

# HIGH-ORDER ADAPTIVE METHOD APPLIED TO HIGH-SPEED FLOWS

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# Introduction

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**Mesh adaptation:** Initially understood as devoted to improving a mesh, mesh adaptation is progressively specifying its problematic:

- A. *Problem setting*: what properties define the mesh we look for?
- B. *Problem solving*: how can we specify and build the mesh?
- C. *Analysis of solution*: what are the bonus properties of the adapted mesh?

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(i)- Hessian-based criteria easily produce optimal specification for mesh density and local stretching. But they rely on local interpolation error and link with PDE's is difficult.

Castro-Diaz *et al.* IJNMF 1997, Habashi *et al.* IJNMF 2000, Huang *et al.* JCP 2005, Courty *et al.* ANM 2006, Alauzet *et al.* IMR 2006

(ii)- PDE-based estimates are closer to PDE goals but produce stretching criteria less easy to exploit.

Venditti-Darmofal *et al.* JCP 2002, Formaggia *et al.* ANM 2004

We explain first a context where both combine well.

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- $\tau_h$  is a 3D tetrahedrization.
- $V_h = \{\psi \in \mathcal{C}^0, \text{linear by element}\}$
- Let  $\Pi_h$  be the  $P_1$  interpolation from vertices.
- Discrete Euler equations:

$$W_h \in (V_h)^5 \text{ and } \forall \phi_h \in (V_h)^5 : \\ \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{F}(W_h) \cdot \nabla \phi_h d\Omega - \mathcal{D}_h(W_h, \phi_h) - \int_{\partial\Omega} \phi_h \bar{\mathcal{F}}(W_h) \cdot n d\partial\Omega = 0 (*)$$

Assuming  $P_1$  exactness of (\*) we can (+) derive by an *a priori estimate*:

$$(g, W_h - W) \approx (g, \Pi_h W - W) - \int_{\Omega} \nabla P_h \cdot (\mathcal{F}(W) - \Pi_h \mathcal{F}(W)) d\Omega \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega} P_h (\bar{\mathcal{F}}^{out}(W) - \Pi_h \bar{\mathcal{F}}^{out}(W)) \cdot n d\partial\Omega.$$

$P_h$ : discrete adjoint with  $g$  as RHS.

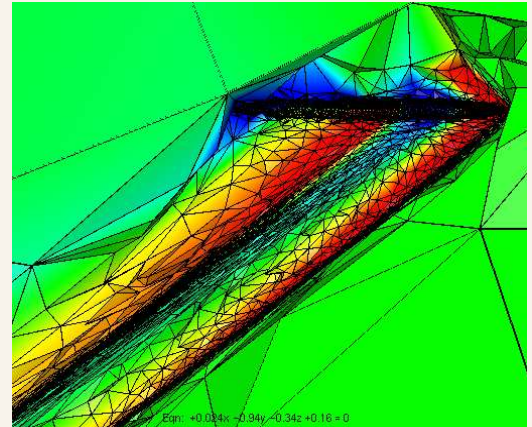
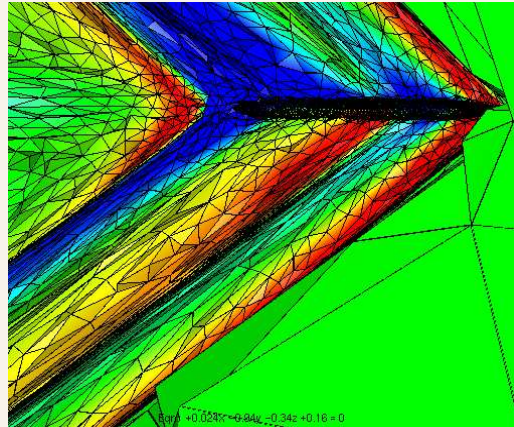
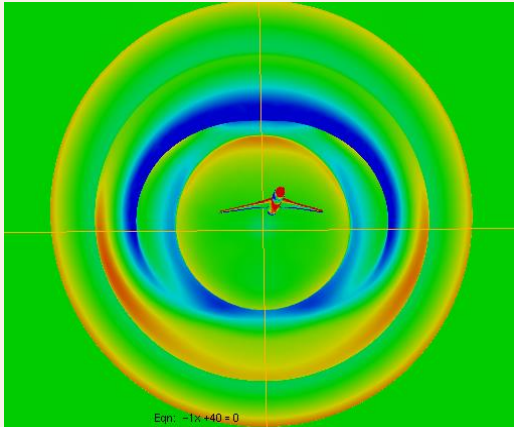
(+) Alauzet-Loseille-Dervieux-Mesri, 2007.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min} \quad & (|g|, |\Pi_h W - W|) - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla P_h| \cdot (|\mathcal{F}(W) - \Pi_h \mathcal{F}(W)|) d\Omega \\ & + \int_{\partial\Omega} |P_h| |(\bar{\mathcal{F}}^{out}(W) - \Pi_h \bar{\mathcal{F}}^{out}(W)) \cdot n| d\partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

A variational analysis allows exhibit the metric minimizing a weighted  $L^p$  norm of interpolation errors.



We explain now this variational analysis.

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*Problem setting:*  $L^p$  interpolation:

Given a function  $u$  in  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , of bounded derivatives except on a set of smooth curves with bounded length.

Mesh set  $(\tau_h)_h$  contains simplexes (2D-triangulations/3D-tetrahedrizations)

Let  $\Pi_h u$ : continuous, affine by element,  $(\Pi_h u)(X_i) = u(X_i) \forall i$  vertex.

Find the mesh which gives the smallest  $P_1$ -interpolation error  $\Pi_h u - u$  in  $L^p$  norm.

Analyse the resulting convergence when mesh size increases.

## Three contexts under study:

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- **Case C1:**  $u$  is smooth, analytically available, or from a PDE.
- **Case C2:**  $u$  is assumed to be known analytically but it is singular.
- **Case C3:** Only a PDE solution is known through its numerical approximate  $u_h$  given on the current mesh.

# PLAN

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- 1) Optimal mesh for smooth function
- 2) Discontinuous fonction
- 3) 2D Numerical experiment
- 4) 3D Flow problems



# 1. OPTIMAL MESH FOR SMOOTH SOLUTIONS

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## Problem statement:

Let  $u$  a smooth function, with Hessian denoted:

$$\mathcal{H}_u = \mathcal{R}_u^{-1} \text{Diag}\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_1^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_2^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_3^2}\right) \mathcal{R}_u .$$

The goal is to obtain the best mesh if a given size for interpolating  $u$ .

The mesh is parameterised by a Riemannian metric, a  $n \times n$  field defined on the computational domain:

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{M}}^{-1} \text{Diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{M}} .$$

To  $\mathcal{M}$  corresponds the following Riemannian distance between two arbitrary points of the computational domain:

$$\text{dist}_{\mathcal{M}}(X, Y) = \int_0^1 \sqrt{\vec{X}\vec{Y} \cdot \mathcal{M} \cdot \vec{X}\vec{Y} (x' \vec{X} + (1 - x') \vec{Y})} \, dx' .$$

To  $\mathcal{M}$  the corresponds a equivalence class of unitary meshes  $(\tau_{\mathcal{M}})$ , i.e. satisfying:

*The distance  $\text{dist}_{\mathcal{M}}(X_i, X_j)$  between any ends of edge  $ij$  of the mesh is equal to one.*

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A two-step study can be applied (+):

After anisotropy direction optimization the dominant error term reduces to:

$$e_{\mathcal{M}}(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i^2 \left| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_i^2} \right| \quad ,$$

Directional mesh size optimization problem writes:

$$\min_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}) = \min_{h_i} \left( \int_{\Omega} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n h_i^2(\mathbf{x}) \left| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_i^2}(\mathbf{x}) \right| \right)^p d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad ,$$

under the constraint:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}) = \int_{\Omega} \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} d(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = N.$$

See in particular:

(+)Alauzet *et al.*, Leservoisier *et al.*, Long Chen *et al.*, Weizhan Huang.

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## L<sub>p</sub> Optimal metric:

The metric  $\mathcal{M}$ , a  $n \times n$  field on  $\Omega$ , represents the mesh. After solving the optimality conditions:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{L}^p} = D_{\mathbf{L}^p} (\det |H_u|)^{\frac{-1}{2p+n}} \mathcal{R}_u^{-1} |\Lambda_u| \mathcal{R}_u$$

with

$$D_{\mathbf{L}^p} = N^{\frac{2}{n}} \left( \int_{\Omega} \left| \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_i^2} \right|^{\frac{p}{2p+n}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{n}}, \quad \Lambda_u = \text{Diag} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_1^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_2^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_3^2} \right).$$

The positive number  $D_{\mathbf{L}^p}$  is a global normalization term to obtain a mesh with  $N$  vertices. The field  $(\det |H_u|)^{\frac{-1}{2p+n}}$  is a local normalization term accounting for the sensitivity of the  $\mathbf{L}^p$  norm. The three last matrices account for stretching control.

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Mesh convergence order:

Error at optimum writes:

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_{L^p}) = nN^{-\frac{2}{n}} \left( \int_{\Omega} \left| \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_i^2} \right|^{\frac{p}{2p+n}} \right)^{\frac{2p+n}{pn}}.$$

As  $u$  is assumed to be twice continuously differentiable, the error committed with the optimal metric  $\mathcal{M}_{L^p}$  satisfies:

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_{L^p}) \leq \frac{C(n, p, u)}{N^{2/n}}$$

which expresses the **second-order convergence**.

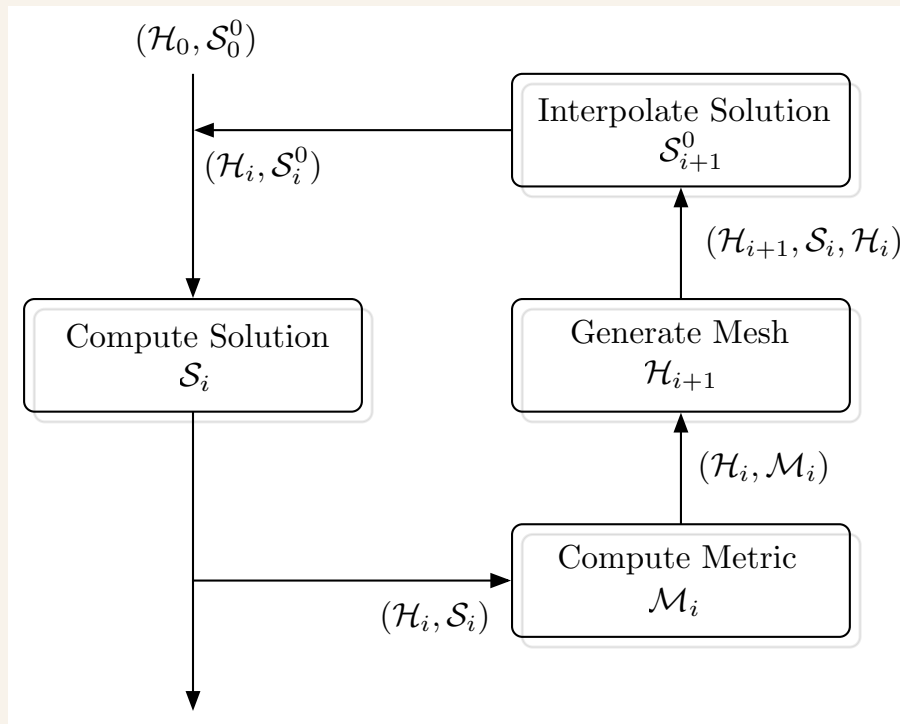
The fact that  $C(n, p, u)$  does not depend on  $N$  shows that optimal meshes classes are **embedded**.

N.B. All above extends to a weighted sum of  $L^p$  interpolation error!

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Fixed point adaptation algorithm: Pure interpolation or adaptation for a discretised EDP.  $N$  is specified:



## 2. DISCONTINUOUS SOLUTIONS

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### 1D example:

Interpolate optimally:

$$u(x) = u_{smooth}(x) + \sigma H(x - x_0) .$$

- Hessian is approximated on the iterated mesh.
- mesh size tends to zero on discontinuity.

Mesh becomes non-valid. The fixed point fails.

Now, an infinitely thin capture of the discontinuity is not necessary for accuracy, since it remains other errors on smooth region.

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1D model:

$$\int_0^1 |e_{\mathcal{M}}(x)|^p dx = \int_0^1 (m^2(x)g(N)(x))^p dx.$$

where:

$$g(N)(x) = \delta(N)^{-2} |u(x + \delta(N)) - 2u(x) + u(x - \delta(N))| .$$

Model validity, smooth, unsmooth regions:

$$g(N)(x) \approx \left| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x) \right| .$$

$$m(x)^2 g(N)(x) \geq \left( \frac{m(x)}{\delta(N)} \right)^2 |\sigma| + R \geq |\sigma| + R$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0+m} (m^2 g(N))^p = \frac{m\sigma^p}{p+1} \left( \frac{m}{\delta} \right)^{2p} \geq \frac{m\sigma^p}{p+1} .$$

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Formal second-order accuracy: *Independantly of the size of  $\delta(N)$  supposed sufficiently small, the optimally adapted interpolation converges to the discontinuous function  $u$  with “formal” second-order accuracy.*

$$m_{opt}(x) = \frac{1}{N} \left( \int_0^1 g(N)(y)^{\frac{p}{2p+1}} dy \right) g(N)(x)^{-\frac{p}{2p+1}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{opt} = \left( \int_0^1 (m_{opt}^2 g(N))^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{2}{N^2} \left( \int g(N)^{\frac{p}{2p+1}} \right)^{\frac{2p+1}{p}} .$$

$$|g(N)| \leq |\sigma| \delta(N)^{-2} .$$

$$|g(N)|^{\frac{p}{2p+1}} \leq |\sigma|^{\frac{p}{2p+1}} \delta(N)^{-\frac{p}{2p+1}} \leq |\sigma|^{\frac{p}{2p+1}} \delta(N)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{opt} \leq \frac{K}{N^2} .$$



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Case of a real mesh: The issue is to adequately choose  $g(N)$ . We observe that  $\int_0^1 g(N)(x)^{\frac{p}{2p+1}} dx$  is uniformly bounded. In the discontinuity,  $m_{opt}(x_0)$  is of order:

$$m_{opt}(x_0) = K N^{-1} g(N)^{-\frac{p}{2p+1}} + R = K N^{-1} \delta(N)^{\frac{2p}{p+1}} + R.$$

Writing  $\delta(N)^{\frac{2p}{p+1}} = N^\alpha$ , and imposing

$$m_{opt, 2N} = \frac{1}{2^{2p}} m_{opt, N}$$

in the discontinuity then  $\alpha = 1 - 2p$ . Consequently, an upper bound for  $\delta(N)$  is given by:

$$\bar{\delta}(N) = K' N^{\frac{1-4p^2}{2p}} \quad (1)$$

We get  $m_{opt}(x_0) = K N^{-2p}$ . Dividing  $N$  by 2 divides  $m_{opt}(x_0)$  by  $2^{2p}$  and:

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**Real mesh second-order convergence:** *Second-order convergence holds on discontinuity for a mesh specified by:*

$$\int_0^1 |e_{\mathcal{M}}(x)|^p dx = \int_0^1 (m^2(x)g(N)(x))^p dx.$$

$$g(N)(x) = \delta(N)^{-2} |u(x + \delta(N)) - 2u(x) + u(x - \delta(N))| .$$

$$\bar{\delta}(N) = K' N^{\frac{1-4p^2}{2p}}$$

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### Application to Case C3, numerical solution:

Minimal step size:

$$\text{Min } \Delta x = \text{const.} N^{-\frac{15}{4}}. (*)$$

Our strategy is to choose it for the finer adapted mesh to be applied and then to use (\*) to fix the  $\text{Min } \Delta x$  for the coarser ones in order to ensure second-order convergence. The same formula is applied to multi-dimensional cases.

### 3. 2D NUMERICAL EXPERIMENT

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Function to interpolate:

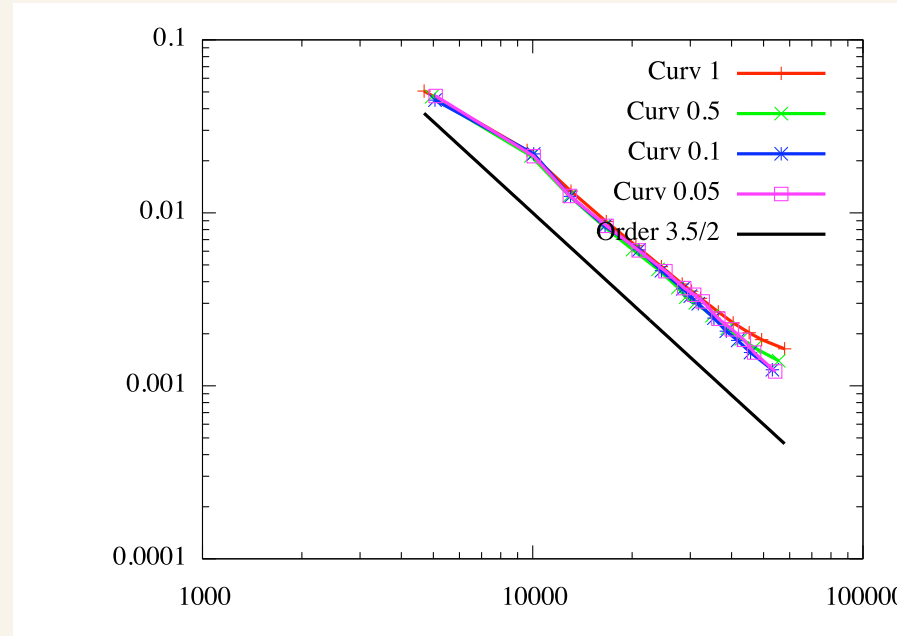
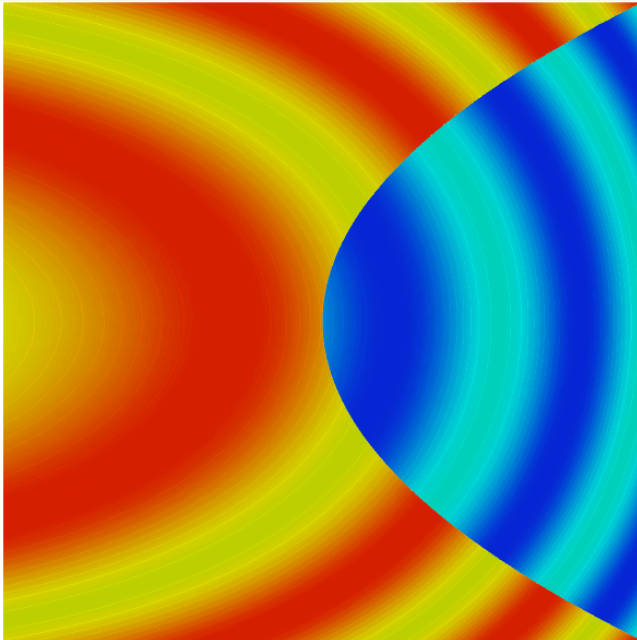
We adapt for the best interpolation of:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin(2\pi(\exp(x) + 0.5 + y^2)) \quad \text{if } x > 0.5y^2 \\ & \sin(2\pi(\exp(x) + 0.5 + y^2)) + 5 \quad \text{else.} \end{aligned}$$

### 3. 2D NUMERICAL EXPERIMENT

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#### Results:



Convergence of adaptative P1 interpolation on a complex discontinuous function. Top, function under study, bottom, convergence in  $L^2$  norm as a function of the number of nodes. Each curve correspond to a curvature of the discontinuity.

## 4. 3D FLOW PROBLEMS

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Flow model:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot F(W) = 0,$$

where  $W = {}^t(\rho, \rho u, \rho v, \rho w, \rho E)$

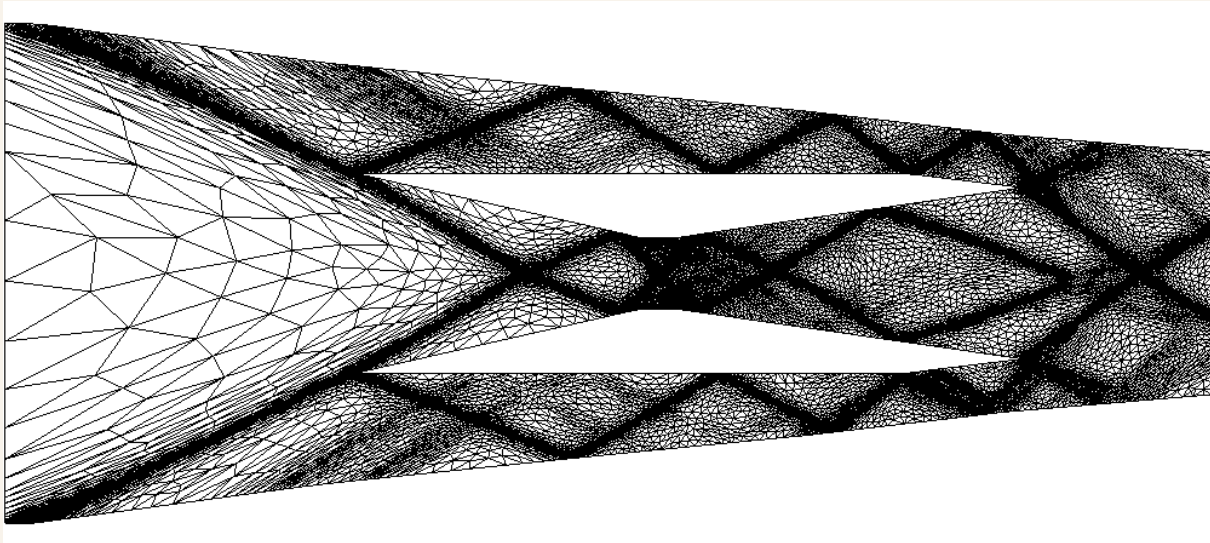
Mixed-Element-Volume approximation: values on vertices,  $P^1$  interpolation.

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### Scramjet internal flow(1):

Final anisotropic mesh with  $L^1$  norm based mesh adaptation.

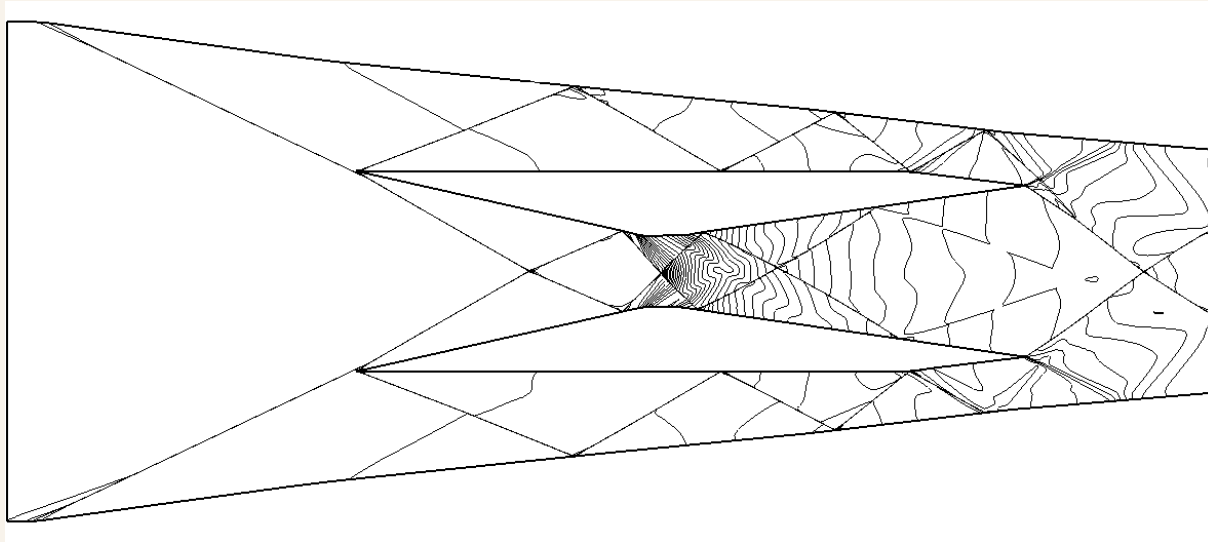


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### Scramjet internal flow(2):

Final density iso-lines.

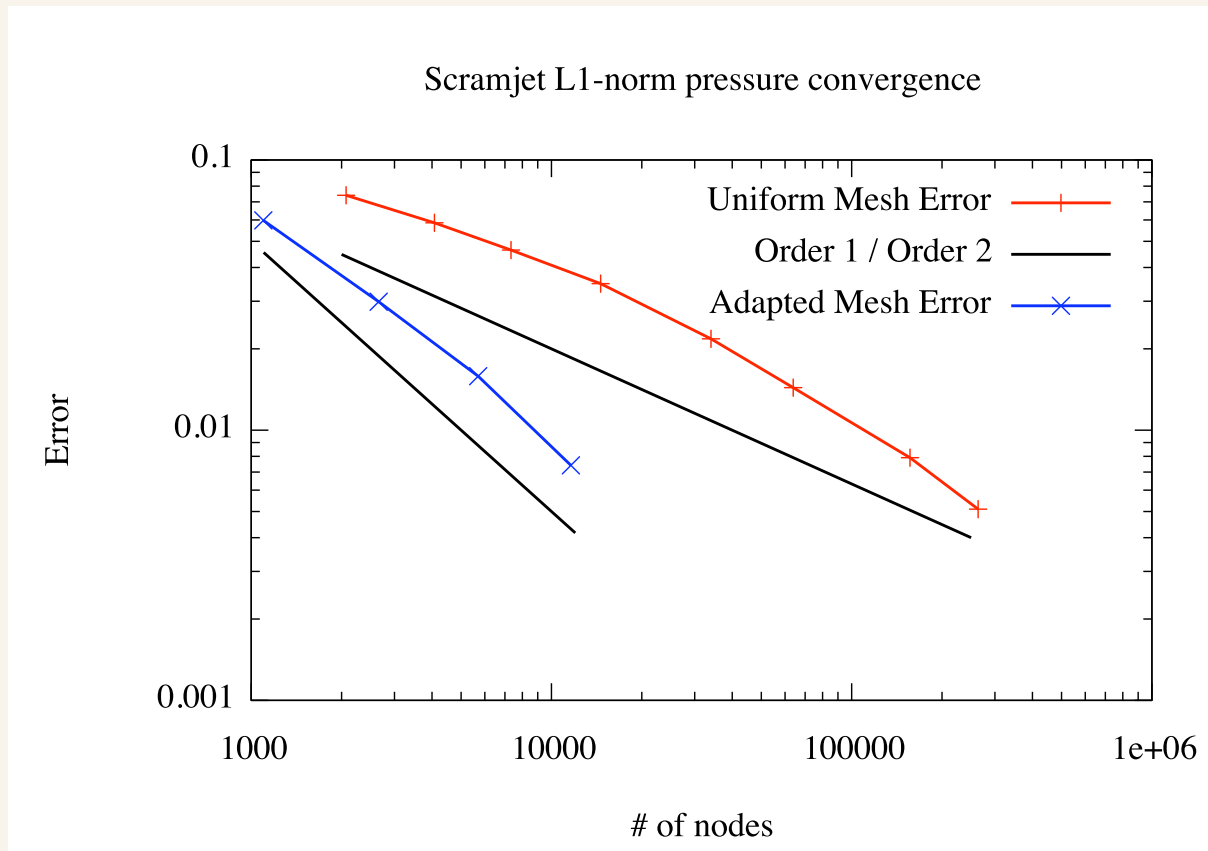




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### Scramjet internal flow(3):

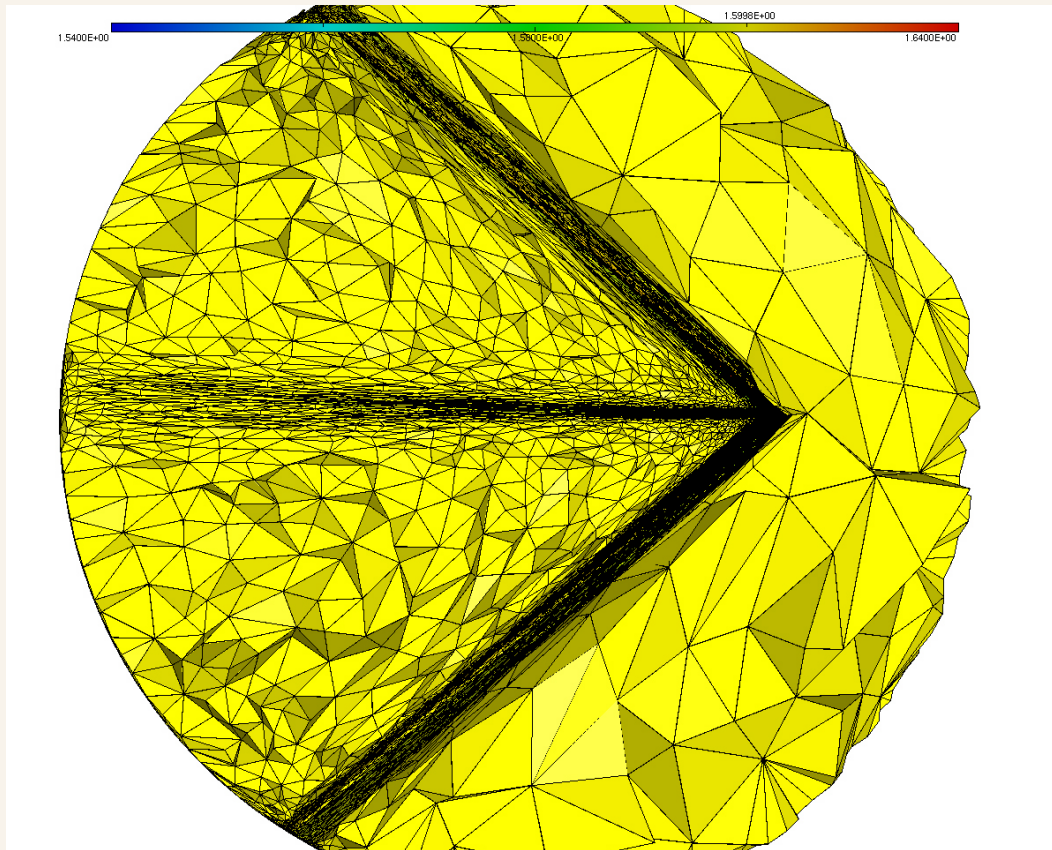
Order of mesh convergence in  $L^1$  norm for the pressure.



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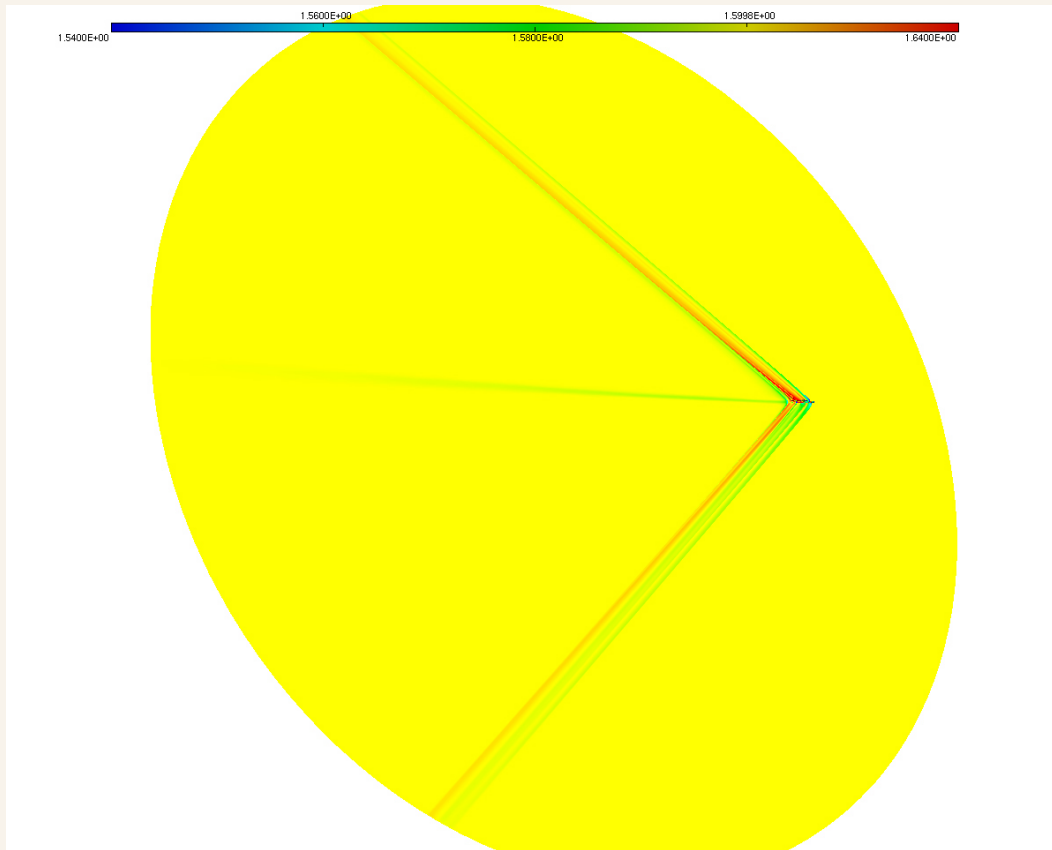
Flow around a supersonic aircraft(1):  
Final anisotropic mesh with  $L^2$  norm adaptation.



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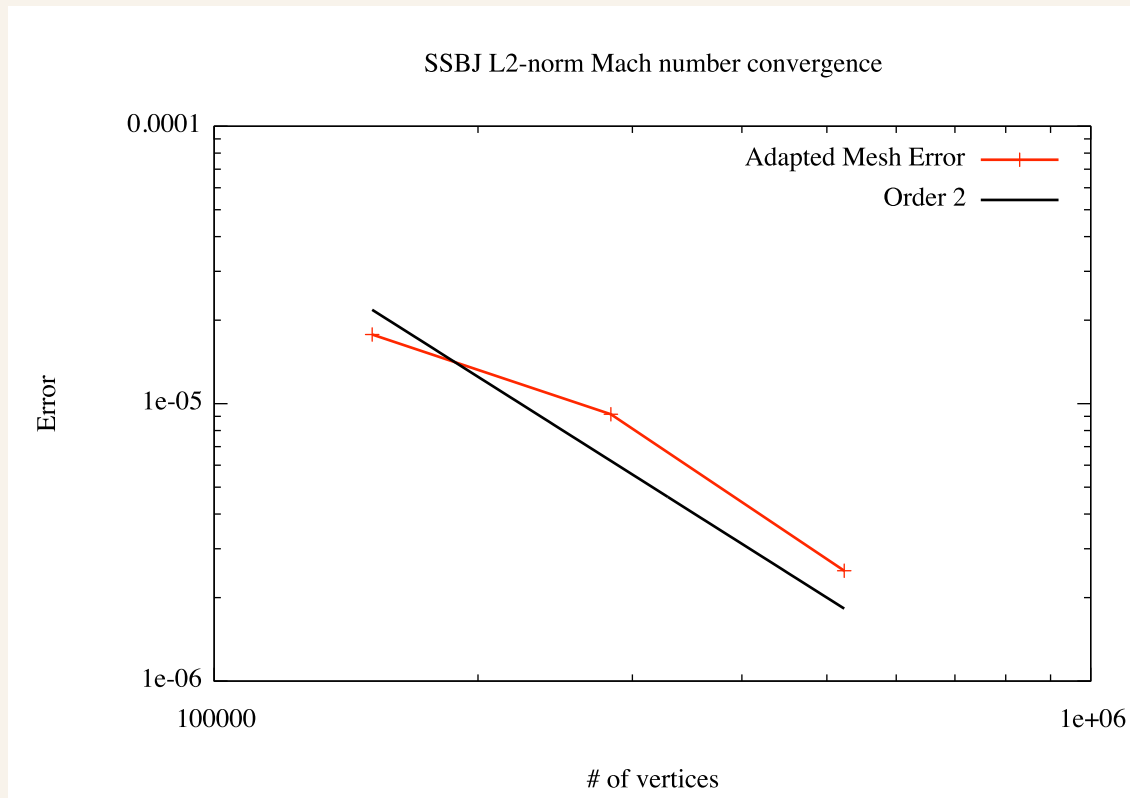
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Flow around a supersonic aircraft(2):  
Final Mach number iso-value in the symmetry plane.



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Flow around a supersonic aircraft(3):  
Order of mesh convergence in  $L^2$  norm for the Mach number.



## 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

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Many ingredients in a simulation tool can provoke a degradation of mesh convergence down to less than first order accuracy.

We have analysed a particular family: [discontinuities](#), [steadiness](#).

A: Initial best mesh setting is to obtain a minimal  $L^2$  interpolation error.

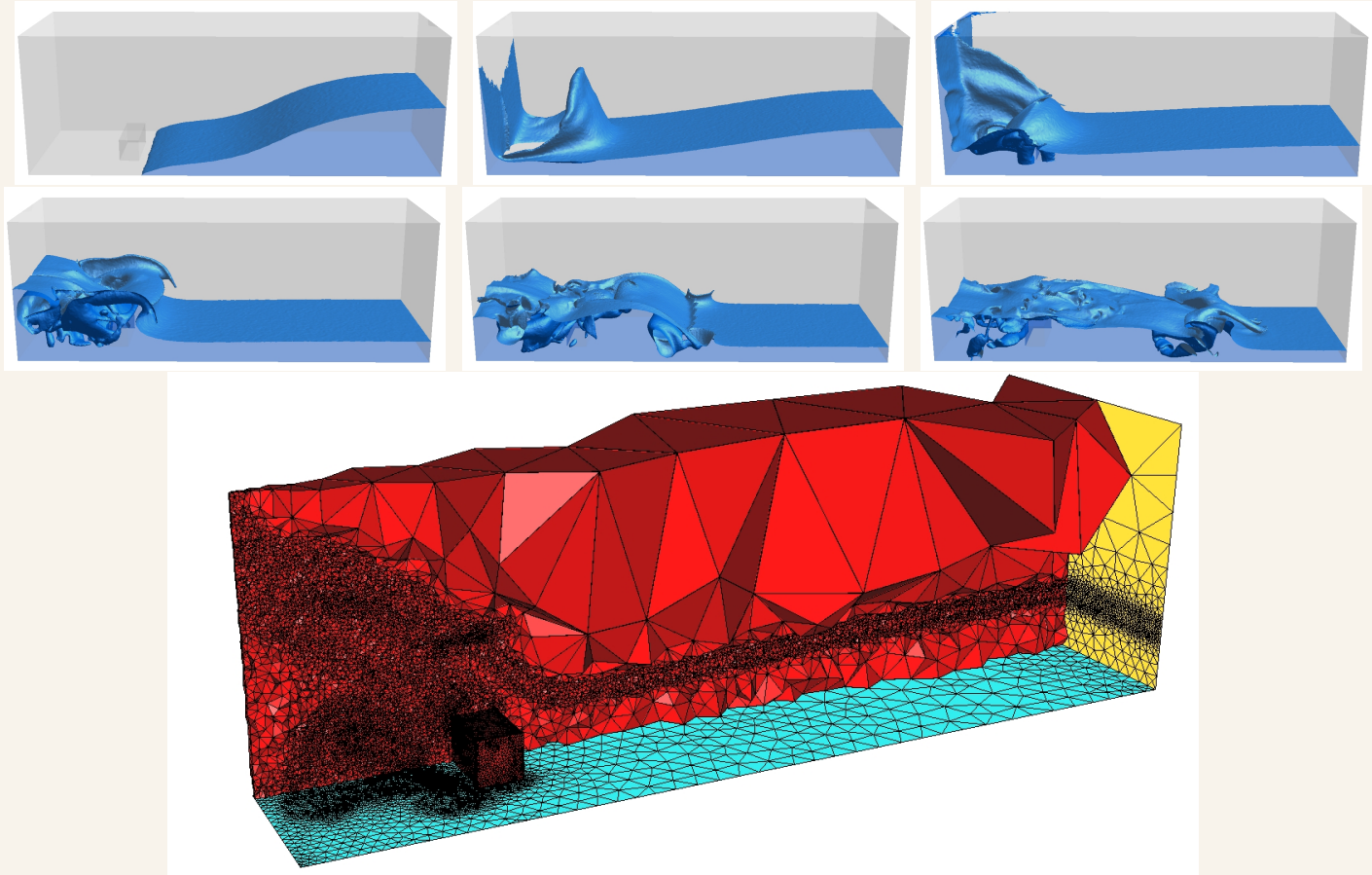
B: In contrast with smooth case, mesh distribution and stretching is specified by a  $N$ -dependant metric.

C: Second order convergence is theoretically predicted and numerically obtained.

Current work concerns extension to unsteady flows with interfaces (with D. Guegan).

## 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS (end'd)

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Thank you for your attention!

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