# Adaptive mesh refinement and robust guaranteed error bounds

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# Reaction-diffusion problem



$$-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$

•  $\kappa \geq 0$  a constant,  $\Omega$  polygon

Robust and locally efficient upper bound on error

History

- R. Verfürth, 1998
- M. Ainsworth, I. Babuška, 1999
- S. Grosman, 2006
- I. Cheddadi, R. Fučík, M.I. Prieto, M. Vohralík, 2009
- M. Ainsworth, T. V., 2011
- T. Linß, 2014
- M. Ainsworth, T. V., 2014

#### Error estimator



Weak solution:  $u \in V = H_0^1(\Omega)$ :

$$(\boldsymbol{\nabla} u, \boldsymbol{\nabla} v) + \kappa^2(u, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

FEM solution:  $u_h \in V_h \subset V$ :

$$(\boldsymbol{\nabla} u_h, \boldsymbol{\nabla} v_h) + \kappa^2(u_h, v_h) = (f, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

Error bound for  $\kappa > 0$ :

$$\|\|u-u_h\|\|^2 \leq \sum_{K\in\mathcal{T}_h} [\eta_K( au) + \operatorname{osc}_K(f)]^2 \quad orall au \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)$$

$$\eta_{K}^{2}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = \|\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\nabla} u_{h}\|_{K}^{2} + \kappa^{-2} \|\boldsymbol{\Pi}_{K} f - \kappa^{2} u_{h} + \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{K}^{2}$$
  

$$\operatorname{osc}_{K}(f) = \min\left\{\frac{h_{K}}{\pi}, \frac{1}{\kappa}\right\} \|f - \boldsymbol{\Pi}_{K} f\|_{K}$$
  

$$V_{h} = \{v_{h} \in V : v_{h}|_{K} \in P^{1}(K) \; \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}\}$$

#### Flux reconstruction for $\kappa > 0$





Flux reconstruction  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega), \quad \tau = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{N}_h} \tau_{\mathbf{n}}, \text{ and } \tau_{\mathbf{n}} \in \mathbf{W}(\omega_{\mathbf{n}}) \text{ minimizes}$ 

$$\|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{n}} - \theta_{\mathbf{n}} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u}_{h}\|_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}}^{2} + \kappa^{-2} \|\theta_{\mathbf{n}} (\Pi f - \kappa^{2} \boldsymbol{u}_{h}) - \boldsymbol{\nabla} \theta_{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u}_{h} + \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{n}}\|_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}}^{2}$$
  
Equivalent to: find  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{n}} \in \mathbf{W}(\omega_{\mathbf{n}})$  such that

 $\kappa^{-2}(\operatorname{div}\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{n}},\operatorname{div}\mathbf{w}_{h})_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}} + (\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{n}},\mathbf{w}_{h})_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}}$  $= (\theta_{\mathbf{n}}\nabla u_{h},\mathbf{w}_{h})_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}} - \kappa^{-2}(\theta_{\mathbf{n}}(\Pi f - \kappa^{2}u_{h}) - \nabla \theta_{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla u_{h},\operatorname{div}\mathbf{w}_{h})_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}}$ 

 $\forall \mathbf{w}_h \in \mathbf{W}(\omega_n)$ 

# Robust local efficiency

#### Theorem:

Consider regular family of triangulations  $(h_{\mathcal{K}}/\rho_{\mathcal{K}} \leq C \ \forall \mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{T}_h, \ \forall \mathcal{T}_h)$ . Then there exists C > 0 independent of h and  $\kappa$  such that

$$\eta_{K}^{2}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) \leq C\left(\|\|\boldsymbol{u}-\boldsymbol{u}_{h}\|\|_{\widetilde{K}}^{2} + \min\left(h_{K}^{2}, \kappa^{-2}\right) \left[\|f-\Pi f\|_{\widetilde{K}}^{2} + \sum_{\mathbf{n}\in\mathcal{N}_{K}}\|\Pi f - f_{\mathbf{n}}\|_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}}^{2}\right]\right)$$
Notation:

- $f_n$  is the  $L^2(\omega_n)$ -projection of f onto  $P_1(\omega_n)$
- $(\Pi f)|_{\mathcal{K}} = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}} f$  is the  $L^2(\mathcal{K})$ -projection of f onto  $P_1(\mathcal{K})$



Case  $\kappa = 0$ 



Braess–Schöberl reconstruction  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega), \quad \tau = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{N}_h} \tau_{\mathbf{n}}, \text{ and } \tau_{\mathbf{n}} \in \mathbf{W}(\omega_{\mathbf{n}}) \text{ minimizes}$ 

$$\|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathsf{n}} - \theta_{\mathsf{n}} \boldsymbol{\nabla} u_{h}\|_{\omega_{\mathsf{n}}}^{2}$$

under the constraint

$$\Pi_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}} \left( \theta_{\mathbf{n}} (\Pi f - \kappa^{2} u_{h}) \right) - \nabla \theta_{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla u_{h} + \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathbf{n}} = 0 \quad \text{in } \omega_{\mathbf{n}}$$
  
where  $\Pi_{\omega_{\mathbf{n}}}$  is  $L^{2}(\omega_{\mathbf{n}})$ -projection onto  $P_{1}^{\operatorname{disc}}(\omega_{\mathbf{n}})$ 

Error estimator

$$\eta_K(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = \|\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u}_h\|_K$$

[Braess, Schöberl 2008]



# Numerical example: circle

$$-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = 1 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$



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Exact solution

$$u = \begin{cases} (1 - r^2)/4 & \text{for } \kappa = 0, \\ \kappa^{-2} \left[ 1 - l_0(\kappa r)/l_0(\kappa) \right] & \text{for } \kappa > 0, \end{cases} \text{ where } r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$





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#### Numerical example: circle - adaptivity





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## Numerical example: L-shape

$$-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$



Exact solution

$$u = (r^{2/3} - r^2)\sin(2\theta/3 - \pi/3),$$

where

 $r\in [0,1], \hspace{1em} heta\in (0,2\pi]$  are polar coordinates





#### Numerical example: L-shape







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#### Numerical example: L-shape - adaptivity





# Conclusions



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- Simple flux reconstruction
- Local problems on patches
- Upper bound on error
- Proof of local efficiency
- Robustness

#### Thank you for your attention

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