
A locally refined-staggered scheme for the variable density Navier-Stokes equations

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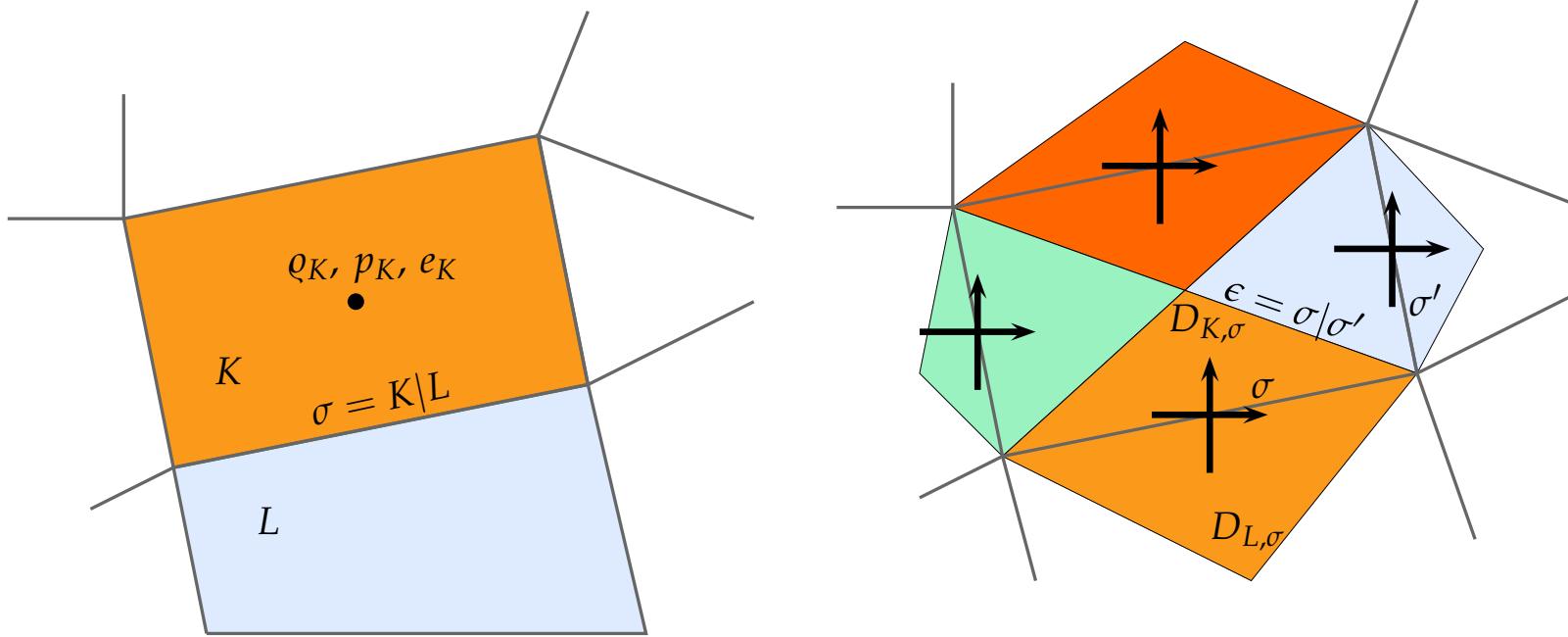
A CFD code for "industrial" purpose:

- Preserve some stability, (as far as possible) independently of the space and time steps,
- Accurate at any Mach number ?

- △ Time discretization with a fractional step algorithm, pressure correction method.
- △ Staggered space discretization (but not structured mesh).

Schemes described hereafter are implemented in the free software ISIS, based on the software component library and framework PELICANS.

Space discretization



- Primal mesh : $\mathcal{M} = \{ \text{ set of control volumes } K \}.$
 - Scalar variables defined at cell centers: $(p_K)_{K \in \mathcal{M}}, (\rho_K)_{K \in \mathcal{M}}, (\vartheta_K)_{K \in \mathcal{M}}, \dots$
 - Velocity components defined at the (some) edges : $(v_{\sigma,i})_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}^{(i)}}.$
 - Dual mesh(es) : $(D_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}^{(i)}}.$
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Variable density Navier-Stokes equations

On $(0, T) \times \Omega$ where Ω is a bounded connected domain of \mathbb{R}^d , $d \in \{2, 3\}$:

$$\partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0,$$

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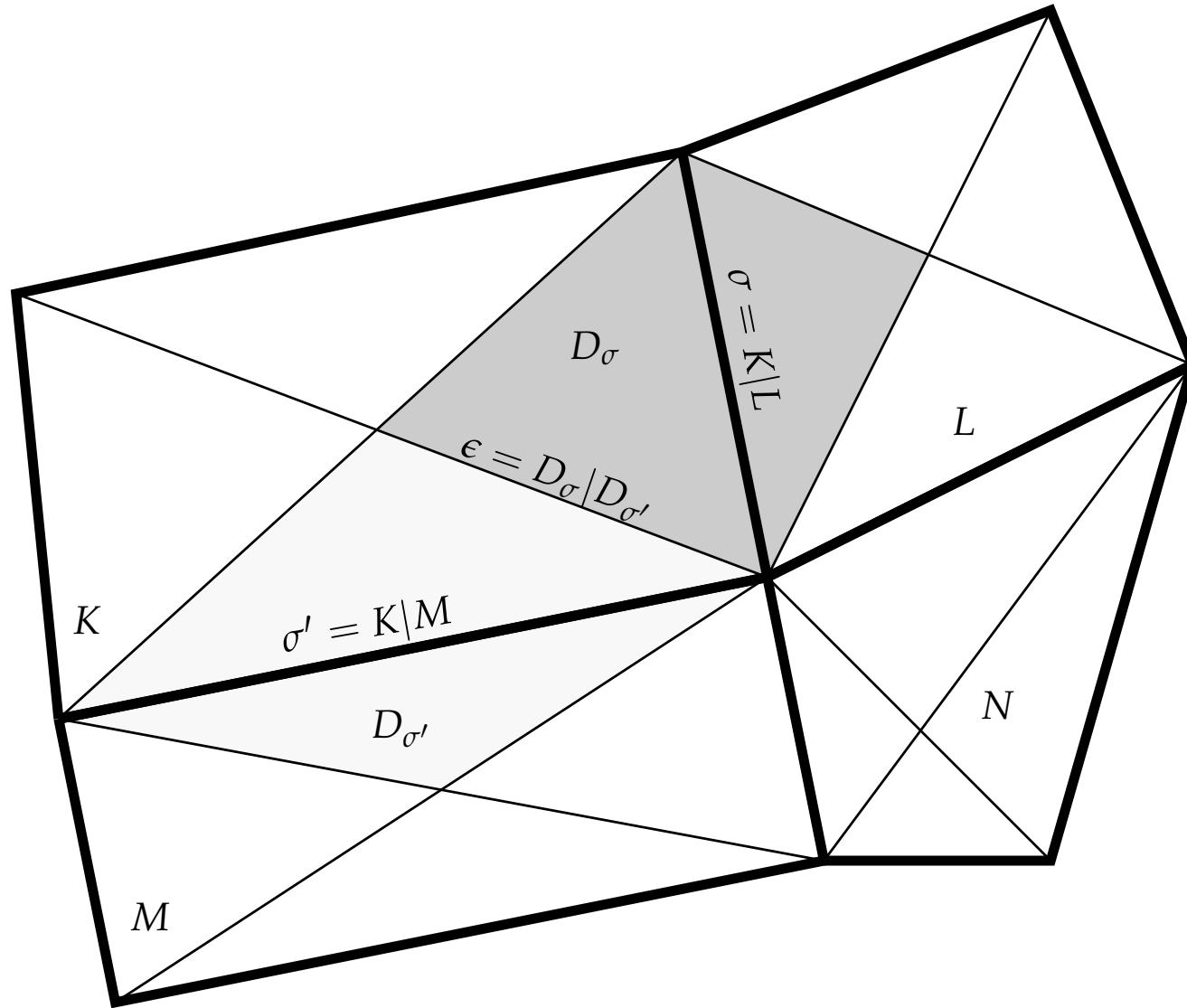
where :

- $\boldsymbol{\tau}(\mathbf{u}) = \mu(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^t \mathbf{u}) - \frac{2\mu}{3} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} I$, where μ is a positive parameter, possibly depending on x ,
- $\mathbf{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = \mathbf{u}_{\partial\Omega}$, $\mathbf{u}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{u}_0$,
- The density ρ is assumed to be a given positive **known function**, approximated by a piecewise constant function $\rho = \sum_K \rho_K \mathbf{1}_K$.

Kinetic energy balance : (Momentum balance) $\cdot \mathbf{u}$ & mass balance:

$$\partial_t \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\mathbf{u}|^2 \right) + \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\mathbf{u}|^2 \mathbf{u} \right) - \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\tau}(\mathbf{u})) \cdot \mathbf{u} + \nabla p \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0.$$

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Implicit scheme :

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$$\frac{1}{\delta t}(\rho_\sigma \mathbf{u}_\sigma - \rho_\sigma^* \mathbf{u}_\sigma^*) + \frac{1}{|D_\sigma|} \sum_{\epsilon \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(D_\sigma)} F_{\sigma,\epsilon} \mathbf{u}_\epsilon + (T_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{u}))_\sigma + (\nabla p)_\sigma = 0, \quad \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{\text{int}}.$$

with :

$$F_{K,\sigma} = |\sigma| \hat{\rho}_\sigma \mathbf{u}_\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}, \quad \hat{\rho}_\sigma = \frac{\rho_K + \rho_L}{2},$$

$$(\nabla p)_\sigma = \frac{|\sigma|}{|D_\sigma|} (p_L - p_K) \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma},$$

$(T_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{u}))_\sigma$ discretized by the Rannacher-Turek finite element.

The dual densities ρ_σ and dual fluxes $F_{\sigma,\epsilon}$ are built so that a discrete kinetic energy holds.

Second order centered discretization of the velocity on the dual faces: $\mathbf{u}_\epsilon = \frac{\mathbf{u}_\sigma + \mathbf{u}_{\sigma'}}{2}$.

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- $\tilde{\mathbb{Q}}_1(K) = \operatorname{span}\{1, x_i, x_{i+1}^2 - x_{i+1}^2, 1 \leq i \leq d-1\}$
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- Find (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h) in $V_h^d \times Q_h$ such that for all (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h) in $V_h^d \times Q_h$:

$$\sum_K \int_K \nabla \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla \mathbf{v}_h + \sum_K \int_K p_h \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_h = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h,$$

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- The mass and momentum balances **are not discretized at the same locations !**

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Theorem (Herbin, Kheriji, Latché) :

Assume that a discrete mass balance holds over dual mesh :

$$\frac{|D_\sigma|}{\delta t}(\rho_\sigma - \rho_\sigma^*) + \sum_{\epsilon \in \mathcal{E}(D_\sigma)} F_{\sigma,\epsilon} = 0, \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{\text{int}}.$$

Then a discrete kinetic energy balance holds :

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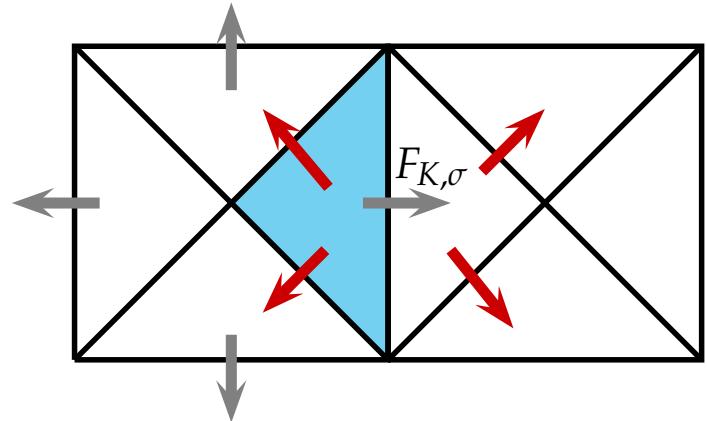
+ summing over $\sigma \in \mathcal{E}$ and $k = 1, \dots, n$:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}} |D_\sigma| \rho_\sigma^n |\mathbf{u}_\sigma^n|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^* \delta t \|\mathbf{u}^k\|_{1,h}^2 \leqslant \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}} |D_\sigma| \rho_\sigma^0 |\mathbf{u}_\sigma^0|^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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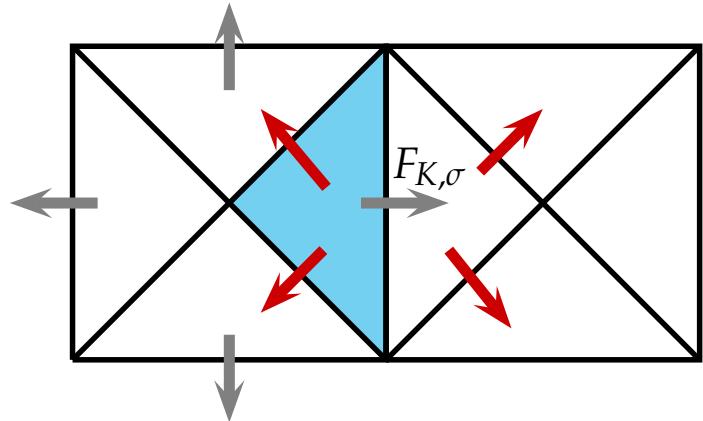
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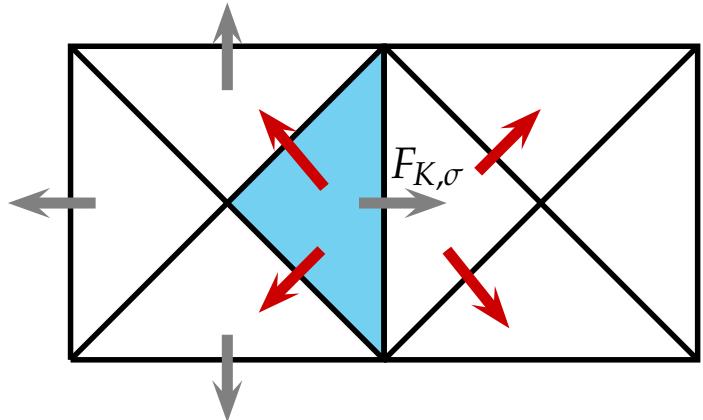
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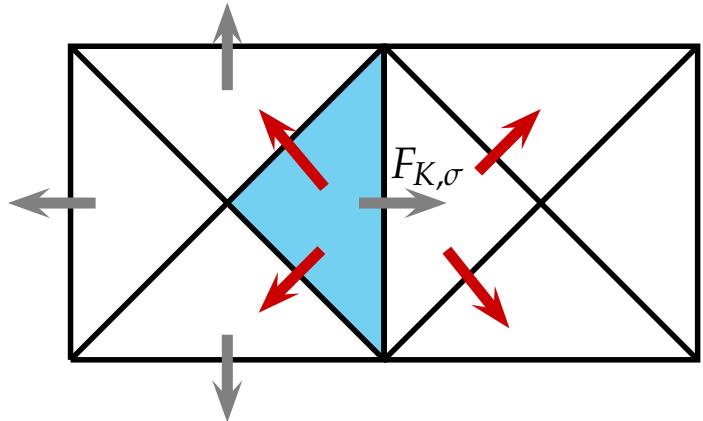
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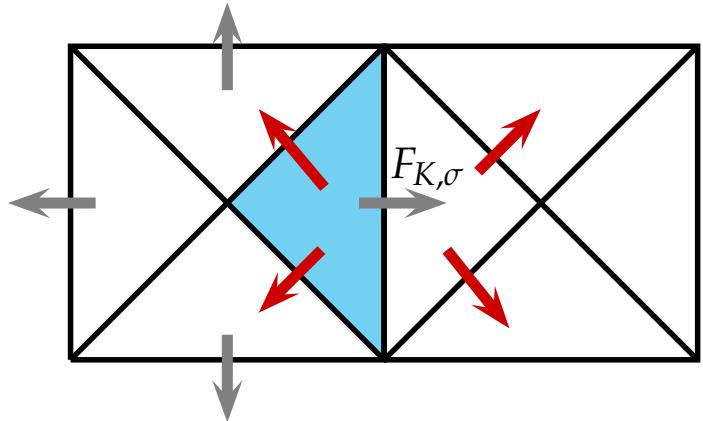
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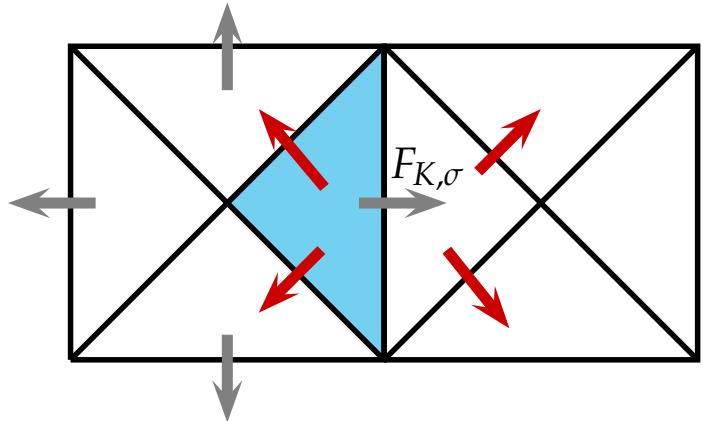
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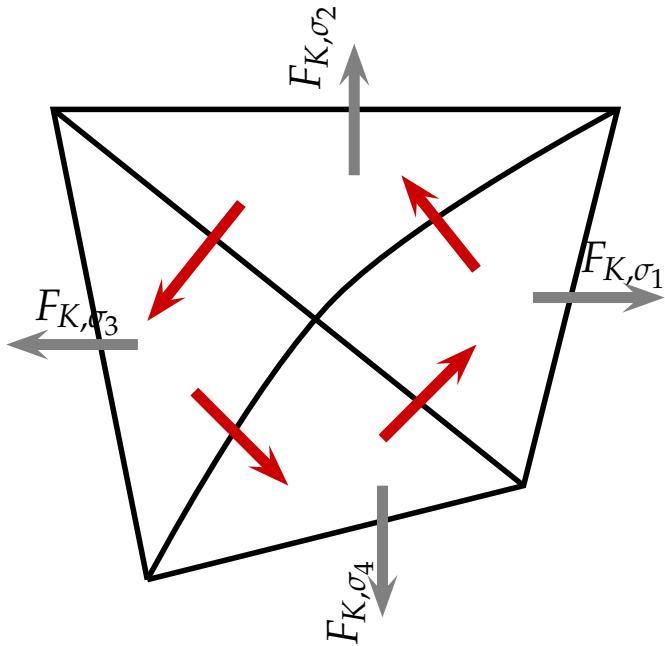
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A construction which **does not depend on the element K** :

$$\begin{aligned}
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where $\xi_K^\sigma = \frac{|D_{K,\sigma}|}{|K|}$ is **independent** of K and σ .



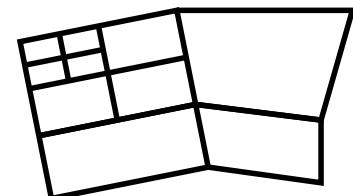
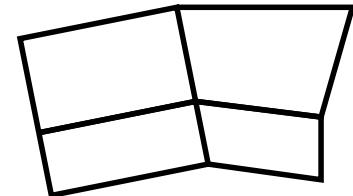
Solve the linear system :

$$F_{K,\sigma} + \sum_{\substack{\epsilon \in \mathcal{E}(D_\sigma) \\ \epsilon \subset K}} F_{\sigma,\epsilon} = \xi_K^\sigma \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}(K)} F_{K,\sigma}, \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{E}(K).$$

Non-conforming local refinement

Admissible refined meshes :

- start from a regular triangulation
- recursive application of a refinement pattern to some cells
- maximum difference of refinement levels of adjacent cells: 1



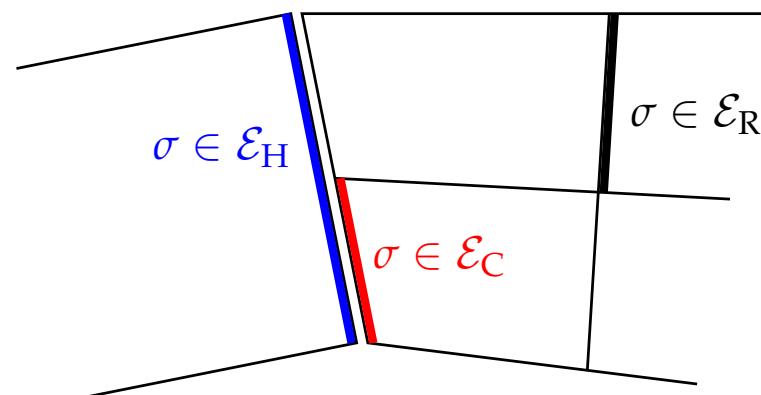
Hanging Faces :

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_R \cup \mathcal{E}_H \cup \mathcal{E}_C$$

\mathcal{E}_R : regular faces

\mathcal{E}_H : hanging faces

\mathcal{E}_C : child faces



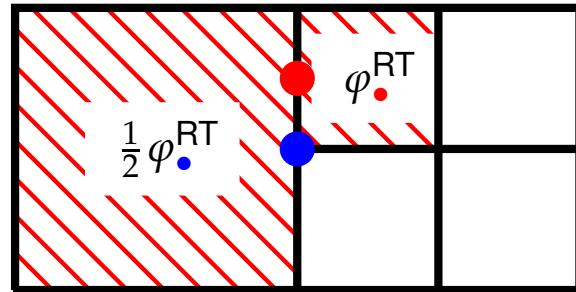
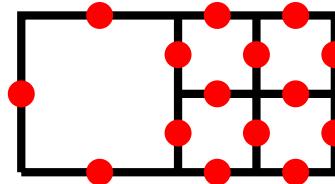
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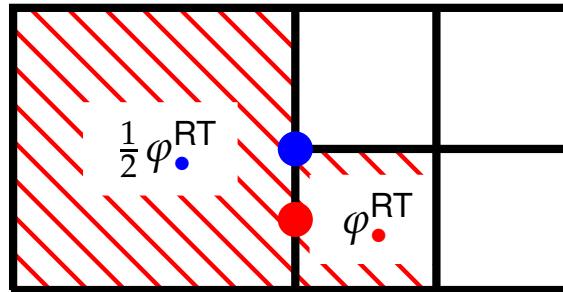
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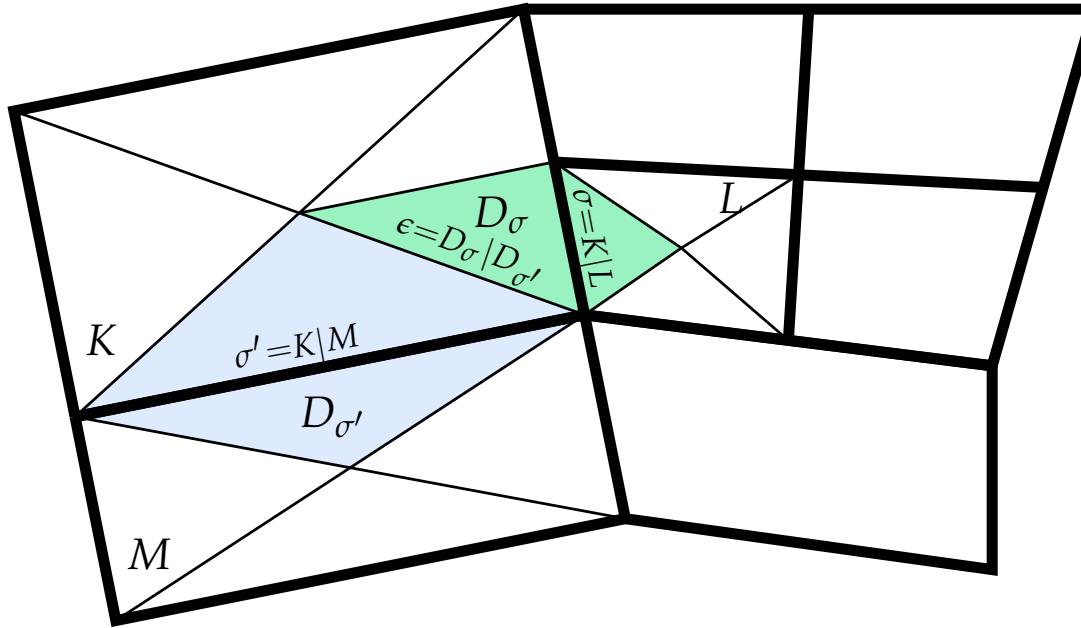
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$$\inf_{p \in Q_h} \sup_{\mathbf{u} \in V_h^d} \frac{\int_{\Omega} p \operatorname{div}_h \mathbf{u}}{\|p\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{1,h}} \geq \beta.$$

- Discrete kinetic energy balance :

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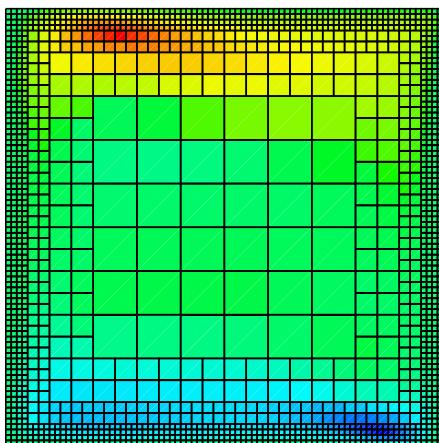
Numerical applications (1/2)

A low Mach number model for buoyant flows :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t(\rho c_p \vartheta) + \operatorname{div}(\rho c_p \vartheta \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div}(\lambda \nabla \vartheta) &= 0, \\ P_{th}(t) &= \rho R \vartheta, \\ \partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u}) &= 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\tau}(\mathbf{u})) + \nabla p &= \rho g.\end{aligned}$$

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The velocity is set to zero on the boundary and the border is heated according to: $\vartheta(x) = \frac{L-x_1}{L} \vartheta_h + \frac{x_1}{L} \vartheta_c$, $\vartheta_h = (1 + \varepsilon) \vartheta_0$, $\vartheta_c = (1 - \varepsilon) \vartheta_0$.

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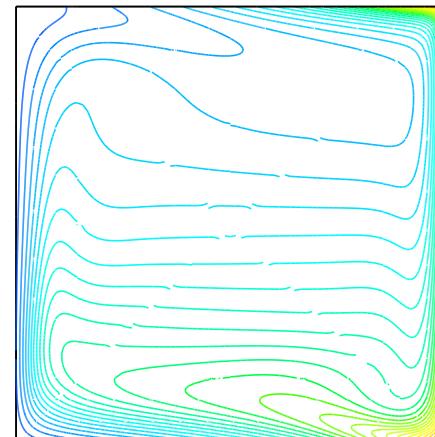
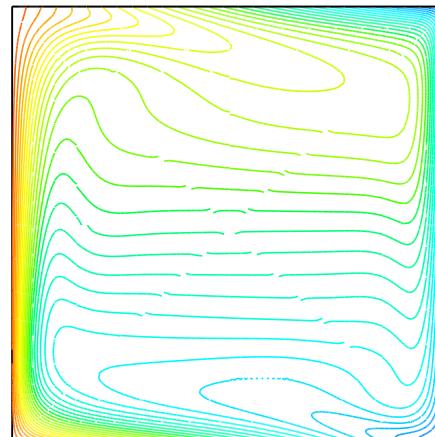
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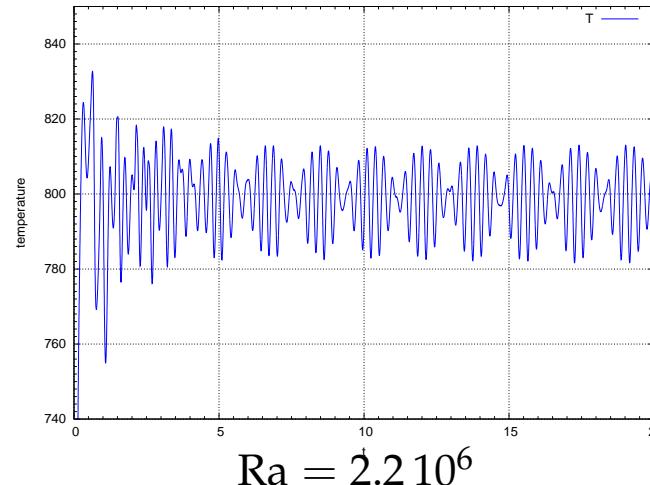
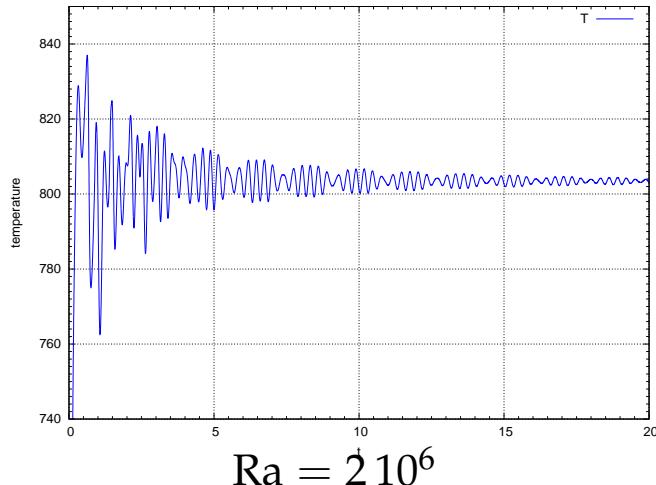
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Dimensional analysis \implies the flow is governed by the Prandtl and the Rayleigh numbers :

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{\mu c_p}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Ra} = \frac{\rho_0^2 c_p g (\vartheta_h - \vartheta_c) L^3}{\mu \lambda \vartheta_0}.$$

S. Xin and P. Le Quéré (Physics of Fluids, 2001), provide a stability analysis that shows that the flow reaches a steady state up to a critical value of the Rayleigh number approximately equal to $\text{Ra} = 2.1 \cdot 10^6$. Beyond this value, the flow remains time-dependent.

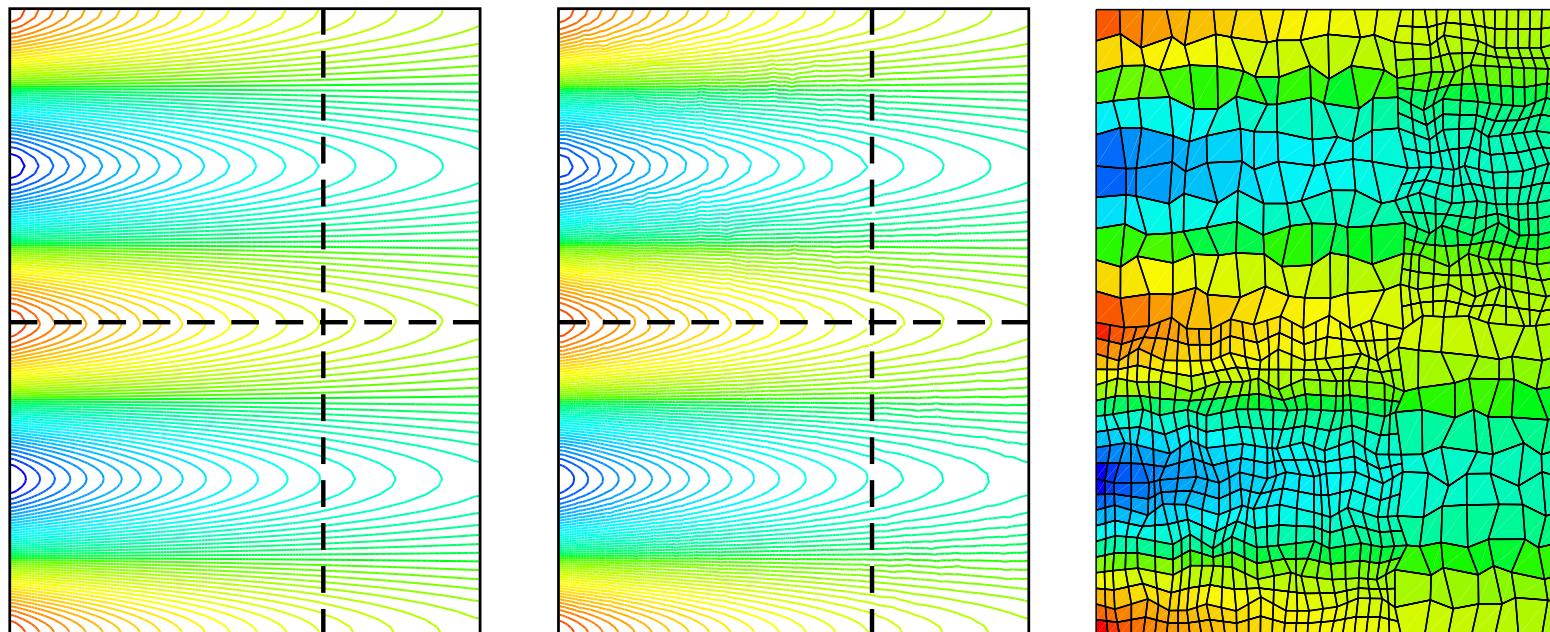


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Error analysis : convection-diffusion equation

Let $w \in \mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Omega})^d$ such that $w|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$, $\operatorname{div} w = 0$ and let $f \in L^2(\Omega)$.

Strong form of the convection-diffusion equation :

$$\begin{aligned} u + \operatorname{div}(uw) - \Delta u &= f, && \text{on } \Omega, \\ u &= 0, && \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Weak formulation of the convection-diffusion equation :

Let us define : $a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v, \quad u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega),$

$$b(w, u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(uw)v, \quad u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

A weak solution is a function $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that:

$$(u, v) + b(w, u, v) + a(u, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

Lax-Milgram theorem \implies there exists a unique weak solution.

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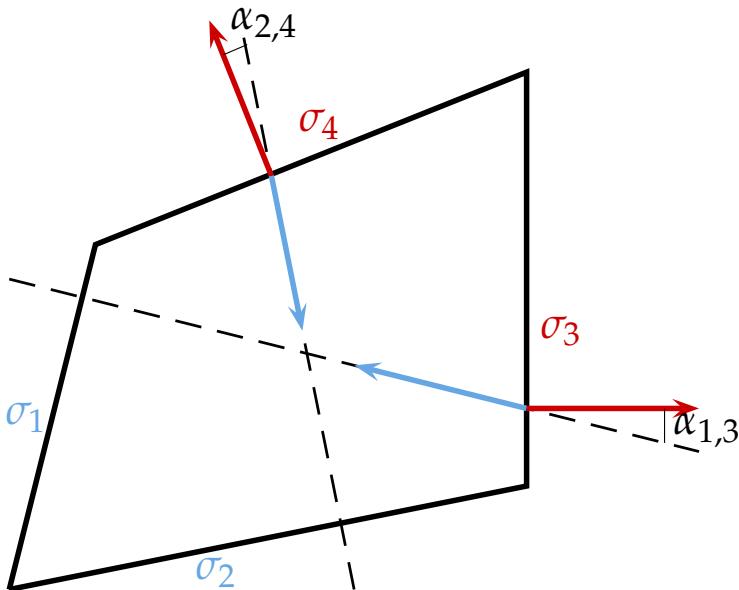
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where $\forall (u, v) \in V_h \times V_h$,

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Regularity of the mesh :



We assume **convex** control volumes K .

$$h_K = \text{size}(K)$$

r_K = radius of the biggest ball included in K

$$\alpha_K = \max(\alpha_{1,3}, \alpha_{2,4})$$

$$h = \max\{h_K, K \in \mathcal{M}\}$$

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$$\theta_h = \max \left\{ \frac{h_K}{r_K}, K \in \mathcal{M} \right\}$$

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Reminder : Stokes problem :

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta \mathbf{u} + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f}, & \Omega \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0, & \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= 0, & \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

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Question : For the convection-diffusion equation, do we have the same accuracy of the *staggered* scheme on *locally non-conforming refined* meshes and knowing the particular discretization of the convection term ?

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Remark : Thanks to the gradient-divergence duality and the inf-sup stability properties, a similar result can be proved for the **Oseen model**:

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$$r_h : \begin{cases} H_0^1(\Omega) & \longrightarrow V_h \\ v & \mapsto r_h v(x) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}} |\sigma|^{-1} \left(\int_{\sigma} v \, d\gamma \right) \varphi_{\sigma}(x). \end{cases}$$

- Approximation property of r_h (Rannacher-Turek extended to refined meshes) :

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega), \forall K \in \mathcal{M},$$

$$\|v - r_h v\|_{L^2(K)} + h_K \|\nabla(v - r_h v)\|_{L^2(K)^d} \leq C_2 h_K (h_K + \alpha_K) |v|_{H^2(K)}.$$

Hence:

$$\|r_h u - u\|_{1,h} = \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{M}} \|\nabla(u - r_h u)\|_{L^2(K)^d}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C_2 (h + \alpha_h) |u|_{H^2(\Omega)}.$$

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Two main ingredients:

- The approximation property of the Fortin operator for refined meshes:

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega), \forall K \in \mathcal{M},$$

$$\|v - r_h v\|_{L^2(K)} + h_K \|\nabla(v - r_h v)\|_{L^2(K)^d} \leq C_2 h_K (h_K + \alpha_K) |v|_{H^2(K)}.$$

- A bound on the interface jumps of the velocity:

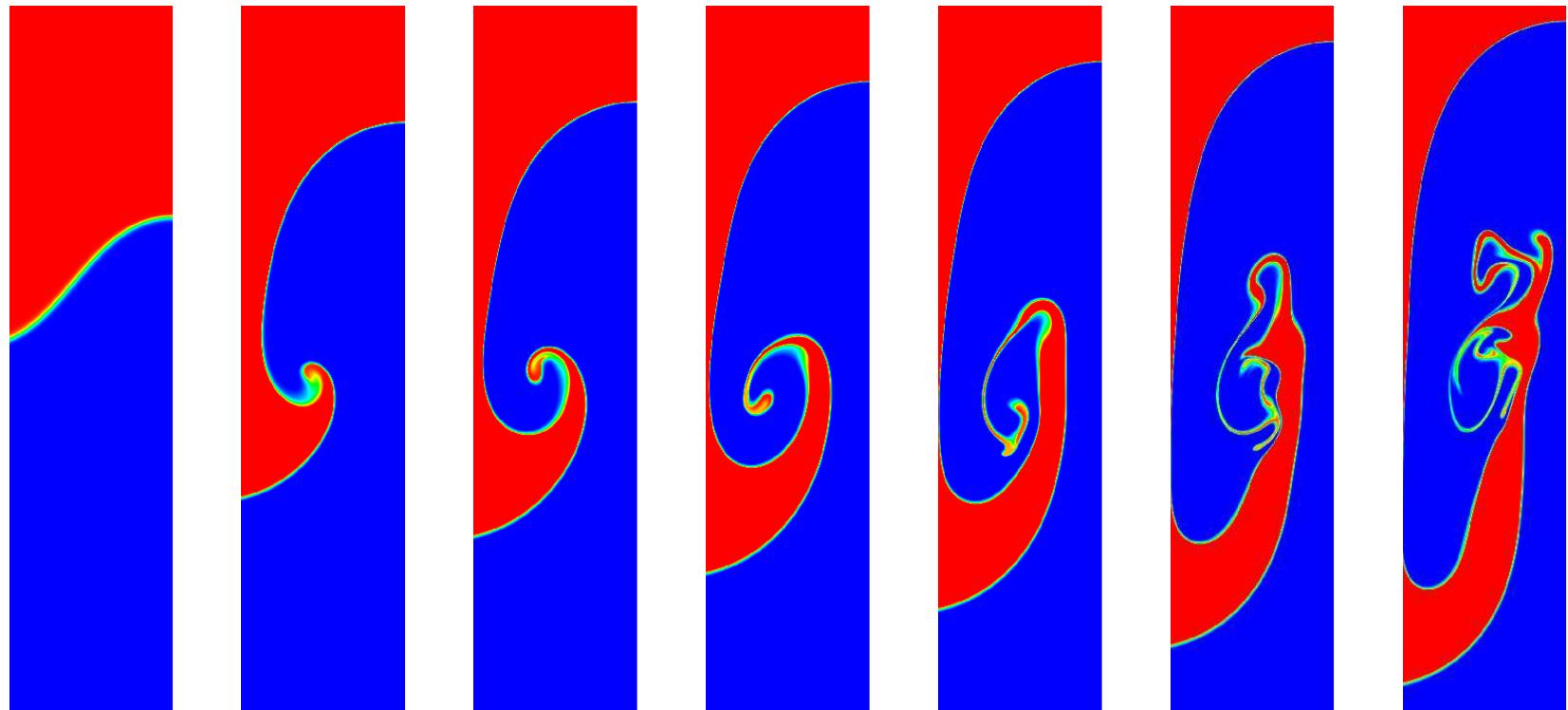
$$\sum_{\Sigma \in \mathcal{E}_R \cup \mathcal{E}_H} \left| \int_{\Sigma} [v]_{\Sigma} \partial_n u \right| \leq C h \|v\|_{1,h} \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}, \quad \forall v \in V_h, u \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$



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This model is equivalent to :

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On a bounded domain $(0, T) \times \Omega$, we prove the **convergence of the staggered scheme** towards the weak solutions of this model, with:

$$\mathbf{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{u}_0 \quad \rho|_{t=0} = \rho_0 \geq \rho_{\min} > 0.$$

A convergence result

The scheme:

$$(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})_K = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{M},$$

$$\frac{1}{\delta t} (\rho_K - \rho_K^*) + \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}(K)} F_{K,\sigma} = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{M},$$

$$\frac{1}{\delta t} (\rho_\sigma \mathbf{u}_\sigma - \rho_\sigma^* \mathbf{u}_\sigma^*) + \frac{1}{|D_\sigma|} \sum_{\epsilon \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(D_\sigma)} F_{\sigma,\epsilon} \mathbf{u}_\epsilon - (\Delta \mathbf{u})_\sigma + (\nabla p)_\sigma = 0, \quad \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_{\text{int}}.$$

with:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})_K = \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}(K)} |\sigma| \mathbf{u}_\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma} \\ F_{K,\sigma} = |\sigma| \rho_\sigma \mathbf{u}_\sigma^{\text{up}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}, \quad \rho_\sigma^{\text{up}} : \text{upwind approximation of } \rho \text{ on } \sigma. \\ (\nabla p)_\sigma = \frac{|\sigma|}{|D_\sigma|} (p_L - p_K) \mathbf{n}_{K,\sigma}, \\ \text{centered approximation for } \mathbf{u}_\epsilon, \\ -(\Delta \mathbf{u})_\sigma \text{ discretized by the usual Rannacher-Turek expansion.} \end{array} \right.$$

A convergence result

For a given mesh:

- 1 - *A priori* estimates.
- 2 - Existence of a solution.

For a sequence of meshes and time steps ($\mathcal{M}^{(m)}$, $\delta t^{(m)}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{(m)}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{N^{(m)}} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{M}^{(m)}} \begin{cases} \rho_K^n \\ p_K^n \end{cases} \mathcal{X}_K(\boldsymbol{x}) \mathcal{X}_{(n-1,n]}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{u}^{(m)}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{N^{(m)}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}^{(m)}} \boldsymbol{u}_{\sigma}^n \mathcal{X}_{D_{\sigma}} \mathcal{X}_{(n-1,n]}(t). \end{aligned}$$

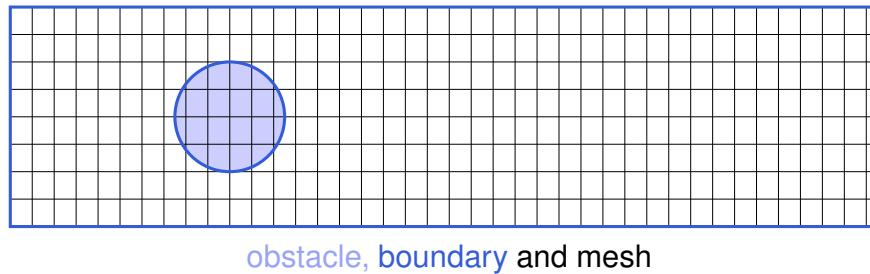
3 - Compactness: (up to the extraction of a subsequence) strong convergence of $\boldsymbol{u}^{(m)}$ c.f. the talk of T. Gallouët) and weak convergence of $\rho^{(m)}$.

- 4 - Passage to the limit in the divergence-free constraint.
- 5 - Passage to the limit in the mass balance equation.
- 6 - Strong convergence of ρ .
- 7 - Passage to the limit in the momentum balance equation.

Theorem (Jean-Claude Latché, K.S.): *Up to the extraction of a subsequence, the scheme converges (in strong norms) to a weak solution of the problem.*

Perspectives

- Ongoing work : local refinement for Euler equations (avoid spurious oscillations at the refinement boundary).
- Improvement of numerical schemes: explicit MUSCL for Euler, implicit MUSCL for scalar transport and Euler (defect correction techniques), assessing the use of local refinement techniques for vanishing-diffusion flows.
- Run the code on massively parallel machines (Maison de la Simulation (Saclay) ?).
- Toward the generalization of LES approaches, on structured schemes + immersed boundary method.



- New field of application: explosion (H_2 , natural gas, dust).
 - solvers for reactive compressible flows,
 - and for the so-called G-equation (transport of a quantity by a velocity field colinear with its gradient).
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Thank you !
