

RK3 time-stepping implementation in



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Computational efficiency is crucial for ocean models !

RESOLUTION TENDS TO INCREASE
MORE CONCERNED ABOUT CARBON FOOTPRINT

HOW TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY ?

By improving stability

stability constraint (CFL) constraints the time step length
the longer the time step the better the efficiency

Time-scheme for advection	n_{rhs}	Stability constraints			
		α_{c2}^*	α_{up3}^*	α_{Co4}^*	$\beta = \frac{\alpha_{up3}^*}{\alpha_{c2}^*}$
LFRA ($\nu = 0.1$)	1	0.904	0.472	0.522	0.522
LFIM3	2	1.587	0.871	0.916	0.548
AB2 ($\varepsilon = 0.1$)	1	0.503	0.554	0.29	1.108
AR3	1	0.724	0.397	0.418	0.548
RK3	3	1.73	1.626	1	0.93

CFL condition for several space and time scheme combination

from Stability constraints for oceanic numerical models F. Lemarié et. al OM 2015

Implementing RK3 in NEMO : a long process

2019

**NEMO time-stepping
modularity**

D. Storkey & A. Coward
G. Madec

2020

**Study of barotropic
mode splitting
stability**

N. Ducouso, F.
Lemarié

2021

**RK3 implementation
with single 1st
splitting**

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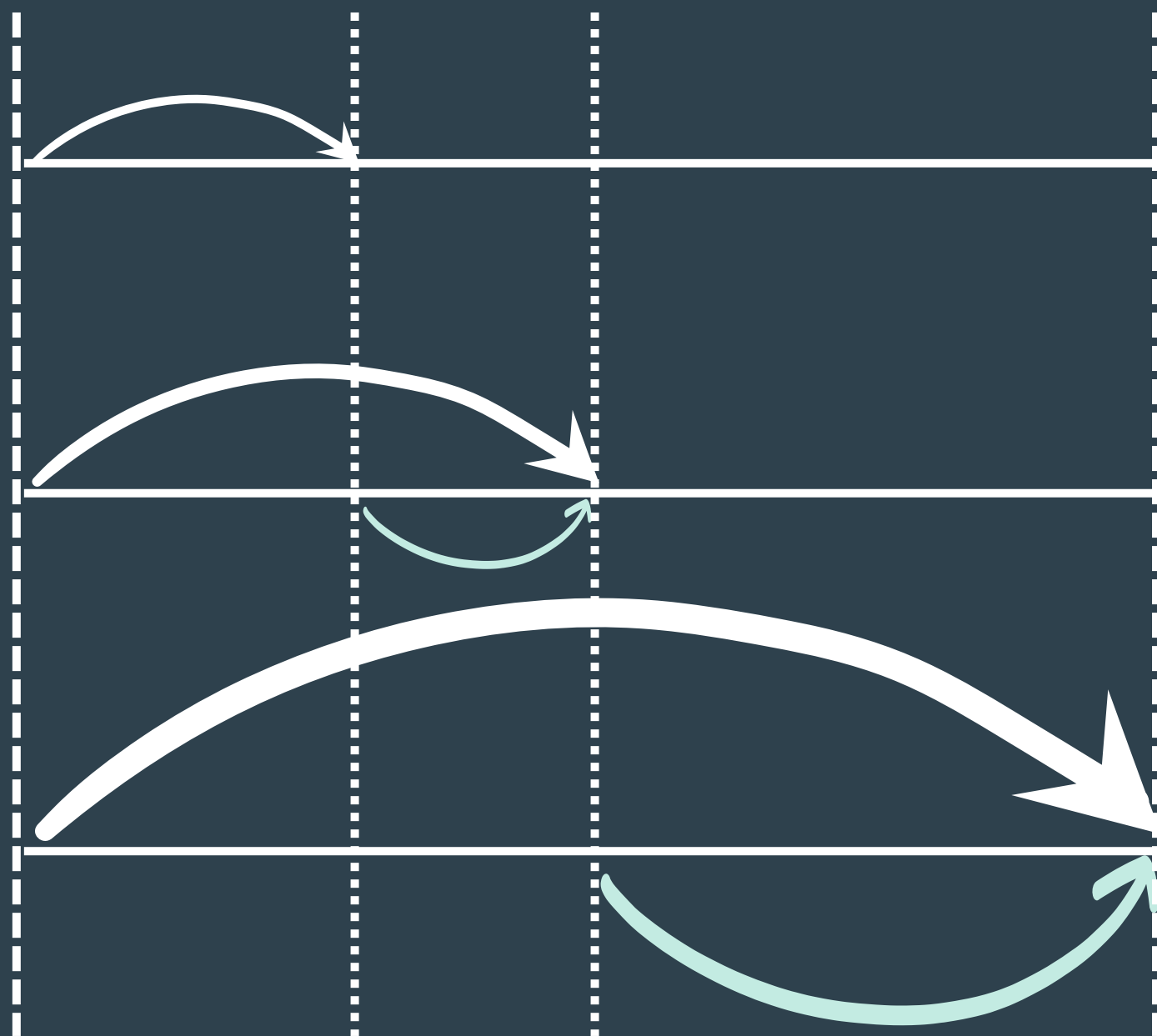
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**RK3 in NEMO trunk
with most of NEMO
options**

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What is NEMO's RK3 ?

n $n+1/3$ $n+1/2$ $n+1$



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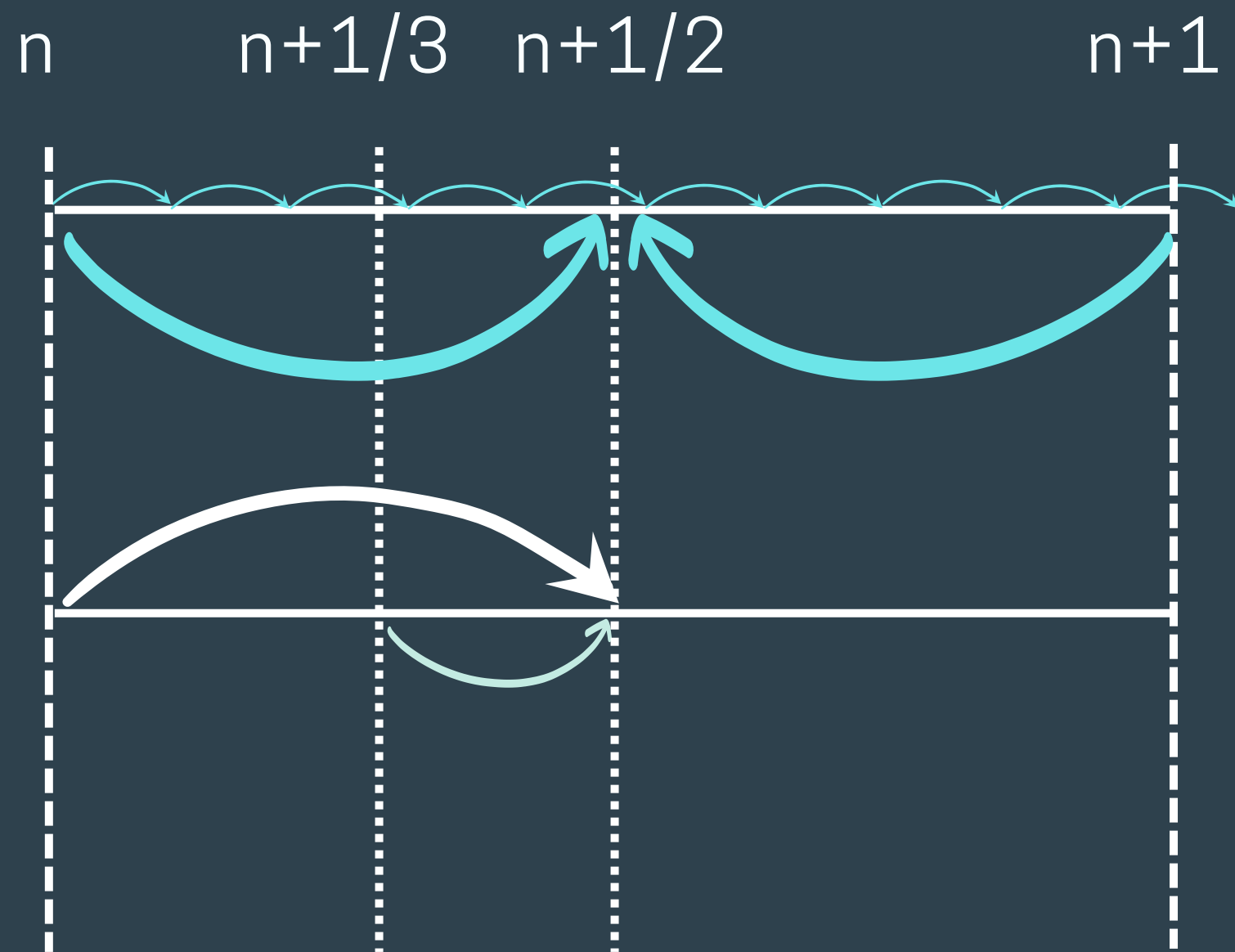
ADVECTIVE PROCESSES
ONLY

2

3

FULL EQUATION WITH
FORCINGS

Coupling with barotropic splitting mode



2D

BAROTROPIC EQUATIONS

integrated with 2D Demange solver

2

BAROCLINIC ADVECTIVE PROCESS

fed with **linearly interpolated**
barotropic variables

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

30%

RK3 SPEED UP

eORCA025 (A. Coward)	MLF	RK3
time step (min)	24 min	36 min
time step duration	0.71	0.78
simulation duration	4h20 min	3h10 min
simulation year/day	5.43	7.69

RK3 in NEMO

IMPLEMENTATION AND
VERIFICATION IN NEMO



Not much left
BUT DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

Analysis

PERFORMANCE AND
SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION

