

# Guaranteed and robust error bounds for singularly perturbed problems in arbitrary dimension

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$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + \kappa^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \\ u &= g_N && \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ \kappa &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Arbitrary dimension
- ▶ Neumann boundary conditions
- ▶ Guaranteed and robust upper bound on error
- ▶ Guaranteed bounds of trace constants

M. Ainsworth, T. Vejchodský: *Fully computable robust a posteriori error bounds for singularly perturbed reaction-diffusion problems*, Numer. Math. 119 (2), 2011, 219–243.

# Model problem

Classical formulation:

$$-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$u = g_N \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \qquad \kappa > 0$$

Weak formulation:

$$u \in V : \quad \mathcal{B}(u, v) = (f, v)_\Omega \quad \forall v \in V$$

Linear FEM on  $d$ -dimensional simplices:

$$u_h \in V_h : \quad \mathcal{B}(u_h, v_h) = (f, v_h)_\Omega \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

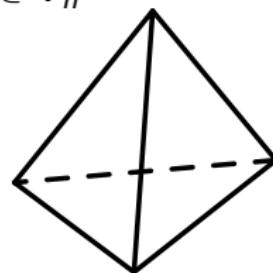
Notation:

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(u, v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v)_\Omega + \kappa^2(u, v)_\Omega$$

$$(f, v)_\Omega = \int_\Omega fv \, dx$$

$$V_h = \{v_h \in V : v_h|_K \in P^1(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$



# Main result

Upper bound:

$$\|u - u_h\|^2 \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} [\eta_K(\mathbf{y}) + \text{osc}_K(f) + \text{osc}_{\partial\Omega \cap \partial K}(g_N)]^2$$

$$\forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega) : \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \Pi_\gamma^K g_N \text{ on all } \gamma \subset \partial\Omega \cap \partial K$$

Local efficiency:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_K(\mathbf{y}) \leq C & \left( \|u - u_h\|_{\tilde{K}} + \min\{h_K, \kappa^{-1}\} \|f - \Pi f\|_{\tilde{K}} \right. \\ & \left. + \min\{h_K, \kappa^{-1}\}^{1/2} \|g_N - \Pi_\gamma^K g_N\|_{\partial\Omega \cap \partial K} \right) \text{ for a special } \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\eta_K^2(\mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \nabla u_h\|_{0,K}^2 + \kappa^{-2} \|\Pi_K f - \kappa^2 u_h + \text{div } \mathbf{y}\|_{0,K}^2$
- ▶  $\text{osc}_K(f) = \min \{h_K/\pi, \kappa^{-1}\} \|f - \Pi_K f\|_{0,K}$
- ▶  $\text{osc}_{\partial\Omega \cap \partial K}(g_N) = \min \{\mathbf{C}_T^K, \mathbf{C}_T^{K,\kappa}\} \|g_N - \Pi_\gamma^K g_N\|_{\partial\Omega \cap \partial K}$
- ▶  $\Pi_K f \in P^1(K) : (f - \Pi_K f, \varphi)_K = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P^1(K)$
- ▶  $\Pi_\gamma^K g_N \in P^1(\gamma) : (f - \Pi_\gamma^K g_N, \varphi)_\gamma = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P^1(\gamma)$

- ▶ Compute robust inter-element fluxes  $g_K$ 
  - ▶  $g_K \approx \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}_K$  on  $\partial K$   
[Ainsworth, Babuška, 1999], [Ainsworth, Vejchodský, 2011]
- ▶ For all elements  $K$  with  $\kappa\rho_K \leq 1$  construct  $\mathbf{y}_K^{(1)}$ :
  - ▶  $\mathbf{y}_K^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_K = g_K$  on  $\partial K$
  - ▶  $\Pi_K f - \kappa^2 u_h + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}_K^{(1)} = 0$
- ▶ For all elements  $K$  with  $\kappa\rho_K > 1$  construct  $\mathbf{y}_K^{(2)}$ :
  - ▶  $\mathbf{y}_K^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_K = g_K$  on  $\partial K$
  - ▶ Correct asymptotic behavior w.r.t.  $h$  and  $\kappa$
- ▶  $\mathbf{y}|_K = \begin{cases} \mathbf{y}_K^{(1)} & \text{if } \kappa\rho_K \leq 1, \\ \mathbf{y}_K^{(2)} & \text{if } \kappa\rho_K > 1, \end{cases}$

# Flux reconstruction #1



Definition:

$$\mathbf{y}_K^{(1)} = \nabla u_h + \mathbf{y}_K^L + \mathbf{y}_K^Q$$

$$\mathbf{y}_K^L = - \sum_{n=1}^{d+1} \lambda_n \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq n}}^{d+1} R_{|\gamma_m}(\mathbf{x}_n) |\nabla \lambda_m| \mathbf{t}_{nm}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_K^Q = \frac{1}{d+1} \sum_{n=1}^{d+1} \sum_{\substack{m=2 \\ m > n}}^{d+1} \lambda_m \lambda_n \mathbf{t}_{mn} \mathbf{t}_{mn}^T \nabla r(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_K)$$

Notation:

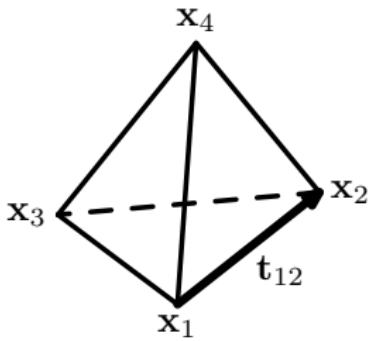
$$R = g_K - \nabla u_h \cdot \mathbf{n}_K$$

$$r = \Pi_K f - \kappa^2 u_h$$

$\lambda_n$  ... barycentric coords in  $K$

$\mathbf{t}_{mn} = \mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}_n$  ... edge vector

$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_K$  ... barycentre of  $K$



Definition:

$$\mathbf{y}_K^{(2)} = \nabla u_h + \mathbf{y}_K^O$$

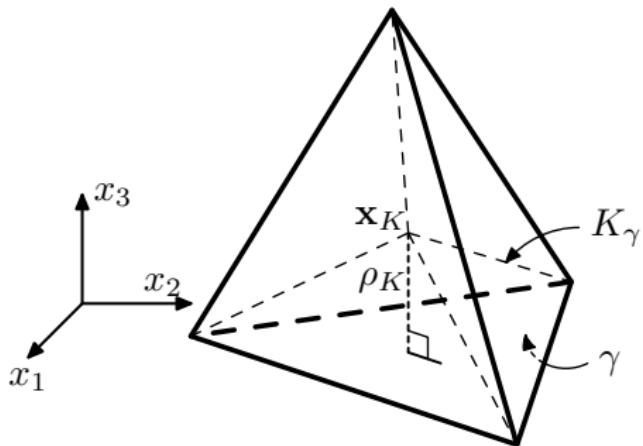
$$\mathbf{y}_K^O|_{K_\gamma} = \frac{1}{\rho_K} e^{-\kappa x_d} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_K) R(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}) \quad \text{for all } \gamma \subset \partial K$$

Notation:

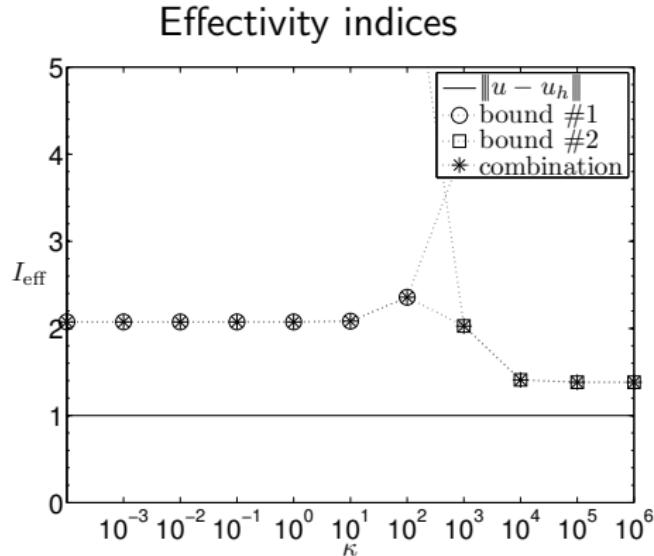
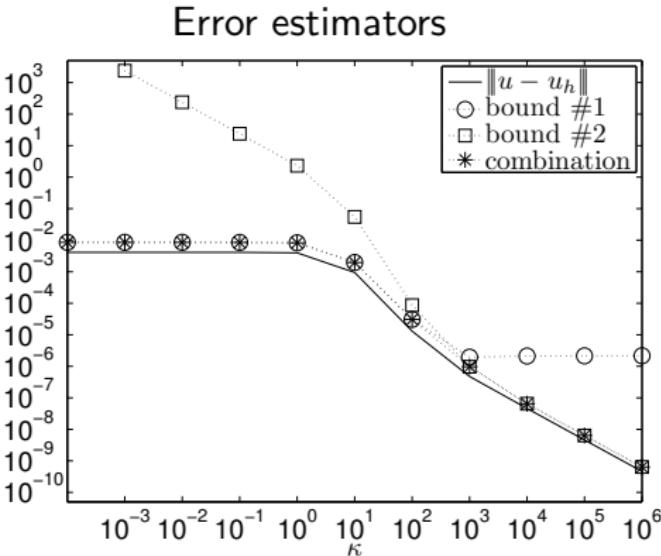
$$R = g_K - \nabla u_h \cdot \mathbf{n}_K$$

$\mathbf{x}_K$  ... incentre of  $K$

$\rho_K$  ... inradius of  $K$



# Example (cube)



$$N_{\text{DOF}} = 29791 \quad h = 0.03125$$

$$I_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\eta}{\|u - u_h\|}$$

Neumann oscillations:

$$\text{osc}_{\partial\Omega \cap \partial K}(g_N) = \min\{C_T^K, C_T^{K,\kappa}\} \|g_N - \Pi_\gamma^K g_N\|_{\partial\Omega \cap \partial K}$$

Trace theorems:

$$(1) \quad \|v - \bar{v}\|_{0,\partial K} \leq C_T^K \|\nabla v\|_{0,K} \quad \forall v \in H^1(K) \quad \bar{v} = \frac{1}{|\partial K|} \int_{\partial K} v \, dx$$

$$(2) \quad \|v\|_{0,\partial K} \leq C_T^{K,\kappa} (\|\nabla v\|_{0,K}^2 + \kappa^2 \|v\|_{0,K}^2)^{1/2} \quad \forall v \in H^1(K)$$

Connection to eigenvalues:

- ▶  $C_T^K = \lambda_2^{-1/2}$ , where  $\lambda_2$  is the smallest positive eigenvalue:  
 $u_i \in H^1(\Omega) : (\nabla u_i, \nabla v)_\Omega = \lambda_i(u_i, v)_{\partial\Omega} \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega)$
- ▶  $C_T^{K,\kappa} = \lambda_1^{-1/2}$ , where  $\lambda_1$  is the smallest eigenvalue:  
 $u_i \in H^1(\Omega) : (\nabla u_i, \nabla v)_\Omega + \kappa^2(u_i, v)_\Omega = \lambda_i(u_i, v)_{\partial\Omega} \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega)$

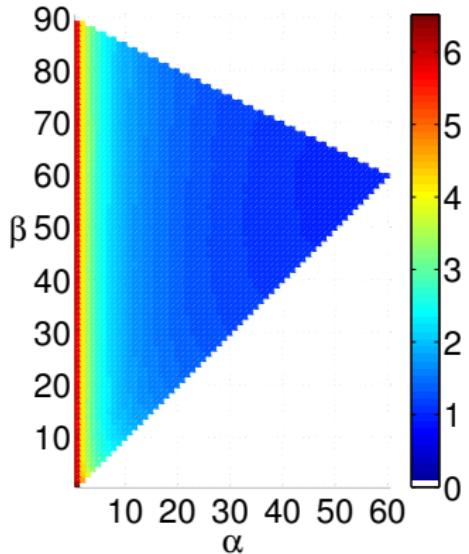
Two-sided bounds: [Šebestová, Vejchodský, preprint 2013]

# Trace constant (1) for triangles

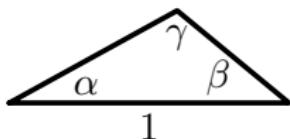
$$\|v - \bar{v}\|_{0,\partial K} \leq C_T^K \| \nabla v \|_{0,K} \quad \forall v \in H^1(K) \quad \bar{v} = \frac{1}{|\partial K|} \int_{\partial K} v \, dx$$

Scaling:  $C_T^K = h_K^{1/2} C_{T,h=1}^K$

Trace constants for triangles



- ▶ Upper bound
- ▶ Error 1 %

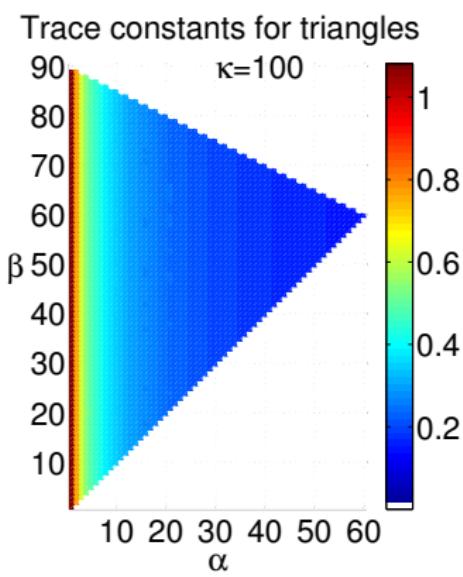
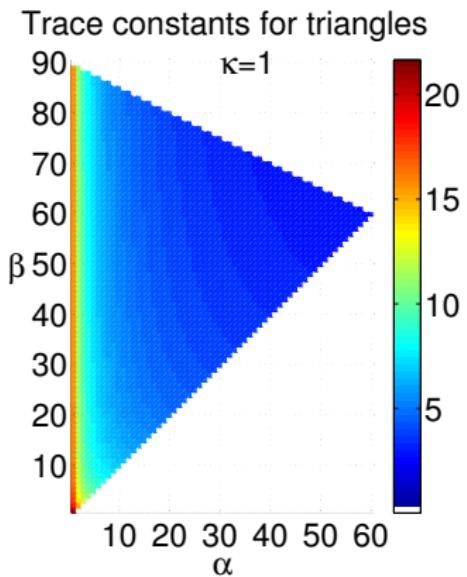


$$\alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma$$

# Trace constant (2) for triangles

$$\|v\|_{0,\partial K} \leq C_T^{K,\kappa} (\|\nabla v\|_{0,K}^2 + \kappa^2 \|v\|_{0,K}^2)^{1/2} \quad \forall v \in H^1(K)$$

Scaling:  $C_T^{K,\kappa} \leq \max\{1, \kappa^{-1}\} h_K^{1/2} C_{T,h=1}^{K,\kappa=1}$

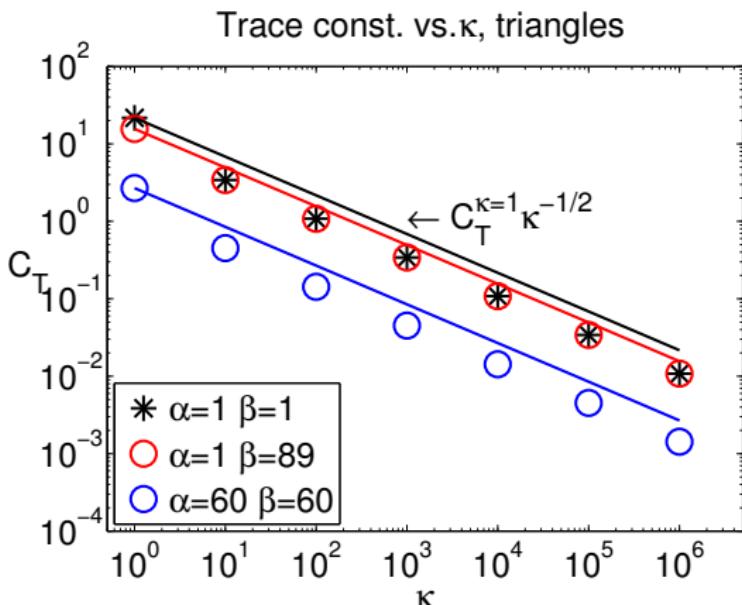


## Trace constant (2) for triangles



$$\|v\|_{0,\partial K} \leq C_T^{K,\kappa} (\|\nabla v\|_{0,K}^2 + \kappa^2 \|v\|_{0,K}^2)^{1/2} \quad \forall v \in H^1(K)$$

Numerical tests:  $C_T^{K,\kappa} \leq \kappa^{-1/2} h_K^{1/2} C_{T,h=1}^{K,\kappa=1}$  for  $\kappa > 1$



# Conclusions

- ▶ Fast flux reconstruction
- ▶ Guaranteed upper bound on error
- ▶ Robust for all values of  $\kappa$
- ▶ Arbitrary dimension
- ▶ Neumann b.c. require bounds for trace constants

# Thank you for your attention

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