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## A Reduced Basis Method for Radiative Transfer Equation

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# Building Surrogate for Fusion - Motivation

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- In CHaRMNET, we are interested in the fundamental question of optimal design and UQ for fusion.
- Reduced Order Models (ROM) are necessary for outer loop calculations, e.g. UQ, inverse problems and control, see **John Jakeman's talk**.
- Projection based ROMs are widely accepted as an effective way to construct ROMs for fluid mechanics etc. However, there exists few work for such methods for kinetic equations.

## Building Surrogate for RTE

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A fundamental model in transport theory: radiative transfer equations

$$\varepsilon \partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f = \frac{\sigma_s}{\varepsilon} (\langle f \rangle - f) - \varepsilon \sigma_a f + \varepsilon G.$$

$t \in \mathcal{R}^+, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{v} \in \Omega_{\mathbf{v}}$  Unit sphere

(or its steady state version).

Even with a fixed scattering and absorption coefficient, this problem is difficult to solve because it is a multiscale problem in high-D.

## Connections and overview

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Structure-Preserving Machine  
Learning Moment Closure  
[with Andrew Christlieb, Juntao  
Huang et al. – MSU]

$$\partial_x m_{N+1} = \sum_{i=0}^N \mathcal{N}_i(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_N) \partial_x m_i$$



**This talk**  
Projection based ROMs

- Compute surrogate with reduced basis and reduced angular description



**Next talk**  
Data-driven nonlinear manifold  
ROMs

- **By Youngsoo Choi et al.**



# Outline

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The rest of talk will discuss the work on building the ROM when the model parameters are fixed.

- Highlights and challenges.
- Numerical methods.
- Numerical results.

This can be viewed as the inner layer for building ROM for problems with parametric dependence.

# Highlights

Background input  $FOM(V; U_h^\rho, U_h^g)$

Compress angle

Compress FEM basis

Intermediate  $ROM(\mathcal{V}_{rq}; U_h^\rho, U_h^g)$

Compare to obtain error indicator

$ROM(\mathcal{V}_{train}; U_{h,r}^\rho, U_{h,r}^g)$

Compress both angle and FEM basis

Output  $ROM(\mathcal{V}_{rq}; U_{h,r}^\rho, U_{h,r}^g)$

# Highlights

Background input  $FOM(V; U_h^\rho, U_h^g)$  ← Never computed

Intermediate  $ROM(\mathcal{V}_{rq}; U_h^\rho, U_h^g)$  ←  $ROM(\mathcal{V}_{train}; U_{h,r}^\rho, U_{h,r}^g)$

Output  $ROM(\mathcal{V}_{rq}; U_{h,r}^\rho, U_{h,r}^g)$  ← Computed in offline stage  
Used in online stage

## Challenges addressed

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We use the reduced basis method (RBM), which uses a greedy sampling strategy to save offline cost by *avoiding the FOM computation*.

We address several challenges.

1.  $V$  is not a parameter, but a true variable. The equations for different angles are coupled.
2. Structure preserving: *positivity* of the weights, equilibrium respecting enhancement (*asymptotic preserving*).



# Mathematical justification

Kinetic equations demonstrate multiscale behavior.

## Motivation

$$\varepsilon \partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f = \frac{\sigma_s}{\varepsilon} (\langle f \rangle - f) - \varepsilon \sigma_a f + G. \quad \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \quad \partial_t \rho - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\sigma_s^{-1} D \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \rho) = -\sigma_a \rho + G,$$
$$f(x, \mathbf{v}, t) \rightarrow \rho(x, t)$$

Therefore, there is an underlying low rank structure. (Low rank is heavily leveraged in Terry Haut et al, previous talk)

## Full Order Model (FOM)

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We use a FOM discretization by DG method in space, discrete ordinate methods in velocity and the micro-macro decomposition assisted asymptotic preserving method.

$$f = \underbrace{\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)}_{\text{Macro}} + \varepsilon \underbrace{g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)}_{\text{Micro}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v} g \rangle &= -\sigma_a \rho + G, \\ \varepsilon^2 \partial_t g + \varepsilon (I - \Pi)(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} g) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \rho &= -\sigma_s g - \varepsilon^2 \sigma_a g \end{aligned}$$

## Offline Stage

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- **Training set:** define time steps, and velocity sample training set.
- **Initialization:** start with empty RB set, and an initial coarse quadrature rule.
- We then compute *intermediate ROM with reduced quadrature points* to generate the snapshots for FEM space.
- We then compute *intermediate ROM with reduced basis on the full angular spaces*.
- We now use L1 indicator to guide us towards the next important angle and time to sample, and iterate.
- We stop when the difference between the two intermediate ROMs are small.

## Offline Stage

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- For the construction of quadrature rule on the velocity samples, we use a least square procedure. We use the spherical harmonic function ansatz.
- It is important to maintain **positivity** of quadrature weights for stability of ROM.
- We adjust the accuracy to satisfy this criteria. We iterate from a Max degree to a Min degree till this criteria can be met.
- We safeguard this procedure by using the quadrature rule in the previous step.
- We add the derivatives of density to the reduced basis of the micro part to enforce **self consistency**.

## Numerical Result

Homogeneous media (2D+sphere): ranks, compression ratio and accuracy. FOM: 80X80 mesh, 590 points in angle.

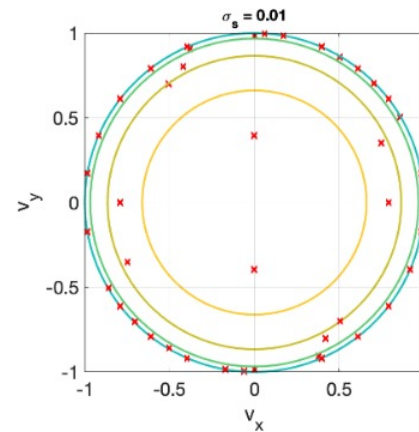
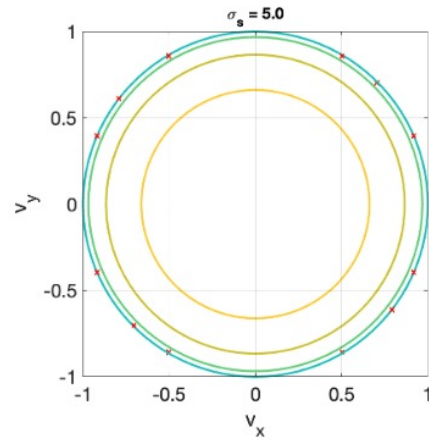
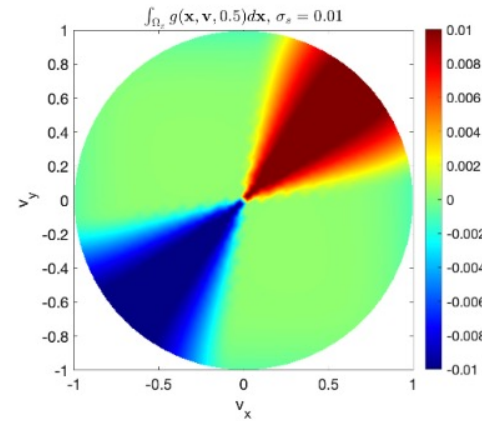
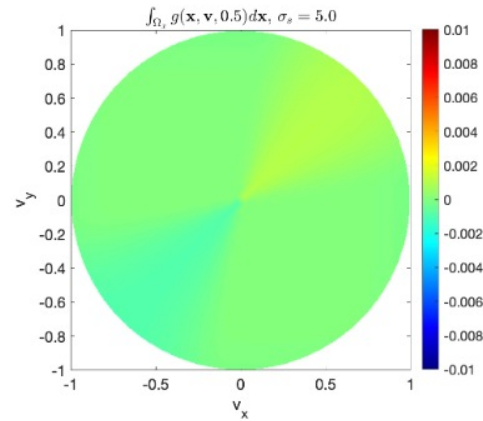
	$r_\rho$	$r_g$	$N_v^{\text{rq}}$	C-R	$\mathcal{E}_\rho$	$\mathcal{R}_\rho$	$\mathcal{E}_{\langle vf \rangle}$	$\mathcal{R}_{\langle vf \rangle}$	$\mathcal{E}_f$	$\mathcal{R}_f$
$\varepsilon = 1$	13	52	48	0.07%	1.29e-5	0.22%	1.99e-5	1.29%	1.21e-4	1.74%
$\varepsilon = 0.1$	8	32	40	0.03%	1.44e-5	0.48%	6.48e-6	1.34%	1.05e-4	3.16%
$\varepsilon = 0.005$	3	12	32	0.01%	7.86e-5	0.48%	1.29e-6	1.43%	7.90e-5	0.48%

Compression  
Ratio

Accuracy

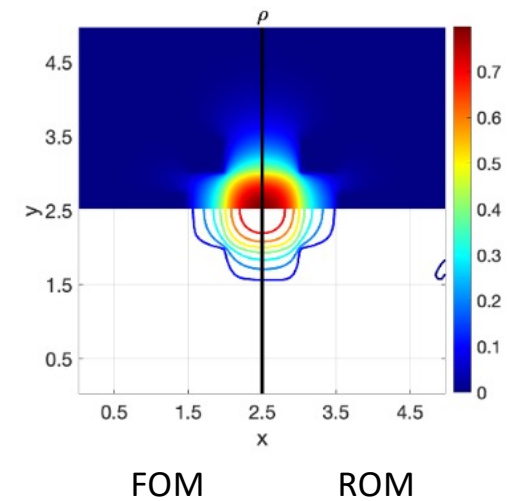
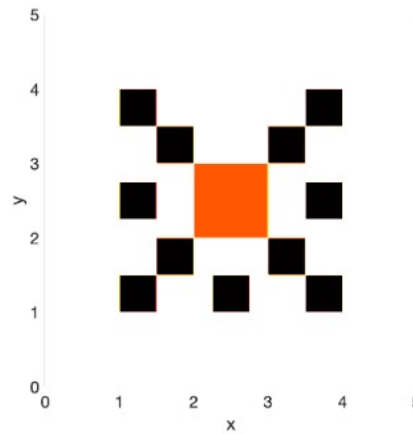
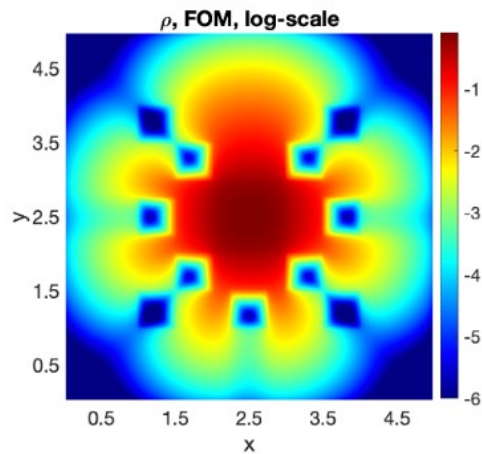
# Numerical Result

Greedy  
Angular  
Samples



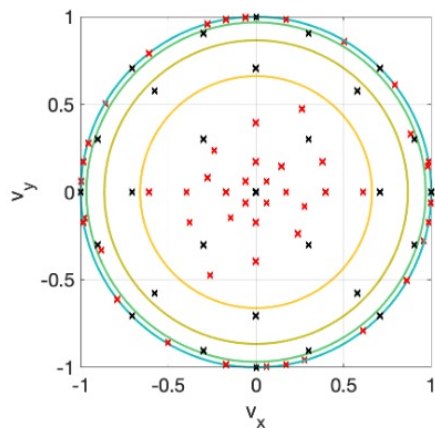
# Numerical Result

**Two-material lattice problem.** The black region is pure absorption  $\sigma_a = 100$ , while the rest is pure scattering with  $\sigma_s = 1$ . In the orange region, a constant source is imposed.

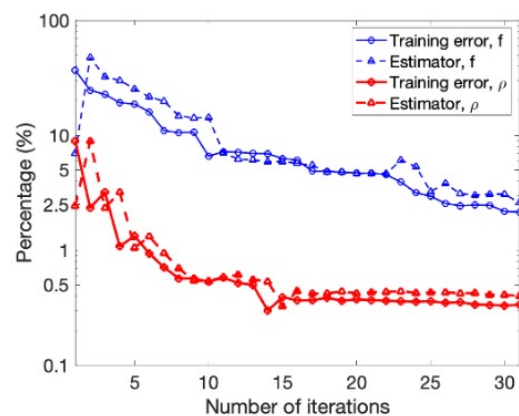


## Numerical Result

$r_\rho$	$r_g$	$N_v^{\text{rq}}$	C-R	$\mathcal{E}_\rho$	$\mathcal{R}_\rho$	$\mathcal{E}_{\langle v f \rangle}$	$\mathcal{R}_{\langle v f \rangle}$	$\mathcal{E}_f$	$\mathcal{R}_f$
31	124	102	0.21%	1.85e-3	0.27%	4.45e-3	2.41%	2.38e-2	2.71%



Sample points. Black: initial point, red:greedy sampled points



Training history



## Conclusions

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- We developed a RBM based Surrogate for reducing the velocity variable for RTE.
- There is also a version for ROM for steady state RTE.
- The ROM reduces both basis and angles to achieve max comp ratio.
- We never need to use FOM in the training.
- Next step: Use Sci-ML for transport dominated regime, auto-encoder based ML method with greedy indicators, see next talk by Youngsoo Choi, to work towards Y2 goal.

# Algorithm

