

# A Posteriori Error Indicator

Define the surrogate error as  $e(x, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = u^h(x, \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \bar{u}(x, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \in U^h$ , which satisfies

$$a(e, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi}) = r(\bar{u}, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi}) \quad \forall v^h \in V^h$$

where  $r(\bar{u}, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi}) = l(v^h) - a(\bar{u}, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi})$  is the residual.  $r(\bar{u}, \cdot; \boldsymbol{\xi}) \in V^{h'}$ , by Riesz representation theorem, there exists  $\tilde{e} \in V^h$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} r(\bar{u}, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi}) &= (\tilde{e}, v^h)_V \quad \forall v^h \in V^h \\ \|r(\bar{u}, \cdot; \boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{V'} &= \|\tilde{e}\|_V \end{aligned}$$

hence  $a(e, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi}) = (\tilde{e}, v^h)_V \quad \forall v^h \in V^h$ . By the discrete inf-sup condition,

$$\gamma^h(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \|e\|_U \leq \sup_{v^h \in V^h} \frac{a(e, v^h; \boldsymbol{\xi})}{\|v^h\|_V} = \sup_{v^h \in V^h} \frac{(\tilde{e}, v^h)_V}{\|v^h\|_V} \leq \|\tilde{e}\|_V = \|r(\bar{u}, \cdot; \boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{V'}$$

that is,

$$\|e\|_U \leq \frac{\|r(\bar{u}, \cdot; \boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{V'}}{\gamma^h(\boldsymbol{\xi})}$$

## A Posteriori Error Indicator (2)

A candidate for the a posteriori error estimator is

$$\epsilon_u^0(\boldsymbol{\xi}) := \frac{\|r(\bar{u}, \cdot; \boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{V'}}{\gamma^h(\boldsymbol{\xi})}$$

An upper bound on  $\|e\|_U$ , could be conservative.

$$\|e(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_U \leq \epsilon_u^0(\boldsymbol{\xi}).$$

**Problem:** expensive to compute  $\gamma^h(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ .

**Solution:** develop an efficient surrogate for  $\gamma^h(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ , denoted by  $\hat{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ .

## A Posteriori Error Indicator (3)

- We used an adaptive sparse grid approach to approximate  $\hat{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ .
- Given  $\hat{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ , we have a practical error estimator as

$$\epsilon_u(\boldsymbol{\xi}) := \frac{\|r(\bar{u}, \cdot; \boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{V'}}{\theta \hat{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\xi})}$$

- Even with an inaccurate  $\hat{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ , by choosing  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , we can still bound the error as

$$\|e(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_U \leq \epsilon_u(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$

# Adaptive Algorithm

**Initialization:**  $\eta_k = p_k \mathbb{E} [\epsilon_u(\xi) \mid \xi \in \bar{\Xi}_k]$

- Specify the maximum number of atoms  $\bar{m}$  and the error tolerance  $\text{Err}_{\text{tol}}$ .
- Form a background set  $\Xi_{\text{bkg}} := \{\xi_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{bkg}}\}$  consisting of a sufficiently large number of Monte Carlo samples of  $\xi$ .
- Form an initial training set  $\Xi_{\text{tr}} := \{\xi_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{tr}}^{\text{init}}\}$  consisting of a few random samples of  $\xi$ .
- Select an initial atom  $\Theta = \{\mathbb{E}[\xi]\}$  and build the initial surrogate model  $\bar{u}(x, \xi)$

**while**  $N_{\text{atom}} < \bar{m}$  and  $e_{\text{max}} > e_{\text{tol}}$  **do**

Evaluate the error indicator  $\epsilon_u(\xi)$  at each  $\xi \in \Xi_{\text{tr}}$ ;

Compute  $\eta_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{atom}}$  via implicit Voronoi tessellation of  $\Xi$ ;

Set  $\bar{k} = \arg \max_{k=1,2,\dots,N_{\text{atom}}} \eta_k, e_{\text{max}} = \max_{k=1,2,\dots,N_{\text{atom}}} \eta_k$ ;

Set  $\xi_{\text{max}} = \arg \max_{\xi \in \Xi_{\text{tr}} \cap \bar{\Xi}_{\bar{k}}} \epsilon_u(\xi), \Theta = \Theta \cup \{\xi_{\text{max}}\}$  and  $N_{\text{atom}} = N_{\text{atom}} + 1$ ;

Incorporate new information at  $\{\xi_{\text{max}}\}$  into the surrogate  $\bar{u}(x, \xi)$ ;

Draw  $N_{\text{tr}}^{\text{add}}$  samples from  $\bar{\Xi}_{N_{\text{atom}}}$  and append them into  $\Xi_{\text{tr}}$ ;

Draw additional training samples to ensure

$\min_{k=1,2,\dots,N_{\text{atom}}} |\Xi_{\text{tr}} \cap \bar{\Xi}_k| \geq N_{\text{tr}}^{\text{add}}$ .

**end**

# NUMERICAL RESULTS

# 1D Helmholtz Problem with Two Stochastic Dimensions

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left( \nu(x, \omega) \frac{du}{dx} \right) - ic\tau u - \tau^2 u + f = 0, \quad (x, \omega) \in D \times \Omega \text{ a.s.}$$
$$u(0) = u(1) = 0, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

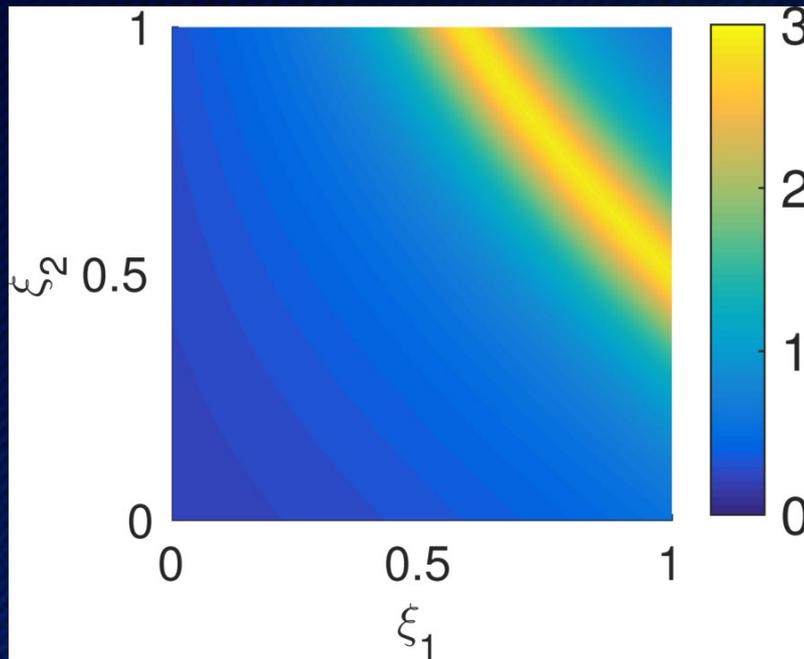
The Young's modulus of the bar is modeled as

$$\nu(x, \omega) = [1 + 3\xi_1(\omega)] \mathbf{1}(x \in [0, 0.5)) + [2.5 + 3\xi_2(\omega)] \mathbf{1}(x \in [0.5, 1]).$$

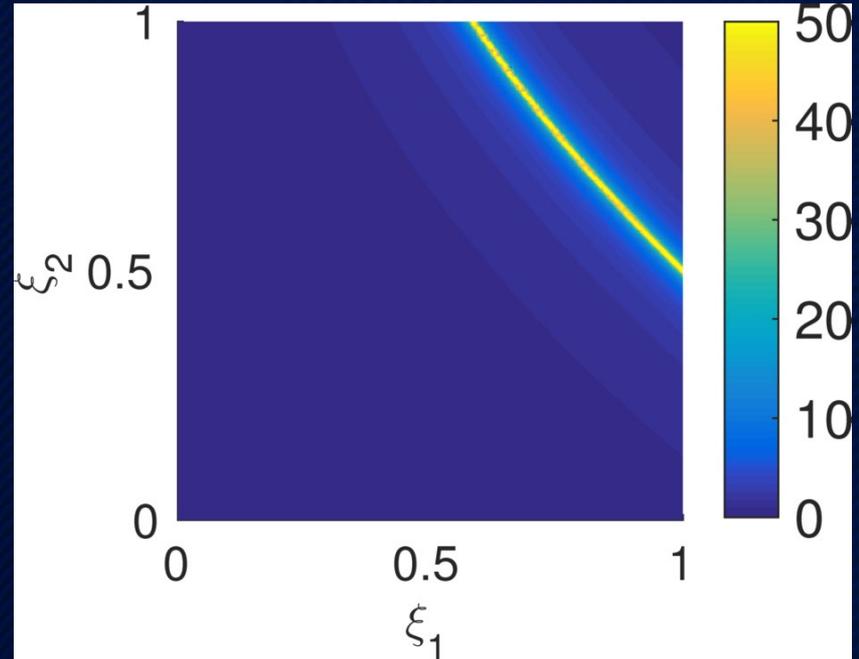
where  $\xi_1 \sim \text{Beta}(1, 3)$  and  $\xi_2 \sim \text{Beta}(3, 2)$  with a correlation  $\rho(\xi_1, \xi_2) = 0.5$ .  
The angular frequency  $\tau = 2\pi$ .

# 1D Helmholtz Results

## Norm of the Solution in Parameter Space

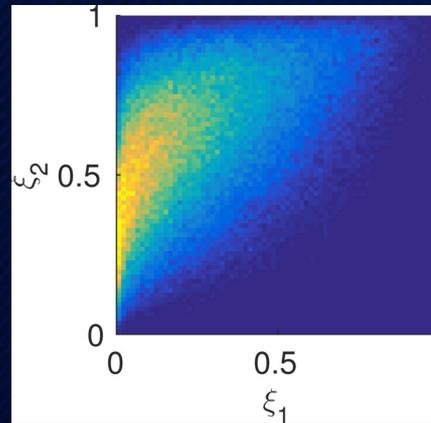


$c = 0.25$

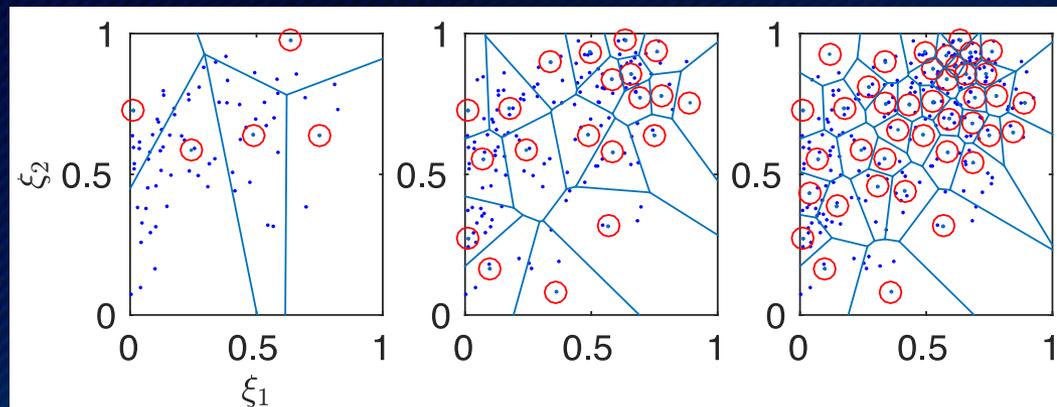


$c = 0.01$

# 1D Helmholtz Results: Partitions generated



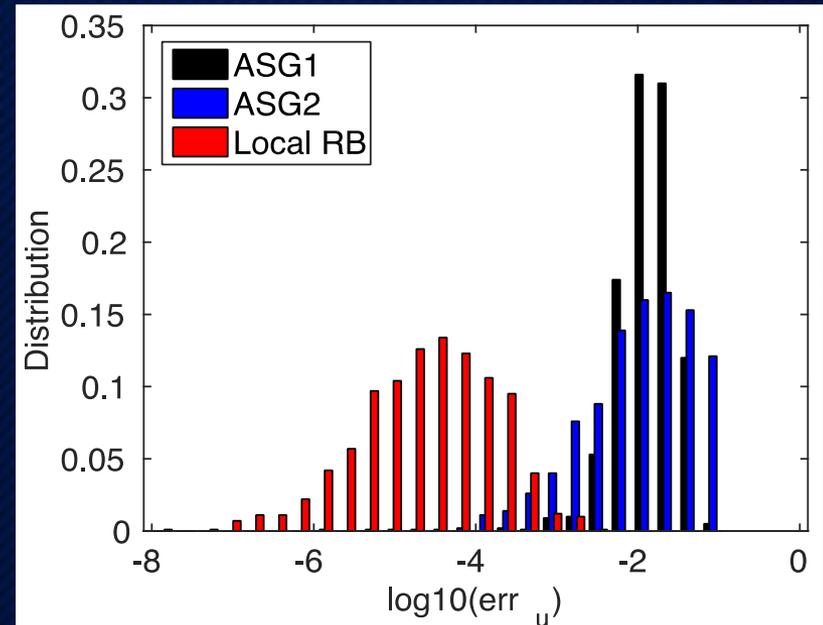
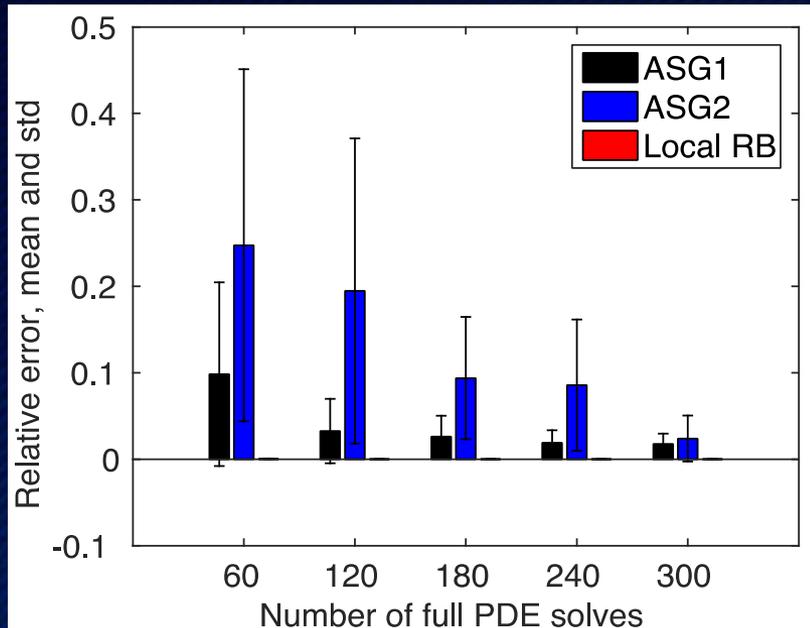
Joint parameter distribution



Partitions generated with 5, 20, and 40 atoms  
and  $c=0.25$

# 1D Helmholtz Problem

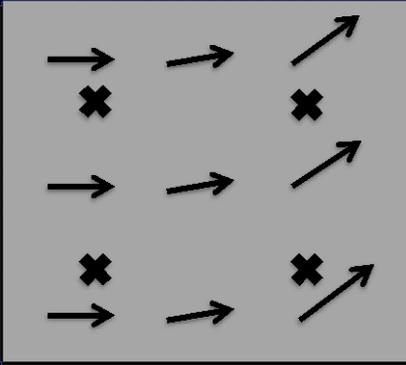
## Relative error statistics using 1000 MC samples



$$e_u(\xi) = \frac{\|\bar{u}(\xi) - u(\xi)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{D})}}{\|u(\xi)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{D})}}$$

# 2D Advection-Diffusion Example

## 31 Stochastic Dimensions



$$u(x, 0) = 0$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \kappa(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cdot \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + f(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D$$

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_N$$

$$\kappa = \sum_i^5 \sum_j^5 \phi_i(x_1) \phi_j(x_2) \xi_{5(i-1)+j}$$

where  $\phi_i(x) = B_{i,5}(x)$  is a Bernstein's polynomial of order 5.

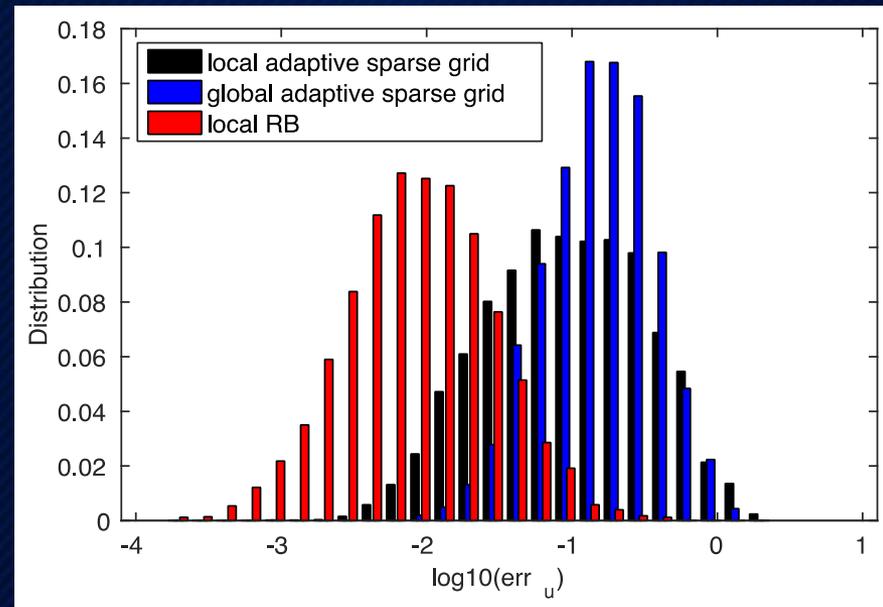
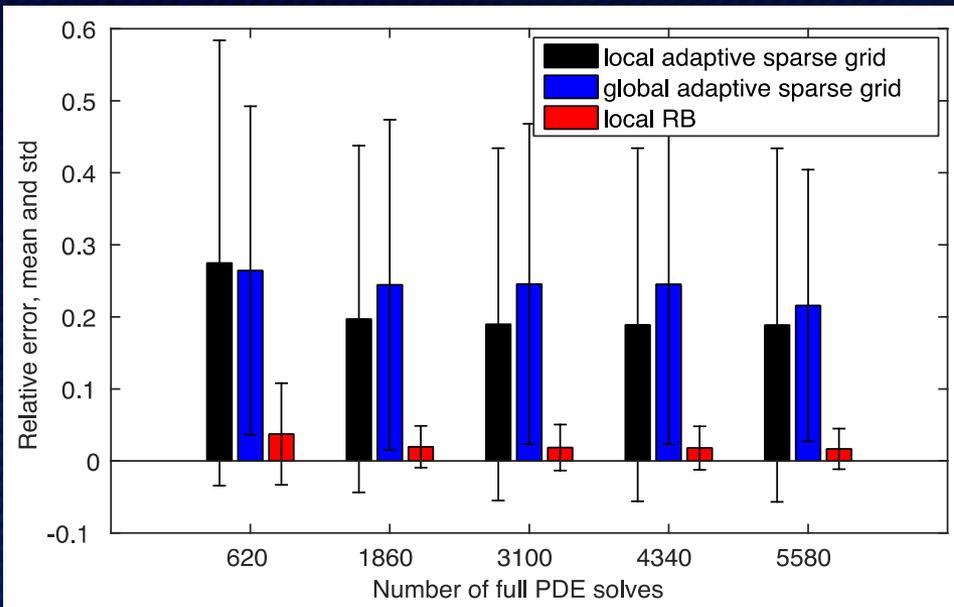
$\xi_k$  are beta-distributed, independent random variables

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xi_{26} + \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \xi_{27}$$

$$\xi_{26} \sim U[10, 20] \quad \xi_{27} \sim U[0, 10]$$

# 2D Advection-Diffusion Results

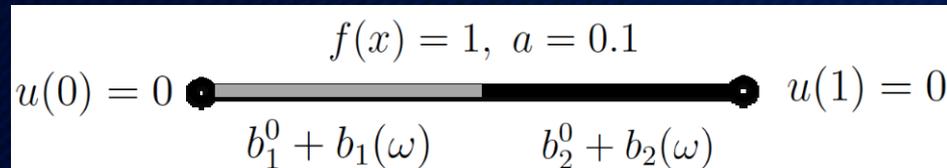
## Comparison with Sparse Grid Methods



For 5580 FE solves

# 1D Advection-Diffusion Example

## 2 Stochastic Dimensions



$$-a \frac{d^2 u(x, \omega)}{dx^2} + b(x, \omega) \frac{du(x, \omega)}{dx} + f(x) = 0 \quad (x, \omega) \in [0, 1] \times \Omega$$

$$u(0) = 0$$

$$u(1) = 0$$

$$b(x, \omega) = \left( b_1^0 + b_1(\omega) \right) \mathbf{1}(x \in [0, 0.5)) + \left( b_2^0 + b_2(\omega) \right) \mathbf{1}(x \in [0.5, 1])$$

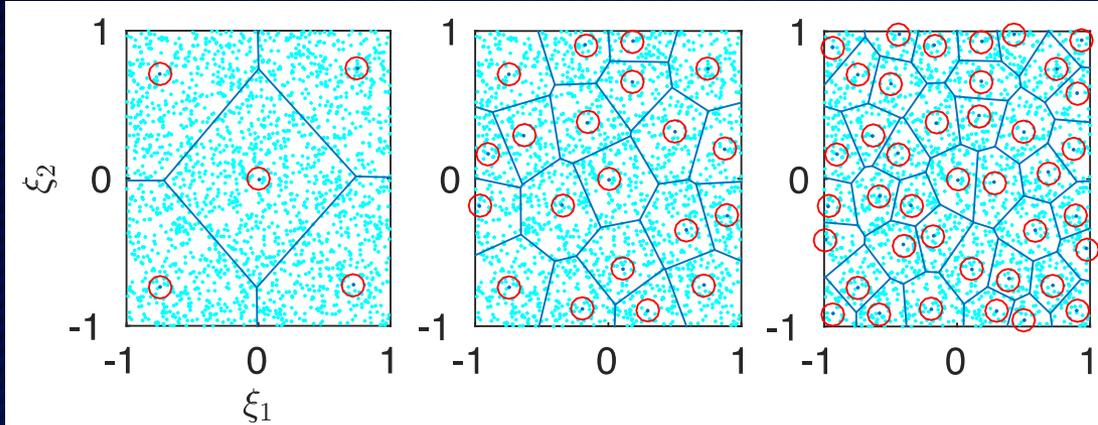
where  $b_i(\omega) \sim U([-1, 1])$  and independent

In this example,  $b_1^0 = 0.5, b_2^0 = 0.8$ . The variable  $b_1(\omega)$  is more influential than  $b_2(\omega)$  on the solution. The latter is true especially when the value of  $b_1(\omega)$  is small.

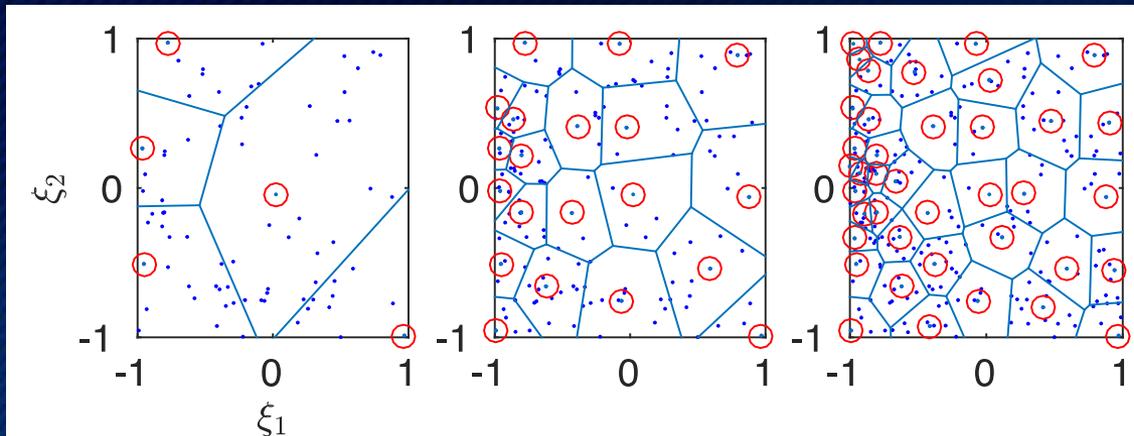
# 1D Advection-Diffusion Results

## Partitions Generated

Partition generated using input (i.e. no adaptivity)



Partition generated using adaptivity on the output

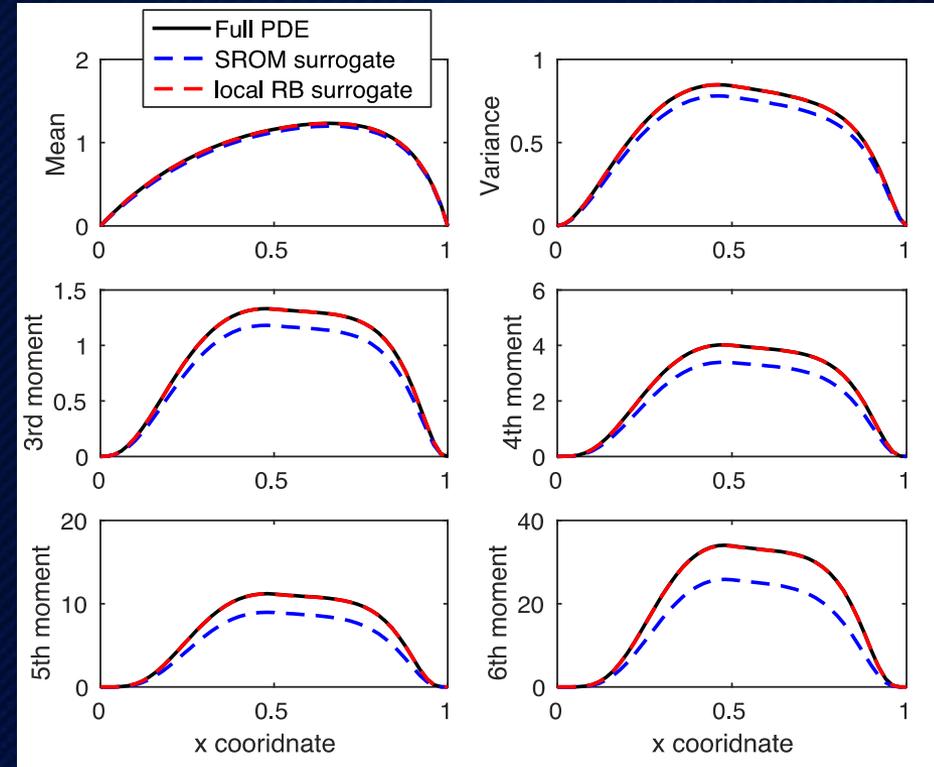
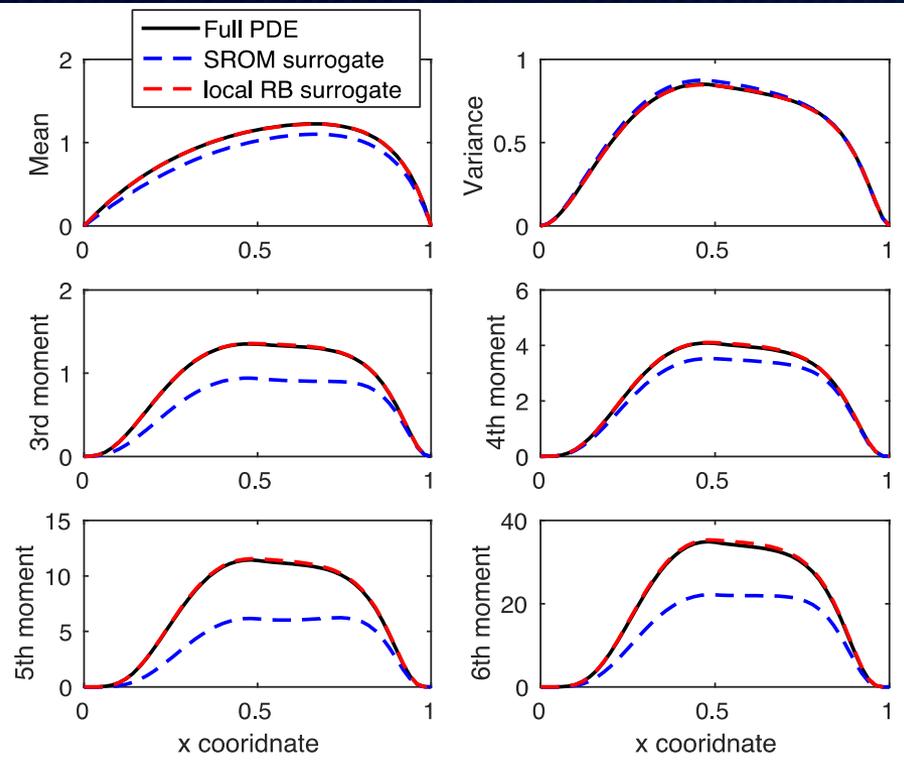


# 1D Advection-Diffusion Results

## Moments using two approaches

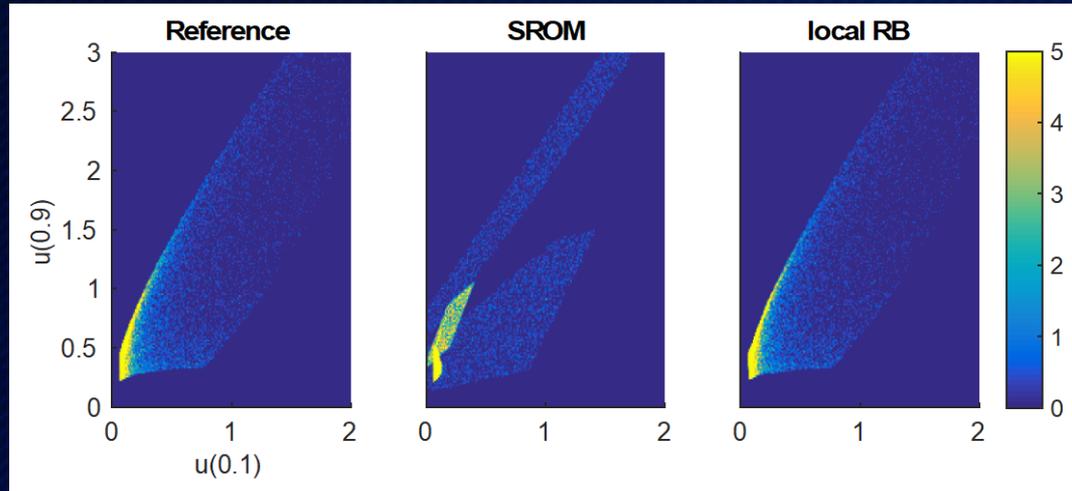
5 Atoms

20 Atoms

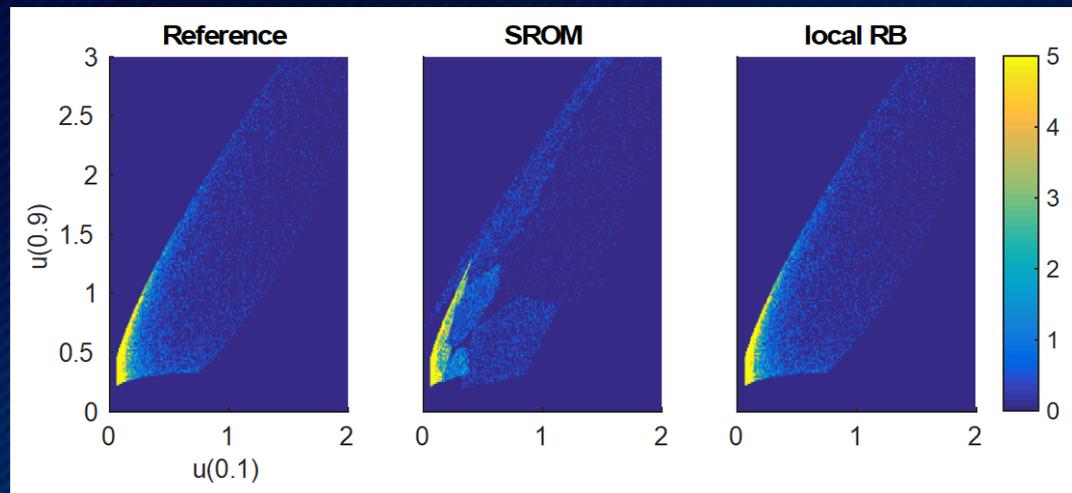


# 1D Advection-Diffusion: Joint densities at $x=0.9$ and $x=0.1$

5 Atoms

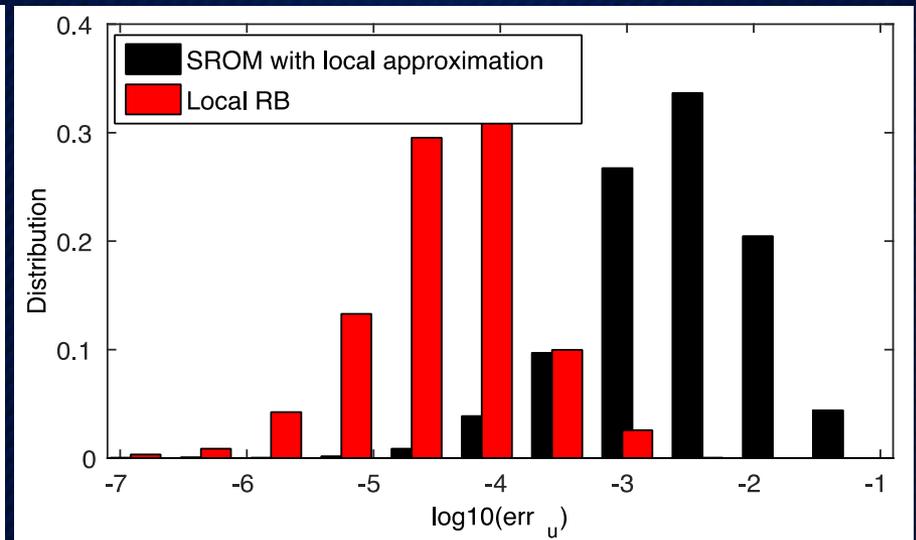
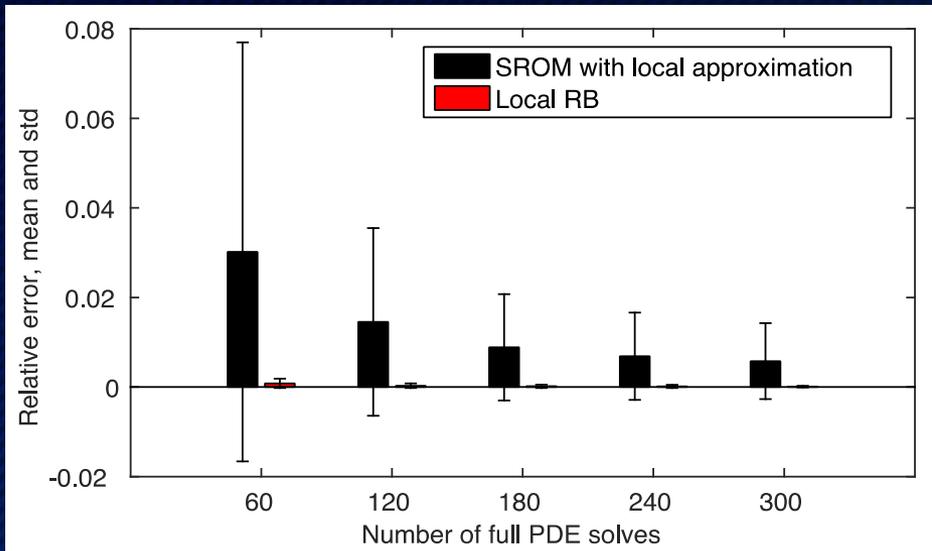


20 Atoms



# 1D Advection-Diffusion

## Relative error statistics using 1000 MC samples



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