

# Hilbert complexes with mixed boundary conditions part 3: Biharmonic complexes

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We show that the biharmonic Hilbert complex with mixed boundary conditions on bounded strong Lipschitz domains is closed and compact. The crucial results are compact embeddings that follow by abstract arguments using functional analysis together with particular regular decompositions. Higher Sobolev order results are also proved.

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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

In [1], we investigated the de Rham Hilbert complex with mixed boundary conditions on bounded strong Lipschitz domains

$$\dots \longrightarrow L^{q-1,2}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^{q-1}} L^{q,2}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^q} L^{q+1,2}(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots,$$

whose 3D version for vector proxies reads

$$\dots \longrightarrow L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^0 \hat{=} \text{grad}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^1 \hat{=} \text{rot}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{d^2 \hat{=} \text{div}} L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots.$$

In [2], we extended our studies and results to the elasticity complex

$$\dots \longrightarrow L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{symGrad}} L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{RotRot}_{\mathbb{S}}^{\top}} L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{S}}} L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots.$$

In this contribution, the third part of the series, we shall investigate the two biharmonic Hilbert complexes with mixed boundary conditions on a bounded strong Lipschitz domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \longrightarrow L^2(\Omega) &\xrightarrow{\text{Gradgrad}} L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}} L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}}} L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots, \\ \dots \longrightarrow L^2(\Omega) &\xrightarrow{\text{devGrad}} L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{symRot}_{\mathbb{T}}} L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}} L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots. \end{aligned}$$

Note that these two complexes are formally dual (adjoint) to each other.

As explained in detail in [1, 2], all these Hilbert complexes share the same geometric structure

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\cdots} H_0 \xrightarrow{A_0} H_1 \xrightarrow{A_1} H_2 \xrightarrow{\cdots} \cdots, \quad R(A_0) \subset N(A_1),$$

where  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  are densely defined and closed (unbounded) linear operators between Hilbert spaces  $H_\ell$ . The corresponding domain Hilbert complex is denoted by

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\cdots} D(A_0) \xrightarrow{A_0} D(A_1) \xrightarrow{A_1} H_2 \xrightarrow{\cdots} \cdots.$$

The goal of this article is to show that the previous biharmonic Hilbert complexes are compact, which is proved by using regular decompositions of the domains of definition of the respective operators as a crucial tool. We shall follow in close lines the rationale from [1, 2]. Along the way, we show the existence of regular potentials and decompositions, compact embeddings, Helmholtz decompositions, closed ranges, Friedrichs/Poincaré type estimates, and bases of the corresponding cohomology groups (generalised Dirichlet/Neumann tensors). Due to the similarity of results, we shall only state those which are most important. In the appendix, we will present some of the crucial proofs, which differ from the proofs of the previously investigated complexes.

## 2 | BIHARMONIC COMPLEXES I

Throughout this paper, let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a *bounded strong Lipschitz domain* with boundary  $\Gamma$ , decomposed into two parts  $\Gamma_t$  and  $\Gamma_n := \Gamma \setminus \overline{\Gamma_t}$  with some *relatively open and strong Lipschitz boundary part*  $\Gamma_t \subset \Gamma$ . More precisely, we assume generally that  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  is a *bounded strong Lipschitz pair*. We shall consequently use the notations, methods, and results from our corresponding papers for the de Rham complex [1], for the elasticity complex [2, 3], and for the biharmonic complexes [4]. In particular, we recall [1, Section 2, Section 3] including the notion of *extendable domains*. The standard Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces (scalar or tensor valued) are denoted by  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $H^k(\Omega)$  with  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

We recall that weak and strong boundary conditions coincide for the standard Sobolev spaces with mixed boundary conditions, that is,

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); \quad (1)$$

and compare [1, Lemma 3.2, Theorem 4.6]. Below, we shall show that “*strong = weak*” holds generally also for the biharmonic complex. Note that  $H_\emptyset^k(\Omega) = H^k(\Omega)$  and  $H_{\Gamma_t}^0(\Omega) = L^2(\Omega)$ .

We introduce as usual Grad, Rot, and Div as “row-wise” incarnations of the classical operators grad, rot, and div from the de Rham complex.

### 2.1 | Operators

Let Gradgrad, Rot, Div, devGrad, symRot, and divDiv be realised as densely defined (unbounded) linear operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\text{Grad}\mathring{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t} : D(\mathbb{S}\text{Grad}\mathring{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &\subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega); & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} : D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &\subset L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{Rot } S, \\ \mathring{\text{Div}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} : D(\mathring{\text{Div}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &\subset L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{Div } T, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t} : D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &\subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega); & v &\mapsto \text{devGrad } v, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} : D(\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &\subset L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{symRot } T, \\ \text{div}\mathring{\text{Div}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} : D(\text{div}\mathring{\text{Div}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &\subset L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{sym } S := \frac{1}{2}(S + S^\top)$  and  $\text{dev } T := T - \frac{1}{3}(\text{tr } T)\text{id}$ , with domains of definition

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbb{S}\text{Grad}\mathring{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &:= \mathbf{C}_{\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega), & D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &:= \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega), & D(\mathring{\text{Div}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &:= \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega), \\ D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &:= \mathbf{C}_{\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega), & D(\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &:= \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega), & D(\text{div}\mathring{\text{Div}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &:= \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega), \end{aligned}$$

satisfying the complex properties

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, & \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, & \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} &\subset 0. \end{aligned}$$

For elementary properties of these operators, see, for example, [3]; in particular, we have a collection of formulas presented in Lemma A.1 (Appendix A). Here, we introduce the Lebesgue Hilbert spaces and the test spaces of symmetric and deviatoric tensor fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) &:= \{S \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) : \text{skw}S = 0\}, & \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega) &:= \mathbb{C}_{\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega), \\ \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) &:= \{S \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) : \text{tr}T = 0\}, & \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega) &:= \mathbb{C}_{\Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega), \end{aligned}$$

respectively. We get the first and second biharmonic complexes on smooth tensor fields

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\longrightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}} \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots, \\ \dots &\longrightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}} \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow \dots. \end{aligned}$$

For a more algebraically structured introduction of the latter operators suggested by Rainer Picard, see Appendix B. The closures

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t} &:= \overline{\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}}, & \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} &:= \overline{\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}, & \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} &:= \overline{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t} &:= \overline{\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}}, & \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} &:= \overline{\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}, & \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} &:= \overline{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}, \end{aligned}$$

and Hilbert space adjoints are given by the densely defined and closed linear operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t} &: D(\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &\subset \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega); & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}^* &= \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} &: D(\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} &: D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{Rot } S, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^* &= \mathbf{symRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} &: D(\mathbf{symRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{symRot } T, \\ \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} &: D(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{Div } T, \\ \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^* &= -\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_n} &: D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_n}) &\subset \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega); & v &\mapsto -\text{devGrad } v, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t} &: D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &\subset \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega); & v &\mapsto \text{devGrad } v, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}^* &= -\mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} &: D(\mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto -\text{Div } T, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} &: D(\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{symRot } T, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^* &= \mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} &: D(\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{Rot } S, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} &: D(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &\subset \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^* &= \mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n} &: D(\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}) &\subset \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega); & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \end{aligned}$$

with domains of definition

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\text{grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), & D(\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega), & D(\mathbf{symRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ D(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega), & D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_n}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_n}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega), \\ D(\mathbb{T}\mathring{\text{Grad}}_{\Gamma_t}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega), & D(\mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\ D(\mathbb{S}\mathring{\text{Rot}}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega), & D(\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ D(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), & D(\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}) &= \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_n}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

We shall introduce the latter Sobolev spaces in the next section.

## 2.2 | Sobolev spaces

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \{u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in L^2(\Omega)\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &:= \{S \in L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) : \text{Rot } S \in L^2(\Omega)\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}(\text{Div}, \Omega) &:= \{T \in L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) : \text{Div } T \in L^2(\Omega)\}, \\ \mathbf{H}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &:= \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{devGrad } v \in L^2(\Omega)\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \{T \in L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) : \text{symRot } T \in L^2(\Omega)\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \{S \in L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in L^2(\Omega)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$  implies  $\text{Rot}S \in L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)$  (cf. Lemma A.1 (Appendix A)) and that we have by Nečas' inequality and a Korn type inequality for dev the regularities

$$\mathbf{H}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega), \quad \mathbf{H}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \quad (2)$$

with equivalent norms; see, for example, [5, Lemma 8.2] and [4, Lemma 3.2]. Moreover, we define boundary conditions in the *strong sense* as closures of respective test fields, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \overline{\mathbf{C}_{\Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{\mathbf{H}^2(\Omega)} = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &:= \overline{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{Rot}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) &:= \overline{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}(\text{Div}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &:= \overline{\mathbf{C}_{\Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)} = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \overline{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}(\text{symRot}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \overline{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\Gamma_t = \emptyset$ , we may skip the index  $\emptyset$ , which is justified by density. Spaces with vanishing differential operator coincide with kernels and are denoted by an additional index 0 at the lower right corner, for example,

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}), \quad \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Div}, \Omega) = N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}).$$

We need also the Sobolev spaces with boundary conditions defined in the *weak sense*, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ u \in \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega) : \langle \text{Gradgrad } u, \Phi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} = \langle u, \text{divDiv } \Phi \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \forall \Phi \in \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_n}^{\infty}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) : \langle \text{Rot } S, \Psi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} = \langle S, \text{symRot } \Psi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} \quad \forall \Psi \in \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_n}^{\infty}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}(\text{Div}, \Omega) : \langle \text{Div } T, \phi \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} = -\langle T, \text{devGrad } \phi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbf{C}_{\Gamma_n}^{\infty}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ v \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) : \langle \text{devGrad } v, \Psi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} = -\langle v, \text{Div } \Psi \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \forall \Psi \in \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_n}^{\infty}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) : \langle \text{symRot } T, \Phi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} = \langle T, \text{Rot } \Phi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} \quad \forall \Phi \in \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_n}^{\infty}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) : \langle \text{divDiv } S, \phi \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} = \langle S, \text{Gradgrad } \phi \rangle_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbf{C}_{\Gamma_n}^{\infty}(\Omega) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that “*strong*  $\subset$  *weak*” holds, that is,  $H_{\dots}(\dots, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\dots}(\dots, \Omega)$ , for example,

$$H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \quad H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega),$$

and that the complex properties hold in both the strong and the weak case, for example,

$$\text{devGrad } H_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \quad \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Div}, \Omega),$$

which follows immediately by the definitions. In Remark 2.3 below, we comment on the question whether “*strong* = *weak*” holds in general.

### 2.3 | Higher order Sobolev spaces

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we define higher order Sobolev spaces by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega) &:= H^k(\Omega) \cap L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega) &:= H^k(\Omega) \cap L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) &:= \overline{C_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega)}^{H^k(\Omega)} = H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) &:= \overline{C_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^\infty(\Omega)}^{H^k(\Omega)} = H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega), \\ H^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ u \in H^k(\Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in H^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ u \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega) : \text{Rot } S \in H^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) : \text{Rot } S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega) : \text{Div } T \in H^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) : \text{Div } T \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ v \in H^k(\Omega) : \text{devGrad } v \in H^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ v \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) : \text{devGrad } v \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega) : \text{symRot } T \in H^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) : \text{symRot } T \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in H^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For the first reading, we recommend to only regard the case  $k = 0$  from Section 2.2.

Note that, for example, for the latter divDiv-Sobolev spaces, we have  $H_{\mathbb{S}, \emptyset}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  and  $H_{\mathbb{S}, \emptyset}^0(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{S}}^0(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  as well as  $H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^0(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . For  $\Gamma_t \neq \emptyset$ , it holds

$$H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \quad k \geq 2,$$

but for  $\Gamma_t \neq \emptyset$  and  $k = 0$  and  $k = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^0(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) &= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) \\ &\subsetneq \left\{ S \in \underbrace{H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^0(\Omega)}_{=L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} : \operatorname{divDiv} S \in \underbrace{H_{\Gamma_t}^0(\Omega)}_{=L^2(\Omega)} \right\} = H_{\mathbb{S}}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) &\subsetneq \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) : \operatorname{divDiv} S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. As before, we introduce the kernels

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},0}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) \\ &= \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) : \operatorname{divDiv} S = 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding remarks and definitions extend also to the  $H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ ,  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega)$ ,  $H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Div}, \Omega)$ ,  $H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{devGrad}, \Omega)$ , and  $H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega)$ -spaces. In particular, we have for  $\Gamma_t \neq \emptyset$  and  $k \geq 1$  and, for example,  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega)$ , the observations

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) &= \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \operatorname{Rot} S \in H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \\ H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^0(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) &= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \subsetneq \left\{ S \in \underbrace{H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^0(\Omega)}_{=L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} : \operatorname{Rot} S \in \underbrace{H_{\Gamma_t}^0(\Omega)}_{=L^2(\Omega)} \right\} = H_{\mathbb{S}}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) &= H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},0}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \\ &= \left\{ S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) : \operatorname{Rot} S = 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we define the Sobolev spaces  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Div}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{devGrad}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega)$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$  using the respective Sobolev spaces with weak boundary conditions  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{\dots}(\dots, \Omega)$  in the definitions, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ T \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega) : \operatorname{symRot} T \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ T \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega) : \operatorname{symRot} T \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (1). Note that again “*strong*  $\subset$  *weak*” holds, that is,  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{\dots}(\dots, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{\dots}(\dots, \Omega)$ , for example,  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega)$ , and that the complex properties hold in both the strong and the weak case, for example,

$$\operatorname{Gradgrad} H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega), \quad \operatorname{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega).$$

In the forthcoming sections, we shall also investigate whether indeed “*strong* = *weak*” holds. We start with a simple implication from (1).

**Corollary 2.1.**  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega)$ , that is, weak and strong boundary conditions coincide for the standard Sobolev spaces of symmetric and deviatoric tensor fields with mixed boundary conditions, respectively.

As in (2) and with Corollary 2.1, we get the following.

**Lemma 2.2** (Higher order weak and strong partial boundary conditions coincide).

(i) For  $k \geq 0$ , it holds

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega).\end{aligned}$$

(ii) For  $k \geq 1$ , it holds

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &= \left\{ v \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{devGrad } v \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{Rot } S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \left\{ T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{symRot } T \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \left\{ T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{Div } T \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega).\end{aligned}$$

(iii) For  $k \geq 2$ , it holds

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &= \left\{ u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega).\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.3** (Weak and strong partial boundary conditions coincide). In [4, 5], we could prove the corresponding results “strong = weak” for the whole two biharmonic complexes but only with empty or full boundary conditions ( $\Gamma_t = \emptyset$  or  $\Gamma_t = \Gamma$ ). Therefore, in these special cases, the adjoints are well defined on the spaces with strong boundary conditions as well.

Lemma 2.2 shows that for higher values of  $k$  indeed “strong = weak” holds. Thus, to show “strong = weak” in general, we only have to prove that equality holds in the remaining cases  $k = 0$  and  $k = 1$ ; that is, we only have to show

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}, \Omega), & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega), & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^1(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^1(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega), & \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega), & \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &\subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\text{divDiv}, \Omega).\end{aligned}$$

The most delicate situation appears due to the second-order nature of  $\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}$ . In Corollary 3.11, we shall show using regular decompositions that these results (weak and strong boundary conditions coincide for the biharmonic complexes for all  $k \geq 0$ ) indeed hold true.

## 2.4 | More Sobolev spaces

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we introduce also slightly less regular higher order Sobolev spaces by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \right\}, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \right\},\end{aligned}$$

and we extend all conventions of our notations. These spaces can be ignored at the first reading.

We have for the kernels of  $\text{divDiv}_S$

$$\mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t,0}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \quad \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t,0}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega),$$

and by Nečas' inequality (cf. (2)),

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega).$$

The intersection with  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , respectively, is only needed if  $k = 1$ . As before, we observe  $\mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , that is, “strong  $\subset$  weak,” and in both cases (weak and strong), the complex properties hold, for example,  $\text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t,0}^{k-1}(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ .

Similar to Lemma 2.2, we have the following.

**Lemma 2.4.** (Higher order weak and strong partial boundary conditions coincide). For  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &= \left\{ u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \left\{ S \in \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) : \text{divDiv } S \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \right\} = \mathbf{H}_{S,\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

## 2.5 | Some biharmonic complexes

By definition, we have densely defined and closed (unbounded) linear operators defining six dual pairs

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^*) &= (\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}, \mathbf{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_n}), \\ (\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t}^*) &= (\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_n}), \\ (\text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_t}, \text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_t}^*) &= (\text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_t}, -\mathbb{T}\mathbf{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}), \\ (\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^*) &= (\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}, -\mathbf{Div}_{T,\Gamma_n}), \\ (\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_t}^*) &= (\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_n}), \\ (\text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_t}, \text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_t}^*) &= (\text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}). \end{aligned}$$

Pauly and Schomburg [1, Remark 2.5, Remark 2.6] show the complex properties

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t} \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, & \text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_t} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, \\ \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_t} \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, & \text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_t} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_t} &\subset 0, \\ \mathbf{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_n} \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_n} &\subset 0, & -\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_n} \mathbb{T}\mathbf{Grad}_{\Gamma_n} &\subset 0, \\ -\mathbf{Div}_{T,\Gamma_n} \mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_n} &\subset 0, & \mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_n} \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n} &\subset 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get the two primal and dual biharmonic Hilbert complexes

$$\cdots \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\cdots} \\ \xleftarrow{\cdots} \end{array} L^2(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2_S(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2_T(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\mathbf{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\cdots} \\ \xleftarrow{\cdots} \end{array} \cdots, \quad (3)$$

$$\cdots \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\cdots} \\ \xleftarrow{\cdots} \end{array} L^2(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{-\text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2_T(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2_S(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\cdots} \\ \xleftarrow{\cdots} \end{array} \cdots. \quad (4)$$

The long primal and dual biharmonic Hilbert complexes (cf. [1, (12)]) read

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} \\ \xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} \end{array} L^2(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{S,\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2_S(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S,\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{T,\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2_T(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{T,\Gamma_t}} \\ \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\mathbf{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}} \end{array} L^2(\Omega) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \\ \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \end{array} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n} \quad (5)$$



$$\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} \xrightleftharpoons[\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}]{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[-\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}]{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}} L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}]{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}]{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}}]{\pi_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n} \quad (6)$$

with the additional complex properties

$$R(\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}) = N(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}) = \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}, \quad \overline{R(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n})} = \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}^{L^2(\Omega)},$$

$$R(\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}) = N(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) = \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}, \quad \overline{R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n})} = (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t})^{L^2(\Omega)},$$

where

$$\mathbb{RT}_{\Sigma} = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \Sigma \neq \emptyset, \\ \mathbb{RT} & \text{if } \Sigma = \emptyset, \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbb{RT} := \left\{ \mathbb{R}^{3^3} \ni x \mapsto ax + q : a \in \mathbb{R}^3, q \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\},$$

$$\mathbb{P}^1_{\Sigma} = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \Sigma \neq \emptyset, \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & \text{if } \Sigma = \emptyset, \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbb{P}^1 := \left\{ \mathbb{R}^{3^3} \ni x \mapsto q \cdot x + a : a \in \mathbb{R}^3, q \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\}$$

denote the global Raviart–Thomas fields and the global polynomials of degree less or equal to 1 in  $\Omega$ , respectively. We have  $\dim \mathbb{RT} = \dim \mathbb{P}^1 = 4$ . Note that, for example, by Lemma 2.2 (i), it holds

$$N(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) = \left\{ u \in H^2_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) : \text{Gradgrad } u = 0 \right\}.$$

More generally, in addition to (5) and (6), we shall discuss for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  the higher Sobolev order (long primal and formally dual) biharmonic Hilbert complexes (omitting  $\Omega$  in the notation)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{-\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n} \end{aligned}$$

with associated domain complexes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{symRot}) \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_n}(\text{devGrad}) \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}) \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{-\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{Div}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{Rot}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_n}(\text{Gradgrad}) \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, for  $k \geq 1$  we will also discuss the following variants of the biharmonic complexes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}} H^k_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}} H^{k-1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}} H^{k-1}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}} H^{k-1}_{\Gamma_t} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_t}}} H^{k-1}_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H^k_{\Gamma_n} \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H_{\Gamma_t}^k \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}} H_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}^1} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_n}^1, \\ \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1} \xleftarrow{-\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k-1} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k-1} \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}} H_{\Gamma_n}^k \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}^1} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_n}^1 \end{aligned}$$

with associated domain complexes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}^1} H_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\text{Rot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\text{Div}) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}} H_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}^1} H_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1} \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{symRot}) \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\text{devGrad}) \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_n} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}) \xrightarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}} H_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}^1} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_n}^1, \\ \mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t} &\xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{RT}_{\Gamma_t}}} H_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1} \xleftarrow{-\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\text{Div}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\text{Rot}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}} H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Gradgrad}) \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}^1} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_n}^1. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we have introduced the densely defined and closed linear operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) \subset H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \\ \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k &: D\left(\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \\ \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{Rot } S, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{symRot } T, \\ \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k &: D\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{Div } T, \\ \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k\right) \subset H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega); & v &\mapsto \text{devGrad } v, \\ \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) \subset H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); & v &\mapsto \text{devGrad } v, \\ \mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k &: D\left(\mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{Div } T, \\ \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{symRot } T, \\ \mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{Rot } S, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k &: D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^k &: D\left(\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^k\right) \subset H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega); & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \end{aligned}$$

with domains of definition

$$\begin{aligned} D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), & D\left(\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), & D\left(\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ D\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), & D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega), \\ D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega), & D\left(\mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\ D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), & D\left(\mathbb{T}\mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), & D\left(\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} &: D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega); \quad u \mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \\ \mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1} &: D\left(\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\Omega); \quad u \mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} &: D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega); \quad S \mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \\ \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1} &: D\left(\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\Omega); \quad S \mapsto \text{divDiv } S, \end{aligned}$$

with domains of definition

$$\begin{aligned} D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), \quad D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ D\left(\mathbb{S}\mathbf{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega), \quad D\left(\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

## 2.6 | Dirichlet/Neumann fields

We also introduce the cohomology spaces of biharmonic Dirichlet/Neumann tensor fields (generalised harmonic tensors)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) &:= N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \cap N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \varepsilon^{-1}\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega) &:= N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) \cap N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\mu) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mu^{-1}\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\varepsilon : \mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)$  is a symmetric and positive topological isomorphism (symmetric and positive bijective bounded linear operator), which introduces a new inner product

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} := \langle \varepsilon \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)},$$

where  $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) := \mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)$  (as linear space) equipped with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}$ . Such *weights*  $\varepsilon$  and also  $\mu : \mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega)$  are called *admissible*. Typical examples are given by symmetric,  $L_\infty$ -bounded, and uniformly positive definite tensor fields  $\varepsilon, \mu : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(3 \times 3) \times (3 \times 3)}$  with appropriate algebraic properties.

## 3 | BIHARMONIC COMPLEXES II

### 3.1 | Regular potentials and decompositions I

#### 3.1.1 | Extendable domains

The next theorem is a crucial result. Its proof is based on [4, Theorem 3.10], where the stated results for  $\Gamma_t = \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_t = \emptyset$  have been shown, and the arguments used in, for example, [1, Lemma 4.4] for partial boundary conditions. See Appendix C for a detailed proof.

**Theorem 3.1** (Regular potential operators for extendable domains). *Let  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  be an extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pair and let  $k \geq 0$ . Then there exist bounded linear regular potential operators*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^k &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot},\Gamma_t}^k &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} &: \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad},\Gamma_t}^k &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot},\Gamma_t}^k &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k} &: \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \left(\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_n}^1\right)^{\perp L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\mathcal{P}^{\dots}$  are right inverses for  ${}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Gradgrad}$ ,  ${}_{\mathbb{T}}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}$ ,  $\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  ${}_{\mathbb{T}}\text{Grad}$ ,  ${}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}$ , respectively, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gradgrad } \mathcal{P}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Gradgrad}, \Gamma_t} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega)}, & \text{devGrad } \mathcal{P}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}\text{Grad}, \Gamma_t} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega)}, \\ \text{Rot } \mathcal{P}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Div}, \Omega)}, & \text{symRot } \mathcal{P}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}, \\ \text{Div } \mathcal{P}^k_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}^k_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp L^2(\Omega)}}, & \text{divDiv } \mathcal{P}^k_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}^k_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp L^2(\Omega)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality,  $\mathcal{P}^{\dots}$  map to tensor fields with a fixed compact support in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

*Remark 3.2.* Note that  $A_n \mathcal{P}_{A_n} = \text{id}_{R(A_n)}$  is a general property of a (bounded regular) potential operator  $\mathcal{P}_{A_n} : R(A_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_n^+$  with  $\mathbf{H}_n^+ \subset D(A_n)$  (cf. [1, Section 2.3]).

As a simple consequence of the complex properties, the general results for regular potentials and decompositions from, for example, [1, Section 2.3] and Theorem 3.1, we obtain a few corollaries.

**Corollary 3.3** (Regular potentials for extendable domains). *Let  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  be an extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pair and let  $k \geq 0$ . Then the regular potentials representations*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}^k_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}^{k+2}_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \\ &= \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}^{k+1, k}_{\Gamma_t}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) \\ &= R\left({}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Gradgrad}^k_{\Gamma_t}\right) = R\left({}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Gradgrad}^{k+1, k}_{\Gamma_t}\right), \\ \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{Div}, \Omega) = \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}^{k+1}_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}(\Omega) \\ &= R\left({}_{\mathbb{T}}\text{Rot}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}\right), \\ \mathbf{H}^k_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp L^2(\Omega)} &= \text{Div } \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) = \text{Div } \mathbf{H}^{k+1}_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t}(\Omega) \\ &= R\left(\text{Div}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t}\right), \\ \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) = \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}^k_{\Gamma_t}(\text{devGrad } \Omega) = \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}^{k+1}_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \\ &= R\left({}_{\mathbb{T}}\text{Grad}^k_{\Gamma_t}\right), \\ \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t, 0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) = \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}^{k+1}_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t}(\Omega) \\ &= R\left({}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{Rot}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{T}}, \Gamma_t}\right), \\ \mathbf{H}^k_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp L^2(\Omega)} &= \text{divDiv } \mathbf{H}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \text{divDiv } \mathbf{H}^{k+2}_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}(\Omega) \\ &= \text{divDiv } \mathbf{H}^{k+1, k}_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \\ &= R\left(\text{divDiv}^k_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}\right) = R\left(\text{divDiv}^{k+1, k}_{{}_{\mathbb{S}}, \Gamma_t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

hold, and the potentials can be chosen such that they depend continuously on the data. In particular, the latter spaces are closed subspaces of  $\mathbf{H}^k_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}^k_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)$ , and  $\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)$ , respectively.

**Corollary 3.4.** (Regular decompositions for extendable domains). *Let  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  be an extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pair and let  $k \geq 0$ . Then the bounded regular decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) = R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t, 0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{Gradgrad } R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}, \Gamma_t}^k \right), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t, 0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{Rot } R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t, 0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{devGrad } R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}, \Gamma_t}^k \right), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t, 0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) \dot{+} \text{symRot } R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right)
\end{aligned}$$

hold with bounded linear regular decomposition operators

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \text{Rot} : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}, \Gamma_t}^k \left( 1 - \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \text{Div} : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \left( 1 - \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \text{symRot} : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}, \Gamma_t}^k \left( 1 - \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^k \text{divDiv} : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \left( 1 - \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega),
\end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{Gradgrad } \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)}, \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{Rot } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)}, \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{devGrad } \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)}, \\
\mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{symRot } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Remark 3.5.* Note that for (bounded linear) potential operators  $\mathcal{P}_{A_{n-1}}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{A_n}$ , the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1 + A_{n-1}\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^0 &= \text{id}_{D(A_n)} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1 := \mathcal{P}_{A_n}A_n : D(A_n) \rightarrow H_n^+, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^0 &:= \mathcal{P}_{A_{n-1}}(1 - \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1) : D(A_n) \rightarrow H_{n-1}^+ \end{aligned}$$

is a general structure of a (bounded) regular decomposition. Moreover,

- (i)  $R(\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1) = R(\mathcal{P}_{A_n})$  and  $R(\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^0) = R(\mathcal{P}_{A_{n-1}})$ .
- (ii)  $N(A_n)$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1$ , as  $A_n = A_n\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1$  holds by the complex property.
- (iii)  $\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1$  and  $A_{n-1}\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^0 = 1 - \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1$  are projections.
- (iv) There exists  $c > 0$  such that for all  $x \in D(A_n)$

$$\left| \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1 x \right|_{H_n^+} \leq c |A_n x|_{H_{n+1}^+}.$$

(iv') In particular,  $\mathcal{Q}_{A_n}^1|_{N(A_n)} = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** (Weak and strong partial boundary conditions coincide for extendable domains). *Let  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  be an extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pair and let  $k \geq 0$ . Then weak and strong boundary conditions coincide, that is,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Similar versions of Corollary 3.4 and Corollary 3.6 are available for the nonstandard Sobolev spaces of the form  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\dots, \Omega)$  (cf. Section 2.4). Note that

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \tag{7}$$

as  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** (Corollary 3.4 and Corollary 3.6 for nonstandard Sobolev spaces). *Let  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  be an extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pair and let  $k \geq 1$ . Then the bounded regular decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k-1} \right) \dot{+} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t, 0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \\ &= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k-1} \right) \dot{+} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k-1} \right) \dot{+} \text{symRot } R \left( \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \end{aligned}$$

hold with bounded linear regular decomposition operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k-1} \text{divDiv} : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,0} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}}^k \left( 1 - \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,1} \right) : \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

satisfying  $Q_{\text{divDiv}_S, \Gamma_t}^{k, k-1, 1} + \text{symRot } Q_{\text{divDiv}_S, \Gamma_t}^{k, k-1, 0} = \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k, k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}$ . In particular, weak and strong boundary conditions coincide also for the nonstandard Sobolev spaces.

Recall the Hilbert complexes and cohomology groups from Section 2.5 and Section 2.6.

**Theorem 3.8.** (Closed and exact Hilbert complexes for extendable domains). *Let  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  be an extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pair and let  $k \geq 0$ . Both biharmonic domain complexes*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 & \xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2} & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} & \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 & \xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^k & \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{S, \Gamma_n}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}) & \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T, \Gamma_n}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_n}^k(\text{symRot}) & \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^{k+1} & \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} & \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n} \end{array}$$

and, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 & \xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1} & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k, k-1}} & \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\text{Rot}) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k-1}} & \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\text{Div}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{T, \Gamma_t}^{k-1}} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} & \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}, \\ \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 & \xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1} & \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{S, \Gamma_n}^{k, k-1}} & \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\text{divDiv}) & \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{T, \Gamma_n}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_n}^k(\text{symRot}) & \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} & \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_n}^{k+1} & \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} & \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n} \end{array}$$

are exact and closed Hilbert complexes. In particular, all ranges are closed, all cohomology groups (Dirichlet/Neumann fields) are trivial, and the operators from Theorem 3.1 are associated bounded regular potential operators.

### 3.1.2 | General strong Lipschitz domains

From now on, we drop the additional condition “extendable domain,” thus  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  is a bounded strong Lipschitz pair.

**Lemma 3.9.** (cutting lemma). *Let  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and let  $k \geq 0$ .*

- (i) *If  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ , then  $\varphi S \in \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{Rot}(\varphi S) = \varphi \text{Rot } S - S \text{ spn grad } \varphi$ .*
- (ii) *If  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$ , then  $\varphi T \in \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{Div}(\varphi T) = \varphi \text{Div } T + T \text{ grad } \varphi$ .*
- (iii) *If  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$ , then  $\varphi T \in \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{symRot}(\varphi T) = \varphi \text{symRot } T - \text{sym}(T \text{ spn grad } \varphi)$ .*
- (iv) *If  $k \geq 1$  and  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k, k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , then  $\varphi S \in \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k, k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  and*

$$\text{divDiv}(\varphi S) = \varphi \text{divDiv } S + 2 \text{grad } \varphi \cdot \text{Div } S + \text{Grad grad } \varphi : S.$$

*In particular, this holds for  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . Note that  $\cdot$  and  $:$  denote the point-wise scalar product for vectors fields and tensor (matrix) fields, respectively.*

We proceed by showing crucial regular decompositions for the biharmonic complexes extending the results of Corollary 3.4 and Corollary 3.7 to our general setting. The proof is based on Corollary 3.4 together with a partition of unity.

**Lemma 3.10.** (Regular decompositions). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then the bounded regular decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Grad grad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{S, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{T, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $k \geq 1$ , the nonstandard bounded regular decompositions

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$$

hold with bounded linear regular decomposition operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{Gradgrad } \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{Rot } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{devGrad } \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \text{symRot } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,1} + \text{symRot } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}, \quad k \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

It holds  $\text{Rot } \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\text{Div } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k$ , and  $\text{symRot } \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \mathbf{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k$  and thus  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$  are invariant under  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , and  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , respectively. Analogously, we have  $\text{divDiv } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k$  and  $\text{divDiv } \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,1} = \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}$  and thus  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,k-1,1}$ , respectively.

Corollary 3.6 and (7) are generalised to the following important result.

**Corollary 3.11.** (Weak and strong partial boundary conditions coincide). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Weak and strong boundary conditions coincide, that is,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \quad k \geq 1, \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \quad k \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we have  $\mathbb{S} \text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k = \mathbb{S} \text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathbb{T} \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k = \mathbb{T} \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k = \mathbf{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathbb{T} \text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k = \mathbb{T} \text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathbb{S} \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k = \mathbb{S} \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k = \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k$ , as well as, for  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\mathbb{S} \text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} = \mathbb{S} \text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}$  and  $\mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} = \mathbf{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}$ .

For a detailed proof of Lemma 3.10 and Corollary 3.11, see Appendix C.



### 3.2 | Mini FA-ToolBox

#### 3.2.1 | Zero order mini FA-ToolBox

Recall Section 2.6 and let  $\varepsilon, \mu$  be admissible. In Section 2.1 (for  $\varepsilon = \mu = \text{id}$ ), we have seen that the densely defined and closed linear operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{-1} &= \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} : \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \rightarrow L^2(\Omega); & p &\mapsto p, \\
 A_0 &= \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t} : H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega); & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad } u, \\
 A_1 &= \mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \subset L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \mu^{-1} \text{Rot } S, \\
 A_2 &= \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \mu : \mu^{-1} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \subset L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \text{Div } \mu T, \\
 A_3 &= \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}^* : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}; & q &\mapsto \pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}} q, \\
 A_{-1}^* &= \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}^* : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1; & p &\mapsto \pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} p, \\
 A_0^* &= \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \varepsilon : \varepsilon^{-1} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega); & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv } \varepsilon S, \\
 A_1^* &= \varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} : H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \subset L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega); & T &\mapsto \varepsilon^{-1} \text{symRot } T, \\
 A_2^* &= -\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n} : H_{\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega); & v &\mapsto -\text{devGrad } v, \\
 A_3^* &= \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}} : \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n} \rightarrow L^2(\Omega); & q &\mapsto q,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Corollary 3.11, build the long primal and dual elasticity Hilbert complex

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \xrightleftharpoons[\Lambda_{-1}^* \cong \pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}]{A_{-1} = \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\Lambda_0^* = \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \varepsilon]{A_0 = \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}} L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\Lambda_1^* = \varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}]{A_1 = \mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\Lambda_2^* = -\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}]{A_2 = \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} \mu} L^2(\Omega) \xrightleftharpoons[\Lambda_3^* = \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}]{A_3 \cong \pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}, \quad (8)$$

and compare (5). Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} A_{-1}^* &= \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}^* = \pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega), \\
 \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}} A_3 &= \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}} \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}^* = \pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}} : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

are the actual projectors onto  $\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1$  and  $\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}$ , respectively.

**Theorem 3.12.** (Compact embeddings). *The embeddings*

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(A_1) \cap D(A_0^*) &= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \varepsilon^{-1} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \hookrightarrow L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega), \\
 D(A_2) \cap D(A_1^*) &= \mu^{-1} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \hookrightarrow L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

are compact. Moreover, the compactness does not depend on  $\varepsilon$  or  $\mu$ .

See Appendix C for a proof.

*Remark 3.13.* (Compact embeddings). The embeddings

$$D(A_0) \cap D(A_{-1}^*) = D(A_0) = H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega), \quad D(A_3) \cap D(A_2^*) = D(A_2^*) = H_{\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$$

are compact by Rellich's selection theorem.

**Theorem 3.14.** (Compact biharmonic complex). *The long primal and dual biharmonic Hilbert complex (8) is compact. In particular, the complex is closed.*

Let us recall for the densely defined and closed linear operators

$$A_n : D(A_n) \subset H_n \rightarrow H_{n+1}, \quad A_n^* : D(A_n^*) \subset H_{n+1} \rightarrow H_n$$

the corresponding reduced operators

$$\begin{aligned} (A_n)_\perp &:= A_n \Big|_{N(A_n)^\perp} : D((A_n)_\perp) = D(A_n) \cap N(A_n)^\perp \subset N(A_n)^\perp \rightarrow R(A_n), \\ (A_n^*)_\perp &:= A_n^* \Big|_{N(A_n^*)^\perp} : D((A_n^*)_\perp) = D(A_n^*) \cap N(A_n^*)^\perp \subset N(A_n^*)^\perp \rightarrow R(A_n^*). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $R(A_n) = R((A_n)_\perp) = N(A_n^*)^\perp$  and  $R(A_n^*) = R((A_n^*)_\perp) = N(A_n)^\perp$ . Here, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} (A_0)_\perp &= (\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t})_\perp, \quad (A_1)_\perp = (\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})_\perp, \quad (A_2)_\perp = (\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\mu)_\perp, \\ (A_0^*)_\perp &= (\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)_\perp, \quad (A_1^*)_\perp = (\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n})_\perp, \quad (A_2^*)_\perp = -(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n})_\perp, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (A_{-1})_\perp &= \left( \iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} \right)_\perp = \text{id}_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} : \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1, \\ (A_{-1}^*)_\perp &\cong \left( \pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} \right)_\perp = \pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} \Big|_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1} : \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1, \\ (A_3)_\perp &\cong \left( \pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n} \right)_\perp = \pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n} \Big|_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n} : \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n, \\ (A_3^*)_\perp &= \left( \iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n} \right)_\perp = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n} : \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.9 of [1] shows:

**Theorem 3.15.** (Mini FA-ToolBox). *For the zero order biharmonic complex, it holds*

- (i) *The ranges  $R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t})$ ,  $R(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})$ , and  $R(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\mu)$  are closed.*
- (i') *The ranges  $R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)$ ,  $R(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n})$ , and  $R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n})$  are closed.*
- (ii) *The inverse operators  $(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t})_\perp^{-1}$ ,  $(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})_\perp^{-1}$ , and  $(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\mu)_\perp^{-1}$  are compact.*
- (ii') *The inverse operators  $(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)_\perp^{-1}$ ,  $(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n})_\perp^{-1}$ , and  $(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n})_\perp^{-1}$  are compact.*
- (iii) *The cohomology groups of generalised Dirichlet/Neumann tensor fields  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)$  are finite-dimensional. Moreover, the dimensions do not depend on  $\varepsilon$  or  $\mu$ .*
- (iv) *The orthonormal Helmholtz type decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) \\ &= N(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} R(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) \\ &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} R(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}), \\ L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) &= R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\mu) \\ &= N(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} R(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \\ &= R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} R(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \end{aligned}$$

hold.

(v) There exist (optimal)  $c_0, c_1, c_2 > 0$  such that the Friedrichs/Poincaré type estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
\forall u \in H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega) \cap \left(\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1\right)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} & \quad |u|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq c_0 |\text{Gradgrad } u|_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}, \\
\forall S \in \varepsilon^{-1}H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) & \quad |S|_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \leq c_0 |\text{divDiv } \varepsilon S|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \\
\forall S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap R(\varepsilon_{\mathbb{S}}^{-1}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) & \quad |S|_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \leq c_1 |\mu^{-1}\text{Rot } S|_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)}, \\
\forall T \in H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap R(\mu^{-1}\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) & \quad |T|_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \leq c_1 |\varepsilon^{-1}\text{symRot } T|_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}, \\
\forall T \in \mu^{-1}H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}) & \quad |T|_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \leq c_2 |\text{Div } \mu T|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \\
\forall v \in H_{\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \cap \left(\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}\right)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} & \quad |v|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq c_2 |\text{devGrad } v|_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

hold.

(vi) For all  $S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \varepsilon^{-1}H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}}$ , it holds

$$|S|_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq c_1^2 |\mu^{-1}\text{Rot } S|_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)}^2 + c_0^2 |\text{divDiv } \varepsilon S|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

(vi') For all  $T \in H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mu^{-1}H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)}}$ , it holds

$$|T|_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq c_1^2 |\varepsilon^{-1}\text{symRot } T|_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}^2 + c_2^2 |\text{Div } \mu T|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

(vii)  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega) = \{0\}$ , if  $(\Omega, \Gamma_t)$  is extendable.

### 3.2.2 | Higher order mini FA-ToolBox

For simplicity, let  $\varepsilon = \mu = \text{id}$ . From Section 2.5, we recall the densely defined and closed higher Sobolev order operators

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k & : H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \subset H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega), \\
\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} & : H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega), \quad k \geq 1, \\
\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k & , : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega), \\
\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k & : H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega), \\
\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k & : H_{\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega), \\
\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k & : H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega), \\
\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k & : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega), \\
\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1} & : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\Omega), \quad k \geq 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

building the long biharmonic Hilbert complexes

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k} H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}, \quad k \geq 0, \tag{10}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} H_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}}} \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n}, \quad k \geq 0, \tag{11}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \xrightarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k-1}} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n}} \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n, \quad k \geq 1, \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \xleftarrow{\pi_{\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1}} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_n}^{k-1}(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{-\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\iota_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n}} \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n, \quad k \geq 1, \quad (13)$$

We start with regular representations implied by Lemma 3.10 and Corollary 3.11.

**Theorem 3.16.** (Regular representations and closed ranges). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then the regular potential representations*

$$\begin{aligned} R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right) &= R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) = \text{Gradgrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) = \text{Gradgrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\ &= \text{Gradgrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}(\Omega)}} \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \text{Rot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = \text{Rot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)}} \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \text{Div } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) = \text{Div } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) = \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \left(\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}\Gamma_n\right)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \text{devGrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega) = \text{devGrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)}} \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \text{symRot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) = \text{symRot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)}} \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\Gamma_t,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right) &= R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = \text{divDiv } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \text{divDiv } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\ &= \text{divDiv } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) = \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap \left(\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_n}^1\right)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \end{aligned}$$

hold. In particular, the latter spaces are closed subspaces of  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)$ , and  $\mathbb{H}^k(\Omega)$ , respectively, and all ranges of the higher Sobolev order operators in (9) are closed. Moreover, the long biharmonic Hilbert complexes (10)–(13) are closed.

A proof is given in Appendix C. Note that in Theorem 3.16 we claim nothing about bounded regular potential operators, leaving the question of bounded potentials to the next sections (cf. Theorem 3.24).

The reduced operators corresponding to (9) are

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right) \subset \left( \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \right)^{\perp_{H_t^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right), \\
& \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1} \right)_\perp \right) \subset \left( \mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1 \right)^{\perp_{H_t^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k-1} \right), \quad k \geq 1, \\
& \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right) \subset N \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)^{\perp_{H_t^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right), \\
& \left( \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right) \subset N \left( \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)^{\perp_{H_t^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right), \\
& \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k \right)_\perp \right) \subset \left( \mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n} \right)^{\perp_{H_n^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_n}^k \right), \\
& \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \right)_\perp \right) \subset N \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \right)^{\perp_{H_n^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \right), \\
& \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \right)_\perp \right) \subset N \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \right)^{\perp_{H_n^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \right), \\
& \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1} \right)_\perp : D \left( \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1} \right)_\perp \right) \subset N \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \right)^{\perp_{H_n^k(\Omega)}} \rightarrow R \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k-1} \right), \quad k \geq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.1 of [1] and Theorem 3.16 yield the following:

**Theorem 3.17.** (Closed ranges and bounded inverse operators). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then,*

- (i)  $R \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right) = R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) = R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right) = R \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_\perp \right)$  are closed, and equivalently, the inverse operators

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp^{-1} : R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) \rightarrow D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right) \\
\text{resp.} \quad & \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp^{-1} : R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) \rightarrow D \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right), \\
& \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_\perp^{-1} : R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) \rightarrow D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_\perp \right) \\
\text{resp.} \quad & \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_\perp^{-1} : R \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) \rightarrow D \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

are bounded. Equivalently, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $u \in D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right)$  resp.  $u \in D \left( \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_\perp \right)$

$$|u|_{H^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Gradgrad } u|_{H^k(\mathbb{S}(\Omega))} \quad \text{resp.} \quad |u|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Gradgrad } u|_{H^k(\mathbb{S}(\Omega))}.$$

- (ii)  $R \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right) = R \left( \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right)$  are closed, and equivalently, the inverse operator

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp^{-1} : R \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right) \rightarrow D \left( \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right) \\
\text{resp.} \quad & \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp^{-1} : R \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right) \rightarrow D \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)
\end{aligned}$$

is bounded. Equivalently, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $S \in D \left( \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_\perp \right)$

$$|S|_{H^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Rot } S|_{H^k(\mathbb{T}(\Omega))}.$$

(iii)  $R\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = R\left(\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$  are closed, and equivalently, the inverse operator

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \\ \text{resp.} \quad & \left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \rightarrow D\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \end{aligned}$$

is bounded. Equivalently, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $T \in D\left(\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$

$$|T|_{\mathbb{H}_T^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Div } T|_{\mathbb{H}^k(\Omega)}.$$

(iv)  $R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) = R\left(\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$  are closed, and equivalently, the inverse operator

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \\ \text{resp.} \quad & \left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) \end{aligned}$$

is bounded. Equivalently, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $v \in D\left(\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$

$$|v|_{\mathbb{H}^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{devGrad } v|_{\mathbb{H}_T^k(\Omega)}.$$

(v)  $R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = R\left(\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$  are closed, and equivalently, the inverse operator

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \\ \text{resp.} \quad & \left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \end{aligned}$$

is bounded. Equivalently, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $T \in D\left(\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$

$$|T|_{\mathbb{H}_T^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{symRot } T|_{\mathbb{H}_S^k(\Omega)}.$$

(vi)  $R\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) = R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right) = R\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right)_\perp\right)$  are closed, and equivalently, the inverse operators

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \\ \text{resp.} \quad & \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \rightarrow D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right), \\ & \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right)_\perp\right) \\ \text{resp.} \quad & \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right)_\perp^{-1} : R\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right) \rightarrow D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

are bounded. Equivalently, there is  $c > 0$  such that for all  $S \in D\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp\right)$  resp.  $S \in D\left(\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right)_\perp\right)$

$$|S|_{\mathbb{H}_S^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{divDiv } S|_{\mathbb{H}^k(\Omega)} \quad \text{resp.} \quad |S|_{\mathbb{H}_S^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{divDiv } S|_{\mathbb{H}^k(\Omega)}.$$

**Lemma 3.18.** (Schwarz' lemma). *Let  $0 \leq |\alpha| \leq k$ .*

- (i) *If  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$  then  $\partial^\alpha S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{Rot} \partial^\alpha S = \partial^\alpha \text{Rot} S$ .*
- (ii) *If  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$  then  $\partial^\alpha T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{Div} \partial^\alpha T = \partial^\alpha \text{Div} T$ .*
- (iii) *If  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$  then  $\partial^\alpha T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{symRot} \partial^\alpha T = \partial^\alpha \text{symRot} T$ .*
- (iv) *If  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  resp.  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  then  $\partial^\alpha S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  resp.  $\partial^\alpha S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{1,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  and  $\text{divDiv} \partial^\alpha S = \partial^\alpha \text{divDiv} S$ .*

**Theorem 3.19.** (Compact embedding). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then the embeddings*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &\hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k, \Gamma(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &\hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k, \Gamma(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

are compact.

A proof is given in Appendix C.

*Remark 3.20.* (Compact embedding). For  $k \geq 1$  (cf. [3, Remark 4.12]), there is another and slightly more general proof of the first compact embedding using a variant of [1, Lemma 2.22] (cf. [2, Theorem 3.19, Remark 3.20]); see Appendix C for a proof. It utilises the decomposition  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  from Lemma 3.10 and leads immediately to the next (stronger) result.

**Theorem 3.21.** (Compact embedding). *Let  $k \geq 1$ . Then the embedding*

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}^k(\Omega)$$

is compact.

**Theorem 3.22.** (Friedrichs/Poincaré type estimate). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then there exists  $c > 0$  such that for all*

$$\begin{aligned} S &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_S(\Omega)}}, \\ T &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_T(\Omega)}}, \end{aligned}$$

it holds

$$\begin{aligned} |S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} &\leq c \left( |\text{Rot} S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)} + |\text{divDiv} S|_{\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)} \right), \\ |T|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)} &\leq c \left( |\text{symRot} T|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} + |\text{Div} T|_{\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

respectively. The orthogonality condition  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_S(\Omega)}}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_T(\Omega)}}$  can be replaced by the weaker conditions  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_S(\Omega)}}$  or  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_T(\Omega)}}$  or  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\text{id}}^k(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)}}$ , respectively. In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap R \left( \mathbb{S} \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \right) & |S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} &\leq c |\text{Rot} S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)}, \\ \forall S &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap R \left( \mathbb{S} \text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) & |S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} &\leq c |\text{divDiv} S|_{\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)}, \\ \forall T &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap R \left( \mathbb{T} \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \right) & |T|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)} &\leq c |\text{symRot} T|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}, \\ \forall T &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap R \left( \mathbb{T} \text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right) & |T|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)} &\leq c |\text{Div} T|_{\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\text{id}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+1,k}\right) &= R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i,\text{id}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\text{id}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}, \\ R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i,\text{id}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, for  $k \geq 1$ , there exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$|S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \leq c \left( |\text{Rot } S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)} + |\text{divDiv } S|_{\mathbf{H}^{k-1}(\Omega)} \right)$$

for all  $S$  in  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\text{id}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$ . Moreover,

$$\forall S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) \quad |S|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{divDiv } S|_{\mathbf{H}^{k-1}(\Omega)}.$$

The proof follows by a standard contradiction argument.

*Remark 3.23.* (Friedrichs/Poincaré/Korn type estimate). Let  $k \geq 0$ . Similar to Theorem 3.22 and by Rellich's selection theorem (cf. the estimates in Theorem 3.17), there exists  $c > 0$  such that for all  $v \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+1}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_i})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$  and for all  $u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+2}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_i}^1)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$

$$|v|_{\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{devGrad } v|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}, \quad |u|_{\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega)} \leq |u|_{\mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Gradgrad } u|_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}.$$

As in Theorem 3.17,  $(\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_i})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$  and  $(\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_i}^1)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$  can be replaced by  $(\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_i})^{\perp_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}}$  and  $(\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_i}^1)^{\perp_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}}$ , respectively.

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Let  $k \geq 0$ . According to Theorem 3.17, the inverses of the reduced operators

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+1,k}\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+1,k}\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ \left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\ \left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_i}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_i}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^{k+1,k}\right)_{\perp}^{-1} &: R\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^k\right) \rightarrow D\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^{k+1,k}\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_i}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \end{aligned}$$



are bounded, and we recall the bounded linear regular decomposition operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), & \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,0} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

from Lemma 3.10. Similar to [1, Theorem 4.18, Theorem 5.2] and [2, Theorem 3.24, Theorem 3.25] (cf. [1, Lemma 2.22, Theorem 2.23]), we obtain the following sequence of results:

**Theorem 3.24.** (Bounded regular potentials from bounded regular decompositions). *For  $k \geq 0$ , there exist bounded linear regular potential operators*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^k &:= \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} &:= \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k &:= \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{T}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k &:= \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad},\Gamma_t}^k &:= \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{T},\mu}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k &:= \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{S}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k &:= \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k} &:= \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} \left( \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_{\perp}^{-1} : \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega),
 \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Gradgrad } \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} &= \text{Gradgrad } \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^k = \text{id} \Big|_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot},\Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}}}, \\
 \text{Rot } \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k &= \text{id} \Big|_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div},\Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{T}}}}, \\
 \text{Div } \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k &= \text{id} \Big|_{\mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{R}\mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}}, \\
 \text{devGrad } \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad},\Gamma_t}^k &= \text{id} \Big|_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot},\Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{T},\mu}}}, \\
 \text{symRot } \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k &= \text{id} \Big|_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv},\Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)^{\perp_{\mathbb{S}}}}, \\
 \text{divDiv } \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k} &= \text{divDiv } \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k = \text{id} \Big|_{\mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, all potentials in Theorem 3.16 can be chosen such that they depend continuously on the data.  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k}$  are right inverses of Gradgrad, Rot, Div, devGrad, symRot, and divDiv, respectively.

**Theorem 3.25.** (Bounded regular decompositions from bounded regular potentials). *For  $k \geq 0$ , the bounded regular decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Gradgrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k \right), \\
\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Rot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k \right), \\
\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{devGrad } \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k \right), \\
\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \right) \dot{+} R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k \right), \\
\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \\
&= R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} \right) \dot{+} R \left( \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

hold with bounded linear regular decomposition operators

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} &:= \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k} \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} : \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\
\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k} &: \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)
\end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega)} &= \tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k, \\ \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\mathrm{Div},\Omega)} &= \tilde{Q}_{\mathrm{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathrm{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k, \\ \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega)} &= \tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k, \\ \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega)} &= \tilde{Q}_{\mathrm{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathrm{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k, \\ \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega)} &= \tilde{Q}_{\mathrm{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathrm{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k}.\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.26.** (Bounded regular kernel decompositions). *For  $k \geq 0$ , the bounded regular kernel decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega) + \mathrm{Gradgrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{Div},\Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\mathrm{Div},\Omega) + \mathrm{Rot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega) + \mathrm{devGrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+2}(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega) + \mathrm{symRot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)\end{aligned}$$

hold.

As in [2, Remark 3.27, Theorem 3.28] and [1, Theorem 4.18, Remark 4.19, Theorem 5.2, Remark 5.3] (cf. [1, Sections 2.3 and 2.4]), there is a collection of results about the bounded regular decomposition operators; see Remark D.1 and Remark D.2 of Appendix D.

Corollary 3.26 shows the following:

**Corollary 3.27.** (Bounded regular higher order kernel decompositions). *For  $k, \ell \geq 0$ , the bounded regular kernel decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned}N\left(\mathbb{T}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega) + \mathrm{Gradgrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\ N\left(\mathrm{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{Div},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{Div},\Omega) + \mathrm{Rot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ N\left(\mathbb{S}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega) + \mathrm{devGrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ N\left(\mathrm{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega) + \mathrm{symRot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)\end{aligned}$$

hold. In particular, for  $k = 0$  and all  $\ell \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}N\left(\mathbb{T}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{Rot},\Omega) + \mathrm{Gradgrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega), \\ N\left(\mathrm{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\mathrm{Div},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{Div},\Omega) + \mathrm{Rot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega), \\ N\left(\mathbb{S}\mathrm{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{symRot},\Omega) + \mathrm{devGrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega), \\ N\left(\mathrm{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}\right) &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega) = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\mathrm{divDiv},\Omega) + \mathrm{symRot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega).\end{aligned}$$

### 3.4 | Dirichlet/Neumann fields

From Theorem 3.15 (iv), we recall the slightly modified orthonormal Helmholtz type decompositions

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) \\
&= N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) \\
&= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}), \\
N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega), \\
N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) &= \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}), \\
\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) &= R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu) \\
&= N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} R(\mu^{-1}\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}) \\
&= R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} R(\mu^{-1}\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}), \\
N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) &= R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega), \\
N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu) &= \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \oplus_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} R(\mu^{-1}\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}).
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Let us denote the  $\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)$ - and  $\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)$ -orthonormal projectors onto  $N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)$ ,  $N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})$  and  $N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)$ ,  $N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)} : \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon), & \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)} : \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu), \\
\pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} : \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}), & \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} : \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}),
\end{aligned}$$

respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)}|_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} &: N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega), \\
\pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})}|_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)} &: N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega), \\
\pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)}|_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} &: N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega), \\
\pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})}|_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)} &: N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)
\end{aligned}$$

are onto. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)}|_{R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t})} &= 0, & \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)}|_{R(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t})} &= 0, \\
\pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})}|_{R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n})} &= 0, & \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})}|_{R(\mu^{-1}\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n})} &= 0, \\
\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)}|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega)} &= \text{id}_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega)}, & \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)}|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)} &= \text{id}_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)}, \\
\pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})}|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega)} &= \text{id}_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega)}, & \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})}|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)} &= \text{id}_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Corollary 3.27 and for all  $\ell \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}^\ell(\Omega) &= \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)} N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) = \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) &= \pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) = \pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^\ell(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) &= \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)} N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) = \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\ell(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}^\ell(\Omega) &= \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu) = \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} \mu^{-1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^\ell(\text{Div}, \Omega),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used

$$N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \quad N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\mu) = \mu^{-1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega).$$

Hence with

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &:= \bigcap_{k \geq 0} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), & H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &:= \bigcap_{k \geq 0} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &:= \bigcap_{k \geq 0} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), & H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{Div}, \Omega) &:= \bigcap_{k \geq 0} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \end{aligned}$$

and with the finite numbers

$$d_{\Omega,\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} := \dim \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega), \quad d_{\Omega,\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} := \dim \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega),$$

we get the following result:

**Theorem 3.28.** (Smooth pre-bases of Dirichlet/Neumann fields). *It holds*

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\epsilon})} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega) = \pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} \epsilon^{-1} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\mu})} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) = \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} \mu^{-1} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{Div}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, there exist smooth  $\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}$  and  $\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}$  pre-bases of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)$  and smooth  $\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}$  and  $\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}$  pre-bases of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)$ ; that is, there are linear independent smooth fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) &:= \left\{ B_\ell^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \right\}_{\ell=1}^{d_{\Omega,\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) &:= \left\{ B_\ell^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}} \right\}_{\ell=1}^{d_{\Omega,\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\ \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) &:= \left\{ B_\ell^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} \right\}_{\ell=1}^{d_{\Omega,\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\ \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) &:= \left\{ B_\ell^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}} \right\}_{\ell=1}^{d_{\Omega,\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{Div}, \Omega), \end{aligned}$$

such that  $\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\epsilon})} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)$  and  $\pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} \epsilon^{-1} \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)$  are both bases of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega)$ , and  $\pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\mu})} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)$  and  $\pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} \mu^{-1} \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)$  are both bases of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega)$ . In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lin} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\epsilon})} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) &= \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega) = \text{Lin} \pi_{N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} \epsilon^{-1} \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega), \\ \text{Lin} \pi_{N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,\mu})} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) &= \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) = \text{Lin} \pi_{N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} \mu^{-1} \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Note that, for example,  $\left(1 - \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\epsilon})}\right)$  is the  $L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)$ -orthonormal projector onto  $R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t})$ . By (14), Theorem 3.16, and Theorem 3.28, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega) \\ &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)} \text{Lin} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\epsilon})} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \\ &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) + (\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\epsilon})} - 1) \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) + \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \\ &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) + \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) + \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \\ &= R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k) + \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Similarly, we obtain decompositions of  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ ,  $H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$ , and  $H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$  using  $\mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)$ , respectively. We conclude:

**Theorem 3.29.** (Bounded regular direct decompositions). *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then the bounded regular direct decompositions*

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{SymRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \text{devGrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{SymRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k+1,k,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^{k+1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \text{symRot } H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)
\end{aligned}$$

hold. Note that  $R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ ,  $R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ ,  $R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{SymRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ , and  $R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right)$ ,  $R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k+1,k,1}\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega)$ .

See Appendix C for a proof.

**Remark 3.30.** (Bounded regular direct decompositions). In particular, for  $k = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{0,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \\
&= \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}^{0,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega), \\
\mu^{-1}H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^0(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= \mu^{-1}\text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \dot{+} \mu^{-1}\text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \\
&= \mu^{-1}\text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{SymRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{0,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= \text{devGrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{SymRot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \\
&= \text{devGrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega), \\
H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{0,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\
\epsilon^{-1}H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= \epsilon^{-1}\text{symRot } H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \dot{+} \epsilon^{-1}\text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \\
&= \epsilon^{-1}\text{symRot } H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega) &= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)} \epsilon^{-1}\text{symRot } H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \\
&= \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{S},\epsilon}^2(\Omega)} \epsilon^{-1}H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \\
L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega) &= H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mu^{-1}\text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^1(\Omega) \\
&= \text{devGrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) \oplus_{L_{\mathbb{T},\mu}^2(\Omega)} \mu^{-1}H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega).
\end{aligned}$$

By the latter theorem, we have bounded linear regular (direct) decompositions

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k+1,k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega).
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

See Remark D.3 for more details on these decompositions and the corresponding bounded linear regular direct decomposition operators. Noting

$$\begin{aligned}
R\left(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\right) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega), \quad R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}\right) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega), \\
R\left(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\right) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)} \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega), \quad R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}\right) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega),
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

we see the following:

**Theorem 3.31.** (Alternative Dirichlet/Neumann projections). *It holds*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)} &= \{0\}, \\
N\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \varepsilon\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}\right), \\
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} &= \{0\}, \\
N\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}\right), \\
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)} &= \{0\}, \\
N\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n} \varepsilon\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\right), \\
\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} &= \{0\}, \\
N\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for all  $k \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
N\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \varepsilon\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\varepsilon^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) = \varepsilon^{-1} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
N\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) = \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
N\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \varepsilon\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\mu^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) = \mu^{-1} \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
N\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} &= R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right) = \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega).
\end{aligned}$$

See Appendix C for a proof. Theorem 3.29 implies the following:

**Theorem 3.32.** (Cohomology groups). *It holds*

$$\frac{N\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)}{R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)} \cong \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \cong \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega) \cong \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \cong \frac{N\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right)}{R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right)},$$

$$\frac{N\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)}{R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)} \cong \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \cong \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \cong \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \cong \frac{N\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right)}{R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right)}.$$

*In particular, the dimensions of the cohomology groups (Dirichlet/Neumann fields) are independent of  $k$  and  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mu$  and it holds*

$$d_{\Omega,\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t} = \dim\left(N\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) / R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)\right) = \dim\left(N\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right) / R\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right)\right),$$

$$d_{\Omega,\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t} = \dim\left(N\left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) / R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}^k\right)\right) = \dim\left(N\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right) / R\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right)\right).$$

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## APPENDIX A: ELEMENTARY FORMULAS

From [3, 4] and [5], we have the following collection of formulas related to the elasticity and the biharmonic complex.

**Lemma A.1** ([5, Lemma 12.10]). *Let  $u, v, w$ , and  $S$  belong to  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .*



- $(\text{spn } v)w = v \times w = -(\text{spn } w)v$  and  $(\text{spn } v)(\text{spn}^{-1}S) = -Sv$ , if  $\text{sym } S = 0$
- $\text{sym spn } v = 0$  and  $\text{dev}(u\text{id}) = 0$
- $\text{tr Grad } v = \text{div } v$  and  $2\text{skw Grad } v = \text{spn rot } v$
- $\text{Div}(u\text{id}) = \text{grad } u$  and  $\text{Rot}(u\text{id}) = -\text{spn grad } u$ , in particular,  $\text{rot Div}(u\text{id}) = 0$  and  $\text{rotspn}^{-1}\text{Rot}(u\text{id}) = 0$  and  $\text{sym Rot}(u\text{id}) = 0$
- $\text{Div spn } v = -\text{rot } v$  and  $\text{Div skw } S = -\text{rotspn}^{-1}\text{skw } S$ , in particular  $\text{div Div skw } S = 0$
- $\text{Rot spn } v = (\text{div } v)\text{id}(\text{Grad } v)^\top$  and  $\text{Rotskw } S = (\text{div spn}^{-1}\text{skw } S)\text{id} - (\text{Grad spn}^{-1}\text{skw } S)^\top$
- $\text{dev Rotspn } v = -(\text{dev Grad } v)^\top$
- $-2\text{Rot sym Grad } v = 2\text{Rotskw Grad } v = -(\text{Grad rot } v)^\top$
- $2\text{spn}^{-1}\text{skw Rot } S = \text{Div } S^\top - \text{grad tr } S = \text{Div}(S - (\text{tr } S)\text{id})^\top$ , in particular  $\text{rot Div } S^\top = 2\text{rotspn}^{-1}\text{skw Rot } S$  and  $2\text{skw Rot } S = \text{spn Div } S^\top$ , if  $\text{tr } S = 0$
- $\text{tr Rot } S = 2\text{div spn}^{-1}\text{skw } S$ , in particular,  $\text{tr Rot } S = 0$ , if  $\text{skw } S = 0$ , and  $\text{tr Rotsym } S = 0$  and  $\text{tr Rotskw } S = \text{tr Rot } S$
- $2(\text{Grad spn}^{-1}\text{skw } S)^\top = (\text{tr Rotskw } S)\text{id} - 2\text{Rotskw } S$
- $3\text{Div}(\text{dev Grad } v)^\top = 2\text{grad div } v$
- $2\text{Rot sym Grad } v = -2\text{Rot skw Grad } v = -\text{Rot spn rot } v = (\text{Grad rot } v)^\top$
- $2\text{Div sym Rot } S = -2\text{Div skw Rot } S = \text{rot Div } S^\top$
- $\text{Rot}(\text{Rot sym } S)^\top = \text{sym Rot}(\text{Rot } S)^\top$
- $\text{Rot}(\text{Rotskw } S)^\top = \text{skw Rot}(\text{Rot } S)^\top$

All formulas extend also to distributions.

### APPENDIX B: BIHARMONIC COMPLEX OPERATORS REVISITED

Let  $\top$  denote the formal operator of matrix transposition, that is,

$$\top S := S^\top,$$

and define

$$\text{spn} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\text{skw}}^{3 \times 3}, \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We recall the operators forming the de Rham complex (classical vector analysis)  $\text{grad}$ ,  $\text{rot}$ , and  $\text{div}$  acting on functions and vector fields, respectively, as formal matrix operators

$$\text{grad} := \begin{bmatrix} \partial_1 \\ \partial_2 \\ \partial_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{rot} := \text{spn grad} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\partial_3 & \partial_2 \\ \partial_3 & 0 & -\partial_1 \\ -\partial_2 & \partial_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{div} := \top \text{grad} = [\partial_1 \ \partial_2 \ \partial_3].$$

Moreover, we introduce their relatives from the vector de Rham complex acting on vector and tensor fields, respectively, as formal matrix operators

$$\text{Grad} := \top \text{grad } \top, \text{Rot} := \top \text{rot } \top, \text{Div} := \top \text{div } \top.$$

In words,  $\text{Grad}$ ,  $\text{Rot}$ , and  $\text{Div}$  act row-wise as the operators  $\text{grad}$ ,  $\text{rot}$ , and  $\text{div}$  from the classical de Rham complex. Note that  $\text{Grad } v$  is just the Jacobian for a vector field  $v$ .

Let

$$i_S : \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, \quad i_T : \mathbb{R}_{\text{dev}}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

denote the canonical embedding of symmetric and deviatoric (trace free)  $(3 \times 3)$ -matrices into the arbitrary  $(3 \times 3)$ -matrices, respectively. Then the adjoints

$$i_S^* : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{3 \times 3}, \quad i_T^* : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\text{dev}}^{3 \times 3}$$

are almost the projectors onto symmetric and deviatoric ( $3 \times 3$ )-matrices, respectively; that is, the actual projectors are given by

$$\text{sym} := \iota_{\mathbb{S}} \iota_{\mathbb{S}}^* : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}; S \mapsto \frac{1}{2}(S + S^T), \quad \text{dev} := \iota_{\mathbb{T}} \iota_{\mathbb{T}}^* : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}; T \mapsto T - \frac{1}{3}(\text{tr} T) \text{id}.$$

We extend all the latter formal operators to  $L^2(\Omega)$ -tensor fields.

In the light of this, in the biharmonic complexes, we are dealing with the operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad} &:= \iota_{\mathbb{S}}^* \text{Gradgrad}, & \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}} &:= \iota_{\mathbb{T}}^* \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}, & \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}} &:= \text{Div} \iota_{\mathbb{T}}, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}} &:= \text{divDiv} \iota_{\mathbb{S}}, & \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}} &:= \iota_{\mathbb{S}}^* \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}}, & \mathbb{T}\text{Grad} &:= \iota_{\mathbb{T}}^* \text{Grad}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad} &= \text{sym Gradgrad} = \text{Gradgrad} = \mathbb{T} \text{grad} \mathbb{T} \text{grad}, \\ \iota_{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}} &= \text{dev Rot}_{\mathbb{S}} = \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}} = \mathbb{T} \text{rot} \mathbb{T} \iota_{\mathbb{S}} =: \text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}, \\ \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}} &= \mathbb{T} \text{div} \mathbb{T} \iota_{\mathbb{T}}, \\ \iota_{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{T}\text{Grad} &= \text{dev Grad} = \text{dev} \mathbb{T} \text{grad} \mathbb{T}, \\ \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}} &= \text{sym Rot}_{\mathbb{T}} = \text{sym} \mathbb{T} \text{rot} \mathbb{T} \iota_{\mathbb{T}}, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}} &= \text{div} \mathbb{T} \text{div} \mathbb{T} \iota_{\mathbb{S}}; \end{aligned}$$

in particular, on symmetric tensor fields, we have  $\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}} = \text{dev Rot} = \text{Rot}$  (cf. [3, Lemma A.1]). Using these formal operators, we introduce their maximal  $L_2(\Omega)$ -realisations, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad} &: D(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega), & u &\mapsto \text{Gradgrad} u, \\ \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}} &: D(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}) \subset L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega), & S &\mapsto \text{Rot} S, \\ \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}} &: D(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}}) \subset L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega), & T &\mapsto \text{Div} T, \\ \mathbb{T}\text{Grad} &: D(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega), & v &\mapsto \text{dev Grad} v, \\ \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}} &: D(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}}) \subset L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega), & T &\mapsto \text{sym Rot} T, \\ \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}} &: D(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}) \subset L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega), & S &\mapsto \text{divDiv} S, \end{aligned}$$

which are densely defined and closed (unbounded) linear operators and form the two (formally primal and dual) biharmonic complexes

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\xrightarrow{\dots} L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}} L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}} L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}}} L^2(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\dots} \dots, \\ \dots &\xleftarrow{\dots} L^2(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}} L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}}} L_{\mathbb{T}}^2(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}} L^2(\Omega) \xleftarrow{\dots} \dots, \end{aligned}$$

and compare [4] for the complex properties.

Finally, the operators

$$\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}, \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}, \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}, \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}, \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}$$

from Section 2.1 are the restrictions of

$$\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}, \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}}, \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}}, \mathbb{T}\text{Grad}, \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}}, \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}}$$

to their domains of definition

$$D(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}), D(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}), D(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}), D(\mathbb{T}\text{Grad}_{\Gamma_t}), D(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}), D(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}),$$

which are the closures of  $C_{\Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ ,  $C_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ , and  $C_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{\infty}(\Omega)$  in the corresponding graph norms, respectively.

APPENDIX C: SOME PROOFS

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* In [4, Theorem 3.10], we have shown the stated results for  $\Gamma_t = \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_t = \emptyset$ , which is also a crucial ingredient of this proof. Note that in these two special cases always “strong = weak” holds as  $A_n^{**} = \overline{A_n} = A_n$  and that this argument fails in the remaining cases of mixed boundary conditions. Therefore, let  $\emptyset \subsetneq \Gamma_t \subsetneq \Gamma$ . Moreover, recall the notion of an extendable domain from [1, Section 3]. In particular,  $\hat{\Omega}$  and the extended domain  $\tilde{\Omega}$  are topologically trivial.

- Let  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ . By definition,  $S$  can be extended through  $\Gamma_t$  by zero to the larger domain  $\tilde{\Omega}$  yielding

$$\tilde{S} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\emptyset,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},0}^k(\text{Rot}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},0}^k(\text{Rot}, \tilde{\Omega}).$$

By [4, Theorem 3.10, Remark 3.11] and Stein’s or Calderon’s extension theorem—see also [1, Lemma 4.3, Lemma 4.4] for the fact that the respective potentials are already defined on the whole of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ —there exists  $\tilde{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} = \tilde{S}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Since  $\tilde{S} = 0$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ ,  $\tilde{u}$  must be a polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{P}^1$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ . Far outside of  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , we modify  $p$  by a cut-off function such that the resulting function  $\tilde{p}$  is compactly supported and  $\tilde{p}|_{\hat{\Omega}} = p$ . Note that  $\tilde{p}$  depends continuously on  $S$  by Poincaré’s estimate. Then  $u := \tilde{u} - \tilde{p} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $u|_{\hat{\Omega}} = 0$ . Hence,  $u$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$  and depends continuously on  $S$ . Moreover,  $u$  satisfies  $\text{Gradgrad } u = \text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} = \tilde{S}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , in particular  $\text{Gradgrad } u = S$  in  $\Omega$ . We put  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^k S := u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$ . By definition,  $T$  can be extended through  $\Gamma_t$  by zero to  $\tilde{\Omega}$  giving

$$\tilde{T} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\emptyset,0}^k(\text{Div}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},0}^k(\text{Div}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},0}^k(\text{Div}, \tilde{\Omega}).$$

By [4, Theorem 3.10], there exists  $\tilde{S} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{Rot}\tilde{S} = \tilde{T}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Since  $\tilde{T} = 0$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ , that is,  $\tilde{S}|_{\hat{\Omega}} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},0}^{k+1}(\text{Rot}, \hat{\Omega})$ , we get again by [4, Theorem 3.10] (or the first part of this proof)  $\tilde{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+3}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} = \tilde{S}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Then  $S := \tilde{S} - \text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and satisfies  $S|_{\hat{\Omega}} = 0$ . Thus,  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and depends continuously on  $T$ . Furthermore,  $\text{Rot } S = \text{Rot } \tilde{S} = \tilde{T}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , in particular  $\text{Rot } S = T$  in  $\Omega$ . We set  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot},\Gamma_t}^k T := S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $v \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega)$ . By definition,  $v$  can be extended through  $\Gamma_t$  by zero to  $\tilde{\Omega}$  defining  $\tilde{v} \in \mathbf{H}^k(\tilde{\Omega})$ . Theorem 3.10 of [4] yields  $\tilde{T} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{Div } \tilde{T} = \tilde{v}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . As  $\tilde{v} = 0$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ , that is,  $\tilde{T}|_{\hat{\Omega}} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},0}^{k+1}(\text{Div}, \hat{\Omega})$ , we get again by [4, Theorem 3.10] (or the second part of this proof)  $\tilde{S} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{Rot } \tilde{S} = \tilde{T}$  holds in  $\hat{\Omega}$ . Then  $T := \tilde{T} - \text{Rot } \tilde{S}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $T|_{\hat{\Omega}} = 0$ . Hence,  $T$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and depends continuously on  $v$ . Furthermore,  $\text{Div } T = \text{Div } \tilde{T} = \tilde{v}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , in particular  $\text{Div } T = v$  in  $\Omega$ . Finally, we define  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Div},\Gamma_t}^k v := T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$ . By definition,  $T$  can be extended through  $\Gamma_t$  by zero to  $\tilde{\Omega}$  yielding

$$\tilde{T} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\emptyset,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},0}^k(\text{symRot}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},0}^k(\text{symRot}, \tilde{\Omega}).$$

By [4, Theorem 3.10], there exists  $\tilde{v} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{devGrad } \tilde{v} = \tilde{T}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Since  $\tilde{T} = 0$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ ,  $\tilde{v}$  must be a Raviart–Thomas field  $r \in \mathbb{RT}$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ . Far outside of  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , we modify  $r$  by a cut-off function such that the resulting vector field  $\tilde{r}$  is compactly supported and  $\tilde{r}|_{\hat{\Omega}} = r$ . Then  $v := \tilde{v} - \tilde{r} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $v|_{\hat{\Omega}} = 0$ . Hence,  $v$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and depends continuously on  $T$ . Moreover,  $v$  satisfies  $\text{devGrad } v = \text{devGrad } \tilde{v} = \tilde{T}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , in particular  $\text{devGrad } v = T$  in  $\Omega$ . We put  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad},\Gamma_t}^k T := v \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . By definition,  $S$  can be extended through  $\Gamma_t$  by zero to  $\tilde{\Omega}$  giving

$$\tilde{S} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\emptyset,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \tilde{\Omega}) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \tilde{\Omega}).$$

By [4, Theorem 3.10], there exists  $\tilde{T} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{symRot } \tilde{T} = \tilde{S}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Since  $\tilde{S} = 0$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ , that is,  $\tilde{T}|_{\hat{\Omega}} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},0}^{k+1}(\text{symRot}, \hat{\Omega})$ , we get again by [4, Theorem 3.10] (or the fourth part of this proof)  $\tilde{v} \in \mathbf{H}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{devGrad } \tilde{v} = \tilde{T}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Then  $T := \tilde{T} - \text{devGrad } \tilde{v}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and satisfies  $T|_{\hat{\Omega}} = 0$ . Thus,  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and

depends continuously on  $S$ . Furthermore,  $\text{symRot } T = \text{symRot } \tilde{T} = \tilde{S}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , in particular  $\text{symRot } T = S$  in  $\Omega$ . We set  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{SymRot}_T, \Gamma_t}^k S := T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega)$ . By definition,  $u$  can be extended through  $\Gamma_t$  by zero to  $\tilde{\Omega}$  defining  $\tilde{u} \in \mathbf{H}^k(\tilde{\Omega})$ . Theorem 3.10 of [4] yields  $\tilde{S} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{divDiv } \tilde{S} = \tilde{u}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . As  $\tilde{u} = 0$  in  $\hat{\Omega}$ , that is,  $\tilde{S}|_{\hat{\Omega}} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, 0}^{k+2}(\text{divDiv}, \hat{\Omega})$ , we get again by [4, Theorem 3.10] (or the fifth part of this proof)  $\tilde{T} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+3}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\text{symRot } \tilde{T} = \tilde{S}$  holds in  $\hat{\Omega}$ . Then  $S := \tilde{S} - \text{symRot } \tilde{T}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $S|_{\hat{\Omega}} = 0$ . Hence,  $S$  belongs to  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$  and depends continuously on  $u$ . Furthermore,  $\text{divDiv } S = \text{divDiv } \tilde{S} = \tilde{u}$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , in particular  $\text{divDiv } S = u$  in  $\Omega$ . Finally, we define  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_S, \Gamma_t}^k u := S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$ .

The assertion about the compact supports is trivial. □

*Proof of Lemma 3.10 and Corollary 3.11.* According to [6, Section 4.2] (cf. [7, Section 4.2], [1, Lemma 3.1], [2], or [3]), let  $(U_\ell, \varphi_\ell)$  be a partition of unity for  $\Omega$ , such that

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{\ell=-L}^L \Omega_\ell, \quad \Omega_\ell := \Omega \cap U_\ell, \quad \varphi_\ell \in \mathbf{C}_{\partial U_\ell}^\infty(U_\ell),$$

and such that  $(\Omega_\ell, \hat{\Gamma}_{t, \ell})$  are extendable bounded strong Lipschitz pairs. Recall

$$\Sigma_\ell := \partial\Omega_\ell \setminus \Gamma, \quad \Gamma_{t, \ell} := \Gamma_t \cap U_\ell, \quad \hat{\Gamma}_{t, \ell} := \text{int}(\Gamma_{t, \ell} \cup \bar{\Sigma}_\ell).$$

- Let  $k \geq 0$  and let  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ . Then by definition,  $S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_{t, \ell}}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega_\ell)$  and we decompose by Corollary 3.4

$$S|_{\Omega_\ell} = S_{\ell, 1} + \text{Gradgrad } u_{\ell, 0}$$

with  $S_{\ell, 1} := \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_S, \Gamma_{t, \ell}}^{k, 1} S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_{t, \ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $u_{\ell, 0} := \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_S, \Gamma_{t, \ell}}^{k, 0} S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_{t, \ell}}^{k+2}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Lemma 3.9 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\ell S|_{\Omega_\ell} &= \varphi_\ell S_{\ell, 1} + \varphi_\ell \text{Gradgrad } u_{\ell, 0} \\ &= \overbrace{\varphi_\ell S_{\ell, 1} - 2\text{sym}((\text{grad } \varphi_\ell)(\text{grad } u_{\ell, 0})^\top) - u_{\ell, 0} \text{Gradgrad } \varphi_\ell}^{=: S_\ell} \\ &\quad + \text{Gradgrad } \underbrace{(\varphi_\ell u_{\ell, 0})}_{=: u_\ell} \end{aligned}$$

with  $S_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \hat{\Gamma}_{t, \ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $u_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_{t, \ell}}^{k+2}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Extending  $S_\ell$  and  $u_\ell$  by zero to  $\Omega$  gives tensor fields  $\tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and  $\tilde{u}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$  as well as

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \varphi_\ell S|_{\Omega_\ell} = \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{S}_\ell + \text{Gradgrad } \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{u}_\ell \\ &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Gradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

As all operations have been linear and continuous, we set

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_S, \Gamma_t}^{k, 1} S := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_S, \Gamma_t}^{k, 0} S := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{u}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega).$$

- Let  $k \geq 0$  and let  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$ . Then by definition,  $T|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_{t, \ell}}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega_\ell)$  and we decompose by Corollary 3.4

$$T|_{\Omega_\ell} = T_{\ell, 1} + \text{Rot } S_{\ell, 0}$$

with  $T_{\ell,1} := \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}}^{k,1} T|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $S_{\ell,0} := \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}}^{k,0} T|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Lemma 3.9 yields

$$\varphi_\ell T|_{\Omega_\ell} = \varphi_\ell T_{\ell,1} + \varphi_\ell \text{Rot } S_{\ell,0} = \underbrace{\varphi_\ell T_{\ell,1} + S_{\ell,0} \text{spngrad } \varphi_\ell}_{=: T_\ell} + \underbrace{\text{Rot}(\varphi_\ell S_{\ell,0})}_{=: S_\ell}$$

with  $T_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\hat{\Gamma}_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $S_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\hat{\Gamma}_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Extending  $T_\ell$  and  $S_\ell$  by zero to  $\Omega$  gives tensor fields  $\tilde{T}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and  $\tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  as well as

$$T = \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \varphi_\ell T|_{\Omega_\ell} = \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{T}_\ell + \text{Rot} \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega).$$

As all operations have been linear and continuous, we set

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} T := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{T}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} T := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega).$$

- Let  $k \geq 0$  and let  $T \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$ . Then by definition,  $T|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega_\ell)$  and we decompose by Corollary 3.4

$$T|_{\Omega_\ell} = T_{\ell,1} + \text{devGrad } v_{\ell,0}$$

with  $T_{\ell,1} := \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}}^{k,1} T|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $v_{\ell,0} := \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}}^{k,0} T|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Lemma 3.9 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\ell T|_{\Omega_\ell} &= \varphi_\ell T_{\ell,1} + \varphi_\ell \text{devGrad } v_{\ell,0} \\ &= \underbrace{\varphi_\ell T_{\ell,1} + \text{dev}(v_{\ell,0}(\text{grad } \varphi_\ell)^\top)}_{=: T_\ell} + \underbrace{\text{devGrad}(\varphi_\ell v_{\ell,0})}_{=: v_\ell} \end{aligned}$$

with  $T_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\hat{\Gamma}_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $v_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Extending  $T_\ell$  and  $v_\ell$  by zero to  $\Omega$  gives tensor fields  $\tilde{T}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and  $\tilde{v}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  as well as

$$T = \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \varphi_\ell T|_{\Omega_\ell} = \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{T}_\ell + \text{devGrad} \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{v}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega).$$

As all operations have been linear and continuous, we set

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} T := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{T}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} T := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{v}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega).$$

- Let  $k \geq 1$  and let  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . Then by definition,  $S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega_\ell)$  and we decompose by Corollary 3.7

$$S|_{\Omega_\ell} = S_{\ell,1} + \text{symRot } T_{\ell,0}$$

with  $S_{\ell,1} := \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\ell}}^{k,k-1,1} S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $T_{\ell,0} := \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\ell}}^{k,k-1,0} S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\ell}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\ell S|_{\Omega_\ell} &= \varphi_\ell S_{\ell,1} + \varphi_\ell \text{symRot } T_{\ell,0} \\ &= \underbrace{\varphi_\ell S_{\ell,1} + \text{sym}(T_{\ell,0} \text{spngrad } \varphi_\ell)}_{=: S_\ell} + \underbrace{\text{symRot}(\varphi_\ell T_{\ell,0})}_{=: T_\ell} \end{aligned} \tag{C1}$$

with  $S_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $T_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Extending  $S_\ell$  and  $T_\ell$  by zero to  $\Omega$  gives fields  $\tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and  $\tilde{T}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  as well as

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \varphi_\ell S|_{\Omega_\ell} = \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{S}_\ell + \text{symRot} \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{T}_\ell \\ &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

As all operations have been linear and continuous, we set

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}, \mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1,1} S := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{S}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}, \mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k,k-1,0} S := \sum_{\ell=-L}^L \tilde{T}_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega).$$

- Let  $k \geq 0$  and let  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . Then by definition,  $S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_{t,\ell}}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega_\ell)$  and we decompose by Corollary 3.4

$$S|_{\Omega_\ell} = S_{\ell,1} + \text{symRot} T_{\ell,0}$$

with  $S_{\ell,1} := \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}, \mathbb{S}, \Gamma_{t,\ell}}^{k,k-1,1} S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_{t,\ell}}^{k+2}(\Omega_\ell)$  and  $T_{\ell,0} := \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}, \mathbb{S}, \Gamma_{t,\ell}}^{k,k-1,0} S|_{\Omega_\ell} \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_{t,\ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$ . Now we follow the arguments from (C1). Note that still only  $S_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  holds, that is, we have lost one order of regularity for  $S_\ell$ . Nevertheless, we get

$$S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega),$$

and all operations have been linear and continuous. But this implies by the previous step

$$S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega).$$

Again, by the previous step, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S &\in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T}, \Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S}, \Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega), \end{aligned}$$

and all operations have been linear and continuous.

It remains to prove the assertions on the operators devGrad and Gradgrad.

- Let  $v \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega)$ . Then by Corollary 3.6,

$$\varphi_\ell v \in \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega_\ell) = \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^k(\text{devGrad}, \Omega_\ell) = \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell).$$

Extending  $\varphi_\ell v$  by zero to  $\Omega$  yields  $v_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and  $v = \sum_{\ell} \varphi_\ell v = \sum_{\ell} v_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ . Then by Corollary 3.6,

$$\varphi_\ell u \in \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega_\ell) = \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^k(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega_\ell) = \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k+2}(\Omega_\ell).$$

Extending  $\varphi_\ell u$  by zero to  $\Omega$  yields  $u_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$  and  $u = \sum_{\ell} \varphi_\ell u = \sum_{\ell} u_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $u \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega)$ . Then  $\varphi_\ell u \in \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k,k-1}(\text{Gradgrad}, \Omega_\ell) = \mathbf{H}_{\hat{\Gamma}_{t,\ell}}^{k+1}(\Omega_\ell)$  by (7). Extending  $\varphi_\ell u$  by zero to  $\Omega$  yields  $u_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$  and  $u = \sum_{\ell} \varphi_\ell u = \sum_{\ell} u_\ell \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

The proof is finished.

*Proof of Theorem 3.12.* Note that these types of compact embeddings are independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $\mu$  (cf. [5, Lemma 5.1]). So, let  $\varepsilon = \mu = \text{id}$ . Lemma 3.10 (for  $k = 0$ ) yields, for example, the bounded regular decomposition

$$D(A_1) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) + \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega)$$

with  $H_1^+ = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega)$  and  $H_0^+ = H_{\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega)$  and  $H_1 = L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)$ ,  $H_0 = L^2(\Omega)$ . Rellich's selection theorem and [3, Corollary 2.12] (cf. [1, Lemma 2.22]) yield that  $D(A_1) \cap D(A_0^*) \hookrightarrow H_1$  is compact. Analogously, we show the compactness of  $D(A_2) \cap D(A_1^*) \hookrightarrow H_2$  using, for example, the bounded regular decomposition  $D(A_2) = H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\text{Div}, \Omega) = H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega) + \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega)$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.16.* We only show the representations for  $R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)$  and  $R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)$ . The others follow analogously.

- By Lemma 3.10 and Corollary 3.11, we have

$$R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) = \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega). \tag{C2}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) &\subset H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \\ &= H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} = H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}), \end{aligned}$$

since by Theorem 3.15 (iv)

$$R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) = H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}. \tag{C3}$$

Thus, it remains to show

$$H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \subset \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \quad k \geq 1.$$

For this, let  $k \geq 1$  and  $T \in H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,n,\Gamma_t,\mu}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$ . By (C3) and (C2), we have

$$T \in R(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) = \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega),$$

and hence there is  $S_1 \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\Omega)$  such that  $\text{Rot } S_1 = T$ . We see  $S_1 \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ . Hence, we are done for  $k = 1$ . For  $k \geq 2$ , we have  $T \in \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^1(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = \text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega)$  by (C2). Thus there is  $S_2 \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^2(\Omega)$  such that  $\text{Rot}S_2 = T$ . Then  $S_2 \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^2(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ , and we are done for  $k = 2$ . After finitely many steps, we observe that  $T$  belongs to  $\text{Rot } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ .

- By Lemma 3.10 and Corollary 3.11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{divDiv } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) &\subset \text{divDiv } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}) \\ &\subset \text{divDiv } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) = \text{divDiv } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) = \text{divDiv } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = \text{divDiv } H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega). \tag{C4}$$

Moreover,

$$R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) \subset H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}_{\Gamma_t}^1)^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} = H_{\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}),$$

since

$$R(\operatorname{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) = L^2(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}. \tag{C5}$$

Thus, it remains to show

$$H^k_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}} \subset \operatorname{divDiv} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega), \quad k \geq 1.$$

For this, let  $k \geq 1$  and  $u \in H^k_{\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap (\mathbb{P}^1_{\Gamma_n})^{\perp_{L^2(\Omega)}}$ . By (C5) and (C4), we have

$$u \in R(\operatorname{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) = \operatorname{divDiv} H^2_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega),$$

and hence there is  $S_1 \in H^2_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$  such that  $\operatorname{divDiv} S_1 = u$ . We see  $S_1 \in H^2_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$  resp.  $S_1 \in H^1_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$  if  $k = 1$ . Hence, we are done for  $k = 1$  and  $k = 2$ . For  $k \geq 2$ , we have  $u \in \operatorname{divDiv} H^2_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) = \operatorname{divDiv} H^4_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$  by (C4). Thus, there is  $S_2 \in H^4_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$  such that  $\operatorname{divDiv} S_2 = u$ . Then  $S_2 \in H^4_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$  resp.  $S_2 \in H^3_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$  if  $k = 3$ , and we are done for  $k = 3$  and  $k = 4$ . After finitely many steps, we observe that  $u$  belongs to  $\operatorname{divDiv} H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , finishing the proof. □

*Proof of Theorem 3.19.* We follow in close lines the proof of [3, Theorem 4.11] (cf. [1, Theorem 4.16] and [2, Theorem 3.19]), using induction. The case  $k = 0$  is given by Theorem 3.12. Let  $k \geq 1$  and let  $(S_\ell)$  be a bounded sequence in  $H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . Note that

$$H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega) \cap H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\Omega) = H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}(\Omega).$$

By assumption and w.l.o.g., we have that  $(S_\ell)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H^{k-1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}(\Omega)$ . Moreover, for all  $|\alpha| = k$ , we have  $\partial^\alpha S_\ell \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$  with  $\operatorname{Rot} \partial^\alpha S_\ell = \partial^\alpha \operatorname{Rot} S_\ell$  and  $\operatorname{divDiv} \partial^\alpha S_\ell = \partial^\alpha \operatorname{divDiv} S_\ell$  by Lemma 3.18. Hence,  $(\partial^\alpha S_\ell)$  is a bounded sequence in the zero order space  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . Thus, w.l.o.g.  $(\partial^\alpha S_\ell)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)$  by Theorem 3.12. Finally,  $(S_\ell)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H^k \mathbb{S}, \Gamma(\Omega)$ . Analogously, we show the assertion for the second compact embedding. □

*Proof of Remark 3.20.* Let  $(S_\ell)$  be a bounded sequence in  $H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . In particular,  $(S_\ell)$  is bounded in  $H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega) \cap H^{k,k-1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega)$ . According to Lemma 3.10, that is,

$$H^{k,k-1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{divDiv}, \Omega) = H^{k+1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega) + \operatorname{symRot} H^{k+1}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\Omega),$$

we decompose  $S_\ell = \tilde{S}_\ell + \operatorname{symRot} T_\ell$  with  $\tilde{S}_\ell \in H^{k+1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$  and  $T_\ell \in H^{k+1}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$ . By the boundedness of the regular decomposition operators,  $(\tilde{S}_\ell)$  and  $(T_\ell)$  are bounded in  $H^{k+1}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$  and  $H^{k+1}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$ , respectively. W.l.o.g.  $(\tilde{S}_\ell)$  and  $(T_\ell)$  converge in  $H^k_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$  and  $H^k_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}(\Omega)$ , respectively. For all  $0 \leq |\alpha| \leq k$ , Lemma 3.18 yields  $(\partial^\alpha S_\ell) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega)$  and  $\operatorname{Rot} \partial^\alpha S_\ell = \partial^\alpha \operatorname{Rot} S_\ell$ . With the notations  $S_{\ell,l} := S_\ell - S_l$ ,  $\tilde{S}_{\ell,l} := \tilde{S}_\ell - \tilde{S}_l$ , and  $T_{\ell,l} := T_\ell - T_l$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{\ell,l}|^2_{H^k_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} &= \langle S_{\ell,l}, \tilde{S}_{\ell,l} \rangle_{H^k_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} + \langle S_{\ell,l}, \operatorname{symRot} T_{\ell,l} \rangle_{H^k_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} \\ &= \langle S_{\ell,l}, \tilde{S}_{\ell,l} \rangle_{H^k_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} + \langle \operatorname{Rot} S_{\ell,l}, T_{\ell,l} \rangle_{H^k_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} \leq c \left( |\tilde{S}_{\ell,l}|_{H^k_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)} + |T_{\ell,l}|_{H^k_{\mathbb{T}}(\Omega)} \right) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

completing the proof. □



*Proof of Theorem 3.29.* Theorem 3.25 and (15) show

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \\ H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) &= \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

To prove the directness of the second sum, let

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{d_{\Omega,\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \lambda_{\ell} B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \in \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \cap \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega).$$

Then  $0 = \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \in \text{Lin } \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}$  and therefore  $\lambda_{\ell} = 0$  for all  $\ell$  as  $\pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n \varepsilon}^k(\Omega)$  by Theorem 3.28. Concerning the boundedness of the decompositions, let

$$H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \ni S = \text{Gradgrad } u + B, \quad u \in H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega), \quad B \in \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega).$$

By Theorem 3.24  $\text{Gradgrad } u \in R(\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k)$  and  $\tilde{u} := \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma_t}^k \text{Gradgrad } u \in H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$  solves  $\text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} = \text{Gradgrad } u$  with  $|\tilde{u}|_{H^{k+2}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Gradgrad } u|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}$ . Therefore,

$$|\tilde{u}|_{H^{k+2}(\Omega)} + |B|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \leq c \left( |\text{Gradgrad } u|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} + |B|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \right) \leq c \left( |S|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} + |B|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \right).$$

Note that the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon})} : \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) &\rightarrow \text{Lin } \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n \varepsilon}^k(\Omega) \\ B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} &\mapsto \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \end{aligned}$$

is a topological isomorphism (between finite dimensional spaces and with arbitrary norms). Thus,

$$|B|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \leq c |B|_{L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)} \leq c \left| \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) B \right|_{L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)} = c \left| \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) S \right|_{L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)} \leq c |S|_{L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)} \leq c |S|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}.$$

Finally, we see  $S = \text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} + B \in \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)$  and

$$|\tilde{u}|_{H^{k+2}(\Omega)} + |B|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \leq c |S|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}.$$

The other assertions for  $H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$ ,  $H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$ ,  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , and  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$  follow analogously.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.31.* For  $k = 0$  and  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n \varepsilon}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left\langle S, B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \right\rangle_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} = \left\langle \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) S, B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \right\rangle_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \\ &= \left\langle S, \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n \varepsilon}) B_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \right\rangle_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $S = 0$  by Theorem 3.28. Analogously, we see for  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n \varepsilon}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)}}$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left\langle S, B_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}} \right\rangle_{L_{\mathbb{S}}^2(\Omega)} = \left\langle \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) S, \varepsilon^{-1} B_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}} \right\rangle_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \\ &= \left\langle S, \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \varepsilon^{-1} B_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}} \right\rangle_{L_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}^2(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $S = 0$  again by Theorem 3.28. According to (14), we can decompose

$$\begin{aligned} N(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \varepsilon) &= R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) \oplus_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,\varepsilon}(\Omega), \\ N(\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) &= R(\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \oplus_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\varepsilon}(\Omega), \end{aligned}$$

which shows by (17) the other two assertions. Let  $k \geq 0$ . The case  $k = 0$  and Theorem 3.16 show

$$\begin{aligned} N(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k \varepsilon) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)}} &= \varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \cap N(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n} \varepsilon) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S},\varepsilon}(\Omega)}} \\ &= \varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}) \\ &= R(\varepsilon^{-1}\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k) = \varepsilon^{-1}\operatorname{symRot} \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ N(\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)}} &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap N(\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \cap \mathcal{B}^{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega)^{\perp_{L^2_{\mathbb{S}}(\Omega)}} \\ &= \mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\Omega) \cap R(\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}) \\ &= R(\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Gradgrad}_{\Gamma_t}^k) = \operatorname{Gradgrad} \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we prove the assertions for the remaining  $L^2_{\mathbb{T},\mu}(\Omega)$ -related spaces. □

#### APPENDIX D: SOME TECHNICAL REMARKS

*Remark D.1* (Bounded regular decompositions from bounded regular potentials). It holds

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Rot} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \operatorname{Rot} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ \operatorname{Div} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \operatorname{Div} \mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ \operatorname{symRot} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \operatorname{symRot} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div} \mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} &= \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div} \mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} = \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the kernels  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{Rot}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{Div}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{symRot}, \Omega)$ , and  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}, \Omega)$  are invariant under  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , and  $\mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$ , respectively. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} R(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}) &= R(\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k), & \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} \mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ R(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}) &= R(\mathcal{P}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k), & \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} \operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ R(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}) &= R(\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^k), & \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} \mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ R(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}) &= R(\mathcal{P}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k), & \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \left( \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k, \\ R(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}) &= R(\mathcal{P}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k}), & \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} \left( \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k} \right)_{\perp}^{-1} \operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , and  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$  coincide with  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , and  $\mathcal{Q}_{\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$  on the reduced domains of definition

$$D\left(\left(\mathbb{T}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_{\perp}\right), D\left(\left(\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_{\perp}\right), D\left(\left(\mathbb{S}\operatorname{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_{\perp}\right), D\left(\left(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_{\perp}\right), D\left(\left(\operatorname{div}\operatorname{Div}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right)_{\perp}\right),$$

respectively. Thus,  $\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{Div_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , and  $\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$  may differ from  $Q_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $Q_{Div_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $Q_{\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $Q_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ , and  $Q_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$  only on the kernels

$$N\left(\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega), \quad N\left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega), \quad N\left(\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega),$$

and  $N\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k\right) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ ,  $N\left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}\right) = H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{k+1}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , respectively.

*Remark D.2* (Projections). Recall Theorem 3.25, for example, for  $\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k$

$$H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) = R\left(\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k\right).$$

- (i)  $\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k = 1 - \tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$  are projections.
- (i')  $\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k = \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k \tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} = 0$ .
- (ii) For  $I_{\pm} := \tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \pm \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k$ , it holds  $I_{+} = I_{-}^2 = \text{id}_{H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}$ . Therefore,  $I_{+}$ ,  $I_{-}^2$ , as well as  $I_{-} = 2\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} - \text{id}_{H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}$  are topological isomorphisms on  $H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ .
- (iii) There exists  $c > 0$  such that for all  $S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$

$$c \left| \tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} S \right|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+2}(\Omega)} \leq |\text{divDiv } S|_{H^k(\Omega)} \leq |S|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)},$$

$$\left| \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k S \right|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} \leq |S|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)} + \left| \tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} S \right|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)}.$$

- (iii') For  $S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$ , we have  $\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} S = 0$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k S = S$ . In particular,  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^k$  is onto.

Similar results to (i)–(iii') hold also for  $\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k$ ,  $\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k$ , and  $\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}$ . In particular,  $\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{Div_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$ , and  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{Div_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1}$  are projections and there exists  $c > 0$  such that for all  $S \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ ,  $T \in H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)$ ,  $\hat{T} \in H_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)$ , and  $\hat{S} \in H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)$

$$\left| \tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} S \right|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Rot } S|_{H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(\Omega)}, \quad \left| \tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{S}Rot_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} \hat{T} \right|_{H_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{symRot } \hat{T}|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^k(\Omega)},$$

$$\left| \tilde{Q}_{Div_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} T \right|_{H_{\mathbb{T}}^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{Div } T|_{H^k(\Omega)}, \quad \left| \tilde{Q}_{divDiv_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k+1,k,1} \hat{S} \right|_{H_{\mathbb{S}}^{k+2}(\Omega)} \leq c |\text{divDiv } \hat{S}|_{H^k(\Omega)}.$$

*Remark D.3* (Bounded regular direct decompositions). By Theorem 3.29, we have, for example,

$$H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$$

$$= H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Gradgrad } H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$$

with bounded linear regular direct decomposition operators

$$\hat{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow R\left(\tilde{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1}\right) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega),$$

$$\hat{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,\infty} : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,0}^{\infty}(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \subset H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega),$$

$$\hat{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} : H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \rightarrow H_{\Gamma_t}^{k+2}(\Omega)$$

satisfying  $\hat{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,1} + \hat{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,\infty} + \text{Gradgrad } \hat{Q}_{\mathbb{T}Rot_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}^{k,0} = \text{id}_{H_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)}$ .

A closer inspection of the proof allows for a more precise description of these bounded decomposition operators. For this, let  $S \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega)$ . According to Theorem 3.25 and Remark D.2, we decompose

$$S = S_R + S_N := \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,1} S + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k S \in R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k\right)$$

with  $R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k\right) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) = N\left(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}^k\right)$ . By Theorem 3.29 we further decompose

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma,0}^k(\text{Rot}, \Omega) \ni S_N = \text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} + \text{BinGradgrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}^{k+2}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}(\Omega).$$

Then  $\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)} S_N = \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)} B \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}$  and thus

$$B = I_{\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)}}^{-1} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)} S_N \in \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}(\Omega).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u} &= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma}^k \text{Gradgrad } \tilde{u} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma}^k (S_N - B) \\ &= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma}^k \left( 1 - I_{\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)}}^{-1} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)} \right) S_N. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we see

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,1} &= \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}^k = \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,1} \left( \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}^k \right)_{\perp}^{-1} \mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}^k, \\ \hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,\infty} &= I_{\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)}}^{-1} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)} \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k, \\ \hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,0} &= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Gradgrad},\Gamma}^k \left( 1 - I_{\pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)}}^{-1} \pi_{N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}\epsilon)} \right) \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k \end{aligned}$$

with  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^k = 1 - \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma}}^{k,1}$ . Analogously, we have for the other spaces

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{Rot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma}^{k+1}(\Omega) + \text{devGrad } \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) &= R\left(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}^{k+1,k,1}\right) \dot{+} \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \dot{+} \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) \\ &= \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) + \text{symRot } \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

with bounded linear regular direct decomposition operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow R\left(\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,\infty} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{Div}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow R\left(\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,\infty} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,0}^\infty(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_t}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow R\left(\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,\infty} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+1}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,1} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow R\left(\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,1}\right) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,\infty} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n,0}^\infty(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega), \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,0} &: \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k+2}(\Omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} + \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,\infty} + \text{Rot } \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{Div}, \Omega)}, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,1} + \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,\infty} + \text{devGrad } \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k(\text{symRot}, \Omega)}, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} + \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,\infty} + \text{symRot } \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,1} + \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,\infty} + \text{symRot } \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,0} &= \text{id}_{\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}(\text{divDiv}, \Omega)}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} &= \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^k \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k = \mathcal{Q}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} \left(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} \text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,\infty} &= I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k)}^{-1} \pi_N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,0} &= \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^k \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k = \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,1} \left(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} \mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,\infty} &= I_{\pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \mu)}^{-1} \pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \mu) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k,0} &= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}\text{Grad},\Gamma_t}^k \left(1 - I_{\pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \mu)}^{-1} \pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k \mu)\right) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} &= \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^k \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k = \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,1} \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k\right)_\perp^{-1} \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,\infty} &= I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)}^{-1} \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k,0} &= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^k \left(1 - I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)}^{-1} \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)\right) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^k, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,1} &= \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,1} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k} \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k} = \mathcal{Q}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,1} \left(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}\right)_\perp^{-1} \text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,\infty} &= I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)}^{-1} \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k}, \\
 \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k,0} &= \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^{k+1} \left(1 - I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)}^{-1} \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}^k)\right) \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^{k+1,k}
 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^k}^k &= 1 - \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{k,1}}, & \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^k}^k &= 1 - \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k,1}}, \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^k}^k &= 1 - \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}^{k,1}}, & \widetilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k}} &= 1 - \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{k+1,k,1}},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}I_{\pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{\epsilon})} &: \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{\epsilon}) \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega) \\ &\quad \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}} \mapsto \pi_N(\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}^{\epsilon}) \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}}, \\ I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t})} &: \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \epsilon^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\epsilon}(\Omega) \\ &\quad \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}} \mapsto \pi_N(\mathbb{T}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_t}) \epsilon^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{divDiv}_{\mathbb{S},\Gamma_n}}, \\ I_{\pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{\mu})} &: \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{\mu}) \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}(\Omega) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \\ &\quad \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}} \mapsto \pi_N(\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}^{\mu}) \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}}, \\ I_{\pi_N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t})} &: \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) \rightarrow \text{Lin } \pi_N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) \mu^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}(\Omega) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t,\Gamma_n,\mu}(\Omega) \\ &\quad \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}} \mapsto \pi_N(\mathbb{S}\text{Rot}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_t}) \mu^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{\ell}^{\text{Div}_{\mathbb{T},\Gamma_n}}.\end{aligned}$$