

# The Computational Complexity of Stochastic Galerkin and Collocation Methods for PDEs with Random Coefficients

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# Stochastic Finite Element Method

Consider the stochastic elliptic problem defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $D = [0, b]^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d = 2$ :

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \omega)) = f(\mathbf{x}) & \text{in } \Omega \times D, \\ u(\omega, \mathbf{x}) = 0 & \text{on } \Omega \times \partial D, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with deterministic forcing  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $a(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(\omega))$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_N) \in \Gamma$ , with  $\Gamma_n = y_n(\omega)$ ,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \times \dots \times \Gamma_N \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ . We impose the additional assumptions on  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , that

**(A1)**  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(\omega)) = a_{\min} + h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(\omega))$  where the  $y_j$ 's are independent random variables, and  $h : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**(A2)**  $\exists 0 < a_{\min} \leq a_{\max} < \infty$  such that

$$P(a_{\min} \leq a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(\omega)) \leq a_{\max}) = 1, \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \bar{D}$$

Also, let  $\rho(\mathbf{y}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \rho_n(\mathbf{y})$  be the joint density of the vector  $\mathbf{y}$ .

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The weak form of problem (1) is now given by: *find*  $u \in H_0^1(D) \otimes L_\rho^2(\Gamma)$  such that  $\forall v \in H_0^1(D) \otimes L_\rho^2(\Gamma)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma} \int_D a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \cdot \nabla v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} \\ = \int_{\Gamma} \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

With some additional assumptions on the smoothness of the data  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  it is well known that the solution depends analytically on the parameters  $y_n \in \Gamma_n$ .

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Let  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{J_h}$  be a finite basis for  $W_h(D) \subset H_0^1(D)$ , and set  $J_h = \dim(W_h(D))$ . We are interested in the semi-discrete approximation

$$u_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^{J_h} u_j(\mathbf{y}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}). \quad (3)$$

given by: find  $u_{J_h} \in W_h(D)$  such that

$$\int_D a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla u_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \cdot \nabla v_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) v_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \rho\text{-a.e. in } \Gamma, \quad (4)$$

for all  $v_{J_h} \in W_h(D)$ . For any  $\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma$ , define

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) = [u_1(\mathbf{y}), u_2(\mathbf{y}), \dots, u_{J_h}(\mathbf{y})].$$

Then, the semi-discrete problem (4) can be written algebraically as

$$A(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f} \quad \rho\text{-a.e. in } \Gamma. \quad (5)$$

where  $A(\mathbf{y})$  is the stochastic finite element stiffness matrix.

# Stochastic Global Polynomial Subspaces

Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  denote the polynomial order of an approximation and consider a sequence of increasing, nested multi-index sets  $\mathcal{J}(p)$  such that

$$\mathcal{J}(0) = \{(0, \dots, 0)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{J}(p) \subseteq \mathcal{J}(p+1).$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma) \subset L^2_\rho(\Gamma)$  denote the multivariate polynomial space over  $\Gamma$  corresponding to the index set  $\mathcal{J}(p)$ , defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma) = \text{span} \left\{ \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{p_n} \mid \mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_N) \in \mathcal{J}(p), y_n \in \Gamma_n \right\}. \quad (6)$$

We set  $M_p = \dim \{ \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)} \}$ . The fully-discrete global polynomial approximation is now denoted by  $u_{J_h M_p} \in W_h(D) \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma)$ .

# Examples of $\mathcal{J}(p)$ :

- Tensor Products (TP):

$$\mathcal{J}_{TP}(p) = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{N}^N \mid \max_n p_n \leq p \right\}, \quad M_p^{TP} = (p+1)^N$$

- Total Degree (TD):

$$\mathcal{J}_{TD}(p) = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{N}^N \mid \sum_{n=1}^N p_n \leq p \right\}, \quad M_p^{TD} = (N+p)! / (N! p!),$$

- Hyperbolic Cross (HC):

$$\mathcal{J}_{HC}(p) = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{N}^N \mid \sum_{n=1}^N \log_2(p_n + 1) \leq \log_2(p + 1) \right\}$$

- Sparse Smolyak (SS):

$$\mathcal{J}_{SS}(p) = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{N}^N \mid \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(p_n) \leq \gamma(p) \right\}, \quad \gamma(p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } p = 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } p = 1 \\ \lceil \log_2(p) \rceil & \text{for } p \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

# Global stochastic Galerkin methods

Let  $\{\psi_{p_n}(y_n)\}_{p=0}^{\infty}$  denote a set of  $L^2_{\rho_n}$ -orthonormal polynomials in  $\Gamma_n$ .  
For  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{J}(p)$ , we define

$$\psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \psi_{p_n}(y_n).$$

Then we see that

$$\int_{\Gamma} \psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}) \psi_{\mathbf{p}'}(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} = \prod_{n=1}^N \int_{\Gamma_n} \psi_{p_n}(y_n) \psi_{p'_n}(y_n) \rho_n(y_n) \, dy_n = \prod_{n=1}^N \delta_{p_n p'_n}.$$

Given the bases  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{J_h} \subset W_h(D)$  and  $\{\psi_{\mathbf{p}}\}_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{J}(p)} \subset \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma)$ , the gSGM approximation is defined by

$$u_{J_h M_p}^{gSG}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{J}(p)} u_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) \psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{J}(p)} \sum_{j=1}^{J_h} u_{\mathbf{p},j} \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}). \quad (7)$$

Our goal is then to solve for the coefficients  $\{u_{\mathbf{p},j}\}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{J}(p), j = 1, \dots, J_h$  which requires the substitution of (7) into the weak formulation (2), resulting in a (possibly nonlinear) coupled system of size  $J_h M_p \times J_h M_p$ .

# Global stochastic Galerkin methods - An Example

- $\mathbf{u}_p := [u_{p,1}, \dots, u_{p,J_h}]$ , the vector of nodal values of the FEM solution corresponding to the  $p$ -th stochastic mode.
- A Galerkin projection onto the span of  $\{\psi_p\}_{p \in \mathcal{J}(p)}$  yields the following linear algebraic system: for all  $p \in \mathcal{J}(p)$

$$\sum_{p' \in \mathcal{J}(p)} \underbrace{\left( \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}) \psi_p(\mathbf{y}) \psi_{p'}(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right)}_{\mathbf{K}_{p,p'}} \mathbf{u}_{p'} = \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{f} \psi_p(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}}_{\mathbf{F}_p}. \quad (8)$$

- 1 The coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  of the system (8) consists of  $(M_p)^2$  block matrices, each of size  $J_h \times J_h$ , i.e., the size of  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})$ .
- 2 Even if  $\mathbf{K}$  is sparse, it is impractical to form and store the matrix explicitly.
- 3 The structure and sparsity of  $\mathbf{K}$  depends entirely on  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .
- 4 This approach requires rewriting the Galerkin solver for each new choice of  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .

# Global stochastic Galerkin methods - NISP

A more convenient and robust choice is to perform an “offline” projection of  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  onto  $\text{span}\{\psi_q(\mathbf{y})\}_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)}$ , i.e. write  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  as

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(\mathbf{x}) \psi_n(\mathbf{y}) \approx \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} a_q(\mathbf{x}) \psi_q(\mathbf{y})$$

truncating the expansion on some finite basis. Then for all  $q \in \mathcal{J}(w)$ ,

$$\int_{\Gamma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(\mathbf{x}) \psi_n(\mathbf{y}) \psi_q(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(\mathbf{x}) \delta_{n,q} = \int_{\Gamma} a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \psi_q(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}.$$

Letting  $\epsilon_{SG}$  be the error in SG approximation, we chose  $w$  such that  $\|a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} a_q(\mathbf{x}) \psi_q(\mathbf{y})\|_{L^2} < \epsilon_{SG}$ . Substituting the finite expansion of  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  yields, for all  $j, j' = 1 \dots, J_h$ ,

$$A_{j,j'}(\mathbf{y}) \approx \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} \psi_q(\mathbf{y}) \int_D a_q(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_{j'}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} \psi_q(\mathbf{y}) [A_q]_{j,j'},$$

where  $[A_q]_{j,j'} = \int_D a_q(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_{j'}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$  can be computed component-wise.

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Given a sufficiently resolved stochastic finite element stiffness matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}) \approx \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} [\mathbf{A}_q] \psi_q(\mathbf{y})$ , we substitute  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})$  into (8) and obtain, for all  $p' \in \mathcal{J}(p)$ ,

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{J}(p)} \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} \left[ \int_{\Gamma} [\mathbf{A}_q] \psi_q(\mathbf{y}) \psi_{p'}(\mathbf{y}) \psi_p(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right] \mathbf{u}_p = \mathbf{F}_{p'}. \quad (9)$$

By defining

$$[\mathbf{G}_q]_{p',p} = \int_{\Gamma} \psi_q \psi_{p'} \psi_p \rho \, d\mathbf{y} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K} = \sum_{r \in \mathcal{J}(w)} [\mathbf{G}_r] \otimes [\mathbf{A}_r], \quad (10)$$

where  $[\mathbf{G}_q] \otimes [\mathbf{A}_q]$  denotes the Kronecker product of  $[\mathbf{G}_q]$  and  $[\mathbf{A}_q]$ , we obtain the gSGM coupled system of equations, namely,

$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}, \quad (11)$$

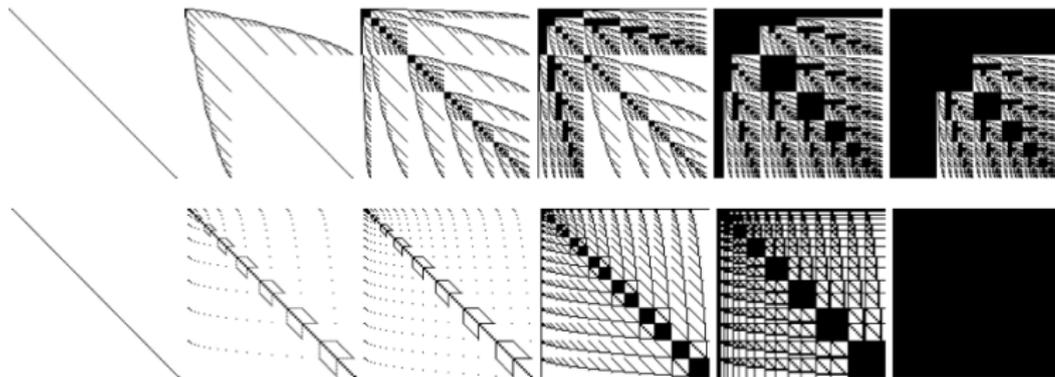
with  $\mathbf{K}$  symmetric and positive definite.

# Global stochastic Galerkin methods - Cost (solve)

Given  $Ku = F$ , where  $K = \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} [G_q] \otimes [A_q]$ , we define

$$N_G = \sum_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)} \# \text{ of nonzeros in } [G_q] = \# \left[ \langle \psi_q \psi_p \psi_{p'} \rangle \neq 0 \right]_{\substack{q \in \mathcal{J}(w) \\ p, p' \in \mathcal{J}(p)}}, \quad (12)$$

pictorially  $N_G = \#$  of black pixels in the matrices



where each pixel represents a block matrix of the size of the original finite element system.

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then  $N_G$  is the total number of nonzeros in the  $\{[G_q]\}_{q \in \mathcal{J}(w)}$ .

The cost of solving the gSGM method with CG without preconditioning is then given by

$$W_{solve}^{gSGM} \approx N_G * N_{iter}, \quad (13)$$

where  $N_{iter}$  is the number of iterations of the system (11) required to converge to a given tolerance in CG. With preconditioning for a block diagonal Jacobi preconditioner, this becomes

$$W_{solve}^{gSGM} \approx (N_G + M_p) * N_{iter}. \quad (14)$$

# Global stochastic Collocation methods

- 1 Choose a set of points  $\mathcal{H}_{M_L} = \{\mathbf{y}_k \in \Gamma\}_{k=1}^{M_L}$  according to the measure  $\rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} = \prod_{n=1}^N \rho_n(y_n) \, dy_n$

- 2 For each  $k$  solve the FE solution  $u_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_k)$  given  $a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_k)$

- 3 Interpolate the sampled values:

$u_{J_h M_L}^{gSGM}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{k=1}^{M_L} u_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_k) \mathcal{L}_k(\mathbf{y})$ , yielding the fully discrete gSCM approximation  $u_{J_h M_L}^{gSGM} \in W_h(D) \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(L)}(\Gamma)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_k \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(L)}(\Gamma)$  are suitable combinations of global (Lagrange) interpolants

$$\mathbb{E}[u](\mathbf{x}) \approx \int_{\Gamma} u_{M_L}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} = \sum_{k=1}^{M_L} u^h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_k) \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} \mathcal{L}_k(\mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}}_{\text{precomputed weights } w_k}$$

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Therefore, the cost of solving for gSCM is given by

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where  $N_{iter}^{(k)}$  is the number of iterations required by CG to solve the  $k$ th FEM solution  $u_{J_h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_k)$ . Again, the cost of solving the gSGM is

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# Numerical Example

We now present some results using these methods to compare gSGM and gSCM. Recall the stochastic elliptic problem

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with  $D = [0, b]^2$ , and random coefficient  $a(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$  with one-dimensional (layered) spatial dependence given by

$$\log(a_N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - 0.5) = 1 + Y_1(\omega) \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}L}{2} \right)^{1/2} + \sum_{n=2}^N \zeta_n \varphi_n(\mathbf{x}) Y_n(\omega), \quad (15)$$

where  $Y_i \sim \mathcal{U}([- \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}])$  i.i.d.,

$$\zeta_n := (\sqrt{\pi}L)^{1/2} \exp\left( \frac{-\left(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \pi L\right)^2}{8} \right), \quad \text{if } n > 1 \quad (16)$$

and

$$\varphi_n(\mathbf{x}) := \begin{cases} \sin\left( \frac{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \pi x_1}{L_p} \right), & \text{if } n \text{ even,} \\ \cos\left( \frac{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \pi x_1}{L_p} \right), & \text{if } n \text{ odd.} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

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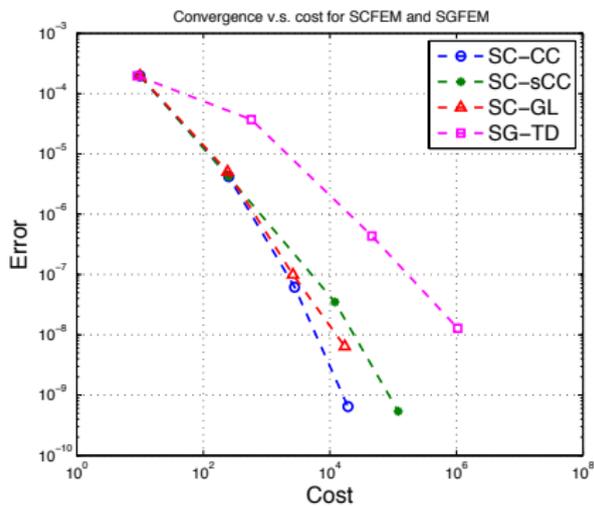
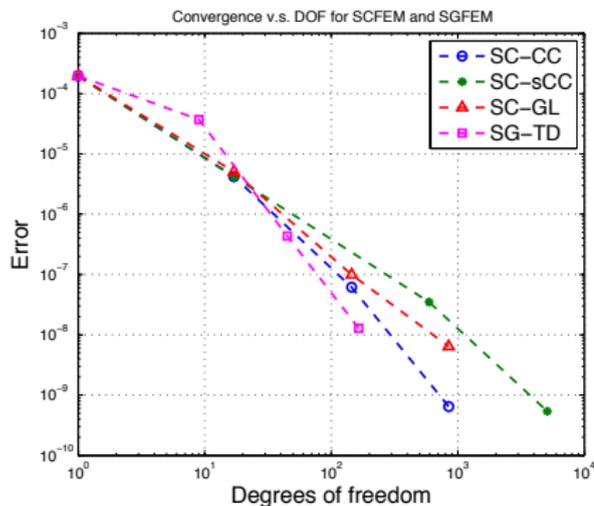
then this represents the truncation of a one-dimensional random field with stationary covariance

$$\text{Cov}[\log(a_N - 0.5)](x_1, x_2) = \exp\left( \frac{-(x_1 - x_2)^2}{L_c^2} \right),$$

and  $L_c = 1/64$  is the correlation length.

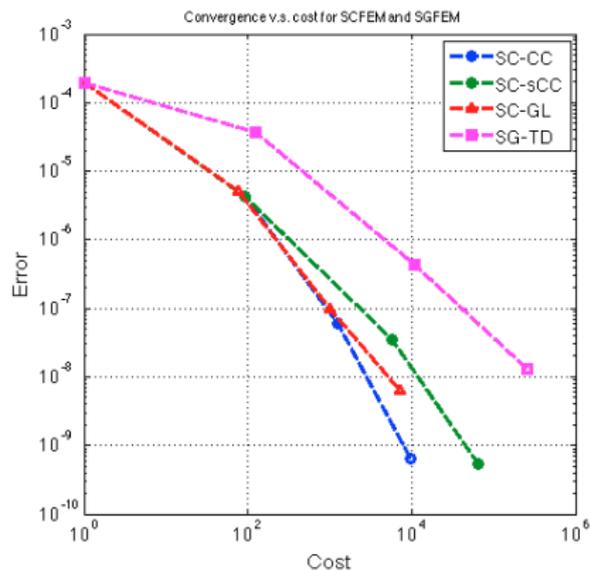
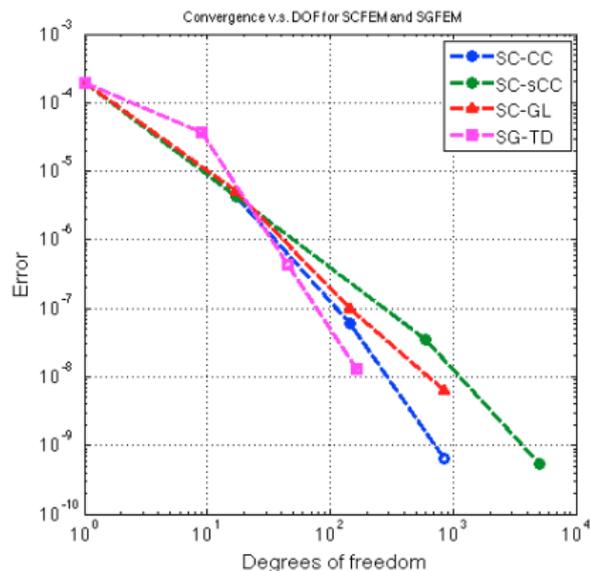
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# Conclusions and Future Work

- Need to apply this cost metric to preconditioning strategies. Cost then depends in part on the preconditioner used.
- Discussion about strategies for preconditioning the Stochastic Collocation Method.
- Need to obtain complexity to reach a given error estimates for the projection.
- Need to compare setup cost for both methods.

# Extra Slides - Linear Test Case

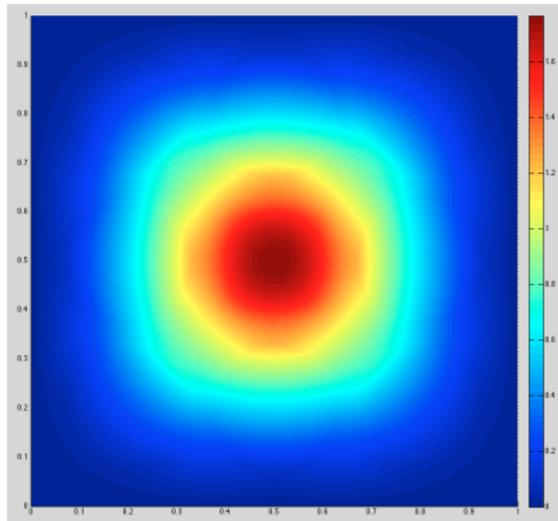
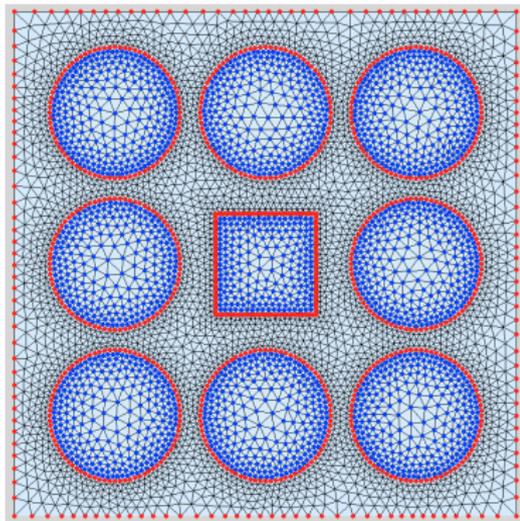
Consider the problem of isotropic thermal diffusion, that is (1) with a stochastic conductivity coefficient

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = b_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{n=1}^8 y_n(\omega) \chi_n(\mathbf{x}),$$

with  $b_0 = 1$  and  $y_n(\omega) \sim \mathcal{U}(-0.99, -0.2)$ , and deterministic forcing function

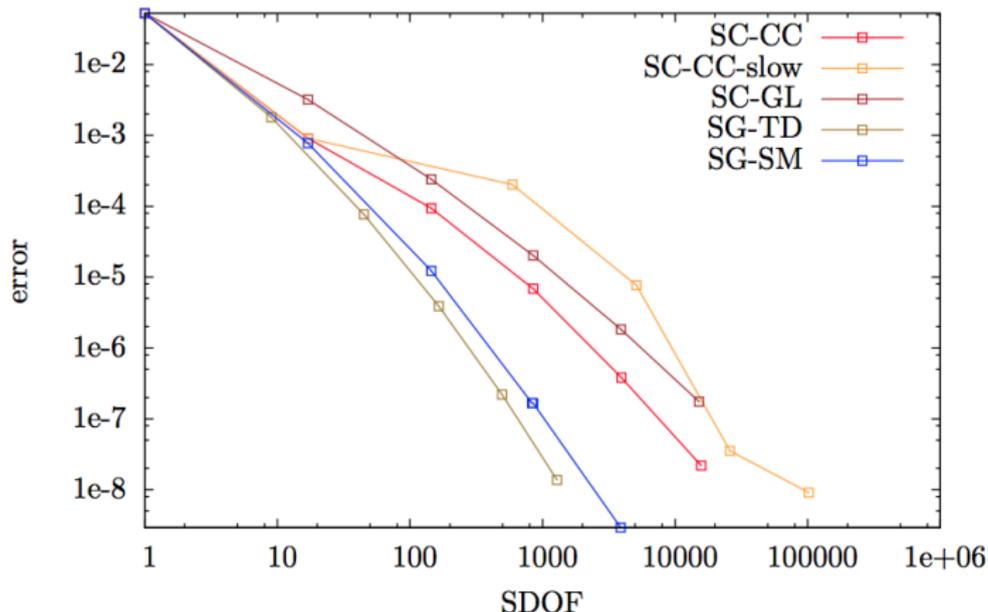
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = 100\chi_F(\mathbf{x}), \quad \text{where} \quad F = [0.4, 0.6]^2.$$

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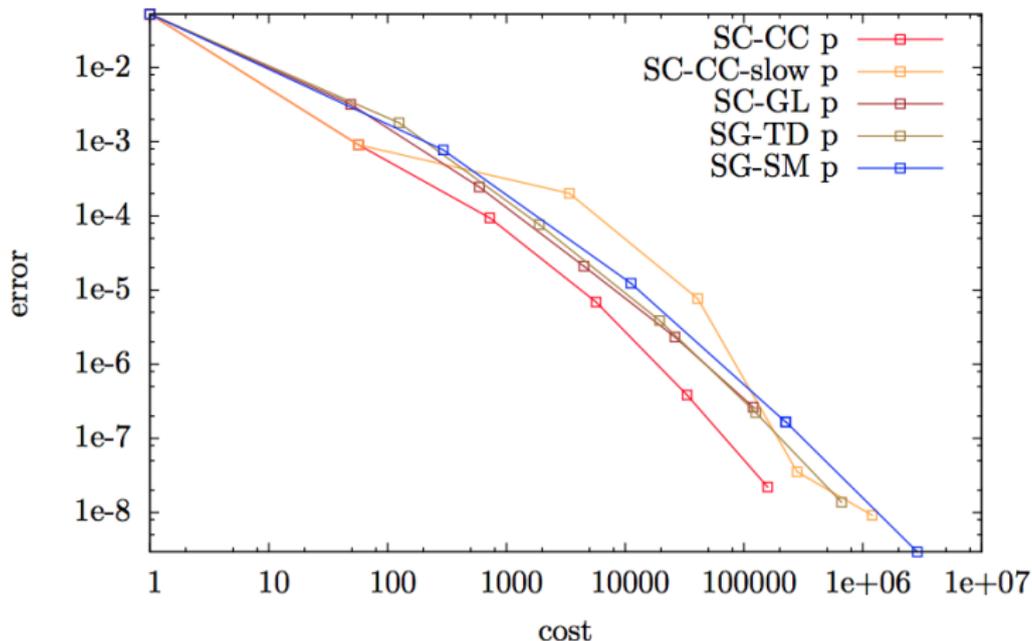
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