

A POSTERIORI ERROR ESTIMATES,
STOPPING CRITERIA,
AND INEXPENSIVE IMPLEMENTATIONS

*for error control and efficiency
in numerical simulations*

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Habilitation à diriger des recherches

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- joined Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Laboratoire Jacques-Louis Lions as a “maître de conférences” in *September 2006*
- *January 2005–August 2006*: post-doc at CNRS, Université Paris-Sud
- *December 2004*: Ph.D. at Czech Technical University in Prague & Université Paris-Sud

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- **ERT** project with the **French Petroleum Institute** *Enhanced oil recovery and geological sequestration of CO₂: mesh adaptivity, a posteriori error control, and other advanced techniques*
- **HydroExpert** society, simulations of flow and contaminant transport in underground porous media (code *TALISMAN*)

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- Babuška and Rheinboldt (1978), introduction
- Ladevèze and Leguillon (1983), **equilibrated fluxes estimates** (equality of Prager and Synge (1947))
- Zienkiewicz and Zhu (1987), **averaging-based estimates**
- Verfürth (1996, book), **residual-based estimates**
- Repin (1997), **functional a posteriori error estimates**
- Destuynder and Métivet (1999), equilibrated fluxes estimates
- Ainsworth and Oden (2000, book), **equilibrated residual estimates**
- Luce and Wohlmuth (2004), equilibrated fluxes estimates
- Braess and Schöberl (2008), equilibrated fluxes estimates

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- Ohlberger (2001), non-energy norm estimates
- Achdou, Bernardi, Coquel (2003), links FV–FE
- Nicaise (2005, 2006), postprocessing

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- Bernardi and Verfürth (2000), conforming finite elements
- Petzoldt (2002), conforming finite elements
- Ainsworth (2005), nonconforming finite elements

Reaction-dominated problems

- Verfürth (1998), residual estimates
- Ainsworth and Babuška (1999), equilibrated residual estimates
- Grosman (2006), equilibrated residual estimates, anisotropic meshes

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- Petzoldt (2002), conforming finite elements
- Ainsworth (2005), nonconforming finite elements

Reaction-dominated problems

- Verfürth (1998), residual estimates
- Ainsworth and Babuška (1999), equilibrated residual estimates
- Grosman (2006), equilibrated residual estimates, anisotropic meshes

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- engineering literature, since 1950's
- Ladevèze (since 1980's)
- Verfürth (2003), space and time error equilibration
- Braack and Ern (2003), estimation of model errors
- Babuška, Oden (2004), verification and validation
- ...

Previous results: implementations, relations

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- Arnold and Brezzi (1985)
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—	[A13]	2010	JSC	D	FE, VCFV, CCFV, FD	guar. & rob. estimates w.r.t. the jumps in dif. coef.
Cheddadi, Fučík, Prieto	[A4]	2009	M2AN	RD	FE, VCFV	guar. & rob. estimates w.r.t. the reaction
Ern, Stephansen	[A6]	2010	JCAM	CRD	DG	guar. & rob. estimates w.r.t. the convection and reaction
—	[A11]	2007	SINUM	CRD	MFE	guar. estimates
—	[A12]	2008	NM	CRD	FV	guar. estimates
Ern	[A7]	2010	SINUM	heat	DG, MFE, VCFV, CCFV FCFV, FE, NCFE	unified framework
Hilhorst	[A9]	2010	CMAME	CRD instat.	VCFV	guar. (& rob.) estimates
Hannukainen, Stenberg	[B2]	2010	submt.	Stokes	DG, MFE, FV FE, FES, NCFE	unified framework
Pencheva, Wheeler, Wildey	[B3]	2010	submt.	D	DG, MFE, FV	extension to multiscale, multinumerics, and mortars
Ben Belgacem, Bernardi, Blouza	[B1]	2010	submt.	syst. var. ineq.	FE	optimal a posteriori estimates

Papers of this habilitation (stopping criteria)

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Jiránek, Strakoš	[A10]	2010	SISC	D	CCFV, MFE	algebraic error, stopping criteria
El Alaoui, Ern	[A5]	2010	CMAME	monot. nonlin.	FE	guar. & rob. estimates w.r.t. the nonlinearity; linearization error, stopping criteria
—	[B4]	2010	prep.	two-phase	DG, MFE, VCFV CCFV, FCFV	a posteriori estimates, stopping criteria

Papers of this habilitation (implementations, relations between methods, postprocessing, a priori estimates)

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Eymard, Hilhorst	[A8]	2010	NMPDE	CRD par. deg.	VCFV	convergence proof
Ben Belgacem, Bernardi, Blouza	[A1]	2009	M2AN	syst. var. ineq.	FE	well-posedness, a priori estimates, residual a posteriori estimates
Ben Belgacem, Bernardi, Blouza	[A2]	2009	MMNP	syst. var. ineq.	FE	inexpensive implementation
—	[A14]	2010	MC	D	MFE	unified a priori and a posteriori analysis
Wohlmuth	[B5]	2010	submt.	D	MFE	inexpensive implementation, relation to FV methods

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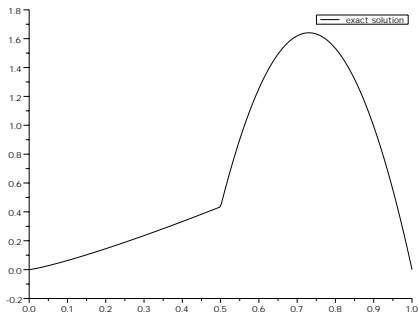
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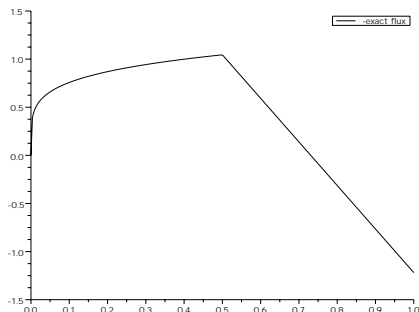
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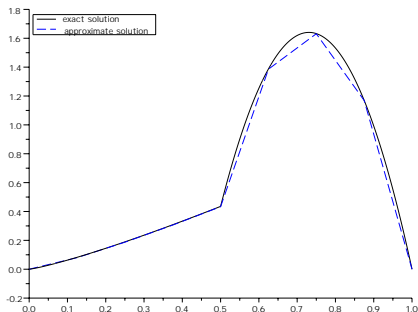


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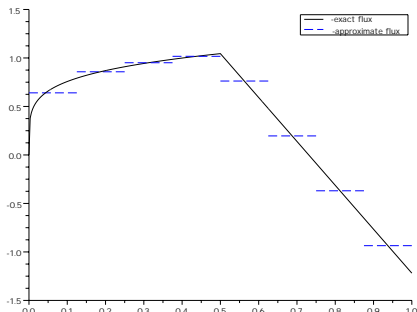


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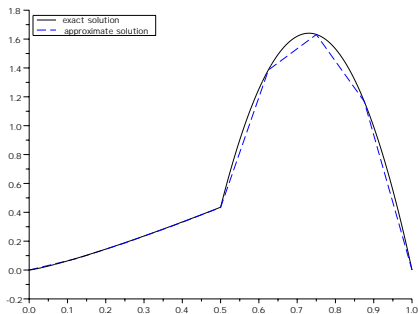


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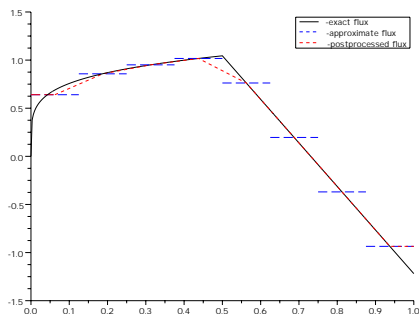


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Theorem (A posteriori error estimate)

Let

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Practical construction of \mathbf{t}_h

- relies on the local conservation property of the given numerical method
- uses Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec spaces, two types
 - **direct prescription** of the degrees of freedom by averaging the normal fluxes $\nabla p_h \cdot \mathbf{n}$
 - **solution of local Neumann problems by mixed finite elements** (Bank and Weiser (1985), Ern and Vohralík (2009))

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Estimates for $-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{S} \nabla p) = f$, FE, VCFV, CCFV, FD

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- **guaranteed upper bound**
- local efficiency
- **full robustness**, singular cases included (**no monotonicity-like assumption** as in Dörfler and Wilderotter (2000), Bernardi and Verfürth (2000), Petzoldt (2002), Ainsworth (2005), Chen and Dai (2002), or Cai and Zhang (2009))
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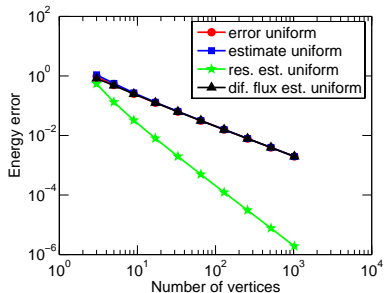
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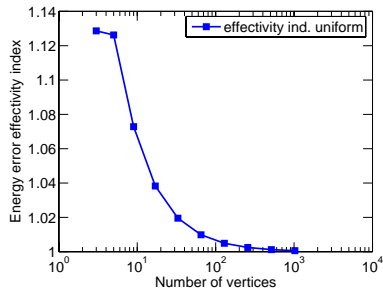
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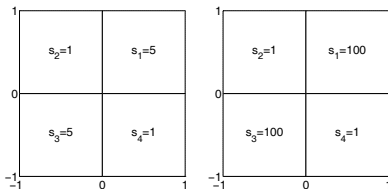
Effectivity index

Discontinuous diffusion tensor and vertex-centered finite volumes

- consider the pure diffusion equation

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{S} \nabla p) = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega = (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1)$$

- discontinuous and inhomogeneous \mathbf{S} , two cases:

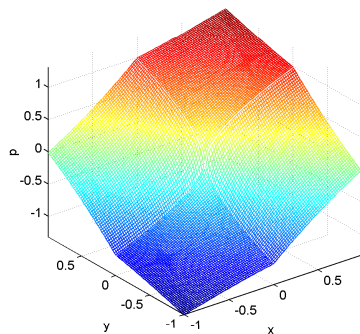


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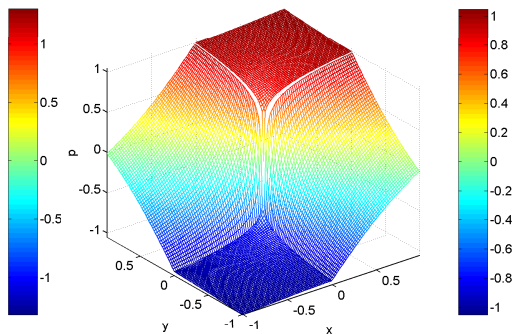
$$p(r, \theta)|_{\Omega_i} = r^\alpha (a_i \sin(\alpha\theta) + b_i \cos(\alpha\theta))$$

- (r, θ) polar coordinates in Ω
- a_i, b_i constants depending on Ω_i
- α regularity of the solution

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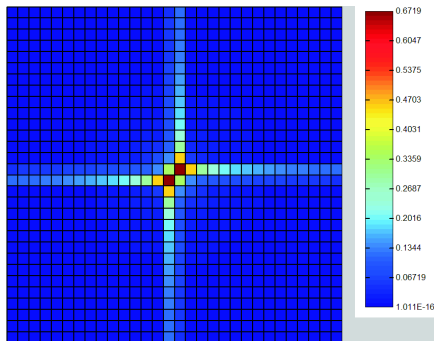


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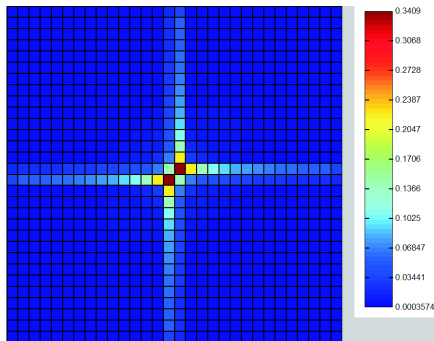


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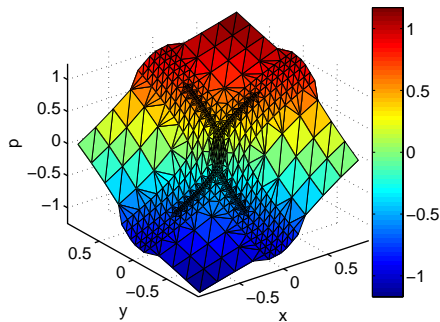


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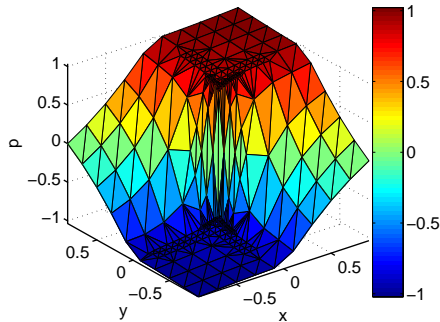


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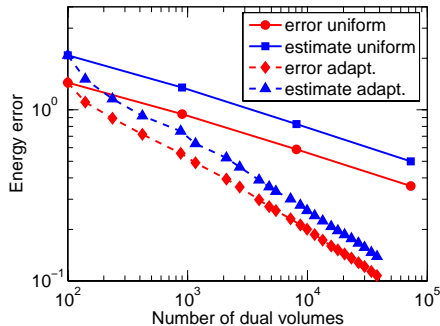


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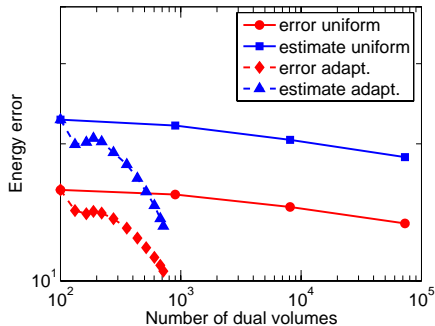


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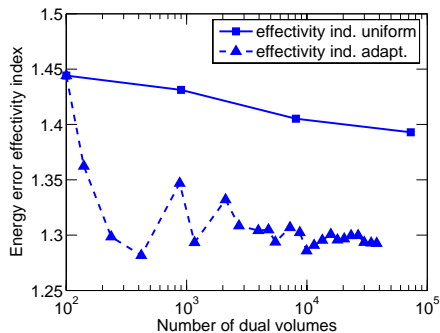


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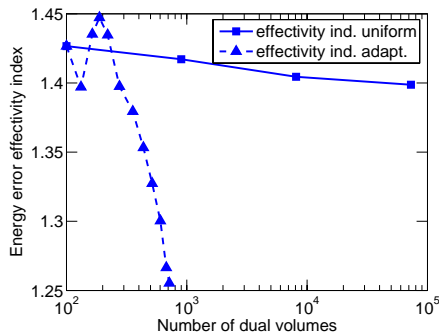


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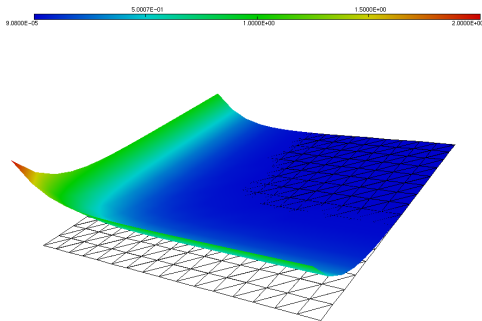
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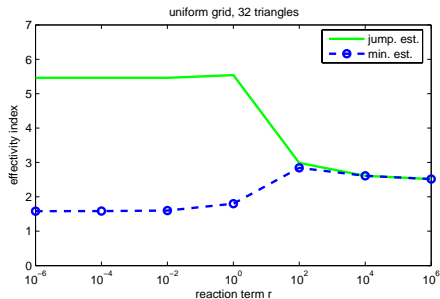
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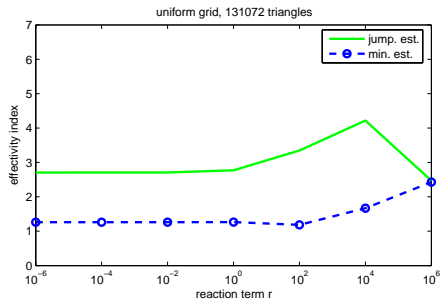
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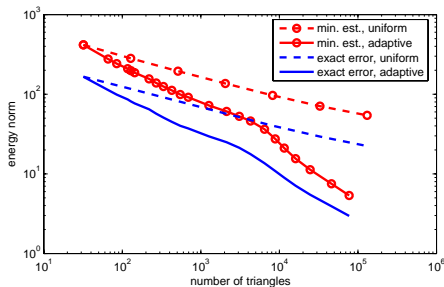


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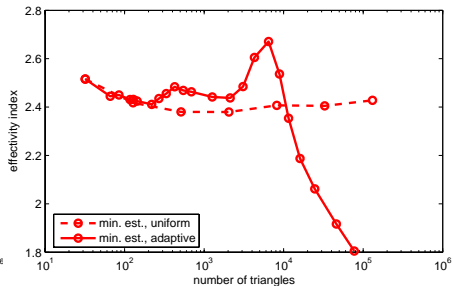


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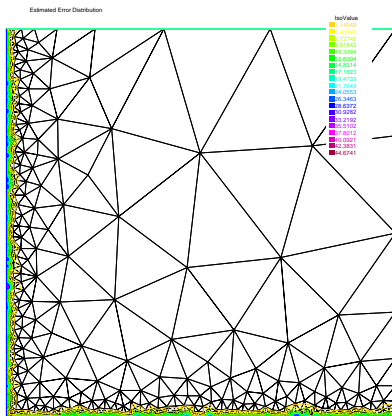
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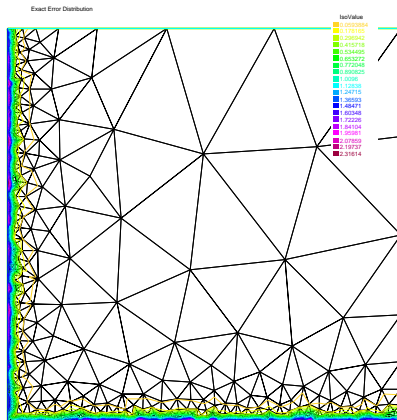
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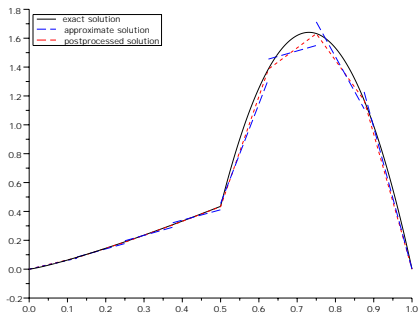
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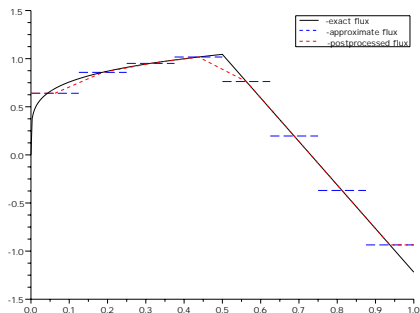
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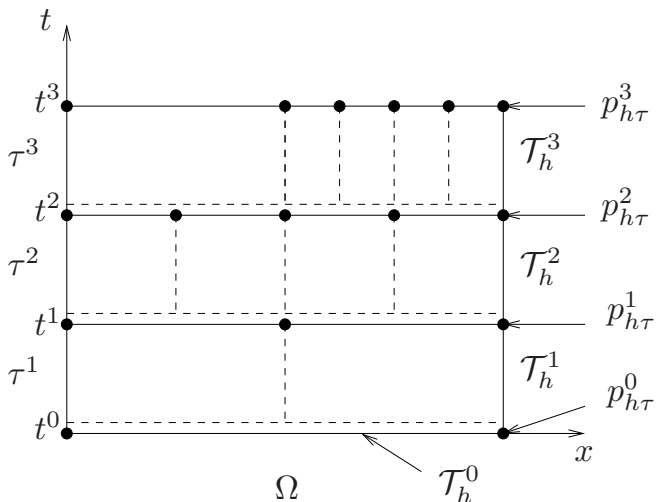
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Then

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- *residual estimator*

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- *nonconformity estimators*

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- *data oscillation estimator*

- $\|f - \tilde{f}\|_{X'}$

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- **triangle inequality**: time-dependent \times time-independent terms (similarly to Picasso (1998), Verfürth (2003), Bergam, Bernardi, Mghazli (2005), but **no unknown constant**)

Corollary (Estimate separating the space and time errors)

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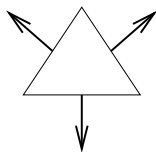
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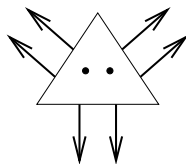
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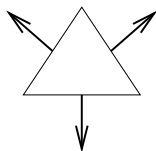
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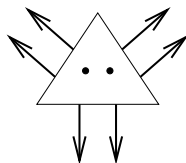
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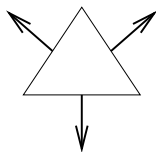
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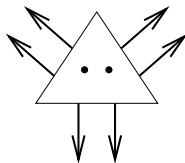
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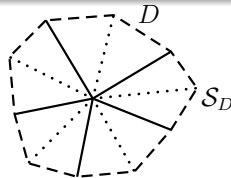
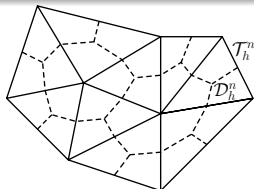
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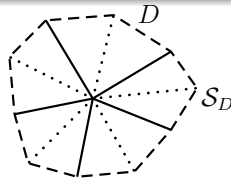
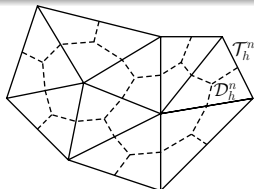
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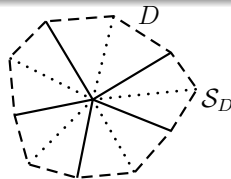
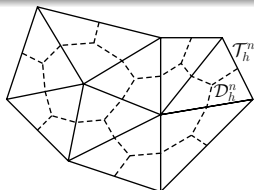
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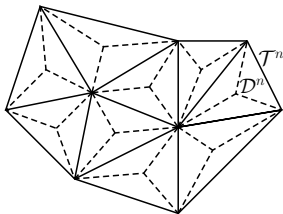
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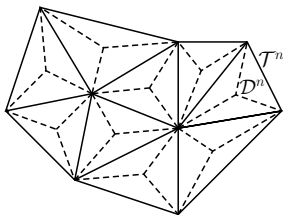
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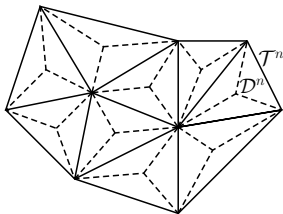
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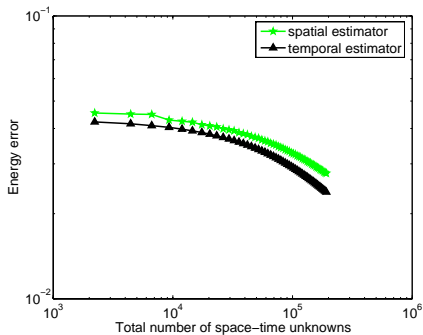


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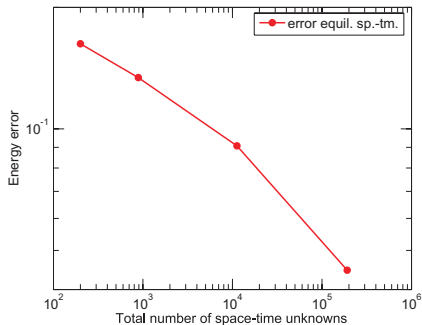
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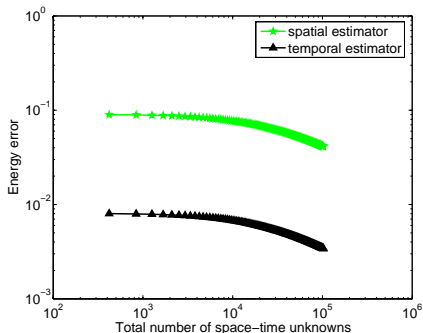


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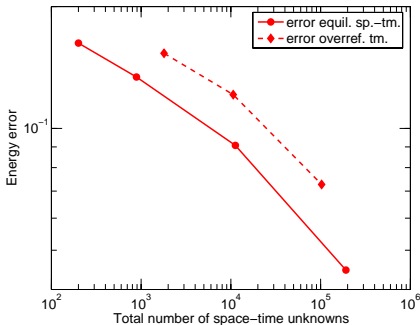


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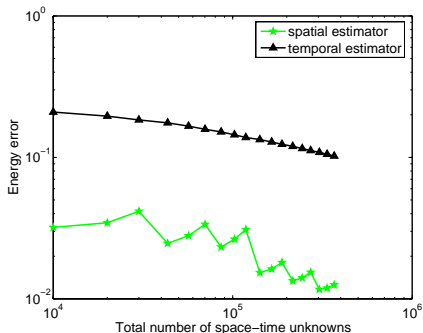


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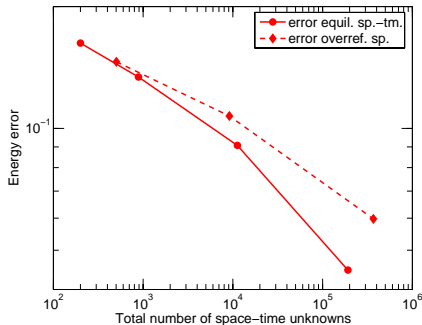


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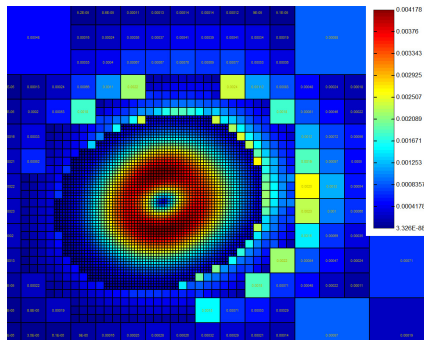


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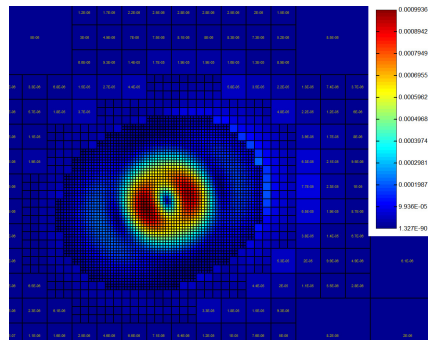


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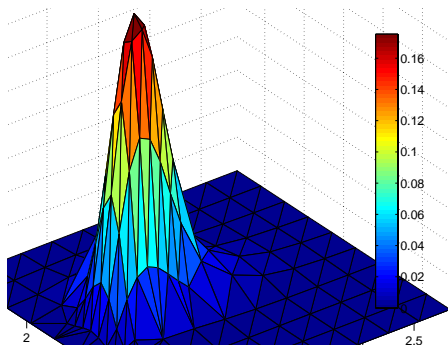


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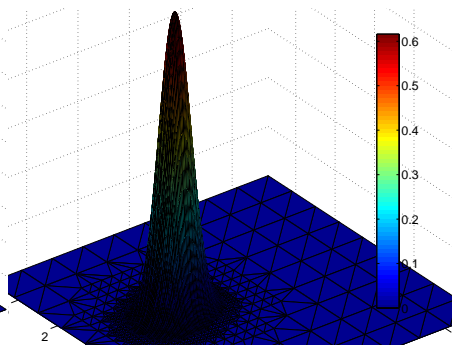


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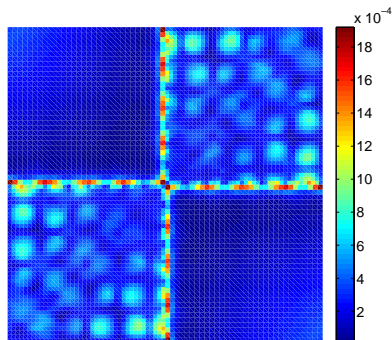
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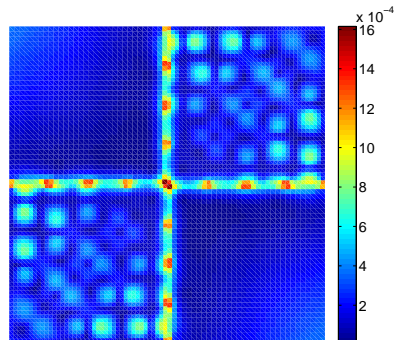
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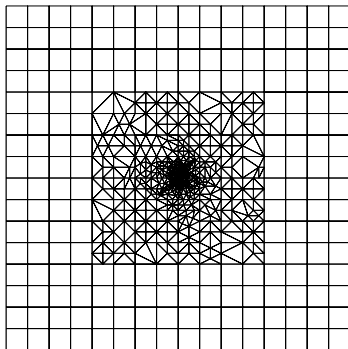


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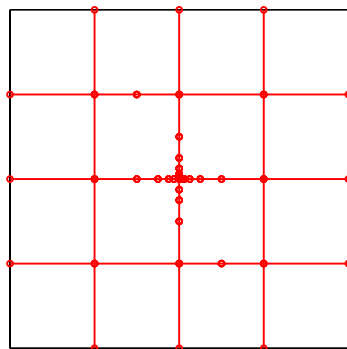


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$$:= \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{S}_D} h_K^r \|f + \nabla \cdot \sigma_L(\nabla p_{L,h})\|_{r,K}^r + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{G}_D^T} h_F \|[\![\sigma_L(\nabla p_{L,h}) \cdot \mathbf{n}]\!] \|_{r,F}^r \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

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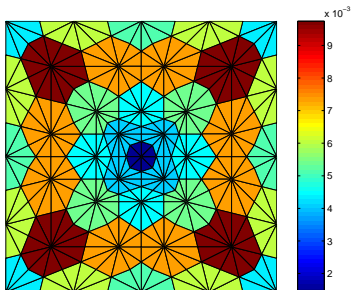
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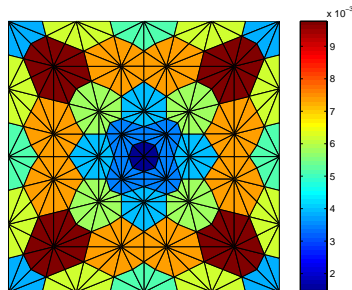
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- tested values $q = 1.4, 3, 10, 50$

Error distribution on a uniformly refined mesh, $q = 3$

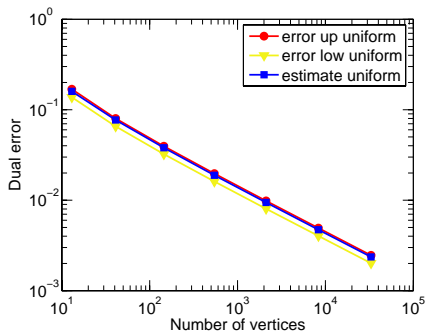


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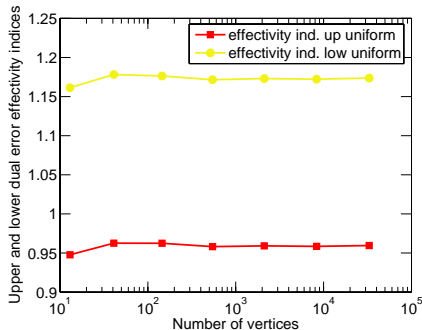


Exact error distribution

Estimated and actual errors and the eff. index, $q = 1.4$

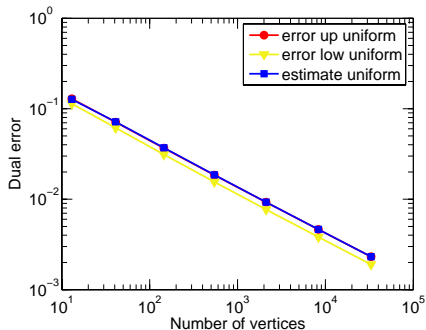


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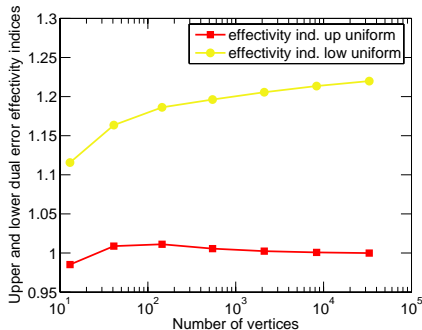


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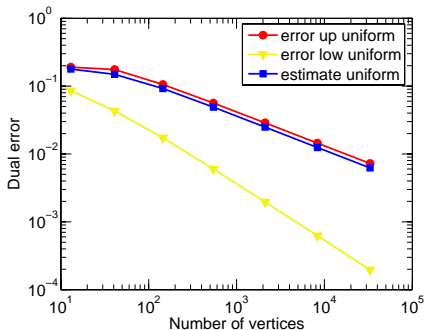


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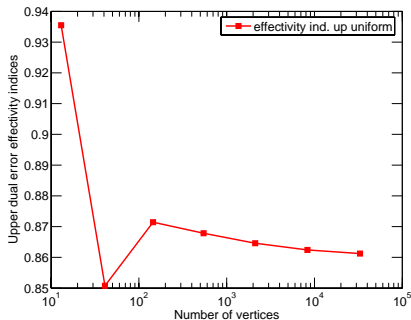


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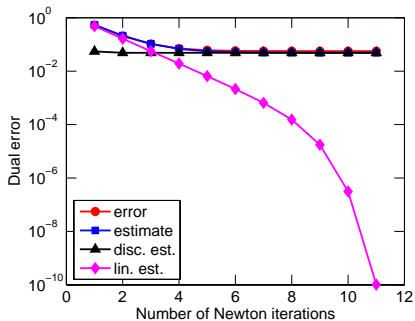


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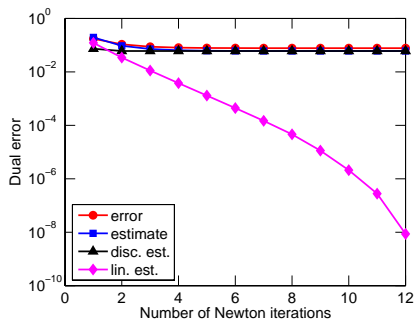


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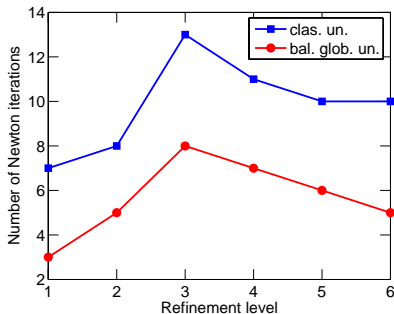


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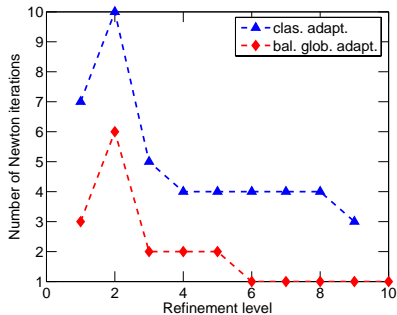


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Evolution of Newton iterations



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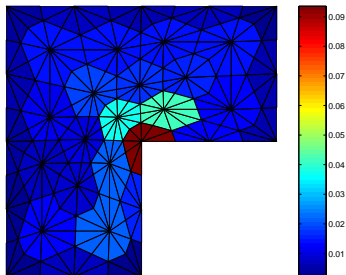
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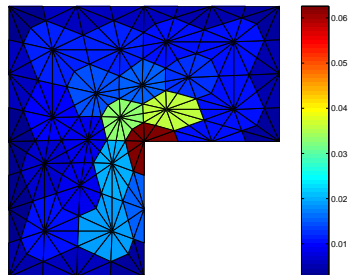
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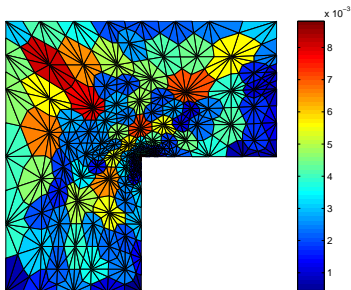


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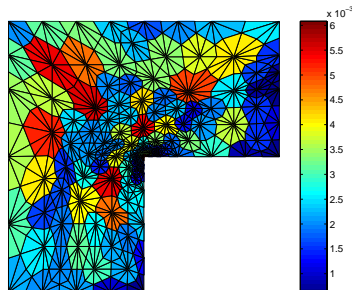


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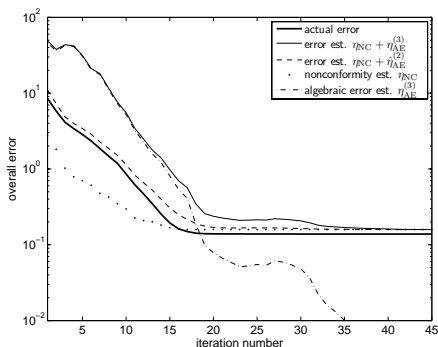
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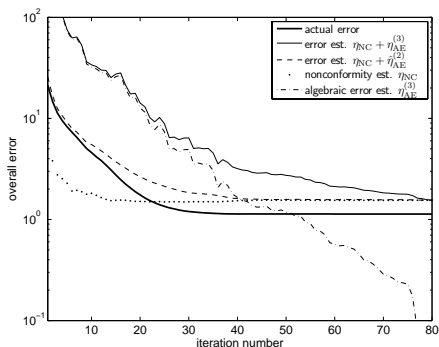
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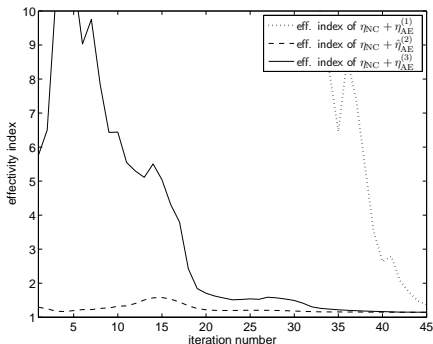


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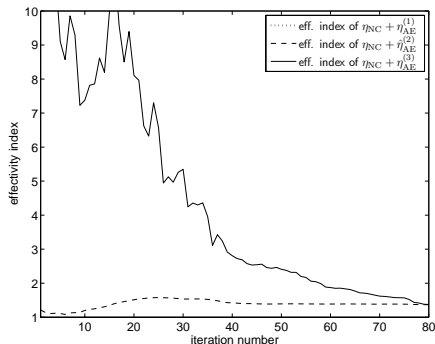


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