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In the field of numerical simulation, one challenge is to reduce the restitution time.

We consider simulations:

- Running on distributed memory architectures
- Using 2D or 3D meshes
- Coupling several physics (multi-physics simulations)

Running these simulations efficiently needs to:

- 1 Balance the workloads of each processor for each phase of the computation
- 2 Overlap or minimize communications
- 3 Take care of memory accesses
- 4 Exploit full processor characteristics

We focus on the first 2 items.

Algorithm 1 Example of the temporal loop of a multi-physics simulation

(2 computing phases: f and g , coupling the variables X and Y)

for $t \in [0, t_{end} - 1]$ **do**

$X(t + 1) \leftarrow f(t + 1, X(t), Y(t))$

First computing phase

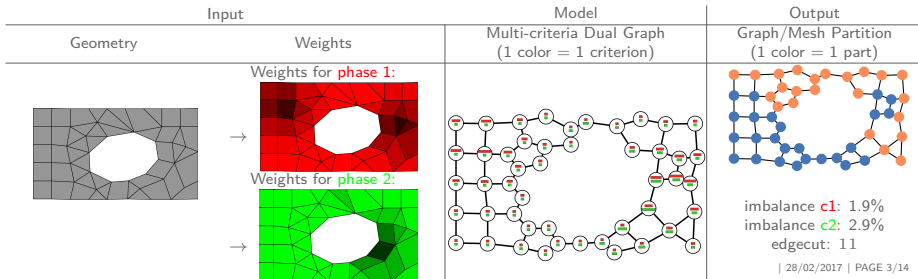
$Y(t + 1) \leftarrow g(t + 1, X(t + 1), Y(t))$

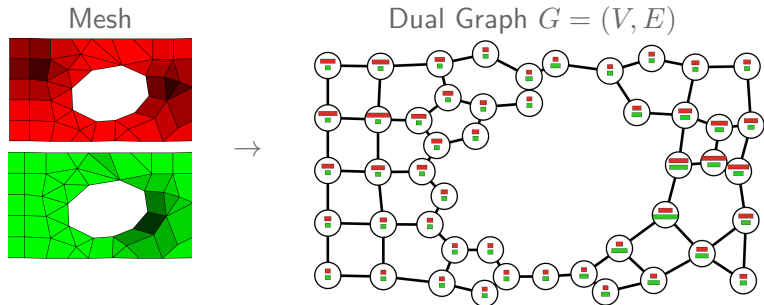
Second computing phase

end for

Objectives:

- 1 Balance the workloads of each processor *for each phase*
- 2 Minimize communications between processors





Problem : Graph partitioning

We search for a partition P of V respecting:

- 1 some **constraints**: load-balancing
(imbalance of P is for all criteria smaller than a given tolerance)
- 2 an **objective**: minimize the edgecut
(sum of the weights of the edges cut by the partition).

NP-Hard Problem.

Main existing software:

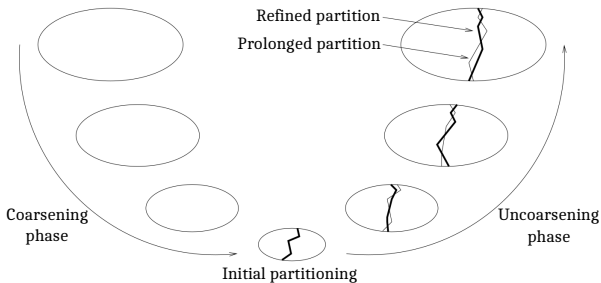
Software	Representations	Multi-criteria	Origin	Limitations for us
Scotch	Topological	No	INRIA	No multi-criteria (yet)
MeTiS	Topological	Yes	University of Minnesota	Does not often meet the balance constraints
PaToH	Topological	Yes	Bilkent University	No parallel version No open-source version Does not always meet the balance constraints
Zoltan	Geometric Topological	Yes No	Sandia National Laboratories	Geometric representations are inefficient

⇒ Lack of efficient multi-criteria partitioning tools.

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A 3-phases algorithm:

- 1 Coarsening
- 2 Initial partitioning of the coarsened hypergraph
- 3 Uncoarsening and refinement



A 3-phases algorithm:

1 Coarsening

→ (Ongoing) Selection of a matching policy improving the quality of the returned solutions

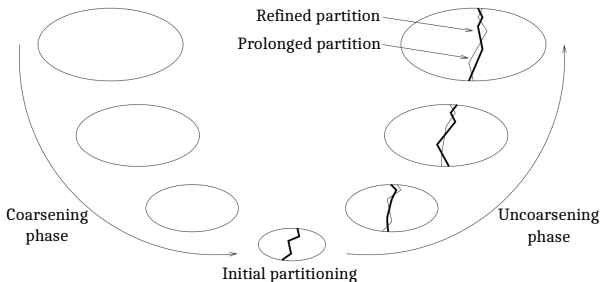
2 Initial partitioning of the coarsened hypergraph

→ New algorithm focusing on balance constraints

3 Uncoarsening and refinement

→ Adapted Fiduccia-Mattheyses algorithm

Implemented
in Scotch



- Coarsening:
 - Classical algorithm: Heavy-Edge-Matching
- Initial Partitioning:
 - Local optimization of the balance
 - Enforce balance for all the constraints
 - Presented in SIAM CSC 2016
- Refinement:
 - Fiduccia-Mattheyses algorithm: local optimization of the edgecut with hill-climbing
 - Moves that unbalance the partition more than the tolerance are forbidden

⇒ Finding a balanced partition of the coarsest graph guarantees that the returned partition will respect the balance constraints.

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Comparison between

- MeTiS (5.1.0)
- PaToH (3.2)
- Scotch (6.1.0 - not yet released multi-criteria version)

Instances considered:

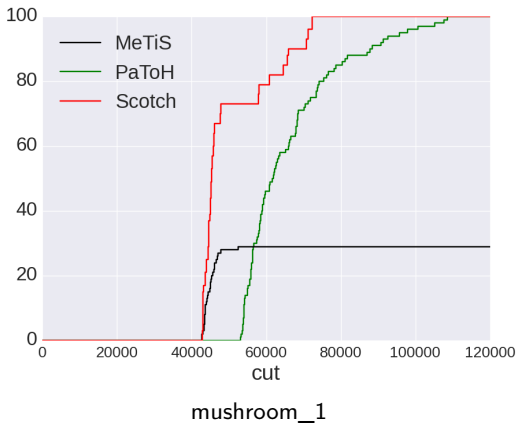
Name	Geometry	Vertices	Edges	Criteria	Edge weights
mushroom_1	2D	22800	45253	3	$\sqrt{w_i + w_j}$
mushroom_2	2D	22800	45253	3	independent
onera	3D	85567	166817	3	$\sqrt{w_i + w_j}$
wave	3D	156317	1059331	3	$\sqrt{w_i + w_j}$

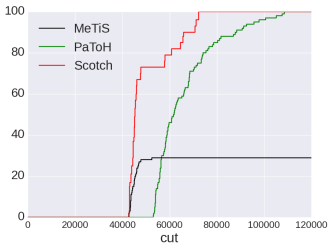
Partitioning parameters:

- Imbalance tolerance 5%
- Number of parts: 2
- Each algorithm is executed 100 times on each instance with random seeds.

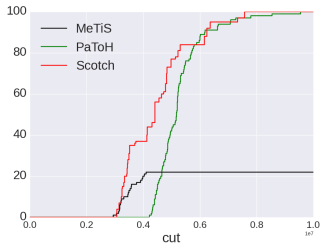
$f_{algo}(x)$ = number of valid solutions of *algo* of cut $\leq x$.

- We want to minimize the cut of each returned solution: left is better

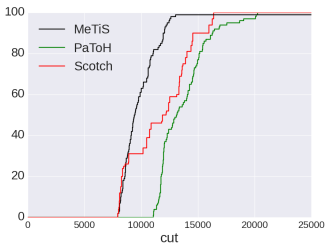




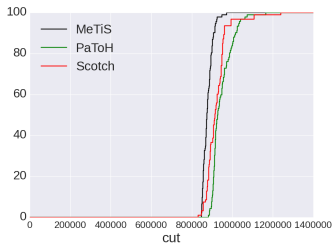
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mushroom_2



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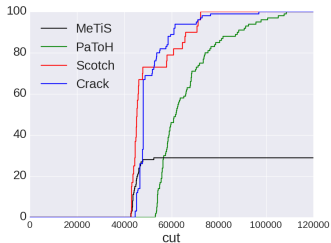


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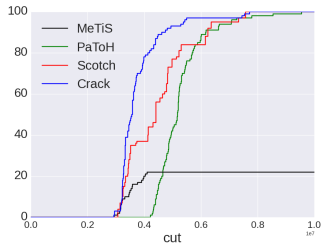
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- Python prototype: Crack
- Allows to test different parameters on the multi-level
- An example: settings of the coarsening parameters
 - Heavy-Edge-Matching
 - Particular order of the vertices:
sorted by increasing degrees
 - Do not allow to match 2 vertices if the resulting vertex is overweighted

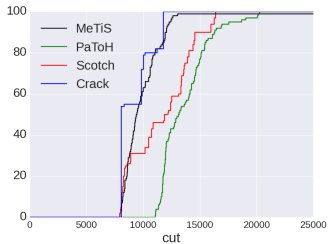
Comparison of Crack on the previous instances



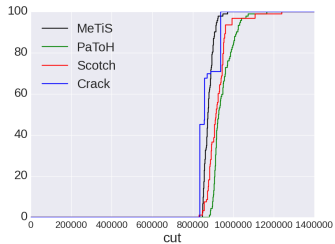
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Summary:

- Scotch next release will support multi-criteria graph partitioning
- This new version implements a new initial partitioning and sets the refinement phase to guaranty that the returned solution will respect the balance constraints
- Scotch results are promising

Perspectives:

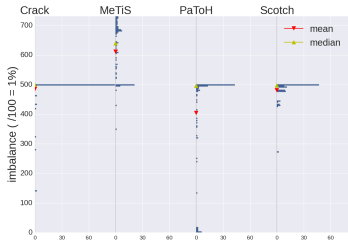
- Enforce the algorithm robustness by the study of variations of the algorithms
- Validation on more instances
Validation on a simulation code
- Set up of a parallel version of the algorithms

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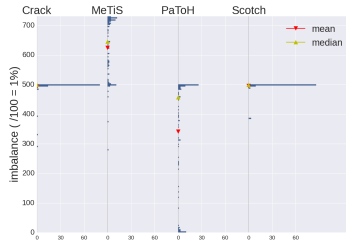
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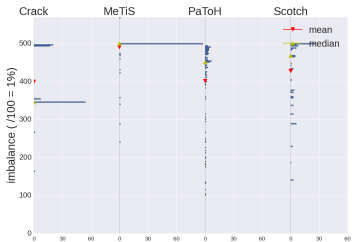
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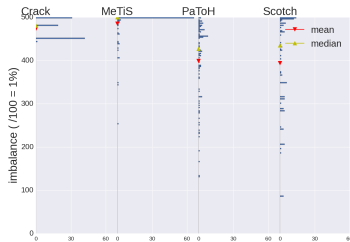
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