

A hybrid parareal Monte-Carlo algorithm for the parabolic time dependant diffusion equation

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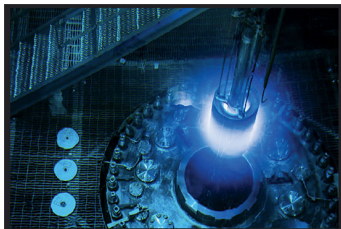
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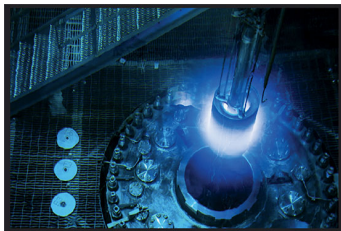
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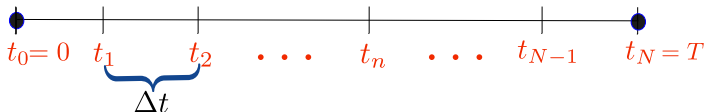
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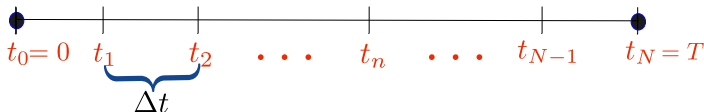
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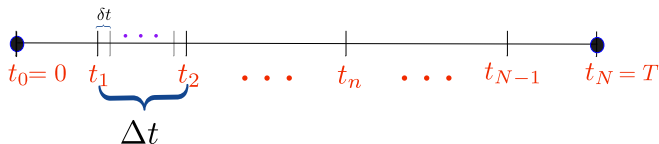
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The discontinuous Galerkin propagator

$\mathcal{N}_h^{\text{int}}$: total number of local internal degrees of freedom.

Discontinuous Galerkin space:

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Let $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1])$. Identify the two intervals such that $F_{i-1} \leq \xi_1 \leq F_i$.

Position of the particle: $X_i = \frac{(x_i - x_{i-1}) \xi_1 - x_i F_{i-1} + x_{i-1} F_i}{F_i - F_{i-1}}$.

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Rejection method:

Often used when the PDF f is hard to invert. Assume there exists a PDF $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ “easy” to simulate such that

$$f(x) \leq kg(x), \quad \text{where } k \geq 1 \text{ is a constant.}$$

Set $\alpha(x) = \frac{f(x)}{kg(x)}$.

Compute the cumulative function $G : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ associated to g .

Let $\xi \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1])$.

Find $X_i \in K$ using the direct inversion procedure.

Compute $\alpha(X_i)$.

Let $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1])$. If $\xi_1 \leq \alpha(X_i)$ accept X_i . Otherwise reject and come back to first step.

How define the transport of the particles?

Kernel Transport

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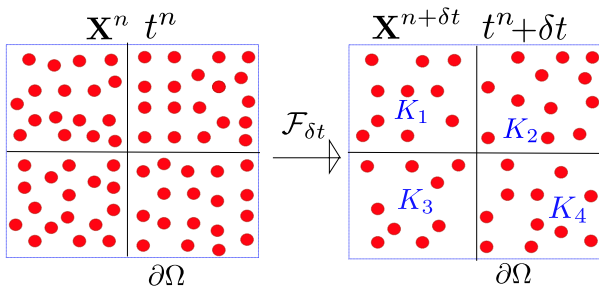
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Density transition kernel:

$$T(\mathbf{x}', t' \rightarrow \mathbf{x}, t) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathcal{D}(t-t')}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')^2}{2\mathcal{D}(t-t')}\right).$$

Practical formula for the brownian motion:

$$T(\mathbf{X}^{n+\delta t}, t^n + \delta t) = T(\mathbf{X}^n, t^n) + \sqrt{2\mathcal{D}\delta t} S_n \quad \text{where} \quad S_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$



Hybrid parareal algorithm

Coarse propagator : Deterministic solver

Fine propagator: Monte-Carlo solver: deterministic data + sampling + average

Consider p independent replicas and M' particles so that the total number of particles is $M = p \times M'$. The numerical solution obtained for a replica $j \in [1, p]$ at parareal iteration k is denoted by $\mathbf{U}_{k,j}^{n+1}$

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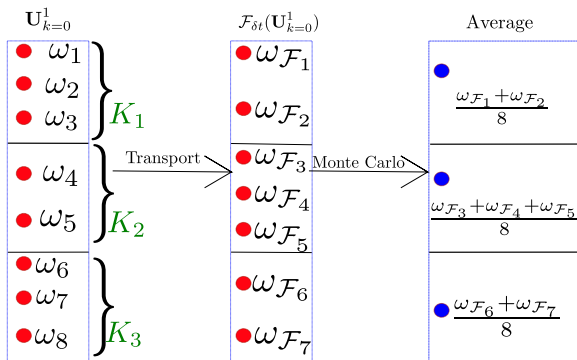


When $\mathbf{U}_{k,j}^{n+1}$ is computed, we need its statistical version for the computation of $\mathbf{U}_{k+1,j}^{n+2} = \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(\mathbf{U}_{k+1,j}^{n+1}) \times \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(\mathbf{U}_{k,j}^{n+1})}{\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(\mathbf{U}_{k,j}^{n+1})}$. Introduce bias in the Monte-Carlo solver.

Updating the statistical weights

Example: How avoid sampling $\mathbf{U}_{k=1}^2$?

$$[\omega_{\mathcal{F}}^2]_{i \in K} = [\omega_{\mathcal{F}}]_{i \in K} \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{U}_{k=1}^2}{\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{U}_{k=0}^1)} \right) |_{K}$$



$$\text{hist}(\omega_{k=1}^2) |_{K_1} = \frac{1}{8} (\omega_{\mathcal{F}_1} + \omega_{\mathcal{F}_2}) \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{U}_{k=1}^2}{\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{U}_{k=0}^1)} \right) |_{K_1} = \mathbf{U}_{k=1}^2$$

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Numerical experiments

Ω : one-dimensional core with length $L = 5m$, **Final simulation time: $T = 10s$.**

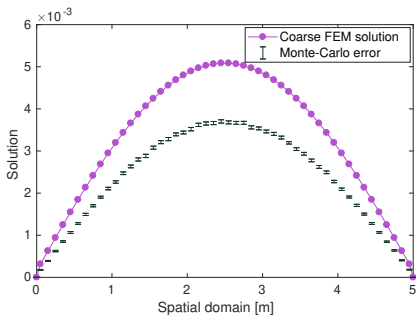
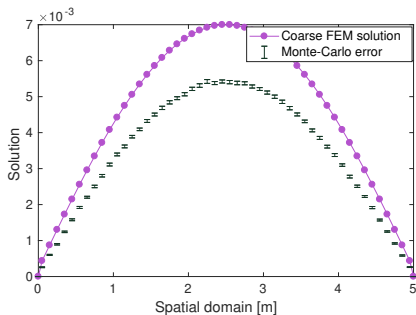
Deterministic propagator: \mathbb{P}_1 finite element, $\Delta t = 2s$.

Fine propagator: Monte-Carlo, $\delta t = 2 \times 10^{-4}s$.

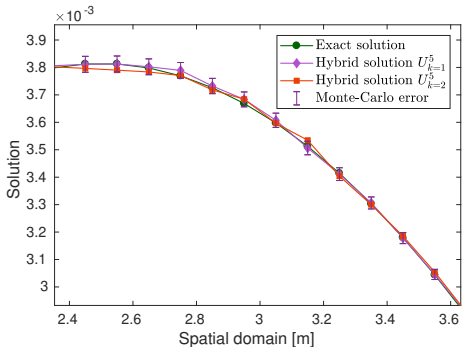
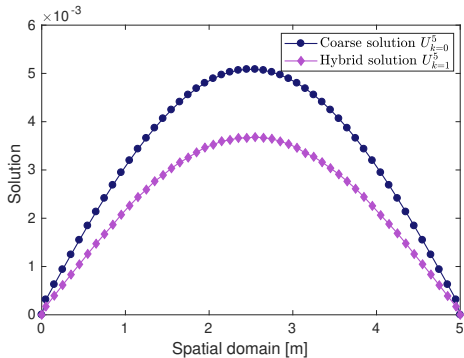
Diffusion coefficient: $\mathcal{D} = 0.5m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$,

Initial condition: $u_0(x) = \frac{1}{L}$.

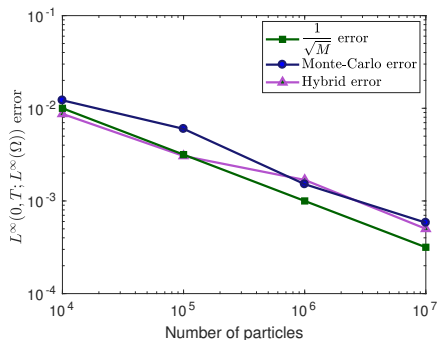
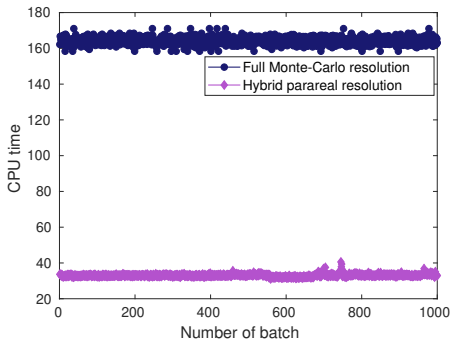
Number of particles: 10^4 , **Number of replicas:** 10^3



Hybrid solution



CPU time and convergence



Number of particles	Number of replica	Parallelized Monte-Carlo	Hybrid parallelized Monte-Carlo $k = 1$	Hybrid parallelized Monte-Carlo $k = 2$	Gain factor $k = 1$	Gain factor $k = 2$
10^5	10^2	1653.4 s	335.76 s	534.16 s	4.92	3.04
10^4	10^3	164.09 s	33.05 s	7.97 s	4.96	3.09
10^3	10^4	16.86 s	3.39 s	0.83 s	4.97	3.07
10^2	10^5	1.78 s	0.35 s	0.11 s	5.08	3.02

A second test case

Final simulation time: $T = 14s$.

Deterministic propagator: \mathbb{P}_1 finite element, $\Delta t = 2s$.

Fine propagator: Monte-Carlo, $\delta t = 2 \times 10^{-4}s$.

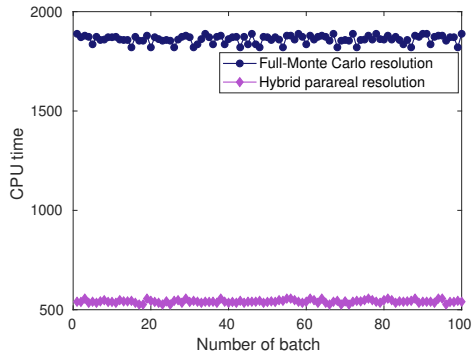
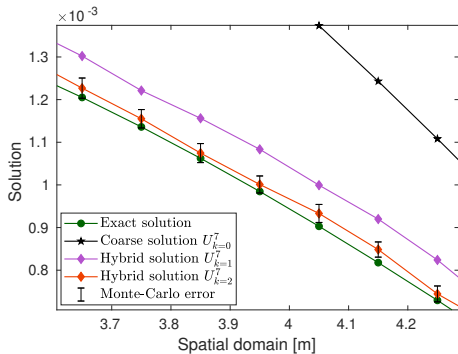
Diffusion coefficient MC: $\mathcal{D} = 0.5m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$

Diffusion coefficient FEM: $\mathcal{D} = 0.48m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$

Initial condition: $u_0(x) = \frac{1}{L} (1 + \cos(\frac{\pi x}{L}))$.

Number of particles: 10^5 , **Number of replicas:** 10^2

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Conclusion

- We devised for the diffusion equation a hybrid parareal algorithm.
- Our approach reduces the CPU time of a Monte-Carlo simulation.

Ongoing work:

- Extension to Boltzmann equation in neutronics



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Thank you for your attention!

