

# Entropy dissipative methods for parabolic problems

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### Very classical results

- The problem is well-posed
- $u \geq 0$  everywhere in  $\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}_+$

# Free energy and dissipation

Since  $\nabla u = u \nabla \log(u)$ , the problem rewrites as a **nonlinear parabolic equation**

$$\partial_t u - \nabla \cdot (u \Lambda \nabla (\log(u) + \Psi)) = 0. \quad (1)$$

**Free energy:**  $\mathfrak{E}(u) = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} (u \log u - u) dx}_{\text{entropy}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} u \Psi dx}_{\text{pot. energy}} = \mathfrak{E}_{\text{ent}}(u) + \mathfrak{E}_{\text{pot}}(u),$

**Dissipation:**  $\mathfrak{D}(u) = \int_{\Omega} u \Lambda \nabla (\log(u) + \Psi) \cdot \nabla (\log(u) + \Psi) dx \geq 0.$

Multiply (1) by  $\log(u) + \Psi$  provides

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathfrak{E}(u) = -\mathfrak{D}(u) \leq 0.$$

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## Extensions many other problems:

- ▶ Porous media flows, semiconductors, chemotaxis, ...

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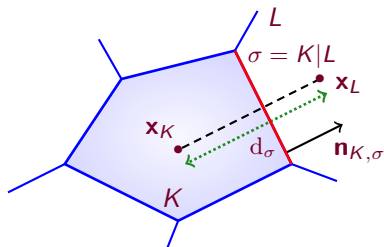
# The Scharfetter-Gummel scheme

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**Isotropic diffusion tensor**  $\Lambda = I_d$

**Super-admissible mesh**

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- $\mathcal{E}$  : edges,  $\sigma \in \mathcal{E}$
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**Implicit Finite Volume scheme**

$$\left| \begin{aligned} \frac{u_K^{n+1} - u_K^n}{\Delta t} m_K + \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_K} \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma}^{n+1} &= 0 \\ \mathcal{F}_{K,\sigma}^{n+1} &\simeq - \int_{\sigma} (\nabla u^{n+1} + u^{n+1} \nabla \Psi) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} dx \end{aligned} \right.$$

**Approximate solution**

$$u_h^{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) = u_K^{n+1} \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \in K, \quad u_h(\cdot, t) = u_h^{n+1} \text{ if } t \in (n\Delta t, (n+1)\Delta t].$$

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**(b) Monotonicity:** the scheme rewrites

$$\mathcal{H}_K \left( \underset{\nearrow}{u_K^{n+1}}, \underset{\searrow}{u_K^n}, \underset{\swarrow}{(u_L^{n+1})_{L \neq K}} \right) = 0$$

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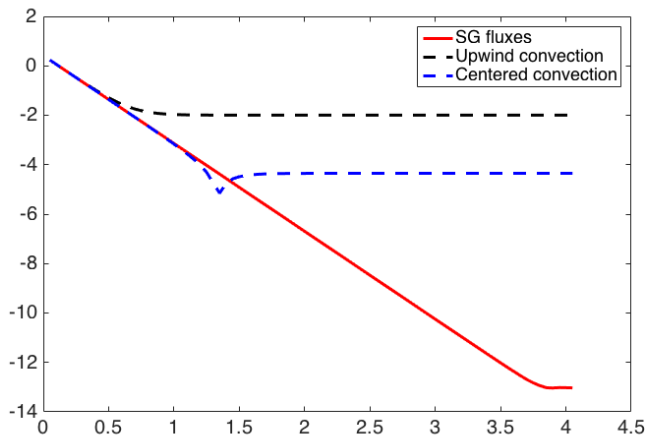
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But...

- ✘ Extension when  $\Lambda \neq \lambda I_d$  ?
- ✘ More general grids ?

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$\text{Log}_{10} (\|u_h(\cdot, t) - u_h^\infty\|_{L^1(\Omega)})$  as a function of  $t$

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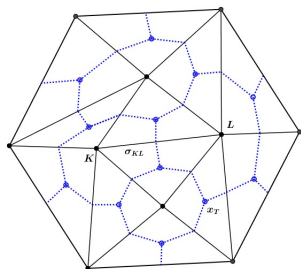
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## mass-lumped $\mathbb{P}_1$ -finite elements

- Diagonal mass matrix

$$m_K := \int_{\omega_K} d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_K d\mathbf{x}, \quad K \in \mathcal{V}$$

- Transmittivity coefficients (possibly  $< 0$ )

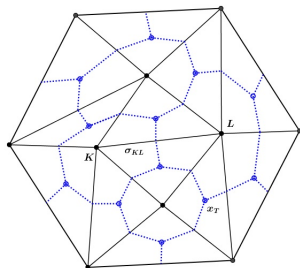
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## discrete reconstructions

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Discretization of the **nonlinear version** of the equation:

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into a **nonlinear system**  $\mathcal{F}_n(\mathbf{u}^{n+1}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Conservation on the dual cell**  $\omega_K$ : Define  $p_K^{n+1} = \log(u_K^{n+1}) + \Psi_K$

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**Upwind mobility on**  $\sigma_{KL}$ :

$$u_{KL}^{n+1} = \begin{cases} \left(u_K^{n+1}\right)^+ & \text{if } a_{KL} (p_K^{n+1} - p_L^{n+1}) \geq 0 \\ \left(u_L^{n+1}\right)^+ & \text{if } a_{KL} (p_K^{n+1} - p_L^{n+1}) < 0 \end{cases}$$



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### Proof by induction:

- ▶ Base case:  $u_K^0 = \frac{1}{m_K} \int_{\omega_K} u_0 d\mathbf{x} \geq 0$ .
- ▶ Inductive step: assume  $u_K^{n+1} = \min_K u_K^{n+1} < 0$ .

$$u_K^{n+1} = \underbrace{u_K^n}_{\geq 0} - \frac{\Delta t}{m_K} \sum_{\sigma_{KL} \in \mathcal{E}_K} \left[ \underbrace{(u_L^{n+1})^+}_{\geq 0} \times [\leq 0] + \underbrace{(u_K^{n+1})^+}_{=0} \times [\geq 0] \right] \geq 0$$

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We **did not prove**

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# Existence of a solution to the scheme

## Proposition

There exists (at least) one solution  $\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = (u_K^{n+1})_K$  to the nonlinear scheme

## Sketch of the proof

Step 1: there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $R > 0$  depending on  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\Delta t$  such that

$$0 < \epsilon \leq u_K^n \leq R, \quad \forall K, \forall n$$

Step 2: the system  $\mathcal{F}_n(\mathbf{u}^{n+1}) = \mathbf{0}$  admits one solution  $\mathbf{u}^{n+1}$  in  $[\epsilon, R]^{\#V}$

- ▶  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is continuous on  $[\epsilon, R]^{\#V}$  (singularity of the  $\log$  near 0 avoided)
- ▶ A topological degree argument to conclude

[Leray and Schauder '34], [Deimling '85], [Eymard *et al.* '98]

# Convergence of the scheme

[C. and Guichard, *MCOM* '16], [Ait Hammou, C., and Chainais-Hillairet, *submitted*]

- $h_T$ : diameter of the simplex  $T$
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$$\text{size}(\mathcal{T}) = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} h_T, \quad \text{reg}(\mathcal{T}) = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{h_T}{\rho_T}$$

## Theorem

Assume that  $\text{size}(\mathcal{T})$  and  $\Delta t$  tend to 0 and  $\text{reg}(\mathcal{T}) \leq C$ , then

$$\bar{u}_h \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } L^1_{loc}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$$

where  $u$  is the unique solution to the Fokker-Planck equation

Proof based on compactness arguments



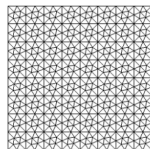
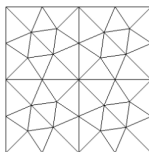
# A test case with an analytic solution

[Ait Hammou, C., and Chainais-Hillairet, *submitted*]

- ▶ **The domain:**  $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$
- ▶ **The equation:**  $\Psi(x, y) = -x$

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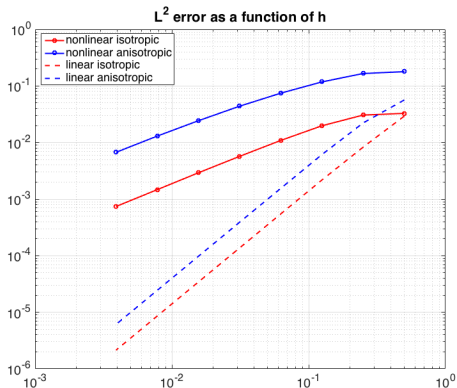
- ▶ **The diffusion tensor:**  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = I_d$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(1, 20)$
- ▶ **The mesh:** successive refinements of a Delaunay mesh



- ▶ **The analytic solution:**

$$u_{\text{ex}}(x, y, t) = \exp\left(-\left(\pi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)t + \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\pi \cos(\pi x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(\pi x)\right) + \pi \exp\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

# Numerical results



- ✓ Preservation of the positivity by the nonlinear scheme
- ✗ Nonlinear scheme merely of order 1:  $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(Q)} \leq Ch$
- ✗ The constant  $C$  strongly depends on the anisotropy ratio

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$$u_K^{\infty} = e^{-\Psi_K} \implies p_h^{\infty} \equiv 0 \implies u_h^{\infty} \text{ is a steady solution to the scheme}$$

(the reciprocal also holds if  $\check{u}_h^{\infty} > 0$ )



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Topological degree argument [Leray and Schauder '34], [Deimling '85], [Eymard *et al.* '98]

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## Sketch of the proof

- Up to a subsequence,  $\bar{u}_h$  converges in  $L^1(\Omega \times (0, t_f))$  towards a function  $u$  [Andreianov, C., and Moussa, *submitted*], [Droniou and Eymard '16]
- $u$  is the unique weak solution, then the whole sequence converges.

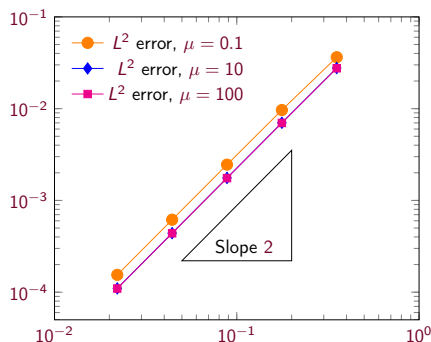
# Numerical results

## Equation:

$$\partial_t u - \nabla \cdot (u \mathbf{\Lambda} \nabla (\log u - \mathbf{e}_x)) = 0 \quad \text{with } \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}.$$

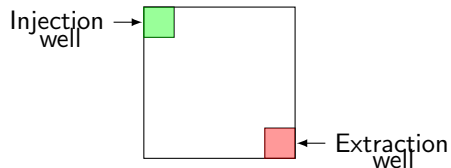
## Exact solution:

$$u((x, y), t) = \exp\left(-\left(\pi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)t + \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\pi \cos(\pi x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(\pi x)\right) + \pi \exp\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$



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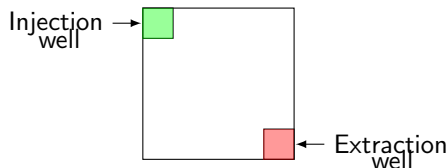
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- ✔ locally conservative method
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