

# Parametric Transport Problems

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# The “Ideal Setting”

- $A_\mu u_\mu = f, A_\mu : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}', \mu \in \mathcal{P}, \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{S} := \{u_\mu : \mu \in \mathcal{P}\} \subset \mathcal{H}$
- Uniform “mapping property”  $\|v\|_{\mathcal{H}} \sim \|A_\mu v\|_{\mathcal{H}'}, v \in \mathcal{H}, \mu \in \mathcal{P}$
- $S_n \subset \mathcal{H} \rightsquigarrow$  computable surrogates  $R_n(u_\mu, \mu) \sim \|f - \Pi^\mu_n u_\mu\|_{\mathcal{H}'}$

$$c R_n(u_\mu) \leq \text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(u_\mu, S_n) = \|u_\mu - P_{S_n} u_\mu\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq C R_n(u_\mu)$$

- Greedy construction of  $S_n$ : given  $u_j = u_{\mu_j}, j = 0, \dots, n-1$ ,  
 $S_n = \text{span} \{u_j : j = 0, \dots, n-1\}$

$$u_n := \operatorname{argmax}_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}} R_n(u_\mu), \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|u_n - P_{S_n} u_n\|_{\mathcal{H}} \geq \frac{c}{C} \text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{S}, S_n)$$

- Convergence [Binev/Cohen/D/DeVore/Petrova/Wojtaszczyk]:

$$\inf_{\dim Y_n = n} \text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{S}, Y_n) = O(n^{-\alpha}) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{S}, S_n) = O(n^{-\alpha})$$

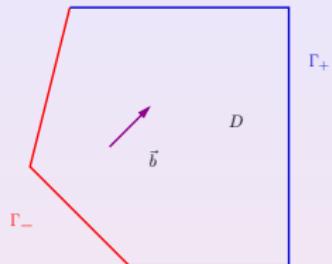
$\mu \mapsto u_\mu$  smooth  $\rightsquigarrow n$  small...

- What about transport dominated problems?

# A Model Problem: Transport Equation

$$\vec{b} \cdot \nabla u + cu = f_0 \quad \text{in } D$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \Gamma_-$$



$\Gamma_- = \{x \in \partial D : \vec{b}(x) \cdot \vec{n}(x) < 0\}$  inflow boundary

$\Gamma_+ = \{x \in \partial D : \vec{b}(x) \cdot \vec{n}(x) > 0\}$  outflow boundary

$\Gamma_0 = \{x \in \partial D : \vec{b}(x) \cdot \vec{n}(x) = 0\}$  characteristic boundary

Parameters:

- Inflow boundary data,

- parameter dependent velocity field  $\vec{b}(\mu)$

# Variational Formulation

$$\int_D f_o v \, dx = \int_D (\vec{b} \cdot \nabla u + cu) v \, dx = \underbrace{\int_D u (-\vec{b} \cdot \nabla v + v(c - \nabla \cdot \vec{b})) \, dx}_{=: (u, A^* v)} + \int_{\Gamma_-} uv(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}) \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_+} uv(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}) \, ds \quad u, v \in C^1(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$$

Natural test space:  $Y := \text{clos}_{\|A^*\cdot\|_{L_2(D)}} \{v \in C^1(D) \cap C(\bar{D}), v|_{\Gamma_+} = 0\}$

## THEOREM:

Given  $f_o \in Y'$ ,  $g \in L_2(\Gamma_-, \omega)$ , the problem: find  $u \in L_2(D)$ , s.t.

$$a(u, v) := (u, A^* v) = \int_D f_o v \, dx + \int_{\Gamma_-} |\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}| g \gamma_-(v) \, ds =: f(v), \quad \forall v \in Y$$

has a unique solution satisfying  $\|u\|_{L_2(D)} \lesssim \|f\|_{Y'}$ .

If  $u \in C^1(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$  then  $\vec{b} \cdot \nabla u + cu = f_o$  in  $D$ , and  $u|_{\Gamma_-} = g$ .

# A Simple Mechanism...

...how to choose the “energy space”

## Mapping Properties:

Assume dense embeddings  $X \subseteq L_2(D) \subseteq X'$  such that

$$A^* : D(A^*) \rightarrow X' \text{ injective}$$

- set  $\|v\| := \|A^*v\|_{X'}, Y := \text{clos}_{\|\cdot\|} D(A^*), \|v\|_Y = \|A^*v\|_{X'}$
- then  $\|Av\|_{Y'} = \|v\|_X$  and  $1 = \|A^*\|_{Y \rightarrow X'} = \|A\|_{X \rightarrow Y'} = \|A^{-1}\|_{Y' \rightarrow X}$

In particular:  $X = X' = L_2(D)$

$$\rightsquigarrow \|v\|_Y = \|A^*v\|_{L_2(D)}, \langle v, w \rangle_Y = (A^*v, A^*w)$$

and

$$a(u, v) = (u, A^*v) = {}_{Y'} \langle Au, v \rangle_Y = {}_{Y'} \langle f, v \rangle_Y, \quad v \in Y$$

is perfectly well conditioned



# “Ideal” Discretizations

## PROPOSITION:

For any  $X_h \subset L_2(D)$  one has

- $\|u - v_h\|_{L_2(D)} = \|A(u - v_h)\|_{Y'} = \|f - Av_h\|_{Y'}, \quad \forall v_h \in X_h$
- $u_h = \operatorname{argmin}_{v_h \in X_h} \|u - v_h\|_{L_2(D)} \iff u_h = \operatorname{argmin}_{v_h \in X_h} \|Av_h - f\|_{Y'}$
- $u_h = \operatorname{argmin}_{v_h \in X_h} \|u - v_h\|_{L_2(D)} \iff$   
 $a(u_h, y_h) := (u_h, A^*y_h) = {}_{Y'}\langle f, y_h \rangle_Y \quad \forall y_h \in Y_h := A^{-*}X_h$

BUT: ideal test space  $Y_h$  is not computable

... perhaps a perturbed version suffices...

# A Stability Condition

## $\delta$ -Proximal Subspaces

$\delta \in (0, 1)$ :  $Y_h^\delta \subset Y$  is called  $\delta$ -proximal for  $X_h \subset L_2(D)$  if

$$\forall y_h \in Y_h := A^{-*} X_h \quad \exists \tilde{y}_h \in Y_h^\delta \text{ such that } \|y_h - \tilde{y}_h\|_Y \leq \delta \|y_h\|_Y$$

## THEOREM:

Let  $a(v, z) := (u, A^* z)$ . If  $Y_h^\delta$  is  $\delta$ -proximal for  $X_h$ , one has

$$\inf_{v_h \in X_h} \sup_{z_h \in Y_h^\delta} \frac{a(v_h, z_h)}{\|v_h\|_{L_2(D)} \|z_h\|_Y} \geq \frac{1 - \delta}{1 + \delta}$$

Moreover,  $u_{h,\delta} \in X_h$ , defined by  $a(u_{h,\delta}, v_h) = \ell(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in Y_h^\delta$ , satisfies

$$\|u - u_{h,\delta}\|_{L_2(D)} \leq \frac{2}{1 - \delta} \inf_{v_h \in X_h} \|u - v_h\|_{L_2(D)}$$

# How to Realize $\delta$ -Proximity? – $Y$ -Projections

For  $X_h$  pick  $Z_h \subset Y$  “somewhat larger”  $\dim Z_h > \dim Y_h = \dim X_h$

$$Y_h^\delta := P_{Y,h}(A^{-*}X_h), \quad \langle P_{Y,h}y, z_h \rangle_Y = \langle y, z_h \rangle_Y \quad \forall z_h \in Z_h$$

Note: for  $y_h = A^{-*}v_h \in Y_h$ ,  $v_h \in X_h$ ,  $\tilde{y}_h = P_h y_h$  is given by

$$(A^*\tilde{y}_h, A^*z_h) = (v_h, A^*z_h), \quad \forall z_h \in Z_h$$

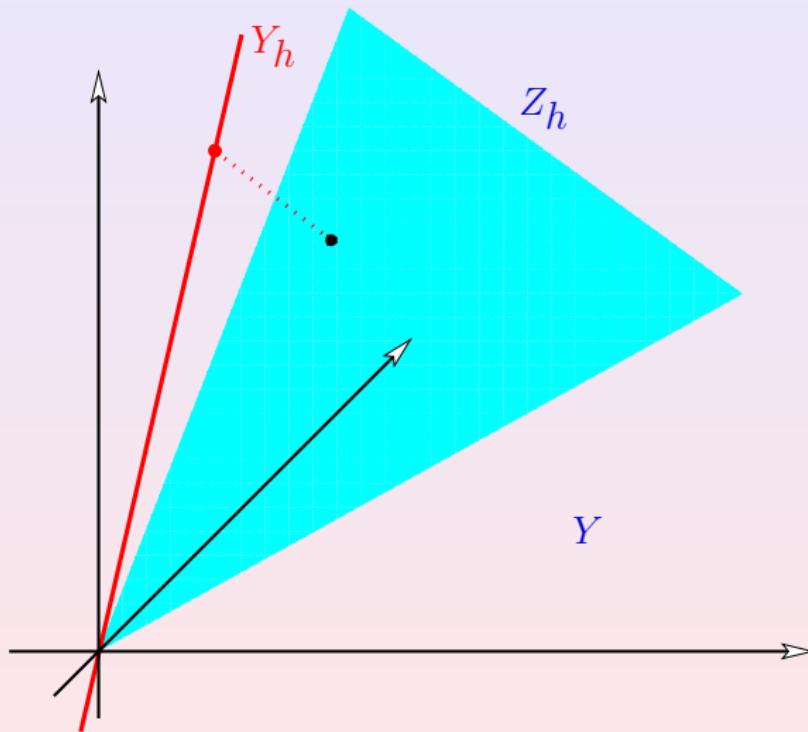
Note:

- $\delta$ -proximity relies on choice of auxiliary spaces  $Z_h$
- In simple cases

$$X_h = \mathbb{P}_{p,\mathcal{T}_h} \subset L_2(D) \rightsquigarrow Z_h = \mathbb{P}_{p+q,\mathcal{T}_{2-r_h}} \cap C(D) \subset Y$$

Numerical experiments:  $q = 1, r = 1$  or  $q = 0, r = 2$  suffice

# Illustration



# Motivation: $u = u + A^{-1}(f - Au)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow (u, v) = (u, v) + (A^{-1}(f - Au), v) \quad \text{for all } v \in L_2(D) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (u, v) = (u, v) + {}_{Y'}\langle f - Au, A^{-*}v \rangle_Y \quad \text{for all } v \in L_2(D) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (u, v) = (u, v) + {}_{Y'}\langle f - Au, (AA^*)^{-1}Av \rangle_Y \quad \text{for all } v \in L_2(D) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (u, v) = (u, v) + {}_{Y'}\langle (AA^*)^{-1}(f - Au), Av \rangle_{Y'} \quad \text{for all } v \in L_2(D) \\
 &\rightsquigarrow (u^{k+1}, v) = (u^k, v) + {}_{Y'}\underbrace{\langle (AA^*)^{-1}(f - Au^k), Av \rangle_{Y'}}_{=: \hat{r}^k} \quad \text{for all } v \in L_2(D) \\
 &\iff \left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} (A^*\hat{r}^k, A^*z) & = & {}_{Y'}\langle f - Au^k, z \rangle_Y \quad \text{for all } z \in Y \\ (u^{k+1}, v) & = & (u^k, v) + (A^*\hat{r}^k, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in L_2(D) \end{array} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  numerical scheme:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A^*\hat{r}_h^k, A^*z_h) &= {}_{Y'}\langle f - Au_h^k, z_h \rangle_Y \quad \text{for all } z_h \in Z_h \subset Y \\
 (u_h^{k+1}, v_h) &= (u_h^k, v_h) + (A^*\hat{r}_h^k, v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in X_h
 \end{aligned}$$



# Properties of the Iterative Scheme

## THEOREM:

$$a(u_{h,\delta}, \tilde{y}_h) = {}_{Y'}\langle f, \tilde{y}_h \rangle_Y, \quad \tilde{y}_h \in P_{Y,h}(A^{-*}X_h) \quad \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\|u_{h,\delta} - u_h^{k+1}\|_{L_2} \leq \delta \|u_{h,\delta} - u_h^k\|_{L_2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  stable Petrov-Galerkin solution **without** computing test basis!

## PROPOSITION:

$$(A^* \hat{r}_h, A^* z_h) = {}_{Y'}\langle \tilde{f}_h - Av_h, z_h \rangle_Y \quad \text{for all} \quad z_h \in Z_h$$

(Stab-OSC)  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$(1 - \delta) \|\tilde{f}_h - Av_h\|_{Y'} \leq \|\hat{r}_h\|_Y = \|A^* \hat{r}_h\|_{L_2(D)} \leq \|\tilde{f}_h - Av_h\|_{Y'}$$

Can be used to formulate an adaptive refinement scheme with optimal convergence



# Parametric Transport Problems

Radiative transfer:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\circ} u(x, \mu) = \mu \cdot \nabla u(x, \mu) + \kappa(x) u(x, \mu) &= f_{\circ}(x), \quad x \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \\ u(x, \mu) &= g(x, \mu), \quad x \in \Gamma_-(\mu), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Gamma_{\pm}(\mu) := \{x \in \partial D : \mp \mu \cdot \mathbf{n}(x) < 0\}, \quad \mu \in \mathcal{S}.$$

- For  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = S^2$ , the unit 2-sphere
  - ~~~ high dimensional problems
- Weak formulation in  $X = L_2(D \times \mathcal{S})$  or even  $X = L_2(D \times \mathcal{S}) \times [0, T]$
- Reduced basis method

# Exploit the Mapping Property

$$\int_D (\mu \cdot \nabla u + \kappa u) v dx = \int_D u \underbrace{(-\mu \cdot \nabla v + \kappa v)}_{=: A(\mu)^* v} dx + \int_{\Gamma(\mu)_-} uv (\mu \cdot \mathbf{n}(x)) d\Gamma, \quad v|_{\Gamma(\mu)_+} = 0$$

Given  $X_n = \text{span} \{\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{n-1}\} \subset L_2(D)$ ,  $\tilde{Y}_n(\mu) = P_{Y(\mu), Z_m}(A(\mu)^{-*} X_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} \|u(\cdot, \mu) - P_{X_n} u(\cdot, \mu)\|_{L_2(D)} &\sim \|u(\cdot, \mu) - u_{n,\delta}(\cdot, \mu)\|_{L_2(D)} \\ &= \|f - Au_{n,\delta}(\cdot, \mu)\|_{Y(\mu)'} \\ &\sim \|f - Au_n^k(\cdot, \mu)\|_{Y(\mu)'} \\ &\sim \max_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} \|A(\mu)^* \hat{r}_{n,\mu}(u_n^k)\|_{L_2(D)} \end{aligned}$$

where  $(A(\mu)^* \hat{r}_{n,\mu}(v), A(\mu)^* z) = {}_{Y(\mu)'} \langle f - Av, z \rangle_{Y(\mu)}$ ,  $z \in Z_m$

Idea: along with  $X_n$  build a somewhat larger space  $Z_m \subset \bigcap_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} Y(\mu)$  so that  $P_{Y(\mu), Z_m}$ -projections realize  $\delta$ -proximality uniformly in  $\mu$



# A “Double” Greedy Scheme

$X_h, Z_h$  “large” FE spaces, so that  $P_{Y(\mu), Z_h}(A(\mu)^{-*} X_h)$  is  $\delta$ -proximal for  $\mu \in \mathcal{S}$

(0) Initialize:  $\phi_0 = u_h(\cdot, \mu_0) \in X_h$ ,  $\theta_0 := P_{Y(\mu_0), Z_h}(A(\mu)^{-*} \phi_0)$

(1) Given  $X_n := \text{span}\{\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{n-1}\}$ ,  $Z_m := \text{span}\{\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{m-1}\}$ , compute

$$d_{n,m} := \max_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} \max_{v \in X_n: \|v\|_{L_2} = 1} \min_{z \in Z_m} \|A(\mu)^* z - v\|_{L_2}$$

if  $d_{n,m} \leq \delta$ , goto (2); else, extend  $Z_m$ :

$$\bar{u}_h(\cdot, \mu) = \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in X_n: \|v\|_{L_2} = 1} \min_{z \in Z_m} \|A(\mu)^* z - v\|_{L_2}$$

$$\bar{\mu} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} \left( \min_{z \in Z_m} \|A(\mu)^* z - \bar{u}_h(\cdot, \mu)\|_{L_2} \right), \quad \theta_m := P_{Y(\bar{\mu}), Z_h}(A(\bar{\mu})^{-*} \bar{u}_h(\cdot, \bar{\mu}))$$

(2) extend  $X_n$ :  $\mu_n := \operatorname{argmax}_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}} \|A(\mu)^* \hat{r}_{n,\mu}(u_n^k)\|_{L_2}$ ,  $\phi_n := u_{h,\delta}(\cdot, \mu_n) \in X_h$



# Computational Tasks

Set:  $\mathbf{A}(\mu) := ((A(\mu)^* \theta_i, \phi_j))_{i,j}^{m,n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(\mu) := ((A(\mu)^* \theta_i, A(\mu)^* \theta_j))_{i,j}^m$

$$v = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v_i \phi_i, \quad z = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} z_j \theta_j, \quad \rightsquigarrow$$

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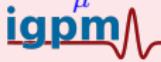
$$\max_{v \in X_n: \|v\|_{L_2}=1} \min_{z \in Z_m} \|A(\mu)^* z - v\|_{L_2}^2 = \max_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\mathbf{v}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}(\mu)^T \mathbf{B}(\mu)^{-1} \mathbf{A}(\mu)) \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}}$$

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$$(A(\mu)^* \hat{r}_{n,\mu}(v), A(\mu)^* z) = {}_{Y(\mu)'} \langle f - Av, z \rangle_{Y(\mu)}, z \in Z_m \rightsquigarrow$$

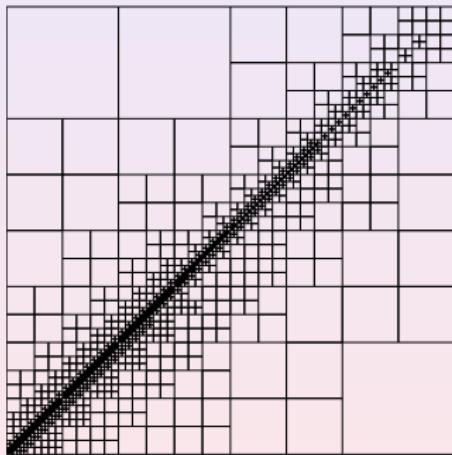
$$\mathbf{r}_{n,\mu}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{B}(\mu)^{-1}(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}(\mu)\mathbf{v}), \quad \mathbf{f} = {}_{Y(\mu)'} \langle f, \theta_j \rangle_{Y(\mu)}, \quad \hat{r}_{n,\mu}(v) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (\mathbf{r}_{n,\mu}(v))_j \theta_j$$

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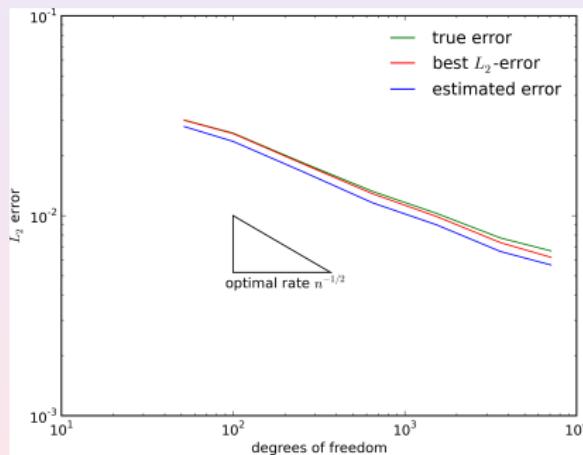
$$\mathbf{u}_n^{k+1}(\mu) = \mathbf{u}_n^k(\mu) + \mathbf{A}(\mu)^T \mathbf{r}_{n,\mu}^k, \quad \|A(\mu)^* \hat{r}_{n,s}(u_n^k)\|_{L_2}^2 = (\mathbf{r}_{n,\mu}^k)^T \mathbf{B}(\mu) \mathbf{r}_{n,\mu}^k \rightarrow \max_{\mu}$$


# Adaptive Solution ( $p = 2, r = 2$ ) for Fixed Velocity

$$\mu = (1, 1), \quad c = 1, \quad f = \begin{cases} 1, & x > y \\ 0.5, & x \leq y. \end{cases}$$

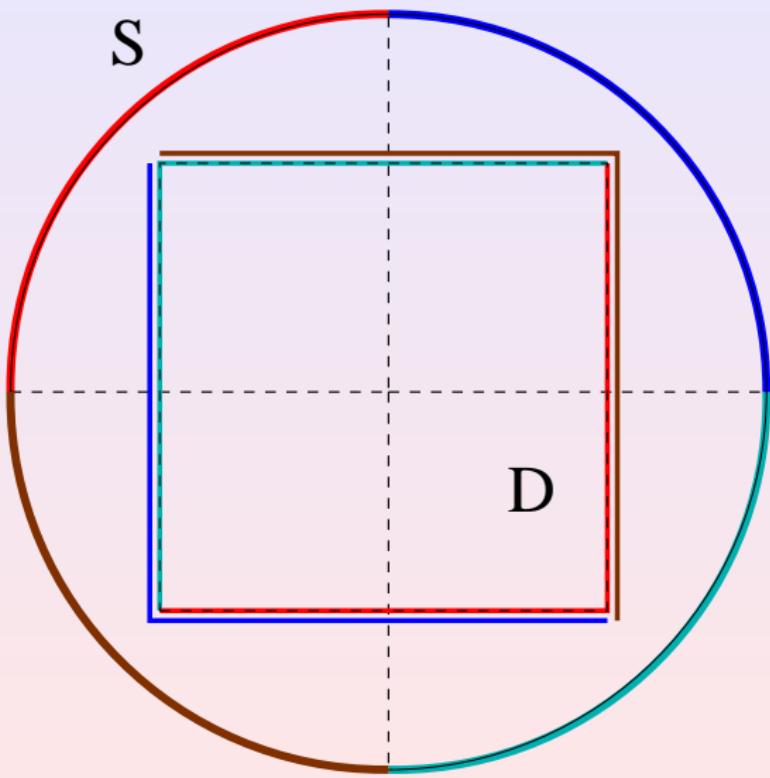


(a) Corresponding adaptive refinement grid of (b) in Figure 2.



(b) Convergence rate

# First RB-Experiments



# Approximations from the Reduced Space

angles/estimated errors:

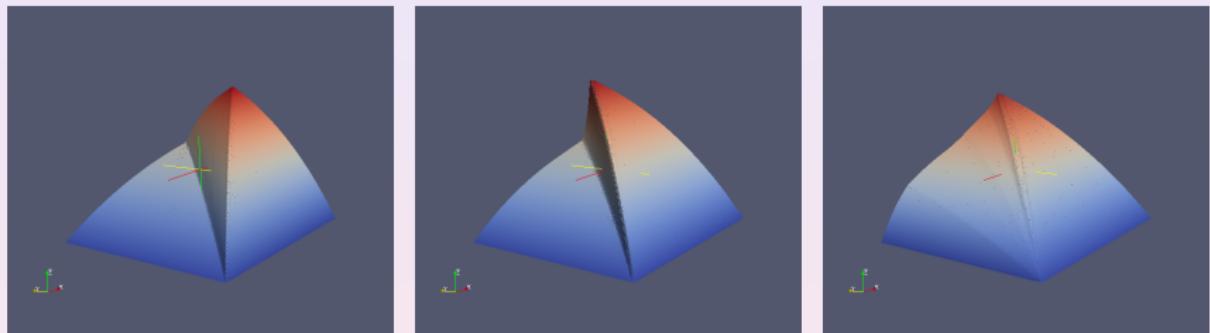


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# Error Decay: very preliminary

