

■ Properties (cf. Subsection 4.4.2):

1.  $V = V'$  (s.a.), i.e.

$$\langle w, Vv \rangle = \langle v, \bar{V}w \rangle \quad \forall v, w \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$$

$$a_V(v, w) = a_V(w, v)$$

2.  $V$  is  $H^{-1/2}$ -elliptic (p.d.), i.e.  $\exists \mu_V = \text{const} > 0$ :

$$a_V(v, v) = \langle v, \bar{V}v \rangle \geq \mu_V \|v\|_{H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)}^2 \quad \forall v \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$$

In 2D, we suppose (15), i.e.  $\text{diam } \Omega < 1$ .

3.  $V \in L(H^{-1/2}(\Gamma), H^{1/2}(\Gamma))$ , i.e.  $\exists \bar{\mu}_V = \text{const} > 0$ :

$$|a_V(v, v)| = |\langle v, \bar{V}v \rangle| \leq \bar{\mu}_V \|v\|_{H^{-1/2}} \|w\|_{H^{-1/2}} \quad \forall v, w \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$$

■ Therefore, all results of the theorem of Lax & Milgram (= Banach's fixed point theorem:  $v = v + \tau \mathcal{J}(f - Vv)$ ) are valid:

1.  $\exists ! v \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) : (13)_{OE} \quad Vv = f = (13)_{VE}$ ,

2. Fixed point iteration:

$$v^{(n+1)} = v^{(n)} + \tau \mathcal{J}(f - \bar{V}v^{(n)}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} v,$$

where  $\mathcal{J}: H^{1/2} \rightarrow H^{-1/2}$  is Riesz' isomorphism.

3. Error estimates:  $\tau_{\text{opt}} = \frac{\mu_V}{\bar{\mu}_V^2}$   
 $q_{\text{opt}} = \sqrt{1 - \xi}$ ,  $\xi = \mu_V / \bar{\mu}_V$

$$\|v^{(n)} - v\|_{H^{-1/2}} \leq q_{\text{opt}} \|v^{(n-1)} - v\|_{H^{-1/2}}$$

$$\|v^{(n)} - v\|_{H^{-1/2}} \leq \frac{q_{\text{opt}}^n}{1 - q_{\text{opt}}} \|v^{(1)} - v^{(0)}\|_{H^{-1/2}}$$