

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

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## General adaptive loop

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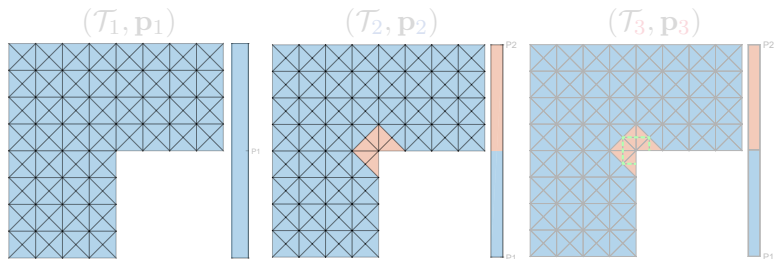
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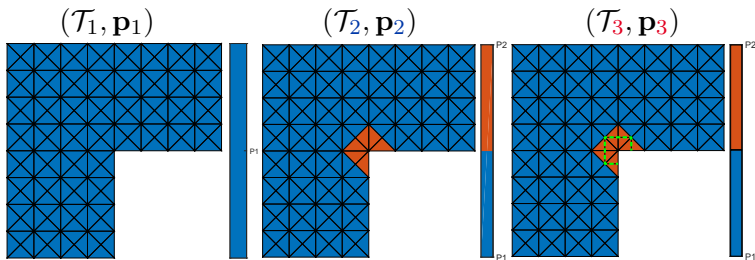
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# A posteriori error **ESTIMATE**

**Guaranteed upper bound** on the energy error  $\|\nabla(u - u_\ell)\|$

- for each  $\ell \geq 0$  and for each patch  $\mathcal{T}_a$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{T}_\ell$ , select  
 $p_a := \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_a} p_K$

Equilibrated flux reconstruction  $\sigma_\ell := \sum_{a \in \mathcal{V}_\ell} \sigma_\ell^a \in \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$

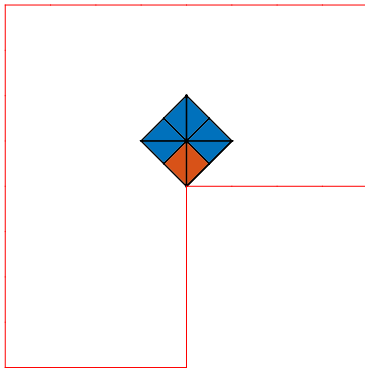
For each vertex  $a \in \mathcal{V}_\ell$ , we solve a small minimization problem

$$\sigma_\ell^a := \arg \min_{\mathbf{v}_\ell \in \mathbf{V}_\ell^a, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_\ell = \Pi_{Q_\ell^a}(f\psi_a - \nabla u_\ell \cdot \nabla \psi_a)} \|\psi_a \nabla u_\ell + \mathbf{v}_\ell\|_{\omega_a}.$$

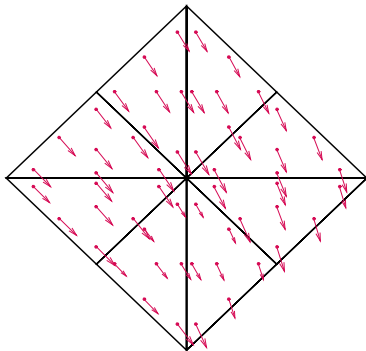
with properly chosen local *Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec* mixed finite element spaces  $\mathbf{V}_\ell^a \times Q_\ell^a$  of order  $p_a$ .

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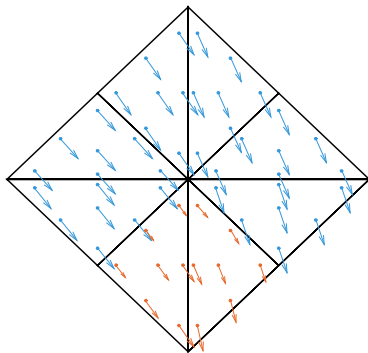
Global position of the patch  $\omega_a$



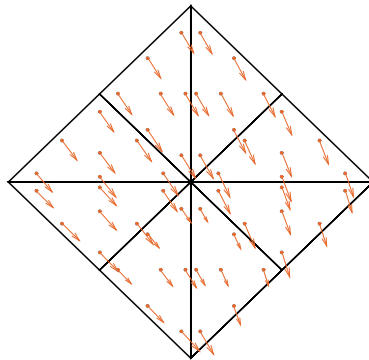
The exact flux  
 $-\nabla u \in \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$

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Approximate flux  
 $-\nabla u_\ell \notin \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$



Flux reconstruction  
 $\sigma_\ell \in \mathbf{V}_\ell \subset \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$

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## Guaranteed upper bound on the energy 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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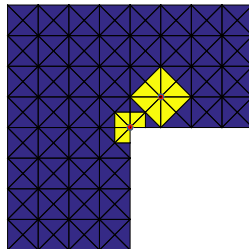
The goal is to mark a set of elements  $\mathcal{M}_\ell \subset \mathcal{T}_\ell$  **to be refined**

## 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.:

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

- *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**  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_\ell (\bullet)$ , and  $\omega_\ell (\blacktriangle)$  – **the domain** of the marked elements  $\mathcal{M}_\ell$



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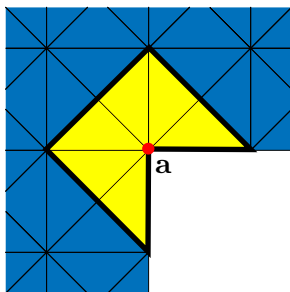
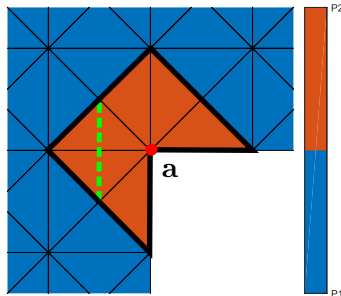
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**Assumption:** the next-level  $\mathcal{T}_{\ell+1}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{\ell+1}$  have been determined

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

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


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# Residual liftings II

## Residual liftings' local problems ( $\ell \geq 0$ )

For each marked vertex  $\mathbf{a} \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_\ell$ , 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 error 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  $\mathbf{a} \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_\ell$
- $u_\ell \in \mathcal{V}_\ell$  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:

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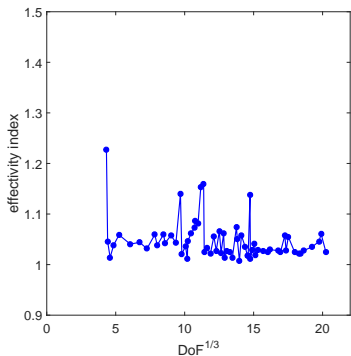
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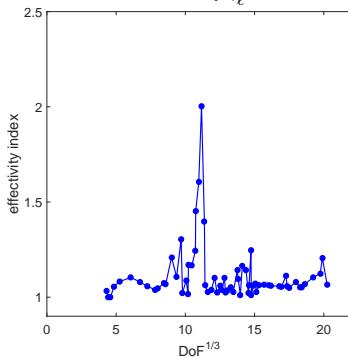
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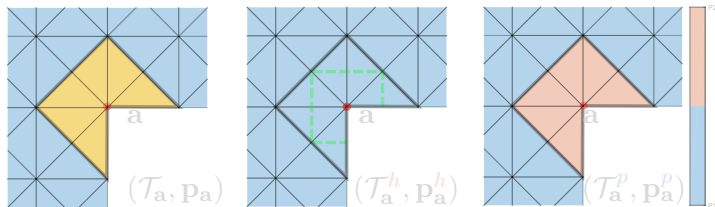
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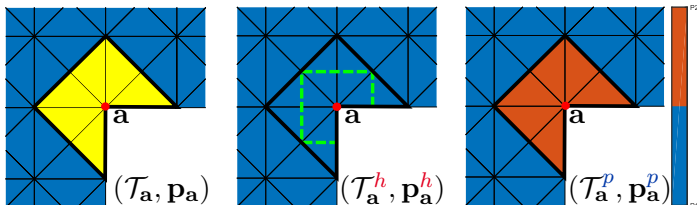
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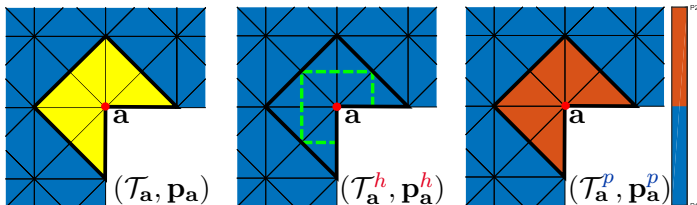
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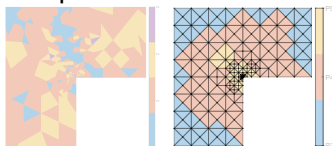
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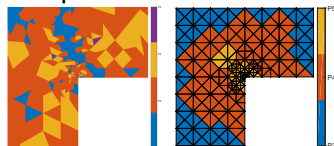
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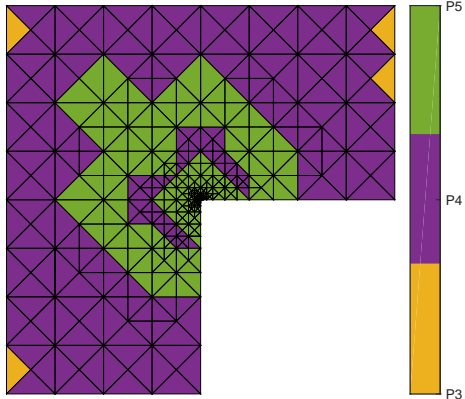
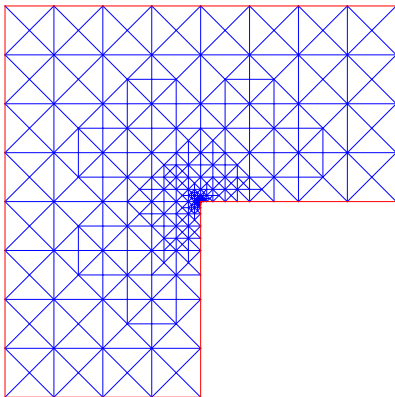
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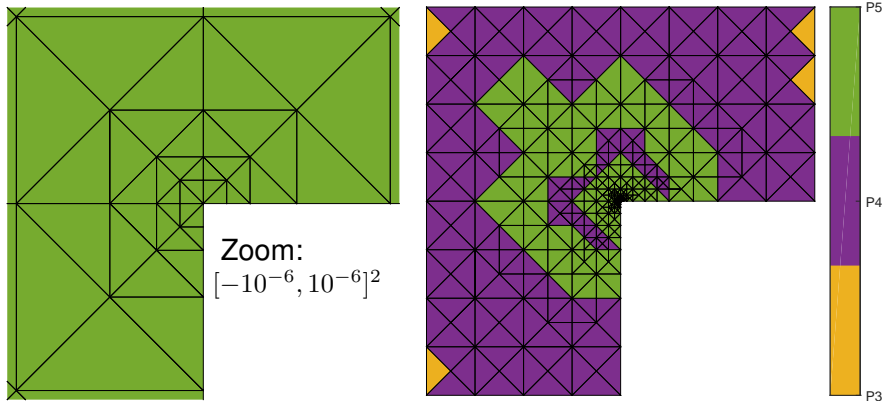
**Videos illustrating the adaptive process**

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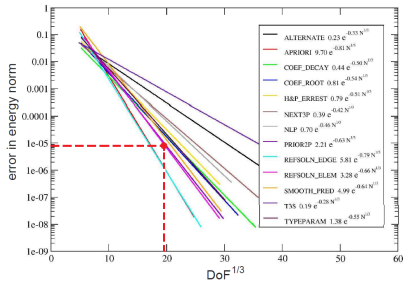
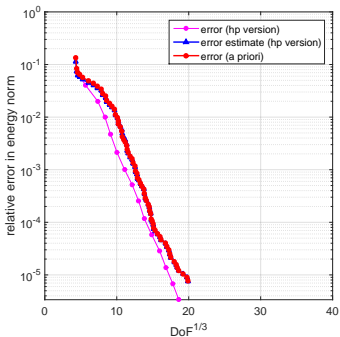
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# Exponential convergence & Assessment of the strategy



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## Future work:

- try to exploit the estimates of  $C_{\text{red}}$  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!

