

A Hybrid High-Order method for Leray–Lions equations

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Model problem I

- Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d \geq 1$, be a polytopal bounded connected domain
- Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$ and $f \in L^{p'}(\Omega)$ with $p' := \frac{p}{p-1}$
- We consider the **Leray–Lions problem**: Find $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ s.t.

$$A(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \nabla u(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} f v \quad \forall v \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

- A typical example is the **p -Laplacian**: For $p \in (1, +\infty)$,

$$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \nabla u) = |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u$$

- Applications to glaciology, turbulent porous media flow, airfoil design
- **Perfect playground for discrete functional analysis tools** 😊

Assumption (Leray–Lions operator/v1)

For a fixed index $p \in (1, +\infty)$, $f \in L^{p'}(\Omega)$ and \mathbf{a} satisfies

- **Growth.** $\mathbf{a}(\cdot, \mathbf{0}) \in L^{p'}(\Omega)$ and there is $\beta_{\mathbf{a}} > 0$ s.t.

$$|\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0})| \leq \beta_{\mathbf{a}} |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^{p-1} \text{ for a.e. } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- **Monotonicity.** For a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$, for all $(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta}) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$[\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\eta})] \cdot [\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\eta}] \geq 0.$$

- **Coercivity.** There is $\lambda_{\mathbf{a}} > 0$ s.t.

$$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi} \geq \lambda_{\mathbf{a}} |\boldsymbol{\xi}|^p \text{ for a.e. } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

A dependence on u can also be included in the analysis

Discretization of Leray–Lions type problems

- Conforming Finite Elements
 - p -Laplacian, a priori [Barrett and Liu, 1994]
 - A priori and a posteriori [Glowinski and Rappaz, 2003]
- Nonconforming FE for the p -Laplacian [Liu and Yan, 2001]
- Mixed Finite Volumes for Leray–Lions [Droniou, 2006]
- Discrete Duality FV, $d = 2$ [Andreianov, Boyer, Hubert, 2004–07]
- Mimetic FD, quasi linear [Antonietti, Bigoni, Verani, 2014]
- **Hybrid High-Order (HHO)** for Leray–Lions, $p \in (1, +\infty)$
 - Convergence by compactness [DP & Droniou, Math. Comp., 2016]
 - Error estimates [DP & Droniou, submitted, 2016]
- **Ideas and tools applicable also to other POEMS**

Features of HHO methods

- Capability of handling **general polyhedral meshes**
- Construction valid for **arbitrary space dimensions**
- Arbitrary **approximation order** (including $k = 0$)
- Applicable to a vast range of physical problem
- Reduced **computational cost** after hybridization

$$N_{\text{dof}}^{\text{hho}} \approx \frac{1}{2} k^2 \text{card}(\mathcal{F}_h) \quad N_{\text{dof}}^{\text{dg}} \approx \frac{1}{6} k^3 \text{card}(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

Definition (Mesh regularity)

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. $h_S \approx h_T$.

Main consequences [DP and Ern, 2012, DP and Droniou, 2016a]:

- L^p -trace and inverse inequalities
- Approximation for broken polynomial spaces

Mesh II

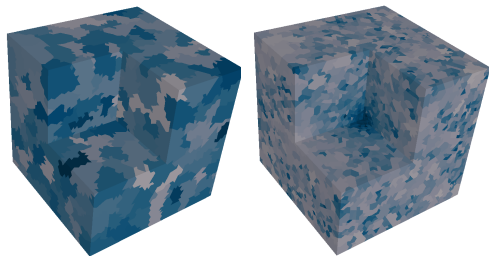
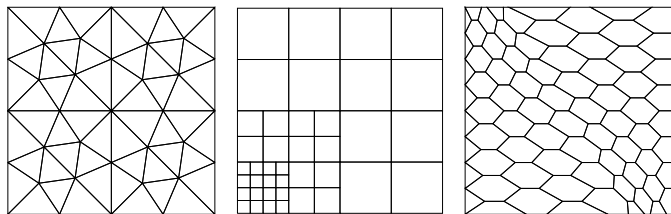


Figure: Examples of meshes in 2d and 3d: [Herbin and Hubert, 2008] and [DP and Lemaire, 2015] (above) and [DP and Specogna, 2016] (below)

Projectors on local polynomial spaces I

- The **L^2 -orthogonal projector** $\pi_T^{0,l} : L^1(T) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^l(T)$ is s.t.

$$\int_T (\pi_T^{0,l} v - v) w = 0 \text{ for all } w \in \mathbb{P}^l(T)$$

- The **elliptic projector** $\pi_T^{1,l} : W^{1,1}(T) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^l(T)$ is s.t.

$$\int_T \nabla(\pi_T^{1,l} v - v) \cdot \nabla w = 0 \text{ for all } w \in \mathbb{P}^l(T) \text{ and } \int_T (\pi_T^{1,l} v - v) = 0$$

- The elliptic projector is at the core of other POEMS (VEM, HOM)

Projectors on local polynomial spaces II

Lemma (Optimal approximation)

For all $h \in \mathcal{T}_h$, all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, all $p \in [1, +\infty]$, all $s \in \{1, \dots, l+1\}$, all $m \in \{0, \dots, s-1\}$, and all $v \in W^{s,p}(T)$, it holds with $\star \in \{0, 1\}$

$$|v - \pi_T^{\star,l} v|_{W^{m,p}(T)} + h_T^{\frac{1}{p}} |v - \pi_T^{\star,l} v|_{W^{m,p}(\mathcal{F}_T)} \lesssim h_T^{s-m} |v|_{W^{s,p}(T)}.$$

Proof.

Apply a general result from [DP and Droniou, 2016b]: every W -bounded projector has optimal approximation properties. \square

Key ideas

- **DOFs**: polynomials of degree $k \geq 0$ at elements and faces
- **Differential operators reconstructions** tailored to the problem:

$$A|_T(u, v) \approx \int_T \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{u}_T(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{v}_T(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + \text{stab.}$$

with

- **gradient reconstruction** \mathbf{G}_T^k from local solves
- **high-order stabilisation** using face-based penalty
- General meshes in any $d \geq 1$ and arbitrary polynomial degrees

DOFs and interpolation

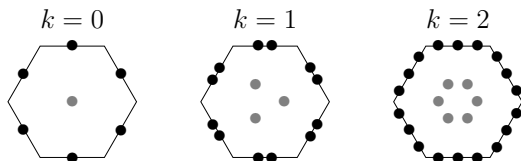


Figure: \underline{U}_T^k for $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

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

$$\underline{U}_T^k := \mathbb{P}^k(T) \times \left(\prod_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \mathbb{P}^k(F) \right)$$

- The **local interpolator** $\underline{I}_T^k : W^{1,1}(T) \rightarrow \underline{U}_T^k$ is s.t.

$$\underline{I}_T^k v = (\pi_T^{0,k} v, (\pi_F^{0,k} v)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T})$$

Operator reconstructions I

- We define the **gradient reconstruction** $\mathbf{G}_T^k : \underline{U}_T^k \mapsto \mathbb{P}^k(T)^d$ s.t.

$$(\mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{v}_T, \phi)_T = -(v_T, \operatorname{div} \phi)_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} (v_F, \phi \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF})_F \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbb{P}^k(T)^d$$

- Recalling the definition of \underline{I}_T^k , it holds for all $v \in W^{1,1}(T)$,

$$(\mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{I}_T^k v, \phi)_T = -(\cancel{\pi}_T^{0,k} v, \operatorname{div} \phi)_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} (\cancel{\pi}_F^{0,k} v, \phi \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF})_F = (\nabla v, \phi)_T,$$

i.e., by definition of $\pi_T^{0,k}$,

$$\mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{I}_T^k v = \pi_T^{0,k}(\nabla v)$$

- As a result, $(\mathbf{G}_T^k \circ \underline{I}_T^k)$ has **optimal $W^{s,p}$ -approximation properties**

Operator reconstructions II

- We define the **potential reconstruction** $p_T^{k+1} : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$ s.t.

$$(\nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{v}_T, \nabla w)_T = 0 \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$$

and $(p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - v, 1)_T = 0$

- Recalling the definition of \mathbf{G}_T^k and \underline{I}_T^k , it holds for all $v \in W^{1,1}(T)$,

$$(\nabla p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k v, \nabla w)_T = -(\cancel{\pi_T^0} v, \Delta w)_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} (\cancel{\pi_F^0} v, \nabla w \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF})_F = (\nabla v, \nabla w)_T,$$

i.e., by definition of $\pi_T^{1,k+1}$,

$$p_T^{k+1} \underline{I}_T^k v = \pi_T^{1,k+1} v$$

- As a result, $(p_T^{k+1} \circ \underline{I}_T^k)$ has **optimal $W^{s,p}$ -approximation properties**

Global problem I

- For all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we define the local function $A_T : \underline{U}_T^k \times \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$A_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) := \int_T \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{u}_T(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{v}_T(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + s_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T)$$

- The stabilisation term $s_T : \underline{U}_T^k \times \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is s.t.

$$s_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} h_F^{1-p} \int_F |\delta_{TF}^k \underline{u}_T|^{p-2} \delta_{TF}^k \underline{u}_T \delta_{TF}^k \underline{v}_T,$$

with **face-based residual operator** $\delta_{TF}^k : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^k(F)$ s.t.

$$\delta_{TF}^k \underline{v}_T := \pi_F^{0,k} \left(v_F - p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - \pi_T^{0,k} (v_T - p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T) \right)$$

- Polynomial consistency:** $\delta_{TF}^k \underline{I}_T^k v = 0$ for all $v \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)$

Global problem II

- Define the following global space with **single-valued interface DOFs**:

$$\underline{U}_h^k := \left(\prod_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbb{P}^k(T) \right) \times \left(\prod_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \mathbb{P}^k(F) \right)$$

- A global function $A_h : \underline{U}_h^k \times \underline{U}_h^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is assembled element-wise:

$$A_h(\underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} A_T(\underline{u}_T, \underline{v}_T)$$

- We seek $\underline{u}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k := \left\{ \underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_h^k \mid v_F = 0 \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \right\}$ s.t.

$$A_h(\underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \quad \forall \underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$$

with $v_h|_T = v_T$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$

Global problem III

- Define on \underline{U}_h^k the $W^{1,p}$ -like seminorm (this is a norm on $\underline{U}_{h,0}^k$)

$$\|\underline{v}_h\|_{1,p,h}^p := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \left(\|\nabla v_T\|_{L^p(T)^d}^p + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} h_F^{1-p} \|v_F - v_T\|_{L^p(F)}^p \right)$$

- We have **coercivity** for A_h : For all $\underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_h^k$,

$$\|\underline{v}_h\|_{1,p,h}^p \lesssim A_h(\underline{v}_h, \underline{v}_h)$$

- Existence for \underline{u}_h follows (cf. [Deimling, 1985]) with a priori estimate

$$\|\underline{u}_h\|_{1,p,h} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p'}(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$$

Convergence to minimal regularity solutions I

Theorem (Convergence)

Up to a subsequence as $h \rightarrow 0$, with $p^* = \frac{dp}{d-p}$ if $p < d$, $+\infty$ otherwise,

- $u_h \rightarrow u$ and $p_h^{k+1} \underline{u}_h \rightarrow u$ **strongly in $L^q(\Omega)$ for all $q < p^*$,**
- $\mathbf{G}_h^k \underline{u}_h \rightarrow \nabla u$ **weakly in $L^p(\Omega)^d$.**

Additionally, if \mathbf{a} is strictly monotone,

- $\mathbf{G}_h^k \underline{u}_h \rightarrow \nabla u$ **strongly in $L^p(\Omega)^d$.**

In this case, both u and \underline{u}_h are unique and the whole sequence converges.

Convergence to minimal regularity solutions II

Key **discrete functional analysis** results on hybrid polynomial spaces:

Lemma (Discrete Sobolev embeddings)

Let $1 \leq q \leq p^*$ if $1 \leq p < d$ and $1 \leq q < +\infty$ if $p \geq d$. Then, there exists C only depending on Ω , ϱ , k , q and p s.t. for all $\underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$,

$$\|v_h\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq C \|\underline{v}_h\|_{1,p,h}.$$

Lemma (Discrete compactness)

Let $(\underline{v}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ be s.t. $\|\underline{v}_h\|_{1,p,h} \leq C$ for a fixed $C \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, there exists $v \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ s.t., up to a subsequence as $h \rightarrow 0$,

- $v_h \rightarrow v$ and $p_h^{k+1} \underline{v}_h \rightarrow v$ strongly in $L^q(\Omega)$ for all $q < p^*$,
- $\mathbf{G}_h^k \underline{v}_h \rightarrow \nabla v$ weakly in $L^p(\Omega)^d$.

Assumption (Leray–Lions operator/v2)

For $p \in (1, +\infty)$, $\mathbf{a} : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

■ **Growth.** Same as before

■ **Continuity.** There is $\gamma_{\mathbf{a}} > 0$ s.t. for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$, $\forall \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$|\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\eta})| \leq \gamma_{\mathbf{a}} |\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\eta}| (|\boldsymbol{\xi}|^{p-2} + |\boldsymbol{\eta}|^{p-2}).$$

■ **Monotonicity.** There is $\zeta_{\mathbf{a}} > 0$ s.t. for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$, $\forall \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$[\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\eta})] \cdot [\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\eta}] \geq \zeta_{\mathbf{a}} |\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\eta}|^2 (|\boldsymbol{\xi}| + |\boldsymbol{\eta}|)^{p-2}.$$

■ **Coercivity.** Same as before

Error estimates II

Theorem (Error estimate)

Assume $u \in W^{k+2,p}(\mathcal{T}_h)$, $\mathbf{a}(\cdot, \nabla u) \in W^{k+1,p'}(\mathcal{T}_h)^d$, and let, if $p \geq 2$,

$$E_h(u) := h^{k+1}|u|_{W^{k+2,p}(\mathcal{T}_h)} + h^{\frac{k+1}{p-1}} \left(|u|_{W^{k+2,p}(\mathcal{T}_h)}^{\frac{1}{p-1}} + |\mathbf{a}(\cdot, \nabla u)|_{W^{k+1,p'}(\mathcal{T}_h)}^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \right),$$

while, if $p < 2$,

$$E_h(u) := h^{(k+1)(p-1)}|u|_{W^{k+2,p}(\mathcal{T}_h)}^{p-1} + h^{k+1}|\mathbf{a}(\cdot, \nabla u)|_{W^{k+1,p'}(\mathcal{T}_h)}.$$

Then, it holds,

$$\|\underline{I}_h^k u - \underline{u}_h\|_{1,p,h} \lesssim E_h(u) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(h^{\frac{k+1}{p-1}}) & \text{if } p \geq 2, \\ \mathcal{O}(h^{(k+1)(p-1)}) & \text{if } p < 2. \end{cases}$$

Results coherent with [Liu and Yan, 2001] (Crouzeix–Raviart)

Numerical example I

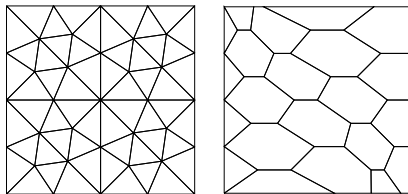


Figure: Triangular and (predominantly) hexagonal meshes

- We consider the following exact solution

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

- We solve the corresponding Dirichlet problem for $p \in \{2, 3, 4\}$

Numerical example II

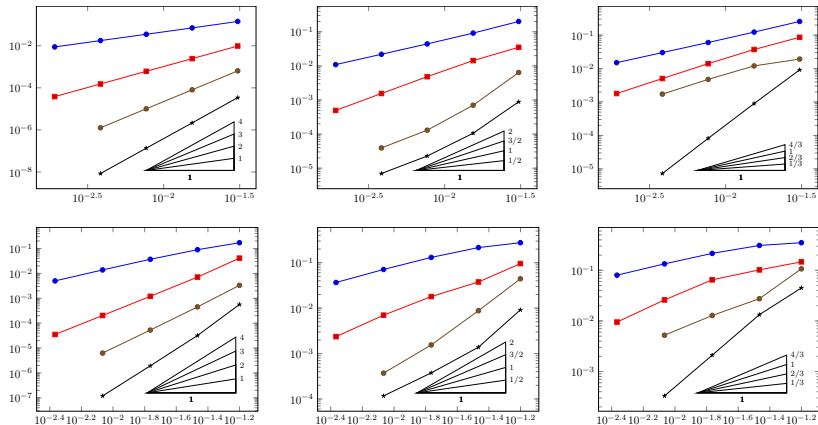


Figure: $\|I_h^k u - u_h^k\|_{1,p,h}$ vs. h for $p = 2, 3, 4$ (left to right) for the triangular (above) and hexagonal (below) mesh families

- Following [Cockburn, DP, Ern, 2016], one could replace \underline{U}_T^k with

$$\underline{U}_T^{l,k} := \mathbb{P}^l(T) \times \left(\bigotimes_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \mathbb{P}^k(F) \right), \quad l \in \{k-1, k, k+1\}$$

- \mathbf{G}_T^k and p_T^{k+1} remain **formally the same** (only their domain changes)
- The **boundary residual operator**, on the other hand, becomes

$$\delta_{TF}^{l,k} \underline{v}_T := \pi_F^{0,k} \left(v_F - p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T - \pi_T^{0,l} (v_T - p_T^{k+1} \underline{v}_T) \right)$$

- Convergence and error estimates **as for the original HHO method**
- $l = k-1$ yields a **HOM/nc-VEM**-type scheme
 - Linear diffusion [Lipnikov and Manzini, 2014]
- $l = k$ corresponds to the **original HHO method**
- $l = k+1$ yields a **Lehrenfeld–Schöberl-type HDG method**
 - Linear diffusion [Lehrenfeld, 2010]
- $k = 0$ and $l = k - 1$ on simplices yields the **Crouzeix–Raviart element**
- **The globally-coupled unknowns coincide in all the cases!**



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