

# An edge-based scheme on polyhedral meshes for vector advection-reaction equations

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## Vector advection-reaction

→ Find  $\mathbf{u} \in V_{\beta;2}(\Omega) := \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \mid \nabla(\beta \cdot \mathbf{v}) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \times \beta \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)\}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(\beta \cdot \mathbf{u}) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \beta + \mu \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{s} \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}_D \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^-. \end{aligned}$$

Setting

**Physical parameters**  $\beta \in \mathbf{Lip}(\Omega)$  and  $\mu \in \mathbf{L}^\infty(\Omega)$

**Data**  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_D \in \mathbf{L}^2(|\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}|; \partial\Omega)$

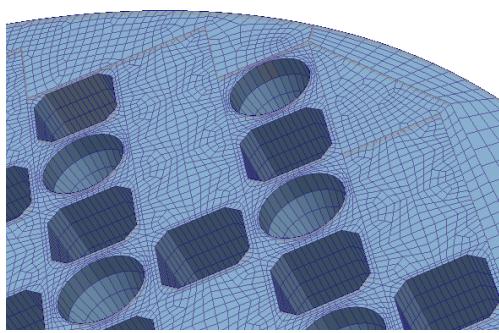
Outflow/inflow boundary  $\partial\Omega^\pm := \{\mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega \mid \pm \beta(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) > 0\}$

## Objectives

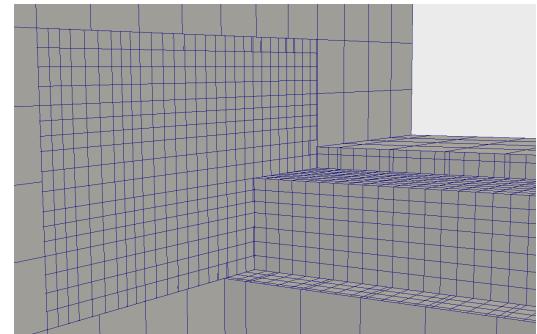
- 1) Low-order approximation using scalar degrees of freedom at mesh edges
- 2) Approximation on 3D general meshes (polyhedral/non-conforming)
- 3) Extend the discrete stability under new assumptions

# Why polyhedral meshes?

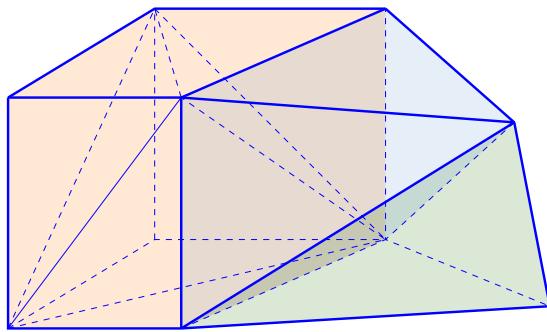
- Complex industrial geometries
  - Multi-element mesh



- Non-conforming interfaces
  - Mesh agglomeration

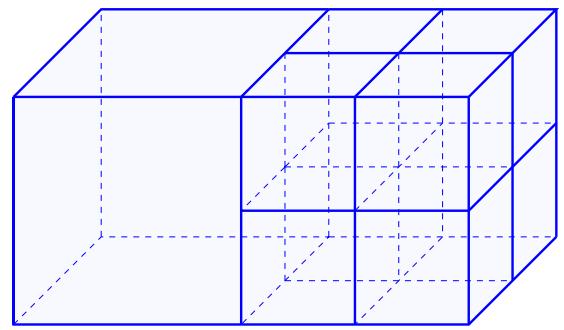


- Reduced mesh cardinalities



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- Locally refined mesh



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## Numerous formulations

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta, \mu}(\mathbf{v}) = \nabla(\beta \cdot \mathbf{v}) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \times \beta + \mu \mathbf{v}$$

- Four advection operators up to the 0-th order operator  $\mu$

$$\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta, \mu}(\mathbf{v})$$

- $\mathbb{R}^3$ -proxies of the Lie derivative of a 1-form and a 2-form

$$0$$

$$\nabla(\beta \cdot \mathbf{v}) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \times \beta$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \beta) \mathbf{Id} - (\nabla \beta + \nabla \beta^T)$$

$$\beta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \beta)$$

- Non-conservative and conservative Oseen-like operators

$$-\nabla \beta^T$$

$$(\beta \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \beta) \mathbf{Id} - \nabla \beta^T$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \otimes \beta)$$

# Well-posedness

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ -valued Friedrichs tensor

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta, \mu} := \frac{\nabla \beta + \nabla \beta^T}{2} + \frac{\mu + \mu^T}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \cdot \beta) \mathbf{Id}$$

Minimal eigenvalue

$$\aleph := \min\{\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta, \mu} \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \mid \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ s.t. } |\mathbf{y}| = 1\}$$

The problem is well-posed in  $V_{\beta;2}(\Omega)$  if **(H)** or **(H')** holds:

**(H)** (Heumann & Hiptmair '15)  $\tau^{-1} := \text{ess inf}_{\Omega} \aleph > 0$ .

**(H')** (Cantin '16)  $\text{ess inf}_{\Omega} \aleph \leq 0$  and  $\exists \zeta \in \text{Lip}(\Omega)$  s.t.

$$\zeta > 0 \text{ and } \tau^{-1} := \text{ess inf}_{\Omega} \left( \zeta \aleph - \frac{1}{2} \beta \cdot \nabla \zeta \right) > 0$$

- Let  $a(v, w) = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla(\beta \cdot v) + (\nabla \times v) \times \beta) \cdot w + \int_{\Omega} \mu v \cdot w$

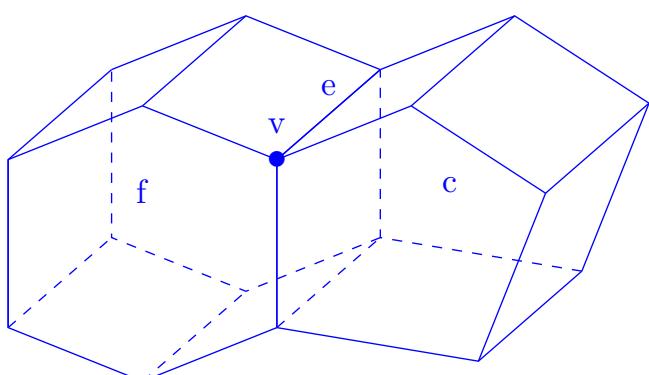
Uniqueness For all  $v \in V_{\beta;2}(\Omega)$  s.t.  $v|_{\partial\Omega^-} = \mathbf{0}$ ,

$$a(v, v) \geq \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta, \mu} \cdot v \xrightarrow{(H)} a(v, v) \geq \tau^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$a(v, \zeta v) \geq \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \left( \zeta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta, \mu} - \frac{1}{2} (\beta \cdot \nabla \zeta) \mathbf{Id} \right) \cdot v \xrightarrow{(H')} \sup_{w \in L^2(\Omega)} \frac{a(v, w)}{\|w\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} \geq \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}^{-1} \tau^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

## Polyhedral meshes

→ Let M a polyhedral mesh of  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  composed of



Cells	$c \in C$
Faces	$f \in F$
Edges	$e \in E$
Vertices	$v \in V$

# Non-conforming edge reconstruction

→ Edge-based scheme with **one dof** per mesh edge

Piece-wise constant reconstruction

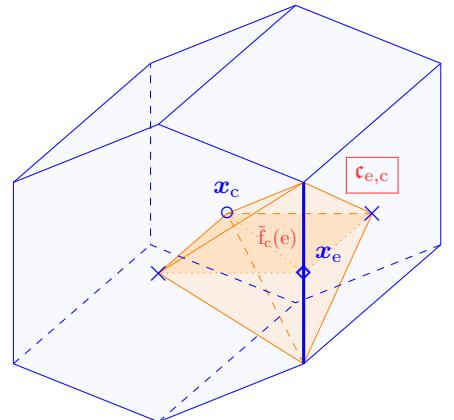
$$\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c} : \mathcal{E}_c \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_0 \left( \{\mathbf{c}_{e,c}\}_{e \in E_c}; \mathbb{R}^3 \right)$$

For all  $w \in \mathcal{E}_c$ , (Codina & al. '09)

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(w) := \frac{1}{|c|} \sum_{e \in E_c} w_e \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_c(e)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(w)|_{\mathbf{c}_{e,c}} := \mathbf{C}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(w) + \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_c(e)}{3|\mathbf{c}_{e,c}|} (w_e - e \cdot \mathbf{C}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(w))$$

with  $e = \int_e t_e$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_c(e) = \int_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_c(e)} \mathbf{n}_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_c(e)}$



→ Polyhedral edge reconstruction  $\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(w) = \sum_{e \in E_c} w_e \ell_{e,c}$  with shape functions

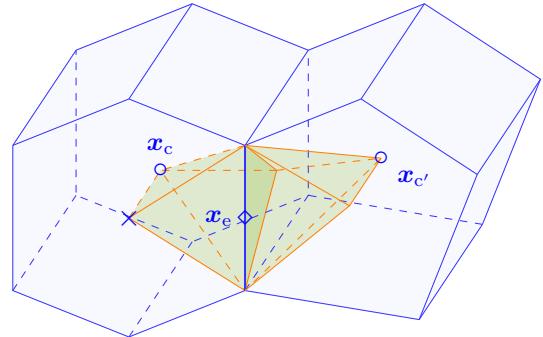
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## Properties

- Edge diamonds  $\mathbf{c}_e = \bigcup_{c \in C_e} \mathbf{c}_{e,c}$
- Patch-cell  $\hat{c} = \bigcup_{e \in E_c} \mathbf{c}_e$



**Quasi-local consistency.** For all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_0(\hat{c}; \mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c} \circ \widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}|_c$  where

$$\forall e \in E_c, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(\mathbf{v})|_e := \frac{1}{|\mathbf{c}_e|} \int_{\mathbf{c}_e} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e}$$

→ Stability of  $\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathcal{E}_c}$  in  $L^1(\hat{c})$

**Local consistency.** For all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_0(c; \mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$  where

$$\forall e \in E_c, \quad \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(\mathbf{v})|_e := \frac{1}{|e|} \int_e \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e},$$

→ Stability of  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{E}_c}$  in  $W^{s,p}(c)$  is  $sp > 2$

**Stability.** For all  $c \in C$ ,  $L^p(c)$ -stability of  $\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty]$

# Bilinear forms

→ Bilinear form  $A_{\beta,\mu}^{\varepsilon}$  on  $\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}$

$$A_{\beta,\mu}^{\varepsilon}(u, v) = \sum_{c \in C} g_{\beta,\mu;c}(u, v) + \sum_{x \in \{F^\circ, C\}} n_{\beta,\mu;x}(u, v) + s_{\beta,\mu;x}(u, v)$$

- Galerkin formulation

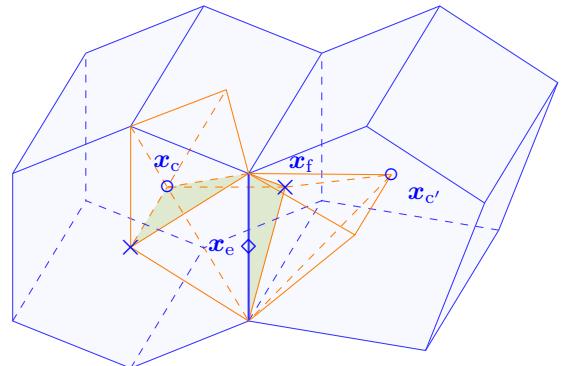
$$g_{\beta,\mu;c}(u, v) = \int_c \left( \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(u) \cdot \beta) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(u)) \times \beta \right) \cdot \mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(v) + \int_c \mu \mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(u) \cdot \mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(v)$$

- Consistency with  $x = f$  or  $c$ :

$$n_{\beta;x}(u, v) = - \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}_{E,x}} \int_f (\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}) [\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}}(u)] \cdot \{[\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}}(v)]\}$$

- Stabilization with  $x = f$  or  $c$ :

$$s_{\beta;x}(u, v) = \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}_{E,x}} \int_f |\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}| [\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}}(u)] \cdot [\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}}(v)]$$



→ Jumps across inter-cell sub-faces are also penalized

## Scheme and stability

Find  $u \in \mathcal{E}$  s.t., for all  $v \in \mathcal{E}$ ,

$$(\text{AR}) \quad \mathbb{A}_{\beta,\mu}^{\varepsilon}(u, v) = \$s(u_D; v)$$

$$\mathbb{A}_{\beta,\mu}^{\varepsilon}(u, v) = A_{\beta,\mu}^{\varepsilon}(u, v) + \text{BCs}$$

$$\$s(u_D; v) = \int_{\Omega} s \cdot \mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}}(v) + \text{BCs}$$

Stability norm  $\|w\|_{\mathcal{E},a}^2 := \tau^{-1} \sum_{e \in E} \frac{|\mathbf{c}_e|}{|e|^2} |w_e|^2 + \text{Stab.} + \text{BCs}$

$$(\mathcal{H}) \quad \tau^{-1} := \text{ess inf}_{\Omega} \lambda > 0 \quad (\lambda \text{ the minimal eigenvalue of } \sigma_{\beta,\mu})$$

### Coercivity under $(\mathcal{H})$

$$\mathbb{A}_{\beta,\mu}^{\varepsilon}(v, v) \gtrsim \|v\|_{\mathcal{E},a}^2 \text{ for all } v \in \mathcal{E}$$

# Inf-sup stability

$(\mathcal{H}'_0)$   $-C_N < \text{ess inf}_\Omega N \leq 0$  and there exists  $\zeta \in \text{Lip}(\Omega)$  such that  $\zeta > 0$  and

$$\tau^{-1} = \text{ess inf}_\Omega \left( -\frac{1}{2} \beta \cdot \nabla \zeta \right) > -\text{ess inf}_\Omega (\zeta N)$$

Reference length  $h_0 \simeq \left( |\zeta|_{W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)} \tau \|\nabla \beta^T + \mu\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \right)^{-1}$

- $h_0 = +\infty$  if  $\mu = -\nabla \beta^T$  (Non-conservative Oseen operator)

## Inf-sup stability under $(\mathcal{H}'_0)$

Assume  $h \lesssim h_0(1 + C_N^{-1} \text{ess inf}_\Omega N)$ . Then

$$\sup_{w \in \mathcal{E}} \frac{\mathbb{A}_{\beta, \mu}^\varepsilon(v, w)}{\|w\|_{\mathcal{E}, a}} \gtrsim \|v\|_{\mathcal{E}, a}, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{E}$$

## Error estimates

Lebesgue exponent  $p \in (\frac{3}{2}, 2]$

→ Let  $u \in \mathcal{E}$  the **discrete** solution and let  $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  the **exact** solution

### Quasi-local *a priori* estimate

Assume that  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{W}^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . Then,

$$\|u - \widehat{R}_\mathcal{E}(u)\|_{\mathcal{E}, a} \lesssim \left( \sum_{c \in C} \omega_c^{p/2} h_c^{2p-3} |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{W}^{1,p}(\mathbf{c})}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Reduction map for all  $e \in E$ ,  $\widehat{R}_\mathcal{E}(u)|_e = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{e}|} \int_{\mathbf{e}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{e}$  and  $R_\mathcal{E}(u)|_e = \frac{1}{|e|} \int_e u \cdot e$

### Quasi-optimal local estimate

Assume  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{W}^{1,p}(C)$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{L}^{\tilde{p}}(\Omega)$  with  $\tilde{p} = \frac{2p}{p-3} \in [2, 4)$ . Then,

$$\|u - R_\mathcal{E}(u)\|_{\mathcal{E}, a} \lesssim \left( \sum_{c \in C} \omega_c^{p/2} h_c^{2p-3} \left( |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{W}^{1,p}(\mathbf{c})}^p + h_c^{\frac{3(p-1)}{2}} \|\nabla \times \mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{L}^{\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{c})}^p \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

→ See also Amrouche & al. '98

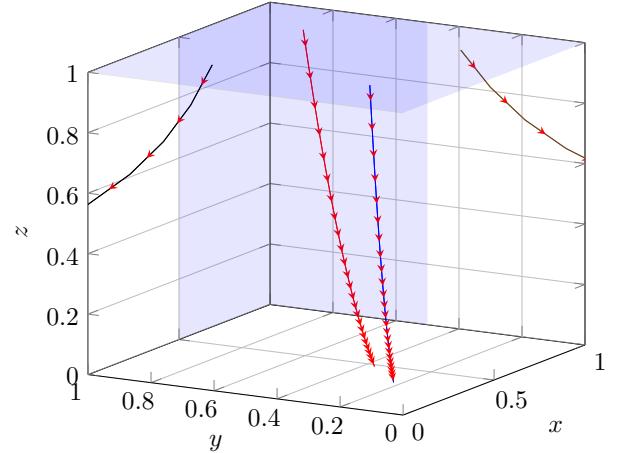
Reference velocity  $\omega_c = \left( \|\nabla \beta + \mu^T - \nabla \cdot \beta\|_{L^\infty(c)}^p \tau^{\frac{p}{2}} h_c^{\frac{p}{2}} + \|\beta\|_{L^\infty(c)}^{\frac{p}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{p}}$

# Test case

## Physical parameters

$$\beta = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ y - 2x \\ -2(z + 1) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mu = \mu \mathbf{Id}$$

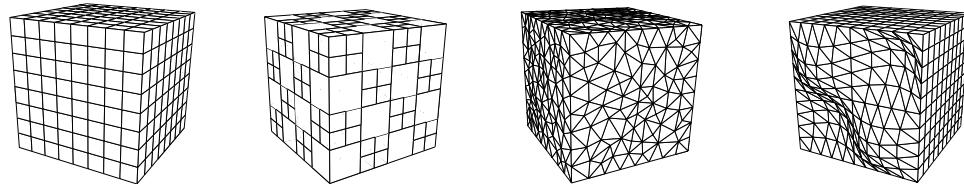
$$\sigma_{\beta, \mu} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \mu - \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu + 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



→ Well-posedness under  $(\mathcal{H}'_0)$  if  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$  with (e.g.)  $\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = (z + 1)^2$

**Smooth solutions**  $\mathbf{u}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y/2) \cos(\pi z/2) \\ \cos(\pi x/2) \sin(\pi y) \cos(\pi z/2) \\ \cos(\pi x/2) \cos(\pi y/2) \sin(\pi z) \end{pmatrix}$

## Computational setting



#E  $\sim 810k$    #E  $\sim 700k$    #E  $\sim 1450k$    #E  $\sim 270k$

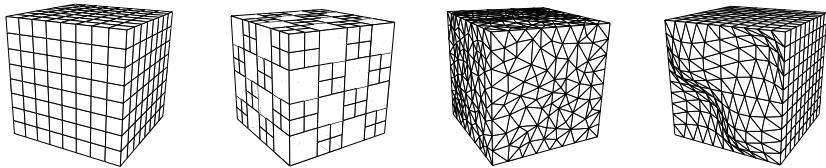
## Computed quantities

Discrete relative  $L^2$ -error w.r.t. the exact solution  $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

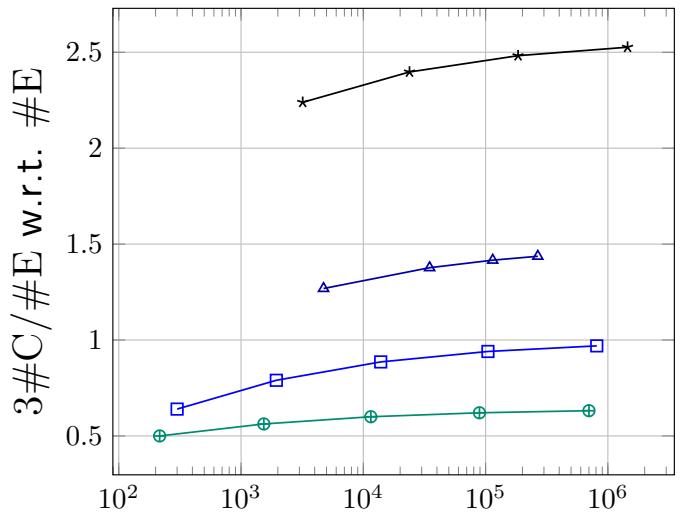
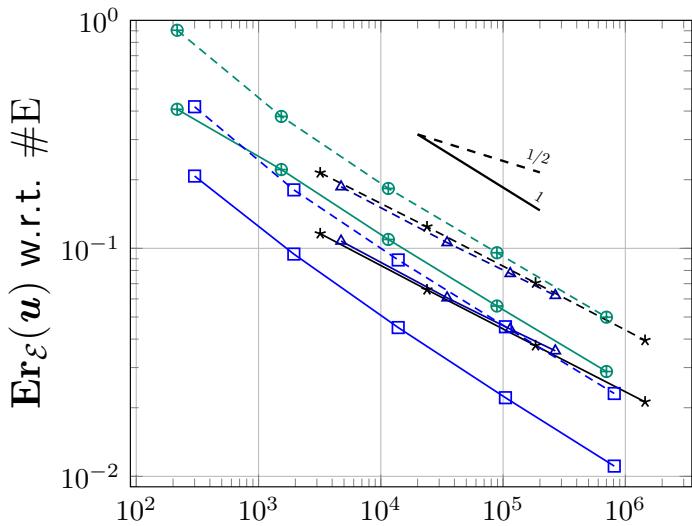
$$Er_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{u}) := \left( \frac{\sum_{e \in V} |\mathbf{c}_e| |e|^{-2} |\mathbf{u}_e - R_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{u})|_e|^2}{\sum_{e \in V} |\mathbf{c}_e| |e|^{-2} |R_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{u})|_e|^2} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{with} \quad R_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{u})|_e := \int_e \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t}_e.$$

Mean stencil  $\overline{St} = \text{NNZ}/\#E$  and Max stencil  $St.\max$

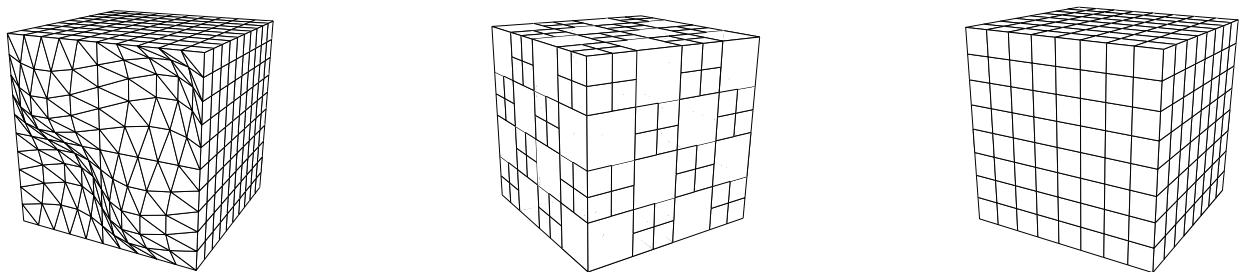
# Edge-based CDO scheme



$\mu = 5$	??	??	??	??
$\mu = 0.5$	??	??	??	??
$\overline{\text{St}}/\text{St.max}$	30/39	180/276	29/48	50/70



Thank you for your attention



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