

# Stability estimates for Fortin-Soulie mixed finite elements

*Improved stability estimates*

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## Context

- TrioCFD software:  
simulation of unsteady turbulent flows at low Mach number in industrial configurations.
- Solve in  $(\mathbf{u}, p)$  (fluid velocity and pressure) such that:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \partial_t \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{grad}) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{grad} p & = & \mathbf{f} \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} & = & 0 \\ \mathbf{u}(t=0) & = & \mathbf{u}_0 \end{array} \right. , \text{ with appropriate BC.}$$

Space discretization on a grid with MAC scheme or on simplexes with  $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^1 - (P^0 + P^1)$  FE.

Resolution using a three-step scheme.

- R&D works on spatial numerical schemes.

$\mathbf{P}_{nc}^1 - P_{MPFA}^0$  scheme, with Andrew Peitavy (PhD in progress).

DGFEM, with Mayssa Mroueh (PhD in progress).

*Improved stability estimates for solving Stokes problem with Fortin-Soulie finite elements*  
*Jamelot'23* (submitted).



## Stokes Problem, variational formulation

- Solve in  $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times L_0^2(\Omega)$  such that:  $\begin{cases} -\nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{grad} p &= \mathbf{f}, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0. \end{cases}$
- $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{V}$  where:  $\mathbf{V} = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0\}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) = \mathbf{V} \oplus \mathbf{V}^\perp$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times L_0^2(\Omega)$ , which is an Hilbert space endowed with the norm

$$\|(\mathbf{u}, p)\|_{\mathcal{X}} = \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)}^2 + \nu^{-2} \|p\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

(FV – S) Solve in  $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\forall (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathcal{X}$ :  $a_S((\mathbf{u}, p), (\mathbf{v}, q)) = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)}$ .

$$a_S : \begin{cases} \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ ((\mathbf{u}', p'), (\mathbf{v}, q)) &\mapsto \nu (\mathbf{u}', \mathbf{v})_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)} - (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}, p')_{L^2(\Omega)} - (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}', q)_{L^2(\Omega)} \end{cases}$$

- Poincaré-Steklov inequality:  $\exists C_{PS} > 0 \mid \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C_{PS} \|\mathbf{Grad} \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ .  
 $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)} = (\mathbf{Grad} v, \mathbf{Grad} w)_{L^2(\Omega)}$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)} = \|\mathbf{Grad} v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ .
- Girault-Raviart'86: the operator  $\operatorname{div}$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbf{V}^\perp$  on  $L_0^2(\Omega)$ .

$$\forall q \in L_0^2(\Omega), \exists! \mathbf{v}_q \in \mathbf{V}^\perp \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_q = q, \quad \|\mathbf{v}_q\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)} \leq C_{\operatorname{div}} \|q\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

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## Notations

- Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a connected, bounded, open polygon or polyhedron with a Lipschitz boundary.  
Family of meshes  $(\mathcal{T}_h)_h$ , with  $h \rightarrow 0$ .
- Simplicial regular triangulation:  $\mathcal{T}_h = \bigcup_K K$ .

Vertices set:  $\mathcal{S}_h = \bigcup_S S$ .

Facets set:  $\mathcal{F}_h = \bigcup_F F = \mathcal{F}_h^i \cup \mathcal{F}_h^b$ ;  $\mathcal{F}_h^i$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}_h^b$ ): inner (resp. boundary) facets.

Orthonormal vectors to facets:  $(\mathbf{n}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}$  ( $\mathbf{n}_F$  outward oriented if  $F \in \partial\Omega$ ).

- $h_K$ : diameter of element  $K$ ,  $\rho_K$ : diameter of the inscribed sphere of element  $K$ ,

$$\exists \sigma > 0 \mid \forall h, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad \sigma_K = \frac{h_K}{\rho_K} \leq \sigma.$$

- For  $d = 2$ ,  $\sigma \geq \left(\frac{\pi}{2\theta}\right)^{1/2}$  where  $\theta$  is the smallest angle of the triangulation.
- For  $d = 3$ ,  $\sigma \geq \left(\frac{\pi}{2\omega}\right)^{1/3}$  where  $\omega$  is the smallest solid angle of the triangulation.



## Bilinear form $(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h)_h$ and operator $\operatorname{div}_h$

- Piecewise regular functions.
- $\mathcal{P}_h H^1 = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, v|_K \in H^1(K)\}, \quad \mathcal{P}_h \mathbf{H}^1 = (\mathcal{P}_h H^1)^d.$

$$\forall v, w \in \mathcal{P}_h H^1, \quad (v, w)_h = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\mathbf{grad} v, \mathbf{grad} w)_{L^2(K)}, \quad \|v\|_h^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\mathbf{grad} v\|_{L^2(K)}^2,$$

$$\forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{P}_h \mathbf{H}^1, \quad (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})_h = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\mathbf{Grad} \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{Grad} \mathbf{w})_{L^2(K)}, \quad \|\mathbf{v}\|_h^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\mathbf{Grad} \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(K)}^2.$$

- Interface jumps for  $v \in \mathcal{P}_h H^1$ :

For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i$ ,  $\bar{F} = \bar{K}_L \cap \bar{K}_R$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_F$  oriented from  $K_L$  to  $K_R$   $[v]_F = (v|_{K_L} - v|_{K_R})|_F$ .

For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b$ ,  $[v]_F = v|_F$ .

- $\mathcal{P}_h \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}) = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \mathbf{v}|_K \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}; K)\}.$

Operator  $\operatorname{div}_h : \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{P}_h \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}), \forall q \in L^2(\Omega), \quad (\operatorname{div}_h \mathbf{v}, q) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}, q)_{L^2(K)}.$



## Nonconforming mixed finite elements (i) Crouzeix-Raviart'73

- Nonconforming approximation of  $H^1(\Omega)$ :

$$X_h = \left\{ v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \quad v|_K \in P^k(K) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^i, \forall q \in P^{k-1}(F) \quad \int_F [v] q = 0 \right\}.$$

- Nonconforming approximation of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ :

$$X_{0,h} = \left\{ v \in X_h \mid \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b, \forall q \in P^{k-1}(F) \quad \int_F v q = 0 \right\}.$$

- Thanks to the patch test, one can prove that:

The mapping  $v_h \rightarrow \|v_h\|_h$  is a norm on  $X_{0,h}$ .

We have a discrete Poincaré-Steklov inequality Ern-Guermond'21, Lemma 36.6:

$$\forall v \in X_{0,h}, \quad \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C_{PS}^{nc} \|v\|_h.$$

- Approximation of  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times L_0^2(\Omega)$ :

Nonconforming approximation of  $\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ :  $\mathbf{X}_h = (X_h)^d$  and  $\mathbf{X}_{0,h} = (X_{0,h})^d$ .

Approximation of  $L_0^2(\Omega)$ :  $Q_h = \{q \in L_0^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad q|_K \in P^{k-1}(K)\}$ .

$$\mathcal{X}_h := \mathbf{X}_{0,h} \times Q_h, \quad \|(\mathbf{v}, q)\|_{\mathcal{X}_h} = \left( \|\mathbf{v}\|_h^2 + \nu^{-2} \|q\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$



## Nonconforming mixed finite elements (ii) Crouzeix-Raviart'73

- ( $FV_h - S$ ) Find  $(\mathbf{u}_h, p_h) \in \mathcal{X}_h$  such that  $\forall (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h) \in \mathcal{X}_h: a_{S,h}((\mathbf{u}_h, p_h), (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h)) = \ell_f(\mathbf{v}_h)$ .

$$a_{S,h}: \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}_h \times \mathcal{X}_h & \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ ((\mathbf{u}'_h, p'_h), (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h)) & \mapsto \nu(\mathbf{u}'_h, \mathbf{v}_h)_h - (\operatorname{div}_h \mathbf{v}_h, p'_h) - (\operatorname{div}_h \mathbf{u}'_h, q_h) \end{cases}$$

For  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\ell_f(\mathbf{v}_h) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_h)_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}$ .

For  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\Omega)$ ,  $\ell_f(\mathbf{v}_h) = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathcal{I}_h(\mathbf{v}_h) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)}$  Veeser-Zanotti'18.

- Suppose there exists a Fortin operator  $\Pi_{nc}: \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_h$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \quad (\operatorname{div}_h \Pi_{nc} \mathbf{v}, q) &= (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}, q)_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad \forall q \in Q_h, \\ \exists \tilde{C} > 0 \mid \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \quad \|\Pi_{nc} \mathbf{v}\|_h &\leq \tilde{C} \|\mathbf{Grad} \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $p'_h \in Q_h \subset L_0^2(\Omega)$ . Consider  $\mathbf{v}_{p'_h} \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$  such that

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_{p'_h} = p'_h \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{v}_{p'_h}\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)} \leq C_{\operatorname{div}} \|p'_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{v}_{h,p'_h} = \Pi_{nc} \mathbf{v}_{p'_h}$ . We have, setting  $\tilde{C}_{\operatorname{div}} = \tilde{C} C_{\operatorname{div}}$ :

$$\forall q \in Q_h \quad (\operatorname{div}_h \mathbf{v}_{h,p'_h}, q) = (p'_h, q)_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{v}_{h,p'_h}\|_h \leq \tilde{C}_{\operatorname{div}} \|p'_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$



## Mixed finite elements $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^1 - P^0$ Crouzeix-Raviart'73, Example 4

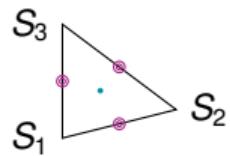
- Approximation of  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times L_0^2(\Omega)$ :  $\mathcal{X}_{cr} = \mathbf{X}_{cr} \times Q_{cr}$ .

$$\mathbf{X}_{cr} = (X_{cr})^d, \quad X_{cr} = \left\{ v_h \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \quad v_{h|K} \in P^1(K); \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h \quad \int_F [v_h] = 0 \right\},$$

$$Q_{cr} = \left\{ q_h \in L_0^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \quad q_{h|K} \in P^0(K) \right\}.$$

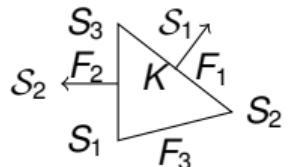
$$X_{cr} = \text{vect}((\psi_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}), \text{ with: } \psi_{F|K} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{si } F \notin \partial K, \\ 1 - d\lambda_{S_F, K} & \text{si } F \in \partial K. \end{cases}$$

- Degrees of freedom:



Velocity, pressure.

Barycentric coordinates:



$$\lambda_{S_i, K} = (d|K|)^{-1} (\vec{OS_i} - \mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathcal{S}_{F_i, K}.$$

We have:  $\mathbf{grad} \psi_{F|K} = -d \mathbf{grad} \lambda_{S_F, K} = |K|^{-1} \mathcal{S}_{F, K}$ .



## Fortin operator $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^1 - P^0$

- Interpolation operator for scalar functions:  $\pi_{cr} : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow X_{cr}$ ,  $\pi_{cr} v = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \left( \frac{1}{|F|} \int_F v \right) \psi_F$ .

Apel-Nicaise-Schöberl'01, Lemma 2:

$$\mathbf{grad} \pi_{cr} v|_K = |K|^{-1} \int_K \mathbf{grad} \pi_{cr} v = |K|^{-1} \int_{\partial K} \pi_{cr} v \mathbf{n} = |K|^{-1} \int_{\partial K} v \mathbf{n} = |K|^{-1} \int_K \mathbf{grad} v.$$

Hence:  $|\mathbf{grad} \pi_{cr} v|_K| \leq |K|^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{grad} v\|_{L^2(K)} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{grad} \pi_{cr} v\|_{L^2(K)} \leq \|\mathbf{grad} v\|_{L^2(K)}$ .

For all  $v \in H^1(\Omega)$ , we have:  $\|\pi_{cr} v\|_h \leq \|\mathbf{grad} v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ .

- Fortin operator / Interpolation operator for vector functions:  $\Pi_{cr} \mathbf{v} = (\pi_{cr} v_i)_{i=1}^d$ .

$$\forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \int_K \operatorname{div} \Pi_{cr} \mathbf{v} = \int_K \sum_{F \in \partial K} |K|^{-1} \frac{\int_F \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathcal{S}_{F,K}}{|F|} = \sum_{F \in \partial K} \int_F \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{F,K} = \int_K \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}.$$

For all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$ , for all  $q_h \in Q_{cr}$ , we have:

$$\|\Pi_{cr} \mathbf{v}\|_h \leq \|\mathbf{Grad} \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \text{and} \quad (\operatorname{div}_h \Pi_{cr} \mathbf{v}, q_h) = (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}, q_h)_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

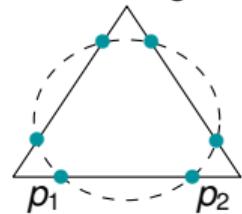
## Mixed finite elements $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^2 - P_{disc}^1$ Fortin-Soulie'83

- Approximation of  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times L_0^2(\Omega)$ :  $\mathcal{X}_{fs} = \mathbf{X}_{fs} \times Q_{fs}$ .

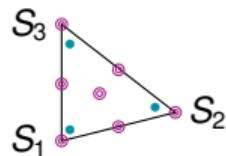
$$\mathbf{X}_{fs} = (X_{fs})^d, X_{fs} = X_{0,lg} \oplus \Phi_h, \quad Q_{fs} = \left\{ q_h \in L_{zvm}^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad q_h \in P^1(K) \right\}.$$

We set: 
$$\begin{cases} X_{0,lg} &= \left\{ v_h \in H^2(\Omega) \mid \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad v_{h|K} \in P^2(K), \quad v_{h|\partial\Omega=0} \right\}, \\ \Phi_h &= \left\{ \phi_h \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \phi_{h|K} = \alpha_K \phi_K, \alpha_K \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \text{ where } \phi_K = 2 - 3 \sum_{S \in \partial K} \lambda_{S,K}^2. \end{cases}$$

- Gauss-Legendre points:



Degrees of freedom:



Velocity, pressure.

- Integration:  $\forall q \in P^3(F), \int_F q = \frac{|F|}{2} (q(p_1) + q(p_2)).$

$$\forall F \in \partial K, \forall q \in P^1(F), \int_F \phi_K q = 0.$$



## Fortin operator $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^2 - P_{disc}^1$

- Interpolation operator for scalar functions:

$$\tilde{\pi}_{fs} : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow X_{fs} \mid \left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \forall S \in \mathcal{V}_h, & (\tilde{\pi}_{fs}(v))(S) & = (\pi_{Scott-Zhang}(v))(S) \\ \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h, & \int_F \tilde{\pi}_{fs}(v) & = \int_F v \\ \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, & \int_K \tilde{\pi}_{fs}(v) & = \int_K v \end{array} \right. .$$

- Interpolation operator for vector functions:  $\tilde{\Pi}_{fs} : \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{fs} \mid \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) = {}^t(\tilde{\pi}_{fs}(v_x), \tilde{\pi}_{fs}(v_y))$ .
- Fortin operator:

$$\Pi_{fs} : \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{fs} \mid \left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \forall S \in \mathcal{V}_h, & (\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}))(S) & = (\Pi_{Scott-Zhang}(\mathbf{v}))(S) \\ \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h, & \int_F \Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) & = \int_F \mathbf{v} \\ \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, & \int_K \mathbf{x} \operatorname{div} \Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) & = \int_K \mathbf{x} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \end{array} \right. .$$

- For all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$ , for all  $q_h \in Q_{fs}$ , we have:  $(\operatorname{div}_h \Pi_{fs} \mathbf{v}, q_h) = (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}, q_h)_{L^2(\Omega)}$ .
- **Theorem:** Let  $\sigma_D > 0$ . For all  $\mathbf{v} \in \bigcap_{0 < s < \sigma_D} \mathbf{H}^{1+s}(\Omega)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s \in ]0, \sigma_D[, \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad & \|\operatorname{Grad}(\Pi_{fs} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)} \leq (\sigma_K)^2 (h_K)^s |\mathbf{v}|_{1+s, K}, \\ \forall s \in ]0, \sigma_D[, \quad \exists C_{FS} = \mathcal{O}(\sigma^2), \quad & \|\Pi_{fs} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}\|_h \leq C_{FS} h^s |\mathbf{v}|_{1+s, \Omega}. \end{aligned}$$



## Stability constant of Fortin operator $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^2 - P_{disc}^1$ (i)

- $\|\mathbf{Grad}(\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)} \lesssim \|\mathbf{Grad}(\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}))\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)}.$
- For all  $\hat{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbf{P}^2(\hat{K})$ ,  $\hat{\tilde{\Pi}}_{fs}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) = \hat{\mathbf{v}}$ .

Thanks to Bramble-Hilbert/Deny-Lions Lemma, we have [Ern-Guermond'21, Lemma 11.9](#):

$$\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega), \quad \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)} \lesssim \sigma_K |\mathbf{v}|_{1,K},$$

$$\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega), \quad \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)} \lesssim \sigma_K h_K |\mathbf{v}|_{2,K}.$$

- Using interpolation theory [Tartar'07, Lemma 22.2](#):

$$\forall \mathbf{v} \in \bigcap_{0 < s < \sigma_D} \mathbf{H}^{1+s}(\Omega), \quad \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)} \lesssim \sigma_K (h_K)^s |\mathbf{v}|_{1+s,K}.$$

- $\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{V}_h} \mathbf{v}_S \phi_S + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \mathbf{v}_F \phi_F + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K \phi_K, \quad \Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{V}_h} \mathbf{v}_S \phi_S + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \mathbf{v}_F \phi_F + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbf{v}_K \phi_K.$



## Stability constant of Fortin operator $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^2 - \mathbf{P}_{disc}^1$ (ii)

- We have:  $\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K) \phi_K$ , hence:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{Grad} \left( \Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) \right)\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(K)} &= \|\mathbf{Grad} ((\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K) \phi_K)\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(K)} \\ &\lesssim \|\mathbf{grad} \phi_K\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(K)} |\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K|, \\ &\lesssim \sigma_K |\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K|.\end{aligned}$$

- Let us estimate  $|\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K|$ .

$$\int_K \left( \Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) \right) = \int_K \phi_K (\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K) = \frac{|K|}{4} (\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K)$$

$$\int_K \left( \Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) \right) = \int_K (\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\partial K} \mathbf{x} (\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial K} = \int_{\partial K} \mathbf{x} (\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial K}$$

- Lemma ( $\star$ ):** Let  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$  and  $q \in P^1(K)$ . Setting  $\underline{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{w}|_K - \frac{\int_K \mathbf{w}}{|K|} \mathbf{n}$ , we have:

$$\left| \int_{\partial K} q \underline{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \mathbf{n} \right| \leq |K| \|\mathbf{Grad} \underline{\mathbf{w}}\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(K)}.$$



## Stability constant of Fortin operator $\mathbf{P}_{nc}^2 - P_{disc}^1$ (iii)

- Using Lemma (\*), we get:

$$|\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K| = 4 |K|^{-1} \left| \int_{\partial K} \mathbf{x} \cdot (\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{|\partial K} \right| \leq 4 \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)}.$$

- We deduce that  $\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$ :

$$\|\mathbf{Grad}(\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}))\|_{L^2(K)} \lesssim \sigma_K |\mathbf{v}_K - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_K| \lesssim \sigma_K \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)}.$$

- Stability constant for  $\Pi_{fs}$ :  $\forall \mathbf{v} \in \bigcap_{0 < s < \sigma_D} \mathbf{H}^{1+s}(\Omega)$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{Grad}(\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)} \lesssim (\sigma_K + 1) \|\mathbf{Grad}(\tilde{\Pi}_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(K)},$$

$$\lesssim (\sigma_K)^2 (h_K)^s |\mathbf{v}|_{1+s,K}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{Grad}(\Pi_{fs}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \lesssim \sigma^2 h^s |\mathbf{v}|_{1+s,\Omega} \text{ by summation.}$$

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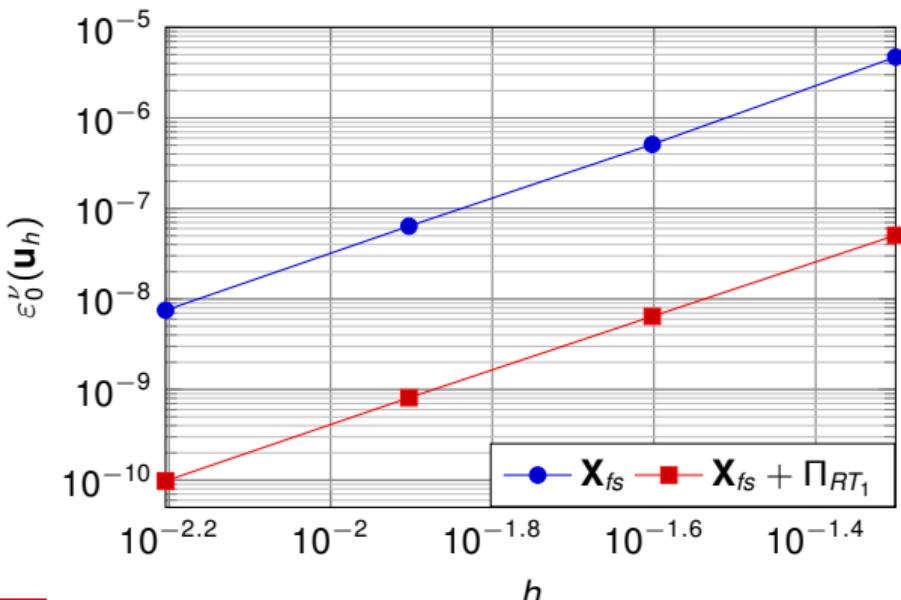


## Numerical results with a regular solution

- Stokes Problem in  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$  with:

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \cos(2\pi x)) \sin(2\pi y) \\ (\cos(2\pi y) - 1) \sin(2\pi x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad p = \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y), \quad \mathbf{f} = -\nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{grad} p.$$

- Plots  $\varepsilon_0^\nu(\mathbf{u}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} / \|(\mathbf{u}, p)\|_{\mathcal{X}}$  for  $\nu = 1.00 e - 4$ . Convergence rate:  $\tau = 3$ .



$X_{fs}$ :  $\mathbf{u}_h \notin \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega)$ .

$X_{fs} + \Pi_{RT_1}$ :  $\mathbf{u}_h \in \mathbf{H}(\text{div}; \Omega)$ .

*Pressure robust disc.:*  
Linke et al

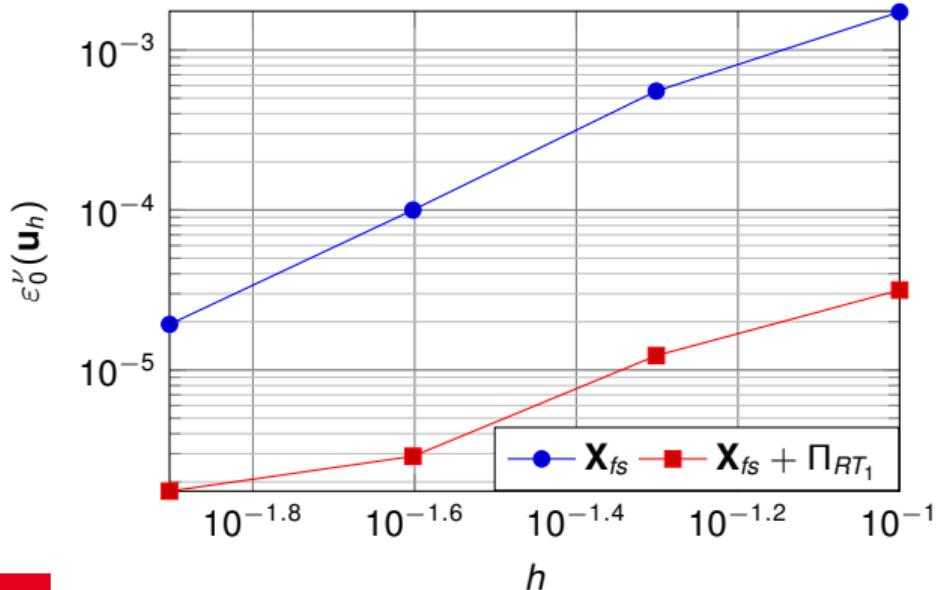
$\Pi_{RT_1}$  computation:  
Gatica'14, Lemma 3.11

## Numerical results with a low-regular solution

- Stokes Problem in  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ . We set:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $(r, \theta) = \left( |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0|, \arctan\left(\frac{y-y_0}{x-x_0}\right) \right)$ .

Consider the prescribed solution (with inhomogeneous Dirichlet BC):

$$\mathbf{u} = r^\alpha \mathbf{e}_\theta, \quad p = r^\beta - \int_{\Omega} r^\beta, \quad \mathbf{f} = -\nu(\alpha^2 - 1)\rho^{\alpha-2} \mathbf{e}_\theta + \beta \mathbf{e}_r.$$



$$\alpha = 0.45 \text{ and } \beta = 1,$$

$$\nu = 1.00 e - 4,$$

$$\varepsilon_0^\nu(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{\|(\mathbf{u}, p)\|_{\mathcal{X}}}.$$

$$\tau_{fs} = 2.18,$$

$$\tau_{fs+rt} = 1.39.$$

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- Local stability estimates:
  - For order 1 in  $2D$  and  $3D$  without mesh regularity assumption.
  - For order 2 in  $2D$  with mesh regularity assumption.
- Higher order and higher dimension:
  - Heavy mathematical material needed [Sauter et al.](#)
  - Splitting the normal and tangential components could help to get (local) stability estimates.
- Numerical results could be enhanced using BDM projection instead of RT.
  - [Brezzi-Douglas-Marini'85, Boffi-Brezzi-Fortin'13.](#)