
Type de contrat : CDI de la fonction publique
Niveau de diplôme exigé : Bac + 5 ou équivalent
 Fonction : Doctorant
Niveaud’experie nce souhaité: Jeune diplômé

A propos du centre ou de la direction fonctionnelle

Created to apply recent advances in three-dimensional scientific computing to different areas in geophysics, and particular seismic wave propagation, Magique-3D is a joint project-team between Inria and the Department of Applied Mathematics (LMA) of the University of Pau, in partnership with CNRS.

The mission of Magique-3D is to develop and validate efficient solution methodologies for solving complex three-dimensional geophysical problems, with a particular emphasis on problems of seismic imaging, in response to the local industrial and community needs. Indeed, as it is well known, the region of Pau has long-standing tradition in the Geosciences activities.

Contexte et atouts du poste

This PhD project is part of a program that we develop on the numerical solution of wave problems in very large domains with numerous source terms. The propagation domain may be for instance a local region of the interior of the Earth affected by an Earthquake. More generally, it can be any piece of complex medium like carbonates which correspond to the most heterogenous porous media. Carbonates are of great interest because they might provide natural areas for storing carbon dioxide. Regarding numerics, it is a challenging problem, in particular because it requires a huge computational power which needs a proper utilization to avoid reaching the limits of the computing capabilities. Regarding this domain of research, some key words arise quite naturally: high-order approximation and hp-adaptivity for accuracy and efficiency, discontinuous finite elements for parallelization, fast time integration for limiting the computational duration, optimal sparsity for reducing the memory storage and also making the computations faster. In a recent PhD thesis [1], we have addressed all these features by proposing to develop a Trefftz approximation of transient wave problems involving discontinuous basis functions. Trefftz-DG solution methodologies are now proposed and their implementation has mainly been done in the time-harmonic domain. Very few papers have been devoted to the case of transient wave problems and, to the best of our knowledge, they only deal with the case of acoustic and electromagnetic waves with some numerical experiments in 1D+time dimensions. The team has then developed a 2D numerical solver which has been used to access the potential of Trefftz-DG formulations based on DG technologies for solving wave problems. The formulation of the problem includes a Tent Pitcher algorithm which consists in constructing the numerical solution in the time domain by successively following the wave fronts. It results in covering the space-time domain by tent-like elements respecting the propagation cone inherited from the finite propagation speed principle. We have obtained preliminary results showing very promising simulations in 2D. Now the optimization and the parallelization of the code is required and general boundary conditions must also be implemented to provide a software adapted to geophysical problems involving regional computations. It is worth noting that the computer science community shows a very strong interest in space-time discretizations due to the development of new computers.

Mission confiée

In order to address realistic problems, we now need to couple our Trefftz-Tent Pitching code with 2D+time and 3D+time unstructured meshes. In this regard, the report [2] providing a 4D parallel mesh generator deserves a particular attention. As we are building a space-time discretization method, it is natural to consider parallelization in time and we would like to apply the ideas recently developed in [3], where the parallelization is based on the diagonalization of the time stepping matrix proposed in [4]. We also have to consider the implementation of more complex boundary conditions. Until now, we have restricted ourselves to the case of Dirichlet boundary conditions, which do not involve any differential operator. This kind of conditions are thus well-suited to Trefftz formulations, where the variational formulation does not contain differential operators. We now wish to address the case of high-order absorbing boundary conditions requiring the introduction of high-order differential operators in the formulation. Since Trefftz method involves solutions to the wave equation, it is possible to write the solution as the sum of in-coming and out-going waves, especially when using space-time meshes. It should thus be possible to cancel the in-coming field and to design naturally absorbing Boundary Conditions that are crucial to model wave propagation in very large domains. This PhD project fits into a larger program dealing with the simulation of waves in complex media and for which we also have experimental activities providing us with data. The PhD student will thus have the opportunity of collaborating with PhD students working on measures of waves into a laboratory. The main application is the understanding of waves including acoustic and elastic waves into complex media. The piece of software that will be developed should then be used for characterizing complex media by using quantitative inversion methods.

2) K. Voronin. A parallel mesh generator in 3D/4D [pre-print], 2018.
4) Y. Maday and E. M. Rønquist. Spacetime solvers. Parallelization in time through tensor-products.

Informations générales

- Thème/Domaine : Sciences de la planète, de l’environnement et de l’énergie
- Calcul Scientifique (BAP E)
- Ville : Pau
- Centre Inria : CRI Bordeaux - Sud-Ouest
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- Durée de contrat : 3 ans
- Date limite pour postuler : 2019-04-14

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L’essentiel pour réussir

This project requires:
1) a good knowledge of hyperbolic problems including their mathematical properties and their numerical approximation
2) an experience in finite element methods programming
3) an experience in parallel computing (MPI, OpenMP)
Ideal background: Master in applied mathematics with a clear interest in numerical analysis and programming

Consignes pour postuler

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