Robust error metrics for adaptivity with ray-effects

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# Ray-effects

- Any non-rotational invariant (NRI) angular discretisation gives ray-effects (Sn, FEM, etc)
- This is the pre-asymptotic region of convergence
- Want to solve problems with small solid angle (1× 10<sup>-9</sup> sr.)



# Angular adaptivity

- Often don't need high resolution everywhere in space/energy
- Error metric must:
- 1. Be able to refine in the pre-asymptotic regime to "resolve" ray-effects
- Be able to refine in asymptotic regime to capture real discontinuities
- 3. Be locally refineable
- 4. Be scalably refineable



### Haar wavelets

- Hierarchical basis on each octant P<sup>0</sup> DG
- ▶ Hence equivalent to P<sup>0</sup> DG FEM in angle
- Can do arbritary anisotropic refinement in  $\mathcal{O}(n)$



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### Error metrics

- Could use regular error metric
- Rely on wavelet properties (norm-equiv and cancellation)
- Hence refine where flux is big and discontinuous



Figure: The red region is a source, the blue region is pure absorber  $(1 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ , with the white, green and red regions pure vacuum.

Regular adapt + load balance

### Goal-based error metric

- Chose a goal to reduce error in (e.g., avg flux in region)
- $\blacktriangleright$  Solve forward and adjoint problems  $\Psi$  and  $\Psi^*$
- Form forward and adjoint residuals  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}^{*}$
- Dual-weighted residual method gives:

$$\mathbf{e} = \frac{\max\{|\boldsymbol{\Psi} \odot \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathbf{R}}}^*|, |\boldsymbol{\Psi}^* \odot \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathbf{R}}}|\} N_{\text{DOF}}}{\tau},$$

Then trigger refinement where e is big

# Goal-based adaptivity and ray-effects

- Rely on being able to "see" the detector in pre-asymptotic
- Error metric is zero no adapt!



Figure: Source/detctor problem in a vacuum

### "Fake" robustness



Figure:  $H_1$  solution on coarse (3000 elements) and fine mesh (265k elements)

- Detector response on coarse mesh from numerical diffusion
- Refined spatial mesh gives zero response
- "Fake" response also from aligned detector, or scatter path

### Robust error metric

- Let's try and build a cheap surrogate solution without ray-effects
- Use this to trigger refinement in pre-asymptotic
- Can't use diffusion equation as isotropic in angle
- Can't use different quadrature/NRI disc.
- Could add angular diffusion to NRI but how to add "enough" / "not too much"
- P<sub>n</sub> is rotationally invariant but poorly conditioned due to Gibbs with streaming

### Robustness with $FP_n$

- Filtered  $P_n$  equivalent to adding angular diffusion
- Converges to true transport solution
- No-ray effects and constant condition number with pure streaming
- ▶ But  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  because of BCs



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# Asymptotic regimes

- Exploit pre-asymptotic regime is different for  $FP_n$  and NRI disc.
- ▶ Use low-order  $\operatorname{FP}_n \mathcal{O}(n^2)$  solution to bootstrap our error metric
- Then scalable  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  Haar adapt takes over



Figure: Pure vacuum source/detector

Figure:  $\diamond$  uniform LS P<sup>0</sup> FEM,  $\triangle$  is uniform FP<sub>n</sub> with  $\Sigma_{\rm f} = 0.1$ .

# Simple heuristic



Figure:  $FP_1$  vs Haar solution Shaded black where > 10

 Solve Haar forward/adjoint, then FP<sub>n</sub> forward/adjoint

- Use FP<sub>n</sub> solution in metric if 10 times bigger than Haar
- Then refine Haars and repeat
- In limit of FP<sub>n</sub> refined, heuristic reduced and τ reduced
  - Goal-based Haar adapt converges to true solution

#### Duct problem - Goal based



Figure:  $\Box$  is fixed refined Haars,  $\otimes$  goal-based Haar adapts,  $\diamond$  uniform LS P<sup>0</sup> FEM,  $\triangle$  is uniform FP<sub>n</sub> with  $\Sigma_{\rm f} = 0.1$ .

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Figure:  $FP_{21}$  solution at midpoint



Figure: Haar adapt after 5 steps



Figure: Haar adapt after 10 steps

#### 3D scatter box



Figure: 10x10x6cm box, all regions vacuum except blue pure scattering regions  $(1cm^{-1})$ , red region is source, green region is detector.

#### 3D scatter box - Goal based



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Figure: Adapted angular flux in direct path between source/detector.

# Conclusions

- If you're doing goal-based space or angle adapts
- Be careful about the pre-asymptotic regime with streaming
- Using FP<sub>n</sub> surrogate solution brings robustness
- If you aren't robust in all parameter regimes, why bother?
- Hopefully now robust for combined space + angle adapts



#### Thanks for listening

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Figure: Flux near source and duct



Figure: No. angles after 9 adapt steps



Figure:  $\triangle$  is uniform P<sub>n</sub>, the  $\Box$  is uniform Haars, \* regular adapt Haars,  $\bigcirc$  goal-based linear wavelets [1],  $\otimes$  goal-based Haar adapts,  $\diamond$  uniform LS P<sup>0</sup> FEM



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Adapt step:	1	2	3		4	5
Cum. runtime ( $\mu$ s) per final DOF:	57	130	14	4	134	121
Peak memory use:	254.6	199.	2 155	5.9	95.3	66.4
Adapt step:	6	7	8	9		10
Cum. runtime ( $\mu$ s) per final DOF:	97.2	94.6	102	119		136
Peak memory use:	48.8	35.2	31.3	30.	72	30.67

Table: Time and peak memory in copies of adapted ang. flux

- Linear growth in memory consumption per adapted DOF
- Close to linear growth in runtime per adapted DOF
- $\blacktriangleright$  We have scalability in this problem min solid angle 5  $\times$  10^{-6} sr
- ▶ Uniform DG LS S<sub>780</sub> sweep would need 136 ns solve time per DOF

### Ray-effect free

- We need something to "bootstrap" the angle adapt
- Or to compute an importance map/weight window in angle
- Diffusion approximation won't work Constant in angle
- Can't use anything with ray-effects
- $\triangleright$  P<sub>n</sub> doesn't have ray effects, but Gibbs
- Filtered P<sub>n</sub> removes Gibbs, reduces convg. rate in smooth problems
- Still converges to real transport solution

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# Filtered $P_n$

$$f(\mathbf{\Omega}) = \sum_{l=0}^{N} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \left[ \sigma\left(\frac{l}{N+1}\right) \right]^{s} f_{l,m} Y_{l,m}(\mathbf{\Omega}),$$

- where  $\sigma(\eta)$  is a filter function and s is a strength.
- Rotationally-invariant
- (Close to) constant condition number with angular refinement
- Equivalent to a forward-peaked scattering operator
- Filter acts like angular "diffusion"

#### ▶ Still $O(n^2)$ in angle size (BCs, jump terms)

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# Filtered $P_n$

- Compute (low-order but ray-effect free)  $FP_n$  solution
- Use this to compute error metric/importance map
- Then scalable adapt or Monte-Carlo takes over and resolves to high accuracy



# Adaptivity with $FP_n$

- ▶  $\mathsf{FP}_n$  will be (at best)  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  in angle size
- Angular adaptivity can reduce the size of n
- The filter smooths out Gibbs oscillations
- We only want to apply that heavily around discontinuities
- Our adaptivity process can tell us where there are discontinuities
- Preserves high order where smooth

# Adaptivity with $FP_n$

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- Fix constant filter strength  $\Sigma_{\rm f}^1$
- Solve coarse linear systems (forward + adjoint)
- Compute goal-based error metrics and refine
- $\blacktriangleright$  Our spatial discretisation gives us the amount of stabilisation applied  $\tilde{\Sigma}_{stab}$
- $\blacktriangleright$  Compute (heuristic) spatially-dependent filter strength  $\Sigma_{\rm f}$
- Solve refined/spatially-filtered linear system

$$\Sigma_{f} = \Sigma_{f}^{1} \left( \frac{|\tilde{\Sigma}_{stab}|}{\max(|\tilde{\Sigma}_{stab}|)} \right)^{(1/3)}$$



Figure: Schematic of the 2D Brunner lattice problem. The red region is a pure absorber (10 cm<sup>-1</sup>), the blue region is pure scatter (1 cm<sup>-1</sup>), with the the white bordered region a source.



Figure: The  $\otimes$  goal-based P<sub>n</sub> adapts, dashed  $\otimes$  goal-based FP<sub>n</sub> adapts, spatially dependent  $\Sigma_f$ , with  $\Sigma_f^1 = 10$ . Solid  $\triangle$  is uniform P<sub>n</sub>, the dotted  $\triangle$  is uniform FP<sub>n</sub> with  $\Sigma_f = 10$  with dashed  $\Sigma_f = 1$  and  $\diamond$  uniform LS P<sup>0</sup> FEM.



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Figure: Number of angles applied by our adaptive  $\mathsf{FP}_n$  algorithm after 10 adapt steps.



Figure: Spatially-dependent filter values after 10 adapt steps

# Dogleg problem with adapted $FP_n$



Figure: No angles after 10 adapt steps

Figure: Filter strength

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- Diffusion approximation won't work H<sub>1</sub> captures exactly
- $\triangleright$  P<sub>n</sub> doesn't have ray effects, but Gibbs
- Filtered P<sub>n</sub> removes Gibbs, reduces convg. rate to  $\sim 0.5$
- Applying BCs and dense angular matrices still  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Use (bad but ray-effect free)  $FP_n$  solution to force adapts
- When a single ray can see detector
- Then scalable adapt takes over and resolves to high accuracy
- ▶ Note "high accuracy" can mean 1 decimal place!



Figure:  $H_1$  and FP $_{15}$  in vacuum source/detector problem - 40/1 ratio







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Figure: Number of angles applied with regular adaptivity after 7 adapt steps.



Figure: Adapted angular flux at x = 3, y = 3.5



Figure: Adapted angular flux at x = 2.5, y = 2.5



Figure: The  $\bullet$  are regular Haar adapts with threshold coefficient  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  with the dashed the standard Haar decomposition and the solid the non-standard. The  $\triangle$  is uniform P<sub>n</sub> and  $\diamond$  is uniform P0-DG with level-set.



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# FETCH2 goal-based spatial adaptivity





Figure: Initial mesh

Figure: After one adapt

Anisotropic hr spatial adaptivity is only refining the mesh where necessary to reduce error in the goal



Figure: Angular adaptivity after 13 levels of refinement in a duct problem



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Figure: Smallest angular element - 9  $\times 10^{-8}~{\rm sr}$