

# EXACT BOUNDS FOR LINEAR OUTPUTS OF THE CONVECTION-DIFFUSION-REACTION EQUATION USING FLUX-FREE ERROR ESTIMATORS

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## Motivation: assessing the error in QoI

- Numerical modeling (FEA) is currently a basic tool for engineering design
- In practice, the FE users seek values of some Quantities of Interest (QoI): local displacements or stresses, average fluxes...
- Numerical modeling must provide to the designer reliable approximations for these QoI
- Ideally, the answer of the numerical model is a narrow interval where this QoI lies...
  - without a shadow of a doubt!
  - **certified range for the QoI**
- Goal:
  - produce certified bounds (upper and lower)
  - adapt the mesh to reduce the interval

# Outline of the presentation

- Basics on output oriented error estimation in Finite Elements
  - **Asymptotic versus guaranteed error bounds**
    - Asymptotic error estimates
    - Guaranteed error estimates (complementary energy approach)
  - **Domain decomposition strategy**
    - Hybrid-flux estimates
    - Flux-free error estimators
- Guaranteed bounds using flux-free error estimators
- Extension to stabilized finite element approximations
- Numerical examples

# Generalities on Error assessment

Three conceptual steps to find bounds for the error in a QoI

1. Assessing the QoI in terms of energy: **error representation** using an adjoint problem (extractor)
  - Bounds of energy  $\rightarrow$  bounds of QoI
2. Solving error equation piecewise: **Domain decomposition**
  - hybrid fluxes  $\rightarrow$  one local problem per element
  - **flux-free**  $\rightarrow$  one local problem per vertex node
3. **Local solver**
  - asymptotic  $\rightarrow$  solving with a finer discretization
  - **guaranteed**  $\rightarrow$  solving with a dual approach



## Model problem

- Convection-diffusion-reaction equation:

$$-\nu \nabla^2 u + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla u + \sigma u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} = 0 \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

- Weak form: find  $u \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  such that  $\forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \nu \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \sigma uv + (\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla u)v \right] d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} v f d\Omega$$

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# Estimating bounds of functional outputs

- Finite element approximation:  $u^H \in \mathcal{V}^H \subset \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$

$$a(u^H, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}^H$$

- Estimate of the output:  $l^{\mathcal{O}}(u^H)$

- GOAL: bound the error in the QoI**  $l^{\mathcal{O}}(u) - l^{\mathcal{O}}(u^H) = l^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$

$$e = u - u^H$$

$$s^- \leq s := l^{\mathcal{O}}(e) \leq s^+$$

$$l^{\mathcal{O}}(u^H) + s^- \leq l^{\mathcal{O}}(u) \leq l^{\mathcal{O}}(u^H) + s^+$$

# Estimating bounds of functional outputs

## ADJOINT PROBLEM:

- Adjoint infinite dimensional problem: [Babuska & Miller IJNME 1982]

find  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$

$$a(v, \psi) = \ell^O(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

- Finite dimensional approximation: find  $\psi^H \in \mathcal{V}^H$

$$a(v, \psi^H) = \ell^O(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}^H$$

- Error of adjoint problem:  $\varepsilon = \psi - \psi^H \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$

## SYMMETRIZATION:

$$a^s(w, v) = \int_{\Omega} \left( \nu \nabla w \cdot \nabla v + \sigma w v \right) d\Omega$$



# Error representation: from QoI to energy

- For **NON-SYMMETRIC FORMS** [Paraschivoiu, Peraire & Patera, CMAME97]

- SYMMETRIZED ERROR EQUATIONS:**

$$a^s(e^s, v) = l(v) - a(u^H, v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$a^s(v, \varepsilon^s) = \ell^O(v) - a(v, \psi^H) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

REMARK:

- $e^s$  and  $\varepsilon^s$  are found solving diffusion-reaction problems

- BOUNDS:**

$$-\frac{1}{4} \left\| \kappa e^s - \frac{1}{\kappa} \varepsilon^s \right\|_{\text{UB}} \leq s \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| \kappa e^s + \frac{1}{\kappa} \varepsilon^s \right\|_{\text{UB}} \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R}$$

- GOAL: compute upper bounds for the energy norm for diffusion-reaction problems
- For simplicity, the computation of upper bounds for  $\|e^s\|$  is presented.

Applying the same strategy to  $\kappa e^s \pm \frac{1}{\kappa} \varepsilon^s$  yields the desired bounds for the output.

# Asymptotic vs guaranteed implicit error bounds for diffusion (no reaction term)

- Equation of the primal symmetrized error

$$a^s(e^s, v) = l(v) - a(u^H, v) =: R^P(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

- Obtain the norm  $\|e^s\|$  from the Primal formulation:

$$\|e^s\|^2 = \max_{v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)} R^P(v) - \frac{1}{2}a^s(v, v) \geq \max_{v \in \mathcal{V}^h} R^P(v) - \frac{1}{2}a^s(v, v)$$

The maximization problem induces

$$a^s(e^{s,h}, v) = l(v) - a(u^H, v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}^h$$

$$\|e^s\|^2 \geq \|e^{s,h}\|^2$$

A finite-dimensional problem induces a **lower bound** !

# Guaranteed error bounds for diffusion (no reaction term)

Complementary energy allows to overestimate  $\|e^s\|$ ,  
approach introduced by Fraeijns de Veubeke in 1964.

$$\int_{\Omega} \nu \underbrace{\nabla e^s}_{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \nabla v d\Omega = R^P(v) \iff \int_{\Omega} \nu \mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla v d\Omega = R^P(v)$$

$\bar{a}^s(\mathbf{q}, \nabla v)$

- Dual formulation:

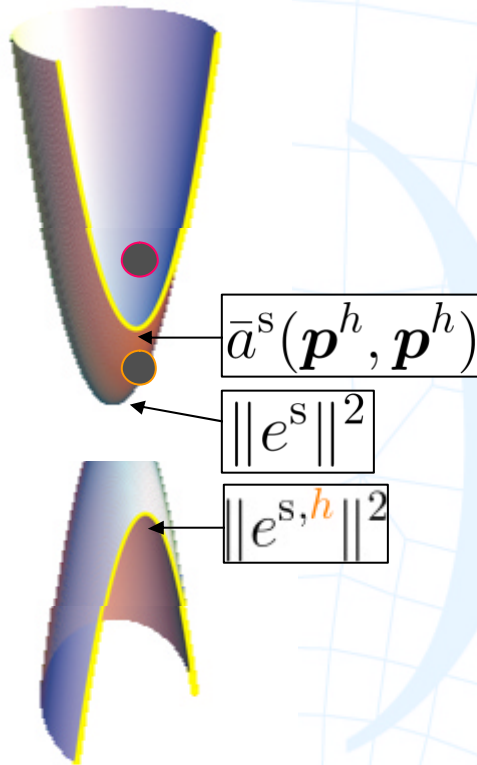
complementary energy

$$\bar{a}^s(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \int_{\Omega} \nu \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{p} d\Omega$$

$$\|e^s\|^2 = \bar{a}^s(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}) = \min_{\substack{\bar{a}^s(\mathbf{q}, \nabla v) = R^P(v) \\ \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)}} \bar{a}^s(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q})$$

$$\leq \bar{a}^s(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \text{ s.t. } \bar{a}^s(\mathbf{q}, \nabla v) = R^P(v)$$

# Asymptotic vs guaranteed error bounds summary



- Asymptotic:

$$a^s(e^{s,h}, v) = \ell(v) - a(u^H, v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}^h$$

$$\|e^s\|^2 \geq \|e^{s,h}\|^2$$

- Guaranteed:

$$\bar{a}^s(\mathbf{p}^h, \nabla v) = \ell(v) - a(u^H, v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$\bar{a}^s(\mathbf{p}^h, \mathbf{p}^h) \geq \|e^s\|^2$$

Global problems  domain decomposition !

the domain decomposition technique introduces overestimation

## Subdomain flux-free guaranteed error estimates

- Guaranteed subdomain flux-free error estimates:

- Objective:** decompose the global problem

$$\bar{a}^s(\mathbf{p}^h, \nabla v) = R^P(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

into local computations

- Main idea:** use a partition of unity defined by vertex nodes.

That is, given  $\{\phi^i\}_{i=1 \dots n_{np}}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_{np}} \phi^i = 1$

Introduce in the residual  $R^P(\cdot)$ ,

$$R^P(v) = R^P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_{np}} \phi^i v\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{np}} R^P(\phi^i v)$$

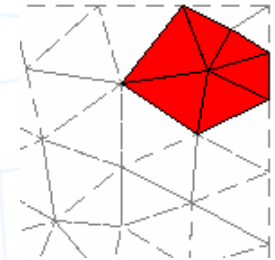
## Subdomain flux-free guaranteed error estimates

✓ Define  $n_{np}$  global problems: min. complementary energy s.t.

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega) \quad \bar{a}^s(\mathbf{p}_i, \nabla v) = R^P(\phi^i v), \quad \text{then } \nabla e^s = \mathbf{p} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{np}} \mathbf{p}_i.$$

✓ **LOCALIZATION:** Restrict the problems to a star

$$\int_{\Omega} \longrightarrow \int_{\omega^i}$$



Thus, impose  $\bar{a}_{\omega^i}^s(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, v) = R^P(\phi^i v)$

Then:  $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i \approx \mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{p}} := \sum_{i=1}^{n_{np}} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i \approx \mathbf{p} = \nabla e^s$

and  $6\bar{a}^s(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}) \geq \|e^s\|^2$

extension of  
[Pares, Diez, Huerta CMAME 06]

# EXTENSION TO STABILIZED FE METHODS

- STABILIZED SUPG FE APPROXIMATION:

$$a(u^H, v) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_{el}} \int_{\Omega_k} \tau_k^P \mathcal{R}^P(u^H) \alpha \cdot \nabla v \, d\Omega = l(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}^H$$

stabilization term

- MAIN DIFFICULTY:** the Galerkin orthogonality does not hold

$$R^P(v) = l(v) - a(u^H, v) \text{ is not necessarily zero } \forall v \in \mathcal{V}^H$$



- New terms in the error representation

$$R^P(\psi^H) - \frac{1}{4} \|\kappa e^s - \frac{1}{\kappa} \varepsilon^s\|_{ub}^2 \leq s \leq R^P(\psi^H) + \frac{1}{4} \|\kappa e^s + \frac{1}{\kappa} \varepsilon^s\|_{ub}^2$$

- New term in the local equations

$$\bar{a}_{w^i}^s(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, v) = R^P(\phi^i v) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_{el}} \int_{\Omega_k} \tau_k^P \mathcal{R}^P(u^H) \alpha \cdot \nabla \phi^i v \, d\Omega$$

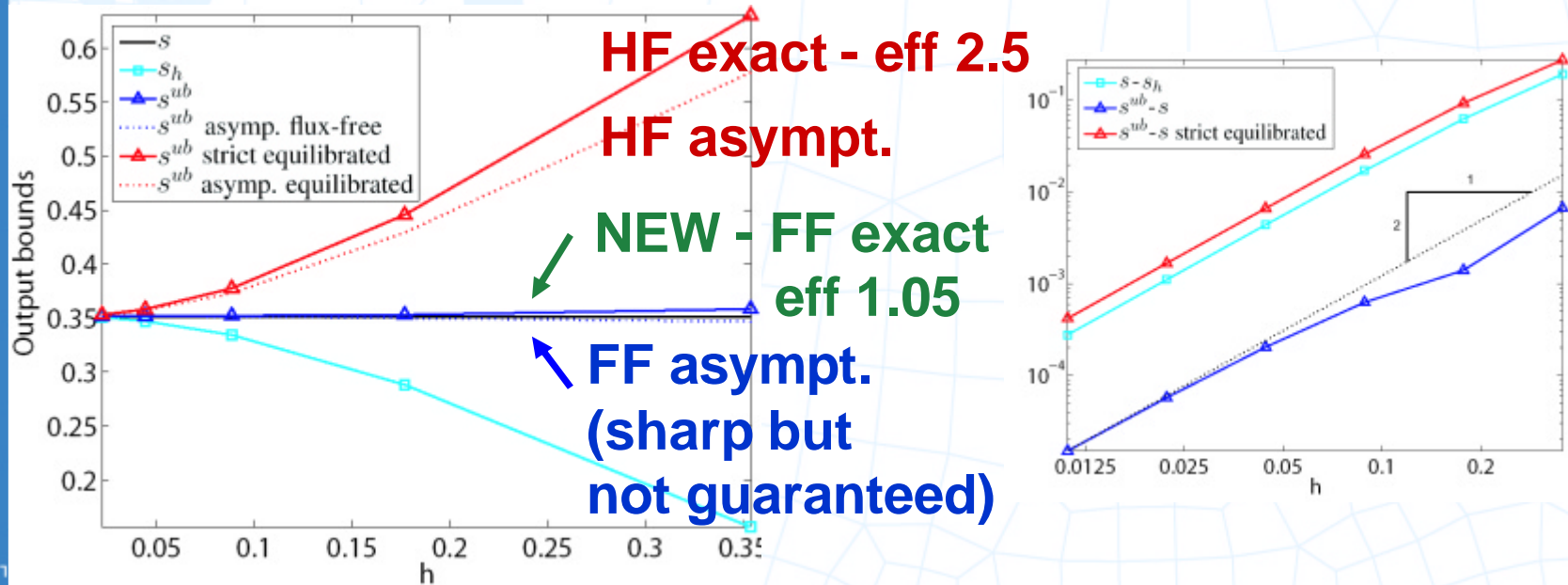
ensures solvability  
while retaining upper bound property

# POISSON EQUATION

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{in } [0, 1]^2 \quad \text{with homogeneous Dirichlet BC}$$

$$f = \sqrt{10}$$

$$l^0(u) = \int_{\Omega} \sqrt{10} u(x, y) \, d\Omega = \|u\|^2$$



## Solution with inner layers

$$-\nu \nabla^2 u + \alpha \cdot \nabla u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

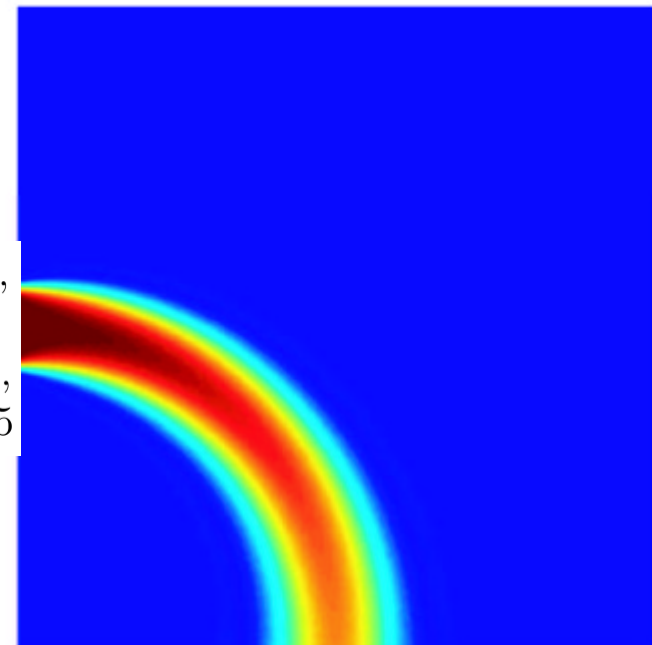
$$\alpha = (y, -x)$$

Two different values for the diffusion parameter are considered

$$\nu = 10^{-2} \quad \nu = 10^{-3}$$

$$u(0, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } |y - 0.5| > 0.075, \\ 1 & \text{for } |y - 0.5| < 0.05, \\ 40(y - 0.425) & \text{for } 0.425 \leq y \leq 0.45, \\ 40(0.575 - y) & \text{for } 0.455 \leq y \leq 0.575 \end{cases}$$

$$u = 0$$

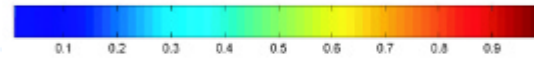
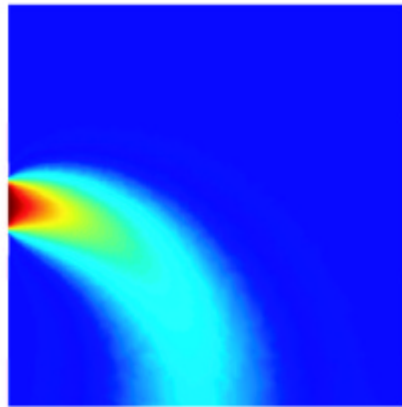


Neumann homogeneous

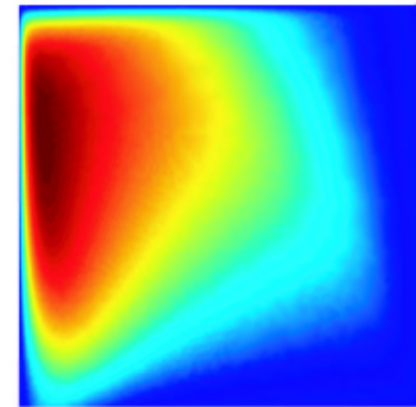


$$\ell^0(u) = \int_{\Omega} u(x, y) \, d\Omega$$

$$\nu = 10^{-2}$$

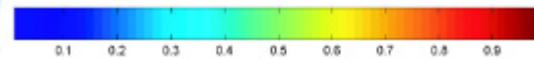
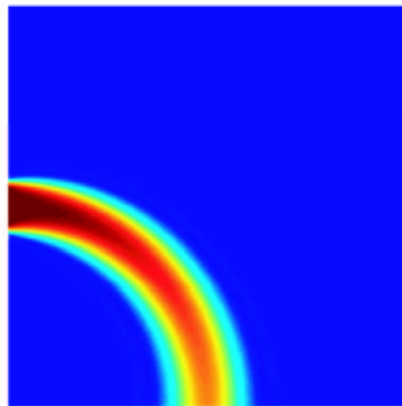


primal

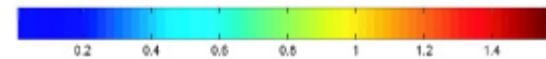
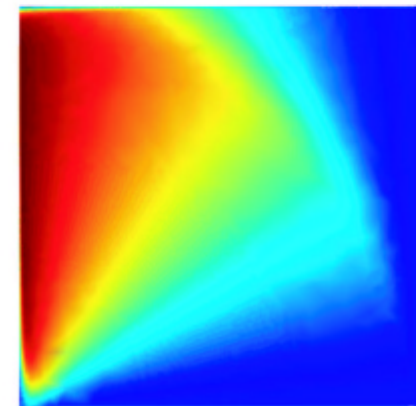


adjoint

$$\nu = 10^{-3}$$

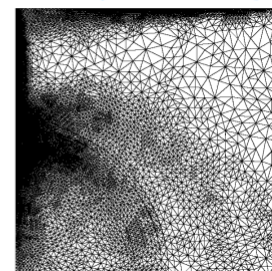
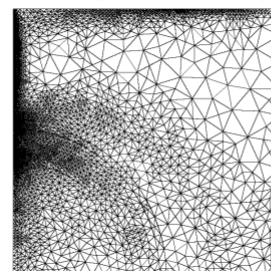
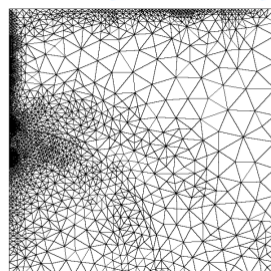
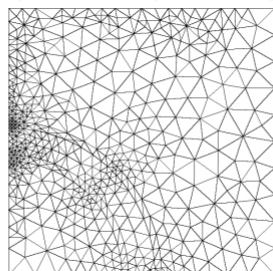
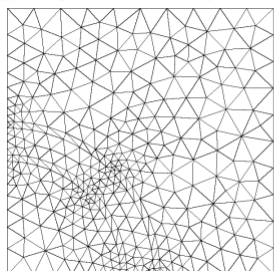


primal



adjoint

$\nu = 10^{-2}$



Final mesh  
36285 elem.

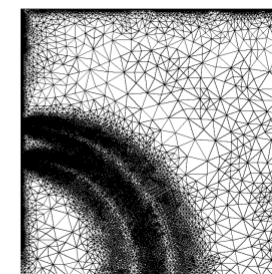
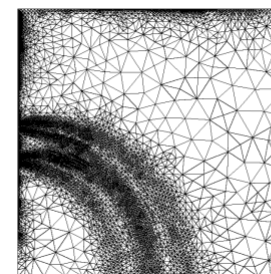
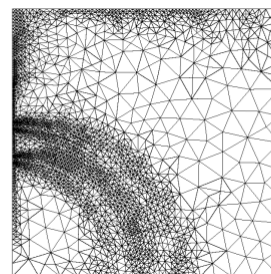
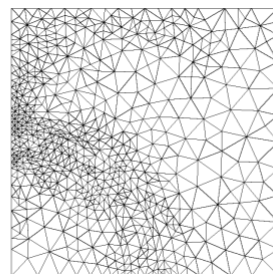
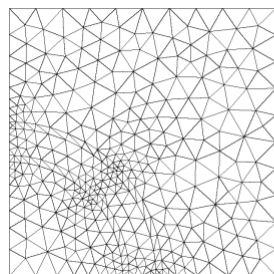
Flux-free:

$$s = 0.097694 \pm 0.11\%$$

Hybrid-flux bounds:

$$s = 0.097689 \pm 3.32\%$$

$\nu = 10^{-3}$



Final mesh  
37807 elem.

Flux-free:

$$s = 0.098175 \pm 0.38\%$$

Hybrid-flux bounds:

$$s = 0.098182 \pm 8.11\%$$

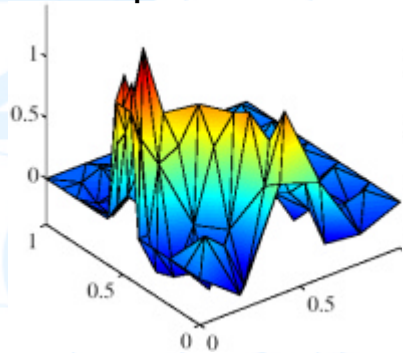


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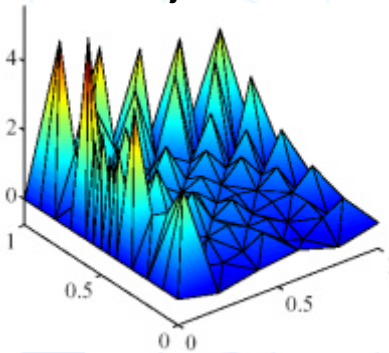
## standard FE approximations

209 elements  
119 nodes

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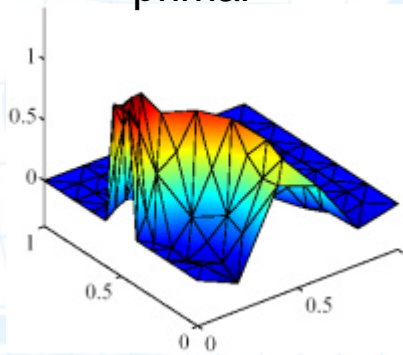


$$\text{FF: } s = -0.5061 \pm 4.9568$$

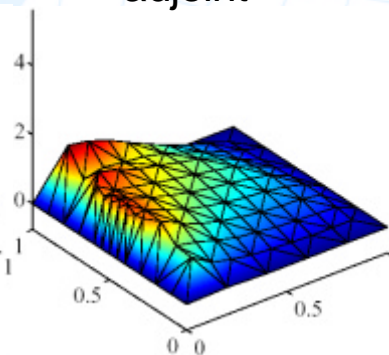
$$\text{HF: } s = -0.8528 \pm 9.0653$$

## stabilized FE approximations

primal



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$$\text{FF: } s = 0.1189 \pm 0.6605$$

$$\text{HF: } s = 0.1499 \pm 2.8003$$



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