

# Adaptive Multilevel Stochastic Galerkin Finite Element Approximation Using Hierarchical Error Estimation

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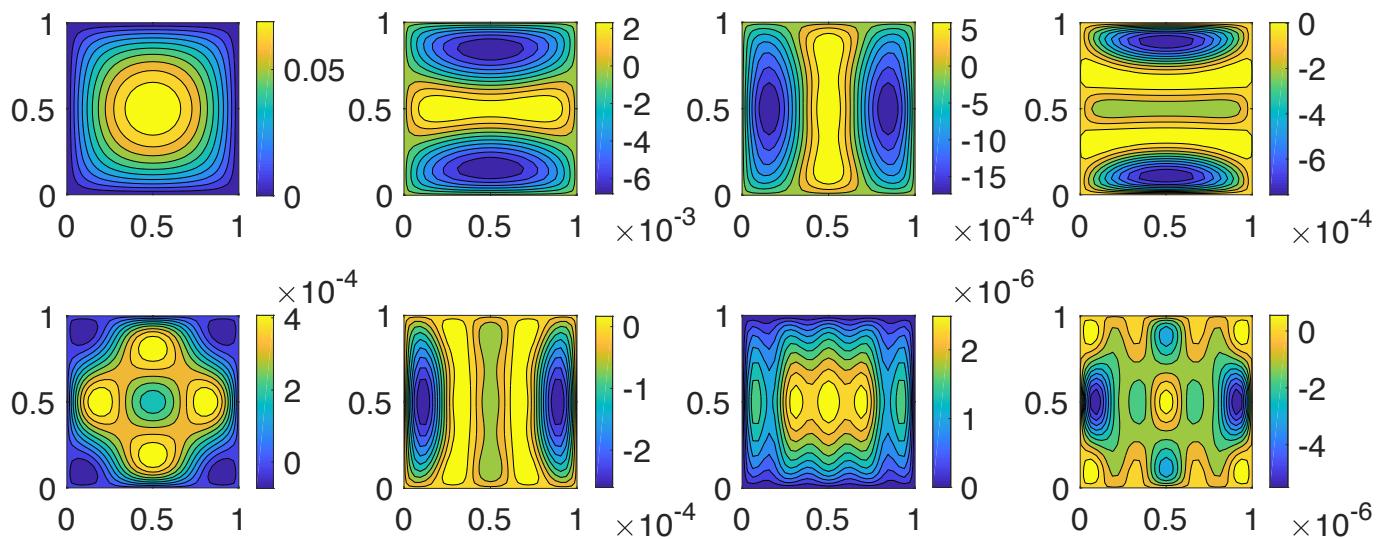
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**Test Problem: 8 spatial modes  $u_\alpha(\mathbf{x})$**

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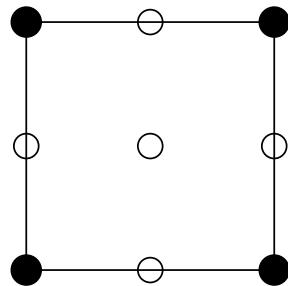
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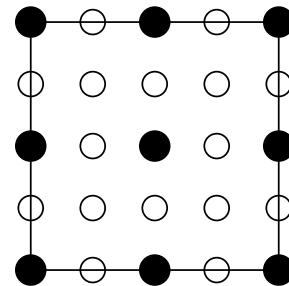
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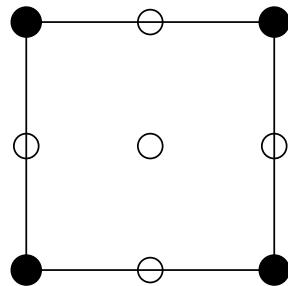


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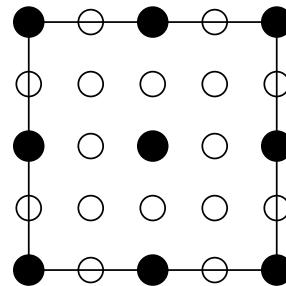


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- initialize  $H$  for new  $\alpha \in \overline{J_Q}$
- $J_P \leftarrow J_P \cup \overline{J_Q};$

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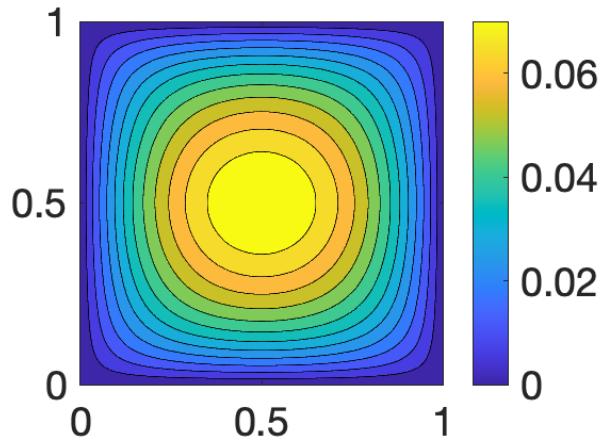
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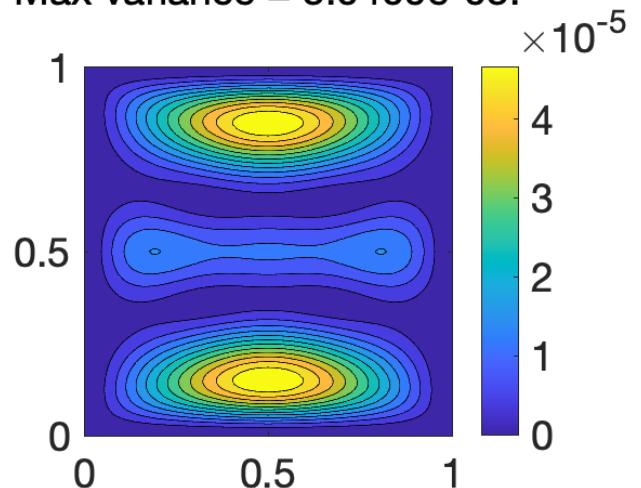
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## Example 1: Final Mean & Variance

Max expectation = 7.5813e-02.



Max variance = 5.0409e-05.



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Time = 20.90 seconds.

Reference error = 1.5602e-03

Estimated error = 1.3917e-03

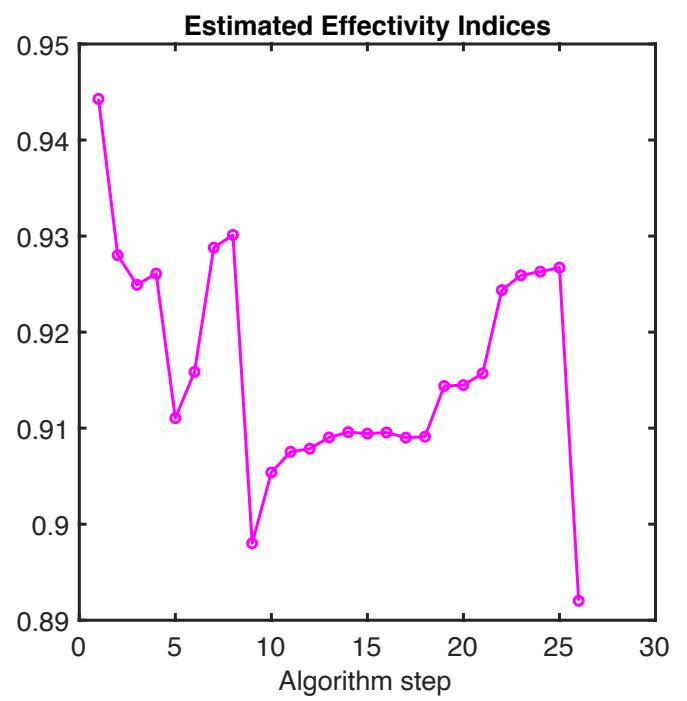
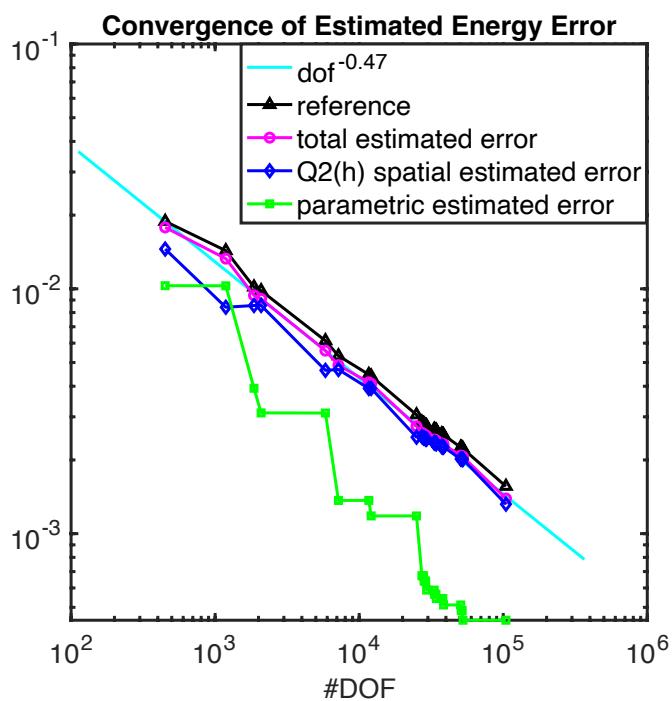
Total iterations = 26.

No. parametric polynomials = 36

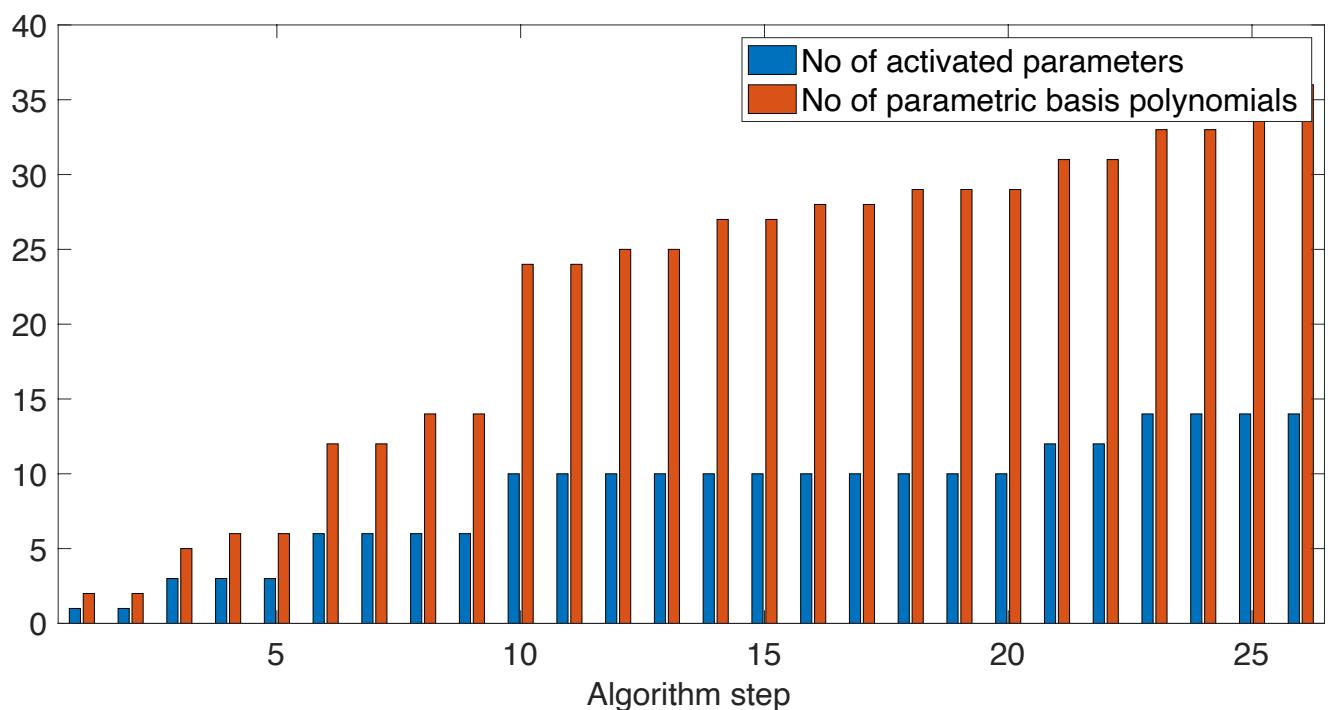
No. activated variables = 14.

Total DOF = 104,452.

## Example 1: Convergence & Accuracy



## Example 1: Final Approximation Space



At the final step  $X := \bigoplus_{\alpha \in J_P} H_1^\alpha \otimes P^\alpha$

- $J_P$  contains 36 multi-indices, ( $M = 14$  activated parameters)
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## Example 2: 2D in space + exponential decay

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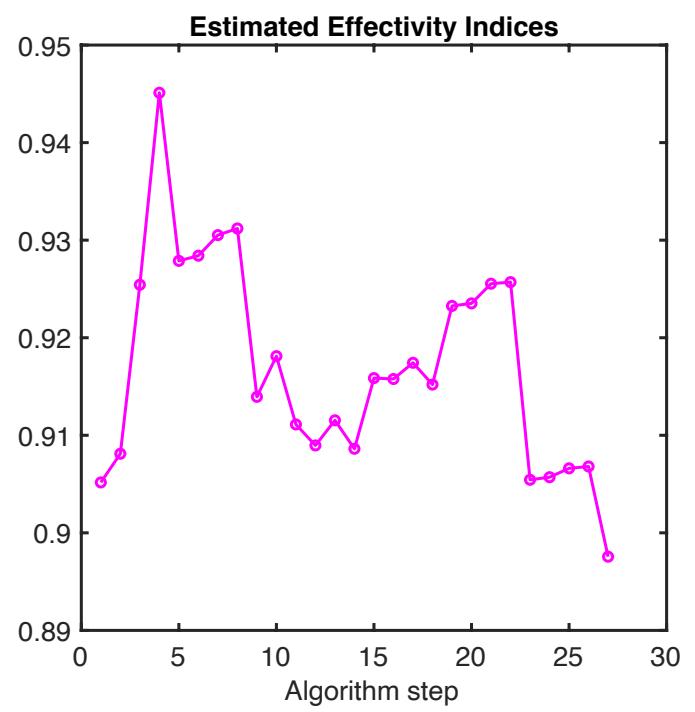
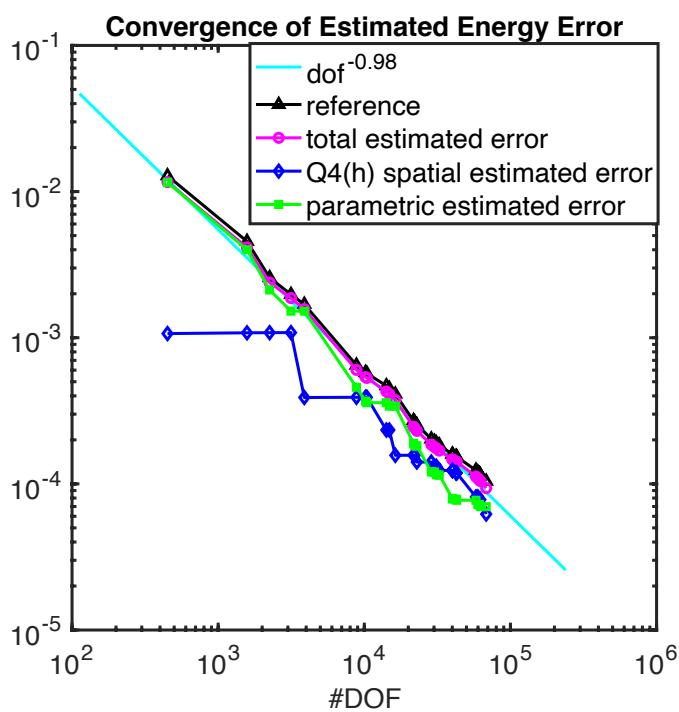
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- ▷ Choose  $TOL = 1e-4$ .
- ▷ **Target convergence rate:**  $N_{\text{dof}}^{-1}$ .

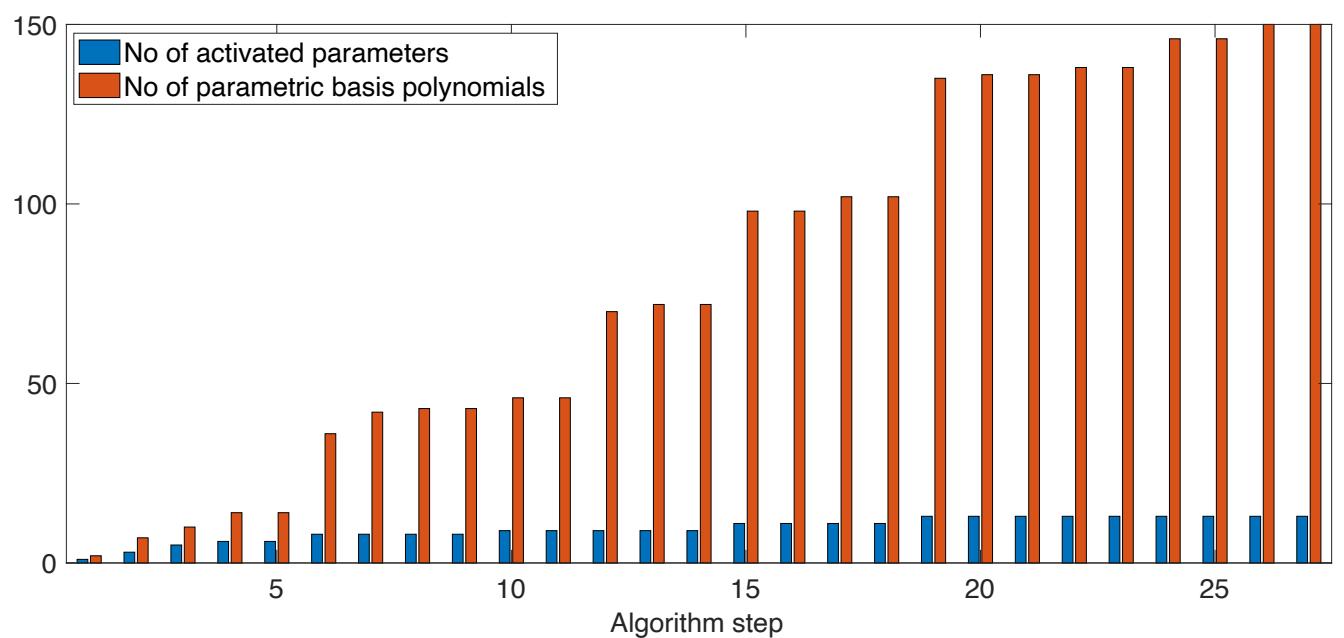
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## Example 2: Convergence & Accuracy



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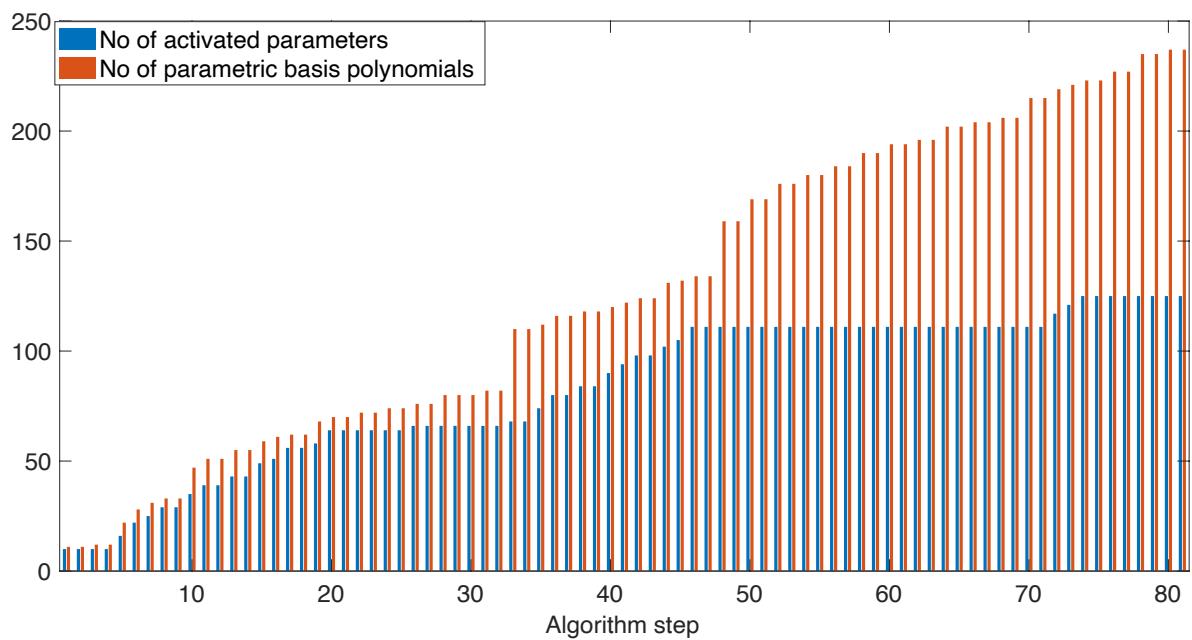


At the final step  $X := \bigoplus_{\alpha \in J_P} H_1^\alpha \otimes P^\alpha$

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## Example 3: (very) slow decay case

Poor convergence ( $N_{\text{dof}}^{-0.32}$ ) and the error estimator is less accurate, but can compute an approximation to TOL=1.5e-3 in a couple of mins on a laptop.



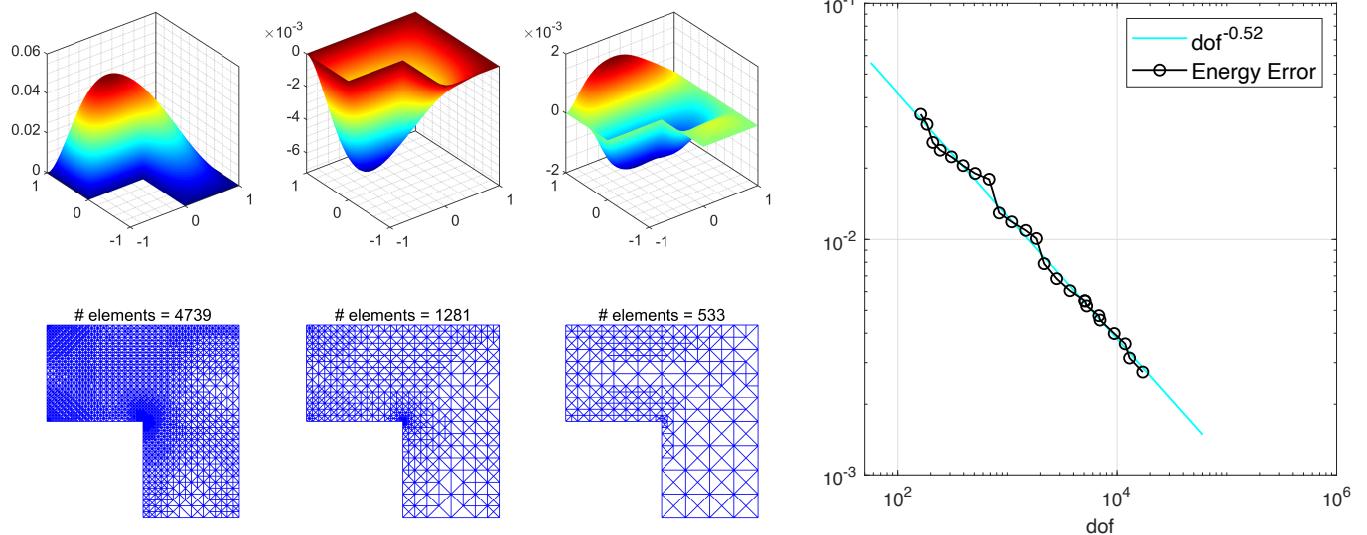
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# Locally Adapted Meshes

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