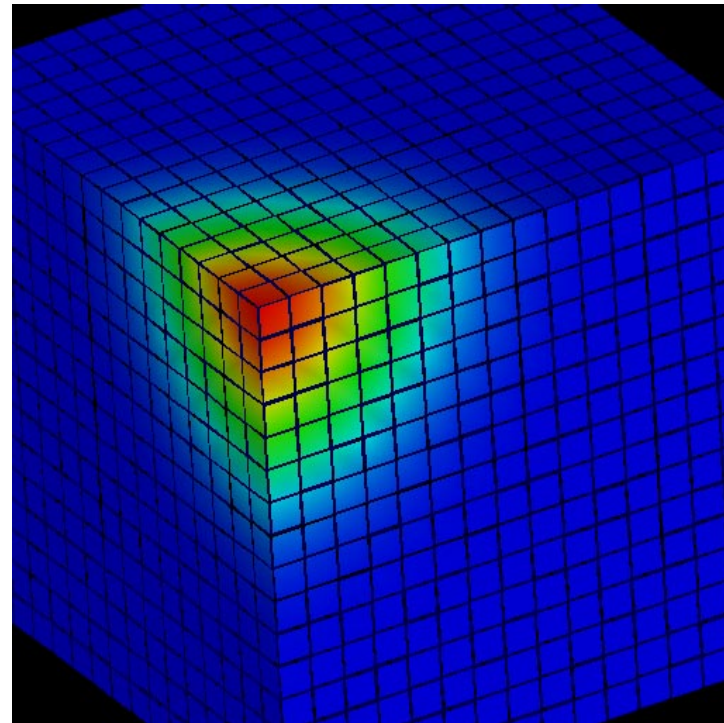
Same equations, different meshes

- Goal is to separate geometry information from physical information
⇒ Model developer should not need to know about grid or discretization

Irregular mesh



Regular mesh





Decomposition of Defect Diffusion

$\nabla \cdot (D_I \nabla I)$	$-k(I V - I^* V^*)$	$\frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$
$\nabla \cdot (D_V \nabla V)$	$-k(I V - I^* V^*)$	$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 0$

2 Laplacians

1 binary
recombination

2 transients



Description in database

```
math.defects = (list) {
  transient = (list) {
    order = (string) "int,vac";
    nterm = (int) 3;
    term0 = (list) {
      geoterm = (string) "box-laplacian";
      phyterm = (string) "lapflux";
      sol = (string) "int";
      dep = (string) "int";
      deptype = (string) "DIAG:DIAG=grad";
    };
    term1 = (list) {
      geoterm = (string) "box-laplacian";
      phyterm = (string) "lapflux";
      sol = (string) "vac";
      dep = (string) "vac";
      deptype = (string) "DIAG:DIAG=grad";
    };
    term2 = (list) {
      geoterm = (string) "diagonalweight";
      phyterm = (string) "bulkrecombination";
      sol = (string) "int,vac";
      dep = (string) "int,vac";
      deptype = (string) "ALL:ALL=conc";
    };
    term3 = (list) {
      geoterm = (string) "interface";
      phyterm = (string) "surfacerecombination";
      sol = (string) "int,vac";
      dep = (string) "int,vac";
      deptype = (string) "DIAG:DIAG=conc";
    };
    maxNewton = (int) 15;
    ...
  };
};
```



Discretized operators

- Divergence operator
 - finite element
 - finite difference

- Upwinding operator

- Nodal weighting operator
 - lumped mass matrix
 - consistent mass matrix

- Interface weighting operator
 - lumped mass matrix



Elements

- C_0^k finite elements
- Shape functions for
 - intervals 1D
 - triangles 2D
 - quads 2D
 - tetrahedra 3D
 - bricks 3D
 - pyramids 3D
 - prisms 3D



Prefabricated physical operators

The following physical operators, among others, are predefined:

Associated with divergence operators	
lapflux	$D\nabla C_n$
equilflux	$D(\psi)(\nabla C_n + \xi_n C_n \nabla \psi)$
drift	$\mu A \nabla B$ - using central differences
updrift	$\mu A \nabla B$ - using upwinding
Associated with nodal operators	
two2one	$A + B \leftrightarrow C$
poissonflux	$Q = q(N_d - N_a + n_i(e^\psi - e^{-\psi}))$
set_active	electrically active concentration of n chemical species
elim_carrier	$n = e^\psi, p = e^{-\psi}$
cluster	$C + I \leftrightarrow C$
odefunc	general purpose function of n variables
expdecay	$-C/\tau$
integrate	S ($\partial C/\partial t = S$ means $C = C_0 + \int S dt$)
Associated with the interface operator	
segregation	$k(C_n[\text{mat1}] - C_n[\text{mat2}]/m)$
radiation	$k(C - C^*)$
odesurf	general purpose function of n variables
Associated with the dirichlet operator	
default.dirichlet	Defines dirichlet boundary conditions
device.dirichlet	Charge neutral values for ψ, n, p
Arithmetic	
prod,divide,scale	$A \cdot B, A/B, A/A^*$



Writing new modules

- Creating new operators, particularly reactions, is easy
- All operators get a standard list of arguments
- Subroutine must calculate the reaction and its derivatives
- Example: clustering

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = (k_{cr}C - k_{cf}IC) + \textit{other stuff}$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -(k_{cr}C - k_{cf}IC)$$

- Operator asks for C,I as input and looks up k_{cr} , k_{cf} in the database.
- It then computes a reaction rate $F = (k_{cr}C - k_{cf}IC)$ and adds it with a +sign to the C equation and a -sign to the I equation.
- It then computes $\partial F/\partial C = k_{cr} - k_{cf}I$ and stores it, and similarly $\partial F/\partial I = k_{cf}C$



Example phyterm

$$f(c_1, c_2, c_3) = k_f c_1 c_3 - k_r c_2$$

```
integer function odef( path, ireg, nn, dim, ifunc, ideriv
+                 nfun, mfun, nsol, msol,
+                 sol, gsol, f, df, dgf)
integer path, ireg, dim, nfun, nsol, ifunc, ideriv, nn
integer mfun(nfun), msol(nsol)
double sol(nn,nsol), gsol(nn,dim,nsol)
double f(nn,nfun), df(nn,nfun,nsol)
double dgf(nn,dim,dim,nfun,nsol)

name1 = idmat(ireg) //idvar(msol(1)) // idvar(msol(3)) // 'kf'
name2 = idmat(ireg) //msol(2) // 'kr'
libeval('library/physics/' // name1, kf)
libeval('library/physics/' // name2, kr)

do 300 in=1,nn
  if( ifunc .ne. 0) then
    bfunc = kf*sol(in,1)*sol(in,3) - kr*sol(in,2)
    f(in,1) = -bfunc
    f(in,2) = bfunc
    f(in,3) = -bfunc
  endif
  if( ideriv .ne. 0) then
    dbfdb= kf*sol(in,3)
    dbfdi= kf*sol(in,1)
    dbfdbi= -kr
    df(in,1,1)= -dbfdb
    df(in,1,2)= -dbfdbi
    df(in,1,3)= -dbfdi

    df(in,2,1)= dbfdb
    df(in,2,2)= dbfdbi
    df(in,2,3)= dbfdi

    df(in,3,1)= -dbfdb
    df(in,3,2)= -dbfdbi
    df(in,3,3)= -dbfdi
  endif
300 continue
  odef=0
  return
end
```

- Can be in F77, C, C++, ...



Phyterm arguments

- Every phyterm gets a standard list of arguments `arglist` and their descriptions `argdescrip`.

<code>int *path</code>	whether to compute the flux (FT_RUN) or do set-up or clean-up
<code>int *imtx</code>	whether to compute the flux or its derivatives: 1=flux 10=derivative 11=both
<code>int *ireg</code>	index of region
<code>int *nn</code>	number of nodes to work on
<code>int *dim</code>	space dimension of operator
<code>int *nsol</code>	number of output variables
<code>int *msol</code>	indices of each output variables in the global list
<code>int *ndep</code>	number of input variables
<code>int *mdep</code>	indices of each input variable in the global list
<code>real *coord</code>	coordinates of points - for models which have an explicit spatial dependence (ick)
<code>real *sol</code>	the input variables, ordered with node index fast and variable index slow (ndep,nn)
<code>real *gradsol</code>	gradients of the inputs, for computing fluxes (nsol,dim,nn)
<code>real *f</code>	the output fluxes (nsol,dim,nn)
<code>real *df</code>	derivative of output fluxes with respect to inputs (ndep,nsol,dim,nn)
<code>real *dgrf</code>	derivative of output fluxes with respect to input gradients (ndep,nsol,dim,dim,nn)



Database Features

- Uniform access to
 - coefficients
 - tables
 - user input
 - control options
- Easy to define new parameters in a module without reference to other sections of simulator
- Inheritance allows easy extensions
- Database can be centralized in one file or distributed over several files as desired
- In-memory modified database can be dumped and used for subsequent simulations



Inheritance & Shadowing

Before execution

```
library/physics {  
  silicon {  
    boron {  
      Dix = 4.2  
    }  
  }  
  poly {  
    SeeAlso "../silicon"  
  }  
}
```

After execution

```
library/physics {  
  silicon {  
    boron {  
      Dix = 4.2  
    }  
  }  
  poly {  
    SeeAlso "../silicon"  
    boron {  
      SeeAlso "../silicon/boron"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

- `find_property("library/physics/poly/boron/Dix")` returns a property with value 4.2
- `find_list("library/physics/poly/boron/Dix")` returns a modified poly list on which a new Dix property can be defined, while still inheriting other properties from silicon



Database subroutines

Library access:

findDB(pathname, noComplaint)
look up pathname and return property

e.g. **findDB**("library/physics/silicon/boron/Dix", 1)
 findDB("solve/temperature", 1)
 findDB("options/movie", 0)

matco(coeff, variable n., region n., dom)
build string `library/physics/region/variable/coeff`
and call **findDB** to return property

Building/accessing properties lists:

get_property(name, list)

get_local_property(name, list)

get_next_local_property(name, list, start)

put_local_property(name, list)

put_local_list(name, list)

count_properties(list)

get_property_name(list, index)

get_property_by_index(list, index)

delete_local_property(name, list)

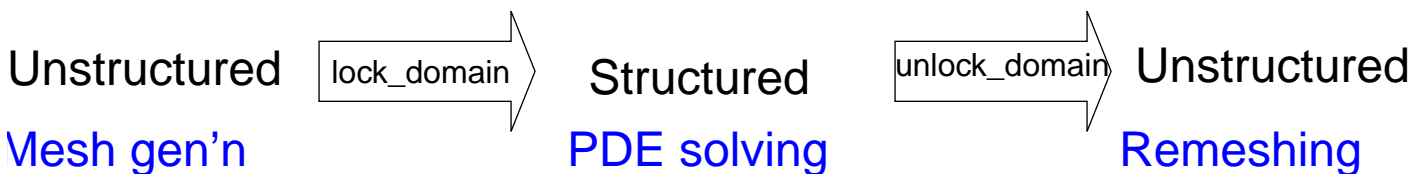
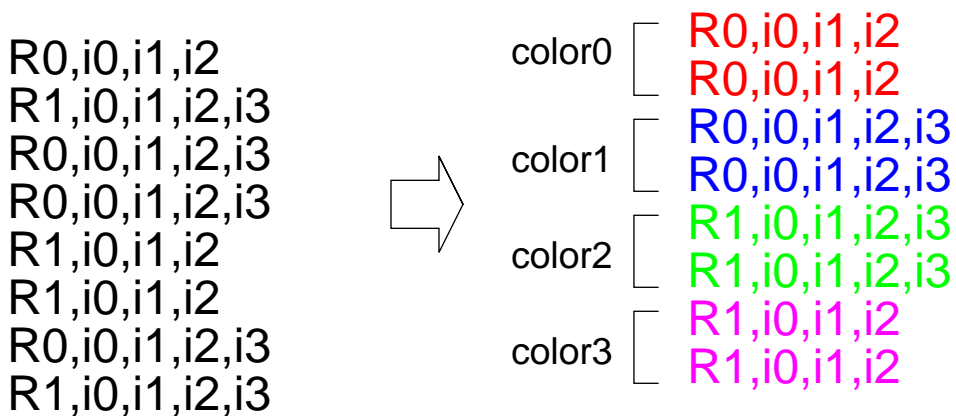
delete_plist(name, list)

See **solvecmd**() for example of use.



Grid datastructure design

- **Core representation is minimal and unstructured**
 - Facilitates adding and removing elements, nodes
 - Each node, element, list of vertices in an element, etc, is malloc'ed separately, in any order
- **Automatic routines to build inferred information from core representation**
 - Internal neighbors
 - List of unique edges
 - Interface structures
 - Reorganization into similarity groups for vector access



- +Within a color, all elements have same region and type
- +All indices taken from single malloc block
- +Similar for coordinates, neighbors, etc



Grid datastructures (core)

- Finite element grid representation, with special handling of material boundaries

Domain

List of elements

region number, node n's, nbr n's, edge n's,

List of nodes

point number

List of points

coordinates

List of edges

node n's [2]

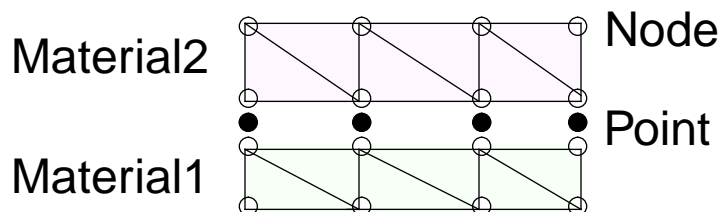
List of fields

name {boron, potential, ...}

type {node, edge, element}

dimension {1,2,3}

List of region and interface names {silicon, periodic, ...}



- Boundary conditions represented by external element neighbors being negative, indices into list of interface names



Grid datastructures (derived)

- Interface structures can be generated on demand

Domain

...

List of interfaces

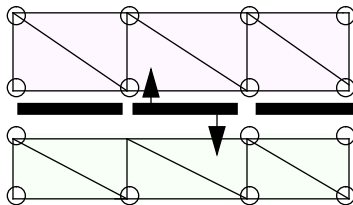
Reg n's [2]

Element count nel

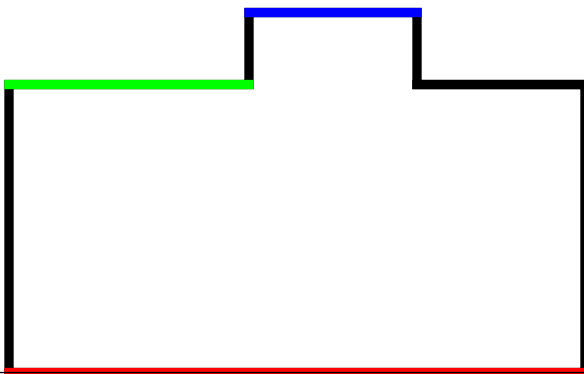
Node count nno

List of elements [nel*2] and faces[nel*2]

List of nodes [nno*2]



- Each "element" of interface identifies which bulk element and which face of that element are on the interface
- Each "node" of interface lists the two corresponding nodes



build_itf(dom)



Domain +

1 red interface +

1 green interface +

1 blue interface +

3 black interfaces



Grid subroutines

Alloc_domain()

Alloc_domain_region(dom, name)

Alloc_domain_surface (dom, name)

ixmaterial(dom, name) - *index of material in region (first if multiple)*

ixsurface(dom, name) - *index of surface in region (first if multiple)*

alloc_node (dom, n)

alloc_point (dom, n)

alloc_edge (dom, n)

alloc_element (dom, n, type, ireg)

alloc_field(dom, type, name, dim, initvalue)

free_field(dom, index)

ixfield(dom, name)

build_nds(dom) - *if given elements in terms of points, convert to node description (convenient for reading from conventional finite element grid)*

build_edge(dom) - *given elements and nodes, build list of unique edges*

build_nbrs(dom) - *given elements, build internal neighbors*

build_itf(dom) - *build list of unique interfaces*

lock_domain(dom, andColor) - *reorder for vector access*

unlock_domain(dom)

domain_sanity_check(dom)



Solution flowchart

```
solvecmd
  make_diff_list
  steptime
    solcontrol
    diff_setup
      lock_domain
      build_itf
      shadowDom
      variable-specific initializa-
tion
        usually matrix_init()
        boxGeom
        boundary_cond
      trbdf2_step
        OuterGS
          setFlux(FT_DT)
          innerNewton
            assemble
            mtxscl
            c2bls
            update_vars
        OuterGS
        OuterGS
        milne
```



Assembly Flowchart

assemble

assemble_alloc

assemble_space

assemble_eliminate

assemble_elementals

each element
color

call `divtrm` to discretize laplacian

interpolate to quad point

call a `phyterm`

store to window

call `addstf` to transfer window to matrix

assemble_nodals

`pdediag` for each region

each region

copy variables to contiguous storage

call a `phyterm`

store to rhs, matrix

assemble_box

each edge
color

interpolate to midpoints

call a `phyterm`

store to rhs, matrix

assemble_itf_nodals

similar

assemble_time

condenseItf



PDE description - internal

- Output of **solcontrol**

Database
description



Internal
description

globalsolstruc: for each field of grid

solmeth

sol_type {general, pdesteady, pdetransient, formula}
setup routine (e.g. special Tdep initialization for interstitials)

refresh routine

teardown routine

block of pde's **u.pb**

pdeblock

nsol number of solution variables

sol list of solution variables

nterm number of terms

term[0]

pdeterm

geoterm

phyterm

number and list of input variables

number and list of output equations

output-input coupling flags

between[ni] - which interfaces (if BC term)

term[1]...

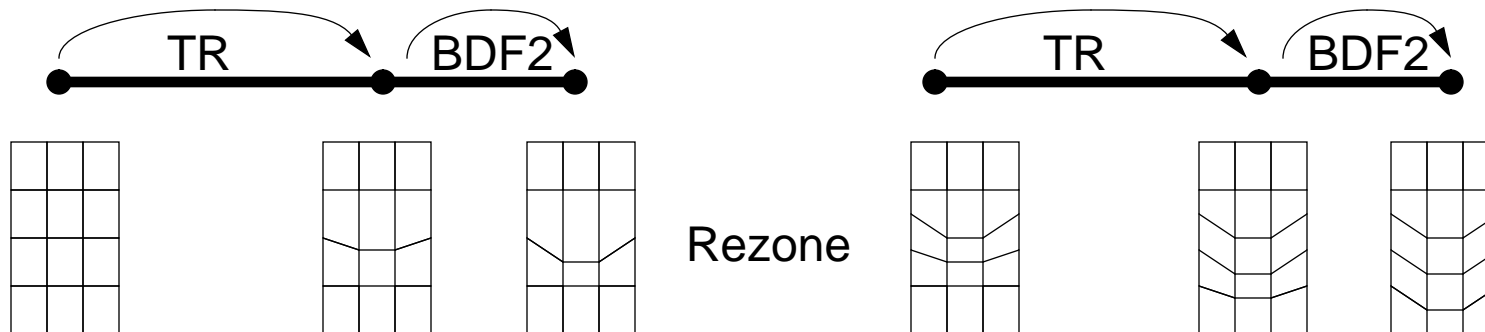
mtxtype - block sparsity array

linear solution options



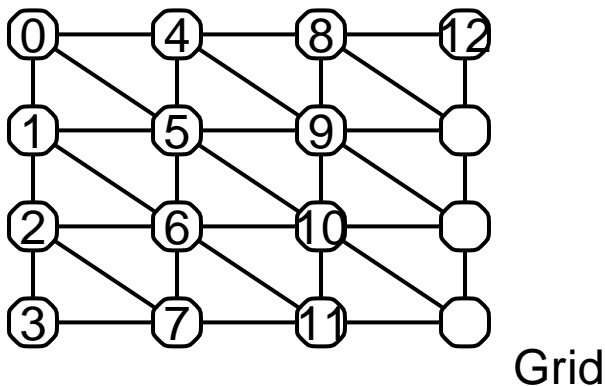
Timestep layout

- Grid structural changes happen between timesteps
- Grid motion happens during timestep
- "Timestep" is composite TRBDF2 step





Sparse Matrix Structure (Bank/Smith)



$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = D_B \nabla^2 B + f(B, \psi)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_C \nabla^2 C + g(C, \psi)$$

$$\epsilon \nabla^2 \psi = h(B, C)$$

Equations

- Represent graph structure only once
- Represent PDE structure by heirarchy

ia 17 20 23 14 5 2 5 6 3 6 7...
 0 16 17
 pointers connections

real storage for one block "aa"

diagonal z upper triangle lower triangle

locar[i+nb*j] is location of matrix for ith equation, jth variable

All storage taken from single matrix array **a**

e.g. diagonal #10 of C equation wrt B variable is **a**[locar[1]+10]

Right hand side **rhs** stored B0,C0,psi0,B1,C1,psi1,...



PROPHET Genealogy

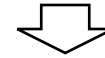
2Q96

3-4Q96

1-2Q97

3Q97

4Q97



Old Testament

Remove
specific
process
modules

Lucent process
modules

**Process
simulator**

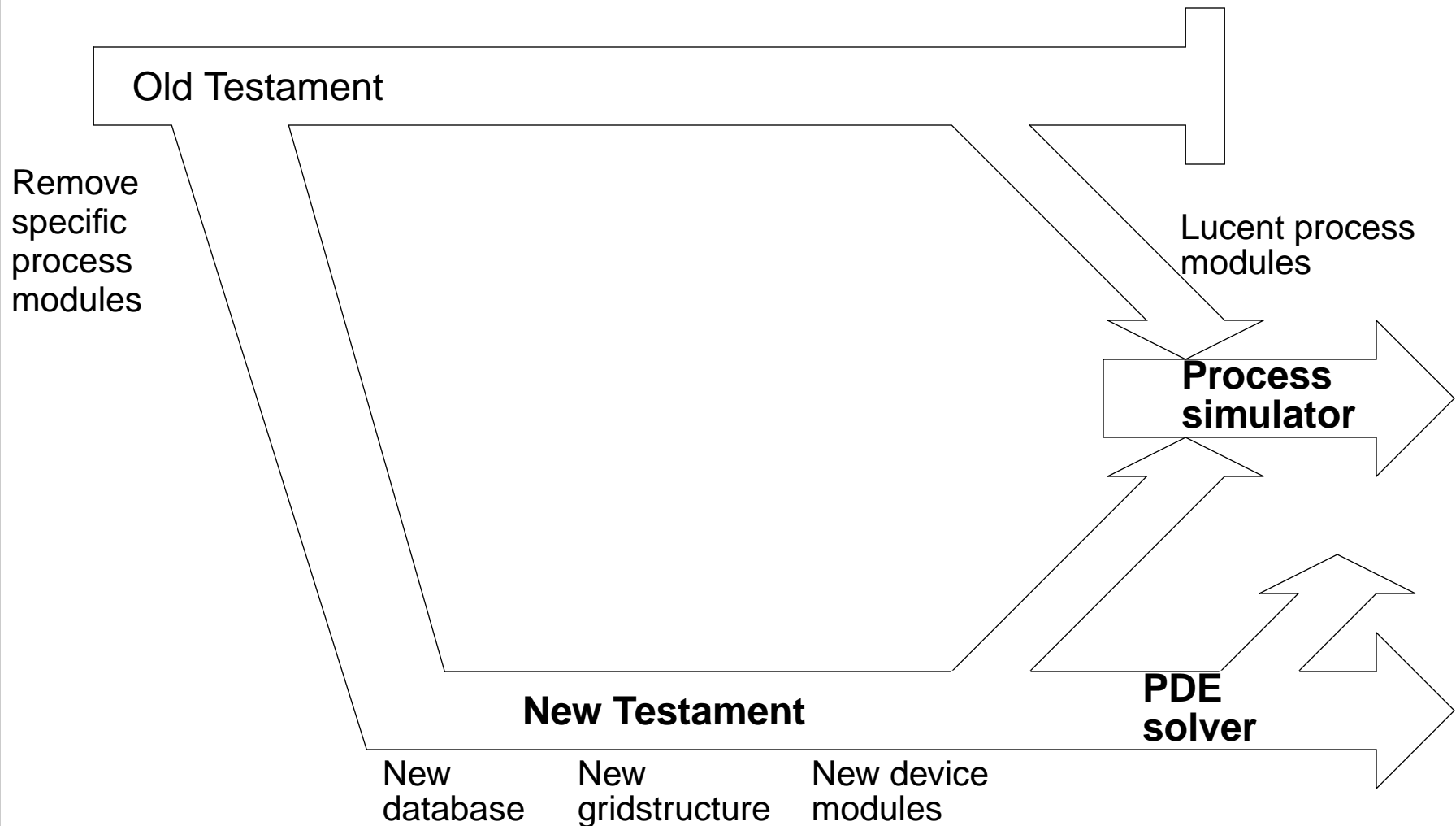
New Testament

**PDE
solver**

New
database

New
gridstructure

New device
modules





Directory structure

src/

Dbase/	database implementation
Grid/	grid implementation
Guide/	
Main/	input parser
Misc/	common macros
Mod/	modules
Bias/	device simulation
Boundary/	define BC's
Dbase/	modify database contents
Dump/	raw output
Field/	define fields over grid
Graph/	1D/2D graphics
Grid/	define working grid
Solve/	call solver
xgraph/	X-based graphics tool
PDE/	
Casmbly/	assembly control
Fasmbly/	discretization
Fluxes/	phyterms
Vexpr/	expression parser
lib/	
dbase.prophet	text of database
arch/	.a and .exe - per architecture

Colored = soon to be replaced by TCL/TK