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**Abstract.** In this paper, the error estimate of expanded  $H^1$ -Galerkin mixed finite element methods (MFEMs) has been discussed with studied semi-discrete for parabolic integro-differential equations (PIDEs) with a nonlinear memory. In addition, we derived an error estimates for the unknown function, gradient function, and flux.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Pani presented a new MFEM called  $H^1$ -Galerkin mixed finite element procedure [26] which splits given equations into a first-order system and can be viewed as a nonsymmetric version of least square method. Deepjyoti Goswami Amiya K. Pani and Sangita Yadav established optimal Error Estimates of two MFEMs for PIDEs with Nonsmooth Initial Data [19].

Compared to standard mixed methods [13,15,17,18],  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM has many good features. The first is choosing of finite element spaces that they are not subject into a Ladyzenskaja-Babuska-Brezzi (LBB) conditions. The second finite element spaces  $V_h$  (for approximating an unknown function) and  $W_h$  (for approximating the flux) may be of different polynomial degrees. Moreover, the  $L^2$  and  $H^1$  error estimates do not require a finite element mesh become quasi-uniform. Although we seek extra regularity in the solution, a best order of convergence to the flux in  $L^2$  norm can be obtained. Up to now,  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEMs have been widely used to solve some partial differential equations [28,30].

In [9], an  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFE procedure deals with a nonlinear parabolic equation in porous medium flow by combining the  $H^1$ -Galerkin formulation and the expanded MFEMs are suggested. The formulation has the advantages of  $H^1$ -Galerkin method and expanded MFEMs, it can solve the scalar unknown, its gradient and its flux directly. It is proper to the case anywhere the coefficient from the differential is a little tensor that do not need to be inverted. Furthermore, the formulation permits the use from standard continuous and piecewise (linear and tall-order) polynomials in contrast for continuously differentiable piecewise polynomials required by standard  $H^1$ -Galerkin methods, and is free of LBB condition as required by MFEMs. Certainly, this formulation has its hold disadvantages such as it needs to deal with the large size matrix.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM developed in [11] to parabolic integro-differential equations with a nonlinear memory. Then, the paper will present the error estimates.

The rest of this article is orderly as follows: In Section 2,  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM combined with expanded MFE for nonlinear PIDEs with memory is established. In Section 3, optimal order error estimates for the semi-discrete scheme of the,  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM combined with expanded MFEM are proved. Throughout this research,  $c$  indicates a general positive constant which does not depend by  $h$ . in the alike time, we show a useful integral inequality.

$$\int_0^t \int_0^\tau |\phi(s)|^2 ds d\tau \leq \int_0^t |\phi(s)|^2 ds, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\emptyset$  is a integrable function in  $[0, t]$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ . Also the kernel  $k$  is assumed to be positive definite ,i.e. , all  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $k \in L^1_{loc}(0, \infty)$ , and

$$\int_0^t \left( \int_0^s k(t-s)v(\tau) d\tau \right) ds \geq 0 \quad , v \in C[0, T] \quad (1.2)$$

## II. GOVERNING PROBLEM

Consider the following PIDE with nonlinear memory[33]:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u + \int_0^t k(t-s)(-\nabla \cdot (a(x, u) \nabla u + b(x, t)) + c(x, u) \cdot \nabla u + g(x, u)), \\ = f(x, t), (x, t) \in \Omega \times j, \\ u(x, t) = 0, (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times j, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), x \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Where,  $\Omega$  be smooth bounded range in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d = 1, 2, 3$ ) with the Lipchitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .  $j = (0, T]$  is the time interval with  $0 < T < \infty$ , suppose the kernel  $k$  be positive definite as well as a smooth neither non smooth memory and  $f$  is a known function.

For clearly, we will not do the dependence of variable  $x$  in  $a(x, u)$ ,  $b(x, u)$ ,  $c(x, u)$  and  $g(x, u)$  we give the following hypotheses about  $a, b, c, f$  and  $u$  in the following show:

(1) The functions  $a(u) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is a tensor function,  $b(u)$  and  $c(u) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are vector functions and  $g(u) \in \mathbb{R}^1$  is scalar function, respectively.

(2) All the functions  $a(u)$ ,  $b(u)$ ,  $c(u)$  and  $g(u)$  are continuously differentiable with respect to any variable also smooth and bounded.

Problem (2.1) and a nonlinear version thereof exist in many physical operations in which this is needful to take in tally the effects from memory due to a reduction of the usual diffusion equations, [20,23,29], to approximate the solution  $u$  of PIDEs. Both finite difference and finite element methods have been analysed widely in the past for both the linear and nonlinear problem [5,6,21,22,10,24,35,34]. Recently, many numerical methods like MFEM[16,30], finite volume element method (FVM)[32], and discontinuous Galerkin method (DGM) for space discretization or time discretization[25], have been proposed to solve PIDEs.

## III. EXPANDED $H^1$ -GALERKIN MFEM FOR PIDEs WITH NONLINEAR MEMORY

### Weak Formulation

Re-write a equation (2.1) as following:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \nabla \cdot \left( \nabla u - \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u) \nabla u + b(u)) ds \right) \\ + \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot \nabla u + g(u)) ds \\ = f, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

to definite the  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM combined with expanded mixed element method. We split the nonlinear PIDEs together memory (3.1) into first-order system as follows:

$$q = \nabla u - \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u) \nabla u + b(u)) ds$$

And  $\sigma = \nabla u$   
as follows

$$u_t - \nabla \cdot q + \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot \sigma + g(u)) ds = f \quad (3.2a)$$

$$\sigma = \nabla u \quad (3.2b)$$

$$q = \sigma - \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds \quad (3.2c)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad (3.2d)$$

A weak form into up equations is find  $(u, \sigma, q) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times W \times W$

Such that

$$(\sigma_t, p) + (\nabla \cdot q, \nabla \cdot p) - \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot \sigma + g(u))ds, \nabla \cdot p \right) = (f, \nabla \cdot p) \quad \forall p \in W \quad (3.3a)$$

$$(\sigma, \nabla v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \quad (3.3b)$$

$$(q, w) = (\sigma, w) - \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds, w \right) \quad \forall w \in W \quad (3.3c)$$

$$\sigma(0) = \nabla u_0(x) \quad (3.3d)$$

where

$$W = H(\text{div}, \Omega) = \left\{ w \in (L^2(\Omega))^d : \nabla \cdot w \in L^2(\Omega) \right\}$$

with norm

$$\|w\|_{H(\text{div}, \Omega)} = (\|w\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot w\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$$

with inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  also norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

To proof the equivalence between (3.2) and (3.3), we need the following lemmas:

**Lemma 3.1** ([3]) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded range and the Lipschitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Then, every  $q \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ , there exists  $\phi \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  and a divergence free  $\psi \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ ,  $q = \nabla\phi + \psi$ .

**Lemma 3.2** ([12]) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded field also a Lipschitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Then, all  $g \in L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $q \in (H^1(\Omega))^d \subset H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ ,  $\nabla \cdot q = g$ .

**Theorem 3.1 by using the conditions which explained in above Lemmas.**  $(u, \sigma, q) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times W \times W$  is a solution of the system (3.2) if and only if it is a solution to the weak formulation (3.3).

**Proof:** A solution to the system (3.2) is a solution to the weak form (3.3). Then, we have to prove that a solution to the weak form (3.2) is a solution to the system (3.1). We choose  $w = q - \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds$  in (3.3c) to have

$$\begin{aligned} (q, q - \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds) &= (\sigma, q - \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds) - \\ & \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds, q - \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds \right) \text{ then} \\ (q - \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds, q - \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds) &= 0 \text{ that means} \\ q &= \sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u)\sigma + b(u))ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Using Lemma 3.1, there exists a  $\phi \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  and a divergence free [4]

$\psi \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$  such that  $\sigma = \nabla\phi + \psi$ .

Putting  $\sigma = \nabla\phi + \psi$  into (3.3b) exhibit

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\phi + \psi, \nabla v) &= (\nabla u, \nabla v), \\ (\nabla\phi, \nabla v) + (\psi, \nabla v) &= (\nabla u, \nabla v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Divergence theorem indicate

$$(\psi, \nabla v) = -(\nabla \cdot \psi, v) = 0, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega). \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.6) and (3.7) that we get

$$(\nabla\phi, \nabla v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

which implies

$$\nabla\phi = \nabla u.$$

Now inserting  $\nabla\phi = \nabla u$  in  $\sigma = \nabla\phi + \psi$  we obtain

$$\sigma = \nabla u + \psi. \quad (3.8)$$

To get  $\psi = 0$ , we substitute (3.5) and (3.8) in (3.2a) then by using the divergence theorem for the first term from the resulting equation to have:

$$(u_t, \nabla \cdot p) - (\psi_t, p) - (\nabla \cdot (\nabla u + \psi), \nabla \cdot p)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\left(\nabla \cdot \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot (\nabla u + \psi) + g(u))ds\right), \nabla \cdot p\right) \\
& = -(f, \nabla \cdot p), \quad \forall p \in W.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

putting  $p = \psi$  in (3.9) and since  $\psi \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$  is divergence-free and  $\nabla \cdot \psi = 0$ , we have

$$(\psi_t, \psi) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\psi, \psi) = 0, \tag{3.10}$$

furthermore, using (3.8) for  $t = 0$  we get

$$\sigma(x, 0) = \nabla u(x, 0) + \psi(x, 0) = \nabla u_0(x) + \psi(x, 0),$$

which means  $\psi(x, 0) = 0$ .

Integrating (3.10) with respect time from 0 to  $t$ , we have

$$\psi(x, t) = 0.$$

thus, we obtain  $\sigma = \nabla u$ .

Now, we can be rewritten (3.9) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (u_t, \nabla \cdot p) - \left(\nabla \cdot \left(\nabla u + \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot \nabla u + g(u))ds\right), \nabla \cdot p\right) \\
& = (f, \nabla \cdot p), \quad \forall p \in H(\text{div}, \Omega).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Since  $f, u_t \in L^2(\Omega)$ , by Lemma (3.2) that there exists an  $F \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ , such that

$$\nabla \cdot F = u_t - f.$$

Thus, (3.11) becomes

$$(\nabla \cdot q, \nabla \cdot p) = (\nabla \cdot F, \nabla \cdot p), \quad \forall p \in H(\text{div}, \Omega).$$

and we have that  $\nabla \cdot F = \nabla \cdot q$ , that is

$$u_t - \nabla \cdot p = f \tag{3.12}$$

by (3.5) with (3.12) we get

$$u_t - \nabla \cdot \left(\sigma + \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot \sigma + g(u))ds\right) = f \tag{3.13}$$

then with (3.8) we conclude

$$u_t - \nabla \cdot \left((\nabla u + \psi) + \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot (\nabla u + \psi) + b(u))ds\right) f \tag{3.14}$$

and  $\psi = 0$ , we get

$$u_t - \nabla \cdot \left(\nabla u + \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) \cdot \nabla u + b(u))ds\right) = f \tag{3.15}$$

this completes the proof.

## Semi Discrete Scheme

To discuss the semi discrete  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM combined with procedure, we first give some definitions and some properties of projections. Let  $T_h$  be a partition of  $\Omega$  to a finite number from elements, so that,  $\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{k \in T_h} \bar{K}$  and element edges lying on the boundary may be curved [27]. Let  $h_k$  denote the triangle diameter of  $k$ . put  $h = \max_{k \in T_h} h_k$ . Let  $V_h$  be the finite dimensional subspaces of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  defined by

$$V_h = \{v_h \in H_0^1(\Omega) : v_h|_k \in P_m(K)\},$$

where  $P_m(K)$  denotes the spaces of polynomials from degree at most  $m$  on  $k$ . Moreover, we denote by  $W_h$  the vector spaces in MFE spaces with index  $k$ . It is well known to  $W_h$  and  $V_h$  satisfy the inverse property and the following approximation properties [2],[14]:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|v - v_h\| + h \|v - v_h\|_1 \leq ch^{m+1} \|v\|_{m+1}, \quad v \in H^{m+1}(\Omega), \\
& \inf_{p_h \in W_h} \|p - p_h\| \leq ch^{k+1} \|p\|_{k+1}, \quad p_h \in (H^{k+1}(\Omega))^d, \\
& \inf_{p_h \in W_h} \|\nabla \cdot (p - p_h)\| \leq ch^{k+1} \|p\|_{k+1}, \quad p_h \in (H^{k+1}(\Omega))^d,
\end{aligned}$$

to analyze the error estimates, we require the following projection operators. Let  $I_h: H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow V_h$  be the Ritz projection [8] defined by:

$$(\nabla(u - I_h u_h), \nabla v_h) = 0 \quad \forall v_h \in V_h \tag{3.16}$$

which the following results hold:

$$\|u - I_h u\| + h \|\nabla(u - I_h u)\| \leq ch^{m+1} \|u\|_{m+1} \tag{3.17}$$

also we know that the Raviart-Thomas projection  $R_h: H(\text{div}, \Omega) \rightarrow W_h$  define by[7]

$$(\nabla \cdot (q - R_h q), \nabla \cdot p_h) = 0, \quad \forall p_h \in W_h \tag{3.18}$$

we have the following approximation features:

$$\|q - R_h q\| \leq ch^{k+1} \|q\|_{k+1}, \quad (3.19)$$

$$\|\nabla \cdot (q - R_h q)\| \leq ch^k \|q\|_{k+1}, \quad (3.20)$$

Now based on the above of preliminaries, we define  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM combined with expanded MFEM for the system (3.3) as follows : find  $(u_h, \sigma_h, p_h) \in V_h \times W_h \times W_h$  such that

$$(\sigma_{ht}, p_h) + (\nabla \cdot q_h, \nabla \cdot p_h) - \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u_h) \cdot \sigma_h + g(u_h)) ds, \nabla \cdot p_h \right) = (f, \nabla \cdot p_h) \quad (3.21a)$$

$$(\sigma_h, \nabla v_h) = (\nabla u_h, \nabla v_h) \quad (3.21b)$$

$$(q_h, w_h) = - \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u_h)\sigma_h + b(u_h)) ds, w_h \right) \quad (3.21c)$$

$$\forall p_h \in W_h, \quad u_h \in V_h \quad \text{and} \quad w_h \in W_h.$$

#### IV. ERROR ESTIMATES TO THE SEMI-DISCRETE

In this section, we decompose error estimates for the  $H^1$ -Galerkin MFEM combined with expanded MFEM presented in Section 3.1 are:

$$\begin{aligned} u - u_h &= u - I_h u + I_h u - u_h = (u - I_h u) + (I_h u - u_h) = \alpha + \beta, \\ q - q_h &= q - R_h q + R_h q - q_h = (q - R_h q) + (R_h q - q_h) = \eta + \zeta, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sigma - \sigma_h = \sigma - R_h \sigma + R_h \sigma - \sigma_h = (\sigma - R_h \sigma) + (R_h \sigma - \sigma_h) = \theta + \xi.$$

applying (3.3), (3.10), and auxiliary projections (3.5), (3.7). We get the error equations in  $\xi, \zeta$  and  $\beta$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta_t, p_h) + (\xi_t, p_h) &= -(\nabla \cdot \eta, \nabla \cdot p_h) - (\nabla \cdot \zeta, \nabla \cdot p_h) + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) - c(u_h)) \cdot \sigma ds, \nabla \cdot p_h \right) + \\ &\left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\theta ds, \nabla p_h \right) + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\xi ds, \nabla \cdot p_h \right) + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(g(u) - \right. \\ &\left. g(u_h)) ds, \nabla \cdot p_h \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi, \nabla v_h) &= (\nabla \beta, \nabla v_h) - (\theta, \nabla v_h) \\ (\eta, w_h) + (\zeta, w_h) &= (\theta, w_h) + (\xi, w_h) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &- \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u) - a(u_h))\sigma ds, w_h \right) \\ &- \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\theta ds, w_h \right) \\ &+ \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\xi ds, w_h \right) \\ &- \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(b(u) - b(u_h)) ds, w_h \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

clearly, where

$$\begin{aligned} c(u) \cdot \sigma - c(u_h) \cdot \sigma_h &= (c(u) \cdot \sigma - c(u_h) \cdot \sigma + c(u_h) \cdot \sigma - c(u_h) \cdot \sigma_h) \\ &= (c(u) - c(u_h)) \cdot \sigma + c(u_h) \cdot (\theta + \xi), \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\theta = \sigma - R_h \sigma$  and  $\xi = R_h \sigma - \sigma_h$ , also the above equation is holds.

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a(u)\sigma - a(u_h)\sigma_h &= (a(u) - a(u_h))\sigma + a(u_h)\sigma - a(u_h)\sigma_h \\ &= (a(u) - a(u_h))\sigma + a(u_h)(\theta + \xi). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we will prove the error estimates for  $u - u_h, \sigma - \sigma_h$ , and  $q - q_h$ .

**Theorem 4.1** Assume that  $\sigma_h(0) = R_h \nabla u_0(x)$  and let  $(u, \sigma, q)$  and  $(u_h, \sigma_h, q_h)$  be the solution of (3.3) and (3.10), respectively. Then, the optimal error estimates hold:

- (a)  $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1} \leq Ch^{\min(k+1, m)}$
- (b)  $\|\nabla \cdot (q - q_h)\| \leq Ch^{\min(k, m+1)}$
- (c)  $\|u - u_h\| + \|\sigma - \sigma_h\| + \|q - q_h\| \leq Ch^{\min(k+1, m+1)}$

where  $k \geq 1$  and  $m \geq 1$  for  $d = 2, 3$ . The index  $k$  can be relaxed to include the case of  $k = 0$  for  $d = 1$ .

**Proof .** For prove (a) we use the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_h\|_{H^1} &= \|u - I_h u + I_h u - u_h\|_{H^1} \quad (\pm I_h u) \\ &\leq \|u - I_h u\|_{H^1} + \|I_h u - u_h\|_{H^1} \\ &\leq \|\alpha\|_{H^1} + \|\beta\|_{H^1} \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

where  $u - I_h u = \alpha$  and  $I_h u - u_h = \beta$ .

Since estimate of  $\alpha$  is given in (3.17) it only we need to estimate  $\beta$ , we choose  $v_h = \beta$  in (4.2), to have

$$(\xi, \nabla \beta) = (\nabla \beta, \nabla \beta) - (\theta, \nabla \beta) \quad (4.5)$$

applying Young's inequalities for each term of the above equation

$$\begin{aligned}(\xi, \nabla\beta) &\leq \epsilon \|\xi\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 \\(\nabla\beta, \nabla\beta) &\leq \epsilon \|\nabla\beta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 \\(\theta, \nabla\beta) &\leq \epsilon \|\theta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 \\&\text{where } (ab \leq \epsilon a^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} b^2)\end{aligned}$$

Then, substituting the above inequalities into (4.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon \|\nabla\beta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 &\leq \epsilon \|\xi\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 + \epsilon \|\theta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 \\ \epsilon \|\nabla\beta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \|\nabla\beta\|^2 &\leq \epsilon (\|\xi\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) \\ \left(\epsilon + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right) \|\nabla\beta\|^2 &\leq \epsilon (\|\xi\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2)\end{aligned}$$

Where  $c = \epsilon + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon}$  and  $c_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{c}$

since  $\beta \in V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ , then  $\|\beta\| \leq c_0 \|\nabla\beta\|$ , thus, we have the estimate  $\|\beta\|$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\nabla\beta\|^2 &\leq c_1 (\|\xi\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) \\ \|\beta\|^2 &\leq c c_0 (\|\xi\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2)\end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

note that into the above inequality, we need to estimate  $\xi$ , we choose  $w_h = \xi$  in (4.3) to get

$$\begin{aligned}(\xi, \xi) &= (\eta, \xi) + (\zeta, \xi) - (\theta, \xi) + \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u) - a(u_h))\sigma ds, \xi\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\theta ds, \xi\right) \\ &\quad - \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\xi ds, \xi\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)(b(u) - b(u_h))ds, \xi\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^7 L_i\end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

We apply Young's inequalities to estimate the terms on right side with appropriately small  $\epsilon$ ,

$$|L_1| = |-(\theta, \xi)| \leq c \|\theta\|^2 + \epsilon \|\xi\|^2 \tag{4.9}$$

$$|L_2| = |(\eta, \xi)| \leq c \|\eta\|^2 + \epsilon \|\xi\|^2 \tag{4.10}$$

$$|L_3| = |(\zeta, \xi)| \leq c \|\zeta\|^2 + \epsilon \|\xi\|^2 \tag{4.11}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|L_4| &= \left| -\left(\int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u) - a(u_h))\sigma ds, \xi\right) \right| \\ &\leq c c_1 c_2 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) + \epsilon \|\xi\|^2\end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

where  $c_1$  depends on  $K(t-s)$ , and  $c_2$  depends on  $\|\sigma\|_{W_\infty^1(L^\infty)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}|L_5| &= \left| -\left(\int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\theta ds, \xi\right) \right| \\ &\leq c c_1 c_3 \int_0^t \|\theta\|^2 ds + \epsilon \|\xi\|^2\end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

where  $c_3$  depends on  $a(u_h)$

$$|L_6| = \left| \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\xi ds, \xi\right) \right| = 0 \tag{4.14}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|L_7| &= \left| -\left(\int_0^t k(t-s)(b(u) - b(u_h))ds, \xi\right) \right| \\ &\leq c c_1 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) + \epsilon \|\xi\|^2\end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

combining the above inequalities from (4.9) to (4.15), we obtain

$$\|\xi\|^2 \leq C_1 (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2 + \|\zeta\|^2) + C_1 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds \tag{4.16}$$

where  $C_1 = C_1(c, c_1, c_2, c_3)$ .

Also here, we need to estimate  $\zeta$ , taking  $w_h = \zeta$  in (4.3) yields

$$\begin{aligned}(\zeta, \zeta) &= (\theta, \zeta) + (\xi, \zeta) - (\eta, \zeta) \\ &\quad - \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)(a(u) - a(u_h))\sigma ds, \zeta\right) \\ &\quad - \left(\int_0^t k(t-s)a(u_h)\theta ds, \zeta\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) a(u_h) \xi ds, \zeta \right) \\
& - \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) (b(u) - b(u_h)) ds, \zeta \right) \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^7 E_i
\end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

We use Young's inequalities to estimate the right side term by the term.

$$|E_1| = |(\theta, \zeta)| \leq c \|\theta\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\zeta\|^2 \tag{4.18}$$

$$|E_2| = |(\xi, \zeta)| \leq c \|\xi\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\zeta\|^2 \tag{4.19}$$

$$|E_3| = |-(\eta, \zeta)| \leq c \|\eta\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\zeta\|^2 \tag{4.20}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|E_4| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) (a(u) - a(u_h)) \sigma ds, \zeta \right) \right| \\
& \leq c c_1 c_2 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) ds + \varepsilon \|\zeta\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.21}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|E_5| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) a(u_h) \theta ds, \zeta \right) \right| \\
& \leq c c_1 c_3 \int_0^t \|\theta\|^2 ds + \varepsilon \|\zeta\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.22}$$

$$|E_6| = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) a(u_h) \xi ds, \zeta \right) \right| \tag{4.23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|E_7| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) (b(u) - b(u_h)) ds, \zeta \right) \right| \\
& \leq c c_1 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) ds + \varepsilon \|\zeta\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.24}$$

Thus, by appropriately small  $\varepsilon$ , setting (4.18) – (4.24) into (4.17) to yield.

$$\|\zeta\|^2 \leq C_2 (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2) + C_2 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds \tag{4.25}$$

Here,  $C_2 = C_2(c, c_1, c_2, c_3)$

Now, putting (4.25) into (4.16) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\xi\|^2 & \leq (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2 + C_2 (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2) \\
& \quad + C_2 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds \\
& \quad + C_1 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds) \\
\|\xi\|^2 & \leq C_3 (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) + C_3 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds
\end{aligned} \tag{4.26}$$

where  $C_3 = C_3(C_1, C_2)$ .

combining (4.7) with (4.26) we obtain,

$$\|\xi\|^2 \leq C_3 (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) + C_3 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds \tag{4.27}$$

applying Gronwall inequalities [1] to the above equation, one has

$$\|\xi\|^2 \leq C_3 (\|\theta\|^2 + \|\eta\|^2) + C_3 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2) ds \tag{4.28}$$

from (3.17), (3.19) and (4.28) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\xi\|^2 & \leq C_3 \left( c h^{2(k+1)} \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + c h^{2(k+1)} \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 \right) \\
& \quad + C_3 \int_0^t (c h^{2(m+1)} \|u\|_{L^\infty(H^{m+1})}^2 + c h^{2(k+1)} \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2) \\
\|\xi\|^2 & \leq C_5 h^{2 \min(k+1, m+1)} \left( \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|u\|_{L^\infty(H^{m+1})}^2 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{4.29}$$

$$\|\xi\|^2 \leq C_5 h^{2 \min(k+1, m+1)} \tag{4.30}$$

$$\|\xi\| \leq C_5 h^{\min(k+1, m+1)} \tag{4.31}$$

Now substituting (4.29) into (4.7) with (3.19) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\beta\|^2 & \leq c c_0 (C_5 h^{2 \min(k+1, m+1)} \left( \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|u\|_{L^\infty(H^{m+1})}^2 \right) \\
& \quad + C h^{2(k+1)} \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2) \\
\|\beta\|^2 & \leq C_6 h^{2 \min(k+1, m+1)} \left( \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|u\|_{L^\infty(H^{m+1})}^2 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{4.32}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\beta\|^2 & \leq C_6 h^{2 \min(k+1, m+1)} \\
\|\beta\| & \leq C_6 h^{\min(k+1, m+1)}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.33}$$

where from the given in the theorem we have

$$\|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|u\|_{L^\infty(H^{m+1})}^2 = 1$$



Now substituting (4.32) into (4.4) with (3.17) we get

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H^1} \leq Ch^m \|u\|_{m+1} + C_6 h^{\min(k+1, m+1)} \leq Ch^{\min(k+1, m)} \quad (4.34)$$

where  $C = C(C, C_6)$

and

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H^1} \leq Ch^m \|u\|_{m+1}$$

but

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq ch^{m+1} \|u\|_{m+1},$$

similarly, we prove (b), namely

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \cdot (q - q_h)\| &= \|\nabla \cdot (q - R_h q + R_h q - q_h)\| \\ &\leq \|\nabla \cdot (q - R_h q)\| + \|\nabla \cdot (R_h q - q_h)\| \\ &\leq \|\nabla \cdot \eta\| + \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|. \end{aligned} \quad (4.35)$$

Since, estimate of  $\eta$  is given in (3.19), it sufficient to estimate  $\|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|$ . We choose  $p_h = \zeta$

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla \cdot \zeta, \nabla \cdot \zeta) &= -(\theta_t, \zeta) - (\xi_t, \zeta) - (\nabla \cdot \eta, \nabla \cdot \zeta) \\ &\quad + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) - c(u_h)) \cdot \sigma ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\theta ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\xi ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(g(u) - g(u_h)) ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^7 D_i \end{aligned} \quad (4.36)$$

Using Young's inequalities to bound all the terms on the right side, we get

$$|D_1| = |-(\theta_t, \zeta)| \leq \frac{2c_2}{a_1} \|\theta_t\|^2 + \frac{a_1}{2c_2} \|\zeta\|^2 \quad (4.37)$$

$$|D_2| = |-(\xi_t, \zeta)| \leq \frac{2c_2}{a_1} \|\xi_t\|^2 + \frac{a_1}{2c_2} \|\zeta\|^2 \quad (4.38)$$

$$|D_3| = |(\nabla \cdot \eta, \nabla \cdot \zeta)| \leq c \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 \quad (4.39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |D_4| &= \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) - c(u_h)) \cdot \sigma ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \right| \\ &\leq cc_1 c_2 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) ds + \varepsilon \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |D_5| &= \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\theta ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \right| \\ &\leq cc_1 c_4 \int_0^t \|\theta\|^2 ds + \varepsilon \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

where  $c_4$  depends on  $c(u_h)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |D_6| &= \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\xi ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \right| \\ &\leq cc_1 c_4 \int_0^t \|\xi\|^2 ds + \varepsilon \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.42)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |D_7| &= \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(g(u) - g(u_h)) ds, \nabla \cdot \zeta \right) \right| \\ &\leq c \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) ds + \varepsilon \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.43)$$

Thus, by appropriately small  $\varepsilon$ , setting (4.37) – (4.43) into (4.36) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 &\leq C_4 (\|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\xi_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \|\zeta\|^2) \\ &\quad + C_4 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) ds \end{aligned} \quad (4.44)$$

where  $C_4 = C_4(c_4, a_1)$ ,

Here, we need to estimate  $\|\xi_t\|$ , we choose  $p_h = \xi_t$  in (4.1) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi_t, \xi_t) &= -(\theta_t, \xi_t) - (\nabla \cdot \eta, \nabla \cdot \xi_t) - (\nabla \cdot \zeta, \nabla \cdot \xi_t) \\ &\quad + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) - c(u_h)) \cdot \sigma ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\theta ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \\
& + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\xi ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \\
& + \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(g(u) - g(u_h))ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) = \sum_{i=0}^7 T_i
\end{aligned} \tag{4.45}$$

We analyse the right-hand side terms of (4.45) by using Young's inequalities with appropriately small  $\varepsilon$ , we obtain

$$|T_1| = |-(\theta_t, \xi_t)| \leq c\|\theta_t\|^2 + \varepsilon\|\xi_t\|^2 \tag{4.46}$$

$$|T_2| = |-(\nabla \cdot \eta, \nabla \cdot \xi_t)| \leq c\|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \varepsilon\|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2 \tag{4.47}$$

$$|T_3| = |-(\nabla \cdot \zeta, \nabla \cdot \xi_t)| \leq c\|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 + \varepsilon\|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2 \tag{4.48}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_4| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(c(u) - c(u_h)) \cdot \sigma ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \right| \\
& \leq cc_1c_2 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) ds + \varepsilon\|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.49}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_5| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\theta, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \right| \\
& \leq cc_1c_4 \int_0^t \|\theta\|^2 ds + \varepsilon\|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.50}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_6| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)c(u_h)\xi ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \right| \\
& \leq cc_1c_4 \int_0^t \|\xi\|^2 ds + \varepsilon\|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.51}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_7| & = \left| \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)(g(u) - g(u_h))ds, \nabla \cdot \xi_t \right) \right| \\
& \leq cc_1 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2) ds + \varepsilon\|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.52}$$

Thus, combining the above inequalities from (4.46) to (4.52), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\xi_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2 & \leq C_7(\|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2) \\
& + C_7 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) ds
\end{aligned} \tag{4.53}$$

then,  $\|\xi_t\|^2 \leq \|\xi_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \xi_t\|^2$ ,

thus, (4.53) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\xi_t\|^2 & \leq C_7(\|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2) \\
& + C_7 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) ds
\end{aligned} \tag{4.54}$$

from (4.54) into (4.44) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 & \leq C_4(\|\theta_t\|^2 + C_7(\|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2)) \\
& + C_7 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) ds + \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 \\
& + \|\xi\|^2 + C_4 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) ds
\end{aligned}$$

after simplify we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla \cdot \zeta\|^2 & \leq C_8(\|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \eta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) \\
& + C_8 \int_0^t (\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2) ds
\end{aligned} \tag{4.55}$$

where  $C_8 = C_8(C_4, C_7)$

now substituting (4.29) and (4.32) into (4.55) we get

$$\|\nabla \cdot \zeta\| \leq C_8 h^{\min(k+1, m+1)} \tag{4.56}$$

where  $\|\sigma_t\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|q\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 + \|u\|_{L^\infty(H^{m+1})}^2 + \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty(H^{k+1})}^2 = 1$

then putting (4.55) and (3.20) in (4.34) we have

$$\|\nabla \cdot (q - q_h)\| \leq C h^k \|q\|_{k+1} + C_8 h^{\min(k+1, m+1)}$$

$$\leq Ch^{\min(k,m+1)} \quad (4.57)$$

where  $C = C(C, C_g)$

for (c) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_h\| + \|\sigma - \sigma_h\| + \|q - q_h\| & \\ \leq \|u - I_h u + I_h u - u_h\| + \|\sigma - R_h \sigma + R_h \sigma - \sigma_h\| & \\ + \|q - R_h q + R_h q - q_h\| & \\ \leq \|u - I_h u\| + \|I_h u - u_h\| + \|\sigma - R_h \sigma\| & \\ + \|R_h \sigma - \sigma_h\| + \|q - R_h q\| + \|R_h q - q_h\| & \\ \leq \|\alpha\| + \|\beta\| + \|\theta\| + \|\xi\| + \|\eta\| + \|\zeta\| & \end{aligned} \quad (4.58)$$

Now, substituting (3.17), (3.19), (4.31) and (4.33) into (4.25), we get

$$\|\zeta\| \leq Ch^{\min(k+1,m+1)} \quad (4.59)$$

Therefore, setting (3.17), (3.19), (4.31), (4.33) and (4.59) into (4.58) we obtain

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq Ch^{\min(k+1,m+1)} \quad (4.60)$$

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