

# B-Splines compatible finite element spaces. Application to plasma physics

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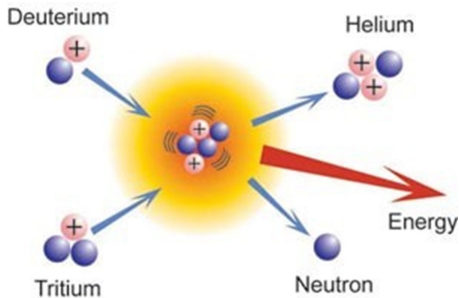
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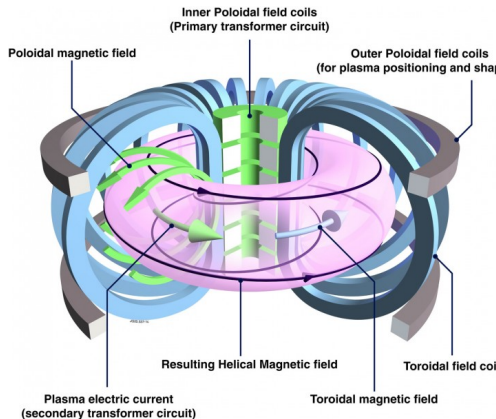
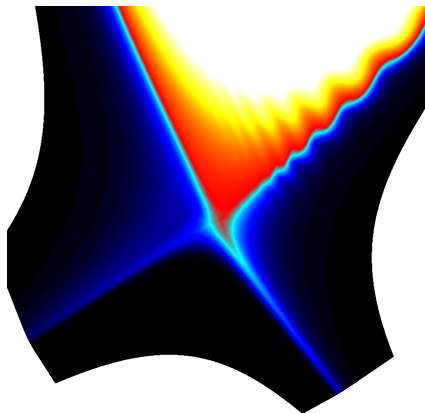


Figure: Tokamak

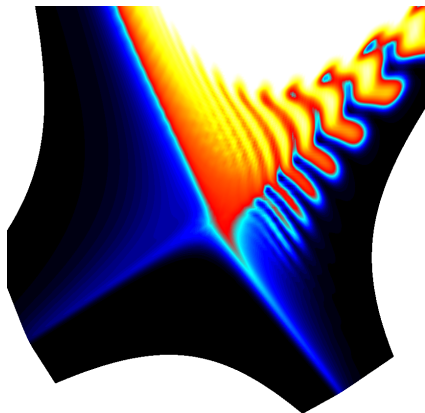
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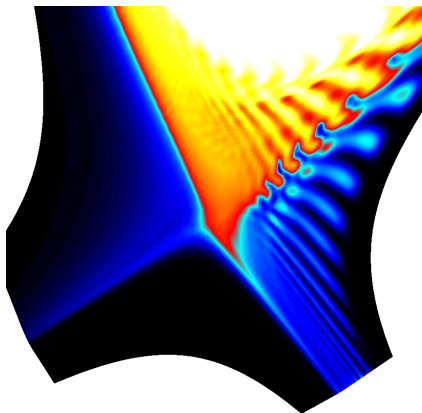
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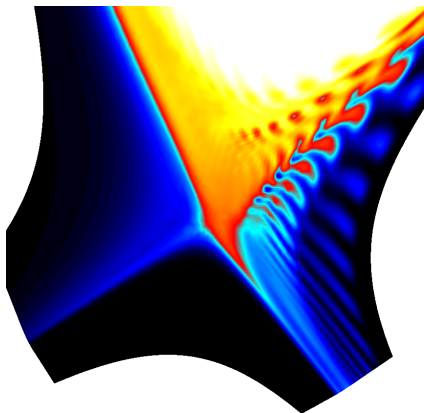
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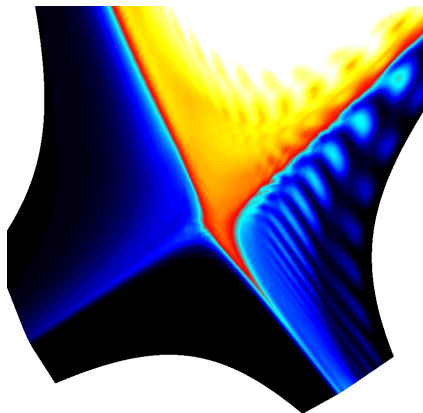
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# MHD in a Tokamak

## Visco-resistive MHD

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \rho \partial_t \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} + \nu \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \\ \partial_t p + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) + (\gamma - 1) p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + \eta |\nabla \times \mathbf{B}|^2 + \nu \mathbf{\Pi} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = \eta \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- with  $\rho$  the density,  $p$  the pressure,  $\mathbf{u}$  the velocity,  $\mathbf{B}$  the magnetic field,  $\mathbf{J}$  the current,  $\mathbf{\Pi}$  stress tensor and  $\mathbf{q}$  the heat flux.

## MHD specificities in Tokamak

- **Strong anisotropic flows** (direction of the magnetic field)  $\implies$  **complex geometries and aligned meshes** ( flux surface or magnetic field lines).
- **MHD scaling:**
  - **Diffusion:** Large Reynolds and magnetic Reynolds number.
  - **$B_{\parallel}$  direction:** **compressible flow and small Prandtl number.**
  - **$B_{\perp}$  direction:** **quasi incompressible flow and large Prandtl number.**
- **MHD Scaling**  $\implies$  compressible code with no discontinuities + fast waves.
- **Quasi stationary flows + fast waves**  $\implies$  implicit or semi implicit schemes.

# Problem of implicit discretization

## Spatial discretization

- No shocks + diffusion ==> **Finite Element method**.
- Strong anisotropy ==> **Aligned meshes + high-order** ==> **Isogeometry analysis**.
- Divergence constrains, stability ==> **Compatible discretization**.
- Solution for implicit schemes:
  - Direct solver. **CPU cost and consumption memory too large in 3D**.
  - Iterative solver. **Problem of conditioning**.

## Problem of classical implicit schemes

- **Huge ratio between the physical wave speeds** (low Mach regime) ==> huge ratio between discrete eigenvalues.
- **Transport problem**: anisotropic problem ==> huge ratio between discrete eigenvalues.
- **High order scheme**: small/high frequencies ==> huge ratio between discrete eigenvalues.

## Long term aim

- Propose High-order and stable finite element scheme.
- Propose an implicit formulation with small problems to solve (splitting).

## Finite element and B-Splines

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## Finite element method

- Equation:  $-\Delta u = f$
- We define a **mesh and compact basis functions**  $\phi_j(\mathbf{x})$  for  $j \in 1, \dots, N$  associated to the degree of freedom  $j$  (node mesh for example).
- We write the equation on the **weak form**:

$$\int (\nabla u, \nabla v) = \int f v$$

- We expand the field on the basis function:  $u = \sum_j u_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Lot of possibilities for the basis functions:  $P_k$  and  $Q_k$  Lagrange, Hermite etc.
- **Isogeometry idea**: use functions used also for the geometry description in CAO.  
**B-Splines**, Nurbs etc.

## B-Splines

- **Choice**: **B-Splines**. Important property:
  - **Arbitrary order  $p$** .
  - **Regularity** can be also chosen: between  $C^0$  and  $C^{p-1}$ .
  - For high regularity Splines we add a small number of DOF to increase the degree.

# B-Splines Properties

- For same degree, the Low-regular Splines are more accurate than the high-regular B-Splines (better constant).
- Conditioning better for high-regular B-Splines.

## Construction

- In 2D/3D on cartesian grids the 2D/3D Splines are obtained by **tensor product**. Can be useful also for solving linear system associated.

## Non cartesian grids

- We obtain non Cartesian geometries **mapping the square with your physical geometry**.
- **Multi-patch version**. Each part is mapped with a part of the physical geometries.
- **Drawback**: sometimes the mapping is singular.

mapping\_2.pdf

# Solvers

- As all the finite element solver we need to invert matrix. **Specific solver can be used.**
- Example: Laplacian

$$-\Delta u = f$$

- After discretization we obtain

$$S_{h,p,k} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{f}$$

with  $S_{h,p,k}$  the stiffness matrix for  $h$  a step mesh,  $p$  the polynomial order and regularity.

## Spectral property

- We can prove that at the spectral level (GLT theory, S. Serra-Capizzano):

$$S_{h,p,k} \approx M_{h,p,k} D_h$$

with  $M_{h,p,k}$  the mass matrix and  $D_h$  the finite difference matrix of the Laplacian.

- **Remark:** mass contained high-order effects and mapping.
- **Conditioning problem:** Low frequencies for  $D_h$  and high-frequencies for  $p \gg 1$  for  $M_{h,p,k}$

## Preconditioning

- **Multi-Grids** for low frequencies.
- $M_{h,p,k}^{-1}$  (or approximation) for high-frequencies.
- $M_{h,p,k} \approx M_{1D} \otimes M_{1D}$  for smooth mapping. Using to invert the mass.
- Ref: S. Serra-Capizzano, M. Mazza, G. Sangalli, M. Tani etc.

# Numerical results: Convergence

- Equation:

$$-\Delta u = f$$

- Square domain.  
Dirichlet BC.
- Convergence and  
efficiency of B-Splines.

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- CPU and memory cost compare to the regularity of B-Splines:

	number of d.o.f		number of nnz		cpu-SuperLU		cpu-CG	
	$\mathcal{C}^{p-1}$	$\mathcal{C}^0$	$\mathcal{C}^{p-1}$	$\mathcal{C}^0$	$\mathcal{C}^{p-1}$	$\mathcal{C}^0$	$\mathcal{C}^{p-1}$	$\mathcal{C}^0$
p=2	4'096	16'129	98'596	253'009	0.23	0.35	$7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
p=3	4'225	36'481	196'249	896'809	0.61	1.64	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$

# Numerical results: Anisotropic diffusion

- Coupling **anisotropic diffusion** + equilibrium.

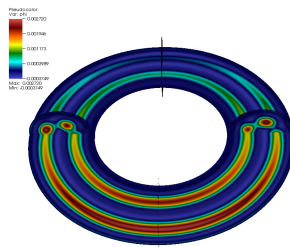
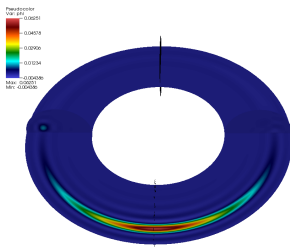
$$\partial_t T - \nabla \cdot ((\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \nabla T + \varepsilon \nabla T) = 0$$

- with the magnetic field given by

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{F(\psi)}{R} + \frac{1}{R} \nabla \psi \times \mathbf{e}_\phi$$

- Poloidal flux solution  $\psi$  solution of the equilibrium code:

$$\Delta^* \psi = -R^2 \frac{dp(\psi)}{d\psi} - \frac{dF(\psi)}{d\psi} F(\psi)$$



- Initial solution in left. Final solution in right.
- Solve with an Implicit in time third-order B-Splines code.

## Compatible isogeometric analysis

# Compatible space I: general and properties

## ■ Compatible space: DeRham sequence

3D Vector fields

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^1(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & H(\text{curl}, \Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & H(\text{div}, \Omega) & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & L^2(\Omega) \\ & & & & & & \\ H^1(\mathcal{P}) & \xleftarrow{\widetilde{\text{grad}}^*} & H(\text{curl}, \mathcal{P}) & \xleftarrow{\widetilde{\text{curl}}^*} & H(\text{div}, \mathcal{P}) & \xleftarrow{\widetilde{\text{div}}^*} & L^2(\mathcal{P}) \end{array}$$

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 V^h & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}^h} & V_{\text{curl}}^h & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}^h} & V_{\text{div}}^h & \xrightarrow{\text{div}^h} & X^h \\
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## Preservation of the operator properties:

$$\text{div}_h(\mathbf{Curl}_h) = 0, \quad \mathbf{Curl}_h(\mathbf{grad}_h) = 0$$

and

$$\mathbf{Curl}_h^* = \mathbf{Curl}_h, \quad \mathbf{grad}_h^* = \text{div}_h$$

- Dual properties useful for energy conservation, kernel properties for constraints and avoid spurious modes.

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- with  $\text{rot} \mathbf{u} = \partial_x u_2 - \partial_y u_1$  and  $\nabla \times f = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y f \\ -\partial_x f \end{pmatrix}$ .
- As in 3d, we have the preservation of the operator properties:

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# Why compatible spaces ?

- Example: Low-Mach Euler equation (no viscosity)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0 \\ \partial_t u + u \partial_x u + \frac{1}{M} \partial_x p = 0 \\ \partial_t p + u \partial_x p + p \partial_x u = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Limit when  $M$  tends to zero:

$$\partial_t \rho + u \partial_x \rho = O(M), \quad \partial_x p = O(M), \quad \partial_x u = O(M).$$

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## Possible solution

- Add viscosity on the all the equations to kill unphysical modes.

$$\eta \partial_{xx} u \approx \eta \frac{u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

- It is **Stabilization**.

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- Use another discretization. For example  $P_0$  FE:

$$(dxu)_j \approx \frac{u_j - u_{j-1}}{\Delta x}$$

- No unphysical modes, but less order.
- Compatible FE: **keep the order and the good kernel** for classical operators in 2D/3D. Not directly valid for advection.

# Example of Maxwell and properties

- **Advantage:** strong-weak form. Example: Explicit Maxwell.

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}^{n+1} = \mathbf{E}^n + \Delta t \nabla \times \mathbf{B}^n = 0 \\ \mathbf{B}^{n+1} = \mathbf{B}^n - \Delta t \nabla \times \mathbf{E}^n = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}^{n+1} = 0, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}^{n+1} = \rho \end{cases}$$

- We take the  $\mathbf{B}$  equation, choose  $\mathbf{E} \in H(\text{curl})$  and consequently  $\mathbf{B} \in H(\text{div})$ , multiply by test function and integrate (no ipp) to obtain

$$M_{\text{div}} \mathbf{B}_h^{n+1} = M_{\text{div}} \mathbf{B}_h^n + \Delta t \mathbf{C} \mathbf{E}_h^n$$

- $M_{\text{div}}$  the mass matrix for  $h(\text{Div})$  space and  $\mathbf{C}$  the weak curl matrix.
- Property of the space:  $\mathbf{C} = M_{\text{div}} \mathbf{Curl}_h$  with  $\mathbf{Curl}_h$  a "finite difference curl". We obtain

$$\mathbf{B}_h^{n+1} = \mathbf{B}_h^n + \Delta t \mathbf{Curl}_h \mathbf{E}_h^n$$

- Applying  $\text{div}_h$  we obtain  $\text{div}_h \mathbf{B}_h^{n+1} = 0$ .
- $\mathbf{B} \in H(\text{div}) \implies$  no compatibility with the first equation. So ipp on the first equation (weak form)

$$\int (\mathbf{E}^{n+1}, \mathbf{C}) = \int (\mathbf{E}^n, \mathbf{C}) + \Delta t \int (\mathbf{B}^n, \nabla \times \mathbf{C})$$

- Taking  $\mathbf{C} \in H(\text{curl})$  we obtain a consistent equation.

$$M_{\text{curl}} \mathbf{E}^{n+1} = M_{\text{curl}} \mathbf{E}^n + \Delta t \text{Curl}_h^T M_{\text{div}} \mathbf{B}^n$$

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# Projector

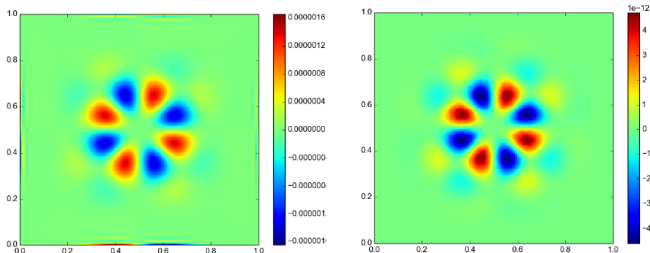
- Additionally, we need the **commutative projection**.
- The 3D projectors are defined by:

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{h1}^h := \begin{cases} \tilde{\Pi}_{h1}^h \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_p^0 \in V^h \\ \mathbf{f}_p^0(\mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{x}_k, \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_k \in N_h \end{cases} \quad \tilde{\Pi}_{L2}^h := \begin{cases} \tilde{\Pi}_{L2}^h \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_p^3 \in X^h \\ \int_{V_k} \mathbf{f}_p^3 = \int_{S_k} \mathbf{f}, \quad \forall V_k \in \Omega_h \end{cases}$$

- with  $N_h$  the nodes of the mesh.  $\Omega_h$  the cells of the mesh.

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{curl}^h := \begin{cases} \tilde{\Pi}_{curl}^h \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_p^1 \in V_{curl}^h \\ \int_{e_k} \mathbf{f}_p^1 \cdot \mathbf{t} = \int_{e_k} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{t}, \quad \forall e_k \in E_h \end{cases} \quad \tilde{\Pi}_{div}^h := \begin{cases} \tilde{\Pi}_{div}^h \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_p^2 \in V_{div}^h \\ \int_{f_k} \mathbf{f}_p^2 \cdot \mathbf{n} = \int_{f_k} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \forall f_k \in F_h \end{cases}$$

- with  $E_h$  the edges of the mesh.  $\Omega_h$  the faces of the mesh.
- Example:  $\rho_2 = \nabla \times (2x(1-x)y(1-y))$ . Comparison between  $L^2$  and commutative projection in  $H(div)$ :



# Results of 3D Maxwell

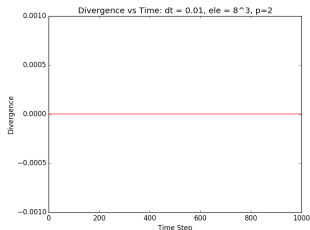
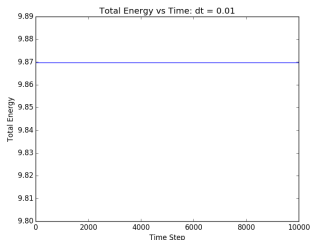
## Remarks

- Matrices of first and second order can be written using mass and "DF" matrices:

$$\text{Matrix}_{\text{Grad}} = M_{\text{Curl}} \mathbf{grad}_h, \quad \text{Matrix}_{\text{laplacian}} = \mathbf{grad}_h^T M_{\text{Curl}} \mathbf{grad}_h$$

- Mapping and high-order polynomial contains in the mass matrices.

- Analytic solution for Maxwell equations. Implicit code.



- Left: Energy evolution. Right: magnetic field divergence evolution.

## Problem of classical implicit schemes

- Good conservation properties.
- Need to be verified with complex mapping.

# Compatible space V: practical example

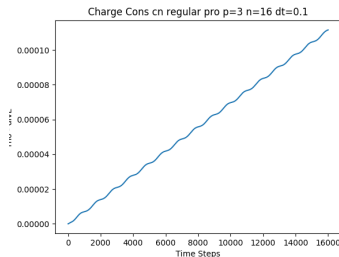
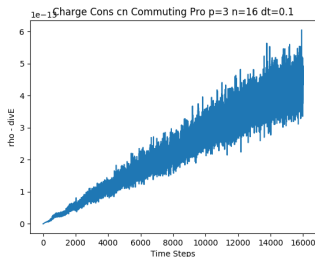
- Numerical example: 2D Maxwell model:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}^{n+1} = \mathbf{E}^n + \Delta t \text{Curl}(\mathbf{B}^n) - \mu_0 \mathbf{J} \\ \mathbf{B}^{n+1} = \mathbf{B}^n - \Delta t \text{rot}(\mathbf{E}^n) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}^{n+1} = 0, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}^{n+1} = \rho \end{cases}$$

- with  $\text{Curl} \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y B \\ -\partial_x B \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\text{Rot}(\mathbf{E}) = \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x$ .
- Property to preserve

$$\nabla \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{E} = \partial_t \rho, \quad \text{since} \quad \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0.$$

- Charge conservation for Implicit scheme with 16\*16 cells. Order 3



- Left: Compatible space with commutative projection. Right: Compatible space without commutative projection.

## Splitting and nonlinear solver: Full MHD

# Model

- Resistive MHD model for Tokamak:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \rho \partial_t \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} + \nu \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \\ \partial_t p + \nabla \cdot (p \mathbf{u}) + \gamma p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot ((k_{\parallel} (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}) + k_{\perp} I_d) \nabla T) + \eta(T) |\nabla \times \mathbf{B}|^2 + \nu \mathbf{\Pi} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = \eta(T) \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{cases}$$

- with  $\rho$  the density,  $\mathbf{u}$  the velocity,  $p$  and  $T$  the pressure and temperature,  $\mathbf{B}$  the magnetic field,  $\mathbf{\Pi} = \mathbf{\Pi}(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{B})$  the stress tensor.
- with  $\nu$  the viscosity,  $k_{\parallel}$ ,  $k_{\perp}$  the thermal conductivities and  $\eta$  the resistivity.

## Important Properties

- Conservation in time:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  and

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int \left( \rho \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} \right) = 0$$

## Possible simplification

- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \approx \Delta \mathbf{u}$ .
- Ohmic ( $\eta |\nabla \times \mathbf{B}|^2$ ) and viscous heating  $\nu \mathbf{\Pi} : \nabla \mathbf{u}$  neglected.

# Three stage Energy conserving Splitting

## ■ Convection - diffusion step:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \rho \partial_t \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \\ \partial_t p = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + \eta(T) |\nabla \times \mathbf{B}|^2 + \nu \Pi : \nabla \mathbf{u} \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} = \eta(T) \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \end{cases}$$

## □ Energy balance

$$\partial_t \int \left( \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^2}{2} + \rho \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} \right) = 0$$

## ■ Acoustic step:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho = 0, \\ \rho \partial_t \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 0 \\ \partial_t p + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) + (\gamma - 1) p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{cases}$$

## □ Energy balance

$$\partial_t \int \left( \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^2}{2} + \rho \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} \right) = 0$$

## ■ Magnetic step:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho = 0, \\ \rho \partial_t \mathbf{u} = (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} \\ \partial_t p = 0 \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{cases}$$

## □ Energy balance

$$\partial_t \int \left( \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^2}{2} + \rho \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} \right) = 0$$

## ■ Splitting and Equilibrium: the balance is not preserved.

# Example of Compatible space for MHD: Acoustic part

- Algorithm for **acoustic step**

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t p_h + \nabla \cdot (p_h \mathbf{u}_h) + (\gamma - 1) p_h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h = 0 \\ \rho_h \partial_t \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla p_h = 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbf{u}_h \in H(\text{Curl})$  and  $p \in H^1$ . The second is exactly true using the DehRham sequence. .
- First equation needs to take on the weak form.
- We solve

$$\begin{cases} A(\partial_t p_h, q) - B(p_h \mathbf{u}_h, q) - (\gamma - 1) B(\mathbf{u}_h, p_h q) = 0 \\ \rho_h \partial_t \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla_h p_h = 0 \end{cases}$$

with

$$A(p, q) = \int p q, \quad B(\mathbf{u}, p) = \int (\mathbf{u}, \nabla p)$$

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- $\mathbf{u}_h \in H(\text{Curl})$  and  $p \in H^1$ . The second is exactly true using the DehRham sequence. .
- After time discretization

$$\begin{cases} A(p_h^{n+1}, q) - c_i (B(p_h^{n+1} \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, q) + (\gamma - 1) B(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, p_h^{n+1} q)) \\ = A(p_h^n, q) + c_e (B(p_h^n \mathbf{u}_h^n, q) + (\gamma - 1) B(\mathbf{u}_h^n, p_h^n q)) \\ \rho_h \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} + c_i \nabla_h p_h^{n+1} = \rho_h \mathbf{u}_h^n - c_e \nabla_h p_h^n \end{cases}$$

- with  $c_i = \theta \Delta t$  and  $c_e = (1 - \theta) \Delta t$ .

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- $\mathbf{u}_h \in H(\text{Curl})$  and  $p \in H^1$ . The second is exactly true using the DehRham sequence. .
- We solve

$$\begin{cases} A(p_h^{n+1}, q) + M_1(p_h^{n+1}, q) + (\gamma - 1) M_2(p_h^{n+1}, q) = R(q) \\ \rho_h \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} + c_i \nabla_h p_h^{n+1} = \rho_h \mathbf{u}_h^n - c_e \nabla_h p_h^n \end{cases}$$

with

$$M_1(p_h^{n+1}, q) = c_i^2 \int \frac{p_h^{n+1}}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^{n+1}, \nabla q) - c_i \int (p_h^{n+1} \mathbf{u}_h^n, \nabla q) + c_i c_e \int \frac{p_h^{n+1}}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^n, \nabla q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2(p_h^{n+1}, q) &= c_i^2 \int \frac{p_h^{n+1}}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^{n+1}, \nabla q) + c_i^2 \int \frac{q}{\rho_h} |\nabla p_h^{n+1}|^2 - c_i \int (\mathbf{u}_h^n, p_h^{n+1} \nabla q) \\ &\quad - c_i \int (\mathbf{u}_h^n, \nabla p_h^{n+1}) q + c_i c_e \int \frac{p_h^{n+1}}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^n, \nabla q) + c_i c_e \int \frac{q}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^{n+1}, \nabla p_h^n) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R(q) = A(p_h^n, q) + c_e (B(p_h^n \mathbf{u}_h^n, q) + (\gamma - 1) B(\mathbf{u}_h^n, p_h^n q))$$

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- Algorithm for **acoustic step**

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t p_h + \nabla \cdot (p_h \mathbf{u}_h) + (\gamma - 1) p_h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h = 0 \\ \rho_h \partial_t \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla p_h = 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbf{u}_h \in H(\text{Curl})$  and  $p \in H^1$ . The second is exactly true using the DehRham sequence. .
- Final Algorithm with Picard: for each  $k$  the following system

$$A(p_h^*, q) + M_1(p_h^*, q) + (\gamma - 1) M_2(p_h^*, q) = R(q)$$

with  $p_h^{k+1} = w p_h^* + (1 - w) p_h^k$  and

$$M_1(p_h^*, q) = c_i^2 \int \frac{p_h^k}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^*, \nabla q) - c_i \int (p_h^* \mathbf{u}_h^n, \nabla q) + c_i c_e \int \frac{p_h^*}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^n, \nabla q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2(p_h^*, q) = & c_i^2 \int \frac{p_h^k}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^*, \nabla q) + c_i^2 \int \frac{q}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^k, \nabla p_h^*) - c_i \int (\mathbf{u}_h^n, p_h^* \nabla q) \\ & - c_i \int (\mathbf{u}_h^n, \nabla p_h^*) q + c_i c_e \int \frac{p_h^*}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^n, \nabla q) + c_i c_e \int \frac{q}{\rho_h} (\nabla p_h^*, \nabla p_h^n) \end{aligned}$$

- When  $|p_h^{k+1} - p_h^k| < \varepsilon$  we take  $p_h^{n+1} = p_h^{k+1}$  and we compute the velocity

$$\rho_h \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} + c_i \nabla_h p_h^{n+1} = \rho_h \mathbf{u}_h^n - c_e \nabla_h p_h^n$$

# Substep and solvers

- **Splitting** allows to obtain more simple systems to solve. How ?
- Example: **acoustic**.
- At each nonlinear step we must solve an equation **like**:

$$-a\Delta p + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla p + cp = f$$

- and **just a matrix-vector product** for the velocity update.
- Case  $|\mathbf{u}| \ll 1$ : classical **multigrid method** + GLT smoother for high-order B-Splines.
- Other case. More complex. Stabilization helps probably.
- **Magnetic or Magneto-acoustic step**. Problem **like**:

$$-a(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + b\nabla \times (\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b})) \times \mathbf{b} + c\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

- More complex since for  $d = 0$  the **kernel can be non zero**. For  $d \ll 1$  ill-conditioned system.
- Works of A. Ratnani and M. Mazza. PC for

$$-a\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + b\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{f}$$

- Work well for  $10^{-3} \leq \frac{a}{b} \leq 10^3$ . On going work: Larger ratio and introduction of the magnetic field.

## Compatible spaces:

- Energy preserving time scheme + compatible spaces allows:
  - Preserve **energy at the discrete level** in the ideal case. More stability ?
  - Preserve strongly  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ .
  - In each step we solve simple problems (convection-diffusion-reaction problems) + matrix vector product.
  - High-order and High-regularity. Possible to **align poloidal mesh to magnetic surfaces**.
  - Have a simple way to assembly/store the matrices (product of mass with "DF" matrices).
  - **Needs:** stabilization for advection and preconditioning for elliptic solvers.

## Following works for MHD

- Validate the acoustic step and after the magnetic step.
- Write and validate the convection diffusion step. Stabilization for convection (Holger's talk ?)
- Preconditioning for **vectorial elliptic problems** and **anisotropic diffusion**.
- Add the mapping to the circle and after the Tokamak. Realistic test cases.