

# Experiences in solving nonlinear eigenvalue problems with SLEPc

Jose E. Roman

D. Sistemes Informàtics i Computació  
Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

PETSc Annual Meeting – June, 2023



UNIVERSITAT  
POLITÀCNICA  
DE VALÈNCIA

## SLEPc: Scalable Library for Eigenvalue Problem Computations

A general library for solving large-scale sparse eigenproblems on parallel computers

- ▶ Linear eigenproblems (standard or generalized, real or complex, Hermitian or non-Hermitian) and related problems

$$Ax = \lambda Bx \quad Av_i = \sigma_i u_i \quad T(\lambda)x = 0 \quad y = f(A)b$$

- ▶ Parallel: MPI and some support for GPU

Authors: J. E. Roman, C. Campos, L. Dalcin, E. Romero, A. Tomas

<http://slepc.upv.es>

Current version: **3.19** (released March 2023)

## PETSc

Nonlinear Systems			Time Steppers				
Line Search	Trust Region	...	Euler	Backward Euler	RK	BDF	...
Krylov Subspace Methods							
GMRES	CG	CGS	Bi-CGStab	TFQMR	Richardson	Chebyshev	...
Preconditioners							
Additive Schwarz	Block Jacobi	Jacobi	ILU	ICC	LU	...	
Matrices							
Compressed Sparse Row	Block CSR	Symmetric Block CSR	Dense	CUSPARSE	...		
Vectors			Index Sets				
Standard	CUDA	ViennaCL	General	Block	Stride		

## SLEPc

Nonlinear Eigensolver						M. Function	
SLP	RII	N-Arnoldi	Interp.	CISS	NLEIGS	Krylov	Expokit
Polynomial Eigensolver					SVD Solver		
TOAR	Q-Arnoldi	Linearization	JD		Cross Product	Cyclic Matrix	Thick R. Lanczos
Linear Eigensolver							
Krylov-Schur		Subspace	GD	JD	LOBPCG	CISS	...
Spectral Transformation				BV	DS	RG	FN
Shift	Shift-invert	Cayley	Precond.	...	...	...	...

# Outline

- 1 Nonlinear Eigenvalue Problems
  - NEP solvers
  - NLEIGS
- 2 Nanophotonic Resonances
  - Frequency-dispersive photonic open structures
  - Left eigenvectors and the resolvent
  - Computational results
- 3 Aero-Acoustics Modal Analysis
  - Helmholtz equation
  - Split preconditioner
  - Computational results

## General Nonlinear Eigenproblems

NEP:

$$T(\lambda)x = 0, \quad x \neq 0$$

$T : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is a matrix-valued function analytic on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$

**Example:** Rational eigenproblem arising in the study of free vibration of plates with elastically attached masses

$$-Kx + \lambda Mx + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda}{\sigma_j - \lambda} C_j x = 0$$

**Example:** Discretization of parabolic PDE with time delay  $\tau$

$$(-\lambda I + A + e^{-\tau\lambda} B)x = 0$$

User interface: callback functions or split form  $T(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} A_i f_i(\lambda)$

## Currently Available NEP Solvers

C. Campos, J. E. Roman (2021), "NEP: A Module for the Parallel Solution of Nonlinear Eigenvalue Problems in SLEPc," ACM TOMS 47(3)

1. Successive linear problems (SLP) [Ruhe 1973]
  2. Residual inverse iteration (RII) [Neumaier 1985]
  3. Nonlinear Arnoldi [Voss 2004]
- 
4. Contour Integral (CISS) [Asakura et al. 2009]
  5. Polynomial Interpolation [Effenberger/Kressner 2012]
  6. Rational Interpolation (NLEIGS) [Güttel et al. 2014]

Single  
eigenvalue

Several  
eigenvalues

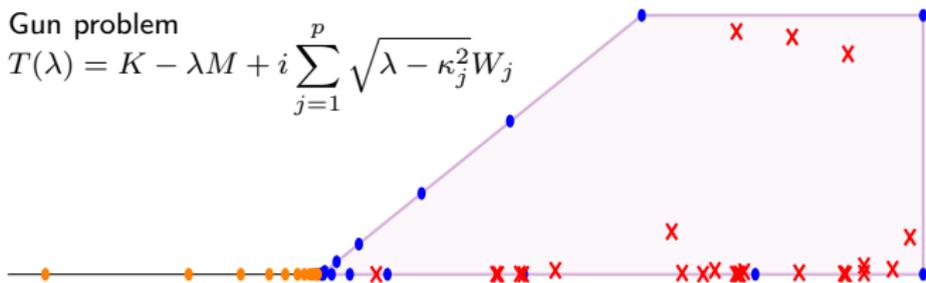
We have added **deflation** [Effenberger 2013] in the first three solvers

## NEP Solver: NLEIGS

$$\text{NEP: } T(\lambda)x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(\lambda) \approx R_d(\lambda) = \sum_{j=0}^d b_j(\lambda) D_j$$

$$\text{with } D_j = \frac{T(\sigma_j) - R_{j-1}(\sigma_j)}{b_j(\sigma_j)} \quad \text{and} \quad b_j(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\beta_0} \prod_{k=1}^j \frac{\lambda - \sigma_{k-1}}{\beta_k(1 - \lambda/\xi_k)}$$

Interpolation nodes and poles  $\{(\sigma_i, \xi_i)\}$  are Leja-Bagby points from discretized  $\Sigma$  and  $\Xi$ .  $\{\beta_i\}$  are scaling factors



Singularity points determined automatically (REP poles or w/AAA)

## NLEIGS Details

Linearization:  $L(\lambda)y = 0$  with  $L(\lambda) = \mathcal{L}_0 - \lambda\mathcal{L}_1$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} D_0 & D_1 & \cdots & D_{d-1} \\ \sigma_0 I & \beta_1 I & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_{d-2} I & \beta_{d-1} I \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{L}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ I & \frac{\beta_1}{\xi_1} I & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & I & \frac{\beta_{d-1}}{\xi_{d-1}} I \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} b_0(\lambda)x \\ b_1(\lambda)x \\ \vdots \\ b_{d-1}(\lambda)x \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute an eigenpair  $(y, \lambda)$  of  $L(\lambda)$ , then extract  $x$  from  $y$

---

SLEPc implementation:

- ▶  $R_d$  may have many terms. If in split form  $T(\lambda) = \sum A_i f_i(\lambda)$ , divided differences  $D_j$  are not explicitly computed
- ▶ Implicit block LU of  $L(\sigma) \rightarrow$  LU factorization of  $R_d(\sigma)$
- ▶ TOAR-like version, with Krylov-Schur restart and deflation

# Nanophotonic Resonances

Joint work with:

- ▶ Carmen Campos
- ▶ Researchers at Institute Fresnel, France (A. Nicolet, G. Demésy, F. Zolla)
- ▶ Christophe Geuzaine (GetDP)

A. Nicolet, G. Demésy, F. Zolla, C. Campos, J. E. Roman, C. Geuzaine (2022), "Physically agnostic quasi normal mode expansion in time dispersive structures: From mechanical vibrations to nanophotonic resonances," *European J. Mechanics - A/Solids*. DOI: [10.1016/j.euromechsol.2022.104809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.euromechsol.2022.104809)

Highlights:

- ▶ Compute also left eigenvectors
- ▶ Use resolvent-based expansion for faster computation

# Frequency-Dispersive Photonic Open Structures

Source-free Helmholtz equation in frequency-dispersive media

$$\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}, \omega)^{-1} \mathbf{curl} [\mu_r^{-1}(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}] = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E}$$

Relative permittivity is a rational function of the frequency

- ▶ Drude model:

$$\varepsilon_r(\omega) = \varepsilon_\infty - \frac{\omega_d^2}{\omega(\omega + i\gamma_d)}$$

Resulting NEP: 1 rational term (1 pole) + cubic polynomial

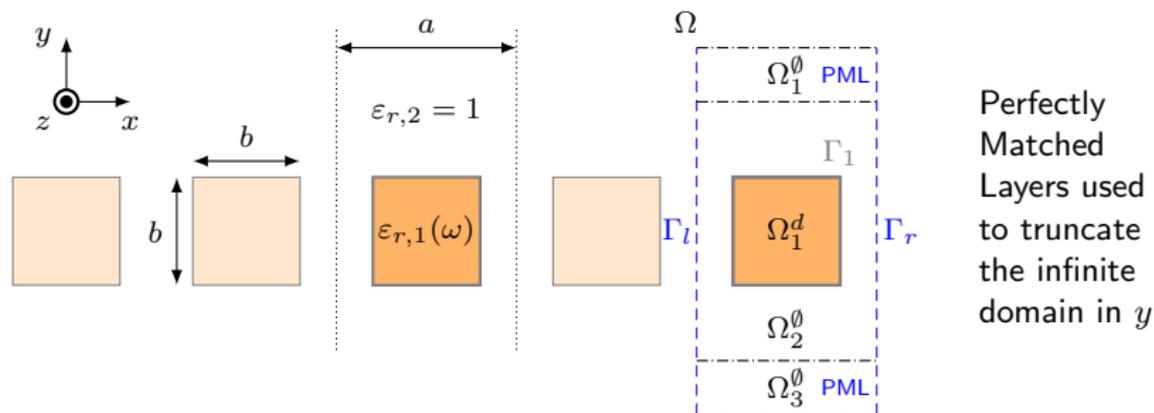
- ▶ Drude-Lorentz model:

$$\varepsilon_r(\omega) := \varepsilon_\infty + \sum_{j=0}^{N_p} \frac{f_j \omega_p^2}{\omega_j^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma_j}$$

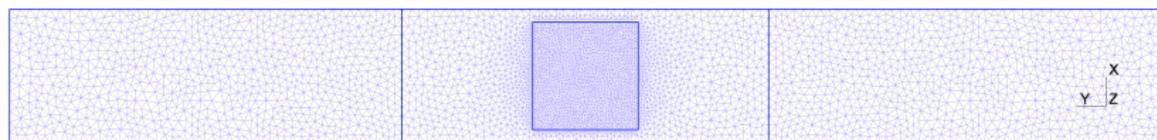
Example: in the case of **gold**,  $N_p = 5$  (12 poles)

## Computational Domain

1-D grating (periodic in  $x$ , invariant in  $z$ )

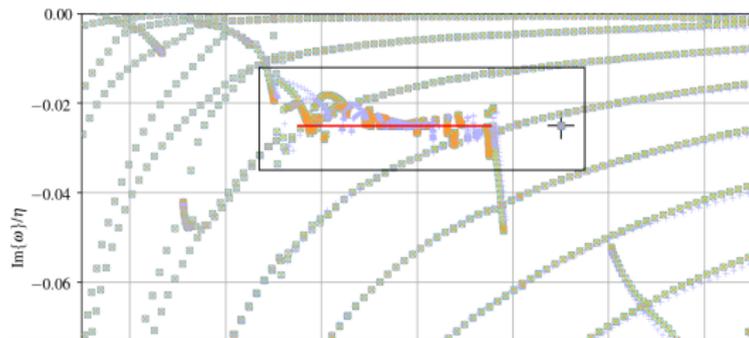


Discretization mesh (33346 DOFs):

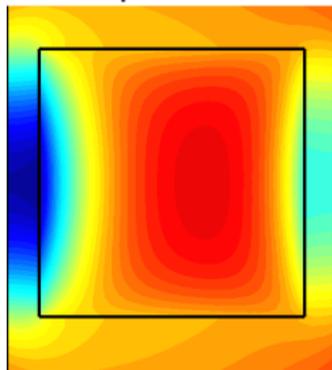


# Solution

## Computed eigenvalues



## Mode profiles



Next objective:

**Absorption spectrum:** Losses as a function of source frequency

**Strategy 1** Loop over direct problems

**Strategy 2** Modal expansion, need also an expansion for adjoint problem (left eigenvectors)

**Strategy 3** Use explicit representation of resolvent

## Left Eigenvectors and the Resolvent

$$T(\lambda)x = 0, \quad x \neq 0$$

$$y^*T(\lambda) = 0^*, \quad y \neq 0$$

- ▶ Compute left eigenvector  $y$  as right eigenvector of  $T^*$
- ▶ Compute eigen-triples  $\{(x_i, y_i, \lambda_i)\}_{i=1}^k$  with two-sided method

---

Keldysh's theorem provides an explicit formula for the **resolvent**

$$T^{-1}(z) = \sum_{i=1}^k (z - \lambda_i)^{-1} x_i y_i^* + R(z)$$

for  $\lambda_i \in \Omega$ ,  $x_i, y_i$  normalized so that  $y_i^* T'(\lambda_i) x_i = 1$

In SLEPC: `NEPApplyResolvent()` computes the action  $T^{-1}(\lambda_s)u_j$

# Summary of the Two Approaches

## Physical approach

Explicit computation of all the integrals

- Solve one NEP to get the eigenpair  $(\lambda_k, \mathbf{E}_{r,k})$
- Solve adjoint NEP to get the eigenpair  $(\lambda_k, \mathbf{E}_{l,k})$
- Save all on disk

Expansion of the solution of a problem driven by a given source  $\mathbf{j}$  at real frequency  $\omega_s$

- Pre-assemble all sources  $\mathbf{j} \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_j$
- Solve the NEP (full basis variant) and get the eigentriplet  $(\lambda_k, \langle \mathbf{u}_{l,k} |, | \mathbf{u}_{r,k} \rangle)$

Matrix based

Physically agnostic approach

For each source  $\mathbf{j}$ :

- Assemble  $\mathbf{j}$
- For each eigentriplet:
- Compute

$$\int_{\Omega} \overline{\mathbf{E}_{l,k}} \cdot \mathbf{j} \, d\Omega$$

- Compute

$$\int_{\Omega} \overline{\mathbf{E}_{l,k}} \cdot (\mathbf{T}'_{\varepsilon,\mu}(\lambda_k) \mathbf{E}_{r,k}) \, d\Omega$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \dots$$

Post-process relevant quantities

Compute the resolvent matrix directly:

$$\mathbf{T}_{\varepsilon,\mu}^{-1}(z) \approx \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{z - \lambda_k} \frac{|\mathbf{u}_{r,k}\rangle \langle \mathbf{u}_{l,k}|}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{l,k} | \mathbf{T}'_{\varepsilon,\mu}(\lambda_k) \mathbf{u}_{r,k} \rangle}$$

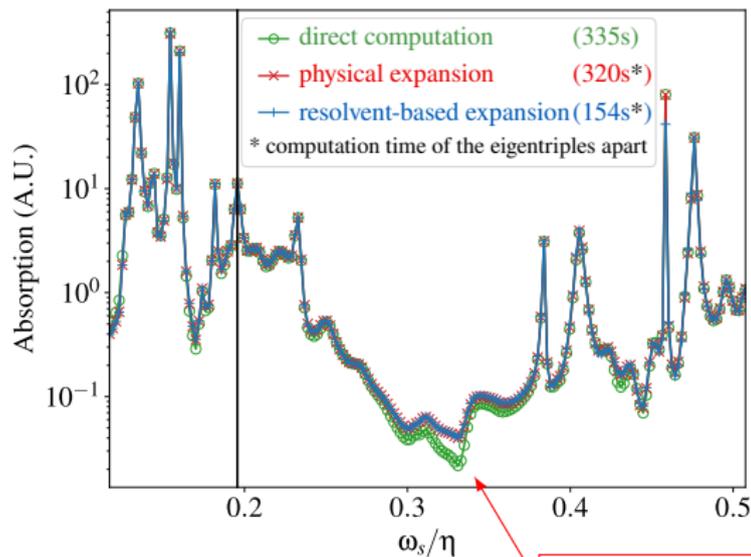
For each source  $\mathbf{u}_j$ :

- Apply resolvent :  $\mathbf{T}_{\varepsilon,\mu}^{-1}(z) \mathbf{u}_j$

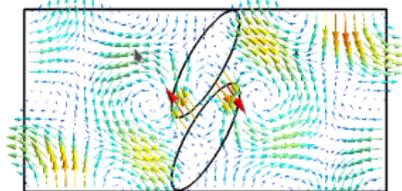
Post-process relevant quantities

## Validation

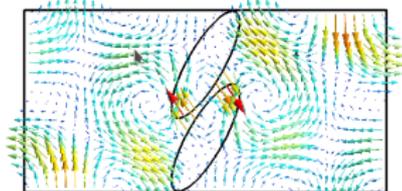
Absorption spectrum of two dispersive ellipses in a vacuum  
(200 driving frequencies, 12000 dof's, 150 eigenvalues in 600s)



$\text{Im}\{\mathbf{E}\}$  : direct computation



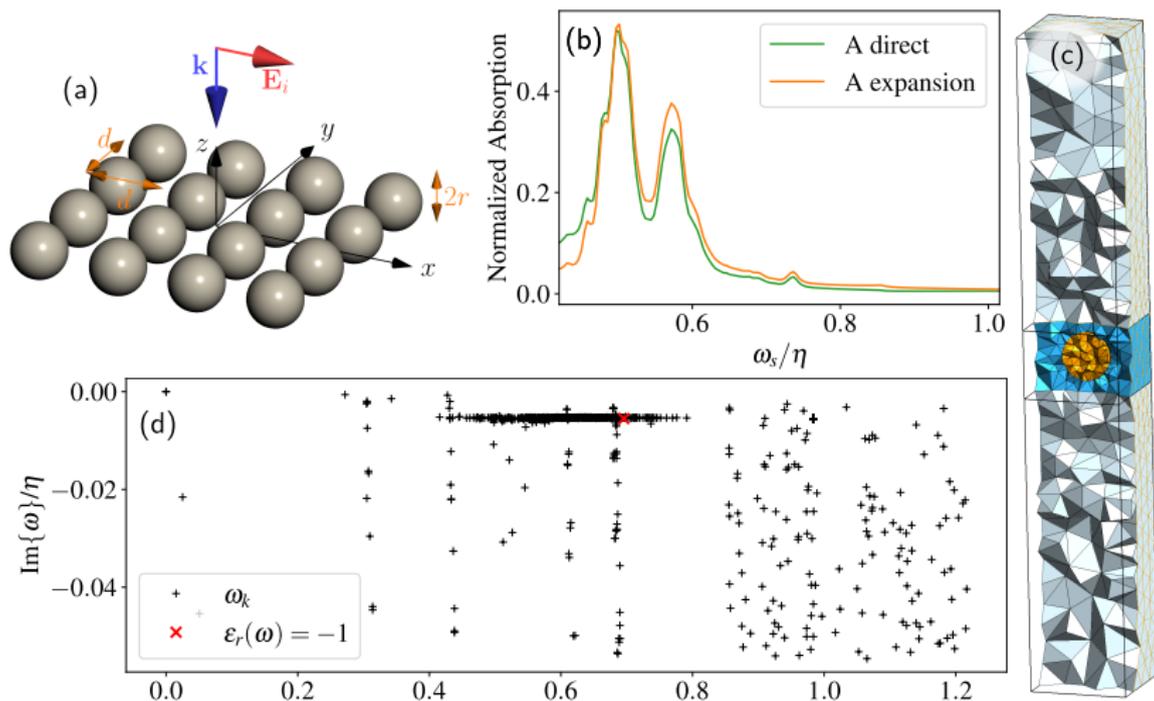
$\text{Im}\{\mathbf{E}\}$  : resolvent-based expansion



at  $\omega_s/\eta \approx 0.2$

Small discrepancy due to accumulation point

# Square Bi-Periodic 3D Structure



(120 driving frequencies, 40000 dof's, times: 686 / 5863 / 2470)

## Aero-Acoustics Modal Analysis

Joint work with:

- ▶ Varun Hiremath, formerly at Siemens PLM

V. Hiremath, J. E. Roman (2022), "Acoustic modal analysis with heat release fluctuations using nonlinear eigensolvers," arXiv:2208.08717

Highlights:

- ▶ Custom preconditioner built from first-order approximation of problem matrices

## Thermoacoustic Instabilities

Can cause problems (noise, vibrations, flame extinction, ...)

→ Goal: early identification and mitigation of instabilities

Approach: implement Helmholtz equation solver in multiphysics CFD software STAR-CCM+ using SLEPc for eigenmodes

Acoustic wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p'}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot (\bar{c}^2 \nabla p') = (\gamma - 1) \frac{\partial \hat{q}'}{\partial t}$$

$p'$ : acoustic pressure  
 $\hat{q}'$ : heat release fluctuation  
 $\bar{c} = \sqrt{\gamma \bar{p} / \bar{\rho}}$ : mean speed-of-sound  
 $\gamma$ : specific heat ratio

In frequency domain:  $\omega^2 \hat{p} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{c}^2 \nabla \hat{p}) = S(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega T}$   
→ need a model to express  $\hat{q}$  in terms of  $\hat{p}$ :  $n - \tau$  model

## Algebraic Eigenvalue Problem

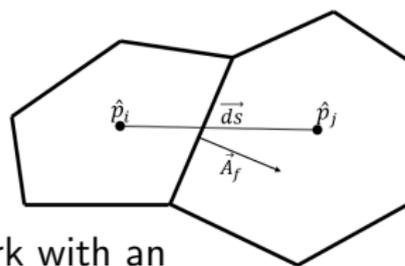
Discretization with the Finite Volume method results in

$$[A + \omega B + \omega^2 C] \hat{P} = D(\omega) \hat{P}$$

Depending on the simulation type (reacting/non-reacting) and boundary conditions, can be solved as linear, polynomial or NEP

$A$  comes from the wave propagation term  $\bar{c}^2 \nabla \hat{p}$   
→ need to compute gradient  $\nabla \hat{p}$  at cell faces

- ▶ 2nd order approx.: accurate but needs to work with an implicit matrix for  $A$  (shell matrix)
- ▶ 1st order approx.: inaccurate but can build explicit matrix  $\tilde{A}$



## Split Preconditioner

When solving a polynomial eigenproblem  $P(\lambda)x = 0$ , the most expensive operation is  $y = P(\sigma)^{-1}v$  for a given  $\sigma$

1. Build matrix  $M = P(\sigma) = A_0 + A_1\sigma + \dots + A_d\sigma^d$
2. Default is LU factorization

`STSetSplitPreconditioner` allows passing matrices

$\tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1, \dots, \tilde{A}_d$  to build the preconditioner from

$\tilde{M} = \tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{A}_1\sigma + \dots + \tilde{A}_d\sigma^d$  for any  $\sigma$

→ `KSPSetOperators(ksp, M,  $\tilde{M}$ )`

---

Similarly for  $T(\lambda)x = 0$ , NLEIGS needs to solve  $y = R_d(\sigma)^{-1}v$

- ▶  $R_d$  built from linear combinations of  $T(\sigma_j) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} A_i f_i(\sigma_j)$

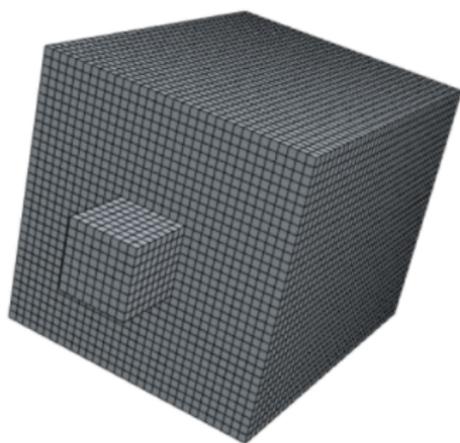
`NEPSetSplitPreconditioner` to pass  $\tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1, \dots, \tilde{A}_d$  to build the preconditioner from  $T(\sigma_j) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \tilde{A}_i f_i(\sigma_j)$

## Validation: Helmholtz Resonator

Classical Helmholtz resonator: a big cavity connected to a small open neck

- ▶ Non-reacting case with no impedance boundary condition  
→ linear eigenproblem

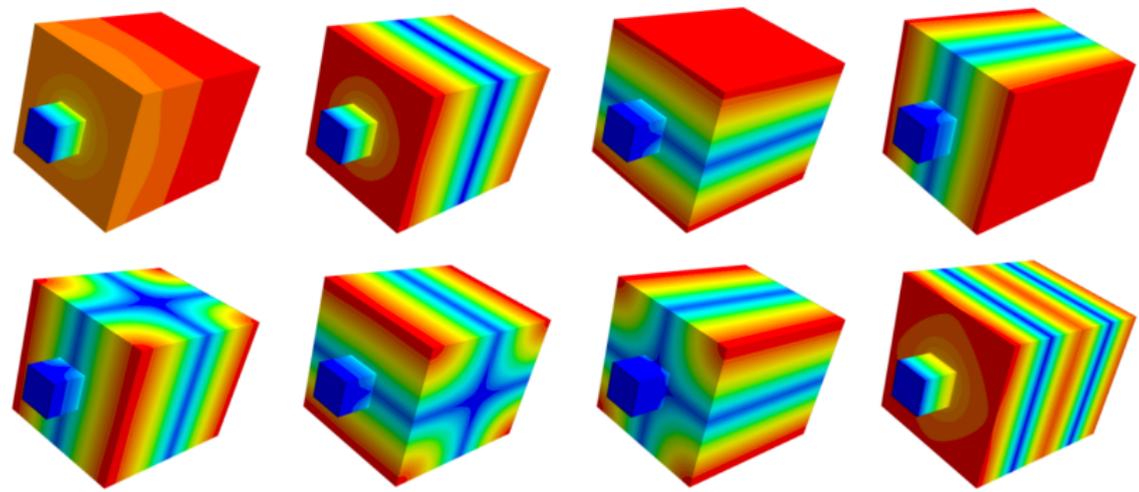
	STAR-CCM+ using SLEPc	AVSP [Nicoud 2007]	Theoretical [Nicoud 2007]
Mode	Frequency, Hz	Frequency, Hz	Frequency, Hz
1	258	263	233
2	1772	1774	1781
3	2174	2176	2169
4	2174	2176	2169
5	2785	2787	2778
6	2785	2787	2778
7	3069	3069	3068
8	3479	3479	3483



All eigenvalues are real, zero growth rate (standing waves)



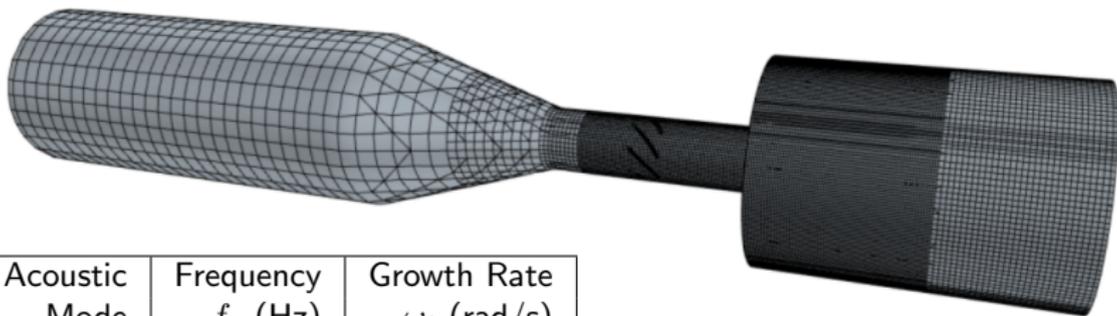
# Validation: Helmholtz Resonator - Computed Modes



## EM2C Burner

Turbulent swirled combustor designed and studied at EM2C Lab

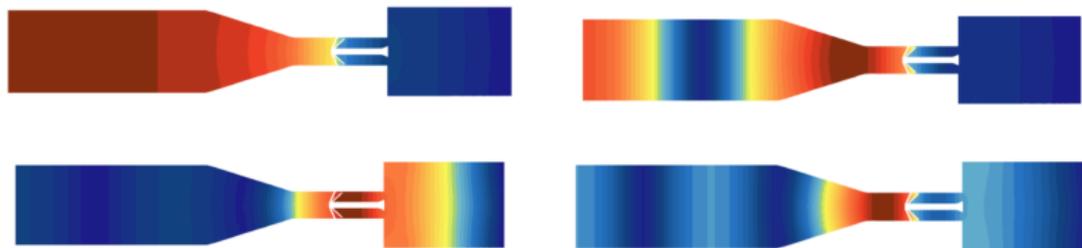
- ▶ variable length upstream manifold + axisymmetric duct + variable length cylindrical combustion chamber



Acoustic Mode	Frequency $f_r$ (Hz)	Growth Rate $\omega_i$ (rad/s)
1	116.6	-37.73
2	907.5	15.31
3	1334.9	336.01
4	1648.0	-173.22

unstable modes

## EM2C Burner - Computed Modes



With 500,000 cells, NEPSolve time  $\approx$  4 minutes

## Concluding Remarks

### Nonlinear eigensolvers in SLEPc

- ▶ Several eigensolvers, NLEIGS is generally good
- ▶ Left eigenvectors needed in some applications, e.g., resolvent
- ▶ Flexible way to pass preconditioner matrices

### Further development

- ▶ Improve other solvers (contour integral)

Grant PID2019-107379RB-I00 funded by:

### Acknowledgement:



GOBIERNO  
DE ESPAÑA

MINISTERIO  
DE CIENCIA  
E INNOVACIÓN

