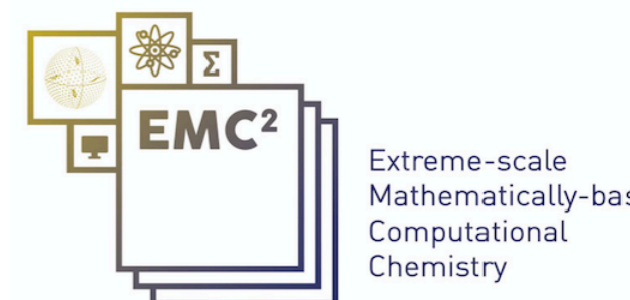


# A Glimpse of Numerical Analysis in Computational Chemistry : Some Recent Mathematical Results



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$$\mathcal{H}^0 \phi_i^0 = \lambda_i^0 \phi_i^0, \quad i = 1, \dots, M,$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}^0 = \mathcal{H}_{[\rho^0]} = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_{\text{ion}} + V_{\text{coul}}(\rho^0) + V_{\text{xc}}(\rho^0)$$

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hence classically we refer to discretisation

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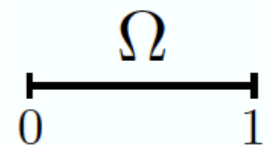
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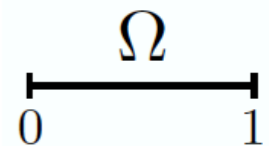
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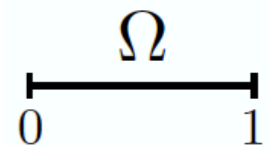
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## A priori analysis–Convergence results

Notations:

- $u$ : unique positive solution of the exact nonlinear eigenvalue problem
- $u_N$ : a minimizer of the discretized problem such that  $(u_N, u)_{L^2} \geq 0$ .

### Theorem (Cancès, Chakir, Maday)

*Under previous assumption, it holds:  $\|u_N - u\|_{H^1} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow +\infty} 0$ .*

*There exists two constants  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $C \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that, for  $N$  large enough*

**Eigenfunction**  $\|u_N - u\|_{H^1} \leq C \min_{v_N \in X_N} \|v_N - u\|_{H^1}$  *(optimal)*

**Energy**  $\beta \|u_N - u\|_{H^1}^2 \leq E(u_N) - E(u) \leq C \|u_N - u\|_{H^1}^2$

**Eigenvalue**  $|\lambda_N - \lambda| \leq C (\|u_N - u\|_{H^1}^2 + \|u_N - u\|_{L^2})$  *(improved)*

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*where for  $w \in X'$ ,  $\Psi_w$  is the unique solution to the adjoint problem:*

*Find  $\Psi_w \in u^\perp$  such that  $\forall v \in u^\perp$ ,  $\langle (E''(u) - \lambda)\Psi_w, v \rangle_{X', X} = \langle w, v \rangle_{X', X}$ .*

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**2- Iterative resolution:** Algorithm used to solve the equation on  $X_N$ :

- Initialization:** Well-chosen pair  $(u_N^0, \lambda_N^0)$ .
- Iterations:** Loop until convergence ( $\|u_N^k - u_N^{k-1}\|_{H^1}$  small).

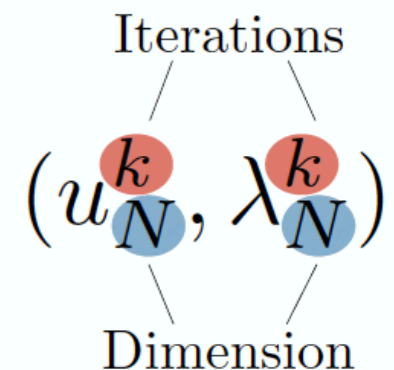
**Linear Problem**

$$\Pi_N(-\Delta \tilde{u}_N^k + V \tilde{u}_N^k + (u_N^{k-1})^2 \tilde{u}_N^k) = \lambda_N^{k-1} u_N^{k-1}.$$

**Normalization**  $u_N^k = \tilde{u}_N^k / \|\tilde{u}_N^k\|_{L^2}$ .

**Rayleigh Quotient**  $\lambda_N^k = \int \nabla(u_N^k)^2 + V(u_N^k)^2 + (u_N^k)^4$ .

- Output:** Approximate eigenfunction and eigenvalue  $(u_N^{k_{out}}, \lambda_N^{k_{out}})$ .



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### Theorem: Guaranteed bound

Under the previous conditions, there exists a unique  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\lambda})$  in the ball  $B((u_N^k, \lambda_N^k), 2\gamma\epsilon)$  such that  $F(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\lambda}) = 0$  and

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### Theorem: Ground state

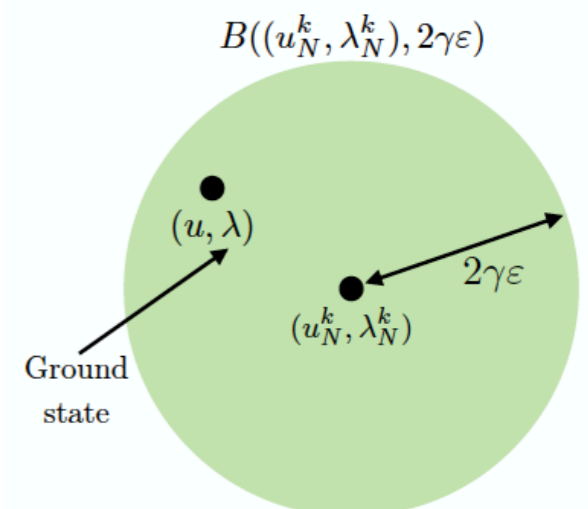
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### Key lemma:

If  $(u, \lambda)$  is solution to the nonlinear eigenvalue problem, and is the smallest eigenpair of the linear operator  $-\Delta + V + u^2$ , then  $(u, \lambda)$  is the ground state.

A posteriori error bound valid under explicit and computable conditions.

Unfortunately too coarse and very restrictive conditions.



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## Error balance–Separation of error

### Aim

- Analyse the error bound
- Find the origin of the error: space discretization and iterations
- Be able to refine the right parameter at each step
- Get the **best compromise** between space discretization and number of iteration that minimizes the number of computations for a given accuracy.

Two error sources:

- Size of the Fourier space  $2N + 1$ .
- Number of iterations  $k$ .

Therefore, we decompose the main residual into **two computable parts**

$$R_{disc} = -\Delta u_N^k + V u_N^k + (u_N^{k-1})^2 u_N^k - \lambda_N^{k-1} u_N^{k-1}$$

$$R_{iter} = (u_N^k)^3 - (u_N^{k-1})^2 u_N^k - \lambda_N^k u_N^k + \lambda_N^{k-1} u_N^{k-1}$$

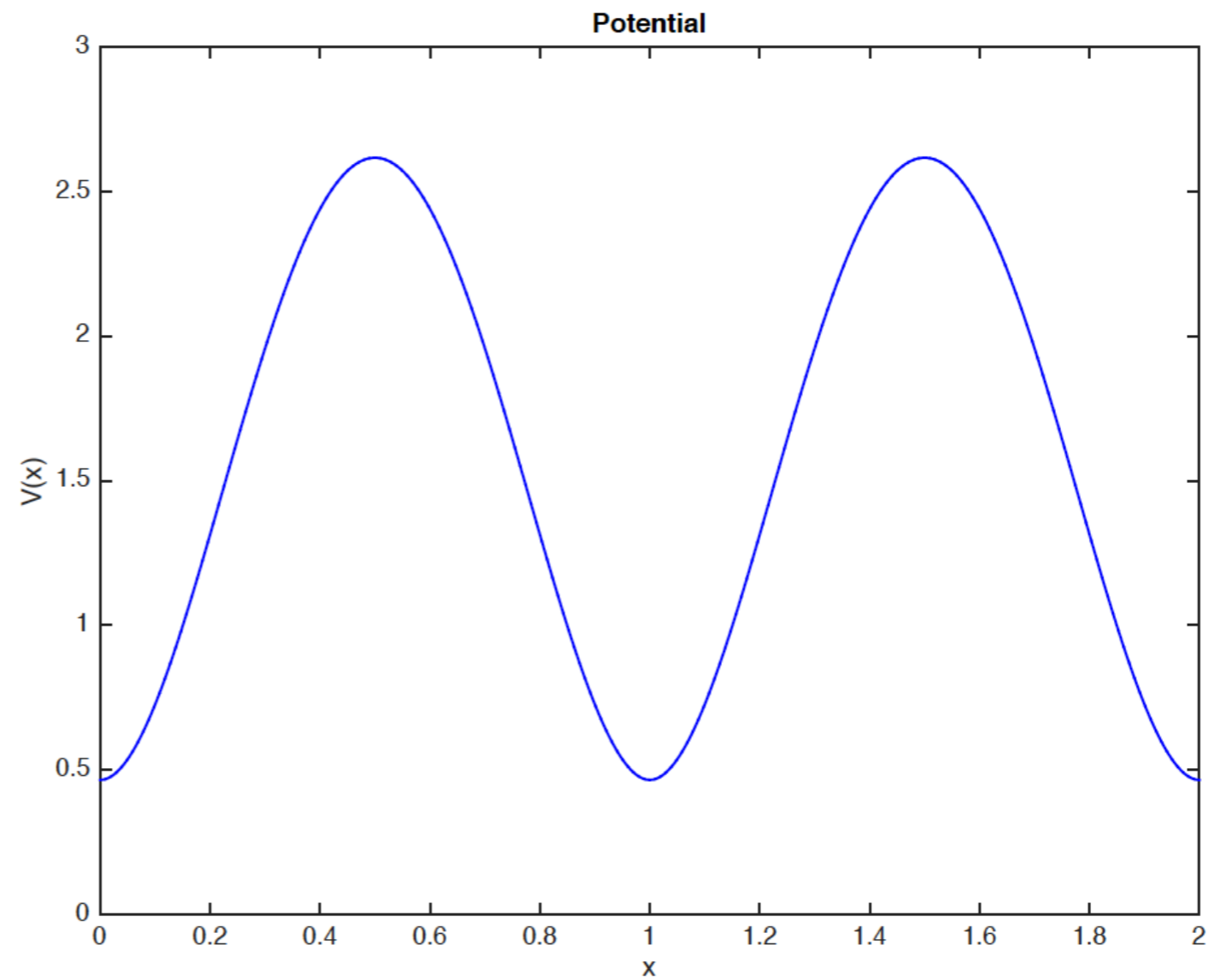
such that

$$R_N^k = R_{disc} + R_{iter}.$$

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## Numerical simulations: Framework

The Fourier coefficients of the potential  $V$  are given by  $\hat{V}_k = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{|k|^4 - \frac{1}{4}}$ ,



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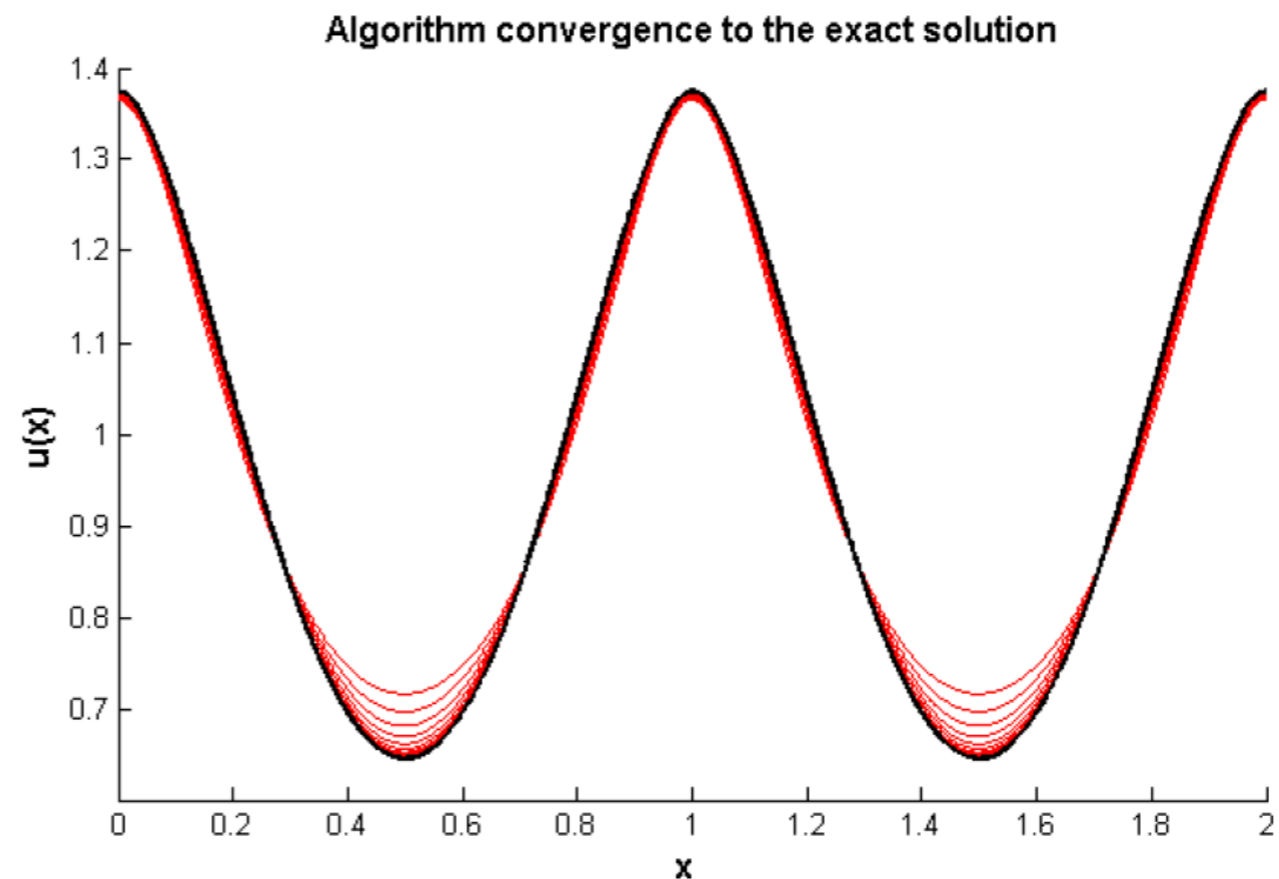
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- Calculated in a discrete space with  $N=500$ .
- Norm of the residual:

$$\|R_N^k\|_{H^{-1}} = 4.10^{-13}$$

Results no more precise than  $10^{-13}$

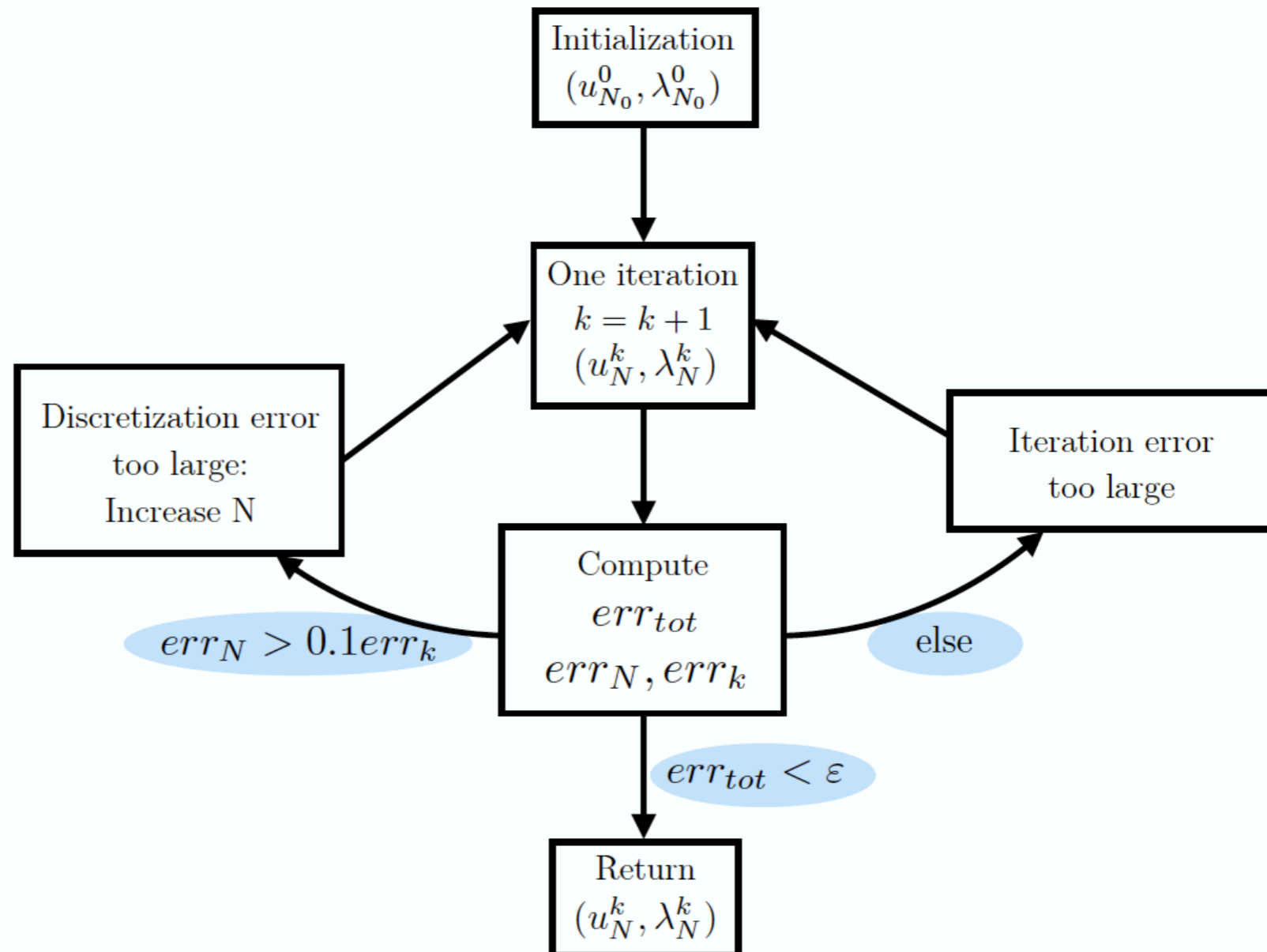




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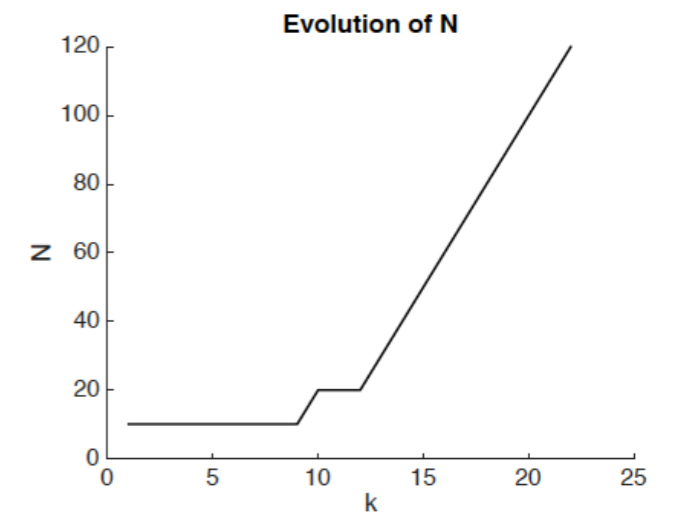
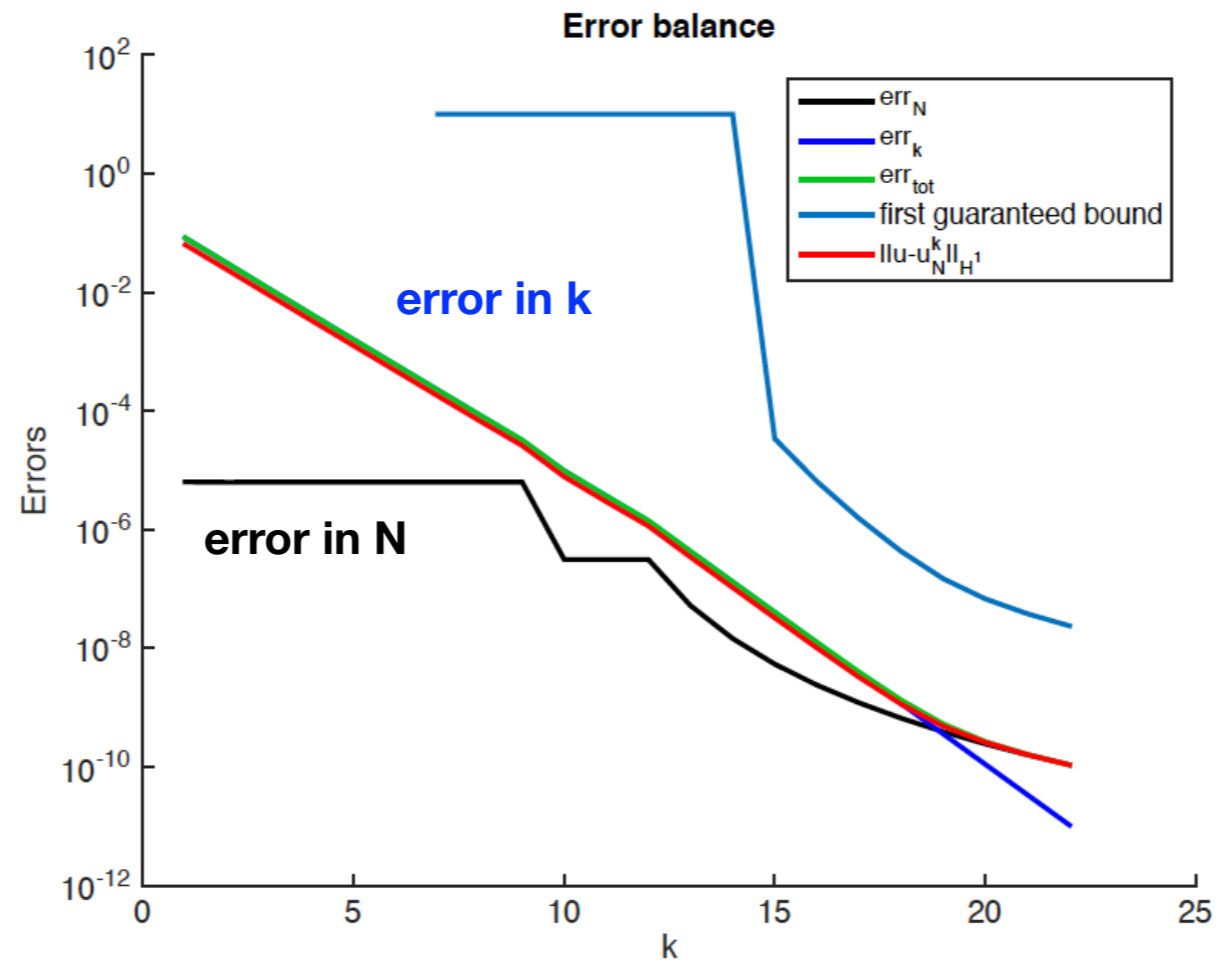
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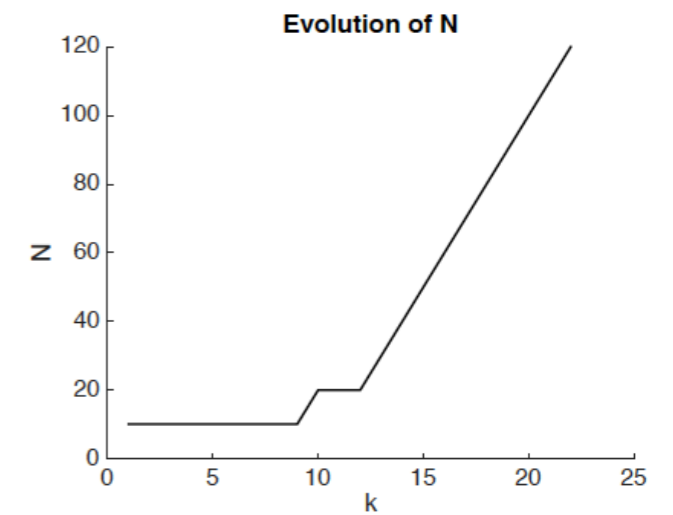
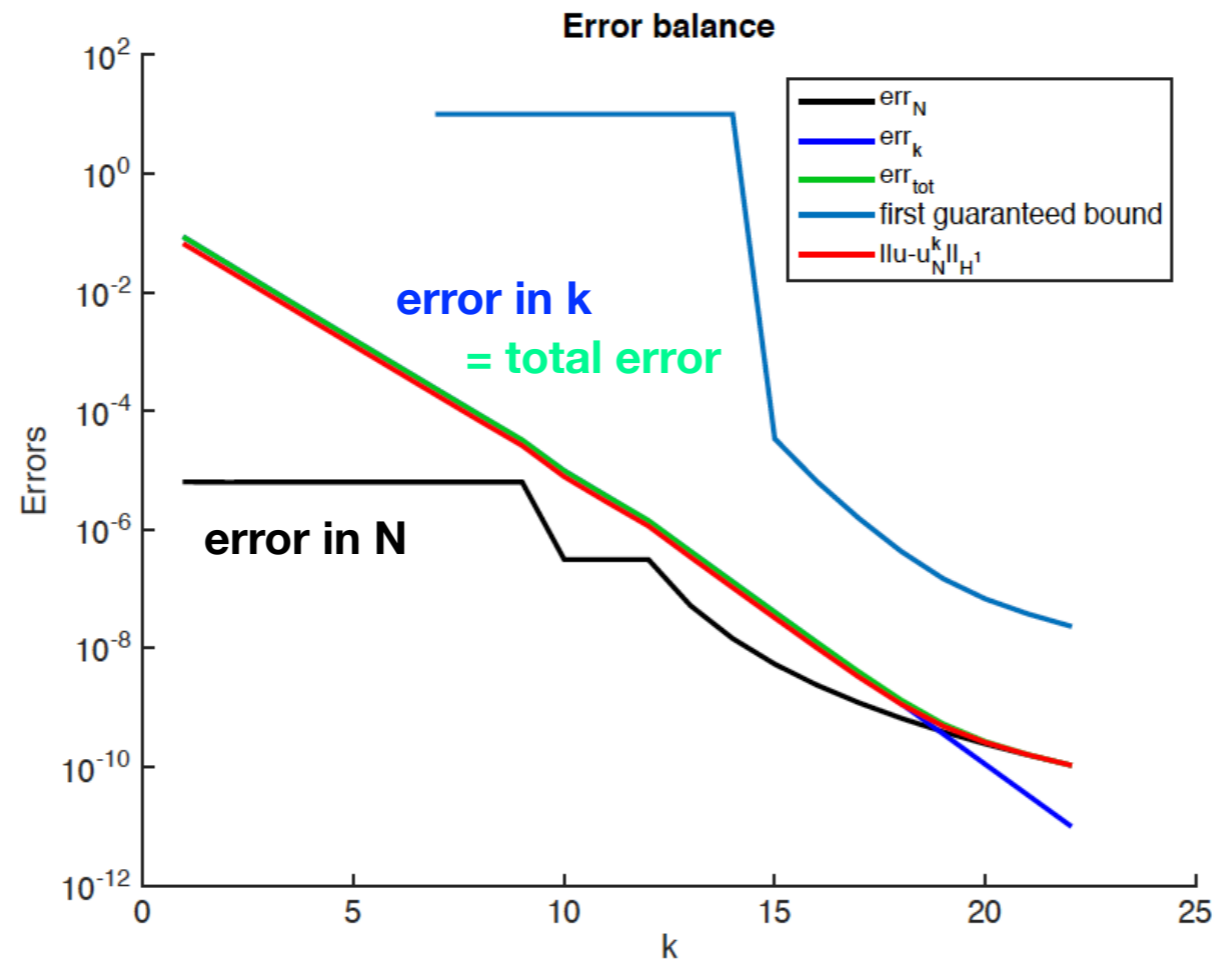
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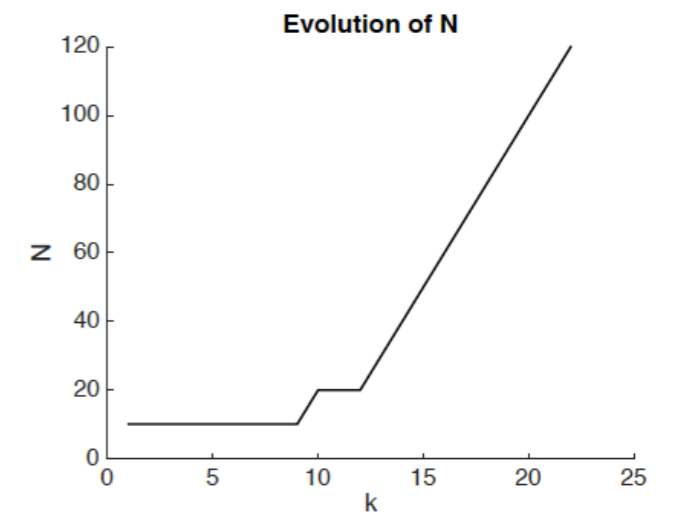
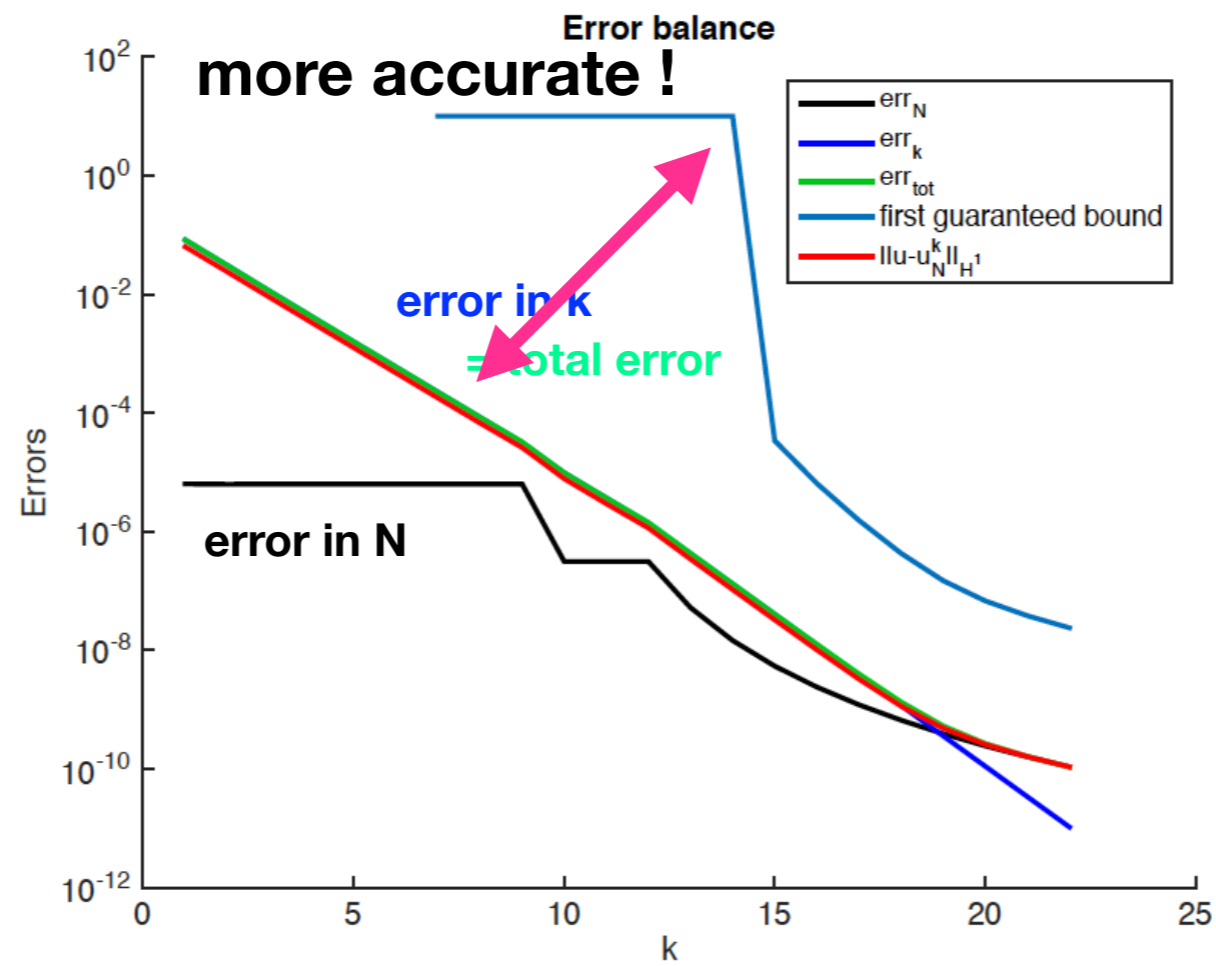
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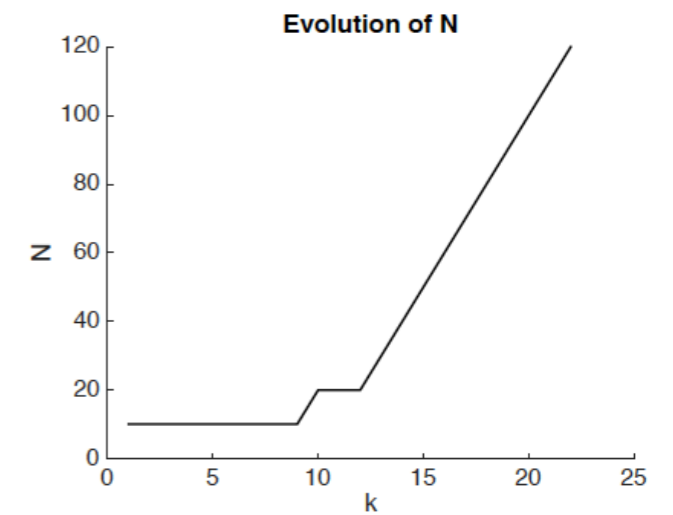
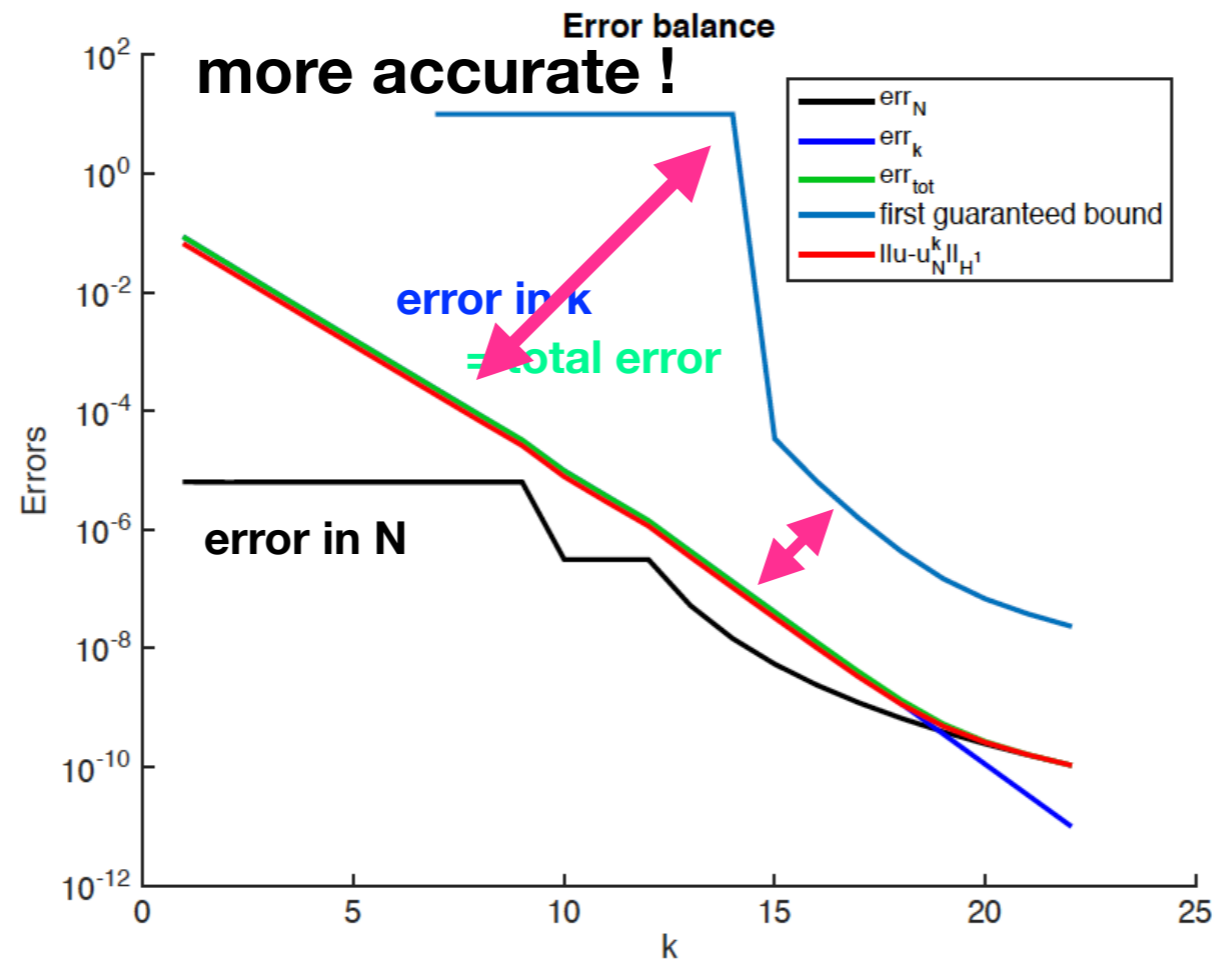
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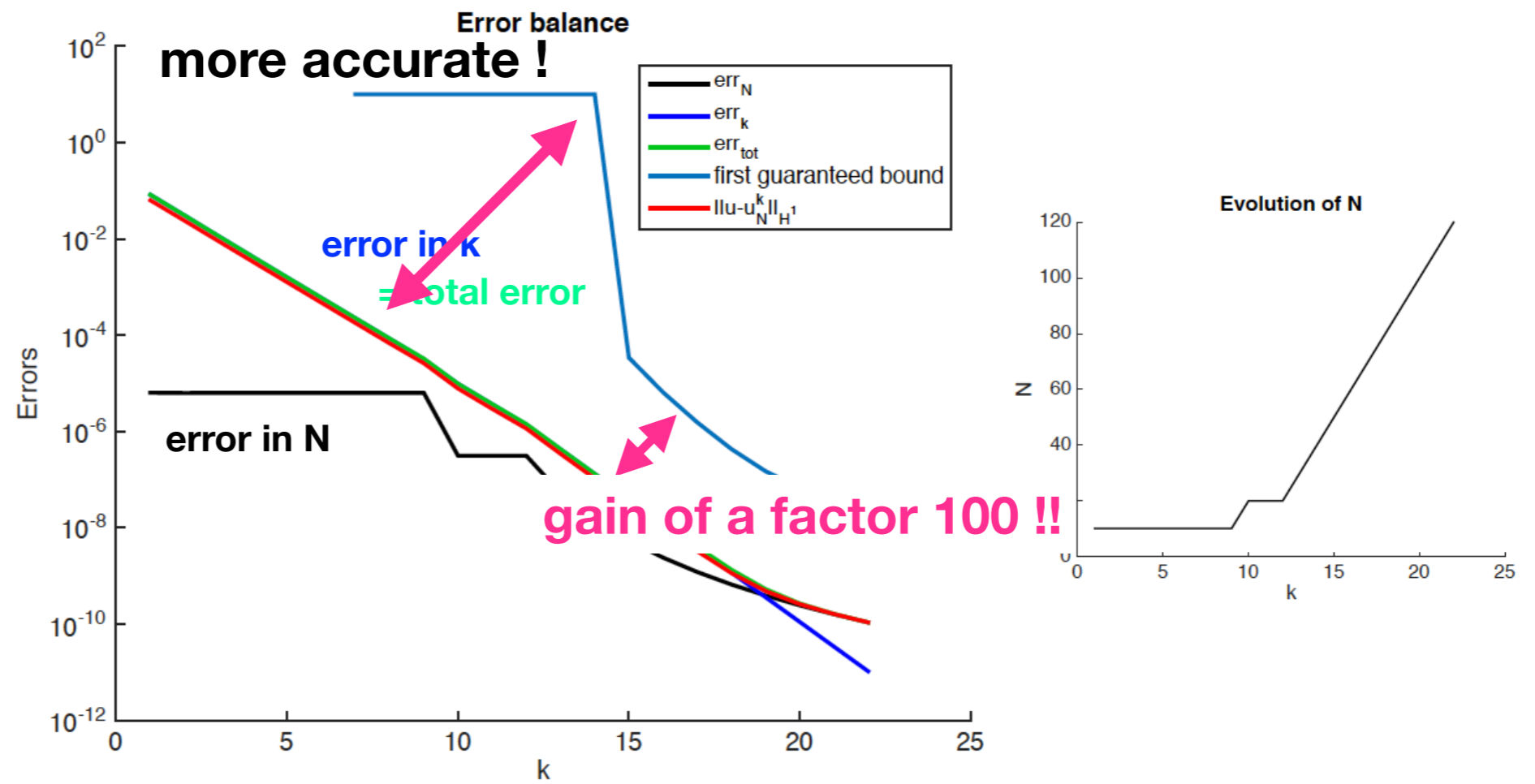
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**extension to Kohn Sham with**

Eric Cancès, Genevieve Dusson, Benjamin Stamm and Martin Vohralík  
in a series of papers

**What's next ?**

Next step

and beyond ...

We want now to incorporate the error due to the model ...

Indeed, what is of interest for us is the solution to the full, original, Schrödinger equation. What is the link between Schrödinger and one of the feasible model.

- Kohn Sham, DFT
- Hartree Fock

better correlation models  
**post Hartree Fock methods**



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- model error
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**CC with respect to full CI**

**and more**

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**New basis set**

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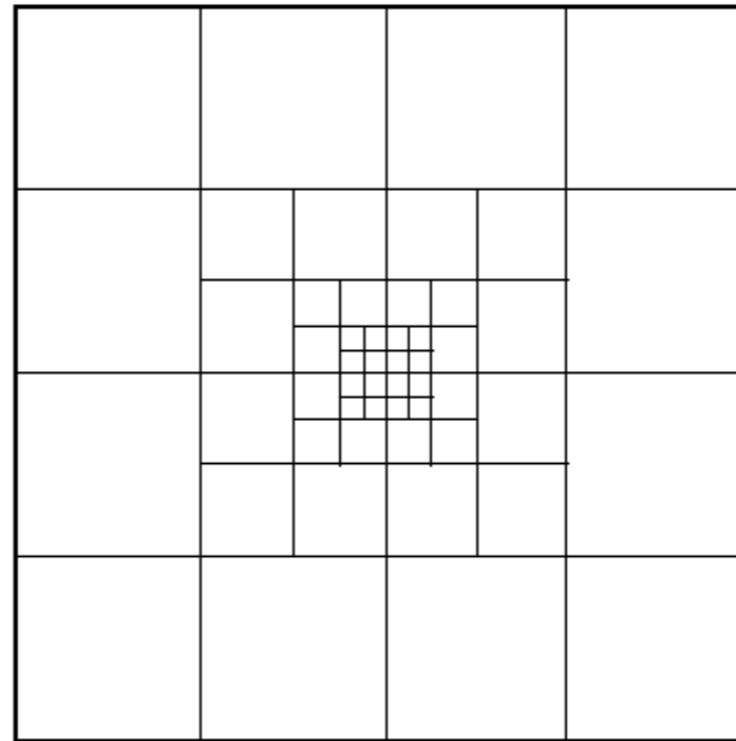
for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=k} \|d(x, \mathbf{c})^{k-\gamma} \partial^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C_u A_u^k k!,$$

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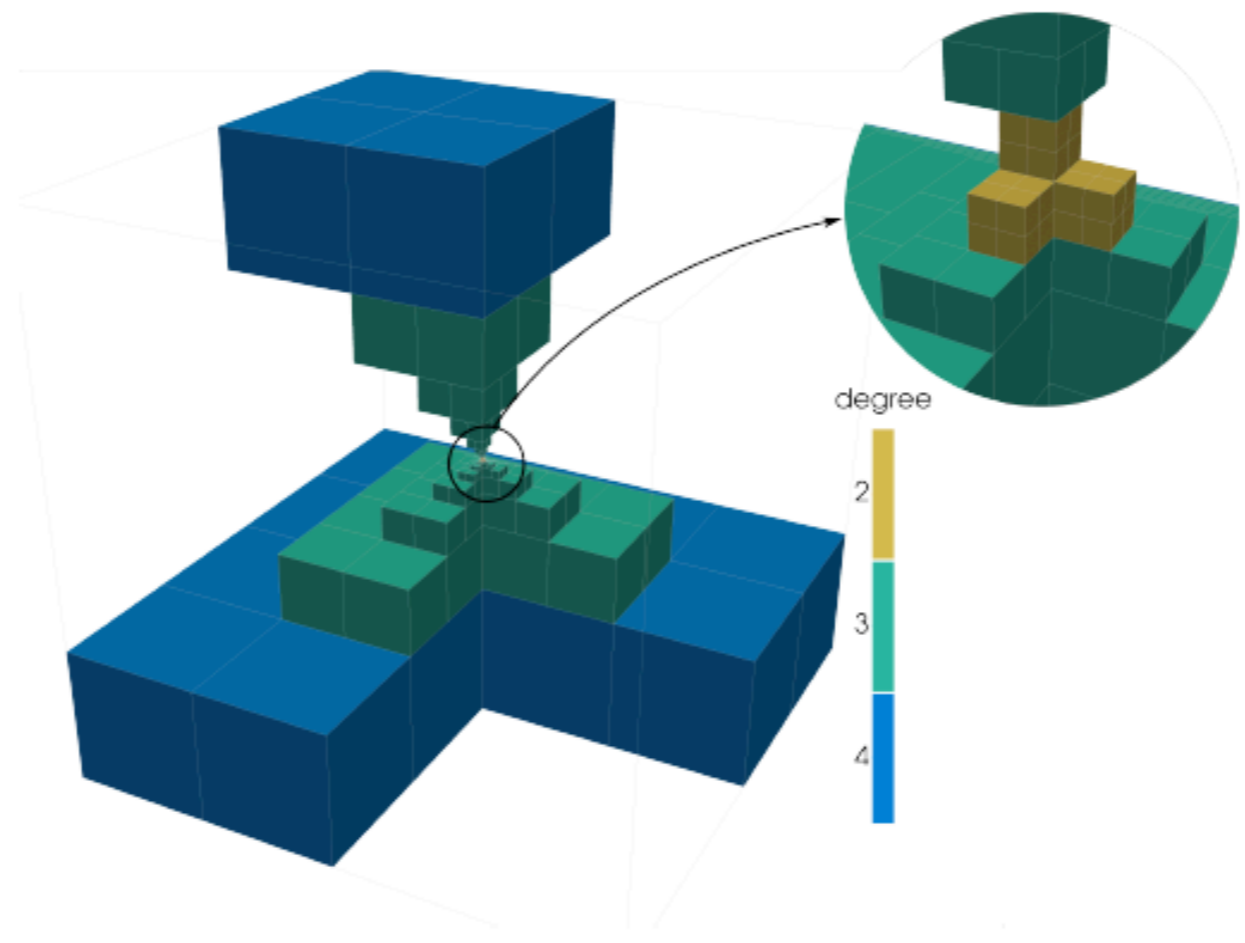
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new discretization with finite element methods



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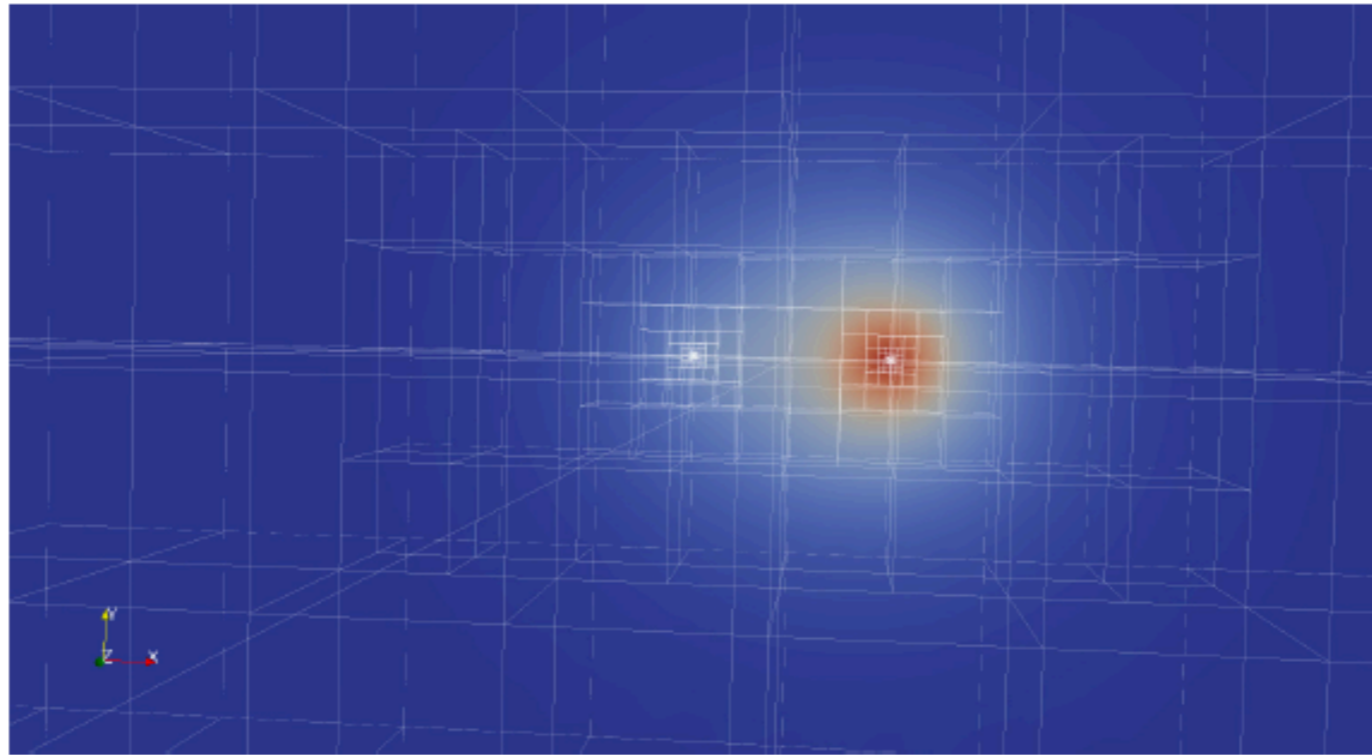


Figure 9.10 – Section of the solution for the  $\text{HeH}^+$  molecule, with outline of the three dimensional mesh.

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**Theorem 3.** *Let  $u, \lambda$  be the solution to (4) and  $u_\delta, \lambda_\delta$  be the solution to (11). Suppose that (7a), (7b), and (81) hold. Then, for a space  $X_\delta$  with  $N$  degrees of freedom, there exists  $b > 0$  such that*

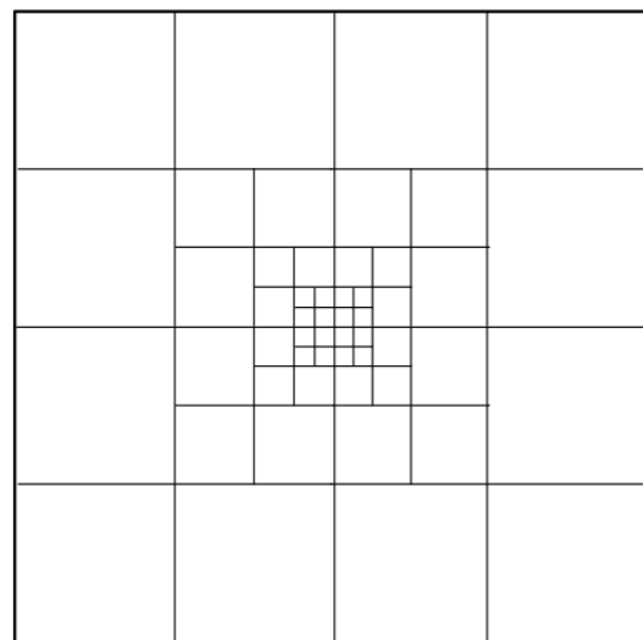
$$(83) \quad \|u - u_\delta\|_{\text{DG}} \leq C e^{-bN^{1/(d+1)}}$$

*and*

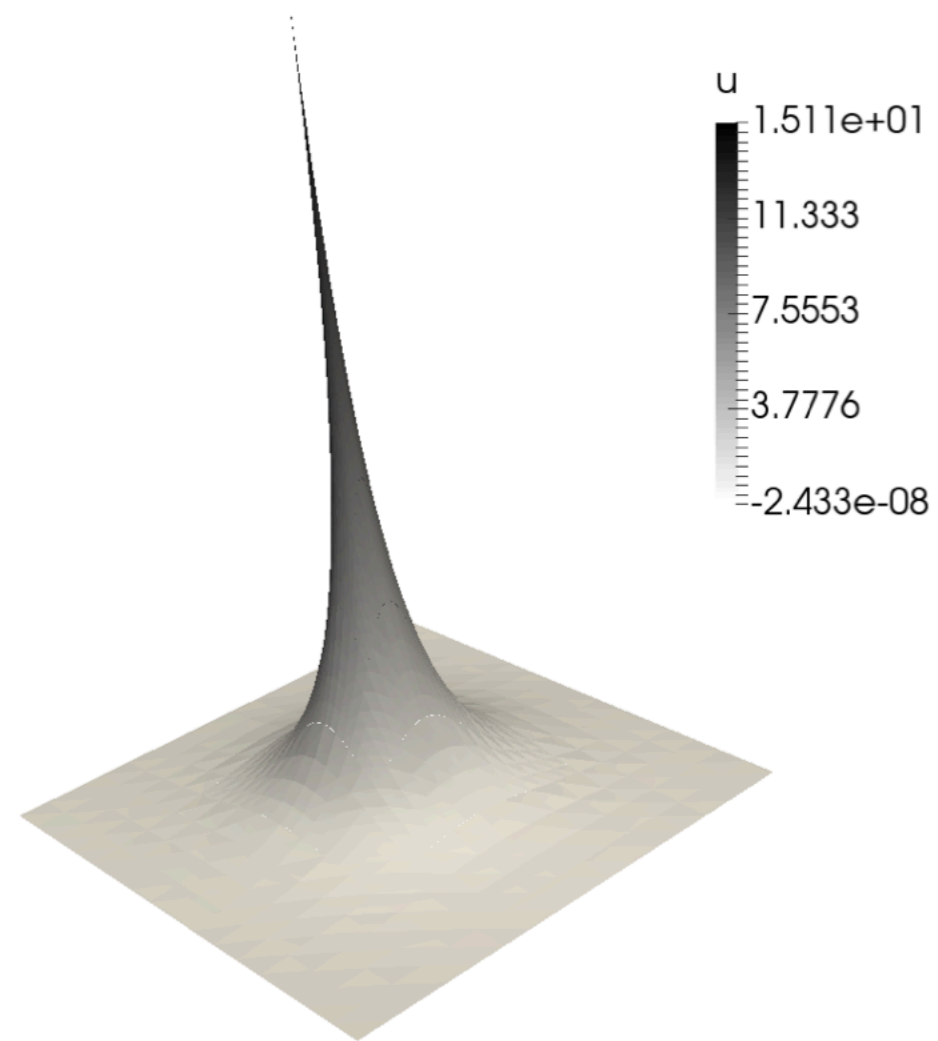
$$(84) \quad |\lambda - \lambda_\delta| \leq C e^{-bN^{1/(d+1)}}.$$

*Furthermore, if (37) holds, then,*

$$(85) \quad |\lambda - \lambda_\delta| \leq C e^{-2bN^{1/(d+1)}}.$$

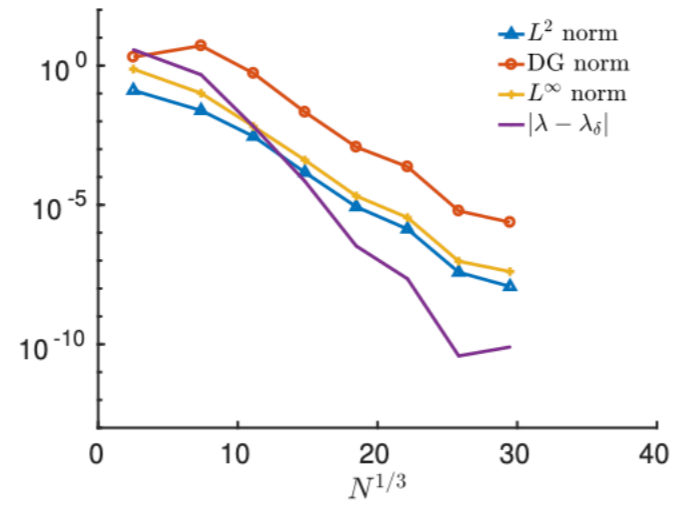


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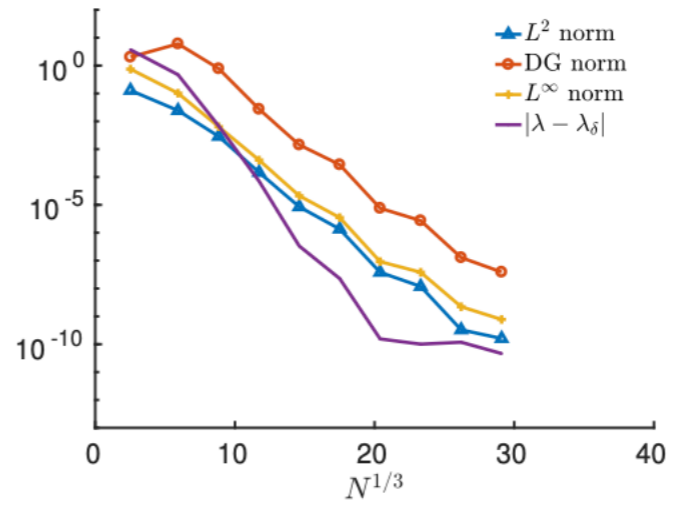


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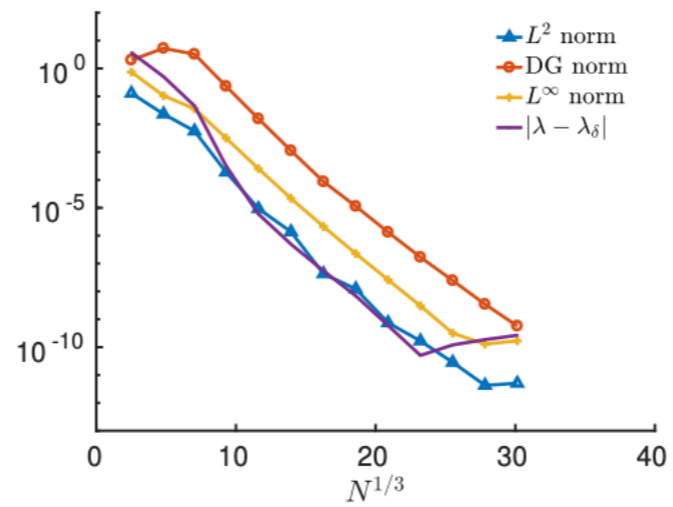
FIGURE 1. Left: mesh for the two dimensional approximation at a fixed refinement step. Right: Numerical solution to (86) with  $V(x) = -r^{-3/2}$ .



(A)



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(C)

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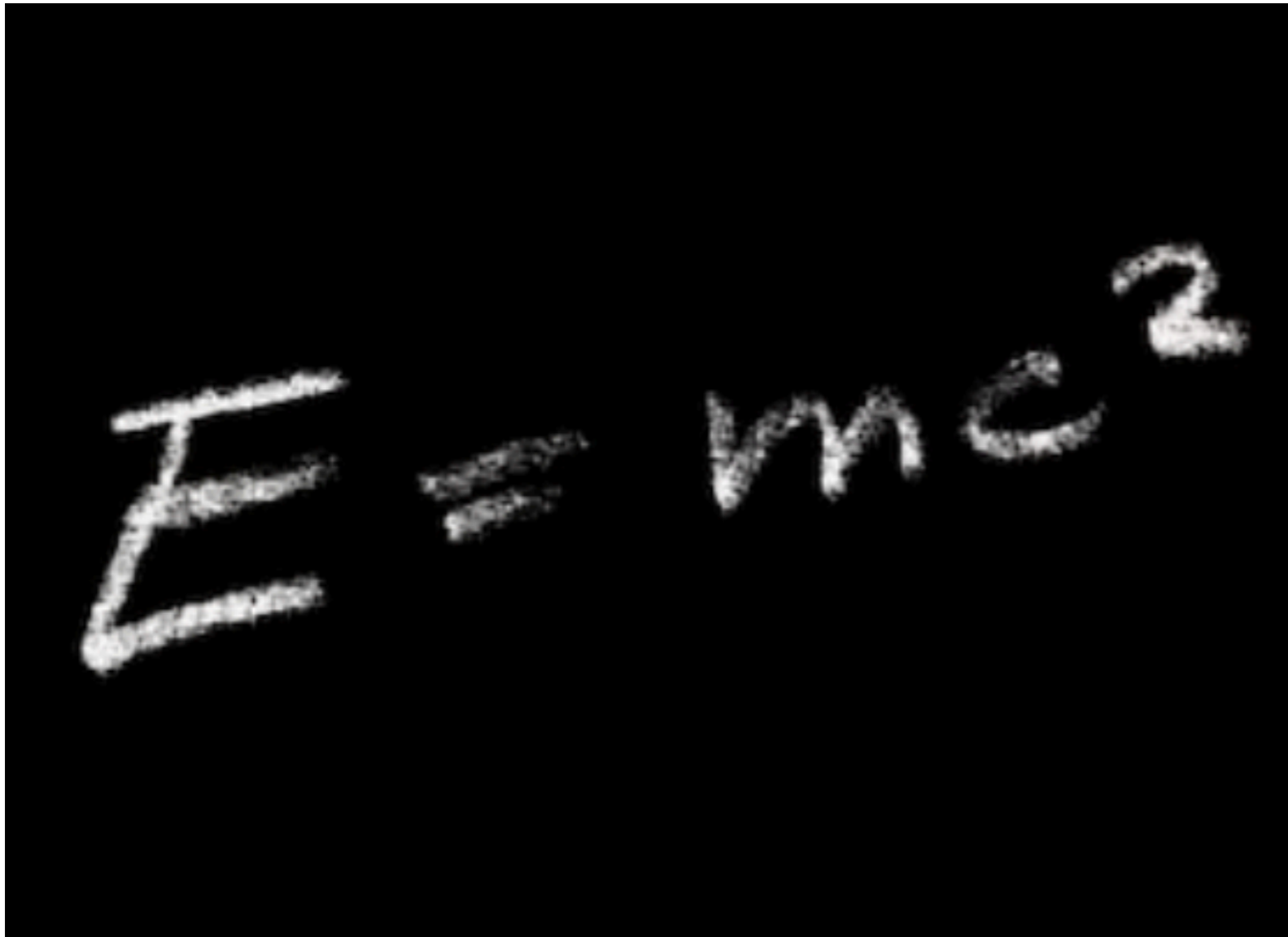
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and even tell what to do to improve the accuracy

A blackboard with the equation  $E=mc^2$  written in white chalk. The chalk is slightly blurred, giving it a hand-drawn appearance. The background is solid black.

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