

Nonconforming time discretization methods for coupling advection-diffusion problems with discontinuous coefficients

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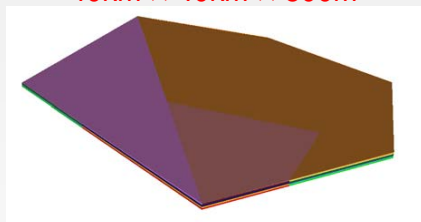
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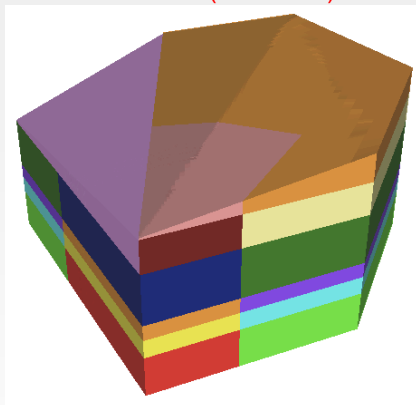
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Far field 3D : The calculation domain

Actual dimensions:
 $40\text{km} \times 40\text{km} \times 500\text{m}$



A blow-up in the vertical
direction (30 times)



The repository is located in the red part of the bottom layer.

Hydrogeological data

Hydrogeologic layers	Thickness [m]	Porosity [%]	Permeability [m/s]		Effective diffusion coefficient [m ² /s]	Dispersivity Coefficients [m]
			Regional	Local		
Tithonian	Variable	10	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	10^{-9}	6.0, 0.6
Kimmeridgian when it outcrops	Variable	10	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	10^{-9}	6.0, 0.6
Kimmeridgian under cover			10^{-11}	10^{-12}		
Oxfordian L2a-L2b	165	6	$2 \cdot 10^{-7}$	10^{-9}	10^{-9}	6.0, 0.6
Oxfordian Hp1-Hp4	50	18	$6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-9}$	10^{-9}	1600, 30
Oxfordian C3a-C3b	60	1	10^{-10}	10^{-12}	$4 \cdot 10^{-12}$	6.0, 0.6
Callovo-Oxfordian Cox	135	1	$K_v=10^{-14} K_h=10^{-12}$		$4 \cdot 10^{-12}$	6.0, 0.6

Contaminant transport

$$\omega R \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(-\mathbf{D}\nabla c + c\mathbf{u}) + \omega R \lambda c = 0,$$

with the diffusion-dispersion tensor

$$\mathbf{D} = d_e \mathbf{I} + |\mathbf{u}|[\alpha_l \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{u}) + \alpha_t (I - \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{u}))], \quad E_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{u_i u_j}{|\mathbf{u}|^2}.$$

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Spatial discretization

based on the mixed formulation

$$\begin{aligned}\omega \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{c}\mathbf{u}) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{r} &= -\mathbf{D}\nabla \mathbf{c}\end{aligned}$$

with

\mathcal{T}_h – a grid of hexahedral and/or tetrahedral elements K .

\mathcal{F}_h – the set of faces F of elements K of \mathcal{T}_h .

use mixed finite elements with the approximation spaces

\mathcal{M}_h – the space of functions constant on each element of \mathcal{T}_h .

\mathcal{W}_h – Raviart-Thomas-Nedelec spaces or Kuznetsov-Repin spaces.

Look for $c_h \in \mathcal{M}_h$ and $\mathbf{r}_h \in \mathcal{W}_h$ such that

$$\int_K \omega \frac{\partial c_h}{\partial t} + \int_K \operatorname{div} \mathbf{r}_h + \int_{\partial K} c_h^* \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_K = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_h$$

$$\int_{\Omega_i} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_h \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega_i} c_h \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = - \int_{\partial \Omega} c_d \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i}, \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{W}_h$$

where c_h^* is the upstream value on ∂K .

First order Euler

- Diffusion: implicit
- Advection: explicit with upstream weighting

$$\int_K \omega \frac{c_h^{n+1} - c_h^n}{\Delta t} + \int_K \operatorname{div} \mathbf{r}_h^{n+1} + \int_{\partial K} c_h^{n*} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_K = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_h$$

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with c_h^{n*} the upstream concentration.

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The objective

- Strong heterogeneities



- Different time scales

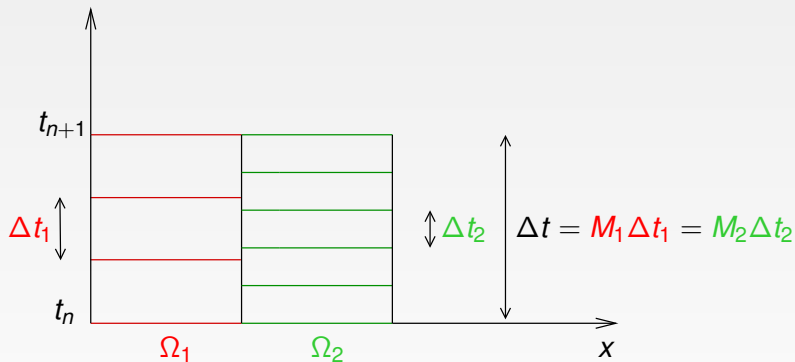


- Subdomain time discretization

- To improve precision
- To decrease computing time

- J.-L. Lions, Y. Maday, G. Turinici (2001): Parareal algorithms
- M. F. Wheeler, I. Yotov: Mortar mixed finite elements
- C. Japhet, Y. Maday, F. Nataf (2004): A new cement to glue nonconforming grids with Robin interface conditions
- M. J. Gander, L. Halpern, C. Japhet, M. Kern, F. Nataf (2002-2005): Optimized Schwarz waveform relaxation for nonconforming time discretization

Subdomain time stepping with nonconforming time grids



Spatial discretization

Division of Ω into subdomains Ω_i , ($i = 1, 2$)

\mathcal{T}_{hi} a finite element grid on Ω_i (suppose matching grids)

\mathcal{F}_{hi} the set of faces of elements of \mathcal{T}_{hi}

with associated approximation spaces \mathcal{M}_{hi} and \mathcal{W}_{hi}

Denote by γ the interface between Ω_1 and Ω_2 , $\gamma = \bar{\Omega}_1 \cap \bar{\Omega}_2$

\mathcal{G}_h the set of faces of elements of \mathcal{T}_{hi} that lie on γ

with associated approximation space

Λ_h - the space of functions constant on each face of \mathcal{G}_h

For one hyper time step Δt in Ω_i (without advection)

For $m_i = 0, \dots, M_i - 1$, with $c_i^{n,0} = c_i^n$ and $\mathbf{r}_i^{n,0} = \mathbf{r}_i^n$, look for

$$c_i^{n,m_i+1} \in \mathcal{M}_{hi}, \quad \mathbf{r}_i^{n,m_i+1} \in \mathcal{W}_{hi}, \quad \lambda_i^{n,m_i+1} \in \Lambda_h$$

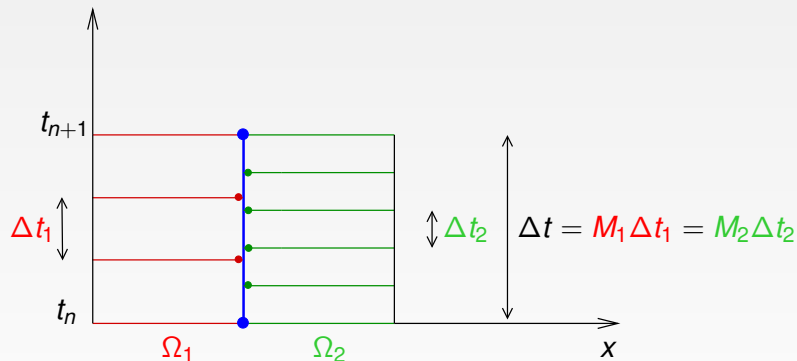
such that

$$\int_K \omega \frac{c_i^{n,m_i+1} - c_i^{n,m_i}}{\Delta t_i} + \int_K \operatorname{div} \mathbf{r}_i^{n,m_i+1} = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_{hi}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_i} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i^{n,m_i+1} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega_i} c_i^{n,m_i+1} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = - \int_{\partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega} c_d \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i} - \int_{\gamma} \lambda_i^{n,m_i+1} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i}, \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{W}_{hi}$$

Transmission conditions on the interface γ

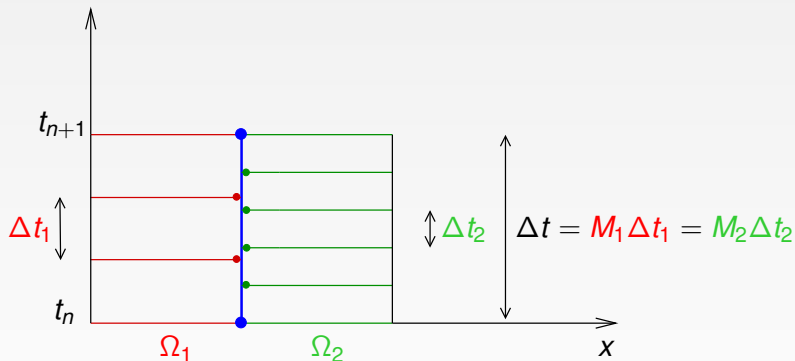
- Continuity of the concentration at t_{n+1}
- Conservation over the interval (t_n, t_{n+1})



A projection operator

Knowing $\lambda^n = \lambda_1^n = \lambda_2^n$, determine $\lambda^{n+1} = \lambda_1^{n+1} = \lambda_2^{n+1}$ as follows:

Define $\pi_i : \Lambda_h \rightarrow \Lambda_h^{M_i}$, $i = 1, 2$, by $\pi_i(\lambda)^{m_i} = \lambda$,



Dirichlet-to-Neumann operators in $\Omega_i \times (t^n, t^{n+1})$

Solve for $c_i^{m_i+1} = c_i^{n, m_i+1}(\lambda) \in \mathcal{M}_{hi}$, $\mathbf{r}_i^{m_i+1} = \mathbf{r}_i^{n, m_i+1}(\lambda) \in \mathcal{W}_{hi}$,

$$\int_K \omega \frac{c_i^{m_i+1} - c_i^{m_i}}{\Delta t_i} + \int_K \operatorname{div} \mathbf{r}_i^{m_i+1} = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_{hi}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_i} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i^{m_i+1} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega_i} c_i^{m_i+1} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = - \int_{\partial \Omega_i \cap \partial \Omega} c_d \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i} - \int_{\gamma} (\pi_i(\lambda))^{m_i+1} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i}, \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{W}_{hi}$$

and calculate $\mathbf{r}_i^{n, m_i+1}(\lambda) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i}$.

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{S}_i(\lambda) = \pi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_i^{n, m_i+1}(\lambda) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_i}) = \Delta t_i \sum_{m=0}^{M_i-1} \mathbf{r}_1^{n, m+1} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_1}.$$

Domain decomposition formulation

Find $\lambda \in \Lambda_h$ such that

$$\mathcal{S}_1(\lambda) + \mathcal{S}_2(\lambda) = 0.$$

This linear system has a unique solution.

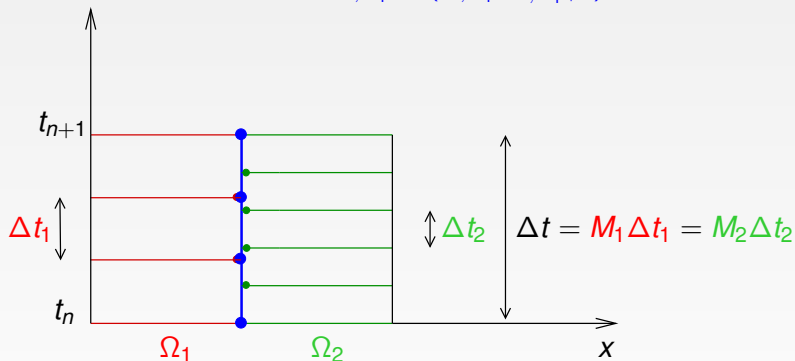
It is nonsymmetric and needs to be solved iteratively.

Set $\lambda^{n+1} = \lambda$.

- One interface unknown ($\lambda \in \Lambda_h$) per time step.

Transmission conditions - a more expensive scheme

- Weak continuity of concentration over (t_n, t_{n+1})
- Conservation over the interval $I_{n,m_1} = (t_{n,m_1}, t_{n,m_1+1})$, $m_1 = 1, \dots, M_1$



Domain decomposition formulation

Find λ such that

$$\mathcal{S}_1(\lambda) + \mathcal{S}_2(\lambda) = 0$$

(A nonsymmetric linear system to be solved iteratively.)

Set $\lambda^{n,m_i} = \lambda^{m_i}$, $m_i = 1, \dots, M_1$ and then set $\lambda^{n+1} = \lambda^{n,M_1}$

- M_1 interface unknowns $(\lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^{M_1} \in \Lambda_h)$ per time step.

Robin transmission conditions : fast and robust solver

Problem : transmission conditions on the concentration and the flux lead to slow convergence \Rightarrow preconditioning

An efficient preconditioning way: Optimized transmission conditions

$$\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_1} + \alpha_1 \mathbf{c}_1 = \pi_{1,2}(-\mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_2} + \alpha_1 \mathbf{c}_2),$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_2} + \alpha_2 \mathbf{c}_2 = \pi_{2,1}(-\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega_1} + \alpha_2 \mathbf{c}_1).$$

where α_1, α_2 optimize the convergence rate

\Rightarrow Optimized Schwarz waveform relaxation

Gander/Halpern/Nataf (2002), Martin (2003),

Gander/Halpern/Bennequin (2004), Gander/Halpern/Kern (2004)

with discontinuous Galerkin in time for nonconforming time

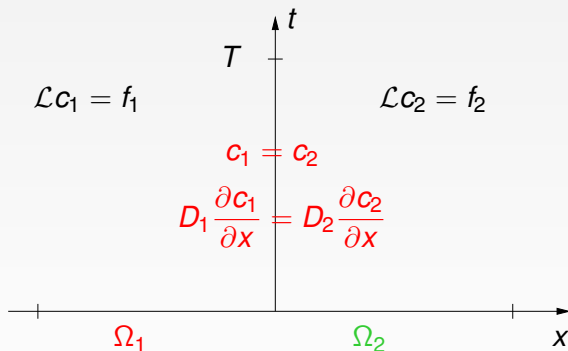
discretization Blayo/Halpern/Japhet (2004), Halpern/Japhet (2005)

Advection-diffusion problems with discontinuous coefficients

$$\mathcal{L}c = \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(cu) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(D(x)\frac{\partial c}{\partial x}\right) = f \text{ in }]z_1, z_2[\times]0, T[$$

$$c(z_1, t) = c(z_2, t) = 0, t \in [0, T], \quad c(x, 0) = c_0(x), x \in [z_1, z_2]$$

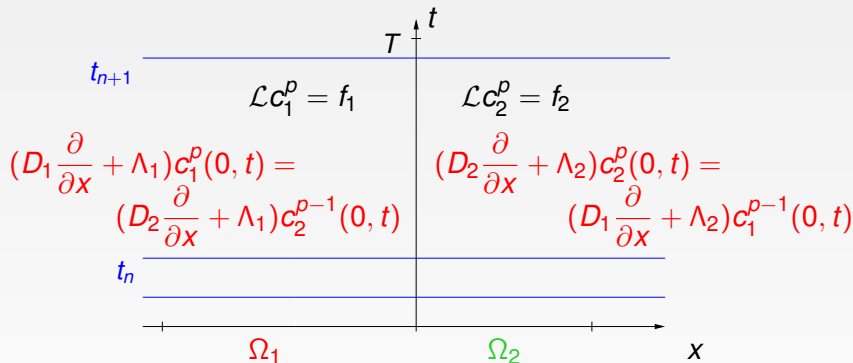
with $D(x) = D_i$ in Ω_i , $u \geq 0$, $D_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2$



Optimized Schwarz Waveform Relaxation Method

$$\Lambda_1 = \alpha_1 + \beta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \Lambda_2 = \alpha_2 + \beta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ optimize the convergence rate



How to discretize these conditions with nonmatching grids in time ?

Time Discontinuous Galerkin Method

(Eriksson-Johnson-Thomée, 1985)

Subdomain problem in $\Omega_j = [x_{j-1}, x_j]$,
in one time window $I_n = (t_n, t_{n+1})$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{L}c & = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_j \times I_n, \\ c(\cdot, t_n) & = c_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_j, \\ (-D \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \beta^- Id + \gamma^- \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) c(x_{j-1}, \cdot) & = g^- \quad \text{on } I_n, \\ (D \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \beta^+ Id + \gamma^+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) c(x_j, \cdot) & = g^+ \quad \text{on } I_n. \end{array} \right.$$

Weak formulation

Let $V_j = H^1(\Omega_j)$,

Find $\mathbf{c} \in C^0(0, T; L^2(\Omega_j)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega_j))$ such that $\mathbf{c}(\cdot, t_n) = \mathbf{c}_0$,

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{c}}{dt}(t), \varphi \right) + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{c}(t), \varphi) = (\mathbf{f}(t), \varphi) + \mathbf{g}^-(t)\varphi(\mathbf{x}_{j-1}) + \mathbf{g}^+(t)\varphi(\mathbf{x}_j), \quad \forall \varphi \in V_j,$$

where, for φ, ψ in V_j :

$$\begin{cases} ((\varphi, \psi)) = (\varphi, \psi) + \gamma^- \varphi(\mathbf{x}_{j-1})\psi(\mathbf{x}_{j-1}) + \gamma^+ \varphi(\mathbf{x}_j)\psi(\mathbf{x}_j), \\ \mathbf{b}(\varphi, \psi) = (D(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{x}}) + (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})\varphi, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{x}}) + \beta^- \varphi(\mathbf{x}_{j-1})\psi(\mathbf{x}_{j-1}) + \beta^+ \varphi(\mathbf{x}_j)\psi(\mathbf{x}_j). \end{cases}$$

Discontinuous Galerkin Method

Let \mathcal{T} be a decomposition of $I_n = \cup_{k=1}^K I_n^k$ with $I_n^k = [t_{n,k-1}, t_{n,k}]$. Defined

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_q(V) &= \{\varphi : \varphi(t) = \sum_{i=0}^q \varphi_i t^i, \varphi_i \in V\} \\ \mathcal{P}_q(V, \mathcal{T}) &= \{\varphi : I \rightarrow V, \varphi|_{I_n^k} \in \mathbf{P}_q(V), 1 \leq k \leq K\}.\end{aligned}$$

Let $\varphi^{k,\pm} = \varphi(t_{n,k} \pm 0)$

The Discontinuous Galerkin method defines recursively on I_n^k , an approximate solution C in $\mathcal{P}_q(V_j, \mathcal{T})$ by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C^{0,-} = c_0, \\ \forall \varphi \in \mathbf{P}_q(V_j) : \int_{I_n^k} [(\frac{dC}{dt}, \varphi) + b(C, \varphi)] dt + ((C^{k-1,+}, \varphi^{k-1,+})) = \\ \int_{I_n^k} [(f(t), \varphi(t)) + g^-(t)\varphi(x_{j-1}) + g^+(t)\varphi(x_j)] dt + ((C^{k-1,-}, \varphi^{k-1,+})). \end{array} \right.$$

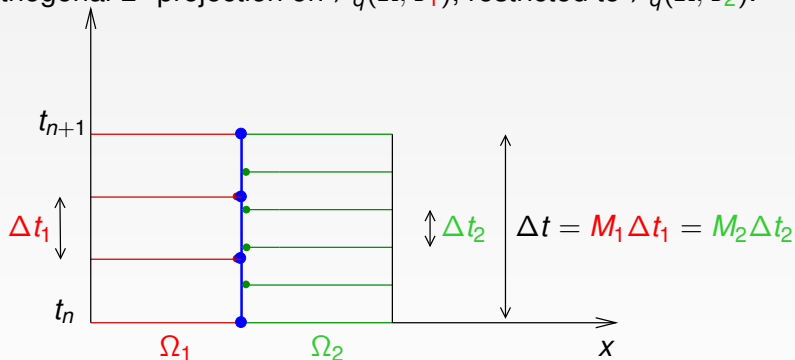
Projections between time grids (in one time window)

generalization of the method developed in
Gander/Halpern/Nataf(2003)

\mathcal{T}_i a partition of the time window I_n in Ω_i , $i = 1, 2$

$\pi_{2,1}$ orthogonal L^2 projection on $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_2)$, restricted to $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_1)$.

$\pi_{1,2}$ orthogonal L^2 projection on $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_1)$, restricted to $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_2)$.



Projections between time grids (in one time window)

Continuous transmission conditions

$$f_1(t) = g_2(t), \quad \forall t \in I$$

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$$f_1(t) = (D_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \alpha_1 + \beta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) c_1(0, t), \quad g_2(t) = (D_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \alpha_1 + \beta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) c_2(0, t)$$

$$f_2(t) = (D_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \alpha_2 + \beta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) c_2(0, t), \quad g_1(t) = (D_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \alpha_2 + \beta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) c_1(0, t)$$

Nonconforming discrete transmission conditions

The discrete approximations F_1, G_1 of f_1, g_1 in $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_1)$, and F_2, G_2 of f_2, g_2 in $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_2)$ verify the nonconforming matching conditions

$$\int_{I_n} [F_1 - G_2] V_1 = 0, \quad \forall V_1 \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_1)$$

$$\int_{I_n} [F_2 - G_1] V_2 = 0, \quad \forall V_2 \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_2)$$

An efficient way to perform the projections between time grids

Based on the method in [Gander/Halpern/Nataf \(2003\)](#)

Let $\{V_k^1\}$ (resp. $\{V_\ell^2\}$) the shape functions of $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_1)$ (resp. $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_2)$)

How to compute $M_{k,\ell} = \int_I V_k^1 V_\ell^2$?

⇒ **1D interface : Linear complexity algorithm without an additional grid**

⇒ **extensions to 2D and 3D interfaces** ([C.J, M.J. Gander, 2007](#))
(see <http://www.unige.ch/~gander>)

Theoretical results : convergence, error estimates

based on the theoretical results in [Eriksson/Johnson/Larsson \(1998\)](#)

Convergence: if $D_1 \neq D_2$, $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$, $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ the continuous algorithm converges.

The coupling time discrete problem has a unique solution and the Schwarz discrete algorithm converges.

Error estimates: actually in the monodomain case

$$\|u(t) - U(t)\|_{L^\infty(I; L^2(\Omega_j))} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{q+1})$$

$$\|u(t_N) - U(t_N)\|_{L^2(\Omega_j)} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{2q+1})$$

with $\Delta t = \sup_k \Delta t_k$

Numerical Results

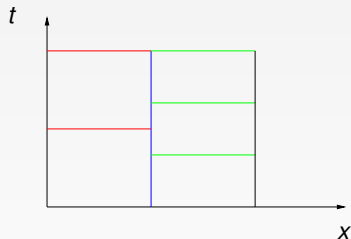
Replace V_j with V_j^h (P_1 finite element space)

Exact solution $u(x, t) = \cos(x)\cos(t)$, in $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \times [0, 2\pi]$

$u = 1$, $D_1 = D_2 = 1$

Interface : $x=0.5$, $\Delta x = 10^{-4}$

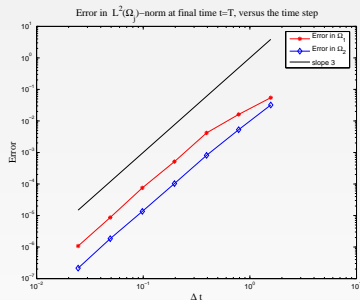
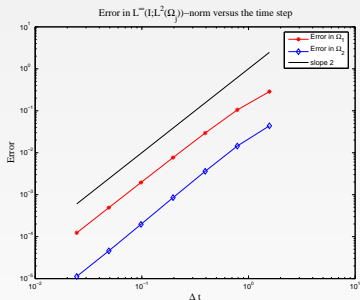
Stopping criterion : the jump of interface conditions is smaller than 10^{-6}



Initial nonconforming time grids

Error in $L^\infty(I; L^2(\Omega_j))$ norm (left part)

Error in $L^2(\Omega_j)$ norm at final time $t = T$ (right part)



An example of computed solution in one time window

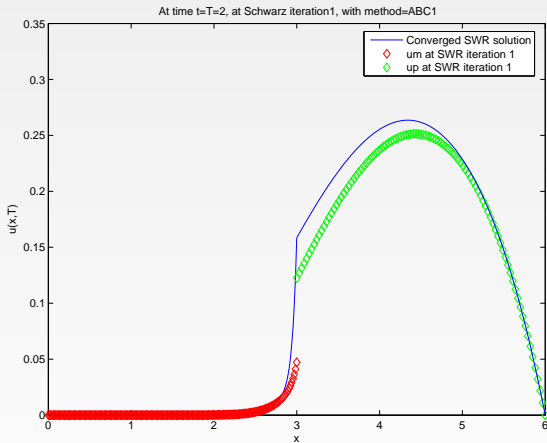
$$\mathcal{L}c = \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D(x) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \text{ dans }]0, 6[\times]0, 2[$$

$$c(0, t) = c(6, t) = 0, t \in [0, 2], \quad c(x, 0) = e^{-3(2.5-x)^2}, x \in [0, 6]$$

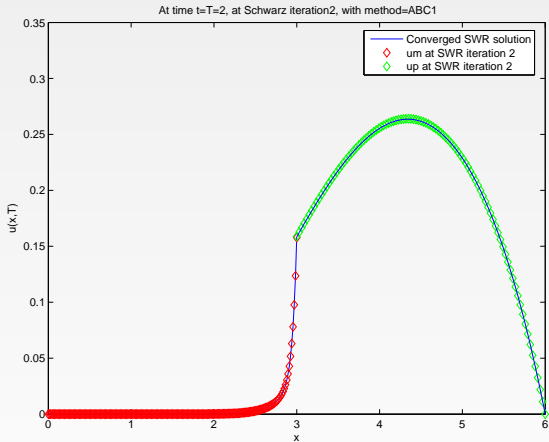
$$D_1 = 0.05, \Delta t_1 = 0.016, \Delta x_1 = 0.015$$

$$D_2 = 1, \Delta t_2 = 0.04, \Delta x_2 = 0.03$$

Optimized Order 1 transmission conditions iteration 1

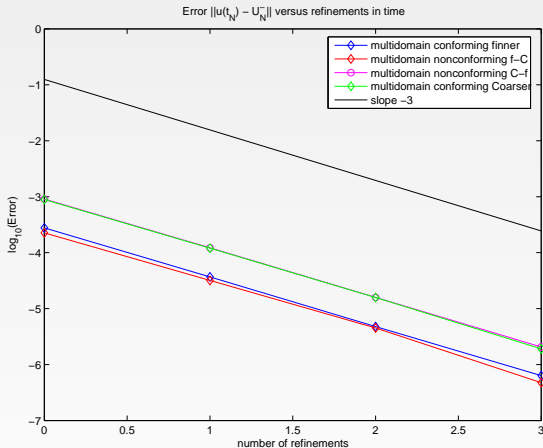


Optimized Order 1 transmission conditions iteration 2



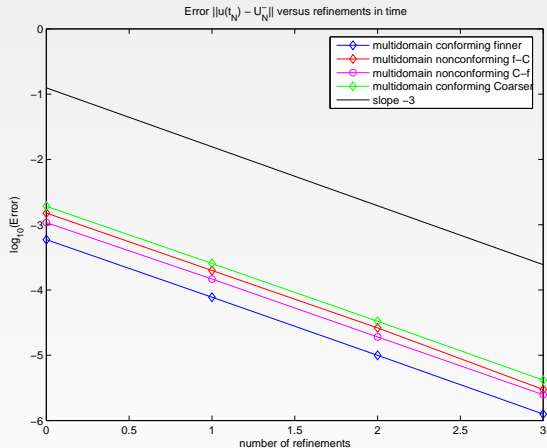
Discontinuous coefficients / time nonmatching grids

Error $\|u(t_N) - U_N^-\|_{L^2(\Omega_1)}$ at $t_N = T$



Discontinuous coefficients / time nonmatching grids

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Conclusions

- Time discontinuous Galerkin method with Optimized Schwarz Waveform Relaxation

⇒ a simple and efficient algorithm to perform projection between nonmatching time grids, convergence proof

⇒ lead to physical transmission conditions in very few iterations (2 iterations is sufficient)

⇒ independant time steps with preservation of the scheme global order in time in the subdomains

- Perspectives

- Extension to the Mixte Finite Element and Splitting approach

- implementation in the 3D code

- space-time nonmatching grids (based on C.J., Y. Maday et F. Nataf, 2004)