
Diffusion Equations on Polyhedral Meshes with Mixed Cells

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Advanced Numerical Methods for Diffusion Equations in Heterogeneous Media on Distorted Polyhedral Meshes

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Diffusion Equation

$$-\operatorname{div}(K \operatorname{grad} p) + cp = F \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}$$
$$(K \operatorname{grad} p) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \mathcal{U}$$

Here,

\mathcal{Q}	--	polyhedral computational domain
K	--	diffusion tensor
c	--	nonnegative coefficient
\mathbf{n}	--	outward normal
F	--	source function



First Order System

- Flux Equation (Darcy Law)

$$\mathbf{u} = -K \text{grad } p$$

or

$$K^{-1}\mathbf{u} + \text{grad } p = 0$$

- Conservation Law Equation

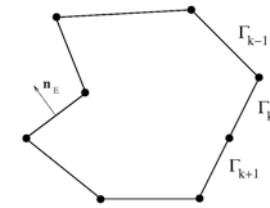
$$\text{div } \mathbf{u} + cp = F$$

Polyhedral H -mesh

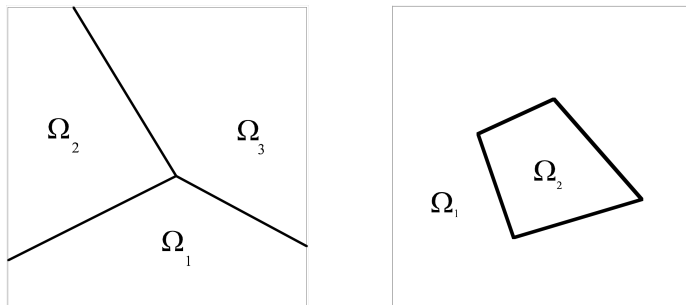
Polyhedral cell E

$$\tilde{U}_H = \bigcup_i E_i$$

where $\{E_i\}$ – polyhedral cells



Mixed Cells



Discrete Conservation Law (1a)

By integration over a polyhedral cell E :

$$\int_E \text{div } \mathbf{u} + \int_E cp = \int_E F$$

we get the discrete equation

$$\sum_k u_{E,k} s_{E,k} + c_E p_E V_E = F_E V_E$$

where

- V_E -- volume of E
- $s_{E,k}$ -- area of \tilde{A}_k
- \mathbf{n}_E -- outward unit normal

Discrete Conservation Law (1b)

$$u_{E,k} = \frac{1}{S_{E,k}} \int_{\Gamma_k} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_E \, ds \quad \text{-- mean value of the normal flux}$$

$$c_E = \frac{1}{V_E} \int_E c \, dx \quad \text{-- mean value of } c$$

$$p_E = \frac{\int_E c p \, dx}{\int_E c \, dx} \quad \text{-- "c-weighted" mean value of } p$$

$$F_E = \frac{1}{V_E} \int_E F \, dx \quad \text{-- mean value of } F$$

Discrete Conservation Law (2)

$$\text{DIV}_H \mathbf{u}_H + c_H p_H = F_H \quad \text{in } \tilde{U}$$

where *)

$$\text{DIV}_H \mathbf{u}_H \equiv \frac{1}{V_E} \sum_k u_{E,k} S_{E,k} \quad \text{in } E,$$

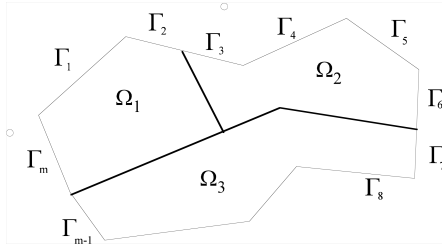
$$p_H \equiv p_E \quad \text{in } E,$$

$$F_H \equiv F_E \quad \text{in } E.$$

*) Ref. to M. Shashkov for Mimetic Finite Difference methods

Major Target (1)

To design a discretization for the diffusion equation with discontinuous K , c , and F in a polyhedral cell E



under the following conditions:

- one DOF per Γ_k for the normal flux;
- one DOF per cell E for the solution function.

Major Target (2)

To design a discretization for the flux equation

$$K^{-1} \mathbf{u} + \text{grad } p = 0$$

in the form

$$M_H \mathbf{u}_H + \text{GRAD}_H p_H = G_H$$

where

$$\text{GRAD}_H = (-\text{DIV}_H)^*,$$

$$M_H = M_H^* > 0,$$

and G_H is an explicitly computed mesh function.

Polyhedral Discretizations 2003/2004

Major assumptions:

$$c_E = \frac{1}{V_E} \int_E c \, dx \approx c \text{ in } E$$

$$F_E = \frac{1}{V_E} \int_E F \, dx \approx F \text{ in } E$$

Major advantages:

- Arbitrary diffusion tensor
- Arbitrary polyhedral meshes including meshes with nonconvex and degenerated cells
- Nonmatching and AMR polyhedral meshes



Impact on ASC Projects

LANL researchers M. Shashkov and K. Lipnikov in T7 group, and S. Runnels in X3 group have recently implemented the proposed polyhedral discretization scheme for the diffusion equations in FLAG code for SHAVANO project.

A parallel version of the code was developed by K. Lipnikov and S. Runnels in cooperation with other members of X3 group.



New Polyhedral Discretization on Mixed Cells (1)

Consider the diffusion equation on a polyhedral H -cell E :

$$K^{-1} \mathbf{u} + \text{grad } p = 0$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{u} + cp = F$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_E = u_{E,k} \text{ on } \tilde{A}_k, \quad k=1,2,\dots,m.$$

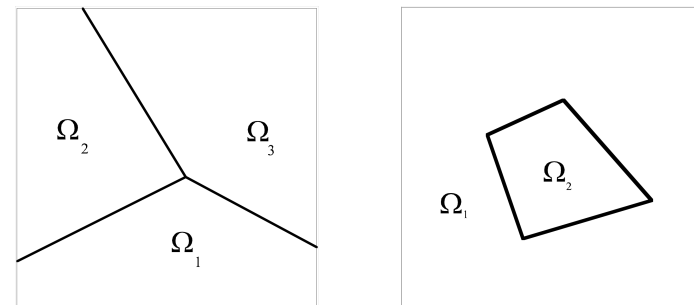
Polyhedral h -partitioning of E

$$E_h = \bigcup_j e_j$$

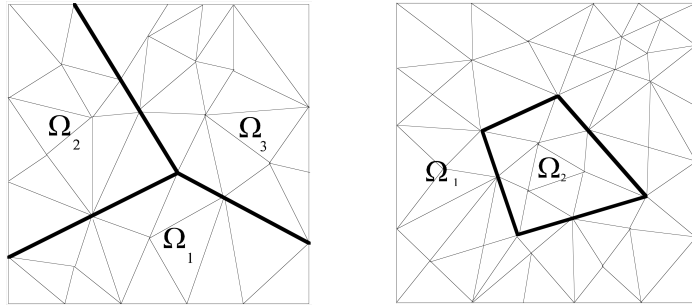
where $\{e_j\}$ are polyhedral h -cells.



Mixed Cells



Triangulated Mixed Cells



New Polyhedral Discretization on Mixed Cells (2)

Discretization in E_h

$$(*) \quad M_H \mathbf{u}_H + M_{h,H}^* \mathbf{u}_h + B_{h,H}^* p_h = -D_H p_{\tilde{\lambda},H}$$

$$(**) \quad M_{h,H} \mathbf{u}_H + M_h \mathbf{u}_h + B_h^* p_h = 0$$

$$(***) \quad B_{h,H} \mathbf{u}_H + B_h \mathbf{u}_h - C_h p_h = F_h$$

where

(*) -- flux equations on the boundary Γ_H of E

(**) -- flux equations in the interior of E

(***) -- conservation law equations in E_h

New Polyhedral Discretization on Mixed Cells (3)

The mesh operator

$$L_h = \begin{pmatrix} M_h & B_h^* \\ B_h & -C_h \end{pmatrix} = (L_h)^*$$

is nonsingular. Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_h \\ p_h \end{bmatrix} = -(L_h)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} M_{h,H} \\ B_{h,H} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_H + (L_h)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_h \end{bmatrix}.$$

New Polyhedral Discretization on Mixed Cells (4)

Substituting \mathbf{u}_h and p_h in the flux equation on Γ_H
we get the equation

$$A_{E,H} \mathbf{u}_H + D_H p_{\tilde{\lambda},H} = \hat{G}_{E,H}$$

where

$$A_{E,H} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{h,H}^* & B_h^* \end{bmatrix} (L_h)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} M_{h,H} \\ B_h \end{bmatrix} = (A_{E,H}) > 0$$

and

$$p_{\tilde{\lambda},H} = \frac{1}{S_{E,k}} \int_{\tilde{A}_k} p \, ds \quad \text{on } \tilde{A}_k, \quad k=1,2,\dots,m.$$

New Polyhedral Discretization on Mixed Cells (5)

Major Theoretical Result

$$A_{E,H} = M_{E,H} + \frac{1}{c_E} \text{GRAD}_{E,H} \cdot \text{DIV}_{E,H}$$

where

$$M_{E,H} = (M_{E,H}) > 0, \quad \text{cond } M_{E,H} \leq \text{const}$$

Reminder: The discrete conservation law in E

$$\text{DIV}_{E,H} \mathbf{u}_H + c_E p_E = F_E$$



New Polyhedral Discretization on Mixed Cells (6)

Hybrid system in terms of \mathbf{u}_H , p_H , and $p_{\Gamma,H}$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{E,H} \mathbf{u}_H + \text{GRAD}_{E,H} p_E + D_{\lambda,H} p_{\lambda,H} &= G_{E,H} \\ \text{DIV}_{E,H} \mathbf{u}_H + c_E p_E &= F_{E,H} \end{aligned}$$

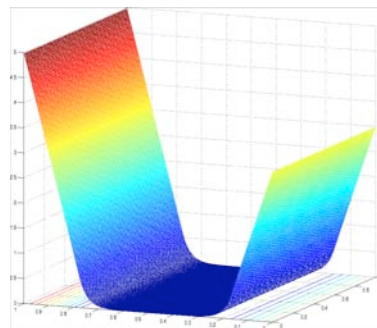
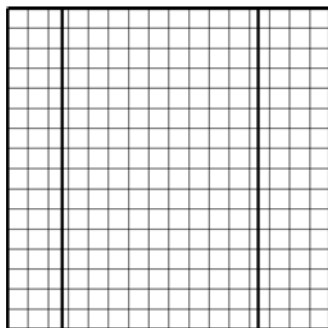
+ interface conditions for the normal fluxes

Assembled system in terms of \mathbf{u}_H and p_H

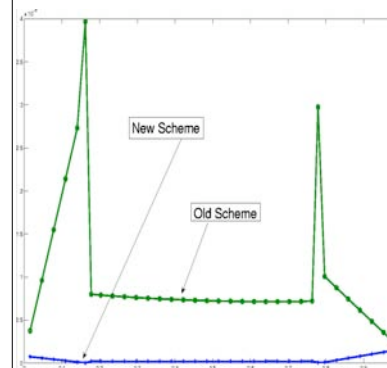
$$\begin{aligned} M_H \mathbf{u}_H + \text{GRAD}_H p_H &= G_H \\ \text{DIV}_H \mathbf{u}_H + c_H p_H &= F_H \end{aligned}$$



Test1



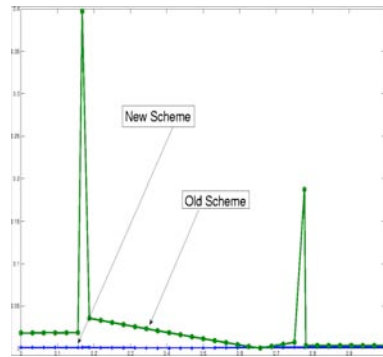
Error for Solution Function



	New Scheme	Old Scheme
	$\ p_h - p_{\text{exact}}\ _{\text{max}}$	$\ p_h - p_{\text{exact}}\ _{\text{max}}$
16x16	0.0011	0.026
32x32	0.0003	0.0038
64x64	0.000078	0.0012
128x128	0.000019	0.00036

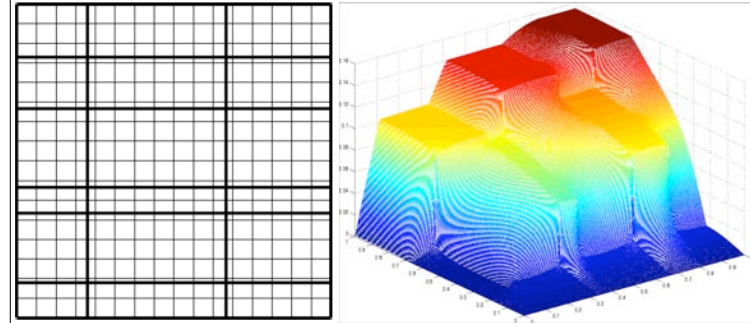


Error for Flux

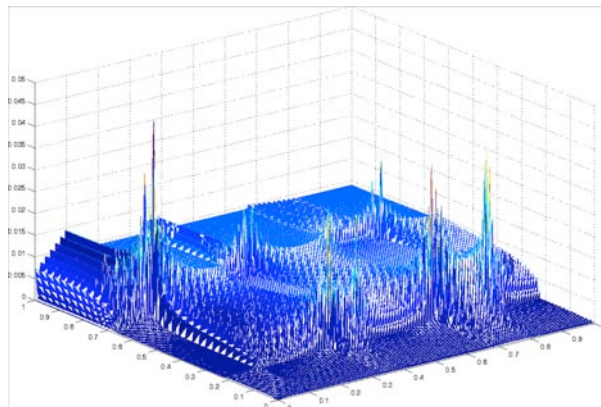


	New Scheme	Old Scheme
	$\ u_h - u_{exact}\ _{H_{div}}$	$\ u_h - u_{exact}\ _{H_{div}}$
16x16	0.76	9.40
32x32	0.38	5.57
64x64	0.19	4.11
128x128	0.096	3.35

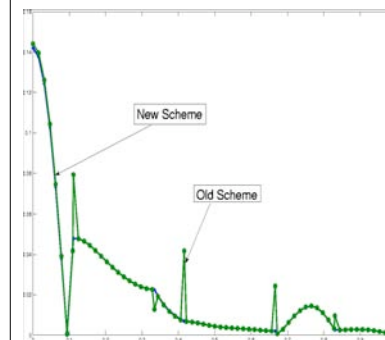
Test2



Error for Solution Function

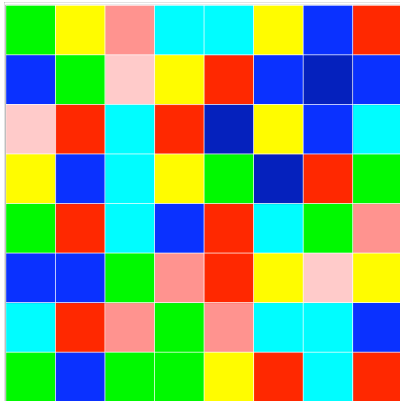


Error for Flux



	New Scheme	Old Scheme
	$\ u_h - u_{exact}\ _{H_{div}}$	$\ u_h - u_{exact}\ _{H_{div}}$
16x16	2.6	16.31
32x32	1.35	8.49
64x64	0.6	4.32
128x128	0.29	3.1

Heterogeneous H -cell

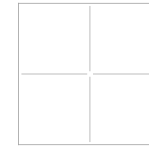


Multilevel Homogenization

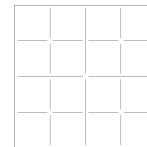
Original H -cell



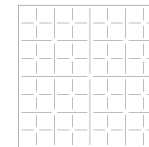
Refined mesh, $h_1 = H/2$



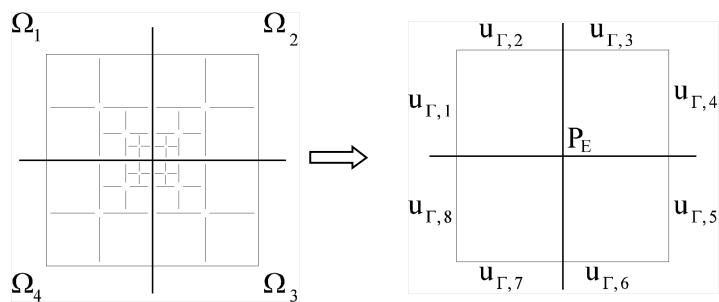
Refined mesh, $h_2 = H/4$



Refined mesh, $h_3 = H/8$



Multilevel AMR Mesh



LANL -- UH Communication

- LACSI Symposium, Santa Fe 2005:
Workshop on advanced numerical methods for PDEs

LANL presentations:

K. Lipnikov, T7
D. Moulton, T7
S. Runnels, X3
M. Shashkov, T7
J. Warsa, CCS4

UH presentations:

V. Gvozdev – Ph.D. student
Y. Kuznetsov
D. Svyatskiy – Ph.D. student

- Meeting at UH, January 11—14, 2006

Attendees: LANL: M. Shashkov

UH: Y. Kuznetsov, O. Boyarkin, D. Svyatskiy

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Plan: -- Ph.D. Thesis – April 2006
-- PostDoc at T7 group, LANL – from June 2006



Further Research Plans

- **3D evaluation of new polyhedral discretizations**
- **Applications to AMR**
- **Multilevel preconditioners based on polyhedral discretizations**
- **Discretizations on anisotropic polyhedral meshes**

