

High-Order Time Stepping

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1 Functionalities

The `HighOrderTimeSteppingWindow` class provides the following functionalities:

- **Initialization:** Sets up a window for high-order time stepping analysis, integrating with the model to access ocean and atmosphere temperatures and coupling parameters.
- **Simulation Control:** Allows users to start and stop a simulation, updating parameters (time step, drag coefficient, sensible heat coefficient, boundary layer depth, KPP mixing coefficient) and selecting between Bulk and KPP schemes and Euler or RK4 methods.
- **Visualization:** Displays a heatmap of heat flux or diffusivity and a time series of mean values, comparing Euler and RK4 methods, updated in real-time via animation.
- **Parameter Input:** Enables users to input simulation parameters and select schemes and methods, with validation to ensure physical constraints.
- **Logging and Error Handling:** Logs initialization, simulation control, and plot updates using the logging module, with exception handling to display errors via message boxes.

2 Simulation Logic

The simulation logic in `HighOrderTimeSteppingWindow` centers around managing high-order time stepping analysis and visualization.

2.1 Initialization

- **Purpose:** Initializes the analysis window with model integration and visualization setup.

- **Process:**

- Stores the model instance for access to ocean and atmosphere temperatures and coupling parameters.
- Sets up a window with a control panel for inputting time step, drag coefficient, sensible heat coefficient, boundary layer depth, KPP mixing coefficient, and selecting Bulk/KPP schemes and Euler/RK4 methods.
- Initializes a matplotlib figure with two subplots: one for a heatmap of heat flux or diffusivity, and one for a time series of mean values.
- Sets up a simulation grid ($n_y \times n_x$) matching the model's ocean temperatures and initializes arrays for Euler and RK4 heat fluxes and diffusivities.
- Sets default time step $\Delta t = 1800$ s.
- Sets up a timer for animation updates every 100 ms and initializes the plot.
- Logs initialization details and handles exceptions, displaying errors via QMessageBox.

2.2 Simulation Control

- **Purpose:** Manages the start and stop of the time stepping simulation.

- **Process (Start):**

- Validates inputs: time step (> 0), drag coefficient (> 0), sensible heat coefficient (≥ 0), boundary layer depth (> 0), KPP mixing coefficient (> 0).
- Updates model parameters (`model.coupling.drag_coeff`) and sets `dt`.
- Resets simulation step, time steps, Euler/RK4 values, and heat flux/diffusivity arrays.
- Starts a timer to trigger animation updates every 100 ms.
- Disables the start button and enables the stop button.

- **Process (Stop):**

- Stops the timer and animation.
- Enables the start button and disables the stop button.

- Logs actions and handles exceptions, displaying errors via QMessageBox.

2.3 Plot Update

- **Purpose:** Updates the visualization of heat flux or diffusivity and their mean values over time.
- **Process:**
 - Checks if the simulation should continue (current step < total_time/Δt).
 - Validates and updates parameters from user inputs and selected scheme/method.
 - Computes heat flux (Bulk scheme) or diffusivity (KPP scheme) using Euler and RK4 methods.
 - Stores mean values for time series visualization.
 - Updates plots: a heatmap of heat flux or diffusivity with annotations, and a time series comparing Euler and RK4 mean values.
 - Increments the simulation step and logs actions.

3 Physics and Mathematical Models

The `HighOrderTimeSteppingWindow` class implements models for heat flux and diffusivity, comparing Euler and RK4 time stepping methods.

3.1 Bulk Heat Flux (Bulk Scheme)

- **Purpose:** Computes sensible heat flux between ocean and atmosphere.
- **Equation:**

$$Q_b = \rho_{\text{air}} C_p^{\text{air}} C_h U (T_o - T_a),$$

where $\rho_{\text{air}} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $C_p^{\text{air}} = 1005 \text{ J/kg/K}$, C_h is the sensible heat coefficient ($\text{W/m}^2/\text{K}$), U is wind speed (m/s), T_o is ocean temperature (K), and T_a is atmosphere temperature (K).

- **Implementation:** `update_plot` computes Q_b for the Euler method directly and as the initial step for RK4.

3.2 KPP Diffusivity (KPP Scheme)

- **Purpose:** Computes diffusivity for the K-Profile Parameterization (KPP) scheme.

- **Equation:**

$$K(z) = k_m \left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)^2,$$

$$Q_{\text{KPP}} = -K(z) \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial y},$$

where k_m is the KPP mixing coefficient (m^2/s), h is the boundary layer depth (m), $z \in [0, h]$, and $\frac{\partial T_o}{\partial y}$ is approximated as $\frac{T_{o,i+1,j} - T_{o,i-1,j}}{2\Delta y}$. $K(z)$ is clipped to $[0, k_m]$.

- **Implementation:** `update_plot` computes $K(z)$ and Q_{KPP} for the Euler method and as the initial step for RK4.

3.3 Euler Method

- **Purpose:** Updates heat flux or diffusivity using a first-order explicit method.
- **Equation:**

$$Q(t + \Delta t) = Q(t),$$

where Q is Q_b (Bulk) or Q_{KPP} (KPP), computed directly from the current state.
- **Implementation:** `update_plot` applies the equations above for Euler updates.

3.4 RK4 Method

- * **Purpose:** Updates heat flux or diffusivity using a fourth-order Runge-Kutta method.
- * **Equations:**

$$k_1 = f(T_o, T_a),$$

$$k_2 = f\left(T_o + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_1}{C_h}, T_a + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_1}{C_h}\right) \quad (\text{Bulk}),$$

$$k_2 = f(T_o, T_a) \quad (\text{KPP}),$$

$$k_3 = f\left(T_o + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_2}{C_h}, T_a + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_2}{C_h}\right) \quad (\text{Bulk}),$$

$$k_3 = f(T_o, T_a) \quad (\text{KPP}),$$

$$k_4 = f\left(T_o + \Delta t \frac{k_3}{C_h}, T_a + \Delta t \frac{k_3}{C_h}\right) \quad (\text{Bulk}),$$

$$k_4 = f(T_o, T_a) \quad (\text{KPP}),$$

$$Q(t + \Delta t) = Q(t) + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4),$$

where f is the flux derivative function (Q_b for Bulk, Q_{KPP} for KPP), and C_h is omitted for KPP as temperatures are not updated directly.

- * **Implementation:** `update_plot` computes intermediate steps using `compute_flux_derivative` and updates Q with the RK4 formula.

4 Algorithms

4.1 Initialization Algorithm

- **Input:** Model instance (`model`).
- **Steps:**
 1. Log initialization.
 2. Store `model` as an instance variable.
 3. Set window title to "High-Order Time Stepping Analysis" and size to 900×600 .
 4. Create a control panel with inputs for time step (1800 s), drag coefficient (`model.coupling.drag_coeff`), sensible heat coefficient ($10.0 \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}$), boundary layer depth (50.0 m), KPP mixing coefficient ($0.01 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$), and selectors for Bulk/KPP schemes and Euler/RK4 methods.
 5. Create start and stop buttons, with stop initially disabled.
 6. Initialize a matplotlib figure with two subplots: heatmap and time series.
 7. Set up simulation grid ($n_y \times n_x$) from model's ocean temperatures and initialize arrays for Euler and RK4 heat fluxes/diffusivities.
 8. Set default $\Delta t = 1800 \text{ s}$.
 9. Initialize empty lists for time steps and Euler/RK4 values.
 10. Set up a timer for 100 ms updates and call `update_plot(0)`.
 11. Log completion or errors, displaying critical errors via `QMessageBox`.

4.2 Start Simulation Algorithm (`start_simulation`)

- **Input:** None (uses input fields).
- **Steps:**

1. Log start of simulation.
2. Read and validate inputs: time step (> 0), drag coefficient (> 0), sensible heat coefficient (≥ 0), boundary layer depth (> 0), KPP mixing coefficient (> 0).
3. Update `model.coupling.drag_coeff` and set `dt`.
4. Reset `current_step`, `time_steps`, `euler_values`, `rk4_values`, and heat flux/diffusivity arrays.
5. Start timer (100 ms interval).
6. Disable start button and enable stop button.
7. Log completion or errors, displaying warnings or critical errors via `QMessageBox`.

4.3 Stop Simulation Algorithm (`stop_simulation`)

- **Input:** None.
- **Steps:**
 1. Log stop of simulation.
 2. Stop timer and animation (`anim.event_source.stop()`).
 3. Set `anim` to `None`.
 4. Enable start button and disable stop button.
 5. Log completion or errors, displaying critical errors via `QMessageBox`.

4.4 Plot Update Algorithm (`update_plot`)

- **Input:** Frame number (unused directly, tracks via `current_step`).
- **Steps:**
 1. Log start of update at `current_step`.
 2. If `current_step \geq total_time/ Δt` or model is invalid, call `stop_simulation`.
 3. Validate and read inputs: time step, sensible heat coefficient, boundary layer depth, KPP mixing coefficient, scheme, and method.
 4. For Euler method:

5. Bulk: Compute $Q_b = \rho_{\text{air}} C_p^{\text{air}} C_h U (T_o - T_a)$.
6. KPP: Compute $K(z) = k_m (1 - z/h)^2$, clipped to $[0, k_m]$, and $Q_{\text{KPP}} = -K \frac{\partial T_o}{\partial y}$.
7. For RK4 method:
8. Compute $k_1 = f(T_o, T_a)$.
9. Compute $k_2 = f(T_o + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_1}{C_h}, T_a + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_1}{C_h})$ (Bulk) or $f(T_o, T_a)$ (KPP).
10. Compute $k_3 = f(T_o + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_2}{C_h}, T_a + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{k_2}{C_h})$ (Bulk) or $f(T_o, T_a)$ (KPP).
11. Compute $k_4 = f(T_o + \Delta t \frac{k_3}{C_h}, T_a + \Delta t \frac{k_3}{C_h})$ (Bulk) or $f(T_o, T_a)$ (KPP).
12. Update: $Q = Q + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$.
13. Store mean values of heat flux (Bulk) or diffusivity (KPP) for Euler and RK4.
14. Update plots:
15. Left: Heatmap of Q_b or $K(z)$ with annotations every $n_y/5 \times n_x/5$ points, using coolwarm (Bulk) or viridis (KPP).
16. Right: Time series of mean Euler and RK4 values.
17. Increment `current_step`.
18. Log completion or errors, displaying warnings or critical errors via `QMessageBox`.