

A Hybrid High-Order method for the incompressible Navier–Stokes problem robust for large irrotational body forces

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References

- HHO methods [DP and Ern, 2015]
- MHO for Stokes [Aghili, Boyaval, DP, 2015]
- Skew-symmetric for Navier–Stokes [DP and Krell, 2018]
- Temam's device [Botti, DP, Droniou, 2018]
- Pressure-robust in the sense of [Linke, 2014, Linke and Merdon, 2016]
 - Stokes, standard meshes [DP, Ern, Linke, Schieweck, 2016]
 - Navier–Stokes, standard meshes [Castañón Quiroz and DP, 2020]
 - Navier–Stokes, polyhedral meshes [Castañón Quiroz and DP, 2022]
- DDR/VEM for Stokes, polyhedral meshes [Beirão da Veiga, Dassi, DP, Droniou, 2022] → **see J. Droniou's talk!**

The incompressible Navier–Stokes equations

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- With this formulation, p is the so-called **Bernoulli pressure**

$$p = p_{\text{kin}} + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2$$

A key remark

- Assume $b_1 = 0$. The following **Helmholtz decomposition** is classical:

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} + \lambda \nabla \psi,$$

with

$$\mathbf{g} \in \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ and } \psi \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)} = 1$$

- We have the following crucial property: For all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{U}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\mathbf{g} + \lambda \nabla \psi, \mathbf{v}) &= \ell(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{v}) - \int_{\Omega} \lambda \psi (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \cancel{\int_{\partial \Omega} \lambda \psi (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega})} \\ &= \ell(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{v}, \lambda \psi) \end{aligned}$$

- Hence, with $(\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{g}}, p_{\mathbf{g}})$ solution corresponding to the forcing term \mathbf{g} ,

$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} + \lambda \nabla \psi \implies (\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{g}}, p_{\mathbf{g}}) \leftarrow (\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{g}}, p_{\mathbf{g}} + \lambda \psi)$$

Discrete spaces I

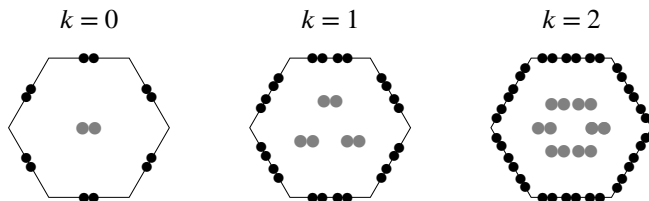


Figure: Local velocity space \underline{U}_T^k for $d = 2$ and $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

- Denote by \mathcal{T}_h a polygonal/polyhedral mesh of Ω
- For $k \geq 0$, we define the **global space of discrete velocity unknowns**

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

- The restrictions to $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ are \underline{U}_T^k and $\underline{v}_T := (\mathbf{v}_T, (\mathbf{v}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T})$

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

$$\underline{I}_h^k \mathbf{v} := ((\boldsymbol{\pi}_T^k \mathbf{v})_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\boldsymbol{\pi}_F^k \mathbf{v})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h})$$

- The **velocity space** strongly accounting for boundary conditions is

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

- The **discrete pressure space** is defined setting

$$P_h^k := \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \cap P$$

Viscous and pressure-velocity coupling terms I

- Let an element $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ be fixed
- For all $l \geq 0$, the **discrete gradient** $\mathbf{G}_T^l : \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ is s.t.

$$\int_T \mathbf{G}_T^l \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T : \boldsymbol{\tau} = - \int_T \mathbf{v}_T \cdot (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \mathbf{v}_F \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}_{TF} \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$$

- For $l = k$ we have the following **commutation property**:

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

as can be checked writing, for $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{P}^k(T; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$,

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

Viscous and pressure-velocity coupling terms II

- The **viscous term** is discretised by $a_h : \underline{U}_h^k \times \underline{U}_h^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$a_h(\underline{w}_h, \underline{v}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} a_T(\underline{w}_T, \underline{v}_T)$$

with

$$a_T(\underline{w}_T, \underline{v}_T) := \int_T \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{w}_T : \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{v}_T + s_T(\underline{w}_T, \underline{v}_T)$$

- Above, s_T is a polynomially consistent **local stabilisation**
- **Pressure-velocity** coupling is realised by $b_h : \underline{U}_h^k \times \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$b_h(\underline{v}_h, p_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T D_T^k \underline{v}_T p_T \quad \text{with} \quad D_T^k = \text{tr} \mathbf{G}_T^k$$

Convective and forcing terms I

- Assume, for the moment being, \mathcal{T}_h matching simplicial
- The **div-conforming velocity reconstruction** $\mathbf{R}_T^k : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{RTN}^k(T)$ is s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF} &= \mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF} & \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_T, \\ \int_T \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \cdot \mathbf{w} &= \int_T \mathbf{v}_T \cdot \mathbf{w} & \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{k-1}(T; \mathbb{R}^d),\end{aligned}$$

- The global counterpart $\mathbf{R}_h^k : \underline{U}_h^k \rightarrow \mathbb{RTN}^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$ is defined setting

$$(\mathbf{R}_h^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h)|_T := \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h$$

- Crucially, it holds, setting $(D_h^k)|_T := D_T^k$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

$$\mathbf{R}_h^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}; \Omega) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h = D_h^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \quad \text{for all } \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_h^k$$

Convective and forcing terms II

- The **convective term** is approximated by $t_h : [\underline{U}_h^k]^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$t_h(\underline{w}_h, \underline{v}_h, \underline{z}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} t_T(\underline{w}_T, \underline{v}_T, \underline{z}_T)$$

where, for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

$$t_T(\underline{w}_T, \underline{v}_T, \underline{z}_T) := \int_T \mathbf{G}_T^{2(k+1)} \underline{w}_T \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{v}_T \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{z}_T - \int_T \mathbf{G}_T^{2(k+1)} \underline{w}_T \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{z}_T \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{v}_T$$

- We have the following crucial **non-dissipativity property**:

$$t_h(\underline{w}_h, \underline{v}_h, \underline{v}_h) = 0 \quad \forall (\underline{w}_h, \underline{v}_h) \in \underline{U}_h^k \times \underline{U}_h^k$$

Remark (Implementation of t_h)

The implementation of t_T **does not require the actual computation of $\mathbf{G}_T^{2(k+1)}$** . Instead, using its definition, we use the equivalent formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} t_T(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{z}}_T) &= \int_T \nabla \mathbf{w}_T \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{z}}_T - \int_T \nabla \mathbf{w}_T \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{z}}_T \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \\ &\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F (\mathbf{w}_F - \mathbf{w}_T) \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{z}}_T (\mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F (\mathbf{w}_F - \mathbf{w}_T) \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T (\mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{z}}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}). \end{aligned}$$

Convective and forcing terms IV

- The **forcing term** $\ell_T : L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \times \underline{U}_h^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is s.t.

$$\ell_h(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) := \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\phi} \cdot \mathbf{R}_h^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h$$

- Recalling that $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} + \lambda \nabla \psi$, **velocity invariance** holds:

$$\ell_h(\mathbf{g} + \lambda \nabla \psi, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) = \ell_h(\mathbf{g}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) + b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, \lambda \pi_h^k \psi) \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$$

Discrete problem and main results I

Find $(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, p_h) \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k \times P_h^k$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \nu a_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) + t_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) + b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, p_h) &= \ell_h(\mathbf{f}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) & \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k, \\ -b_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, q_h) &= 0 & \forall q_h \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (λ -uniform a priori bound on the discrete velocity)

Recalling the decomposition $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} + \lambda \nabla \psi$,

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h\|_{1,h} \lesssim \nu^{-1} \|\mathbf{g}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)},$$

with $\|\cdot\|_{1,h}$ H^1 -like norm on $\underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k$.

Discrete problem and main results II

Theorem (λ -robust error estimate)

Assume, with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $C_{\Omega, \varrho} > 0$ only depending on Ω and on the mesh regularity, that the following *data smallness* condition holds:

$$\|\mathbf{g}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \alpha C_{\Omega, \varrho} \nu^2.$$

Then, under the additional regularity $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $p \in H^1(\Omega)$,

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{u}\|_{1,h} + \nu^{-1} \|p_h - \pi_h^k p\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \lesssim h^{k+1},$$

with hidden constant independent of h , ν , λ , and p , but possibly depending on Ω , ϱ , α , and bounded norms of \mathbf{u} .

Extension to general meshes

- Take now \mathcal{T}_h general polytopal mesh with convex elements
- Let $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, \mathfrak{T}_T a matching simplicial submesh of T , and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{RTN}^k(\mathfrak{T}_T) &:= \{ \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; T) : \mathbf{w}|_\tau \in \mathbb{RTN}^k(\tau) \quad \forall \tau \in \mathfrak{T}_T \}, \\ \mathbb{RTN}_0^k &:= \mathbb{RTN}^k \cap \mathbf{H}_0(\text{div}; \Omega)\end{aligned}$$

- The **div-conforming velocity reconstruction** solves:

Find $(\mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T, \psi) \in \mathbb{RTN}^k(\mathfrak{T}_T) \times \mathbb{P}^k(\mathfrak{T}_T)$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T)|_\sigma &= (\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF})|_\sigma \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathfrak{F}_F, \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_T, \\ \int_T \nabla \cdot \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \phi &= \int_T D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \phi \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathfrak{T}_T), \\ \int_T \mathbf{R}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \cdot \mathbf{w} + \int_T \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} \psi &= \int_T \mathbf{v}_T \cdot \mathbf{w} \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{RTN}_0^k(\mathfrak{T}_T)\end{aligned}$$

- Optimal λ -robust error estimates are obtained for $k \in \{0, 1\}$**

Lid-driven cavity with modified forcing term I

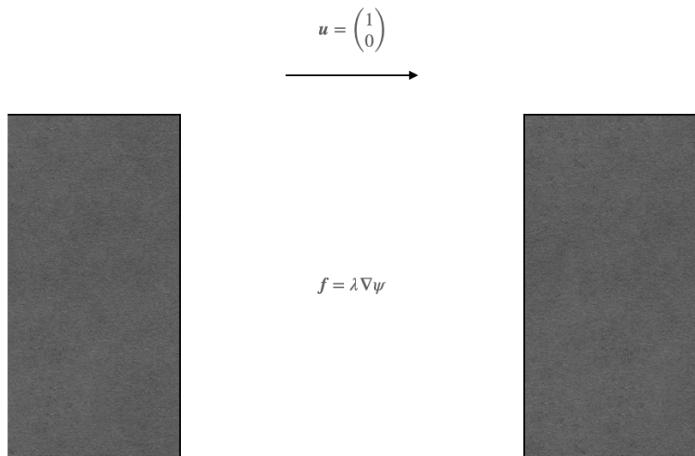


Figure: Problem description. We take $\nu = 10^{-3}$, corresponding to a Reynolds number of 1000

Lid-driven cavity with modified forcing term II

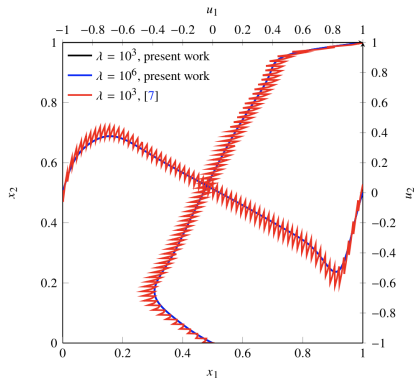
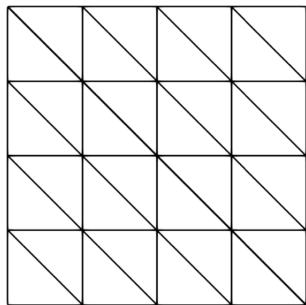
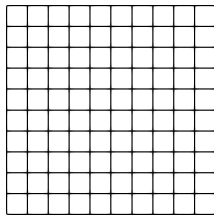
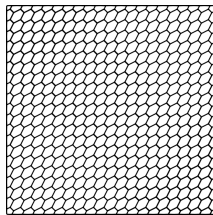


Figure: Mesh pattern for the simplicial version of the scheme and numerical results, including a comparison with the standard (non- λ -robust) HHO method of [Botti et al., 2019]

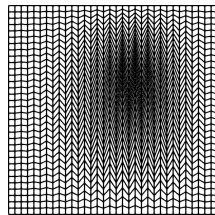
Lid-driven cavity with modified forcing term III



(a) Cartesian.



(b) Hexagonal.



(c) Kershaw.

Figure: Mesh types used for the polygonal/polyhedral version of the scheme

Lid-driven cavity with modified forcing term IV

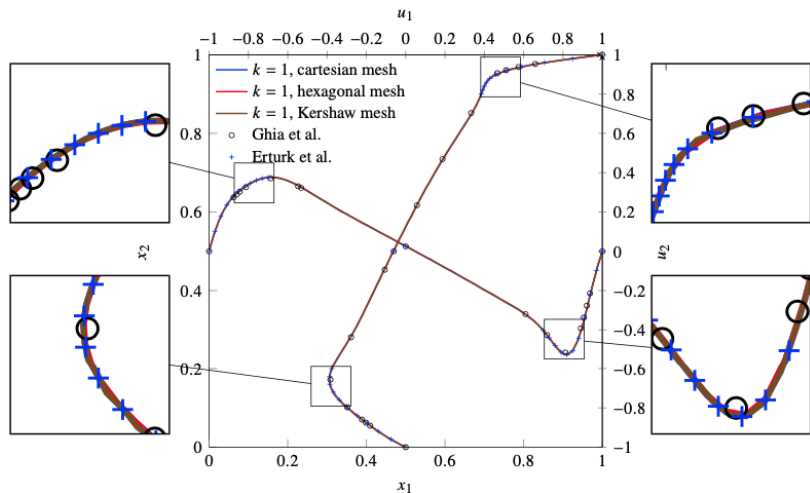


Figure: $\lambda = 0$, $Re = 1000$ and comparison with the literature

Lid-driven cavity with modified forcing term V

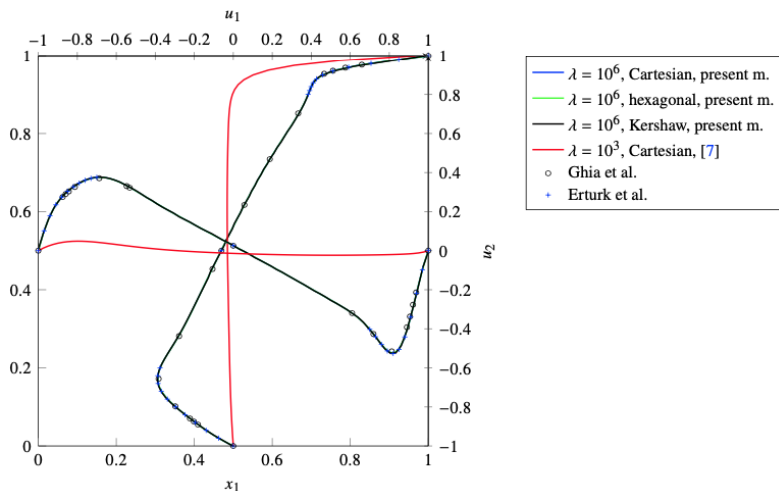


Figure: $\lambda = 10^6$, $Re = 1000$ and comparison with the literature (standard HHO method for $\lambda = 10^3$ and reference results for $\lambda = 0$)

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