



An Equivalent and Fast Alternative to Semi-Lagrangian.

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Spectral Elements

Horizontal discretisation is $\mathbb{P}_N - \mathbb{P}_N$ spectral element.
Fields expanded in terms of the Lagrangian interpolants h_i

$$\mathbf{v}_h^k(r_1, r_2) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N \mathbf{v}_{ij} h_i(r_1) h_j(r_2)$$

Evaluate inner products using Gauss–Lobatto quadrature

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{GL} = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N f^k(\xi_i, \xi_j) g^k(\xi_i, \xi_j) \rho_i \rho_j$$

Time-stepping: Semi-Implicit

State X , explicit \mathcal{M} and linear \mathcal{L} parts of model

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \mathcal{M}X$$

Define the operator

$$\Delta_{tt}X = X^{n+1} - 2X^n + X^{n-1}$$

Semi-implicit applied as a correction to the explicit step

$$\frac{X^{n+1} - X^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = \mathcal{M}X^n - \frac{1}{2}\Delta_{tt}\mathcal{L}X$$

Robert–Asselin (1972) time-filter

Results dry-primitive equations

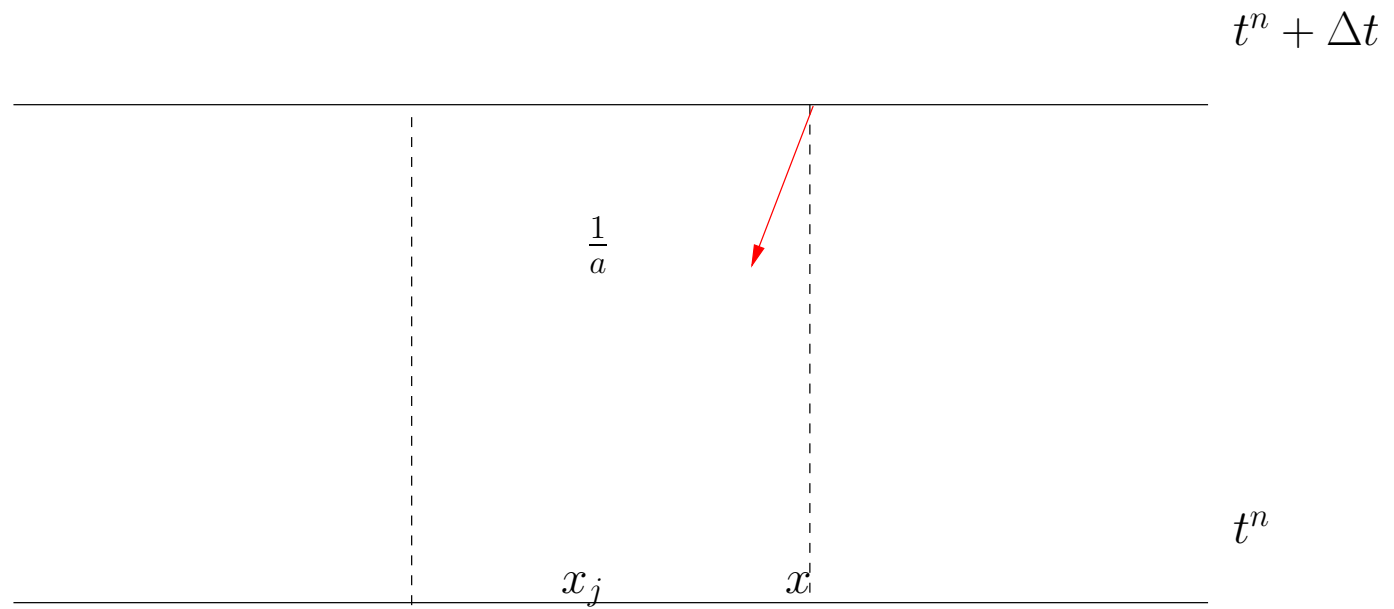
Thomas and Loft 2004.

- 3 times faster than explicit integration.
- Modified Helmholtz equation
- Vertical eigen-mode decomposition.
- Iterative conjugate gradient solver.
- Improved preconditioner on the way.

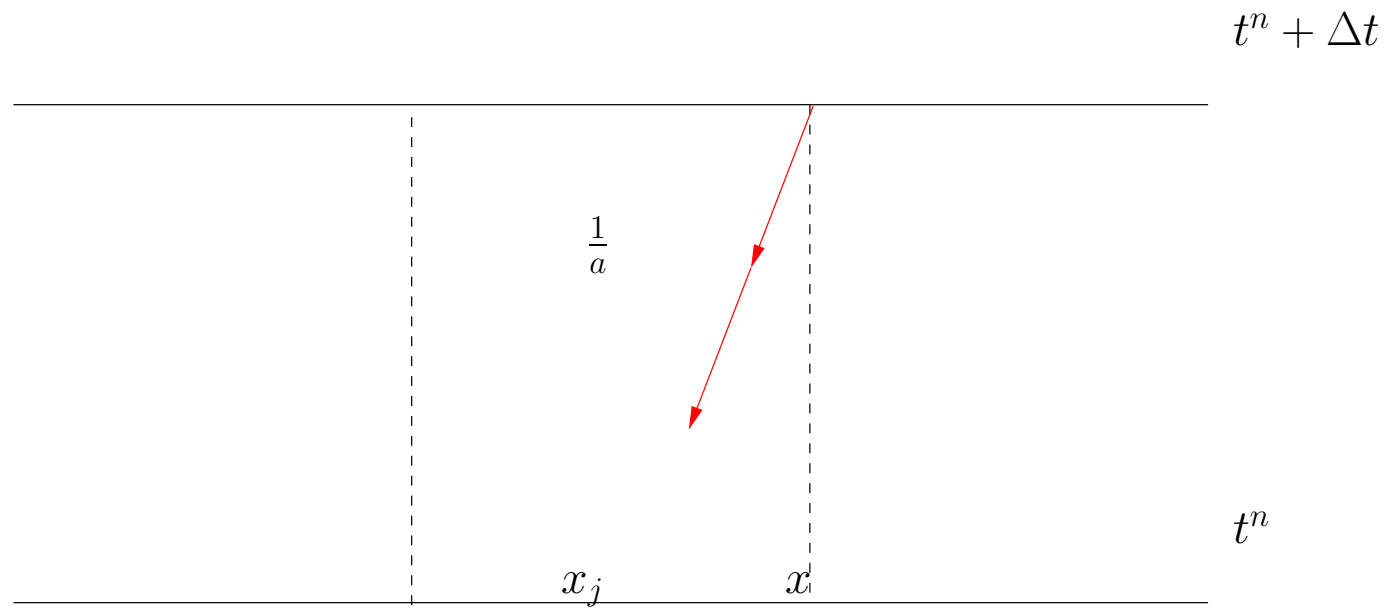
Operator Integration Factor Splitting

- A. Robert 1981 (SI+SL).
- Maday, Patera, Ronquist 1990: OIFS.
- K elements of order N , KN^d grid points
- Interpolation KN^{2d}
- Scalar advection requires dKN^{d+1}
- OIFS more efficient if sub-step $< N^{d-1}$ "times"
- Purely Eulerian: regular communication patterns
- Nonlinear OIFS: St-Cyr and Thomas (2004)

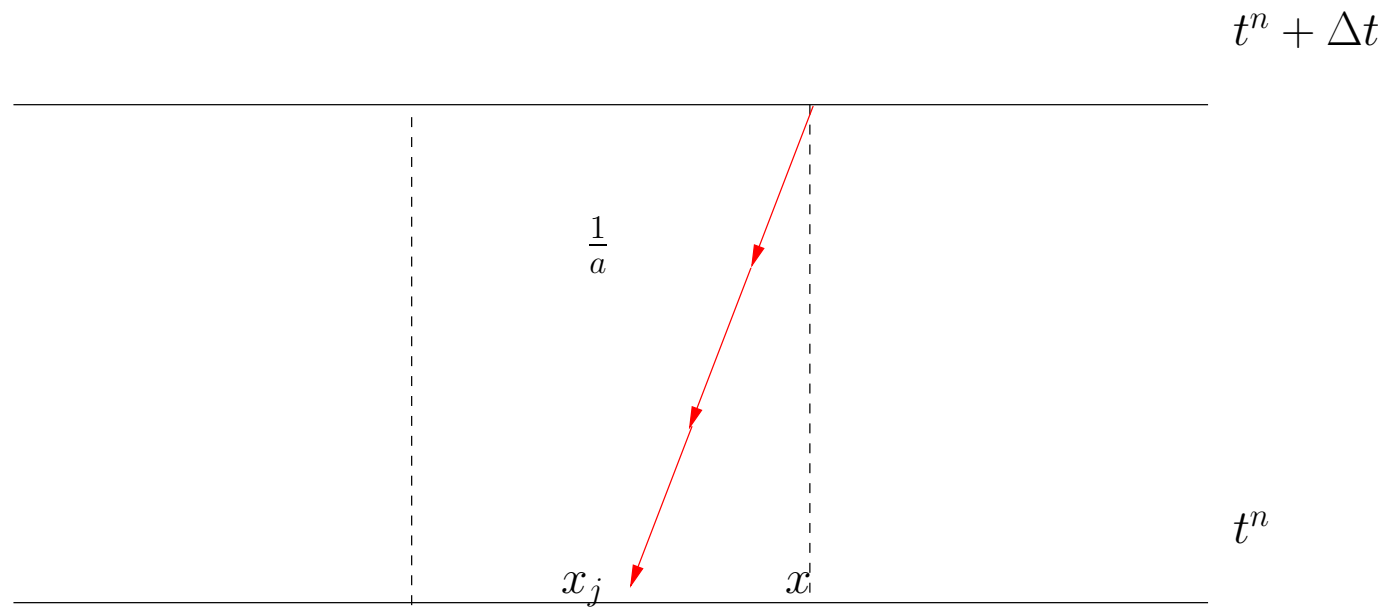
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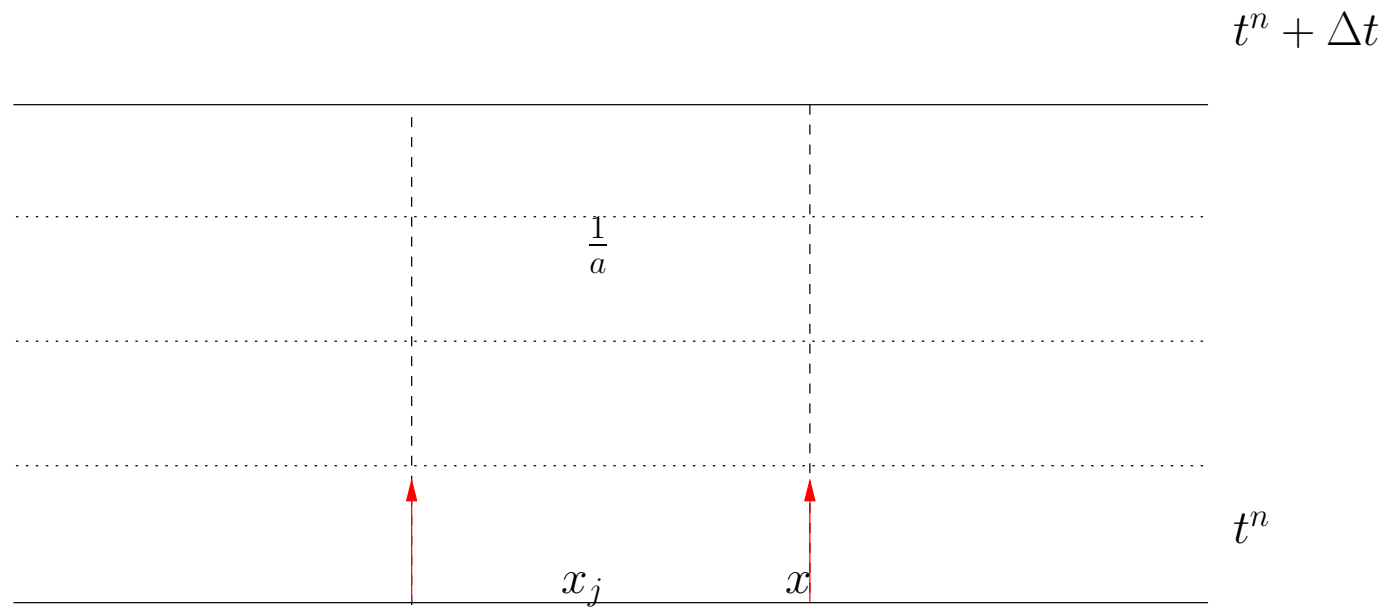
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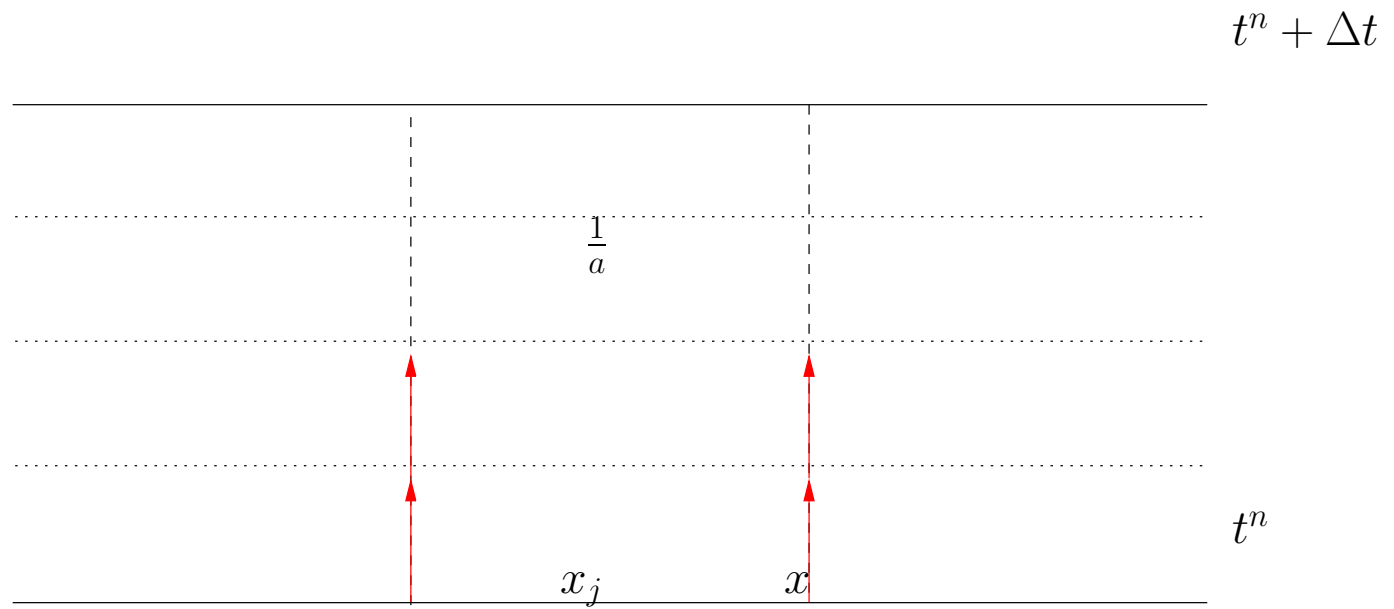
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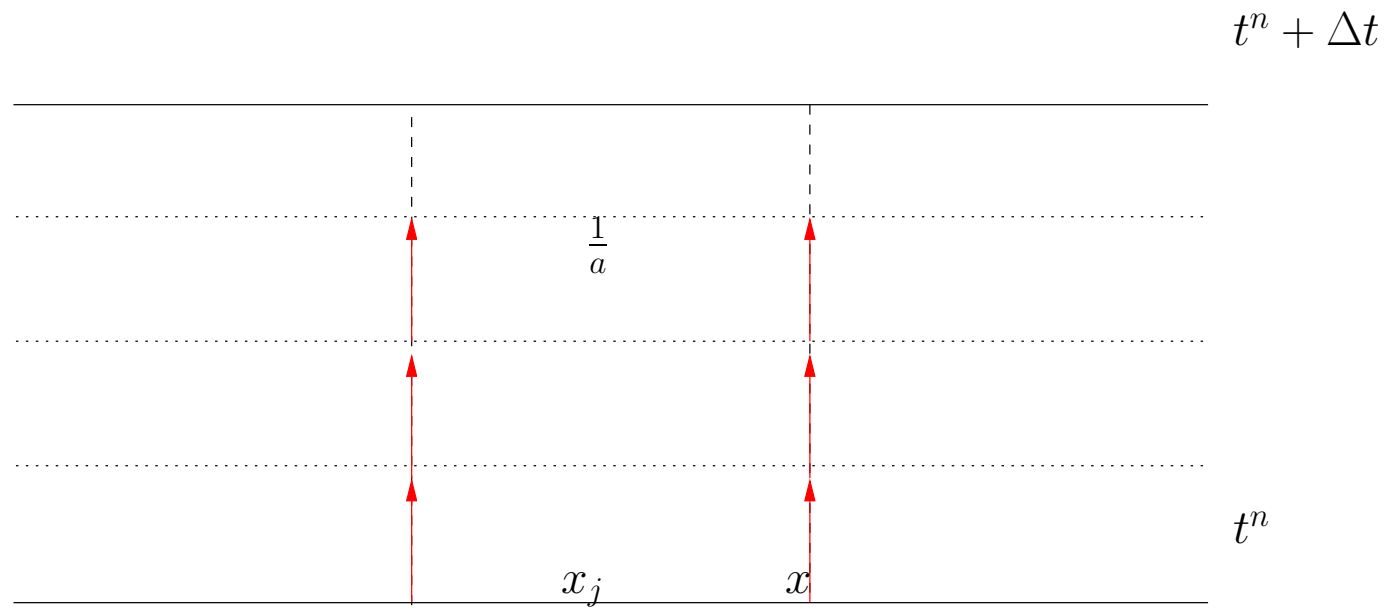
OIFS Sub-cycling



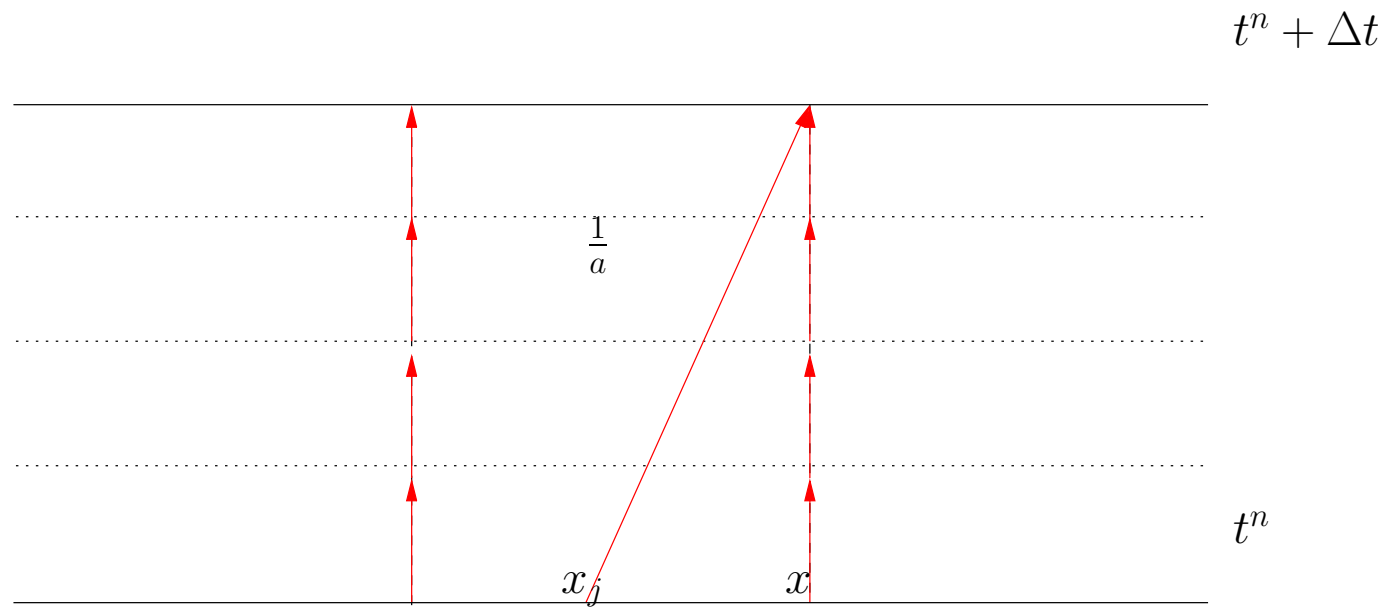
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Operator Integrating Factor Splitting

$$\frac{du(t)}{dt} = S(u(t)) + F(u(t)), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

with initial condition $u(0) = u_0$.

Find integrating factor $Q_S^{t^*}(t)$, such that $Q_S^{t^*}(t^*) = I$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot u = Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot F(u).$$

To find the action of $Q_S^{t^*}(t)$ solve

$$\frac{dv^{(t^*,t)}(s)}{ds} = S(v^{(t^*,t)}), \quad 0 \leq s \leq t - t^*$$

with initial condition $v^{(t^*,t)}(0) = u(t)$

OIFS theory: linear case

- If $S(u(t)) = A(t)u(t)$
- $A(t)$ is an $\mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}$ matrix
- $A(t_1)A(t_2) = A(t_2)A(t_1)$

$$Q_S^{t^*}(t) = \exp \left[\int_t^{t^*} A(s) ds \right].$$

Variation of the constant

$$u(t^*) = e^{A(t^*-t)}u(t) + \int_t^{t^*} e^{A(t^*-s)}F(u(s)) ds.$$

OIFS theory: theorem

Theorem: If $v^{(t^*,t)}(s)$ is the solution of

$$\frac{d}{ds}v^{(t^*,t)}(s) = S(v^{(t^*,t)}(s)), \quad 0 \leq s \leq t^* - t$$

with initial condition $v^{(t^*,t)}(0) = u(t)$, then

$$Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot u(t) = v^{(t^*,t)}(t^* - t).$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[Q_S^{t^*}(t) \right] \cdot u(t) = -Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot S(u(t)).$$

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with $s = 0$ and $v^{(t^*,t)}(0) = u(t)$

$$Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot u(t) = Q_S^{t^*}(t+s) \cdot v^{(t^*,t)}(s)$$

Using $t^* - t = s$ and applying the relation

$$Q_S^{t^*}(t^*) = I$$

$$Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot u(t) = Q_S^{t^*}(t^*) \cdot v^{(t^*,t)}(t^* - t)$$

$$Q_S^{t^*}(t) \cdot u(t) = v^{(t^*,t)}(t^* - t).$$

OIFS = semi-Lagrangian

– $S(u)$ = semi-discrete advection
Material derivative is

$$\frac{d}{dt}u(X(x, t), t) = \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} - S(u(x, t))$$

$X(x, t)$ satisfies the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}X(x, t) = u(X(x, t), t).$$

OIFS = semi-Lagrangian

Integration on $[t^{n-q}, t^n]$

$$\int_{t^{n-q}}^{t^n} \frac{d}{ds} u(X(x, s), s) ds = \int_{t^{n-q}}^{t^n} \left\{ \frac{\partial u(x, s)}{\partial s} - S(u(x, s)) \right\} ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(X(x, t^n), t^n) - u(X(x, t^{n-q}), t^{n-q}) = \\ u(x, t^n) - u(x, t^{n-q}) - \int_{t^{n-q}}^{t^n} S(u(x, s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

OIFS = semi-Lagrangian

$u(X(x, t^n), t^n) = u(x, t^n)$ because $X(x, t^n) = x$

$$u(X(x, t^{n-q}), t^{n-q}) = u(x, t^{n-q}) + \int_{t^{n-q}}^{t^n} S(u(x, s)) ds.$$

OIFS = semi-Lagrangian

Integrating on the unshifted interval

$$\frac{dv}{ds}(s) = S(v(s)), \quad 0 \leq s \leq t^n - t^{n-q}$$

with $v(0) = u(x, t^{n-q})$ (x fixed).

$$\begin{aligned} v(t^n) &= v(t^{n-q}) + \int_0^{t^n - t^{n-q}} S(v(s)) ds \\ &= u(x, t^{n-q}) + \int_0^{t^n - t^{n-q}} S(u(x, s + t)) ds \\ &= u(x, t^{n-q}) + \int_{t^{n-q}}^{t^n} S(u(x, s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Second order splitting

If initial condition specified at t^n , then t^{n+k} is

$$u(t^{n+k}) = e^{k\Delta t(S+F)}u(t^n).$$

Solving first for S and then F , the solution is given by

$$u(t^{n+k}) = e^{k\Delta t F} e^{k\Delta t S} u(t^n).$$

Error is the difference.

St-Cyr and Thomas (2004) sub-step

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{v}}}{\partial s} + \tilde{\zeta} \mathbf{k} \times \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla (\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial s} + \nabla \cdot (\tilde{\Phi} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 0$$

with initial conditions $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}, t^{n-q}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t^{n-q})$,
 $\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}, t^{n-q}) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}, t^{n-q})$.

Integration factor applied to the SWE's

$$\frac{d}{dt} Q_S^{t*}(t) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \Phi \end{bmatrix} = -Q_S^{t*}(t) \begin{bmatrix} f \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} + \nabla \Phi \\ \Phi_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Backward Differentiation Formula (BDF-2):

$$\frac{3\mathbf{v}^n - 4\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{n-1} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{n-2}}{2\Delta t} = -\mathbf{M}f\mathbf{v}^n - \nabla\Phi^n$$
$$\frac{3\Phi^n - 4\tilde{\Phi}^{n-1} + \tilde{\Phi}^{n-2}}{2\Delta t} = -\Phi_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^n$$

sNon-symmetric due to implicit Coriolis: CGS.

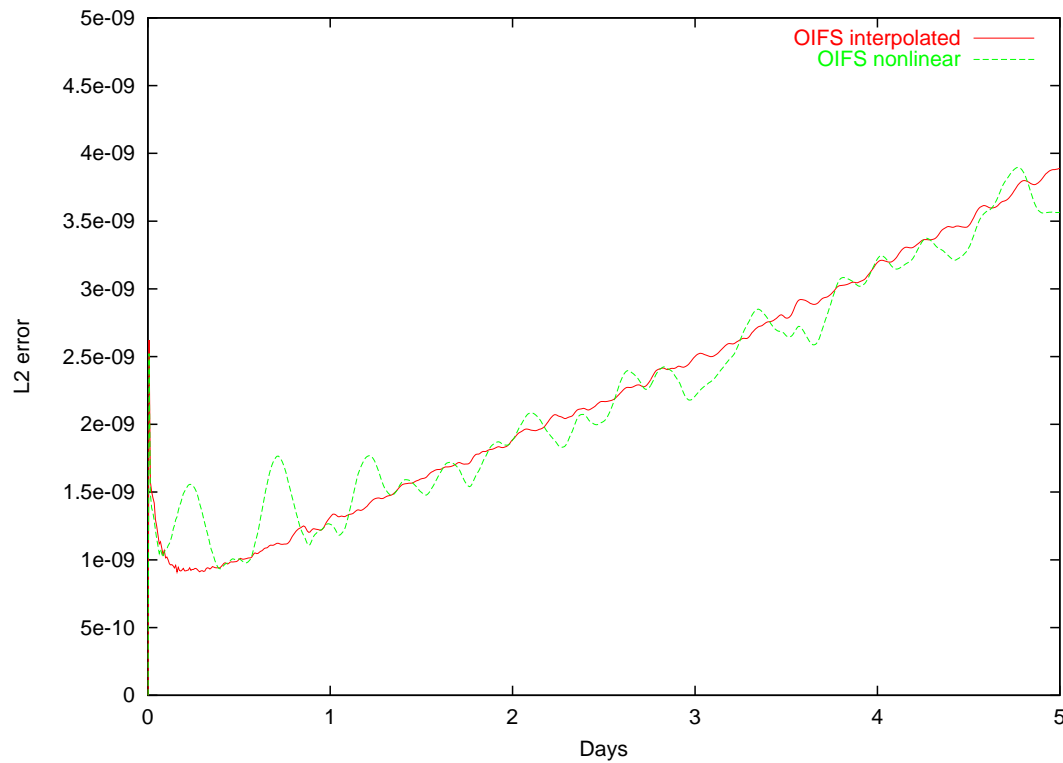


Figure 1: Shallow water test case 2

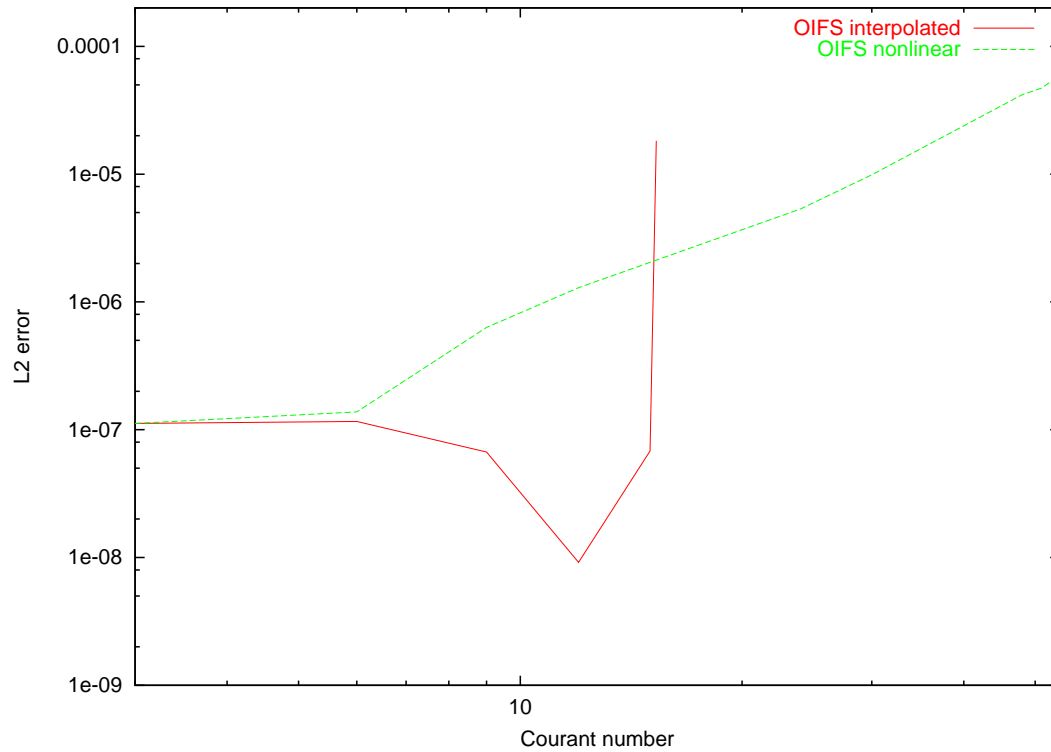


Figure 2: Shallow water test case 2

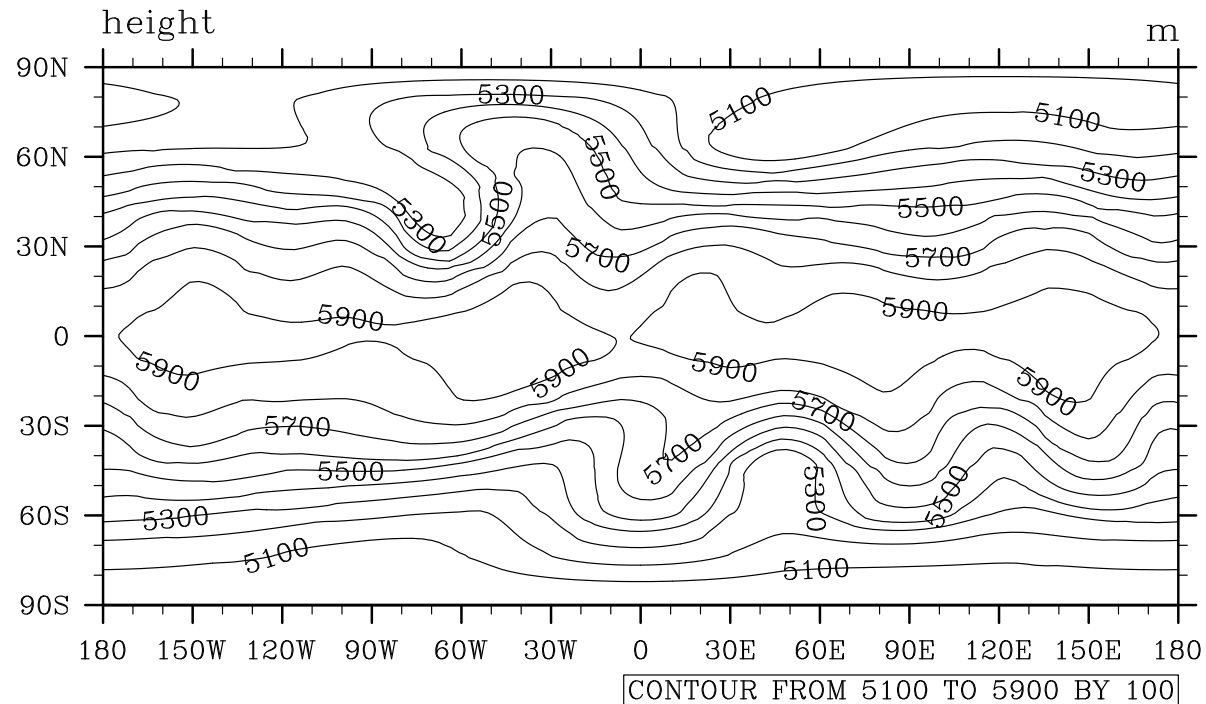


Figure 3: Nonlinear OIFS: $\Delta t = 480$ sec

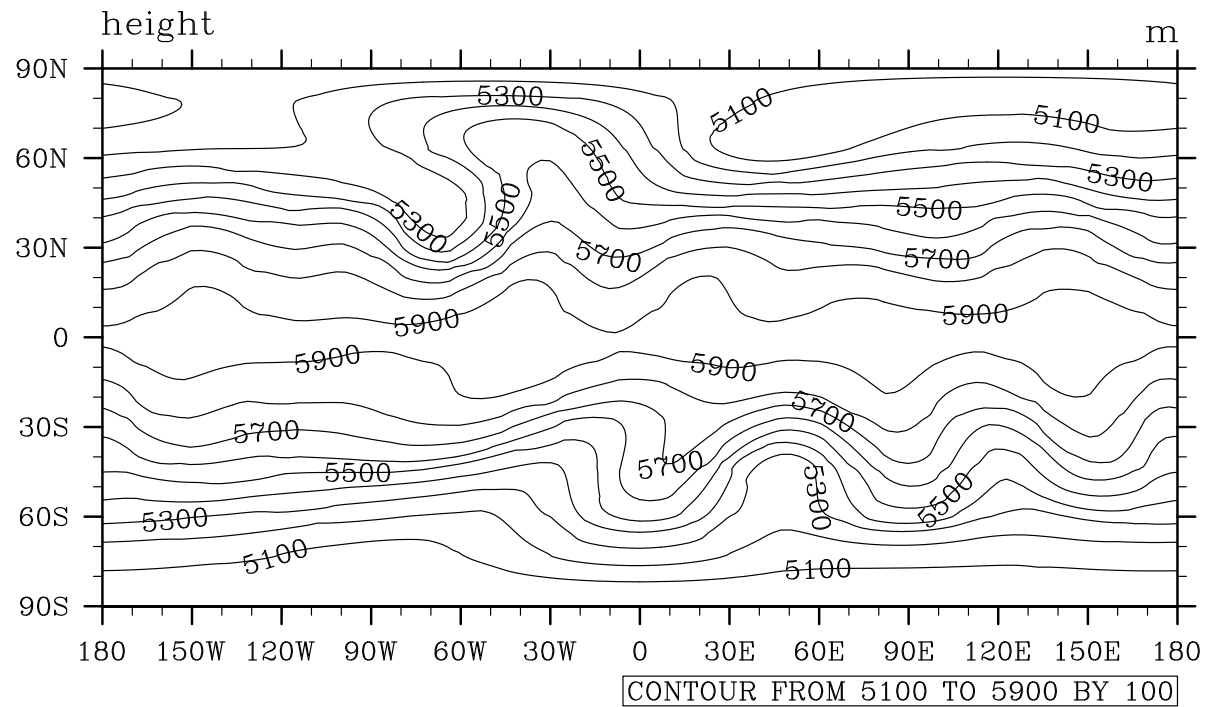


Figure 4: Nonlinear OIFS: $\Delta t = 14400$ sec

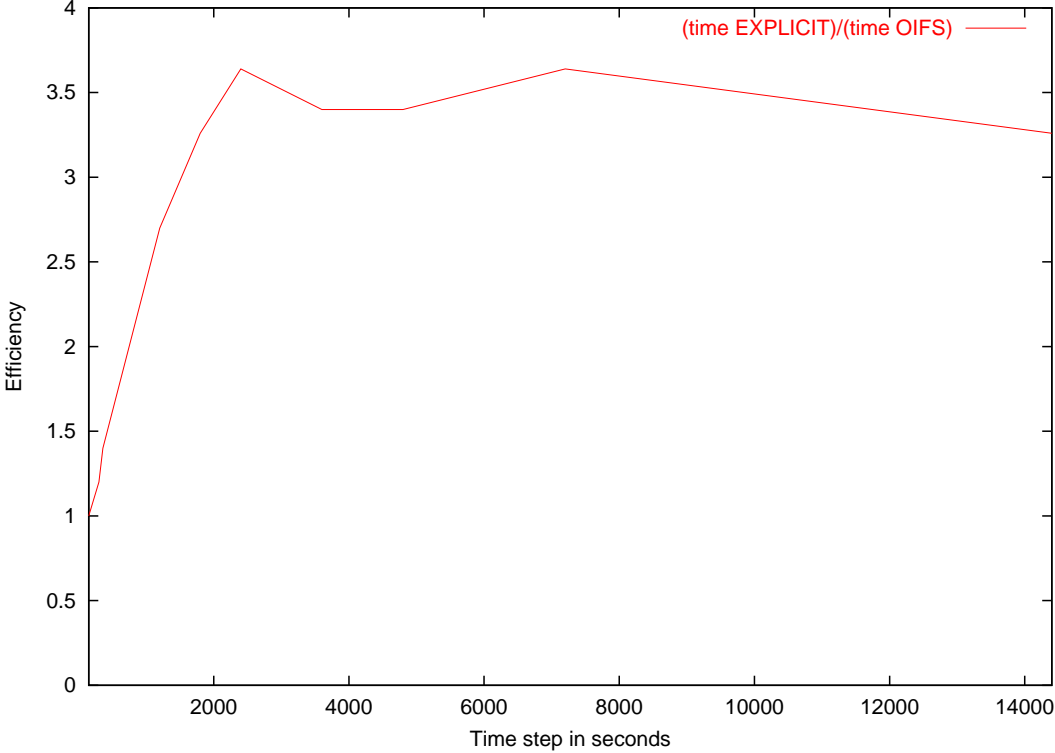


Figure 5: Efficiency NL-OIFS VS Explicit

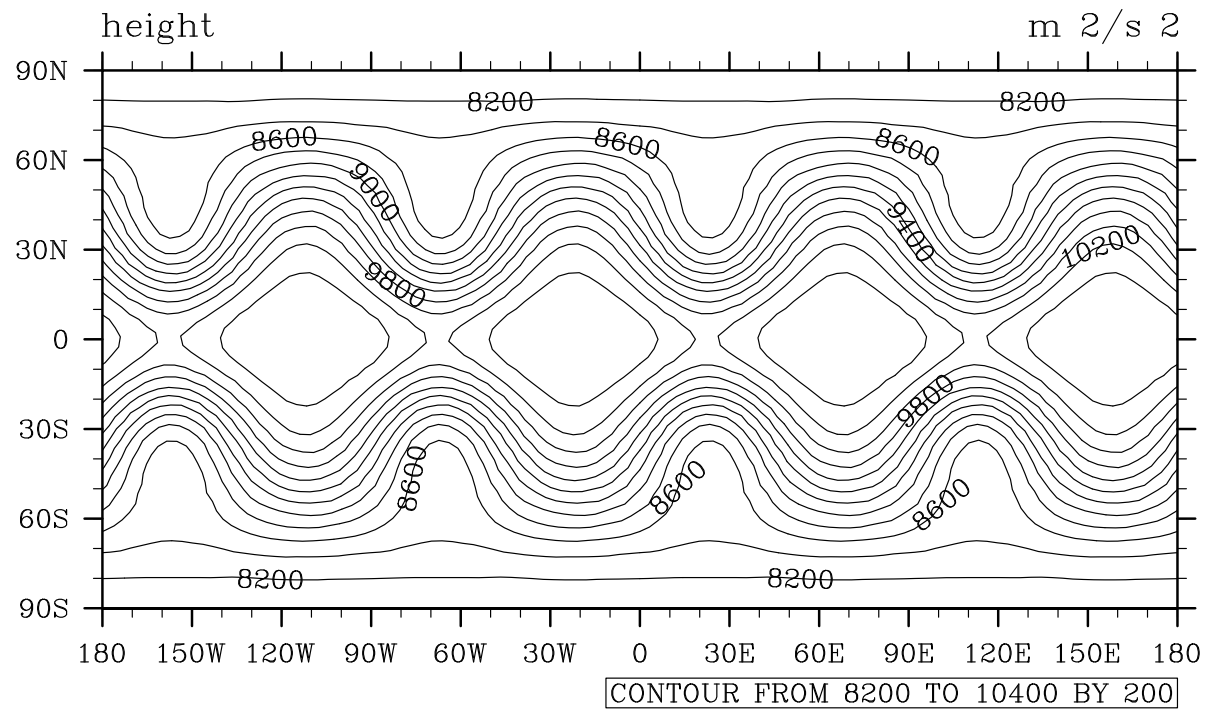


Figure 6: Swtc6: R-H : $\Delta t = 120$

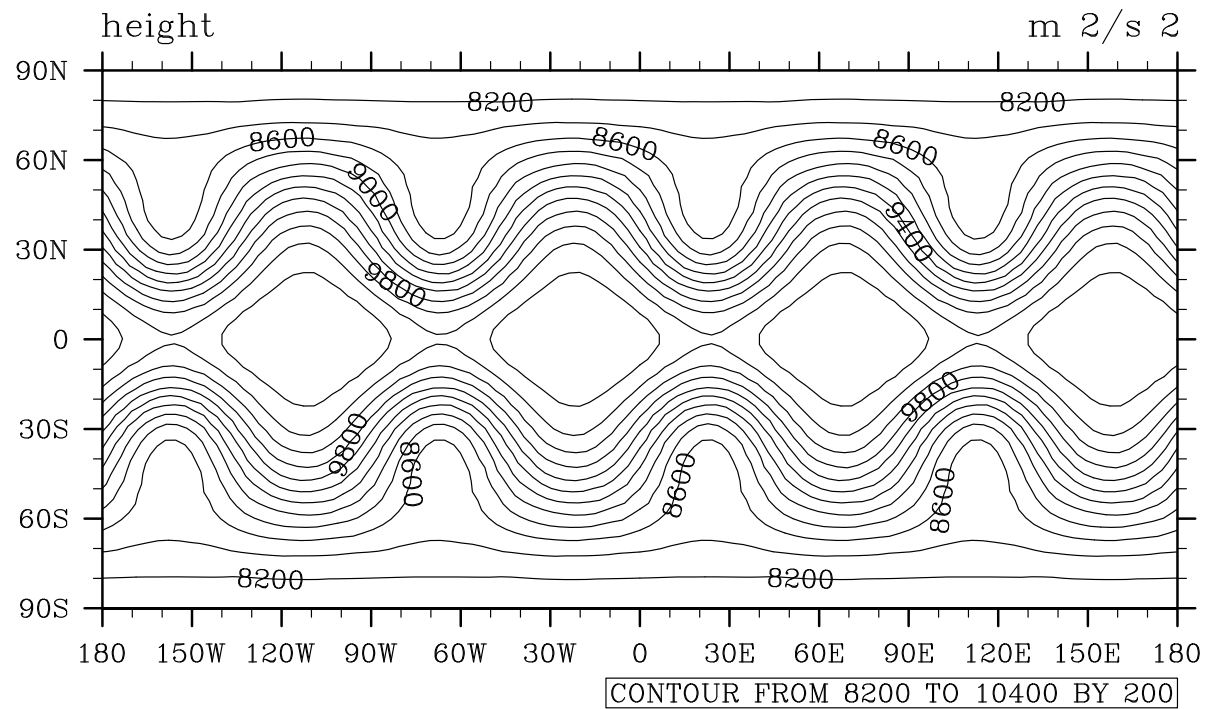
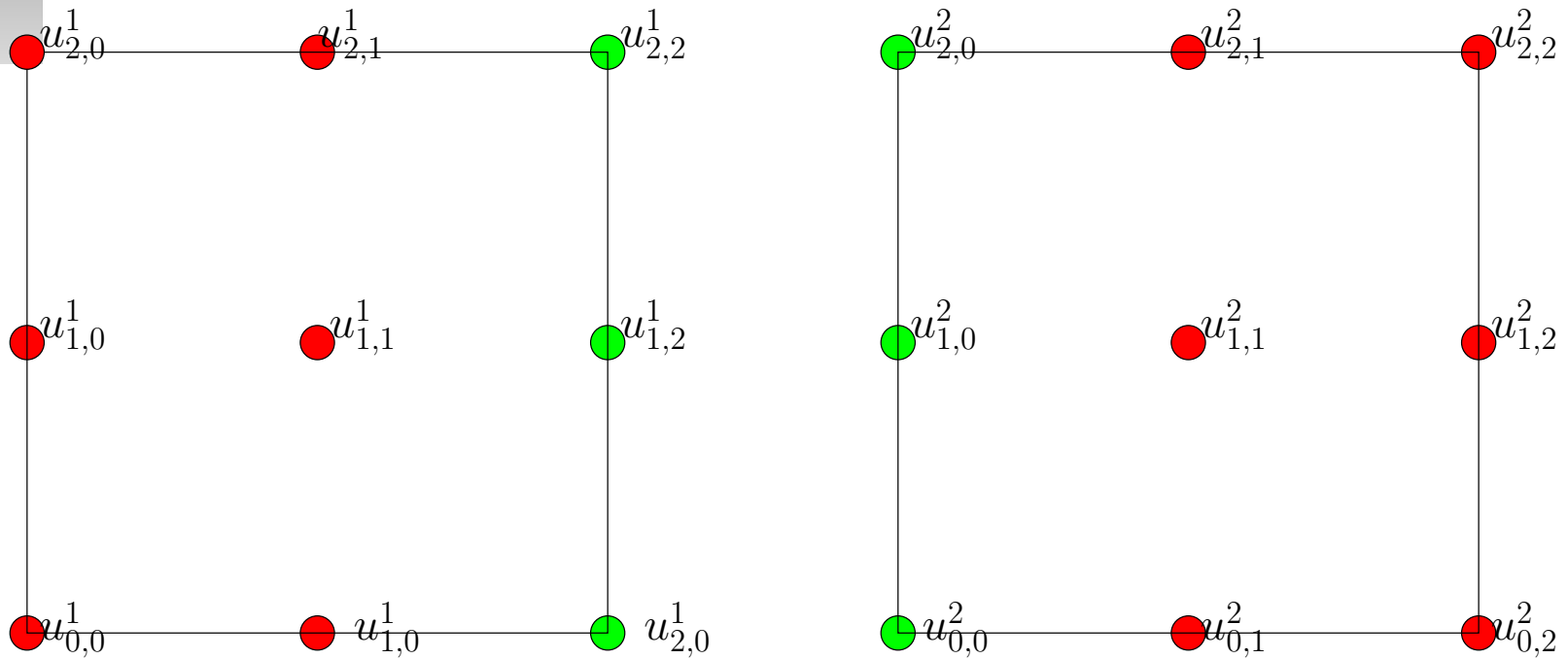


Figure 7: Swtc6: R-H : $\Delta t = 360$ sec

- High-resolution at lower cost.
- Enables to work with less resources.
- Weather localized features (15 days).
- Conjecture for climate: will it work?

AMR: Local degrees of freedom



$$v^T A u = v^T Q^T A_L Q u = v^T Q^T M_L Q f = v^T f$$

$$v^T Q^T A_L u_L = v^T Q^T M_L f_L$$

AMR: Interpolation based non-conforming elements

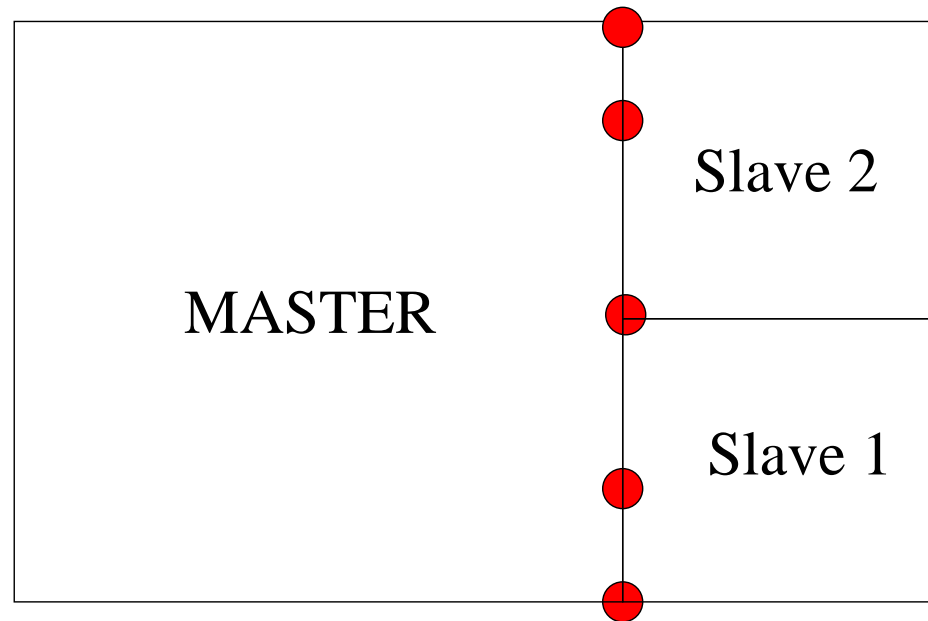


Figure 8: Non-conforming edges between parent and children

AMR: Trace interpolation

Boolean matrix Q is redefined as

$$Q = J_L \tilde{Q}$$

where J_L is an interpolation matrix.

DSS is conceptually the same:

$$v^T Au = v^T (\tilde{Q}^T J_L^T) A_L (J_L \tilde{Q}) u = v^T Q^T A_L Q u.$$

(Fischer, Kruse and Loth 2002)

AMR: Validation: test description

- Standard test suite of Williamson et al. 1992: test case 1.
- The initial condition is only C_0 .
- Error estimator based on true solution.
- Error estimator of C. Mavriplis.
- Novel AMR algorithm uses only nearest neighbors communications. (no broadcast of the tree)
- Comparison between locally refined and uniform: same error.

- OIFS is equivalent to SL for advection.
- OIFS is efficient.
- Scalable alternative to semi-Lagrangian (SL).
- OIFS can be used with AMR.
- AMR: affordable high-resolution: will be attempted on primitive equations.
- Next step primitive equations.

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