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# Outline

- algebraic flux correction scheme for a steady-state convection–diffusion–reaction equation
- formulation as edge-based stabilization
- theoretical analysis under general assumptions: solvability, discrete maximum principle, error estimates
- example of a limiter
- numerical results

## Algebraically stabilized schemes

Boris, Book (1973), Zalesak (1979) – basic philosophy of flux-corrected transport

Arminjon, Dervieux (1989), Selmin (1987), Löhner, Morgan, Peraire, Vahdati (1987) – FEM-FCT

Kuzmin et al. (2001–now) – algebraic flux correction  
– algebraic stabilizations for linear boundary value problems

first rigorous theoretical analysis of the AFC method:

Barrenechea, John, K. (IMAJNA 2015, SINUM 2016, M3AS 2017)

a unified framework:

Barrenechea, John, K., Rankin (SeMA 2018)

## Steady-state convection–diffusion–reaction equation

$$-\varepsilon \Delta u + \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla u + cu = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = u_b \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

with constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  and

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0, \quad c \geq \sigma_0 \geq 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

## FE discretization

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## Variational form of the AFC scheme

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**Assumption (A1):**

For any  $E \in \mathcal{E}_h$ , the function  $\beta_E(u_h)(\nabla u_h)|_E \cdot \mathbf{t}_E$  is a continuous function of  $u_h \in V_h$ .

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**Theorem** For any  $\beta_E \in [0, 1]$  satisfying Assumption (A1), the edge-based AFC scheme has a solution.

# Discrete maximum principle

Local sets for  $i = 1, \dots, M$ :

$S_i = \{j \in \{1, \dots, N\} \setminus \{i\}; x_i \text{ and } x_j \text{ are endpoints of the same edge}\}$

$\Delta_i = \cup\{K \in \mathcal{T}_h; x_i \in K\}$

Assumption (A2):

Consider any  $u_h \in W_h$  and any  $i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ . If  $u_h(x_i)$  is a strict local extremum of  $u_h$  on  $\Delta_i$ , i.e.,

$$u_h(x_i) > u_h(x) \quad \forall x \in \Delta_i \setminus \{x_i\}$$

or

$$u_h(x_i) < u_h(x) \quad \forall x \in \Delta_i \setminus \{x_i\},$$

then

$$a_h(u_h; \varphi_j, \varphi_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall j \in S_i.$$

## Local discrete maximum principle

Let  $u_h \in W_h$  be a solution of the AFC scheme with limiters  $\beta_E$  satisfying Assumption (A2). Consider any  $i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ . Then

$$f \leq 0 \text{ in } \Delta_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \max_{\Delta_i} u_h \leq \max_{\partial\Delta_i} u_h^+,$$

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where  $u_h^+ = \max\{0, u_h\}$  and  $u_h^- = \min\{0, u_h\}$ . If, in addition,  $c = 0$  in  $\Delta_i$ , then

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## Global discrete maximum principle

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Lemma Denoting

$$A_h = \max_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \left( |d_E| h_E^{2-d} \right),$$

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If, in particular,  $d_E$  are defined as at the beginning, then

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**Lemma** Under Assumptions (A3) and (A4) one has

$$d_h(u_h; i_h u, i_h u) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |u_h - i_h u|_{1,\Omega}^2 + C \frac{A_h^2}{\varepsilon} |i_h u|_{1,\Omega}^2 + \varepsilon h^2 |u|_{2,\Omega}^2.$$

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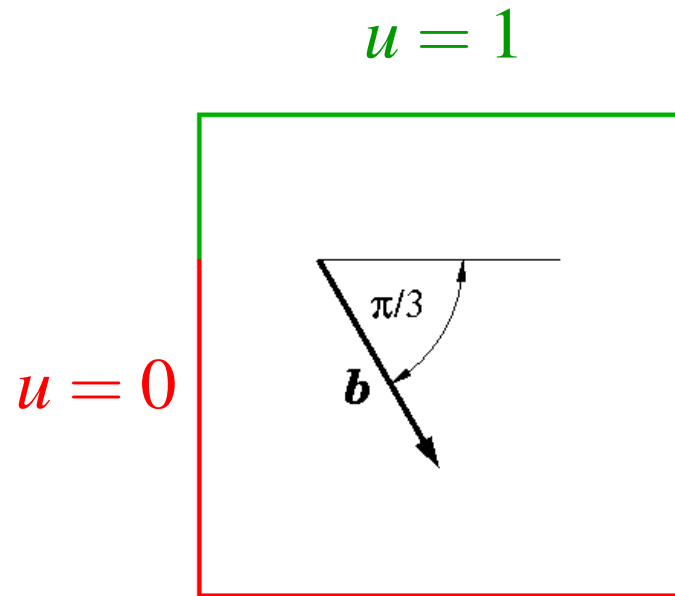
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Assumption (A2) always satisfied

$\Rightarrow$  DMP guaranteed for arbitrary meshes!

## Example (interior layer and exponential boundary layers)



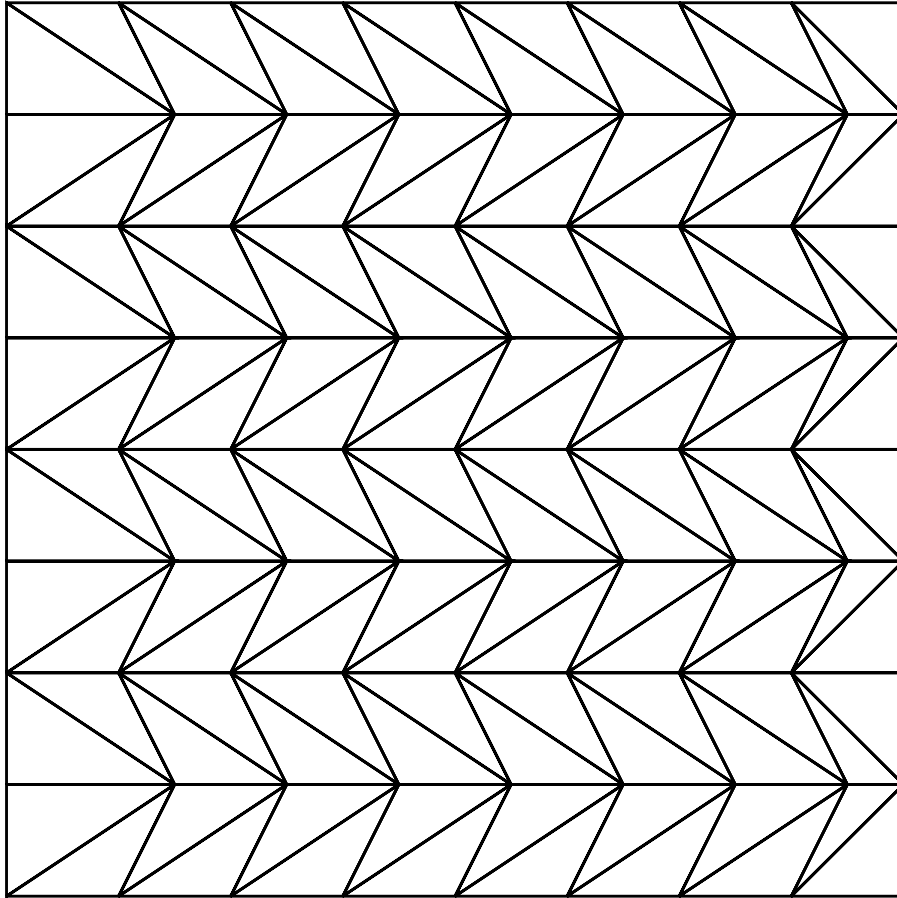
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$$c = 0$$

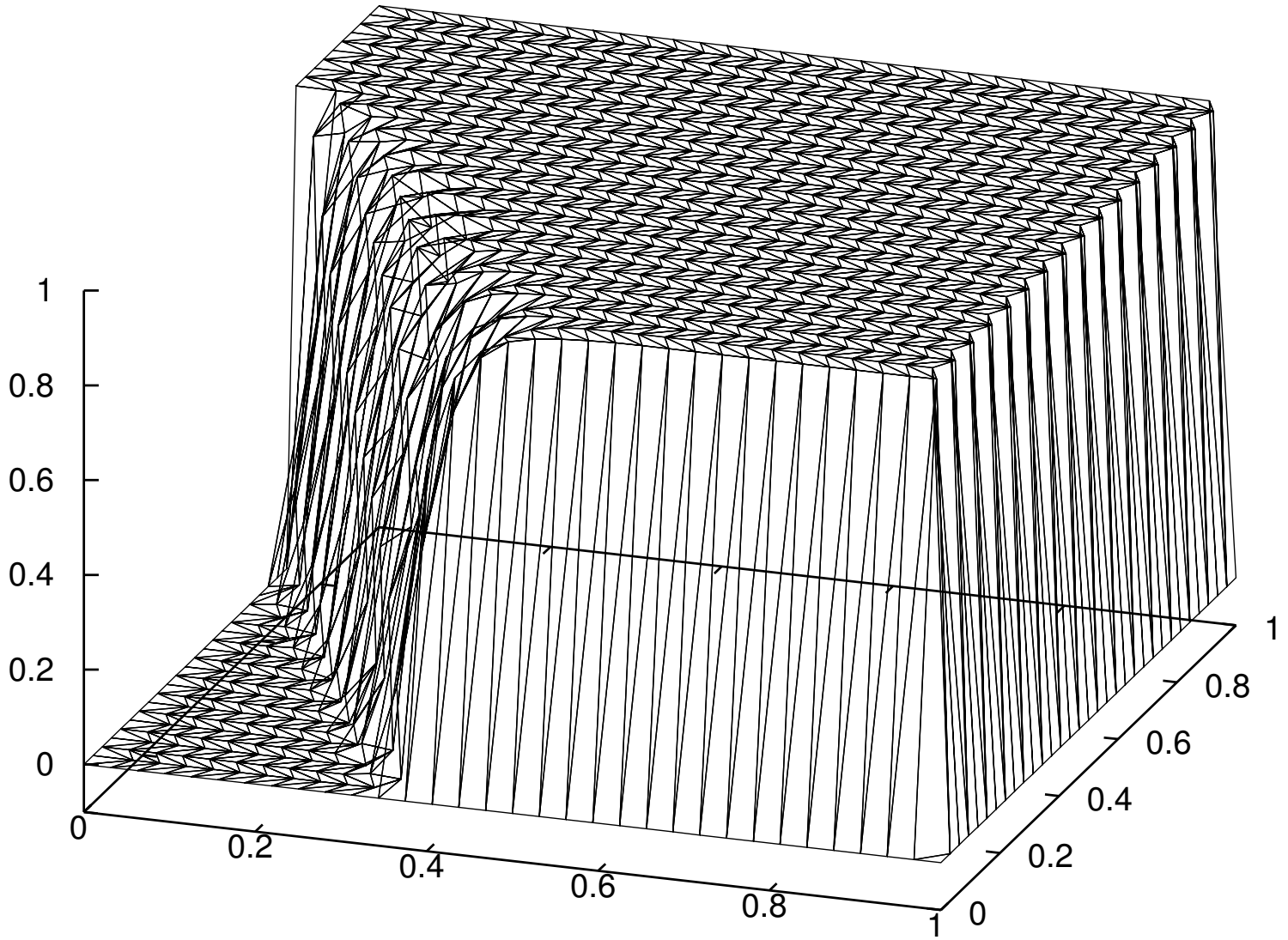
$$f = 0$$

# Non-Delaunay meshes

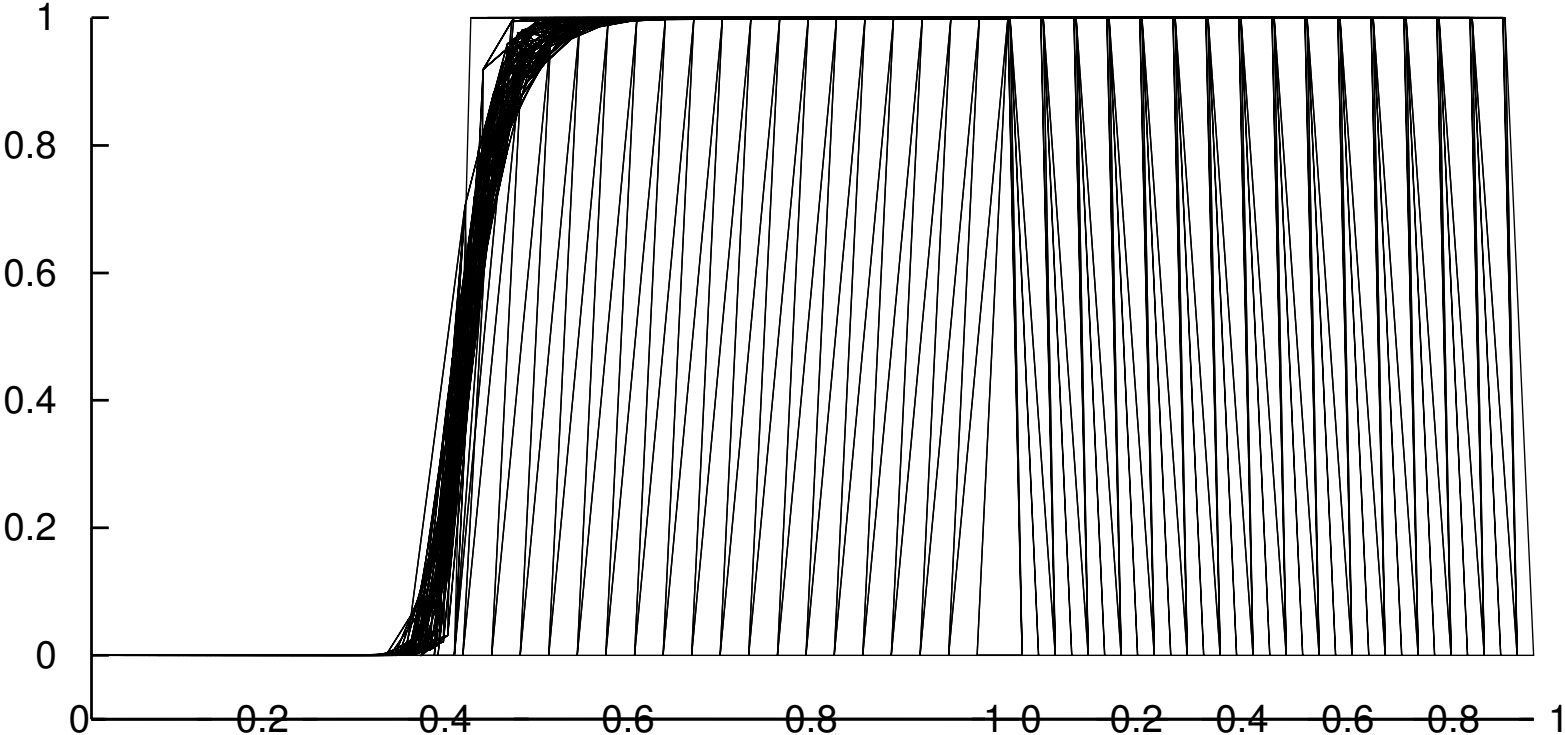




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## Conclusions

- unified theoretical analysis for algebraic flux correction schemes applied to convection–diffusion–reaction equations
- theory applicable to various limiters
- oscillation-free solutions can be computed without smearing the layers

**I wish you, Sláva,  
many further brilliant mathematical results  
and a happy birthday!!!**

## Kuzmin's limiter

Zalesak (1979), Kuzmin (2007)

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## Improved error estimate on special meshes

$$\|u - u_h\|_h \leq Ch \|u\|_{2,\Omega} + C \frac{h}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} |i_h u|_{1,\Omega}$$

## Example 1 (polynomial solution)

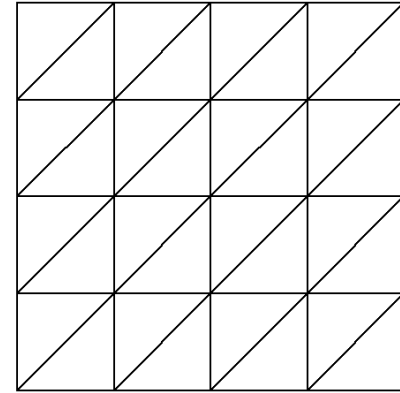
$$\Omega = (0, 1)^2, \quad \mathbf{b} = (3, 2), \quad c = 1, \quad u_b = 0.$$

The right-hand side  $f$  is chosen such that, for given  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$u(x, y) = 100x^2(1-x)^2y(1-y)(1-2y)$$

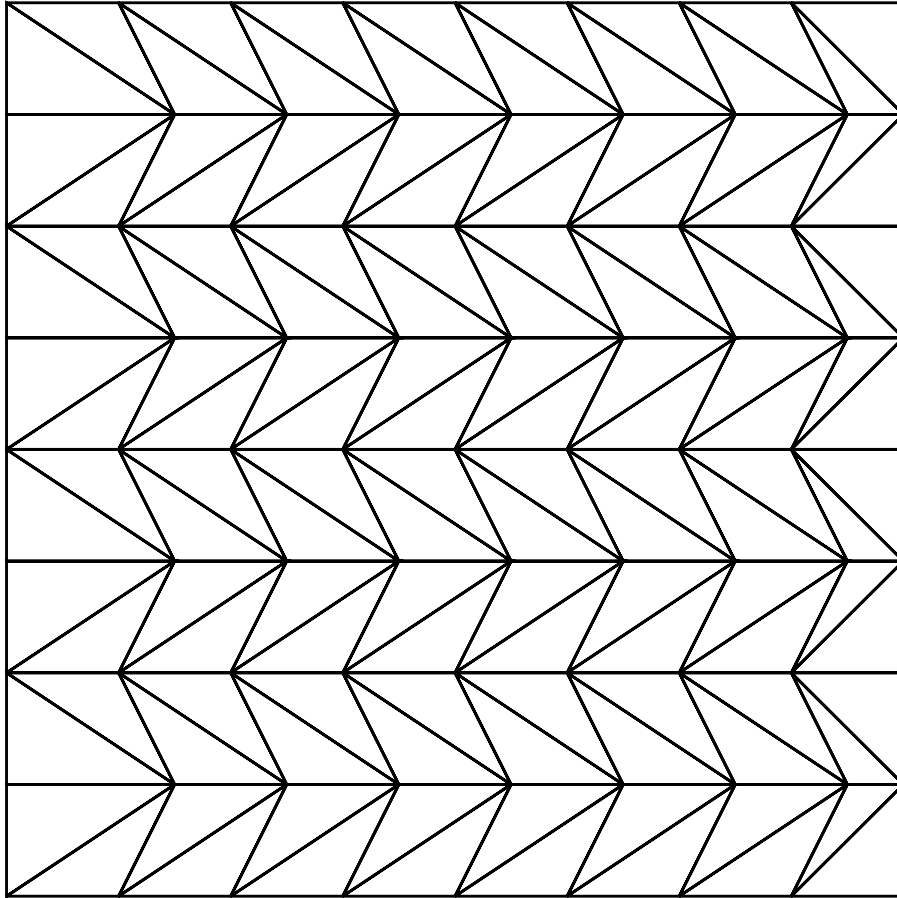
is the exact solution.

# Example 1, Kuzmin's limiter, $\varepsilon = 10^{-8}$



$ne$	$\ e_h\ _{0,\Omega}$	ord.	$ e_h _{1,\Omega}$	ord.	$d_h^{1/2}(u_h)$	ord.
32	5.457e-3	1.85	2.287e-1	1.10	1.163e-2	2.11
64	1.408e-3	1.95	1.074e-1	1.09	2.683e-3	2.12
128	3.493e-4	2.01	5.113e-2	1.07	6.410e-4	2.07
256	8.652e-5	2.01	2.546e-2	1.01	1.633e-4	1.97
512	2.152e-5	2.01	1.321e-2	0.95	4.099e-5	1.99
1024	5.357e-6	2.01	6.822e-3	0.95	1.018e-5	2.01

# Non-Delaunay meshes



**Example 1, Kuzmin's limiter,  $\varepsilon = 10$**   
**(non-Delaunay mesh)**

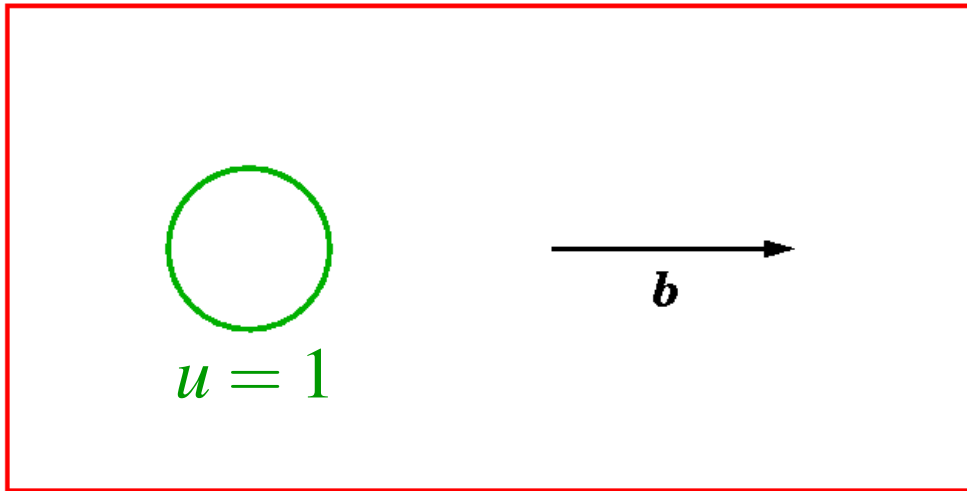
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16	5.637e-2	0.22	6.741e-1	0.41	2.626e+0	0.24
32	5.385e-2	0.07	5.908e-1	0.19	2.437e+0	0.11
64	5.332e-2	0.01	5.661e-1	0.06	2.380e+0	0.03
128	5.321e-2	0.00	5.593e-1	0.02	2.363e+0	0.01
256	5.319e-2	0.00	5.575e-1	0.00	2.358e+0	0.00
512	5.320e-2	0.00	5.570e-1	0.00	2.356e+0	0.00

**Example 1, BJK limiter,  $\varepsilon = 10$**   
**(non-Delaunay mesh)**

$ne$	$\ e_h\ _{0,\Omega}$	ord.	$ e_h _{1,\Omega}$	ord.	$\ e_h\ _h$	ord.
16	1.786e-2	1.74	4.726e-1	0.87	1.522e+0	0.88
32	4.218e-3	2.08	2.404e-1	0.98	7.633e-1	1.00
64	1.016e-3	2.05	1.213e-1	0.99	3.841e-1	0.99
128	2.545e-4	2.00	6.082e-2	1.00	1.924e-1	1.00
256	6.439e-5	1.98	3.045e-2	1.00	9.632e-2	1.00
512	1.628e-5	1.98	1.524e-2	1.00	4.819e-2	1.00

### Example 3 (P. Hemker's problem)

$$u = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0$$

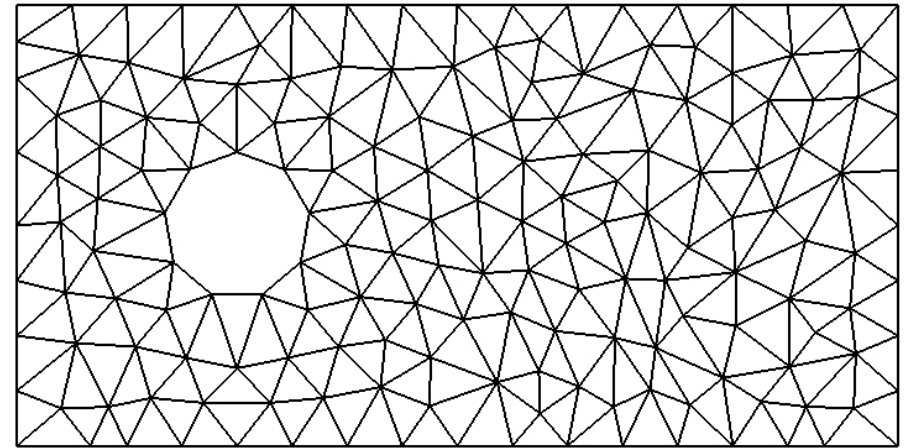
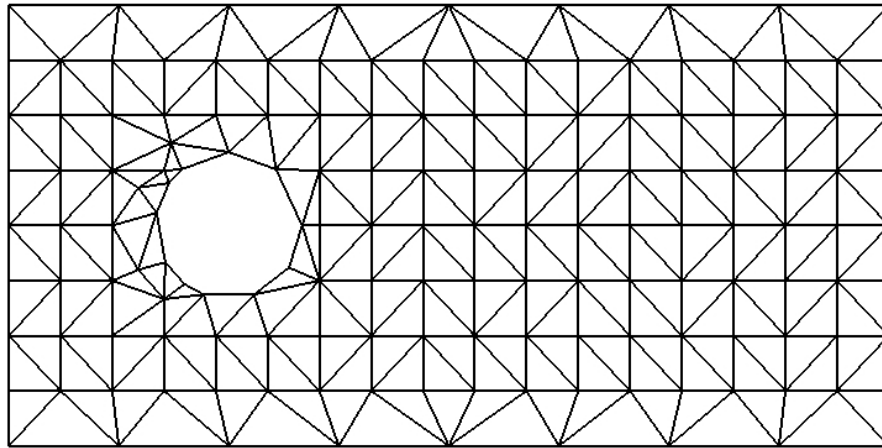
$$\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$$

$$|\mathbf{b}| = 1$$

$$c = 0$$

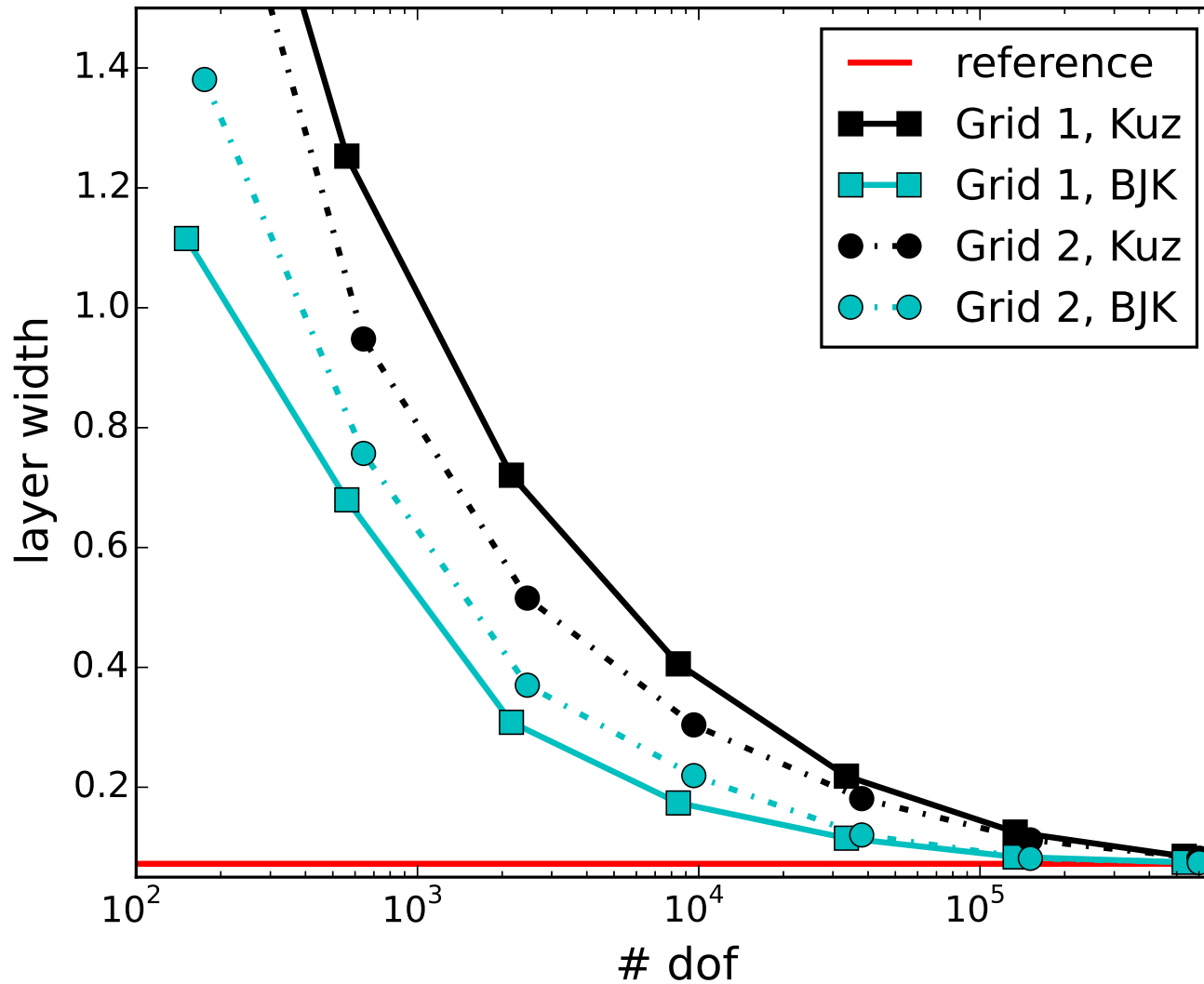
$$f = 0$$

# Example 3, Grid 1 (left) and Grid 2 (right), both level 0

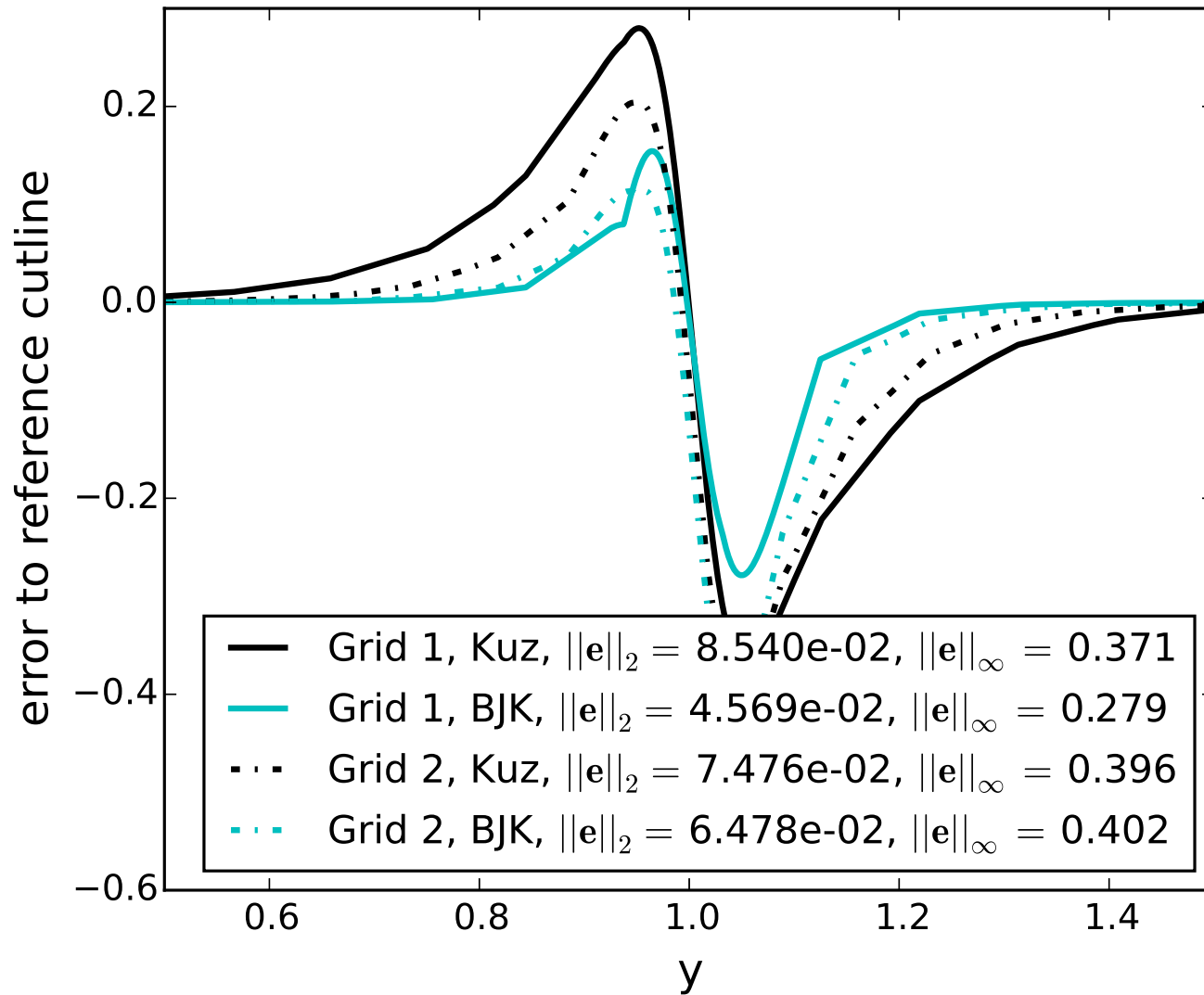




## Example 3, width of the interior layer at $x = 4$



# Example 3, level 3 ( $\sim 10000$ dofs), errors along $x = 4$



# Example 3, level 5 ( $\sim 150000$ dofs), errors along $x = 4$

