

# Numerical properties of a Discontinuous Galerkin formulation for Electro-Thermal coupled problems

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# Applications of **Electro-Thermal** materials

Electro-thermal materials convert electricity into heat and vice versa

## Applications:

### ➤ Thermo-Electric Generator ( TEG)

➤ e.g. production of electricity from waste heat on an automobile

➤ Cooling applications

➤ e.g. Electronic, medical...

### ➤ Heat applications

➤ e.g. Activation of fiber reinforced shape memory polymer composite [1].



Shape recovery process of a prototype of solar array actuated by SMPC hinge

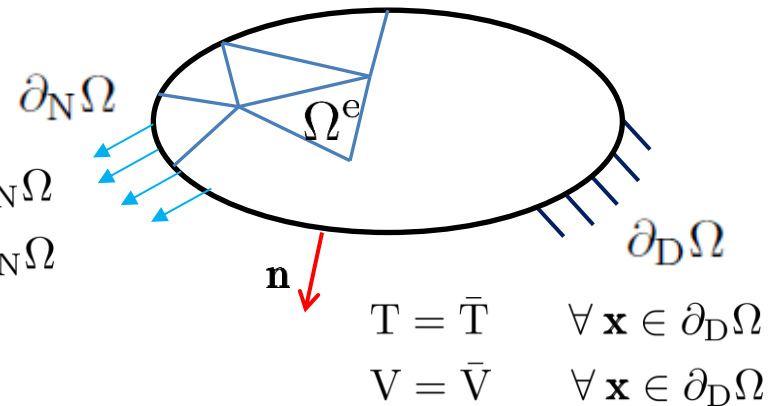
# Outline

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  - Main concept and equation of Discontinuous Galerkin (DG)
- DG Formulation for Electro-Thermal coupled problem
  - Weak form of equations
  - Numerical properties i.e. solution uniqueness, convergence rate...
- Numerical examples
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# Governing equations for **Electro-Thermal** coupling

$$\forall V, T \in H^2(\Omega) \times H^{2+}(\Omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j}_e \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \bar{j}_e \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial_N \Omega \\ \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \bar{j}_y \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial_N \Omega \end{aligned}$$



## Conservation of Electric charge

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_e = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

## Conservation of Energy

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_y = -\partial_t y \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

Electric current density flow

$$\mathbf{j}_e = \mathbf{l} \cdot (-\nabla V) + \alpha \mathbf{l} \cdot (-\nabla T)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_y = \mathbf{q} + V \mathbf{j}_e \quad \text{Energy flux}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k} \cdot (-\nabla T) + \alpha T \mathbf{j}_e \quad \text{Thermal flux}$$

$$y = y_0 + c_v T \quad \text{Internal energy}$$

# Electro-thermal constitutive relations

➤ Vector of the unknown fields:  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} f_V \\ f_T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{V}{T} \\ \frac{1}{T} \end{pmatrix}$

➤ Matrix form of fluxes:

$$\mathbf{j} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{j}_e \\ \mathbf{j}_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{f_T} \mathbf{1} & -\frac{f_V}{f_T^2} \mathbf{1} + \alpha \frac{1}{f_T^2} \mathbf{1} \\ -\frac{f_V}{f_T^2} \mathbf{1} + \alpha \frac{1}{f_T^2} \mathbf{1} & \frac{\mathbf{k}}{f_T^2} - 2\alpha \frac{f_V}{f_T^3} \mathbf{1} + \alpha^2 \frac{1}{f_T^3} \mathbf{1} + \frac{f_V^2}{f_T^3} \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_V \\ \nabla f_T \end{pmatrix}$$

Fluxes
Coefficients matrix
Field gradients

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{Z} \nabla \mathbf{M}$$

➤ Strong form:

$$\mathbf{M} \in H^2(\Omega) \times H^{2^+}(\Omega) \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{j}) & = \mathbf{i} & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ \mathbf{M} & = \bar{\mathbf{M}} & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial_D \Omega \\ \bar{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{j} & = \bar{\mathbf{j}} & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial_N \Omega \end{cases}$$

$$\text{With } \mathbf{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\partial_t y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{j}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{j}_e \\ \bar{j}_y \end{pmatrix}$$

# Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) introduction

- Similarity to FEM, to solve PDE's
  - Geometry approximated by polyhedral elements
  - Continuity ensured inside elements
    - Polynomial solution of finite degree
- Main difference with FEM:
  - Compatibility weakly ensured
    - Inter-element continuity weakly constrained
    - Support of nodal shape function restrained to one element
  - Allows / eases (with high scalability and high accuracy order):
    - Discontinuous polynomial spaces of high degree

$$X^{k(+)} = \left\{ \mathbf{M}_h \in L^2(\Omega_h) \times L^{2(+)}(\Omega_h) \mid \mathbf{M}_h|_{\Omega^e} \in \mathbb{P}^k(\Omega^e) \times \mathbb{P}^{k(+)}(\Omega^e) \quad \forall \Omega^e \in \Omega_h \right\}$$

- Irregular and non-conforming meshes
- hp-adaptivity

# DG main concepts and equations

- Let us recall the strong form

$$\nabla(\mathbf{j}) = \nabla(\mathbf{Z}\nabla\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{i} \quad (+\text{BC's})$$

- Weak form for DG scheme: multiply it by test functions  $\delta\mathbf{M}$  +  $\int$  by parts element by element

- Defining:

Jump operator  $[[\mathbf{M}]] = \mathbf{M}^+ - \mathbf{M}^-$ , Average operator  $\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle = \frac{\mathbf{M}^+ + \mathbf{M}^-}{2}$

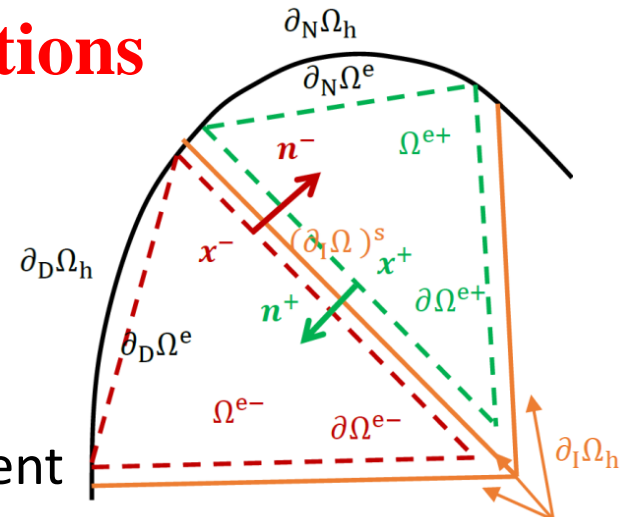
$$\int_{\Omega_h} \nabla \delta\mathbf{M} \mathbf{j} dV + \int_{\partial_I \Omega_h} [[\delta\mathbf{M}]] \langle \mathbf{j} \rangle \mathbf{n}^- dS = - \int_{\Omega_h} \mathbf{i} \delta\mathbf{M} dV + \text{BC's terms}$$

- Supplementary terms:

- Consistency** term (appears naturally above)

- Symmetrisation** term (optimal convergence rate)  $\int_{\partial_I \Omega_h} [[\mathbf{M}]] \langle \mathbf{Z}\nabla \delta\mathbf{M} \rangle \mathbf{n}^- dS$

- Quadratic **stabilization** term ( $\mathcal{B}$  = stabilisation parameter)  $\int_{\partial_I \Omega_h} [[\delta\mathbf{M}]] \mathbf{n}^- \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{Z}\mathcal{B}}{h_s} \right\rangle \mathbf{n}^- [[\mathbf{M}]] dS$



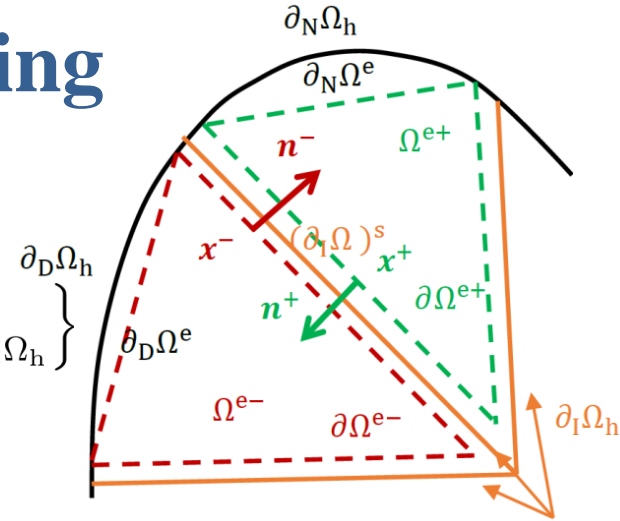
Interface between two elements  $\Omega^{e+}$  and  $\Omega^{e-}$

# Discontinuous Galerkin formulation for Electro-Thermal Coupling

Find  $\mathbf{M} \in X^+$

$$X^{(+)} = \left\{ \mathbf{M} \in L^2(\Omega_h) \times L^{2^{(+)}}(\Omega_h) \mid \mathbf{M}|_{\Omega^e} \in H^2(\Omega^e) \times H^{2^{(+)}}(\Omega^e) \quad \forall \Omega^e \in \Omega_h \right\}$$

$$a(\mathbf{M}, \delta\mathbf{M}) = b(\bar{\mathbf{M}}, \delta\mathbf{M}) - \int_{\Omega_h} \delta\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{i} d\Omega \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{M} \in X$$



**Structural term + DG terms = Boundary terms - Time derivative term**

**Consistency**

$$a(\mathbf{M}, \delta\mathbf{M}) = \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla \delta\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{M}, \nabla\mathbf{M}) d\Omega + \int_{\partial_I \Omega_h \cup \partial_D \Omega_h} [[\delta\mathbf{M}_n^T]] \langle \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{M}, \nabla\mathbf{M}) \rangle dS$$

$$+ \int_{\partial_I \Omega_h \cup \partial_D \Omega_h} [[\mathbf{M}_n^T]] \langle \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{M}) \nabla \delta\mathbf{M} \rangle dS + \int_{\partial_I \Omega_h \cup \partial_D \Omega_h} [[\delta\mathbf{M}_n^T]] \left\langle \frac{\mathcal{B}}{h_s} \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{M}) \right\rangle [[\mathbf{M}_n]] dS \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{M} \in X$$

**Compatibility**

**Stability**

$$b(\bar{\mathbf{M}}; \delta\mathbf{M}) = \int_{\partial_N \Omega_h} \delta\mathbf{M}^T \bar{\mathbf{j}} dS - \int_{\partial_D \Omega_h} \bar{\mathbf{M}}_n^T (\mathbf{Z}(\bar{\mathbf{M}}) \nabla \delta\mathbf{M}) dS + \int_{\partial_D \Omega_h} \delta\mathbf{M}_n^T \left( \frac{\mathcal{B}}{h_s} \mathbf{Z}(\bar{\mathbf{M}}) \right) \bar{\mathbf{M}}_n dS$$



# Solution uniqueness

## ➤ The mesh dependent norm

$$||| \mathbf{M} |||_1^2 = \sum_e \|\mathbf{M}\|_{H^1(\Omega^e)}^2 + \sum_s h_s \|\mathbf{M}\|_{H^1(\partial\Omega^e)}^2 + \sum_s h_s^{-1} \|\llbracket \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{n}} \rrbracket\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega^e)}^2$$

Where  $\partial\Omega^e = \partial_I\Omega^e \cup \partial_D\Omega^e$

## ➤ Consistency form

$\mathbf{M}^e \in H^2(\Omega) \times H^{2^+}(\Omega)$  the solution of the strong form, with  $\mathbf{i} = 0$

Thus as  $\llbracket \mathbf{M}^e \rrbracket = 0$  on  $\partial_I\Omega^e$  and  $\llbracket \mathbf{M}^e \rrbracket = -\mathbf{M}^e = -\bar{\mathbf{M}}$  on  $\partial_D\Omega^e$

$$a(\mathbf{M}^e, \delta\mathbf{M}^e) = b(\bar{\mathbf{M}}, \delta\mathbf{M}^e) \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{M}^e \in X, \quad (1)$$

## ➤ Weak form

The weak form, with  $\mathbf{i} = 0$ , reads as finding  $\mathbf{M}_h \in X^k$ , such that

$$a(\mathbf{M}_h, \delta\mathbf{M}_h) = b(\bar{\mathbf{M}}; \delta\mathbf{M}_h) \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{M}_h \in X^k \subset X \quad (2)$$

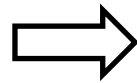
Replacing  $\delta\mathbf{M}^e = \delta\mathbf{M}_h$ , then subtracting (2) from (1)

$$a(\mathbf{M}^e, \delta\mathbf{M}_h) - a(\mathbf{M}_h, \delta\mathbf{M}_h) = b(\bar{\mathbf{M}}, \delta\mathbf{M}_h) - b(\bar{\mathbf{M}}, \delta\mathbf{M}_h) = 0 \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{M}_h \in X^k$$



# Solution uniqueness

Splitting  $\zeta$  into its components



$$\zeta = \mathbf{M}^e - \mathbf{M}_h - \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M}$$

$$= \boldsymbol{\eta} + \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

An interpolant of  $\mathbf{M}^e$  in  $X^k$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{M}^e - \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} \in X$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_h \in X^k$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{M}^e; \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_h, \delta \mathbf{M}_h) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{M}^e; \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_h, \delta \mathbf{M}_h)$$

$$= \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{M}^e; \boldsymbol{\eta}, \delta \mathbf{M}_h) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{M}^e; \boldsymbol{\eta}, \delta \mathbf{M}_h) + \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{M}^e, \mathbf{M}_h; \delta \mathbf{M}_h)$$

## Fixed point formulation

Map  $S_h : X^k \rightarrow X^k$  as follows

$$\forall \mathbf{y} \in X^k, \text{ Find } S_h(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{M}_y \in X^k$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{M}^e; \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_y, \delta \mathbf{M}_h) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{M}^e; \mathbf{I}_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_y, \delta \mathbf{M}_h)$$

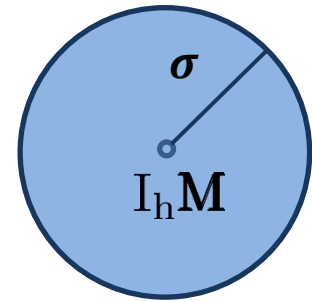
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# Solution uniqueness

## Definition of the ball $O_\sigma$

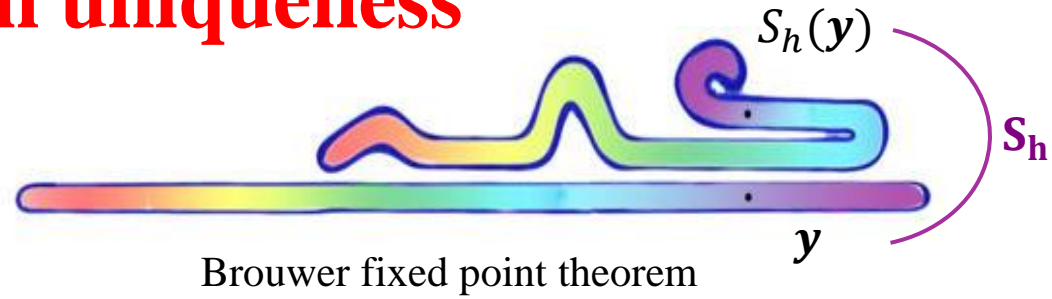
- Radius:  $\sigma$
- Center:  $I_h \mathbf{M}$  the interpolant of  $\mathbf{M}^e$



$$O_\sigma(I_h \mathbf{M}) = \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in X^k \text{ such that } \|\| I_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{y} \|\|_1 \leq \sigma \right\}$$

$$\text{with } \sigma = \frac{\|\| I_h \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}^e \|\|_1}{h_s^\varepsilon}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{4}$$

# Solution uniqueness



The existence of the discrete solution  $M_h$

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The existence of a fixed point  $S_h(y) = y$  in the map  $S_h$

$S_h$  map to itself

$S_h$  is continuous map

# Solution uniqueness

1. Assumption  $C_\alpha, C_y, C^k$  and Lemmas (e.g. trace inequality, inverse inequality . .)
  2. Bound the bilinear terms  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$
  3. Bound the nonlinear term  $\mathcal{N}$
- } for stabilization parameter  $\beta > \text{Const}(C_\alpha, C_y, C^k \dots)$

$S_h$  maps  $O_\sigma(I_h M)$  into itself

Continuity of  $S_h$  in the ball  $O_\sigma(I_h M)$

$$h_s \rightarrow 0 \implies I_h M - M_y \rightarrow 0 \quad ||| M_{y_1} - M_{y_2} ||| \leq C^k h_s^{\mu-2-\varepsilon} ||| y_1 - y_2 |||$$

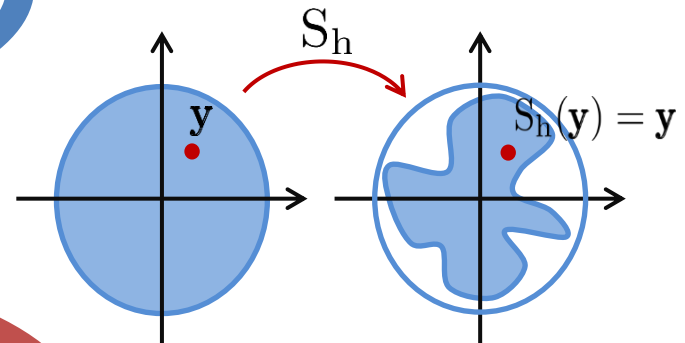
$$y \in O_\sigma(I_h M)$$

$$S_h(y) = y$$

**Brouwer fixed point**

$S_h(y)$  has a fixed point  $M_h$

The existence of unique solution of the nonlinear elliptic problem for  $k \geq 2$



# A prior error estimate

$H^1$ -norm

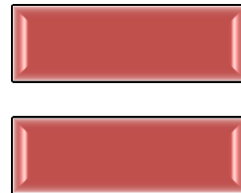
$$\| \mathbf{M}^e - \mathbf{M}_h \|_1 \leq C^k h_s^{\mu-1} \| \mathbf{M}^e \|_{H^s(\Omega_h)}$$

$$\mu = \min \{s, k + 1\}$$

$L^2$ -norm

$$\| \mathbf{M}^e - \mathbf{M}_h \|_{L^2(\Omega_h)} \leq C^k h_s^\mu \| \mathbf{M}^e \|_{H^s(\Omega_h)}$$

$H^1, L^2$ -norms are optimal in the mesh size for linear elliptic problem



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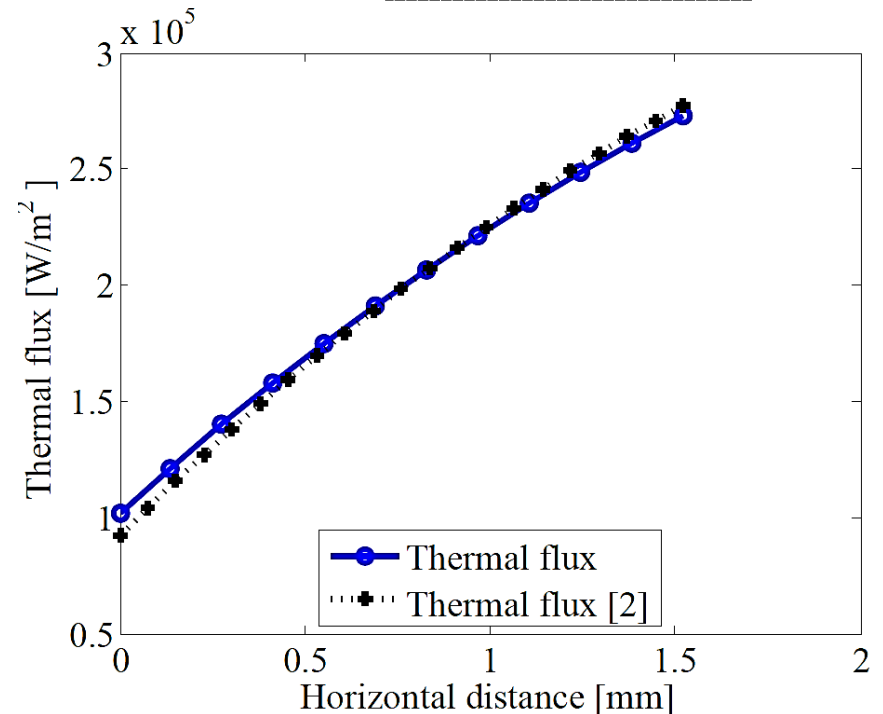
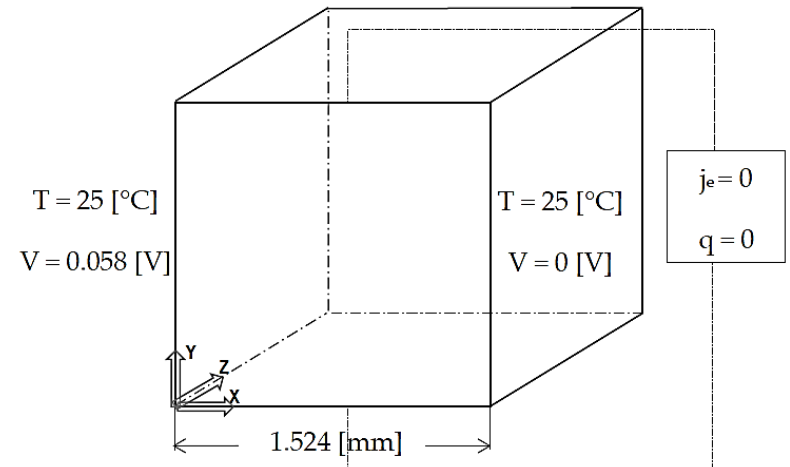
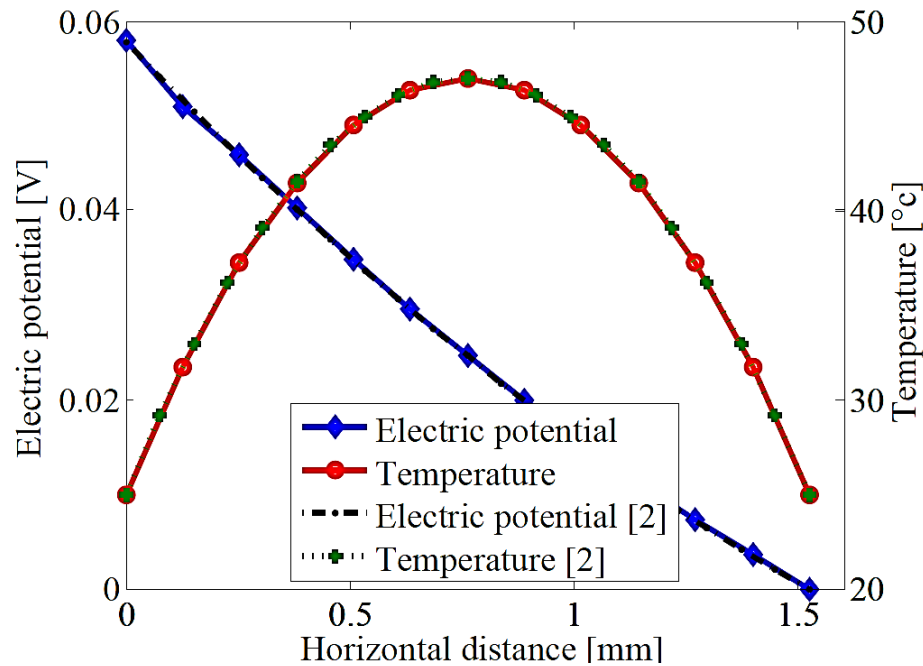
# Numerical result

## 1-D example with one material

Material parameters of bismuth telluride

$\mathbf{l}$ [S/m]	$\mathbf{k}$ [W/(K · m)]	$\alpha$ [V/K]
diag( $8.422 \times 10^4$ )	diag(1.612)	$1.941 \times 10^{-4}$

[2]. L. Liu. International Journal of Engineering Science, 2012

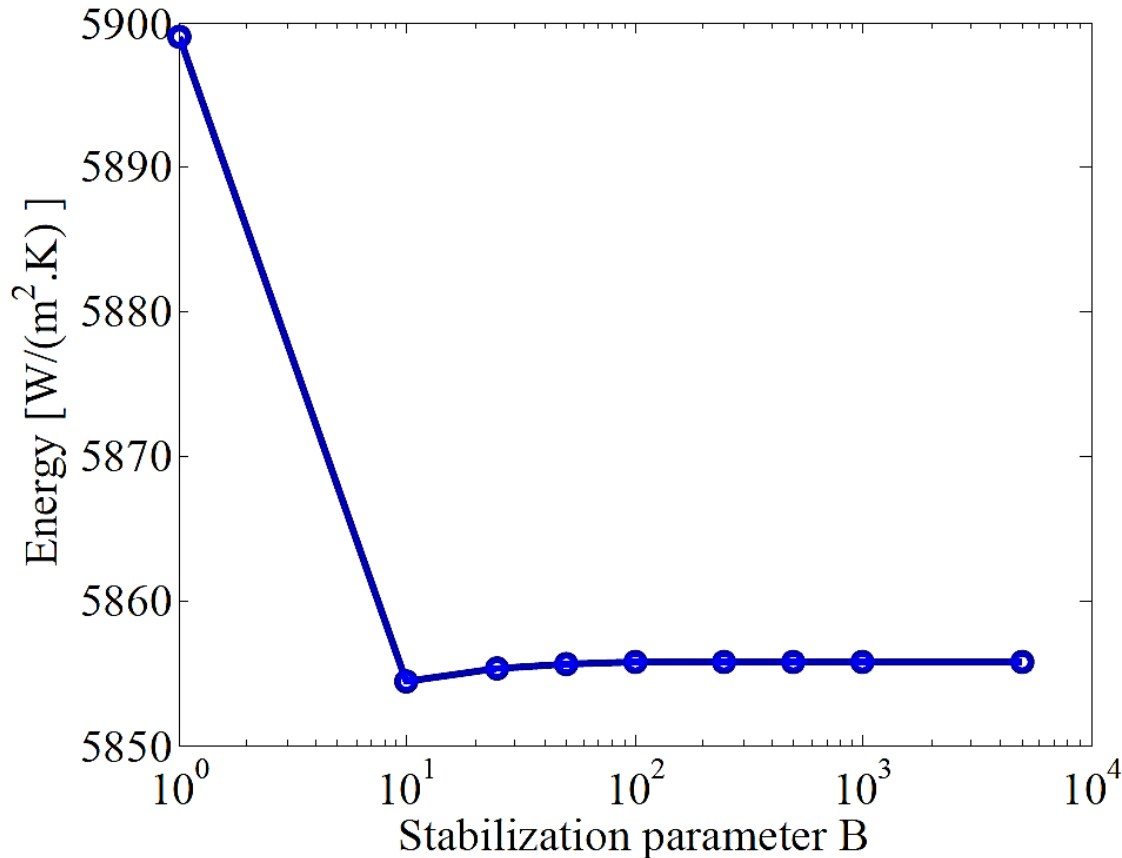




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## 1-D example with two materials

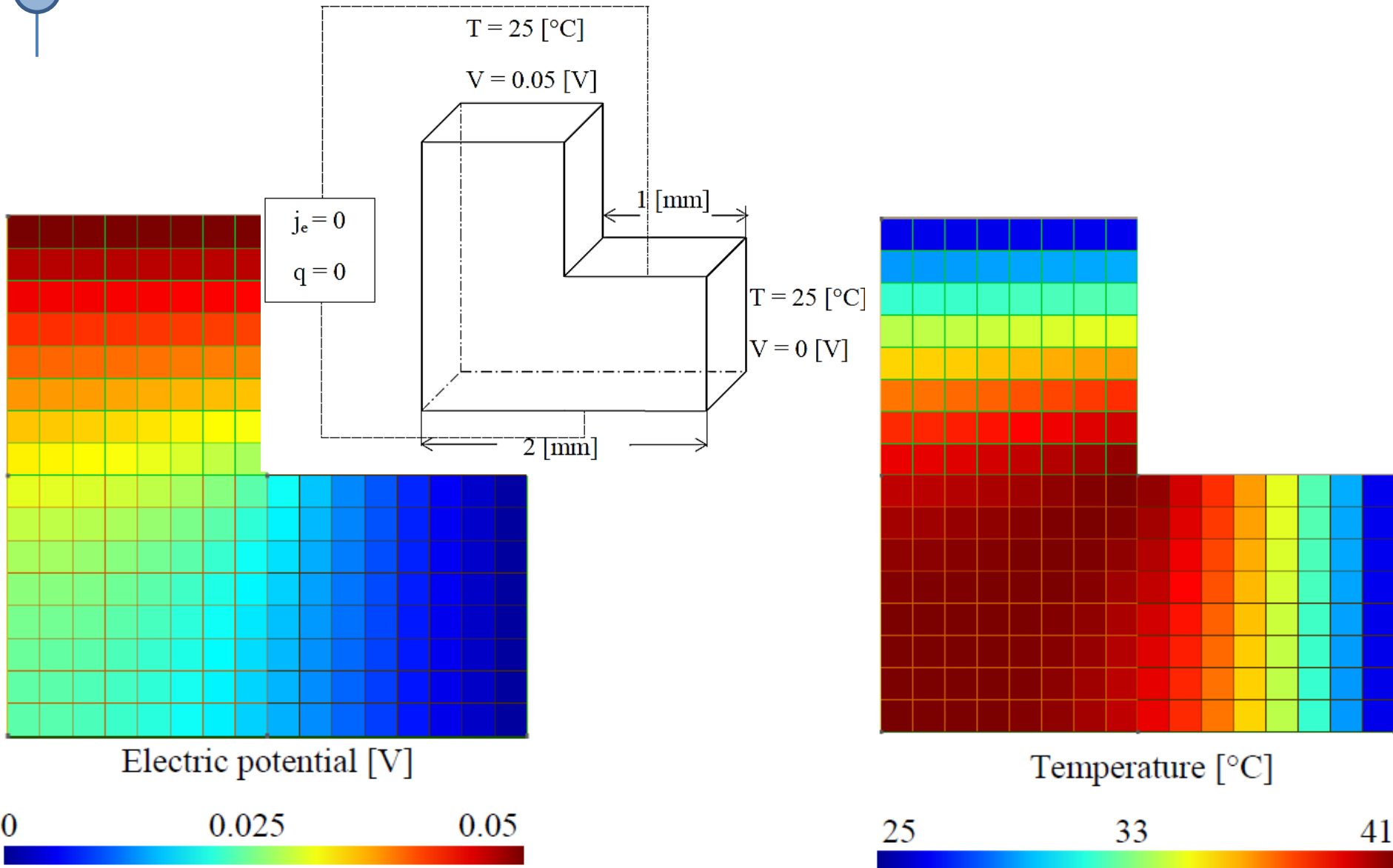
The effect of the **stabilization parameter** on the quality of the approximation



**DG formulation is stable for Stabilization parameter >10**

# Numerical result

## 2-D study of convergence order

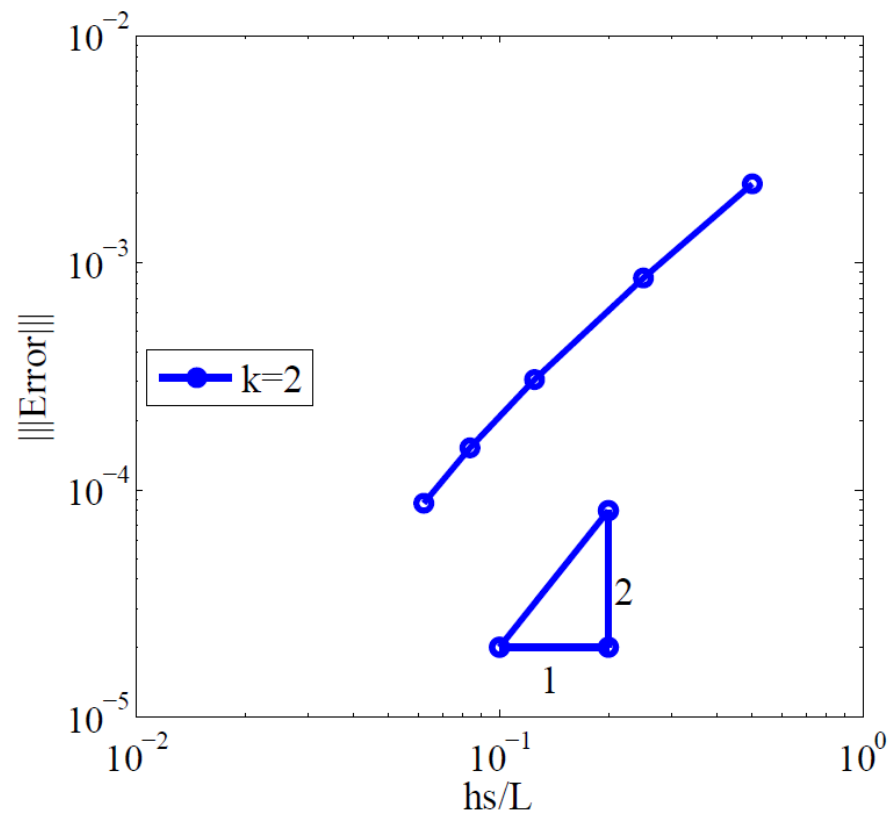


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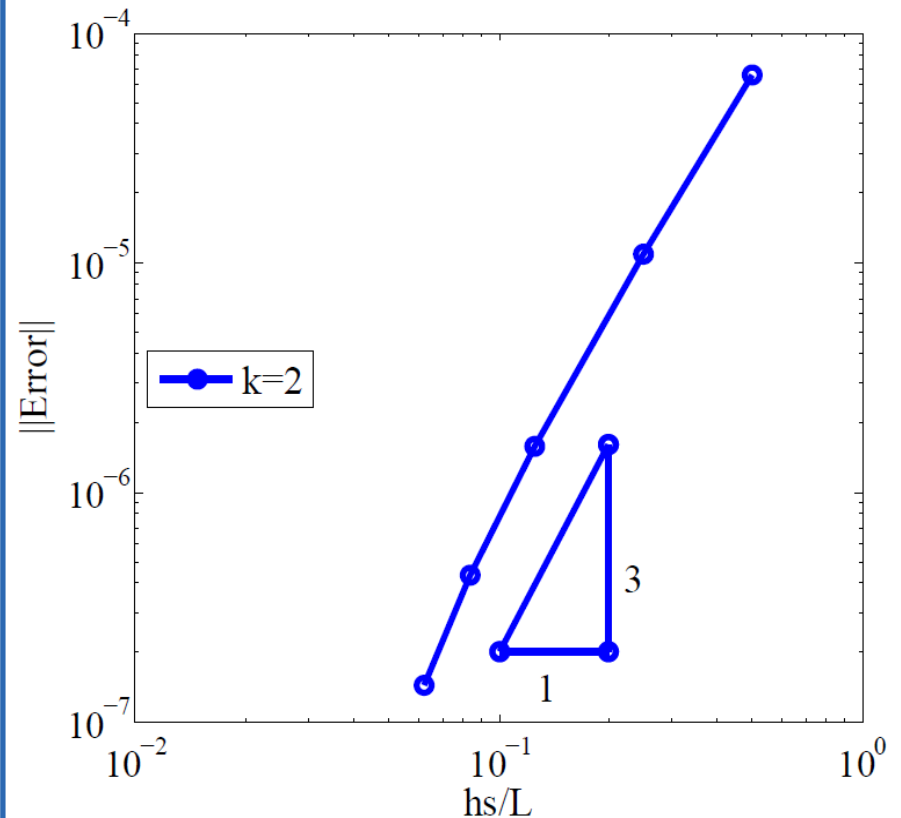
$H^1$ -norm

Theor. converg. ord.:  $k$



$L^2$ -norm

Theor. converg. ord.:  $k+1$

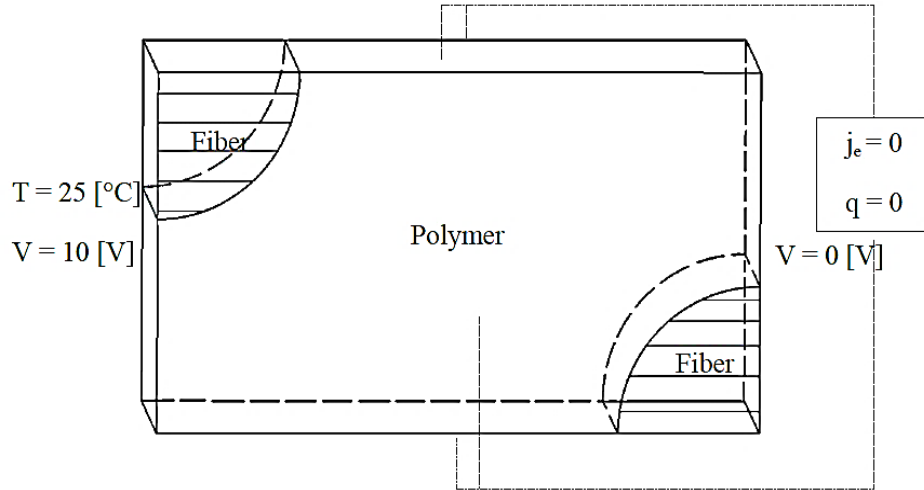


Convergence rates agree with the theoretical estimates

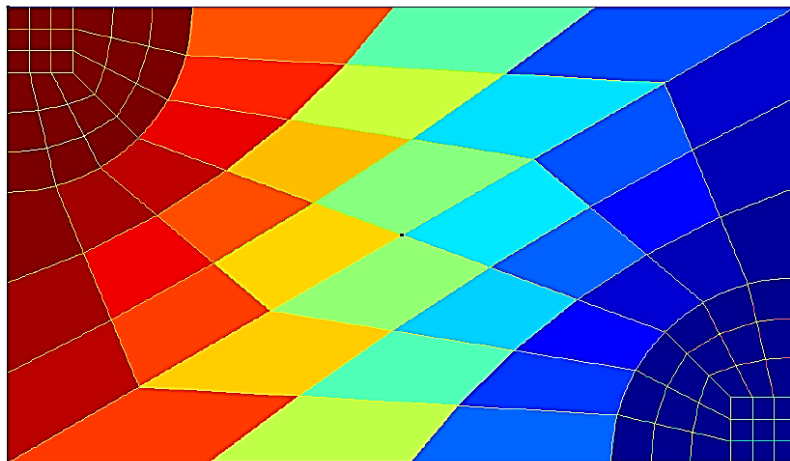
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## 3-D unit cell simulation for composite material

Material	$\mathbf{l}$ [S/m]	$\mathbf{k}$ [W/(K · m)]	$\alpha$ [V/K]
Carbon fiber	diag(100000)	diag(40)	$3 \times 10^{-6}$
Polymer	diag(0.1)	diag(0.2)	$3 \times 10^{-7}$

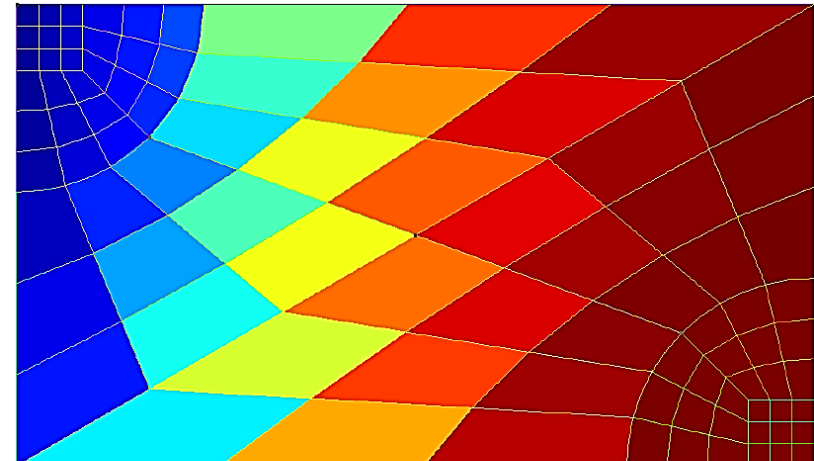


DG formulation is also applicable for irregular mesh



Electric potential [V]

0 5 10



Temperature [°C]

25 30 36



# Conclusion & Perspectives

## Conclusion

- A consistent and stable DG method was developed for Electro-Thermal coupled problem.
- The DG numerical properties of the Electro-Thermal coupled problem were derived:
  - Uniqueness fixed point form.
  - Optimal convergence rates in  $L_2$ ,  $H_1$ -norm with respect to the mesh size.
  - Convergence rates agree with the error analysis derived in the theory.

## Perspectives

- Extension to Electro-Thermo-mechanical coupled problem to recover shape memory composite material behavior.
- Take into consideration temperature dependency of the material parameters.



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**Thanks for your attention**

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