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#### **Abstract**

A constructive numerical approximation of the two-dimensional unsteady stochastic Navier-Stokes equations of an incompressible fluid is proposed via a pseudo-compressibility technique involving a parameter  $\varepsilon$ . Space and time are discretized through a finite element approximation and an Euler method. The convergence analysis of the suggested numerical scheme is investigated throughout this paper. It is based on a local monotonicity property permitting the convergence toward the unique strong solution of the Navier-Stokes equations to occur within the originally introduced probability space. Justified optimal conditions are imposed on the parameter  $\varepsilon$  to ensure convergence within the best rate.

*Keywords:* stochastic Navier-Stokes, multiplicative noise, Penalty method, finite element, Euler method

#### 1 Introduction

The first thought that springs to mind when it comes to the numerical simulation of the Navier-Stokes equations (NSEs) is the complexity of the occurring situation, which can be represented by turbulent behaviors and physical processes by which energy becomes not only unavailable but irrecoverable in any form. The notorious NSEs are widely-known for their essential role in modeling phenomena that emerge from aeronautical science, thermo-hydraulics, ocean dynamics, and so on. They read in this paper's context:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v - \nu \Delta v + [v \cdot \nabla] v + \nabla p = f + g(v) \dot{W}, \\ div(v) = 0, \\ v(0, \cdot) = v_0, \end{cases}$$

$$(1.1)$$

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with  $v = v(\omega, t, x)$  being the fluid velocity,  $p = p(\omega, t, x)$  is the pressure,  $f = f(\omega, t, x)$  embodies an external force, g represents the diffusion coefficient, and v > 0 is the fluid kinematic viscosity. The term W is regarded as a Wiener process admitting a trace-class covariance operator, with the notation  $\dot{W} = \partial_t W(\omega, t, x)$ .

The present paper deals with numerical approximations of the two-dimensional incompressible NSEs driven by multiplicative noise, equipped with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, within a bounded polygonal domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Since the construction of divergence-free subspaces is not an effortless task (see for instance [2, 10, 19]), the attention will be turned toward a variant of the underlying equations involving a pseudo-compressibility method, avoiding divergence-free fields, and owning the unique, strong solution of the NSEs when passing to the limit, under a few assumptions. To be more accurate, the model which will undergo the discretization later on satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{t}v^{\varepsilon} - v\Delta v^{\varepsilon} + \left[v^{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla\right]v^{\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2}[\operatorname{div} v^{\varepsilon}]v^{\varepsilon} + \nabla p^{\varepsilon} = f + g(v^{\varepsilon})\dot{W}, \\ \varepsilon\partial_{t}p^{\varepsilon} + \operatorname{div} v^{\varepsilon} = 0, \\ \left(v^{\varepsilon}(0,\cdot), p^{\varepsilon}(0,\cdot)\right) = (v_{0}, p_{0}), \end{cases}$$

$$(1.2)$$

where  $v^{\varepsilon}$  and  $p^{\varepsilon}$  are the associated fluid velocity and pressure, respectively. The parameter  $\varepsilon > 0$  represents a small scale that will eventually tend to zero with the other discretization parameters to recover a solution to equations (1.1), and  $(v_0, p_0)$  is the initial condition. The supplementary term  $\frac{1}{2}[div\ v^{\varepsilon}]v^{\varepsilon}$  ensures the well-posedness of the model (1.2), which is why it cannot be taken out. Notice that alternative configurations (also known as penalty methods) might have been possible, especially for the mass conservation equation of problem (1.2). For instance,

$$\varepsilon p^{\varepsilon} + div \ v^{\varepsilon} = 0,$$

$$\varepsilon \Delta p^{\varepsilon} - div \ v^{\varepsilon} = 0 \text{ with } \frac{\partial p^{\varepsilon}}{\partial n} = 0,$$

$$\varepsilon \Delta \partial_t p^{\varepsilon} - div \ v^{\varepsilon} = 0 \text{ with } \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\partial_t p^{\varepsilon}) = 0, \text{ and } p^{\varepsilon}(0, \cdot) = p_0.$$

The reader may refer to [26], [22], [24], and [23] for thorough deterministic studies of the above mentioned techniques, including the one considered here.

The mass conservation equation in problem (1.2) returns, in terms of regularity, good a priori estimates for the pressure  $p^{\varepsilon}$  (see [17, Proposition 3.1]), which may be taken advantage of during the convergence rate analysis. In point of fact, the pressure's lack of time-regularity in equations (1.1) (see for instance [15, Theorem 4.1]) has a negative effect on the convergence rate of those equations, which appears through the time-rate  $O(\Delta t^{-1})$ , as it was illustrated in [6, Corollary 4.2].

Problem (1.2) was theoretically investigated in [17] where the authors conducted the existence and uniqueness properties of the associated solution. The proof technique therein consists of the local monotonicity property of the sum of the Stokes operator and the nonlinear term. A discrete version of this method will be considered in the present paper in order to demonstrate the convergence of the proposed numerical scheme and to avoid the Skorokhod theorem as well.

This paper is split into five sections and is organized as follows. Section 2 provides the adequate preliminaries and configurations, including the required assumptions, solutions' definitions to problems (1.1), (1.2), and the numerical scheme. Section 3 is devoted to giving the main theorem of this paper. Solvability, stability, and convergence of the numerical approximation are given in Section 4 along with a linear version of the proposed numerical scheme. This same section grants a small analysis scope concerned with the best choice of the scale  $\varepsilon$  in terms of the discretization parameters. The present paper ends with Section 5 whose role is to supply the reader with pieces of evidence through numerical experiments.

# 2 Notations, materials and algorithm

Let T > 0 be a finishing time. Given a bounded polygonal domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  (for simplicity's sake), denote by  $\partial D$  its boundary, and by  $\vec{n} \colon \partial D \to \mathbb{R}^2$  its corresponding unit outward normal vector field. Function spaces in the Navier-Stokes framework are commonly denoted by  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{V}$  and are defined by

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V} &\coloneqq \Big\{z \in [C_c^{\infty}(D)]^2 \mid div(z) = 0 \text{ in } D\Big\}, \\ \mathbb{H} &\coloneqq \Big\{z \in \Big(L^2(D)\Big)^2 \mid div \ z = 0 \text{ a.e. in } D, \ z.\vec{n} = 0 \text{ a.e. on } \partial D\Big\}, \\ \mathbb{V} &\coloneqq \Big\{z \in \Big(H_0^1(D)\Big)^2 \mid div \ z = 0 \text{ a.e. in } D\Big\}, \end{split}$$

where  $C_c^{\infty}(D)$  denotes the space of  $C^{\infty}(D)$  functions with compact support. The vector spaces will be henceforth indicated by blackboard bold letters for clarity's sake (e.g.  $\mathbb{H}^1 = (H^1(D))^2$ ). The inner product of the Lebesgue space  $\mathbb{L}^2$  and the duality product between  $\mathbb{H}^1_0$  and  $\mathbb{H}^{-1}$  are denoted by  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , respectively. The parameter  $\varepsilon$  of equation (1.2) satisfies all this paper long the condition  $\varepsilon \leq 1$ , the Gelfand triple  $(\mathbb{H}^1_0, \mathbb{L}^2, \mathbb{H}^{-1})$  will solely be employed, and the trilinear form

$$\hat{b}(u,v,w) := ([u \cdot \nabla]v,w) + \frac{1}{2}([div \ u]v,w)$$

will be linked with equation (1.2). Two operators can be associated with  $\hat{b}$ ; the trilinear form  $b(u,v,w) := ([u \cdot \nabla]v,w)$  that arises from the NSEs and the bilinear operator  $\hat{B} : \mathbb{H}^1_0 \times \mathbb{H}^1_0 \to \mathbb{H}^{-1}$  which reads:  $\langle \hat{B}(u,v),w \rangle = \hat{b}(u,v,w)$ , for all  $u,v,w \in \mathbb{H}^1_0$ . The upcoming proposition lists a few properties of the trilinear form  $\hat{b}$  (cf. [22]).

**Proposition 2.1** (i)  $\hat{b}: \mathbb{H}_0^1 \times \mathbb{H}_0^1 \times \mathbb{H}_0^1 \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

(ii)  $\hat{b}(u, v, v) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{H}^1_0$ .

$$(iii) \ \left| \hat{b}(u,v,w) \right| \leq C_D \left| \left| u \right| \right|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| \left| \nabla u \right| \right|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| \left| \nabla v \right| \right|_{\mathbb{L}^2}, for \ all \ u,v,w \in \mathbb{H}^1_0.$$

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space endowed with a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_0$  contains all the null sets and  $\mathcal{F}_t = \bigcap_{s \geq t} \mathcal{F}_s$ . Let K be a separable Hilbert space equipped with a complete orthonormal basis  $\{w_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ , and Q be a nuclear operator on K such that  $w_k$  is an eigenvector of Q for all  $k \geq 1$ . The noise term W will be considered hereafter as a Q-Wiener process and it is defined by  $W(t,x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{q_k} \beta^k(t) w_k(x)$ , where  $\beta^k(\cdot), k \in \mathbb{N}$  is a sequence of independent and identically distributed real-valued Brownian motions, and  $q_k, k \geq 1$  is the eigenvalue of Q that is associated with  $w_k$ . With that said, the required assumptions are listed below.

#### **Assumptions**

- $(S_1)$   $Q: K \to K$  is a symmetric positive definite nuclear operator.
- $(S_2)$  For  $p \in [2, +\infty)$ ,  $v_0 \in L^{2^p}(\Omega; \mathbb{L}^2)$  and  $p_0 \in L^{2^p}(\Omega; L^2(D))$  are  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable.
- $(S_3)$  For  $p \in [1, +\infty)$ ,  $f \in L^{2^p}(\Omega; L^2(0, T; \mathbb{H}^{-1}))$  and  $g: \mathbb{L}^2 \to \mathscr{L}_2(K, \mathbb{L}^2)$  satisfies

$$||g(u) - g(v)||_{\mathscr{L}_{3}(\sqrt{O}(K), \mathbb{R}^{2})} \le L_{g} ||u - v||_{\mathbb{R}^{2}}, \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{L}^{2},$$

$$||g(u)||_{\mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2)} \le K_1 + K_2 ||u||_{\mathbb{L}^2}, \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{L}^2,$$

for some positive time-independent constants  $K_1, K_2, L_g$  such that  $L_g \leq \sqrt{\frac{v}{2C_P^2}}$ , where  $C_P$  is the Poincaré constant.

Throughout this paper, the writing  $x \leq y$  designates  $x \leq cy$  for a universal constant  $c \geq 0$ , the constant  $C_D$  may vary from one calculation to another; however, it will depend only on the domain D, and finally the symbol  $\mathcal{L}_2(X,Y)$  refers to the space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators from X to Y, where X and Y are two Hilbert spaces.

To derive high-order moment estimates, the following Jensen-type inequality will be needed hereafter: for all  $J, p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , and for all real-valued sequence  $(\alpha_n)_n$ ,

$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^{J} |\alpha_n|\right)^{2^p} \le 3^{2^p - 1} \sum_{n=1}^{J} |\alpha_n|^{2^p} . \tag{2.1}$$

The proof of inequality (2.1) follows from an induction argument applied on  $\left(\sum_{n=1}^{J} |\alpha_n|\right)^2 \le 3\sum_{n=1}^{J} |\alpha_n|^2$ .

#### 2.1 Concept of solutions

According to [17], a solution to equations (1.2) satisfies the following definition.

**Definition 2.1** Given a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbb{P})$ , a stochastic process  $v^{\varepsilon}$  is said to be a strong solution to equations (1.2) under assumptions  $(S_1)$ - $(S_3)$  if it belongs to  $L^2(\Omega; C([0,T]; \mathbb{L}^2) \cap L^2(0,T; \mathbb{H}_0^1))$ , and it satisfies for all  $t \in [0,T]$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$\begin{cases} (v^{\varepsilon}(t),\varphi) + \nu \int_0^t (\nabla v^{\varepsilon}(s), \nabla \varphi) \, ds + \int_0^t \hat{b}(v^{\varepsilon}(s), v^{\varepsilon}(s), \varphi) ds - \int_0^t (p^{\varepsilon}(s), \operatorname{div} \varphi) \, ds \\ = (v_0,\varphi) + \int_0^t \langle f(s), \varphi \rangle ds + \left( \int_0^t g(v^{\varepsilon}(s)) dW(s), \varphi \right), \ \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{H}_0^1, \\ (\varepsilon \partial_t p^{\varepsilon}(t) + \operatorname{div} v^{\varepsilon}(t), q) = 0, \ \forall q \in L^2(D), \end{cases}$$

along with the energy inequality

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{0\leq t\leq T}\left(||v^{\varepsilon}(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{p}+\varepsilon\left||p^{\varepsilon}(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{p}\right)e^{-\delta t}+p\nu\int_{0}^{T}\left||\nabla v^{\varepsilon}(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\left||v^{\varepsilon}(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{p-2}e^{-\delta t}dt\right]\leq\mathcal{C},\right.$$

for all  $p \in [2, +\infty)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , and for some constant C > 0 depending on  $\delta, p, T, v_0, p_0, f, K_1, K_2$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

On the other hand, a solution to problem (1.1) in 2D can be defined as follows.

**Definition 2.2** Assume  $(S_1)$ - $(S_3)$  and let T > 0. A stochastic process v on a given filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \le t \le T}, \mathbb{P})$  is a strong solution to equations (1.1) if it belongs to  $L^2(\Omega; C([0,T]; \mathbb{H}) \cap L^2(0,T; \mathbb{V}))$ , and it fulfills for all  $0 \le t \le T$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$\begin{split} &(v(t),\varphi) + \nu \int_0^t \left( \nabla v(s), \nabla \varphi \right) ds + \int_0^t \left( [v(s) \cdot \nabla] v(s), \varphi \right) ds \\ &= (v_0,\varphi) + \int_0^T \left\langle f(s), \varphi \right\rangle ds + \left( \int_0^t g(v(s)) dW(s), \varphi \right), \ \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{V}. \end{split}$$

#### 2.2 Discretization

The time interval [0,T] will be decomposed into  $M \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  subintervals with equidistant nodes  $\{t_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^M =: \mathscr{I}_k$  for simplicity's sake. The corresponding step is denoted  $k := \frac{T}{M}$ .

The spatial domain D, which is assumed to be convex, bounded and polygonal, will be covered by a quasi-uniform triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$ , with h being the diameters' maximum of all triangles. Let  $\mathbb{H}_h$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{H}_0^1$  consisting of  $[C(\bar{D})]^2$ -valued piecewise polynomials over  $\mathcal{T}_h$ , and fulfilling for all  $m \geq 2$ :

$$\inf_{v_h \in \mathbb{H}_h} \{ ||v - v_h||_{\mathbb{L}^2} + h \, ||\nabla (v - v_h)||_{\mathbb{L}^2} \} \le Ch^m \, ||v||_{\mathbb{H}^m} \,, \ \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1 \cap \mathbb{H}^m. \tag{2.2}$$

The quasi-uniformity of  $\mathcal{T}_h$  permits the inverse inequality (cf. [3, Lemma 4.5.3]):

$$||v_h||_{\mathbb{H}^{\ell}} \le \mathscr{C}h^{m-\ell} ||v_h||_{\mathbb{H}^m}, \ \forall v_h \in \mathbb{H}_h, \ \forall \ 0 \le m \le \ell, \tag{2.3}$$

for some  $\mathscr{C} > 0$  independent of h. Let  $L_h$  be a subspace of  $L_0^2(D)$  consisting of  $C(\bar{D})$  piecewise polynomial functions over  $\mathcal{T}_h$ , and satisfying for all  $m \ge 1$ :

$$\inf_{p_h \in L_h} ||p - p_h||_{\mathbb{L}^2} \le Ch^m ||p||_{\mathbb{H}^m}, \ \forall p \in L_0^2(D) \cap H^m(D).$$
 (2.4)

For  $(v, p) \in \mathbb{L}^2 \times L^2(D)$ , the associated orthogonal projections are denoted  $\Pi_h \colon \mathbb{L}^2 \to \mathbb{H}_h$  and  $\rho_h \colon L^2(D) \to L_h$  and are defined by the following identities, respectively:

$$(v - \Pi_h v, \varphi_h) = 0, \ \forall \varphi_h \in \mathbb{H}_h \ \text{ and } \ (p - \rho_h p, q_h) = 0, \ \forall q_h \in L_h.$$
 (2.5)

Thanks to the pseudo-compressibility method which is provided by equations (1.2), the finite element pair  $(\mathbb{H}_h, L_h)$  is not forced to satisfy the discrete LBB condition.

For the sake of clarity, the notations  $\varphi^+$  and  $\varphi^-$  will designate throughout this paper piecewise constant functions with respect to time. For instance,  $\varphi^+(t) := \varphi^m, \forall t \in (t_{m-1}, t_m]$  and  $\varphi^-(t) := \varphi^{m-1}, \forall t \in [t_{m-1}, t_m)$  for the a given sequence  $\{\varphi^m\}_m$ . The discrete derivation with respect to time will also intervene later on. For this purpose, the below proposition (cf. [5, Appendix B]) lists a few associated properties.

**Proposition 2.2** Given a sequence  $\{\varphi^m\}_m$ , the discrete derivative is defined by  $d_t \varphi^m = \frac{\varphi^m - \varphi^{m-1}}{k}$ , for all  $m \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$ , and it fulfills the following assertions:

(i) 
$$d_t(\varphi^+\psi^+) = \varphi^+ d_t \psi^+ + \psi^- d_t \varphi^+,$$

(ii) 
$$\int_0^T \varphi^+ d_t \psi^+ dt = \varphi^+(T)\psi^+(T) - \varphi^-(0)\psi^-(0) - \int_0^T (d_t \varphi^+) \psi^- dt,$$

(iii) 
$$d_t e^{\varphi^+} = e^{\varphi^-} d_t \varphi^+ + e^{\delta} \frac{(\varphi^+ - \varphi^-)^2}{2k}$$
, for some  $\delta \in (\varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ .

Relying on Definition 2.1 and the space-time discretization, the numerical scheme which will be studied throughout the rest of this paper is given by:

**Algorithm 1** Let  $m \in \{1, ..., M\}$  and  $(v_h^0, p_h^0) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  be a starting point. For a given  $(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  such that  $(V_{\varepsilon}^0, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^0) := (v_h^0, p_h^0)$ , find  $(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  that satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \left(V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \varphi_{h}\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \nabla \varphi_{h}\right) + k\hat{b}(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \varphi_{h}) - k\left(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}, div\varphi_{h}\right) \\ = k\langle f^{m}, \varphi_{h}\rangle + \left(g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W, \varphi_{h}\right), \quad \forall \varphi_{h} \in \mathbb{H}_{h}, \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{k}\left(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q_{h}\right) + \left(divV_{\varepsilon}^{m}, q_{h}\right) = 0, \quad \forall q_{h} \in L_{h}, \end{cases}$$

where for all  $m \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$ ,  $f^m := \frac{1}{k} \int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_m} f(t) dt$  and  $\Delta_m W := W(t_m) - W(t_{m-1})$ .

The initial datum  $(v_h^0, p_h^0)$  of Algorithm 1 is required to be uniformly bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^2 \times L^2(D)$  with respect to h. To this end, it suffices to consider  $v_h^0 = \Pi_h v_0$  and  $p_h^0 = \rho_h p_0$  because both projectors  $\Pi_h$  and  $\rho_h$  are stable in  $L^2$  (cf. [9]):

$$||\Pi_h u||_{\mathbb{L}^2} \le ||u||_{\mathbb{L}^2}, \ \forall u \in \mathbb{L}^2 \ \text{and} \ ||\rho_h q||_{L^2} \le ||q||_{L^2}, \ \forall q \in L^2.$$
 (2.6)

Owing to [25, Lemma III.4.5], there holds

$$k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||f^{m}||_{\mathbb{H}^{-1}}^{2} \le \int_{0}^{T} ||f(t)||_{\mathbb{H}^{-1}}^{2} dt.$$
 (2.7)

# 3 Main result

**Theorem 3.1** For T > 0, let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \le t \le T}, \mathbb{P})$  be a filtered probability space,  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a polygonal domain, assumptions  $(S_1)$ - $(S_3)$  be satisfied,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a small scale, and (k,h) be a finite positive pair such that k corresponds to the step of an equidistant time partition  $\mathcal{F}_k$  and h is associated with a quasi-uniform triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$  of the domain D. For a finite element pair  $(\mathbb{H}_h, L_h)$ , let  $(v_h^0, p_h^0)$  belong to  $\mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  such that  $\|(v_h^0, p_h^0)\|_{\mathbb{L}^2 \times L^2}$  is uniformly bounded in h. Then, Algorithm 1 has a solution  $\{V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m\}_{m=1}^M$  satisfying Lemmata 4.1, 4.2, 4.3. Further, if  $v_h^0 \to v_0$  in  $L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{L}^2)$  as  $h \to 0$  then, as  $\varepsilon, k, h \to 0$ , Algorithm 1 converges toward the unique strong solution of equations (1.1) provided  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$ .

To obtain a solution to equations (1.1) from Algorithm 1, the condition  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$  in Theorem 3.1 can not be avoided on account of the finite element space  $\mathbb{H}_h$  which does not accept divergence-free test functions (the reader may refer to section 4.2.2 for more details). However, the aforementioned condition could be eliminated if the convergence of Algorithm 1 is carried out to achieve a solution to equations 1.2. In other words,  $\varepsilon$  should be non-vanishing within this step (which is not the target of this paper). Afterwards, one can take advantage of [17, Proposition 4.1] to gain a solution to equations (1.1).

#### 4 Discussion

#### 4.1 Existence and uniqueness of solutions

This section is devoted to giving existence and uniqueness properties to the discrete solution  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m,\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$ . The solvability of Algorithm 1 and the measurability of its iterates are handled first in the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1** Let T > 0 be fixed. Under assumptions  $(S_1)$ - $(S_3)$ , Algorithm 1 has at least one discrete solution. Moreover, for all  $m \in \{1, ..., M\}$ , the processes  $V_{\varepsilon}^m : \Omega \to \mathbb{H}_h$  and  $\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m : \Omega \to L_h$  are  $\mathcal{F}_{t_m}$ -measurable.

Proof: The solvability of Algorithm 1 can be proven by induction. Indeed, assume that iterates  $V_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}$  and  $\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}$  exist for all  $\ell \in \{1, \ldots, m-1\}$ . The existence of  $(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m})$  is therefore the target. To this end, let  $E := \mathbb{H}_{0}^{1} \times L_{0}^{2}$ , and  $B_{\varepsilon} : E \to E$  be define by

$$\begin{split} (B_{\varepsilon}(u,p),(v,q))_{\mathbb{L}^2\times L^2} &= \left(u-V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega),v\right) + k\nu\left(\nabla u,\nabla v\right) + k\hat{b}(u,u,v) - k\left(p,div\ v\right) - k\langle f^m,v\rangle \\ &- \left(g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega))\Delta_m W(\omega),v\right) + \varepsilon\left(p-\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega),q\right) + k\left(div\ u,q\right), \end{split}$$

for all  $(u,p),(v,q) \in E$ , and for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . The symbol  $(\cdot,\cdot)_{\mathbb{L}^2 \times L^2}$  denotes the  $\mathbb{L}^2 \times L^2(D)$ -inner product. Thanks to Proposition 2.1-(i), the continuity of  $B_{\varepsilon}$  can be tackled easily. Through the application of Proposition 2.1-(ii), the Poincaré and Young inequalities, estimate (2.7), and assumption  $(S_3)$ , one obtains

$$\begin{split} &(B_{\varepsilon}(u,p),(u,p))_{\mathbb{L}^{2}\times L^{2}}\geq \frac{1}{2}||u||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}-\frac{1}{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+k\nu||\nabla u||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}-k||f^{m}||_{\mathbb{H}^{-1}}||u||_{\mathbb{H}^{1}}\\ &-||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K,\mathbb{L}^{2})}||\Delta_{m}W||_{K}||u||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}||p||_{L^{2}}^{2}-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\geq \frac{1}{4}||u||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}||p||_{L^{2}}^{2}\\ &-\frac{1}{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}-\frac{C_{D}^{2}}{4\nu}||f||_{L^{2}(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1})}^{2}-(K_{1}+K_{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}})^{2}||\Delta_{m}W||_{K}^{2}\geq 0, \end{split}$$

for all  $(u,p) \in E_h(\omega) := \left\{ (v,q) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h \mid ||v||_{\mathbb{L}^2} \geq \sqrt{S(\omega)}, \ ||q||_{L^2} \geq ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega)||_{L^2} \right\}, \text{ where } S(\omega) := 2||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega)||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 + \frac{C_D^2}{v}||f||_{L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1})}^2 + 4(K_1 + K_2||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega)||_{\mathbb{L}^2})^2||\Delta_m W||_K^2. \text{ Both } S(\omega) \text{ and } ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}(\omega)||_{L^2} \text{ are } \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. finite, thanks to the induction supposition. With that said, the Brouwer fixed point theorem [13, Corollary IV.1.1] implies the existence of at least one <math>(u_{\omega}, p_{\omega}) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  such that  $B_{\varepsilon}(u_{\omega}, p_{\omega}) = (0, 0)$ ,  $||u_{\omega}||_{\mathbb{L}^2} \leq \sqrt{S(\omega)}$  and  $||p_{\omega}||_{L^2} \leq ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^2}.$  Therewith, it suffices to set  $(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m) = (u_{\omega}, p_{\omega}).$  On the other hand, the measurability of  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  can be also demonstrated by induction. The idea consists in expressing the newly obtained iterates  $(u_{\omega}, p_{\omega})$  in terms of the existing ones. This can be done through a universally Borel-measurable selector function  $\sigma: \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h \times K \to \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$ . For instance,  $(u_{\omega}, p_{\omega}) = \sigma(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \Delta_m W)$ , and the  $\mathcal{F}_{t_m}$ -measurability arises from the Brownian increment  $\Delta_m W$ . The reader may refer to [8, Page 744] for a detailed approach.

Lemma 4.1 dealt with the existence of a discrete solution which might not be unique. In point of fact, uniqueness in the whole probability set  $\Omega$  does not seem to hold due to the nonlinearity interaction. Also, a contraction argument does not perform well in the discrete settings because the discrete time-derivative of an exponential function leads to a supplementary term which blocks the demonstration (see Proposition 2.2-(iii)). However, it can be proven that iterates' uniqueness holds true in a sample subset of  $\Omega$  as demonstrated in the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2** Assume  $(S_1)$ - $(S_3)$  and let  $\delta > 0$  be a small constant. Solutions  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  to Algorithm 1 are  $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely unique within either of the following probability subsets:

$$(i) \ \Omega_{\delta}^{1} \coloneqq \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid k \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left\| V_{\varepsilon}^{m} \right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{4}}^{4} \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \right\} provided \ that \ \frac{1}{v^{3} \delta} \leq 4c_{0}^{3},$$

$$(ii) \ \Omega_{\delta}^2 := \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid \max_{1 \le m \le M} \left\| V_{\varepsilon}^m \right\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^4 \le \frac{1}{\delta} \right\} provided \ that \ \frac{k}{v^3 \delta h^2} \le \frac{2c_0^3}{\mathscr{C}^2},$$

for some universal constant  $c_0 \in (0, 3^{-1}2^{\frac{2}{3}}]$ . Furthermore,  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega^1_{\delta}) \ge 1 - \delta \mathbb{E}\left[k \sum_{m=1}^M \left\|V_{\varepsilon}^m\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4\right]$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega^2_{\delta}) \ge 1 - \delta \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1 \le m \le M} \left\|V_{\varepsilon}^m\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^4\right]$ .

Proof: Assume that  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m,\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  and  $\{(U_{\varepsilon}^m,P_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  are solutions to Algorithm 1 starting from the same initial condition  $(v_h^0,p_h^0)$ . For all  $m\in\{0,1,\ldots,M\}$ , let  $Z_{\varepsilon}^m:=V_{\varepsilon}^m-U_{\varepsilon}^m$  and  $Q_{\varepsilon}^m:=\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m-P_{\varepsilon}^m$ .

Then, iterates  $\{(Z^m_{\varepsilon},Q^m_{\varepsilon})\}_{m=1}^M$  satisfy for all  $m \in \{1,\ldots,M\}$  and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. the following equations

$$\begin{cases} \left(Z_{\varepsilon}^{m} - Z_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \varphi_{h}\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla Z_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \nabla \varphi_{h}\right) + k\langle \hat{B}(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, V_{\varepsilon}^{m}) - \hat{B}(U_{\varepsilon}^{m}, U_{\varepsilon}^{m}), Z_{\varepsilon}^{m}\rangle - k\left(Q_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \operatorname{div}\varphi_{h}\right) \\ = \left(\left[g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) - g(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\right]\Delta_{m}W, \varphi_{h}\right), \ \forall \varphi_{h} \in \mathbb{H}_{h}, \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{k}\left(Q_{\varepsilon}^{m} - Q_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q_{h}\right) + \left(\operatorname{div}Z_{\varepsilon}^{m}, q_{h}\right) = 0, \ \forall q_{h} \in L_{h}. \end{cases}$$

$$(4.1)$$

Observe that the stochastic term in equation (4.1) can be eliminated if one had  $V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} = U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}$ . Since  $U_{\varepsilon}^{0} = V_{\varepsilon}^{0} = v_{h}^{0}$ , an induction argument seems to be legitimate. Indeed, for m = 1 and  $(\varphi_{h}, q_{h}) = (Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}, Q_{\varepsilon}^{1})$ , equation (4.1) turns into

$$\begin{aligned} &||Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \varepsilon||Q_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{L^{2}}^{2} + k\nu||\nabla Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} = k\langle \hat{B}(U_{\varepsilon}^{1}, U_{\varepsilon}^{1}) - \hat{B}(V_{\varepsilon}^{1}, V_{\varepsilon}^{1}), Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}\rangle \\ &\leq 2k||\nabla Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}}||Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}||V_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{4}} \leq 3.2^{-\frac{2}{3}}c_{0}k\nu||\nabla Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \frac{k}{4\nu^{3}c_{0}^{3}}||Z_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{4}}^{4}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

where the first inequality employs the estimate  $\left|\langle \hat{B}(u,u) - \hat{B}(v,v),z\rangle\right| \leq 2||\nabla(u-v)||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^{3/2}||u-v||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^{1/2}||z||_{\mathbb{L}^4}$  for all  $u,v,z\in\mathbb{H}^1_0$  (see the proof in [17, Lemma 2.3]), and the second inequality uses Young's inequality for some constant  $c_0\in(0,3^{-1}2^{\frac{2}{3}}]$ . Subsequently, equation (4.2) becomes

$$\left(1 - k4^{-1}v^{-3}c_0^{-3}||V_{\varepsilon}^1||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4\right)||Z_{\varepsilon}^1||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 + \varepsilon||Q_{\varepsilon}^1||_{L^2}^2 \le 0. \tag{4.3}$$

One way to obtain uniqueness is by multiplying equation (4.3) by the indicator function  $\mathbb{1}_{\Omega^1_\delta}$  which grants  $(1-4^{-1}v^{-3}c_0^{-3}\delta^{-1})\mathbb{1}_{\Omega^1_\delta}||Z^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}+\varepsilon\mathbb{1}_{\Omega^1_\delta}||Q^1_\varepsilon||^2_{L^2}\leq 0$ . It follows that  $Z^1_\varepsilon=Q^1_\varepsilon=0$  a.e. in D and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. in  $\Omega^1_\delta$  provided that the coefficient of  $||Z^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}$  is positive. The second way for uniqueness consists in multiplying equation (4.3) by  $\mathbb{1}_{\Omega^2_\delta}$  after employing the inverse estimate (2.3). That is,  $||V^1_\varepsilon||^4_{\mathbb{L}^4}\leq 2||V^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}||\nabla V^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}\leq 2\mathscr{C}^2h^{-2}||V^1_\varepsilon||^4_{\mathbb{L}^2}$ , where the first inequality is due to Ladyzhenskaya (see [14, Lemma I.1]). Therefore, equation (4.3) turns into  $(1-2^{-1}v^{-3}c_0^{-3}\mathscr{C}^2\delta^{-1}h^{-2}k)\mathbb{1}_{\Omega^2_\delta}||Z^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}+\varepsilon\mathbb{1}_{\Omega^2_\delta}||Q^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}\leq 0$  which implies  $Z^1_\varepsilon=Q^1_\varepsilon=0$  a.e. in D and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. in  $\Omega^2_\delta$  provided the coefficient of  $||Z^1_\varepsilon||^2_{\mathbb{L}^2}$  is positive. With that being said, it suffices to assume that  $Z^{m-1}_\varepsilon=Q^{m-1}_\varepsilon=0$  a.e. in D,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. in either  $\Omega^1_\delta$  or  $\Omega^2_\delta$ , and re-apply the same technique to obtain a similar result for the rank m. Finally, estimates of  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega^1_\delta)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega^2_\delta)$  derive from the Markov inequality.

**Remark 4.1** Picking between  $\Omega^1_{\delta}$  and  $\Omega^2_{\delta}$  in Lemma 4.2 depends on the choice of the viscosity v. Observe that the condition  $\frac{1}{v^3\delta} \leq 4c_0^3$  does not allow  $\delta$  to be small when v is tiny. Therewith, choosing v large (resp. small) corresponds to  $\Omega^1_{\delta}$  (resp.  $\Omega^2_{\delta}$ ). Moreover, lower bounds associated with  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega^1_{\delta})$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega^2_{\delta})$  in Lemma 4.2 are finite as illustrated in Lemma 4.3. It is worth mentioning that  $\mathbb{E}\left[k\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|V^m_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4\right] \lesssim \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}\left\|V^m_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^4\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbb{E}\left[\left(k\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|\nabla V^m_{\varepsilon}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2\right)^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

## 4.2 A priori bounds and convergence

The first part of this section is dedicated to achieving stability of Algorithm 1, whose convergence toward the unique solution of equations (1.1) is handled in the second part.

#### 4.2.1 A priori bounds

**Lemma 4.3** Let  $p \in [2, +\infty) \cap \mathbb{N}$  be fixed and assumptions  $(S_1)$ - $(S_3)$  be satisfied. Then, iterates  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  of Algorithm 1 fulfill the following estimates:

$$(i) \ \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}\left\|V_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+k\nu\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|V_{\varepsilon}^{m}-V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right]\leq C_{1},$$

$$(ii) \ \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}\left\|\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}+\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}-\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}\right]\leq \frac{C_{1}}{\varepsilon},$$

$$(iii) \ \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}\left\|V_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}}+\left(kv\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right)^{2^{p-1}}+\left(\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|V_{\varepsilon}^{m}-V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right)^{2^{p-1}}\right]\leq C_{p},$$

$$(iv) \ \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}\left\|\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2^{p}}+\left(\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\|\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}-\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}\right)^{2^{p-1}}\right]\leq \varepsilon^{-2^{p-1}}C_{p},$$

for some constant  $C_p \ge 0$  depending only on  $||v_0||_{L^{2^p}(\Omega;\mathbb{L}^2)}, ||p_0||_{L^{2^p}(\Omega;L^2)}, D, v, ||f||_{L^{2^p}(\Omega;L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1}))}, T, Tr(Q), K_1, p \ and \ K_2, \ with \ C_1 = C_{p=1}.$ 

Proof: Replace  $(\varphi_h, q_h)$  by  $(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)$  in Algorithm 1 and employ the identity  $(a - b, a) = \frac{1}{2}(||a||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 - ||b||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 - ||a - b||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2)$  together with Proposition 2.1-(ii), Cauchy-Schwarz, Poincaré and Young's inequalities:

$$\frac{1}{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \frac{1}{4}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\left(||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{L^{2}}^{2} - ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2} + ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right) \\
+ \frac{k\nu}{2}||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \leq \frac{C_{D}^{2}k}{2\nu}||f^{m}||_{\mathbb{H}^{-1}}^{2} + ||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \left(g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W, V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right).$$
(4.4)

Summing equations (4.4) over m from 1 to  $\ell \in \{1, ..., M\}$ , then applying the mathematical expectation, condition  $\varepsilon \leq 1$ , estimates (2.6) and (2.7) yield

$$\mathbb{E}\Big[||V_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \varepsilon||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{L^{2}}^{2} + k\nu \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} ||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left(\frac{1}{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \varepsilon||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right)\Big] \\
\leq \mathbb{E}\Big[||v_{0}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + ||p_{0}||_{L^{2}}^{2} + \frac{C_{D}^{2}}{\nu}||f||_{L^{2}(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1})}^{2} + 2\sum_{m=1}^{\ell} ||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\Big], \tag{4.5}$$

where the mathematical expectation of last term in equation (4.4) vanishes due to the  $\mathcal{F}_{t_{m-1}}$ -measurability of  $V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}$  together with assumption ( $S_3$ ). On the other hand, the last term of inequality (4.5) can be handled through the Itô isometry and assumption ( $S_3$ ) as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\left|g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W\right|\right|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_{m}}g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})dW(t)\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] = k\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\right\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(\sqrt{Q}(K),\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2}\right] \\
\leq 2kTr(Q)K_{1}^{2} + 2kTr(Q)K_{2}^{2}\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\left|V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right|\right|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right].$$
(4.6)

Thus, the discrete Grönwall inequality implies

$$\max_{1 \le m \le M} \mathbb{E}\left[||V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \varepsilon||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right] + \sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbb{E}\left[k\nu||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{m=1}^{M} \varepsilon||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right] \le C_{1},$$

$$(4.7)$$

where  $C_1 > 0$  depends only on  $||v_0||_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{L}^2)}, ||p_0||_{L^2(\Omega; L^2)}, D, \nu, ||f||_{L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T; \mathbb{H}^{-1}))}, T, Tr(Q), K_1$  and  $K_2$ . To terminate the proof of estimates (i) and (ii), it suffices to reconsider equation (4.4), sum it over m from 1 to  $\ell \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$ , take the maximum over  $\ell$ , then apply the mathematical expectation to get

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq\ell\leq M}(||V_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+\varepsilon||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{L^{2}}^{2})\right]\leq \mathbb{E}\left[||v_{0}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+||p_{0}||_{L^{2}}^{2}+C_{D}^{2}v^{-1}||f||_{L^{2}(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1})}^{2}\right] + 2\sum_{m=1}^{M}||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+2\max_{1\leq\ell\leq M}\sum_{m=1}^{\ell}\left(g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W,V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right)\right].$$
(4.8)

The penultimate term is estimated in inequality (4.6). The last term is controlled by

$$\begin{split} & \lesssim 6 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K, \mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2} ||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\ & \leq \frac{3}{4} \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{1 \leq \ell \leq M} ||V_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{3}{4} ||v_{h}^{0}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + 3k \sum_{m=1}^{M} (K_{1}^{2} + K_{2}^{2} ||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where Young's inequality and assumption  $(S_3)$  are used together with the Davis inequality which is applicable since the integrand can be considered as a simple function with respect to time. Obviously, the first term on the right-hand side must be absorbed into the left side of equation (4.8) and the remaining terms can be readily controlled through estimates (2.6) and (4.7). This completes the proof of assertions (i) and (ii). Estimates (iii) and (iv) can be demonstrated as follows: let  $p \ge 2$  be an integer. Summing equation (4.4) over m from 1 to  $\ell \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$ , making use of estimates (2.6),(2.7), raising both sides to the power  $2^{p-1}$ , then employing inequality (2.1) multiple times yield

$$\max_{1 \leq \ell \leq M} (||V_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}} + \varepsilon^{2^{p-1}} ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{L^{2}}^{2^{p}}) + \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M} (||V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + \varepsilon ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}) \right)^{2^{p-1}} \\
+ \left( k \nu \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \right)^{2^{p-1}} \lesssim ||v_{0}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}} + ||p_{0}||_{L^{2}}^{2^{p}} + C_{D} \nu^{-2^{p-1}} ||f||_{L^{2}(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1})}^{2^{p}} \\
+ \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) \Delta_{m} W||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}} + \left( \max_{1 \leq \ell \leq M} \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left( g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) \Delta_{m} W, V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} \right) \right)^{2^{p-1}}.$$
(4.9)

The mathematical expectation of the penultimate term is estimated through the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality as follows:

$$\sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_{m}} g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) dW(t)\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}}\right] \lesssim \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left(\int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_{m}} \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\left|g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\right|\right|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K,\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2^{p}}\right]^{\frac{1}{2^{p-1}}} dt\right)^{2^{p-1}} dt\right] \\
= k^{2^{p-1}} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\left|g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\right|\right|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K,\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2^{p}}\right] \lesssim K_{1}^{2^{p}} T + k^{2^{p-1}} \sum_{m=1}^{M} K_{2}^{2^{p}} \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\left|V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right|\right|\right|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}}\right], \tag{4.10}$$

thanks to inequality (2.1) and assumption ( $S_3$ ). The last term of equation (4.9) can be controlled by

$$\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(k\sum_{m=1}^{M}||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K,\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2}||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right)^{2^{p-2}}\right] \leq \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq\ell\leq M}||V_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}}\right]$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{4}||v_{h}^{0}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2^{p}} + 3^{2^{p-1}-1}k^{2^{p-1}}\sum_{m=1}^{M}||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K,\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2^{p}}\right]$$

where the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality is employed (see [4, Theorem 2.4]) together with estimate (2.1) and Young's inequality. By virtue of assumption ( $S_3$ ), the last term can be bounded by almost the same right-hand side of equation (4.10). Putting it all together and applying the discrete Grönwall inequality to equation (4.9) complete the proof.

#### 4.2.2 Convergence

Stability properties that were derived in Lemma 4.3 will play a crucial role in this part, especially to offer convergence results to  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m,\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  as  $\varepsilon,k,h\to 0$ . For this purpose, a few new notations must be summoned along with one important lemma consisting of a monotonicity property that allows the convergence of Algorithm 1 toward equations (1.1) to occur. For all  $m\in\{1,\ldots,M\}$ , the new notations read:

$$\left( \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+(t), \Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+(t) \right) \coloneqq \left( V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m \right), \ \forall t \in (t_{m-1}, t_m],$$

$$\left( \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-(t), \Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-(t) \right) \coloneqq \left( V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} \right), \ \forall t \in [t_{m-1}, t_m).$$

There will also be similar notations in the upcoming part such as  $f^+$  and  $r^-$ ; the reader may refer to section 2.2 for an adequate definition. Note that it is not mandatory for  $\varepsilon$  to be dependent on the discretization parameters k and h. If so, it suffices that  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(k,h) \to 0$  as  $k,h \to 0$ . It is worth mentioning the assumption  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$  as  $k,h,\varepsilon \to 0$ , which will be imposed later on to achieve the convergence toward the solution of equations (1.1). Such a hypothesis arises from the chosen finite element space  $\mathbb{H}_h$ , which does not offer divergence-free test functions for the sake of eliminating the term  $\langle \nabla \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m, \varphi_h \rangle$ , which appears during the calculations hereafter. Another way to justify this hypothesis is through the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.1** Let  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  be the iterates of Algorithm 1. Then,

$$(i) \ \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}\varepsilon\left\|\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}\right]\leq \varepsilon\left\|p_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega;L^{2})}^{2}+c\frac{k}{\varepsilon},$$

(ii) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{m=1}^{M} \varepsilon \left\| \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} \right\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \right] \leq c \frac{k}{\varepsilon},$$

for some genuine constant c > 0 independent of k, h and  $\varepsilon$ .

Proof: Let  $q \in L^2(D)\setminus\{0\}$ . By identity (2.5), it holds that  $(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q) = (\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \rho_h q)$ . Therefore, using Algorithm 1, one obtains

$$\varepsilon(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q) = -k(\operatorname{div}V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \rho_{h}q) \lesssim k||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}||q||_{L^{2}}, \tag{4.11}$$

thanks to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the stability of  $\rho_h$  in  $L^2(D)$ . Summing both sides over m from 1 to an arbitrary  $\ell \in \{1, ..., M\}$ , then using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality lead to

$$\varepsilon \frac{(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}, q)}{||q||_{L^{2}}} \lesssim \varepsilon ||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{0}||_{L^{2}} + k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}, \ \forall q \in L^{2}(D) \setminus \{0\}.$$

Since  $L^2(D)$  is the pivot space, the supremum over  $q \in L^2(D) \setminus \{0\}$  of the left-hand side returns the  $L^2$ -norm of  $\varepsilon \Pi_\varepsilon^\ell$ . Therewith, squaring both sides, taking the maximum over  $\ell$ , employing inequality (2.1), applying the mathematical expectation and using Lemma 4.3-(i) give  $\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1 \le m \le M} \varepsilon^2 ||\Pi_\varepsilon^m||_{L^2}^2\right] \lesssim 1$ 

 $\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon^2||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^0||_{L^2}^2\right]+kC_1$ . Dividing by  $\varepsilon$  and employing estimate (2.6) complete the proof of assertion (*i*). On the other hand, by arguing in the same way, equation (4.11) implies  $\varepsilon||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m-\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^2} \lesssim k||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^m||_{\mathbb{L}^2}$ . Squaring both sides, summing over m from 1 to M, taking the mathematical expectation and utilizing Lemma 4.3-(i) terminate the proof.

The following lemma states a monotonicity property of the operator  $u \mapsto -v\Delta u + \hat{B}(u, u)$ . This feature together with the Lipschitz-continuity of the diffusion coefficient g allow the avoidance of the Skorokhod theorem which forces the filtered probability space that was defined in Section 2 to be exchanged with a new one.

**Lemma 4.4** Assume that  $L_g \leq \sqrt{\frac{v}{2C_P^2}}$  where  $C_P > 0$  is the Poincaré constant, and let  $u, w \in \mathbb{H}_0^1$ . For z := u - w, the following inequality holds true:

$$\left\langle -\nu\Delta z + \hat{B}(u,u) - \hat{B}(w,w) + \frac{27}{2\nu^3} ||w||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4 z, z \right\rangle - ||g(u) - g(w)||_{\mathscr{L}_2(\sqrt{Q}(K),\mathbb{L}^2)}^2 \ge 0.$$

Proof: From [17, Lemma 2.4], it holds that

$$\langle -\nu \Delta z + \hat{B}(u,u) - \hat{B}(w,w) + \frac{27}{2\nu^3} ||w||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4 z, z \rangle \ge \frac{\nu}{2} ||\nabla z||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2.$$

It suffices now to subtract from both sides the term  $||g(u) - g(w)||^2_{\mathcal{L}_2(\sqrt{Q}(K), \mathbb{L}^2)}$ , use assumption  $(S_3)$ , then employ the Poincaré inequality.

Beside Lemma 4.4, it is worth highlighting the strong convergence of  $\{g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+) - g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-)\}_{k,h}$  in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;\mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2)))$ , which can be illustrated through assumption  $(S_3)$  and Lemma 4.3-(i) as follows

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T}\left\|g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) - g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-})\right\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(K,\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2}dt\right] \leq L_{g}^{2}k\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left|\left|V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right|\right|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] \leq L_{g}^{2}C_{1}k \to 0. \tag{4.12}$$

The convergence demonstration down below is broken down into steps for clarity's sake.

#### Step1: Weak convergence and divergence-free

By virtue of Lemma 4.3, the sublinearity of g (see assumption  $(S_3)$ ) and inequality (2.6), the sequences  $\{\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\}_{\varepsilon,k,h}, \{\sqrt{\varepsilon}\Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\}_{\varepsilon,k,h}, \{g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-)\}_{\varepsilon,k,h}$  are bounded in the Banach spaces  $L^2(\Omega; L^\infty(0,T;\mathbb{L}^2)\cap L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^1_0))$ ,  $L^2(\Omega; L^\infty(0,T;L^2(D)))$  and  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T:\mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2)))$ , respectively. Therefore, the Banach-Alaoglu theorem ensures the existence of the limiting functions  $v\in L^2(\Omega;L^\infty(0,T;\mathbb{L}^2)\cap L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^1_0))$ ,  $\mathcal{X}\in L^2(\Omega;L^\infty(0,T;L^2(D)))$ ,  $G_0\in L^2(\Omega;L^2(0,T;\mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2)))$  and two subsequences (still denoted as their original sequences)  $\{\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\}_{\varepsilon,k,h}, \{\sqrt{\varepsilon}\Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\}_{\varepsilon,k,h}$  such that

$$\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} v \qquad \qquad \text{in } L^{2}(\Omega; L^{\infty}(0,T; \mathbb{L}^{2})), \tag{4.13}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+ \rightharpoonup v \qquad \qquad \text{in } L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T:\mathbb{H}_0^1)), \tag{4.14}$$

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon} \Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+ \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \chi$$
 in  $L^2(\Omega; L^{\infty}(0,T; L^2(D))),$  (4.15)

$$g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-) \rightharpoonup G_0$$
 in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T; \mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2))).$  (4.16)

Beside convergence (4.16), it is also possible to acquire  $g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+) \rightharpoonup G_0$  in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T; \mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2)))$  as follows: for all  $\phi \in L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T; \mathcal{L}_2(K,\mathbb{L}^2)))$ ,

$$\left(g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) - G_0(t), \phi(t)\right)_{\mathcal{L}_2} = \left(g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) - g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}), \phi(t)\right)_{\mathcal{L}_2} + \left(g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}) - G_0(t), \phi(t)\right)_{\mathcal{L}_2}. \tag{4.17}$$

Now, integrate with respect to t, take the mathematical expectation, use results (4.12) and (4.16) to complete the proof.

The obtained function v is divergence-free. Indeed, let  $q \in C_c^\infty(D)$  be a scalar function. From Algorithm 1, one has  $\varepsilon\left(\Pi_\varepsilon^m - \Pi_\varepsilon^{m-1}, \rho_h q\right) = -k\left(divV_\varepsilon^m, \rho_h q\right)$ . Summing both sides over m from 1 to M leads to  $\int_0^T \left(divV_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+, \rho_h q\right) dt = \varepsilon\left(\Pi_\varepsilon^0, \rho_h q\right) - \sqrt{\varepsilon}\left(\sqrt{\varepsilon} \Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+(T), \rho_h q\right)$ . The mathematical expectation of the right-hand side goes to 0 as  $\varepsilon, k, h \to 0$  due to convergence (4.15) and estimate (2.6). Hence,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \left(div\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+,q\right)dt\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \left(div\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+,q-\rho_h q\right)dt\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \left(div\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+,\rho_h q\right)dt\right]$$

converges to 0 as  $\varepsilon, k, h \to 0$ , thanks to estimate (2.4) and convergence  $div\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+ \to div(v)$  in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;L^2(D)))$  which follows straightforwardly from result (4.14). Subsequently,  $div\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+ \to 0$  in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;L^2(D)))$  which implies div(v) = 0  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. and a.e. in  $(0,T) \times D$ .

Let  $\mathscr{R}: \mathbb{H}^1_0 \to \mathbb{H}^{-1}$  be defined by  $\mathscr{R}(u) := -\nu \Delta u + \hat{B}(u,u)$ , for all  $u \in \mathbb{H}^1_0$ . From Algorithm 1, and for all  $\varphi \in \mathscr{V}$  such that  $\varphi_h := \Pi_h \varphi$ , it follows

$$\int_{0}^{T} \langle \mathscr{R}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) + \nabla \Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}, \varphi_{h} \rangle dt = -\left(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}(T) - \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}(0), \varphi_{h}\right) + \int_{0}^{T} \langle f^{+}, \varphi_{h} \rangle dt + \left(\int_{0}^{T} g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}) dW(t), \varphi_{h}\right). \tag{4.18}$$

Owing to results (4.13) and (4.16) along with the strong convergence of  $f^+$  in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0, T; \mathbb{H}^{-1}))$  (see [25, Lemma III.4.9]), the mathematical expectation of the right-hand side of equation (4.18) is convergent. Therewith, define  $\mathcal{R}_0$  by

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \langle \mathcal{R}_0(t), \varphi \rangle dt\right] = \lim_{\varepsilon, k, h \to 0} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \langle \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon, k, h}^+) + \nabla \Pi_{\varepsilon, k, h}^+, \Pi_h \varphi \rangle dt\right], \ \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Subsequently, the limiting function v satisfies  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. and for all  $(t, \varphi) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{V}$  the following:

$$(v(t) - v_0, \varphi) + \int_0^t \langle \mathcal{R}_0(s), \varphi \rangle ds = \int_0^t \langle f(s), \varphi \rangle ds + \left( \int_0^t G_0(s) dW(s), \varphi \right). \tag{4.19}$$

#### **Step2:** Identification of $\mathcal{R}_0$ and $G_0$

For  $\sigma \in C([0,T],[C_c^{\infty}(D)]^2)$  and all  $m \in \{1,\ldots,M\}$ , denote  $\sigma_h^+(t) := \sigma_h^m = \Pi_h \sigma(t_m)$  and define

$$r^+(t) := r^m := \frac{27}{v^3} k \sum_{n=1}^m \left\| \sigma_h^n \right\|_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4$$
 for all  $t \in (t_{m-1}, t_m]$ , together with an exponential non-increasing

function  $\eta\colon [0,T]\to\mathbb{R}$  verifying  $\eta(0)=0$ , and having the discrete forms  $\eta^+(t)\coloneqq \eta^m\coloneqq e^{-r^+(t)}$  for all  $t\in (t_{m-1},t_m]$  and  $\eta^-(t)\coloneqq \eta^{m-1}$  for all  $t\in [t_{m-1},t_m)$ . Setting  $(\varphi_h,q_h)=(V^m_{\varepsilon},\Pi^m_{\varepsilon})$  in Algorithm 1, using Cauchy-Schwarz and Young's inequalities, identity  $(a-b,a)=\frac{1}{2}||a||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2-\frac{1}{2}||b||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2+\frac{1}{2}||a-b||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2$ , and finally multiplying by  $\eta^{m-1}$  yield

$$\eta^{m-1}(||V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} - ||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}) + 2\eta^{m-1}k\left\langle \mathcal{R}(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}) + \nabla\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}, V_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\rangle \leq 2\eta^{m-1}k\left\langle f^{m}, V_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right\rangle + \eta^{m-1}||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + 2\eta^{m-1}\left(g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W, V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right).$$

$$(4.20)$$

Note that  $\sum_{m=1}^{M} \eta^{m-1}(||V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} - ||V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}) = \int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-}(t)d_{t}||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}dt$ , and through equation (4.6), it holds that  $\mathbb{E}\left[||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] = k\mathbb{E}\left[||g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(\sqrt{Q}(K),\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2}\right]$ . Therefore, taking the sum over m from

1 to M, employing Proposition 2.2-(ii), then applying the mathematical expectation to equation (4.20) give

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\eta^{+}(T)||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}(T)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} - ||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}(0)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T}||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}d_{t}\eta^{+}dt\right] \\
-\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T}\eta^{-}(t)\left\langle 2\mathscr{R}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) + 2\nabla\Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}\right\rangle dt\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[2\int_{0}^{T}\eta^{-}(t)\left\langle f^{+}, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}\right\rangle dt\right] \\
+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T}\eta^{-}(t)||g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-})||_{\mathscr{L}_{2}(\sqrt{Q}(K),\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2}dt\right] =: I + II + III + IV,$$
(4.21)

where the last term on the right-hand side of equation (4.20) vanishes after taking its expectation due to assumption ( $S_3$ ) and the measurability of  $\{V_{\varepsilon}^m\}_m$  (see Lemma 4.1). By virtue of Proposition 2.2-(iii), it follows that  $d_t\eta^+ = -\frac{27}{\nu^3}\eta^-||\sigma_h^+||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4 + \frac{27^2k}{2\nu^6}e^{\delta(t)}||\sigma_h^+||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^8$ , for some  $\delta \in (-r^+, -r^-)$ . Therefore,

$$I = -\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta^-(t) \frac{27}{v^3} ||\sigma_h^+||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4 ||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 dt\right] + \frac{27^2}{2v^6} k \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T ||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 e^{\delta(t)} ||\sigma_h^+||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^8 dt\right] =: I_1 + I_2.$$

Obviously,  $I_2$  goes to 0 as  $k, h, \varepsilon \to 0$  thanks to Lemma 4.3.  $I_1$  can be rewritten as follows

$$\begin{split} I_{1} &= -\frac{27}{v^{3}} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} ||\sigma_{h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{4}}^{4} ||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} - \sigma_{h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} dt\right] - \frac{27}{v^{3}} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} ||\sigma_{h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{4}}^{4} \left\{2\left(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}, \sigma_{h}^{+}\right) - ||\sigma_{h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right\} dt\right] \\ &=: I_{1,1} + I_{1,2}. \end{split}$$

Making use of result (4.14) along with the strong convergence of  $\{\sigma_h^m\}_m$  to  $\sigma$  in  $C([0,T];\mathbb{H}_0^1)$ , it can be easily shown that  $I_{1,2} \to -\frac{27}{v^3}\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t)||\sigma(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4 \left\{2\left(v(t),\sigma(t)\right)-||\sigma(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2\right\}dt\right]$ . On the other hand,

$$II = -\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} \langle 2\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) - 2\mathcal{R}(\sigma_{h}^{+}), \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} - \sigma_{h}^{+} \rangle dt\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} \langle 2\nabla II_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} - \sigma_{h}^{+} \rangle dt\right]$$
$$- \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} \langle 2\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) + 2\nabla II_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} - 2\mathcal{R}(\sigma_{h}^{+}), \sigma_{h}^{+} \rangle dt\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} \langle 2\mathcal{R}(\sigma_{h}^{+}), \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} \rangle dt\right]$$
$$=: II_{1} + II_{2} + II_{3} + II_{4}.$$

 $II_2$  goes to 0 provided  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$ . Indeed, by Cauchy-Shwarz's inequality, estimate (2.1) and Lemma 4.3, it follows

$$\begin{split} II_{2} &= 2\mathbb{E}\left[k\sum_{m=1}^{M}\eta^{m-1}\left(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m},div(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}-\sigma_{h}^{m})\right)\right] \lesssim \mathbb{E}\left[k\sum_{m=1}^{M}||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{L^{2}}||\nabla(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}-\sigma_{h}^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}\right] \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{k}{\varepsilon}}\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon\max_{1\leq m\leq M}||\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbb{E}\left[3k\sum_{m=1}^{M}||\nabla(V_{\varepsilon}^{m}-\sigma_{h}^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{k}{\varepsilon}}C_{1} \to 0. \end{split} \tag{4.22}$$

Moreover, since  $\{\sigma_h^m\}_m$  is strongly convergent toward  $\sigma$  in  $C([0,T];\mathbb{H}_0^1)$ , and by the definition of operator  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , one obtains  $II_3 \to -\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t)\langle 2\mathcal{R}_0(t) - 2\mathcal{R}(\sigma(t)), \sigma(t)\rangle dt\right]$  as  $k,h,\varepsilon \to 0$ . Similarly,  $II_4 \to -\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t)\langle 2\mathcal{R}(\sigma(t)), v(t)\rangle dt\right]$ , thanks to convergence (4.14). As mentioned in Step 1,  $\{f^m\}_m$  converges strongly toward f in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1}))$ . The latter together with convergence (4.14) imply that  $III \to \mathbb{E}\left[2\int_0^T \eta(t)\langle f(t), v(t)\rangle dt\right]$ . Moving on to term IV, it can be reformulated as follows:

$$IV = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-}\left\{||g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}) - g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}^{Q}}^{2} + ||g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) - g(\sigma_{h}^{+})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}^{Q}}^{2} - ||g(\sigma_{h}^{+})||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}^{Q}}^{2} + 2\left(g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}) - g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}), g(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+})\right)_{\mathcal{L}_{2}^{Q}}\right\}dt\right] := IV_{1} + \dots + IV_{5},$$

where  $\mathscr{L}_2^Q := \mathscr{L}_2(\sqrt{Q}(K), \mathbb{L}^2)$ . From equation (4.12), it holds that  $IV_1 \to 0$ . Furthermore, Lemma 4.4 yields  $I_{1,1} + II_1 + IV_2 \le 0$ , the strong convergence of  $\{\sigma_h^m\}_m$  together with result (4.17) grant both  $IV_3 \to -\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t)||g(\sigma(t))||^2_{\mathscr{L}_2^Q}dt\right]$  and  $IV_4 \to \mathbb{E}\left[2\int_0^T \eta(t)\left(G_0(t),g(\sigma(t))\right)_{\mathscr{L}_2^Q}dt\right]$ . Finally,  $IV_5 \to 0$  by virtue of convergences (4.12) and (4.17). Putting it all together, equation (4.21) becomes

$$\lim_{\varepsilon,k,h\to 0} \mathbb{E}\left[\eta^{+}(T)||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}(T)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} - ||\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}(0)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta'(t) \left\{2\left(v,\sigma\right) - ||\sigma||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right\} dt\right] \\
-2\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta(t) \left\{\left\langle \mathcal{R}_{0} - \mathcal{R}(\sigma),\sigma\right\rangle + \left\langle \mathcal{R}(\sigma) - f(t),v\right\rangle + \frac{1}{2}||g(\sigma)||_{\mathcal{L}^{2}_{2}}^{2} - \left(G_{0},g(\sigma)\right)_{\mathcal{L}^{Q}_{2}}\right\} dt\right], \tag{4.23}$$

where  $\eta(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{27}{v^3}\int_0^t ||\sigma(s)||_{\mathbb{L}^4}^4 ds\right)$ . Taking into account that  $\mathbb{E}\left[\eta(T)||v(T)||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 - ||v_0||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2\right]$  is smaller than the left-hand side of equation (4.23) (thanks to result (4.13)) and applying Itô's formula to the process  $(t,v) \mapsto \eta(t)||v||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2$  (recall that v satisfies equation (4.19)) lead to

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta'(t)||v(t) - \sigma(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} dt\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta(t)||G_{0}(t) - g(\sigma(t))||_{\mathcal{L}_{2}(\sqrt{Q}(K),\mathbb{L}^{2})}^{2} dt\right] 
\leq 2\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta(t)\langle \mathcal{R}(\sigma(t)) - \mathcal{R}_{0}(t), \sigma(t) - v(t)\rangle dt\right], \quad \forall \sigma \in C([0,T]; [C_{c}^{\infty}(D)]^{2}).$$
(4.24)

Arguing by density, it can be shown that inequality (4.24) holds for all  $\sigma \in L^4(\Omega; L^\infty(0,T;\mathbb{L}^2)) \cap L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^1_0))$ . Therefore, setting  $\sigma = v$  yields  $G_0 = g(v)$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. and a.e. in  $[0,T] \times D$ . With that said, the second term on the left-hand side of equation (4.24) cancels out. To identify  $\mathscr{R}_0$ , it suffices to consider  $\sigma = v + \mu u$  for  $\mu > 0$  and  $u \in L^4(\Omega; L^\infty(0,T;\mathbb{L}^2)) \cap L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^1_0))$ . Subsequently,

$$\mu \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta'(t)||u(t)||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 dt\right] \leq 2\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t) \left\langle \mathcal{R}(v(t) + \mu u(t)) - \mathcal{R}_0(t), u(t) \right\rangle dt\right].$$

Letting  $\mu \to 0$  and taking into consideration the hemicontinuity of the operator  $\mathscr{R}$ , one infers that  $\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t) \langle \mathscr{R}(v(t)) - \mathscr{R}_0(t), u(t) \rangle dt\right] \geq 0$ , for all  $u \in L^4(\Omega; L^\infty(0,T;\mathbb{L}^2)) \cap L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^1_0))$ . Consequently,  $\mathscr{R}_0 = \mathscr{R}(v)$  in  $L^2(\Omega; L^2(0,T;\mathbb{H}^{-1}))$ .

#### Step 3: Verification of v as NSE solution

The obtained function v is henceforth a solution to equations (1.1) in the sense of Definition 2.2. Indeed, the identifications in Step 2 turn equation (4.19) into

$$(v(t),\varphi) + \nu \int_0^t (\nabla v(s), \nabla \varphi) \, ds + \int_0^t \langle \hat{B}(v(t), v(t)), \varphi \rangle ds$$
  
=  $(v_0, \varphi) + \int_0^t \langle f(s), \varphi \rangle ds + \left( \int_0^t g(v(s)) dW(s), \varphi \right), \ \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{V}.$ 

By definition,  $\hat{B}(v,v) = \left( [v \cdot \nabla] + \frac{1}{2} div(v) \right) v = [v \cdot \nabla] v$ , thanks to Step 2, where the divergence-free of v was illustrated. Finally,  $v \in L^2(\Omega; C([0,T]; \mathbb{L}^2))$  can be easily proven via equation (4.19) by using [20].

#### **Step 4: Convergence of the whole sequence**

Convergence results that were discovered within Step 1 are all up to a subsequence. However, due to the uniqueness of v (see [18, Proposition 3.2]), it follows that the whole sequence  $\{\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\}_{\varepsilon,k,h}$  is convergent toward v.

#### 4.3 A linear version of Algorithm 1

In terms of simulations, a less time-consuming numerical scheme can be embodied through a linear Algorithm. This can be made up using a linearization of the trilinear term in Algorithm 1 as follows:

**Algorithm 2** Starting from an initial datum  $\left(v_h^0, p_h^0\right) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$ , if  $\left(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}\right) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  is known for some  $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ , find  $\left(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m\right) \in \mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$  that satisfies  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. the following:

$$\begin{cases} \left(V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \varphi_{h}\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \nabla \varphi\right) + k\hat{b}(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, V_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \varphi_{h}) - \left(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m}, div\varphi_{h}\right) \\ = k \left\langle f^{m}, \varphi_{h} \right\rangle + \left(g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W, \varphi_{h}\right), \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{H}_{h}, \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{k} \left(\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m} - \Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q_{h}\right) + \left(divV_{\varepsilon}^{m}, q_{h}\right) = 0, \quad \forall q_{h} \in L_{h}, \end{cases}$$

where  $f^m$ ,  $\Delta_m W$  are defined in Algorithm 1 and  $(V_{\varepsilon}^0, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^0) := (v_h^0, p_h^0)$ .

Observe that  $\hat{b}(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1},V_{\varepsilon}^{m},V_{\varepsilon}^{m})=0$ , thanks to Proposition 2.1-(ii). Therefore, iterates  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^{m},\Pi_{\varepsilon}^{m})\}_{m=1}^{M}$  of Algorithm 2 satisfy Lemmas 4.1, 4.3 and they fulfill better uniqueness properties than those of Algorithm 1, as demonstrated in Lemma4.5. However, due to the infamous properties of  $\hat{b}$ , the initial datum  $v_h^0$  should undergo a new assumption which consists of a uniform bound in h of  $\|\nabla v_h^0\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}$ , as explained beneath the proof of Lemma 4.5.

**Lemma 4.5** Iterates  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m, \Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  of Algorithm 2 are unique  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. in  $\Omega$  and a.e. in  $[0,T] \times D$ .

Proof: Let  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m,\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  and  $\{(U_{\varepsilon}^m,P_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  be two solutions to Algorithm 2 such that  $(V_{\varepsilon}^0,\Pi_{\varepsilon}^0)=(U_{\varepsilon}^0,P_{\varepsilon}^0)=(v_h^0,p_h^0)$ . Denote  $Z_{\varepsilon}^m:=V_{\varepsilon}^m-U_{\varepsilon}^m$  and  $Q_{\varepsilon}^m:=\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m-P_{\varepsilon}^m$ , for all  $m\in\{0,1,\ldots,M\}$ . The following equation is  $\mathbb P$ -a.s. satisfied by  $\{(Z_{\varepsilon}^m,Q_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$ :

$$\begin{cases}
\left(Z_{\varepsilon}^{m} - Z_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \varphi_{h}\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla Z_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \nabla \varphi_{h}\right) + k \left\langle \hat{B}(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, V_{\varepsilon}^{m}) - \hat{B}(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, U_{\varepsilon}^{m}), \varphi_{h} \right\rangle \\
- k \left(Q_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \operatorname{div}\varphi_{h}\right) = \left(\left[g(V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) - g(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\right]\Delta_{m}W, \varphi_{h}\right), \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{H}_{h}, \\
\frac{\varepsilon}{k} \left(Q_{\varepsilon}^{m} - Q_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q_{h}\right) + \left(\operatorname{div}Z_{\varepsilon}^{m}, q_{h}\right) = 0, \quad \forall q_{h} \in L_{h}.
\end{cases} \tag{4.25}$$

For m=1, it follows that  $g(V_{\varepsilon}^0)-g(U_{\varepsilon}^0)=0$  and  $\hat{B}(V_{\varepsilon}^0,V_{\varepsilon}^1)-\hat{B}(U_{\varepsilon}^0,U_{\varepsilon}^1)=\hat{B}(V_{\varepsilon}^0-V_{\varepsilon}^0,Z_{\varepsilon}^1)=0$ . Hence, setting  $(\varphi_h,q_h)=(Z_{\varepsilon}^1,Q_{\varepsilon}^1)$  in equations (4.25) yields  $||Z_{\varepsilon}^1||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2+\varepsilon||Q_{\varepsilon}^1||_{L^2}^2+k\nu||\nabla Z_{\varepsilon}^1||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2=0$  which implies  $Z_{\varepsilon}^1=Q_{\varepsilon}^1=0$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. and a.e. in  $[0,T]\times D$ . Arguing by induction completes the proof.  $\square$ 

All steps that were conducted in section 4.2.2 are applicable to Algorithm 2, except for Lemma 4.4 which does not suit the associated bilinear operator  $\hat{B}$  since its variables are not identical. Therefore, a slight adjustment should take place, and it consists of the following:

In Step 1 of section 4.2.2,  $\mathscr{R}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+)$  shall be substituted by a new operator  $\mathscr{S}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-,\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+) := -\nu\Delta\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+ + \hat{B}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-,\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+)$  and  $\mathscr{R}_0$  by  $\mathscr{S}_0$  which is defined by

$$\left[\int_0^T \langle \mathscr{S}_0(t), \varphi \rangle dt \right] = \lim_{\varepsilon, k, h \to 0} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \langle \mathscr{S}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon, k, h}^-, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon, k, h}^+) + \nabla H_{\varepsilon, k, h}^+, \Pi_h \varphi dt \rangle\right], \ \ \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Equation (4.21) remains unchanged because  $\langle \mathscr{S}(\mathscr{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^-,\mathscr{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+),\mathscr{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\rangle = \langle \mathscr{R}(\mathscr{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+),\mathscr{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^+\rangle$ , thanks to Proposition 2.1-(ii). However, when passing to the limit, term  $II_3$  in Step 2 is not suitable for  $\mathscr{S}_0$ , which is why it can be modified by employing Proposition 2.1-(ii) as follows:

$$II_{3}' = -2\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} \left\langle \mathscr{S}(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}) + \nabla \Pi_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} - \mathscr{S}(\sigma_{h}^{-}, \sigma_{h}^{+}), \sigma_{h}^{+} \right\rangle dt\right]$$
$$-2\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} \eta^{-} \left\langle \hat{B}\left(\mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+} - \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{-}, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}\right), \sigma_{h}^{+} \right\rangle dt\right] := II_{3,1}' + II_{3,2}'.$$

 $II'_{3,1}$  goes to  $-2\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \eta(t)\langle \mathscr{S}_0(t) - \mathscr{S}(\sigma(t),\sigma(t)),\sigma(t)\rangle dt\right]$  as  $\varepsilon,k,h\to 0$ . Consequently, the whole proof of section 4.2.2 becomes applicable to Algorithm 2, provided that  $II'_{3,2}$  goes to 0. To this end, denote  $\mathcal{Z}_{\varepsilon,k,h} = \mathcal{V}^+_{\varepsilon,k,h} - \mathcal{V}^-_{\varepsilon,k,h}$  and utilize Proposition 2.1-(iii) to ensure:

$$\begin{split} &\int_{0}^{T} \eta(t) \left\langle \hat{B}\left(\mathcal{Z}_{\varepsilon,k,h}, \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}\right), \sigma_{h}^{+} \right\rangle dt \lesssim \int_{0}^{T} ||\mathcal{Z}_{\varepsilon,k,h}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} ||\nabla \mathcal{Z}_{\varepsilon,k,h}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} ||\nabla \mathcal{V}_{\varepsilon,k,h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}} ||\nabla \sigma_{h}^{+}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}} dt \\ &\lesssim k^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{M} ||V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||\nabla (V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{split}$$

thanks to the Hölder inequality and the high regularity of  $\sigma$ . Therewith,

$$II_{3,2}' \lesssim k^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathbb{E} \left[ k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||\nabla (V_{\varepsilon}^{m} - V_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathbb{E} \left[ k \sum_{m=1}^{M} ||\nabla V_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The first and third expectations are bounded by virtue of Lemma 4.3-(i). Additionally, the second expectation, after undergoing a triangle inequality, can be controlled in a similar way provided that  $||\nabla v_h^0||_{\mathbb{L}^2}$  is uniformly bounded in h. Consequently,  $H'_{3,2} \lesssim k^{\frac{1}{4}} \to 0$ . With being said, an additional theorem can be given.

**Theorem 4.1** Let the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1 be fulfilled and  $\|\nabla v_h^0\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}$  be uniformly bounded in h. Then, there exists a discrete stochastic process  $\{(V_{\varepsilon}^m,\Pi_{\varepsilon}^m)\}_{m=1}^M$  that solves Algorithm 2 and satisfies Lemmas 4.1, 4.3, 4.5. Additionally, if  $v_h^0 \to v_0$  in  $L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{L}^2)$  as  $h \to 0$  then, Algorithm 2 converges toward the unique solution of equations 1.1 in the sense of Definition 2.2, as  $\varepsilon, k, h \to 0$ , provided  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$ .

One way of ensuring uniform boundedness in h of  $\|\nabla v_h^0\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}$  is through the Ritz (also known as elliptic) operator  $\mathcal{R}_h \colon \mathbb{H}^1_0 \to \mathbb{H}_h$ , which is stable in  $\mathbb{H}^1_0$  (see for instance [27]). In other words, setting  $v_h^0 = \mathcal{R}_h v_0$  gets the job done, as long as  $v_0 \in \mathbb{H}^1_0$ . Another way is to use the already defined projection  $\Pi_h$  which can be an alternative for  $\mathcal{R}_h$ . This is true since the triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$  is quasi-uniform (see [7, Theorem 4]).

# 4.4 How to properly choose $\varepsilon$ ?

Beside the condition  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$  which was assumed in Section 4.2 to afford the convergence of Algorithm 1, some choices of  $\varepsilon$  do not seem to perform well. For simplicity's sake and knowing that the Stokes problem establishes an insight into the Navier-Stokes equations, the primary aim of this section will be to evaluate a Stokes version of Algorithm 1 against a non-penalty-based numerical scheme of the following stochastic Stokes problem:

$$\begin{cases}
\partial_t u - \nu \Delta u + \nabla p = f + g(u)\dot{W}, & \text{in } (0, T) \times D, \\
div(u) = 0, & \text{in } (0, T) \times D, \\
u(0, \cdot) = v_0, & \text{in } D.
\end{cases}$$
(4.26)

in order to choose the parameter  $\varepsilon$  effectively. The finite element spaces  $\mathbb{H}_h$  and  $L_h$  will be maintained throughout this section, and the discrete LBB (also known as inf-sup) condition

$$\sup_{\varphi_h \in \mathbb{H}_h} \frac{(\operatorname{div} \varphi_h, q_h)}{||\nabla \varphi_h||_{\mathbb{L}^2}} \ge \beta ||q_h||_{L^2}, \ \forall q_h \in L_h, \tag{4.27}$$

will be required since numerical schemes of Stokes and Navier-Stokes problems which deal with saddle point approximations cannot converge without it. The constant  $\beta > 0$  does not depend on the mesh size h. With that said, it is now meaningful to state the convective-free version of Algorithm 1:

$$\begin{cases}
\left(U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, \varphi_{h}\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla U_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \nabla \varphi_{h}\right) - k \left(p_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \operatorname{div}\varphi_{h}\right) \\
= k\langle f^{m}, \varphi_{h}\rangle + \left(g(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W, \varphi_{h}\right), \quad \forall \varphi_{h} \in \mathbb{H}_{h}, \\
\frac{\varepsilon}{k} \left(p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, q_{h}\right) + \left(\operatorname{div}U_{\varepsilon}^{m}, q_{h}\right) = 0, \quad \forall q_{h} \in L_{h},
\end{cases} \tag{4.28}$$

together with the following saddle point-based numerical scheme of the Stokes problem:

$$\begin{cases}
\left(U^{m} - U^{m-1}, \varphi_{h}\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla U^{m}, \nabla \varphi_{h}\right) - k\left(p^{m}, \operatorname{div}\varphi_{h}\right) \\
= k\left\langle f^{m}, \varphi_{h}\right\rangle + \left(g(U^{m-1})\Delta_{m}W, \varphi_{h}\right), \quad \forall \varphi_{h} \in \mathbb{H}_{h}, \\
\left(\operatorname{div}U^{m}, q_{h}\right) = 0, \quad \forall q_{h} \in L_{h}.
\end{cases} \tag{4.29}$$

Here,  $\Delta_m W$  and  $f^m$  are identical to those of Algorithm 1, and the starting points  $U_{\varepsilon}^0 = U^0 = \Pi_h v_0$ . The convergence analysis of scheme (4.29) along with its convergence rate are provided in [11]. To come up with effective and adequate conditions upon the parameter  $\varepsilon$ , it suffices to investigate the quantity  $||U_{\varepsilon}^m - U^m||$ . This is logical because if u denotes the solution of Stokes equations (4.26), then  $||U_{\varepsilon}^m - u(t_m)|| \le ||U_{\varepsilon}^m - U^m|| + ||U^m - u(t_m)||$  grants the rate at which scheme (4.28) might converge. To this purpose, subtracting equations (4.28) and (4.29) yields

$$\left(U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U^{m} - (U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} - U^{m-1}) - \left[g(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) - g(U^{m-1})\right] \Delta_{m} W, \varphi_{h}\right) + k \left(p^{m} - p_{\varepsilon}^{m}, \operatorname{div} \varphi_{h}\right) \\
= k \nu \left(\nabla (U^{m} - U_{\varepsilon}^{m}), \nabla \varphi_{h}\right) \le k \nu ||\nabla (U^{m} - U_{\varepsilon}^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}} ||\nabla \varphi_{h}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}, \ \forall \varphi_{h} \in \mathbb{H}_{h} \setminus \{0\}.$$
(4.30)

Dividing by  $||\nabla \varphi_h||_{\mathbb{L}^2}$ , taking the supremum over  $\varphi_h \in \mathbb{H}_h \setminus \{0\}$  and employing the discrete LBBcondition (4.27) imply

$$||p^{m} - p_{\varepsilon}^{m}||_{L^{2}} \le \frac{\nu}{\beta}||\nabla(U^{m} - U_{\varepsilon}^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}, \ \forall m \in \{1, \dots, M\}.$$
 (4.31)

Estimate (4.31) is true because  $\omega\mapsto\sup_{\varphi_h\in\mathbb{H}_h}\frac{\left(U_\varepsilon^{m}-U^m-(U_\varepsilon^{m-1}-U^{m-1})-[g(U_\varepsilon^{m-1})-g(U^{m-1})]\Delta_mW,\varphi_h\right)}{||\nabla\varphi_h||_{\mathbb{L}^2}}$  is nonnegative which results from the fact that  $\mathbb{H}_h$  is a vector space. In other words, this supremum can be roughly seen as the  $\mathbb{H}^{-1}$ -norm of  $U_\varepsilon^m-U^m-(U_\varepsilon^{m-1}-U^{m-1})-[g(U_\varepsilon^{m-1})-g(U^{m-1})]\Delta_mW$ . On the other hand, setting  $\varphi_h=U_\varepsilon^m-U^m$  in equation (4.30), using identity  $2(a-b,a)=||a||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2-||b||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2+||a-b||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2$ , the Cauchy Schwarz and Young inequalities returns the Cauchy-Schwarz and Young inequalities return

$$\frac{1}{2}||U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U^{m}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}||U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} - U^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} + k\nu||\nabla(U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2} \le k\left(p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p^{m}, divU_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right) + \left(\left[g(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) - g(U^{m-1})\right]\Delta_{m}W, U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} - U^{m-1}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left\|\left[g(U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}) - g(U^{m-1})\right]\Delta_{m}W\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}, \tag{4.32}$$

where  $(p_{\varepsilon}^m - p^m, div U^m) = 0$ , thanks to scheme (4.29). Summing the above equation over m from 1 to an arbitrary  $\ell \in \{1, ..., M\}$ , taking its mathematical expectation, employing the Itô isometry to the last term on its right-hand side together with assumption (S<sub>3</sub>) and making use of the identity  $U_{\varepsilon}^0 = U^0$  yield

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2}||U_{\varepsilon}^{\ell}-U^{\ell}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}+k\nu\sum_{m=1}^{\ell}||\nabla(U_{\varepsilon}^{m}-U^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[k\sum_{m=1}^{\ell}\left(p_{\varepsilon}^{m}-p^{m},divU_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right)\right] + \frac{L_{g}^{2}}{2}\mathbb{E}\left[k\sum_{m=1}^{\ell}||U_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}-U^{m-1}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right],$$
(4.33)

where the mathematical expectation of the penultimate term in equation (4.32) vanishes due to assumption ( $S_3$ ) and the measurability of  $\{U_{\varepsilon}^m\}_{m=1}^M$  and  $\{U^m\}_{m=1}^M$ . Attention will now turn toward the first term on the right-hand side of equation (4.33) which will eventually hand the upper-bound in terms of  $\varepsilon$ . Using equations (4.28), one obtains

$$J := \mathbb{E}\left[k \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left(p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p^{m}, \operatorname{div}U_{\varepsilon}^{m}\right)\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left(p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}, p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p^{m}\right)\right]$$

$$\leq \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathbb{E}\left[3\varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} ||p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p_{\varepsilon}^{m-1}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1 \leq m \leq \ell} ||p_{\varepsilon}^{m} - p^{m}||_{L^{2}}^{2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\leq \frac{\sqrt{3C_{1}}\nu}{\beta} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1 \leq m \leq M} ||\nabla(U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U^{m})||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3\mathscr{C}}C_{1}\nu}{\beta} \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{h},$$

$$(4.34)$$

thanks to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, estimate (2.1), (4.31), Lemma 4.3-(i)-(ii), and the inverse inequality (2.3). The bound of  $\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{1\leq m\leq M}||U^m||_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2\right]$  in equation (4.34) is not carried out herein, but can be found for instance in [5, Lemma 3.1]. Finally, plug the result of equation (4.34) in estimate (4.33) and make use of the discrete Grönwall inequality to achieve

$$\frac{1}{2} \max_{1 \le m \le M} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U^{m}\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[k\nu \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left\|\nabla (U_{\varepsilon}^{m} - U^{m})\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}}^{2}\right] \le \tilde{C} \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{h},\tag{4.35}$$

for some constant  $\tilde{C} > 0$  depending only on  $\beta, C_1, \nu, L_g, \mathscr{C}$  and T.

Estimate (4.35) appears to have the best upper-bound amongst the other possible ways of estimation. Besides, some calculation techniques may be inconsistent with the assumption  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$ . For instance, by Young's inequality, it holds that  $J \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \left\| p_{\varepsilon}^m - p_{\varepsilon}^{m-1} \right\|_{L^2}^2 \right] + \frac{v^2 \sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\beta^2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left\| \nabla (U_{\varepsilon}^m - U^m) \right\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2 \right]$ , thanks to estimate (4.31). The first term is bounded by  $C_1 \sqrt{\varepsilon}$  by virtue of Lemma 4.3. However, the second term needs to be absorbed in the left-hand side of equation (4.33). To this end, the assumption  $k\nu - \frac{v^2 \sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\beta^2} > 0$  must be imposed. In other words,  $\sqrt{\frac{k}{\varepsilon}} > \frac{\nu}{\beta^2 \sqrt{k}}$ , which obviously fulfills the opposite of  $\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0$ .

# 5 Numerical experiments and conclusion

The implementation within this section will be carried out through Algorithm 2 and a saddle point based-numerical scheme [5, Algorithm 3]:

**Algorithm 3** Let  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $V^0 = v_h^0 \in \mathbb{H}_h$  be given. For every  $m \in \{1, ..., M\}$ , find an  $\mathbb{H}_h \times L_h$ -valued  $(V^m, \Pi^m)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \left(V^m - V^{m-1}, \varphi_h\right) + k\nu \left(\nabla V^m, \nabla \varphi_h\right) + k\hat{b}(V^{m-1}, V^m, \varphi_h) - k\left(\Pi^m, div\varphi_h\right) \\ \\ = k\langle f^m, \varphi_h\rangle + \left(g(V^{m-1})\Delta_m W, \varphi_h\right), \ \ \forall \varphi_h \in \mathbb{H}_h, \\ (divV^m, q_h) = 0, \ \ \forall q_h \in L_h, \end{cases}$$

which will play the reference role with respect to the values of the parameter  $\varepsilon$ . The domain's meshing is carried out through the open source finite element mesh generator Gmsh [12], the implementation of the aforementioned algorithms is executed by the open source finite element software FEniCS [16],

and the visualization is ensured via Paraview [1]. The simulation's configuration down below is set as follows:  $T=1, \ \nu=1, \ h=0.16, \ \varepsilon=h^{2+\delta}, \ k=\varepsilon^{1+\delta}, \ \text{with} \ \delta=0.1 \ \text{to} \ \text{guarantee} \ \text{that} \ \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \to 0 \ \text{and} \ \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{h} \ \text{is} \ \text{small} \ \text{enough}.$  For the sake of comparison, the space discretization will be conducted by the lower order Taylor-Hood  $(P_2/P_1)$  finite element for both algorithms 2 and 3. The initial data  $u_0$  and  $p_0$  are set to 0 which means that  $v_h^0=p_h^0=0$ . The domain D is an L-shaped geometry whose figure and mesh are the following:

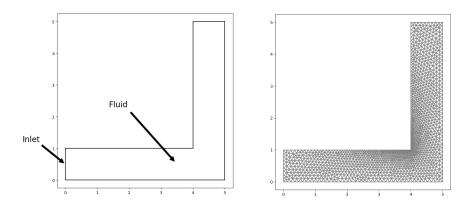


Figure 1: The domain *D* and its mesh

The boundary condition

$$v(x,y) = \begin{cases} (1,0) & \text{if } (x,y) \in \{0\} \times [0,1], \\ (0,0) & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases}$$

is non-homogeneous, which is possible since a simple lifting technique can take the problem's boundary condition back to a homogeneous setting. The source term f takes on the value (0,0) and the diffusion coefficient g=1 i.e. it is an additive noise. The Wiener increment  $\Delta_m W$  is approximated as follows: let  $J \in \mathbb{N}$  be non-zero, and  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$  be two independent  $H_0^1(D)$ -valued Wiener processes such that  $W=(W_1,W_2)$ . Then,

$$\Delta_m W_{\ell} \approx \sqrt{k} \sum_{i,j=1}^J \sqrt{\lambda_{i,j}^{\ell}} \xi_{i,j}^{\ell,m} e_{i,j}, \ \ell \in \{1,2\}.$$

The parameter J takes on the value 5,  $\lambda_{i,j}^{\ell} = \frac{1}{(i+j)^2}$  for all  $i,j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\left\{(\xi_{i,j}^{1,m}, \xi_{i,j}^{2,m})\right\}_{i,j}^m$  is a family of independent identically distributed normal random variables, and  $e_{i,j}(x,y) = \frac{2}{5}sin(i\pi x/5)sin(j\pi y/5)$  for all  $i,j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Although  $\{e_{i,j}\}_{i,j}$  may not be the best choice for an L-shaped domain (because they represent the Laplace eigenfunctions on the square  $(0,5)^2$  with a Dirichlet boundary condition), they can be thought of herein as a restriction to D. The explicit formula of the Laplace eigenfunctions on an L-shaped domain is unknown as it is explained in [21]. With all that being said, it is now possible to exhibit the simulation results:

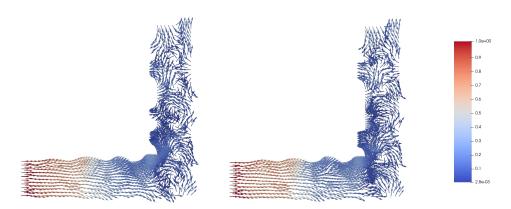


Figure 2: One realization of  $V^M$  (left) and  $V^M_{\varepsilon}$  (right) at time T=1 for  $\varepsilon=0.021$ 

As  $\varepsilon$  gets smaller, the difference between  $V^m$  and  $V^m_\varepsilon$  becomes indistinguishable. This fact is illustrated in an accurate way down below where the relationship between  $\varepsilon$  and the error  $\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|V^M-V^M_\varepsilon\right\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}^2\right]$  is exposed:

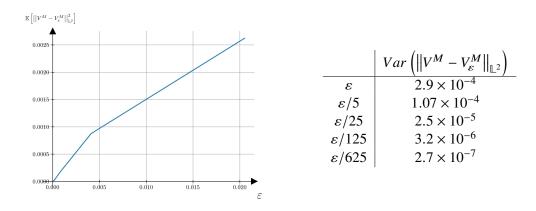


Figure 3: Error and error-variance in terms of  $\varepsilon$ 

The computed error in figure 3 uses a Monte-Carlo method with 1000 realizations. The obtained curve was expected; it emphasizes the fact that  $\varepsilon$  should be taken as small as possible in order to guarantee accurate outcomes.

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