

# A Residual based a Posteriori Error Estimators for Algebraic Flux Correction Scheme

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- Steady-state convection-diffusion-reaction equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\varepsilon \Delta u + \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla u + cu &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= u_b && \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ -\varepsilon \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} &= g && \text{on } \Gamma_N \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- $\Omega$  – bounded polyhedral Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \in \{2, 3\}$
- $\mathbf{n}$  – outward pointing unit normal
- Assume

$$\left( c(x) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{b}(x) \right) \geq \sigma > 0$$

- Interested in convection-dominated regime,  $\varepsilon \ll \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} L$
- $L$  – Characteristic length of the problem

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- Standard residual a posteriori error bound <sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle f, u - I_h u \rangle + \langle g, u - I_h u \rangle_{\Gamma_N} - a_h(u_h, u - I_h u) \\ &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (R_K(u_h), u - I_h u)_K + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \langle R_F(u_h), u - I_h u \rangle_F \end{aligned}$$

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- Using interpolation estimates, Cauchy-Schwarz, trace inequality, inverse estimate, and Young's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} d_h(u_h; u_h, l_h u - u_h) &\leq \frac{C_Y}{2} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \min \left\{ \frac{\kappa_1 h_E^2}{\varepsilon}, \frac{\kappa_2}{\sigma} \right\} (1 - \alpha_E)^2 |d_E|^2 h_E^{1-d} \\ &\quad \times \|\nabla u_h \cdot \mathbf{t}_E\|_{L^2(E)}^2 + \frac{1}{C_Y} \|u - u_h\|_a^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 &= C_{\text{edge,max}} (1 + (1 + C_I)^2), \\ \kappa_2 &= C_{\text{inv}}^2 C_{\text{edge,max}} (1 + (1 + C_I)^2). \end{aligned}$$



## Theorem (Global a posteriori error estimate)

A global a posteriori error estimate for the energy norm is given by

$$\|u - u_h\|_a^2 \leq \eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2 + \eta_3^2,$$

where

$$\eta_1^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \min \left\{ \frac{4C_I^2}{\sigma}, \frac{4C_I^2 h_K^2}{\varepsilon} \right\} \|R_K(u_h)\|_{L^2(K)}^2,$$

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$$\eta_K^2 = \eta_{\text{Int},K}^2 + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h(K)} \eta_{\text{Face},F}^2 + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h(K)} \eta_{d_h,E}^2$$

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- Using standard bubble function arguments

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{Int},K} &\leq C \left( \max \left\{ C_K^2 + \frac{C_K h_K}{\varepsilon} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(K)}, \frac{C_K}{\sigma} \|c\|_{L^\infty(K)} \right\} \|u - u_h\|_{a,K} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{h_K}{\varepsilon^{1/2}} C_K \left( \|f - f_h\|_{0,K} + \|(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h) \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,K} + \|(c - c_h)u_h\|_{0,K} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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and

$$\eta_{\text{Face},F} \leq C \left( \max \left\{ C_F + \frac{C_F h_F \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(\omega_F)}}{\varepsilon}, \frac{C_F h_F \|c\|_{L^\infty(\omega_F)}}{\varepsilon^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2}} \right\} \|u - u_h\|_{a,\omega_F} \right. \\ \left. + \delta_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{h,N}} \frac{h_F^{1/2}}{\varepsilon^{1/2}} \|g - g_h\|_{L^2(F)} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{K \in \omega_F} \left[ \eta_{\text{Int},K} + \frac{h_K}{\varepsilon^{1/2}} \left( \|f - f_h\|_{0,K} + \|(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h) \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,K} \right. \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. + \|(c - c_h)u_h\|_{0,K} \right) \right] \right)$$

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Hence,

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## Theorem (Formal local lower bound)

There exists a constant  $C > 0$ , independent of the size of elements of  $\mathcal{T}$ , such that, for every  $K \in \mathcal{T}$ , the following formal local lower bound holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \eta_{\text{Int},K} + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{F}_h(K)} \eta_{\text{Face},F} + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h(K)} \eta_{d_h,E} \\
 & \leq \max \left\{ C_K^2 + \frac{C_K h_K}{\varepsilon} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(K)}, \frac{C_K}{\sigma} \|c\|_{L^\infty(K)} \right\} \|u - u_h\|_{a,\omega_K} \\
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and denoting

$$\eta_{\text{AFC-SUPG}}^2 := \|u_{\text{SUPG}} - u_{\text{AFC}}\|_a^2$$

⇒

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- Monolithic upwind (MU) limiter<sup>1</sup>
- Linearity preservation (LP) limiter<sup>2,3</sup>

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- Comparison of results:
  - On effectivity index ( $\eta_{\text{eff}}$ )
  - Adaptive grid refinement
  - Behavior of  $\eta_{d_h}$
  - Behavior of  $\eta_{\text{SUPG}}$  and  $\eta_{\text{AFC-SUPG}}$
  - Smearing of internal layer<sup>1</sup>

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- Iterative solver for AFC schemes
  - Matrix formulation of the AFC schemes<sup>12</sup>

$$AU + (I - \alpha) DU = F$$

- Fixed point right-hand side

$$(A + D) U^{\nu+1} = F + \omega \alpha DU^{\nu},$$

where  $\omega > 0$  is a dynamic damping parameter

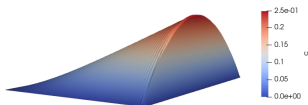
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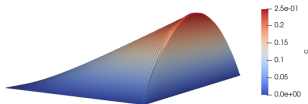
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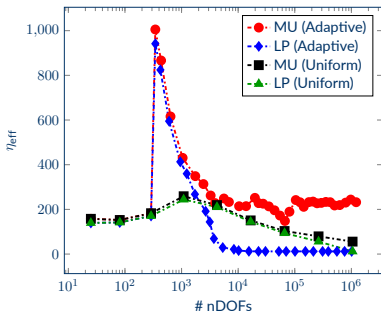
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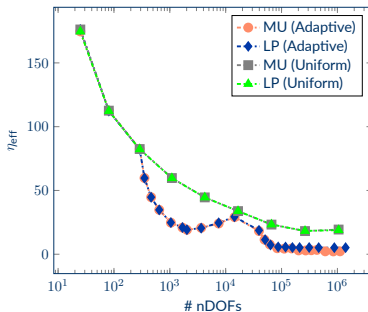
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## • Effectivity index

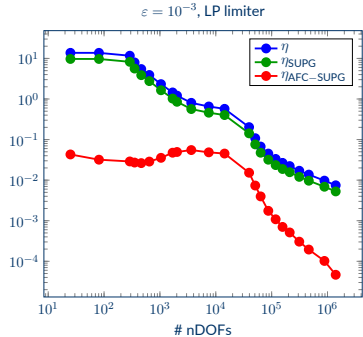
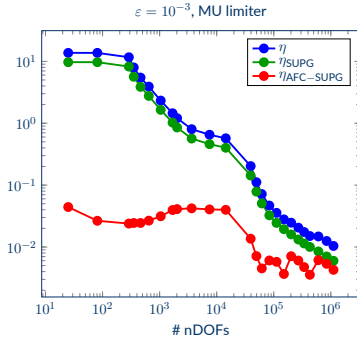
$\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$ , Residual Estimator



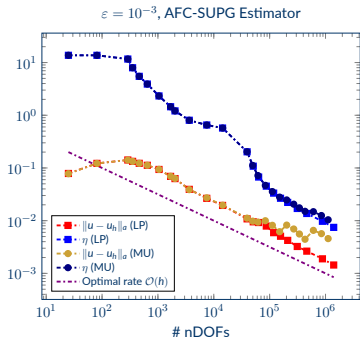
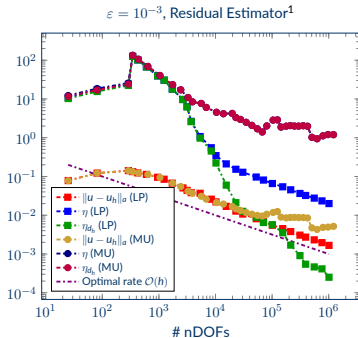
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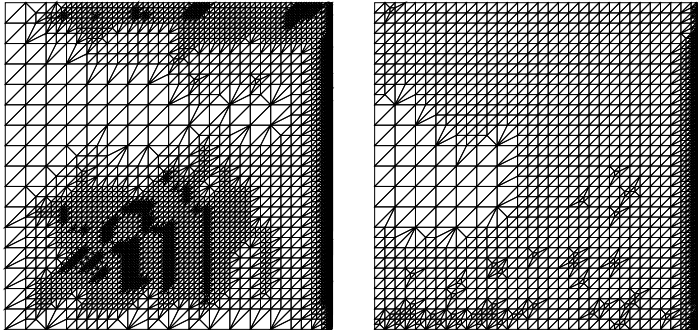
- Comparison of  $\eta_{\text{SUPG}}$  and  $\eta_{\text{AFC-SUPG}}$



## • Errors on adaptive grids



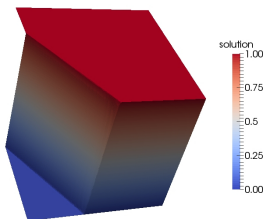
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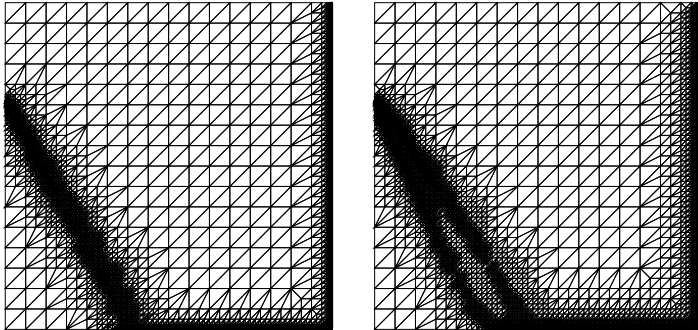
**Figure 1:** 14<sup>th</sup> adaptively refined grid with residual estimator. MU limiter (#nDOFs = 22962) (left) and LP limiter (#nDOFs = 23572) (right)

- Example with interior and boundary layer<sup>1</sup>
- $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (\cos(-\pi/3), \sin(-\pi/3))^T$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{f} = 0$

$$u_b = \begin{cases} 1 & (y = 1 \wedge x > 0) \text{ or } (x = 0 \wedge y > 0.7), \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

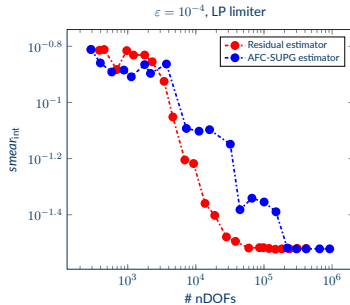
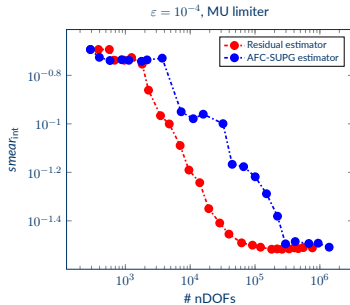


<sup>1</sup>Hughes, Mallet, Mizukami: CMAME, 54(3), 341-345, 1986



**Figure 2:** 14<sup>th</sup> adaptively refined grid for MU limiter. Residual estimator (left) and AFC-SUPG estimator (right)

- Thickness of internal layer





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- Outlook

- Development of robust estimators
- Numerical studies in 3D
- Extending the analysis for the local efficiency of the estimator
- Interplay of hanging nodes and AFC schemes<sup>1</sup>
- Comparison with Monolithic Convex Limiter<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Kuzmin: CMAME (361), 112804, 2020

<sup>3</sup> J., Partl, Ahmed, Kuzmin: JNUM, 10.1515/jnma-2021-0123, 2022