Development of a multi-domain hybridized discontinuous Galerkin solver



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What is an inductively coupled plasma (ICP)?





Torch

Test chamber

The most powerful ICP facility in the world, the Plasmatron, is located at VKI.

N.B. The governing equations are Maxwell + Navier-Stokes.

ICP: segregated approach of previous solvers



Segregated approach: Maxwell is solved, then used as a known field for N-S. Then, the solution for N-S is used as a known field for Maxwell.

Segregated approach: pros and cons



Pros

Cons

- It works.
- Allows to freeze the electric field in unsteady simulations.
- Convergence can be hard to achieve.

A multi-domain solver



Two approaches

- MONOLITHIC: system solved as a whole.
- COUPLED: two solvers that exchange interface data.

The monolithic approach is chosen for its stability features.

The numerical method: HDG



This method requires solving 2 types of systems:

- 1. Local systems solved directly & in parallel.
- 2. **A global system** smaller than the global DG system. Can also be run in parallel.

The numerical method: HDG



The code (**Unified Framework**) used has been developed by the group of Prof. May.

HDG: Mathematical insights



$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B & R \\ C & D & S \\ L & M & N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta W \\ \delta \Lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \\ H \end{pmatrix}$$

Local system equation

Global system equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} R \\ S \end{pmatrix} \delta \Lambda \qquad \begin{pmatrix} L & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta W \end{pmatrix} + N \delta \Lambda = H \quad (1)$$

HDG: Conservativity



Conservativity of the normal numerical flux

$$\int_{\Gamma} [[\hat{f}(\lambda, w, q)]] \mu dS = 0.$$

Rem: one equation for equation per λ .

Design constraints of multi-domain HDG

Conservativity of numerical flux

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Local system equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} R \\ S \end{pmatrix} \delta \Lambda$$

Representation of discontinuous solution across interfaces

Multi-domain HDG: conservativity



New conservativity equation

$$\int_{\Gamma} \left[\hat{f}(\lambda_1, w_1, q_1) - \hat{f}(\lambda_2, w_2, q_2) \right] dS = 0$$

Not enough! There are twice as many λ , need additional equations.

Multi-domain HDG: kinematic condition



Kinematic conditions

$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathcal{F}(\lambda_1,\lambda_2) dS = 0$$

 λ_1 and λ_2 are usually correlated.

Now, we have the right amount of equations.

(A_1	B_1	R_1	0	0	0	0	0	0		$\left(\delta Q_1 \right)$		(F_1)
	C_1	D_1	S_1	0	0	0	0	0	0		δW_1		G ₁
	L_1	M_1	N_1	L ₁₂	M ₁₂	N ₁₂	L ₁₃	M ₁₃	N ₁₃		$\delta \Lambda_1$		H_1
	0	0	0	A ₂	B ₂	R_2	0	0	0		δQ_2		F_2
	0	0	0	C ₂	D_2	S_2	0	0	0		δW_2	=	G ₂
	L_{21}	M_{21}	N_{21}	L ₂	M_2	N_2	L ₂₃	M_{23}	N ₂₃		$\delta \Lambda_2$		H_2
	0	0	0	0	0	0	A ₃	B ₃	R ₃		δQ_3		F_3
	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>C</i> ₃	D_3	S_3		δW_3		G ₃
ĺ	L_{31}	M ₃₁	N ₃₁	L ₃₂	M ₃₂	N ₃₂	L ₃	M_3	N3 .	/	$\delta \Lambda_3$ /		\ H ₃ /

The coupling terms only affect the $\delta \Lambda$ lines, so same solution strategy as before!

Continuous field with same equations on both sides



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We enforce $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$

Continuous field with same equations on both sides



We enforce stringly $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$

Conservativity of the normal numerical flux retrieved

$$\int_{\Gamma} [[\hat{f}(\lambda, w, q)]] \mu dS = 0.$$

Original scheme retrieved!

This is the case for ICP!

Boundary condition imposition



The hybrid unknowns are destroyed. A value is imposed like a classic BC.

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Validation: Conjugate heat transfer



At the solid/fluid interface $\label{eq:Tf} \mathcal{T}^{\rm f} = \mathcal{T}^{\rm s}$

$$k_{\rm s} \nabla T^f = k_f \nabla T^{\rm s}$$

There exists analytical solutions for $M \ll 1$, $\Delta T \ll 1$.

Validation: Conjugate heat transfer



- A nice tool has been implemented in the HDG code.
- Possibility of extending to various physical situation.
- Need to be properly analysed.
- Opens the gate to ICP in the HDG code.