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# An adaptive generalized multiscale discontinuous Galerkin method (GMSDGM) for high-contrast flow problems

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## Abstract

In this paper, we develop an adaptive Generalized Multiscale Discontinuous Galerkin Method (GMSDGM) for a class of high-contrast flow problems, and derive a-priori and a-posteriori error estimates for the method. Based on the a-posteriori error estimator, we develop an adaptive enrichment algorithm for our GMSDGM and prove its convergence. The adaptive enrichment algorithm gives an automatic way to enrich the approximation space in regions where the solution requires more basis functions, which are shown to perform well compared with a uniform enrichment. We also discuss an approach that adaptively selects multiscale basis functions by correlating the residual to multiscale basis functions (cf. [4]). The proposed error indicators are  $L_2$ -based and can be inexpensively computed which makes our approach efficient. Numerical results are presented that demonstrate the robustness of the proposed error indicators.

## 1 Introduction

Model reduction techniques are often required for solving challenging multiscale problems that have multiple scales and high contrast. Many of these model reduction techniques perform the discretization of the problem on a coarse grid where coarse grid size is much larger than the fine-grid discretization. The latter requires constructing reduced order models for the solution space on a coarse grid. Some of these techniques involve upscaled models (e.g., [13, 28]) or multiscale methods (e.g., [2, 5, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 6, 10, 7, 8]).

In this paper, we develop an adaptive Generalized Multiscale Discontinuous Galerkin Method (GMSDGM) for a class of high-contrast flow problems, and derive a-priori and a-posteriori error estimates for the method. We propose an adaptive enrichment algorithm for our GMSDGM based on the a-posteriori error estimator and prove its convergence. The enrichment is done using inexpensive  $L_2$ -based error indicators which allows adding more basis functions in an automatic way.

The Generalized Multiscale Finite Element Method (GMSFEM), introduced in [15], is a generalization of the classical multiscale finite element method ([22]) by systematically enriching the coarse spaces and taking into account small scale information and complex input spaces. While GMSFEM uses continuous Galerkin methods as coarse grid solvers, the GMSDGM considered in this paper is based on the interior penalty discontinuous Galerkin method as the coarse grid solver. The discontinuous Galerkin formulation has several key advantages in multiscale finite element methods (see [16]). The basis functions for the GMSDGM are totally decoupled across coarse element boundaries. In addition, the GMSDGM is constructed following the general framework on GMSFEM [15]. In particular, given a coarse grid partition of the computational domain, a snapshot space is defined for each coarse element. The snapshot space for a specific coarse element

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contains all functions defined in the underlying fine grid. A space reduction is then performed to obtain a much smaller space by means of spectral decomposition. Our analysis shows that we need two spectral problems for the space reduction. More precisely, the snapshot space is decomposed into two components, which consists of harmonic extensions and functions that are vanishing on coarse element boundaries. Two separate spectral problems are used to compute reduced spaces. A-priori error estimate is derived showing that the error is inverse proportional to the first eigenvalue corresponding to the first eigenfunction that is not used in the construction of the reduced space. We remark that similar results are obtained for GMsFEM [18, 17].

It is evident that different coarse elements need different number of basis functions in order to obtain accurate representation of the solution. For example, in less heterogeneous regions, one needs fewer basis functions compared to the regions with more heterogeneities and high contrast. It is therefore another objective of the paper to consider adaptive enrichment of basis functions. We derive a-posteriori error estimate for the GMsDGM. By using the error indicator, we construct an adaptive enrichment algorithm and prove its convergence. One important feature of our adaptive enrichment algorithm is the ability to adaptively select basis functions in the space of harmonic extensions and the space of functions vanishing on coarse element boundaries. In addition, the error indicators are  $L_2$ -based, which can be computed efficiently. This is an advantage over the  $H^{-1}$ -based adaptive enrichment algorithm developed for GMsFEM [9]. We also present a procedure for removing basis functions. Our analysis is based on the idea in [3, 24, 9], and do not consider the error due to the fine-grid discretization of local problems and only study the errors due to the enrichment. In this regard, we assume that the error is largely due to coarse-grid discretization. The fine-grid discretization error can be considered in general (e.g., as in [1, 12]) and this will give an additional error estimator. We remark that there are many related activities in designing a-posteriori error estimates [11, 12, 1, 23, 25, 27] for global reduced models. The main difference is that our error estimators are based on special local eigenvalue problem and use the eigenstructure of the offline space. We also discuss an approach that adaptively selects multiscale basis functions from the offline space by selecting a basis with the most correlation to the local residual (cf. [4]).

The rest of the paper is organized in the following way. In the next section, we present the basic idea of GMsDGM. The method is then detailed and analyzed in Section 3. Then in Section 4, we elaborate the adaptive algorithm and state the main convergence results related to this algorithm. In Section 5, numerical results are illustrated to test the performance of this adaptive algorithm. The proofs of the main results are presented in Section 6.

## 2 Preliminaries

We will start this section with the problem settings and some notations. Let  $D$  be the computational domain consisting of a medium modeled by the function  $\kappa(x)$ . The high-contrast flow problem concerned in this paper is

$$-\operatorname{div}(\kappa(x) \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } D, \quad (1)$$

subject to the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition  $u = g$  on  $\partial D$ . The main difficulty in numerically solving the above problem is that  $\kappa(x)$  is highly heterogeneous with many scales and high contrast. We assume that  $\kappa \geq 1$ . In order to efficiently obtain an approximate solution to (1), we will need the notion of fine and coarse grids.

Consider a given triangulation  $\mathcal{T}^H$  of the domain  $D$  with mesh size  $H > 0$ . We call  $\mathcal{T}^H$  the coarse grid and  $H$  the coarse mesh size. Elements of  $\mathcal{T}^H$  are called coarse grid blocks and we use  $N$  to denote the number of coarse grid blocks. The set of all coarse grid edges is denoted by  $\mathcal{E}^H$ . We also introduce a finer triangulation  $\mathcal{T}^h$  of the computational domain  $D$ , obtained by a conforming refinement of the coarse grid  $\mathcal{T}^H$ . We call  $\mathcal{T}^h$  the fine grid and  $h > 0$  the fine mesh size. We remark that the use of the conforming refinement is only to simplify the discussion of the methodology and is not a restriction of the method.

Now we present the framework of GMsDGM. The methodology consists of two main ingredients, namely, the construction of local basis functions and the global coarse grid level coupling. For the local basis functions,

a snapshot space  $V^{i,\text{snap}}$  is first constructed for each coarse grid block  $K_i \in \mathcal{T}^H$ . The snapshot space contains a large library of basis functions, which can be used to obtain a fine scale approximate solution to (1). A spectral problem is then solved in the snapshot space  $V^{i,\text{snap}}$  and eigenfunctions corresponding to dominant modes are used as the final basis functions. The resulting space is called the local offline space  $V^{i,\text{off}}$  for the  $i$ -th coarse grid block  $K_i$ . The global offline space  $V^{\text{off}}$  is then defined as the linear span of all these  $V^{i,\text{off}}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . This global offline space  $V^{\text{off}}$  will be used as the approximation space of our discontinuous Galerkin method, which can be formulated as: find  $u_H^{\text{DG}} \in V^{\text{off}}$  such that

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^{\text{DG}}, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in V^{\text{off}}, \quad (2)$$

where the bilinear form  $a_{\text{DG}}$  is defined as

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u, v) = a_H(u, v) - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \llbracket v \rrbracket + \{\kappa \nabla v \cdot n_E\} \llbracket u \rrbracket \right) + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u \rrbracket \llbracket v \rrbracket \quad (3)$$

with

$$a_H(u, v) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_H} a_H^K(u, v), \quad a_H^K(u, v) = \int_K \kappa \nabla u \cdot \nabla v, \quad (4)$$

where  $\gamma > 0$  is a penalty parameter,  $n_E$  is a fixed unit normal vector defined on the coarse edge  $E \in \mathcal{E}^H$ . Note that, in (3), the average and the jump operators are defined in the classical way. Specifically, consider an interior coarse edge  $E \in \mathcal{E}^H$  and let  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  be the two coarse grid blocks sharing the edge  $E$ . For a piecewise smooth function  $G$ , we define

$$\{G\} = \frac{1}{2}(G^+ + G^-), \quad \llbracket G \rrbracket = G^+ - G^-, \quad \text{on } E,$$

where  $G^+ = G|_{K^+}$  and  $G^- = G|_{K^-}$  and we assume that the normal vector  $n_E$  is pointing from  $K^+$  to  $K^-$ . Moreover, on the edge  $E$ , we define  $\bar{\kappa} = (\kappa_{K^+} + \kappa_{K^-})/2$  where  $\kappa_{K^\pm}$  is the maximum value of  $\kappa$  over  $K^\pm$ . For a coarse edge  $E$  lying on the boundary  $\partial D$ , we define

$$\{G\} = \llbracket G \rrbracket = G, \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\kappa} = \kappa_K \quad \text{on } E,$$

where we always assume that  $n_E$  is pointing outside of  $D$ . We note that the DG coupling (2) is the classical interior penalty discontinuous Galerkin (IPDG) method [26] with our multiscale basis functions as the approximation space.

### 3 GMSDGM for high-contrast flow problems

In this section, we will give a detailed description of the method. We will first give the construction of the snapshot space, and then give the definitions of the local spectral problems for the construction of the offline space. Furthermore, a priori estimate of the method will be derived.

Let  $K_i \in \mathcal{T}^H$  be a given coarse grid block. We will define two types of snapshot spaces. The first type of local snapshot space  $V_1^{i,\text{snap}}$  for the coarse grid block  $K_i$  is defined as the linear span of all harmonic extensions. Specifically, given a function  $\delta_k$  defined on  $\partial K_i$ , we find  $\psi_k^{i,\text{snap}} \in V_h(K_i)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla \psi_k^{i,\text{snap}} \cdot \nabla v &= 0, \quad \forall v \in V_h^0(K_i), \\ \psi_k^{i,\text{snap}} &= \delta_k, \quad \text{on } \partial K_i, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $V_h(K_i)$  is the standard conforming piecewise linear finite element space with respect to the fine grid defined on  $K_i$ ,  $V_h^0(K_i)$  is the subspace of  $V_h(K_i)$  containing functions vanishing on  $\partial K_i$  and  $\delta_k$  is piecewise linear on  $\partial K_i$  with respect to the fine grid such that  $\delta_k$  has the value one at the  $k$ -th fine grid node and

value zero at all the remaining fine grid nodes. The linear span of the above harmonic extensions is the local snapshot space  $V_1^{i,\text{snap}}$ , namely

$$V_1^{i,\text{snap}} = \text{span}\{\psi_k^{i,\text{snap}}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, M^{i,\text{snap}}\},$$

where  $M^{i,\text{snap}}$  is the number of basis functions in  $V_1^{i,\text{snap}}$ , which is also equal to the number of fine grid nodes on  $\partial K_i$ . The second type of local snapshot space  $V_2^{i,\text{snap}}$  for the coarse grid block  $K_i$  is defined as  $V_2^{i,\text{snap}} = V_h^0(K_i)$ . It is easy to see that  $V_h(K_i) = V_1^{i,\text{snap}} + V_2^{i,\text{snap}}$ , namely the space  $V_h(K_i)$  is decomposed as the sum of harmonic extensions and functions vanishing on the boundary  $\partial K_i$ . Moreover, the global snapshot space  $V_1^{\text{snap}}$  is defined so that any  $v \in V_1^{\text{snap}}$  if  $v|_{K_i} \in V_1^{i,\text{snap}}$ . The space  $V_2^{\text{snap}}$  is defined similarly.

We will perform dimension reductions on the above snapshot spaces by the use of some carefully selected spectral problems. Based on our analysis to be presented in this section, we define the spectral problem for  $V_1^{i,\text{snap}}$  as finding eigenpairs  $(\phi_k^{(i)}, \lambda_{1,k}^{(i)})$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, M^{i,\text{snap}}$ , such that

$$\int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla \phi_k^{(i)} \cdot \nabla v = \frac{\lambda_{1,k}^{(i)}}{H} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} \phi_k^{(i)} v, \quad \forall v \in V_1^{i,\text{snap}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\tilde{\kappa}$  is the maximum of  $\kappa$  over all coarse edges  $E \in \partial K_i$ . Moreover, we assume that

$$\lambda_{1,1}^{(i)} < \lambda_{1,2}^{(i)} < \dots < \lambda_{1,M^{i,\text{snap}}}^{(i)}.$$

For the space  $V_2^{i,\text{snap}}$ , we define the spectral problem as finding eigenpairs  $(\xi_k^{(i)}, \lambda_{2,k}^{(i)})$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that

$$\int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla \xi_k^{(i)} \cdot \nabla v = \frac{\lambda_{2,k}^{(i)}}{H^2} \int_{K_i} \kappa \xi_k^{(i)} v, \quad \forall v \in V_2^{i,\text{snap}}, \quad (7)$$

where we also assume that

$$\lambda_{2,1}^{(i)} < \lambda_{2,2}^{(i)} < \dots$$

In the spectral problems (6) and (7), we will take respectively the first  $l_{1,i}$  and  $l_{2,i}$  eigenfunctions to form the offline space for the coarse grid block  $K_i$ . The local offline spaces are then defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V_1^{i,\text{off}} &= \text{span}\{\phi_l^{(i)}, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, l_{1,i}\}, \\ V_2^{i,\text{off}} &= \text{span}\{\xi_l^{(i)}, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, l_{2,i}\}. \end{aligned}$$

We define  $V^{i,\text{off}} = V_1^{i,\text{off}} + V_2^{i,\text{off}}$ . The global offline space  $V_1^{\text{off}}$  is defined so that the restriction of any function  $v \in V_1^{\text{off}}$  on the coarse grid block  $K_i$  belongs to  $V_1^{i,\text{off}}$ . The definition for  $V_2^{\text{off}}$  is defined similarly. In addition, we define  $V^{\text{off}} = V_1^{\text{off}} + V_2^{\text{off}}$ . This space is used as the approximation space in (2).

Now we will analyze the method defined in (2). For any piecewise smooth function  $u$ , we define the DG-norm by

$$\|u\|_{\text{DG}}^2 = a_H(u, u) + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_H} \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} [u]^2 ds.$$

Let  $K$  be a coarse grid block and let  $n_{\partial K}$  be the unit outward normal vector on  $\partial K$ . We denote  $V_h(\partial K)$  by the restriction of the conforming space  $V_h(K)$  on  $\partial K$ . The normal flux  $\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K}$  is understood as an element in  $V_h(\partial K)$  and is defined by

$$\int_{\partial K} (\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K}) \cdot v = \int_K \kappa \nabla u \cdot \nabla \hat{v}, \quad v \in V^h(\partial K), \quad (8)$$

where  $\hat{v} \in V_h(K)$  is the harmonic extension of  $v$  in  $K$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\int_{\partial K} (\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K}) \cdot v \leq a_H^K(u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} a_H^K(\hat{v}, \hat{v})^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

By an inverse inequality and the fact that  $\widehat{v}$  is the harmonic extension of  $v$

$$a_H^K(\widehat{v}, \widehat{v}) \leq \kappa_K C_{\text{inv}}^2 h^{-1} \int_{\partial K} |v|^2, \quad (9)$$

where we recall that  $\kappa_K$  is the maximum of  $\kappa$  over  $K$  and  $C_{\text{inv}} > 0$  is the constant from inverse inequality. Thus,

$$\int_{\partial K} (\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K}) \cdot v \leq \kappa_K^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{\text{inv}} h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_{L^2(\partial K)} a_H^K(u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This shows that

$$\int_{\partial K} |\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K}|^2 \leq \kappa_K C_{\text{inv}}^2 h^{-1} a_H^K(u, u). \quad (10)$$

Our first step in the development of an a priori estimate is to establish the continuity and the coercivity of the bilinear form (3) with respect to the DG-norm.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Assume that the penalty parameter  $\gamma$  is chosen so that  $\gamma > C_{\text{inv}}^2$ . The bilinear form  $a_{\text{DG}}$  defined in (3) is continuous and coercive, that is,*

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u, v) \leq a_1 \|u\|_{\text{DG}} \|v\|_{\text{DG}}, \quad (11)$$

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u, u) \geq a_0 \|u\|_{\text{DG}}^2, \quad (12)$$

for all  $u, v$ , where  $a_0 = 1 - C_{\text{inv}} \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} > 0$  and  $a_1 = 1 + C_{\text{inv}} \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

*Proof.* By the definition of  $a_{\text{DG}}$ , we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u, v) = a_H(u, v) - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \llbracket v \rrbracket + \{\kappa \nabla v \cdot n_E\} \llbracket u \rrbracket \right) + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u \rrbracket \llbracket v \rrbracket.$$

Notice that

$$a_H(u, v) + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket v \rrbracket \leq \|u\|_{\text{DG}} \|v\|_{\text{DG}}.$$

For an interior coarse edge  $E \in \mathcal{E}^H$ , we let  $K^+, K^- \in \mathcal{T}^H$  be the two coarse grid blocks having the edge  $E$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\int_E \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \cdot \llbracket v \rrbracket \leq \left( h \int_E \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\}^2 (\bar{\kappa})^{-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket v \rrbracket^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (13)$$

Notice that

$$h \int_E \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\}^2 (\bar{\kappa})^{-1} \leq h \left( \int_E (\kappa^+ \nabla u^+ \cdot n_E)^2 (\kappa_{K^+})^{-1} + \int_E (\kappa^- \nabla u^- \cdot n_E)^2 (\kappa_{K^-})^{-1} \right)$$

where  $u^\pm = u|_{K^\pm}$ ,  $\kappa^\pm = \kappa|_{K^\pm}$ . So, summing the above over all  $E$  and by (10), we have

$$h \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\}^2 (\bar{\kappa})^{-1} \leq h \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^H} \int_{\partial K} (\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K})^2 (\kappa_K)^{-1} \leq C_{\text{inv}}^2 a_H(u, u).$$

Thus we have

$$\sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \llbracket v \rrbracket \leq C_{\text{inv}} a_H(u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket v \rrbracket^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (14)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \{\kappa \nabla v \cdot n_E\} \llbracket u \rrbracket \leq C_{\text{inv}} a_H(v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u \rrbracket^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Summing the above two inequalities, we have

$$\sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \llbracket v \rrbracket + \{\kappa \nabla v \cdot n_E\} \llbracket u \rrbracket \right) \leq C_{\text{inv}} \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{\text{DG}} \|v\|_{\text{DG}}. \quad (15)$$

This proves the continuity (11).

For the coercivity (12), we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u, u) = \|u\|_{\text{DG}}^2 - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \cdot \llbracket u \rrbracket + \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} \cdot \llbracket u \rrbracket \right).$$

By (15), we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u, u) \geq (1 - C_{\text{inv}} \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|u\|_{\text{DG}}^2,$$

which gives the desired result.  $\square$

In the following, we will prove an a priori estimate of the method (2). First, we let

$$V_{\text{DG}}^h = \{v \in L^2(D) : v|_K \in V^h(K)\}.$$

Let  $u_h \in V_{\text{DG}}^h$  be the fine grid solution which satisfies

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in V_{\text{DG}}^h. \quad (16)$$

It is well-known that  $u_h$  converges to the exact solution  $u$  in the DG-norm as the fine mesh size  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Next, we define a projection  $u_1 \in V_1^{\text{snap}}$  of  $u_h$  in the snapshot space by the following construction. For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , the restriction of  $u_1$  on  $K_i$  is defined as the harmonic extension of  $u_h$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot \nabla v &= 0, \quad \forall v \in V_h^0(K_i) \\ u_1 &= u_h, \quad \text{on } \partial K_i. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The following theorem gives an a priori estimate for the GMsDGM (2).

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $u_h \in V_{\text{DG}}^h$  be the fine grid solution defined in (16) and  $u_H$  be the GMsDGM solution defined in (2). Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_h - u_H\|_{\text{DG}}^2 &\leq C \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{H}{\tilde{\kappa} \lambda_{1,l_1,i+1}^{(i)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma H}{h \lambda_{1,l_1,i+1}^{(i)}} \right) \int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot n_{\partial K})^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_H} \frac{H^2}{\lambda_{2,l_2,i+1}^{(i)}} \|f\|_{L^2(K)}^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_{\text{inv}}^2 \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $u_1$  is defined in (17).

*Proof.* First, we write  $u_h = u_1 + u_2$  where  $u_2 = u - u_1$ . Notice that, on each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , the functions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  can be represented by

$$u_1 = \sum_{l=1}^{M_i} c_l \phi_l^{(i)} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \sum_{l \geq 1} d_l \xi_l^{(i)} \quad (18)$$

where  $M_i = M^{i,\text{snap}}$  and we assume that the functions  $\phi_l^{(i)}$  and  $\xi_l^{(i)}$  are normalized so that

$$\int_{\partial K_i} \bar{\kappa} (\phi_l^{(i)})^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{K_i} \kappa (\xi_l^{(i)})^2 = 1.$$

Notice that, the functions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  belong to the snapshot spaces  $V_1^{\text{snap}}$  and  $V_2^{\text{snap}}$  respectively. We will need two functions  $\hat{u}_1$  and  $\hat{u}_2$ , which belong to the offline spaces  $V_1^{\text{off}}$  and  $V_2^{\text{off}}$  respectively. These functions are defined by

$$\hat{u}_1 = \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}} c_l \phi_l^{(i)} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{u}_2 = \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}} d_l \xi_l^{(i)} \quad \text{on } K_i.$$

We remark that  $\hat{u}_1$  and  $\hat{u}_2$  are the truncation of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  up to the eigenfunctions selected to form the offline space.

Next, we will find an estimate of  $\|u_1 - \hat{u}_1\|_{\text{DG}}$ . Let  $K_i \in \mathcal{T}^H$  be a given coarse grid block. Recall that the spectral problem to form  $V_1^{i,\text{off}}$  is

$$\int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla \phi_k^{(i)} \cdot \nabla v = \frac{\lambda_{1,k}^{(i)}}{H} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} \phi_k^{(i)} v, \quad \forall v \in V_1^{i,\text{snap}}.$$

By the definition of the flux defined in (8), the above spectral problem can be represented as

$$\int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla \phi_k^{(i)} \cdot n_{\partial K_i}) v \, ds = \frac{\lambda_{1,k}^{(i)}}{H} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} \phi_k^{(i)} v.$$

By the definition of the DG-norm, the error  $\|u_1 - \hat{u}_1\|_{\text{DG}}$  can be estimated by

$$\|\hat{u}_1 - u_1\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla(\hat{u}_1 - u_1)|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} (\hat{u}_1 - u_1)^2 \right).$$

Note that, by (18), we have

$$\int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla(\hat{u}_1 - u_1)|^2 = \sum_{l=l_{1,i}+1}^{M_i} \frac{\lambda_{1,l}^{(i)}}{H} c_l^2 \leq \frac{H}{\lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \sum_{l=l_{1,i}+1}^{M_i} \left( \frac{\lambda_{1,l}^{(i)}}{H} \right)^2 c_l^2$$

and

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} (\hat{u}_1 - u_1)^2 = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{l=l_{1,i}+1}^{M_i} c_l^2 \leq \frac{H^2}{h(\lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)})^2} \sum_{l=l_{1,i}+1}^{M_i} \left( \frac{\lambda_{1,l}^{(i)}}{H} \right)^2 c_l^2.$$

Furthermore,

$$\sum_{l=l_{1,i}+1}^{M_i} \left( \frac{\lambda_{1,l}^{(i)}}{H} \right)^2 c_l^2 \leq \sum_{l=1}^{M_i} \left( \frac{\lambda_{1,l}^{(i)}}{H} \right)^2 c_l^2 = (\tilde{\kappa})^{-1} \int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot n_{\partial K_i})^2.$$

Consequently, we obtain the following bound

$$\|u_1 - \hat{u}_1\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{H}{\tilde{\kappa} \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma H}{h \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \right) \int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot n_{\partial K_i})^2.$$

Next, we will find an estimate of  $\|u_2 - \hat{u}_2\|_{\text{DG}}$ . By definition of the bilinear form  $a_{DG}$ ,

$$a_{DG}(u_2, v) = -a_{DG}(u_1, v) + (f, v) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{ \kappa \nabla v \cdot n_E \} \llbracket u_1 \rrbracket \right) + (f, v)$$

which holds for any  $v \in V_2^{\text{snap}}$ . In addition, by the fact that any function in  $V_2^{\text{snap}}$  is zero on boundaries of coarse grid blocks, we have

$$\|u_2 - \hat{u}_2\|_{\text{DG}}^2 = a_{DG}(u_2 - \hat{u}_2, u_2 - \hat{u}_2) = a_{DG}(u_2, u_2 - \hat{u}_2),$$



where the last equality follows from the fact that the eigenfunctions of (7) are  $\kappa$ -orthogonal on every coarse grid block. Therefore we have

$$\|u_2 - \hat{u}_2\|_{\text{DG}}^2 = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{\kappa \nabla(u_2 - \hat{u}_2) \cdot n_E\} \llbracket u_1 \rrbracket \right) + (f, u_2 - \hat{u}_2). \quad (19)$$

The second term on the right hand side of (19) can be estimated as

$$(f, u_2 - \hat{u}_2) \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^H} \|f\|_{L^2(K)} \|\kappa^{\frac{1}{2}}(u_2 - \hat{u}_2)\|_{L^2(K)}.$$

By (7), for every  $K_i \in \mathcal{T}^H$ , we have

$$\int_{K_i} \kappa |u_2 - \hat{u}_2|^2 = \sum_{l \geq l_{2,i}+1} d_l^2 \leq \left( \frac{H^2}{\lambda_{2,l_{2,i}+1}^{(i)}} \right) \sum_{l=l_{2,i}+1} \frac{\lambda_{2,l}^{(i)}}{H^2} d_l^2 = \frac{H^2}{\lambda_{2,l_{2,i}+1}^{(i)}} \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla(u_2 - \hat{u}_2)|^2.$$

For the first term on the right hand side of (19), we use inequality (14) to conclude that

$$\sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \int_E \left( \{\kappa \nabla(u_2 - \hat{u}_2) \cdot n_E\} \llbracket u_1 \rrbracket \right) \leq C_{\text{inv}} \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|u_2 - \hat{u}_2\|_{\text{DG}} \left( \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u_1 \rrbracket^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Consequently, from (19) and the fact that  $\llbracket u_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket u_h \rrbracket$  for all coarse edges, we obtain the following bound

$$\|u_2 - \hat{u}_2\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq C \left( C_{\text{inv}}^2 \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_H} \frac{H^2}{\lambda_{2,l_{2,i}+1}^{(i)}} \|f\|_{L^2(K)}^2 \right).$$

Finally, we will prove the required error bound. By coercivity,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 \|\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H\|_{\text{DG}}^2 &\leq a_{\text{DG}}(\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H, \hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H) \\ &= a_{\text{DG}}(\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H, \hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_h) + a_{\text{DG}}(\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H, u_h - u_H). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $a_{\text{DG}}(\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H, u_h - u_H) = 0$  since  $\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H \in V^{\text{off}}$ . Using the above results,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2 - u_H\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \\ &\leq C \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{H}{\tilde{\kappa} \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma H}{h \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \right) \int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot n_{\partial K})^2 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_H} \frac{H^2}{\lambda_{2,l_{2,i}+1}^{(i)}} \|f\|_{L^2(K)}^2 + C_{\text{inv}}^2 \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

The desired bound is then obtained by the triangle inequality

$$\|u_h - u_H\|_{\text{DG}} \leq \|u_h - \hat{u}\|_{\text{DG}} + \|\hat{u} - u_H\|_{\text{DG}},$$

where  $\hat{u} = \hat{u}_1 + \hat{u}_2$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

We remark that, the term

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{H}{\tilde{\kappa} \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma H}{h \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}+1}^{(i)}} \right) \int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot n_{\partial K})^2 \quad (20)$$

corresponds to the error for the space  $V_1^{\text{off}}$  and the term

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_H} \frac{H^2}{\lambda_{2,l_{2,i}+1}^{(i)}} \|f\|_{L^2(K)}^2$$

corresponds to the error for the space  $V_2^{\text{off}}$ . Moreover, the term

$$C_{\text{inv}}^2 \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^H} \frac{1}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} [u_h]^2$$

is the error in the fine grid solution  $u_h$ . This is the irreducible error, and an estimate of this can be derived following standard DG frameworks.

h	$\Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$	h	$\Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$
1/48	1.0021e+03	1/48	7.7650e+05
1/96	1.0193e+03	1/96	1.6569e+06
1/192	1.3094e+03	1/192	3.3254e+06

Table 1: Left: oversampling basis, Right: no-oversampling basis

**Remark 3.3.** *It is important to note that one can also replace (9) by*

$$a_H^K(\hat{v}, \hat{v}) \leq \Lambda_K^{\text{snap}} \bar{\kappa} \int_{\partial K} |v|^2, \quad (21)$$

where  $\Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$  is the largest eigenvalue for the spectral problem (6). Therefore, (10) can be replaced by

$$\int_{\partial K} |\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_{\partial K}|^2 \leq \Lambda_K^{\text{snap}} \bar{\kappa} a_H^K(u, u).$$

By following the above steps, we see that one can choose  $\gamma$  in (20) so that

$$\gamma > C_\kappa h \max_{K \subset \mathcal{T}^H} \Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$$

where the constant  $C_\kappa$  is defined as

$$C_\kappa = \max_{K \subset \mathcal{T}^H} \frac{\max_{E \subset \partial K} \bar{\kappa}}{\min_{E \subset \partial K} \bar{\kappa}}.$$

We remark that this constant  $C_\kappa$  is order one if we assume that every coarse element has a high contrast region.

One can take smaller values of  $\gamma$  if oversampling is used (oversampling method is discussed in Section 5). The main idea of the oversampling is to choose larger regions for computing snapshot vectors. For every coarse block  $K_i$ , we choose an enlarged region  $K_i^+$ , and find oversampling snapshot functions  $\psi_k^{i, \text{over}}$  by solving (32). We have performed numerical experiments and computed  $\Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$  with and without oversampling. Denote  $\Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}}$  to be the largest eigenvalue corresponding to the oversampled problem. In our numerical results (see Table 1), we have removed linearly dependent snapshot vectors with respect to the inner product corresponding to  $\int_{\partial K} |v|^2$  before computing the largest eigenvalue. Our numerical results show that one can have about three orders of magnitude smaller value for  $\Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}}$  compared to  $\Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$ . Moreover, our numerical results show a weak  $h$ -dependence for  $\Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}}$  as we decrease  $h$ , while  $\Lambda_K^{\text{snap}}$  behaves as  $h^{-1}$  (when no-oversampling is used).

Our error analysis holds when oversampling snapshot space is used. The term in (20) will become

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{H}{\tilde{\kappa} \lambda_{1, l_1, i+1}^{(i)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha C_\kappa \max_{K \subset \mathcal{T}^H} \Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}} H}{\lambda_{1, l_1, i+1}^{(i)}} \right) \int_{\partial K_i} (\kappa \nabla u_1 \cdot n_{\partial K})^2 \quad (22)$$

when  $\gamma = \alpha C_\kappa h \max_{K \subset \mathcal{T}^H} \Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}}$ . If  $\Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}}$  is a weak function of  $h$ , e.g., if it is bounded with respect to  $h$ , then the terms involving  $\Lambda_{K^+}^{\text{snap}}$  doesn't influence the error and the error is dominated by the first term. We emphasize that our discussions in this Remark are based on our numerical studies and their analytical studies are difficult because it requires interior estimates for solutions. We plan to study them in future.

## 4 A-posteriori error estimate and adaptive enrichment

In this section, we will derive an a-posteriori error indicator for the error  $u_h - u_H$  in energy norm. We will then use the error indicator to develop an adaptive enrichment algorithm. The a-posteriori error indicator gives an estimate of the local error on the coarse grid blocks  $K_i$ , and we can then add basis functions to improve the solution. Our indicator consists of two components, which correspond to the errors made in the spaces  $V_1^{\text{snap}}$  and  $V_2^{\text{snap}}$ . By using the indicator, one can determine adaptively which space has to be enriched. This section is devoted to the description of the a-posteriori error indicator and the corresponding adaptive enrichment algorithm. The convergence analysis of the method will be given in the Section 6.

Recall that  $V_{\text{DG}}^h$  is the fine scale DG finite element space, and the fine scale solution  $u_h$  satisfies

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h, v) = (f, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{\text{DG}}^h. \quad (23)$$

Moreover, the GMSDGM solution  $u_H$  satisfies

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v) = (f, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V^{\text{off}}. \quad (24)$$

We remark that  $V^{\text{off}} \subset V_{\text{DG}}^h$ . Next we will give the definitions of the residuals.

### Definitions of residuals:

Let  $K_i$  be a given coarse grid block. We will define two residuals corresponding to the two types of snapshot spaces. First, on the space  $V_1^{i, \text{snap}}$ , we define the following linear functional

$$R_{1,i}(v) = \int_{K_i} f v - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v), \quad v \in V_1^{i, \text{snap}}. \quad (25)$$

Similarly, on the space  $V_2^{i, \text{snap}}$ , we define the following linear functional

$$R_{2,i}(v) = \int_{K_i} f v - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v), \quad v \in V_2^{i, \text{snap}}. \quad (26)$$

These residuals measure how well the solution  $u_H$  satisfies the fine-scale equation (23). Furthermore, on the snapshot spaces  $V_1^{i, \text{snap}}$  and  $V_2^{i, \text{snap}}$ , we define the following norms

$$\|v\|_{V_1(K_i)}^2 = H^{-1} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} v^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|v\|_{V_2(K_i)}^2 = H^{-2} \int_{K_i} \kappa v^2 \quad (27)$$

respectively. The norms of the linear functionals  $R_{1,i}$  and  $R_{2,i}$  are defined in the standard way, namely

$$\|R_{1,i}\| = \sup_{v \in V_1^{i, \text{snap}}} \frac{|R_{1,i}(v)|}{\|v\|_{V_1(K_i)}} \quad \text{and} \quad \|R_{2,i}\| = \sup_{v \in V_2^{i, \text{snap}}} \frac{|R_{2,i}(v)|}{\|v\|_{V_2(K_i)}}. \quad (28)$$

The norms  $\|R_{1,i}\|$  and  $\|R_{2,i}\|$  give estimates on the sizes of fine-scale residual errors with respect to the spaces  $V_1^{i, \text{snap}}$  and  $V_2^{i, \text{snap}}$ .

We recall that, for each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , the eigenfunctions of the spectral problem (6) corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{1,1}^{(i)}, \dots, \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}}^{(i)}$  and the eigenfunctions of the spectral problem (7) corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{2,1}^{(i)}, \dots, \lambda_{2,l_{2,i}}^{(i)}$  are used in the construction of  $V^{\text{off}}$ . In addition, the energy error in this section and Section 6 is measured by  $\|u\|_a^2 = a_{\text{DG}}(u, u)$ , which is equivalent to the DG norm.

In Section 6, we will prove the following theorem, and we see that the norms  $\|R_{j,i}\|$  give indications on the size of the energy norm error  $\|u_h - u_H\|_a$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $u_h$  and  $u_H$  be the solutions of (23) and (24) respectively. Then*

$$\|u_h - u_H\|_a^2 \leq C_{\text{err}} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 \|R_{j,i}\|^2 (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}+1}^{(i)})^{-1}. \quad (29)$$

where  $C_{\text{err}}$  is a uniform constant.

We will now present the adaptive enrichment algorithm. We use  $m \geq 1$  to represent the enrichment level,  $V^{\text{off}}(m)$  to represent the solution space at level  $m$  and  $u_H^m$  to represent the GMsDGM solution at the enrichment level  $m$ . For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , we use  $l_{j,i}^m$  to represent the number of eigenfunctions in  $V_j^{i,\text{off}}$  used at the enrichment level  $m$  for the coarse region  $K_i$ . Assume that the initial offline space  $V^{\text{off}}(0)$  is given.

**Adaptive enrichment algorithm:** Choose  $0 < \theta < 1$ . For each  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ ,

1. Step 1: Find the solution in the current space. That is, find  $u_H^m \in V^{\text{off}}(m)$  such that

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v) = (f, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V^{\text{off}}(m). \quad (30)$$

2. Step 2: Compute the local residuals. For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , we compute

$$\eta_{j,i}^2 = \|R_{j,i}\|^2 (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-1}, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

Then we re-enumerate the above  $2N$  residuals in the decreasing order, that is,  $\eta_1^2 \geq \eta_2^2 \geq \dots \geq \eta_{2N}^2$ , where we adopted single index notations.

3. Step 3: Find the coarse grid blocks and spaces where enrichment is needed. We choose the smallest integer  $k$  such that

$$\theta \sum_{J=1}^{2N} \eta_J^2 \leq \sum_{J=1}^k \eta_J^2. \quad (31)$$

4. Step 4: Enrich the space. For each  $J = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , we add basis function in  $V_j^{i,\text{off}}$  according to the following rule. Let  $s$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+s+1}^{(i)}$  is large enough (see the proof of Theorem 4.2) compared with  $\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)}$ . Then we include the eigenfunctions in the construction of the basis functions. The resulting space is denoted as  $V^{\text{off}}(m+1)$ .

We remark that the choice of  $s$  above will ensure the convergence of the enrichment algorithm, and in practice, the value of  $s$  is easy to obtain. Moreover, contrary to classical adaptive refinement methods, the total number of basis functions that we can add is bounded by the dimension of the snapshot space. Thus, the condition (31) can be modified as follows. We choose the smallest integer  $k$  such that

$$\theta \sum_{J=1}^{2N} \eta_J^2 \leq \sum_{J \in I} \eta_J^2,$$

where the index set  $I$  is a subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

Finally, we state the convergence theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.** *There are positive constants  $\delta, \rho$  and  $L_m$  such that the following contracting property holds*

$$\|u - u_H^{m+1}\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\delta L_{m+1}} \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^{m+1})^2 \leq \varepsilon \left( \|u - u_H^m\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\delta L_m} \sum_{J=1}^N (S_J^m)^2 \right).$$

Note that  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \frac{\theta^2(1 - \rho L_m / L_{m+1})}{\theta^2 + C_{\text{err}} \delta L_m}.$$

We remark that the precise definitions of  $S_J^m$  as well as the constants  $\delta, \rho$  and  $L_m$  are given in Section 6.

## 5 Numerical Results

In this section, we will present some numerical examples to demonstrate the performance of the adaptive enrichment algorithm. The domain  $\Omega$  is taken as the unit square  $[0, 1]^2$  and is divided into  $16 \times 16$  coarse blocks consisting of uniform squares. Each coarse block is then divided into  $32 \times 32$  fine blocks consisting of uniform squares. Consequently, the whole domain is partitioned by a  $512 \times 512$  fine grid blocks. We will use the following error quantities to compare the accuracy of our algorithm

$$e_2 = \frac{\|u_H - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{\|u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}, \quad e_a = \frac{\sqrt{a_{\text{DG}}(u_H - u_h, u_H - u_h)}}{\sqrt{a_{\text{DG}}(u_h, u_h)}}$$

$$e_2^{\text{snap}} = \frac{\|u_H - u_{\text{snap}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{\|u_{\text{snap}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}, \quad e_a^{\text{snap}} = \frac{\sqrt{a_{\text{DG}}(u_H - u_{\text{snap}}, u_H - u_{\text{snap}})}}{\sqrt{a_{\text{DG}}(u_{\text{snap}}, u_{\text{snap}})}}$$

where  $u_H$  and  $u_h$  are the GMsDGM and the fine grid solutions respectively. Moreover,  $u_{\text{snap}}$  is the snapshot solution obtained by using all snapshot functions generated by an oversampling strategy, see below.

We consider the permeability field  $\kappa$  which is shown in Figure 1. The boundary condition is set to be bi-linear,  $g = x_1 x_2$ . We will consider two examples with two different source functions  $f$ . We will compare the result of  $V_1$  enrichment,  $V_1 - V_2$  enrichment, oversampling basis enrichment, uniform enrichment and the exact indicator enrichment. The following gives the details of these enrichments.

- **$V_1$  enrichment:** We use the error indicator,  $\eta_{1,i}^2$  to perform the adaptive algorithm by enriching the basis functions in  $V_1$  space only, that is, basis functions obtained by the first spectral problem (6). We use 4 basis functions from (6) and zero basis function from (7) in the initial step.
- **$V_1 - V_2$  enrichment:** We use both the error indicators,  $\eta_{1,i}^2, \eta_{2,i}^2$  to perform the adaptive algorithm by enriching the basis functions in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces, that is, basis functions from both spectral problems (6) and (7). We use 4 basis functions from (6) and zero basis function from (7) in the initial step.
- **Oversampling enrichment:** For every coarse block  $K_i$ , we choose an enlarged region  $K_i^+$  (in the examples presented below, we enlarge the coarse block in each direction by a length  $H$ , that is  $K_i^+$  is a  $3 \times 3$  coarse blocks with  $K_i$  at the center). Then we find oversampling snapshot functions  $\psi_k^{i,\text{over}} \in V_h(K_i^+)$  by solving

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{K_i} \kappa \nabla \psi_k^{i,\text{over}} \cdot \nabla v &= 0, \quad \forall v \in V_h^0(K_i^+), \\ \psi_k^{i,\text{over}} &= \delta_k, \quad \text{on } \partial K_i^+. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

The linear span of these snapshot functions is called  $V^{i,\text{over}}$ . Then we choose 40 dominant oversampling basis functions by POD method. Specifically, we solve the following eigenvalue problem

$$\int_{K_i} \psi_k^{i,\text{over}} v = \lambda_k^i \int_{\partial K_i^+} \psi_k^{i,\text{over}} v, \quad \forall v \in V^{i,\text{over}}.$$

and choose the first 40 eigenfunctions with largest eigenvalues. Then we use these 40 functions as boundary conditions in (5) and repeat the remaining construction of the offline space.

- **Uniform enrichment:** We enrich the basis functions in  $V_1$  space uniformly with 4 basis functions from the  $V_1$  space in the initial step.
- **The exact indicator enrichment:** We use the exact error as the error indicator to perform the adaptive algorithm by enriching the basis functions in  $V_1$  space only with 4 basis functions in the space  $V_1$  in the initial step. Here, the exact error is defined as  $\|u - u_H\|_a$ .

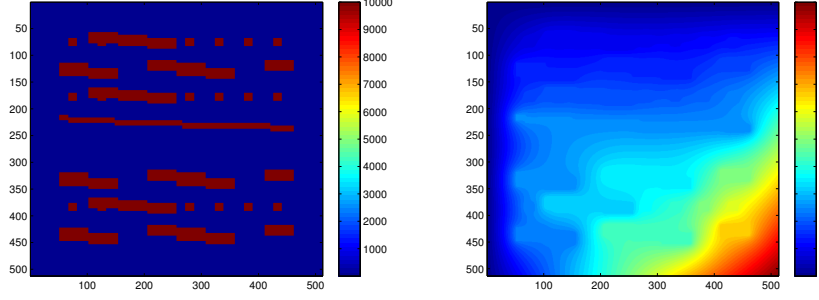


Figure 1: Left: Permeability field  $\kappa$ . Right: Fine grid solution with  $f = 1$ .

### Example 1

In our first example, we take the source function  $f = 1$ . The fine grid solution is shown in Figure 1. In Table 2 and Table 3, we present the convergence history of our algorithm for enriching in  $V_1$  space only, enriching in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces and enriching by the oversampling basis functions. We remark that, in the presentation of our results, DOF means the total number of basis functions used in the whole domain. We see from Table 2 that the behaviour of enriching in  $V_1$  space only and enriching in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces are similar. This is due to the fact that the source function  $f$  is a constant function, and the space  $V_2$  will not help to improve the solution. This is in consistent with classical theory that basis functions obtained by harmonic extensions are good enough to approximate the solution. In Table 3, the convergence behaviour is shown for the oversampling case, and we see again that a clear convergence is obtained. For this case, we use 40 snapshot basis functions per coarse grid block giving a total DOF of 10240, and the corresponding snapshot errors (that is, the difference between the solution obtained by these 10240 basis functions and the solution  $u_h$ ) of  $4.5195 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $9.8935 \times 10^{-4}$  in relative  $L^2$  norm and relative  $a$ -norm respectively. In addition, we observe that the oversampling basis provides more efficient representation of the solution than the non-oversampling basis. To further demonstrate the efficiency of our algorithm, we compare our result with the uniform enrichment scheme. The convergence history for using uniform enrichment is shown in Table 3, and we see that our adaptive enrichment algorithm performs much better than uniform enrichment. Finally, a comparison among all the above cases and the enrichment by exact error is shown in Figure 2, in which the energy error is plotted against DOF. From the figure, we clearly see that our enrichment algorithm performs much better than uniform enrichment. Moreover, our enrichment algorithm performs equally well compared with enrichment by the exact error. This shows that our indicator is both reliable and efficient.

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.1082	0.0479
1769	0.0456	0.0178
2403	0.0156	0.0105
3135	0.0070	0.0067
5607	0.0016	0.0031

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.1082	0.0479
1639	0.0802	0.0239
2584	0.0194	0.0114
3822	0.0061	0.0063
5660	0.0021	0.0037

Table 2: Convergence history with  $\theta=0.4$ . Left: Enrich in  $V_1$  space only. Right: Enrich in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces.

### Example 2

In our second example, we will take the source  $f$  to be the function shown in the left plot of Figure 3 and the corresponding fine grid solution shown in the right plot of Figure 3. In Table 4 and Table 5, we

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$	$e_2^{\text{snap}}$	$e_a^{\text{snap}}$	DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.0940	0.0469	0.0939	0.0469	1024	0.1082	0.0479
1975	0.0204	0.0121	0.0202	0.0121	2048	0.0671	0.0199
2648	0.0087	0.0077	0.0084	0.0077	3328	0.0423	0.0150
3422	0.0046	0.0056	0.0043	0.0056	5888	0.0161	0.0059
6748	0.0009	0.0022	0.0006	0.0020	8448	0.0128	0.0044

Table 3: Left: Convergence history for oversampling basis with  $\theta = 0.4$  and enrichment in  $V_1$  space only. Right: Convergence history for uniform enrichment in  $V_1$  space only.

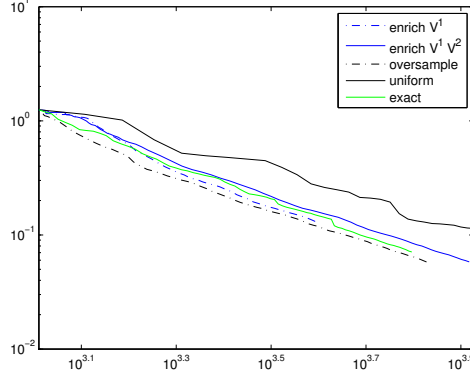


Figure 2: A comparison of different ways of enrichment.

present the convergence history of our algorithm for enriching in  $V_1$  space only, enriching in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces and enriching by oversampling basis. We see from Table 4 that enrichment in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces provides much more efficient methods than enrichment in  $V_1$  space only. In particular, for an error level of approximately 1%, we see that enrichment in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces requires 3144 DOF while enrichment in  $V_1$  space only requires 3483 DOF. In Table 5, the convergence behaviour is shown for the oversampling case, and we see again that a clear convergence is obtained. For this case, we use 40 snapshot basis functions per coarse grid block giving a total DOF of 10240, and the corresponding snapshot errors (that is, the difference between the solution obtained by these 10240 basis functions and the solution  $u_h$ ) of 0.0078 and 0.0093 in relative  $L^2$  norm and relative  $a$ -norm respectively. In addition, we observe again that the oversampling basis provides more efficient representation of the solution than the non-oversampling basis. To further demonstrate the efficiency of our algorithm, we compare our results with the uniform enrichment scheme. The result for using uniform enrichment is shown in Table 5 and we clearly observe that our adaptive method is more efficient. Moreover, a comparison of the performance of various strategies is shown in Figure 4, where the errors against DOF are plotted. From the figure, we see that our method is much better than uniform enrichment. Furthermore, enrichment in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces has the best performance, which suggests that both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces are important for more complicated source functions.

## 5.1 Adaptive enrichment algorithm

### 5.1.1 Adaptive enrichment algorithm with basis removal

In our adaptive enrichment algorithm, we can add basis functions to the offline space by using the error indicators. However, the addition of the basis functions must follow the ordering of the eigenfunctions. There may be cases that some of the intermediate eigenfunctions are not required in the representation of the solution. Therefore, we propose a numerical strategy to remove basis functions that do not contribute or

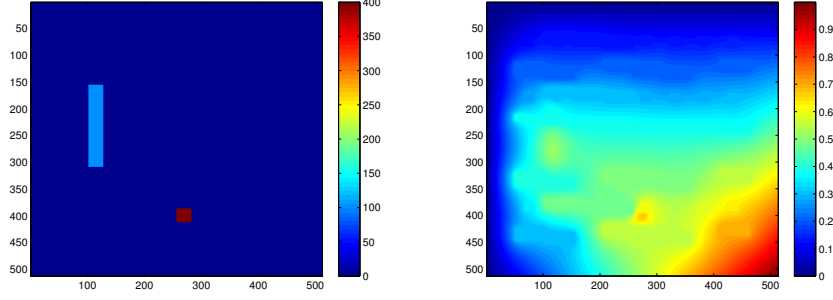


Figure 3: Left: The source function  $f$  for the second example. Right: The fine grid solution.

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.2052	0.0554
2028	0.0362	0.0191
2717	0.0152	0.0140
3483	0.0111	0.0118
5116	0.0084	0.0102

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.2052	0.0554
2023	0.0486	0.0206
3144	0.0113	0.0105
4456	0.0050	0.0066
7407	0.0013	0.0034

Table 4: Convergence history with  $\theta=0.4$ . Left: Enrich in  $V_1$  space only. Right: Enrich in both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  spaces.

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$	$e_2^{\text{snap}}$	$e_a^{\text{snap}}$
1024	0.1882	0.0540	0.1865	0.0532
1926	0.0296	0.0182	0.0269	0.0156
2626	0.0137	0.0135	0.0098	0.0098
3368	0.0105	0.0116	0.0057	0.0070
6677	0.0080	0.0097	0.0007	0.0025

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.2052	0.0554
2048	0.0923	0.0282
3328	0.0659	0.0215
5888	0.0278	0.0135
8448	0.0226	0.0121

Table 5: Left: Convergence history for oversampling basis with  $\theta = 0.4$  and enrichment in  $V_1$  space only. Right: Convergence history for uniform enrichment in  $V_1$  space only.

contribute less to the representation of the solution. In the following, we will present this numerical strategy.

**Adaptive enrichment algorithm with basis removal:** Choose  $0 < \theta < 1$ . For each  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ ,

1. Step 1: Find the solution in the current space. That is, find  $u_H^m \in V^{\text{off}}(m)$  such that

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v) = (f, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V^{\text{off}}(m). \quad (33)$$

2. Step 2: Compute the local residuals. For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , we compute

$$\eta_{j,i}^2 = \|R_{j,i}\|^2 (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-1}, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

Then we re-enumerate the  $2N$  residuals in the decreasing order, that is,  $\eta_1^2 \geq \eta_2^2 \geq \dots \geq \eta_{2N}^2$ , where we adopted single index notations.

3. Step 3: Find the coarse grid blocks where enrichment is needed. We choose the smallest integer  $k$  such that

$$\theta \sum_{J=1}^{2N} \eta_J^2 \leq \sum_{J=1}^k \eta_J^2. \quad (34)$$



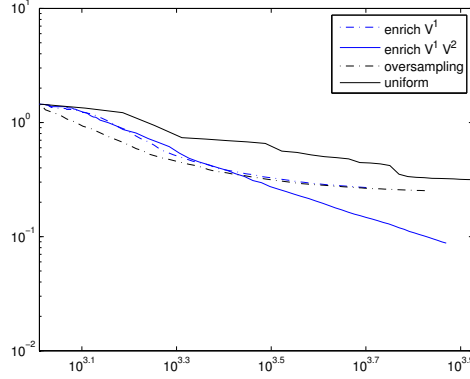


Figure 4: A comparison of different ways of enrichment.

4. Step 4: Enrich the space. For each  $J = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , we add basis function in  $V_j^{i, \text{off}}$  according to the following rule. Let  $s$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $\lambda_{j, l_{j,i}^m + s + 1}^{(i)}$  is large enough (see the proof of Theorem 4.2) compared with  $\lambda_{j, l_{j,i}^m + 1}^{(i)}$ . Then we include the eigenfunctions in the construction of the basis functions. The resulting space is denoted as  $\hat{V}^{\text{off}}(m+1)$ . Note that this is the offline space without basis removal.
5. Step 5: Remove basis. For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , we can write the restriction of the current solution  $u_H^m$  on  $K_i$  as

$$\sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}^m} \alpha_{1,l} \phi_l^{(i)} + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}^m} \alpha_{2,l} \xi_l^{(i)}.$$

Fixed a tolerance  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then the basis function  $\phi_l^{(i)}$  or  $\xi_l^{(i)}$  is removed if

$$\alpha_{1,l}^2 < \varepsilon \left( \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}^m} \alpha_{1,l}^2 + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}^m} \alpha_{2,l}^2 \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha_{2,l}^2 < \varepsilon \left( \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}^m} \alpha_{1,l}^2 + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}^m} \alpha_{2,l}^2 \right)$$

is satisfied. The resulting space is called  $V^{\text{off}}(m+1)$ .

To test this strategy, we consider our second example with the source function  $f$  defined in Figure 3. We will consider three choices of  $\varepsilon$ , with values  $10^{-12}$ ,  $10^{-13}$  and  $10^{-14}$ . The convergence history of these cases are shown in Table 6. We can see that our basis removal strategy gives more efficient representation of the solution. For example, comparing the errors with DOF of around 2000 with basis removal (Table 6) and without basis removal (Table 4), we see that the method with basis removal gives a solution with smaller errors in both  $L^2$  norm and  $a$ -norm. On the other hand, we see that the choice of  $\varepsilon = 10^{-14}$  performs better than  $\varepsilon = 10^{-12}$ . In particular, for DOF of around 2200, the error with  $\varepsilon = 10^{-14}$  is around 2% while the error with  $\varepsilon = 10^{-12}$  is around 4%. However, one expects that smaller choices of  $\varepsilon$  are not as economical as larger choices of  $\varepsilon$ .

### 5.1.2 Adaptive enrichment using local basis pursuit

In this section, we discuss an algorithm that follows basis pursuit ideas [4] and identify the basis functions which need to be added based on the residual. The main idea is to find multiscale basis functions that correlate to the residual the most and add those basis functions. More precisely, we identify basis functions

DOF	$L_2$ -error	$a$ -error
1024	0.2052	0.0554
951	0.1824	0.0502
1074	0.1158	0.0415
1742	0.0461	0.0174
2218	0.0404	0.0153

DOF	$L_2$ -error	$a$ -error
1024	0.2052	0.0554
996	0.1767	0.0501
1107	0.1236	0.0431
2006	0.0266	0.0154
2824	0.0192	0.0123

DOF	$L_2$ -error	$a$ -error
1024	0.2052	0.0554
1048	0.1774	0.0500
1185	0.1280	0.0434
2235	0.0223	0.0150
3275	0.0147	0.0117

Table 6: Enrichment with  $\theta = 0.4$  and basis removal as well as enrichment in  $V_1$  space only. Left:  $\varepsilon = 10^{-12}$ . Middle:  $\varepsilon = 10^{-13}$ . Right:  $\varepsilon = 10^{-14}$

that has the largest correlation coefficient with respect to the residual and add those basis functions. In the following, we will present the details of the numerical algorithm.

**Adaptive enrichment algorithm using local basis pursuit:** Choose  $0 < \theta < 1$ . For each  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ ,

1. Step 1: Find the solution in the current space. That is, find  $u_H^m \in V^{\text{off}}(m)$  such that

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v) = (f, v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V^{\text{off}}(m). \quad (35)$$

2. Step 2: Compute the local residuals. For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , we compute

$$\zeta_{j,i,l}^2 = \frac{|R_{j,i}(v_l)|^2}{\|v_l\|_{V_j(K_i)}^2}, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad \forall v_l \in V_j(K_i).$$

Then we re-enumerate these residuals in the decreasing order, that is,  $\zeta_1^2 \geq \zeta_2^2 \geq \dots$ , where we adopted single index notations. Note that  $|R_{j,i}(v_l)|$  is the inner-product that identifies the basis functions that have the largest correlation to the residual. More precisely,

$$|R_{j,i}(v_l)| = \left| \int_{K_i} f v_l - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v_l) \right|$$

which is just the local inner-product of the residual vector and basis function  $v_l$ .

3. Step 3: Find the coarse grid blocks where enrichment is needed. We choose the smallest integer  $k$  such that

$$\eta_k \geq \theta \eta_1. \quad (36)$$

4. Step 4: Enrich the space. For each  $J = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , we add the basis function  $v_l \in V_J(K_i)$  corresponding to  $\zeta_J$ . The resulting space is denoted as  $\widehat{V}^{\text{off}}(m+1)$ . Note that this is the offline space without basis removal.

5. Step 5: Remove basis. For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ , we can write the restriction of the current solution  $u_H^m$  on  $K_i$  as

$$\sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}^m} \alpha_{1,l} \phi_l^{(i)} + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}^m} \alpha_{2,l} \xi_l^{(i)}.$$

Fixed a tolerance  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then the basis function  $\phi_l^{(i)}$  or  $\xi_l^{(i)}$  is removed if

$$\alpha_{1,l}^2 < \varepsilon \left( \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}^m} \alpha_{1,l}^2 + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}^m} \alpha_{2,l}^2 \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha_{2,l}^2 < \varepsilon \left( \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}^m} \alpha_{1,l}^2 + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}^m} \alpha_{2,l}^2 \right)$$

is satisfied. The resulting space is called  $V^{\text{off}}(m+1)$ .

To demonstrate the performance of this strategy, we will consider two examples. In the first example, the source function  $f$  is defined as in Figure 3 and the rest of the parameters as in the Example 2. In the second example, we will take the solution (see Figure 5) which only contain the component of the 1st, 17th and 30th eigen-basis. The boundary conditions are as in Example 2 and the source term is calculated based on this sparse solution. The convergence history for the first example is shown in Table 7. Comparing these results to Table 6, we can see that the adaptive enrichment provides a better convergence. The convergence history is substantially improved if we consider the sparse solution as in our second example. The numerical results are shown in Table 8.

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.2052	0.0554
1036	0.1474	0.0405
1259	0.0585	0.0230
2096	0.0129	0.0125
2643	0.0099	0.0111

Table 7: Enrichment using basis pursuit with  $\theta = 0.8$  and basis removal as well as enrichment in  $V_1$  space only.

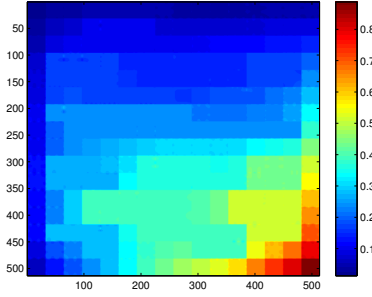


Figure 5: Solution with sparse coefficient

DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$	DOF	$e_2$	$e_a$
1024	0.0150	0.0424	1024	0.0150	0.0424
941	0.0069	0.0286	997	0.0150	0.0424
934	0.0032	0.0135	1327	0.0108	0.0412
688	0.0001	0.0010	2447	0.0023	0.0154
744	1.20e-06	2.13e-05	889	0.0003	0.0022

Table 8: Enrichment with  $\theta=0.8$ . Left: basis pursuit. Right: standard enrichment

## 6 Convergence analysis

In this section, we will provide the proofs for the a-posteriori error estimates (Theorem 4.1) and the convergence of the adaptive enrichment algorithm (Theorem 4.2).

For each coarse grid block  $K_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , we define two projection operators  $P_{j,i} : V_j^{i,\text{snap}} \rightarrow V_j^{i,\text{off}}$ ,

$j = 1, 2$ , from the local snapshot spaces to the corresponding local offline spaces by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} P_{1,i}(v) w &= \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} v w \quad \forall w \in V_1^{i,\text{off}}, \\ \int_{K_i} \kappa P_{2,i}(v) w &= \int_{K_i} \kappa v w \quad \forall w \in V_2^{i,\text{off}}. \end{aligned}$$

For any  $v \in V_1^{i,\text{snap}}$ , we can write  $v = \sum_{l=1}^{M_i} c_{1,l} \phi_l^{(i)}$ . By orthogonality of eigenfunctions, we have  $P_{1,i}(v) = \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}} c_{1,l} \phi_l^{(i)}$ . Therefore, by the equivalence of  $\|\cdot\|_a$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{DG}}$ , we have

$$\|P_{1,i}(v)\|_a^2 \leq a_1 \left( \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla P_{1,i}(v)|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} P_{1,i}(v)^2 \right).$$

By the spectral problem (6) and the fact that the eigenvalues are ordered increasingly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_{1,i}(v)\|_a^2 &\leq a_1 \left( \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}} \frac{\lambda_{1,l}^{(i)}}{H} c_{1,l}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_{\partial K_i} \tilde{\kappa} P_{1,i}(v)^2 \right) \\ &\leq a_1 \left( \frac{\lambda_{1,l_{1,i}}^{(i)}}{H} + \frac{\gamma}{h} \right) \sum_{l=1}^{l_{1,i}} c_{1,l}^2 = a_1 \left( \lambda_{1,l_{1,i}}^{(i)} + \frac{\gamma H}{h} \right) \|v\|_{V_1(K_i)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $v = \sum_{l \geq 1} c_{2,l} \xi_l^{(i)}$ , we have  $P_{2,i}(v) = \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}} c_{2,l} \xi_l^{(i)}$ . Therefore, by the equivalence of  $\|\cdot\|_a$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{DG}}$ , we have

$$\|P_{2,i}(v)\|_a^2 \leq a_1 \left( \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla P_{2,i}(v)|^2 \right).$$

By the spectral problem (7) and the fact that the eigenvalues are ordered increasingly, we have

$$\|P_{2,i}(v)\|_a^2 \leq a_1 \left( \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}} \frac{\lambda_{2,l}^{(i)}}{H^2} c_{2,l}^2 \right) \leq a_1 \left( \frac{\lambda_{2,l_{2,i}}^{(i)}}{H^2} \right) \sum_{l=1}^{l_{2,i}} c_{2,l}^2 = a_1 \lambda_{2,l_{2,i}}^{(i)} \|v\|_{V_2(K_i)}^2.$$

Thus the projections  $P_{j,i}$  satisfy the following stability bound

$$\|P_{j,i}(v)\|_a \leq a_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \lambda_{j,l_{j,i}}^{(i)} + \frac{\gamma H}{h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (37)$$

Next, we will establish some approximation properties for the projection operators  $P_{j,i}$ . Indeed, by the definitions of the operators  $P_{j,i}$ , for any  $v \in V_j^{i,\text{snap}}$ ,

$$\|v - P_{j,i}(v)\|_{V_j(K_i)}^2 = H^{-j} \sum_{l \geq l_{j,i}+1} c_{j,l}^2 \leq (\lambda_{j,i+1}^{(i)})^{-1} \sum_{l \geq l_{j,i}+1} \frac{\lambda_{j,l}^{(i)}}{H^j} c_{j,l}^2 = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}+1}^{(i)})^{-1} \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla v|^2,$$

and therefore the following convergence result holds

$$\|v - P_{j,i}(v)\|_{V_j(K_i)} \leq \left( \lambda_{j,l_{j,i}+1}^{(i)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla v|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (38)$$

For the analysis presented below, we define the projection  $\Pi : V^{\text{snap}} \rightarrow V^{\text{off}}$  by  $\Pi v = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 P_{j,i}(v)$ .

## 6.1 Proof of Theorem 4.1

Let  $v \in V_{\text{DG}}^h$  be an arbitrary function in the space  $V_{\text{DG}}^h$ . Using (23), we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) = a_{\text{DG}}(u_h, v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v) = (f, v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v).$$

Therefore,

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) = (f, v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v) = (f, v - \Pi v) + (f, \Pi v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, \Pi v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v - \Pi v).$$

Thus, using (24), we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) = (f, v - \Pi v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v - \Pi v). \quad (39)$$

Since the space  $V_{\text{DG}}^h$  is the same as  $V^{\text{snap}}$ , we can write  $v = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 v_j^{(i)}$  with  $v_j^{(i)} \in V_j^{i, \text{snap}}$ . Hence, (39) becomes

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 \left( \int_{K_i} f(v_j^{(i)} - P_{j,i} v_j^{(i)}) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v_j^{(i)} - P_{j,i} v_j^{(i)}) \right). \quad (40)$$

We remark that, in the computation of the term  $a_{\text{DG}}(u_H, v_j^{(i)} - P_{j,i} v_j^{(i)})$  in (40), we assume that the second argument is zero outside the coarse grid block  $K_i$ .

Using the definition of  $R_{j,i}$ , we see that (40) can be written as

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 R_{j,i} (v_j^{(i)} - P_{j,i} v_j^{(i)}).$$

Thus, we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 \|R_{j,i}\| \|v_j^{(i)} - P_{j,i} v_j^{(i)}\|_{V_j(K_i)}.$$

Using (38),

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_h - u_H, v) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 \|R_{j,i}\| \left( \lambda_{j,l_{j,i}+1}^{(i)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla v_j^{(i)}|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The inequality (29) is then followed by taking  $v = u_h - u_H$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla v_j^{(i)}|^2 \leq \|v\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq a_0 \|v\|_a^2$ .

## 6.2 An auxiliary lemma

In this section, we will derive an auxiliary lemma which will be used for the proof of the convergence of the adaptive enrichment algorithm stated in Theorem 4.2. We use the notation  $P_{j,i}^m$  to denote the projection operator  $P_{j,i}$  at the enrichment level  $m$ .

In Theorem 4.1, we see that  $\|R_{j,i}\|$  gives an upper bound of the energy error  $\|u_h - u_H\|_a$ . We will first show that,  $\|R_{j,i}\|$  is also a lower bound up to a correction term (see Lemma 6.1). To state this precisely, we define

$$S_{j,i}^m = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{v \in V_j^{i, \text{snap}}} \frac{|R_{j,i}(v - P_{j,i}^m(v))|}{\|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}}. \quad (41)$$

Notice that the residual  $R_{j,i}$  is computed using the solution  $u_H^m$  obtained at enrichment level  $m$ . We omit the index  $m$  in  $R_{j,i}$  to simplify notations. Next, we will obtain

$$(S_{j,i}^m)^2 = \|R_{j,i}\|^2 (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-1}. \quad (42)$$

Indeed, by the fact that  $P_{j,i}^m(v) \in V_j^{i,\text{off}}$ ,

$$R_{j,i}(P_{j,i}^m(v)) = \int_{K_i} f P_{j,i}^m(v) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, P_{j,i}^m(v)) = 0.$$

Thus,

$$S_{j,i}^m = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{v \in V_j^{i,\text{snap}}} \frac{|R_{j,i}(v - P_{j,i}^m(v))|}{\|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}} = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{v \in V_j^{i,\text{snap}}} \frac{|R_{j,i}(v)|}{\|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}} = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|R_{j,i}\|.$$

This implies (42).

To prove Theorem 4.2, we will need the following recursive properties for  $S_{j,i}^m$  (see Lemma 6.1). Notice that, the notation  $\|u\|_{a,K_i}$  is defined as

$$\|u\|_{a,K_i}^2 = a_{\text{DG}}(u, u) = \int_{K_i} \kappa |\nabla u|^2 - \sum_{E \in \partial K_i} 2 \int_E \{\kappa \nabla u \cdot n_E\} [u] + \sum_{E \in \partial K_i} \frac{\gamma}{h} \int_E \bar{\kappa} [u]^2.$$

**Lemma 6.1.** *For any  $\alpha > 0$ , we have*

$$(S_{j,i}^{m+1})^2 \leq (1 + \alpha) \frac{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)}}{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} (S_{j,i}^m)^2 + (1 + \alpha^{-1}) a_1 D \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_{a,K_i}^2 \quad (43)$$

where the enrichment level dependent constant  $D$  is defined by

$$D = \left( \frac{\Lambda_{j,i}}{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} + \frac{\gamma H}{h \lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} \right)$$

with  $\Lambda_{j,i} = \max_l \lambda_{j,l}^{(i)}$ .

*Proof.* By direct calculations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K_i} f(v - P_{j,i}^{m+1}(v)) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^{m+1}, v - P_{j,i}^{m+1}(v)) \\ &= \int_{K_i} f v - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^{m+1}, v) \\ &= \int_{K_i} f v - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v) + a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m - u_H^{m+1}, v) \\ &= \int_{K_i} f(v - P_{j,i}^m(v)) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v - P_{j,i}^m(v)) + a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m - u_H^{m+1}, v). \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

By definition of  $S_{j,i}^m$ , we have

$$S_{j,i}^m = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{v \in V_j^{i,\text{snap}}} \frac{|\int_{K_i} f(v - P_{j,i}^m(v)) - a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, v - P_{j,i}^m(v))|}{\|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}}. \quad (45)$$

Multiplying (44) by  $(\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}^{-1}$  and taking supremum with respect to  $v$ , we have

$$S_{j,i}^{m+1} \leq \left( \frac{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)}}{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} S_{j,i}^m + I, \quad (46)$$

where

$$I = (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{v \in V_j^{i,\text{snap}}} \frac{|a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m - u_H^{m+1}, v)|}{\|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}}.$$

To estimate  $I$ , we note that

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m, P_{j,i}^m(v)) = \int_{K_i} f P_{j,i}^m(v) = a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^{m+1}, P_{j,i}^m(v)).$$

Therefore, we have

$$a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m - u_H^{m+1}, v) = a_{\text{DG}}(u_H^m - u_H^{m+1}, v - P_{j,i}^m(v)) \leq \|u_H^m - u_H^{m+1}\|_{a,K_i} \|v - P_{j,i}^m(v)\|_{a,K_i},$$

where we remark that  $v$  has value zero outside  $K_i$ . By the stability bound (37),

$$\|v - P_{j,i}^m(v)\|_a \leq a_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \Lambda_{j,i} + \frac{\gamma H}{h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v - P_{j,i}^m(v)\|_{V_j(K_i)} \leq a_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \Lambda_{j,i} + \frac{\gamma H}{h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_{V_j(K_i)}.$$

Thus we have

$$I \leq a_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \Lambda_{j,i} + \frac{\gamma H}{h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_{a,K_i}.$$

Using (46), we get

$$S_{j,i}^{m+1} \leq \left( \frac{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)}}{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} S_{j,i}^m + a_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\Lambda_{j,i}}{\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} + \frac{\gamma H}{h \lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^{m+1}+1}^{(i)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u_{\text{ms}}^{m+1} - u_{\text{ms}}^m\|_{a,K_i}.$$

Hence, (43) is proved.  $\square$

### 6.3 Proof of Theorem 4.2

In this section, we prove the convergence of the adaptive enrichment algorithm. First of all, we recall that

$$\eta_{j,i}^2 = \|R_{j,i}\|^2 (\lambda_{j,l_{j,i}^m+1}^{(i)})^{-1} = (S_{j,i}^m)^2. \quad (47)$$

We will use the single index notation  $\eta_J$  and  $S_J^m$  for  $\eta_{j,i}$  and  $S_{j,i}^m$  respectively.

Let  $0 < \theta < 1$ . We choose an index set  $I$  so that

$$\theta^2 \sum_{J=1}^{2N} \eta_J^2 \leq \sum_{J \in I} \eta_J^2. \quad (48)$$

We will then add basis function from  $V_j^{i,\text{snap}}$  with  $J \in I$ . Then, using Theorem 4.1 and (48), we have

$$\theta^2 \|u_h - u_H^m\|_a^2 \leq \theta^2 C_{\text{err}} \sum_{J=1}^{2N} \eta_J^2 \leq C_{\text{err}} \sum_{J \in I} \eta_J^2.$$

By (47), we also have

$$\|u_h - u_H^m\|_a^2 \leq \frac{C_{\text{err}}}{\theta^2} \sum_{J \in I} (S_J^m)^2. \quad (49)$$

On the other hand,

$$\sum_{J=1}^N (S_J^{m+1})^2 = \sum_{J \in I} (S_J^{m+1})^2 + \sum_{J \notin I} (S_J^{m+1})^2.$$

By lemma 6.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J=1}^N (S_J^{m+1})^2 &\leq \sum_{J \in I} \left( (1 + \alpha) \frac{\lambda_{j, l_{j,i}^m}^{(i)} + 1}{\lambda_{j, l_{j,i}^{m+1}}^{(i)} + 1} (S_J^m)^2 + (1 + \alpha^{-1}) a_1 D \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_{a, K_i}^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{J \notin I} \left( (1 + \alpha) (S_J^m)^2 + (1 + \alpha^{-1}) a_1 D \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_{a, K_i}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

We assume the enrichment is obtained so that

$$\delta := \max_{J \in I} \frac{\lambda_{j, l_{j,i}^m}^{(i)} + 1}{\lambda_{j, l_{j,i}^{m+1}}^{(i)} + 1} \leq \delta_0 < 1,$$

where  $\delta_0$  is independent of  $m$ . We then have

$$\sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^{m+1})^2 \leq (1 + \alpha) \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2 - (1 + \alpha)(1 - \delta_0) \sum_{J \in I} (S_J^m)^2 + \delta L \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_a^2,$$

where

$$L_{m+1} = N_E (1 + \alpha^{-1}) a_1 \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \max_{1 \leq j \leq 2} D \right), \quad (50)$$

where  $N_E$  is the maximum number of edges of coarse grid blocks, and we also emphasise that  $L_{m+1}$  depends on  $m$ . By (48),

$$\sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^{m+1})^2 \leq (1 + \alpha) \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2 - (1 + \alpha)(1 - \delta_0) \theta^2 \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2 + \delta L_{m+1} \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_a^2.$$

Let  $\rho = (1 + \alpha)(1 - (1 - \delta_0)\theta^2)$ . We choose  $\alpha > 0$  small enough so that  $0 < \rho < 1$ . The above is then written as

$$\sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^{m+1})^2 \leq \rho \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2 + \delta L_{m+1} \|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_a^2. \quad (51)$$

Note that, by Galerkin orthogonality, we have

$$\|u_H^{m+1} - u_H^m\|_a^2 = \|u_h - u_H^m\|_a^2 - \|u_h - u_H^{m+1}\|_a^2.$$

So, we have

$$\sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^{m+1})^2 \leq \rho \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2 + \delta L_{m+1} (\|u_h - u_H^m\|_a^2 - \|u_h - u_H^{m+1}\|_a^2) \quad (52)$$

which implies

$$\|u_h - u_H^{m+1}\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\delta L_{m+1}} \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^{m+1})^2 \leq \|u_h - u_H^m\|_a^2 + \frac{\rho}{\delta L_{m+1}} \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2. \quad (53)$$

Finally, using (49),

$$\|u_h - u_H^{m+1}\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\delta L_{m+1}} \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2 \leq (1 - \beta) \|u_h - u_H^m\|_a^2 + \left( \frac{\beta C_{err}}{\theta^2} + \frac{\rho}{\delta L_{m+1}} \right) \sum_{J=1}^{2N} (S_J^m)^2.$$



Let  $\beta = \frac{\theta^2(1 - \rho L_m/L_{m+1})}{\theta^2 + C_{\text{err}}\delta L_m}$  and combining the above with (53), we obtain

$$\|u - u_h^{m+1}\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\delta L_{m+1}} \sum_{j=1}^{2N} (S_j^{m+1})^2 \leq (1 - \beta) \|u - u_h^m\|_a^2 + \frac{(1 - \beta)}{\delta L_m} \sum_{j=1}^{2N} (S_j^m)^2. \quad (54)$$

Hence, Theorem 4.2 is proved.

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