

# Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations with Random Data

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# I. Stochastic Differential Equations with Random Data

Example: diffusion equation

$$-\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$u = g_D \quad \text{on } \partial \mathcal{D}_D, \quad (a \nabla u) \cdot n = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \mathcal{D}_N = \partial \mathcal{D} \setminus \partial \mathcal{D}_D$$

Uncertainty / randomness:

$a = a(x, \omega)$  a *random field*

For each fixed  $x$ ,  $a(x, \omega)$  a random variable

Other possibly uncertain quantities :

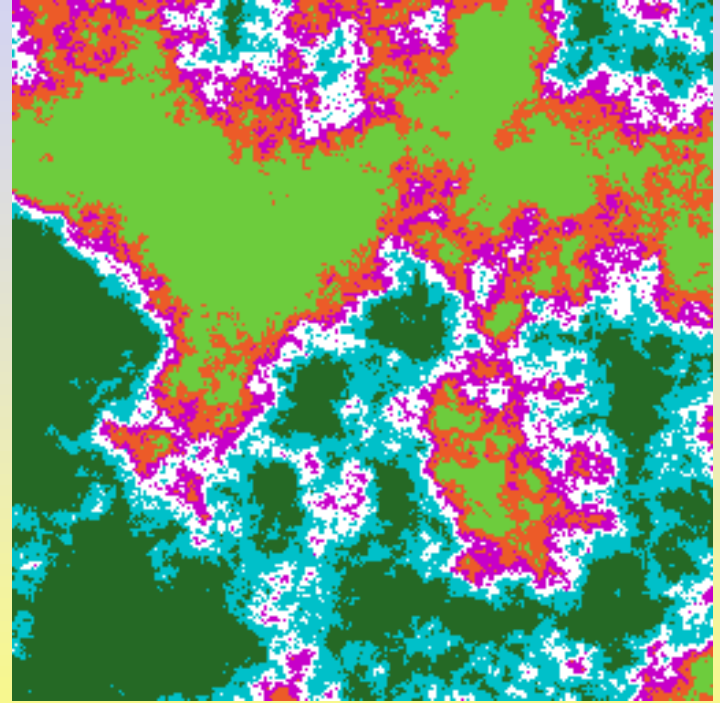
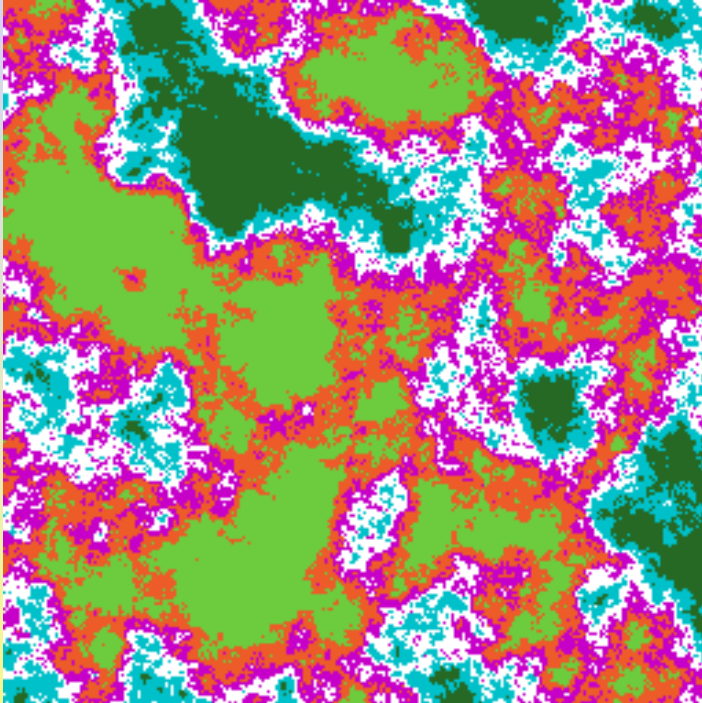
Forcing function  $f$

Boundary data  $g_D$

Viscosity  $\nu$  in Navier-Stokes equations

$$\begin{aligned} -\nu \nabla^2 u + (u \cdot \text{grad})u + \text{grad } p &= f \\ -\text{div } u &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Depictions: Random Data on Unit Square



# Diffusion Equation with Random Diffusion Coefficient

$$-\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}$$

## Assumptions:

1. Spatial correlation of random field: For  $x, y \in \mathcal{D}$ :

Random field  $a(x, \omega)$

Mean  $\mu(x) = E(a(x, \cdot))$

Variance  $\sigma(x) = E(a(x, \cdot)^2) - \mu^2$

Covariance function

$$c(x, y) = E( (a(x, \cdot) - \mu(x)) (a(y, \cdot) - \mu(y)) )$$

is finite

vs. *white noise*, where  $c$  is a  $\delta$ -function

2. Coercivity  $0 < \alpha_1 \leq a \leq \alpha_2 < \infty$

$\implies$  Problem is well-posed

# Monte-Carlo Simulation

Sample  $a(x, \omega)$  at all  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ , solve in usual way

Standard weak formulation: find  $u \in H_E^1(\mathcal{D})$  such that

$$a(u, v) = \ell(v)$$

for all  $v \in H_{E_0}^1(\mathcal{D})$ ,

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} a \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx, \quad \ell(v) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v \, dx$$

Multiple realizations (samples) of  $a(x, \cdot)$   $\longrightarrow$

Multiple realizations of  $u$   $\longrightarrow$

Statistical properties of  $u$

**Problem: convergence is slow, requires many solves**

## Another Point of View

$$-\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}$$

Covariance function is finite  $\implies$

random field (diffusion coefficient) has *Karhunen-Loève* expansion:

$$a(x, \omega) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r(\omega)$$

$$a_0(x) = \mu(x) = E(a(x, \cdot)) \quad \text{mean}$$

$a_r(x), \lambda_r =$  eigenfunctions/eigenvalues of covariance operator

$$(Ca)(x) = \lambda a(x), \quad (Ca)(x) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} c(x, y) a(y) dy$$

$\xi_r(\omega) =$  identically distributed uncorrelated random variables with mean 0 and variance 1

# Finite Noise Assumption

$$-\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}$$

Truncated *Karhunen-Loève* expansion:

$$a(x, \omega) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r(\omega)$$

~ Principal components analysis

Requires:  $m$  large enough so that the fluctuation of  $a$  is well-represented, i.e.  $\lambda_{m+1} / \lambda_1$  is small

More precisely: error from truncation is  $\frac{|\mathcal{D}| \sigma^2 - \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j}{|\mathcal{D}| \sigma^2}$

Choose  $m$  to make this small



# Various Ways to Use This

$$a(x, \omega) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r(\omega)$$

## 1. Stochastic Finite Element (Galerkin) Method:

Introduce a weak formulation analogous to finite elements in space that handles the “stochastic” component of the problem

## 2. Stochastic Collocation Method:

Devise a special strategy for sampling  $\underline{\xi}$  that converges more quickly than Monte Carlo simulation; derived from interpolation

Ghanem, Spanos, Babuška, Deb, Oden, Matthies, Keese, Karniadakis, Xiu, Hesthaven, Tempone, Nobile, Webster, Schwab, Todor, Ernst, Powell, Furnival, E., Ullmann, Rosseel, Vandewalle

# Stochastic Finite Element (Stochastic Galerkin) Method


Probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

$$L_P^2(\Omega) \equiv \{\text{square integrable functions wrt } dP(\omega)\}$$

Inner product on  $L_P^2(\Omega) : \langle v, w \rangle = E(vw) = \int_{\Omega} v(\omega)w(\omega)dP(\omega)$

Use to concoct weak formulation on product space  $H_E^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes L_P^2(\Omega)$

Find  $u \in H_E^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes L_P^2(\Omega)$  such that

$$\text{for all } v \in H_{E_0}^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes L_P^2(\Omega) \quad \langle a(u, v) \rangle = \langle \ell(v) \rangle \quad \int_{\Omega} \int_D a \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx dP(\omega)$$


Solution  $u=u(x, \omega)$  is itself a random field

# For Computation: Return to Finite Noise Assumption

Truncated Karhunen-Loève expansion

$$a(x, \xi(\omega)) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r(\omega)$$

Stochastic weak formulation uses

$$\langle a(u, v) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \int_D a \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dP(\omega) = \int_{\xi(\Omega)} \int_D a(x, \underline{\xi}) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, \rho(\underline{\xi}) \, d\underline{\xi}$$

Bilinear form entails  
integral over *image* of  
random variables  $\underline{\xi}$

Require joint  
density function  
associated with  $\underline{\xi}$

$\underline{\xi}$  plays the role of a  
Cartesian coordinate

# Statement of Problem Becomes

Find  $u \in H_E^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes L_P^2(\Gamma)$  such that

$$\int_{\Gamma} \int_{\mathcal{D}} a(x, \underline{\xi}) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, \rho(\underline{\xi}) \, d\underline{\xi} = \int_{\Gamma} \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v \, dx \, \rho(\underline{\xi}) \, d\underline{\xi}$$

for all  $v \in H_{E_0}^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes L_P^2(\Gamma)$  ( $\Gamma = \underline{\xi}(\Omega)$ )

Like an ordinary Galerkin (or Petrov-Galerkin) problem on a  $(d+m)$ -dimensional “continuous” space

$d$  = dimension of spatial domain

$m$  = dimension of stochastic space

# Discretization

$$\int_{\Gamma} \int_{\mathcal{D}} a(x, \underline{\xi}) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, \rho(\underline{\xi}) \, d\underline{\xi} = \int_{\Gamma} \int_{\mathcal{D}} f \, v \, dx \, \rho(\underline{\xi}) \, d\underline{\xi}$$

## Finite dimensional spaces:

- spatial discretization:  $S_h \subset H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$ , spanned by  $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_x}$   
for example: piecewise linear on triangles
- stochastic discretization:  $T_p \subset L^2(\Gamma)$ , spanned by  $\{\psi_l\}_{l=1}^{N_\xi}$   
for example: polynomial chaos =  $m$ -variate Hermite polynomials (orthogonal wrt Gaussian measure)

## Discrete weak formulation:

$$a(u_{hp}, v_{hp}) = \ell(v_{hp}) \quad \text{for all } v_{hp} \in S_h \otimes T_p$$

$$u_{hp} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} \sum_{l=1}^{N_\xi} u_{jl} \varphi_j(x) \psi_l(\xi)$$

# Basis Functions for Stochastic Space

Underlying space:  $L^2(\Gamma) = \left\{ v(\underline{\xi}) \mid \int_{\Gamma} v(\underline{\xi})^2 \rho(\underline{\xi}) d\underline{\xi} < \infty \right\}$

$$\rho(\underline{\xi}) = \rho_1(\xi_1) \rho_2(\xi_2) \cdots \rho_M(\xi_M)$$

Let  $q_j^{(k)}(\xi_k) =$  polynomial of degree  $j$  orthogonal wrt  $\rho_k$

Examples: if  $\rho_k \sim$  *Gaussian measure*  $\longrightarrow$  Hermite polynomials

$\rho_k \sim$  *uniform distribution*  $\longrightarrow$  Legendre polynomials

Any  $\rho_k$  can be handled computationally (Gautschi)

$\longrightarrow$  Rys polynomials

$T_p \subset L^2(\Gamma)$  spanned by  $\{q_{j_1}^{(1)}(\xi_1) q_{j_2}^{(2)}(\xi_2) \cdots q_{j_m}^{(m)}(\xi_m)\}$

Orthogonality of basis functions  $\longrightarrow$  sparsity of coefficient matrix

# Matrix Equation $Au=f$

$$a(x, \xi(\omega)) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r(\omega)$$

$$A = G_0 \otimes A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^m G_r \otimes A_r$$

$$[A_0]_{jk} = \int_{\mathcal{D}} a_0(x) \nabla \varphi_j(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi_k(x) dx$$

$$[A_r]_{jk} = \sqrt{\lambda_r} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \sigma(x) a_r(x) \nabla \varphi_j(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi_k(x) dx$$

$$[G_0]_{lq} = \langle \psi_l, \psi_q \rangle, \quad [G_r]_{lq} = \langle \xi_r \psi_l, \psi_q \rangle$$

$$[f]_{kq} = \int_{\Gamma} \int_{\mathcal{D}} f(x, \xi) \varphi_k(x) \psi_q(\xi) dx \rho(\xi) d\xi$$

Properties of  $A$ :

- order =  $N_x \times N_\xi$  = (size of spatial basis)  $\times$  (size of stochastic basis)
- sparsity: inherited from that of  $\{G_r\}$  and  $\{A_r\}$

# Dimensions of Discrete Stochastic Space

$T_p \subset L^2(\Gamma)$  spanned by  $\{q_{j_1}^{(1)}(\xi_1)q_{j_2}^{(2)}(\xi_2)\cdots q_{j_m}^{(m)}(\xi_m)\}$

Full tensor product basis:  $0 \leq j_i \leq p, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$

Dimension:  $(p+1)^m$  Too large

“Complete” polynomial basis:  $j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_m \leq p$

Dimension:  $\binom{m+p}{p} = \frac{(m+p)!}{m! p!}$  More manageable

Order these in a systematic way  $\longrightarrow$

$$\psi_1(\underline{\xi}), \psi_2(\underline{\xi}), \dots, \psi_{N_\xi}(\underline{\xi})$$



## Example

$T_p \subset L^2(\Gamma)$  spanned by  $\{q_{j_1}^{(1)}(\xi_1)q_{j_2}^{(2)}(\xi_2)\cdots q_{j_m}^{(m)}(\xi_m)\}$

“Complete” polynomial basis:  $j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_m \leq p$

$$m=2, p=3 \longrightarrow \binom{m+p}{p} = \binom{5}{2} = 10$$

Orthogonal (Hermite) polynomials in 1D:

$$H_0(\xi) = 1, H_1(\xi) = \xi, H_2(\xi) = \xi^2 - 1, H_3(\xi) = \xi^3 - 3\xi$$

Gives basis set:

$$\psi_1(\underline{\xi}) = 1$$

$$\psi_2(\underline{\xi}) = \xi_1$$

$$\psi_3(\underline{\xi}) = \xi_1^2 - 1$$

$$\psi_4(\underline{\xi}) = \xi_1^3 - 3\xi_1$$

$$\psi_5(\underline{\xi}) = \xi_2$$

$$\psi_6(\underline{\xi}) = \xi_1\xi_2$$

$$\psi_7(\underline{\xi}) = (\xi_1^2 - 1)\xi_2$$

$$\psi_8(\underline{\xi}) = (\xi_2^2 - 1)$$

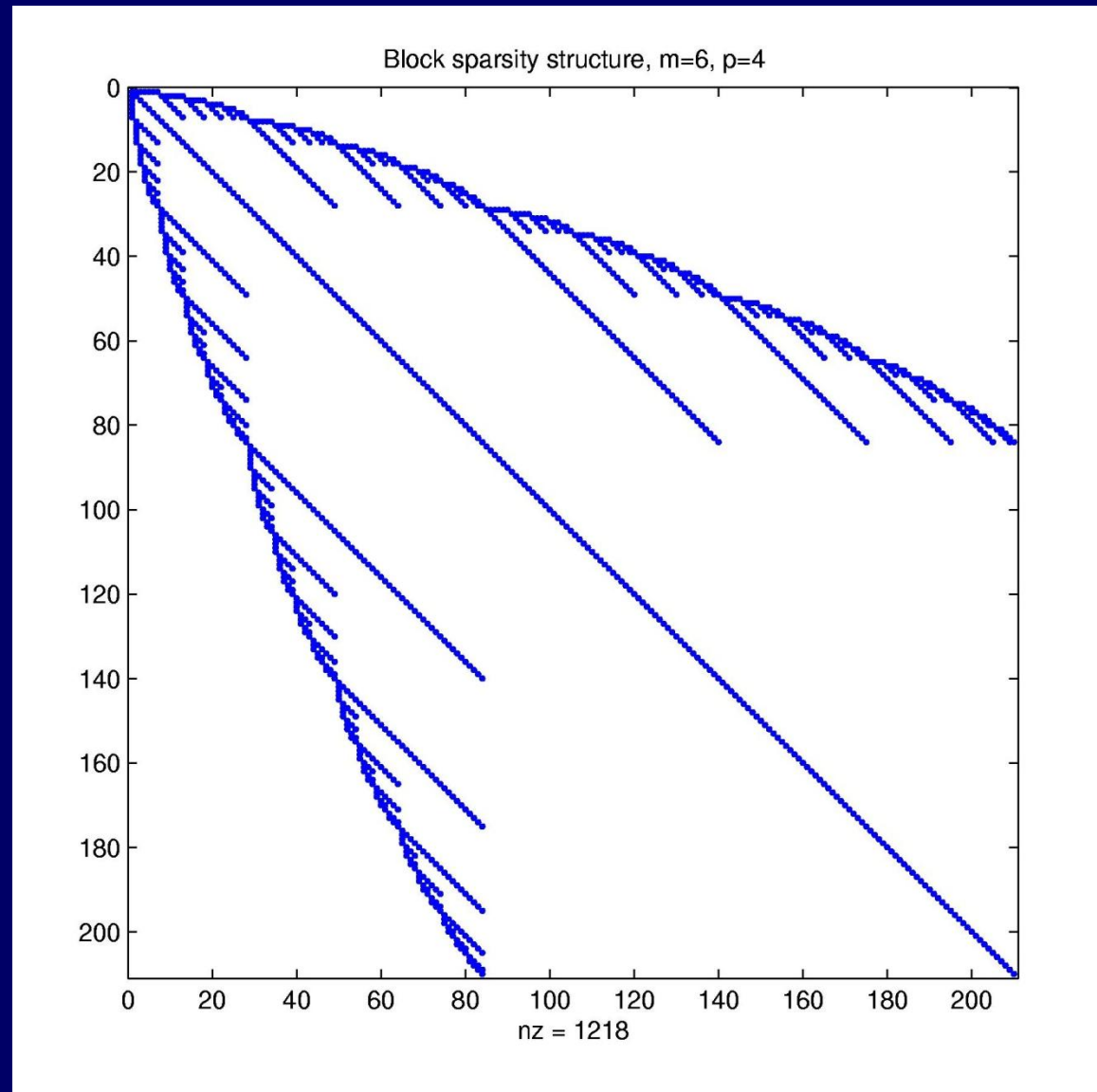
$$\psi_9(\underline{\xi}) = (\xi_2^2 - 1)\xi_1$$

$$\psi_{10}(\underline{\xi}) = \xi_2^3 - 3\xi_2$$

# Example of Sparsity Pattern

For  $m$ -variate  
polynomials of  
total degree  $p$ :

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\xi} &= \frac{(m+p)!}{m!p!} \\ &= \frac{10!}{6!4!} \\ &= 210 \end{aligned}$$



## Uses of the Computed Solution:

$$u_{hp} = \sum_{l=1}^{N_\xi} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{N_x} u_{jl} \varphi_j(x)}_{u_l(x)} \psi_l(\underline{\xi}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_\xi} u_l(x) \psi_l(\underline{\xi})$$

1. **Moments:** First moment of  $u$  (expected value):

$$\begin{aligned} E(u_{hp}) &= \sum_{l=1}^M u_l(x) \int_{\Gamma} \psi_l(\underline{\xi}) \rho(\underline{\xi}) d\underline{\xi} \\ &= u_1(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N u_{j1} \varphi_j(x) \end{aligned}$$

**Free!**

using orthogonality of stochastic basis functions

Similarly for second moment / covariance

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### 2. Cumulative distribution functions

E.g.:  $P(u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) > \alpha)$  at some point  $x$

Sample  $\underline{\xi}$

Evaluate  $u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_\xi} u_l(x) \psi_l(\underline{\xi})$

Repeat

└─ Precomputed

Not free, but no solves required

# Stochastic Collocation Method

Given  $a(x, \xi) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r$  as above

Let  $\underline{\xi}$  be a specified realization ( $\sim$  Monte Carlo)  $\longrightarrow$

Weak formulation:

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} (a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v \, dx$$

Discretize in space in usual way.

Stochastic collocation: choose special set  $\xi^{(1)}, \xi^{(2)}, \dots, \xi^{(N_\xi)}$   
from considerations of interpolation

Advantage: Spatial systems are decoupled

# Multi-Dimensional Interpolation

Given  $\underline{\xi}^{(1)}, \underline{\xi}^{(2)}, \dots, \underline{\xi}^{(N_\xi)}$ , and  $v(\underline{\xi})$ , consider an interpolant

$$(Iv)(\underline{\xi}) \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{N_\xi} v(\underline{\xi}^{(k)}) L_k(\underline{\xi}) \approx v(\underline{\xi}),$$

where  $L_k(\underline{\xi}^{(j)}) = \delta_{jk}$ , Lagrange interpolating polynomial

If  $u_h^{(k)}$  solves the discrete (in space) version of

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} (a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v \, dx$$

with  $\underline{\xi} = \underline{\xi}^{(k)}$ , then the *collocated* solution is

$$u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_\xi} u_h^{(k)}(x) L_k(\underline{\xi})$$

# To Compute Statistical Quantities

Solution 
$$u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\xi}} u_h^{(k)}(x) L_k(\underline{\xi})$$

## 1. Moments

$$E(u_{hp})(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\xi}} u_h^{(k)}(x) \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} L_k(\underline{\xi}) \rho(\underline{\xi}) d\underline{\xi}}$$

Not free but can be precomputed

## 2. Distribution functions

Obtained by sampling, cheap

# Strategy for Interpolation

$$(Iv)(\underline{\xi}) \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\xi}} v(\underline{\xi}^{(k)}) L_k(\underline{\xi}) \approx v(\underline{\xi}),$$

One choice of  $\{L_k\}$ :  $L_k(\underline{\xi}) = \ell_{k_1}(\xi_1) \ell_{k_2}(\xi_2) \cdots \ell_{k_m}(\xi_m)$

$\ell_{k_j} =$  1D interpolating polynomial

$$0 \leq k_j \leq p$$

Advantage: easy to construct

Disadvantage: “curse of dimensionality,”  
dimension =  $(p+1)^m$



## Detour: Sparse Grids

Given: 1D interpolation rule  $(U^{(k)}v)(y^{(k)}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} v(y_j^{(k)}) \ell_j(y^{(k)})$

Derived from (1D) grid  $Y^{(k)} = \{y_1^{(k)}, \dots, y_{m_k}^{(k)}\}$

Multidimensional rule above is induced by *fully populated* multidimensional grid  $Y^{(1)} \times Y^{(2)} \times \dots \times Y^{(m)}$ .

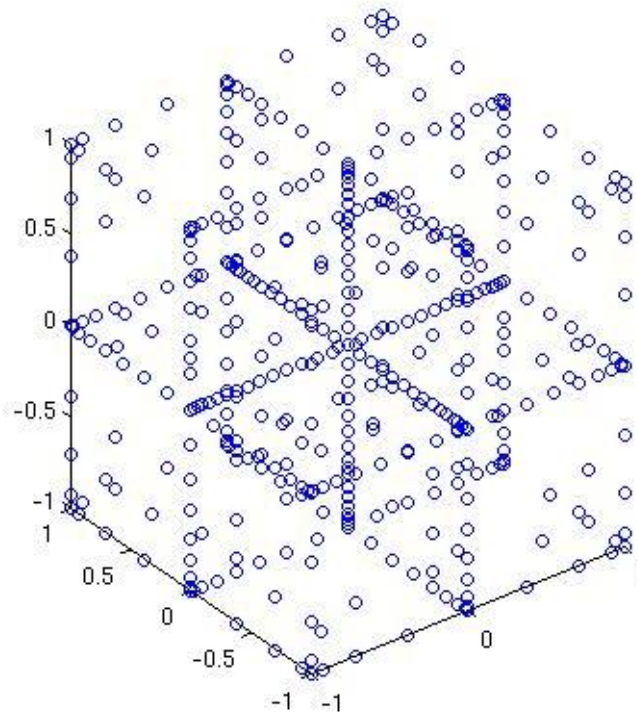
$$|Y^{(k)}| = m_k = p + 1$$

Alternative: multidimensional *sparse grid* (Smolyak)

$$\mathcal{H}(m + p, m) \equiv \bigcup_{p-m+1 \leq i_1 + \dots + i_m \leq p} (Y^{(i_1)} \times Y^{(i_2)} \times \dots \times Y^{(i_m)})$$

# Sparse Grid Interpolation

Example of sparse grid  
for  $m=3, p=16$



For  $v$  of the form  $v(\underline{\xi}) = v_1(\xi_1)v_2(\xi_2)\cdots v_m(\xi_m)$ , interpolating function takes the form

$$(\mathcal{I}v)(\underline{\xi}) = \sum_{i_1+\cdots+i_m \leq p} (U^{(i_1)} - U^{(i_1-1)})v_1(\xi_1) \otimes (U^{(i_2)} - U^{(i_2-1)})v_2(\xi_2) \otimes \cdots \otimes (U^{(i_m)} - U^{(i_m-1)})v_m(\xi_m)$$

# Sparse Grid Interpolation

**Theorem** (Novak, Ritter, Wasilkowski, Wozniakowski)

For  $\underline{\xi} \in$  sparse grid and  $v(\underline{\xi})$  a tensor product polynomial of total degree at most  $p$ ,

$$v(\underline{\xi}) = q_{j_1}^{(1)}(\xi_1)q_{j_2}^{(2)}(\xi_2)\cdots q_{j_m}^{(m)}(\xi_m), \quad j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_m \leq p$$

$$(Iv)(\underline{\xi}) = v(\underline{\xi}).$$

That is: sparse grid interpolation evaluates the set of complete  $m$ -variate polynomials exactly

Overhead: number of sparse grid points to achieve this  
(= # stochastic dof) is larger than for Galerkin

$$\approx 2^p \binom{m+p}{p} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \binom{m+p}{p}$$

## Analysis (Babuška, Tempone, Zouraris, Nobile, Webster)

$$\text{Monte-Carlo: } E(u) - E_s(u_h) = (E(u) - E(u_h)) + (E(u_h) - E_s(u_h))$$
$$\leq c_1 h E(|u|_2) \quad \sim 1/\sqrt{s}$$

Convergence is slow wrt number of samples but independent of number of random variables  $m$

## Stochastic Galerkin and Collocation:

$$E(u) - E(u_{hp}) = (E(u) - E(u_h)) + (E(u_h) - E(u_{hp}))$$
$$\leq c_1 h E(|u|_2) \quad \leq c_2 r^p, \quad r < 1$$

Exponential in polynomial degree  $p$

Constants  $(c_2, r)$  depend on  $m$

Rule of thumb: the same  $p$  gives the same error  
(for all versions of SG and collocation)

More dof for collocation than SG

# Recapitulating

## Monte-Carlo methods:

Many samples needed for statistical quantities

Many systems to solve

Systems are independent

Statistical quantities are free (once data is accumulated)

$$\text{With } s \text{ realizations: } E_s(u_h) = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{r=1}^s u_h^{(r)}(x)$$

Convergence is slow but independent of  $m$

## Stochastic Galerkin methods:

One large system to solve

Statistical quantities are free or (relatively) cheap

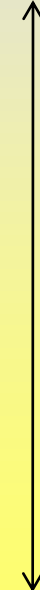
## Stochastic collocation methods:

Systems are independent

Fewer systems than Monte Carlo

More degrees of freedom than Galerkin

Statistical quantities are (relatively) cheap



Similar convergence behavior

Faster than MC

Depends on  $m$

## II. Computing with the Stochastic Galerkin and Collocation Methods

For both: compute a discrete solution, a random field  $u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi})$

Stochastic Galerkin:

$$u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\xi}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} u_{jl} \varphi_j(x) \psi_l(\underline{\xi}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\xi}} u_l(x) \psi_l(\underline{\xi})$$

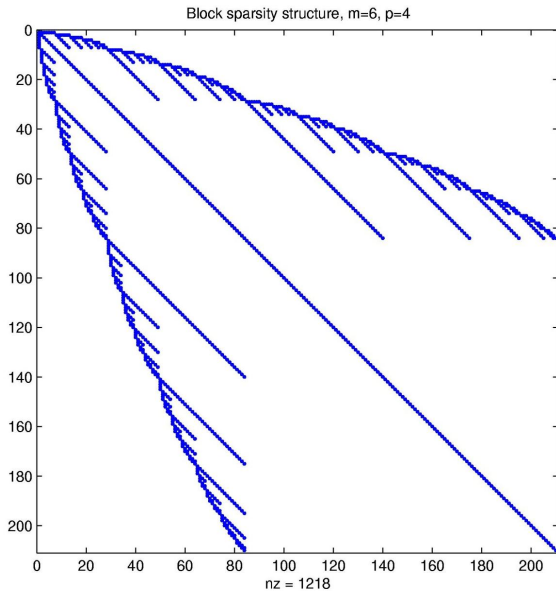
Stochastic Collocation:

$$u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\xi}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} u_{jl} \varphi_j(x) L_l(\underline{\xi}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\xi}} u_l(x) L_l(\underline{\xi})$$

Postprocess to get statistics

# Computational Issues

**Stochastic Galerkin:** Solve one large system of order  $N_x \times N_\xi$



$$N_\xi = \binom{m+p}{p}$$

Frequently cited as a problem for this methodology

**Stochastic Collocation:** Solve  $N_\xi$  “ordinary” algebraic systems (of order  $N_x$ ), one for each sparse grid point

Here:  $N_\xi^{(collocation)} \sim 2^p N_\xi^{(Galerkin)}$

Some savings possible

# Multigrid Solution of Matrix Equation I (E. & Furnival)

Solving  $Au=f$

$$\mathbf{A} = G_0 \otimes \mathbf{A}_0 + \sum_{r=1}^m G_r \otimes \mathbf{A}_r$$

$$[A_r]_{jk} = \sqrt{\lambda_r} \sigma \int_D a_r(x) \nabla \varphi_j(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi_k(x) dx,$$

$$[G_r]_{lq} = \int_{\Omega} \psi_l(\xi) \psi_q(\xi) \xi_r \rho(\xi) d\xi$$

$A_r = A_r^{(h)}$ ,  $A = A^{(h)}$ , spatial discretization parameter  $h$

$A_r = A_r^{(2h)}$ ,  $A = A^{(2h)}$ , spatial discretization parameter  $2h$

Develop MG algorithm for spatial component of the problem



# Multigrid Algorithm (Two-grid)

Let  $A^{(h)} = Q - N$ ,  $Q =$  smoothing operator

for  $i=0, 1, \dots$

for  $j=1:k$

k smoothing steps

$$u^{(h)} \leftarrow (I - Q^{-1}A^{(h)})u^{(h)} + Q^{-1}f^{(h)}$$

end

$$r^{(2h)} = \mathcal{R}(f^{(h)} - A^{(h)}u^{(h)})$$

Restriction

$$\text{Solve } A^{(2h)}c^{(2h)} = r^{(2h)}$$

Coarse grid correction

$$u^{(h)} \leftarrow u^{(h)} + \mathcal{P}c^{(2h)}$$

Prolongation

end

Prolongation and restriction:

$\mathcal{P} = I \otimes P$ , induced by natural inclusion in spatial domain

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{P}^T = I \otimes R, \quad R = P^T$$

# Convergence Analysis: Use “Standard” Approach

Error propagation matrix:

$$e^{(i+1)} = [(A^{(h)})^{-1} - \mathcal{P}(A^{(2h)})^{-1}\mathcal{R}] [A^{(h)}(I - Q^{-1}A^{(h)})^k] e^{(i)}$$

Establish *approximation property*

$$\left\| [(A^{(h)})^{-1} - \mathcal{P}(A^{(2h)})^{-1}\mathcal{R}] y \right\|_{A^{(h)}} \leq C \|y\|_2 \quad \forall y$$

and *smoothing property*

$$\left\| [A^{(h)}(I - Q^{-1}A^{(h)})^k] y \right\|_2 \leq \eta(k) \|y\|_{A^{(h)}} \quad \forall y, \quad \eta(k) \xrightarrow{k \text{ increases}} 0$$

Analysis is:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{(i+1)}\|_{A^{(h)}} &\leq \|(A^{(h)})^{-1} - \mathcal{P}(A^{(2h)})^{-1}\mathcal{R}\| [A^{(h)}(I - Q^{-1}A^{(h)})^k] e^{(i)} \|_{A^{(h)}} \\ &\leq C \| [A^{(h)}(I - Q^{-1}A^{(h)})^k] e^{(i)} \|_2 \\ &\leq C \eta(k) \|e^{(i)}\|_{A^{(h)}} \end{aligned}$$

# Approximation Property

“Standard” MG analysis for deterministic problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| [(A^{(h)})^{-1} - \mathcal{P}(A^{(2h)})^{-1} \mathcal{R}] y \right\|_{A^{(h)}} &= \left\| u^{(h)} - u^{(2h)} \right\|_{A^{(h)}} \\ &= \left\| u_h - u_{2h} \right\|_a \quad (= a(u_h - u_{2h}, u_h - u_{2h})^{1/2}) \\ &\leq \left\| u_h - u \right\|_a + \left\| u - u_{2h} \right\|_a \\ \text{Approximability} &\leq \sqrt{\alpha_2} \left( Ch \left\| D^2 u \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} + C2h \left\| D^2 u \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \right) \\ \text{Regularity} &\leq Ch \left\| f \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \\ \text{Property of mass} &\leq C \left\| y \right\|_2 \\ \text{matrix} & \end{aligned}$$

# For Approximation Property in Stochastic Case

Introduce *semi-discrete* space  $H_0^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes T_p$  Discrete stochastic space

Weak formulation

$$a(u_p, v_p) = \ell(v_p) \quad \text{for all } v_p \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}) \otimes T_p$$

Solution  $u_p$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| [(A^{(h)})^{-1} - \mathcal{P}(A^{(2h)})^{-1} \mathcal{R}] y \right\|_{A^{(h)}} &= \left\| u_{hp} - u_{2h,p} \right\|_a \\ &\leq \left\| u_h - u_p \right\|_a + \left\| u_p - u_{2h} \right\|_a \end{aligned}$$

Approximation (in 2D):

$$\left\| u_p - u_{hp} \right\|_a \leq Ch \left\| D^2 u_p \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D}) \otimes L^2(\Gamma)}$$

Established using best approximation property of  $u_{hp}$   
and interpolant  $\tilde{u}_p(x_j, \xi) = u_p(x_j, \xi) \quad \forall \xi$

Similarly for other steps used for deterministic analysis

# Comments

- Establishes convergence of multigrid with rate independent of spatial discretization size  $h$
- No dependence on stochastic parameters  $m, p$
- Applies to any basis of stochastic space
- Coarse grid operator:  $G = a_0 G_0 + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m a_r \sqrt{\lambda_r} G_r$ , size  $O(N_\xi)$

$G_r$  derives from basis of multivariate polynomials of total degree  $p$ , orthogonal wrt probability measure  $\rho(\xi)d\xi$

Maximum eigenvalue  $\eta = \max$  root of orthogonal polynomial, bounded for bounded measure

$$\Rightarrow 0 < a_0^{1 \times 1} - \sigma \eta \left( \sum_{r=1}^m a_r^{1 \times 1} \sqrt{\lambda_r} \right) \leq \lambda(G) \leq a_0^{1 \times 1} + \sigma \eta \left( \sum_{r=1}^m a_r^{1 \times 1} \sqrt{\lambda_r} \right),$$

CG iteration is an option

# Iteration Counts / Normal Distribution

# terms (m) in KL-expansion

$h=1/16$

Polynomial  
degree

	m=1	m=2	m=3	m=4
p=1	8	8	8	8
p=2	8	8	8	8
p=3	9	9	9	9
p=4	9	10	10	10

$h=1/32$

Polynomial  
degree

	m=1	m=2	m=3	m=4
p=1	7	7	8	8
p=2	8	8	8	8
p=3	8	8	9	9
p=4	9	9	9	9

# Multigrid Solution of Matrix Equation II

Solving  $Au=f$

$$A = G_0 \otimes A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^m G_r \otimes A_r$$

$$[A_r]_{jk} = \sqrt{\lambda_r} \sigma \int_{\mathcal{D}} a_r(x) \nabla \varphi_j(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi_k(x) dx,$$

$$[G_r]_{lq} = \int_{\Omega} \psi_l(\xi) \psi_q(\xi) \xi_r \rho(\xi) d\xi$$

Preconditioner for use with CG:  $Q = G_0 \otimes A_0$  (Kruger, Pellissetti, Ghanem)

$A_0 \sim \int_{\mathcal{D}} a_0(x) \nabla \varphi_j(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi_k(x) dx$  Deterministic diffusion,  
from mean

$$G_0 = I$$

## Analysis (Powell & E.)

Recall  $a(x, \omega) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r(\omega)$

$$\longrightarrow \quad A = G_0 \otimes A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^m G_r \otimes A_r$$

$$Q = G_0 \otimes A_0$$

**Theorem :** For  $\mu$  constant, the Rayleigh quotient satisfies

$$1 - \tau \leq \frac{(w, Aw)}{(w, Qw)} \leq 1 + \tau$$

$$\tau = (\sigma/\mu) c(p) \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} \|a_r\|_\infty$$

Consequence:  $\kappa \leq \frac{1+\tau}{1-\tau}$  dictates convergence of PCG



**Sketch of Proof**  $\tau = \underbrace{(\sigma / \mu)}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{c(p)}_{\text{purple}} \sum_{r=1}^m \underbrace{\sqrt{\lambda_r} \|a_r\|_{\infty}}_{\text{green}}$

$$A = G_0 \otimes A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^m G_r \otimes A_r$$

In spatial domain:

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi, A_r \varphi) &\sim \sigma \sqrt{\lambda_r} \int_{\mathcal{D}} a_r(x) \nabla \varphi(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi(x) dx \\ &\leq \sigma \sqrt{\lambda_r} \|a_r\|_{\infty} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla \varphi(x) \cdot \nabla \varphi(x) dx \\ &= \underbrace{(\sigma / \mu) \sqrt{\lambda_r} \|a_r\|_{\infty}}_{\text{green}} (\varphi, A_0 \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

From stochastic component: as above

$c(p)$  bounded by largest root of scalar orthogonal polynomial

# Multigrid Variant of this Idea

Replace action of  $A_0^{-1}$  with multigrid  $\longrightarrow$  preconditioner

$$Q_{MG} = G_0 \otimes A_{0,MG} \quad (\text{Le Maitre, et al.})$$

$$\text{Analysis: } \frac{(w, Aw)}{(w, Q_{MG} w)} = \frac{(w, Aw)}{(w, Qw)} \underbrace{\frac{(w, Qw)}{(w, Q_{MG} w)}}_{\in [\beta_1, \beta_2]}$$

Spectral equivalence  
of MG approximation  
to diffusion operator

$$\implies \kappa \leq \frac{(1+\tau) \beta_2}{(1-\tau) \beta_1}$$

# Experiment

Starting with  $a$  with specified covariance and small  $\sigma$  ( $=.01$ ):

Compare Monte-Carlo simulation with SFEM, for

$$-\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u) = f$$

N.B.: No negative samples of diffusion obtained in MC

		# Samples $s$			
Max	SFEM	100	1000	10,000	40,000
Mean	.06311	.06361	.06330	.06313	.06313
Variance	2.360(-5)	2.161(-5)	2.407(-5)	2.258(-5)	2.316(-5)

Solve one system  
of order  $210 \times 225$

Solve  $s$  systems of size 225

# Comparison of Galerkin and Collocation

Recall, for **stochastic collocation**

$$\text{Discrete solution } u_{hp}(x, \underline{\xi}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\xi}} u_h^{(k)}(x) L_k(\underline{\xi})$$

Obtained by solving

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} (a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f v \, dx$$

For set of samples  $\{\underline{\xi}^{(k)}\}$  situated in a sparse grid

Advantage of this approach: simpler (decoupled) systems

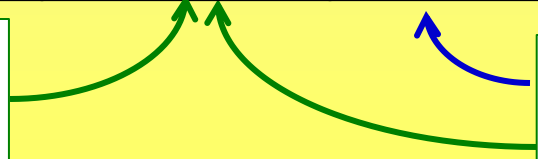
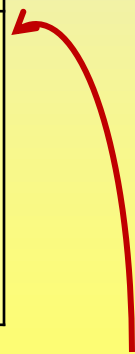
Disadvantage: larger stochastic space for comparable accuracy  
larger by factor approximately  $2^p$

# Dimensions of Stochastic Space

m (#KL)	p	Galerkin	Collocation Sparse	Collocation Tensor
4	1	5	9	16
	2	15	41	81
	3	35	137	256
	4	70	401	625
10	1	11	21	1024
	2	66	221	59,049
	3	286	1582	1,048,576
	4	1001	8,801	9,765,625
30	1	31	61	1.07(9)
	2	496	1861	2.06(14)
	3	5456	37,941	1.15(18)
	4	46,376	582,801	9.31(20)

~ size of coarse grid space  
for MG / Version 1

# systems for collocation  
MG / Version II



# Experiment

(E., Miller, Phipps, Tuminaro)

- Solve the stochastic diffusion equation by both methods
- Compare the accuracy achieved for different parameter sets<sup>1</sup>
- For parameter choices giving comparable accuracy, compare solution costs
- Spatial discretization fixed (32x32 finite difference grid)

Solution algorithm for both discretizations:

Preconditioned conjugate gradient with mean-based preconditioning, using AMG for the approximate diffusion solve

<sup>1</sup>Estimated using a high-degree ( $p=10$ ) Galerkin solution.

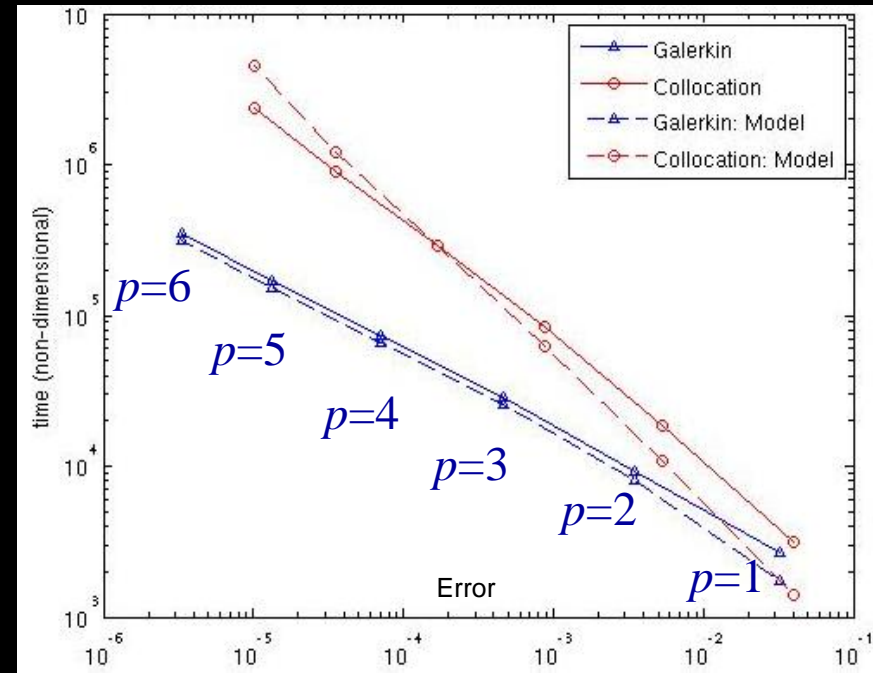
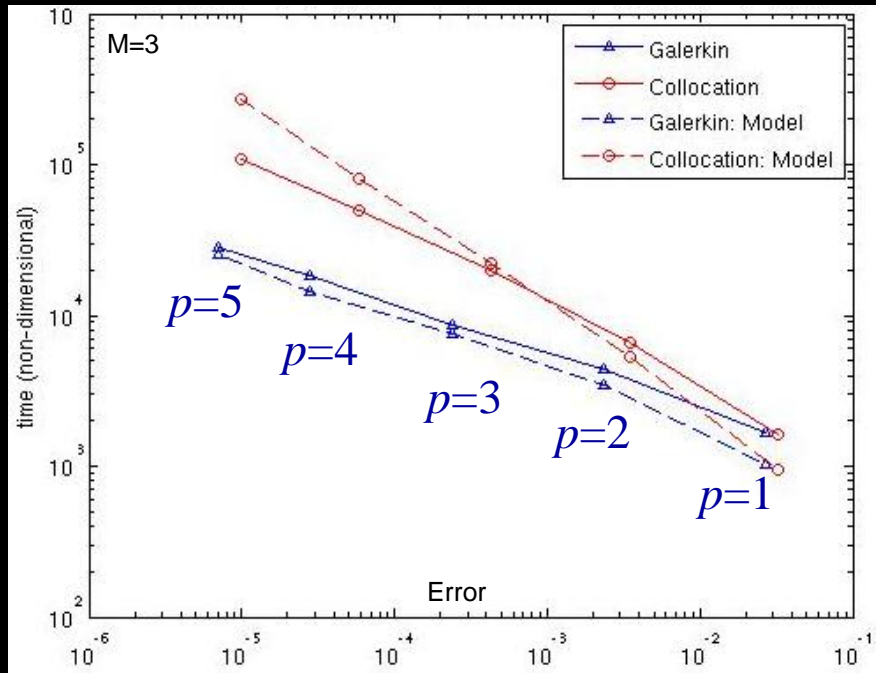
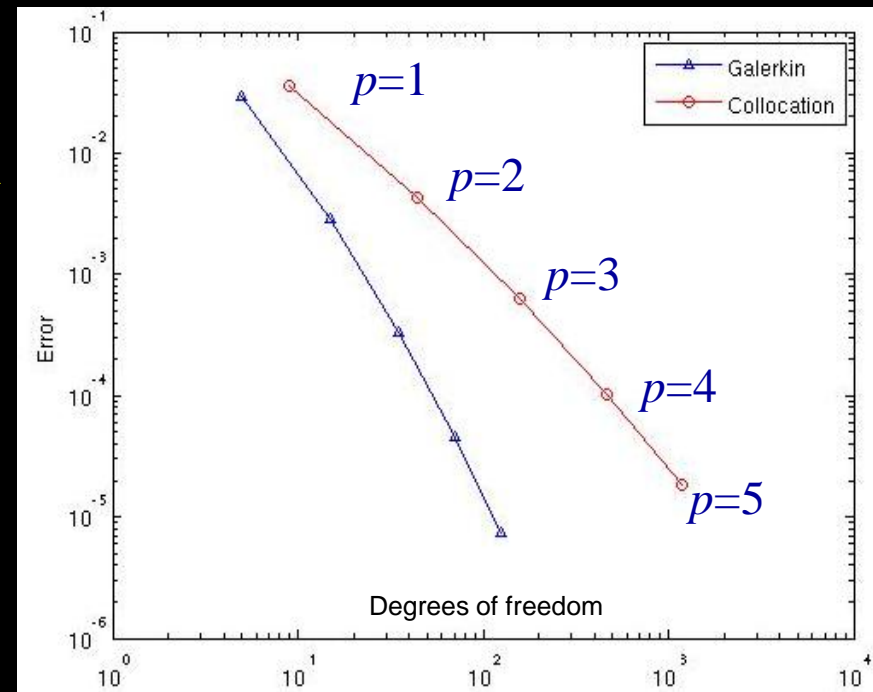
# Experimental Results

Accuracy:

for fixed  $m=4$ : similar  $p=$

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{polynomial degree for SG} \\ \text{“level” for collocation} \end{array} \right]$   
produces comparable errors

Performance:



# Experimental Results: Performance

Performed on a serial machine with C code and CG/AMG code from Trilinos

Observation: Galerkin faster, more so as number of stochastic variables (KL terms) grows

CPU times for larger  $m = \#KL$  terms:

	Galerkin			Collocation		
p	m=5	m=10	m=15	m=5	m=10	m=15
1	.058	.147	.32-	.069	.163	.286
2	.269	1.20	3.80	.532	2.13	5.08
3	1.20	13.14	51.45	2.41	16.99	57.98
4	3.50	53.79	168.11	8.31	102.60	493.04
5	6.51	117.73		24.56	515.75	



# More General Problems

For the problem discussed, based on a KL expansion, has a *linear* dependence on the stochastic variable  $\underline{\xi}$

Other models have *nonlinear* dependence. For example

$$a(x, \xi) = a_{\min} + \underbrace{e^{c(x, \xi)}}_{\text{Nonlinear}}$$

$$c(x, \xi) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \xi_r$$

For Gaussian  $c$ , called a *log-normal* distribution

In particular: coercivity is guaranteed with this choice

# More General Problems

For stochastic Galerkin, need a finite term *expansion* for  $a$

$$a(x, \underline{\xi}) = a_0(x) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^M \sqrt{\lambda_r} a_r(x) \psi_r(\underline{\xi})$$

Note: not  $\xi_r$

→ matrix

$$A = G_0 \otimes A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^M G_r \otimes A_r$$

$$[G_r]_{ij} = \langle \psi_r \psi_i \psi_j \rangle \quad \text{Less sparse}$$

More importantly: # terms  $M$  will be larger  
perhaps as large as  $2N_\xi$

⇒ mvp will be more expensive

# In Contrast

Collocation is less dependent on this expansion

$A^{(k)}$  comes from  $\int_{\mathcal{D}} a(x, \underline{\xi}^{(k)}) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx$  for each  
sparse grid point  $\underline{\xi}^{(k)}$

Many matrices to assemble, but mvp is not a difficulty

# Concluding Remarks

- Exciting new developments models of PDEs with uncertain coefficients
- Replace pure simulation (Monte Carlo) with finite-dimensional models that simulate sampling at potentially lower cost
- Two techniques, the *stochastic Galerkin* method and the *stochastic collocation* method, were presented, each with some advantages
- Solution algorithms are available for both methods, and work continues in this direction