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Reduced Order Surrogate Models for PDE-Constrained Optimization & Inverse Problems

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We consider descent methods, i.e.,

$$\mu_{k+1} := \mu_k + t_k d_k(\mu_k, u_{\mu_k}, p_{\mu_k}, \dots),$$

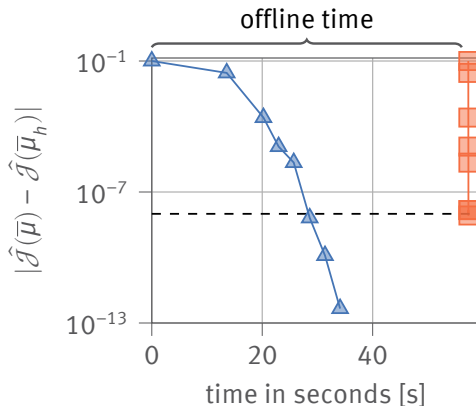
where t_k and d_k are suitably chosen step sizes and descent directions, respectively.

Classical RB Approach: Timings for PDE Constrained Optimization

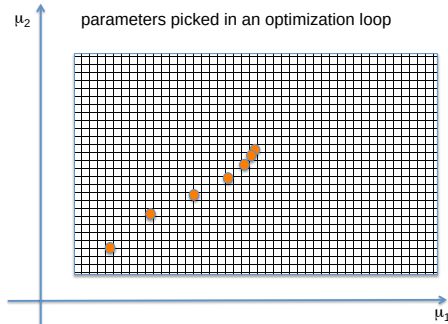
Full Order Model (FOM)

vs.

Classical Reduced Order Model (ROM)

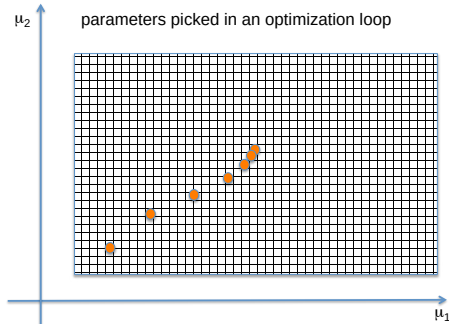


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Multi-fidelity approach: Replace primal and dual state solutions to compute descent directions by a hierarchy of models, e.g. **FOM**, **RB**, and **ML** models that are learned on-the-fly.

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Related Approaches

[Hesthaven and Ubbiali, Non-intrusive ROMs using neural networks, 2018]

[Kutyniok, Petersen, Raslan, Schneider, Theoretical analysis of DNNs and parametric PDEs, 2022]

[Fresca and Manzoni, POD-DL-ROM, 2022]

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[Brivio, Fresca, Franco, Manzoni., Error estimates for POD-DL-ROMs, 2024]

[Chellappa, Feng, Benner, Error estimation via data-enhanced error closure, 2024]

and many more

Comparison of the models

Full-order/high-fidelity model (FOM)

Pros:

- ▶ arbitrarily accurate solutions

Cons:

- ▶ very slow when considering fine discretizations and many time steps

Reduced order model (ROM)

Pros:

- ▶ faster than FOM
- ▶ error estimator

Cons:

- ▶ slow iterative time stepping
- ▶ solve dense linear system in each time step

Machine learning model (MLM)

Pros:

- ▶ faster than ROM
- ▶ parallel evaluation for different time instances

Cons:

- ▶ **no certification available (so far)**

Parabolic RB a posteriori error estimator

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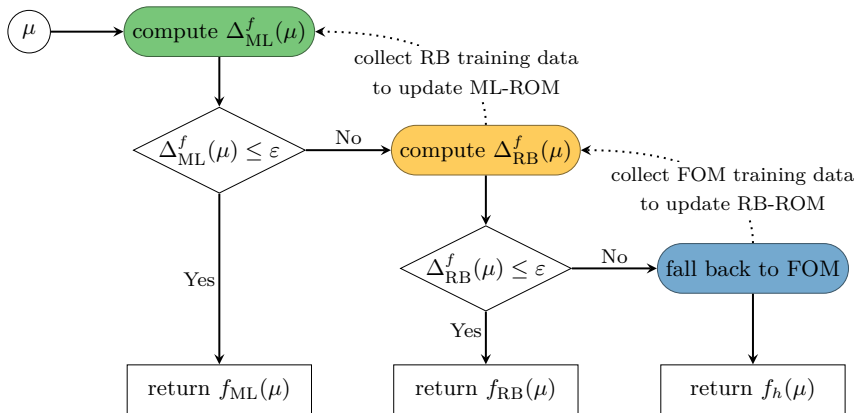
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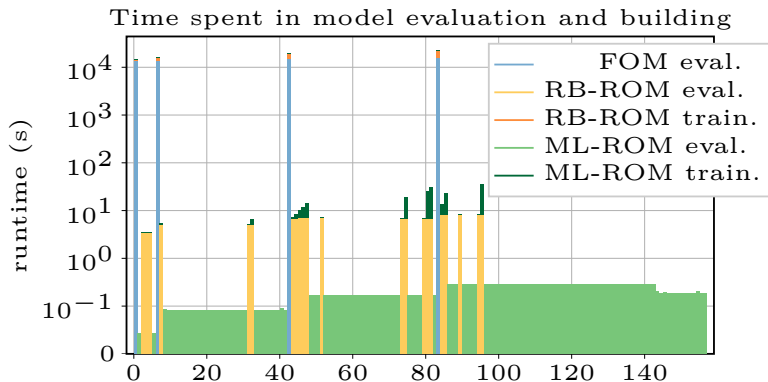
Idea: Apply error estimator E to machine learning prediction $u_{\text{ML}}(\mu)$!

$\Rightarrow$ A posteriori certification of machine learning results!

Adaptive multi-fidelity model



Experiment – PDE-solves with VKOGA as ML model



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Challenges for optimization:

- efficient evaluation of $\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mu)$ and Gradient $\nabla \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mu)$
 $\Rightarrow$ efficient evaluation of primal & dual state equations
- high dimensional parameter space $\mathcal{P}$
- multiscale/large scale context

Efficient optimization method using **RB-ML-ROM** approach.

Trust Region methods

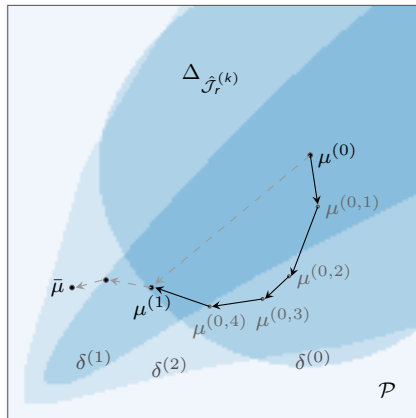
Error Aware Trust Region Optimization

Approximate $\bar{\mu} = \arg \min_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mu)$

by solving optimization subproblems

$$\mu_{k+1} := \mu_k + s_k, \quad \min_{s \in \mathcal{P}} m_k(s), \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \frac{\Delta_{\hat{\mathcal{J}}_n^{(k)}}(\tilde{\mu})}{\hat{\mathcal{J}}_n^{(k)}(\tilde{\mu})} \leq \delta_k,$$

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Idea:

- ▶ $m_k(s) := \hat{\mathcal{J}}_n^k(\mu_k + s)$ (RB-ML-ROM reduced $\hat{\mathcal{J}}$)
- ▶ Subproblem solver: BFGS method

Requirements:

- ▶ **model function** $m_k \approx \hat{\mathcal{J}}$, smooth and $\|\nabla m_k\| < \infty$
- ▶ **characterization** of the Trust Region
- ▶ bound $\Delta_{\hat{\mathcal{J}}_n^{(k)}}(\mu)$ on $|m_k(\mu) - \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mu)|$ for all $\mu \in \mathcal{P}$
- ▶ solver for the optimization subproblem

New:

- ▶ **Multifidelity RB-ML-ROM approach**
- ▶ applied to primal and dual state equation for efficient computation of first order derivatives
- ▶ constrained optimization
- ▶ full error control and convergence

First-optimize-then-discretize

For a **descent method** (e.g. BFGS) the following quantities are required:

primal state $\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_\mu^k - u_\mu^{k-1}, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} + a(u_\mu^k, v; \mu) = b(t^k) f(v; \mu), \quad u^0(\mu) = 0$

dual state $\frac{1}{\Delta t} (v, p_\mu^k - p_\mu^{k+1})_{L^2(\Omega)} + a(v, p_\mu^k; \mu) = 2d(u_\mu^k, v) + l^k(v), \quad p^{K+1}(\mu) = 0$

reduced gradient $\nabla_\mu \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mu) = \nabla_\mu \mathcal{L}(u_\mu, p_\mu, \mu) \quad (\mathcal{L} \text{ from Lagrangian ansatz (all-at-once)})$

Idea: Use RB-ML-ROM approach for an efficient evaluation of both, primal and dual states and use resulting multi-fidelity surrogate as model function in the Trust Region subproblems!

A posteriori error estimation

Required for error control and adaptivity

$$\|u_{h,\mu} - u_{n,\mu}\|_h \lesssim \Delta_{\text{pr}}^n(\mu)$$

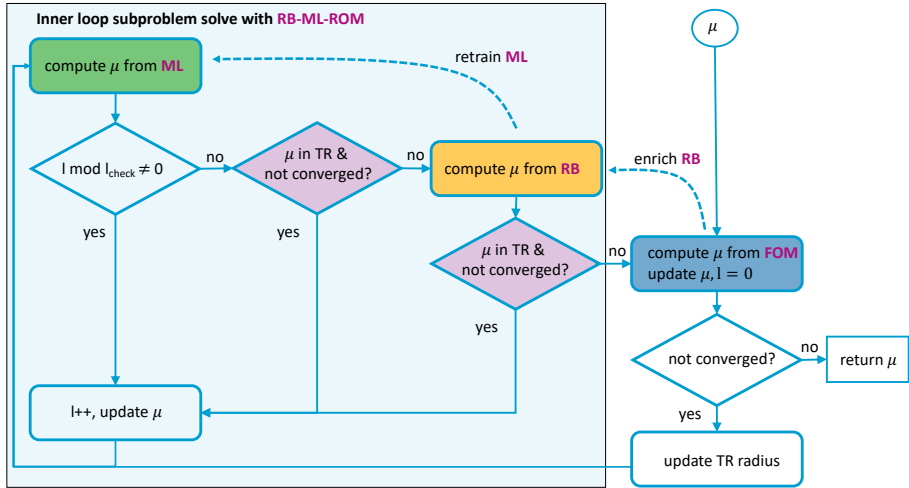
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$$|\hat{\mathcal{J}}_h(\mu) - \hat{\mathcal{J}}_n(\mu)| \lesssim \Delta_{\hat{\mathcal{J}}}^n(\mu)$$

$$|(\nabla_{\mu} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_h(\mu) - \nabla_{\mu} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_n(\mu))_i| \lesssim \Delta_{\nabla_{\mu} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_i}^n(\mu)$$

⇒ Fully developed theory!

based on [Qian, Grepl, Veroy, Willcox. SISC 2017] &
[Keil, Mechelli, Ohlberger, Schindler, Volkwein, ESAIM M2AN, 2021]



Numerical Experiment

Model problem

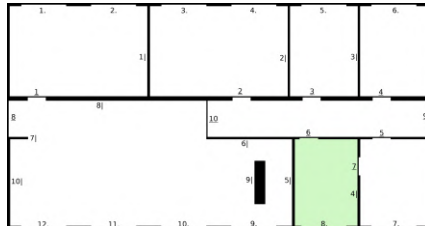
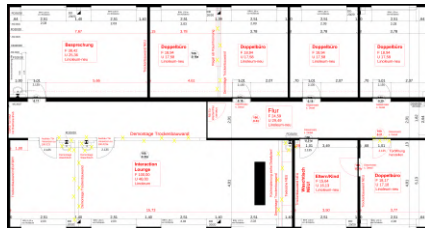
Quadratic objective functional:

$$\mathcal{J}(u, \mu) := \frac{\sigma_d}{2} \int_D (u - u^d)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \sigma_i (\mu_i - \mu_i^d)^2,$$

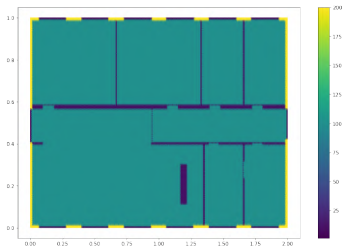
Parametrized constrained equation: Find u_μ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u_\mu - \nabla \cdot (\kappa_\mu \nabla u_\mu) &= f_\mu & \text{in } \Omega, \\ q(\kappa_\mu \nabla u_\mu \cdot n) &= (u_{\text{out}} - u_\mu) & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

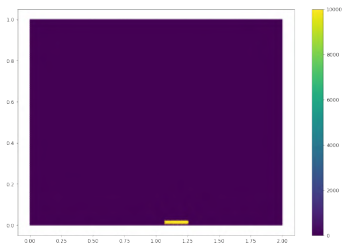
- ▶ Optimizing heat distribution in a building.
- ▶ Two-dimensional parameter optimization.
- ▶ $K = 10.000$ and $N_h = 10.151$.



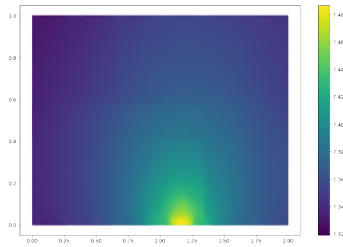
heat
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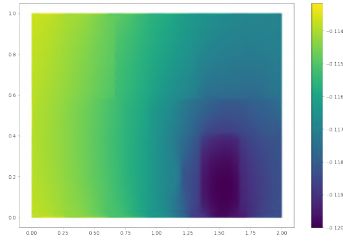
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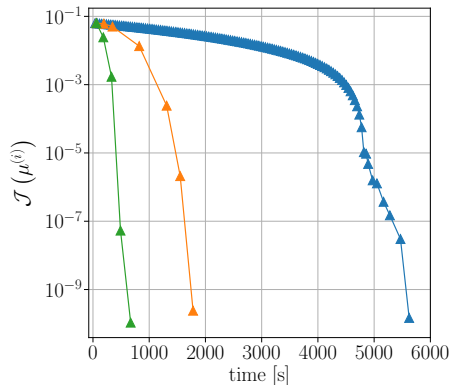
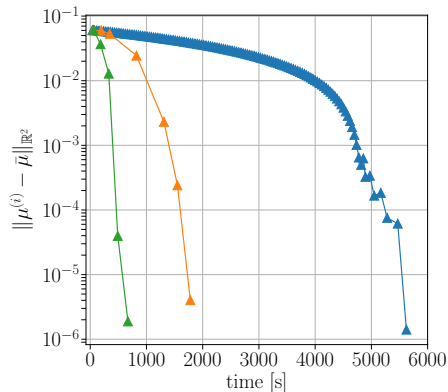
primal state
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dual state solution
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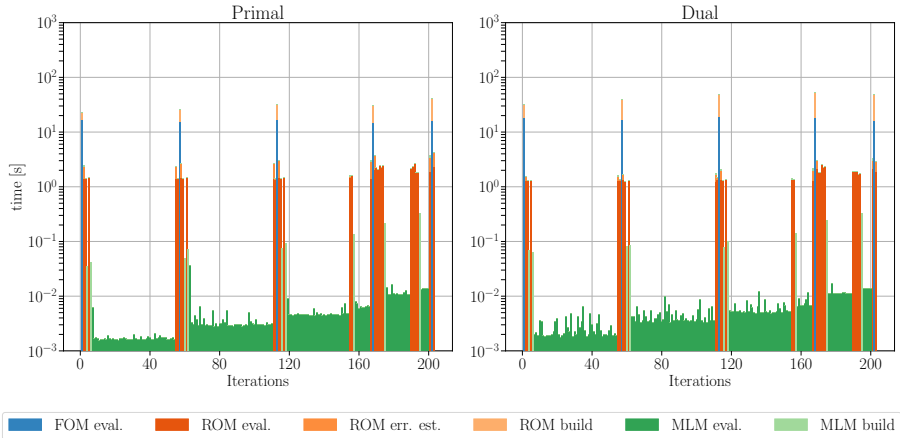


Error versus CPU time



—▲— FOM
 —▲— TR-RB
 —▲— relaxed TR-RB-ML

CPU time per primal/dual solve versus iteration



Computational efficiency

Algorithm	time [s]	FOM solves	RB solves	MLM solves	Speed up
FOM	4706	121.80	0.00	0.00	—
TR-RB	1447	6.30	143.00	0.00	3.25
relaxed TR-RB-ML	557	4.30	35.10	148.90	8.45

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Given noisy measurements $y^\delta \in \mathcal{C}$, solve

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Challenges:

- ▶ problem is ill posed ($\mathcal{F}$ not continuously invertible)
⇒ Iteratively regularized Gauß-Newton method
- ▶ infinite/very high dimensional parameter space $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}$
⇒ need for parameter space reduction

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For $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}$, let $u = S(q) \in \mathcal{V}$ denote the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial_t u(t) + A(q(t))u(t), v \rangle_{V', V} &= \langle I(t), v \rangle_{V', V}, \\ u(0) &= 0 \text{ in } H. \end{aligned}$$

For $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}$ given, the measurement $y \in \mathcal{C}$ is given by the forward operator

$$\mathcal{F}(q) = y, \quad \text{with } \mathcal{F} : \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{C} \circ S$$

where $\mathcal{C} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is a linear bounded operator.

Efficient solution method using combined state and parameter MOR techniques.

Inverse parameter identification

Given noisy measurements $y^\delta \in \mathcal{C}$, solve

$$\min J(q) := \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{F}(q) - y^\delta\|_{\mathcal{C}}^2 \quad \text{s.t. } q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}.$$

Challenges:

- ▶ problem is ill posed ($\mathcal{F}$ not continuously invertible)
⇒ Iteratively regularized Gauß-Newton method
- ▶ infinite/very high dimensional parameter space $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}$
⇒ need for parameter space reduction

Iteratively regularized Gauß-Newton method [Kaltenbacher, Neubauer, Scherzer 2008]

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We accept the iterate $q^{k+1} := q(\alpha_k)$, if $\alpha_k > 0$ is chosen such that the following linearization condition holds for $0 < \theta < \Theta < 1$:

$$\theta J(q^k) \leq \|\mathcal{F}(q^k) + \mathcal{F}'(q^k)(q(\alpha_k) - q^k) - y^\delta\|_{\mathcal{C}}^2 \leq \Theta J(q^k).$$

Algorithm 1 (IRGNM)

Require: Noise level δ , discrepancy parameter $\tau > 0$, initial guess q^0 , initial regularization $\alpha_0 > 0$, regularization center q_0 .

- 1: Initialize $k = 0$.
 - 2: **while** $\|\mathcal{F}(q^k) - y^\delta\|_{\mathcal{H}} > \tau\delta$ **do**
 - 3: Solve subproblem (IP_{α}^k) for $q(\alpha_k)$.
 - 4: **while** Linearization condition is not fulfilled **do**
 - 5: Increase (decrease) α_k , s.t. linearization condition is satisfied.
 - 6: Solve subproblem (IP_{α}^k) for $q(\alpha_k)$.
 - 7: **end while**
 - 8: Set $q^{k+1} = q(\alpha_k)$, $k = k + 1$.
 - 9: **end while**
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Our goal is to approximate the infinite-dimensional parameter space by an adaptively constructed low-dimensional reduced space

$$\mathcal{Q}_r = \text{span} \{ \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n_{\mathcal{Q}}} \} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}} \quad \text{with dimension } n_{\mathcal{Q}} \ll N_{\mathcal{Q}}.$$

For $q(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\mathcal{Q}}} \mathbf{q}_i(\mathbf{t}) \phi_i \in \mathcal{Q}_r$ and a coercive operator A_r that is affine in q we obtain the representation

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Open question: How to build/enrich the reduced parameter space $\mathcal{Q}_r$?

IRGNM: Optimality System

Optimality System

Let $u = \mathcal{S}(q) \in V$, $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}$. The update $\tilde{q} \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ad}}$ is optimal for $(\mathbf{IP}_{\alpha}^k)$ if and only if there exists linearized state $\tilde{u} \in \mathcal{V}$ and adjoint $\tilde{p} \in \mathcal{V}$ satisfying the optimality system f.a.a. $t \in (0, T)$, with initial and terminal conditions $\tilde{u}(0) = \tilde{p}(T) = 0$.

$$\langle \partial_t \tilde{u}(t) + A(q(t)) \tilde{u}(t), v \rangle_{V', V} + \langle A(d(t)) u(t), v \rangle_{V', V} = 0, \text{ for all } v \in V, \quad (\text{primal state})$$

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$\implies$ Adaptively enrich $\mathcal{Q}_r$ with the dominant POD modes of the gradients $\nabla \hat{J}(q_r^{(i)})$!

Combined parameter and state space reduction

Let a reduced state space $\mathcal{V}_r$ of dimension $n_V \in \mathbb{N}$ and a reduced parameter $q \in \mathcal{Q}_r$ be given. The combined state and parameter RB approximation of the state is then given as $u_r = S_r(q) \in \mathcal{V}_r$:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} M_{H,r}(u_r^k - u_r^{k-1}) + A_r(q^k) u_r^k = L_r^k \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{K},$$

The RB forward operator is defined as $\mathcal{F}_r := \mathcal{C} \circ S_r$ and the RB discrepancy as

$$J_r(q) := \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{F}_r(q) - y^\delta\|_{\mathcal{C}}^2.$$

Hence, the reduced inverse problem reads

$$\min J_r(q) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad q \in \mathcal{Q}_r.$$

Reduced Basis Trust Region Methods for Inverse Parameter Identification

Theorem (A-posteriori error estimate for J)

Let $q_r \in Q_{\text{ad},r}^K$ and $a_{q_r^k} \geq a > 0$ be the q -dependent coercivity constant of $A_h(q_r^k)$. Then it holds

$$|J_r(q_r) - J_h(q_r)| \leq \Delta^J(q_r),$$

where the right-hand side is given by

$$\Delta^J(q_r) := \left(\Delta t \sum_{k=1}^K \|r_{\text{ad}}^k(u_r, p_r; q_r)\|_{V_h'}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Delta^{pr}(q_r)}{\sqrt{a_{q_r}}} + \frac{\|C\|_{\mathcal{L}(V,C)}^2}{2a_{q_r}} \Delta^{pr}(q_r)^2 \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta^{pr}(q_r) := \left(\Delta t \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{a_{q_r}} \|r_{pr}^k(u_r; q_r)\|_{V_h'}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where $a_{q_r} := \min_{k \in \mathbb{K}} a_{q_r^k}$.

Parameter and state space error aware RB-TR-IRGNM

With reduced basis subproblem models $J_r^{(i)}$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ based on iteratively enriched parameter and state spaces

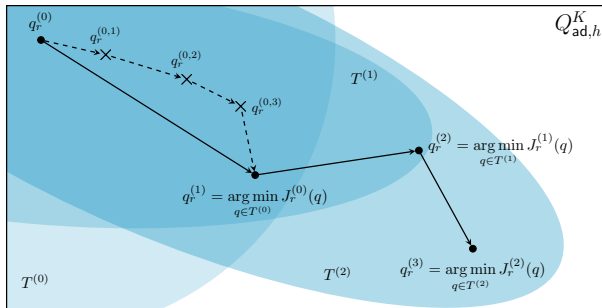
$$Q_r^{(0)} \subset Q_r^{(1)} \subset Q_r^{(2)} \subset \dots \subset Q, \quad V_r^{(0)} \subset V_r^{(1)} \subset V_r^{(2)} \subset \dots \subset V.$$

TR subproblems in iteration i

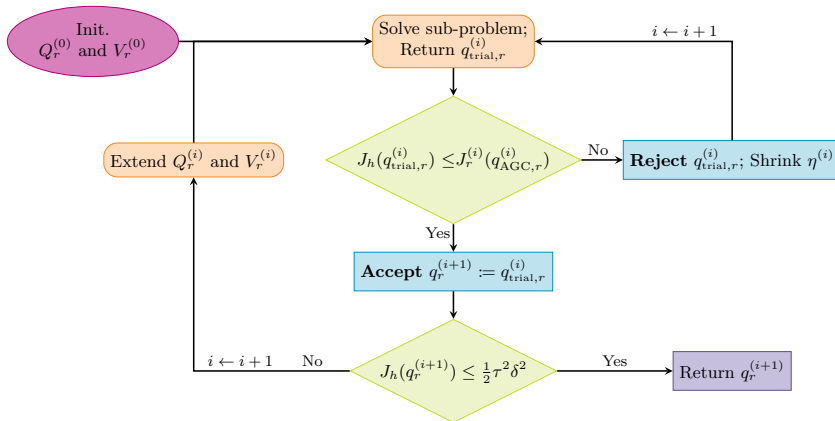
$$q_r = \arg \min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}_r} J_r^{(i)}(q) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \frac{\Delta J_r^{(i)}(q)}{|J_r^{(i)}(q)|} \leq \eta^{(i)}. \quad (\text{IP}_r^i)$$

Acceptance if sufficient decrease condition holds:

$$J_h(q_{\text{trial}_r})^{(i)} \leq J_r^{(i)}(q_{\text{AGC},r}^{(i)}).$$



TR-IRGNM Algorithm



Example: Reconstruction of diffusion field

We consider the following parabolic PDE

$$\partial_t u(t, x) - \nabla(q(t, x) \cdot \nabla u(t, x)) = f(t, x)$$

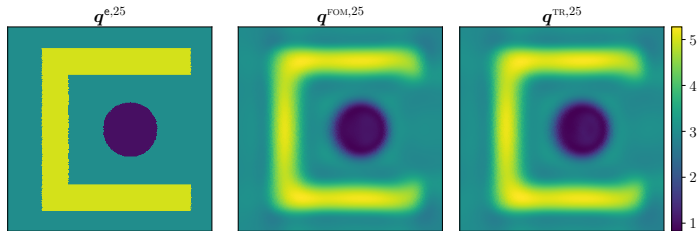
$$u(t, x) = 0,$$

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

which yields for $v, w \in V$:

$$\langle A(q(t))v, w \rangle_{V', V} := \int_{\Omega} q(t, x) \nabla v \cdot \nabla w \, dx,$$

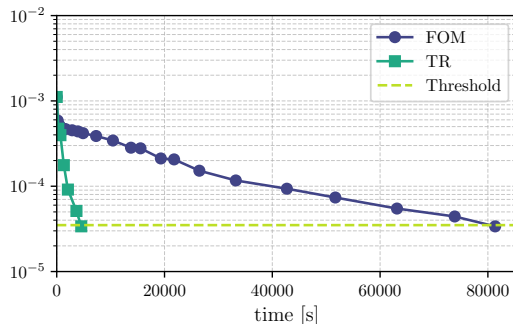
$$\langle I(t), v \rangle_{V', V} := \int_{\Omega} f(t) v \, dx$$



Exact parameter at $k = 25$ (left) and FOM/RB-TR reconstructions.

Result of the Inverse Problem

Algo.	time [s]	FOM solves	n_Q	n_V	o. iter
FOM	81348	43695	—	—	21
TR	4548	14	68	197	6



Performance of the algorithms for the reconstruction of the diffusion coefficient (POD-Tol $1e - 12$).

The overall speedup is **17,89**.

Application to a Structural Health Monitoring Model Problem

[Klein, Ohlberger, Schuster, 2026, arXiv:2605.19896]

Defect detection in a thin elastic plate

$$6.7 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m}, \quad \Omega = [-0.1, 0.1] \times [-15, 15] \times [-15, 15], \quad \Gamma = \{y = \pm 15 \text{ or } z = \pm 15\}.$$

The displacement field $u : (0, T) \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ solves

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \partial_t^2 u - \nabla \cdot \sigma_q(u) &= l && \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma, \\ \sigma_q(u) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 && \text{on } (0, T) \times (\partial\Omega \setminus \bar{\Gamma}), \\ u(0, \mathbf{x}) = 0, \partial_t u(0, \mathbf{x}) &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

with $\sigma_q(u) = \nabla_Y C_q(\mathbf{x}, \nabla u)$ and

$$C_q(\mathbf{x}, Y) = q(\mathbf{x}) \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} [\text{tr}(Y)]^2 + \mu \left\| \frac{1}{2}(Y + Y^T) \right\|_F^2 \right), \quad q(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \hat{q}(y, z), & \mathbf{x} = -0.1, \\ 1, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Application to a Structural Health Monitoring Model Problem

Excitation

$$l(t, \mathbf{x}) = l_t(t) l_y(y) l_z(z) e_1$$

Admissible set

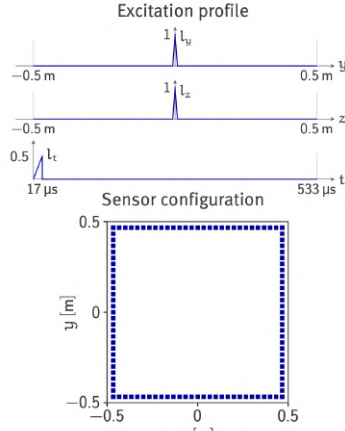
$$\mathcal{Q}_{ad} = \{ \hat{q} \in L^2([-15, 15]^2) \mid \hat{q} > 0 \text{ a.e.} \}$$

FE-Discretization

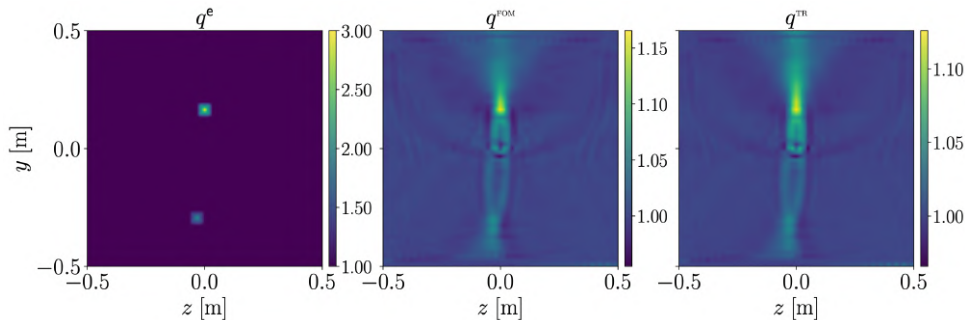
$$N_V = 55815, N_Q = 3721, K = 64$$

Noisy data

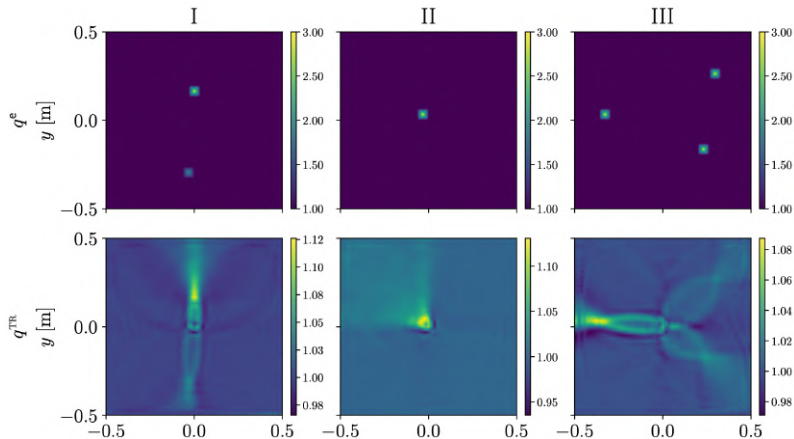
$$y^\delta = c_h u_h^e + \delta \frac{\xi}{\|\xi\|_{C_h^K}}, \quad \delta = \delta_{rel} \cdot \|c_h u_h^e\|_{C_h^K}$$



Structural Health Monitoring: Point Defects; $\delta_{\text{rel}} = 10^{-2}$



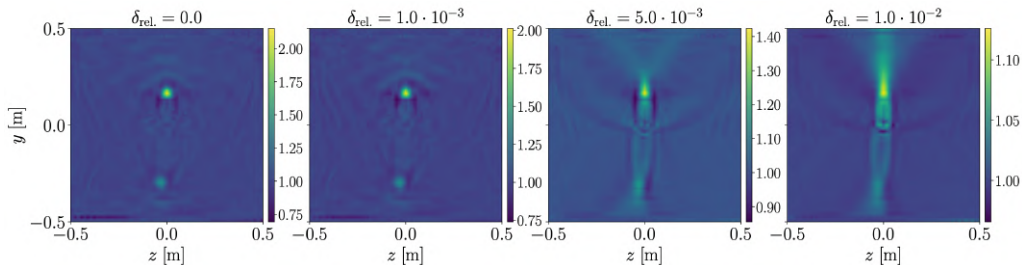
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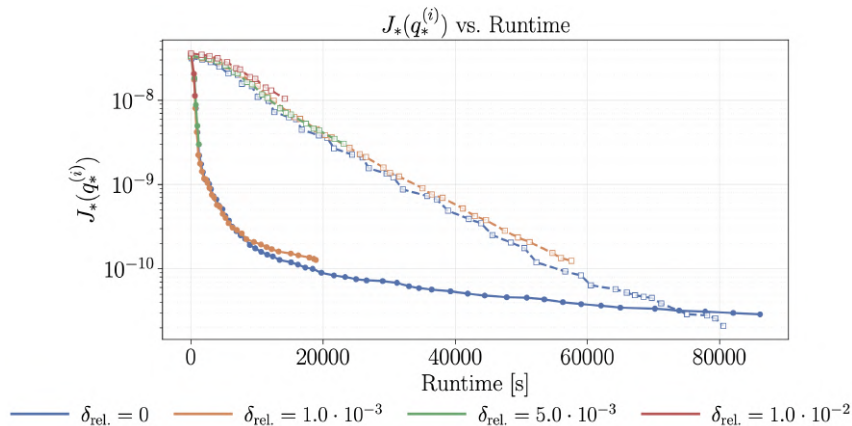
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Setup	Method	Q_h rel. err.	time [s]	speed-up	#FOM sol.
I	FOM	–	14238	–	466
	TR	2.75e-03	672	21.17	14
II	FOM	–	13425	–	472
	TR	3.38e-03	612	21.91	14
III	FOM	–	12674	–	420
	TR	2.02e-03	712	17.80	14

Structural Health Monitoring: Point Defects; varying noise level



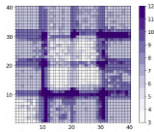
Structural Health Monitoring: Point Defects; varying noise level



Further recent contributions

► Parameter optimization for multiscale problems

⇒ based on LOD multiscale method!



[Keil, Ohlberger. A Relaxed Localized Trust-Region Reduced Basis Approach for Optimization of Multiscale Problems. M2AN 2024]

⇒ based on the LRBMS method!

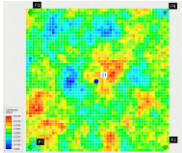


[Keil, Ohlberger, Schindler. Adaptive Localized Reduced Basis Methods for Large Scale PDE-constrained Optimization. LSSC 2024]

[Keil, Ohlberger, Schindler, Schleuß. Local training and enrichment based on a residual localization strategy, Algoritmy 2024]

Even more challenging problems

- ▶ Optimal control for large scale time dependent (non linear) PDE systems
⇒ adaptive machine learning based surrogate modeling



[Keil, Kleikamp, Lorentzen, Oguntola, Ohlberger. Adaptive machine learning based surrogate modeling to accelerate PDE-constrained optimization in enhanced oil recovery. ACOM 2022]

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