



Computational multiscale methods for quasi-gas dynamic equations

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we consider the quasi-gas-dynamic (QGD) model in a multiscale environment. The model equations can be regarded as a hyperbolic regularization and are derived from kinetic equations. So far, the research on QGD models has been focused on problems with constant coefficients. In this paper, we investigate the QGD model in multiscale media, which can be used in porous media applications. This multiscale problem is interesting from a multiscale methodology point of view as the model problem has a hyperbolic multiscale term, and designing multiscale methods for hyperbolic equations is challenging. In the paper, we apply the constraint energy minimizing generalized multiscale finite element method (CEM-GMsFEM) combined with the central difference scheme in time to solve this problem. The CEM-GMsFEM provides a flexible and systematical framework to construct crucial multiscale basis functions for approximating the solution to the problem with reduced computational cost. With this approach of spatial discretization, we establish the stability of the fully discretized scheme, based on the coarse grid, under a coarse-scale CFL condition. Complete convergence analysis of the proposed method is presented. Numerical results are provided to illustrate and verify the theoretical findings.

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1. Introduction

The simulations of complex flows play an important role in many applications, such as porous media, aerodynamics, and so on. There are various model equations used for simulation purposes, which vary from kinetic to continuum models, such as the Navier-Stokes equations. There are several intermediate-scale models that are successfully used in the literature, which includes the quasi-gas dynamic (QGD) system of equations. The QGD model has shown to be effective for various applications. The QGD model equations are derived from kinetic equations under the assumption that the distribution function is similar to a locally Maxwellian representation. The QGD model has an advantage that it guarantees the smoothing of the solution at the free path distance. The QGD equations are extensively described in the literature [6–10,35].

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In the paper, we consider a simplified QGD system involving second derivatives with respect to the time, in addition to spatial diffusion. In literature, this model has also been used to regularize purely parabolic equations by adding a hyperbolicity. This regularization has been employed in designing efficient time stepping algorithms [7,9,10].

We consider the QGD model in a multiscale environment. More precisely, we consider a simplified QGD model (see (1)) and introduce multiscale coefficients. These coefficients represent the media properties and spatially vary. The applications of these equations can be considered in porous media for compressible flows. The heterogeneities of the coefficients represent the media properties, which can have large variations. Our objective in this paper is to make some first steps in understanding multiscale systems in these hyperbolic quasi-dynamic systems.

In the paper, we would like to solve the QGD model equations on a coarse grid that is much larger compared to spatial heterogeneities. There are many methods for coarse-grid approximation. These include homogenization-based approaches [3–5,25,33,34,39], multiscale finite element methods [27,30–32], generalized multiscale finite element methods [18,12,15,17,20,26,11], constraint energy minimizing GMSFEM (CEM-GMSFEM) [13,14], Nonlocal Multi-continua Approaches (NLMC) [16], metric-based upscaling [37], heterogeneous multiscale method [1,19], localized orthogonal decomposition (LOD) [28,36], equation free approaches [38,41,40], computational continua [22–24], and hierarchical multiscale method [2,29,42]. Some of these approaches, such as homogenization-based approaches, are designed for problems with scale separation. In porous media applications, the spatial heterogeneities are complex and do not have scale separation. In addition, they contain large jumps in the coefficients. As a result, the coarse grid does not resolve scales and contrast. For these purposes, we have introduced a general concept CEM-GMSFEM and NLMC, where multiple basis functions or continua are designed to solve problems on a coarse grid [14,16]. These approaches require a careful design of multiscale basis functions. The applications of these methods to hyperbolic equations are challenging [12] due to distant temporal effects. In this paper, our goal is to design an approach for hyperbolic quasi-dynamic systems.

For spatial discretization, we adopt the idea of CEM-GMSFEM presented in [13] and construct a specific multiscale space for approximating the solution. Starting with a well-designed auxiliary space, we construct multiscale basis functions (supported in some oversampling regions) which are minimizers of a class of constraint energy minimization problems. One of the theoretical benefits of the CEM-GMSFEM is that the convergence of the method can be shown to be independent of the contrast from the heterogeneities; and the error linearly decreases with respect to coarse mesh size if the oversampling parameter is appropriately chosen. Our analysis indicates that a moderate number of oversampling layers, depending logarithmically on the contrast, seems sufficient to archive accurate approximation. The present CEM-GMSFEM setting allows flexibly adding additional basis functions based on spectral properties of the differential operators. This enhances the accuracy of the method in the presence of high contrast in the media. It is shown that if enough basis functions are selected in each local patch, the convergence of the method can be shown independently of the contrast.

For temporal discretization, we use a central finite difference scheme to discretize the first and second order time derivatives in the equation. We show that the corresponding fully-discretized scheme based on the coarse grid is stable under a coarse-scale CFL condition. In order to prove the stability and convergence of the full discretization, we first establish an inverse inequality in the multiscale finite element space. This result relies on the localized estimate between the global and local multiscale basis functions [13]. A complete convergence analysis is presented in this work. In particular, the error estimate of semi-discretization is shown in Theorem 4.3. For the complete analysis of the fully-discretized numerical scheme, the main result is summarized in Theorem 4.7. Throughout the part of analysis, we need proper regularity assumptions on the source term and initial conditions. Numerical results are provided to illustrate the efficiency of the proposed method and it confirms our theoretical findings.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. We provide in Section 2 the background knowledge of the problem. Next, we introduce the multiscale method and the discretization in Section 3. In Section 4, we provide the stability estimate of the method and prove the convergence of the proposed method. We present the numerical results in Section 5. Finally, we give concluding remarks in Section 6.

2. Preliminaries

Consider the quasi-gas dynamics (QGD) model in a polygonal domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ($d = 2, 3$):

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + \alpha u_{tt} - \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla u) &= f && \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega, \\ u|_{t=0} &= u_0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u_t|_{t=0} &= v_0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Here, u_t denotes the time derivative of the function u , α is a constant, $\kappa : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a time-independent high-contrast permeability field such that $0 < \gamma \leq \kappa(x) \leq \beta$ for almost every $x \in \Omega$, f is a source term with suitable regularity, and $T > 0$ is the terminal time. Further, we assume that the initial conditions $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ and $v_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$.

We clarify the notation used throughout the work. We write (\cdot, \cdot) to denote the inner product in $L^2(D)$ and $\|\cdot\|$ for the corresponding norm. Let $H_0^1(\Omega)$ be the subspace of $H^1(\Omega)$ with functions having a vanishing trace and the corresponding dual space is denoted by $H^{-1}(\Omega)$. Moreover, we write $L^p(0, T; X)$ for the Bochner space with the norm

$$\|v\|_{L^p(0,T;X)} := \left(\int_0^T \|v\|_X^p dt \right)^{1/p} \quad 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

where X is a Banach space equipped with the norm $\|\cdot\|_X$.

Instead of the original PDE formulation, we consider the variational formulation corresponding to (1): Find $u \in L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$ with $u_t \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ and $u_{tt} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ such that

$$(u_t, v) + \alpha(u_{tt}, v) + a(u, v) = (f, v) \quad (2)$$

for all $v \in V := H_0^1(\Omega)$. Here, we define $a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \kappa \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx$ for all $u, v \in V$. Employing Galerkin's method and the method of energy estimate, one can show the well-posedness of the variational formulation (2). See [21, Chapter 7.2] for more details.

In this research, we apply the constraint energy minimizing generalized multiscale finite element method (CEM-GMsFEM) to approximate the solution of the above QGD model. First, we introduce fine and coarse grids for the computational domain. Let $\mathcal{T}^H = \{K_i\}_{i=1}^N$ be a conforming partition of the domain Ω with mesh size $H > 0$ defined by

$$H := \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}^H} \left(\max_{x, y \in K} |x - y| \right).$$

We refer to this partition as the coarse grid. We denote the total number of coarse elements as $N \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Subordinate to the coarse grid, we define the fine grid partition \mathcal{T}^h (with mesh size $h \ll H$) by refining each coarse element $K \in \mathcal{T}^H$ into a connected union of finer elements. We assume that the refinement above is performed such that \mathcal{T}^h is also a conforming partition of the domain Ω . Denote N_c the number of interior coarse grid nodes of \mathcal{T}^H and we denote $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{N_c}$ the collection of interior coarse nodes in the coarse grid.

3. Multiscale method

In this section, we outline the framework of CEM-GMsFEM and present the construction of the multiscale space for approximating the solution of the QGD model. We emphasize that the multiscale basis functions and the corresponding space are defined with respect to the coarse grid of the domain. The multiscale method consists of two steps. First, we perform a spectral decomposition and form an auxiliary space. Next, we construct a multiscale space for approximating the solution based on the auxiliary space. We remark that these basis functions are locally supported in some coarse patches formed by some coarse elements. Once the multiscale spaces are ready, one can use central difference scheme in time to discretize time derivatives and solve the resulting fully-discretized problem.

3.1. The spectral decomposition

We present the construction of the auxiliary multiscale basis functions. Let $K_i \in \mathcal{T}^H$ be a coarse block. Define $V(K_i)$ as the restriction of the abstract space V on the coarse element K_i . We consider a local spectral problem: Find $\lambda_j^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\phi_j^{(i)} \in V(K_i)$ such that

$$a_i(\phi_j^{(i)}, v) = \lambda_j^{(i)} s_i(\phi_j^{(i)}, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V(K_i). \quad (3)$$

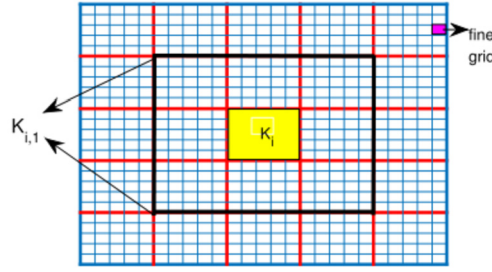
Here, $a_i : V(K_i) \times V(K_i)$ is a symmetric non-negative definite bilinear form and $s_i : V(K_i) \times V(K_i)$ is a symmetric positive definite bilinear form. We remark that the above problem is solved on a fine mesh in actual computations. Based on the analysis, we choose

$$a_i(v, w) := \int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nabla w \, dx, \quad s_i(v, w) := \int_{K_i} \tilde{\kappa} v w \, dx, \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{\kappa} := \sum_{j=1}^{N_c} \kappa |\nabla \chi_j^{\text{ms}}|^2.$$

The functions $\{\chi_j^{\text{ms}}\}_{j=1}^{N_c}$ are the standard multiscale finite element basis functions which satisfy the partition of unity property. More precisely, χ_j^{ms} is the solution of the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla \chi_j^{\text{ms}}) &= 0 && \text{in each } K \subset \omega_j, \\ \chi_j^{\text{ms}} &= g_j && \text{on } \partial K \setminus \partial \omega_j, \\ \chi_j^{\text{ms}} &= 0 && \text{on } \partial \omega_j. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we define $\omega_j := \bigcup \{K : x_j \in \bar{K}\}$ the coarse neighborhood corresponding to the coarse node x_j . The function g_j is continuous and linear along the boundary of the coarse element. We assume that the eigenvalues $\lambda_j^{(i)}$ are arranged in ascending order and we pick $\ell_i \in \mathbb{N}^+$ corresponding eigenfunctions to construct the local auxiliary space

Fig. 1. Oversampling region $K_{i,m}$ with $m = 1$.

$$V_{\text{aux}}^{(i)} := \text{span}\{\phi_j^{(i)} : j = 1, \dots, \ell_i\}.$$

We assume the normalization $s_i(\phi_j^{(i)}, \phi_j^{(i)}) = 1$. After that, we define the global auxiliary multiscale space

$$V_{\text{aux}} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^N V_{\text{aux}}^{(i)}.$$

We remark that the global auxiliary space is used to construct multiscale basis functions that are orthogonal to the auxiliary space with respect to the weighted L^2 inner product $s(\cdot, \cdot)$.

Note that the bilinear form $s_i(\cdot, \cdot)$ defines an inner product with norm $\|\cdot\|_{s(K_i)} := \sqrt{s(\cdot, \cdot)}$ in the local auxiliary space $V_{\text{aux}}^{(i)}$. Based on these local inner products and norms, one can naturally define a new inner product and norm for the global auxiliary space V_{aux} as follows: for all $v, w \in V_{\text{aux}}$,

$$s(v, w) := \sum_{i=1}^N s_i(v, w) \quad \text{and} \quad \|v\|_s := \sqrt{s(v, v)}. \quad (4)$$

The inner product and norm defined above can be extended for the abstract space V . Note that if $\{\chi_j^{\text{ms}}\}_{j=1}^{N_c}$ is a set of bilinear partition of unity, then $\|v\|_s \leq H^{-1} \beta^{1/2} \|v\|$ for any $v \in L^2(\Omega)$. In addition, we define $\pi : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow V_{\text{aux}}$ as the projection with respect to the inner product $s(\cdot, \cdot)$ such that

$$\pi u = \pi(u) := \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} s_i(u, \phi_j^{(i)}) \phi_j^{(i)} \quad \text{for all } u \in L^2(\Omega).$$

3.2. The construction of multiscale basis functions

In this section, we present the construction of the multiscale basis functions. First, we define an oversampling region for each coarse element. Specifically, given a non-negative integer $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and a (closed) coarse element K_i , we define the oversampling region $K_{i,m} \subset \Omega$ such that

$$K_{i,m} := \begin{cases} K_i & \text{if } m = 0, \\ \bigcup \{K : K_{i,m-1} \cap K \neq \emptyset\} & \text{if } m \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

See Fig. 1 for an illustration of oversampling region. For simplicity, we denote K_i^+ the oversampled region $K_{i,m}$ for some nonnegative integer m .

Recall that $V(K_i^+)$ is the restriction of V on the coarse patch K_i^+ . Let $V_0(K_i^+)$ be the subspace of $V(K_i^+)$ with zero trace on the boundary ∂K_i^+ . For each eigenfunction $\phi_j^{(i)} \in V_{\text{aux}}$, we define the multiscale basis $\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)} \in V_0(K_i^+)$ to be the solution of the equation:

$$a(\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}, v) + s(\pi(\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}), \pi(v)) = s(\phi_j^{(i)}, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_0(K_i^+). \quad (5)$$

Then, the multiscale space is defined as $V_{\text{ms}} := \text{span}\{\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)} : i = 1, \dots, N, j = 1, \dots, \ell_i\}$. By construction, we have $\dim(V_{\text{ms}}) = \dim(V_{\text{aux}})$.

Remark. The local construction of multiscale basis function $\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}$ supported in K_i^+ is motivated by the following global construction: Find $\psi_j^{(i)} \in V$ such that

$$a(\psi_j^{(i)}, v) + s\left(\pi(\psi_j^{(i)}), \pi(v)\right) = s(\phi_j^{(i)}, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V. \quad (6)$$

We then define

$$V_{\text{glo}} := \text{span} \left\{ \psi_j^{(i)} : i = 1, \dots, N, j = 1, \dots, \ell_i \right\}.$$

It has been shown in [13] that the decomposition $V = V_{\text{glo}} \oplus \text{Ker}(\pi)$ holds and this decomposition is orthogonal with respect to the energy bilinear form $a(\cdot, \cdot)$. We will use this property to prove the inverse inequality (i.e., Lemma 4.5) below.

Using the result of [13, Lemma 5], we have the error estimate of localization: For any multiscale function $v_{\text{ms}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)} \in V_{\text{ms}}$, there exists a function $v_{\text{glo}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \psi_j^{(i)} \in V_{\text{glo}}$ such that

$$\|v_{\text{glo}} - v_{\text{ms}}\|_a^2 \lesssim (m+1)^d E \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \left(\alpha_j^{(i)}\right)^2. \quad (7)$$

Here, m is the number of oversampling, $E := 3(1 + \Lambda^{-1})(1 + (2(1 + \Lambda^{-1/2})))^{1-m}$ is the factor of exponential decay, and $\Lambda := \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} \lambda_{\ell_i+1}^{(i)}$ with $\{\lambda_j^{(i)}\}$ being obtained from (3).

3.3. The method and discretization

In this section, we discuss the discretizations of the equation (2). Let $u_{\text{ms}} \in V_{\text{ms}}$ be the multiscale approximation to the exact solution u . In particular, the function u_{ms} solves

$$((u_{\text{ms}})_t, v) + \alpha((u_{\text{ms}})_{tt}, v) + a(u_{\text{ms}}, v) = (f, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{\text{ms}}. \quad (8)$$

For time discretization, we first partition the temporal domain $(0, T)$ into equally N_T pieces with time step size Δt . For any function $v = v(t)$, we use the following finite differences to approximate time derivatives appearing in the QGD model:

$$v_t \approx \frac{v(t_{n+1}) - v(t_{n-1}))}{2\Delta t} =: D_t v^n \quad \text{and} \quad v_{tt} \approx \frac{v(t_{n+1}) - 2v(t_n) + v(t_{n-1}))}{(\Delta t)^2} =: D_{tt} v^n.$$

The fully discretization of the equation (2) reads: Find $\mathbf{u}_H^T := (u_H^n)_{n=0}^{N_T}$ with $u_H^n \in V_{\text{ms}}$ such that for any $n = 1, \dots, N_T - 1$,

$$(D_t u_H^n + \alpha D_{tt} u_H^n, v) + a(u_H^n, v) = (f^n, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{\text{ms}}, \quad (9)$$

where $f^n := f(t_n)$.

4. Convergence analysis

In this section, we analyze the convergence of the multiscale method. Throughout the work, we denote $a \lesssim b$ if there is a generic constant $C > 0$ such that $a \leq Cb$. We write $a \lesssim_T b$ if there is a constant C_T depending on T such that $a \leq C_T b$. We denote $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ and $\|\cdot\|_a := \sqrt{a(\cdot, \cdot)}$.

4.1. Semi-discretized scheme

We first consider the stability and error estimate in semi-discretization. The following results give a stability estimate for the scheme (8).

Lemma 4.1. *Let $u_{\text{ms}} \in V_{\text{ms}}$ be the solution of the equation (8). Then,*

$$\alpha \|(u_{\text{ms}})_t(T)\|^2 + \|(u_{\text{ms}})(T)\|_a^2 \lesssim \alpha \|v_0\|^2 + \|u_0\|_a^2 + \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}^2. \quad (10)$$

Proof. Let $v = (u_{\text{ms}})_t$ in (8). We have

$$\|(u_{\text{ms}})_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\alpha \|(u_{\text{ms}})_t\|^2 + \|u_{\text{ms}}\|_a^2 \right) = (f, (u_{\text{ms}})_t) \leq \|f\| \cdot \|(u_{\text{ms}})_t\|.$$

We remark that if $f \equiv 0$, the scheme is of energy conservation. Integrating over $(0, T)$ leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \int_0^T \|(u_{ms})_t\|^2 dt + \alpha \|(u_{ms})_t(T)\|^2 + \|u_{ms}(T)\|_a^2 &\leq \alpha \|v_0\|^2 + \|u_0\|_a^2 + 2 \int_0^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|f\| \cdot \sqrt{2} \|(u_{ms})_t\| dt \\
&\leq \alpha \|v_0\|^2 + \|u_0\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \|f\|^2 dt + 2 \int_0^T \|(u_{ms})_t\|^2 dt
\end{aligned}$$

using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. This completes the proof. \square

To estimate the error bound for semi-discretization scheme, we introduce the definition of elliptic projection.

Definition 4.2. For any function $v \in V$, we define the elliptic projection $\widehat{v} \in V_{ms}$ of the function v such that

$$a(v - \widehat{v}, w) = 0 \quad \text{for all } w \in V_{ms}. \quad (11)$$

Next, we analyze the convergence of the proposed multiscale method. For any function $v \in V$, we define the *energy functional* $\mathcal{E} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathcal{E}(v) := \sqrt{\alpha} \|v_t\| + \|v\|_a$. It is not difficult to verify that

$$\mathcal{E}(v + w) = \sqrt{\alpha} \|v_t + w_t\| + \|v + w\|_a \leq \sqrt{\alpha} (\|v_t\| + \|w_t\|) + \|v\|_a + \|w\|_a = \mathcal{E}(v) + \mathcal{E}(w)$$

for any $v, w \in V$. That is, the triangle inequality holds for the energy functional. Note that for any $v \in V$, we have

$$(\mathcal{E}(v))^2 = (\sqrt{\alpha} \|v_t\| + \|v\|_a)^2 \lesssim \alpha \|v_t\|^2 + \|v\|_a^2.$$

We have the following error estimate for the semi-discretization of the QGD model.

Theorem 4.3. Let $u \in V$ be the solution to (2) and $u_{ms} \in V_{ms}$ be the multiscale solution to (8). Assume that the number of oversampling layers $m = O(\log(\beta\gamma^{-1}H^{-1}))$ and $\{\chi_j^{ms}\}_{j=1}^{N_c}$ are bilinear partition of unity. Then, for any $t \in (0, T]$, the following error estimate holds

$$\|u(t) - u_{ms}(t)\|_a \lesssim_T H \Lambda^{-1/2}, \quad (12)$$

where $\Lambda = \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} \lambda_{\ell_i+1}^{(i)}$ and $\{\lambda_j^{(i)}\}$ are the eigenvalues obtained by solving (3).

Proof. Denote \widehat{u} the elliptic projection of the exact solution u . We write

$$e := u - u_{ms} = \underbrace{u - \widehat{u}}_{=: \rho} + \underbrace{\widehat{u} - u_{ms}}_{=: \theta} = \rho + \theta.$$

Denote $\mathcal{F} := f - u_t - \alpha u_{tt}$. Note that the function \widehat{u} satisfies the equation:

$$a(\widehat{u}, v) = (\mathcal{F}, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{ms}.$$

Using the result of [13, Lemma 1], we obtain that

$$\|\rho\|_a = \|u - \widehat{u}\|_a \lesssim H \Lambda^{-1/2} \|\kappa^{-1/2} \mathcal{F}\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|\rho_t\| = \|(u - \widehat{u})_t\| \lesssim H^2 \Lambda^{-1} \|\kappa^{-1/2} \mathcal{F}_t\|.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) \lesssim \sqrt{\alpha} H^2 \Lambda^{-1} \|\kappa^{-1/2} \mathcal{F}_t\| + H \Lambda^{-1/2} \|\kappa^{-1/2} \mathcal{F}\| \lesssim H \Lambda^{-1/2}.$$

Next, we analyze the term $\mathcal{E}(\theta)$. Subtracting (8) from (2), we obtain

$$(e_t, v) + \alpha (e_{tt}, v) + a(e, v) = 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{ms}.$$

Note that, by the property of elliptic projection, we have $a(\rho, v) = 0$ for all $v \in V_{ms}$. That is, we have

$$(\theta_t, v) + \alpha (\theta_{tt}, v) + a(\theta, v) = ((\widehat{u} - u)_t + \alpha(\widehat{u} - u)_{tt}, v)$$

for all $v \in V_{ms}$. Denote $\mathcal{G} := (\widehat{u} - u)_t + \alpha(\widehat{u} - u)_{tt}$. Let $v = \theta_t \in V_{ms}$ and use the same technique for proving the stability result (10), one can show that

$$(\mathcal{E}(\theta))^2 \lesssim \alpha \|\theta_t(0)\|^2 + \|\theta(0)\|_a^2 + \|\mathcal{G}\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}^2.$$

Note that $\theta_t(0)$ and $\theta(0)$ are given by the initial conditions of quasi gas-dynamics equation. If we choose $u_{\text{ms}}(0)$ be such that

$$a(u_{\text{ms}}(0), v) = a(u_0, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{\text{ms}},$$

then $\theta_t(0) = \theta(0) = 0$ because of the property of elliptic projection. Therefore, we have

$$\mathcal{E}(\theta) \lesssim \|\mathcal{G}\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \lesssim \|\rho_t\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} + \alpha \|\rho_{tt}\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \lesssim_T H^2 \Lambda^{-1}.$$

To conclude, we show that

$$\mathcal{E}(u - u_{\text{ms}}) \leq \mathcal{E}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}(\theta) \lesssim_T H \Lambda^{-1/2}. \quad (13)$$

This completes the proof. \square

4.2. Fully discretization

In this section, we analyze the method in fully discretization. First, we define $\sigma_{\text{aux}} := \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq \ell_i} \lambda_j^{(i)} \right)$. We observe that the inverse inequality (in the multiscale space) holds. To prove the inverse inequality in V_{ms} , we first prove the following lemma.

Lemma 4.4. For any $v_{\text{ms}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)} \in V_{\text{ms}}$, the following estimation holds

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} (\alpha_j^{(i)})^2 \leq (1 + D) \|v_{\text{ms}}\|_s^2, \quad (14)$$

where D is a generic constant depending on the value of σ_{aux} .

Proof. Let $v_{\text{ms}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)} \in V_{\text{ms}}$. By the variational formulation (5), for any $\phi_k^{(l)} \in V_{\text{aux}}$, we have

$$s(\pi v_{\text{ms}}, \phi_k^{(l)}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} s(\pi \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}, \phi_k^{(l)}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \left(s(\pi \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}, \pi \psi_{k,\text{ms}}^{(l)}) + a(\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}, \psi_{k,\text{ms}}^{(l)}) \right).$$

Denote $b_{lk} = s(\pi v_{\text{ms}}, \phi_k^{(l)})$ and $\mathbf{b} = (b_{lk})$, we have

$$\|\mathbf{c}\|_2 \leq \|A^{-1}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{b}\|_2,$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ is the matrix representation of the bilinear form

$$s(\pi \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}, \pi \psi_{k,\text{ms}}^{(l)}) + a(\psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)}, \psi_{k,\text{ms}}^{(l)})$$

with $p = \sum_{i=1}^N \ell_i$ and $\mathbf{c} = (\alpha_j^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^p$. We then estimate the largest eigenvalue of A^{-1} . Define an auxiliary function $\phi := \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \phi_j^{(i)} \in V_{\text{aux}}$ and $\psi_{\text{ms}} \in V_{\text{ms}}$ to be the solution of the following equation:

$$a(\psi_{\text{ms}}, \omega) + s(\pi \psi_{\text{ms}}, \pi \omega) = s(\phi, \pi \omega) \quad \text{for all } \omega \in V_{\text{ms}}. \quad (15)$$

On the other hand, by [13, Lemma 2], there is a function $z \in V$ such that

$$\pi z = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \|z\|_a^2 \leq D \|\phi\|_s^2.$$

Here, D is a generic constant depending on the value of σ_{aux} (cf. [13, Lemma 2]). Taking $\omega = z$ in (15) and using the fact that $s(\phi, \phi) = \|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 &= a(\psi_{\text{ms}}, z) + s(\pi \psi_{\text{ms}}, \phi) \leq \|\psi_{\text{ms}}\|_a \|z\|_a + \|\pi \psi_{\text{ms}}\|_s \|\phi\|_s \\ &\leq (1 + D)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\phi\|_s \left(\|\psi_{\text{ms}}\|_a^2 + \|\pi \psi_{\text{ms}}\|_s^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is the vector representation of ψ_{ms} . We write $(\cdot, \cdot)_2$ the ℓ_2 Euclidean inner product on \mathbb{R}^p . This implies that

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2}{(A\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c})_2} \leq (1 + D).$$

Hence, we have $\|A^{-1}\|_2 \leq (1 + D)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. It follows that $\|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 \leq (1 + D) \|\mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \leq (1 + D) \|v_{\text{ms}}\|_s^2$. \square

We are now able to prove the inverse inequality in the multiscale space V_{ms} .

Lemma 4.5 (Inverse inequality). *For any $v \in V_{\text{ms}}$, there exists a constant C_{ms} such that*

$$\|v\|_a \leq C_{\text{ms}} \|v\|_s. \quad (16)$$

Furthermore, assume that $\{\chi_j^{\text{ms}}\}_{j=1}^{N_c}$ is a set of bilinear partition of unity. Then, for any $v \in V_{\text{ms}}$, there is a constant $C_{\text{inv}} > 0$ such that

$$\|v\|_a \leq C_{\text{inv}} H^{-1} \beta^{1/2} \|v\|. \quad (17)$$

Proof. Let $v \in V_{\text{glo}}$. Applying the orthogonality of V_{glo} , we get

$$\|v\|_a^2 = a(v, v) = a(v, \pi v) \leq \|v\|_a \|\pi v\|_a \leq \|v\|_a \sigma_{\text{aux}}^{1/2} \|\pi v\|_s,$$

which implies that $\|v\|_a \leq \sigma_{\text{aux}}^{1/2} \|\pi v\|_s$. Next, for any $v_{\text{ms}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \psi_{j,\text{ms}}^{(i)} \in V_{\text{ms}}$, let $v = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \psi_j^{(i)} \in V_{\text{glo}}$. We claim that $\|\pi v\|_s^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} (\alpha_j^{(i)})^2$. Notice that by (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi v\|_s^2 &= s(\pi v, \pi v) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} s(\pi \psi_j^{(i)}, \pi v) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \left(s(\phi_j^{(i)}, \pi v) - a(\psi_j^{(i)}, v) \right) \\ &= s(\phi, \pi v) - a(v, v) = s(\phi, \pi v) - \|v\|_a^2 \end{aligned}$$

with $\phi := \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \alpha_j^{(i)} \phi_j^{(i)}$. This implies that

$$\|\pi v\|_s^2 \leq s(\phi, \pi v) \leq \|\phi\|_s \|\pi v\|_s \implies \|\pi v\|_s^2 \leq \|\phi\|_s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} (\alpha_j^{(i)})^2$$

using the orthogonality of the auxiliary basis functions. By the inequalities (7) and (14), we have, for any $v_{\text{ms}} \in V_{\text{ms}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_{\text{ms}}\|_a^2 &\leq \|(v - v_{\text{ms}})\|_a^2 + \|v\|_a^2 \\ &\lesssim (m+1)^d E \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} (\alpha_j^{(i)})^2 + \sigma_{\text{aux}} \|\pi v\|_s^2 \\ &\lesssim \left((m+1)^d E + \sigma_{\text{aux}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} (\alpha_j^{(i)})^2 \\ &\lesssim \left((m+1)^d E + \sigma_{\text{aux}} \right) (1+D) \|v_{\text{ms}}\|_s^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the inequality (16) holds with $C_{\text{ms}} := \sqrt{((m+1)^d E + \sigma_{\text{aux}})(1+D)}$.

We now show the inequality (17). Assume that $\{\chi_j^{\text{ms}}\}_{j=1}^{N_c}$ is a set of bilinear partition of unity. Using the definition of s-norm, we have for any $w \in L^2(\Omega)$,

$$\|w\|_s^2 = \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\kappa} |v|^2 dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{K_i} \sum_{j: \text{supp}(\chi_j^{\text{ms}}) \cap K_i \neq \emptyset} \kappa |\chi_j^{\text{ms}}|^2 |v|^2 dx \leq C_{\mathcal{T}} H^{-2} \beta \|w\|^2,$$

where $C_{\mathcal{T}} := \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}^H} |\{j : \text{supp}(\chi_j^{\text{ms}}) \cap K \neq \emptyset\}|$. We remark that the constant $C_{\mathcal{T}}$ depends only on the coarse grid \mathcal{T}^H and the partition of unity. Therefore, this gives that the estimate

$$\|v_{\text{ms}}\|_a \leq C_{\text{inv}} H^{-1} \beta^{1/2} \|v_{\text{ms}}\|$$

holds for any $v_{\text{ms}} \in V_{\text{ms}}$ with the constant $C_{\text{inv}} := C_{\text{ms}} \sqrt{C_{\mathcal{T}}} > 0$. This completes the proof. \square

Recall that $\mathbf{u}_H^T := (u_H^n)_{n=0}^{N_T}$ with $u_H^n \in V_{\text{ms}}$ is the solution to (9). The following result gives the stability estimate of the fully discretization.

Lemma 4.6 (Stability of the method). Assume that the CFL condition

$$\alpha - \frac{1}{2}C_{\text{inv}}^2 H^{-2} \beta(\Delta t)^2 \geq \delta \quad (18)$$

holds for some constant $\delta > 0$. Then, the fully discretization method (9) is stable; that is,

$$\alpha \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\| + \|u_H^n\|_a \lesssim \left(\Delta t \sum_{k=1}^n \|f^k\| + \alpha \left\| \frac{u_H^1 - u_H^0}{\Delta t} \right\| + \|u_H^1\|_a + \|u_H^0\|_a \right). \quad (19)$$

Proof. Let $v = u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}$ in (9). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \|u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}\|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} (u_H^{n+1} - u_H^n - (u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}), u_H^{n+1} - u_H^n + u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}) \\ + a(u_H^n, u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}) = \Delta t \left(f^n, \frac{u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Define $\mathcal{E}_{n,H} := \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 + a(u_H^n, u_H^n) \right)$. It implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \left(\left\| \frac{u_H^{n+1} - u_H^n}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 - \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 \right) + a(u_H^n, u_H^{n+1}) - a(u_H^{n-1}, u_H^n) \leq (f^n, u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}) \\ \implies \mathcal{E}_{n+1,H} \leq \mathcal{E}_{n,H} + \frac{1}{2} (f^n, u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{n,H} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 + a(u_H^n, u_H^n) \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^n, u_H^n) + \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^{n-1}, u_H^{n-1}) - \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}, u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}) \\ &\geq \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^n, u_H^n) + \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^{n-1}, u_H^{n-1}) - \frac{1}{4} \|u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}\|_a^2 \\ &\geq \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^n, u_H^n) + \frac{1}{4} a(u_H^{n-1}, u_H^{n-1}) - \frac{1}{4} C_{\text{inv}}^2 H^{-2} \beta(\Delta t)^2 \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} C_{\text{inv}}^2 H^{-2} \beta(\Delta t)^2 \right) \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\|u_H^n\|_a^2 + \|u_H^{n-1}\|_a^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{n+1,H} - \mathcal{E}_{n,H} &\leq \frac{1}{2} (f^n, u_H^{n+1} - u_H^{n-1}) \leq \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \|f^n\| \left(\left\| \frac{u_H^{n+1} - u_H^n}{\Delta t} \right\| + \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \|f^n\| \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\delta}} \left(\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{n+1,H}} + \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{n,H}} \right), \\ \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{n+1,H}} - \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{n,H}} &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\delta}} \Delta t \|f^n\| \implies \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{n,H}} \leq \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{0,H}} + \frac{\Delta t}{\sqrt{2\delta}} \sum_{k=1}^n \|f^k\|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\alpha \left\| \frac{u_H^n - u_H^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right\| + \|u_H^n\|_a \lesssim \left(\Delta t \sum_{k=1}^n \|f^k\| + \alpha \left\| \frac{u_H^1 - u_H^0}{\Delta t} \right\| + \|u_H^1\|_a + \|u_H^0\|_a \right).$$

This completes the proof. \square

Recall that $u \in V$ is the solution of (2). The total error between $\mathbf{u} := (u(t_n))_{n=0}^{N_T}$ and \mathbf{u}_H^T can be split into two parts: the spatial discretization error $u(t_n) - u_{ms}(t_n)$ and the time discretization error $u_{ms}(t_n) - u_H^n$. Here, $u_{ms} \in V_{ms}$ is the solution of (8). Using the result of (13), we have

$$\|u(t_n) - u_{ms}(t_n)\|_a \lesssim_T H \Lambda^{-1/2}.$$

Next, we estimate the time discretization error. Let $\tilde{e}_n := u_{ms}^n - u_H^n$ with $u_{ms}^n := u_{ms}(t_n)$. Subtracting (8) from (9), we obtain

$$\left(\frac{\tilde{e}_{n+1} - \tilde{e}_{n-1}}{2\Delta t}, v \right) + \alpha \left(\frac{\tilde{e}_{n+1} - 2\tilde{e}_n + \tilde{e}_{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2}, v \right) + a(\tilde{e}_n, v) = (\mathcal{H}^n, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{ms},$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}^n := (u_{ms})_t + \alpha(u_{ms})_{tt} - \frac{u_{ms}^{n+1} - u_{ms}^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} - \alpha \frac{u_{ms}^{n+1} - 2u_{ms}^n + u_{ms}^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2}.$$

Using the result of (19), one can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \left\| \frac{\tilde{e}_{n+1} - \tilde{e}_n}{\Delta t} \right\| + \|\tilde{e}_n\|_a &\lesssim \alpha \left\| \frac{\tilde{e}_1 - \tilde{e}_0}{\Delta t} \right\| + \|\tilde{e}_1\|_a + \Delta t \sum_{k=1}^n \left\| (u_{ms})_t - \frac{u_{ms}^{k+1} - u_{ms}^{k-1}}{2\Delta t} \right\| \\ &\quad + \alpha \left\| (u_{ms})_{tt} - \frac{u_{ms}^{k+1} - 2u_{ms}^k + u_{ms}^{k-1}}{(\Delta t)^2} \right\|. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Under the assumption of some additional regularity and appropriate initial conditions, the right-hand side of (20) scales like $H + (\Delta t)^2$.

Finally, we have the error estimate for the fully discretization scheme.

Theorem 4.7. Assume that u , u_{ms} , and f are smooth enough with respect to the variable t . Let $\tilde{u}_H(t)$ be the piecewise linear function that interpolates \mathbf{u}_H^T in time. Then

$$\|u - \tilde{u}_{H,ms}\|_{L^2(0,T;a)} \lesssim_T H + (\Delta t)^2, \quad \text{where } \|\cdot\|_{L^2(0,T;a)} := \left(\int_0^T \|\cdot\|_a^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

5. Numerical experiments

In this section, we present several numerical experiments to demonstrate the efficiency of the proposed method. We set the computational domain $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$. We partition the domain into 100×100 rectangular elements and refer it as a fine mesh \mathcal{T}^h with mesh size $h = \sqrt{2}/100$.

In the example below, we solve the QGD model (2) with $f(x_1, x_2) = \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2)$. Terminal time $T = 4.0$ is set and step size Δt is chosen subjected to the CFL condition. The initial conditions are $u_0 = v_0 = 0$. To quantitatively determine the temporal step size, one needs to estimate the value of the constant C_{inv} . To this aim, one may solve the largest eigenvalue (denoted as ζ) of the following eigenvalue problem: find $v \in V_{ms}$ and $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$a(v, w) = \zeta s(v, w) \quad \forall w \in V_{ms}.$$

The largest eigenvalue ζ is approximately equal to the constant C_{ms} . In the current setting for the coarse mesh, we have $C_{\mathcal{T}} = 4$ and thus we obtain an estimate of the constant $C_{inv} \approx \sqrt{C_{\mathcal{T}}} \zeta = 2\zeta$. We take $\Delta t = 10^{-5}$, which provides a sufficient and rather sharp choice for the stability with small value of α and high value of contrast. To implement the scheme, we set $u_H^0 = u_H^1 = 0$. We use the permeability field κ with contrast 10^3 (see Fig. 2).

We solve the fully discretization (9) and seek $u_H^n \in V_{ms}$. We define the corresponding relative L^2 and energy errors between the multiscale solution and the exact solution (up to a fine-scale) as follows:

$$e_{L^2} := \frac{\|u(T) - u_H^{N_T}\|_s}{\|u(T)\|_s} \quad \text{and} \quad e_a := \frac{\|u(T) - u_H^{N_T}\|_a}{\|u(T)\|_a},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_a = \sqrt{a(\cdot, \cdot)}$ and $\|\cdot\|_s = \sqrt{s(\cdot, \cdot)}$.

We present the convergence history in the energy and L^2 norms when the coarse mesh size is $H = \sqrt{2}/5, \sqrt{2}/10$, and $\sqrt{2}/20$, respectively. In order to obtain the expected first-order convergence with respect to the size of coarse mesh, one needs to the number of oversampling layer m to be $m \approx O(|\log(H)|)$. In all experiments, the number of oversampling layers m is set to be 3, 4, and 6. The number of multiscale basis functions is $\ell_i = 3$ in each local coarse element K_i . We test with

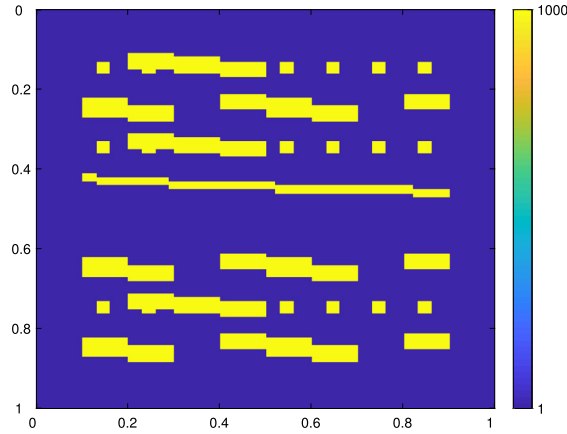


Fig. 2. Permeability field κ with contrast values 10^3 . (For interpretation of the colors in the figure(s), the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

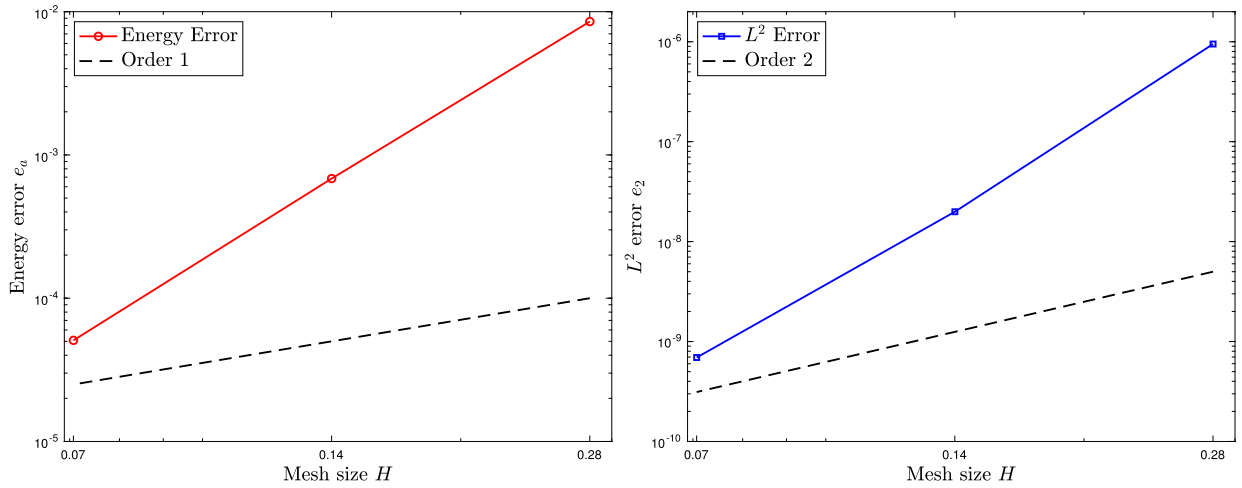


Fig. 3. Convergence history (time-independent source) in e_a (left) and e_{L^2} (right) with $\alpha = 0.1$.

Table 1

Convergence (time-independent source) in relative L^2 norm for different α .

H	m	$\alpha = 10$	$\alpha = 5$	$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 0.5$	$\alpha = 0.1$	$\alpha = 0.05$	$\alpha = 0.01$
$\sqrt{2}/5$	3	2.07e-03	4.85e-05	2.09e-05	5.40e-06	9.49e-07	9.49e-07	9.49e-07
$\sqrt{2}/10$	4	9.39e-06	2.12e-07	1.60e-07	4.17e-08	1.99e-08	1.99e-08	1.99e-08
$\sqrt{2}/20$	6	1.95e-07	5.38e-09	2.45e-09	6.92e-10	6.92e-10	6.92e-10	6.92e-10

Table 2

Convergence (time-independent source) in relative energy norm for different α .

H	m	$\alpha = 10$	$\alpha = 5$	$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 0.5$	$\alpha = 0.1$	$\alpha = 0.05$	$\alpha = 0.01$
$\sqrt{2}/5$	3	2.08e-02	8.76e-03	8.54e-03	8.55e-03	8.53e-03	8.53e-03	8.53e-03
$\sqrt{2}/10$	4	1.75e-03	6.28e-04	6.74e-04	6.86e-04	6.84e-04	6.84e-04	6.84e-04
$\sqrt{2}/20$	6	1.89e-04	5.19e-05	5.11e-05	5.09e-05	5.08e-05	5.08e-05	5.08e-05

different values of $\alpha \in \{0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10\}$. The results of e_{L^2} and e_a are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. One can observe that the performance of the proposed multiscale method (in terms of the L^2 and energy errors) is better when the constant α is smaller with mesh size H and the number of oversampling layer m being fixed. Moreover, we observe first-order convergence in energy norm and second-order convergence in L^2 norm as expected; see Fig. 3 for illustration.

Next, we test our algorithm on problem with a time-dependent source. In this example, we set $f(x_1, x_2, t) = \sin(\pi t) \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2)$. All the other settings are same with the first example. The numerical results in L_2 and energy

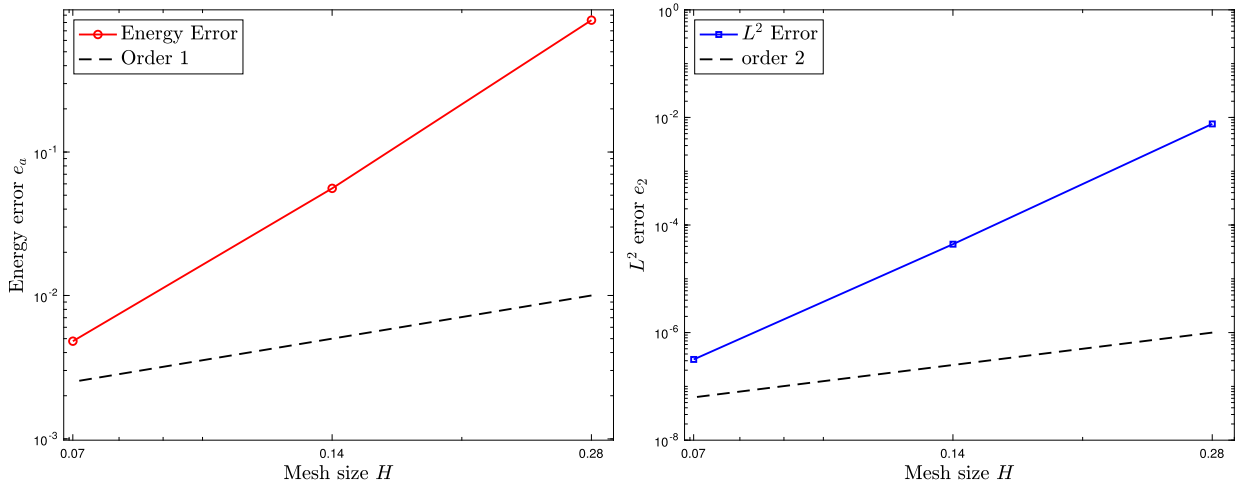


Fig. 4. Convergence history (time-dependent source) in e_a (left) and e_{L^2} (right) with $\alpha = 0.1$.

Table 3

Convergence (time-dependent source) in relative L_2 norm for different α .

H	m	$\alpha = 10$	$\alpha = 5$	$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 0.5$	$\alpha = 0.1$	$\alpha = 0.05$	$\alpha = 0.01$
$\sqrt{2}/5$	3	3.00e-01	7.83e-01	1.89e-01	7.41e-03	7.57e-03	7.11e-03	6.76e-03
$\sqrt{2}/10$	4	1.07e-03	3.41e-03	8.82e-04	4.80e-05	4.40e-05	4.16e-05	3.98e-05
$\sqrt{2}/20$	6	1.03e-05	2.70e-05	6.52e-06	3.46e-07	3.17e-07	3.00e-07	2.87e-07

Table 4

Convergence (time-dependent source) in relative energy norm for different α .

H	m	$\alpha = 10$	$\alpha = 5$	$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 0.5$	$\alpha = 0.1$	$\alpha = 0.05$	$\alpha = 0.01$
$\sqrt{2}/5$	3	2.0198	1.5981	1.0128	0.8306	0.8304	0.8299	0.8295
$\sqrt{2}/10$	4	0.0656	0.0589	0.0565	0.0557	0.0558	0.0558	0.0558
$\sqrt{2}/20$	6	0.0072	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048

norm are presented in Tables 3 and 4. For a fixed value of α , one can obtain convergence with respect to the size of coarse mesh with appropriately chosen value of oversampling parameter. Convergence rate in either energy norm and L^2 norm is observed (see Fig. 4).

6. Concluding remarks

In this work, we have proposed a novel computational multiscale method based on the idea of constraint energy minimization for solving the problem of quasi-gas-dynamics. The spatial discretization is based on CEM-GMsFEM which provides a framework to systematically construct multiscale basis functions for approximating the solution of the model. The multiscale basis functions with locally minimal energy are constructed by employing the techniques of oversampling, which leads to an improved accuracy in the simulations. Combined with the central difference scheme for the time discretization, we have shown that the fully discrete method defined on the coarse grid is stable under a coarse-scale CFL condition and has optimal convergence rates despite the heterogeneities of the media. Numerical results have been presented to illustrate the performance of the proposed method.

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