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Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition, divergence-free Wavelets and Applications ¹

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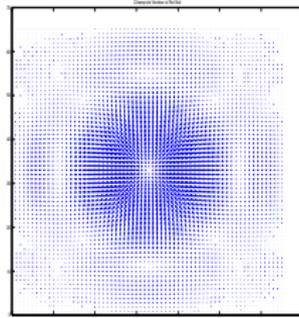
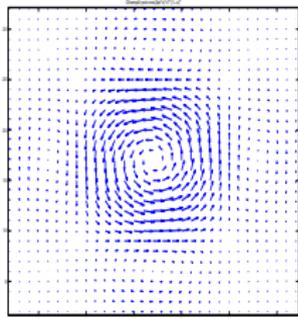
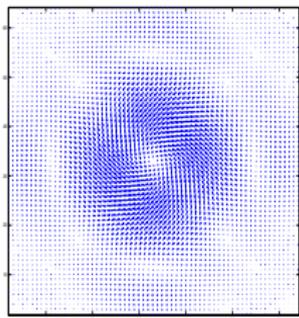
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1 (i) - The Helmholtz decomposition



$$\text{Velocity } \mathbf{v} = \text{div-free part } \mathbf{v}_{\text{div}} = \text{curl } \varphi + \text{curl-free part } \nabla q$$

- The sum is orthogonal in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)^2$: $\int \mathbf{v}_{\text{div}} \cdot \nabla q = - \int q \mathbf{div } \mathbf{v}_{\text{div}} = 0$.
- The **div-free part** \mathbf{v}_{div} can be written as the *curl* of a *scalar stream function* φ :

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{div}} = \text{curl } \varphi = \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right)$$

(one has $\mathbf{div } \text{curl } \varphi = 0$)

- The term ∇q is curl-free since $\mathbf{curl}(\nabla q) = \nabla \times \nabla q = 0$.

1 (i) - Application 1 : Maxwell equations

Following Helmholtz (1858), the electric field E , that vanishes suitably quickly at infinity can be decomposed as :

$$E = E_{rot} + E_{sol}$$

where $\nabla \cdot E_{rot} = 0$ (rotational component) and $curl E_{sol} = \nabla \times E_{sol} = 0$ (solenoidal component).

E and B (magnetic field) are related to a scalar potential V and a vector potential A :

$$\begin{cases} E &= -\nabla V - \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \\ B &= \nabla \times A \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

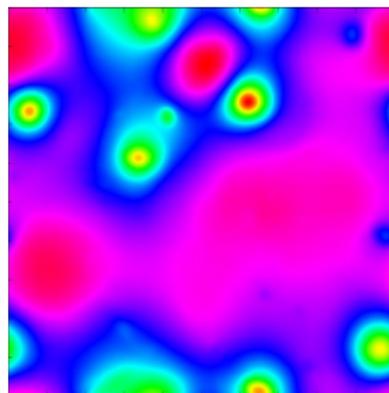
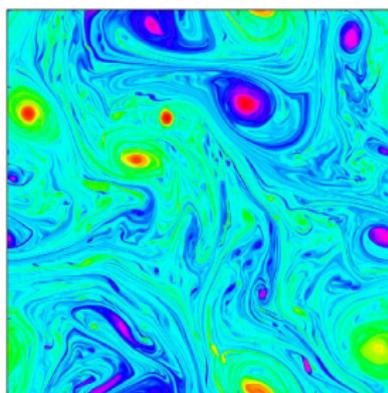
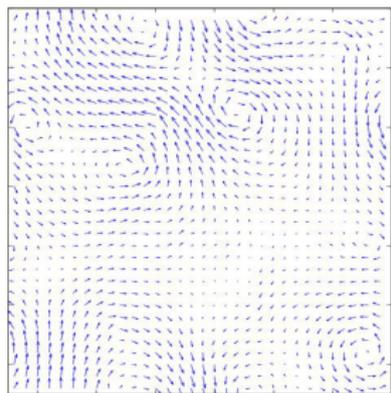
By Maxwell equations $\nabla \cdot E = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$, $\nabla \times E = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$, $\nabla \cdot B = 0, \dots$ rewrites :

$$E = \nabla \times F - \nabla V$$

(V charge density potential)

1 (i) - Application 2 : Incompressible fluids

2D turbulent velocity/vorticity/pressure fields



velocity $\mathbf{u}_t(\mathbf{x}) = (u_1, u_2)$, vorticity $\omega = \text{curl } \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} \right)$, pressure $p_t(\mathbf{x})$

- Incompressibility condition : $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial y} = 0$

$\rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \text{curl } \varphi$ where φ is the stream function (and $\mathbf{u} \perp \nabla p$)

1 (i) - Application 3 : visualization of 3D vector fields

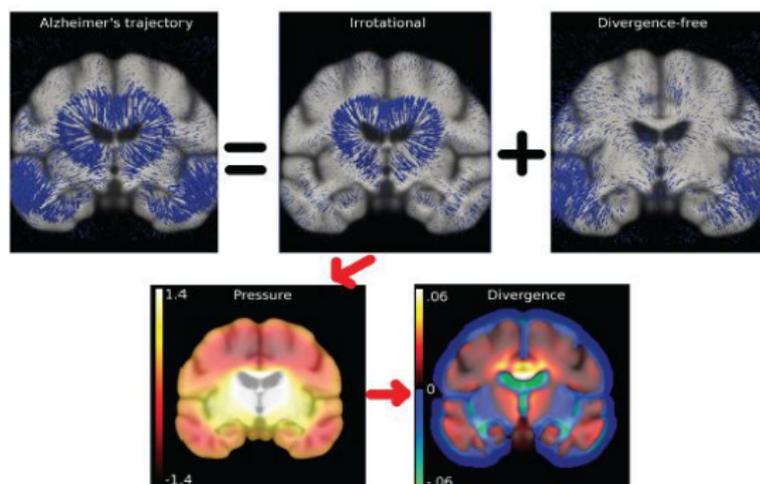
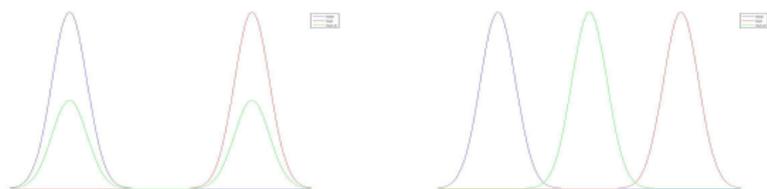


Fig.1: Helmholtz decomposition of a longitudinal trajectory in Alzheimer's disease, and pressure potential and divergence maps associated to the irrotational component. The divergence describes the critical areas of local expansion and contraction.

[Lorenzi-Ayache-Pennec, MICCAI2012]

1 (i) - Application 5 : Optimal Transport



Linear interpolation between two densities ρ_0 and ρ_1 ($\int \rho_0 = \int \rho_1$) vs
interpolation by transport

Monge-Kantorovitch problem (MKP)

Find a transport M from ρ_0 to ρ_1 that realize the infimum of the Wasserstein distance :

$$d_2(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 = \inf_M \int |M(x) - x|^2 \rho(x) dx$$

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Benamou-Brenier formulation (2000)

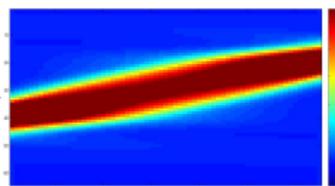
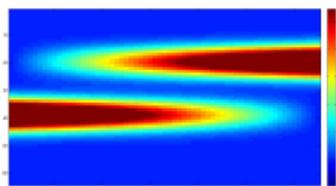
Continuum mechanic framework : $Q = (0, T) \times [0, 1]^n$

- Time-dependent densities $\rho(t, x) \geq 0$ s.t. $\rho(0, x) = \rho_0(x)$, $\rho(T, x) = \rho_1(x)$,
- Velocities $v(t, x)$ s.t. $\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0$

Let $m = \rho v$, $V(Q) = \{f = (\rho, m) \in (L^2(Q))^{1+n}, \operatorname{div}_{t,x} f = 0\}$.

Convex problem with linear constraints

$$d_2(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 = \inf_{(\rho, m) \in V(Q)} T \int_0^T \int_{[0,1]^n} \frac{|m|^2}{\rho} dx dt \quad (= \int \int \rho v^2)$$



Linear interpolation between ρ_0 and ρ_1 vs *interpolation by transport*

1 (ii) - Helmholtz decomposition in the whole space

$$\boxed{\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{div} + \mathbf{u}_{curl} = \mathit{curl} \varphi + \nabla q \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n} \quad (n = 2, 3)$$

Remark that :

$$\mathit{curl} \varphi \perp \nabla q, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}_{div}) + \operatorname{div} \nabla q = \Delta q \quad (\text{Poisson})$$

- In the whole space $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$ we have the orthogonal splitting :

$$(L^2(\mathbb{R}^2))^2 = \mathcal{H}_{div}(\mathbb{R}^2) \oplus \mathcal{H}_{div}^\perp(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{div}(\mathbb{R}^2) &= \{ \mathbf{u}_{div} \in (L^2(\mathbb{R}^2))^2 ; \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}_{div} = 0 \} \\ &= \{ \mathbf{u}_{div} = \mathit{curl} \varphi ; \varphi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \} \end{aligned}$$

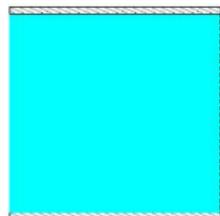
is the space of *divergence-free* vector functions on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Its orthogonal complement is the space of *curl-free* vector functions :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{div}^\perp(\mathbb{R}^2) &= \{ \mathbf{u}_{curl} \in (L^2(\mathbb{R}^2))^2 ; \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u}_{curl} = 0 \} \\ &= \{ \mathbf{u}_{curl} = \nabla q ; q \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \} \end{aligned}$$

1 (ii) - Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition in the square/cube

- Expected boundary conditions on $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$:
 $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ (Dirichlet) or $\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0$ (free-slip)
($\boldsymbol{\nu}$ outward normal to Γ)



- Now we want to write $\mathbf{u} \in (L^2(\Omega))^2$ as follows :

$$\mathbf{u} = \text{curl } \varphi + \nabla q \text{ in } \Omega$$

By Green's formula, the sum is orthogonal if :

$$\int_{\Omega} \text{curl } \varphi \cdot \nabla q = - \int_{\Omega} q \operatorname{div}(\text{curl } \varphi) + \int_{\Gamma} q \text{curl } \varphi \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = \int_{\Gamma} q \text{curl } \varphi \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0$$

Two possibilities :

$$\text{curl } \varphi \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

or

$$q = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

(iii) More general : Helmholtz-Hodge Decomposition

[Girault-Raviart 86]

- For $\mathbf{u} \in (L^2(\Omega))^n$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ a regular open subset, we have :

$$\mathbf{u} = \text{curl } \varphi + \nabla q + \mathbf{h} \rightarrow \text{unique } \varphi, q \in H_0^1(\Omega), \mathbf{h}$$

with

$$\nabla \cdot (\text{curl } \varphi) = 0, \quad \text{curl } (\nabla q) = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{curl } \mathbf{h} = 0$$

- In terms of spaces, we obtain :

$$(L^2(\Omega))^n = \mathcal{H}_{\text{div}}(\Omega) \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\text{curl}}(\Omega) \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\text{har}}(\Omega) \rightarrow \text{orthogonal sum}$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{div}}(\Omega) = \{ \mathbf{u} \in (L^2(\Omega))^n ; \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{curl}}(\Omega) = \{ \nabla q ; q \in H_0^1(\Omega) \} \text{ and } \mathcal{H}_{\text{har}}(\Omega) = \{ \nabla q ; q \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and } \Delta q = 0 \}$$

(iii) Practical computation of the Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition

$$\mathbf{u} = \text{curl } \varphi + \nabla q = \mathbf{u}_{div} + \nabla q$$

- In the whole space \mathbb{R}^n :

$$\text{div} \nabla q (= \Delta q) = \text{div } \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{div} = \mathbf{u} - \nabla(\Delta)^{-1} \text{div} \mathbf{u}$$

→ all computations can be done in Fourier domain

- On a subdomain Ω : one has first to **solve the Poisson equation**

$$\Delta q = \text{div } \mathbf{u}$$

with suitable B.C. $\frac{\partial q}{\partial \nu} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \nu$ on $\partial\Omega$, and then compute $\mathbf{u}_{div} = \mathbf{u} - \nabla q$

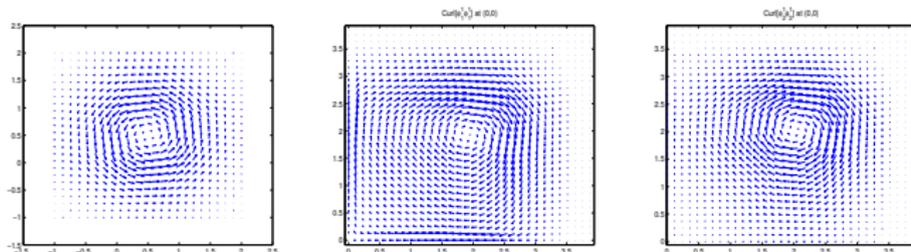
→ needs for Compatible Discrete Operators

($\text{grad}(\text{curl}) = 0$ and $\text{div}(\text{grad}) = 0$) on staggered grids.

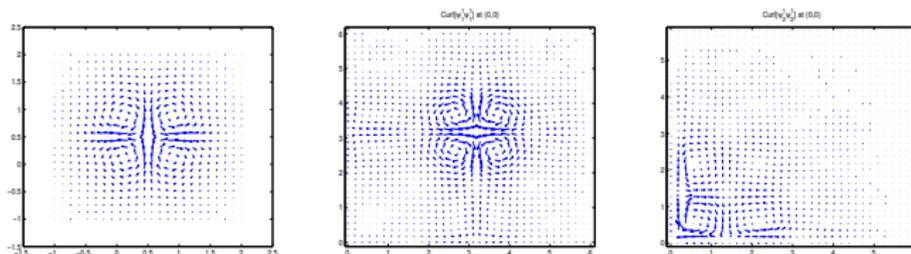
- If $\Omega = [0, 1]^n$, use **divergence free/curl free wavelets!**

Divergence-free function basis of $\mathcal{H}_{div}(\Omega) = \text{curl}(H_0^1(\Omega))$

Scaling functions : $\Phi_{j_0, \mathbf{k}}^{div} = \text{curl}[\varphi_{j_0, k_1}^D \otimes \varphi_{j_0, k_2}^D]$



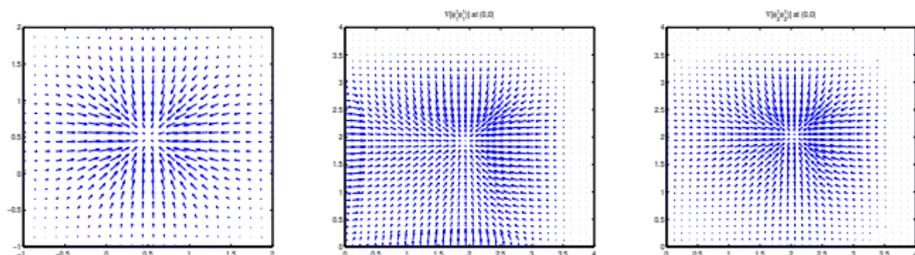
Wavelets : $\Psi_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}}^{div} = \text{curl}[\psi_{j_1, k_1}^D \otimes \psi_{j_2, k_2}^D]$



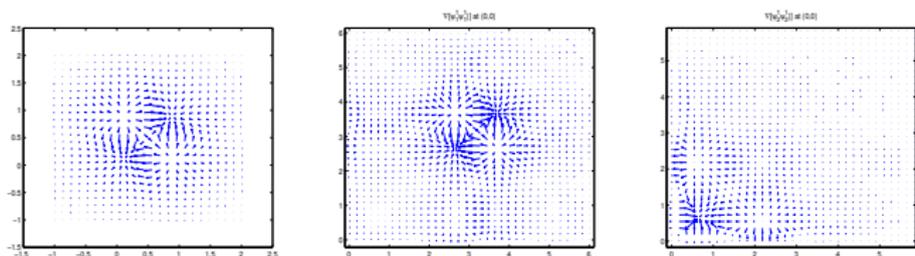
[Kadri-Harouna Perrier 2012]

Curl-free function basis of $\mathcal{H}_{curl}(\Omega) = grad(H_0^1(\Omega))$

Scaling functions : $\Phi_{j_0, \mathbf{k}}^{curl} = \nabla[\varphi_{j_0, k_1}^D \otimes \varphi_{j_0, k_2}^D]$



Wavelets : $\Psi_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}}^{curl} = \nabla[\psi_{j_1, k_1}^D \otimes \psi_{j_2, k_2}^D]$



Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition by wavelets

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{\text{div}} + \mathbf{u}_{\text{curl}} + \mathbf{u}_{\text{har}}$$

Then : $\langle \mathbf{u} / \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{div}} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}_{\text{div}} / \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{div}} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{u} / \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{curl}} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}_{\text{curl}} / \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{curl}} \rangle$

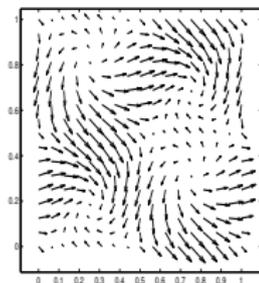
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$$\mathbf{u}_{\text{div}} = \sum_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}} d_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{div}} \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{div}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}_{\text{curl}} = \sum_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}} d_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{curl}} \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{curl}}$$

leads to :

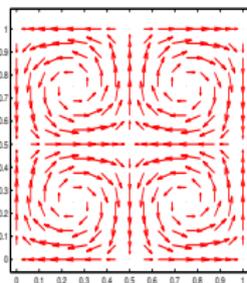
$$(d_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{div}}) = \mathbb{M}_{\text{div}}^{-1}(\langle \mathbf{u} / \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{div}} \rangle) \quad \text{and} \quad (d_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{curl}}) = \mathbb{M}_{\text{curl}}^{-1}(\langle \mathbf{u} / \Psi_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}^{\text{curl}} \rangle)$$

(\mathbb{M}_{div} and \mathbb{M}_{curl} : Gram matrices). Finally $\mathbf{u}_{\text{har}} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\text{div}} - \mathbf{u}_{\text{curl}}$



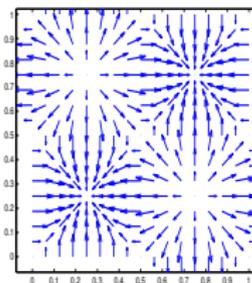
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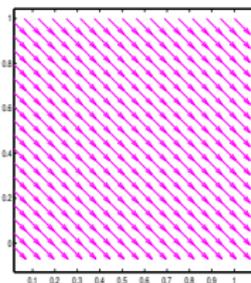
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(i) Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations

$$(NS) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{f}, & x \in \Omega, t \in [0, T] \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0, & x \in \Omega, t \in [0, T] \\ \mathbf{v}(0, x) = \mathbf{v}_0(x), & x \in \Omega \\ \mathbf{v} = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t \in [0, T] \end{cases}$$

Unknowns : velocity $\mathbf{v}(t, x)$ and pressure $\mathbf{p}(t, x)$

Projecting (NS) onto $\mathcal{H}_{div}(\Omega)$ yields :

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} = \mathbb{P}[\nu \Delta \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f}] \quad (NSP)$$

with $\mathbb{P} : (L^2(\Omega))^n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{div}(\Omega)$ orthogonal projector.

The pressure \mathbf{p} is recovered through the **Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition** :

$$\nabla \mathbf{p} = \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f} - \mathbb{P}[\nu \Delta \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f}]$$

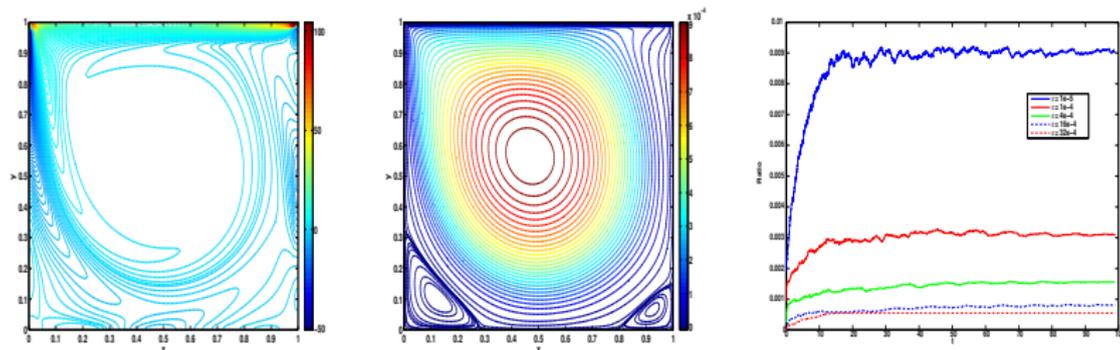
→ Modified projection method with spacial approximation :

$$\mathbf{v}(t, x) = \sum_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}} d_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}}^{div}(t) \Psi_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}}^{div}(x)$$

[Kadri-Harouna Perrier 2014]

Lid Driven Cavity, $Re=1000$

Divergence-free scaling coefficients :



Vorticity contour (left) and divergence-free scaling function coefficients contour (middle). Steady state for $Re = 1000$ and $j = 7$.

Evolution in time of the ratio of divergence-free wavelet coefficients up to a fixed ϵ (right), for $Re = 1000$ and $j = 8$.

1 (iii) - Optimal Transport Computation

Set $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in L^\infty$.

$$V(Q) = \{f = (\rho, m) \in (L^2(Q))^{1+n}, \rho \in L^\infty, v = \frac{m}{\rho} \in L^1, \operatorname{div}_{t,x} f = 0\}.$$

$$(BB) \quad \inf_{(\rho, m) \in V(Q)} \mathcal{J}(\rho, m) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{J}(\rho, m) = \int_0^T \int_{[0,1]^n} \frac{|m|^2}{\rho} dxdt$$

- **Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition** of $(\rho, m) \in V(Q)$

$$(\rho, m) = \nabla \times \phi + \nabla h$$

with $\nabla = \nabla_{t,x}$, $\phi = 0$ on ∂Q , and

$$\begin{cases} \Delta h = 0 \text{ in } Q, \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial n} = (\rho, m) \cdot \nu \text{ on } \partial Q, \end{cases}$$

New functional (h being fixed)

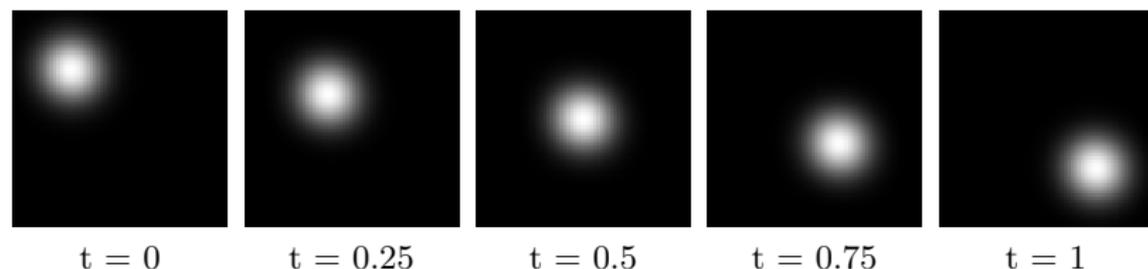
$$J_h(\phi) = \int_0^T \int_{(0,1)^n} F(\nabla \times \phi + \nabla h) dxdt$$

where $F : (X, Y) \mapsto \frac{|Y|^2}{X}$.

Proposition : The functional J_h has better convexity properties than $\mathcal{J}(\rho, m) \longrightarrow$ Primal dual algorithm to J_h [Henry, Maître, P. 2016]

Application to 2D+t (test case)

[Henry, Maître, P. 2016]



Comparison between the primal-dual method using HH decomposition (PDHH) and the same primal-dual method of [Papadakis, Peyré, Oudet 2014] (PDPOP^{gh}), needing a projection at each iteration on a $64 \times 64 \times 64$ grid .

$\ \rho_i - \rho_s\ $	PDHH	PDPOP ^{gh}	Speedup
10^{-2}	1243 (3'11")	514 (3'31")	9%
10^{-3}	3985 (10'10")	3761 (25'46")	61%
10^{-4}	30569 (1 :21'56")	30349 (3 :27'30")	61%

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- ▶ **Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition occurs in various contexts**
- ▶ **Divergence-free and curl-free wavelets allows its practical computation on square/cubic domains**
- ▶ **Used for Navier-Stokes simulation (2D, 3D)**
- ▶ **Optimal Transport** : (in progress) use of divergence-free wavelets, to provide a new functional in terms of div free wavelet coefficients (preliminary studies with periodic divergence free wavelets using a gradient descent method)