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# Model reduction for kinetic transport equations

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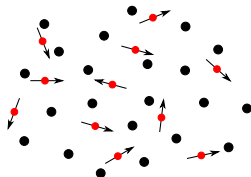
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## Fokker-Planck equation

Consider the 1D Fokker-Planck (FP) equation<sup>1</sup>:

$$\partial_t \psi(t, x, v) + v \partial_x \psi(t, x, v) = T(t, x) \partial_v ((1 - v^2) \partial_v \psi(t, x, v))$$

for  $t \in [0, t_1]$ ,  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $v \in (-1, 1)$ .

- ▶  $T(t, x)$ : "Transport Coefficient" depending on scattering kernel
- ▶ Additional source and reaction terms left out for convenience
- ▶ Ingoing radiation at the spatial boundary:

$$\psi(t, a, v) = \psi_a(t, v) \text{ for } v > 0, \quad \psi(t, b, v) = \psi_b(t, v) \text{ for } v < 0,$$

- ▶ Initial condition:  $\psi(0, x, v) = \psi_0(x, v)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>for this form see [Schneider, Alldredge, Frank, Klar 2014]

## Existing dimensional reduction approaches

- ▶ Method of Moments
  - ▶ [Frank, Hensel, Klar 2007]
  - ▶ [Schneider, Alldredge, Frank, Klar 2014]
  - ▶ [Klar, Schneider, Tse 2014]
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Sparse Tensor Approximation
  - ▶ [Widmer, Hiptmaier, Schwab 2008]
  - ▶ [Grella, Schwab 2011]
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- ▶ Proper Generalized Decomposition
  - ▶ [Ammar, Mokdad, Chinesta, Keunings 2006/07]
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with

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$\omega_q$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, \tilde{q}$ , weights,  $(t^q, x^q)$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, \tilde{q}$ , quadrature points

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## Parametrized problem in $v$ -direction

- Define lifting function  $\phi_b(v)$  for non-homogeneous Dirichlet B.C.

Given any  $\mu \in \mathcal{D}$ , find  $\phi \in H^1((-1, 1))$  such that  $\phi - \phi_b \in H_0^1((-1, 1))$  and

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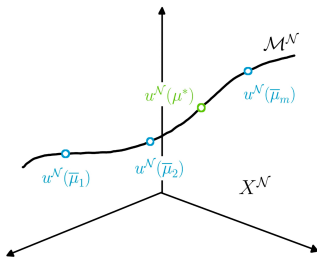


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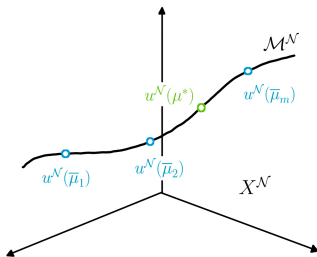
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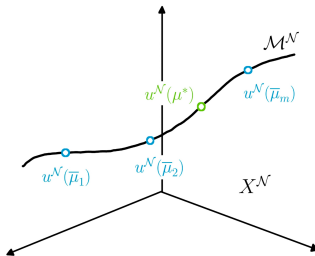
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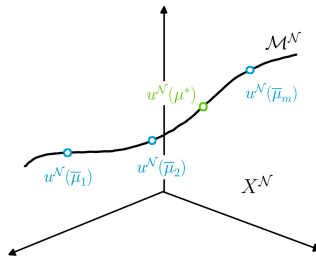
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Basis generation algorithms:

## Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD):

- ▶ Compute solutions  $\mathcal{P}^h(\mu)$  of the parametrized PDE for all parameter values  $\mu$  from a *training set*  $\Xi$  (e.g. random parameter values)
- ▶ Define the POD space of order  $k$  as the best approximation space

$$Y_k^{POD} := \operatorname{arg\,inf}_{W_k \subset \operatorname{Span}\{\mathcal{M}_{\Xi}^h\}} \left( \frac{1}{n_{\text{train}}} \sum_{\mu \in \Xi} \inf_{w_k \in W_k} \left\| \mathcal{P}^h(\mu) - w_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right).$$

- ▶ Can be computed by a singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix of all snapshots

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Basis generation algorithms:

## Greedy Algorithm

- ▶ Iteratively:
  - ▶ **Compute reduced solutions** for the current reduced basis for all parameter values in the *training set*.
  - ▶ Calculate or estimate the **model errors** for all parameter values
  - ▶ Choose the snapshot of the parameter value with the largest error, i.e. the worst approximation to **extend the basis**
- ⇒ **Aim:** Good approximation properties for the whole training set
- ▶ Minimizes maximal error of all parameters
- ▶ Algorithm can produce **rate-optimal** reduced spaces, i.e. near-optimal approximation spaces, see [ DeVore, Petrova, Wojtaszczyk 2013 ]

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# HMR Basis Generation

## Greedy:

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- ▶ Compare errors of reduced solutions with **different velocity basis** to **high-dimensional solution**
- ▶ Choose snapshot that leads to **best** reduced solution as new basis function
  - ⇒ Basis chosen to generate one reduced solution as good as possible

## HMR Greedy Algorithm

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### Algorithm 1: GreedyBasisGeneration

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**Data:**  $\Xi = \{\phi^n : n = 1, \dots, n_{\text{sample}}\}, h_x, m_{\text{max}}$

Initialize  $\Phi_0 = \emptyset$ ;

**for**  $m = 1 : m_{\text{max}}$  **do**

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$\tilde{\Phi}^n := \text{GramSchmidtProcess}(\Phi_{m-1} \cup \{\phi^n\})$ ;

**if**  $\dim(\tilde{\Phi}^n) = m$  **then**

$\psi^n := \text{SolveFPSystem}(\tilde{\Phi}^n, h_x)$ ;

$e_n := \text{L1Error}(\psi^n)$ ;

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$\tilde{n} := \text{argmin}_n(e_n)$ ;

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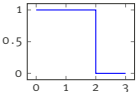


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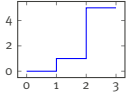
## Model Problem: SourceBeam test case<sup>2</sup>

We consider a domain  $x \in (0, 3)$  in time  $t \in [0, 4]$ . Full FP equation:

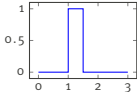
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Reaction term  $\sigma_a(x)$

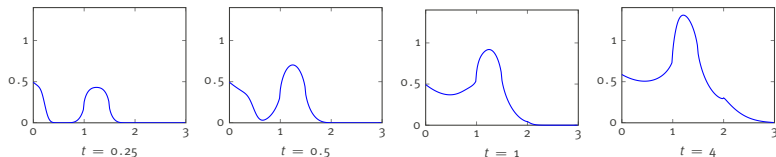


Transport coeff.  $T(x)$



Source  $Q(x)$

I.C. and B.C.:  $\psi_0 = 0$ ,  $\psi_l(v > 0) = \delta(v - 1)$ ,  $\psi_r = 0$



<sup>2</sup>(from [Schneider, Alldredge, Frank, Klar 2014])



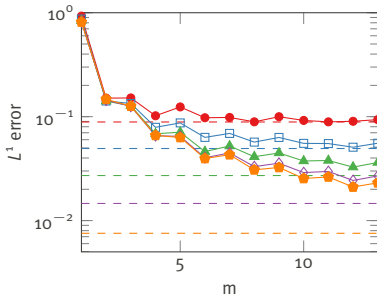
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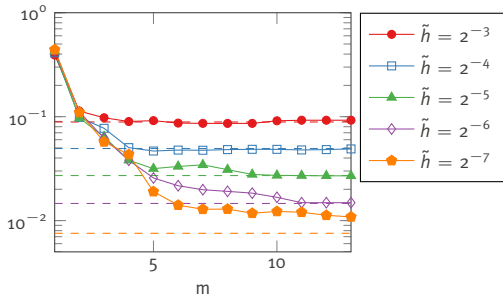
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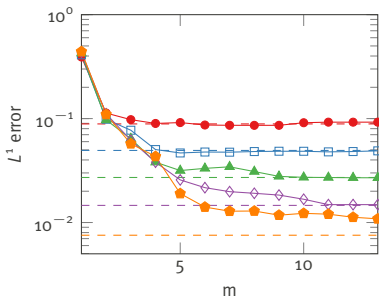
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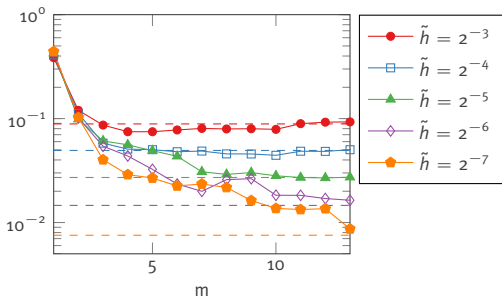
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- ▶ Basis generation by a **greedy algorithm** inspired by RB methods
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  - ▶ Drawback: Basis generation **very expensive**, performance has to be improved

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## Spatial density, considered errors

We always consider the spatial density

$$\psi^{(0)}(t, x) := \int_{-1}^1 \psi(t, x, v) dv$$

of the solutions.

In all numerical tests we compare two solutions by computing the relative  $L^1$ -error between the respective spatial densities:

$$e_{L^1}(\psi_1(t, x, v), \psi_2(t, x, v)) := \frac{\int_a^b \int_0^{t_1} |\psi_1^{(0)}(t, x) - \psi_2^{(0)}(t, x)| dt dx}{\int_a^b \int_0^{t_1} |\psi_1^{(0)}(t, x)| dt dx}.$$

## Outlook - Variational Formulation

Ongoing (joint work with K. Smetana and K. Urban):

- ▶ Derivation of stable **space-time variational formulations** for (general) time-dependent transport equations
- ▶ **Problem:** Define spatial operator  $A : H \rightarrow V'$ , then find  $u$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}(t) + Au(t) &= g(t) \quad \text{in } V', t \in I, \\ u(0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } V'. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Use **variational formulation** based on bilinear form

$$b(v, w) := \int_0^T \langle \dot{v}(t), w(t) \rangle_{V' \times V} dt + \int_0^T a(v(t), w(t)) dt$$

with trial space  $\mathcal{X} := L^2(I; H) \cap H_{(0)}^1(I; V')$  and test space  $\mathcal{Y} = L^2(I; V)$