



Figure 1: Illustration of the species coupling in case of a coinciding interface. In the figure, the dashed interface lies on top of the edge between two cells. It is assumed that K_j in Equation ?? is the cell with the lower index and owns the coinciding interface. The affected edge $\partial K_i \cap \partial K_j$ belongs to the species A and takes care of the coupling between cells $K_{i,A}$ and $K_{j,A}$. The species are then coupled inside K_j via the interface, from the empty cell $K_{j,A} = \emptyset$ to the full cell $K_{j,B} = K_j$. Finally, by performing the agglomeration, the discrete system is algebraically modified. This modification eliminates the (edge) contributions on $\partial K_{j,A}$ of the empty cell and combines the cell and species coupling, establishing the connection between $K_{i,A}$ and $K_{j,B}$. The lower part of the figure shows an exploded view of the situation to clarify the connectivity.