Internship position F/M Reduced-order modeling with Artificial Neural Networks for nanophotonics

Le descriptif de l’offre ci-dessous est en Anglais

Type de contrat : Convention de stage

Niveau de diplôme exigé : Bac + 5 ou équivalent

Autre diplôme apprécié : Master in applied mathematics or scientific computing

Fonction : Stagiaire de la recherche

A propos du centre ou de la direction fonctionnelle

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With a presence in the fields of computational neuroscience and biology, data science and modeling, software engineering and certification, as well as collaborative robotics, the Inria Centre at Université Côte d’Azur is a major player in terms of scientific excellence through its results and collaborations at both European and international levels.

Contexte et atouts du poste

Nanophotonics is the science that studies the interactions between light and matter at the nanoscale. Light is an electromagnetic wave whose wavelength is in the visible spectrum, i.e., between approximately 400 nm to 800 nm. In this context, one refers to as sub-wavelength structuring of matter. The structuring of matter at these scales allows these interactions to be shaped for a variety of technological and societal applications. Among the technological applications of nanophotonics are the control of solar energy (nanostructured solar cells for photovoltaic panels, or for photovoltaic devices embedded in intelligent), improving the sensitivity of digital imagers (nanostructured CMOS image sensors for smartphones, tablets and digital cameras), improving the extraction and emission of light in optoelectronic devices (microLED-based displays). Societal applications are in particular concerned with human well-being (nanoparticle-based therapeutic strategies, biosensing for the detection of viruses).

Numerical modeling is extensively used for understanding the physical phenomena underlying light-matter interactions, but also for tailoring or harnessing these interactions guided by specific performance objectives. The first objective requires to numerically solve the system of time-domain or frequency-domain Maxwell equations coupled to differential equations modeling the behavior of propagation media at optical frequencies while teh second goal is addressed by leveraging a numerical optimization algorithm in the framework of an inverse design workflow. For both objectives, the Atlantis team is developing the DIOGENeS [https://diogenes.inria.fr/] software suite, which is dedicated to the numerical study of multiscale problems relevant to nanophotonics and nanoplasmonics. DIOGENeS implements several Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) type methods for which the team has developed a long-term expertise [1-3]. It also includes a inverse design component, which relies on statistical learning-based global optimization methods for single-objective, multi-objective and robust optimization [4-6].

Beside the above-mentioned high-fidelity DG-based electromagnetic solvers, the team is also actively studying reduced-order modeling (ROM) strategies in the context of time-domain electromagnetics by studying the applicability of the proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) method. In this ROM approach, a reduced subspace with a significantly smaller dimension is constructed by a set of POD basis vectors extracted offline from snapshots that are extracted from simulations with a high order DGD (Discontinuous Galerkin Time-Domain) electromagnetic solver [1-2]. In particular, a non-intrusive POD-based ROM has been developed for the solution of parameterized time-domain electromagnetic scattering problems where considered parameters are the electric permittivity and the temporal variable [7].


Mission confiée

Although the non-intrusive POD-based ROM method introduced in[7] provides encouraging results, it is not as efficient and robust as one would expect and it does not allow to account for a parametrized geometry. In particular, the hyperbolic nature of the underlying PDE system, i.e., the system of time-domain Maxwell equations, is known to represent a challenging issue for linear reduction methods such as POD. In practice, a large number of modes is required therefore hampering the obtention of an efficient ROM strategy. One possible path to address this problem which is currently investigated by several groups worldwide relies on nonlinear reduction techniques that leverage Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)[8-10]. In the present internship project, we propose to investigate such an approach for the particular modeling context of nanophotonics.

This internship work is expected to be a first step toward a PhD project that will be concerned with the development of an advanced computational design methodology for studying and improving the performance of CMOS imagers. This PhD project will be fundied a Cifre grant in the framework of a collaboration between the Atlantis project-team of Inria research center at Université Côte d'Azur and STMicroelectronics (CMOS Imagers division of the Technology for Optical Sensors department) in Crolles. Starting from the achievements during the internship, the PhD work will aim at three main objectives: (1) the development of an ANN-based non-intrusive ROM methodology for three-dimensional parameterized time-domain electromagnetic problems able to deal with parametrized geometrical features; (2) the development of single-objective and multi-objective inverse design strategies that leverage the ANN-based non-intrusive ROM methodology; (3) the application of the methodology resulting from (1)-(2) to the design of CMOS imagers.

Principales activités

- Bibliography study on existing ANN-based ROM methods
- Formulation of an ANN-based ROM method for time-domain nanophotonics
- Development (in Fortran 2003 and Python) of the ANN-based ROM method for 3d problems
- Detailed assessment of the novel ANN-based ROM method by considering model problems
- Scientific publication

Compétences

Technical skills and level required:

- Master or engineering degree in numerical mathematics or scientific computing
- Sound knowledge of numerical analysis for PDEs
- Basic knowledge of physics of electromagnetic wave propagation

Software development skills: Python and Fortran 2003

Relational skills: team worker (verbal communication, active listening, motivation and commitment)

Other valued appreciated: good level of spoken and written English

Informations générales

- Thème/Domaine: Schémas et simulations numériques
- Ville: Sophia Antipolis
- Centre Inria: Centre Inria d'Université Côte d'Azur
- Date de prise de fonction souhaitée: 2024-03-01
- Durée de contrat: 6 mois
- Date limite pour postuler: 2024-02-10

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