# High-Order Finite Element for the resolution of time-harmonic Maxwell equations

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Use of second order formulation :

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Use of Arpack++ to solve this eigenvalue system

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 $\psi_i^G, \psi_i^{GL}$  lagrangian functions linked with respectively Gauss and Gauss-Lobatto points.

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- Mass matrix block-diagonal (mass-lumping)
- Gain in storage and time for the matrix-vector product

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Eigenvalues with a non-regular mesh. Analytical eigenvalues are symbolized by red lines.

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- Spurious eigenvalues and modes are dependent of the mesh.
- Nedelec's second family is NOT spectrally correct on quadrilaterals
- Nedelec's second family seems spectrally correct on triangles.

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Solution with Q5 for the first (left) and second family (right)

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Let us remind that

$$\{H\} = \frac{1}{2}(H_i + H_j)$$

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Eigenvalues, only one spurious mode.

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DG method is NOT spectrally correct on quadrilaterals.

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- Use of a transparency condition
- Use of curved elements

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- Order 3 of convergence for first family, order 4 for DG method

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- First family on quadrilaterals is the most efficient
- No irregular convergence for the second family (use of a quasi-regular mesh)

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| Finite element | Number of dof | Memory used to factorize |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| First Family   | 2300          | 3Mo                      |
| Second Family  | 21420         | 35Mo                     |
| DG Lobatto     | 14250         | 15Mo                     |

#### Error level of 0.1dB



Mesh used for the first family



#### Mesh used for Discontinuous Galerkin method

#### **Iterative solver**

COCG (conjugate gradient for complex symmetric matrices) without preconditioning ( $\varepsilon = 1e - 6$ )

| Finite element | Number of iterations | Time |
|----------------|----------------------|------|
| First Family   | 4 100                | 7s   |
|                |                      |      |
| Second Family  | > 100 000            |      |
|                |                      |      |
| DG Lobatto     | > 100 000            |      |
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Factorization of matrices  $A_i$  with a direct solver (MUMPS)

# **Iterative solver with preconditioner**

With 8 subdomains, we obtain :

| Finite element | Number of iterations | Time       |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|
| First Family   | 148                  | 1 <i>s</i> |
| Second Family  | 3 200                | 182s       |
| DG Lobatto     | 37                   | 1s         |

# Scattering by a sphere

Use of first family on hexahedrals, with Silver-Muller condition and curved elements.







Diffracted field (real part of  $E_x$ ) on three planes

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Results for COCG without preconditioning ( $\varepsilon = 1e - 6$ )

| Order | Number dof | Memory used | Number iterations | Time         |
|-------|------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 5     | 120000     | 30Mo        | 6 800             | 940 <i>s</i> |

Use of a specific matrix-vector product in order to have a low storage (Gain of time too).