

# Hierarchical A Posteriori Error Estimation of Bank–Weiser Type in the FEniCS Project

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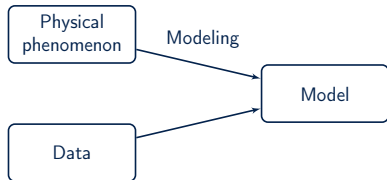
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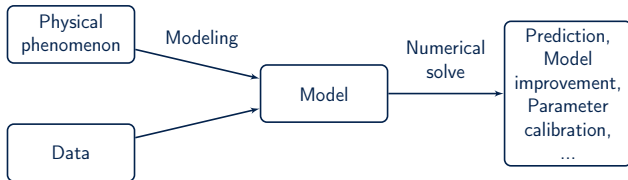
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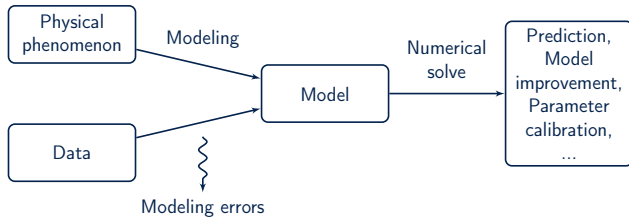
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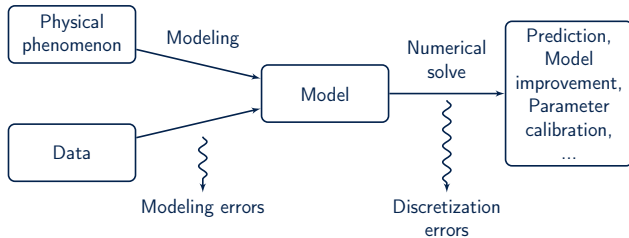
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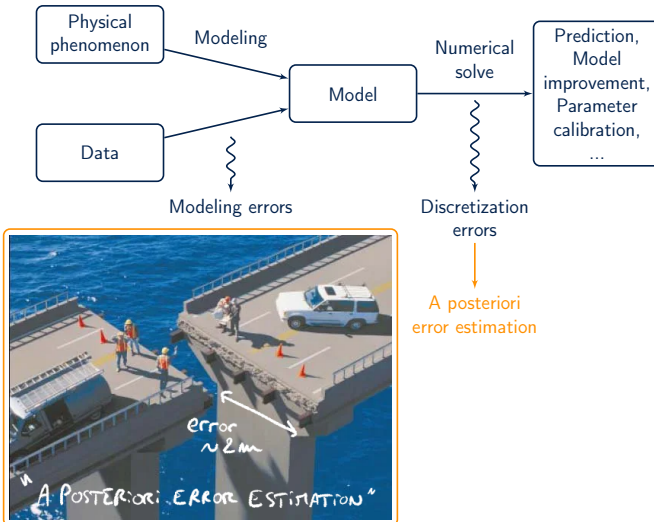
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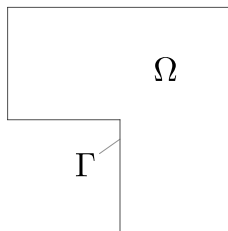
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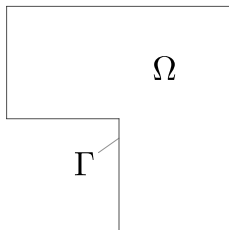


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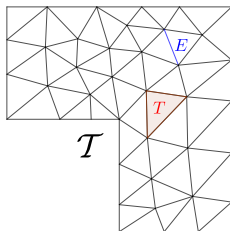
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Lagrange finite element discretization of order  $k$ , find  $u_k$  in  $V^k$  such that

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The Bank–Weiser estimator is defined as

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$$\mathcal{L}_T : V_T^+ \longrightarrow V_T^-,$$

be the local Lagrange interpolation operator,

$$V_T^{\text{bw}} := \ker(\mathcal{L}_T) = \{v_T^+ \in V_T^+, \mathcal{L}_T(v_T^+) = 0\}.$$

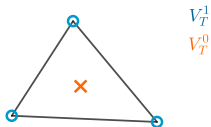


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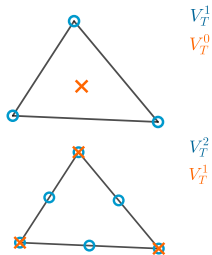


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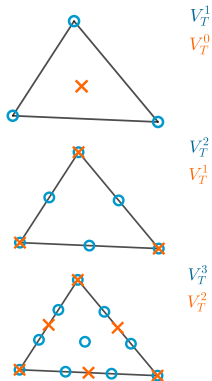


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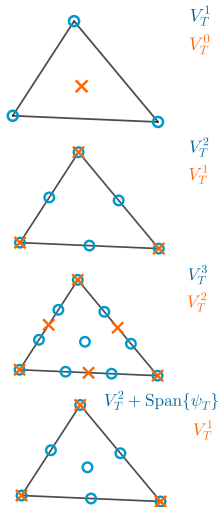


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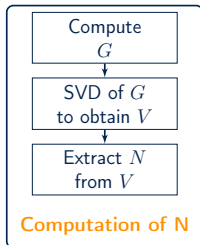
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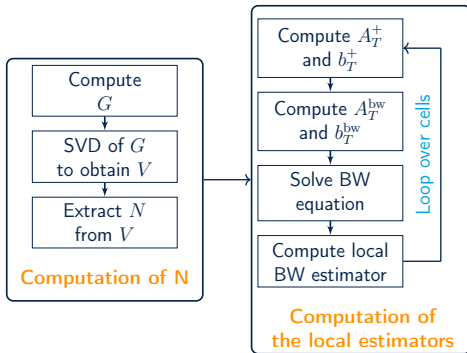
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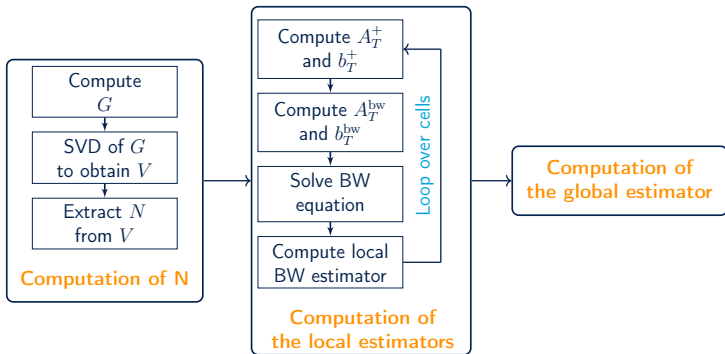
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    element_g = FiniteElement("DG", triangle, 1)

    N = fenics_error_estimation.create_interpolation(element_f, element_g)

    V_f = FunctionSpace(mesh, element_f)
    e = TrialFunction(V_f)
    v = TestFunction(V_f)
    f = Constant(0.0)
    bcs = DirichletBC(V_f, Constant(0.0), "on_boundary", "geometric")

    n = FacetNormal(mesh)
    a_e = inner(grad(e), grad(v))*dx
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    e_h = fenics_error_estimation.estimate(a_e, L_e, N, bcs)
    error = norm(e_h, "H10")

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    v = TestFunction(V_e)
    eta_h = Function(V_e, name="eta_h")
    eta = assemble(inner(inner(grad(e_h), grad(e_h)), v)*dx)
    eta_h.vector()[:] = eta

    return eta_h
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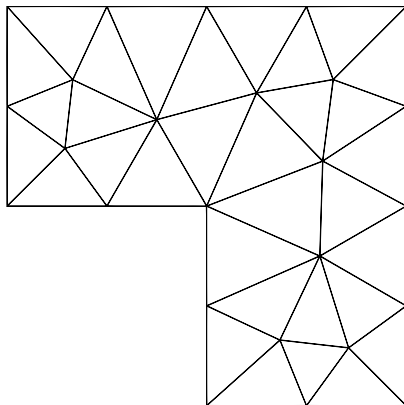
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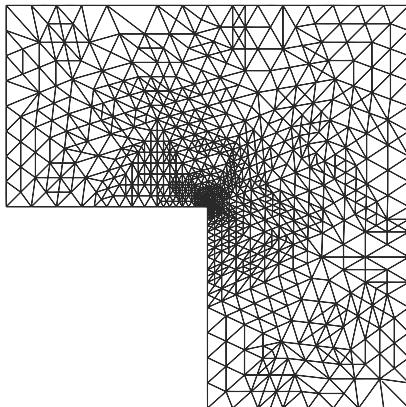


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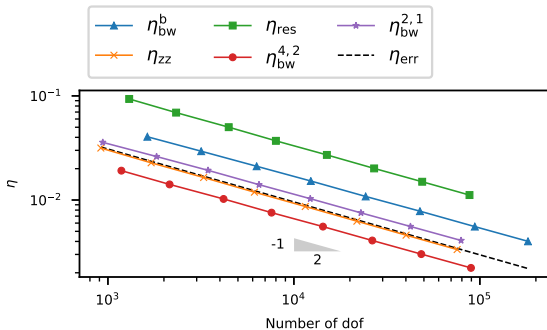


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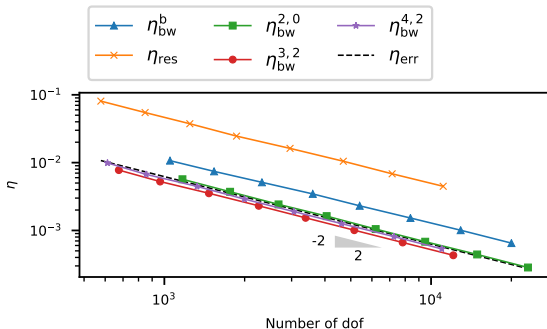
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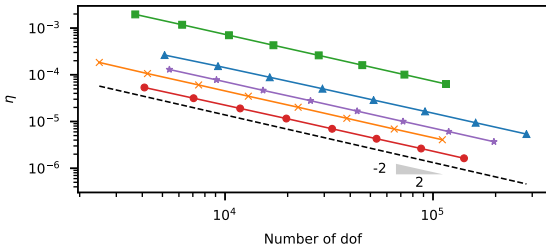
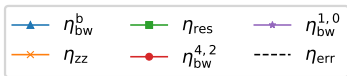
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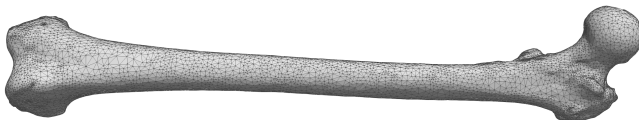
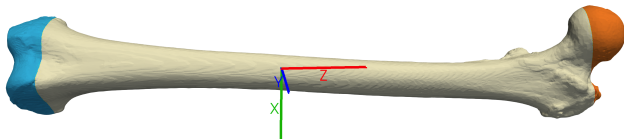
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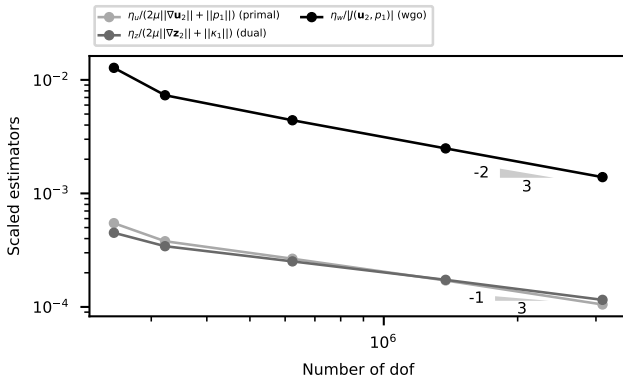
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# Thank you for your attention!



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