# Non-standard applications of the Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec element A HHO method for the Brinkman problem robust in the Darcy and Stokes limits

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# The Raviart-Thomas-Nédélec finite element I



Figure: Degrees of freedom for  $\mathbb{RTN}^k(T)$ 

- Let  $d \ge 1$ , T denote a d-simplex, and  $k \ge 0$
- We consider here the Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec space

$$\mathbb{RTN}^k(T) \coloneqq \mathbb{P}^k(T)^d + \boldsymbol{x} \mathbb{P}^k(T)$$

• A function  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{RTN}^k(\mathcal{T})$  is uniquely defined by the quantities

$$\left\{ (\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w})_T \ : \ \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{k-1}(T)^d \right\} \text{ and } \left\{ (\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{TF}, q)_F \ : \ q \in \mathbb{P}^k(F) \right\}$$

# The Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec finite element II

- Introduced in [Raviart and Thomas, 1977, Nédélec, 1980]
- Tailored to mixed Darcy: Find  $\boldsymbol{u}: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $p: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla \boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{0} \qquad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{g} \qquad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = \boldsymbol{0} \qquad \text{on } \partial \Omega,$$
$$\int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{0}$$

- We show new applications of this finite element:
  - Robust HHO method for Brinkman [Botti, DP, Droniou, 18]
  - (Stable gradient reconstruction for HHO: see [DP et al., 2018])

# The Brinkman problem

• Let  $\mu: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $\nu: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  be piecewise constant and s.t.

$$0 < \underline{\mu} \le \mu \le \overline{\mu}, \qquad 0 \le \underline{\nu} \le \nu \le \overline{\nu}$$

• The Brinkman problem reads: Find  $\boldsymbol{u}: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $p: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$-\nabla \cdot (2\mu \nabla_{s} \boldsymbol{u}) + \nu \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla p = \boldsymbol{f} \qquad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{g} \qquad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{0} \qquad \text{on } \partial \Omega,$$
$$\int_{\Omega} p = \boldsymbol{0}$$

It locally behaves like a Stokes or a Darcy problem (singular limit)

Goal: Identify the local regime and handle all regimes robustly

# State of the art

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  - Crouzeix-Raviart fails to converge in the Darcy limit
  - Taylor–Hood and the minielement experience convergence losses
- Several fixes proposed, including:
  - Low-order stabilised FE [Burman and Hansbo, 2007]
  - Stabilised equal-order FE [Braack and Schieweck, 2011]
  - Generalisation of the minielement [Juntunen and Stenberg, 2010]
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- Recurrent problems:
  - Darcy and Stokes contributions are not equilibrated
  - Local regimes not clearly identified

## Key idea [Botti, DP, Droniou, 2018]: Replace FE by HHO

Features of HHO methods:

- Construction valid for arbitrary space dimensions
- Arbitrary approximation order
- Robustness with respect to the variations of the physical coefficients
- Reduced computational cost after static condensation
- (Capability of handling general polyhedral meshes)
- New schemes even on standard meshes

- Hybrid velocity, piecewise polynomial pressure
  - Inf-sup stable for arbitrary polynomial degree
  - Possibility to statically condense a large subset of the unknowns
- Local Stokes velocity reconstruction in  $\mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)^d$ 
  - Gain of (up to) two orders w.r. to element unknowns
  - Tailored to the Stokes regime
- Local Darcy velocity reconstruction in  $\mathbb{RTN}^k(T)$ 
  - Equilibrated Stokes-Darcy terms in  $O(h^{k+1})$
  - Tailored to the Darcy regime

# Projectors on local polynomial spaces I

- Let  $\mathcal{T}_h$  denote a polytopal mesh with faces collected in  $\mathcal{F}_h$
- HHO methods hinge on projectors on local polynomial spaces
- With X element or face, the  $L^2$ -projector  $\pi^{\ell}_X : L^1(T) \to \mathbb{P}^{\ell}(X)$  is s.t.

$$(\pi_X^\ell v - v, w)_X = 0$$
 for all  $w \in \mathbb{P}^\ell(X)$ 

• For  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , the strain projector  $\pi_{\varepsilon,T}^l : H^1(T)^d \to \mathbb{P}^{\ell}(T)^d$  is s.t.

$$(\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}}(\boldsymbol{\pi}^{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},T}\boldsymbol{\nu}-\boldsymbol{\nu}),\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}}\boldsymbol{w})_{T}=0 \qquad \forall \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{\ell}(T)^{d}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \, T}^{\ell} \boldsymbol{\nu} = \int_{\mathcal{T}} \boldsymbol{\nu}, \qquad \int_{\mathcal{T}} \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{ss}} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \, T}^{\ell} \boldsymbol{\nu} = \int_{\mathcal{T}} \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{ss}} \boldsymbol{\nu}$$

# Projectors on local polynomial spaces II

## Theorem (Approximation properties of the strain projector)

Assume T star-shaped with respect to every point of a ball of radius  $\geq \varrho h_T$ . Let two integers  $\ell \geq 1$  and  $s \in \{1, \ldots, \ell + 1\}$  be given. Then, it holds with hidden constant depending only on d,  $\varrho$ ,  $\ell$ , and s such that, for all  $m \in \{0, \ldots, s\}$  and all  $v \in H^s(T)^d$ ,

$$|\mathbf{v} - \pi_{\varepsilon,T}^{\ell} \mathbf{v}|_{H^m(T)^d} \lesssim h_T^{s-m} |\mathbf{v}|_{H^s(T)^d}.$$

and

$$|\mathbf{v} - \pi_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, T}^{\ell} \mathbf{v}|_{H^m(\mathcal{F}_T)^d} \lesssim h_T^{s-m-\frac{1}{2}} |\mathbf{v}|_{H^s(T)^d}$$

with  $H^m(\mathcal{F}_T)$  broken Sobolev space on  $\mathcal{F}_T$ .

### Proof.

See [Appendix A.2, Botti, DP, Droniou, 2018].

# Computing $\pi_{\varepsilon,T}^{k+1}$ from L<sup>2</sup>-projections of degree k

For all  $\mathbf{v} \in H^1(T)^d$  and all  $\mathbf{w} \in C^{\infty}(\overline{T})^d$ , it holds that

$$(\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}}\boldsymbol{v},\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}}\boldsymbol{w})_{T} = -(\boldsymbol{v},\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}}\boldsymbol{w})_{T} + \sum_{F\in\mathcal{F}_{T}}(\boldsymbol{v},\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}}\boldsymbol{w}\boldsymbol{n}_{TF})_{F}$$

For  $k \ge 0$  and  $I := \max\{0, k-1\}$ , letting  $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)^d$ , we get

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},T}^{k+1} \boldsymbol{v}, \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \boldsymbol{w})_{T} = -(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{T}^{\prime} \boldsymbol{v}, \nabla \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \boldsymbol{w})_{T} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}} (\boldsymbol{\pi}_{F}^{k} \boldsymbol{v}_{|F}, \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \boldsymbol{w} \boldsymbol{n}_{TF})_{F}$$

Moreover, it can be easily seen that

$$\int_{T} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},T}^{k+1} \boldsymbol{v} = \int_{T} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{T}^{l} \boldsymbol{v}, \quad \int_{T} \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{ss} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},T}^{k+1} \boldsymbol{v} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}} \int_{F} \left( \boldsymbol{n}_{TF} \otimes \boldsymbol{\pi}_{F}^{k} \boldsymbol{v} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_{F}^{k} \boldsymbol{v} \otimes \boldsymbol{n}_{TF} \right)$$

• Hence,  $\pi_{\varepsilon,T}^{k+1}v$  can be computed from  $\pi_T^l v$  and  $(\pi_F^k v_{|F})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}$ !

# Local space of discrete velocity unknowns



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

- Assume  $\mathcal{T}_h$  matching simplicial, let  $k \ge 1$ , and set  $l := \max\{k 1, 1\}$
- For all  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , we define the local space of velocity unknowns

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{\mathcal{T}}^{k} \coloneqq \left\{ \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{\mathcal{T}} = (\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathcal{T}}, (\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathcal{F}})_{\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}}) : \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \in \mathbb{P}^{l}(\mathcal{T})^{d} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathbb{P}^{k}(\mathcal{F})^{d} \quad \forall \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}} \right\}$$

• The local interpolator  $\underline{I}_T^k : H^1(T)^d \to \underline{U}_T^k$  is s.t., for all  $\boldsymbol{v} \in H^1(T)^d$ ,

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{I}}_T^k \boldsymbol{v} \coloneqq (\boldsymbol{\pi}_T^l \boldsymbol{v}, (\boldsymbol{\pi}_F^k \boldsymbol{v}_{|F})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T})$$

# A high-order Stokes velocity reconstruction

• Let  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ . We define the local Stokes velocity reconstruction

$$\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1}: \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{T}^{k} \to \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)^{d}$$

s.t., for all  $\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{\mathcal{T}} \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{\mathcal{T}}^k$  and all  $\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{w}} \in \mathbb{P}^{k+1}(\mathcal{T})^d$ ,

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{S},T}^{k+1} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_{T}, \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{w})_{T} = -(\mathbf{v}_{T}, \nabla \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{w})_{T} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}} (\mathbf{v}_{F}, \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{n}_{TF})_{F}$$

and

$$\int_{T} \mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_{T} = \int_{T} \mathbf{v}_{T}, \quad \int_{T} \nabla_{\mathrm{ss}} \mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_{T} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}} \int_{F} (\mathbf{n}_{TF} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{F} - \mathbf{v}_{F} \otimes \mathbf{n}_{TF})$$

By construction, we have

$$\pmb{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1} \underline{\pmb{I}}_T^k = \pmb{\pi}_{\pmb{\varepsilon},T}^{k+1}$$

•  $r_{S,T}^{k+1} \underline{I}_{T}^{k}$  has therefore optimal approximation properties in  $\mathbb{P}^{k+1}(T)^{d}$ 

Local spaces are glued by enforcing single-valuedness at interfaces:

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{h}^{k} := \left\{ \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{h} = ((\boldsymbol{v}_{T})_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{h}}, (\boldsymbol{v}_{F})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{h}}) : \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{T} \in \mathbb{P}^{l}(T)^{d} \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_{h} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{v}_{F} \in \mathbb{P}^{k}(F)^{d} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_{h} \right\}$$

Boundary conditions are strongly incorporated in the subspace

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{h,0}^k \coloneqq \left\{ \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_h^k \ : \ \boldsymbol{v}_F = \boldsymbol{0} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{\mathrm{b}} \right\}$$

The pressure is sought in the broken polynomial space

$$P_h^k \coloneqq \left\{ q_h \in \mathbb{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h) \ : \ \int_\Omega q_h = 0 \right\}$$

# Stokes term

Inside  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , we approximate the Stokes term with

$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{S},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T) \coloneqq (2\mu_T \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}} \boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1} \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T, \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\mathrm{s}} \boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1} \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)_T + \mathbf{s}_{\mathrm{S},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)$$

• The Stokes stabilisation bilinear form is s.t.

$$s_T(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T) \coloneqq (2\mu_T)(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{S},T}^l \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{S},T}^l \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \frac{2\mu_T}{h_F} (\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{S},TF}^k \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{S},TF}^k \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)_F$$

with Stokes difference operators s.t., for all  $\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_T^k$ ,

$$(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{l}\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{T},(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{S},TF}^{k}\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{T})_{F\in\mathcal{F}_{T}})\coloneqq\underline{\boldsymbol{I}}_{T}^{k}\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{S},T}^{k+1}\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{T}-\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{T}$$

The global Stokes bilinear form is assembled element-wise:

$$\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{S},h}(\underline{\boldsymbol{w}}_h,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h)\coloneqq \sum_{T\in\mathcal{T}_h}\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{S},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{w}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)$$

# A Darcy velocity reconstruction in $\mathbb{RTN}^k(T)$

The local Darcy velocity reconstruction

$$\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^k:\underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_T^k\to\mathbb{RTN}^k(T)$$

is s.t., for all  $\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_T^k$ ,

$$(\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{k} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_{T}, \mathbf{w})_{T} = (\mathbf{v}_{T}, \mathbf{w})_{T} \qquad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{P}^{k-1}(T)^{d}$$
$$(\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{k} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_{T} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}, q)_{F} = (\mathbf{v}_{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}, q)_{F} \qquad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}, \ \forall q \in \mathbb{P}^{k}(F).$$

A direct verification shows that

$$\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{k} \underline{\boldsymbol{I}}_{T}^{k} = \boldsymbol{I}_{\mathbb{RTN},T}^{k}$$

where  $I_{\mathbb{RTN},T}^{k}$  is the standard interpolator on  $\mathbb{RTN}^{k}(T)$ 

# Darcy term

Inside  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , we approximate the Darcy term with

$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{D},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)\coloneqq \boldsymbol{\nu}_T(\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^k\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^k\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)_T+\mathbf{s}_{\mathrm{D},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)$$

• The Darcy stabilisation bilinear form is s.t.

$$\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{D},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{T},\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T}) \coloneqq \nu_{T}(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{\prime}\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{T},\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{\prime}\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T})_{T} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}^{i}} \nu_{T}h_{F}(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{D},TF}^{k}\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{T},\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{D},TF}^{k}\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T})_{F}$$

with Darcy difference operators s.t., for all  $\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_T^k$ ,

$$(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{l} \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T}, (\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{D},TF}^{k} \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{T}}) \coloneqq \underline{\boldsymbol{I}}_{T}^{k} \boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^{k} \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T} - \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_{T}$$

The global Darcy bilinear form is assembled element-wise:

$$\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{D},h}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_h,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h)\coloneqq\sum_{T\in\mathcal{T}_h}\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{D},T}(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_T,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)$$

# Pressure-velocity coupling

The pressure-velocity coupling is realized by means of the bilinear

$$\mathbf{b}_h(\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h,q_h)\coloneqq \sum_{T\in\mathcal{T}_h} \left((\boldsymbol{v}_T,\boldsymbol{\nabla} q_T)_T - \sum_{F\in\mathcal{F}_T} (\boldsymbol{v}_F,q_T\boldsymbol{n}_{TF})_F\right)$$

• Inf-sup stability: It holds, for all  $q_h \in P_h^k$ ,

$$\beta \|q_h\| \lesssim \sup_{\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_h \in \underline{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{U}}}_{h,0}^k \setminus \{\underline{0}\}} \frac{\mathbf{b}_h(\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_h,q_h)}{\|\underline{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_h\|_{\boldsymbol{U},h}} \text{ with } \beta \coloneqq (2\overline{\mu}+\overline{\nu})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Discrete problem and well-posedness

Define the Stokes–Darcy global bilinear form

 $\mathbf{a}_h \coloneqq \mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{S},h} + \mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{D},h}$ 

The discrete problem reads: Find  $(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_h, p_h) \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{h,0}^k \times P_h^k$  s.t.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{a}_h(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_h,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h) + \mathbf{b}_h(\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h,p_h) &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\boldsymbol{f},\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},T}^k \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_T)_T \quad \forall \underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{h,0}^k, \\ &-\mathbf{b}_h(\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_h,q_h) = (g,q_h) \qquad \quad \forall q_h \in P_h^k \end{split}$$

## Theorem (Well-posedness)

The discrete problem is well-posed with a priori bound:

$$\|\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{h}\|_{\boldsymbol{U},h} + \beta \|\boldsymbol{p}_{h}\| \leq (2\mu)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\boldsymbol{f}\| + \beta^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{g}\| \text{ with } \beta \coloneqq (\overline{\mu} + \overline{\nu})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Convergence I

• We estimate the error  $(\underline{e}_h, \epsilon_h) \coloneqq (\underline{u}_h - \underline{\hat{u}}_h, p_h - \hat{p}_h)$  with

$$(\underline{\hat{\boldsymbol{u}}}_h, \hat{p}_h) \coloneqq (\underline{\boldsymbol{l}}_h^k \boldsymbol{u}, \pi_h^k p) \in \underline{\boldsymbol{U}}_{h,0}^k \times P_h^k$$

• We have the following basic estimate [DP and Droniou, 2018]

$$\|\underline{\boldsymbol{e}}_{h}\|_{\boldsymbol{U},h} + \beta \|\epsilon_{h}\| \lesssim \|\Re(\boldsymbol{u},p)\|_{\boldsymbol{U}^{*},h}$$

with consistency error s.t., for all  $\underline{v}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$ ,

$$\langle \Re(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{p}),\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h\rangle \coloneqq (\boldsymbol{f},\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathrm{D},h}^k\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h) - \mathrm{a}_h(\underline{\hat{\boldsymbol{u}}}_h,\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h) - \mathrm{b}_h(\underline{\boldsymbol{v}}_h,\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}_h)$$

For  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , we identify the regime via the local friction coefficient

$$C_{\rm f,\,T} \coloneqq \frac{\nu_{T} \, h_{T}^2}{2 \mu_{T}} \text{ with } C_{\rm f,\,T}^{-1} \coloneqq +\infty \text{ if } \nu_{T} = 0$$

More precisely, we have

- $C_{f,T} > 1$  if Darcy dominates (with pure Darcy if  $C_{f,T} = +\infty$ )
- $C_{f,T} < 1$  if Stokes dominates (with pure Stokes if  $C_{f,T}^{-1} = +\infty$ )
- $(C_{f,T} = 1 \text{ for pure Brinkman})$

# Convergence III

### Theorem (Estimate of the convergence rate)

Assuming  $\boldsymbol{u} \in H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_{h})^{d}$  and  $p \in H^{1}(\Omega)$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Re(\boldsymbol{u},p)\|_{\boldsymbol{U}^{*},h} \lesssim \\ h^{k+1} \left[ \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \left( (2\mu_{T}) \min(1, C_{\mathrm{f},T}^{-1}) |\boldsymbol{u}|_{H^{k+2}(T)^{d}}^{2} + \nu_{T} \min(1, C_{\mathrm{f},T}) |\boldsymbol{u}|_{H^{k+1}(T)^{d}}^{2} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

This estimate extends to the pure Darcy case setting  $C_{f,T} = +\infty$ .

- Fully robust for  $C_{f,T} \in [0, +\infty]$  thanks to the cut-off factors
- Equilibrated Stokes and Darcy contributions in  $O(h_T^{k+1})$
- Bonus/1: pressure-robust estimate for the velocity
- **Bonus**/2: k = l = 0 also works for Darcy  $(C_{f,T} = +\infty \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h)$

# Static condensation

• Partition the discrete unknowns inside each  $T \in T_h$  as follows:

- Velocity: element-based  $U_{\mathcal{T}_h}$  + face-based  $U_{\mathcal{F}_i}$
- **Pressure**: average value  $\overline{P}_{\mathcal{T}_h}$  + oscillations  $\widetilde{P}_{\mathcal{T}_h}$

The linear system has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \mathcal{T}_{h} & \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} & \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \mathcal{F}_{h}^{i} & \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \\ \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}} \mathcal{T}_{h} & \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}} & \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}} \mathcal{F}_{h}^{i} & \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}} \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}}^{\mathrm{T}} & \mathbf{0} & \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}}^{\mathrm{T}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}}^{\mathrm{T}} & \mathbf{0} & \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}}^{\mathrm{T}} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \\ \mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}^{i}} \\ \overline{\mathbf{P}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{G}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \\ \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{F}_{h}} \\ \overline{\mathbf{G}}_{\mathcal{T}_{h}} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix in red can be inexpensively inverte element-wise

• After statically condensing  $U_{T_h}$  and  $\widetilde{P}_{T_h}$ , system of size

$$d\binom{k+d-1}{k}\mathsf{card}(\mathcal{F}_h^{\mathrm{i}})+\mathsf{card}(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

# Numerical examples I



Figure: Velocity and pressure for Darcy  $(C_{f,\Omega} = +\infty)$ , Brinkman  $(C_{f,\Omega} = 1)$ , and Stokes  $(C_{f,\Omega} = 0)$ We consider the exact solution parametrised by  $C_{f,\Omega} \in [0, +\infty]$  s.t.

$$\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \chi_{\mathrm{S}} \left( C_{\mathrm{f},\Omega} \right) \boldsymbol{u}_{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{x}) + (1 - \chi_{\mathrm{S}}) \left( C_{\mathrm{f},\Omega} \right) \boldsymbol{u}_{\mathrm{D}}(\boldsymbol{x}), \quad \boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{x}) \coloneqq \cos x_{1} \sin x_{2} - \boldsymbol{p}_{0},$$

where,

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{\mathrm{D}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \coloneqq \begin{cases} -\nu^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{x}) & \text{if } \nu \neq 0, \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \qquad \boldsymbol{u}_{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \coloneqq -\operatorname{curl}(\sin x_1 \cos x_2) \end{cases}$$

# Numerical examples II

$N_{ m dof}$	$N_{ m nz}$	$\ \underline{e}_h\ _{U,h}$	EOC	$\ \boldsymbol{e}_h\ $	EOC	$\ \epsilon_h\ $	EOC	$\tau_{\rm ass}$	$\tau_{\rm sol}$		
<i>k</i> = 0											
113 481 1985 8065 32513	1072 4944 21136 87312 354832	1.69e-01 8.84e-02 4.47e-02 2.22e-02 1.09e-02	- 0.94 0.98 1.01 1.03	1.69e-01 8.84e-02 4.47e-02 2.22e-02 1.09e-02	- 0.94 0.98 1.01 1.03	1.39e-01 4.27e-02 1.18e-02 3.69e-03 1.45e-03	- 1.70 1.86 1.67 1.35	2.26e-03 1.19e-02 3.34e-02 1.12e-01 3.94e-01	9.68e-04 5.34e-03 5.83e-02 1.02e+00 3.39e+01		
k = 1											
193 833 3457 14081 56833	3456 16192 69696 288832 1175616	1.33e-02 2.65e-03 6.55e-04 1.66e-04 4.32e-05	_ 2.32 2.02 1.98 1.94	3.89e-03 7.73e-04 1.90e-04 4.80e-05 1.25e-05	_ 2.33 2.03 1.98 1.94	5.15e-03 1.01e-03 2.27e-04 5.53e-05 1.37e-05	- 2.36 2.15 2.03 2.01	4.24e-03 1.98e-02 6.16e-02 2.05e-01 7.70e-01	1.71e-03 1.91e-02 1.35e-01 1.94e+00 6.49e+01		
k = 2											
273 1185 4929 20097 81153	7216 34000 146704 608656 2478736	4.84e-03 7.55e-04 1.00e-04 1.29e-05 1.64e-06	2.68 2.91 2.95 2.98	1.25e-03 1.94e-04 2.59e-05 3.36e-06 4.25e-07	2.68 2.90 2.95 2.98	2.48e-04 2.94e-05 3.76e-06 4.77e-07 5.94e-08	3.08 2.97 2.98 3.00	7.61e-03 3.64e-02 1.23e-01 4.02e-01 1.55e+00	2.57e-03 4.46e-02 2.39e-01 3.84e+00 8.75e+01		

Table: Convergence for Darcy

# Numerical examples III

$N_{ m dof}$	$N_{ m nz}$	$\ \underline{e}_h\ _{U,h}$	EOC	$\ \boldsymbol{e}_h\ $	EOC	$\ \epsilon_h\ $	EOC	$\tau_{\rm ass}$	$\tau_{\rm sol}$	
k = 1										
193 833 3457 14081 56833	3456 16192 69696 288832 1175616	6.48e-02 2.78e-02 8.93e-03 2.43e-03 6.30e-04	- 1.22 1.64 1.88 1.95	3.51e-03 7.40e-04 1.18e-04 1.62e-05 2.10e-06		3.40e-02 9.34e-03 2.60e-03 6.84e-04 1.75e-04	- 1.86 1.84 1.93 1.97	4.86e-03 1.65e-02 6.32e-02 2.20e-01 8.13e-01	1.87e-03 2.05e-02 1.19e-01 1.69e+00 4.38e+01	
k = 2										
273 1185 4929 20097 81153	7216 34000 146704 608656 2478736	3.72e-03 7.56e-04 1.13e-04 1.52e-05 1.96e-06	- 2.30 2.74 2.89 2.95	1.21e-04 1.24e-05 9.35e-07 6.30e-08 4.08e-09	- 3.28 3.73 3.89 3.95	1.74e-03 1.98e-04 2.29e-05 2.70e-06 3.27e-07	- 3.13 3.12 3.08 3.04	8.64e-03 3.56e-02 1.28e-01 4.23e-01 1.71e+00	2.76e-03 3.12e-02 1.87e-01 2.97e+00 5.92e+01	
k = 3										
353 1537 6401 26113 105473	12352 58368 252160 1046784 4264192	2.44e-04 1.99e-05 1.27e-06 8.26e-08 5.19e-09	- 3.62 3.97 3.94 3.99	6.48e-06 2.68e-07 8.50e-09 2.79e-10 8.78e-12	4.60 4.98 4.93 4.99	1.41e-04 9.32e-06 5.65e-07 3.58e-08 2.23e-09	3.92 4.04 3.98 4.00	1.74e-02 7.41e-02 2.53e-01 9.11e-01 3.67e+00	3.93e-03 4.50e-02 4.28e-01 5.58e+00 8.72e+01	

Table: Convergence for Brinkman

# Numerical examples IV

$N_{ m dof}$	$N_{ m nz}$	$\ \underline{e}_h\ _{U,h}$	EOC	$\ \boldsymbol{e}_h\ $	EOC	$\ \epsilon_h\ $	EOC	$\tau_{\rm ass}$	$\tau_{\rm sol}$		
k = 1											
193 833 3457 14081 56833	3456 16192 69696 288832 1175616	1.10e-02 3.79e-03 1.04e-03 2.71e-04 6.98e-05		6.07e-04 1.09e-04 1.52e-05 1.99e-06 2.56e-07	_ 2.48 2.84 2.93 2.96	1.82e-02 5.06e-03 1.32e-03 3.37e-04 8.53e-05	- 1.85 1.94 1.96 1.98	6.74e-03 1.61e-02 7.64e-02 2.32e-01 8.35e-01	2.36e-03 2.31e-02 1.33e-01 1.68e+00 4.41e+01		
k = 2											
273 1185 4929 20097 81153	7216 34000 146704 608656 2478736	1.38e-03 1.95e-04 2.74e-05 3.58e-06 4.50e-07	_ 2.83 2.83 2.94 2.99	4.97e-05 3.47e-06 2.39e-07 1.55e-08 9.77e-10	_ 3.84 3.86 3.94 3.99	1.70e-03 2.39e-04 3.06e-05 3.90e-06 4.90e-07	_ 2.83 2.96 2.97 2.99	9.99e-03 4.15e-02 2.38e-01 4.52e-01 1.74e+00	2.82e-03 3.44e-02 2.09e-01 3.11e+00 6.17e+01		
353 1537 6401 26113 105473	12352 58368 252160 1046784 4264192	1.17e-04 8.48e-06 5.43e-07 3.45e-08 2.18e-09	3.79 3.96 3.98 3.99	3.38e-06 1.26e-07 4.01e-09 1.28e-10 4.04e-12	4.74 4.98 4.97 4.99	1.51e-04 1.07e-05 6.70e-07 4.24e-08 2.66e-09	- 3.83 3.99 3.98 3.99	1.78e-02 7.66e-02 2.58e-01 9.33e-01 3.63e+00	4.03e-03 4.63e-02 4.51e-01 5.87e+00 9.27e+01		

Table: Convergence for Stokes

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