



Runge-Kutta Discontinuous Galerkin method applied to Shallow Water Equations

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Motivation

- Model behavior of water over and in a porous medium
- \Rightarrow Better understanding erosion and flooding phenomenon





- Clément in 2021¹ developed RIVAGE, a Discontinuous Galerkin solver for Richards' equation
- \Rightarrow Addressed the flow of water in the porous medium
- \Rightarrow One way coupling
 - Implement in RIVAGE a DG solver for a free surface model
- \Rightarrow Two way coupling

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¹Clément et al. Advances in Water Resources. 2021.

Governing equations

2 Runge-Kutta Discontinuous Galerkin methods

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3 Numerical results

4 Conclusions and Perspectives

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Shallow Water Equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \zeta \\ q_x \\ q_y \end{pmatrix} + \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} q_x & q_y \\ \frac{q_x^2}{\zeta} + g \frac{\zeta^2}{2} & \frac{q_x q_y}{\zeta} \\ \frac{q_x q_y}{\zeta} & \frac{q_y^2}{\zeta} + g \frac{\zeta^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -g \zeta \partial_x z \\ -g \zeta \partial_y z \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \Omega \times]0, T[,] \\ \text{Initial and Boundary conditions,} \end{cases}$$

- Depth-averaged incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations²
- Hyperbolic system

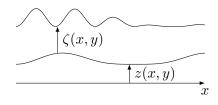


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$$\begin{cases} \partial_t U + \nabla \cdot \mathbb{G}(U) = \mathbb{S}(U, z) \text{ in } \Omega \times]0, T[, \\ \text{Initial and Boundary conditions,} \end{cases}$$

- $U := (\zeta, \mathbf{q}) : \Omega \times [0, T[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ conservatives variables
- z bathymetry

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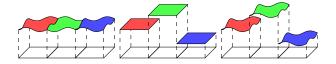
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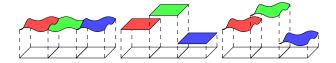
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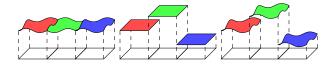
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Space discretization: the mesh \mathcal{E}_h

- Unstructured mesh
- Non conformal mesh
- Mesh adaptation along calculation

Adaptation criterion:

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• $\nabla \zeta$

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• Production of numerical entropy

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Solution space: \mathbb{P}_h^p the set of piecewise polynomials functions

- p = 0 Finite volume methods: piecewise constant
- p=1 Piecewise linear and so on

Find $U_h := (\zeta_h, (q_x)_h, (q_y)_h) \in [\mathbb{P}_h^p(E)]^3$ such that $\forall t \in]0, T[,$ and

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$$\begin{cases} \int_{E} \varphi_{h} \partial_{t} U_{h} - \int_{E} \nabla \varphi_{h} : \mathbb{G}(U_{h})^{T} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{h}^{E}} \int_{F} \varphi_{h} \hat{G}_{F}(U_{h}) = \int_{E} \varphi_{h} \mathbb{S}(U_{h}, z_{h}) \\ \text{Initial condition} \end{cases}$$

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Time discretization

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 $U_h|_E$ and φ_h linear combination of polynomial: $\forall (x,y), t \in E \times]0,T]$

$$U_h|_E(x,y,t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(x,y) \cdot \mathbf{U}_E(t)$$
 and $arphi_h(x,y) = \mathbf{\Phi}(x,y)$

$$\underbrace{\int_{E} \mathbf{\Phi} \otimes \mathbf{\Phi}}_{\mathbb{M}_{E}} \underbrace{\frac{d\mathbf{U}_{E}}{dt}}_{\mathcal{H}_{E}} = \underbrace{\int_{E} \nabla \mathbf{\Phi} : \mathbb{G}(U_{h})^{t} - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{h}^{E}} \int_{F} \mathbf{\Phi} \hat{G}_{F}(U_{h}) + \int_{E} \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbb{S}(U_{h}, z_{h})}_{\mathcal{H}_{E}(U_{h}(t))}$$



Time discretization

$$\mathbb{M}_E \frac{d\mathbf{U}_E}{dt} = \mathcal{H}_E(U_h(t))$$

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Explicit Runge-Kutta method of order q = p + 1:

- Δt chosen according to CFL condition linked to
 - \blacktriangleright polynomial order p
 - eigenvalues of the problem
 - ▶ the mesh

Polynomial basis affect the shape of mass matrix



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Well balanced property

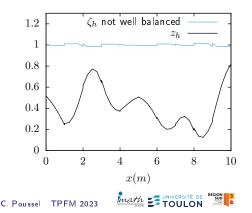
Solving Shallow Water equation with the previous RKDG method does not preserve equilibrium states:

• $\zeta + z \equiv C$ a constant and $\mathbf{q} \equiv 0$

 ζ_h and z_h in ℙ^p_h admit jumps at elements' interfaces

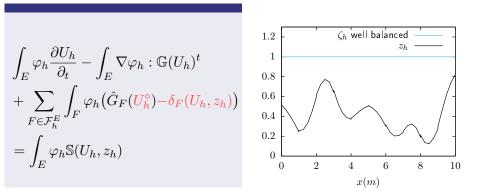
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 Numerical fluxes no longer equal to zero



Hydrostatic reconstruction

Variational formulation modified 2 such that interfaces flux cancels out if $\zeta+z\equiv C$



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² Ern, Piperno, and Djadel. International Journal for Numerical Methods in Fluids. 2007.

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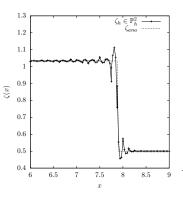


Moment limiting

Spurious oscillations around discontinuities, due to:

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- Hyperbolic problem
- High order scheme (p > 0)



- Post processing
- Well suited for non conformal mesh

For each element^a:

- 1. Estimate n-th derivative with (n-1)-th derivative of surrounding elements
- 2. Minmod comparison with the computed *n*-th derivative of the element

^a Krivodonova. Journal of Computational Physics. 2007-09.



1D Dam-Break

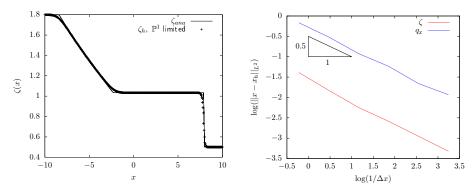


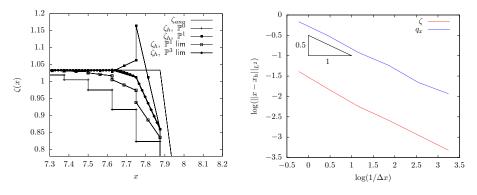
Figure: Water depth $\zeta_h \in \mathbb{P}^1_h$ compared with ζ_{ana}

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Figure: $L^2\text{-}\mathrm{errors}$ on $U_h\in \mathbb{P}^2_h$ with moment limiter

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Figure: Zoom on solution discontinuity with different computation methods

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Figure: L^2 -errors on $U_h \in \mathbb{P}^2_h$ with moment limiter

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2D Dam-Break with breach

Approximation of the solution with $U_h \in \mathbb{P}^1_h$ and moment limiter³

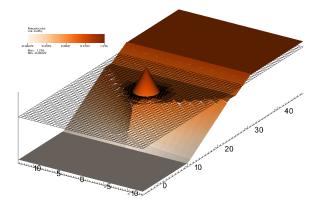
³Delis and Katsaounis. Applied Mathematical Modelling. 2005-08.



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Solitary wave propagation over a three-dimensional reef



Three-dimensional reef based on laboratory experiments⁴



⁴Lynett et al. Coastal Engineering Proceedings. 2011.

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⁴ Pons. Theses. 2018-12.

- Solve Shallow Water Equations with RKDG methods
- Ensure well balanced property
- Cancel spurious oscillations on a non-conformal and unstructured mesh
- Solve flooding and drying problem⁵
- Enhance the flooding and drying method
- Implement moment limiting on triangular elements
- Strong coupling between Richards' equation and Shallow Water Equations

⁵Lee and Lee. KSCE Journal of Civil Engineering. 2015.