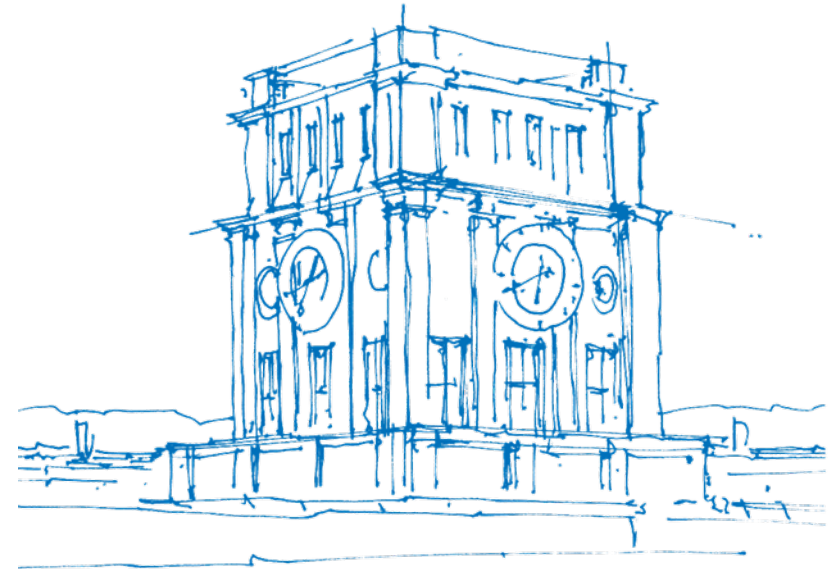


Waveform iteration in partitioned multiphysics with preCICE

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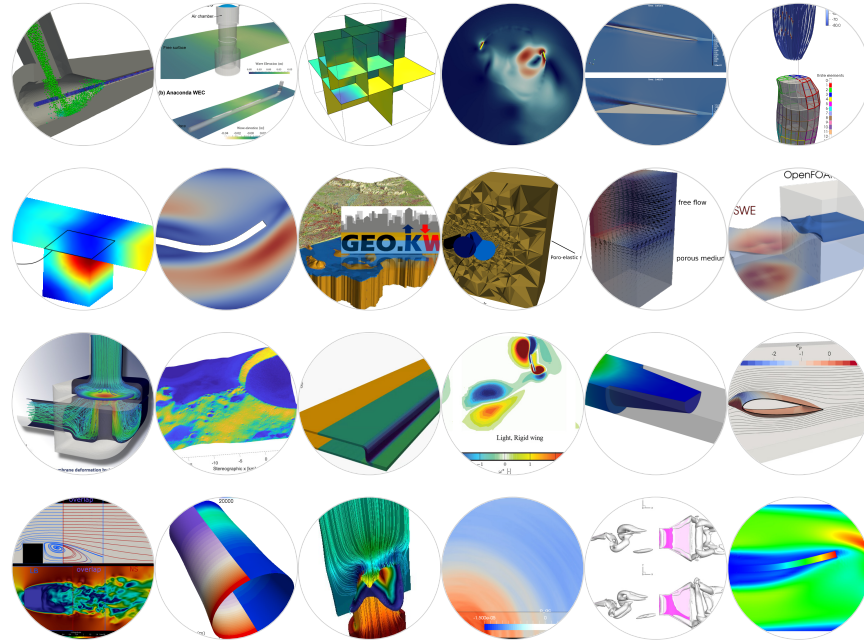
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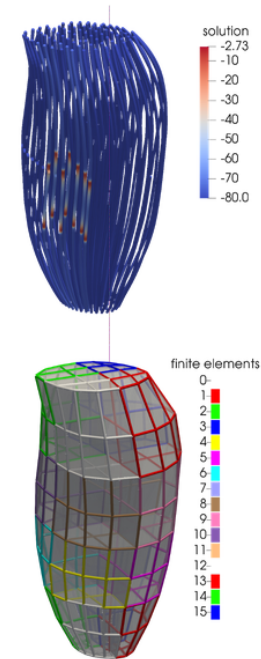
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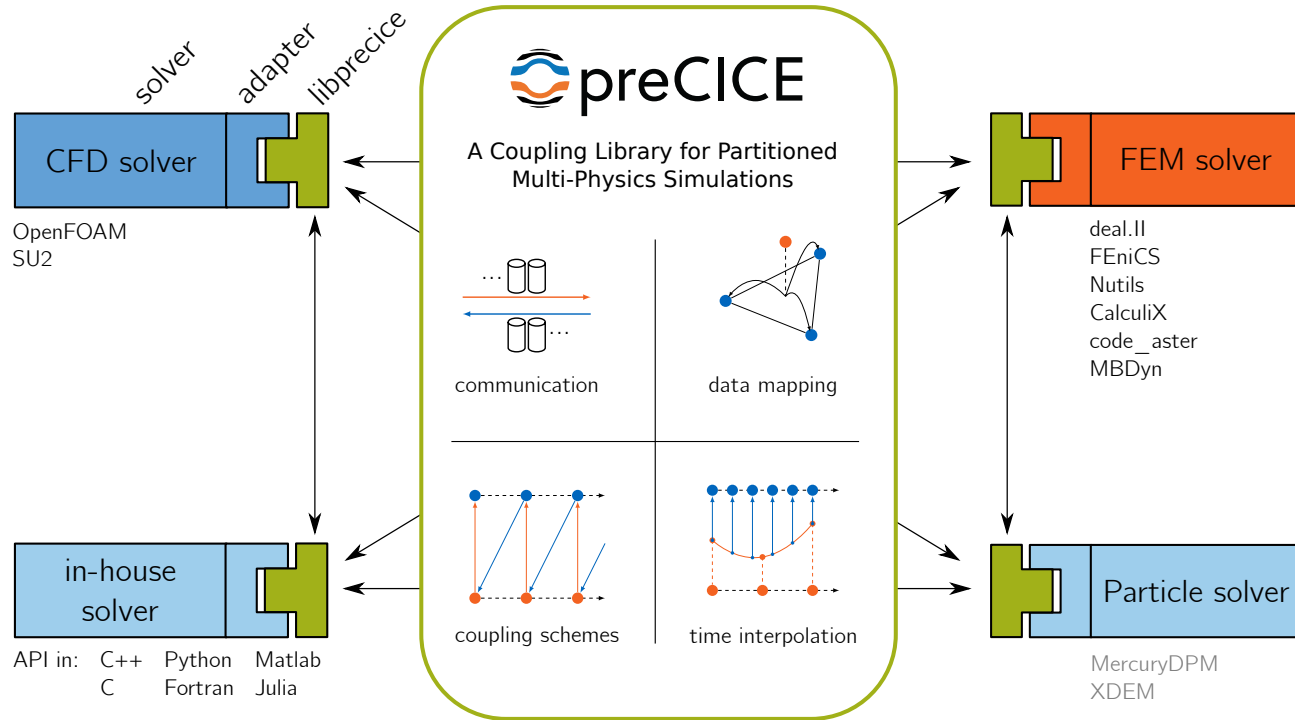
In our project “[Towards a digital human](#)”, we improve the understanding of the neuromuscular system by simulating multi-scale models of skeletal muscles with realistic resolutions on HPC clusters. In particular, we implemented a complete biophysical multi-scale model of the neuromuscular system in our open-source software [OpenDiHu](#). We simulate biochemical processes of subcellular force generation (0D), muscle fiber activation (1D) as well as **electric** conduction in the extracellular space (3D). In order to additionally take muscle contraction into account, we apply volume coupling between the finely resolved 3D electromyography model, which computes muscle activation, and a coarse 3D solid mechanics solver, which computes the muscle deformation. Using preCICE, we are able to simulate the respective highly resolved scenarios with 100 million degrees of freedom on more than 9,000 cores on the supercomputer Hawk at the High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart. Furthermore, preCICE helps us to numerically couple multiple mechanical models with different materials, e.g., the biceps brachii muscle and its tendons. Using preCICE, our code is envisioned to become a building block in combination with other external solvers within a comprehensive “digital human model”. [Learn more](#)

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About

Various tutorial cases for the coupling library preCICE with real solvers. These files are meant to be rendered on precice.org, so don't look at the README files here.

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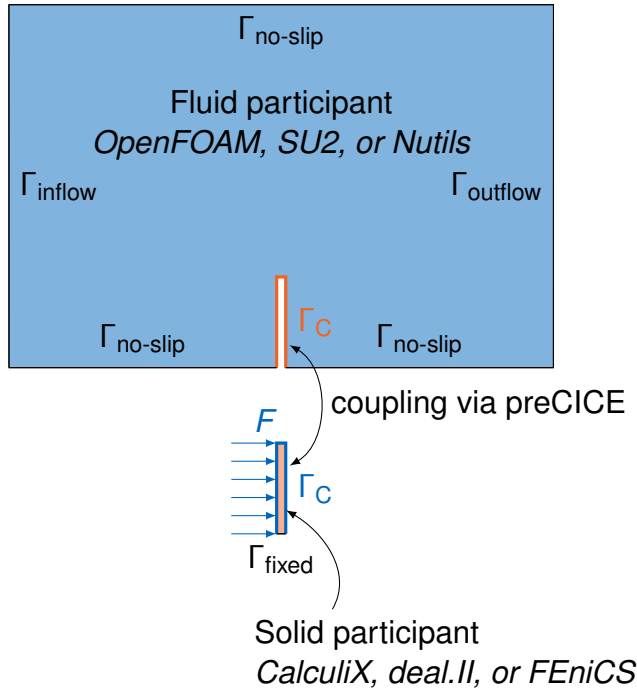
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DEMO TIME



Divide

- OpenFOAM \neq FEniCS
- Dirichlet-Neumann = black box

Conquer

- Fluid: $\mathcal{F}(d) = f$
- Solid: $\mathcal{S}(f) = d$

Boundary response maps

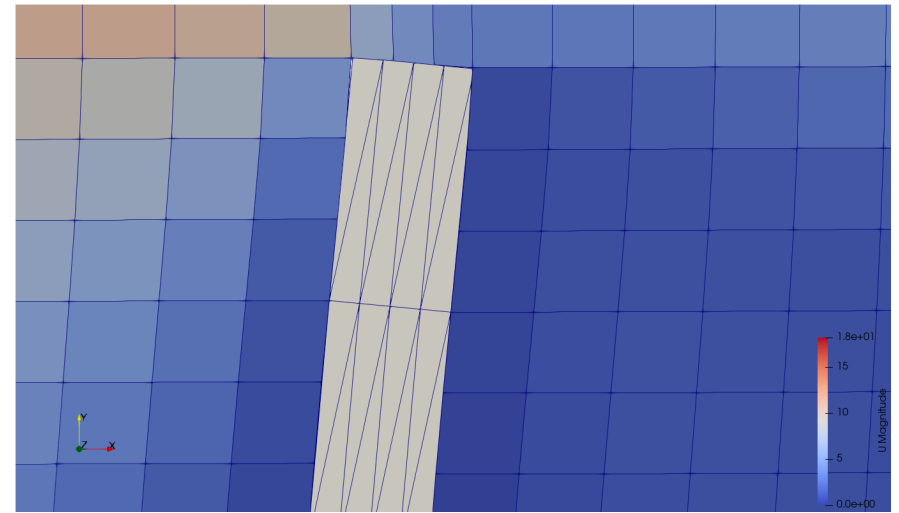
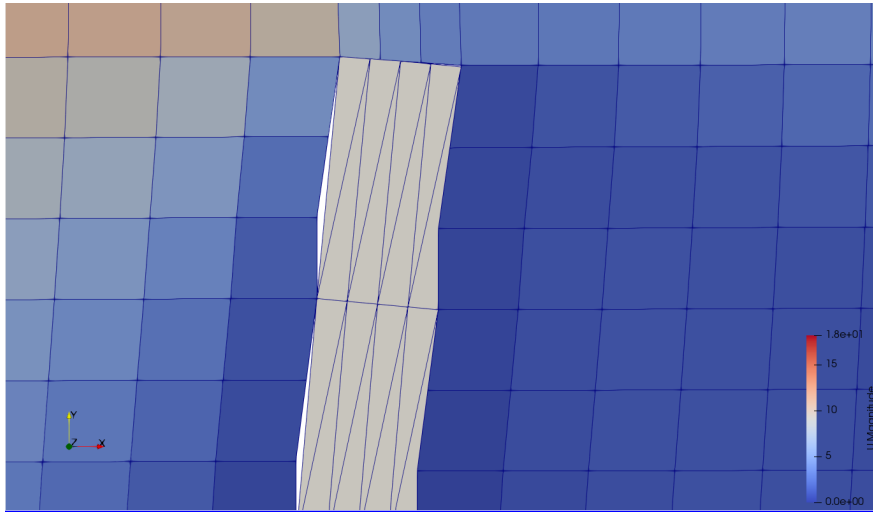
(= Poincaré-Steklov operator)

Combine

- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{S}(f^k)) = \tilde{f}^k$
- $\tilde{f}^k \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}} f^{k+1}$

Picard iteration + acceleration

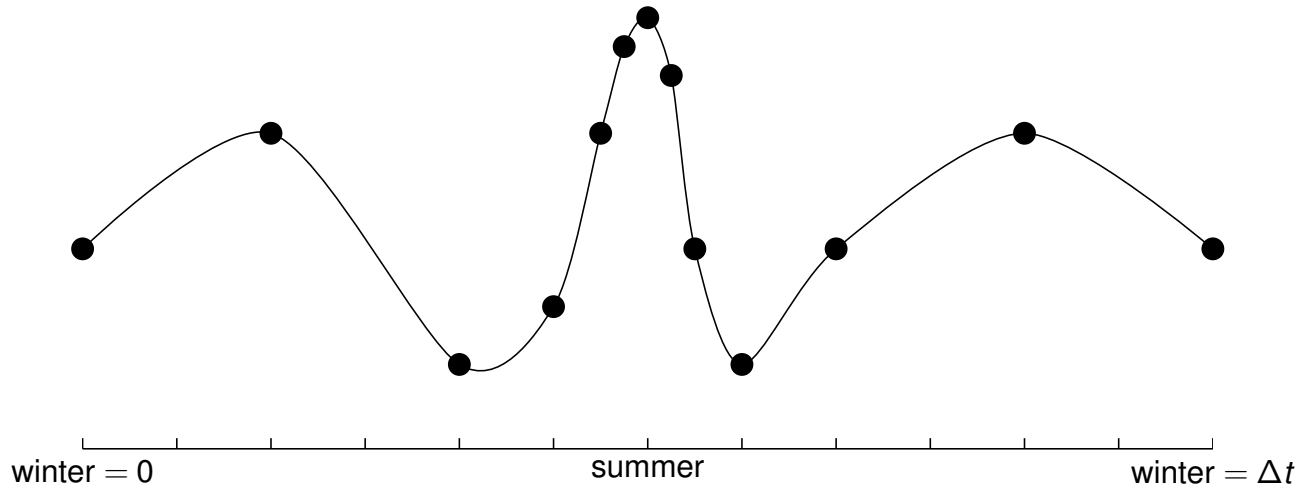
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preCICE v3: Time interpolation

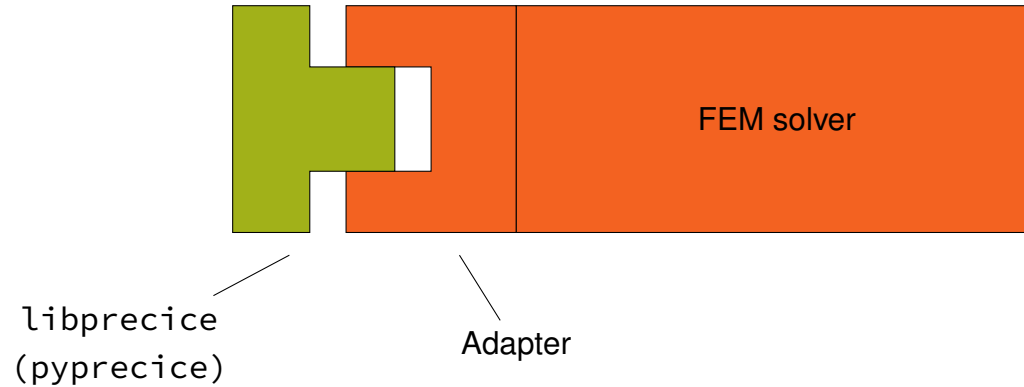
preCICE Workshop 2023: Two "ice sheet talks"¹

- Yannic Fischler: *A preCICE-interface for the ice-sheet and sea-level system model*
- Daniel Abele: *Coupling an ice sheet model with satellite image based simulation of calving fronts*



¹<https://precice.org/precice-workshop-2023.html>

Requirements for time interpolation in preCICE



Goal: Black-box + higher-order + multirate

- Numerics: Accuracy, convergence order, energy conservation
- API Design: Simple user interface!
- Move as much multirate/higher-order/interpolation logic *inside* preCICE as possible
- preCICE v3 + new API was just released¹

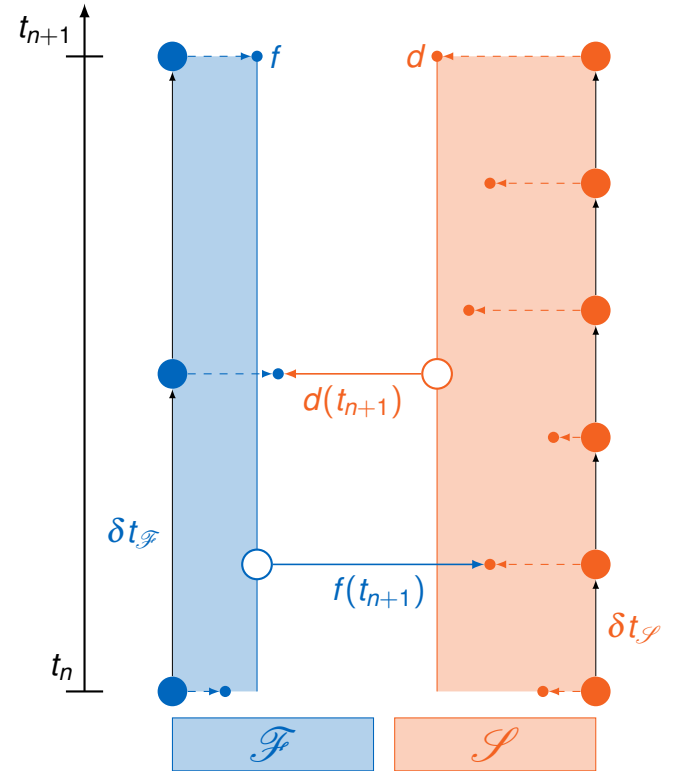
¹<https://github.com/precice/precice/releases/tag/v3.0.0>

API for implicit Euler

```
1 # example: FSI coupling, perspective of fluid solver  $\mathcal{F}$ :
2 participant = precice.Participant("Fluid", "precice-config.xml")
3
4 # leaving out coupling mesh and data initialization
5
6 participant.initialize()
7
8 while participant.is_coupling_ongoing():
9     # store checkpoint, if needed
10    dt = participant.get_max_time_step_size()
11    displacement = participant.read_data(dt) # Read displacement at  $t_n + \Delta t$ :  $d_{n+1}$ 
12    forces = forces + dt * dfdt(displacements) # Implicit Euler
13    participant.write_data(forces)
14    participant.advance(dt)
15    # read checkpoint, if needed
16
17 participant.finalize()
```

preCICE v2: single-value coupling

```
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...
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  ...
</coupling-scheme:serial-implicit>
```



preCICE v2: single-value coupling

Coupled evolution equations

$\mathcal{F}(d) = f$	→	$\mathcal{F}_1(u_2) = u_1$	solves: $\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} = f_1(u_1, u_2)$
$\mathcal{S}(f) = d$	→	$\mathcal{F}_2(u_1) = u_2$	solves: $\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} = f_2(u_1, u_2)$
$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{S}(f^k)) = \tilde{f}^k$	→	$\mathcal{F}_2(\mathcal{F}_1(u_2^k)) = u_2^k$	(let's forget about $\mathcal{A}(\cdot)$)

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 \end{array}$$

Discretization with trapezoidal rule & coupling

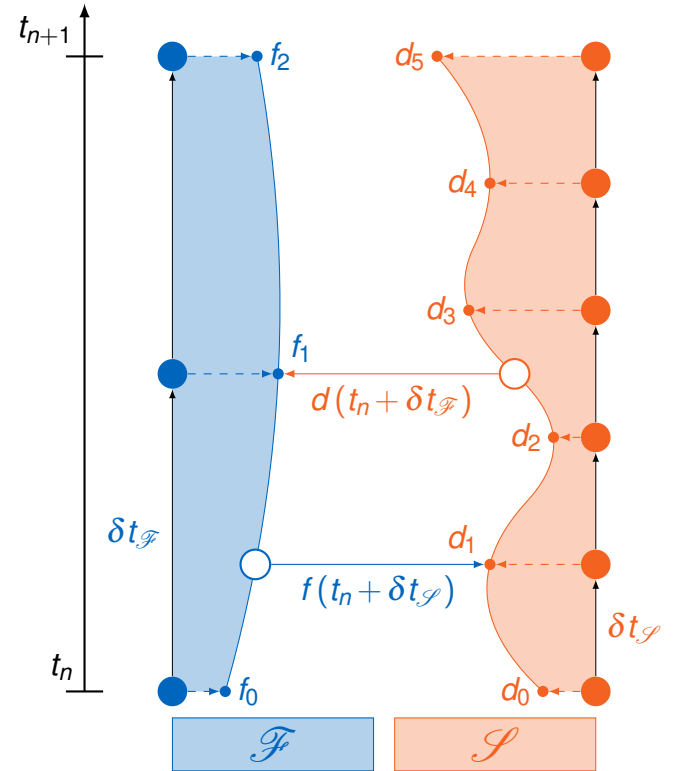
		update scheme	stability	order
fully explicit	$u_1^{n+1} = u_1^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} [f_1(u_1^n, u_2^n) + f_1(u_1^{n+1}, u_2^n)]$	$ \begin{array}{l} u_1 \rightarrow u_2 \\ u_2^{n+1} = u_2^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} [f_2(u_1^{n+1}, u_2^n) + f_2(u_1^{n+1}, u_2^{n+1})] \end{array} $	depends on δt	$\mathcal{O}(\delta t)$
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waveform iteration	$u_1^{n+1} = u_1^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} [f_1(u_1^n, u_2^n) + f_1(u_1^{n+1}, u_2^{n+1})]$	$ \begin{array}{l} u_1(t) \leftrightarrow u_2(t) \\ u_2^{n+1} = u_2^n + \frac{\delta t}{2} [f_2(u_1^n, u_2^n) + f_2(u_1^{n+1}, u_2^{n+1})] \end{array} $	stable	$\mathcal{O}(\delta t^2)$
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preCICE v3: waveform iteration

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{S}(f^k)) = \tilde{f}^k$$

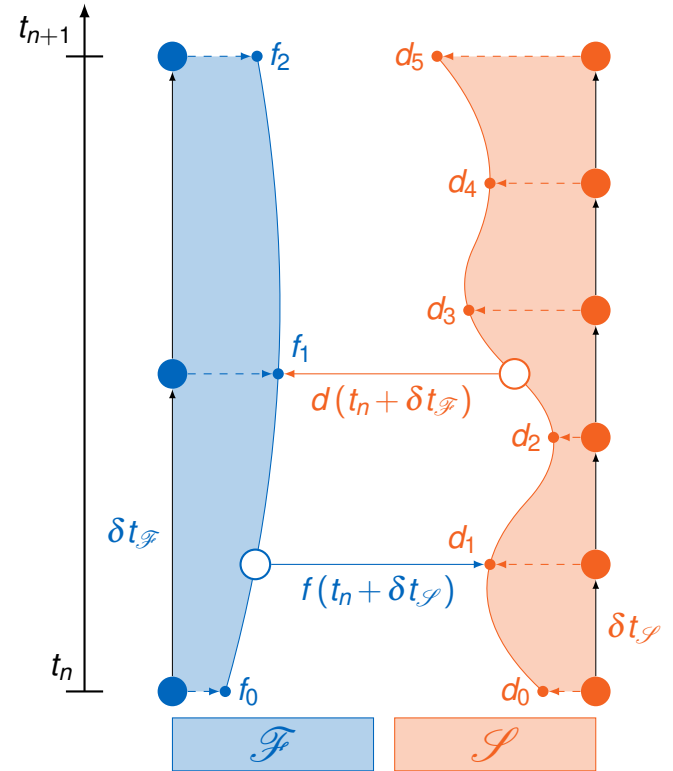
upgrade to preCICE v3

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{S}(f(t)^k)) = \tilde{f}(t)^k$$



preCICE v3: waveform iteration

```
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...
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RK4 in code (simplified)

```
1 # determine time step size  $\delta t$  for this time step
2 dt = participant.get_max_time_step_size()
3
4 # compute stages  $k_i$  and evaluate waveform at times  $c_i \delta t$ 
5 k1 = A.dot(u) + participant.read_data("Displ", 0.0 * dt)
6 k2 = A.dot(u + k1 * 0.5 * dt) + participant.read_data("Displ", 0.5 * dt)
7 k3 = A.dot(u + k2 * 0.5 * dt) + participant.read_data("Displ", 0.5 * dt)
8 k4 = A.dot(u + k3 * 1.0 * dt) + participant.read_data("Displ", 1.0 * dt)
9 # assemble new solution
10 u_new = u + dt / 6 * (k1 + 2 * k2 + 2 * k3 + k4)
11
12 # do writing
13 force = extract_force(u_new)
14 participant.write_data("Force", force)
15 # end time step of size  $\delta t$ 
16 participant.advance(dt)
```

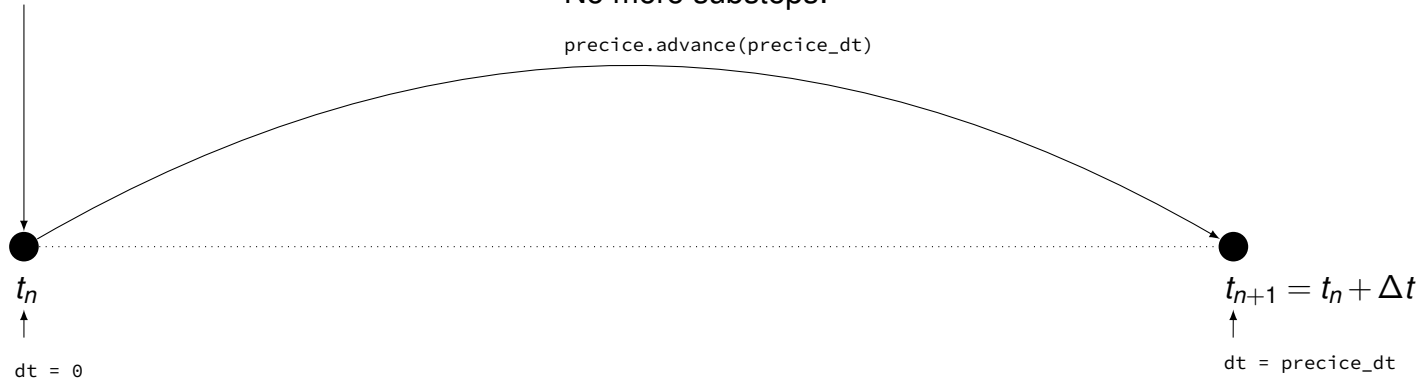
API for multirate

Read interpolated data from current time t_n :

```
displacement = precice.read_data(dt)
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No more substeps:

```
precice.advance(precice_dt)
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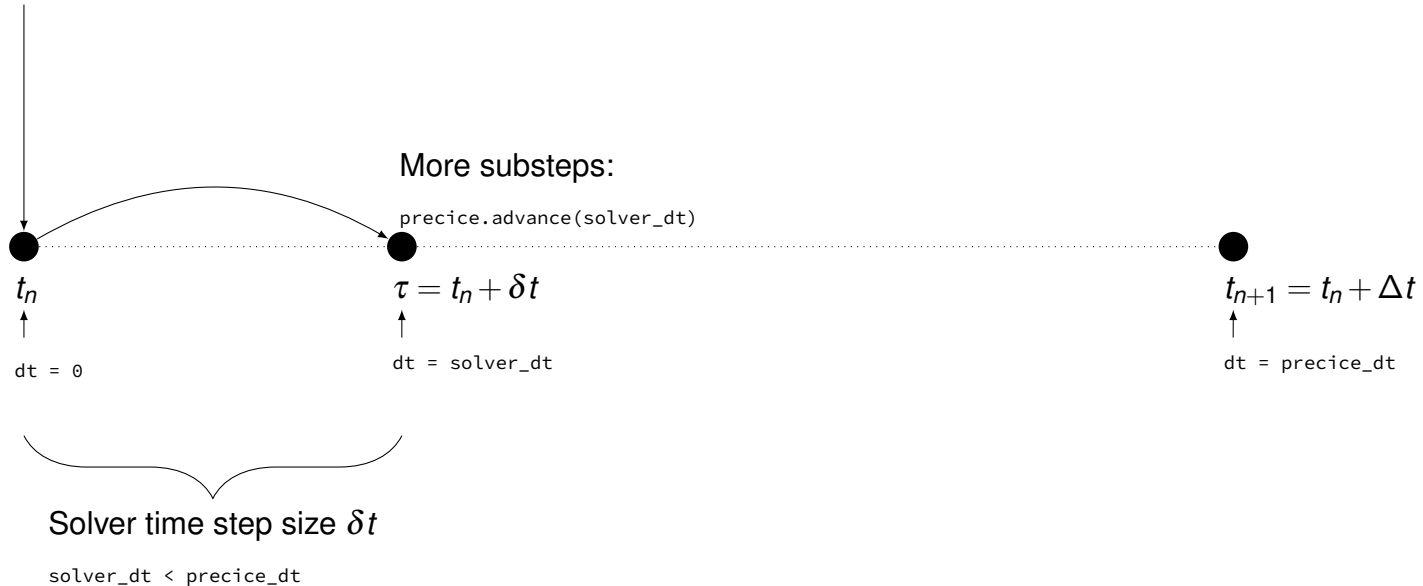
Complete time window size Δt

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precice_dt = precice.get_max_time_step_size()
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API for multirate

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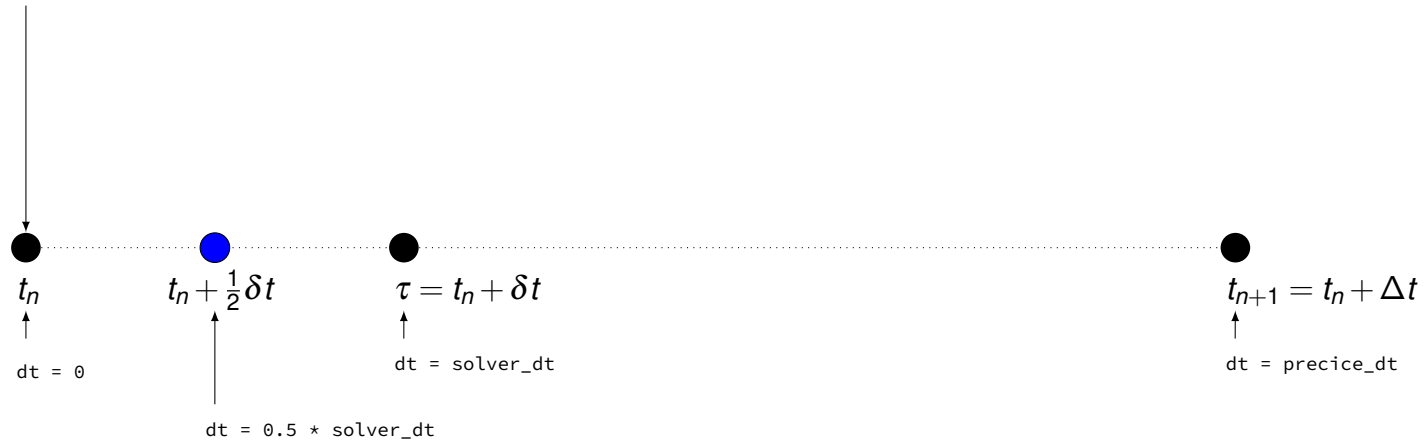
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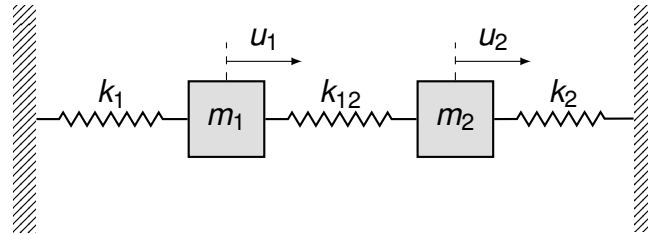


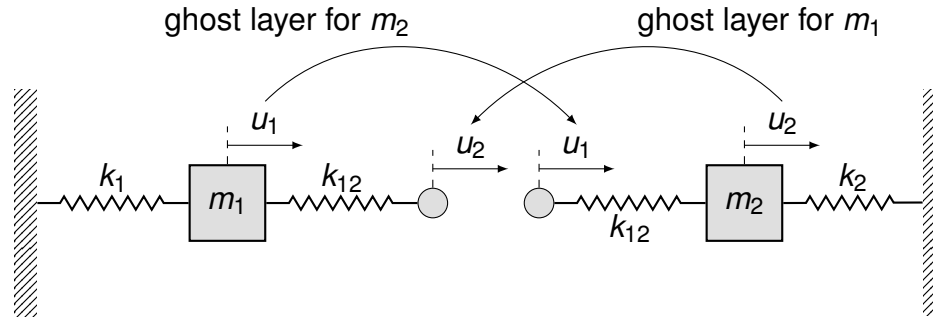
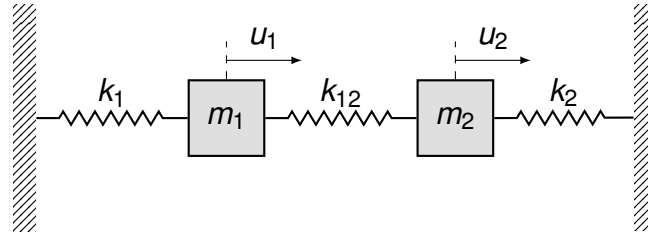
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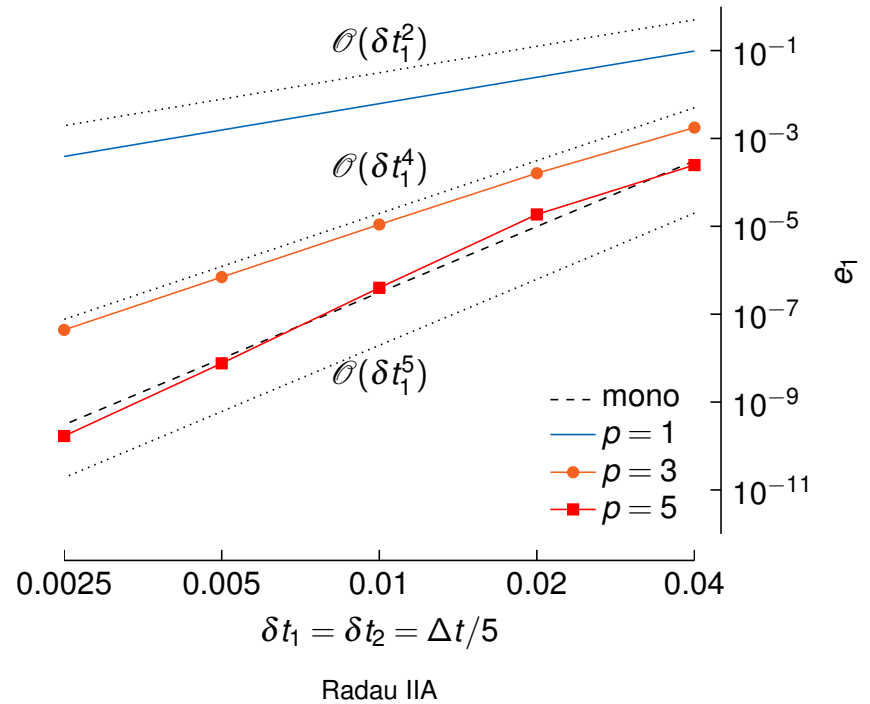
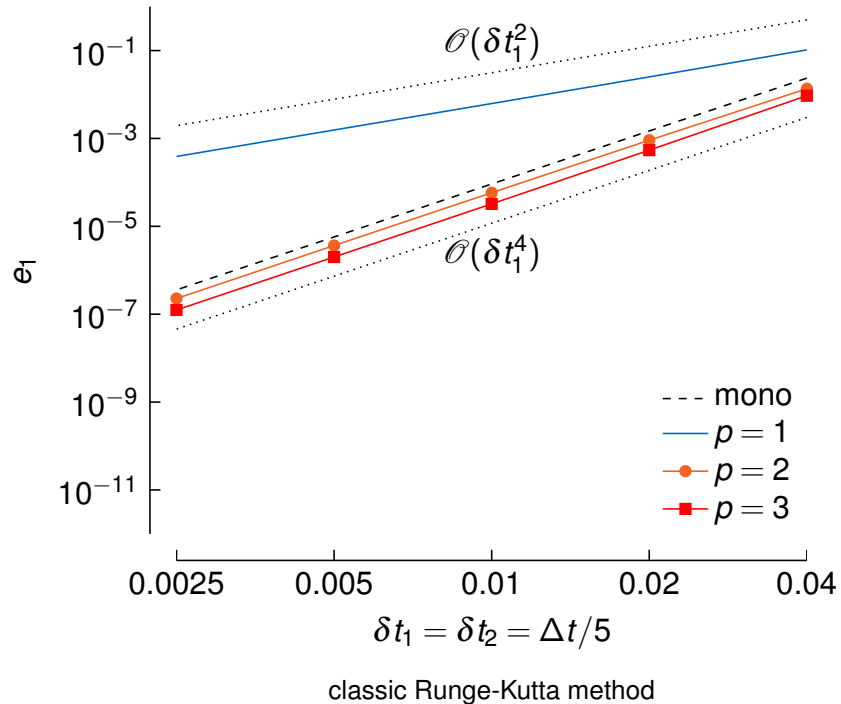
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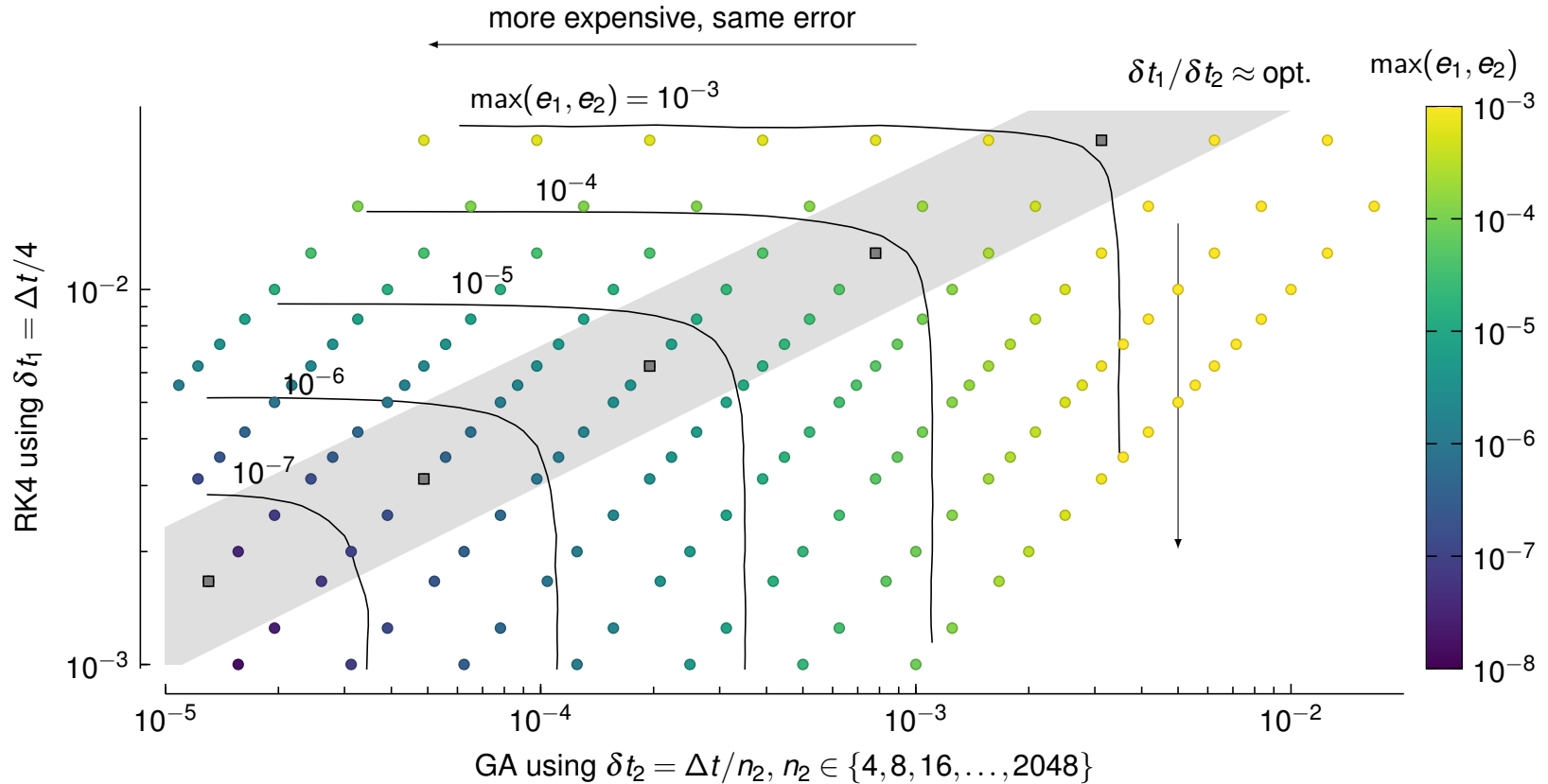
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2 # ...
3 participant.initialize()
4
5 while participant.is_coupling_ongoing():
6     # store checkpoint, if needed
7     precice_dt = participant.get_max_time_step_size() # until end of window
8     solver_dt = time_stepper.get_max_dt() # stability, adaptivity
9     dt = np.min([precice_dt, solver_dt]) # actual time step size  $\delta t$ 
10    # time_stepper represents s-stage RK scheme
11    ts = time_stepper.rhs_eval_points(dt) #  $t_n + c_1, t_n + c_2, \dots, t_n + c_s$ 
12    displacements = [participant.read_data(t) for t in ts] #  $d(t_n + c_1), d(t_n + c_2), \dots, d(t_n + c_s)$ 
13    forces = time_stepper.do_step(displacements, dt) #  $f_{n+1} = f_n + \delta t \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$ 
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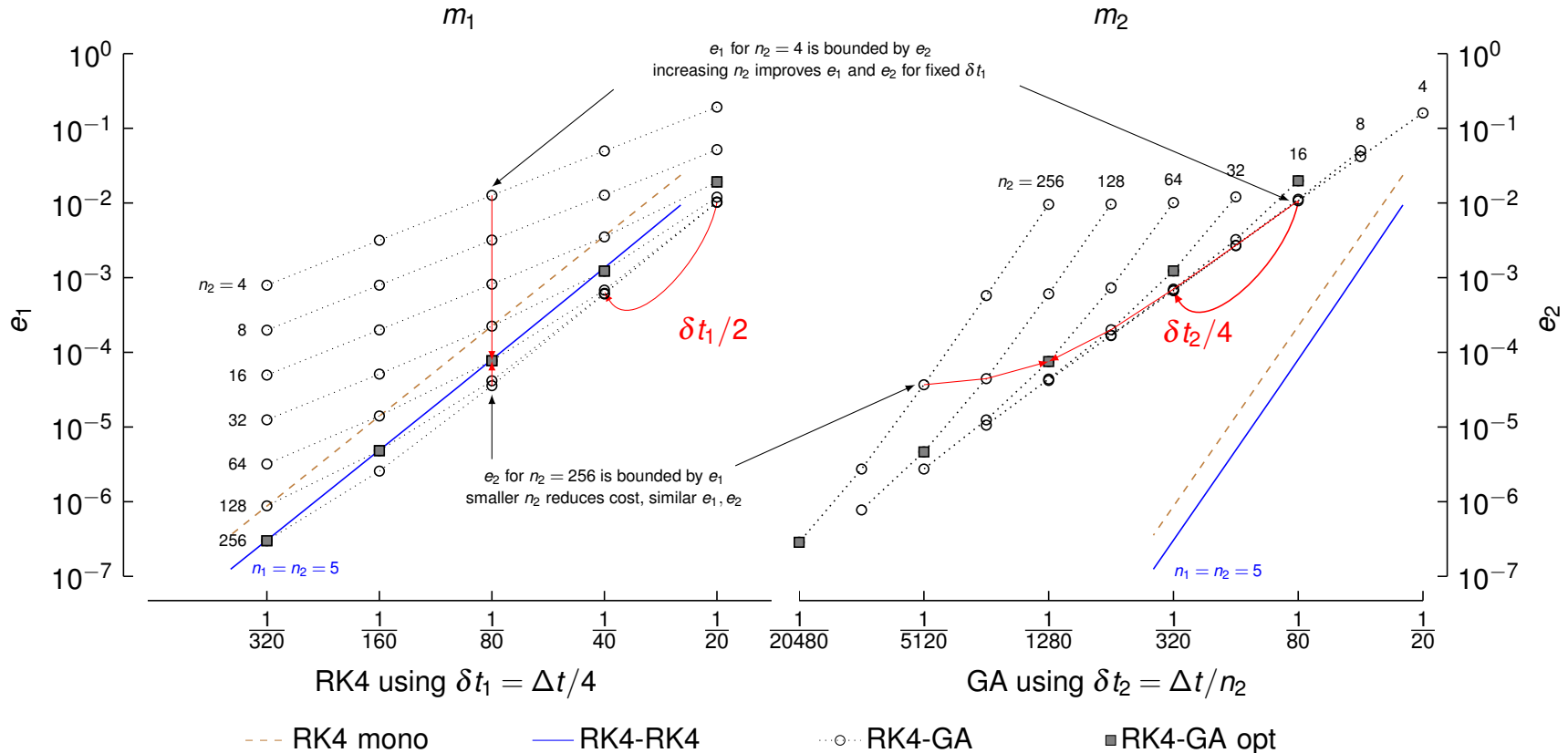
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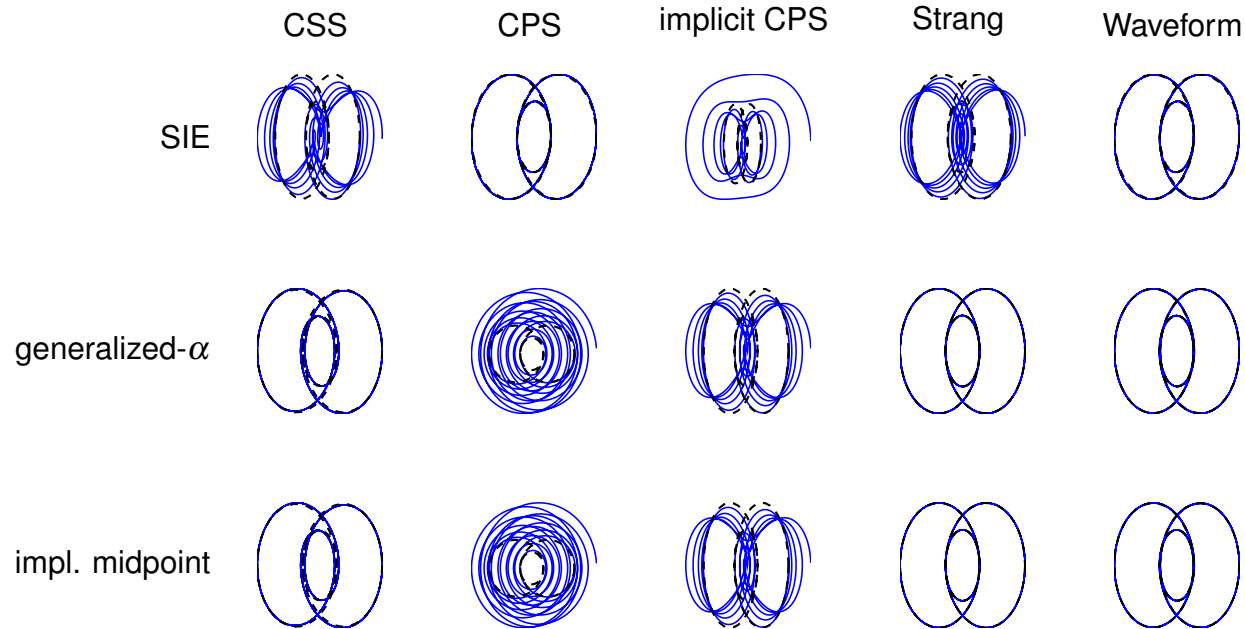




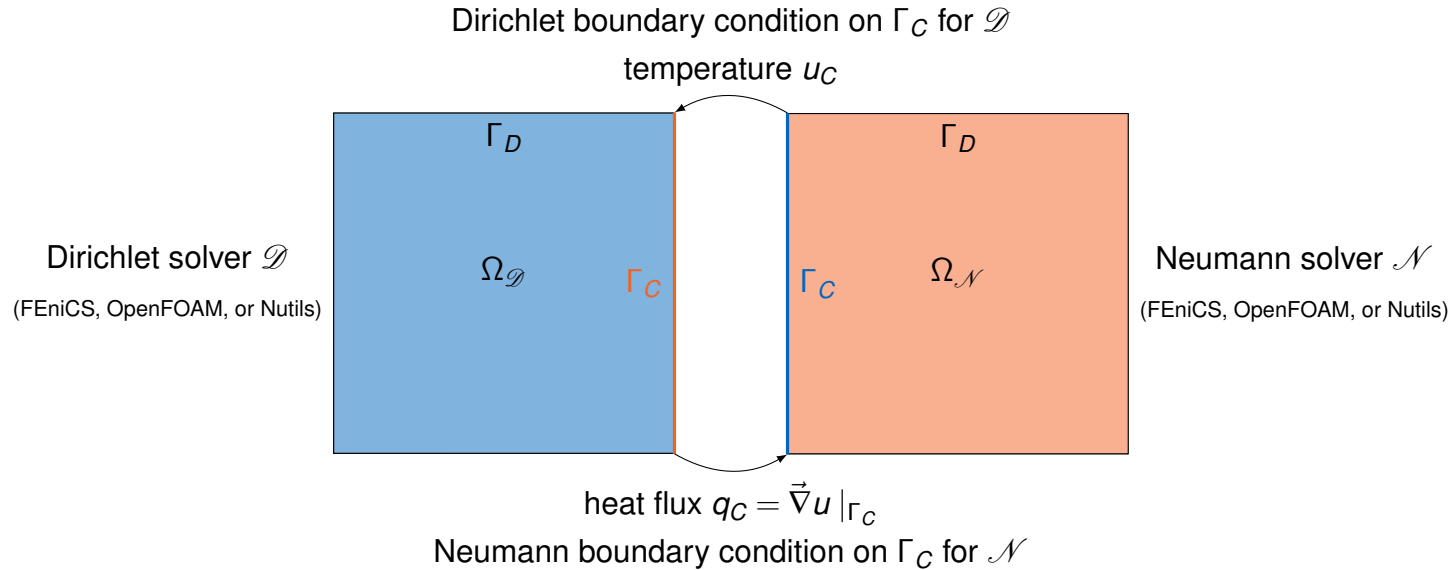


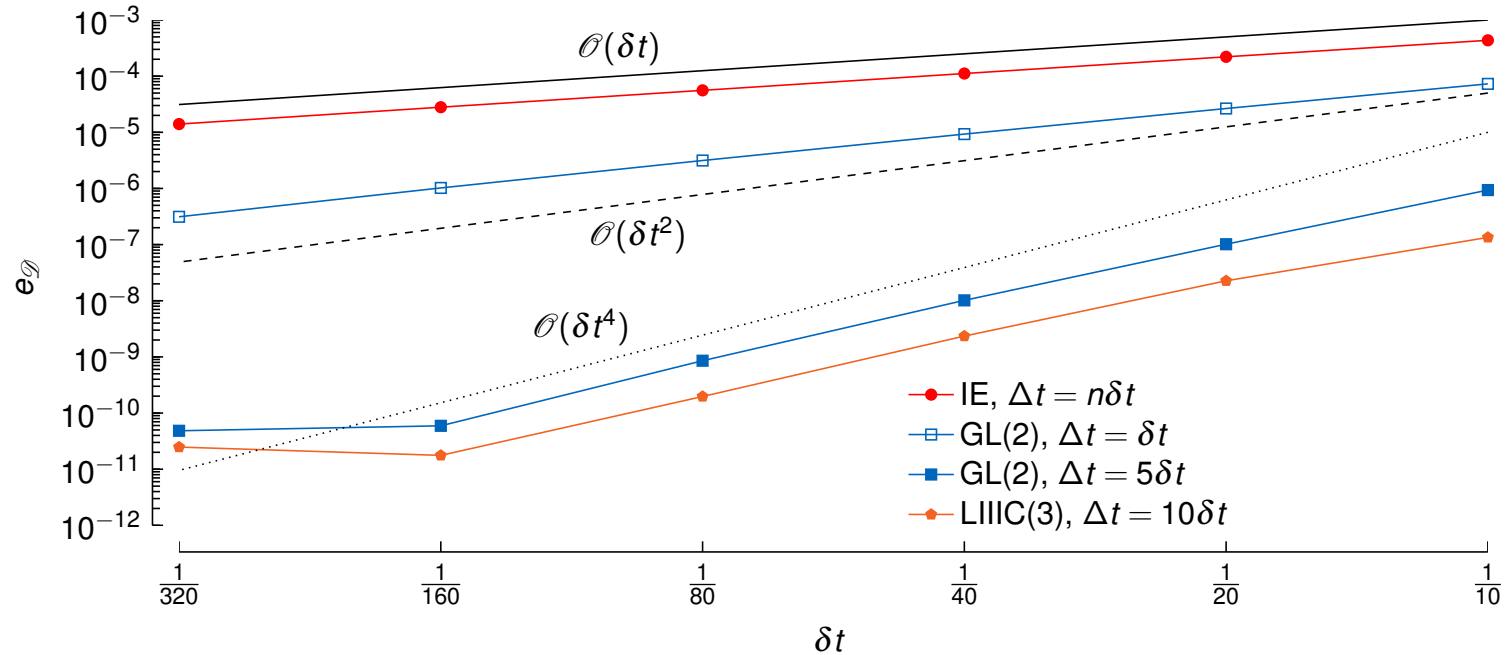






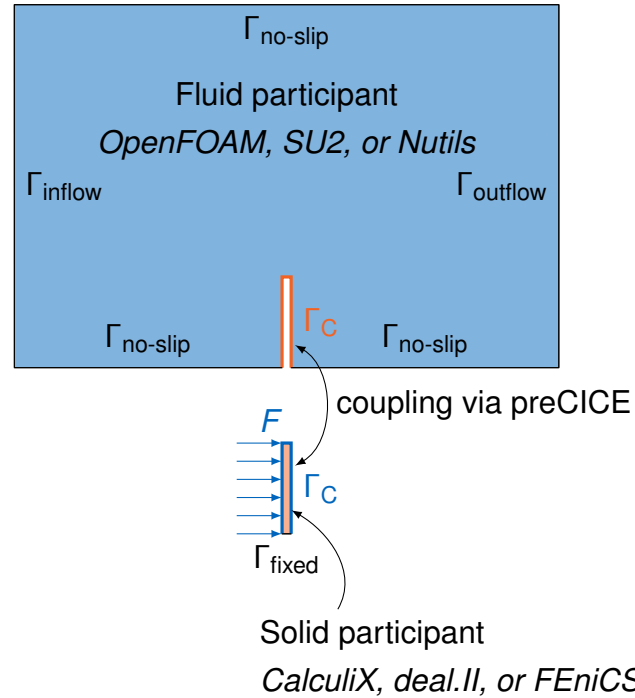
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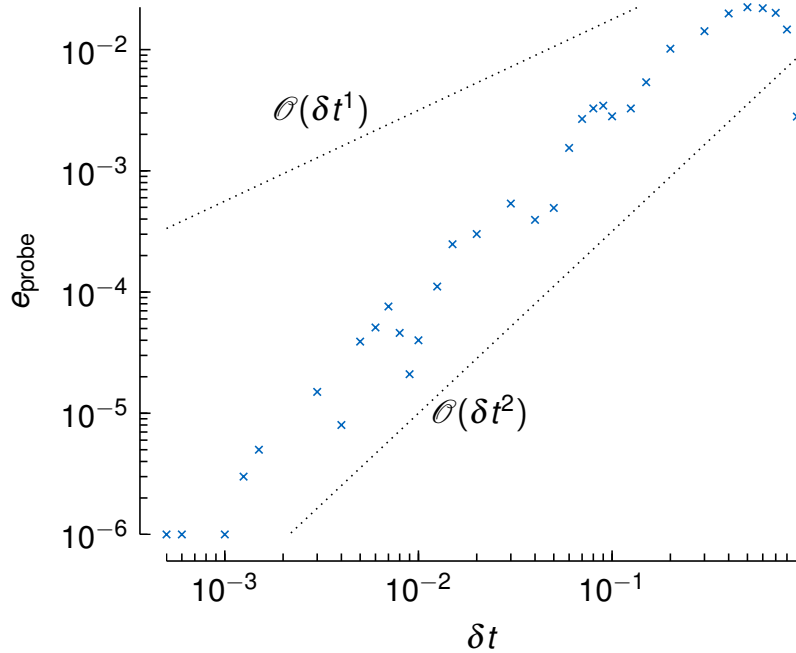


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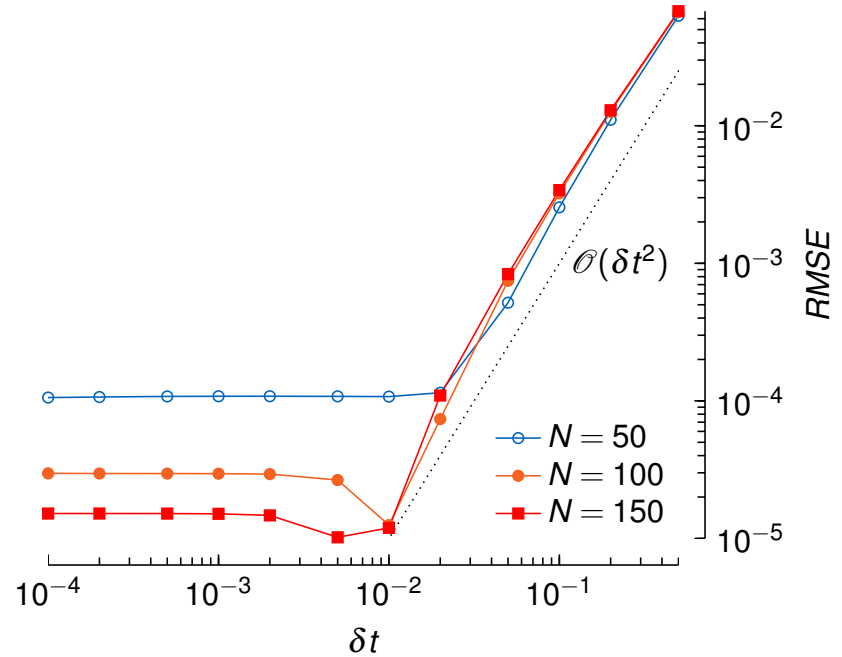
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CalculiX beam (Probe at beam tip, compare to $\delta t = 10^{-5}$)



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Interface quasi-Newton

Acceleration $\mathcal{A}(\cdot)$

- Coupled problem: $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{S}(f^k)) = \tilde{f}^k$
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- Short: $\mathcal{H}(x^k) = \tilde{x}^k$ and $x^{k+1} = \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{H}(x^k))$
- Underrelaxation: $\mathcal{A}(\tilde{x}^k) = (1 - \omega)x^k + \omega\tilde{x}^k$

IQN = Interface quasi-Newton

- solve $\tilde{R}(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x} - \mathcal{H}^{-1}(\tilde{x}) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$
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IQN variants in preCICE

- IQN-ILS
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- IQN-IMVJ
 - = IQN-inverse multi-vector Jacobian
 - = generalized Broyden

Algorithm 1 Anderson acceleration

```

initial value  $x^0$ 
 $\tilde{x}^0 = \mathcal{H}(x^0)$  and  $R^0 = \tilde{x}^0 - x^0$ 
 $x^1 = x^0 + \omega R^0$ 
for  $k = 1 \dots$  do
   $\tilde{x}^k = \mathcal{H}(x^k)$  and  $R^k = \tilde{x}^k - x^k$ 
   $V_k = [\Delta R^0, \dots, \Delta R^{k-1}]$ ,  $\Delta R^i := R^{i+1} - R^i$ 
   $W_k = [\Delta \tilde{x}^0, \dots, \Delta \tilde{x}^{k-1}]$ ,  $\Delta \tilde{x}^i := \tilde{x}^{i+1} - \tilde{x}^i$ 
  decompose  $V^k = QU$ 
  solve  $U\alpha = -Q^T R^k$ 
   $\tilde{s}^k = W_k \alpha$ 
   $x^{k+1} = \tilde{x}^k + \tilde{s}^k$ 
end for

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Algorithm 2 generalized Broyden

initial value $x^0, J_{\tilde{R}}^{-1,(N)}$ from previous time window

$\tilde{x}^0 = \mathcal{H}(x^0)$ and $R^0 = \tilde{x}^0 - x^0$

$x^1 = x^0 + \omega R^0$

for $k = 1 \dots$ **do**

$\tilde{x}^k = \mathcal{H}(x^k)$ and $R^k = \tilde{x}^k - x^k$

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$W_k = [\Delta \tilde{x}^0, \dots, \Delta \tilde{x}^{k-1}], \Delta \tilde{x}^i := \tilde{x}^{i+1} - \tilde{x}^i$

decompose $V^k = QU$

solve $UZ = Q^T$ for $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$

$\left[J_{\tilde{R}}^{-1} \right]^k = J_{\tilde{R}}^{-1,(N)} + (W_k - J_{\tilde{R}}^{-1,(N)} V_k) Z$

$\tilde{s}^k = - \left[J_{\tilde{R}}^{-1} \right]^k W_k \alpha$

$x^{k+1} = \tilde{x}^k + \tilde{s}^k$

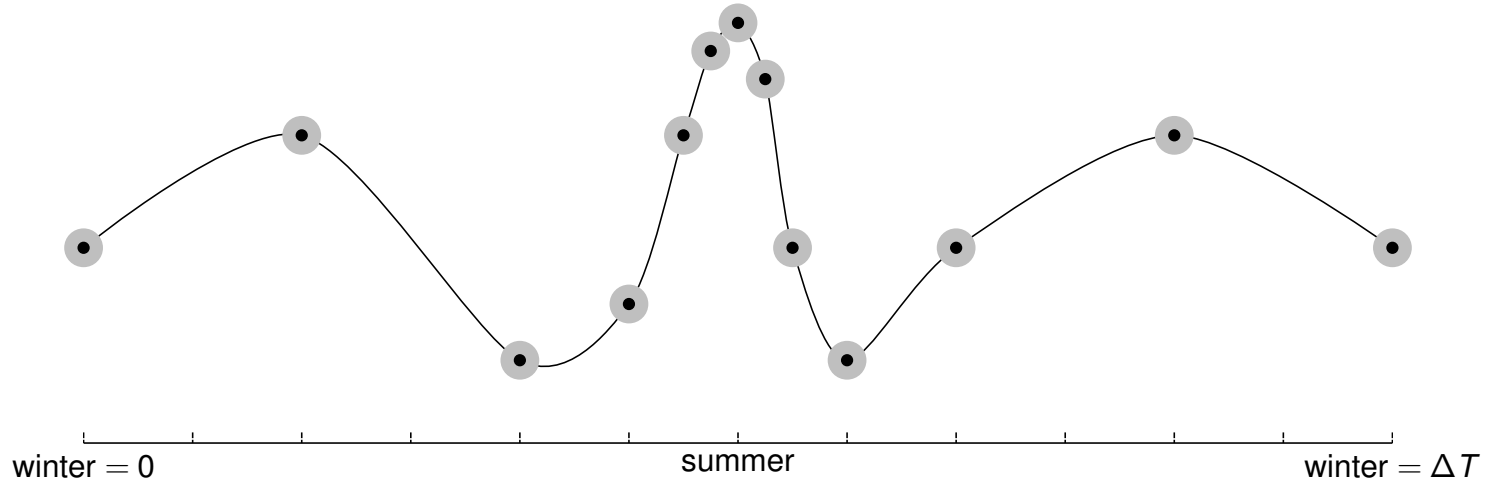
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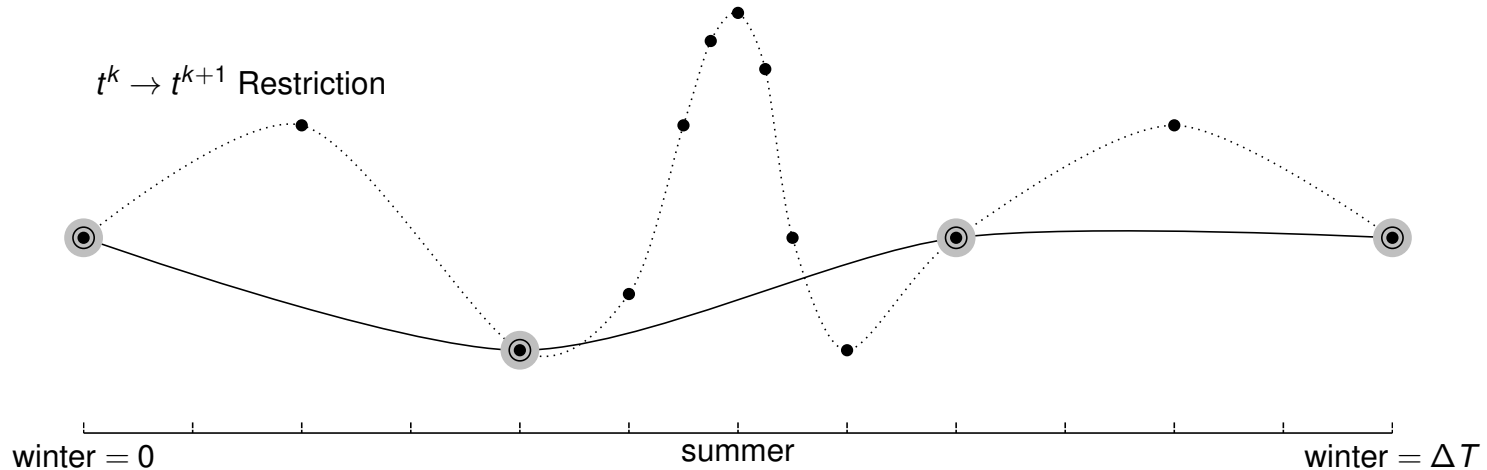


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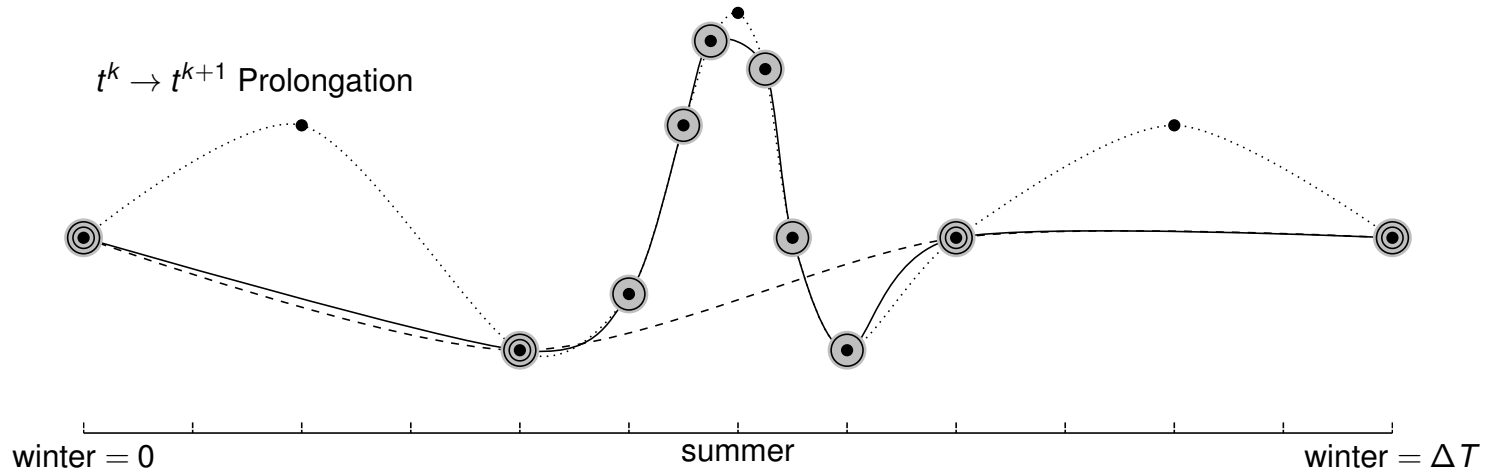


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Conclusion

State of development

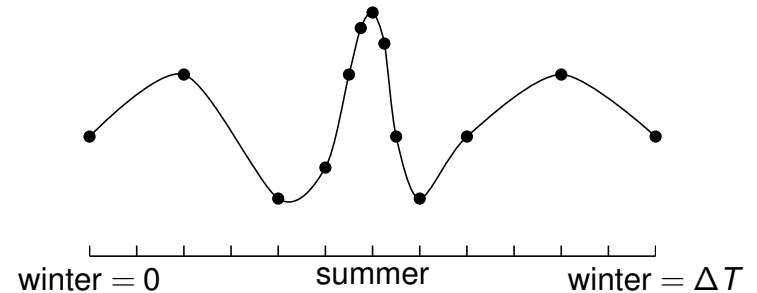
- Multirate time-stepping + black-box + usable API
- Time interpolation new in preCICE v3
- First tutorials use time interpolation

Where to be careful:

- Requirement: High order interpolation needs subcycling
- Restriction: Only simple underrelaxation with substeps, <https://github.com/precice/precice/pull/1834>

Many questions:

- Synchronization, subcycling, and performance?
- Fluid-structure interaction case?
- Adaptivity (inside window / across windows)
- Electric machines?



Community



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Stay in touch?

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- precice.discourse.group

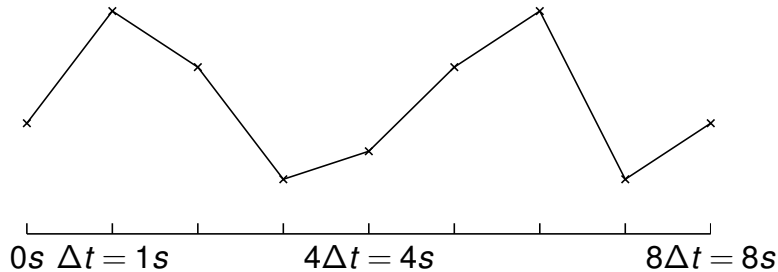
Conferences

- WCCM + preCICE course
July 2024@Vancouver
- preCICE Workshop
Sept 2024@Stuttgart
- COUPLED
2025@Sicily

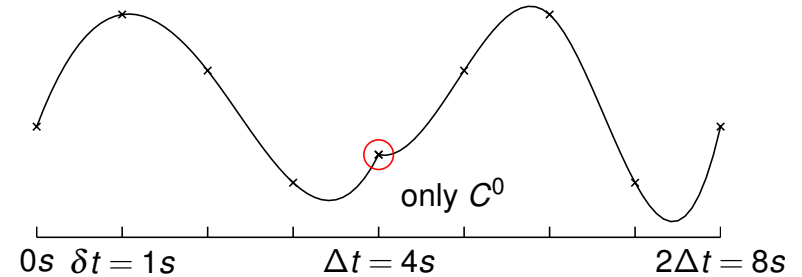
Subcycling

- Time window size $\Delta t \geq$ time step size δt_1 and δt_2 .
- Do n time steps in window: $\Delta t = n_1 \delta t_1 = n_2 \delta t_2$
- Allows to create BSpline of degree $n - 1$. (Goal reached: Something better than linear interpolation)
- Restriction: Only use data of current window!
- Larger window + subcycling has impact on number of QN iterations¹

Without subcycling



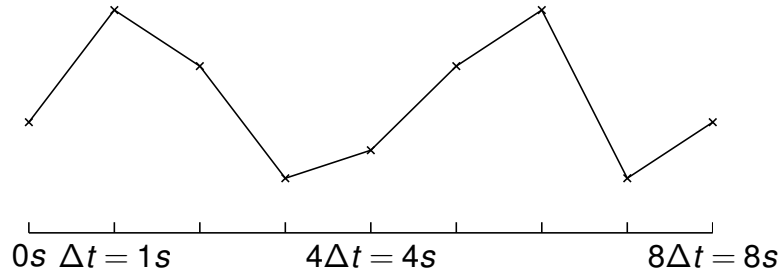
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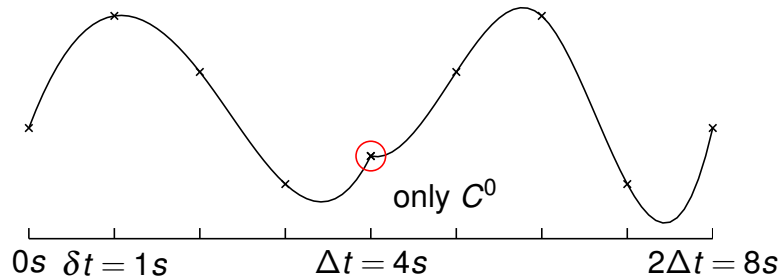
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QN iterations

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rQN-WI	Δt	0.5	0.1
WI(1, 1; 1)		7.85	5.45
WI(5, 5; 1)		10.95	7.48

rQN-WI means we only use the data at the end of the window for Quasi-Newton. Different example case, but similar implementation. More possibilities shown in¹.

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Implementation: partitioned heat conduction

Tooling: Higher-order time stepping

- FEniCS for discretization + UFL
- github.com/firedrakeproject/Irksome¹
 $\text{inner}(\text{Dt}(u), v) * dx + \text{inner}(\text{grad}(u), \text{grad}(v)) * dx - \text{inner}(\text{rhs}, v) * dx$
- Applied general approach to FEniCS:
 - B.Sc. thesis Nikola Wullenweber monolithic higher-order
 - B.Sc. thesis Niklas Vinnitchenko partitioned higher-order
 - Need derivatives of B-splines!

¹Farrell, Patrick E., Robert C. Kirby, and Jorge Marchena-Menendez. *Irksome: Automating Runge–Kutta time-stepping for finite element methods*

RK4 with expert knowledge

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1 # determine time step size  $\delta t$  for this time step
2 precice_dt = participant.get_max_time_step_size()
3 dt = min(precice_dt, solver_dt)
4
5 s = 4 # number of stages s=4
6 rhs, k = s * [], s * []
7 for i in range(s):
8     rhs[i] = participant.read_data("Force", c[i] * dt) # evaluate at  $c_i \delta t$ 
9     k[i] = A.dot(x + ...) + rhs[i] # compute stages  $k_i$  of scheme
10
11 x_new = dense_output(x_0, dt, k) #  $x(\theta) = x_0 + \delta t \sum_{i=1}^{s=4} k_i b_i(\theta)$ 
12
13 for i in range(s-1): # write and advance s-1 times to get a p=s-1 polynomial ( $x_0$  known)
14     displ = extract_displacement(x_new((i+1) * dt / (s-1)))
15     participant.write_data("Displacement", displ)
16     participant.advance(dt / (s-1)) # after s-1 advance calles  $\delta t$  is complete

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$$\Delta t \gg \delta t$$

