# Minimal stabilization techniques for incompressible flows

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**F. Brezzi/ M. Fortin:** A minimal stabilisation procedure for mixed finite element methods, Numer. Math. 89 (2001), 457-492.

- Goal: Critical review of stabilization techniques for inf-sup stable pairs (in view of VMS-methods)
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Treatment of nonstationary laminar Navier-Stokes problem

Find 
$$U = (\mathbf{u}, p) \in V \times Q := (H_0^1(\Omega))^d \times L_0^2(\Omega)$$
 such that  

$$B(U, V) = (\tilde{\mathbf{f}}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in V \times Q \quad (1)$$

$$B(U, V) := \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + ((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - (p, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) + (q, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}).$$

- Semidiscretise (1) first in time (e.g., BDF(q) or SDIRK methods).
- Newton-type iteration in each time step leads to Oseen type problem:

### Find $U = (\mathbf{u}, p) \in V \times Q$ such that

$$a(U,V) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in V \times Q.$$
  
 $a(U,V) := \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + ((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \sigma \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - (p, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) + (q, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})$ 

with given  $\mathbf{b} \in H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) \cap (L^{\infty}(\Omega))^d$ ,  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{b} = 0$ ,  $\nu > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\Delta t} \sim \sigma \ge 0$ 

# Galerkin finite element discretization

- $T_h$  shape-regular decomposition of polyhedral domain  $\Omega$
- $\mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{T}_h}^{\mathbf{r}} := \{ v \in C(\overline{\Omega}) \mid v|_K \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}(K) \text{ or } \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{r}}(K) \ \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \}, \ \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{N}$
- FE spaces for velocity/ pressure:

$$\mathbf{V}_h^r \, := ig[\mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{T}_h}^r \cap H^1_0(\Omega)ig]^d \,, \qquad \mathbf{Q}_h^{r-1} \, := \mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{T}_h}^{r-1} \cap L^2_0(\Omega)$$

with discrete inf-sup compatibility condition

### **Galerkin FEM:**

Find 
$$U = (\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1} := \mathbf{V}_h^r \times \mathbf{Q}_h^{r-1}$$
, s.t.  
 $a(U, V) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1}$ 

**Goal:** Robustness w.r.t.  $\nu$ ,  $\sigma$ , h

### "Classical" residual-based stabilisation (RBS)

#### **Residual-based scheme:**

Find 
$$U = (\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1} = \mathbf{V}_h^r \times \mathbf{Q}_h^{r-1}$$
, s.t.  
 $a_{rbs}(U, V) = l_{rbs}(V) \quad \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1}$ 

$$a_{rbs}(U, V) := a(U, V) + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (L_{Os}(\mathbf{u}, p), \tau_K((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} + \nabla q))_K + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\gamma_K (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}), \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})_K$$
  
supg- and pspg-stabilisation  
$$l_{rbs}(V) := (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v})_{\Omega} + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\mathbf{f}, \tau_K((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} + \nabla q))_K$$

#### **Other variants:**

- Galerkin/ Least-squares method (GaLS):
- Algebraic subgrid-scale method ("unusual" GaLS):

Test with  $\tau_{K}L_{Os}(\mathbf{v},q)$ Test with  $-\tau_{K}L_{Os}^{*}(\mathbf{v},q)$ 

## Drawbacks of classical RBS-schemes

#### A-priori analysis: with emphasis on *r*-dependence

see: GL/G. Rapin M<sup>3</sup>AS 16 (2006) 7

#### **Con's of RBS-schemes**

- Basic drawback: Strong velocity-pressure coupling in SUPG-terms !
  - $\Rightarrow$  (Rather) expensive implementation in 3D !
- Sensitive design of parameters  $\tau_K$  and  $\gamma_K$
- Non-symmetric form of stabilisation terms
- Construction of efficient preconditioners for mixed algebraic problem !

#### Problem:

Is PSPG-stabilization necessary for div-stable pairs ?

### Reduced RBS-scheme

Reduced RBS scheme: Joint work with G. Matthies, L. Röhe (2008)

Find 
$$U = (\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1} = \mathbf{V}_h^r \times \mathbf{Q}_h^{r-1}$$
, s.t.  
 $a_{red}(U, V) = l_{red}(V) \quad \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1}$ 

$$a_{red}(U,V) := a(U,V) + \underbrace{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (L_{OS}(\mathbf{u},p), \tau_K((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}))_K}_{SUPG-stabilisation} + \underbrace{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\gamma_K (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}), \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})_K}_{(div-)div-stabilisation}$$
$$l_{red}(V) := (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v})_{\Omega} + \underbrace{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\mathbf{f}, \tau_K((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}))_K}_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h}$$

with Oseen operator

$$L_{Os}(\mathbf{u},p) := -\nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \sigma \mathbf{u} + \nabla p$$

# Stability analysis

### Seminorm/ norm:

$$\begin{aligned} \|[\mathbf{v}]\|_{red} &:= \left(\nu \|\mathbf{v}\|_{1}^{2} + \sigma \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0}^{2} + \gamma \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}\|_{0}^{2} + \sum_{K} \tau_{K} \|\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}\|_{0,K}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \|V\|\|_{red} &:= \left(\|[\mathbf{v}]\|_{red}^{2} + \alpha \|q\|_{0}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

### **Conditional stability:**

• 
$$\gamma_K \equiv \gamma \ge 0,$$
  $0 \le \tau_K \le \frac{\beta_0^2}{30\mu^2} \frac{\mathbf{h}_K^2}{\varphi^2}$   
with  $\varphi^2 := \nu + \sigma C_F^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}^2 \min\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}; \frac{C_F^2}{\nu}\right) + \gamma$   
• Set:  $\frac{16}{15} \cdot \frac{\beta_0^2}{\varphi^2} \le \alpha \le \frac{26}{15} \cdot \frac{\beta_0^2}{\varphi^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists \beta_S \neq \beta_S(\nu, \sigma, h) : \inf_{V_h \ W_h} \sup_{W_h} \frac{a_{red}(V_h, W_h)}{\||V_h\||_{red}} \ge \beta_S > 0$ 

Reduced RBS-scheme for laminar flows

## Convergence result. Parameter design

### Preliminary a-priori estimate:

• Let 
$$(\mathbf{u},p) \in [\mathbf{V} \cap H^{r+1}(\Omega)]^d \times [\mathbf{Q} \cap H^r(\Omega)].$$

• Stability assumption implies 
$$\tau_K \leq \frac{Ch_K^2}{\gamma + \nu + \sigma C_F^2}$$
.

$$\begin{aligned} \||U - U_{h}\||_{red}^{2} &\leq C \sum_{K} \left( \frac{h_{K}^{2}}{\nu + \gamma} h_{K}^{2(r-1)} \|p\|_{r,K}^{2} \right. \\ &+ \left[ \gamma + \nu + \sigma h_{K}^{2} + \tau_{K} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty,K}^{2} + \frac{\|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty,K}^{2} h_{K}^{2}}{\tau_{K} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty,K}^{2} + \nu + \sigma h_{K}^{2}} \right] h_{K}^{2r} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{r+1,\omega(K)}^{2} \end{aligned}$$

### **Conclusions for stabilization:**

• SUPG not required if:  $\nu \geq \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty,K}^2 h_K^2$ , i.e.  $\max_K Re_K \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}$ 

and/ or  $\sigma \ge \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty,K}^2 \iff$  time step restriction:  $h_K^2 \le \delta t \sim \frac{1}{\sigma} \le \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty}^2}$ • Div-stabilization useful if:  $\|p\|_{r,K} \sim (\nu + \gamma) \|\mathbf{u}\|_{r+1,\omega(K)}$ 

# Upper bound of critical Galerkin terms

Upper bound of  $a_{red}(\cdot, \cdot)$  requires sharp estimates of Galerkin terms:

- Discrete-divergence preserving interpolant  $I_h$  GIRAULT/SCOTT ['03]
- Standard Lagrangian interpolant  $J_h$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  For all  $W_h = (\mathbf{w}_h, r_h) \in \mathbf{V}_h \times \mathbf{Q}_h$ :

 $(r_{h}, \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} - I_{h}\mathbf{u})) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{avoids negative power of pressure weight } \alpha$  $|(p - J_{h}p, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_{h})| \leq C \Big(\sum_{K} \frac{2}{\nu + \gamma} h_{K}^{2r} ||p||_{r,K}^{2} \Big)^{\frac{1}{2}} ||W_{h}||_{red}$  $|(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla (\mathbf{u} - I_{h}\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{w}_{h})| \leq C \Big(\sum_{K} \frac{3 ||\mathbf{b}||_{\infty,K}^{2} h_{K}^{2}}{\tau_{K} ||\mathbf{b}||_{\infty,K}^{2} + \nu + \sigma h_{K}^{2}} h_{K}^{2r} ||\mathbf{u}||_{r+1,\omega(K)}^{2} \Big)^{\frac{1}{2}} ||W_{h}||_{red}$ 

Action of div- resp. SUPG-stabilization avoid negative powers of  $\nu$  resp.  $\nu, \sigma$ 

Reduced RBS-scheme for laminar flows

## Can SUPG be avoided for laminar flows?

### **Example:** Driven cavity with stationary solutions

- SUPG is not required up to Re = 7.500
- Non-stationary approach with moderately large time steps



Driven-cavity problem with Re = 5,000: Cross-sections of the solutions for  $Q_2/Q_1$  without SUPG/PSPG and  $Q_2/Q_2$  with SUPG/PSPG

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# Role of grad-div stabilization I

# Examples with $||p||_{r,K} \ll ||\mathbf{u}||_{r+1,\omega(K)}$

- Poiseuille flow:  $\nabla p = \nu \Delta u \quad \rightsquigarrow$  div-stabilization superfluous
- Stationary flow around cylinder at  $\nu = 0.001$  (corresponds to Re = 20)





Convergence plots with  $Q_2/Q_1$  for lift and drag coefficients

# Role of grad-div stabilization II

Examples with  $\|p\|_{r,K} \sim \|\mathbf{u}\|_{r+1,\omega(K)} \quad \rightsquigarrow \ \gamma \sim 1 \gg \nu$ 

$$-\nu\Delta\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{b}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f}$$

with solution  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b} = (\sin(\pi x_1), -\pi x_2 \cos(\pi x_1))^T$ ,  $p = \sin(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2)$ 

Table: Comparison of different variants of stabilization with  $Q_2/Q_1$  and  $\nu = 10^{-6}$ ,  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $h = \frac{1}{64}$ 

SUPG: $\tau_0$	div: $\gamma_0$	PSPG: $\alpha_0$	$ {\bf u} - {\bf u}_h _1$	$\ {f u}-{f u}_h\ _0$	$\  \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h \ _0$	$\ p - p_h\ _0$
0.000	0.000	0.000	2.56E-1	5.42E-4	2.02E-1	2.31E-4
0.056	0.562	0.010	1.91E-3	6.21E-6	1.82E-4	9.08E-5
0.056	0.562	0.000	1.91E-3	6.20E-6	1.66E-4	8.06E-5
0.000	0.562	0.000	2.61E-3	7.42E-6	1.72E-4	8.05E-5
3.162	0.000	0.000	1.87E-2	7.50E-5	1.56E-2	1.08E-4

#### **Problem:**

General criterion for div-div stabilization or a-posteriori approach ?!

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# Two-grid setting and local projection

• **Primal grid**  $\mathcal{T}_h$  with FE spaces  $\mathbf{V}_h^r$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_h^{r-1}$  for velocity and pressure



• Macro grid  $\mathcal{M}_h = \mathcal{T}_{2h}$  with discontinuous FE spaces

• 
$$\mathbf{D}_h^u := \{ v \in [L^2(\Omega)]^d : v|_M \in \mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{M}_h}^{r-1}, \forall M \in \mathcal{M}_h \}$$
  
•  $\mathbf{D}_h^p := \{ v \in L^2(\Omega) : v|_M \in \mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{M}_h}^{k-1}, \forall M \in \mathcal{M}_h \}, k \in \{0, \dots, r-2\}$ 

• Local 
$$L^2$$
-projection:  $\pi_M^{u/p} : L^2(M) \to \mathbf{D}_h^{u/p}|_M$   
• Global projection:  $\pi_h^{u/p} : L^2(\Omega) \to \mathbf{D}_h^{u/p}, \quad (\pi_h^{u/p}w)|_M := \pi_M^{u/p}(w|_M)$ 

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# Local projection stabilisation

### **Fluctuation operators:**

• 
$$\kappa_h^{u/p}: [L^2(\Omega)] \to [L^2(\Omega)],$$

• 
$$\vec{\kappa}_h^{u/p} : [L^2(\Omega)]^d \to [L^2(\Omega)]^d$$

$$egin{aligned} &\kappa_h^{u/p} := id - \pi_h^{u/p} \ &ec{\kappa}_h^{u/p} ec{w} := ig((id - \pi_h^{u/p}) w_i)_{i=1}^d \end{aligned}$$

Discrete LPS-problem: Subgrid stabilization as minimal stabilization

Find 
$$U_h = (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1}$$
:  $a_{lps}(U_h, V) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \ \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r, r-1}$ 

$$a_{lps}(U,V) = a(U,V) + s_h(U,V).$$

$$s_h(U,V) = \sum_{M} \underbrace{\alpha_M(\vec{\kappa}_h^u \nabla p, \vec{\kappa}_h^u \nabla q)_M}_{pressure \ stab.} + \underbrace{\tau_M(\vec{\kappa}_h^u \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}, \vec{\kappa}_h^u \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v})_M}_{advection \ stab.} + \underbrace{\gamma_M(\kappa_h^p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \kappa_h^p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})_M}_{divergence \ stab.}$$

# Stability

### **Comparison of LPS to RBS-schemes:**

- Symmetric, non-consistent form of stabilization terms
- Stabilization (or: subgrid viscosity) term acts only on "fine" scales (!)

$$\begin{aligned} \||V_{h}\||_{lps} &:= \left( |[V_{h}]|_{lps}^{2} + \alpha \|q\|_{0}^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \qquad \alpha = \alpha(\nu, \sigma) > 0 \\ \|[V_{h}]|_{lps} &:= \left( \nu \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{h}\|_{0}^{2} + \sigma \|\mathbf{v}_{h}\|_{0}^{2} + s_{h}(V_{h}, V_{h}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

**Unconditional** (!) stability:

 $\implies$  Existence / uniqueness

$$\inf_{V_h \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r,r-1}} \sup_{W_h \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r,r-1}} \frac{(a+s_h)(V_h, W_h)}{|[V_h]|_{lps} |[W_h]|_{lps}} \geq 1 \exists \beta_S \neq \beta_S(\nu, h) : \quad \inf_{V_h \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r,r-1}} \sup_{W_h \in \mathbf{W}_h^{r,r-1}} \frac{(a+s_h)(V_h, W_h)}{||V_h||_{lps} ||W_h||_{lps}} \geq \beta_S > 0$$

# A-priori error estimate

### Technical ingredient: see talk of G. Matthies

Construction of special interpolation operator  $\vec{j}_h^u$ 

- s.t.  $\mathbf{v} \vec{j}_h^u \mathbf{v}$  is  $L^2$ -orthogonal to  $\mathbf{D}_h^u$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}$
- which preserves the discrete divergence constraint.

### Preliminary a-priori estimate:

- Let  $\mathbf{u} \in [H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{r+1}(\Omega)]^d$ ,  $p \in L_0^2(\Omega) \cap H^r(\Omega)$ .
- $\Rightarrow \exists C \neq C(\nu, \sigma, h):$

$$\begin{split} \| [U - U_h] \|_{lps}^2 &\leq C \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_h} \left( (\alpha_M + \frac{h_M^2}{\gamma_M}) h_M^{2(r-1)} \| p \|_{r,\omega_M}^2 + \tau_M h_M^{2r} \| \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \|_{r,\omega_M}^2 \right. \\ &+ \left( \nu + \sigma h_M^2 + \gamma_M + \frac{h_M^2}{\tau_M} + \| \mathbf{b} \|_{\infty,M}^2 \tau_M \right) h_M^{2r} \| \mathbf{u} \|_{r+1,\omega_M}^2 \Big) \end{split}$$

# Parameter design

### **Conclusions for parameter design:**

- **PSPG-type term:**  $\alpha_M = 0$  is possible !
- SUPG-type term:  $\tau_M \sim \frac{h_M}{\|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty,M}}$ Careful analysis  $\rightsquigarrow$  SUPG avoidable if  $\sigma \geq \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\infty}^2$  or  $\max_M Re_M \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

### • Div-type term:

Equilibration of red velocity and pressure terms with  $\alpha_M = 0$  yields

$$\gamma_M \|\mathbf{u}\|_{r+1,\omega_M} \sim \|p\|_{r,\omega_M}$$

 $\rightsquigarrow$  Same problem (and strategies) as for reduced RBS-scheme  $\, ! \,$ 

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# VMS-decomposition of Navier-Stokes problem

#### Navier-Stokes problem :

Find 
$$U = (\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathcal{V}$$
 s.t.  $\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0$  and

$$B(U, V) = \langle \mathbf{f}, v \rangle \qquad \forall V = (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathcal{W}$$

#### Decomposition of trial and test spaces:

**Two-level setting with FE spaces:**  $\mathcal{V}_H \subseteq \mathcal{V}_h \subset \mathcal{V}, \quad \mathcal{W}_H \subseteq \mathcal{W}_h \subset \mathcal{W}$ 



$$\mathcal{V} = \underbrace{\mathcal{V}_H \oplus (id - \Pi)\mathcal{V}_h}_{=:\mathcal{V}_h} \oplus \hat{\mathcal{V}} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad U = \underbrace{U_H + (id - \Pi)U_h}_{=:U_h} + \hat{U}$$
$$\mathcal{W} = \underbrace{\mathcal{W}_H \oplus (id - \Pi)\mathcal{W}_h}_{=:\mathcal{V}_h} \oplus \hat{\mathcal{W}} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad V = \underbrace{V_H + (id - \Pi)V_h}_{=:U_h} + \hat{V}$$

## Discrete VMS problem on FEM-level

### VMS assumptions:

- **A.1 Scale separation:** No direct influence of  $\hat{U}$  on  $U_H$
- A.2 Unresolved scales dissipate energy from small resolved scales via subgrid viscosity model  $S: \mathcal{V}_h \cup \mathcal{W}_h$

### **Discrete VMS problem:**

$$egin{array}{lll} B(U_h,V_H)&=&\langle {f f},{f v}_H
angle&orall V_H\in \mathcal{V}_H\ B(U_h, ilde V_h)+egin{array}{lll} S_h( ilde U_h, ilde V_h)&=&\langle {f f},{f v}_h
angle&orall V_h\in (id-\Pi)\mathcal{W}_h \end{array}$$

Assumption:  $S_h(\cdot, V_H) = 0 \quad \forall V_H \in \mathcal{V}_H \cup \mathcal{W}_H \quad \leadsto$ 

#### **Compact discrete VMS problem:**

Find  $U_h \in \mathcal{V}_h$ :  $B(U_h, V) + S_h(U_h, V) = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{W}_h$ 

# Simplest parametrization of subgrid models: MILES

### Assumption on subgrid viscosity model:

- (i) Symmetry:  $S_h(U, V) = S_h(V, U) \quad \forall U, V \in \mathcal{V}_h \cup \mathcal{W}_h$
- (ii) Coercivity:  $S_h(\tilde{U}, \tilde{U}) \ge c \|\nabla \tilde{U}\|^2 \quad \forall \tilde{U} \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}} := (id \Pi)\mathcal{V}_h$

### Variational multiscale method (VMS):

- Scale separation:  $\Pi$  as  $L^2$ -orthogonal projection of  $\mathcal{V}_h$  onto  $\mathcal{V}_H$
- Subgrid viscosity model: ~-> local projection stabilization (LPS)

$$S_h(U,V) = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{T}_H} \left( \tau_M^H D((id - \Pi)\mathbf{u}), D((id - \Pi)\mathbf{v}) \right)_M$$

• **Parametrization of**  $\tau_M^H$ : based on a-priori analysis for linearized models

$$\tau_M^H = \tau_0 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(M)} h_M, \qquad \tau_0 = ?$$

corresponds to monotonically integrated LES (MILES)

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# Simplest parametrization of turbulence subgrid model

### Smagorinsky-type VMS-method: V. John et al. 2008

- Scale separation:  $\Pi$  as  $L^2$ -orthogonal projection of  $\mathcal{V}_h$  onto  $\mathcal{V}_H$
- Subgrid viscosity model:

$$S_h(U,V) = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{T}_H} \left( \tau_M^H(\mathbf{u}) D((id - \Pi)\mathbf{u}), D((id - \Pi)\mathbf{v}) \right)_M$$
  
$$\tau_M^H(\mathbf{u}) = (C_S h_M)^2 \|D(\mathbf{u})\|_F, \quad C_S = ?$$

Potential compromise: see also talk by J. L. Guermond

$$S_h(U,V) = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{T}_H} \left( \tau_M^H(\mathbf{u}) D((id - \Pi)\mathbf{u}), D((id - \Pi)\mathbf{v}) \right)_M$$
  
$$\tau_M^H(\mathbf{u}) = \min\left( \tau_0 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^{\infty}(M)} h_M; (C_S h_M)^2 \|D(\mathbf{u})\|_F \right)$$

# Experience with low-order finite-volume code

### Finite-volume code Theta (DLR Göttingen):

- Vertex-based variant  $\sim P_1/P_1$  or  $Q_1/Q_1$  $\rightarrow$  pressure stabilization required
- Chorin decoupling of velocity / pressure



#### Minimal stabilization:

- Galerkin discretization as upwind stabilization "dissipates" fluctuations
- Subgrid viscosity model: Smagorinsky model

$$S_h(U,V) = \left( (C_S \Delta)^2 \| D(\mathbf{u}) \|_F D(\mathbf{u}), D(\mathbf{v}) \right), \qquad C_S = ?$$

• Experiments by X. Zhang (2007, 08)

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## Decaying homogeneous turbulence (DHT)

#### Basic calibration model: Decaying homogeneous turbulence

- Results for turbulent kinetic energy  $k = \frac{1}{2} \langle (u \langle u \rangle)^2 \rangle$
- Careful experimental data for *k* (Comte/Bellot)
- Fourier space characterization of k(t) via energy spectral density  $E(\kappa, t)$
- Cost functional:  $J(C_S) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left[ E(\kappa_i, C_S, t_j) E_{\exp}(\kappa_i, t_j) \right]^2$



Calibration of Smagorinsky constant  $C_S$  and "optimized" energy spectrum

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### Turbulent channel flow at $Re_{\tau} = 395$

- Anisotropic resolution of boundary layer region
- First-order statistics: mean streamwise velocity  $U = \langle u \rangle e_1$
- Second-order statistics: turbulent kinetic energy  $k = \frac{1}{2} \langle (u \langle u \rangle)^2 \rangle$
- and their normalized variants  $U^+ = U/u_\tau$ ,  $k^+ = k/u_\tau^2$



Grid convergence with  $N^3$  nodes

#### Problem: Wall-resolved LES is almost as expensive as DNS

Proper resolution of near-wall region in LES requires  $\sim Re_{\tau}^2$  nodes (Bagett et al. 1997)

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# DES for backward facing step at $Re_h = 37.500$

#### Hybrid approach:

- LES simulation away from boundary layers
- RANS type universal wall-functions used to bridge near-wall region ( $y^+ \lesssim 40$ )
- $\rightsquigarrow$  significant savings in grid points and allows to increase time step



# Summary. Outlook

#### Summary

- PSPG-type stabilization avoidable for div-stable velocity-pressure pairs
- SUPG-type stabilization less important for laminar flows
- New characterization of div-div stabilization
- LPS-type approach as minimal stabilization in LES/DES

#### Outlook

- FEM with LPS-type LES: MILES vs. turbulent subgrid model
- Model reduction with DES

### THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION !