2018-00684 - Post-doc proposal: High-order polytopal discretization methods for electromagnetism (M/F)

Contract type: Public service-fixed-term contract
Level of qualifications required: PhD or equivalent
Fonction: Post-Doctoral Research Visit
Level of experience: Recently graduated

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Context

The design of numerical methods that support general meshes has undergone vigorous developments in the past few years. These methods, referred to as polytopal discretization methods, can handle meshes with polygonal/polyhedral cells, and possibly including hanging nodes. In practice, the use of general meshes can bring major advantages, as it increases the flexibility in meshing complex geometries, and simplifies the refinement/coarsening procedures in adaptive simulations.

We are interested in polytopal discretization methods of arbitrary (and especially, high) order. High-order methods take advantage of the (local) regularity of the solution to improve the accuracy of the approximation. In terms of computational efficiency, order increasing (when possible) turns out to be much more interesting than mesh refinement. Classical arbitrary-order polytopal discretization methods include polygonal/polyhedral FEM, that typically use non-polynomial shape functions, and DG methods. More recently, new paradigms have emerged, that both (i) enable to stick to polynomial basis functions, and (ii) substantially reduce (with respect to DG methods) the number of globally coupled degrees of freedom. Virtual Element Methods (VEM) are one salient example of such methods. Our focus here is on Hybrid High-Order (HHO) methods [1], that have been introduced in 2014. HHO methods have some assets in comparison with VEM, like a dimension-independent construction, a reduced stencil, and local conservativity properties.

Assignment

HHO methods have already been analyzed for a wide variety of linear (e.g., advection-diffusion, linear elasticity) and nonlinear (e.g., Leray–Lions) problems, but no effort has been put yet into the design of HHO methods for models in electromagnetism [2]. This is the subject of this post-doc. The first step will be to design/analyze a HHO method for a 3D magnetostatic problem (in curl-curl formulation), and to implement/test it in a dedicated C++ platform [3]. In a second step, a (scalar) 2D Helmholtz-type problem will be considered, as a model for time-harmonic Maxwell’s equations in domains that are invariant in one direction. In a last step, and if time allows, the (general) 3D time-harmonic Maxwell system will be tackled.

The project will be supervised by Simon Lemaire (CR Inria) and Emmanuel Creusé (Prof. Université de Lille).


General Information

- Theme/Domain: Numerical schemes and simulations
- Scientific computing (BAP E)
- Town/city: Villeneuve d’Ascq
- Inria Center: CRI Lille - Nord Europe
- Starting date: 2018-11-01
- Duration of contract: 1 year, 6 months
- Deadline to apply: 2018-07-31

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Conditions for application

Candidates will be treated firstly with a complete file : CV + list of publications + 2 representative publications + one or more letters of recommendation + prospects for professional integration after the post-doc.

Defence Security:

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Main activities
- devise and analyze advanced numerical methods on general meshes
- implement them in a C++ environment
- write research articles and present the results in international conferences

Skills
Technical requirements: The successful candidate will hold a PhD in applied mathematics (with emphasis on numerical analysis/scientific computing), and have a solid knowledge of C++.

Benefits package
- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport
- Social security
- Paid leave
- Flexible working hours
- Sports facilities

Remuneration
The gross monthly salary is 2653€.