

Hybrid High-Order methods for poroelasticity

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Features of HHO methods

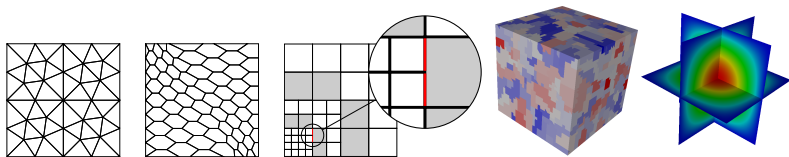


Figure: Examples of supported meshes $\mathcal{M}_h = (\mathcal{T}_h, \mathcal{F}_h)$ in 2d and 3d

- Capability of handling **general polyhedral meshes**
- Construction valid for **arbitrary space dimensions**
- Arbitrary **approximation order** (including $k = 0$)
- **Physical fidelity** leading to robustness in singular limits
- **Local conservation** of physically relevant quantities
- Natural extension to **nonlinear problems**
- Reduced **computational cost** after static condensation

1 Elasticity

2 Poroelasticity

- Linear elasticity, $k \geq 1$ [DP and Ern, 2015]
- Nonlinear elasticity [Botti, DP, Sochala, 2017]
- Linear elasticity, $k = 0$ [Botti, DP, Guglielmana, 2019]

New book!

D. A. Di Pietro and J. Droniou

The Hybrid High-Order Method for Polytopal Meshes

Design, Analysis, and Applications

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Model problem I

- Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d \in \{2, 3\}$, denote a bounded, connected polyhedral domain
- For $f \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$, we consider the **elasticity problem**

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\sigma(\cdot, \nabla_s u)) &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= \mathbf{0} && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

with $\sigma : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}$ possibly nonlinear **strain-stress law**

- In weak form: Find $u \in U := H_0^1(\Omega)^d$ s.t.

$$a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\cdot, \nabla_s u) : \nabla_s v = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot v \quad \forall v \in U$$

- From here on, the dependence of σ on x will not be made explicit

Model problem II

Example (Linear elasticity)

Given a uniformly elliptic fourth-order tensor-valued function $\mathbf{C} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d \times d \times d}$, for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ and all $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\tau}.$$

For uniform isotropic materials, the expression simplifies to

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = 2\mu\boldsymbol{\tau} + \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})\mathbf{I}_d \quad \text{with} \quad 2\mu - d\lambda^- \geq \alpha > 0.$$

Example (Hencky–Mises model)

Given $\lambda : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\mu : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ and all $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = 2\mu(\operatorname{dev}(\boldsymbol{\tau}))\boldsymbol{\tau} + \lambda(\operatorname{dev}(\boldsymbol{\tau})) \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})\mathbf{I}_d,$$

where $\operatorname{dev}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) := \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^2) - d^{-1} \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})^2$.

Model problem III

Example (Isotropic damage model)

Given the damage function $D : \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and \mathbf{C} as above, for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ and all $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) = (1 - D(\boldsymbol{\tau})) \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\tau}.$$

Example (Second-order model)

Given Lamé parameters $\mu, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and second-order moduli $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}$, for all $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = 2\mu\boldsymbol{\tau} + \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})\mathbf{I}_d + A\boldsymbol{\tau}^2 + B \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^2)\mathbf{I}_d + 2B \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})\boldsymbol{\tau} + C \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})^2\mathbf{I}_d.$$

Projectors on local polynomial spaces

- Let $l \geq 0$, $X \in \mathcal{T}_h \cup \mathcal{F}_h$. The L^2 -projector $\pi_X^{0,l} : L^2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^l(X)$ is s.t.

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$$\pi_T^{\varepsilon,l} \mathbf{v} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{P}^l(T)^d, \int_T (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}, \int_T \nabla_{\text{ss}}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}} \|\nabla_{\text{s}}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(T; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})}^2$$

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- $\pi_T^{\varepsilon,1}$ coincides with the **elliptic projector** of [DP and Droniou, 2017b]
- Optimal approximation on star-shaped elements [Botti et al., 2018]

Computing displacement projections from L^2 -projections

- For all $\mathbf{v} \in H^1(T; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and all $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in C^\infty(\bar{T}; \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d})$, it holds

$$\int_T \nabla_s \mathbf{v} : \boldsymbol{\tau} = - \int_T \mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}_{TF}$$

- Specialising to $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \nabla_s \mathbf{w}$ with $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)^d$, $k \geq 0$, gives

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- The same holds for $\boldsymbol{\pi}_T^{0, k} (\nabla_s \mathbf{v})$ (specialise to $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d})$)

Discrete unknowns

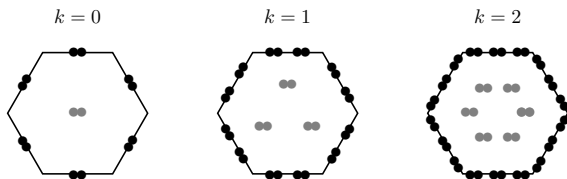


Figure: \underline{U}_T^k for $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

- Let a polynomial degree $k \geq 0$ be fixed
- For all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we define the **local space of discrete unknowns**

$$\underline{U}_T^k := \left\{ \underline{v}_T = (\mathbf{v}_T, (\mathbf{v}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}) : \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{v}_T \in \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}^d) \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_F \in \mathbb{P}^k(F; \mathbb{R}^d) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_T \right\}$$

- The **local interpolator** $\underline{I}_T^k : H^1(T; \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \underline{U}_T^k$ is s.t.

$$\underline{I}_T^k \mathbf{v} := (\pi_T^{0,k} \mathbf{v}, (\pi_F^{0,k} \mathbf{v})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H^1(T)^d$$

Local displacement and strain reconstructions I

- We introduce the **displacement reconstruction operator**

$$\mathbf{p}_T^{k+1} : \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T; \mathbb{R}^d)$$

s.t., for all $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k$ and all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T; \mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$\int_T \nabla_s \mathbf{p}_T^{k+1} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T : \nabla_s \mathbf{w} = - \int_T \mathbf{v}_T \cdot (\nabla \cdot \nabla_s \mathbf{w}) + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \mathbf{v}_F \cdot \nabla_s \mathbf{w} \mathbf{n}_{TF}$$

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- By construction, the following **commutation property** holds:

$$\mathbf{p}_T^{k+1}(\underline{\mathbf{I}}_T^k \mathbf{v}) = \boldsymbol{\pi}_T^{\varepsilon, k+1} \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H^1(T; \mathbb{R}^d)$$

Local displacement and strain reconstructions II

- For nonlinear problems, $\nabla_s \mathbf{p}_T^{k+1}$ is **not sufficiently rich**
- We therefore also define the **strain reconstruction operator**

$$\mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k : \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d})$$

such that, for all $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d})$,

$$\int_T \mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T : \boldsymbol{\tau} = - \int_T \mathbf{v}_T \cdot (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \mathbf{v}_F \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}_{TF}$$

- By construction, it holds

$$\boxed{\mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k(\underline{\mathbf{I}}_T^k \mathbf{v}) = \boldsymbol{\pi}_T^{0,k}(\nabla_s \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H^1(T; \mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$$a|_T(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \approx a_T(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T) := \int_T \sigma(\mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}_T) : \mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T + s_T(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T)$$

Assumption (Stabilization bilinear form)

The bilinear form $s_T : \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k \times \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the following properties:

- **Symmetry and positivity.** s_T is symmetric and positive semidefinite.
- **Stability.** It holds, with hidden constant independent of h and T and $\|\cdot\|_{\varepsilon,h}$ natural DOF strain seminorm: For all $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k$,

$$\|\mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{L^2(T; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})}^2 + s_T(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T) \simeq \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\varepsilon,T}^2.$$

- **Polynomial consistency.** For all $w \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$ and all $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k$,

$$s_T(\underline{\mathbf{I}}_T^k w, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T) = 0.$$

Local contribution II

Remark (The case $k = 0$)

Stability and **polynomial consistency** are incompatible for $k = 0$.

Remark (Dependency)

s_T satisfies **polynomial consistency** if and only if it depends on its arguments via the **difference operators** s.t., for all $\underline{v}_T \in \underline{U}_T^k$,

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{T\underline{v}_T}^k &:= \pi_T^{0,k}(\mathbf{P}_T^{k+1}\underline{v}_T - \underline{v}_T), \\ \delta_{TF\underline{v}_T}^k &:= \pi_F^{0,k}(\mathbf{P}_T^{k+1}\underline{v}_T - \underline{v}_F) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_T.\end{aligned}$$

Example (Classical HHO stabilisation)

$$s_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \frac{\gamma}{h_F} \int_F \left(\delta_{TF}^k \underline{u}_T - \delta_T^k \underline{u}_T \right) \cdot \left(\delta_{TF}^k \underline{v}_T - \delta_T^k \underline{v}_T \right).$$

Discrete problem

- Define the **global space** with single-valued interface unknowns

$$\underline{U}_h^k := \left\{ \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h = ((\mathbf{v}_T)_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\mathbf{v}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}) : \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{v}_T \in \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}^d) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_F \in \mathbb{P}^k(F; \mathbb{R}^d) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h \right\}$$

and its subspace with **strongly enforced boundary conditions**

$$\underline{U}_{h,0}^k := \{ \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_h^k : \mathbf{v}_F = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \}$$

- The discrete problem reads: Find $\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$ s.t.

$$\mathbf{a}_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbf{a}_T(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$$

Global discrete Korn inequalities

Lemma (Global Korn inequality on broken polynomial spaces)

Let an integer $l \geq 1$ be fixed and, given $\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbb{P}^l(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)$, set

$$\|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{\text{dG},h}^2 := \|\nabla_{s,h} \mathbf{v}_h\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})}^2 + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \frac{1}{h_F} \|[[\mathbf{v}_h]]_F\|_{L^2(F; \mathbb{R}^d)}^2.$$

Then it holds, with hidden constant depending only on Ω , d , l , and ϱ ,

$$\|\nabla_h \mathbf{v}_h\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})} \lesssim \|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{\text{dG},h}.$$

Corollary (Global Korn inequality on HHO spaces)

Assume $k \geq 1$. Then it holds, for all $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k$, letting $\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)$ be s.t. $(\mathbf{v}_h)|_T := \mathbf{v}_T$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ and with hidden constant as above,

$$\|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\nabla_h \mathbf{v}_h\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})} \lesssim \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h\|_{\varepsilon,h}.$$

Existence and uniqueness I

Assumption (Strain-stress law/1)

The strain-stress law is a Carathéodory function s.t. $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\cdot, \mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ and there exist $0 < \underline{\sigma} \leq \bar{\sigma}$ s.t., for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ and all $\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}$,

$$\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau})\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}} \leq \bar{\sigma} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}}, \quad (\text{growth})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) : \boldsymbol{\tau} \geq \underline{\sigma} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}}^2, \quad (\text{coercivity})$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\eta})) : (\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\eta}) \geq 0. \quad (\text{monotonicity})$$

Remark (Choice of the penalty parameter)

A natural choice is to take the penalty parameter s.t.

$$\gamma \in [\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}].$$

Theorem (Discrete existence and uniqueness)

Let $(\mathcal{M}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ denote a regular mesh sequence with star-shaped elements and assume $k \geq 1$. Then, for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, there exist a solution $\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k$ to the discrete problem, which satisfies

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h\|_{\varepsilon,h} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)},$$

with hidden constant only depending on Ω , $\underline{\sigma}$, γ , ϱ , and k .

Moreover, if σ is **strictly monotone**, then the solution is unique.

Convergence and error estimate

Theorem (Convergence)

Let $(\mathcal{M}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ denote a regular mesh sequence with star-shaped elements and assume $k \geq 1$. Then, for all $q \in [1, +\infty)$ if $d = 2$ and $q \in [1, 6)$ if $d = 3$, as $h \rightarrow 0$ it holds, up to a subsequence, that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_h &\rightarrow \mathbf{u} && \text{strongly in } L^q(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d), \\ \mathbf{G}_{s,h}^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h &\rightharpoonup \nabla_s \mathbf{u} && \text{weakly in } L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}). \end{aligned}$$

If, additionally, σ is *strictly monotone*,

$$\mathbf{G}_{s,h}^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h \rightarrow \nabla_s \mathbf{u} \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$$

and, the continuous solution being unique, the whole sequence converges.

Error estimate

Assumption (Strain-stress law/2)

There exists $\sigma_*, \sigma^* \in (0, +\infty)$ s.t., for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ and all $\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}$,

$$\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\eta})\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}} \leq \sigma^* \|\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\eta}\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}}, \quad (\text{Lipschitz continuity})$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\eta})) : (\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\eta}) \geq \sigma_* \|\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\eta}\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}}^2. \quad (\text{strong monotonicity})$$

Theorem (Error estimate)

Let $(\mathcal{M}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ denote a regular mesh sequence with star-shaped elements and $k \geq 1$. Then, if $\mathbf{u} \in H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\cdot, \nabla_s \mathbf{u}) \in H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{G}_{s,h}^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \nabla_s \mathbf{u}\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})} + |\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h|_{s,h} \\ \lesssim h^{k+1} \left(|\mathbf{u}|_{H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)} + |\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\cdot, \nabla_s \mathbf{u})|_{H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})} \right), \end{aligned}$$

with hidden constant only depending on Ω , k , $\bar{\sigma}$, $\underline{\sigma}$, σ^* , σ_* , γ , the mesh regularity and an upper bound of $\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)}$.

The lowest-order case I

- **For $k = 0$, stability cannot be enforced through local terms**
- We therefore consider $a_h^{\text{lo}} : \underline{U}_h^0 \times \underline{U}_h^0$ s.t.

$$a_h^{\text{lo}}(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} a_T(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T) + j_h(\mathbf{p}_h^1 \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \mathbf{p}_h^1 \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h),$$

with **jump penalisation** bilinear form

$$j_h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} h_F^{-1}([\mathbf{u}]_F, [\mathbf{v}]_F)_F$$

The lowest-order case II

- Consider, e.g., isotropic homogeneous linear elasticity, that is

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = 2\mu\boldsymbol{\tau} + \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})\mathbf{I}_d \quad \text{with} \quad 2\mu - d\lambda^- \geq \alpha > 0$$

- **Coercivity** is ensured by Korn's inequality in broken spaces:

$$\alpha \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},h}^2 \lesssim a_h^{\text{lo}}(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^0,$$

where

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},h} := \left(\|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{\text{dG},h}^2 + |\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h|_{s,h}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad |\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h|_{s,h} := \left(\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} s_T(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Error estimates I

Theorem (Energy error estimate, $k = 0$)

Let $(\mathcal{M}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ denote a regular mesh sequence. Then, if $\mathbf{u} \in H^2(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_h \mathbf{P}_h^1 \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})} + |\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h|_{s,h} \\ \lesssim h \alpha^{-1} \left(|\mathbf{u}|_{H^2(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)} + |\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla_s \mathbf{u})|_{H^1(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})} \right), \end{aligned}$$

with hidden constant independent of h , \mathbf{u} , of the Lamé parameters and of \mathbf{f} . This estimate can be proved to be *uniform in λ* .

Remark (Star-shaped assumption)

We do not need the star-shaped assumption for $k = 0$, since the **strain projector** coincides with the **elliptic projector**, whose approximation properties do not require local Korn inequalities.

Theorem (L^2 -error estimate)

Under the assumptions of the above theorem, and further assuming $\lambda \geq 0$, elliptic regularity, and $\mathbf{f} \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)$, it holds that

$$\|\mathbf{P}_h^1 \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \mathbf{u}\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)} \lesssim h^2 \|\mathbf{f}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)},$$

with hidden constant independent of both h and λ .

1 Elasticity

2 Poroelasticity

- Linear poroelasticity [Boffi, Botti, DP, 2016]
- Nonlinear poroelasticity [Botti, DP, Sochala, 2019]
- Random coefficients [Botti, DP, Le Maître, Sochala, 2019]
- Abstract analysis [Botti, Botti, DP, 2019a] (in preparation)
- Multi-network [Botti, Botti, DP, 2019b] (in preparation)

The poroelasticity problem I

- **Momentum balance:** For any control volume $V \subset \Omega$, enforce

$$\int_V \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} = \int_{\partial V} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \mathbf{n} + \int_V \mathbf{f},$$

with $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} := \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla_s \mathbf{u}) - p \mathbf{I}_d$. Under the quasi-static assumption,

$$\boxed{-\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla_s \mathbf{u}) + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_F)}$$

- **Mass conservation:** For any control volume $V \subset \Omega$, enforce

$$\int_V \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \int_{\partial V} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \int_V g,$$

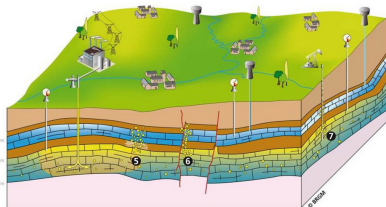
with porosity $\phi = C_0 p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$ and flux $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = -\kappa \nabla p$. Substituting,

$$\boxed{\partial_t(C_0 p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla p) = g \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_F)}$$

- IC, BC, and, if $C_0 = 0$, compatibility conditions not detailed

The poroelasticity problem II

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla_s \mathbf{u}) + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_F) \\ \partial_t (C_0 p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\kappa} \nabla p) &= g && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, t_F) \end{aligned}$$



- Presence of different layers and, possibly, fractures
- Strongly heterogeneous and anisotropic permeability tensor $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$
- General stress-strain relations $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ (nonlinear, $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty, \dots$)
- Singular limit $C_0 = 0$ (incompressible grains)

Weak formulation

- Let $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(0, t_F; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d))$, $g \in L^2(0, t_F; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}))$, $\phi^0 \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$,

$$P := H^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}) \text{ if } C_0 > 0, \quad P := \left\{ q \in H^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}) : \int_{\Omega} q = 0 \right\} \text{ if } C_0 = 0$$

- Define the bilinear forms $b : \mathbf{U} \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $c : P \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$b(\mathbf{v}, q) := - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} q, \quad c(r, q) := \int_{\Omega} \kappa \nabla r \cdot \nabla q$$

- We seek $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in L^2(0, t_F; \mathbf{U} \times P)$ s.t., $\forall (\mathbf{v}, q, \varphi) \in \mathbf{U} \times P \times C_c^\infty((0, t_F))$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{t_F} a(\mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{v}) \varphi(t) dt + \int_0^{t_F} b(\mathbf{v}, p(t)) \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{t_F} \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{f}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}) \varphi(t) dt, \\ \int_0^{t_F} \int_{\Omega} \phi(t) d_t \varphi(t) dt + \int_0^{t_F} c(p, q) \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{t_F} \int_{\Omega} g(t) q \varphi(t) dt, \\ \int_{\Omega} (C_0 p(0) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(0)) q &= \int_{\Omega} \phi^0 q \end{aligned}$$

Features of the HHO method

- High-order method on general polyhedral meshes
- Inf-sup-stable hydro-mechanical coupling
- Robustness with respect to heterogeneous-anisotropic permeability
- Seamless treatment of incompressible grains ($C_0 = 0$)
- Locally equilibrated tractions and fluxes
- Numerically robust with respect to spurious pressure oscillations

Discrete divergence and hydro-mechanical coupling I

- Mimicking the IBP formula: $\forall (\mathbf{v}, q) \in H^1(T; \mathbb{R}^d) \times C^\infty(\bar{T}; \mathbb{R})$,

$$\int_T (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) q = - \int_T \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla q + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}) q,$$

we introduce **divergence reconstruction** $D_T^k : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^\ell(T)$ s.t.

$$\int_T D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T q = - \int_T \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \cdot \nabla q + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F (\underline{\mathbf{v}}_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}) q \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{P}^k(T)$$

- By construction, it holds, for all $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \in \underline{U}_T^k$,

$$D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T = \text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_{s,T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T),$$

hence, for all $\mathbf{v} \in H^1(T; \mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$D_T^k(I_T^k \mathbf{v}) = \pi_T^{0,k}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

Discrete divergence and hydro-mechanical coupling II

- The hydro-mechanical coupling is realised by the bilinear form

$$b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, q_h) := - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T q_T$$

- Inf-sup stability: There is $\beta > 0$ independent of h s.t.

$$\forall q_h \in P_h^k, \quad \beta \|q_h\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})} \leq \sup_{\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k, \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h\|_{\varepsilon, h} = 1} b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, q_h)$$

- **Result valid on general meshes and for any $k \geq 0$**

Darcy term

- For all $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$ s.t. $F \subset \partial T_1 \cap \partial T_2$ and all $q_h \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$,

$$[q_h]_F := (q_h)|_{T_1} - (q_h)|_{T_2}, \quad \{q_h\}_F := \frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}(q_h)|_{T_1} + \frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}(q_h)|_{T_2}$$

where \mathbf{n}_F points out of T_1 and, for $i \in \{1, 2\}$, $\kappa_i := \mathbf{n}_F^t \boldsymbol{\kappa}|_{T_i} \mathbf{n}_F$

- The Darcy bilinear form is s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} c_h(r_h, q_h) &:= \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \nabla_h r_h \cdot \nabla_h q_h + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \frac{\varsigma \lambda_{\boldsymbol{\kappa}, F}}{h_F} \int_F [r_h]_F [q_h]_F \\ &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i} \int_F ([q_h]_F \{\boldsymbol{\kappa} \nabla_h r_h\}_F + [r_h]_F \{\boldsymbol{\kappa} \nabla_h q_h\}_F) \cdot \mathbf{n}_F, \end{aligned}$$

where $\varsigma > 0$ is a penalty parameter assumed large enough and

$$\lambda_{\boldsymbol{\kappa}, F} := \frac{2\kappa_1 \kappa_2}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}$$

Discrete problem I

- Let $\underline{U}_{h,0}^k$ as for the elasticity problem and set

$$P_h^k := \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \text{ if } C_0 > 0, P_h^k := \left\{ q_h \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) : \int_{\Omega} q_h = 0 \right\} \text{ if } C_0 = 0$$

- Let $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $\tau := t_F/N$, and $\mathcal{T}_{\tau} := (t^n := n\tau)_{n=0,\dots,N}$
- Let V denote a vector space and, for all $\varphi_{\tau} := (\varphi^i)_{0 \leq i \leq N} \in V^{N+1}$,

$$\delta_t^n \varphi_{\tau} := \frac{\varphi^n - \varphi^{n-1}}{\tau} \in V \quad \forall 1 \leq n \leq N$$

be the **discrete backward derivative** operator

Discrete problem II

- We let $(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_{h\tau}, p_{h\tau}) \in [\underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k]^{N+1} \times [P_h^k]^{N+1}$ satisfy, for $n = 1, \dots, N$,

$$a_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h^n, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) + b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, p_h^n) = \int_{\Omega} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^n \cdot \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} C_0 \delta_t^n p_{h\tau} q_h - b_h(\delta_t^n \underline{\mathbf{u}}_{h\tau}, q_h) + c_h(p_h^n, q_h) = \int_{\Omega} \bar{g}^n q_h \quad \forall q_h \in P_h^k,$$

with

$$\bar{\mathbf{f}}^n := \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \mathbf{f}(t) dt \in L^2(\Omega)^d, \quad \bar{g}^n := \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} g(t) dt \in L^2(\Omega).$$

- The initial condition is accounted for by enforcing

$$\int_{\Omega} C_0 p_h^0 q_h - b_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h^0, q_h) = \int_{\Omega} \phi^0 q_h \quad \forall q_h \in P_h^k$$

Theorem (Error estimate)

Set, for any $0 \leq n \leq N$, $\underline{e}_h^n := \underline{u}_h^n - \underline{I}_h^k \mathbf{u}^n$ and $\epsilon_h^n := p_h^n - \pi_h^{0,k} p^n$. Assume Ω convex, $\kappa \in \mathbb{P}^0(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, as well as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &\in H^1(\mathcal{T}_\tau; \mathbf{U}) \cap L^2(0, t_F; H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)), & \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla_s \mathbf{u}) &\in L^2(0, t_F; H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})), \\ p &\in L^2(0, t_F; P \cap H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R})), & \phi &\in H^1(\mathcal{T}_\tau; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})), \end{aligned}$$

with $\phi = C_0 p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$. If $C_0 > 0$, we further assume $\pi_\Omega^{0,0} p \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_\tau; \mathbb{P}^0(\Omega))$. Then,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \tau \left(\|\underline{e}_h^n\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, h}^2 + \|\epsilon_h^n - \pi_\Omega^{0,0} \epsilon_h^n\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + C_0 \|\epsilon_h^n\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) + \|z_h^N\|_{c, h}^2 \lesssim \left(h^{2k+2} C_1 + \tau^2 C_2 \right),$$

with hidden constant independent of h , τ , C_0 , κ , and t_F , $z_h^N := \sum_{n=1}^N \tau \epsilon_h^n$, and

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &:= \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^2(0, t_F; H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d))}^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla_s \mathbf{u})\|_{L^2(0, t_F; H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}))}^2 \\ &\quad + (1 + C_0) \frac{\overline{K}}{\underline{K}} \|p\|_{L^2(0, t_F; H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}))}^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$C_2 := \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{T}_\tau; H^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R})^d)}^2 + \|\phi\|_{H^1(\mathcal{T}_\tau; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}))}^2 + C_0 \|\pi_\Omega^{0,0} p\|_{H^1(\mathcal{T}_\tau)}^2.$$

Convergence (linear case) I

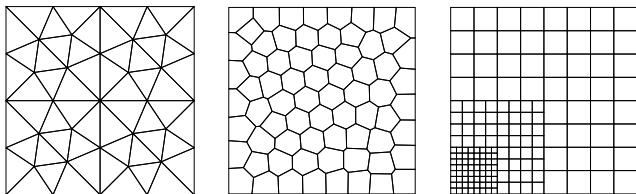


Figure: Meshes for the convergence test

In $\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \times [0, t_F = 1]$, we consider linear poroelasticity with $\mu = 1$, $\lambda = 1$, $\kappa = \mathbf{I}_d$, $C_0 = 0$, and exact solution

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sin(\pi t) \begin{pmatrix} -\cos(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) \\ \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\cos(\pi t) \sin(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2),$$

(\mathbf{f}, g) inferred from \mathbf{u}, p

Convergence (linear case) II

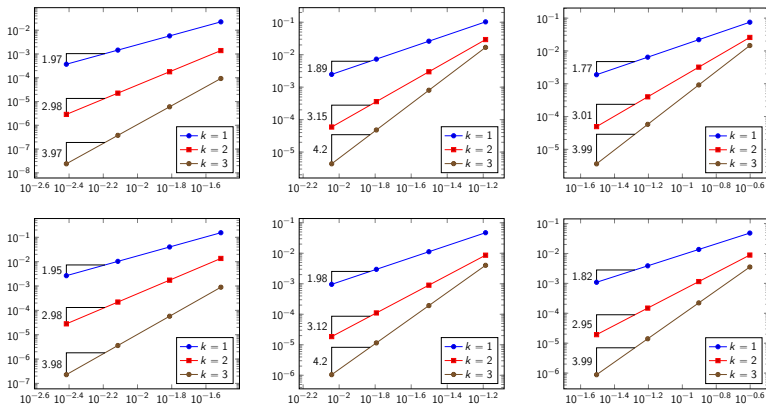


Figure: L^2 -error on the pressure (top) and H^1 -error on the displacement (bottom) vs. h for (from left to right) the triangular, Voronoi, and locally refined meshes

- $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$
- $C_0 = 0, \kappa = \mathbf{I}_d,$
- On $\partial\Omega$, we enforce

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0, \mathbf{n}^T \nabla \mathbf{u} \mathbf{n} = 0, p = 0$$

- Source term periodic in time

$$g(\mathbf{x}, t) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \sin(t)$$

Barry and Mercer II

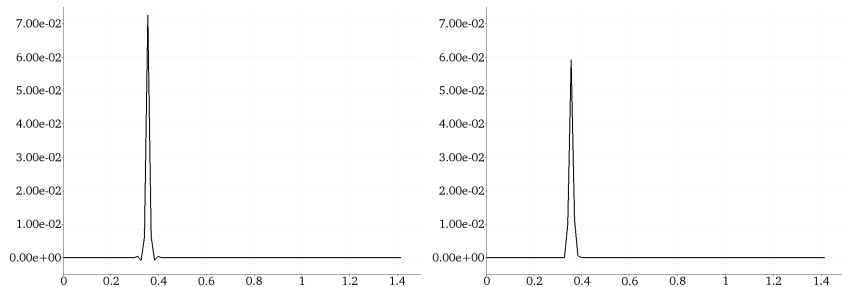


Figure: Pressure profiles along $(0, 0)-(1, 1)$ for $\kappa = 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \mathbf{I}_d$ and $\tau = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$: *(left)* Small oscillations on the Cartesian mesh, $\text{card}(\mathcal{T}_h) = 4028$; *(right)* No oscillations is present on the Voronoi mesh, $\text{card}(\mathcal{T}_h) = 4192$

Convergence (nonlinear case) I

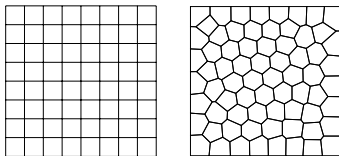


Figure: Meshes for the convergence test

In $\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \times [0, t_F = 1]$, we consider nonlinear poroelasticity with $\mu = 1$, $\lambda = 1$, $\kappa = \mathbf{I}_d$, $C_0 = 0$, strain-stress law

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = (1 + \exp(-\text{dev } \boldsymbol{\tau})) \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) \mathbf{I}_d + (4 - 2 \exp(-\text{dev } \boldsymbol{\tau})) \boldsymbol{\tau},$$

and exact solution

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = t^2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \\ \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\pi^{-1} (\sin(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) + \cos(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2)),$$

(\mathbf{f}, g) inferred from \mathbf{u}, p

Convergence (nonlinear case) II

h	$\left(\sum_{n=1}^N \tau \ \underline{e}_h^n \ _{\epsilon, h}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	OCV	$\left(\sum_{n=1}^N \tau \ \epsilon_h^n \ _{\Omega}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	OCV
Cartesian mesh family				
$6.25 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.10 \cdot 10^{-2}$	—	0.39	—
$3.12 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8.52 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.86	$9.65 \cdot 10^{-2}$	2.00
$1.56 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.94	$2.44 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.98
$7.81 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5.61 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.99	$6.18 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.99
$3.91 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.41 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.00	$1.56 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.99
Voronoi mesh family				
$6.50 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.28 \cdot 10^{-2}$	—	0.27	—
$3.15 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8.48 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.87	$6.58 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.96
$1.61 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.20 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.01	$1.63 \cdot 10^{-2}$	2.08
$9.09 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5.72 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.36	$4.24 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.36
$4.26 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.42 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.83	$1.05 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.84

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