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Error analysis of a residual-based stabilization-motivated POD-ROM for incompressible flows

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Abstract

This article presents error bounds for a velocity-pressure segregated POD reduced order model discretization of the Navier-Stokes equations. The stability is proven in $L^\infty(L^2)$ and energy norms for velocity, with bounds that do not depend on the viscosity, while for pressure it is proven in a semi-norm of the same asymptotic order as the L^2 norm with respect to the mesh size. The proposed estimates are calculated for the two flow problems, the flow past a cylinder and the lid-driven cavity flow. Their quality is then assessed in terms of the predicted logarithmic slope with respect to the velocity POD contribution ratio. We show that the proposed error estimates allow a good approximation of the real errors slopes and thus a good prediction of their rate of convergence.

Keywords: Navier-Stokes Equations, Residual-based Stabilization, Proper Orthogonal Decomposition, Reduced Order Models, Incompressible Flows, Numerical Analysis.

1 Introduction

Since the beginning of the XXI Century, there is an increasing number of applications of Reduced Order Models (ROMs) addressed to the approximation of incompressible Navier-Stokes flow solutions. By using carefully chosen basis functions forming the projection subspace, ROMs collaborating with high fidelity solutions, offer a computationally efficient tool to reduce the cost of heavy numerical simulations. A very famous method that is extensively used to construct projection subspaces is the POD (Proper Orthogonal Decomposition) method [40, 8]. Starting from a set of "snapshots" computed from the high-fidelity model (or full-order model, FOM) in the off-line phase, the POD allows through solving an eigenvalue problem to obtain a truncated basis formed by modes corresponding to the first larger eigenvalues. Once the POD basis is built, the temporal dynamics of the targeted system (in our case, the Navier-Stokes equations) is determined by solving a low dimension system obtained from the Galerkin projection of the model equations onto this reduced subspace [37]. The resulting model provides very fast solutions of the targeted equations, with computational cost frequently several order of magnitude lower than that of the FOM. The POD Galerkin approach has been applied in many fields such as aeroelasticity [44, 33], structural dynamics [35, 2, 12], modal analysis [24], flow prediction and

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control [4, 14, 22, 26, 41], particles dispersion [3, 5, 13], etc. Other approaches to construct projection subspaces relying on greedy algorithms can be found in [6, 36]. For a thorough review, the interested reader can refer to [25].

In practice, the velocity snapshots are weakly divergence free up to the computer accuracy. This allows to drop the pressure from projected equations and form a reduced order model that only contains the velocity amplitudes as unknown variables. However for many applications, the pressure is needed to be recovered. Namely, to calculate lift and drag forces exerted on walls or immersed boundaries. One option to recover the pressure is to build a ROM that also accounts for its time trajectory in a reduced coupled velocity-pressure setting. Specific techniques to ensure the discretisation of the pressure are thus needed, for instance using velocity supremizers of the velocity-pressure duality [7, 38] or stabilization techniques [39]. An alternative way is to recover the pressure once the velocity is computed from the velocity ROM. The governing reduced order model in this case is a pressure Poisson equation derived by taking the divergence of the momentum conservation equation. Although this sets the reduced problem for the pressure, the definition of adequate boundary conditions remains an issue. Another way to construct the pressure reduced model is by duality of the momentum conservation equation with velocity supremizer test functions [29].

In this paper we afford the solution of the pressure equation by duality of the momentum conservation equation with gradients of the reduced pressure basis functions. This turns out to solving a Poisson equation for the pressure, but with the advantage of setting the right boundary conditions and thus ensuring an improved accuracy in its recovery. We shall call this method SM (Stabilisation-Motivated) ROM, as it has been proposed in a framework of stabilised solution of incompressible flows [15], see also [42, 32] where the method is introduced from a minimum residual projection approach. We carry on the numerical analysis of the SM-ROM and prove the stability in specific norms. For velocity, in $L^\infty(L^2)$ and energy norms, with bounds that do not depend on the viscosity, and for pressure, in a semi-norm of the same asymptotic order as the L^2 norm with respect to the mesh size. The error estimates between the exact and the ROM-POD solutions are also obtained in the same norms. These estimates are optimal with respect to the projection error on the POD reduced spaces. To check the theoretical estimates, a numerical study is performed on two flow examples, the flow past a cylinder at $Re = 200$ and the lid-driven cavity flow at $Re = 9500$. The quality of the estimate is assessed by comparing the logarithmic slopes of the calculated versus the predicted errors with respect to the velocity POD contribution ratio. It is shown on these examples that the error estimates allow a good approximation of the real errors slopes and thus a good prediction of their rate of convergence.

The paper is organised as follows. In Section 2 we introduce the discretization of the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations (NSE) that we will consider, while in Section 3 we describe its full order discretization by stable velocity-pressure finite elements. Section 4 deals with the POD-ROM including the pressure recovery strategy that we are considering. Section 5 is devoted to the numerical analysis, stability and error bounds. Numerical experiments on the flow past a cylinder and the lid-driven cavity flow are presented in Section 6. Finally conclusions are drawn in Section 7

2 Time-dependent NSE: model problem and variational formulation

We introduce an Initial-Boundary Value Problem (IBVP) for the incompressible evolution NSE. For the sake of simplicity, we just impose the homogeneous Dirichlet BC on the whole boundary.

Let $[0, T]$ be the time interval and Ω a bounded polyhedral domain in \mathbb{R}^d , $d = 2$ or 3 , with a Lipschitz-continuous boundary $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$. The transient NSE for an incompressible fluid are given by:

Find $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \times (0, T) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and $p : \Omega \times (0, T) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0(\mathbf{x}) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

The unknowns are the velocity $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and the pressure $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of the incompressible fluid. The data are the source term $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$, which represents a body force per mass unit (typically the gravity), the kinematic viscosity ν of the fluid, which is a positive constant, and the initial velocity $\mathbf{u}_0(\mathbf{x})$.

To define the weak formulation of problem (2.1), we need to introduce some useful notations for functional spaces [10]. We consider the Sobolev spaces $H^s(\Omega)$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$, $L^p(\Omega)$ and $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. We shall use the following notation for vector-valued Sobolev spaces: \mathbf{H}^s , \mathbf{L}^p and $\mathbf{W}^{m,p}$ respectively shall denote $[H^s(\Omega)]^d$, $[L^p(\Omega)]^d$ and $[W^{m,p}(\Omega)]^d$ (similarly for tensor spaces of dimension $d \times d$). Also, the parabolic Bochner function spaces $L^p(0, T; X)$ and $L^p(0, T; \mathbf{X})$, where X (\mathbf{X}) stands for a scalar (vector-valued) Sobolev space, shall be denoted by $L^p(X)$ and $L^p(\mathbf{X})$, respectively. In order to give a variational formulation of problem (2.1), let us consider the velocity space:

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{H}_0^1 = [H_0^1(\Omega)]^d = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in [H^1(\Omega)]^d : \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma \right\}.$$

This is a closed linear subspace of \mathbf{H}^1 and thus a Hilbert space endowed with the \mathbf{H}^1 -norm. Thanks to Poincaré inequality, the \mathbf{H}^1 -norm is equivalent on \mathbf{H}_0^1 to the norm $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1} = \|\nabla \mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2}$. Also, let us consider the pressure space:

$$Q = L_0^2(\Omega) = \left\{ q \in L^2(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} q \, d\mathbf{x} = 0 \right\}.$$

We shall thus consider the following variational formulation of (2.1):

Given $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\mathbf{L}^2)$, find $\mathbf{u} : (0, T) \longrightarrow \mathbf{X}$, $p : (0, T) \longrightarrow Q$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) - (p, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{X}, & \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T), \\ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q) = 0 \quad \forall q \in Q, & \text{a.e. in } (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0, & \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where (\cdot, \cdot) stands for the L^2 -inner product in Ω , and $\mathcal{D}'(0, T)$ is the space of distributions in $(0, T)$. The trilinear form b is given by: for $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{X}$

$$b(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v})]. \quad (2.3)$$

3 Finite element full order model

In order to give a FE approximation of (2.2), let $\{\mathcal{T}_h\}_{h>0}$ be a family of affine-equivalent, conforming (i.e., without hanging nodes) and regular triangulations of $\bar{\Omega}$, formed by triangles or quadrilaterals ($d = 2$), tetrahedra or hexahedra ($d = 3$). For any mesh cell $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$, its diameter will be denoted by h_K and $h = \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_K$. We consider $\mathbf{X}_h \subset \mathbf{X}$, $Q_h \subset Q$ being suitable FE spaces for velocity and pressure, respectively. The FE approximation of (2.2) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Find } (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h) : (0, T) \longrightarrow \mathbf{X}_h \times Q_h \text{ such that} \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + b(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}_h, \nabla \mathbf{v}_h) - (p_h, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_h) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T), \\ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h, q_h) = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u}_h(0) = \mathbf{u}_{0h}, \end{array} \right. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for any $(\mathbf{v}_h, q_h) \in \mathbf{X}_h \times Q_h$, and the initial condition \mathbf{u}_{0h} is some stable approximation to \mathbf{u}_0 in L^2 -norm belonging to \mathbf{X}_h .

Actually, as a direct method we consider a Galerkin method with grad-div stabilization, since our aim is to get error bounds with constants independent on inverse powers of ν . To describe this approach, we define hereafter the specific choice of FE spaces done both for the numerical analysis and practical computations in the present work. Given an integer $l \geq 2$ and a mesh cell $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$, denote by $\mathbb{R}^l(K)$ either $\mathbb{P}^l(K)$ (i.e., the space of Lagrange polynomials of degree $\leq l$, defined on K), if the grids are formed by triangles ($d = 2$) or tetrahedra ($d = 3$), or $\mathbb{Q}^l(K)$ (i.e., the space of Lagrange polynomials of degree $\leq l$ on each variable, defined on K), if the family of triangulations is formed by quadrilaterals ($d = 2$) or hexahedra ($d = 3$). We consider the mixed FE pair known as Taylor–Hood elements $(\mathbf{X}_h^l, Q_h^{l-1})$ [11, 43] for the velocity-pressure:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y_h^l = V_h^l(\Omega) = \{v_h \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) : v_h|_K \in \mathbb{R}^l(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}, \\ \mathbf{Y}_h^l = [Y_h^l]^d = \{\mathbf{v}_h \in [C^0(\bar{\Omega})]^d : \mathbf{v}_h|_K \in [\mathbb{R}^l(K)]^d, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}, \\ \mathbf{X}_h^l = \mathbf{Y}_h^l \cap \mathbf{H}_0^1, \quad Q_h^{l-1} = Y_h^{l-1} \cap L_0^2. \end{array} \right. \quad (3.2)$$

Let us also consider the discrete space of divergence-free functions:

$$\mathbf{V}_h^l = \left\{ \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{X}_h^l : (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h, q_h) = 0 \quad \forall q_h \in Q_h^{l-1} \right\}.$$

The considered grad-div FOM is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Find } (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h) : (0, T) \longrightarrow \mathbf{X}_h^l \times Q_h^{l-1} \text{ such that} \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + b(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}_h, \nabla \mathbf{v}_h) - (p_h, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) \\ \quad + \mu(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_h) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T), \\ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h, q_h) = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u}_h(0) = \mathbf{u}_{0h}, \end{array} \right. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

for any $(\mathbf{v}_h, q_h) \in \mathbf{X}_h^l \times Q_h^{l-1}$, where $\mu(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h)$ denotes the grad-div stabilization term and μ is the positive grad-div stabilization parameter.

To state the full space-time discretization of the unsteady grad-div FOM (3.3), consider a positive integer number N and define $\Delta t = T/N$, $t_n = n\Delta t$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$. We compute the approximations \mathbf{u}_h^n, p_h^n to $\mathbf{u}^n = \mathbf{u}(\cdot, t_n)$ and $p^n = p(\cdot, t_n)$ by using, for simplicity of the analysis, a backward Euler scheme:

- **Initialization.** Set: $\mathbf{u}_h^0 = \mathbf{u}_{0h}$.
- **Iteration.** For $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$: Given $\mathbf{u}_h^n \in \mathbf{X}_h^l$, find $(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, p_h^{n+1}) \in \mathbf{X}_h^l \times Q_h^{l-1}$ such that:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^n}{\Delta t}, \mathbf{v}_h \right) + b(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \mathbf{v}_h) + \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \nabla \mathbf{v}_h) \\ \quad - (p_h^{n+1}, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) + \mu(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) = (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \mathbf{v}_h), \\ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, q_h) = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (3.4)$$

for any $(\mathbf{v}_h, q_h) \in \mathbf{X}_h^l \times Q_h^{l-1}$.

It is well-known that considering the discrete divergence-free space \mathbf{V}_h^l we can remove the pressure from (3.4) since $\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} \in \mathbf{V}_h^l$ satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^n}{\Delta t}, \mathbf{v}_h \right) + b(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \mathbf{v}_h) + \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \nabla \mathbf{v}_h) \\ + \mu(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) = (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \mathbf{v}_h), \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h^l. \quad (3.5)$$

For this method the following bounds hold (see [19, 20, 21]):

$$\|\mathbf{u}^n - \mathbf{u}_h^n\|_{\mathbf{L}^2} + \left(\nu \sum_{j=1}^n \Delta t \|\nabla(\mathbf{u}^j - \mathbf{u}_h^j)\|_{\mathbf{L}^2}^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C(\mathbf{u}, p, l+1)(h^l + \Delta t), \quad 1 \leq n \leq N \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \Delta t \|p^j - p_h^j\|_{\mathbf{L}^2}^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C(\mathbf{u}, p, l+1)h^{-1/2}(h^l + \Delta t), \quad 1 \leq n \leq N, \quad (3.7)$$

where the constant $C(\mathbf{u}, p, l+1)$ does not depend on inverse powers of ν .

4 Proper orthogonal decomposition reduced order model

We briefly describe the POD method, following [30], and apply it to the projection-based stabilized FOM (3.4).

Let us consider the ensembles of velocity snapshots $\chi^v = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_h^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_h^N\}$ and pressure snapshots $\chi^p = \text{span}\{p_h^1, \dots, p_h^N\}$, given by the FE solutions to (3.4) at time t_n , $n = 1, \dots, N$. The POD method seeks low-dimensional bases $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{r_v}\}$ and $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{r_p}\}$ in real Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}_v, \mathcal{H}_p$ that optimally approximate the velocity and pressure snapshots with respect to the discrete $L^2(\mathcal{H}_v), L^2(\mathcal{H}_p)$ norms, respectively (cf. [30]). It can be shown that the following POD projection error formulas hold [27, 30]:

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{u}_h^n - \sum_{i=1}^{r_v} (\mathbf{u}_h^n, \varphi_i)_{\mathcal{H}_v} \varphi_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}_v}^2 = \sum_{i=r_v+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i, \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=1}^N \left\| p_h^n - \sum_{i=1}^{r_p} (p_h^n, \psi_i)_{\mathcal{H}_p} \psi_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}_p}^2 = \sum_{i=r_p+1}^{M_p} \gamma_i, \quad (4.2)$$

where M_v, M_p are the rank of χ^v and χ^p , respectively, and λ_i, γ_i are the associated eigenvalues. Although $\mathcal{H}_v, \mathcal{H}_p$ can be any real Hilbert spaces, in what follows we consider $\mathcal{H}_v = \mathbf{L}^2$ and $\mathcal{H}_p = L^2$. Also, we are going to take the same number of velocity and pressure POD bases functions, i.e. $r_v = r_p = r$ in what follows.

We respectively consider the following velocity and pressure spaces for the POD setting:

$$\mathbf{X}_r = \text{span} \{ \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_r \} \subset \mathbf{X}_h^l,$$

and

$$Q_r = \text{span} \{ \psi_1, \dots, \psi_r \} \subset Q_h^{l-1}.$$

Remark 4.1. *Since the POD velocity modes are linear combinations of the snapshots, they satisfy the boundary conditions in (2.1) and are solenoidal. Thus, the POD velocity modes belong to \mathbf{V}_h^l , which yields $\mathbf{X}_r \subset \mathbf{V}_h^l$.*

The standard Galerkin projection-based POD-ROM uses both Galerkin truncation and Galerkin projection. The former yields an approximation of the velocity and pressure fields by a linear combination of the corresponding truncated POD basis:

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i(t) \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$p(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx p_r(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^r b_i(t) \psi_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad (4.4)$$

where $\{a_i(t)\}_{i=1}^r$ and $\{b_i(t)\}_{i=1}^r$ are the sought time-varying coefficients representing the POD-Galerkin velocity and pressure trajectories. Note that $r \ll \mathcal{N}$, where \mathcal{N} denotes the number of degrees of freedom (d.o.f.) in a full order simulation. Replacing the velocity-pressure FE pair (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h) with (\mathbf{u}_r, p_r) in the FE approximation (3.4) and projecting the resulted equations onto the POD product space (\mathbf{X}_r, Q_r) using the POD basis $(\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^r, \{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^r)$, the full space-time discretization of the grad-div ROM reads as:

- **Initialization.** Set: $\mathbf{u}_r^0 = \sum_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{u}_0, \varphi_i) \varphi_i$.

- **Iteration.** For $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$: Given $\mathbf{u}_r^n \in \mathbf{X}_r$, find $\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} \in \mathbf{X}_r$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n}{\Delta t}, \varphi \right) + b(\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \varphi) + \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla \varphi) + \mu(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_r) \\ & = (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \varphi), \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbf{X}_r. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

In (4.5), the pressure term vanishes due to the fact that \mathbf{u}_r^n belongs to the discrete divergence-free space \mathbf{V}_h^l . In order to recover the reduced order pressure, we propose

to solve in a post-process phase the residual-based equation, as follows: Find $p_r^{n+1} \in Q_r$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\nabla p_r^{n+1}, \nabla \psi)_K \\ &= - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n}{\Delta t} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \nabla \psi \right)_K, \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

for all $\psi \in Q_r$. Here, the τ_K are positive coefficients of order h_K^2 , that is, there exist two constants $C_1 > 0$, $C_2 > 0$, such that

$$C_1 h_K^2 \leq \tau_K \leq C_2 h_K^2, \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \forall h > 0. \quad (4.7)$$

Also, the symbol $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r$ stands for \mathbf{u}_r when $d = 2$, and for some truncation of \mathbf{u}_r such that

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r\|_{L^\infty(K)} \leq C_T h_K^{-1}, \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \forall h > 0 \quad (4.8)$$

when $d = 3$, for some constant $C_T > 0$. We shall denote in this way all generic constants that will appear along the paper, unless needed to specify them by some index. Such a $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r$ may be, for instance, defined as follows:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r = \Pi_h(T_\alpha(\mathbf{u}_r)), \quad \text{with } \alpha = h_K^{-1}$$

where Π_h denotes the standard Lagrange interpolation operator on space \mathbf{V}_h^l , T_α is the truncation at height $\alpha > 0$, and α is the function defined on $\bar{\Omega}$ that assigns to any $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ the inverse of the average of the grid elements that contain x . It holds

$$T_\alpha(\mathbf{u})(x_i) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(x_i) & \text{if } |\mathbf{u}(x_i)| \leq \alpha(x_i), \\ \alpha(x_i) \text{ sign}(\mathbf{u}(x_i)) & \text{if } |\mathbf{u}(x_i)| \geq \alpha(x_i). \end{cases}$$

for any Lagrange interpolation node x_i . Then, as the grids are regular, $|T_\alpha(\mathbf{u})(x)| \leq Ch_K^{-1}$ for any $x \in \bar{\Omega}$, where $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$ is the element containing x , for some constant $C > 0$. Due to inverse finite element error estimates and the local L^2 stability of the Lagrange interpolation (see [17], Appendix),

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r\|_{L^\infty(K)} \leq C h_K^{-3/2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r\|_{L^2(K)} \leq C h_K^{-3/2} \|T_\alpha(\mathbf{u}_r)\|_{L^2(K)} \leq C h_K^{-3/2} |K|^{1/2} \alpha \leq C h_K^{-1}.$$

Note that the use of inverse finite element estimates combined with the $L^\infty(L^2)$ bound for the \mathbf{u}_r yields

$$\|\mathbf{u}_r\|_{L^\infty(K)} \leq C h_K^{-3/2} \|\mathbf{u}_r\|_{L^2(K)} \leq C h_K^{-3/2}.$$

Then, the truncation at height h_K^{-1} , although somewhat restrictive, is rather mild, in particular it allows the blow-up of the $L^\infty(\Omega)$ norm of $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Anyhow, this technical hypothesis may be overcome when $d = 2$ or a weaker norm of the pressure gradient is bounded when $d = 3$.

The structure of method (4.6) is inspired in that of stabilized methods for fluid flows. Usually a weighted residual (the difference between the l.h.s. and the r.h.s. of (4.6)) is added to the Galerkin formulation to stabilize both convection dominance and pressure gradient [1]. The scaling of the stabilizing coefficients τ_K as h_K^2 comes from dimensional analysis. Here, we isolate this stabilizing term to recover the pressure, once the velocity is known.

The presence of the factors τ_K in (4.6) only is needed whenever the grids \mathcal{T}_h are not uniformly regular. Otherwise all the τ_K may be taken equal to h^2 and (4.6) may be replaced by

$$(\nabla p_r^{n+1}, \nabla \psi)_\Omega = -\left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n}{\Delta t} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \nabla \psi\right)_\Omega. \quad (4.9)$$

Note that equations (4.6) and (4.9) contain a discretization of the natural b. c. for pressure, that is (assuming $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}$)

$$\nabla p_r^{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n}{\Delta t} + \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}^{n+1}\right) \cdot \mathbf{n} \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

Thus, no artificial boundary conditions on the pressure are being imposed.

Hereafter, the grad-div ROM (4.5) together with (4.6) will be referred to as Stabilization Motivated-ROM (SM-ROM). The SM-ROM (4.5)-(4.6), without grad-div term, has been introduced and numerically investigated in [15].

Let us remark that an alternative time discretization could be given by the semi-implicit Euler method, where the trilinear form in (3.4) is discretized by $b(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_h^n, \mathbf{v}_h)$. This semi-implicit time discretization is less costly from the computational point of view with respect to a fully implicit one, which yields a nonlinear algebraic system of equations to be solved. However, the numerical analysis will be performed in Section for the more technical case of the fully implicit time discretization given by (3.4). We shall present in Section 6 numerical results obtained with the semi-implicit discretization.

5 Analysis of the residual-based SM-ROM

In this section, we perform the numerical analysis of the proposed unsteady SM-ROM (4.5)-(4.6), dealing with stability and error estimates.

5.1 Technical background

This section provides some technical results that are required for the numerical analysis. Throughout the paper, we shall denote by C a positive constant that may vary from a line to another, but which is always independent of the viscosity ν , the FE mesh size h , the FE velocity interpolation order l , the time step Δt , and the velocity, pressure eigenvalues λ_i, γ_i .

We shall denote by $\|\cdot\|_{m,p}$ the norm in $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ and by $\|\cdot\|_{m,p,K}$ the norm in $W^{m,p}(K)$ for some $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$. Also, we shall denote by $\|\cdot\|_m$ the norm in $H^m(\Omega)$ and by $\|\cdot\|_{m,K}$ the norm in $H^m(K)$ for some $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$.

We shall use some inverse estimates for finite element functions (cf. [18], Theorem 3.2.6): there exists two constants $C_{I,1} > 0$ and $C_{I,2} > 0$ such that

$$\|v_h\|_{0,\infty,K} \leq C_{I,1} h_K^{-\frac{d}{2}} \|v_h\|_{0,K}, \quad \|\Delta v_h\|_{0,K} \leq C_{I,2} h_K^{-1} \|\nabla v_h\|_{0,K}, \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h^l. \quad (5.1)$$

We define the scalar product:

$$(\cdot, \cdot)_\tau : \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \times \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})_\tau = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})_K,$$

and its associated norm:

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_\tau = (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})_\tau^{1/2}.$$

We shall also use the following discrete Gronwall lemma:

Lemma 5.1. Let $\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ be non-negative real numbers satisfying

$$(1 - \sigma \Delta t) \alpha_{n+1} + \beta_{n+1} \leq (1 + \tau \Delta t) \alpha_n + \gamma_{n+1} \quad (5.2)$$

for some $\sigma \geq 0, \tau \geq 0$. Assume that $\sigma \Delta t \leq 1 - \delta$ for some $\delta > 0$. Then it holds

$$\alpha_n \leq e^{\rho t_n} \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{l=1}^n e^{\rho(t_n - t_l)} \gamma_l; \quad (5.3)$$

$$\sum_{l=1}^n \beta_l \leq \left(1 + \frac{\tau}{\sigma} + (\sigma + \tau) e^{\rho t_{n-1}} t_{n-1}\right) \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} (1 + (\sigma + \tau) e^{\rho t_{n-1}} t_{n-1}) \sum_{l=1}^n \gamma_l, \quad (5.4)$$

with $\rho = \frac{\sigma + \tau}{\delta}$.

Proof. Dividing by $1 - \sigma \Delta t$ in (5.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{n+1} + \beta_{n+1} &\leq \alpha_{n+1} + \frac{1}{1 - \sigma \Delta t} \beta_{n+1} \leq \left(1 + \frac{(\sigma + \tau) \Delta t}{1 - \sigma \Delta t}\right) \alpha_n + \frac{1}{1 - \sigma \Delta t} \gamma_{n+1} \\ &\leq (1 + \rho \Delta t) \alpha_n + \frac{1}{\delta} \gamma_{n+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Recursively using this inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{n+1} + \beta_{n+1} &\leq (1 + \rho \Delta t)^2 \alpha_{n-1} + (1 + \rho \Delta t) \frac{1}{\delta} \gamma_n + \frac{1}{\delta} \gamma_{n+1} \leq \dots \\ &\leq (1 + \rho \Delta t)^{n+1} \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} (1 + \rho \Delta t)^{n+1-l} \gamma_l \\ &\leq e^{\rho t_{n+1}} \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} e^{\rho(t_{n+1} - t_l)} \gamma_l, \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

hence (5.3). Summing now the inequalities (5.2) yields

$$(1 - \sigma \Delta t) \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \alpha_l + \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \beta_l \leq (1 + \tau \Delta t) \sum_{l=0}^n \alpha_l + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \gamma_l.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \beta_l &\leq (1 + \tau \Delta t) \alpha_0 + (\sigma + \tau) \Delta t \sum_{l=1}^n \alpha_l + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \gamma_l \\ &\leq (1 + \tau \Delta t) \alpha_0 + (\sigma + \tau) \Delta t \sum_{l=1}^n \left[e^{\rho t_l} \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{r=1}^l e^{\rho(t_l - t_r)} \gamma_r \right] + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \gamma_l \\ &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\tau}{\sigma} + (\sigma + \tau) e^{\rho t_n} t_n\right) \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} ((\sigma + \tau) e^{\rho t_n} t_n + 1) \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \gamma_l, \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

hence (5.4). \square

Note that the constant ρ plays the role of an amplification factor for the exponential dependence on the length of the time interval of the bounds appearing in (5.3) and (5.4). It tends to 1 as Δt tends to zero.

5.2 Existence and stability results for SM-ROM

We have the following existence and unconditional stability result for the SM-ROM, (4.5)-(4.6):

Theorem 5.2. *Assume that $\Delta t \leq 1 - \delta$ for some $\delta > 0$, and that $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$. Assume also that the data \mathbf{f}^n in problems (4.5) and (4.6) satisfy*

$$\|\mathbf{u}_r^0\|_0 \leq \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_0, \quad \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{f}^i\|_0^2 \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(0, t_n; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))}^2, \quad \text{for } n = 1, \dots, N.$$

Then the following statements hold.

1. Equations (4.5) admits at least a solution \mathbf{u}_r^{k+1} , and (4.6) admits a unique solution p_r^{n+1} .
2. Any solution \mathbf{u}_r^{k+1} of equation (4.5) satisfies the following estimates

$$\|\mathbf{u}_r^k\|_0^2 \leq e^{\rho t_k} \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} e^{\rho t_k} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(0, t_k; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^2)}^2, \quad k = 1, \dots, N; \quad (5.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta t \sum_{n=1}^k (\nu \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + \mu \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2) &\leq \frac{1}{2} (1 + t_k e^{\rho t_k}) \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_0^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\delta} (1 + t_k e^{\rho t_k}) \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(0, t_k; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))}^2, \quad k = 1, \dots, N \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

with $\rho = \frac{1}{\delta}$.

3. Assume in addition that $h \leq C_S \Delta t$ for some constant $C_S > 0$, $\Delta t \leq \frac{1 - \delta}{s + 1/5}$ with $s = 5 C_2 C_S^2$ for some $0 < \rho < 1$, and that in problem (4.6) ,

3a) When $d = 2$, it holds

$$C_2 \leq \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{10}} \frac{1}{A C_{I,1}}, \quad \text{with } A = e^{\rho T} \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} e^{\rho T} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(0, T; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^2)}^2, \quad (5.10)$$

or

3b) When $d = 3$, it holds $\|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^n\|_{0, \infty, K} \leq C_T h_K^{-1}$ with

$$C_T \leq \nu \sqrt{C_{I,2}}, \quad C_2 \leq \frac{1}{10} \frac{1}{\nu C_{I,2}}. \quad (5.11)$$

Then the solution p_r^1, \dots, p_r^N of equation (4.6) satisfies the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta t \sum_{n=1}^N \|\nabla p_r^n\|_7^2 &\leq [2 + (2s + 1/5) e^{\rho T}] \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_0^2 \\ &+ \frac{5}{\delta} [1 + (2s + 1/5) e^{\rho T}] (1 + C_2 h^2) \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(0, T; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.12)$$

Proof. 1.- Once \mathbf{u}_r^n and \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} are known, problem (4.6) is a standard elliptic problem with a form $a_{pres}(p, q) = (\nabla p, \nabla q)_\Omega$ which is coercive on sub-spaces of $H^1(\Omega)$ with vanishing mean in Ω . Then, problem (4.6) admits a unique solution.

The existence of solution of equation (4.5) follows from a standard finite-dimensional compactness argument, that we omit for brevity.

2.- Estimate (5.9) follows from a standard argument for finite element approximation of incompressible flow problems using the discrete Gronwall Lemma 5.1 that can be found, for instance, in [17], Chapter 10. We omit it for brevity

3.- Let us take $\mathbf{v}_r = \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}$ in problem (4.5). Using the identities

$$(\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n, \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1})_\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2,$$

and

$$b(\mathbf{u}_r^n; \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}) = 0$$

it holds

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + \nu \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + 2\mu \Delta t \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 \\ = \Delta t (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1})_\Omega \leq \frac{\Delta t}{2} \|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

Taking $\psi = p_r^{n+1}$ and multiplying by Δt in problem (4.6), and summing up the first identity in (5.13) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + \nu \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\ \leq - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^n + \Delta t (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}^{n+1}), \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K \\ + \Delta t (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1})_\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

We bound each term on the r.h.s. of this expression. Observe that

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (a, b)_K \leq \|a\|_\tau \|b\|_\tau \leq \frac{1}{2} \beta^{-1} \|a\|_\tau^2 + \frac{1}{2} \beta \|b\|_\tau^2$$

for any functions $a, b \in L^2(\Omega)$ or $a, b \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ and any $\beta > 0$. Using $\tau_K \leq C_2 h_K^2$, $h_K \leq C_S \Delta t$ and estimate (5.8) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon \Delta t} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\ \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \Delta t C_2 C_S^2 \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2; \end{aligned} \quad (5.15)$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ is a constant to be determined later. Similarly,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{u}_r^n, \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} C_2 C_S^2 \|\mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \sum_{n=1}^N \|\nabla p_r^n\|_\tau^2; \quad (5.16)$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned}
-\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\nu \Delta \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K &\leq \frac{\nu^2}{2\varepsilon} \Delta t \|\Delta \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\
&\leq \frac{\nu^2}{2\varepsilon} C_{I,2} \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K h_K^{-2} \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\
&\leq \frac{\nu^2}{2\varepsilon} C_{I,2} C_2 \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2. \tag{5.17}
\end{aligned}$$

The convection-pressure gradient interaction term will be specifically bounded in each of the situations 3a) and 3b), as follows.

3a) In this case $d = 2$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}$. It holds

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K &\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\leq C_{I,1} \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K h_K^{-d/2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\leq A C_{I,1} \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K h_K^{-d/2} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}, \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} A^2 C_{I,1}^2 \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K h_K^{-d} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} A^2 C_{I,1}^2 C_2 \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2. \tag{5.18}
\end{aligned}$$

where A is defined in (5.10).

3b) In this case $d = 3$ and $\|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \leq C_T h_K^{-1}$. It holds

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K &\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\leq C_T \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K h_K^{-1} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} C_T^2 \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K h_K^{-2} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} C_T^2 C_2 \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2. \tag{5.19}
\end{aligned}$$

Further,

$$\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \nabla p_r^{n+1})_K \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \Delta t \|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2; \tag{5.20}$$

and

$$\Delta t (\mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}) \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \Delta t \|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2; \tag{5.21}$$

Taking now $\varepsilon = 1/5$ and summing up (5.15), (5.16), (5.17), (5.20) and (5.21) with (5.18) (case 3a)), or (5.19) (case 3b)) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - (s + 1/5)\Delta t) \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \mu \Delta t \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 \\
\leq (1 + s\Delta t) \|\mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + 5 \Delta t (\|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_\tau^2), \\
\leq (1 + s\Delta t) \|\mathbf{u}_r^n\|_0^2 + 5 \Delta t (1 + C_2 h^2) \|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_0^2 \tag{5.22}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu = 2 \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} A^2 C_{I,1}^2 C_2 - \frac{\nu^2}{2\varepsilon} C_2 C_{I,2} \right) \quad \text{when } d = 2,$$

or

$$\mu = 2 \left(\nu - \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} C_2 C_T^2 - \frac{\nu^2}{2\varepsilon} C_2 C_{I,2} \right) \quad \text{when } d = 3.$$

In any case, in view of conditions (5.10) and (5.11), it holds $\mu \geq \nu$. Applying Lemma 5.1 to (5.22) with $\sigma = s + 1/5$, $\tau = s$, $\alpha_n = \mu \Delta t \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2$, $\beta_n = \Delta t \|\nabla p_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2$ and $\gamma_n = 5 \Delta t (1 + h^2) \|\mathbf{f}^{n+1}\|_0^2$ yields estimate (5.12). \square

Remark 5.3. Estimates for velocity (5.8), (5.9) and for pressure (5.12) do not degenerate as $\nu \rightarrow 0$. This is obtained using the enhanced regularity $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$. Also, due to the conditions satisfied by constant C_2 in either (5.10) or (5.11), (5.12) provides either an estimate for the norm

$$\nu \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \|p_r^{n+1}\|_h^2 \quad \text{when } d = 2, \quad \text{or } \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \|p_r^{n+1}\|_h^2, \quad \text{when } d = 3, \quad \text{with}$$

$$\|p\|_h = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} h_K^2 \|\nabla p\|_{0,K}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

The $\|\cdot\|_h$ norm plays a role in the discrete inf-sup condition for non-stable pairs of finite element velocity-pressure spaces (such as \mathbf{X}_h^l and Q_h^l , for instance, with equal interpolation in velocity and pressure, cf. [16]):

$$\|p_h\|_0 \leq \sup_{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{X}_h^l} \frac{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h, p_h)}{\|\mathbf{v}_h\|_{1,\Omega}} + C \|p_h\|_h \quad \text{for any } p_h \in Q_h^l.$$

Also, a straightforward argument using inverse inequalities proves that

$$\|p_h\|_h \leq C \|p_h\|_0 \quad \text{for any } p_h \in Q_h^{l-1}.$$

5.3 Error estimates for SM-ROM

We are now in position to state the following error estimate results for the SM-ROM defined by (4.5)-(4.6):

Theorem 5.1 (Velocity error estimate). *Let \mathbf{u} be the velocity in the NSE (2.1), let \mathbf{u}_r be the grad-div ROM velocity defined in (4.5), and assume that the solution (\mathbf{u}, p) of (2.1) is regular enough. Then, the following bound holds:*

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n+1}\|_0^2 \leq C \left(\sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i (1 + \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2) + h^{2l} + \Delta t^2 \right). \quad (5.23)$$

The proof of this result follows along the same lines as the proof of Theorem 5.3 in [34], we omit it for brevity.

Theorem 5.2 (Pressure error estimate). *Let p be the pressure in the NSE (2.1), let p_r be the SM-ROM pressure defined in (4.6), and assume that the solution (\mathbf{u}, p) of (2.1) is regular enough. Then, the following bound holds:*

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla(p_r^{n+1} - p^{n+1})\|_{\tau}^2 \leq CE^*, \quad (5.24)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} E^* &= h^2 + (h^{2l} + \Delta t^2)(1 + \nu^{-1} + \|S_r^v\|_2 + h^{-1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i [1 + (1 + \|S_r^v\|_2) \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2] + h^2 \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_p} \gamma_i \|\nabla \psi_i\|_0^2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.25)$$

and the penalty term h^2 in (5.25) actually vanishes when $d = 2$.

Proof. We start deriving the pressure error bound by splitting the error for the velocity and the pressure into two terms:

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} = (\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}^{n+1}) - (\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}^{n+1}) = \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}, \quad (5.26)$$

$$p^{n+1} - p_r^{n+1} = (p^{n+1} - P_r^p p^{n+1}) - (p_r^{n+1} - P_r^p p^{n+1}) = \rho^{n+1} - s_r^{n+1}. \quad (5.27)$$

In (5.26), the first term, $\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}^{n+1}$, represents the difference between \mathbf{u}^{n+1} and its L^2 -orthogonal projection on \mathbf{X}_r . The second term, $\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}^{n+1}$, is the remainder. Similarly, in (5.27), the first term, $\rho^{n+1} = p^{n+1} - P_r^p p^{n+1}$, represents the difference between p^{n+1} and its L^2 -orthogonal projection on Q_r . The second term, $s_r^{n+1} = p_r^{n+1} - P_r^p p^{n+1}$, is the remainder.

Next, we construct the error equation. We first consider the solution (\mathbf{u}, p) of (2.1) at $t = t_{n+1}$ and:

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\partial_t \mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \nabla p^{n+1} - \mathbf{f}^{n+1}, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K = 0, \quad (5.28)$$

then subtract (4.6) with $\psi = s_r^{n+1}$ from it. By adding and subtracting the difference quotient term $\frac{1}{\Delta t}(\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^n)$, and applying the decompositions (5.26)-(5.27), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \left(\partial_t \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{\Delta t} (\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{\Delta t} (\boldsymbol{\eta}^n - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n), \nabla s_r^{n+1} \right)_K \\ &+ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K ((\mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}) - \nu \Delta (\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}), \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\ &+ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\nabla (\rho^{n+1} - s_r^{n+1}), \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

Letting $\mathbf{c}^n = \partial_t \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\Delta t}$, from (5.29) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\Delta t \mathbf{c}^n + (\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n) - (\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n), \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
& + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K ((\mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}) - \nu \Delta (\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}), \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
& + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\nabla \rho^{n+1}, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K = I + II + III + IV + V + VI.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.30}$$

We estimate the terms on the r.h.s. of (5.30) one by one. By Cauchy-Schwarz and Young's inequalities, we bound the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.30):

$$I = \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{c}^n, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\tau_K}{2\varepsilon} \|\mathbf{c}^n\|_{0,K}^2 + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2, \tag{5.31}$$

for some small positive constant ε (to be determined later).

For the second term on the r.h.s. of (5.30), assuming $h \sim \Delta t$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
II &= - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&\leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\tau_K}{2\varepsilon \Delta t} \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n\|_{0,K}^2 + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \\
&\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n\|_{0,K}^2 + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.32}$$

Note that this term actually vanishes for uniformly regular grids (take $\tau_K = h^2$ and integrate by parts).

Similarly, for the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.30), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
III &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&\leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\tau_K}{2\varepsilon \Delta t} \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n\|_{0,K}^2 + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \\
&\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n\|_{0,K}^2 + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.33}$$

The fourth term on the r.h.s. of (5.30) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
IV &= \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&= \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1}, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_r, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K ((\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1}, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} \\
&\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tau_K (\|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) + 5\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tau_K \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \frac{\tau_K}{h_K^2} (\|\nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tau_K (\|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) \\
&\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tau_K (\|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) + 5\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tau_K \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \\
&\quad + \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \frac{\tau_K}{h_K^2} (\|\nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) + \Delta t \frac{C}{\varepsilon} h^2, \tag{5.34}
\end{aligned}$$

where we used Hölder's, Young's and triangle inequalities, the velocity stability estimate (5.8), and (4.8) to bound $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}$ when $d = 3$. Note that the last penalty term in (5.34) vanishes when $d = 2$, since $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}$.

Using local inverse estimates [9], we can bound the fifth term on the r.h.s. of (5.30) as:

$$\begin{aligned}
V &= -\nu \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\Delta(\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}), \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K \\
&\leq \nu^2 \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\tau_K}{2\varepsilon} (\|\Delta \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\Delta \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) + 2\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tau_K \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \\
&\leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \nu^2 \Delta t (\|\Delta \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\Delta \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) + 2\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tau_K \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2, \tag{5.35}
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, by Cauchy-Schwarz and Young's inequalities, we bound the sixth term on the

r.h.s. of (5.30):

$$\begin{aligned}
VI = \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K (\nabla \rho^{n+1}, \nabla s_r^{n+1})_K &\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{\tau_K}{2\varepsilon} \|\nabla \rho^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \\
&+ \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2. \quad (5.36)
\end{aligned}$$

Summarizing (5.31)-(5.36) and taking $\varepsilon = 1/11$ from (5.30), we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \tau_K \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 &\leq C\Delta t (h^2 \|\mathbf{c}^n\|_0^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n\|_0^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n\|_0^2) \\
&+ C\Delta t h^2 (\|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 + 1) \\
&+ C\Delta t (\|\nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2) \\
&+ C\nu^2 \Delta t \|\Delta \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 + C\Delta t \|\nabla \rho^{n+1}\|_\tau^2. \quad (5.37)
\end{aligned}$$

Summing (5.37) from $n = 0$ to $N - 1$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 &\leq C\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (h^2 \|\mathbf{c}^n\|_0^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n\|_0^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^n\|_0^2) \\
&+ C\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h^2 (\|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2) + Ch^2 \\
&+ C\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\|\nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_r^{n+1}\|_0^2) \\
&+ C\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\nu^2 \|\Delta \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_\tau^2 + \|\nabla \rho^{n+1}\|_\tau^2). \quad (5.38)
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we estimate each term on the r.h.s. of (5.38).

By Taylor's theorem, the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.38) can be estimated as follows:

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h^2 \|\mathbf{c}^n\|_{\mathbf{L}^2}^2 \leq C\Delta t^2 h^2 \|\partial_{tt} \mathbf{u}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{L}^2)}^2 \leq C\Delta t^2 h^2. \quad (5.39)$$

To estimate the second term on the r.h.s. of (5.38), we use triangle inequality and the L^2 error estimate for $P_r^v \mathbf{u}$ (see [28], Lemma 3.3):

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}^n\|_0^2 \leq C \left(h^{2l} + \Delta t^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \right). \quad (5.40)$$

By using triangle and Cauchy-Schwarz inequalities, the bound (3.6), and estimate (73) in

[34], the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.38) can be estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\phi_r^{n+1} - \phi_r^n\|_0^2 &\leq 2\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\|(\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}) - (\mathbf{u}_r^n - P_r^v \mathbf{u}_h^n)\|_0^2) \\
&\quad + 2\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\|P_r^v [(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n+1}) - (\mathbf{u}_h^n - \mathbf{u}^n)]\|_0^2) \\
&\leq C \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2 \\
&\quad + C\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\|(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n+1}) - (\mathbf{u}_h^n - \mathbf{u}^n)\|_0^2) \\
&\leq C \left(\sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2 + h^{2l} + \Delta t^2 \right). \tag{5.41}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for the fourth and fifth term on the r.h.s. of (5.38) we have:

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h^2 \|\boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_0^2 \leq C h^2 \left(h^{2l} + \Delta t^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \right), \tag{5.42}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h^2 \|\phi_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 &\leq 2\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h^2 (\|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}\|_0^2 + \|P_r^v (\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n+1})\|_0^2) \\
&\leq C h^2 \left(\sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2 + h^{2l} + \Delta t^2 \right). \tag{5.43}
\end{aligned}$$

For the sixth term on the r.h.s. of (5.38), we have:

$$\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_0^2 \leq C \left[(h^{2l} + \Delta t^2)(\nu^{-1} + \|S_r^v\|_2) + \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2 \right], \tag{5.44}$$

where we used the H_0^1 error estimate for $P_r^v \mathbf{u}$ (see [28], Lemma 3.3), and $\|S_r^v\|_2$ denotes the 2-norm of the stiffness velocity matrix with entries $[S_r^v]_{ij} = (\nabla \varphi_i, \nabla \varphi_j)$, $i, j = 1, \dots, r$ that comes from the use of POD inverse estimates (see [30], Lemma 2).

For the seventh term on the r.h.s. of (5.38), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla \phi_r^{n+1}\|_0^2 &\leq 2\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\|\nabla (\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1})\|_0^2 + \|\nabla [P_r^v (\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n+1})]\|_0^2) \\
&\leq C \|S_r^v\|_2 \left(\sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2 + h^{2l} + \Delta t^2 \right), \tag{5.45}
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the triangle inequality, POD inverse estimates (see [30], Lemma 2), estimate (73) in [34], and bound (3.6).

The eight term on the r.h.s. of (5.38) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \nu^2 \|\Delta \boldsymbol{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{\tau}^2 &\leq C \nu^2 \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\|\Delta(\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1})\|_{\tau}^2 + \|\Delta(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1})\|_{\tau}^2] \\
&\quad + C \nu^2 \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\Delta[P_r^v(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n+1})]\|_{\tau}^2 \\
&\leq C \nu^2 \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left(h^{2l} + \|\nabla(\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1})\|_0^2 + \|\nabla(\mathbf{u}_h^{n+1} - P_r^v \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1})\|_0^2 \right) \\
&\quad + C \nu^2 \|S_r^v\|_2 \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^{n+1}\|_0^2 \\
&\leq C \left[\nu^2 h^{2l} + \nu(1 + \nu \|S_r^v\|_2)(h^{2l} + \Delta t^2) + \nu^2 \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2 \right] \quad (5.46)
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the triangle inequality, optimal and local inverse estimates [9], POD inverse estimates (see [30], Lemma 2), bound (3.6), and the POD projection error in H^1 -seminorm for \mathbf{u}_h (see [23], Lemma 3.2).

Finally, for the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.38), similarly to (5.44) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla \rho^{n+1}\|_{\tau}^2 &\leq C \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\|\nabla(p^{n+1} - p_h^{n+1})\|_{\tau}^2 + \|\nabla(p_h^{n+1} - P_r^p p_h^{n+1})\|_{\tau}^2] \\
&\quad + C \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla[P_r^p(p_h^{n+1} - p^{n+1})]\|_{\tau}^2 \\
&\leq C \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left(h^{2l} + \|p^{n+1} - p_h^{n+1}\|_0^2 + h^2 \|\nabla(p_h^{n+1} - P_r^p p_h^{n+1})\|_0^2 \right) \\
&\leq C \left[h^{2l} + h^{-1}(h^{2l} + \Delta t^2) + h^2 \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_p} \gamma_i \|\nabla \psi_i\|_0^2 \right], \quad (5.47)
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the triangle inequality, optimal and local inverse estimates [9], bound (3.7), and the POD projection error in H^1 -seminorm for p_h (see [23], Lemma 3.2).

Collecting (5.39)-(5.47), estimate (5.38) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{\tau}^2 &\leq C \left[h^2 + (h^{2l} + \Delta t^2)(1 + \nu^{-1} + \|S_r^v\|_2 + h^{-1}) \right] \\
&\quad + C \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i [1 + (1 + \|S_r^v\|_2) \|\nabla \varphi_i\|_0^2] \\
&\quad + C h^2 \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_p} \gamma_i \|\nabla \psi_i\|_0^2. \quad (5.48)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, using the triangle inequality and estimate (5.47), we conclude:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \|\nabla(p_r^{n+1} - p^{n+1})\|_{\tau}^2 &\leq 2\Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\|\nabla\rho^{n+1}\|_{\tau}^2 + \|\nabla s_r^{n+1}\|_{\tau}^2) \\
&\leq C \left[h^2 + (h^{2l} + \Delta t^2)(1 + \nu^{-1} + \|S_r^v\|_2 + h^{-1}) \right] \\
&\quad + C \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_v} \lambda_i [1 + (1 + \|S_r^v\|_2) \|\nabla\varphi_i\|_0^2] \\
&\quad + C h^2 \sum_{i=r+1}^{M_p} \gamma_i \|\nabla\psi_i\|_0^2, \tag{5.49}
\end{aligned}$$

where we recall that the penalty term h^2 in (5.49) vanishes when $d = 2$. This concludes the proof. \square

Remark 5.4. *An alternative pressure error estimate can be obtained by using a different bound for the term IV in (5.34) when $d = 3$, taking advantage of the fact that $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}$ when $\|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \leq Ch_K^{-1}$. Indeed, we can replace in (5.34) the last term by:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tau_K (\|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) &\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tau_K |K| (\|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K}^2 + \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K}^2) \\
&\leq \Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} h_K^2 |K| (h_K^{-3} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + h_K^{-2}) \\
&\leq \Delta t \frac{C}{\varepsilon} h^{-1} |\Omega^*|, \tag{5.50}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{T}_h^* = \{K \in \mathcal{T}_h : \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} \geq Ch_K^{-1}\}$, $|\Omega^*|$ is the measure of \mathcal{T}_h^* (i.e., $|\Omega^*| = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} |K|$), and we used local inverse estimates [9], the velocity stability estimate (5.8), and (4.8) to bound $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}$, assuming also uniformly regular grids.

Now, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Omega^*| &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \int_K \frac{h_K}{h_K} d\mathbf{x} \leq C \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \int_K h_K \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\infty,K} d\mathbf{x} \\
&\leq C \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \int_K h_K^{1/2} \|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,6,K} d\mathbf{x} \leq C \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K} |K| h_K^{1/2} \\
&\leq C \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} |K|^2 h_K \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\Omega} \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} |K| h_K^4 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\Omega} h^2 |\Omega^*|^{1/2}. \tag{5.51}
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the definition of \mathcal{T}_h^* , local inverse estimates [9], Hölder's inequality, the Sobolev embedding $H^1 \hookrightarrow L^6$, and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. Thus, from (5.51) we get:

$$|\Omega^*| \leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\Omega}^2 h^4, \tag{5.52}$$

and substituting (5.52) in (5.50) we obtain:

$$\Delta t \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h^*} \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tau_K (\|\mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2 + \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,K}^2) \leq \Delta t \frac{C}{\varepsilon} h^3 \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_r^{n+1}\|_{0,\Omega}^2. \quad (5.53)$$

Thus, by applying the velocity stability estimate (5.9), in this case we can replace the penalty term h^2 in (5.25) by $h^3 \nu^{-1}$.

6 Numerical tests

The data used for the construction of the POD subspaces are obtained by using Fenics [31] with Taylor-Hood element $\mathbb{P}_2/\mathbb{P}_1$. To quantify the error estimates derived in the previous section, we consider two classical benchmark numerical examples, the flow past a cylinder and the lid-driven cavity flow. Since the errors depend strongly on the velocity POD truncation order, the error analyses are presented in terms of the velocity POD contribution ratio given as

$$\mathcal{R}_u = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \lambda_i}, \quad (6.1)$$

where r and \mathcal{N} are respectively the truncation order and the total number of snapshots. This contribution ratio can be seen as a refinement parameter of the error. It can be used along with the predicted error-slope to determine a priori the accuracy of the SM-ROM.

6.1 Flow past a cylinder $Re = 200$

Consider the two dimensional flow past a cylinder of diameter D , placed in a rectangular domain of length $H = 30D$ and width $= 45D$. The center of the cylinder is situated at $L_1 = 10D$ from the inlet and $H/2$ from horizontal walls. The flow is driven by an inlet velocity U and is allowed to flow through the outlet. Free slip boundary conditions are applied at the horizontal edges while no slip boundary condition are considered on the cylinder's wall. Illustration of boundary condition is given in Figure 1.

For the numerical simulation, the semi-implicit Euler method is used with time step $\Delta t = 10^{-2}$, while a non-uniform triangular mesh made of 21174 cells is used for the spatial discretization. At $Re = 200$, the flow creates alternating low-high pressure vortices downstream the cylinder, triggering the generation of the Von Karman vortex pattern in the wake of the flow past the cylinder. These structures are illustrated in Figure 2.

In order to construct the velocity and pressure POD bases, 400 uniformly distributed snapshots covering 8 periods of the periodic regime of the flow are considered. The evolution of the contribution ratio of POD modes is given as a function of the modes numbers in Figure 3. A first inspection of the contribution ratio reveals that the first three modes carry the biggest share of the flow energy. After that, the contribution evolves by couple of modes. This behavior is essentially due the double multiplicity of POD eigenvalues revealing the presence of eigenspaces of dimension two. In that case, it's worth noting that the SM-ROM error is most likely to oscillate if the POD basis is truncated at a mode forming the first vector of a two dimensional POD eigenspace. To prevent that from happening, it is preferred to construct the SM-ROM gradually with respect to eigenspaces rather than to eigenvectors.

The POD contribution ratio in Figure 3 tends rapidly to the numerical zero meaning by that the few first modes are sufficiently enough to catch the quasi-totality of the flow

energy. The prediction quality of the SM-ROM improves with decreasing values of \mathcal{R}_u . This can be seen from the hydrodynamics coefficients C_D and C_L given by

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 D}, \quad C_L = \frac{F_L}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 D},$$

where ρ and U are respectively the density of the fluid and the characteristic velocity, and F_D and F_L are the drag and lift forces exerted by the fluid on the cylinder's boundary

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_D \\ F_L \end{pmatrix} = \int_{\text{cylinder}} (\mu(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^T \mathbf{u}) - pI) \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma,$$

Here μ refers to the dynamic viscosity. Figure 4 gives a confrontation of the hydrodynamic coefficients for variable magnitudes of the ratio \mathcal{R}_u . It shows that the predicted coefficients by SM-ROM converge towards the reference coefficients as \mathcal{R}_u drops down to zero. Precisely, when the ratio attains an order of 10^{-4} or less, the solutions are well recovered and the SM-ROM coefficients are in good agreement with the underlying high fidelity model.

In the following, we investigate the errors evolution with respect to the POD contribution ratio. In theory, the error by the SM-ROM and the POD contribution ratio must decrease simultaneously. However, this is not always the case. It can be noticed from Figure 5 that while the SM-ROM velocity errors decrease as expected, the SM-ROM pressure error experiences a stagnation for ratios smaller than 10^{-6} , meaning that the SM-ROM has attained its maximum precision at this stage. This can be explained as the high fidelity weak formulation (3.4) is not exactly verified for gradients of pressure POD modes, because these do not lie in the discrete velocity space \mathbf{X}_h . This effect does not appear in the error estimates (5.24), as these apply to the error between POD-ROM and exact pressures. This limit accuracy for the reduced pressure computation should decrease as the discretization parameters h and Δt decrease.

Reduced order model errors with respect to the rate of convergence are reported in Figure 5. For the sake of clarity, and since we are interested only in the error slopes, the constant in the error estimation is adjusted in such a way that the estimated and SM-ROM errors start from the same point. Moreover, a power law regression with solid lines is overlaid on the computed errors and a curve of logarithmic slope equal to one is plotted alongside for comparison. Given the likely stagnation behavior of the errors at some values of the contribution ratio, the regression is only applied to the first points where variations are noticed.

It can be seen that the logarithmic slopes for the SM-ROM errors are close to one meaning that the rate of convergence of the errors with respect to \mathcal{R}_u is close to 1. In other words, a jump of one order of magnitude in the ratio \mathcal{R}_u results in a jump of the same order in the error. This observation is in good agreement with Figure 4 which shows that between POD ratios 10^{-2} and 10^{-4} , the SM-ROM jumps two orders of magnitudes and attains 4×10^{-4} for velocity and 2×10^{-2} for pressure. These errors represent a sufficient accuracy to reproduce the dynamics of the flow and thus meet the high fidelity model hydrodynamic coefficients.

Now by inspecting the estimator, one can see that even though the slopes are slightly smaller, it provides a good indicator of the convergence rate of the SM-ROM. If we look at the regression of the estimated errors at ratio 10^{-4} , it indicates a value of $\frac{3}{2} \times 10^{-3}$ for velocity and 6×10^{-2} for the pressure. These are sufficiently good approximations of the actual SM-ROM error that confirm the robustness of the proposed estimator.

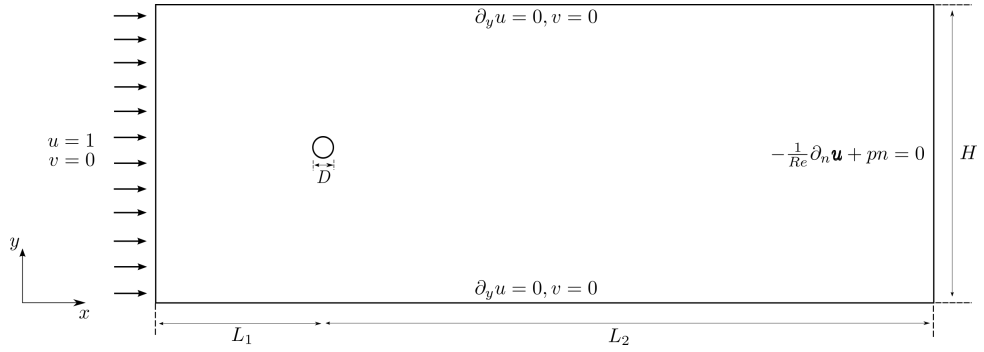


Figure 1: Two-dimensional domain and boundary conditions for the problem of flow past a circular cylinder.

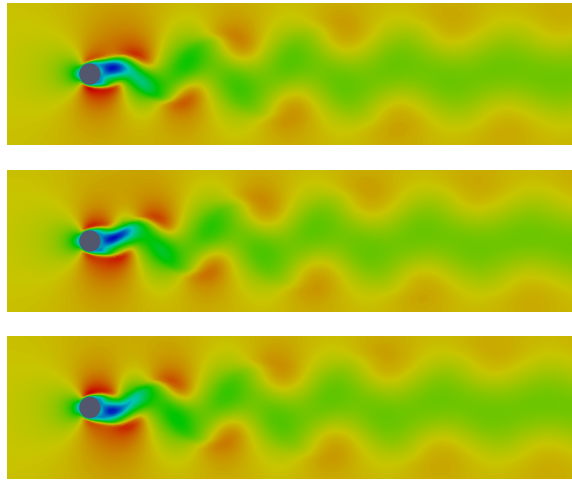


Figure 2: Illustration of Von Karman vortices arising in the flow past a cylinder for $Re = 200$ at three different time instants.

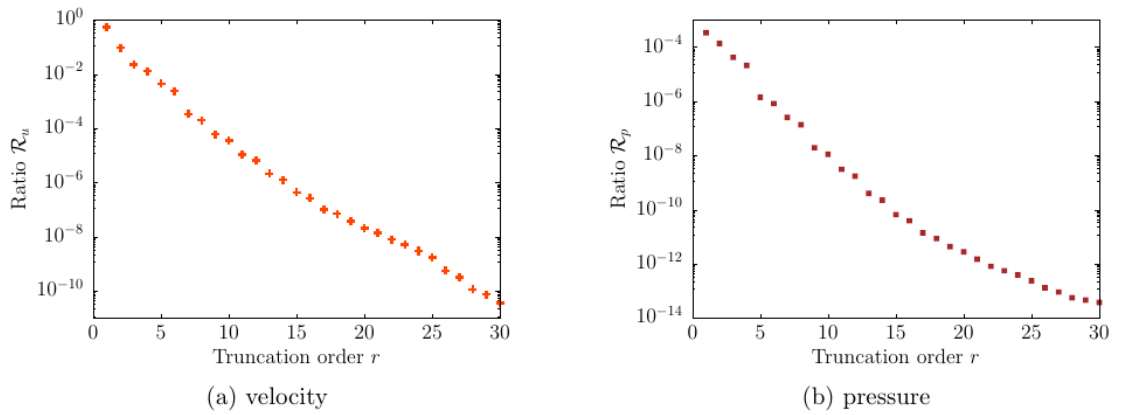


Figure 3: Evolution of the velocity and pressure POD contribution ratio with respect to modes numbers for the flow past a cylinder at $Re = 200$.

6.2 Test case 2 : Lid driven cavity $Re = 9500$

In this test case we assess the error estimates on the two dimensional lid driven cavity flow problem with $Re = 9500$. The problem domain consists of a square cavity $[0, D] \times [0, D]$

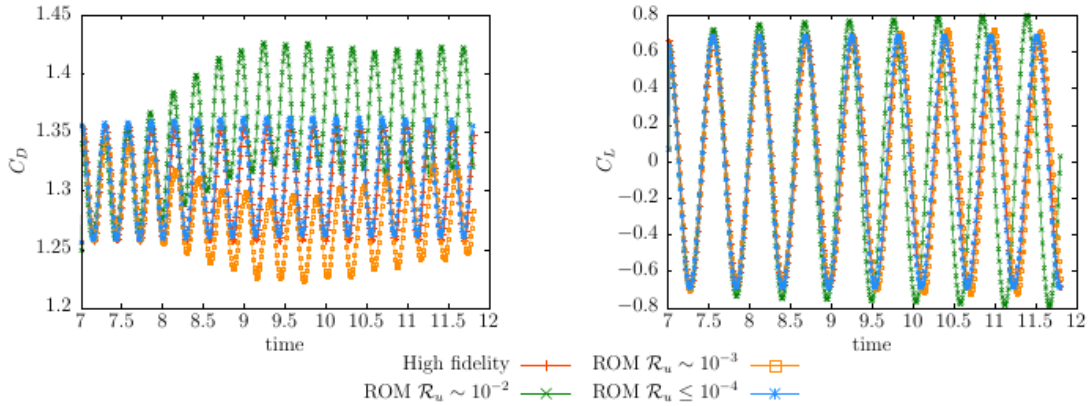


Figure 4: Hydrodynamics coefficients

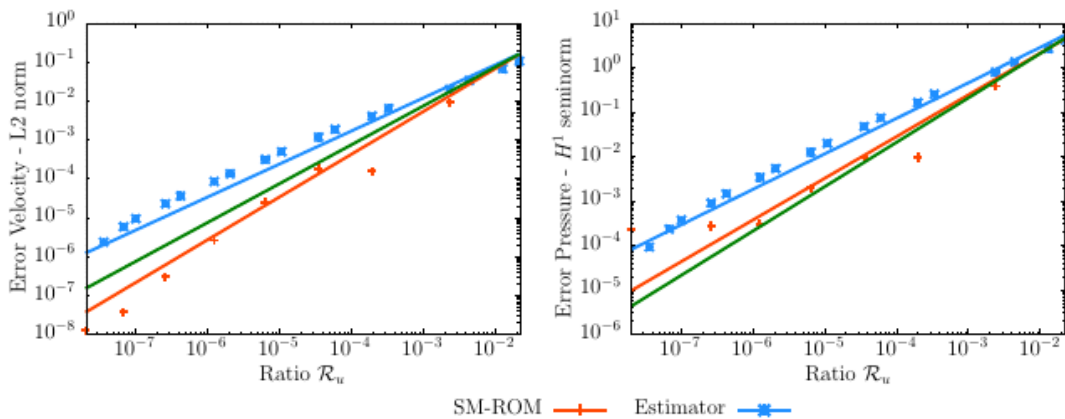


Figure 5: Log-Log scale representation of the estimator versus SM-ROM errors for the flow past a cylinder at $Re = 200$. The dots refer to the calculated values while the solid lines are their power regression. The green solid line corresponds to the curve of logarithmic slope equal to 1. Only the errors corresponding to \mathcal{R}_u larger than 10^{-6} have been taken into account to calculate the regression lines.

where the fluid is driven by a tangential velocity U applied at the top wall. The remaining walls are defined as no-slip conditions. The high fidelity problem is solved in a triangular mesh composed of 32928 cells by using the semi-implicit Euler method with a fixed time step $\Delta t = 10^{-3}$.

The dynamics of the flow solutions is shown in figure 6. We observe that in the lower left corner, the secondary vortex separates into two small vortices that reincorporate in a periodic manner. In the same way the secondary vortex in the upper left corner has a similar behavior. In order to construct the POD bases, 200 snapshots uniformly selected from the periodic regime with 10 periods are used. In Figure 7, we show the evolution of the contribution ratio of POD modes with respect to modes numbers. The effect of the POD contribution ratio on the SM-ROM solution is illustrated in Figure 8. It shows the phase portraits¹ at points located at the bottom left (2/16, 2/16), top left (2/16, 13/16) and top right (0.95, 0.95) of the cavity. Due to the periodic nature of the flow at these

¹The evolution of the horizontal velocity in terms of the vertical velocity

points, the curves of the phase portraits are closed and follow the same path over the periods of the flow.

Starting from a POD contribution ratio of order 10^{-2} , it can be seen that the SM-ROM phase portraits are not periodic and do not match the high fidelity solution. By decreasing the ratio to 10^{-4} , the SM-ROM phase portraits tend to converge to the high fidelity solution except for the the bottom left point of the cavity where small differences can still be noticed. These differences disappear with ratios of order 10^{-5} or less. This shows that the predictions by the SM-ROM converge to the groundtruth solution with decreasing values of the POD contribution ratio.

In terms of error estimates, we observe from Figure 9, that the estimator succeeds to predict the SM-ROM error slopes with a sufficiently good accuracy. The logarithmic slopes for the SM-ROM errors are close to one which gives an approximate rate of convergence of 10^{-1} . This is in good agreement with Figure 8 since between POD ratios 10^{-2} and 10^{-5} , the SM-ROM jumps three orders of magnitudes and attains 10^{-5} for velocity and 4×10^{-6} for pressure. These errors represent a sufficient accuracy to reproduce well the dynamics of the flow and thus meet the high fidelity model hydrodynamics coefficients. As for the flow past a cylinder, the slopes of the estimators are smaller than the SM-ROM slopes. Nevertheless, they provide a good indicator of the convergence rate of the SM-ROM. Typically, at ratio 10^{-5} , the estimator indicates an error value of $\frac{3}{2} \times 10^{-6}$ for velocity and 2×10^{-5} for the pressure. These are sufficiently good approximations of the SM-ROM velocity and pressure errors of values $\frac{3}{2} \times 10^{-7}$ and 4×10^{-6} respectively. Which confirms once again the robustness of the proposed estimator.

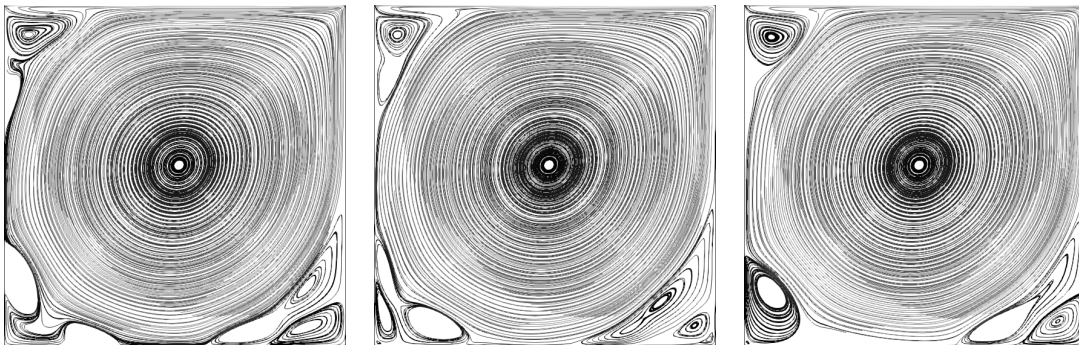


Figure 6: Streamlines in three different instants of the periodic regime of the flow in a lid driven cavity for $Re = 9500$.

7 Summary and conclusions

In this paper we have carried on the numerical analysis of the stabilized motivated reduced order (SM-ROM) solution of the pressure in incompressible flows. We treat the pressure equation by duality of the momentum conservation equation with gradients of the reduced pressure space, as function tests. We have used the Proper Orthogonal decomposition (POD) method with L^2 norms to build the reduced spaces for both velocity and pressure, and proven the stability of the velocity-pressure segregated SM-ROM discretization in adapted norms. In particular for pressure, the stability is proven in a discrete norm that has the same asymptotic order as the L^2 norm with respect to the mesh size. Both estimates for velocity and pressure are optimal with respect to the projection error on the POD reduced spaces. To validate the theoretical results, we have performed two two-

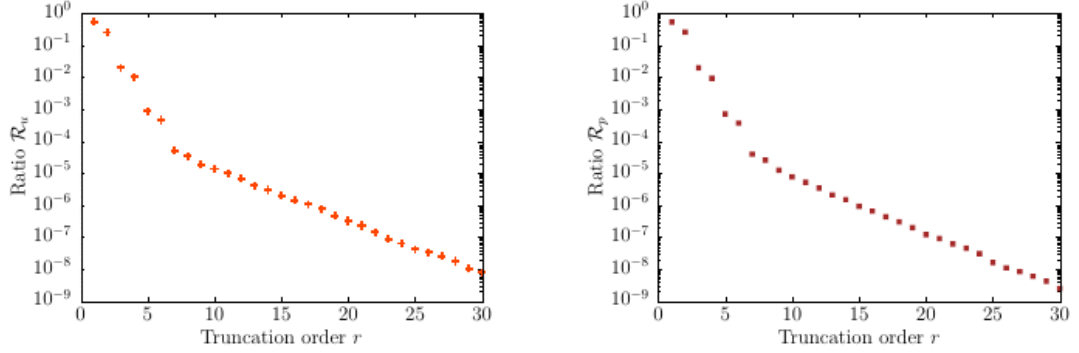


Figure 7: Evolution of the velocity and pressure POD contribution ratio with respect to modes numbers for the Lid driven cavity problem at $Re = 9500$.

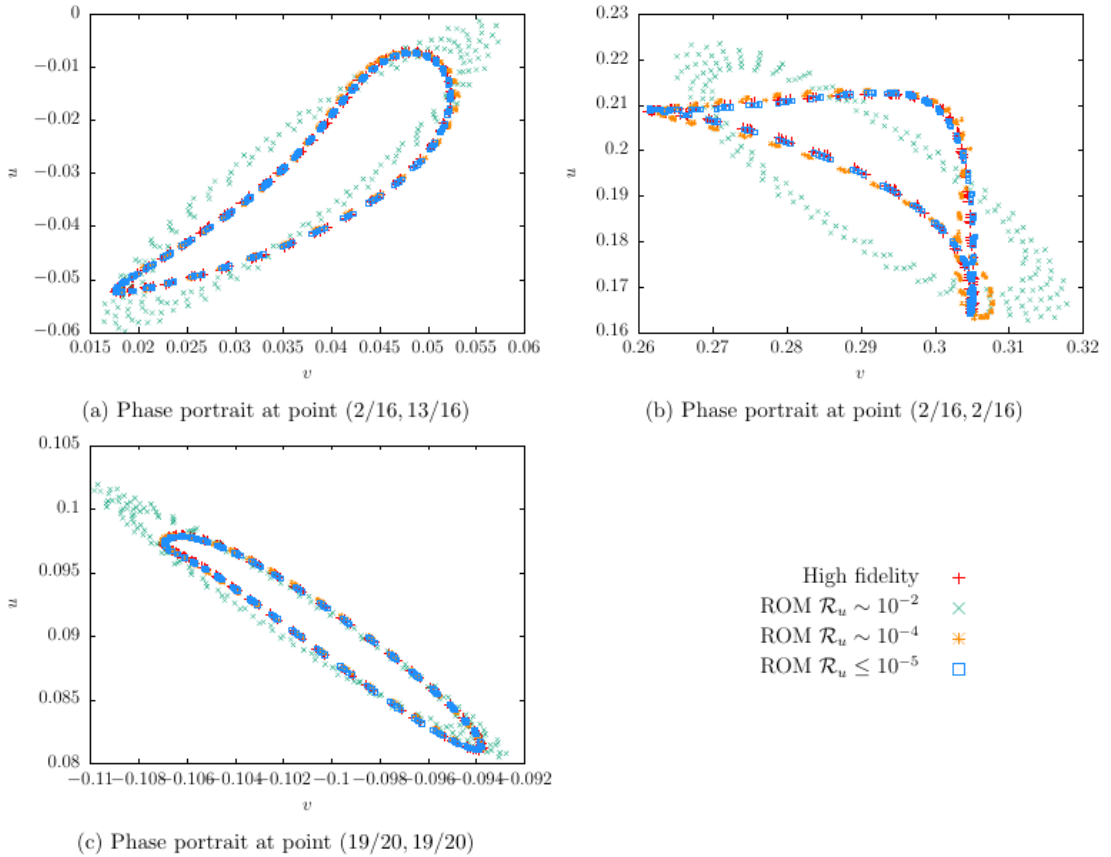


Figure 8: Velocity phase portrait at the corner of the cavity domain for $Re = 9500$. u and v are respectively the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity vector \mathbf{u} .

dimensional numerical tests (lid-driven cavity flow and for flow past a cylinder), for which we nearly recover the optimality of the error estimates in both problems. We observe an error stagnation effect for high ROM-POD dimensions, that possibly arises because the weak high-fidelity model is not exact for gradients of discrete pressures. Besides previous numerical investigation of the SM-ROM, the present analysis supports the use of this method to recover the pressure from ROMs of incompressible fluids that only retain weakly divergence-free velocities, with accuracy enough for practical applications of interest.

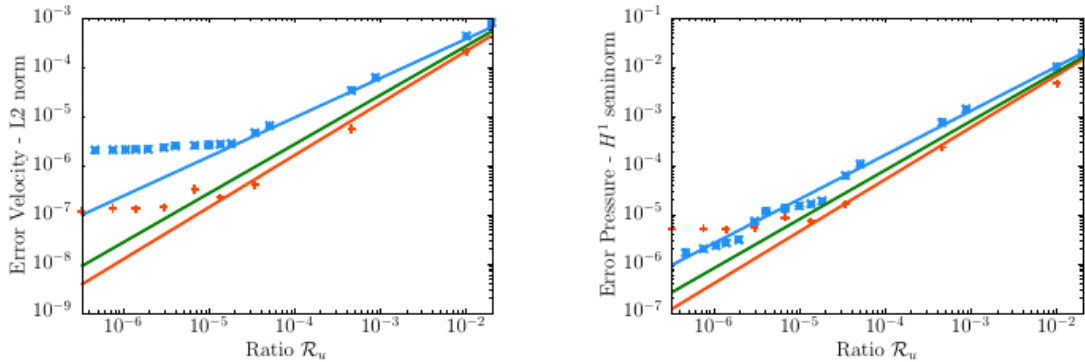


Figure 9: Log-Log scale representation of the estimator versus SM-ROM errors for the flow in a lid driven cavity at $Re = 9500$. The dots refer to the calculated values while the solid lines are their power regression. The green solid line corresponds to the curve of logarithmic slope equal to 1. Only the errors corresponding to \mathcal{R}_u larger than 10^{-5} have been taken into account to calculate the regression lines.

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