

# Weak Neumann implies $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ calculus for the Stokes operator

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# Outline

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# The Helmholtz projection

- Let  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a domain.
- We say that the *Helmholtz decomposition* exists if

$$L^q(\Omega)^n = L_\sigma^q(\Omega) \oplus G_q(\Omega),$$

where

$$G_q(\Omega) := \{g \in L^q(\Omega)^n : \exists h \in \widehat{W}^{1,q}(\Omega) \text{ such that } g = \nabla h\},$$

$$L_\sigma^q(\Omega) := \{f \in L^q(\Omega)^n : \int_\Omega f \nabla \varphi = 0, \varphi \in \widehat{W}^{1,q'}(\Omega)\}.$$

In this case there exists the *Helmholtz projection*

$$P_q : L^q(\Omega)^n \rightarrow L_\sigma^q(\Omega).$$

# The weak Neumann problem

Consider

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v &= \nabla \cdot g & \text{in } \Omega, \\ n \cdot \nabla v &= n \cdot g & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (\text{WNP}_q)$$

Does there exist a unique weak solution  $v \in \widehat{W}^{1,q}(\Omega)$  of  $(\text{WNP}_q)$ , i.e.

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla v \nabla \varphi = \int_{\Omega} g \nabla \varphi, \quad \varphi \in \widehat{W}^{1,q'}(\Omega),$$

for  $g \in L^q(\Omega)^n$  satisfying  $\|v\|_{\widehat{W}^{1,q}(\Omega)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^q(\Omega)^n}$ .

## Proposition

$(\text{WNP}_q)$  is uniquely solvable  $\Leftrightarrow P_q$  exists.

# The Stokes operator

Let  $1 < q < \infty$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a domain such that the Helmholtz projection exists. Set

$$D(A_q) = W^{2,q}(\Omega) \cap W_0^{1,q}(\Omega) \cap L_\sigma^q(\Omega)$$

and define the *Stokes operator*

$$A_q : \begin{cases} D(A_q) & \rightarrow L_\sigma^q(\Omega), \\ u & \mapsto P_q \Delta u. \end{cases}$$

# $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ -calculus

Let

- $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$  be sectorial,
- $\theta \in (0, \pi - \Phi_A)$ .

For  $\psi \in (\theta, \pi - \Phi_A)$  we define

$$f(A)g := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Sigma_\psi} f(z)(z - A)^{-1}g \, dz, \quad g \in X.$$

We say  $A$  admits a *bounded  $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ -calculus* if for  $\theta \in (0, \pi - \Phi_A)$

$$\|f(A)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq C_\theta \|f\|_{L^\infty(\overline{\Sigma_\theta^c})}, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}_0^\infty(\overline{\Sigma_\theta^c}).$$

# $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ -calculus

## Theorem (P. Kunstmann, M. G.)

Assume that

- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has uniform  $C^3$ -boundary,
- $(WNP_q)$  is uniquely solvable for some  $q_0 \in (1, \infty)$ .

Then the Stokes operator  $\lambda_0 - A_q$  has a bounded  $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ -calculus for some  $\lambda_0 > 0$  and  $q \in [\min\{q_0, q'_0\}, \max\{q_0, q'_0\}]$ .

## Related results

- Noll/Saal '03:  $C^3$ -boundary, bounded or exterior domain
- Abels '05:  $C^{1,1}$ -boundary, bounded or exterior domain, layer, layer-like, aperture domains
- Kalton/Kunstmann/Weis '06:  $C^{2+\alpha}$ -boundary, bounded domain
- Farwig/Ri '07: unbounded cylinders with several exists to infinity
- Kunstmann '08: uniform  $C^{2+\alpha}$ -boundary,  $L_\sigma^q(\Omega) \cap L_\sigma^2(\Omega)$ ,  $2 < q < \infty$ , or  $L_\sigma^q(\Omega) + L_\sigma^2(\Omega)$ ,  $1 < q < 2$
- Abels/Terasawa '09, Abels '10: uniform  $W^{2-1/r,r}$ -boundary, Helmholtz exists + ( suitable decomposition of pressure )



# Idea of Proof: Key tool

## Proposition (N.J. Kalton, P. Kunstmann, L. Weis '06)

Assume that

- $(X_0, X_1)$  interpolation couple of reflexive and  $B$ -convex spaces,
- $P_j : X_j \rightarrow Y_j$  compatible surjections with compatible right inverses  $J_j : Y_j \rightarrow X_j, j = 0, 1,$
- $L_j$  has an  $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ -calculus in  $X_j, A_j$   $\mathcal{R}$ -sectorial on  $Y_j,$  for  $\alpha > 0 > \beta$

$$P_0((X_0)_{\alpha, L_0}^\cdot) = (Y_0)_{\alpha, A_0}^\cdot, \quad P_1((X_1)_{\beta, L_1}^\cdot) = (Y_1)_{\beta, A_1}^\cdot,$$

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Then,  $A_\theta$  has  $\mathcal{H}^\infty$ -calculus on  $Y_\theta = [Y_0, Y_1]_\theta, \theta \in (0, 1).$

# Idea of Proof

Apply the previous proposition to



$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &:= L^2(\Omega), Y_0 := L^2_\sigma(\Omega), \\ X_1 &:= L^q(\Omega), Y_1 := L^q_\sigma(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$



$$X_{\alpha, L_0} := \begin{pmatrix} D((-L_0)^\alpha) & , \alpha \geq 0, \\ (X, \|(1 + L_0)^\alpha \cdot \|)^\sim & , \alpha < 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$L_0/L_1$  shifted Dirichlet-Laplacian,  $A_0/A_1$  shifted Stokes-Operator.

- $P_0, P_1$  Helmholtz projection,  $J_i := L_i A_i^{-1}$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ .

# Idea of Proof: $P_i$ and $J_i$ , $i = 0, 1$

Then,

- $P_1 \in \mathcal{L}(X_{-1,L_1}, Y_{-1,A_1})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Idea: } |\langle A_1^{-1} P x, y \rangle| &= |\langle x, (A_1^{-1})' P' y \rangle| = |\langle L_1 L_1^{-1} x, (A_1^{-1})' P' y \rangle| \\ &= |\langle L_1^{-1} x, L_1' (A_1^{-1})' P' y \rangle| \leq \|x\|_{-1,L_1} \|y\|_{q'} \end{aligned}$$

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- $P_0 \in \mathcal{L}(X_{\alpha,L_0}, Y_{\alpha,A_0}) = \mathcal{L}(D((-\Delta)_2^\alpha), D((-A_2)^\alpha)), \quad \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{4}),$

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# Idea of Proof: $\mathcal{R}$ -sectorial

Theorem (H. Heck, M. Hieber, O. Sawada, M. G.)

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- $(WNP_q)$  is uniquely solvable for some  $q \in (1, \infty)$ .

*Then the (shifted) Stokes operator  $A_q$  is  $\mathcal{R}$ -sectorial in  $L^q(\Omega)$ .*

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- Shibata '12: uniform  $C^{1,1}$ -boundary, Helmholtz exists  
( $W^{1,q}(\Omega)$  dense in  $\widehat{W}^{1,q}(\Omega)$ )

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Here:

$$\nabla T(u) = (Id - P)[\Delta - \nabla \operatorname{div}]u$$

i.e.

$$\langle \nabla T(u), \nabla \Phi \rangle = \langle [\Delta - \nabla \operatorname{div}]u, \nabla \Phi \rangle, \quad \Phi \in \widehat{W}^{1,q'}(\Omega)$$

# Localization

Set

$$u := \sum \varphi_j u_j,$$

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Then,

$$\partial_t u - \Delta u + \nabla T(u) = h - \sum (\Delta \varphi_j u + 2\nabla \varphi_j \nabla u_j) + \nabla T(u) - \sum \varphi_j \nabla T_j(u_j)$$

# Localization: Estimate on Error terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \nabla T(u) - \sum \varphi_j \nabla T_j(u_j), \psi_\sigma + \nabla \psi \rangle \\
 &= \langle \nabla T(u), \nabla \psi \rangle - \langle \sum \varphi_j \nabla T_j(u_j), \psi_\sigma + \nabla \psi \rangle \\
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 &= l.o.
 \end{aligned}$$

Key estimate:

$$\langle \nabla T_j(u_j), \nabla \varphi_j \psi_{c_j} \rangle \leq \|T_j(u_j)\|_{H^{1-\varepsilon, q}(\operatorname{supp} \varphi_j)} \|\nabla \psi\|_{q'} = l.o.$$

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Then,

$$\langle \partial_t u, \nabla \chi \rangle = \langle \partial_t g, \chi \rangle$$

is the *flux condition*.