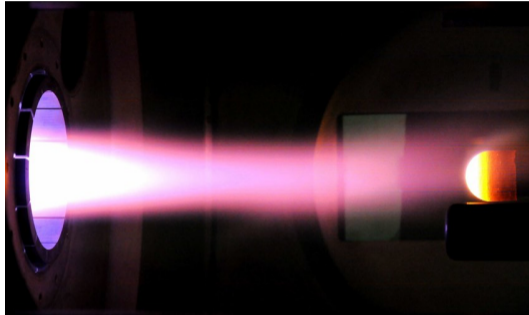
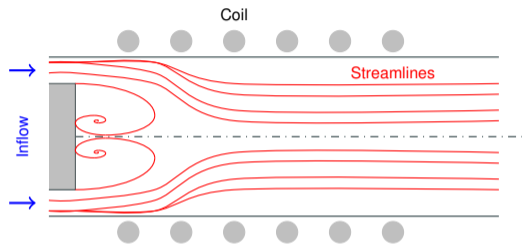


Development of a high-order solver for inductively coupled plasma

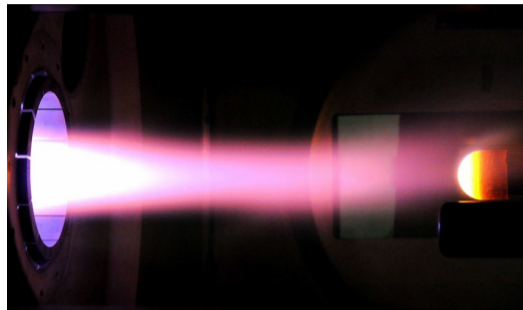


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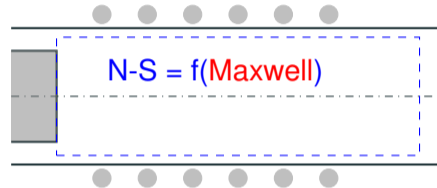
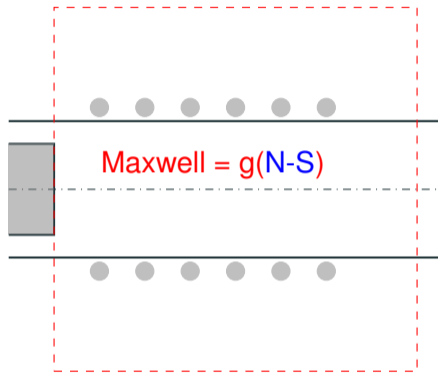


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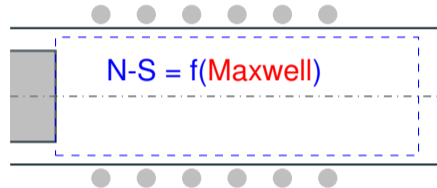
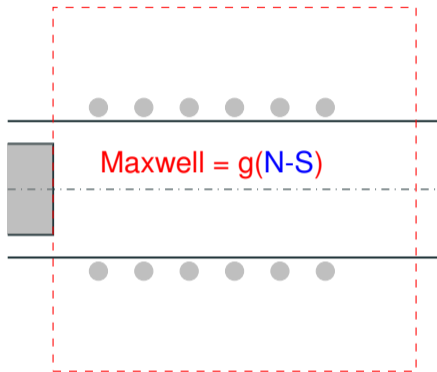
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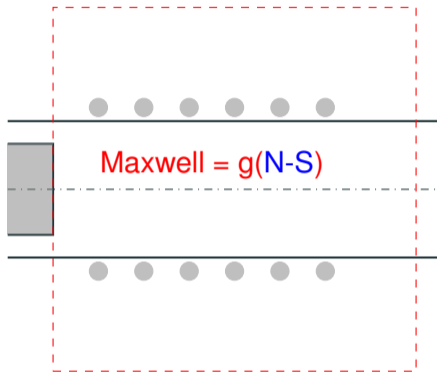
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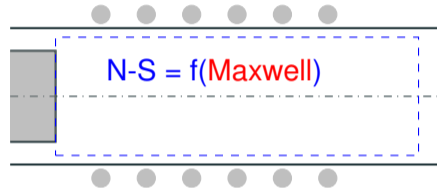
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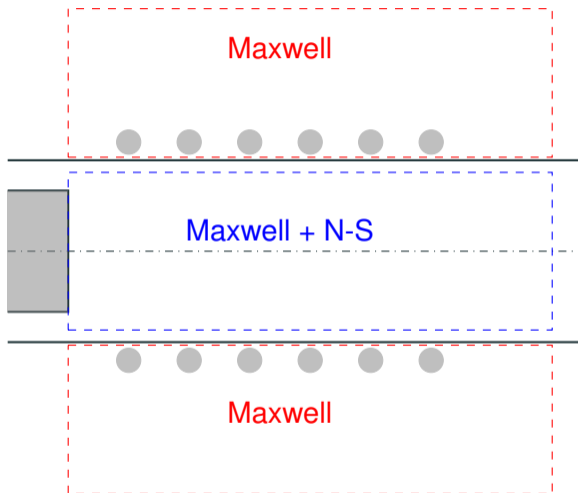
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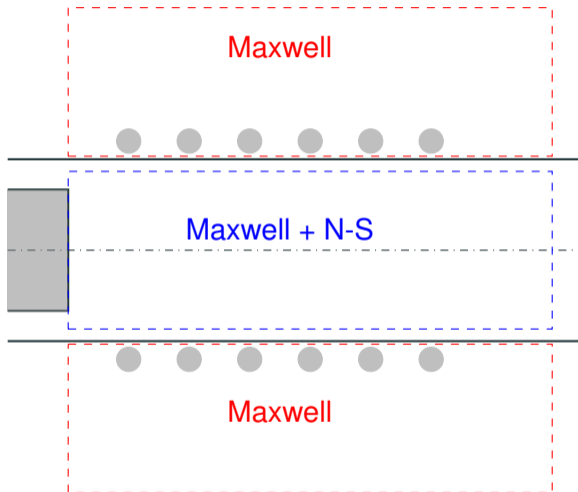
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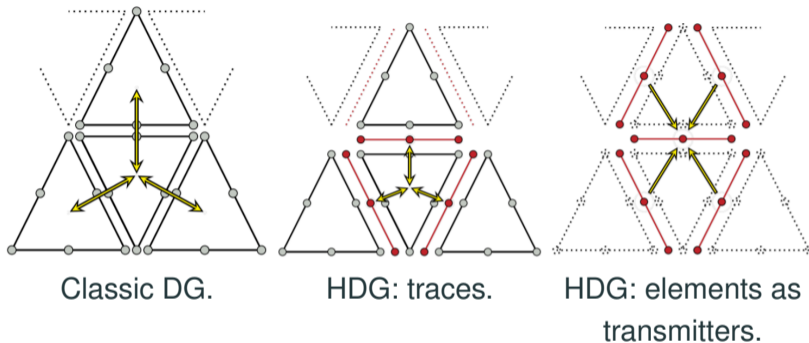
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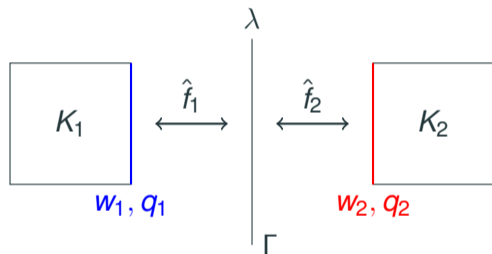
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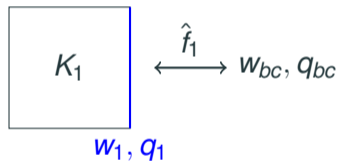


1. **Local systems** of element size solved directly.
2. **A global system** smaller than the global DG system.

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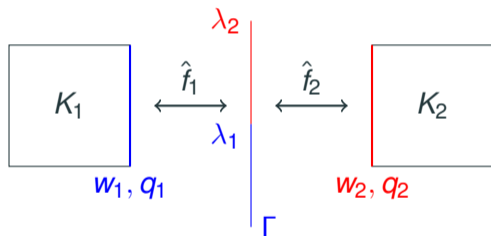


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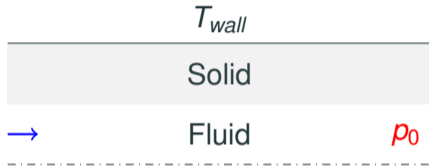
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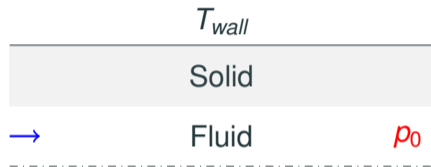
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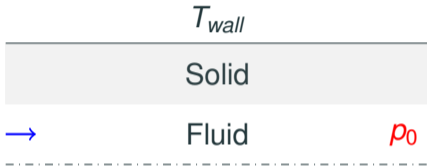
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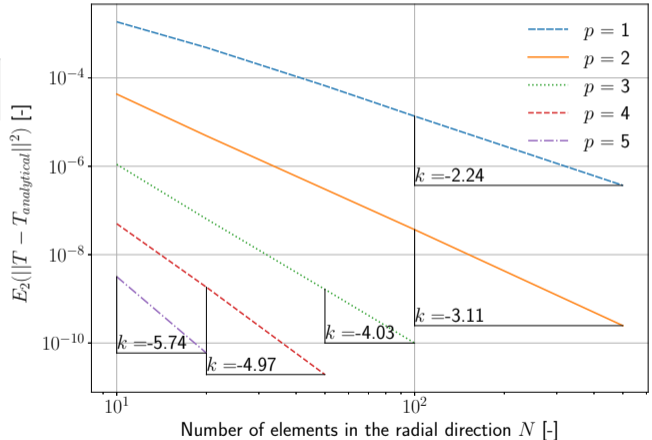


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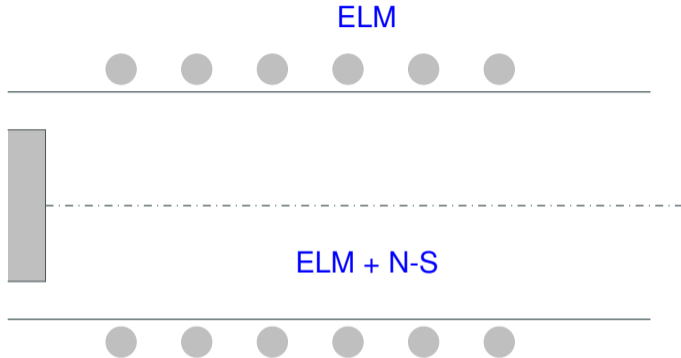
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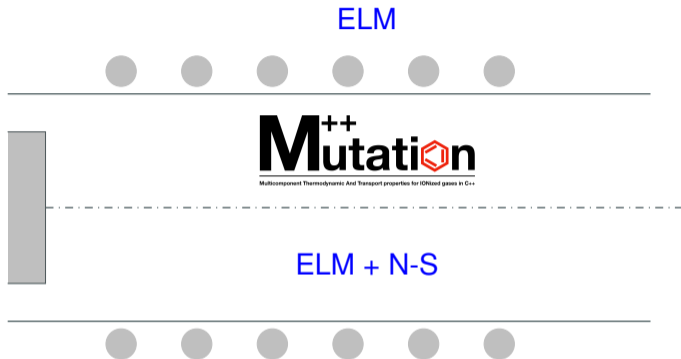
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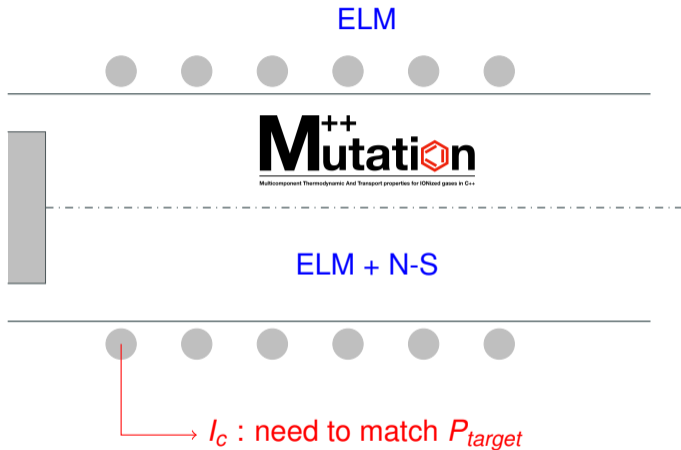
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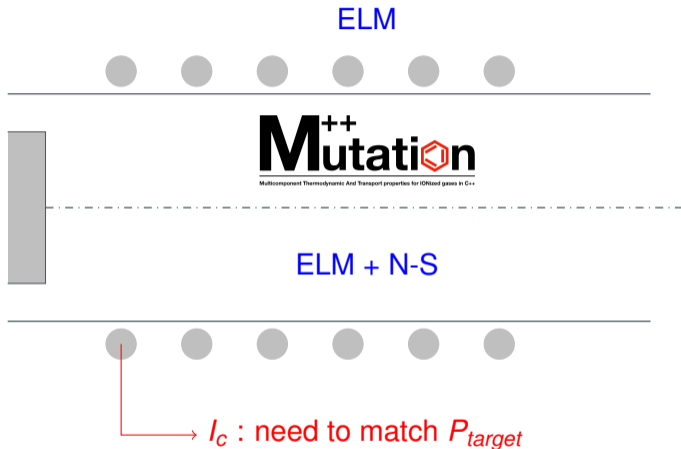
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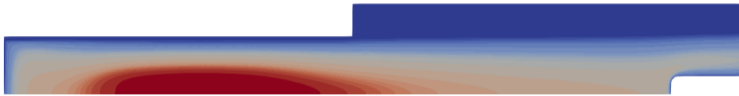


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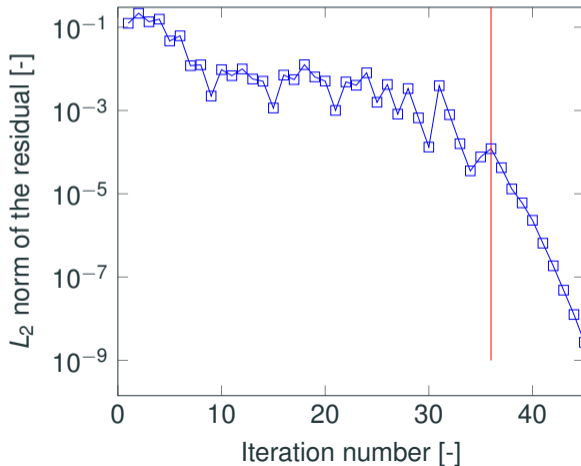


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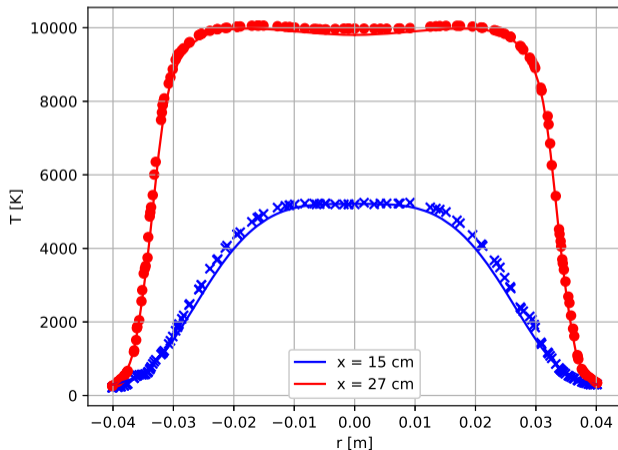
Convergence history

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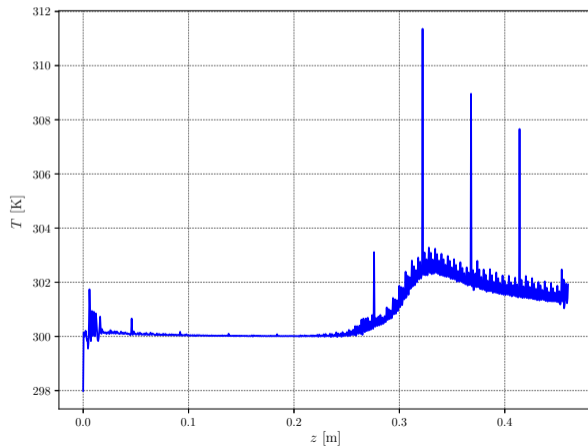
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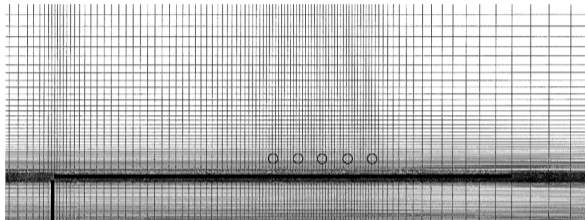
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Temperature oscillations in the near wall region.

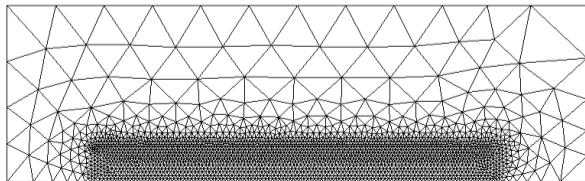


ICP: mesh comparison

FV mesh



ICP mesh



Conclusions and future work

- A versatile tool has been implemented in the HDG code.
- Works on unstructured mesh.
- High-order ICP simulations are now possible.
- Possibility of extending to various physical situation.
- High order methods are prone to oscillations. We are working on them.



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