

# A posteriori error estimation for stochastic Galerkin approximation

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The multivariate random variable  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  generates a distribution  $\pi$  satisfying  $\pi(G) = \mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{-1}(G))$  for  $G \in \mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$ , which is also a probability measure (by definition). Thus, the observations  $\mathbf{y}$  of  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  belong to  $\Gamma$  and  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma), \pi)$  is a probability space.

# weak formulation | energy estimates

Define the solution space  $V := L^2_\pi(\Gamma; H)$ , where  $H$  is a **separable** Hilbert space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_H$ . The natural norm on  $V$  is  $\|\cdot\|_V := \left(\int_\Gamma \|\cdot\|_H^2 \mathbf{d}\pi(\mathbf{y})\right)^{1/2}$ .

The weak formulation is to find  $u \in V$  such that

$$B(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V, \quad (\star)$$

$$\text{with } B(u, v) := \int_\Gamma \langle A(\mathbf{y})u(\mathbf{y}), v(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \mathbf{d}\pi(\mathbf{y})$$

$$F(v) := \int_\Gamma \langle f(\mathbf{y}), v(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \mathbf{d}\pi(\mathbf{y}).$$

If  $(\star)$  is well posed then the **energy** norm  $\|u\|_B = (B(u, u))^{1/2}$  is **equivalent** to the (natural) norm  $\|u\|_V$ .

# model problem | steady-state diffusion

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d = 2, 3$ ). Suppose that the diffusion coefficient  $a = a(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) : D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a second-order correlated random field that is a function of a multivariate random variable  $\boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots)$ . One possible PDE problem is: find the function  $u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) &= f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in D, \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma, \\ u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \partial D, \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma, \end{aligned} \tag{M}$$

where  $\Gamma := \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} [-1, 1]$ , with the series representation

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = a_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m(\mathbf{x}) y_m, \quad \mathbf{x} \in D, \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma.$$

The parameter-free term  $a_0(\mathbf{x})$  typically represents  $\int_{\Gamma} a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\pi(\mathbf{y})$ ; the **mean** coefficient at a given point  $\mathbf{x} \in D$ .

# model problem | spatial formulation

Define the (mean) solution space  $H := H_0^1(D)$ .

For all  $\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma$  we define the operator  $A(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{L}(H_0^1(D), H^{-1}(D))$  by

$$\langle A(\mathbf{y})v, w \rangle := \int_D a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla w(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \forall v, w \in H_0^1(D).$$

Next, using the series expansion, we can write  $A(\mathbf{y})$  as the sum

$$A(\mathbf{y}) = A_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m A_m \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma$$

with  $A_m$  satisfying

$$\langle A_m v, w \rangle = \int_D a_m(\mathbf{x}) \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla w(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \forall v, w \in H_0^1(D)$$

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# model problem | well posedness

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The weak formulation of (M) is well posed if  $a_0 \in L^\infty(D)$  is uniformly bounded away from zero, that is,

$$\exists \alpha_0^{\min}, \alpha_0^{\max} > 0 \text{ such that } \alpha_0^{\min} \leq a_0(\mathbf{x}) \leq \alpha_0^{\max} \text{ a.e. in } D,$$

and that for  $a_m(\mathbf{x}) \in L^\infty(D)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a constant  $\tau$  so that

$$\tau := \frac{1}{\alpha_0^{\min}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|a_m\|_{L^\infty(D)} < 1.$$

# model problem | energy estimates

Define  $V := L^2_\pi(\Gamma; H^1_0(D))$  and let  $\|u\|_H := \|\nabla u\|$ . Using the series expansion, the weak formulation of (M) is to find  $u \in V$  such that

$$B_0(u, v) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V \quad (\star)$$

with

$$B_0(u, v) := \int_{\Gamma} \langle A_0 u(\mathbf{y}), v(\mathbf{y}) \rangle d\pi(\mathbf{y}),$$
$$B_m(u, v) := \int_{\Gamma} \langle A_m u(\mathbf{y}), v(\mathbf{y}) \rangle y_m d\pi(\mathbf{y}) \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Note that  $(B(u, u))^{1/2} = \|u\|_B = \|u\|_V$  is **equivalent** to the  $B_0$  norm: there exist positive constants  $\lambda < 1 < \Lambda$  such that

$$\lambda B(v, v) \leq B_0(v, v) \leq \Lambda B(v, v) \quad \forall v \in V. \quad (B_0)$$

# stochastic Galerkin | approximation spaces

Given the isometric isomorphism:  $V = L^2_\pi(\Gamma, H) \sim H \otimes L^2_\pi(\Gamma)$ . It is natural<sup>a</sup> to take a tensor product approximation

$$X \otimes \mathcal{P}_\mathfrak{B} =: V_{X\mathfrak{B}} \subset V, \quad \text{with components:}$$

- $X \subset H$  corresponding to finite element discretization on  $D$ ;
- $\mathcal{P}_\mathfrak{B} \subset L^2_\pi(\Gamma)$  corresponding to polynomial discretization on  $\Gamma$ ; e.g., taking the set of tensor product polynomials associated with a **finite subset**  $\mathfrak{B}$  of the index set  $\mathfrak{J}$  of finitely supported sequences

$$\mathfrak{J} := \{ \nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{N}_0^{\mathbb{N}}; \# \text{ supp } \nu < \infty \},$$

where  $\text{supp } \nu := \{m \in \mathbb{N}; \nu_m \neq 0\}$  for any  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

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<sup>a</sup>see e.g., [C. Schwab & C. Gittelsohn](#), *Sparse tensor discretizations of high-dimensional parametric and stochastic PDEs*, Acta Numer. **20** (2011).

# stochastic Galerkin | error estimation I

$$B(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V \quad (\star)$$

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This motivates the estimator  $e^* \in V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^*$  satisfying

$$B(e^*, v) = F(v) - B(u_{X\mathfrak{P}}, v) \quad \forall v \in V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^* = X^* \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{P}^*}$$

where  $V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^*$  is an **enriched** finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$  so that

$$X^* = X \oplus Y, \quad X \cap Y = \{0\}; \quad \mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{P}^*} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{P}} \oplus \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}, \quad \mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{P}} \cap \mathcal{P}_{\Omega} = \{0\}.$$

$$\iff V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^* := V_{X\mathfrak{P}} \oplus \underbrace{V_{X\Omega}}_{X \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}} \oplus \underbrace{V_{Y\mathfrak{P}}}_{Y \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{P}}} \oplus \underbrace{V_{Y\Omega}}_{Y \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}}.$$

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A second estimator  $e_0^*$  is obtained by exploiting the series structure of  $(\star)$ : find  $e_0^* \in V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^*$  such that

$$B_0(e_0^*, v) = F(v) - B(u_{X\mathfrak{P}}, v) \quad \forall v \in V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^*.$$

This leads to **efficient linear algebra**—the associated system matrix is block diagonal with each block representing a deterministic problem associated with the  $A_0$  component of the operator  $A(\mathbf{y})$ .

Note that using the norm equivalence  $(B_0)$  gives

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \|e_0^*\|_{B_0} \leq \|e^*\|_B \leq \sqrt{\Lambda} \|e_0^*\|_{B_0}. \quad (B_0^*)$$

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A third energy estimate  $\eta$  is obtained by exploiting the structure of the space  $V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^*$ : This is given by

$$\eta := \left( 2 \|\bar{e}_{X\Omega}\|_{B_0}^2 + \|\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}}\|_{B_0}^2 + 2 \|\bar{e}_{Y\Omega}\|_{B_0}^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where the contributing estimators  $\bar{e}_{X\Omega} \in V_{X\Omega}$ ,  $\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}} \in V_{Y\mathfrak{P}}$  and  $\bar{e}_{Y\Omega} \in V_{Y\Omega}$  satisfy

$$B_0(\bar{e}_{X\Omega}, v) = F(v) - B(u_{X\mathfrak{P}}, v) \quad \forall v \in V_{X\Omega},$$

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Since  $\langle A_0 \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  defines an inner product in  $H$  and  $X \cap Y = \{0\}$ , there exists a constant  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$  such that<sup>a</sup>

$$|\langle A_0 u_X, v_Y \rangle| \leq \gamma \langle A_0 u_X, u_X \rangle^{1/2} \langle A_0 v_Y, v_Y \rangle^{1/2} \quad \forall u_X \in X, \forall v_Y \in Y.$$

Note that for any finite index set  $\mathfrak{P} \subset \mathfrak{I}$ , the finite-dimensional subspaces  $V_{X\mathfrak{P}}, V_{Y\mathfrak{P}} \subset V$  are such that the following strengthened Cauchy–Schwarz inequality holds:

$$|B_0(u, v)| \leq \gamma \|u\|_{B_0} \|v\|_{B_0} \quad \forall u \in V_{X\mathfrak{P}}, \forall v \in V_{Y\mathfrak{P}}.$$

This allows us to establish the following equivalence between the estimator  $e_0^* \in V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^*$  and the componentwise estimate  $\eta$  :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \eta \leq \|e_0^*\|_{B_0} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}} \eta.$$

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<sup>a</sup>see, for example, [V. Eijkhout & P. Vassilevski](#), *The role of the strengthened Cauchy–Buniakowski–Schwarz inequality in multilevel methods*, SIAM Review **33** (1991).

# error reduction indicators

Recall

$$\eta := \left( 2 \|\bar{e}_{X\Omega}\|_{B_0}^2 + \|\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}}\|_{B_0}^2 + 2 \|\bar{e}_{Y\Omega}\|_{B_0}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

with  $\bar{e}_{X\Omega} \in X \otimes \mathcal{P}_\Omega$ ,  $\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}} \in Y \otimes \mathcal{P}_\mathfrak{P}$  and  $\bar{e}_{Y\Omega} \in Y \otimes \mathcal{P}_\Omega$ .

The construction of  $\eta$  also gives information regarding the **error reduction** that would result by enriching the approximation either spatially or parametrically:

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \|\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}}\|_{B_0} \leq \|u_{X^*\mathfrak{P}} - u_{X\mathfrak{P}}\|_B \leq \frac{\sqrt{\Lambda}}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2}} \|\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}}\|_{B_0},$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \|\bar{e}_{X\Omega}\|_{B_0} \leq \|u_{X\mathfrak{P}^*} - u_{X\mathfrak{P}}\|_B \leq \sqrt{\Lambda} \|\bar{e}_{X\Omega}\|_{B_0}.$$

Here,  $\lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$  are the constants in  $(B_0)$  and  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$  is the constant in the strengthened Cauchy–Schwarz inequality.

This opens the door to  $h$ - $p$  adaptivity ...

# model problem | example

We solve the steady-state diffusion problem ( $\star$ ) with

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in D := [-1, 1]^2$ , with data  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{8}(2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$  and

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \underbrace{1}_{a_0 = \mathbb{E}[a]} + \sigma \sqrt{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_m} \varphi_m(\mathbf{x}) y_m.$$

Here  $\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} [-1, 1]$  and  $\{(\lambda_m, \varphi_m)\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  are the eigenpairs of the integral operator associated with the correlation function

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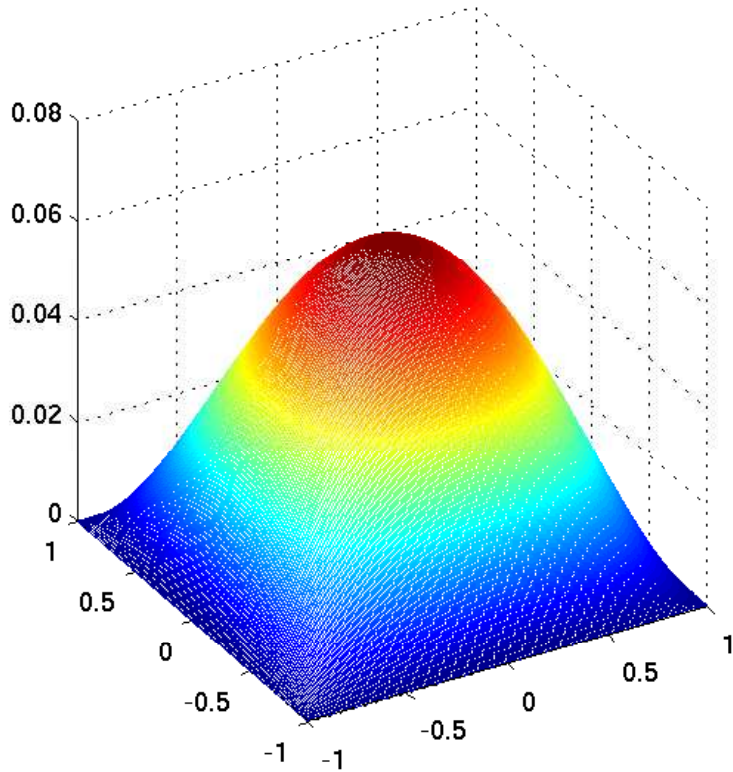
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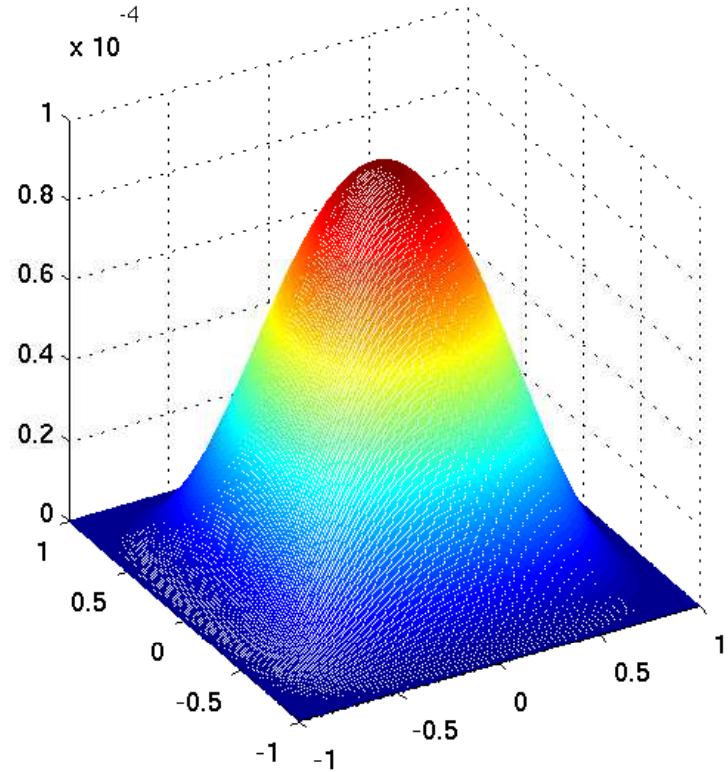
The problem ( $\star$ ) is well posed as long as  $\sigma$  is small enough: our reference value is  $\sigma^* = 0.2$ . The Galerkin approximation is given by tensor product of the  $Q_1$  approximation space  $X_h$  defined on a uniform partition  $\square_h$  of  $D$  with the subspace  $\mathcal{P}_{M,p}$  of polynomials of total degree  $p$  in the first  $M$  parameters  $y_m$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, M$ .

# model problem | sample solution

Expectation of the sGFEM Solution



Variance of the sGFEM Solution

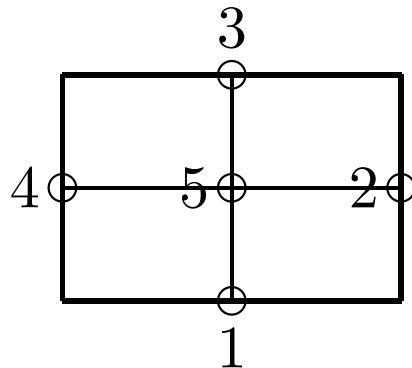


# model problem | detail spaces

The detail spaces  $Y_h$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{M,p}$  are chosen so that

$$X_{h/2} = X_h \oplus Y_h \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}_{M,p+1} = \mathcal{P}_{M,p} \oplus \mathcal{Q}_{M,p},$$

respectively. Thus,  $Y_h$  spans the set of bilinear bubble functions corresponding to the edge midpoints and element centroids of the original mesh  $\square_h$  (**defined locally**, see below)



whereas  $\mathcal{Q}_{M,p}$  spans  $M$ -variate polynomials of total degree equal to  $p + 1$ . This gives a decomposition of the error estimate  $\eta$  with

$$V_{X\mathfrak{P}}^* := V_{X\mathfrak{P}} \oplus (X_h \otimes \mathcal{Q}_{M,p}) \oplus (Y_h \otimes \mathcal{P}_{M,p}) \oplus (Y_h \otimes \mathcal{Q}_{M,p}).$$

# spatial error estimation | example

Compute the harmonic function

$$u(x_1, x_2) = \frac{2(1 + x_2)}{(3 + x_1)^2 + (1 + x_2)^2}$$

by solving  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  on a uniform subdivision of  $D = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  with boundary data  $g$  obtained by  $Q_1$  interpolation of  $u$  on  $\partial D$ .

Global Effectivity Index :  $X_\eta := \eta(u_h) / \|\nabla(u - u_h)\|$

Grid	$\ \nabla(u - u_h)\ $	$\eta(u_h)$	$X_\eta$
$4 \times 4$	$5.032 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.954 \times 10^{-2}$	<b>0.9845</b>
$8 \times 8$	$2.516 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.511 \times 10^{-2}$	<b>0.9980</b>
$16 \times 16$	$1.258 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.257 \times 10^{-2}$	<b>0.9992</b>
$32 \times 32$	$6.291 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.288 \times 10^{-2}$	<b>0.9995</b>



# model problem | error estimation

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The smart choice of the detail space  $Y_h$  gives rise to **local problems** defined on **all** elements  $K \in \square_h$ .

For example, we compute  $\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}}|_K \in Y_h|_K \otimes \mathcal{P}_{M,p}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} B_{0,K}(\bar{e}_{Y\mathfrak{P}}|_K, v) &= F_K(v) \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma} \int_K \nabla \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla u_{X\mathfrak{P}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\pi(\mathbf{y}) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma} \int_{\partial K \setminus \partial D} a(s, \mathbf{y}) \left[ \frac{\partial u_{X\mathfrak{P}}}{\partial n} \right] v(s, \mathbf{y}) \, ds \, d\pi(\mathbf{y}), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in Y_h|_K \otimes \mathcal{P}_{M,p}$ .

The coefficient matrix associated with this local problem is the Kronecker product of a  $5 \times 5$  (stiffness) matrix and an identity matrix of dimension  $|P| = \dim(\mathcal{P}_{M,p}) = \frac{(p+M)!}{p! M!}$ .

# example | effectivity I

We compute a reference solution  $u_{\text{ref}}$  for the case  $M = 3$ ,  $\sigma^* = 0.2$ , using a  $512 \times 512$  grid with  $p^* = 7$ .

fixed polynomial degree:  $p = 2$

effectivity Index :  $X_\eta := \eta(u_{X\mathfrak{P}}) / \|u_{\text{ref}} - u_{X\mathfrak{P}}\|_B$

Grid	$\ u_{\text{ref}} - u_{X\mathfrak{P}}\ _B$	$\eta(u_{X\mathfrak{P}})$	$X_\eta$
$8 \times 8$	$1.841 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.888 \times 10^{-2}$	0.98
$16 \times 16$	$8.712 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.450 \times 10^{-3}$	0.92
$32 \times 32$	$4.339 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.775 \times 10^{-3}$	0.91
$64 \times 64$	$2.350 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.488 \times 10^{-3}$	0.94
$128 \times 128$	$1.519 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.429 \times 10^{-3}$	1.06

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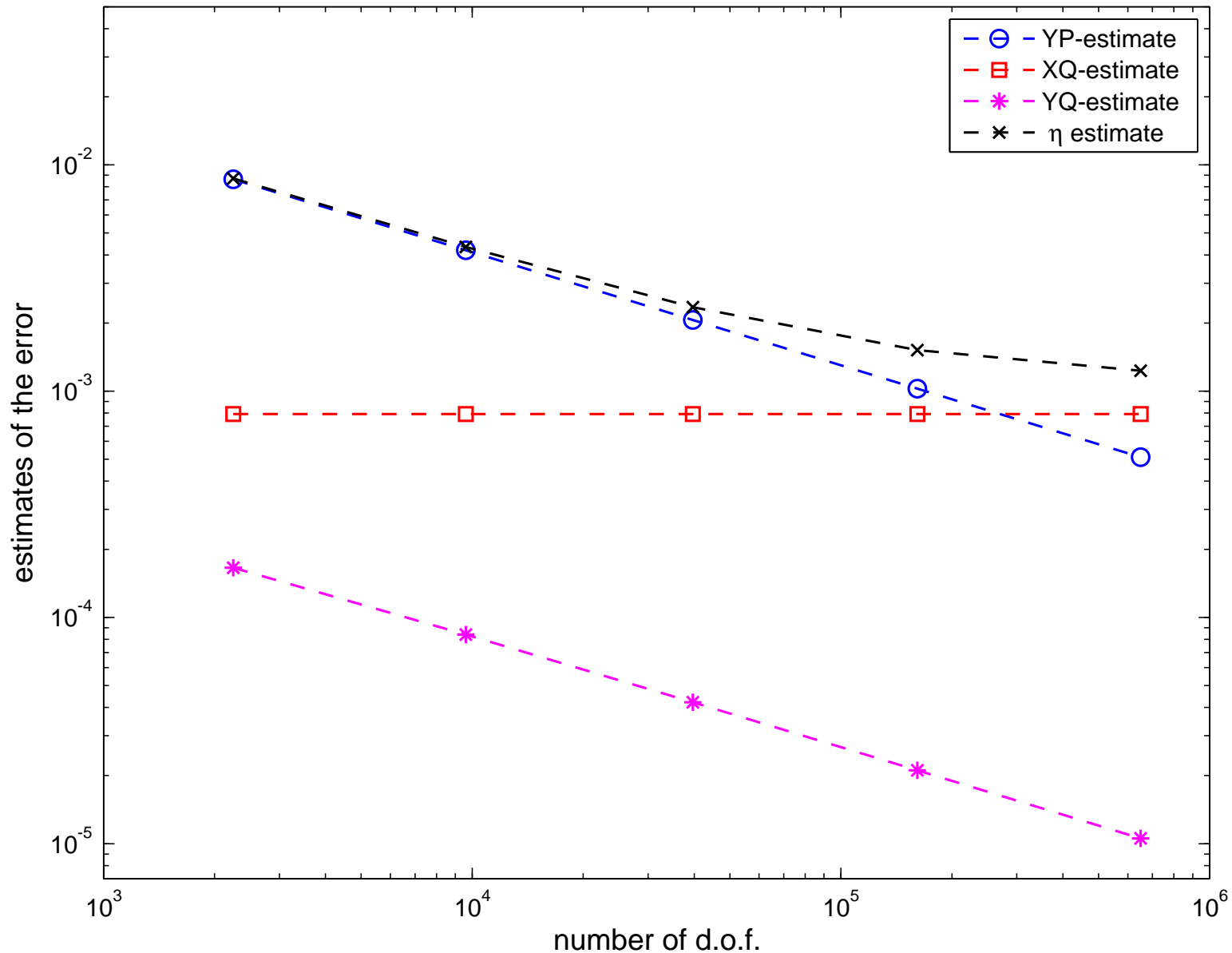
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$p$	$\ u_{\text{ref}} - u_{X\mathfrak{P}}\ _B$	$\eta(u_{X\mathfrak{P}})$	$X_\eta$
1	$6.222 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.898 \times 10^{-3}$	1.27
2	$2.350 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.488 \times 10^{-3}$	0.94
3	$2.077 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.353 \times 10^{-3}$	0.88
4	$2.065 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.348 \times 10^{-3}$	0.88
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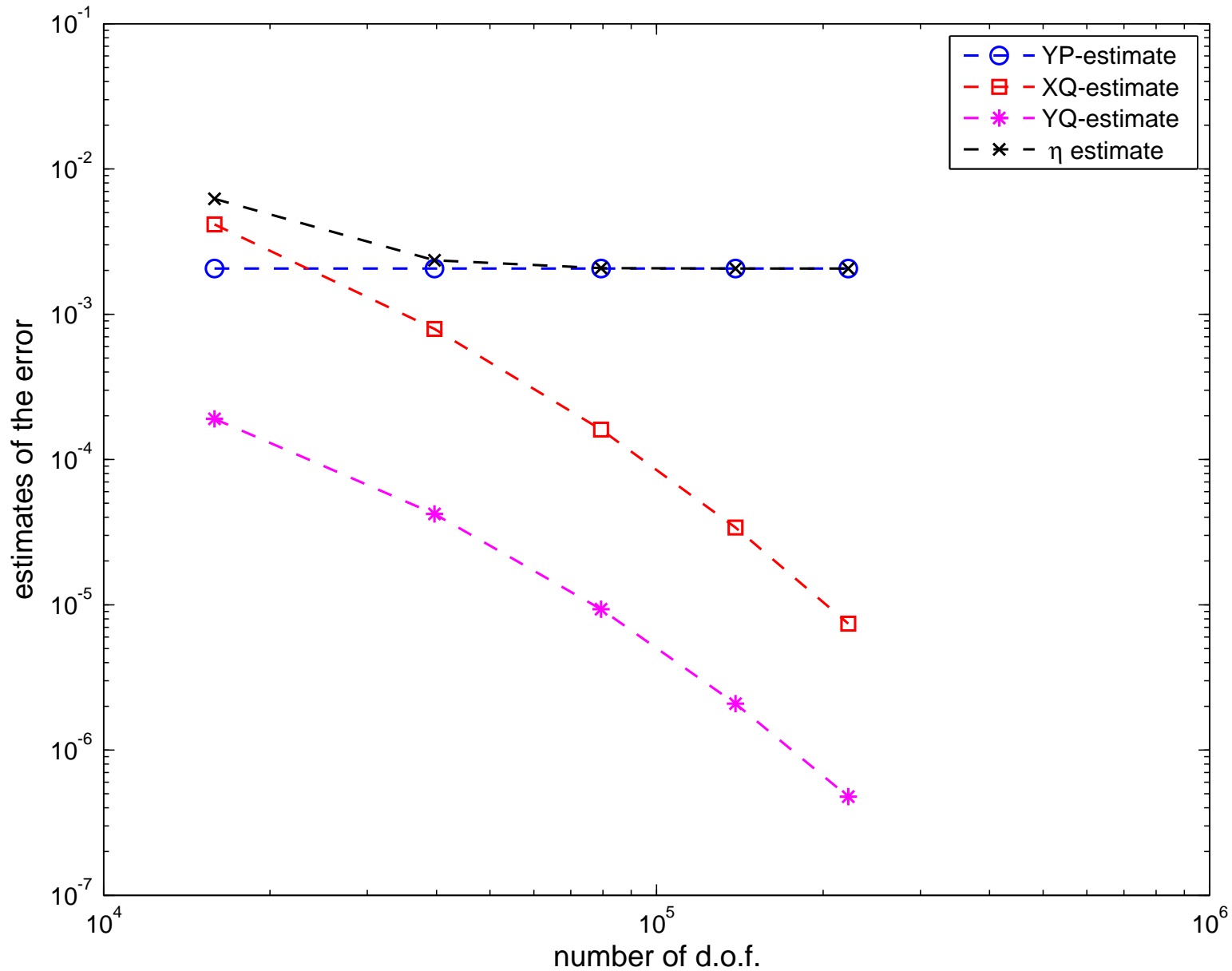
# error reduction | decreasing $h$

$M = 3$ ,  $\sigma^* = 0.2$ , fixed polynomial degree:  $p = 2$



# error reduction | increasing $p$

$M = 3$ ,  $\sigma^* = 0.2$ , fixed spatial grid:  $64 \times 64$



## What have we achieved?

- **computable estimates of the error reduction:** these exploit the tensor product structure of the approximation spaces .
- **Efficient linear algebra:** CPU time for the error estimation is commensurate with the CPU time taken to solve the original problem...

**But**, is the linear algebra done efficiently (or not)?

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## Discrete system

$$A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \iff \left( I \otimes K_0 + \sigma \sum_{m=1}^M G_m \otimes K_m \right) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \quad (S)$$

$$[G_m]_{rs} = \langle y_m \psi_r(\mathbf{y}) \psi_s(\mathbf{y}) \rangle$$

- The dimension of the system  $(S)$  is  $n := n_x \times n_y$ .
- An effective solver for  $(S)$  is preconditioned MINRES with a **block-diagonal** preconditioner :  $\mathcal{P} = I \otimes K_0$ .

# Sample performance | decreasing $h$

$M = 5$  random variables

cubic polynomial approximation  $p = 3$

EST\_MINRES tolerance is  $10^{-13}$

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	$1/h$	32	64	128	256
	$n$	60,984	236,600	931,896	3,698,744
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$\frac{\sigma}{\mu} = 0.1$	# iterations	13	13	13	13
	total solve time	1.0s	4.8s	19.6s	60.6s
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$\frac{\sigma}{\mu} = 0.2$	# iterations	18	18	18	18
	total solve time	1.2s	6.7s	24.5s	84.9s
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$\frac{\sigma}{\mu} = 0.3$	# iterations	24	24	24	24
	total solve time	1.6s	9.2s	35.6s	114.7s

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## What have we achieved?

- **Efficient linear algebra:** convergence rate is independent of  $n := n_x \times n_y$ .
- Convergence deteriorates as  $\sigma$  is increased. The critical eigenvalue is computed **on the fly** using EST\_MINRES.

## What's next?

- ♥ including local refinement in space
- ♥♥ designing a practical adaptive strategy
- ♥♥♥ stopping criteria for the solver (EST\_MINRES)