

# Past, present and space-time

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- Past.
- Past → present.
- Space-time.

## Diploma thesis

### Stabiliteit en instabiliteit van een Hopscotchmethode

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## Convergence Analysis of Nonlinear Multigrid Methods

Uit: Proefschrift, 27.10.1988

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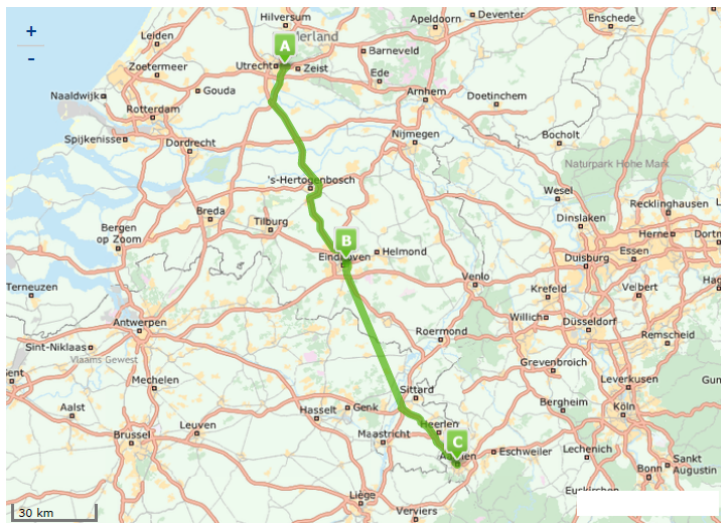
Gerard Sleijpen presteerde het menigmaal om zich in mijn problemen te verdiepen en om mijn ideeën met zijn visie te verrijken.

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Past → present

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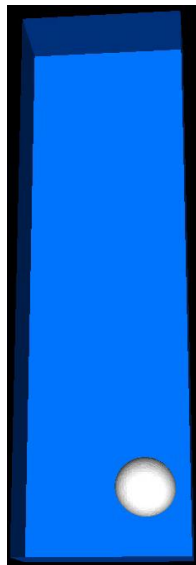


# Space-time Finite Element Method for PDEs on Evolving Surfaces

# Motivation: simulation of two-phase incompressible flows

system: n-butanol/water

Model: Navier-Stokes equations  
+ coupling conditions



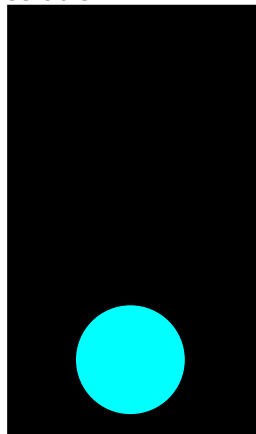
# Rising droplet with surfactant transport

- gravity-driven butanol-droplet in water
- Velocity field determined from NS-equations.

$$+ \text{surfactant eqn. } \dot{S} - D_{\Gamma} \Delta_{\Gamma} S + (\nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u}) S = 0$$

Elliptic PDE on evolving surface

solution





$\Gamma(0)$  **smooth** surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\partial\Gamma(t) = \emptyset$ .

$\Gamma(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , advected by **smooth**  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Model for diffusive mass transport on  $\Gamma(t)$ :

## Diffusion equation

$$\dot{u} + (\operatorname{div}_{\Gamma}\mathbf{w})u - \Delta_{\Gamma}u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma(t), \quad t \in (0, T]$$

with  $\dot{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla u$ .

Initial condition  $u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_0(\mathbf{x})$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma(0)$ .

# Weak formulations

Space-time manifold

$$\Gamma_* = \bigcup_{t \in (0, T]} \Gamma(t) \times \{t\}, \quad \Gamma_* \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

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Theorem [Olshanskii, R. SINUM 2014]

Weak formulation is well-posed.

Analysis based on **continuity** and **inf-sup property**

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Time-discontinuous weak formulation (allows time-stepping)

Find  $u \in W^b$  such that

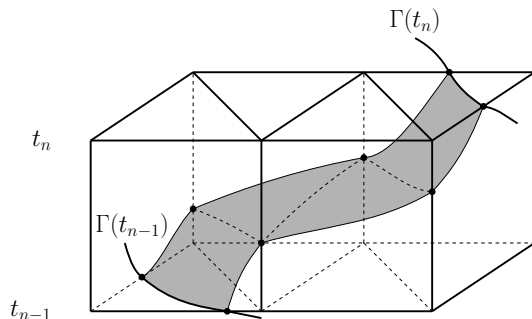
$$\langle \dot{u}, v \rangle_b + a(u, v) + d(u, v) = F(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in W^b.$$



# Galerkin FEM based on time-discontinuous formulation

## Key ideas:

- $W^b$  replaced by FE space  $W_h^\Gamma$  on  $\Gamma_*$ .
- For FE space we use **trace of standard outer space-time FE space**.
- $\Gamma_*^n$  is approximated (zero level of discrete level set function).

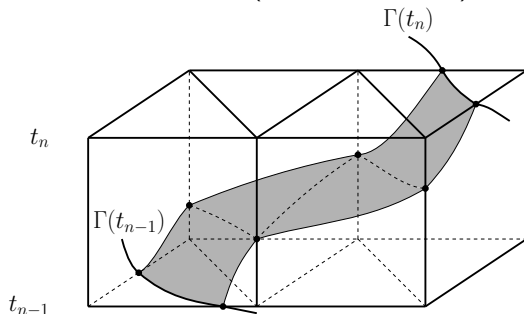


# Trace FE spaces

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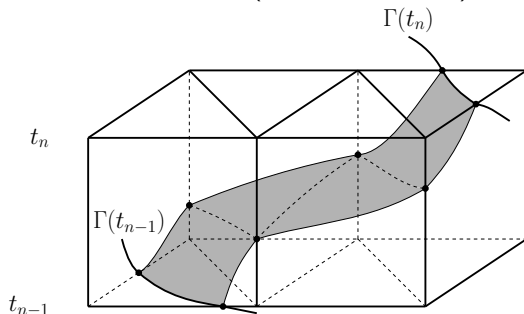


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$$W_{n,h} := \{ w : Q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid w(x, t) = \phi_0(x) + t\phi_1(x), \quad \phi_0, \phi_1 \in V_n \}$$

$$W_{n,h}^\Gamma := \{ v : \Gamma_*^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid v = w|_{\Gamma_*^n}, \quad w \in W_{n,h,\Delta t} \}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq N.$$

$$W_h^\Gamma := \bigoplus_{n=1}^N W_{n,h}^\Gamma$$

## Galerkin trace-FEM

Find  $u_h = u_{h,\Delta t} \in W_h^\Gamma$  such that

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## Time-stepping procedure

For  $n = 1, \dots, N$ , do:

Find  $u_h = u_{h,\Delta t} \in W_{n,h}^\Gamma$  such that

$$\langle \dot{u}_h, v_h \rangle_n + a^n(u_h, v_h) + \int_{t_{n-1}}^t u_h^+ v_h^+ ds = \int_{t_{n-1}}^t u_h^{n-1} v_h^+ ds + F(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in W_{n,h}^\Gamma$$

$$\| \| u \| \|_h^2 := \| u \|_H^2 + \max_{n=1, \dots, N} \| u_-^n \|_{t^n}^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N \| [u]^{n-1} \|_{t_{n-1}}^2.$$

## Discrete stability

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## Discretization error bounds. Assume $\Delta t \sim h$

$$\| \| u - u_h \| \|_h \leq ch(\| u \|_{H^2(\Gamma_*)} + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \| u \|_{H^2(\Gamma(t))}).$$

$$\| \| u - u_h \| \|_{H^{-1}(\Gamma_*)} \leq ch^2(\| u \|_{H^2(\Gamma_*)} + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \| u \|_{H^2(\Gamma(t))}).$$

# Experiment: diffusion on a moving+deforming ellipsoid

$\Gamma(t)$  is zero level of

$$\phi(x, y, z, t) = \left( \frac{x}{1 + 0.25 \sin(t)} \right)^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1, \quad t \in [0, 4].$$

Velocity field  $\mathbf{w}(x, y, z, t) = 0.25 \frac{\cos(t)}{1 + 0.25 \sin(t)} (x, 0, 0)^T$ .

Solution prescribed:  $u(x, y, z, t) = e^{-t} xy$ .



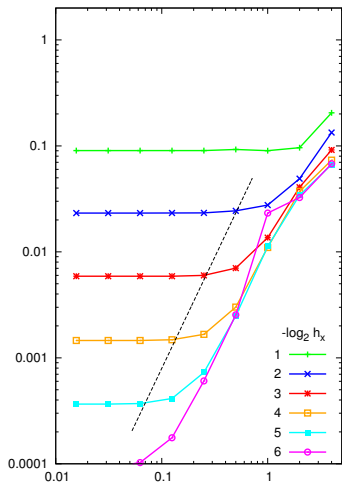
# Structure of the algorithm

- Coarse regular tetrahedral triangulation of  $\Omega = [-1.5, 1.5]^3$ .  
FE space  $V_h$ : piecewise linears.

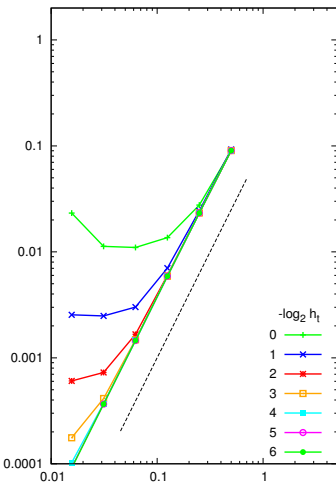
Per time slab

- Local spatial refinement close to  $\Gamma_*^n$ .
- Outer space-time FE space; linear in  $t$ .
- Approximation of space-time surface  $\Gamma_*^n$ .
- FE space on  $\Gamma_*^n$ : trace space.
- Apply Galerkin discretization with this FE space.

Results: discrete  $L_t^\infty L_x^2$ -errors  $\sim \max_{t \in [0,4]} \|e_h\|_{L^2(\Gamma(t))}$



$h_x = h$  constant



$h_t = \Delta t$  constant.

Observations: very **stable** method; **second order** convergence.

# Evolving surface with topological singularity

Domain  $\Omega = (-3, 3) \times (-2, 2)^2$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Prescribed level set function  $\phi$ ,

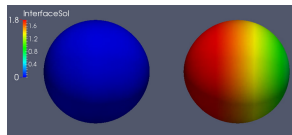
determines  $\Gamma(t)$ .

Space-time interpolation yields  $\Gamma_*^n$ .

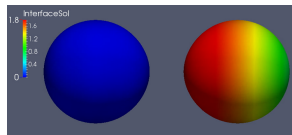
Surfactant transport equation.

$u_0(x) = 3 - x_1$  for  $x_1 \geq 0$ , zero otherwise.

$$h = 1/16, \quad \Delta t = 1/128$$



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