

# A posteriorní odhady chyb a adaptivita v numerických aproximacích parciálních diferenciálních rovnic

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## National Centre for Scientific Research

- [fundamental research](#)
- Institutes of Chemistry, Ecology and Environment, Physics, Nuclear and Particle Physics, Biological Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Computer Sciences, Engineering and Systems Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Earth Sciences and Astronomy
- 25.500 permanent employees
  - research directors (directeurs de recherche, equivalent to full professor)
  - research scientists (chargés de recherche, equivalent to associate professor)
  - engineers, technicians
  - administrative staff
- 7.500 temporary workers (Ph.D. students, post-docs, engineers, interns)
- researchers typically integrated into university laboratories (few own facilities)
- [www.cnrs.fr](http://www.cnrs.fr)

## National Institute for Research in Informatics and Automation

- theoretical and applied research in **informatics** & **applied mathematics**
- 1.300 research scientists
- 1000 Ph.D. students, 500 post-docs
- 8 research centers in France, 1 in Chile
- organization by project-teams:
  - specific subject
  - 2–10 permanent members
  - often joint with universities
  - 4 years lifespan, evaluation by a international committee, 3 cycles at most
- [www.inria.fr](http://www.inria.fr)

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# Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées

- *Grande école* founded in 1747: build bridges & roads
- highly selective admission based on national ranking in competitive written and oral exams
- 380 research scientists & professors
- small number of students
- famous professors: Navier, Coriolis, d'Ocagne, Séjourné, ...
- famous students: Bienvenüe, Freyssinet, Caquot, Saint-Venant, Becquerel, Biot, Chauchy, Fresnel, Darcy
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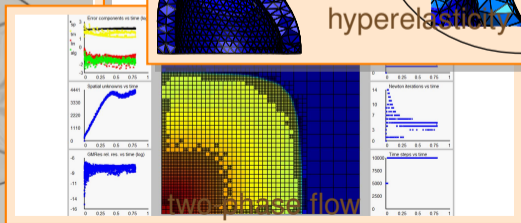
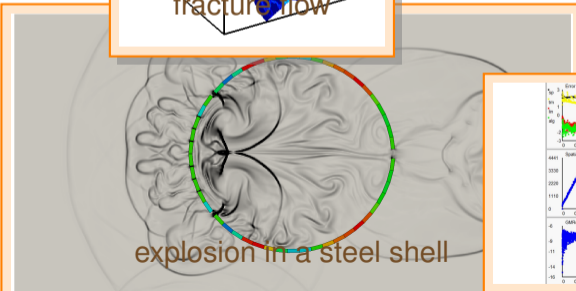
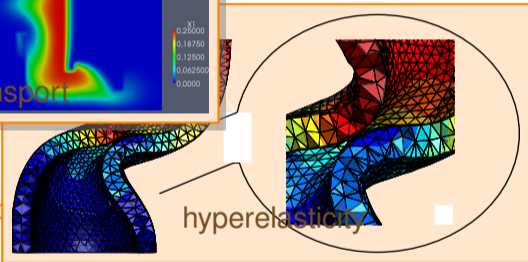
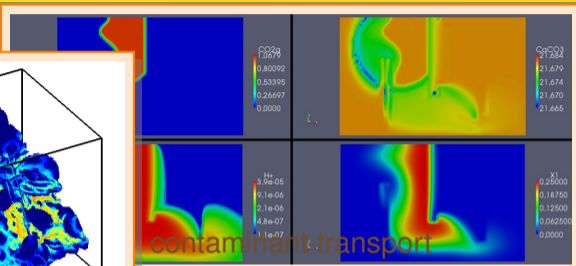
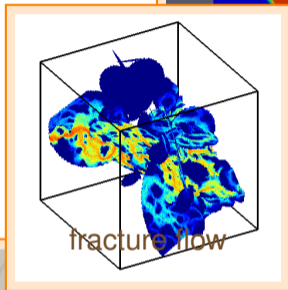


# Project-team SERENA

## Simulation for the Environment: Reliable and Efficient Numerical Algorithms

- conception and analysis of models based on partial differential equations (PDEs)
- 6 permanent members, 2 post-docs, 7 Ph.D. students, 1 research engineer
- **numerical** approximation methods (**algorithms**) (finite element method)
- algebraic solvers (domain decomposition, multigrid, Newton–Krylov)
- implementation issues (correctness of programs)
- **reliability** of the **overall simulation**
- **efficiency** with respect to computational resources
- current **environmental** problems
- <https://team.inria.fr/serena/>

# Examples: numerical simulations of PDEs in SERENA



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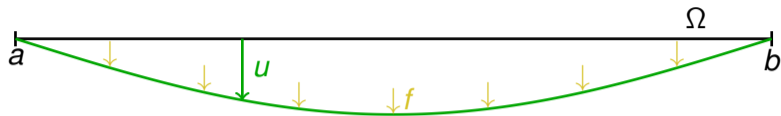
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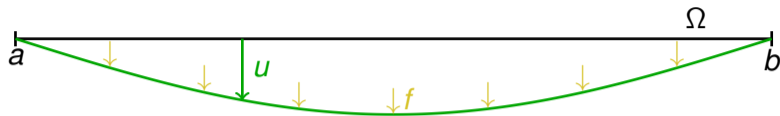
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Let  $\Omega$  be an interval,  $\Omega = ]a, b[$ ,  $a, b$  two real numbers,  $a < b$ . Let  $f : ]a, b[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a given function. Find  $u : ]a, b[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} -(u')' &= f, \\ u(a) &= u(b) = 0. \end{aligned}$$



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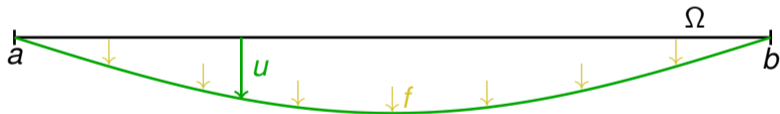
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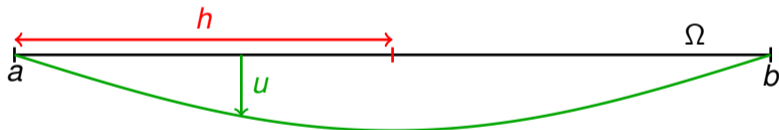


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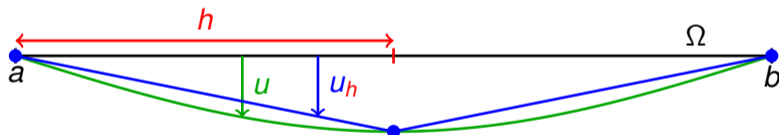


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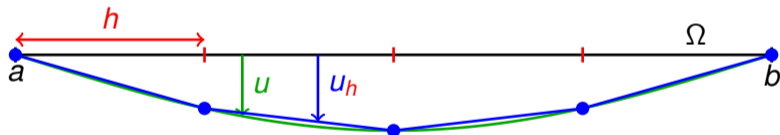


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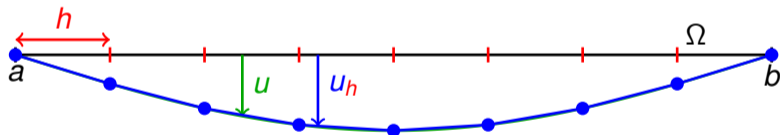


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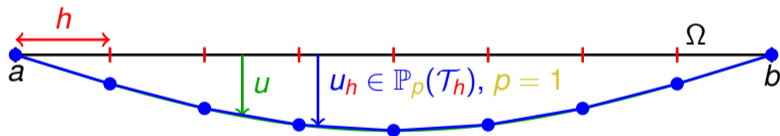


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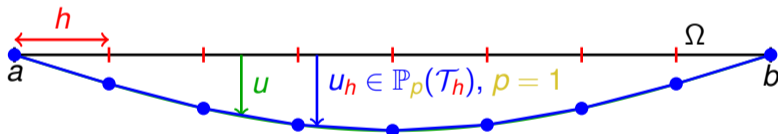


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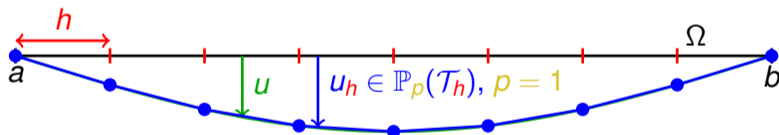
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$h$	$p$	$\eta(u_h)$	rel. error estimate $\frac{\eta(u_h)}{\ \nabla u_h\ }$	$\ \nabla(u - u_h)\ $	rel. error $\frac{\ \nabla(u - u_h)\ }{\ \nabla u_h\ }$	$p^{\text{eff}} = \frac{\eta(u_h)}{\ \nabla(u - u_h)\ }$
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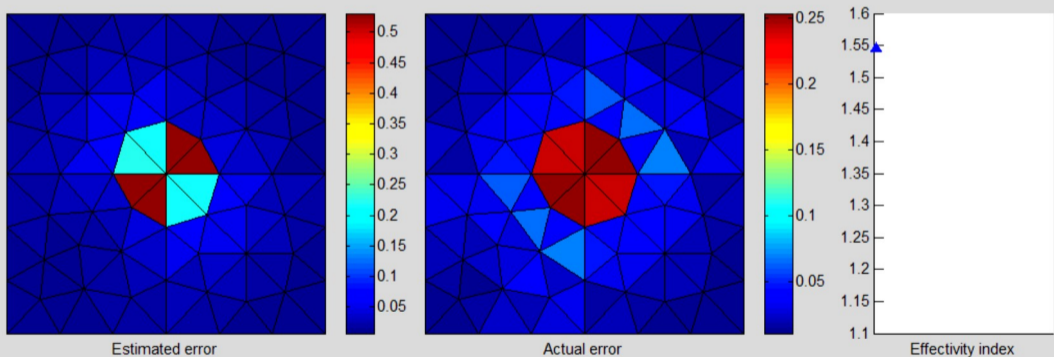
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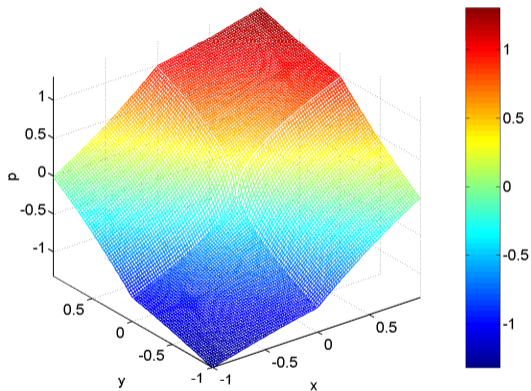
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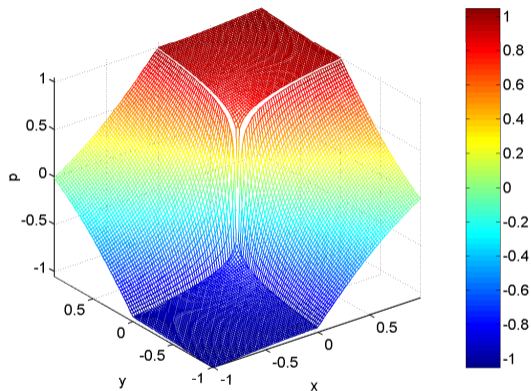


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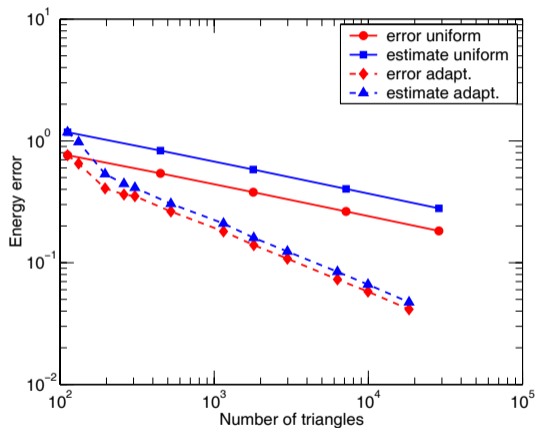


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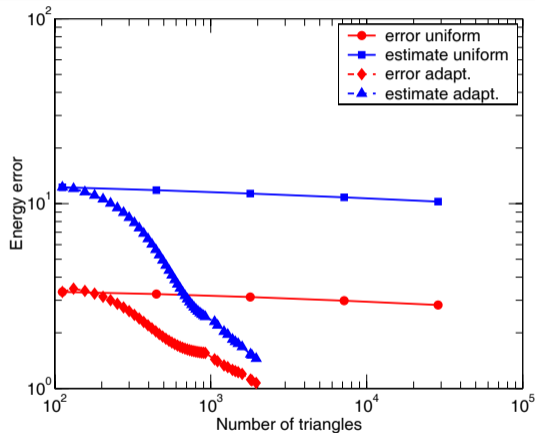


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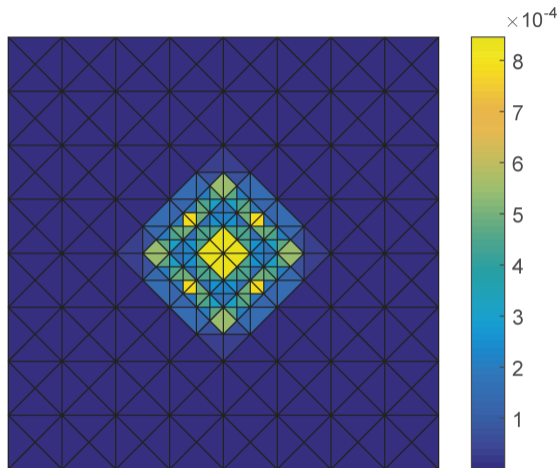
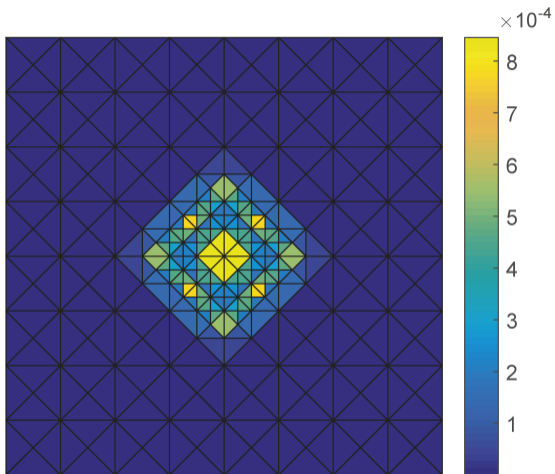
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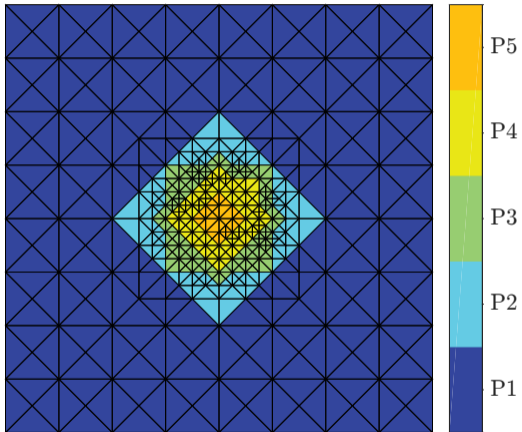


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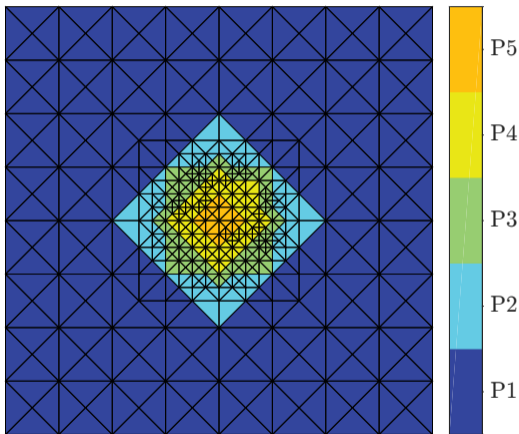
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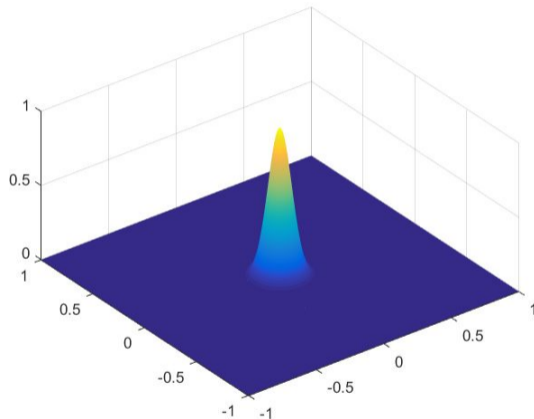


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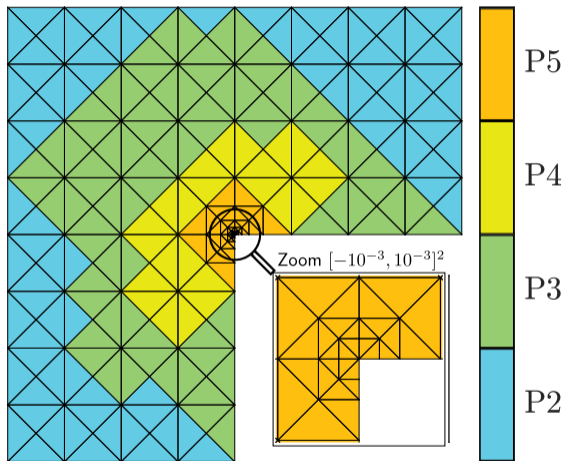
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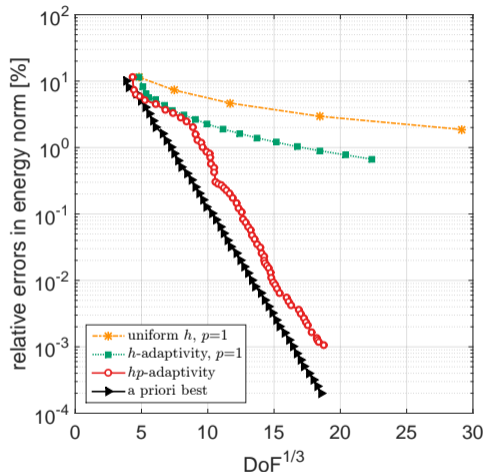
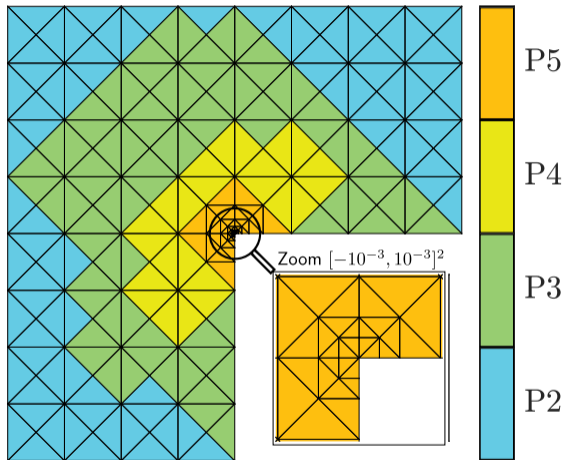
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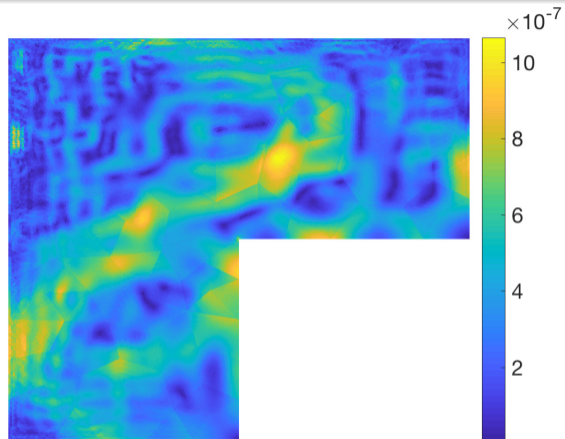
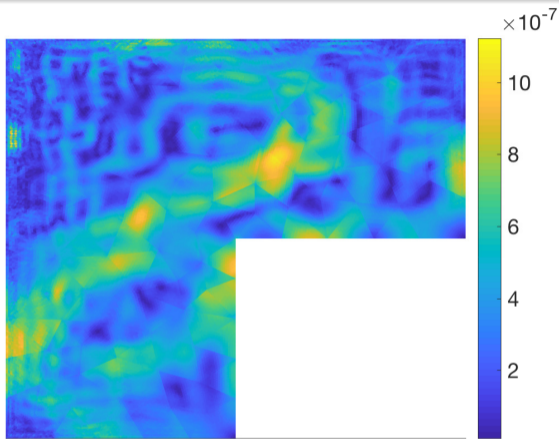
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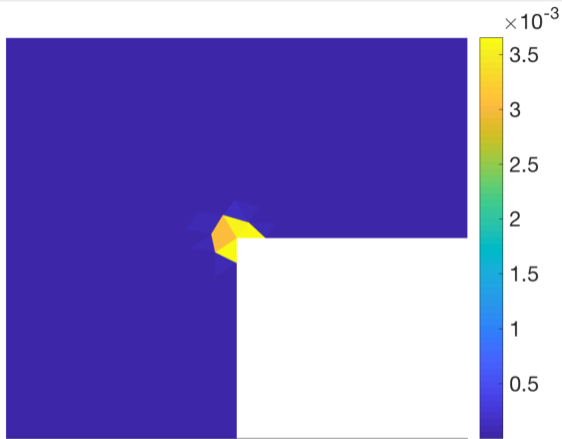
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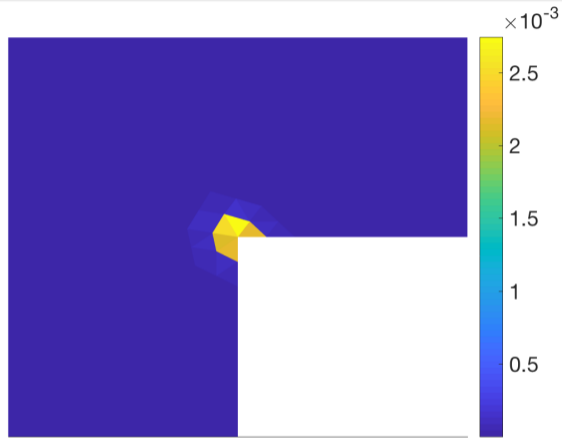


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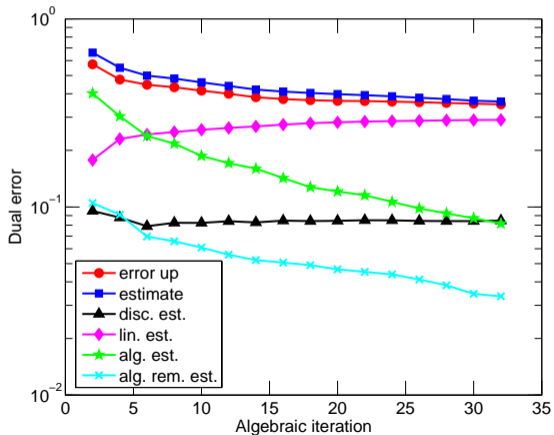
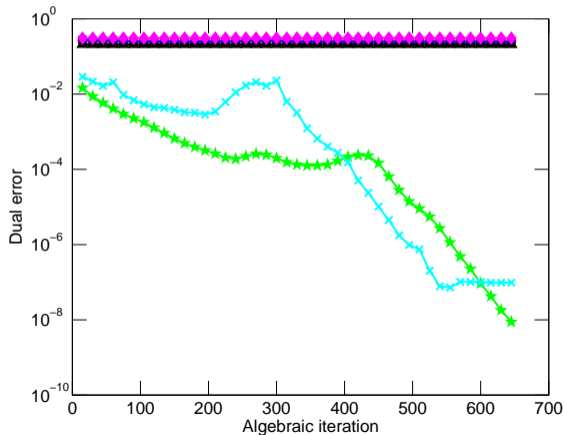
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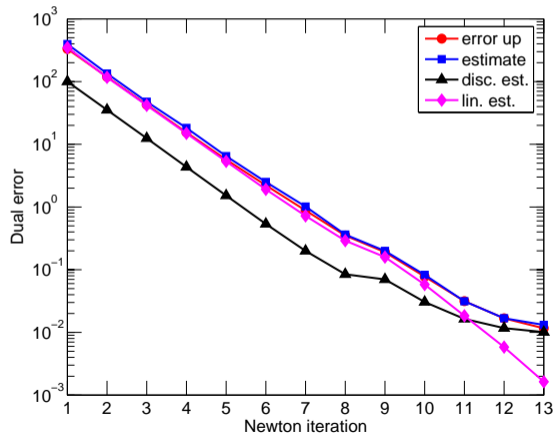
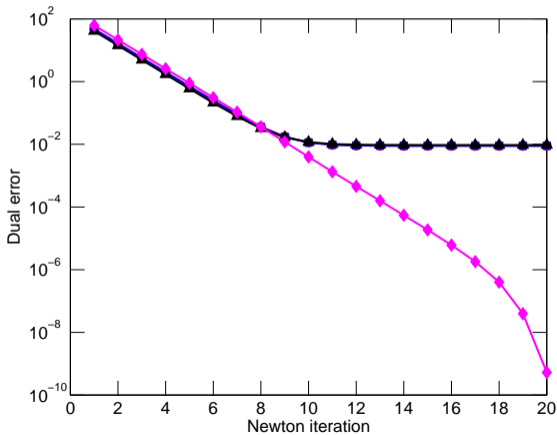
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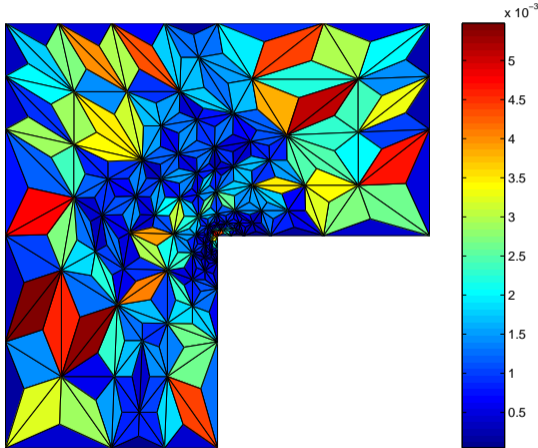
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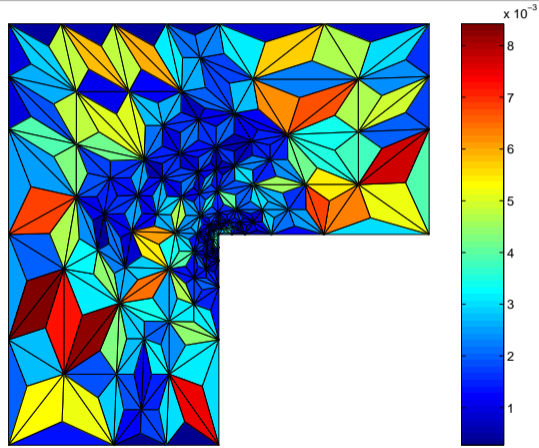


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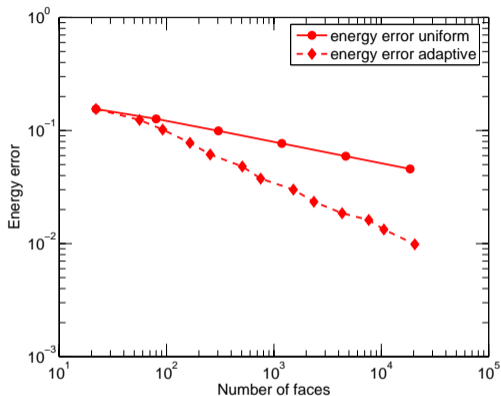
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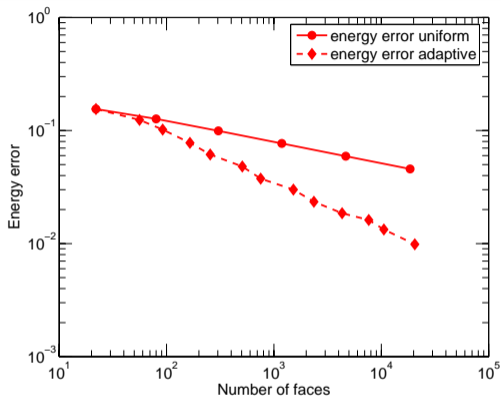
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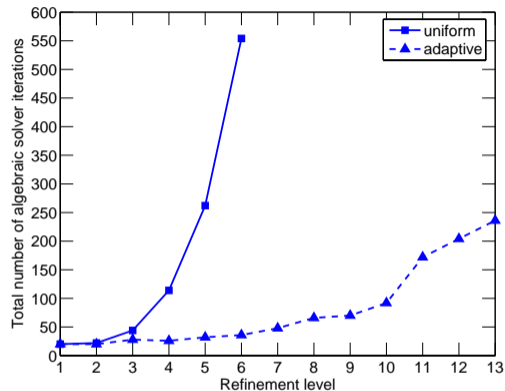
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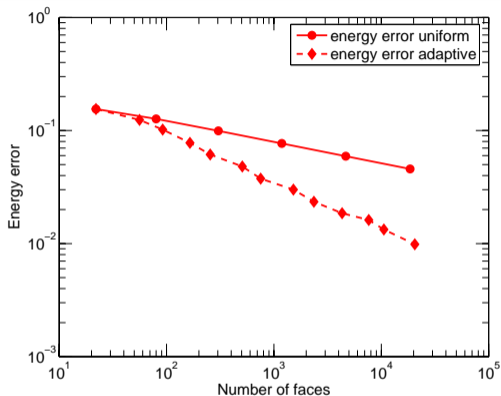
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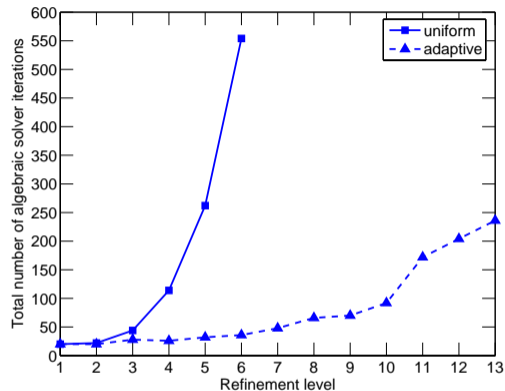
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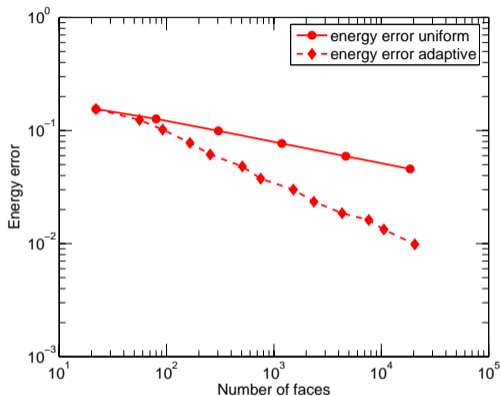
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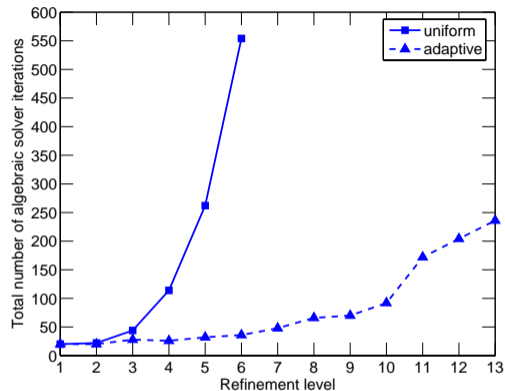
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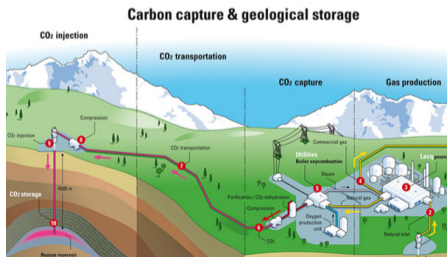
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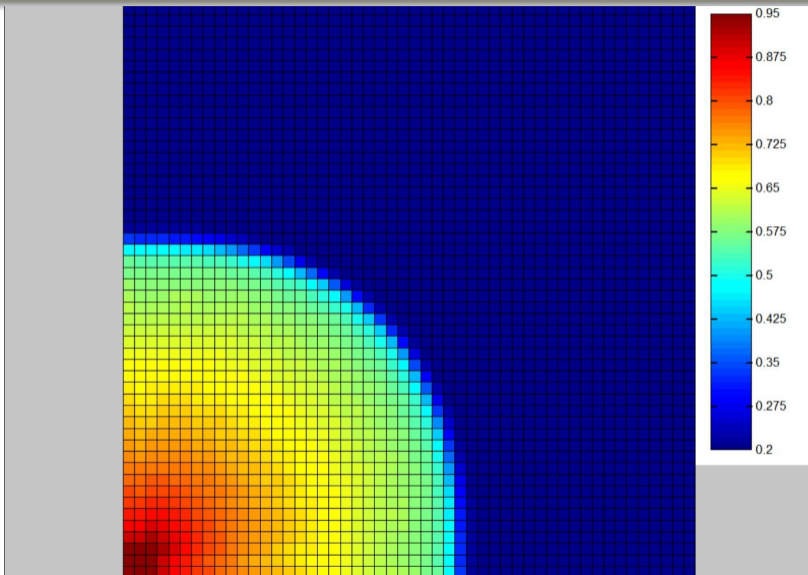
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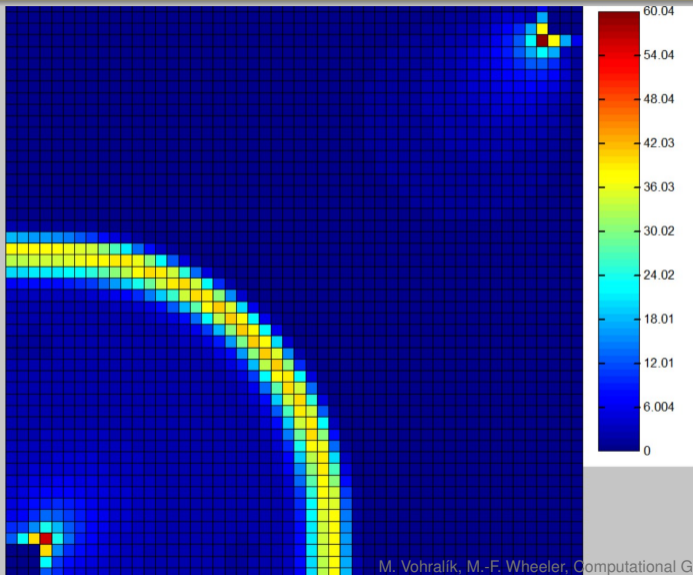
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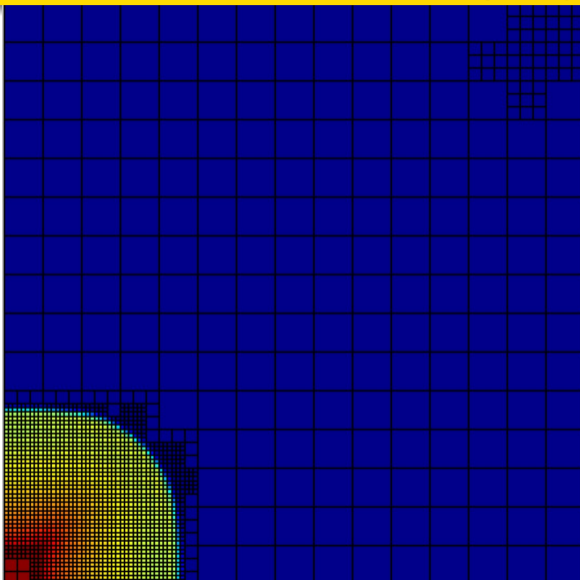


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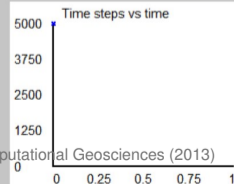
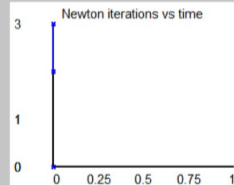
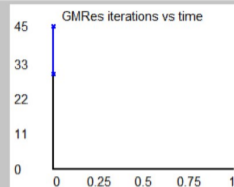
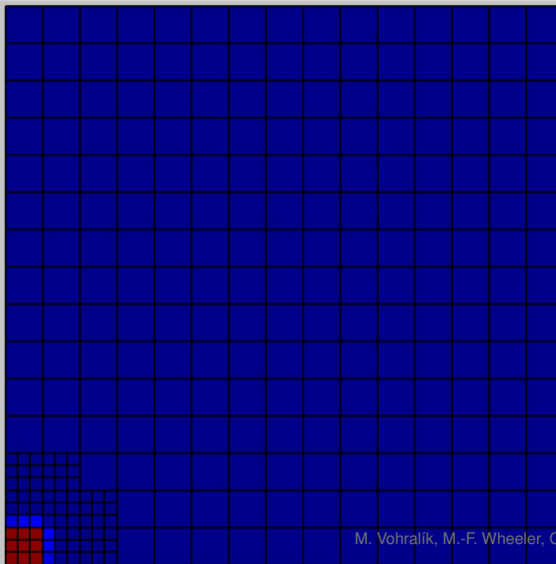
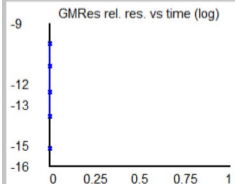
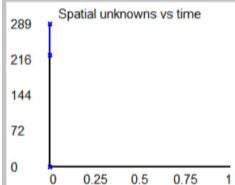
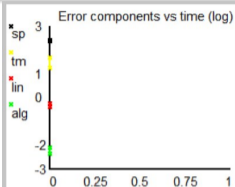


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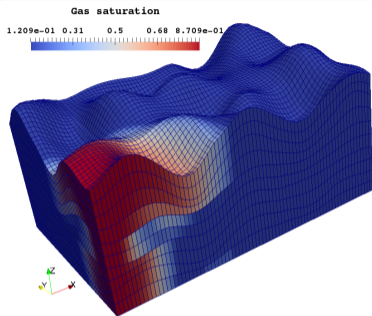
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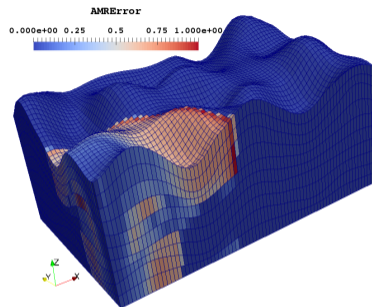
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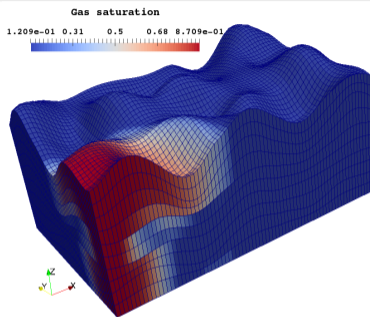
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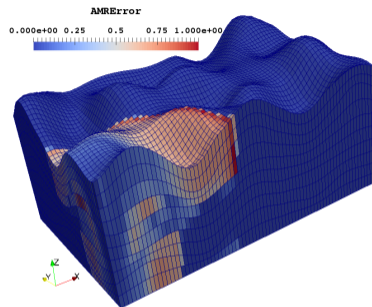
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# Black-oil multiphase problem (collaboration IFPEN)



Gas saturation



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- 1 certify the error
- 2 localize it in space & time
- 3 distinguish its components
- 4 decrease it efficiently via adaptivity

# Outline

- 1 Research and education in France, Inria, the SERENA research team
- 2 Introduction: numerical approximation of partial differential equations
- 3 A posteriori error estimates, balancing of error components, and adaptivity
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  - Mesh adaptivity
  - Polynomial-degree adaptivity
  - Balancing of error components (inexact linear and nonlinear solvers)
- 4 Application to unsteady multi-phase multi-compositional Darcy flow
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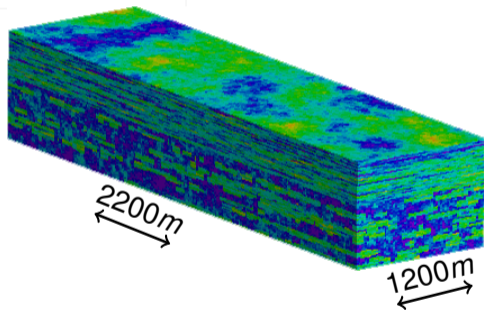
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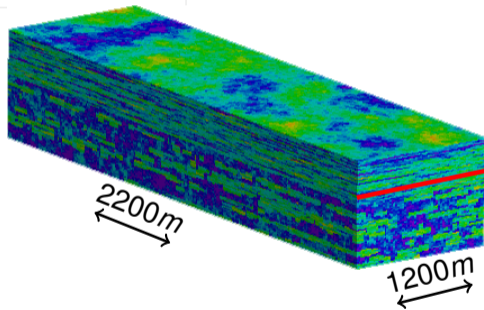


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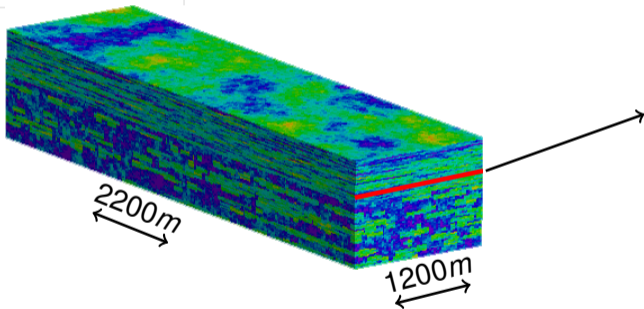
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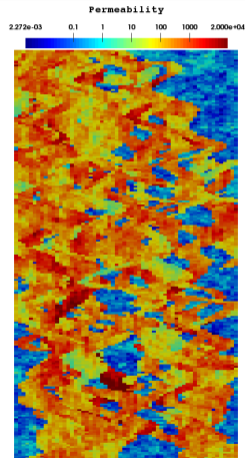


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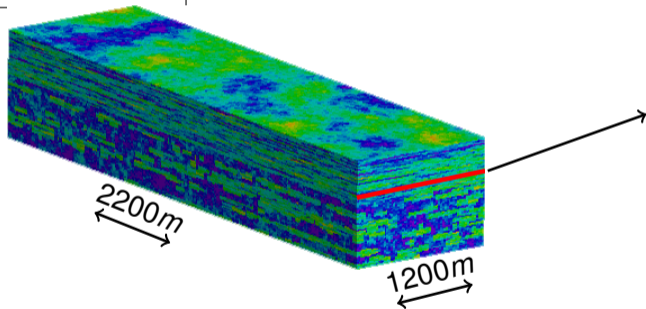


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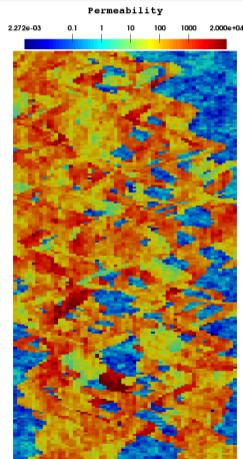
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