An adaptive *hp*-refinement strategy with computable guaranteed error reduction factors

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#### General adaptive loop

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## A posteriori error **ESTIMATE**

Guaranteed upper bound on the energy error  $\| \nabla \left( u - u_{\ell} \right) \|$ 

• for each  $\ell \geq 0$  and for each patch  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{T}_{\ell}$ , select

 $p_{\mathbf{a}} := \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{a}}} p_K$ 

Equilibrated flux reconstruction  $\sigma_\ell := \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_\ell} \sigma^{\mathbf{a}}_\ell$ 

For each vertex  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_\ell,$  we solve a small minimization problem

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathbf{a}}_{\ell} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{v}_{\ell} \in \mathbf{V}^{\mathbf{a}}_{\ell}, \, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\ell} = \Pi_{Q^{\mathbf{a}}_{\ell}}(f\psi_{\mathbf{a}} - \nabla u_{\ell} \cdot \nabla \psi_{\mathbf{a}})} \|\psi_{\mathbf{a}} \nabla u_{\ell} + \mathbf{v}_{\ell}\|_{\omega_{\mathbf{a}}}$$

with properly chosen local *Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec* mixed finite element spaces  $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbf{a}}_{\ell} \times Q^{\mathbf{a}}_{\ell}$  of order  $p_{\mathbf{a}}$ .



## ESTIMATE

#### Guaranteed upper bound on the error

$$\nabla(u - u_{\ell}) \| \leq \eta(\mathcal{T}_{\ell}) := \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{\ell}} \eta_{K}^{2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$\eta_{K} := \|\nabla u_{\ell} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\ell}\|_{K} + \frac{h_{K}}{\pi} \|f - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\ell}\|_{K}.$$

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The goal is to mark a set of elements  $\mathcal{M}_\ell \subset \mathcal{T}_\ell$  to be refined

*Classical* bulk chasing (Dörfler's marking strategy)

For a *fixed* parameter  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  choose (the smallest) set of elements  $\mathcal{M}_{\ell}$  s.t.:

 $\eta(\mathcal{M}_{\ell}) \ge \theta \, \eta(\mathcal{T}_{\ell})$ 

• Notation: 
$$\eta(\mathcal{M}_{\ell}) := \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{M}_{\ell}} \eta_K^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Remark: we select the elements patch-wise, hence we define the set of marked vertices *V*<sub>ℓ</sub> (•), and ω<sub>ℓ</sub> (▲) – the domain of the marked elements *M*<sub>ℓ</sub>



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## Residual liftings I

Assumption: the next-level  $\mathcal{T}_{\ell+1}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{\ell}$  have been determined

*Notation:* for each marked vertex  $\mathbf{a} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\ell}$  (•) and the associated patch  $\omega_{\mathbf{a}}$  we define

- the local submesh refinement  $\mathcal{T}^{hp}_{\mathbf{a}} = \mathcal{T}_{\ell+1}|_{\omega_{\mathbf{a}}}$
- the local polynomial degrees  $\mathbf{p}^{hp}_{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{p}_{\ell+1}|_{\mathcal{T}_{\ell+1}}$



### Residual liftings II

Residual liftings' local problems ( $\ell \ge 0$ )

For each marked vertex  $\mathbf{a}\in\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_\ell,$  we define the local patch-based space

$$V_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp} := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp}}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp}) \cap H_0^1(\omega_{\mathbf{a}}) .$$

We define the local residual lifting  $r_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp}$  as the solution of

$$(\nabla r_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp}, \nabla v_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp})_{\omega_{\mathbf{a}}} = (f, v_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp})_{\omega_{\mathbf{a}}} - (\nabla u_{\ell}, \nabla v_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp})_{\omega_{\mathbf{a}}} \quad \forall v_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp} \in V_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp}.$$



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## Error reduction factor $C_{\text{red}} \in [0, 1)$

#### Guaranteed contraction property

For given:

• 
$$\mathcal{T}_{\ell}, \mathcal{T}_{\ell+1}$$
 (s.t.  $\mathcal{T}_{\ell} \subset \mathcal{T}_{\ell+1}$ )

- the associated residual liftings  $r_{\mathbf{a}}^{hp}$  for each  $\mathbf{a} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\ell}$
- $u_{\ell} \in \mathcal{V}_{\ell}$  be the FEM solution and  $\{\eta_K\}_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{\ell}}$

The new (*unknown*) numerical solution  $u_{\ell+1} \in V_{\ell+1}$  satisfies:

$$\|\nabla(u - u_{\ell+1})\| \leq \frac{C_{\text{red}}}{||\nabla(u - u_{\ell})||} \text{ with } \frac{C_{\text{red}}}{||\nabla(u - u_{\ell})||} \leq \frac{\eta_{\mathcal{M}_{\ell}}^2}{\eta^2(\mathcal{M}_{\ell})}$$



### Guaranteed error reduction factor - proof sketch

#### **Contraction property**

$$\|\nabla(u-u_{\ell+1})\| \leq \frac{C_{\text{red}}}{C_{\text{red}}} \|\nabla(u-u_{\ell})\| \text{ with } \frac{C_{\text{red}}}{C_{\text{red}}} := \sqrt{1-\theta^2 \frac{\eta_{\mathcal{M}_{\ell}}^2}{\eta^2(\mathcal{M}_{\ell})}}$$

### Proof

Galerkin orthogonality  
$$\|\nabla(u-u_{\ell+1})\|^{2} = \underbrace{\|\nabla(u-u_{\ell})\|^{2}}_{\leq \eta^{2}(\mathcal{T}_{\ell})} - \underbrace{\|\nabla(u_{\ell+1}-u_{\ell})\|^{2}}_{\geq \underline{\eta}^{2}_{\mathcal{M}_{\ell}} = \frac{\underline{\eta}^{2}_{\mathcal{M}_{\ell}}}{\eta^{2}(\mathcal{M}_{\ell})} \eta^{2}(\mathcal{M}_{\ell})}$$

- 2 Employ the discrete lower bound  $\underline{\eta}_{\mathcal{M}_{e}}$
- **③** Employ the error estimate  $\eta(\mathcal{T}_{\ell})$
- Use the Dörfler marking property  $\eta(\mathcal{M}_{\ell}) \geq \theta \eta(\mathcal{T}_{\ell})$
- Factorize & take square root



#### Numerics: L-shape problem - solution with corner singularity

$$u(r,\varphi) = r^{\frac{2}{3}} \sin\left(\frac{2\varphi}{3}\right)$$



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### Numerics -hp-strategy



 $\bullet$  The initial mesh and the final polynomial degree distribution after 65 iterations of the proposed hp-strategy

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• The final polynomial degree distribution after 65 iterations of the proposed *hp*-strategy and its detail near the corner (*left*).



### Exponential convergence & Assessment of the strategy



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- Cred and  $\underline{\eta}_{M_e}$  very close to ideal value of 1
- the first attempt hp-strategy with exponential order of convergence observed

#### Future work:

- try to exploit the estimates of  $C_{red}$  inside the *hp*-strategy
- try to prove the convergence of the *hp*-strategy
- exploiting the multilevel structure in an inexact algebraic solver (multigrid, ...)

# Thank you for your attention!

