

Bridging the Hybrid High-Order and Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin Methods

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Minimal bibliography: High-order polyhedral methods

- Discontinuous Galerkin
 - Unified analysis [Arnold, Brezzi, Cockburn and Marini, 2002]
 - General meshes [DP and Ern, 2012, Cangiani, Georgoulis et al. 2014]
 - Adaptive coarsening [Bassi et al., 2012, Antonietti et al., 2013]
- Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin
 - LDG framework [Castillo, Cockburn, Perugia, Schötzau, 2009]
 - HDG for pure diffusion [Cockburn, Gopalakrishnan, Lazarov, 2009]
- Weak Galerkin [Wang and Ye, 2013]
- Virtual elements
 - Pure diffusion [Beirão da Veiga, Brezzi, Cangiani, Manzini, Marini, Russo, 2013]
 - Nonconforming VEM [Lipnikov and Manzini, 2014]
- Hybrid High-Order (HHO)
 - Originally introduced for linear elasticity [DP and Ern, 2015]
 - Pure diffusion [DP et al., 2014]
 - Link with HDG [Cockburn, DP, Ern, M2AN, 2016]

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Model problem

- Let $\kappa : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ be a SPD tensor-valued field s.t.

$$0 < \underline{\kappa} \leq \lambda(\kappa) \leq \bar{\kappa}$$

- We assume κ **piecewise constant** on a polyhedral partition P_Ω of Ω
- We consider the **Darcy problem**

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\kappa \nabla u) &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- Weak formulation: Find $u \in U := H_0^1(\Omega)$ s.t.

$$a(u, v) := (\kappa \nabla u, \nabla v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in U$$

Definition (Mesh regularity and compliance)

We consider a sequence $(\mathcal{T}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ of polyhedral meshes s.t., for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, \mathcal{T}_h admits a simplicial submesh \mathfrak{T}_h and $(\mathfrak{T}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ is

- **shape-regular** in the usual sense of Ciarlet;
- **contact-regular**, i.e., every simplex $S \subset T$ is s.t. $h_S \approx h_T$.

Additionally, we assume, for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, \mathcal{T}_h **compliant with P_Ω** , so that

$$\kappa_T := \kappa|_T \in \mathbb{P}^0(T)^{d \times d} \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h.$$

Main consequences of mesh regularity:

- L^p -trace and inverse inequalities
- Optimal $W^{s,p}$ -approximation for the L^2 -orthogonal projector

See [DP and Ern, 2012] ($p = 2$) and [DP and Droniou, 2016a] ($p \in [1, +\infty]$)

Mesh II

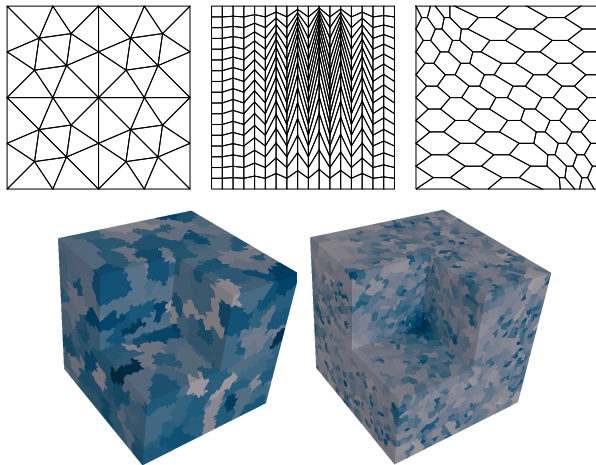


Figure: Examples of meshes in 2d and 3d: [Herbin and Hubert, 2008] and [DP and Lemaire, 2015] (above) and [DP and Specogna, 2016] (below)

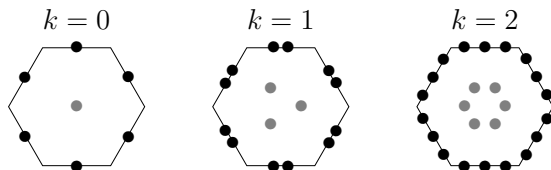


Figure: \underline{U}_T^k for $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

- For all $k \geq 0$ and all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we define the local space

$$\underline{U}_T^k := U_T^k \times U_{\partial T}^k, \quad U_T^k := \mathbb{P}^k(T), \quad U_{\partial T}^k := \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{F}_T)$$

- For a generic element of \underline{U}_T^k , we use the notation

$$\underline{v}_T = (v_T, v_{\partial T})$$

- Shaded DOFs can be eliminated by **static condensation**

Potential reconstruction I

- Let $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$. The local **potential reconstruction** operator

$$p_T^{k+1} : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$$

is s.t. $(p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - v_T, 1)_T = 0$ and, for all $w \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$,

$$(\kappa_T \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T, \nabla w)_T := -(v_T, \operatorname{div}(\kappa_T \nabla w))_T + (v_{\partial T}, \kappa_T \nabla w \cdot \mathbf{n}_T)_{\partial T}$$

- To compute p_T^{k+1} , we invert a small SPD matrix of size

$$N_{k,d} := \binom{k+1+d}{k+1} - 1$$

- Trivially parallel task, potentially suited to GPUs!**

Potential reconstruction II

Lemma (Approximation properties of $p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k$)

Define the **reduction map** $\underline{I}_T^k : H^1(T) \rightarrow \underline{U}_T^k$ such that

$$\underline{I}_T^k v = (\pi_T^k v, \pi_{\partial T}^k v).$$

We have, for all $v \in H^1(T)$ and all $w \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$,

$$(\kappa \nabla(p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k v - v), \nabla w)_T = 0.$$

Consequently, for all $v \in H^{k+2}(T)$, it holds

$$\|v - p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k v\|_T + h_T \|\nabla(v - p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k v)\|_T \leq C_\kappa h_T^{k+2} \|v\|_{k+2,T},$$

i.e., $p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k$ has **optimal approximation properties in $\mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$** .

- For the dependence of C_κ on κ_T see [DP et al., 2016]
- $W^{s,p}$ -approximation properties proved in [DP and Droniou, 2016b]

- The following local discrete bilinear form is in general **not stable**

$$a_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) = (\boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T, \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T)_T$$

- As a remedy, we add a **local stabilization term**:

$$a_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) := (\boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T, \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T)_T + s_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T)$$

- We aim at expressing coercivity w.r.t. to the local (semi-)norm

$$\|\underline{v}_T\|_{1,T}^2 := \|\nabla v_T\|_T^2 + h_T^{-1} \|v_{\partial T} - v_T\|_{\partial T}^2$$

- We also want to **preserve the approximation properties of p_T^{k+1}**

- A HDG-inspired choice for the stabilization would be

$$s_T^{\text{hdg}}(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) = (\tau_{\partial T}(u_T - u_{\partial T}), v_T - v_{\partial T})_{\partial T}, \quad \tau_{\partial T|_F} := \frac{\kappa_T \mathbf{n}_{TF} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}}{h_F}$$

- This choice is, however, suboptimal since, for all $v \in H^{k+2}(T)$,

$$\|\nabla(p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k v - v)\|_T \lesssim h^{k+1} \|v\|_{H^{k+2}(T)},$$

while we only have

$$s_T^{\text{hdg}}(\underline{I}_T^k v, \underline{I}_T^k v)^{1/2} \lesssim h^k \|v\|_{H^{k+1}(T)}$$

- **We need to penalize higher-order differences!**

Stabilization III

- Define the **high-order correction of cell DOFs** $P_T^{k+1} : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$

$$P_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T := v_T + (p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - \pi_T^k p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T)$$

- We consider the stabilization bilinear form s_T s.t.

$$s_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) := (\tau_{\partial T} \pi_{\partial T}^k (P_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T - u_{\partial T}), \pi_{\partial T}^k (P_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - v_{\partial T}))_{\partial T}$$

- With this choice we have stability: For all $\underline{v}_T \in \underline{U}_T^k$

$$\|\underline{v}_T\|_{1,T}^2 \lesssim a_T(v_T, \underline{v}_T) \lesssim \|\underline{v}_T\|_{1,T}^2$$

- Additionally, for all $v \in H^{k+2}(T)$,

$$s_T(\underline{I}_T^k v, \underline{I}_T^k v)^{1/2} \lesssim h^{k+1} \|v\|_{H^{k+2}(T)}$$

Discrete problem

- We define the global space with **single-valued interface DOFs**

$$\underline{U}_h^k := U_{\mathcal{T}_h}^k \times U_{\mathcal{F}_h}^k, \quad U_{\mathcal{T}_h}^k := \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h), \quad U_{\mathcal{F}_h}^k := \mathbb{P}^k(\partial\mathcal{T}_h),$$

- We also need the subspace with **strongly enforced BCs**

$$\underline{U}_{h,0}^k := U_{\mathcal{T}_h}^k \times U_{\mathcal{F}_h,0}^k, \quad U_{\mathcal{F}_h,0}^k := \left\{ \underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_h^k \mid v_F \equiv 0 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \right\}$$

- The discrete problem reads: Find $\underline{u}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$ such that

$$a_h(\underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} a_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) = (f, v_{\mathcal{T}_h}) \quad \forall \underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$$

where $v_{\mathcal{T}_h|T} := v_T$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$

Theorem (Energy-norm error estimate)

Assume $u \in H^{k+2}(\Omega)$ and define the *global reduction map*

$$\underline{I}_h^k u := \left((\pi_T^k u)_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\pi_F^k u)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \right) \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k.$$

Then, we have the following energy error estimate:

$$\|\underline{u}_h - \underline{I}_h^k u\|_{1,h} \lesssim h^{k+1} \|u\|_{H^{k+2}(\Omega)},$$

where $\|\underline{v}_h\|_{1,h}^2 := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|v_T\|_{1,T}^2$.

For the original LDG-H method, we have $h^{k+1/2}$

Convergence II

Theorem (L^2 -norm error estimate)

Further assuming *elliptic regularity* and $f \in H^1(\Omega)$ if $k = 0$,

$$\|u_{\mathcal{T}_h} - \pi_h^k u\| \lesssim h^{k+2} B(u, k),$$

with $B(u, 0) := \|f\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$, $B(u, k) := \|u\|_{H^{k+2}(\Omega)}$ if $k \geq 1$ and

$$u_{\mathcal{T}_h|T} = u_T \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h.$$

For the original LDG-H method, we have h^{k+1}

Corollary (L^2 -norm estimate for $p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T$)

Letting $\check{u}_h \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)$ be s.t. $\check{u}_h|_T = p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, it holds

$$\|\check{u}_h - u\| \lesssim h^{k+2} B(u, k).$$

Numerical example I

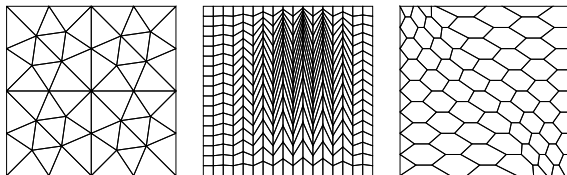


Figure: Triangular, Kershaw and hexagonal mesh families

- We consider Le Potier's exact solution on $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2)$$

- The diffusion field has **rotating principal axes**

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} (x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 + \epsilon(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2 & -(1 - \epsilon)(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) \\ -(1 - \epsilon)(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) & (x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2 + \epsilon(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

with anisotropy ratio $\epsilon = 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ and center $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) = -(0.1, 0.1)$

Numerical example II

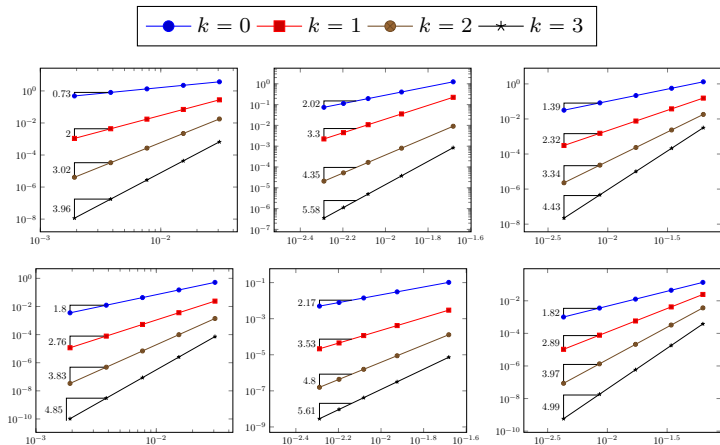


Figure: Energy- (above) and L^2 -errors (below) for the three mesh families

Teaser: Industrial application I

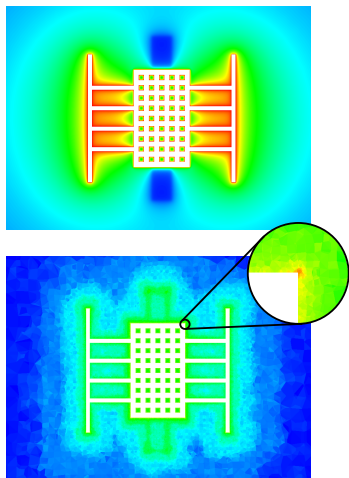
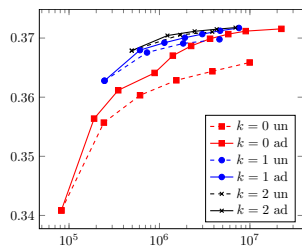


Figure: Adaptive algorithm for 3d electrostatics [DP and Specogna, 2016]

Teaser: Industrial application II

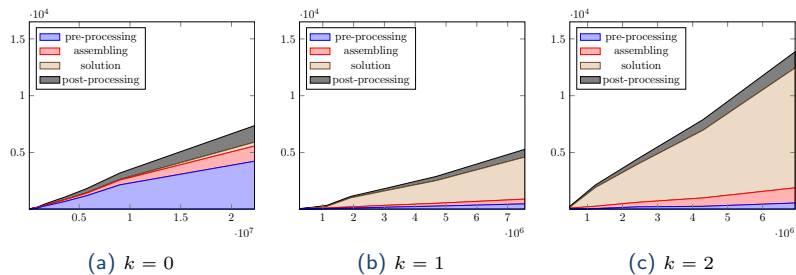


Figure: Computing wall time vs N_{dof}

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Numerical trace formulation I

- Separating element- and face-based test functions, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad a_T(\underline{u}_T, (v_T, 0)) &= (f, v_T)_T \quad \forall v_T \in U_T^k \\ a_h(\underline{u}_h, (0, v_{\mathcal{F}_h})) &= 0 \quad \forall v_{\mathcal{F}_h} \in U_{\mathcal{F}_h,0}^k\end{aligned}$$

- The first set of equations define **local equilibria**
- The second set is a **global transmission condition**

Numerical trace formulation II

- For $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, define the **boundary residual** $r_{\partial T}^k : \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{F}_T) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{F}_T)$ s.t.

$$\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{F}_T), \quad r_{\partial T}^k(\lambda) := \pi_{\partial T}^k (\lambda - p_T^{k+1}(0, \lambda) + \pi_T^k p_T^{k+1}(0, \lambda))$$

- The penalized difference rewrites: For all $\underline{v}_T \in \underline{U}_T^k$,

$$\pi_{\partial T}^k (P_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - v_{\partial T}) = r_{\partial T}^k (v_T - v_{\partial T})$$

Numerical trace formulation III

- As a result, for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ we have

$$s_T(\underline{u}_T, (0, v_{\partial T})) = -(\tau_{\partial T} r_{\partial T}^k(u_T - u_{\partial T}), r_{\partial T}^k(v_{\partial T}))_{\partial T}$$

or, introducing the **adjoint** $r_{\partial T}^{k,*}$ of $r_{\partial T}^k$,

$$s_T(\underline{u}_T, (0, v_{\mathcal{F}_h})) = (r_{\partial T}^{k,*}(\tau_{\partial T} r_{\partial T}^k(u_T - u_{\partial T})), v_{\partial T})_{\partial T}$$

- Plugging this expression into that of a_T , we finally arrive at

$$a_T(\underline{u}_T, (0, v_{\partial T})) = - \left(\underbrace{\kappa_T \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_T}_{\text{consistency}} - \underbrace{r_{\partial T}^{k,*}(\tau_{\partial T} r_{\partial T}^k(u_T - u_{\partial T}))}_{\text{penalty}}, v_{\partial T} \right)_{\partial T}$$

- **The term in red is the conservative normal flux trace**

Numerical trace formulation IV

Lemma (Numerical trace reformulation of HHO)

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

$$a_h(\underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h) = (f, v_{\mathcal{T}_h}) \quad \forall \underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$$

can be equivalently reformulated as follows: Find $\underline{u}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad a_T(\underline{u}_T, (v_T, 0)) &= (f, v_T)_T \quad \forall v_T \in U_T^k, \\ \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\hat{q}_{\mathbf{n},T}(\underline{u}_T), v_{\mathcal{F}_h})_{\partial T} &= 0 \quad \forall v_{\mathcal{F}_h} \in U_{\mathcal{F}_h,0}^k, \end{aligned}$$

with conservative normal flux trace s.t., for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

$$\hat{q}_{\mathbf{n},T}(\underline{u}_T) := \kappa_T \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_T - r_{\partial T}^{k,*} (\tau_{\partial T} r_{\partial T}^k (u_T - u_{\partial T})).$$

- Let us interpret HHO as a HDG method
- HDG methods hinge on three set of spaces:
 - $\{\mathbf{V}(T)\}_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}$, for the approximation of the **flux**
 - $\{W(T)\}_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}$, for the approximation of the **potential**
 - $\{M(F)\}_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}$, for the approximation of the **potential traces**
- The definition is completed with a recipe for the **normal flux trace**

Link with HDG methods II

- We define the following global spaces:

$$\mathbf{V}_h := \times_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbf{V}(T), \quad W_h \times M_h := \left(\times_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} W(T) \right) \times \left(\times_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} M(F) \right)$$

- We also need the subspace with strongly enforced BCs,

$$M_{h,0} := \{ \hat{w} \in M_h : \hat{w} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \}$$

- The HDG method reads: Find $(\mathbf{q}_h, u_h, \hat{u}_h) \in \mathbf{V}_h \times W_h \times M_{h,0}$ s.t.

$(\kappa_T^{-1} \mathbf{q}_h, \mathbf{v})_T - (u_h, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v})_T + (\hat{u}_h, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_T)_{\partial T} = 0$	$\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}(T)$
$-(\mathbf{q}_h, \nabla w)_T + (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{n}, T}, w)_{\partial T} = (f, w)_T$	$\forall w \in W(T)$
$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{n}, T}, \hat{w})_{\partial T} = 0$	$\forall \hat{w} \in M_{h,0}$

- HHO corresponds to **new choices for the spaces**

$$\mathbf{V}(T) = \boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \nabla \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T), \quad W(T) = \mathbb{P}^k(T), \quad M(F) = \mathbb{P}^k(F)$$

- Notice that the flux is now reconstructed in a **smaller space**

$$\dim(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \nabla \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)) \leq \dim(\mathbb{P}^k(T)^d)$$

- Another crucial novelty is the **high-order normal flux trace**

$$\hat{q}_{\mathbf{n},T} = \boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{u}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_T - r_{\partial T}^{k,*} (\tau_{\partial T} r_{\partial T}^k (u_T - u_{\partial T}))$$

- **HHO can be easily adapted into existing HDG codes!**

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Variations: The HHO(l) family I

- Variations are possible changing the degree of element-based DOFs
- Let $l \in \{k-1, k, k+1\}$ and consider the **local space**

$$\underline{U}_T^{k,l} := \mathbb{P}^l(T) \times \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{F}_T)$$

- The first potential reconstruction p_T^{k+1} **remains formally unchanged**
- The second potential reconstruction used for stabilization becomes

$$P_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T := v_T + (p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - \pi_T^l p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T)$$

Variations: The HHO(l) family II

- Convergence rates **as for the original HHO method**
- For $l = k - 1$ we recover a **High-Order Mimetic** scheme¹
- For $l = k$ we find the original HHO method
- For $l = k + 1$ we have a new **Lehrenfeld–Schöberl-type HDG method**
- $k = 0$ and $l = k - 1$ on simplices yields the **Crouzeix–Raviart element**
- **The globally-coupled unknowns coincide in all the cases!**

¹Up to equivalent stabilization

A nonconforming finite element interpretation I

- We interpret the HHO(l) methods as **nonconforming FE methods**
- The construction extends the ideas of [Ayuso de Dios et al., 2016]
- For a fixed element $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we define the **local space**

$$V_T^{k,l} := \{ \varphi \in H^1(T) \mid \nabla \varphi|_{\partial T} \cdot \mathbf{n}_T \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{F}_T) \text{ and } \Delta \varphi \in \mathbb{P}^l(T) \}$$

- We next study the relation between $V_T^{k,l}$ and $\underline{U}_T^{k,l}$

A nonconforming finite element interpretation II

- Let $\Phi_T : \underline{U}_T^{k,l} \rightarrow V_T^{k,l}$ be s.t. $\Phi_T(\underline{v}_T)$ solves the **Neumann problem**

$$\Delta \Phi_T(\underline{v}_T) = v_T - |T|_d^{-1} [(v_T, 1)_T - (v_{\partial T}, 1)_{\partial T}]$$

and

$$\nabla \Phi_T(\underline{v}_T)|_{\partial T} \cdot \mathbf{n}_T = v_{\partial T}, \quad (\Phi_T(\underline{v}_T), 1)_T = 0$$

- Both Φ_T and $\underline{I}_T^{k,l} : V_T^{k,l} \rightarrow \underline{U}_T^{k,l}$ can be proved to be **injective**
- Therefore, $\underline{I}_T^{k,l} : V_T^{k,l} \rightarrow \underline{U}_T^{k,l}$ is an **isomorphism** and we can identify

$$V_T^{k,l} \sim \underline{U}_T^{k,l},$$

which means that \underline{U}_T^k contains the DOFs for $V_T^{k,l}$ as defined by \underline{I}_T^k

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