Contractive local adaptive smoothing based on Dörfler marking in a-posteriori-steered *p*-robust multigrid solvers*

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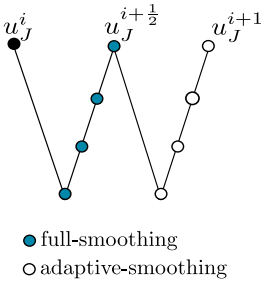

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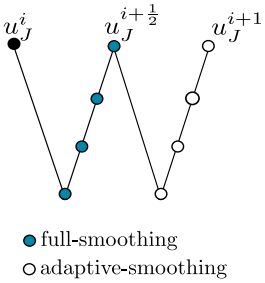

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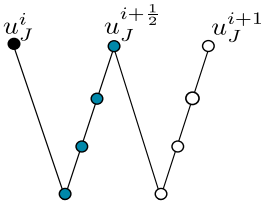

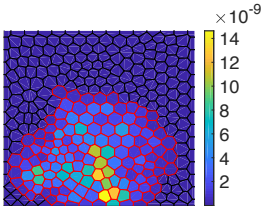

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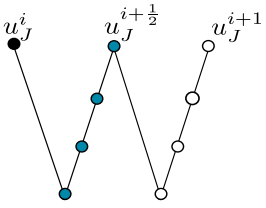

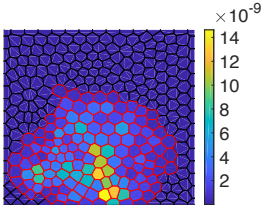

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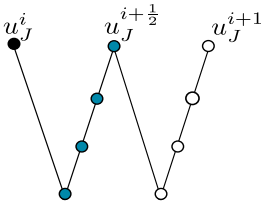

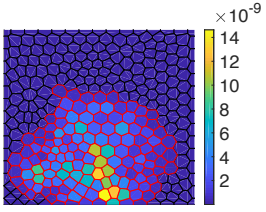

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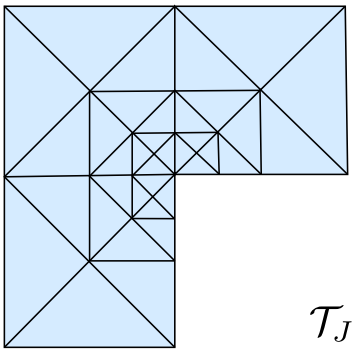

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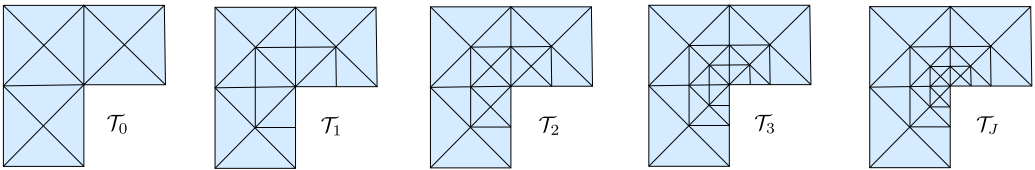

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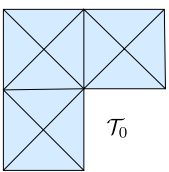

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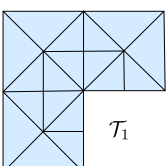

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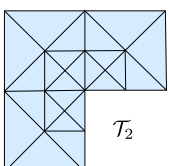

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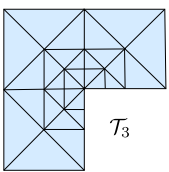

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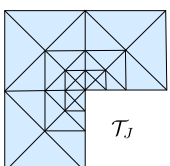

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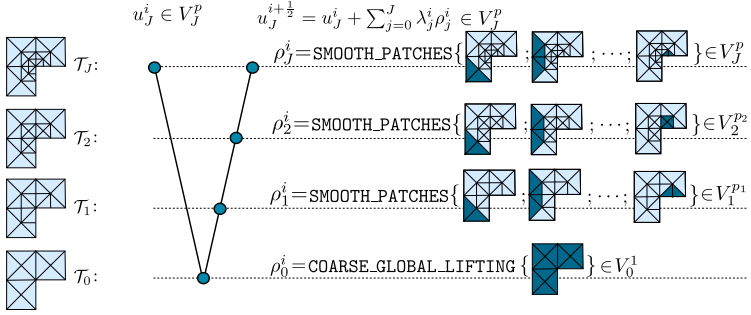
A-posteriori-steering: we define an a posteriori error estimator and a solver update through

- the *same* V-cycle multigrid with zero pre- and a single post-smoothing step
- the smoother is *additive Schwarz* / *block Jacobi* associated to patches
- the optimal (*line search*) level-wise step-sizes are used in the multigrid error correction stage



This approach leads to the following connection between **solver** and **estimator**:

$$\left\|\mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla (u_J - u_J^{i+\frac{1}{2}})\right\|^2 = \left\|\mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla (u_J - u_J^i)\right\|^2 - \left(\eta_{\text{alg}}^i\right)^2,$$

with $\left(\eta_{\text{alg}}^i\right)^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{J} \left(\lambda_j^i \left\|\mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_j^i\right\|\right)^2 = \left\|\mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_0^i\right\|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{J} \lambda_j^i \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_j} \left\|\mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_{j,\mathbf{a}}^i\right\|_{\omega_j^{\mathbf{a}}}^2$.

Can we predict the distribution of the algebraic error?

Dörfler's bulk-chasing criterion: $\theta^2 \left(\left\| \mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_0^i \right\|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{J} \lambda_j^i \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_j} \left\| \mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_{j,\mathbf{a}}^i \right\|_{\omega_j^{\mathbf{a}}}^2 \right) \leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{M}} \lambda_j^i \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{M}_j} \left\| \mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_{j,\mathbf{a}}^i \right\|_{\omega_j^{\mathbf{a}}}^2.$

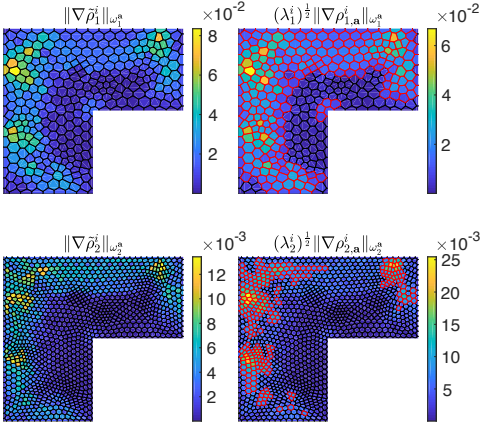
Hierarchy: uniform refinement, $J = 2$, $p_1 = p_2 = 3$.
We compare:

- our local algebraic error indicators $\| \mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \rho_{j,\mathbf{a}}^i \|_{\omega_j^{\mathbf{a}}}$
- the local algebraic error distribution $\| \mathbf{K}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \tilde{\rho}_j^i \|_{\omega_j^{\mathbf{a}}}$

where $\tilde{\rho}_j^i \in V_j^{p_j}$ is the level-wise orthogonal decomposition of the algebraic error with $\tilde{\rho}_0^i = \rho_0^i$ and, for $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$,

$$(\mathbf{K} \nabla \tilde{\rho}_j^i, \nabla v_j) = (f, v_j) - (\mathbf{K} \nabla u_J^i, \nabla v_j) - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} (\mathbf{K} \nabla \tilde{\rho}_k^i, \nabla v_j) \quad \forall v_j \in V_j^{p_j},$$

so that $\sum_{j=0}^{J} \tilde{\rho}_j^i = u_J - u_J^i$.



Does the adaptivity pay off?

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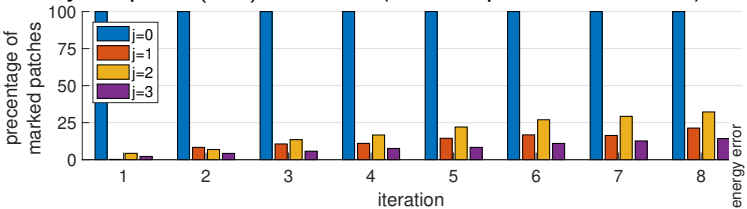

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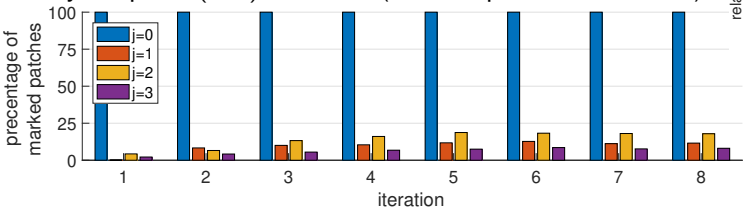

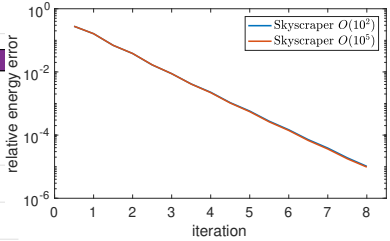

Hierarchy: $J = 3$, $p_0 = 1$, $p_1 = 1$, $p_2 = 2$, $p_3 = 3$, $\theta = 0.95$

Conclusions: In this work, we presented:

- A *p-robust contractive* multigrid solver steered by a *p-robustly efficient* a posteriori algebraic error estimator.
- Optimal level-wise *step-sizes* used in the multigrid error correction stage.
- Solver *adaptivity* using local smoothing based on the *localized* a posteriori error estimator and a bulk-chasing criterion.
- The adaptive-smoothing substep also *contracts* the algebraic error *p*-robustly.
- Numerical tests which confirm our theoretical results.

Thank you for your attention!