



# Analysis of SPDEs and numerical methods for UQ

## Part IV: Convergence of the Sparse grid SCFEM and applications to stochastic inverse problems

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# Outline



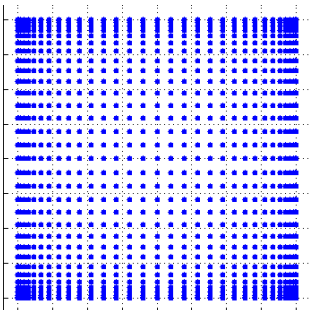
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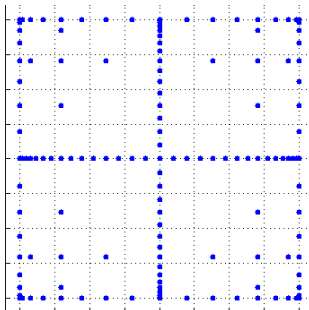
# Asymptotic accuracy & convergence

What about the *curse of dimensionality*?



Tensor product grid

$$\varepsilon_{TP}(M) \leq C(N)M^{-g_{min}/N}$$



Sparse grid

$$\varepsilon_{SG}(M) \leq \tilde{C}(N)M^{-?}$$

- The TP-SCFEM is a non-intrusive method with faster convergence than MCFEM (for smooth solutions)
- The number of samples grows exponentially fast with the number of RVs. Clearly **unfeasible**, even for moderate  $N$



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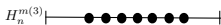
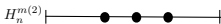


# Example: $N = 2$ isotropic sparse grid

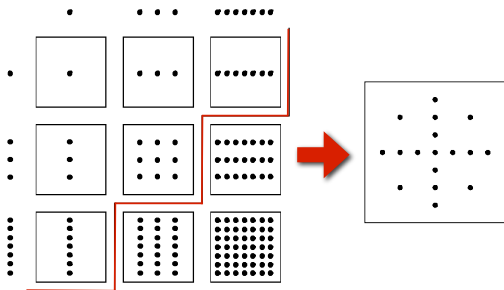
Nested rules minimize the amount of work



**Nested** equidistant grids with  $m(i) = 1, 3$  and  $7$ :



Grids  $H_1^{m(i_1)} \otimes H_2^{m(i_2)}$  for  $i_1, i_2 \leq p = 3$  and the *isotropic* sparse grid  
 $4 = p + 1 \leq i_1 + i_2 \leq p + 2 = 5$ , e.g.  $(3, 1) + (1, 3) + (2, 2) + (2, 3) + (3, 2)$



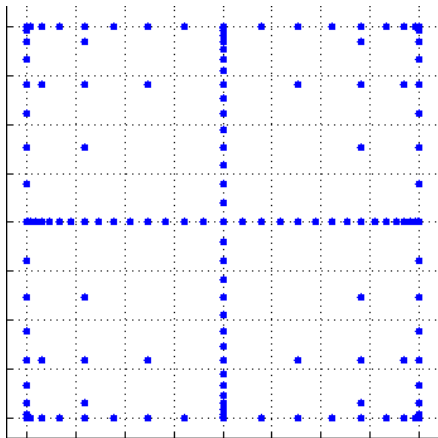


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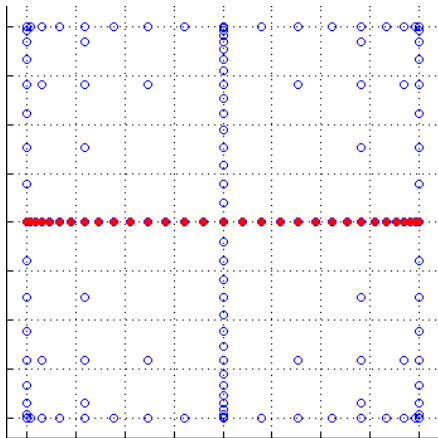


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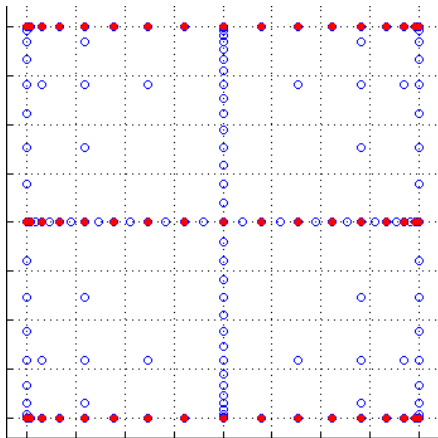


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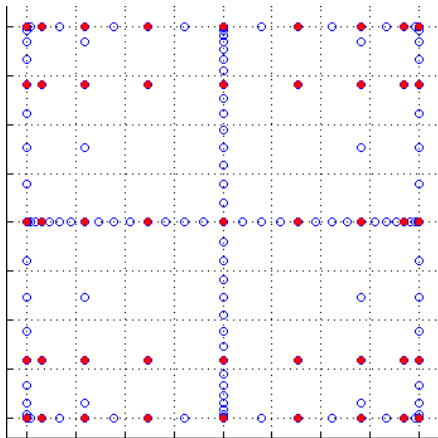


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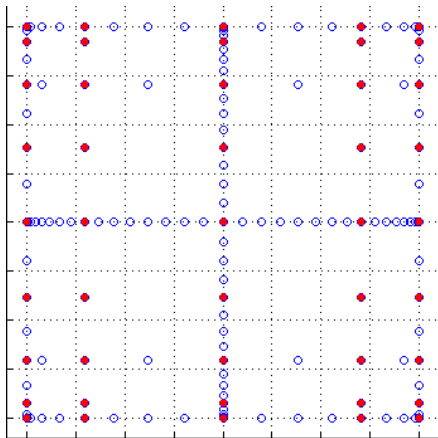


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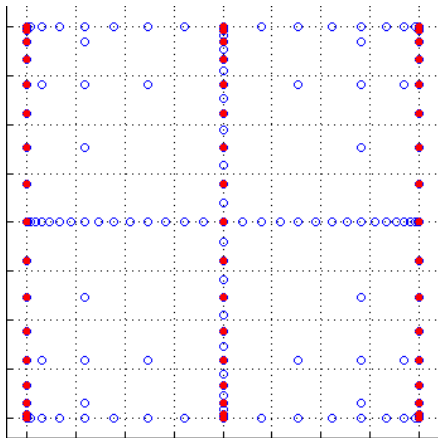


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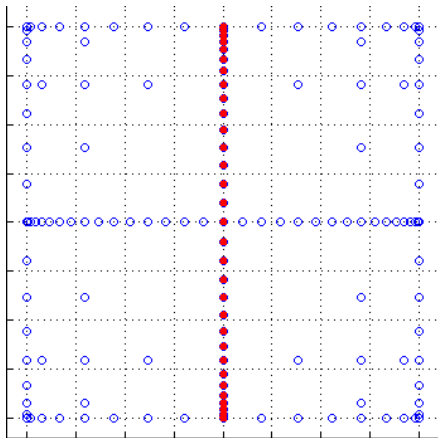


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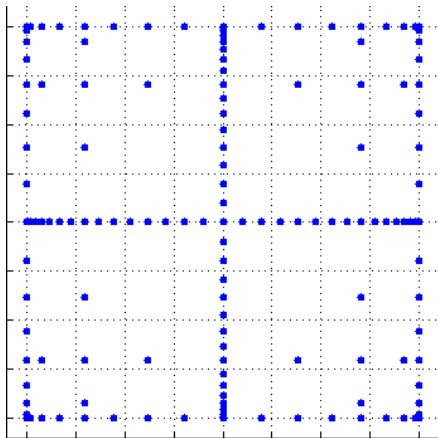


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- $C \leq 1$  for highly isotropic problems ( sub-exponential convergence)
- Exploits the smoothness of the function (as opposed to MC, QMC, LHS, etc.) while reducing the *curse of dimensionality*
- $g_{min} \sim r$  when  $u \in \mathcal{W}_r^{(N)}$  (bdd mixed derivatives of order  $r$ )
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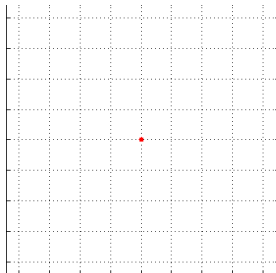
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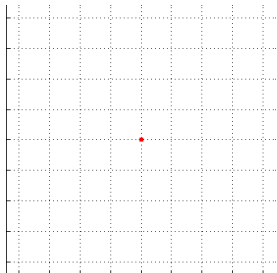


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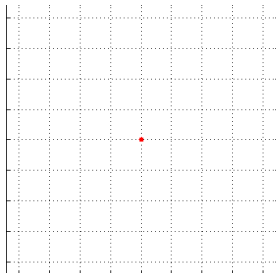
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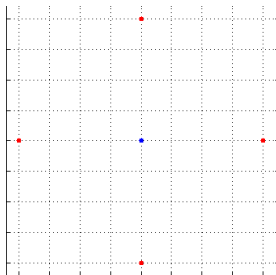
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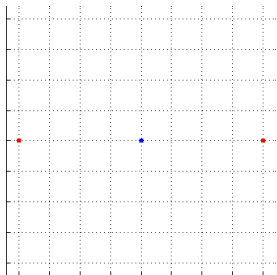


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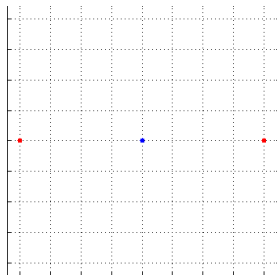
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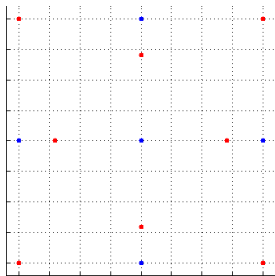
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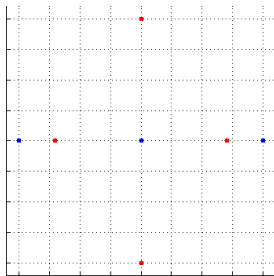


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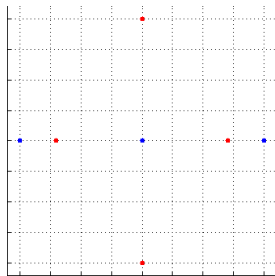
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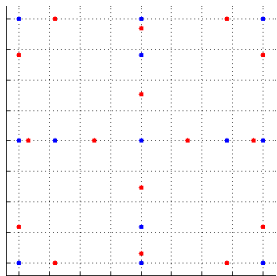
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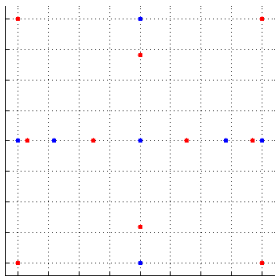


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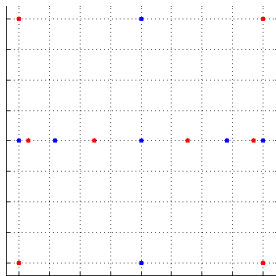
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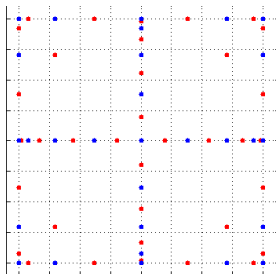
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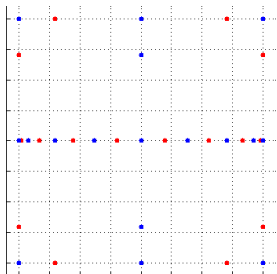


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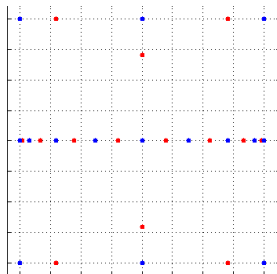
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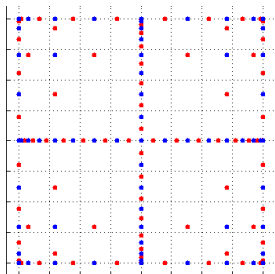
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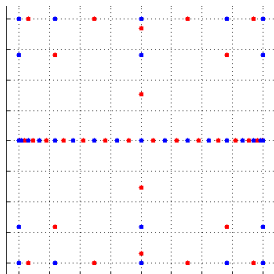


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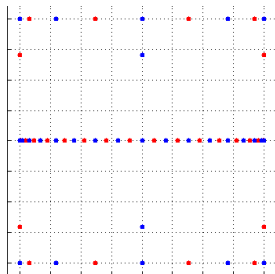
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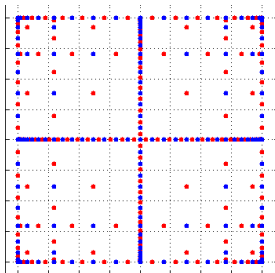
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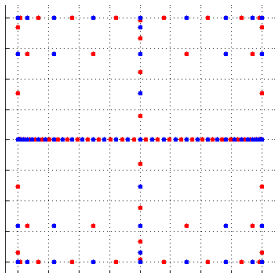


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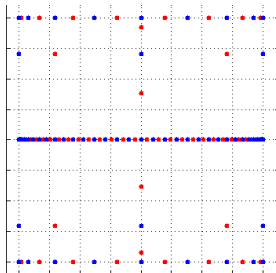
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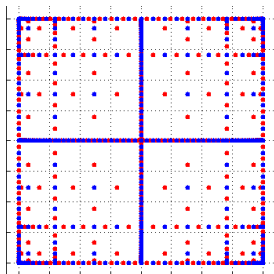
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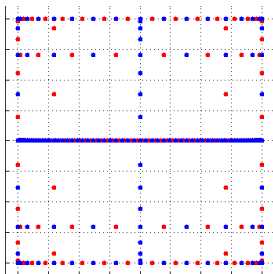


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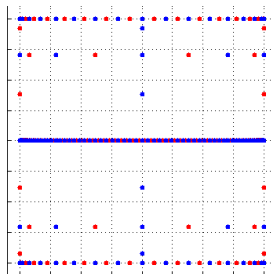
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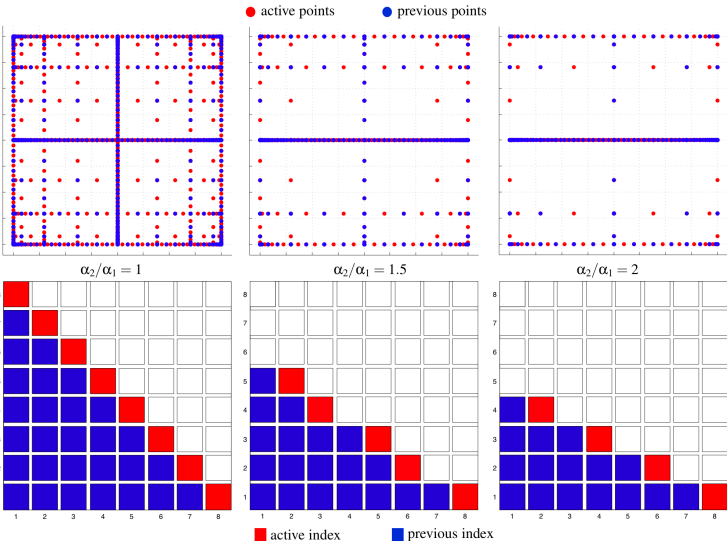


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# Generated C-C anisotropic sgSCFEM

Corresponding indices  $(i_1, i_2)$  s.t.  $\alpha_1 i_1 + \alpha_2 i_2 \leq 7$





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| $L = 1/2$  | 0.20       | 0.19                 | 0.42                 | 1.24                 | 3.1                  | 5.8                        |
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**Goal:**  $\|\mathbb{E}[\epsilon]\|_{L^2(D)} \approx \|\mathbb{E}[u_p^{SG}(\mathbf{y}, x) - u_{p_{max}+1}^{SG}(\mathbf{y}, x)]\|_{L^2(D)}$

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|            | $\alpha_1$ | $\alpha_2, \alpha_3$ | $\alpha_4, \alpha_5$ | $\alpha_6, \alpha_7$ | $\alpha_8, \alpha_9$ | $\alpha_{10}, \alpha_{11}$ |
|------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| $L = 1/2$  | 0.20       | 0.19                 | 0.42                 | 1.24                 | 3.1                  | 5.8                        |
| $L = 1/64$ | 0.79       | 0.62                 | 0.62                 | 0.62                 | 0.62                 | 0.62                       |

**Goal:**  $\|\mathbb{E}[\epsilon]\|_{L^2(D)} \approx \|\mathbb{E} [u_p^{SG}(\mathbf{y}, x) - u_{p_{max}+1}^{SG}(\mathbf{y}, x)]\|_{L^2(D)}$

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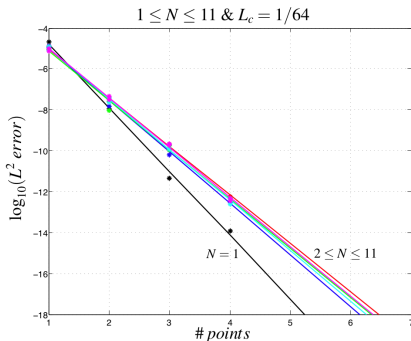
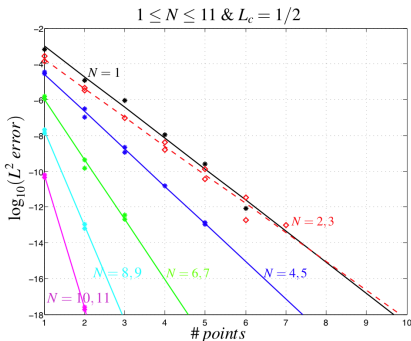
# Calculating the weighting parameters

*A posteriori* selection:  $N = 11$



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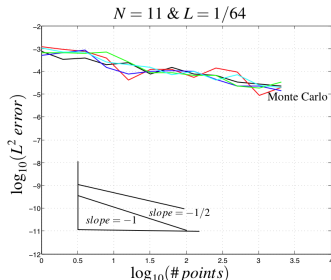
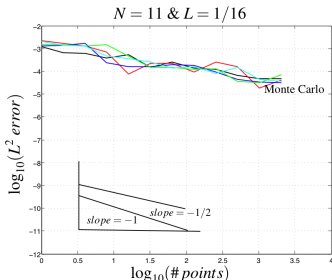
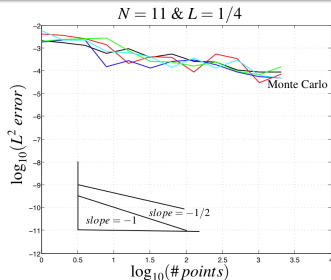
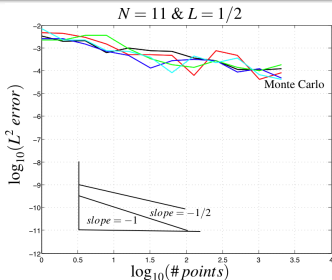


A linear least square approximation to fit  $\log_{10}(\|E[\epsilon_n]\|_{L^2(D)})$  versus  $p_n$ . For  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N = 11$  we plot: on the left, the highly anisotropic case  $L_c = 1/2$  and on the right, the isotropic case  $L_c = 1/64$



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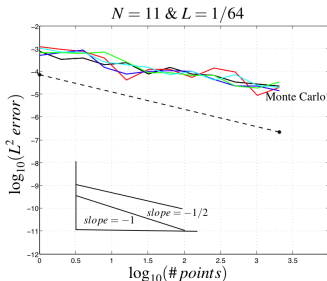
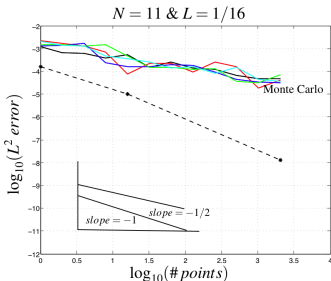
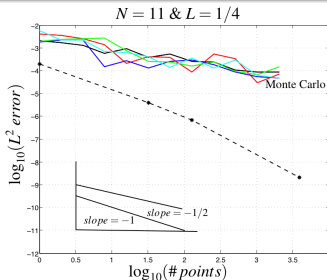
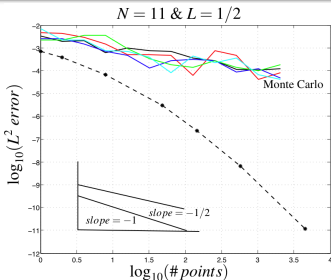
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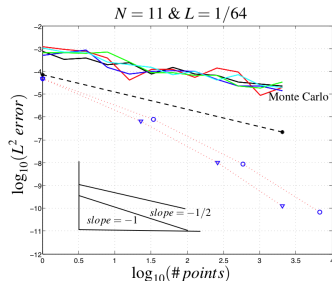
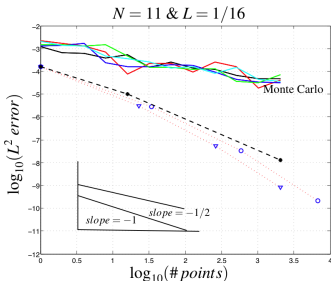
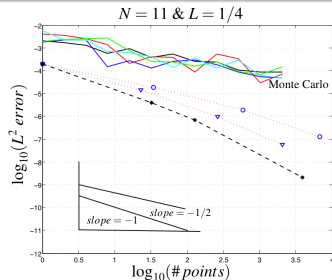
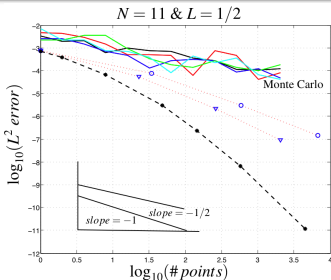
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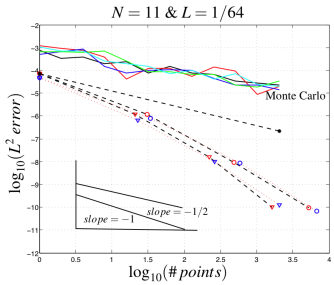
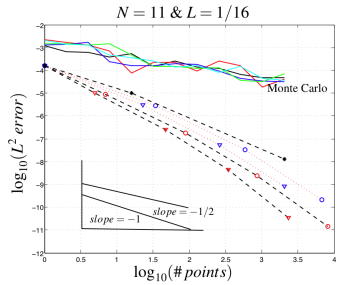
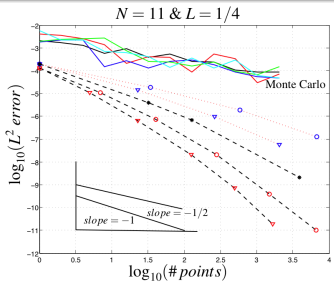
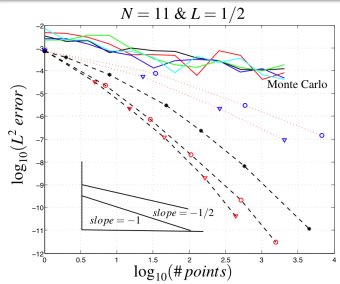
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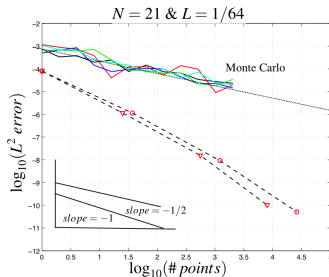
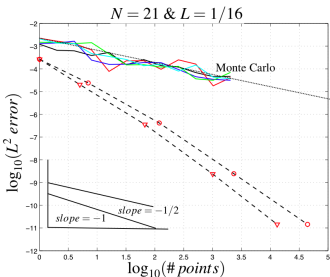
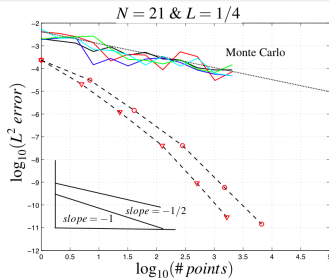
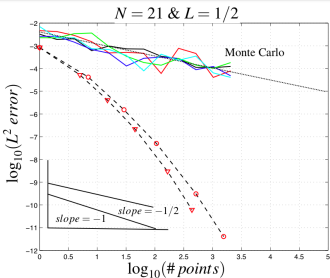
| $L$  | AS  | AF     | IS   | MC          |
|------|-----|--------|------|-------------|
| 1/2  | 50  | 252    | 2512 | $5.0e + 09$ |
| 1/4  | 158 | 1259   | 3981 | $2.0e + 09$ |
| 1/16 | 199 | 1958   | 501  | $1.6e + 09$ |
| 1/64 | 316 | 199530 | 360  | $1.3e + 09$ |

**Table:** For  $\Gamma^N$ , with  $N = 11$ , we compare the number of deterministic solutions required by the Anisotropic Smolyak (AS) using Clenshaw-Curtis abscissas, Anisotropic Full Tensor product method (AF) using Gaussian abscissas, Isotropic Smolyak (IS) using Clenshaw-Curtis abscissas and the Monte Carlo (MC) method using random abscissas, to reduce the original error by a factor of  $10^4$ .



# Convergence Comparisons III

$N = 21$  random variables

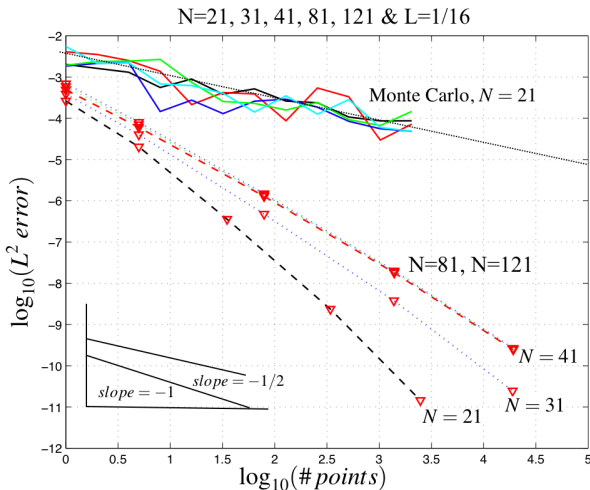






# Convergence Comparisons IV:

$N = 21, \dots, 121, \dots \infty$  random variables (*A posteriori approach*)





# SGFEM vs. SCFEM



We have already pointed out that both the SGFEM and SCFEM approaches can be tuned to the same polynomial space  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma)$

- In general  $M_{SC} \geq \dim(\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma)) \equiv M_{SG}$  ( $L^2$  optimality of the Galerkin projection)
  - However, since the SGFEM results in large coupled systems, pre-conditioners and iterative solvers become necessary. Therefore:

$$\text{Cost}_{SG} = \dim(\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma)) \times (\# \text{ iterative solves})$$

- The cost of the deterministic FEM remains fixed between SG and SC. As such

$$\text{Cost}_{SC} = \text{card}(H^{M_{SC}}) = \# \text{ collocation points in } \Gamma$$

- Numerical Comparison: J. Bäck, F. Nobile, L. Tamellini, and R. Tempone. Stochastic spectral Galerkin and collocation methods for PDEs with random coefficients: a numerical comparison, *Lecture Notes in Computational Science and Engineering*, pages 43-62. Springer, 2011

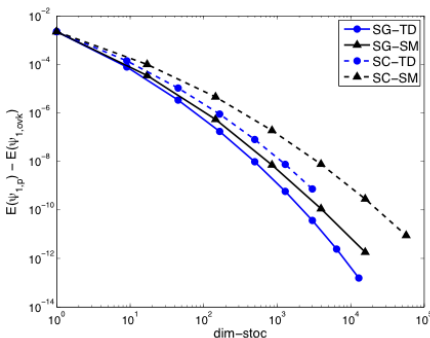


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The Galerkin method is solved with a conjugate gradient method with block diagonal pre-conditioner:  $\text{Cost}_{\text{SG}} = \dim(\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{J}(p)}(\Gamma)) \times (\# \text{ PCG iterations})$

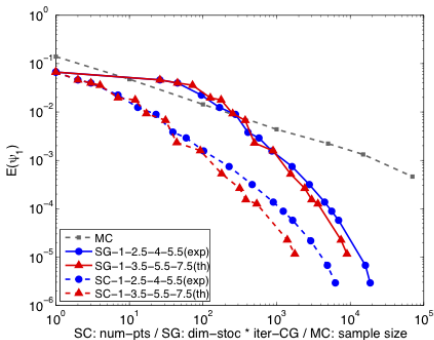


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Approximation using **anisotropic total degree** polynomial spaces for both the Galerkin and Collocation methods (weights both theoretically and numerically)



# Stochastic inverse problems

Applications of sgSCFEM to control and identification



**Forward Problem:** to approximate  $u$  or some statistical Qol depending on  $u$ :

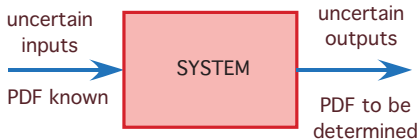
$$\Phi_u = \langle \Phi(u) \rangle := \mathbb{E} [\Phi(u)] = \int_{\Omega} \int_D \Phi(u(\omega, x), \omega, x) dx d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$$

e.g.  $\bar{u}(x_0) = \mathbb{E}[u](x_0)$ , OR  $\text{Var}[u](x_0) = \mathbb{E}[(\tilde{u})^2](x_0)$ , where  $\tilde{u} = u - \bar{u}$ ,

$$\text{OR } \mathbb{P}[u \geq u_0] = \mathbb{P}[\{\omega \in \Omega : u(\omega, x_0) \geq u_0\}] = \mathbb{E}[\chi_{\{u \geq u_0\}}],$$

$$\text{OR even statistics of functionals of } u, \text{ i.e. } \phi(u) = \int_{\Sigma \subset D} u(\cdot, x) dx$$

where  $\Sigma$  is a subdomain of interest.





# Goal of the computations

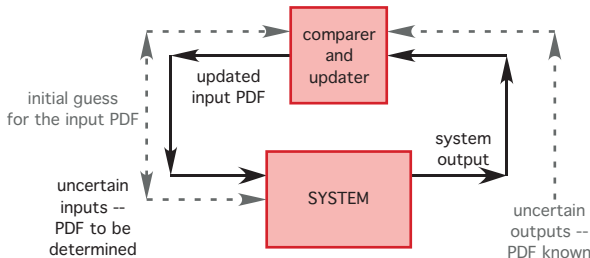
## Stochastic QoI



**Inverse Problem:** Given a set of measurements  $\{\eta(\omega, x, t)\}$  corresponding to some statistical QoI  $\mathbb{Q}[u]$  (e.g. moments, inverse CDF, etc) depending on the solution  $u$  to the SPDE, minimize the functional

$$\mathbb{Q}(\|u(\omega, \cdot)|_{a,f} - \eta(\omega, \cdot)\|_{L^2(D)}^2) \quad \text{OR} \quad \|\mathbb{Q}(u(\cdot, x)|_{a,f}) - \mathbb{Q}(\eta(\cdot, x))\|_{L^2(D)}^2$$

s.t. the random  $u$  and the optimal stochastic **coefficients** satisfy the state



- accomplished via **Bayesian** methods or by **optimization** approaches



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- The optimal  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{u}$  and  $\xi$  can be determined from solving the minimization problems  $(P_1)$  or  $(P_2)$  or by solving the system of *coupled SPDEs*:

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# Applications to stochastic parameter iD

## SCFEM approximation of the coupled system



- $\hat{a}(\omega, x) = \max\{a_{\min}, \min\{-\frac{1}{\beta} \nabla \hat{u}(\omega, x) \nabla \xi(\omega, x), a_{\max}\}\}$  a.e. in  $\Omega \times D$

Strong formulation: find  $u(\mathbf{y}, x), \xi(\mathbf{y}, x) \in H_\rho = L^2_\rho(\Gamma^N; H^1_0(D))$  s.t.

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\hat{a}(\mathbf{y}, x) \nabla u(\mathbf{y}, x)) & = f(\mathbf{y}, x) & \text{for a.e. } x \in D, \\ -\nabla \cdot (\hat{a}(\mathbf{y}, x) \nabla \xi(\mathbf{y}, x)) & = \mathbb{E}(u(\mathbf{y}, x) - \bar{u}(\mathbf{y}, x)) & \text{for a.e. } x \in D, \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma^N \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $x \in \bar{D}$

Weak formulation: find  $u, \xi \in H_\rho$  s.t.,  $\forall v \in H_\rho$

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\Gamma^N} (\hat{a} \nabla u, \nabla v)_{L^2(D)} \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} & = \int_{\Gamma^N} (f, v)_{L^2(D)} \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \\ \int_{\Gamma^N} (\hat{a} \nabla \xi, \nabla v)_{L^2(D)} \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} & = \int_{\Gamma^N} ((u - \bar{u}), v)_{L^2(D)} \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \end{cases}$$



# Applications to stochastic parameter ID

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# Error estimates for $(P_2)$

Fully discrete stochastic identification approximation



- Recast nonlinear optimality system related to problem  $(P_2)$  by utilizing the *Brezzi-Rappaz-Raviart Theory* for approximations of nonlinear PDEs
- $\{(\lambda = \beta, \varphi(\lambda) = (u(\lambda), \kappa(\lambda))); \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonsingular branch of solns

## Theorem [GTW12]

There exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of the origin in  $X$  and, for  $h \leq h_0$  small enough and  $M$  sufficiently large, a unique  $C^2$  branch of solutions s.t.

$$\varphi_p(\lambda) \in \varphi(\lambda) + \mathcal{O}.$$

Moreover, let  $H_P^6 = L_P^6(\Omega; W_0^{1,6}(D))$ , then we get the estimate

$$\|u - u_p\|_{H_P^6} + \|\xi - \xi_p\|_{H_P^6} \leq C(h + M^{\frac{-g_{\min}}{\mathcal{G}(g_{\min}, N)}}) \mathcal{E}(u, \eta, f, \bar{u}),$$

where  $\mathcal{E}(u, \eta, f, \bar{u}) = (\|\nabla u\|_{H_P^{6*}} + \|\nabla \eta\|_{H_P^{6*}} + \|f\|_{H_P^{6*}} + \|\mathbb{E}(u - \bar{u})\|_{H_P^{6*}})$ .

- $(u_p, \xi_p) \rightarrow (u, \xi)$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,  $M \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly  $a_p \rightarrow a$  through optimality condition.



# Numerical Example

## Stochastic parameter identification



An adjoint-based gradient descent algorithm ( $tol = 10^{-6}$ ) using sgSCFEM to compute the optimal pair  $(\hat{u}, \hat{\kappa})$  s.t.  $J_{P_1, P_2}(\hat{\kappa}, \hat{u}) = \inf_{(a, u) \in \mathcal{A}_{ad}} J_{P_1, P_2}(a, u)$

$$J_{P_1}(a, u) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|u(\omega, x) - \bar{u}(\omega, x)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|a(\omega, x)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 \right] \quad (P_1)$$

$$J_{P_2}(a, u) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbb{E}[u](x) - \mathbb{E}[\bar{u}](x)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathbb{E}[a](x)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 \quad (P_2)$$

Stochastic target:  $\bar{u} = x(1 - x^2) + \sum_{n=1}^N \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) Y_n(\omega)$

Exact random coeff.:  $\bar{a} = (1 + x^3) + \sum_{n=1}^N \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) Y_n(\omega)$

Deterministic initial guess:  $a = 1 + x$

Exact given RHS:  $f = \nabla \cdot (\bar{a}(\omega, x) \nabla \bar{u}(\omega, x))$

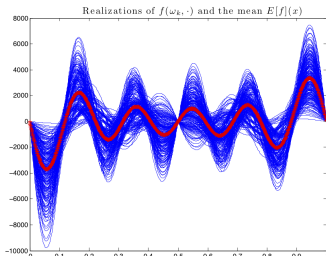
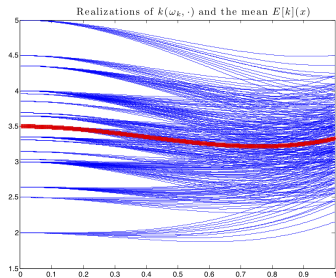
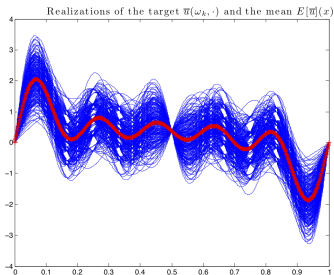
- $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i Y_j] = \delta_{ij}$  for  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_+$ , are taken uniform in the interval  $[0, 1]$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$

**GOAL:** given the random  $f$ , identify the expectation of both the parameter  $a(\omega, x)$  and the state  $u(\omega, x)$  and compare with the exact statistics.



# Realizations of the exact $a$ , $u$ and $f$

$N = 5$  using  $M = 241$  C-C samples



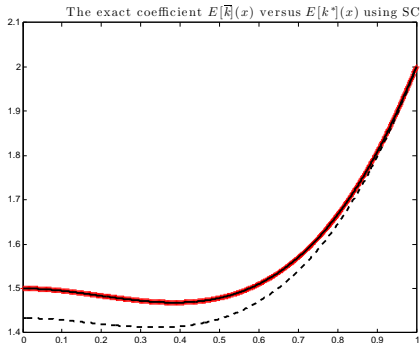
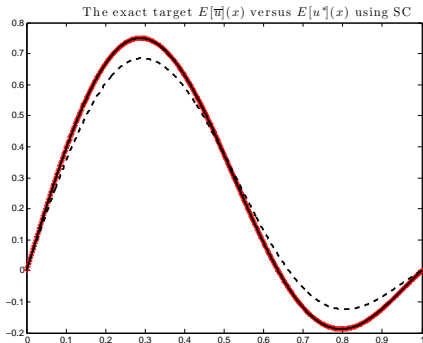


# $N = 1$ example: $\inf J_{P_1, P_2}(a, u)$

Tracking the expectation of the parameter  $\mathbb{E}[a]$  and the state  $\mathbb{E}[u]$



$M = 5$



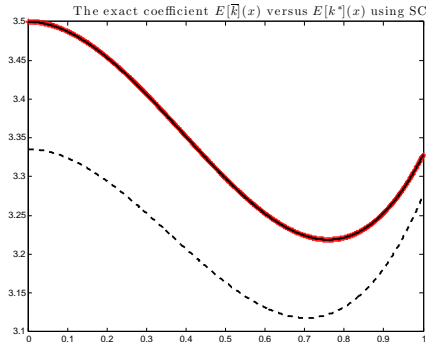
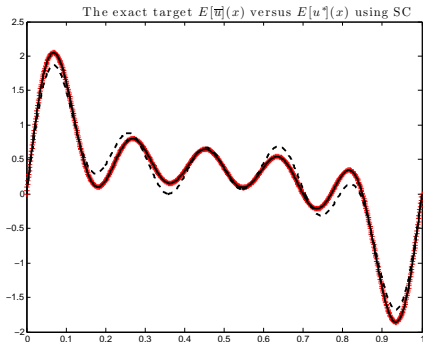


# $N = 5$ example: $\inf J_{P_1, P_2}(a, u)$

Tracking the expectation of the parameter  $\mathbb{E}[a]$  and the state  $\mathbb{E}[u]$



$M = 61$



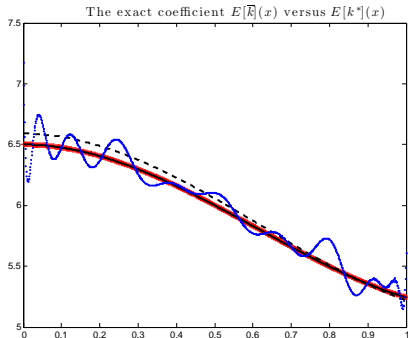
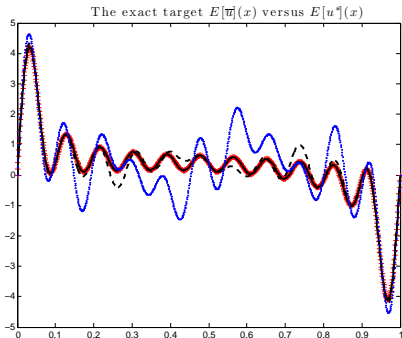


# $N = 11$ example: $\inf J_{P_1, P_2}(\kappa, u)$

MCFEM vs. sgSCFEM



$$M_{gSC} = 265, \quad M_{MC} \sim 10^6$$





# $N = 11, 51$ and $121$ examples: MC vs. SC

Tracking the expectation of the state  $\mathbb{E}[u]$  and control  $\mathbb{E}[a]$



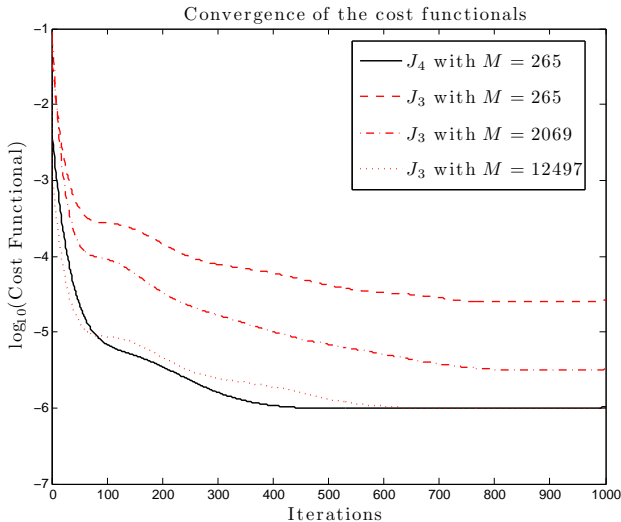
| $N$ | sgSCFEM | MCFEM     |
|-----|---------|-----------|
| 11  | 360     | $7e + 09$ |
| 51  | 1581    | $9e + 10$ |
| 121 | 4801    | $8e + 12$ |

**Table:** For  $\Gamma^N$ , with  $N = 11, 51$  and  $121$ , we compare the number of deterministic solutions required by the sparse grid Stochastic Collocation FEM (sgSCFEM) using Chebyshev abscissas and the Monte Carlo FEM (MCFEM) method using random abscissas, to reduce the original error in both  $\|\mathbb{E}[u] - \mathbb{E}[\bar{u}]\|_{L^2(D)}$  and  $\|\mathbb{E}[a] - \mathbb{E}[\bar{a}]\|_{L^2(D)}$  by a factor of  $10^6$ .



# Convergence of the cost functionals

Gradient-based sgSCFEM:  $N = 11$ ,  $\beta = 10^{-6}$







# What didn't we cover

## Other polynomial space approximations



- ANOVA-type approximation: activate at most  $\nu \ll N$  stochastic dimensions at the same time ([Todor-Schwab], [Bieri-Schwab], [Karniadakis et al]):

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}, \nu}(\Gamma^N) = \text{span} \left\{ \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{i_n}, \quad i_n \leq p_n, \quad \sum_{n=1}^N \{i_n > 0\} \leq \nu \right\}$$

- Best N-term approximation: approximate  $u$  with the  $N$  largest Fourier-Legendre coefficients ([Cohen-DeVore-Schwab], [Bieri-Andreev-Schwab])
- Discontinuous piecewise polynomials: “hp”-type discretization ([Karniadakis-Wan-et al], [Babuška-Tempone-Zouraris], [Ma-Zabaras], [Griebel et al], [Jakeman-Archibald-Xiu]), [Gunzburger-CW]
- Wavelet basis approaches: Wiener-Haar Galerkin basis [LeMaitre-Najim-Ghanem-Knio], generalized sparse wavelet basis [Guannan-Gunzburger-CW]
- Generalized spectral decomposition [Nouy, LeMaitre]



# Concluding remarks



- PDEs with random input data arise in the context of uncertainty quantification in many engineering areas
- High-dimensional problems are a characteristic of modern forward and inverse UQ. Accurate Monte Carlo-type results take too long and tensor product methods suffer from the *curse of dimensionality*
- Properly chosen anisotropic polynomial spaces can improve considerably the convergence of both SCFEM and SGFEM, when the input random variables have different influence on the output
- Real-world applications are typically highly nonlinear which can easily be solved using *non-intrusive* approaches whereas *intrusive* approaches require large dense coupled solvers
- Global sgSCFEM is very effective for problems that feature **smooth** dependence on the random variables - even in high-dimensional spaces
  - Non-smooth or even **discontinuous solutions** are not well represented by global polynomials - strong oscillations (Gibbs phenomenon)
  - Explosion in computational effort with most locally adaptive methods



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Adler; Fourier; Karhunen & Loève ; Krée & Soize; Wiener; etc...

## White noise analysis / polynomial chaos (PC) / multiple Itô integrals:

Cameron & Martin; Burkardt & Webster; Hida & Potthoff; Holden & Øksendal; Itô; Malliavin; etc...






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