

# Functional A Posteriori Error Estimates for Static Maxwell Problems

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Lax-Milgram  $\Rightarrow$  unique solution  $E \in \mathbb{H} + \check{\gamma}G$  with proper tang. ext. operator  $\check{\gamma}$

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