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The positivity-preserving finite volume scheme with fixed stencils for radiation diffusion problems on general polyhedral meshes

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A three temperature plasma model in ICF



Development of new methods is mainly driven by needs of large scale multiphysics simulation, for instance a three temperature plasma model in the fields of inertial confinement fusion

$$\frac{\partial E_e}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda'_e \nabla T_e\right) = c\sigma_P \left(E_r - aT_e^4\right) + c\kappa \left(T_i - T_e\right) + Q_e,$$

$$\frac{\partial E_i}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda'_i \nabla T_i\right) = c\kappa \left(T_e - T_i\right) + Q_i,$$

$$\frac{\partial E_r}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda_r \nabla E_r\right) = c\sigma_P \left(aT_e^4 - E_r\right) + Q_r.$$





A three temperature plasma model in ICF



The three energies E_e , E_i and E_r can not be negative, and a conservative postprocessing is not a best choice. It adds additional complexity that can be used to build a better discretization method.

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$$\frac{\partial E_r}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda_r \nabla E_r\right) = c\sigma_P \left(aT_e^4 - E_r\right) + Q_r.$$

The goal of this talk: construct a positivity-preserving finite volume scheme (PPFV) for the three temperature model !

Positivity-preserving property



$$\frac{\partial E_e}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda'_e \nabla T_e\right) = S_e(T) + Q_e$$
$$\frac{\partial E_i}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda'_i \nabla T_i\right) = S_i(T) + Q_i$$
$$\frac{\partial E_r}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda_r \nabla E_r\right) = S_r(T) + Q_r$$

For simplicity

$$-\nabla \cdot (\Lambda \nabla u) = f$$

Positivity-preserving property

Let $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\overline{\Omega})$ satisfy that $f \ge 0$ in Ω and $u \ge 0$ on $\partial\Omega$ under the assumption that Λ should be locally uniformly positive definite in Ω . Then $u \ge 0$ in Ω .

From the weak maximum principle, this property is immediate to derive.



Why nonlinear finite volume scheme?





Positivity-preserving property: impose some restrictions on mesh topology and anisotropy of diffusion tensor Λ !

Why nonlinear finite volume scheme?





Expensive to solve the nonlinear system A(U)U = F(U) but may be very nice for Newton type methods in a multiphysics simulations such as a 3T plasma model !

Principle of finite volume methods





PPFV scheme with a nonlinear **TPFA**





Two-Point Flux Approximation

• Assume that $(\boldsymbol{x}_K \boldsymbol{x}_L) \perp \sigma$ and $\Lambda = \mathrm{Id}$, the classical TPFA is

$$F_{K,\sigma} = \int_{\sigma} -\Lambda
abla u \cdot oldsymbol{n}_{K,\sigma} = |\sigma| rac{u(oldsymbol{x}_K) - u(oldsymbol{x}_L)}{\mathrm{d}(oldsymbol{x}_K,oldsymbol{x}_L)}$$

 $\forall \sigma = K | L, \ (\boldsymbol{x}_{K} \boldsymbol{x}_{L}) \perp \sigma$

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- TPFA is linear and monotone, but inaccurate for arbitrary meshes.
- Pioneer work (C Le Potier, 2005): a nonlinear TPFA on triangle grids

 $F_{K,\sigma} = \alpha_{K,\sigma}(u)u_K - \alpha_{L,\sigma}(u)u_L$ with $\alpha_{K,\sigma} > 0$ and $\alpha_{L,\sigma} > 0$.

• We need interpolation method for auxiliary cell-vertex unknowns.

PPFV scheme with a nonlinear **TPFA**



Interpolation-based PPFV scheme

- general meshes or general diffusion tensors:(Lipnikov et.al. 07)(Kapyrin, 07)(Yuan & Sheng, 08,12)(Wang,Hang,Yuan, 2018)(Xie,et.al,2018)(Peng, Yang, Gao, 2021,2022)
- Interpolation method for auxiliary unknowns affects the accuracy.

Interpolation-free PPFV schemes

- Refs. (Lipnikov et.al., 09) (Danilov & Vassilevski, 09) (Lipnikov et.al., 12)
- need to know the location of discontinuity beforehand

VEM-based PPFV schemes

• use VEM for auxiliary unknowns (Sheng, Yang, Gao, 2022)

Our goal in this talk

Design the interpolation-based PPFV scheme with approximately 2nd-order accuracy for three temperature radiation diffusion problems on general polyhedral meshes.





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The framework for the cell-centered FVM



1 Construct the one-sided flux

$$F_{K,\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_K} \alpha_{K,\sigma,i} (u_K - u_{K,i})$$

2 Define the unique flux

$$\tilde{F}_{K,\sigma} = \mu_{K,\sigma} F_{K,\sigma} - \mu_{L,\sigma} F_{L,\sigma}, \quad \mu_{K,\sigma} + \mu_{L,\sigma} = 1$$

3 The interpolation method for auxiliary unknowns

$$u_{K,i} = \sum_{L \in \mathcal{T}_{K,i}} \omega_{K,i}^L u_L$$

4 The final FV equation

Solve
$$\{u_K, K \in \mathcal{T}\}$$
 s.t. $\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \tilde{F}_{K,\sigma} = |K| f_K, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}.$



Step 1: construction of one-sided flux

• Discretization of the flux

$$F_{K,\sigma} = -\int_{\sigma} \left(\Lambda_K \nabla u\right) \cdot n_{K,\sigma} \mathrm{d}s \simeq -|\sigma| \left(\Lambda_K \nabla u\right) \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{K,\sigma} = -|\sigma| \Lambda_K^\top \boldsymbol{n}_{K,\sigma} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u}$$

• Discretization of gradient

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Let T_{OPQR} be a tetrahedron composed of vertex O, P, Q, R, and $det(\mathbb{X}) > 0$:

$$\mathbb{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \overrightarrow{OP}^{\top} \\ \overrightarrow{OQ}^{\top} \\ \overrightarrow{OR}^{\top} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_P - x_O & y_P - y_O & z_P - z_O \\ x_Q - x_O & y_Q - y_O & z_Q - z_O \\ x_R - x_O & y_R - y_O & z_R - z_O \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence for the function u defined on the tetrahedron T_{OPQR} , we have

$$\nabla u \simeq \frac{1}{6 V_{\mathrm{T}_{OPQR}}} \left[(u_P - u_O) (\overrightarrow{OQ} \times \overrightarrow{OR}) + (u_Q - u_O) (\overrightarrow{OR} \times \overrightarrow{OP}) + (u_R - u_O) (\overrightarrow{OP} \times \overrightarrow{OQ}) \right].$$

R

Q

Step 1: construction of one-sided flux



• The linearity-preserving one-sided flux

$$F_{K,\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{K,\sigma}} a_{K,\sigma,i} \left(\mathbf{u}_{K} - \mathbf{u}_{K,\sigma,i} \right), \ K \in \mathcal{T}.$$

If K is a star-shaped polyhedron w.r.t. \boldsymbol{x}_{K} , then it can be proved that



$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_{K,\sigma}} a_{K,\sigma,i} > 0, \ \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K.$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Gradient on tetrahedron } x_K x_{K,\sigma,O} x_{K,\sigma,i} x_{K,\sigma,i+1} \\ (\nabla u)|_{K,\sigma,i} \simeq \boldsymbol{\alpha}^1_{K,\sigma,i} (u_{K,\sigma,O} - u_K) + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^2_{K,\sigma,i} (u_{K,\sigma,i} - u_K) \\ &\quad + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^3_{K,\sigma,i} (u_{K,\sigma,i+1} - u_K). \end{array}$

Step 2: construction of the final flux



$$\tilde{F}_{K,\sigma} = \left(\mu_{K,\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{n_K} \alpha_{K,\sigma,i} \right) \boldsymbol{u}_{K} - \left(\mu_{L,\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{n_L} \alpha_{L,\sigma,i} \right) \boldsymbol{u}_{L} + \boldsymbol{B}_{\sigma}$$

Step 2: construction of the final flux



$$\tilde{F}_{K,\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{K,\sigma} & \sum_{i=1}^{n_{K}} \alpha_{K,\sigma,i} \end{pmatrix} u_{K} - \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{L,\sigma} & \sum_{i=1}^{n_{L}} \alpha_{L,\sigma,i} \end{pmatrix} u_{L} + B_{\sigma} \\ \int \mathsf{C}\mathsf{lassical} \ \mathsf{NLTPFA} \ [\mathsf{C}. \ \mathsf{Le} \ \mathsf{Potier}, \ \mathsf{CRAS'05}] \\ \tilde{F}_{K,\sigma} = A_{K,\sigma}(u) \ u_{K} - A_{L,\sigma}(u) \ u_{L} \\ \uparrow \\ \mu_{K,\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{K}} \alpha_{K,\sigma,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 2: construction of the final flux



Step 3: vertex interpolation algorithm¹



(1) The contour integrations of the normal component of flux along the boundaries of polyhedron $Q_0 O_k P_{k,1}, ..., P_{k,N_k}$ is zero under lineariity-preserving criterion.



We have the contour integration relation as follows

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{M(Q_0)}\sum_{j=1}^{N_k}oldsymbol{F}_k\cdotoldsymbol{n}_0^{k,j}=0.$$

It can be known from the above discrete gradient that

$$\boldsymbol{F}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_0^{k,j} = \zeta_{k,j,1}(u_{P_{k,j}} - u_0) + \zeta_{k,j,2}(u_{P_{k,j+1}} - u_0) + \zeta_{k,j,3}(u_k - u_0)$$

¹D. Yang, Z. Gao, G. Ni. IJNMF, 2022, 94(12): 2137-2171.

Step 3: vertex interpolation algorithm²

(2) We employ the flux continuity condition across the common face of the tetrahedron $O_k Q_0 P_{k,j} P_{k,j+1}$ and tetrahedron $O_{k,j} Q_0 P_{k,j} P_{k,j+1}$, i.e.



$$oldsymbol{F}_k\cdotoldsymbol{n}_f^{k,j}+oldsymbol{F}_{k,j}\cdot\left(-oldsymbol{n}_f^{k,j}
ight)=0.$$

Thus, the explicit weight expression can be obtained



²D. Yang, Z. Gao, G. Ni. IJNMF, 2022, 94(12): 2137-2171.

Step 3: vertex interpolation algorithm



2D version of vertex interpolation method can be found in [Gao, Wu, 2011]³

 $\bar{\xi}_i$



$$\begin{split} u_{v} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} u_{K_{i}} \text{ with } w_{i} = \frac{\bar{w}_{i}}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} \bar{w}_{k}} \\ \bar{w}_{k} &= \frac{\eta_{k-1,1} - \eta_{k,2}}{\bar{\xi}_{k-1,2} + \bar{\xi}_{k,1}} \xi_{k,1} + \frac{\eta_{k,1} - \eta_{k+1,2}}{\bar{\xi}_{k,2} + \bar{\xi}_{k+1,1}} \xi_{k,2} \\ \xi_{i,j} &= \frac{1}{2S_{i,j}} (\mathcal{R} \boldsymbol{x}_{v} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i+j-1}})^{T} \Lambda_{K_{i}} \mathcal{R} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{v} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i+j-1}} \right) \\ \bar{\xi}_{i,j} &= \frac{1}{2S_{i,j}} (\mathcal{R} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{v} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i+j-1}} \right))^{T} \Lambda_{K_{i}} \mathcal{R} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{K_{i}} \boldsymbol{x}_{v} \right) \\ \eta_{i,j} &= \frac{(\mathcal{R} \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i}} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i+1}} \right))^{T} \Lambda_{K_{i}} \mathcal{R} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{v} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i+j-1}} \right) \\ 2S_{\Delta \boldsymbol{x}_{v} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\sigma_{i+1}}} \end{split}$$

³Z. Gao, J. Wu. IJNMF, 67(12)(2011)2157-2183.



Finite volume equation

The PPFV scheme: find $\{u_K, K \in \mathcal{T}\}$ such that

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \tilde{F}_{K,\sigma} = |K| f_K, \quad \forall \ K \in \mathcal{T}.$$

Now we get a nonlinear algebraic system $\mathbb{M}(\mathbf{U})\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U})$, which can be solved by Picard iterations.

Positivity of the discrete solution

Let $f \ge 0$, $g_D \ge 0$ and $g_N \le 0$. Assume that $\sum_{i=1}^{n_K} \alpha_{K,\sigma,i} > 0$, $\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{T}$ holds. If the initial solution vector $\mathbf{U}^0 \ge 0$ and linear systems in the Picard iterations are solved exactly, then $\mathbf{U}^k \ge 0$ for $k \ge 1$.





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Three temperature radiation diffusion problems



The energy evolution of radiation, electrons and ions can be respectively described by

$$\frac{\partial E_e}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda'_e \nabla T_e\right) = c\sigma_P \left(E_r - aT_e^4\right) + c\kappa \left(T_i - T_e\right) + Q_e,$$

$$\frac{\partial E_i}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda'_i \nabla T_i\right) = c\kappa \left(T_e - T_i\right) + Q_i,$$

$$\frac{\partial E_r}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\lambda_r \nabla E_r\right) = c\sigma_P \left(aT_e^4 - E_r\right) + Q_r.$$

- E_e, E_i and E_r are respectively the radiative, electronic and ionic energy densities.
- c denotes the speed of light, a denotes the Stefan constant;
- Planck opacity σ_P is a given nonlinear function of T_e and T_r ;
- κ is a positive relaxation coefficient which depends on T_e and T_i ;
- The electronic, ionic and radiative thermal conductivities are given by

$$\lambda'_{\alpha} = K_{\alpha} T_{\alpha}^{5/2}, \ \alpha = e, i$$
 (Spitzer-Harm) $\lambda_r = \frac{c}{3\sigma_R(T_e)}$ (Rosseland diffusion).

Model recasting with $\phi_{\alpha} = a T_{\alpha}^4$



Following the idea in [Enaux, et.al., JSC2020]⁴, three temperature model is recast in the following form by setting $\phi_{\alpha} = aT_{\alpha}^{4}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi_e}{\partial t} &- \beta_e \nabla \cdot (\lambda_e \nabla \phi_e) = \beta_e c \sigma_P \left(\phi_r - \phi_e \right) + \beta_e c \kappa \delta_{ie} \left(\phi_i - \phi_e \right) + \beta_e Q_e \\ \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial t} &- \beta_i \nabla \cdot (\lambda_i \nabla \phi_i) = \beta_i c \kappa \delta_{ie} \left(\phi_e - \phi_i \right) + \beta_i Q_i \\ \frac{\partial \phi_r}{\partial t} &- \beta_r \nabla \cdot (\lambda_r \nabla \phi_r) = \beta_r c \sigma_P \left(\phi_e - \phi_r \right) + \beta_r Q_r \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda_e = \frac{\lambda'_e}{\rho c_{ve} \beta_e}, \quad \lambda_i = \frac{\lambda'_i}{\rho c_{vi} \beta_i}, \quad \lambda_r = \frac{c}{3\sigma_R}, \quad \beta_\alpha = \frac{d\phi_\alpha}{dE_\alpha} = \frac{d\phi_\alpha}{dT_\alpha} \frac{dT_\alpha}{dE_\alpha} = \frac{4aT_\alpha^3}{\rho c_{v,\alpha}}, \; \alpha = e, i, r.$$

⁴C. Enaux, S.Guisset, C.Lasuen, Q.Ragueneau, J. Sci. Comput. (2020)82:51.

Spatial and temporal discretization of 3T model



The temporal discretization chosen consist in the backward-Euler scheme, and the spatial-temporal discretization of 3T model reads:

$$\begin{split} \phi_{e,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{e,K}^{n} + \frac{\tau}{|K|} \beta_{e,K}^{n+1} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K}} F_{e,K,\sigma}^{n+1} = \tau c \sigma_{P} \beta_{e,K}^{n+1} \left(\phi_{r,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{e,K}^{n+1} \right) + \tau \beta_{e,K}^{n+1} Q_{e,K}^{n+1} \\ &+ \tau c \kappa \beta_{e,K}^{n+1} \delta_{ie,K}^{n+1} \left(\phi_{i,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{e,K}^{n+1} \right), \end{split}$$
$$\phi_{i,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{i,K}^{n} + \frac{\tau}{|K|} \beta_{i,K}^{n+1} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K}} F_{i,K,\sigma}^{n+1} = \tau c \kappa \beta_{i}^{n+1} \delta_{ie,K}^{n+1} \left(\phi_{e,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{i,K}^{n+1} \right) + \tau \beta_{i,K}^{n+1} Q_{i,K}^{n+1}, \cr \phi_{r,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{r,K}^{n+1} + \frac{\tau}{|K|} \beta_{r,K}^{n+1} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{K}} F_{r,K,\sigma}^{n+1} = \tau c \sigma_{P} \left(\phi_{e,K}^{n+1} - \phi_{r,K}^{n+1} \right) + \tau \beta_{r,K}^{n+1} Q_{r,K}^{n+1}, \end{split}$$

where the derivation of face flux $F_{\alpha,K,\sigma}^{n+1}$, $\alpha = e, i, r$ is given in the previous section.

The final finite volume equation



The PPFV scheme for 3T model: find $\{u_K, K \in \mathcal{T}\}$ such that

$$\phi_{\alpha,K}^{n+1} + \sum_{\gamma \in \{e,i,r\}} w_{\alpha,\gamma,K}^{n+1} G_{\gamma,K}^{n+1} = \sum_{\gamma \in \{e,i,r\}} w_{\alpha,\gamma,K}^{n+1} \left(\phi_{\gamma,K}^n + q_{\gamma,K}^{n+1} \right), \quad \alpha = e, i, r, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}.$$

where

$$G_{\alpha,K}^{n+1} = \frac{\tau}{|K|} \beta_{\alpha,K}^{n+1} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \tilde{F}_{\alpha,K,\sigma}^{n+1}, \ q_{\alpha,K}^{n+1} = \tau \beta_{\alpha,K}^{n+1} Q_{\alpha,K}^{n+1},$$

and the definition of the flux

• For
$$\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K \cap \mathcal{E}_L$$
: $\tilde{F}^n_{\alpha,K,\sigma} = A^n_{\alpha,K,\sigma}(\phi^n_{\alpha})\phi^n_{\alpha,K} - A^n_{\alpha,L,\sigma}(\phi^n_{\alpha})\phi^n_{\alpha,L}$
• For $\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K \cap \Gamma_D$: $\tilde{F}^n_{\alpha,K,\sigma} = \lambda^n_{\alpha,K,\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{K,\sigma}} a_{K,\sigma,i} \left(\phi^n_{\alpha,K} - g^D_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x}_{K,\sigma,i},t^n)\right), \ \boldsymbol{x}_{K,\sigma,i} \in \sigma$
• For $\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K \cap \Gamma_N$: $\tilde{F}^n_{\alpha,K,\sigma} = \int_{\sigma} g^N_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x},t^n) \, \mathrm{d}s$

The nonlinear algebraic system

We get a nonlinear algebraic system

$$\mathbb{M}\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}\right)\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}=\boldsymbol{b}\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}\right).$$

where

$$\mathbb{M}\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}\right) = \tilde{\mathbb{M}}\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}\right) + \mathbb{I},$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathbb{M}}\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{W}_{e,e}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{e}^{n} & \mathbb{W}_{e,i}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{i}^{n} & \mathbb{W}_{e,r}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{r}^{n} \\ \mathbb{W}_{i,e}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{e}^{n} & \mathbb{W}_{i,i}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{i}^{n} & \mathbb{W}_{i,r}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{r}^{n} \\ \mathbb{W}_{r,e}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{e}^{n} & \mathbb{W}_{r,i}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{i}^{n} & \mathbb{W}_{r,r}^{n} \mathbb{A}_{r}^{n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\phi}^{n} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{e}^{n} \\ \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}^{n} \\ \mathbb{\Phi}_{i}^{n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{b}\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{n}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\boldsymbol{b}}_{e}^{n} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{b}}_{i}^{n} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{b}}_{r}^{n} \end{bmatrix},$$



Some theoretical results



Positivity of the discrete solution

Let $\phi_{\alpha}^{0} \geq 0$, $Q_{\alpha} \geq 0$, $g_{\alpha}^{D} \geq 0$, $g_{\alpha}^{N} \leq 0$, $\alpha \in \{e, i, r\}$, and assume that each mesh cell K is a star-shaped polyhedron w.r.t. x_{K} . If the initial solution vector $\phi^{n,0} \geq 0$ and linear systems in the Picard iterations are solved exactly, then $\phi^{n+1,k} \geq 0$ for $k \geq 1$.

Stability

Let $\phi_{\alpha}^0 \geq 0$, $Q_{\alpha} \geq 0$, $\alpha \in \{e, i, r\}$, assume that ($\Gamma = \partial \Omega$, $g_{\alpha}^D = 0$) and $\rho c_{v,\alpha} = 4aT_{\alpha}^3$, $\alpha = e, i$, then for $\phi_{\alpha, \mathcal{T}}^n = \{\phi_{\alpha, K}^n, K \in \mathcal{T}\} \in \mathbb{X}(\mathcal{T})$ we have

$$\left\|\phi_{\alpha,\mathcal{T}}^{N^{t}}\right\|_{L^{1},\mathcal{T}} \leq \left(\left\|\phi_{m,\mathcal{T}}^{0}\right\|_{L^{1},\mathcal{T}} + \tau \sum_{k=1}^{N^{t}} \left\|Q_{m,\mathcal{T}}^{k}\right\|_{L^{1},\mathcal{T}}\right), \ \alpha = e, i, r.$$

where $\phi_{m,K}^n = \max_{\gamma \in \{e,i,r\}} \phi_{\gamma,K}^n$, $Q_{m,K}^n = \max_{\gamma \in \{e,i,r\}} Q_{\gamma,K}^n$, $t_{\max} = N^t \tau$.





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(P1) The continuous problem on nonplanar meshes



The computational domain $\Omega = [0,1]^3$, and the diffusion tensor:

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0\\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.5\\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The exact solution:

$$u = 3 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2), \quad (x, y, z) \in \Omega.$$



nunkw	E_u	R_u	E_q	R_q	umin	umax
64	1.05E-02	-	6.18E-02	-	3.870E-01	2.888
512	2.45E-03	2.095	2.33E-02	1.405	2.447E-01	2.972
4096	5.83E-04	2.069	9.24E-03	1.336	1.061E-01	2.993
32768	1.43E-04	2.027	4.05E-03	1.190	5.602E-02	2.998

(P2) Positivity of the solution

The anisotropic diffusion tensor and the source term:

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 + cx^2 & -(1-c)xy & 0\\ -(1-c)xy & x^2 + cy^2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ f = \begin{cases} 1, \ (x,y) \in \left[\frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8}\right]^2, \ z \in [0,1], \\ 0, \ \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$



(P3) Convergence test for a continuous 3T model



We set the computational domain $\Omega = [0,1]^3$, and the following exact solution

$$\begin{split} \phi_e &= 1 - 2 \, (x - 0.5)^2 - (y - 0.5)^2 - (z - 0.5)^2 \,, \\ \phi_i &= 1 - (x - 0.5)^2 - 2 \, (y - 0.5)^2 - (z - 0.5)^2 \,, \\ \phi_r &= 1 - (x - 0.5)^2 - (y - 0.5)^2 - 2 \, (z - 0.5)^2 \,, \end{split}$$

The associated parameter: $\rho c_{v,\alpha} = 4 a T_{\alpha}^3$, $a = c = \sigma_P = \sigma_R = 1$, $\lambda_e = 1$, $\lambda_i = 0.5$.



(P3) Convergence test for a continuous 3T model





 L^2 error of electronic (left), ionic (middle) and radiative (right) energy densities.



 H^1 error of electronic (left), ionic (middle) and radiative (right) energy densities.

(P4) OD test (no spatial variation)



- Problem 1–Problem 2: At initial time the three temperaturss are equal.
- A decoupling of the three temperatures are observed when source terms Q are applied:

$$Q_i(t) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi}t_w} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t-tc}{\sqrt{2}t_w}\right)^2\right), \quad Q_e = Q_r = 0.$$



(P4) OD test (no spatial variation)

- Problem 3: source term is applied on ions, and the initial temperatures are different.
- Problem 4: source term is applied on photons.



¹[1]C. Enaux, et.al., J. Sci. Comput. (2020)82:51.

(P5) Asymptotic behavior



The asymptotic-preserving property is studied: $T_e = T_i = T_r$ when $c\sigma_P \to \infty$ and $c\kappa \to \infty$.

• Choose an initial energy profile for different values of $c\sigma_P$ and $c\kappa$ of the form

$$\phi_e = \phi_i = \phi_r = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-0.5(x-5)^2\right).$$

- For small values of $c\sigma_P$, the three temperature profiles are very different while they become closer as $c\sigma_P$ and $c\kappa$ increases.
- For large values $c\sigma_P = c\kappa$, it is expected that the three temperatures to be equal.



(P6) The Su–Olson problem

- The Su-Olson problem⁵ consists of a half-space, non-equilibrium Marshak wave.
- As the energy density of the radiation field increases, energy is transfered to the material.
- The dimensionless solution for the radiation energy density:



Setup and parameters for the Su-Olson problem, and key components of the solution.

⁵B.Su,G.L.Olson, JQSRT, 1996, 56 (3): 337–351

(P6) The Su–Olson problem

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- Initially, the radiation streams into the slab and T_m lags behind T_r ;
- As the radiation energy density builds up, the material temperature catches up;
- At t = 1ns, the radiation and material temperatures are essentially identical.

(P7) A 3T version of the Su–Olson problem ⁷





- A 3T version of the fixed-source problem solved by Su-Olson ⁶ which is useful for verifying computer code such as xRage code.
- An excellent agreement between the numerical and semi-analytical solutions can be seen.

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Summary



- Presented nonlinear two-point flux discretization for three temperature model
- Local mass conservation
- Positivity-preserving property
- Arbitrary polyhedral meshes
- SPD diffusion matrix for three temperature model
- Second-order convergence rate for temperature
- First-order convergence rate for flux
- Stability result for the discrete FV equations
- Coupling with Lagrangian hydrodynamics is easy

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