# Positivity-Preserving Limiters for the Piecewise $P_N$ approximation

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# Radiative Transfer Equation (RTE)

- optics, astrophysics, atmospheric science, remote sensing,...
- physical phenomenon of energy transfer
- propagation : absorption, emission and scattering

• 
$$\frac{1}{c}\psi_{,t} + \underline{\Omega} \cdot \nabla_r \psi = -\sigma_t \psi + \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \sigma_s \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \psi \, d\underline{\Omega} + \sigma_a B(T) + s \right)$$

- ullet  $\psi$  : radiation intensity (flux of energy through a surface)
- $B(T):=rac{2h
  u^3}{c^2(exp(rac{h
  u}{kT})-1)}$  : Blackbody source
- k : Boltzmann's constant, h : Planck's constant
- s : external source



#### Numerical Difficulty in RTE

- rich phase space :  $\psi(\underline{r}, \underline{\Omega}, \nu, t)$
- ullet integro-differential equation :  $\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \psi \ d\underline{\Omega}$
- moment closures

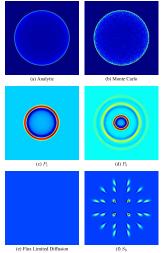
#### Three Main Approaches

- Implicit Monte Carlo Methods (IMC)
- Discrete Ordinates Discretization  $(S_N)$
- Spherical Harmonics Approximation  $(P_N)$
- (Flux Limited Diffusion)

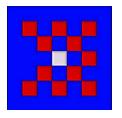
## Benefits and Drawbacks of $P_N$ approximation

- Pros :
  - rotationally invariant
  - $P_N$  equations converge in  $L^2$  sense as  $N \to \infty$
- Cons :
  - reduced propagation speed
  - steady-state equations are ill-posed
  - no general theory to BCs for  $P_N$
  - negative particle concentration [Hauck, 2010& Laiu, 2016]

# Comparison of Solutions-Line Source [Brunner, 2012]



# Lattice Problem [Brunner, 2012]



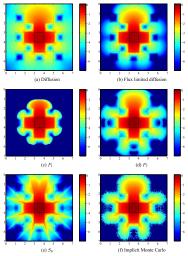
blue and white regions: pure scattering

red regions: pure absorbers

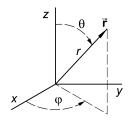
white region : source of particles



# Comparison of Solutions [Brunner, 2012]



#### Spherical Harmonics in Transport Equations



$$Y_{\ell}^m(\mu,\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\ell+1)(\ell-m)!}{4\pi(\ell+m)!}} P_{\ell}^m(\mu) e^{im\varphi}, \quad \mu = \cos\theta$$

• Intensity can be expanded in terms of spherical harmonics :

• 
$$I(\underline{r}, \underline{\Omega}, t) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} I_{\ell}^{m}(\underline{r}, t) Y_{\ell}^{m}(\mu, \varphi)$$



#### Linear Transport Equation

• Linear Transport Equation(*F* : kinetic distribution):

$$F_{,t} + \underline{\Omega} \cdot \nabla_r F + \sigma F = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} F(\underline{r}, \underline{\Omega}, t) d\underline{\Omega}$$

- $\underline{r}=(x,y,z)\in\Gamma\subset\mathbb{R}^d$  : position ,  $\underline{\Omega}\subset\mathbb{S}^2$  : angle
- $\int_{\Omega} F(\underline{r}, \underline{\Omega}, t) d\underline{\Omega} d\underline{r}$ : number of particles at time t



#### $P_N$ Approximation

- Moments :  $\underline{u}(\underline{r},t) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \underline{p} F(\underline{r},\underline{\Omega},t) \, d\underline{\Omega}$ , where  $\underline{p} : \mathbb{S}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^d$
- Exact Moments Equations :

$$\underline{u}_{,t} + \nabla_r \cdot \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \underline{\Omega} \underline{p} F \ d\underline{\Omega} + \sigma \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \underline{p} F \ d\underline{\Omega} = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi} \rho \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \underline{p} \ d\underline{\Omega}$$

- Density :  $\rho = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} F \, d\underline{\Omega}$
- Moment Closure :  $F(\underline{r}, \underline{\Omega}, t) \approx \mathcal{F}(\underline{u}, \underline{p})$  s.t.  $\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \underline{p} \mathcal{F} d\underline{\Omega} = \underline{u}$



#### $P_N$ in 1D

#### Reduced equations:

$$ar{F}(z,\mu,t) := \int_0^{2\pi} F(\underline{r},\underline{\Omega},t) \, d\phi$$
 $ar{F}_{,t} + \mu ar{F}_{,z} + \sigma ar{F} = rac{\sigma}{2} 
ho, \quad 
ho(z,t) = \int_{-1}^1 ar{F}(z,\mu,t) \, d\mu$ 
 $ar{F} := \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} u^k(z,t) 
ho^k(\mu)$ 

#### $P_N$ in 1D

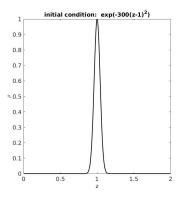
• After some algebraic treatment,

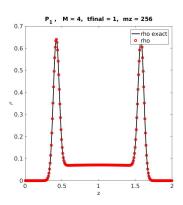
$$\underline{v}_{,t} + \underline{\underline{\Lambda}}\underline{v}_{,z} + \sigma\underline{v} = \sigma\left(\frac{\underline{\rho}}{2}\right)$$

- $\rho = (\rho, \cdots, \rho)^T$ , where  $\rho = \underline{w}^T \underline{v}$
- $\underline{\Lambda} = diag(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N), \quad \underline{w} = (w_0, \dots, w_N)^T$
- $\lambda_i$ : zeros of Legendre polynomial  $P_{N+1}$
- w<sub>i</sub>: N+1 Gauss-Legendre quadrature weights

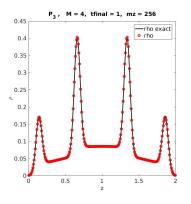


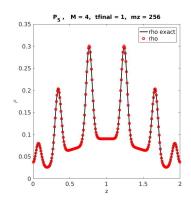
#### P<sub>1</sub> Solution



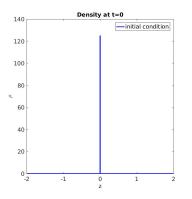


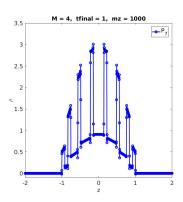
### $P_3$ and $P_5$ Solutions





#### P<sub>7</sub> Solution

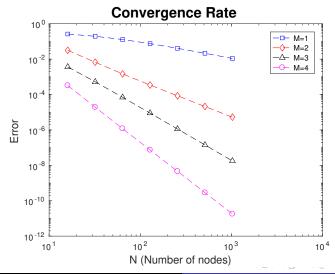




## $P_1$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_1$ Soln.)

N	error	error ratio
16	0.00032249	0
32	1.9306e-05	16.704
64	1.1865e-06	16.2717
128	7.3742e-08	16.0896
256	4.5994e-09	16.0328
512	2.8722e-10	16.0135
1024	1.7945e-11	16.0061

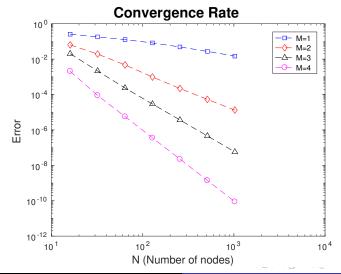
#### $P_1$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_1$ Soln.)



## $P_3$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_3$ Soln.)

N	error	error ratio
16	0.0020694	0
32	8.9046e-05	23.2401
64	5.658e-06	15.7379
128	3.5727e-07	15.837
256	2.2454e-08	15.9107
512	1.4075e-09	15.953
1024	8.8104e-11	15.9759

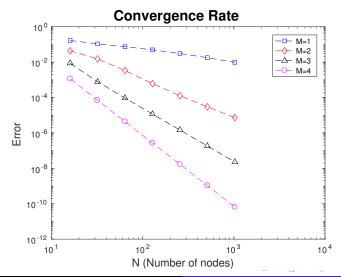
## $P_3$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_3$ Soln.)



# $P_5$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_5$ Soln.)

N	error	error ratio
16	0.0011532	0
32	7.0376e-05	16.386
64	4.3402e-06	16.2149
128	2.6986e-07	16.0833
256	1.6822e-08	16.0414
512	1.05e-09	16.0208
1024	6.5585e-11	16.0104

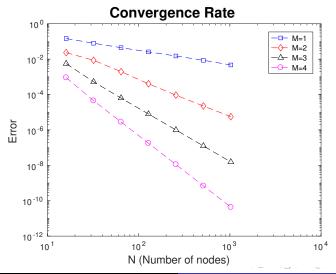
## $P_5$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_5$ Soln.)



# $P_7$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_7$ Soln.)

N	error	error ratio
16	0.00090598	0
32	4.4973e-05	20.145
64	2.8197e-06	15.9496
128	1.7704e-07	15.9269
256	1.1086e-08	15.9694
512	6.9362e-10	15.9832
1024	4.3375e-11	15.9911

#### $P_7$ Convergence Rate in 1D (to Exact $P_7$ Soln.)



#### Piecewise $P_N$ in 1D

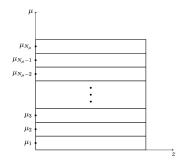
P<sub>N</sub>:

$$ar{\mathcal{F}}_{,t} + \mu ar{\mathcal{F}}_{,z} + \sigma ar{\mathcal{F}} = rac{\sigma}{2} 
ho, \quad 
ho(z,t) = \int_{-1}^1 ar{\mathcal{F}}(z,\mu,t) \, d\mu$$
 $ar{\mathcal{F}}(z,\mu,t) := \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} u^k(z,t) 
ho^k(\mu)$ 

• Piecewise  $P_N$ :

$$\begin{split} \bar{F}_j(z,\alpha,t) &:= \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} u_j^k(z,t) p^k(\alpha), \quad \mu = \mu_j + \alpha \frac{\Delta \mu}{2} \\ \rho_j(z,t) &:= \int_{\mu_j - \frac{\Delta \mu}{2}}^{\mu_j + \frac{\Delta \mu}{2}} \bar{F}(z,\mu,t) \, d\mu = \frac{\Delta \mu}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \bar{F}_j(z,\alpha,t) \, d\alpha \end{split}$$

#### Idea of Piecewise $P_N$



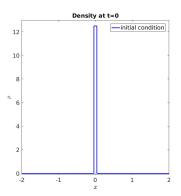
- $P_N$  :  $\mu \in [-1, 1]$
- Piecewise  $P_N$ :  $\mu = \mu_j + \alpha \frac{\Delta \mu}{2}$ ,  $\alpha \in [-1, 1]$

#### Piecewise $P_N$ in 1D

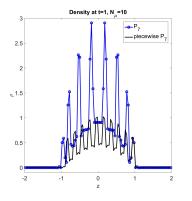
#### • Equation:

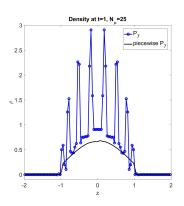
$$\begin{split} &\bar{F}_{j,t}(t,z,\alpha) + \left(\mu_j + \alpha \frac{\Delta \mu}{2}\right) \bar{F}_{j,z}(t,z,\alpha) + \sigma \bar{F}_j(t,z,\alpha) = \frac{\sigma}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\mu}} \rho_j(t,z) \\ &\underline{\underline{u}}_{j,t} + \underbrace{\underline{A}_{\underline{j}} \underline{u}_{j,z}}_{j,z} + \sigma \underline{\underline{u}}_{\underline{j}} = \underline{\underline{B}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\mu}} \underline{\underline{u}}_{j} \;, \quad \underline{\underline{u}}_{\underline{j}} = \left[u_j^1 \quad u_j^2 \quad \dots \quad u_j^{N+1}\right]^T \\ &A_j^{k\ell} = \mu_j \delta_{k\ell} + \frac{\Delta \mu}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \alpha \; p^k(\alpha) \; p^\ell(\alpha) \; d\alpha, \\ &B^{k\ell} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma \Delta \mu}{4}, & \text{if } k = \ell = 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

# Initial Condition $\delta(z, t = 0)$ $(m_z = 100)$

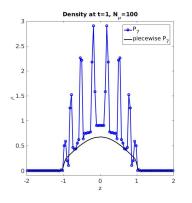


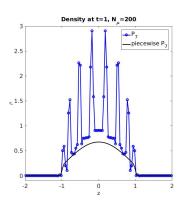
# $P_N$ vs Piecewise- $P_N$ ( $m_z = 100$ )





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#### SSP-RK-DG Method

$$\begin{split} u_{j}^{k}(z,t)\bigg|_{z\in[z_{j}-\frac{\Delta_{z}}{2},z_{j}+\frac{\Delta_{z}}{2}]} &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{M}Q_{ij}^{k\ell}(t)\psi^{\ell}(\xi), \quad \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\ell}(t) = \left[Q_{i1}^{k\ell}Q_{i2}^{k\ell}\cdots Q_{iN_{\mu}}^{k\ell}\right]^{T} \\ & \underline{\dot{Q}}_{i}^{k\ell}(t) = -\left[\left(\underline{\Delta}^{+}\sum_{\ell=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1) + \underline{\Delta}^{-}\sum_{\ell=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i+1}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(-1)\right)\psi^{\ell}(1) \\ & - \left(\underline{\Delta}^{+}\sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i-1}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1) + \underline{\Delta}^{-}\sum_{\ell=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(-1)\right)\psi^{\ell}(-1)\right] \\ & + \underline{\Delta}\sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\int_{-1}^{1}\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(\xi)\psi^{\ell}_{,\xi}(\xi)\,d\xi \\ & - \underline{B}\left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1)\psi^{\ell}(1) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i-1}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1)\psi^{\ell}(-1))\right] \\ & + \underline{B}\sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M}\underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}}(t)\int_{-1}^{1}\psi^{\hat{\ell}}(\xi)\psi^{\ell}_{,\xi}(\xi)\,d\xi - \sigma\underline{Q}_{i}^{k\ell}(t) \\ & + \frac{\sigma\Delta\mu}{4}\left[1\ 1\ 1\cdots\ 1\right]^{T}\int_{-1}^{1}\rho^{k}(\alpha)\,d\alpha\sum_{j=1}^{N}\sum_{k=1}^{N-1}Q_{ij}^{k\ell}(t)\int_{-1}^{1}\rho^{\hat{k}}(\alpha)\,d\alpha \end{split}$$

#### SSP-RK-DG Method

$$\underline{\underline{\Lambda}} = \frac{2}{\Delta z} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \mu_{N_{\mu}} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### SSP-RK-DG Method

$$\begin{split} L(Q) &= -\left[\left(\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}^{+} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1) + \underline{\underline{\Lambda}}^{-} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i+1}^{k\hat{\ell}} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(-1)\right) \psi^{\ell}(1) \\ &- \left(\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}^{+} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i-1}^{k\hat{\ell}} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1) + \underline{\underline{\Lambda}}^{-} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(-1)\right) \psi^{\ell}(-1)\right] \\ &+ \underline{\underline{\Lambda}} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}} \int_{-1}^{1} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(\xi) \psi_{,\xi}^{\ell}(\xi) d\xi \\ &- \underline{\underline{B}} \left[\sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1) \psi^{\ell}(1) - \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i-1}^{k\hat{\ell}} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(1) \psi^{\ell}(-1)\right] \\ &+ \underline{\underline{B}} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{M} \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\hat{\ell}} \int_{-1}^{1} \psi^{\hat{\ell}}(\xi) \psi_{,\xi}^{\ell}(\xi) d\xi - \sigma \underline{Q}_{i}^{k\ell} \\ &+ \frac{\sigma \underline{\Delta} \mu}{4} \left[1 \quad 1 \quad \dots \quad 1\right]^{T} \int_{-1}^{1} p^{k}(\alpha) d\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{\hat{\ell}=1}^{N+1} \underline{Q}_{i}^{\hat{k}\ell} \int_{-1}^{1} p^{\hat{k}}(\alpha) d\alpha \right] \end{split}$$

## Low Storage SSP-RK4 [Ketcheson, 2008]

$$\begin{split} &Q^{(1)} = Q^n; \\ &Q^{(2)} = Q^n; \\ &\text{for } i = 1:5 \text{ do} \\ &Q^{(1)} = Q^{(1)} + \frac{\Delta t}{6} L(Q^{(1)}); \\ &\text{end} \\ &Q^{(2)} = \frac{1}{25} Q^{(2)} + \frac{9}{25} Q^{(1)}; \\ &Q^{(1)} = 15 Q^{(2)} - 5 Q^{(1)}; \\ &\text{for } i = 6:9 \text{ do} \\ &Q^{(1)} = Q^{(1)} + \frac{\Delta t}{6} L(Q^{(1)}); \\ &\text{end} \\ &Q^{(n+1)} = Q^{(2)} + \frac{3}{6} Q^{(1)} + \frac{\Delta t}{10} L(Q^{(1)}); \end{split}$$

## Positive-Preserving Limiters [Zhang & Shu, 2010]

Modified Zhang-Shu Limiter:

$$\begin{split} \bar{F}_{ij}(t,\xi,\alpha) &:= \sum_{\ell=1}^{M} \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} Q_{ij}^{k\ell}(t) \phi^{\ell}(\xi) p^{k}(\alpha) \\ \bar{F}_{ij}(t,\xi,\alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} Q_{ij}^{11} + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\ell=2}^{M} Q_{ij}^{1\ell}(t) \phi^{\ell}(\xi) \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=2}^{N+1} Q_{ij}^{k1}(t) p^{k}(\alpha) + \sum_{\ell=2}^{M} \sum_{k=2}^{N+1} Q_{ij}^{k\ell}(t) \phi^{\ell}(\xi) p^{k}(\alpha) \right) \\ \bar{F}_{ij}(t,\xi,\alpha) &\leftarrow \frac{1}{2} Q_{ij}^{11} + \theta_{ij} \left( \bar{F}_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} Q_{ij}^{11} \right) \end{split}$$

## Positive-Preserving Limiters [Zhang & Shu, 2010]

Modified Zhang-Shu Limiter:

$$F_{min} := \min_{(\xi, \alpha) \in S} \bar{F}_{ij}(t, \xi, \alpha), \quad \xi, \alpha \in [-1, 1], \quad S = S_1 \otimes S_2$$

 $S_1 := \text{set of M} + 1 \text{ Gauss-Lobatto quadrature points}$ 

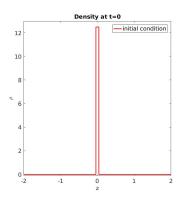
 $S_2 := \text{set of N} + 1 \text{ Gauss-Legendre quadrature points}$ 

$$heta_{ij} = \min\left(rac{arepsilon - Q_{ij}^{11}}{F_{min} - Q_{ij}^{11}}, 1
ight), \quad arepsilon = \min_{ij}(10^{-13}, Q_{ij}^{11}),$$

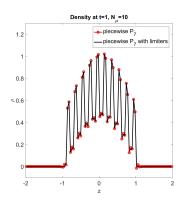
$$Q_{ij}^{k\ell} \leftarrow heta_{ij} Q_{ij}^{k\ell} \;, \quad heta_{ij} = 1 \;\; ext{if} \; k = \ell = 1$$

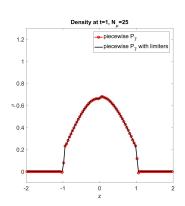


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## Piecewise- $P_N$ vs Piecewise- $P_N$ w/ limiters (Positivity)

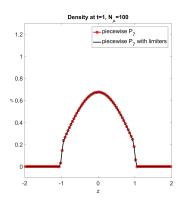


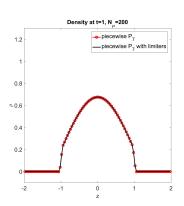


 $m_z = 100$ 



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### $P_N$ Approximation in 2D

• Linear Transport Equation(F: kinetic distribution):

$$F_{,t} + \underline{\Omega} \cdot \nabla_r F + \sigma F = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} F(\underline{r}, \underline{\Omega}, t) \, d\underline{\Omega}$$

$$Y_{\ell}^{m}(\mu,\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\ell+1)(\ell-m)!}{4\pi(\ell+m)!}} P_{\ell}^{m}(\mu) e^{im\varphi}, \quad \mu = \cos\theta$$

• 
$$P_{\ell}^{m}(\mu) = (-1)^{m}(1-\mu^{2})^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{\partial^{m}}{\partial \mu^{m}} P_{\ell}(\mu), \quad m \in [0,\ell]$$

• 
$$P_{\ell}^{m}(\mu) = (-1)^{m} \frac{(\ell - |m|)!}{(\ell + |m|)!} P_{\ell}^{|m|}, \quad m \in [-\ell, 0)$$

• 
$$F(x,z,\underline{\Omega},t) := \sum_{\ell=0}^{N} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} F_{\ell}^{m}(x,z,t) Y_{\ell}^{m}(\underline{\Omega})$$

• 
$$F_{\ell}^{m}(x,z,t) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m} F(x,z,\underline{\Omega}) d\underline{\Omega}$$



#### $P_N$ Approximation in 2D

- Multiply it by  $\overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m}$  and integrate over  $\mathbb{S}^{2}$ :
- scattering source term: (Using  $Y_0^0 = \overline{Y}_0^0 = 1/\sqrt{4\pi}$ )

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\sigma}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m}(\underline{\Omega}) \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} F(x,z,\underline{\Omega'},t) \, d\underline{\Omega'} \, d\underline{\Omega} \\ = &\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m}(\underline{\Omega}) \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{0}^{0}(\underline{\Omega'}) F(x,z,\underline{\Omega'},t) \, d\underline{\Omega'} \, d\underline{\Omega} \\ = &\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m}(\underline{\Omega}) F_{0}^{0}(x,z,t) \, d\underline{\Omega} \\ = &\sigma F_{0}^{0}(x,z,t) \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m}(\underline{\Omega}) Y_{0}^{0} \, d\underline{\Omega} \\ = &\sigma F_{0}^{0}(x,z,t) \delta_{\ell 0} \delta_{m 0} \end{split}$$

## Properties of Spherical Harmonics

$$\cos\theta Y_{\ell}^{m} = A_{\ell}^{m} Y_{\ell+1}^{m} + B_{\ell}^{m} Y_{\ell-1}^{m}$$

$$\sin\theta e^{i\varphi} Y_{\ell}^{m} = -C_{\ell}^{m} Y_{\ell+1}^{m+1} + D_{\ell}^{m} Y_{\ell-1}^{m+1}$$

$$\sin\theta e^{-i\varphi} Y_{\ell}^{m} = E_{\ell}^{m} Y_{\ell+1}^{m-1} - G_{\ell}^{m} Y_{\ell-1}^{m-1}$$

## Properties of Spherical Harmonics

$$A_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell - m + 1)(\ell + m + 1)}{(2\ell + 3)(2\ell + 1)}} \qquad B_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell - m)(\ell + m)}{(2\ell + 1)(2\ell - 1)}}$$

$$C_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell + m + 1)(\ell + m + 2)}{(2\ell + 3)(2\ell + 1)}} \qquad D_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell - m)(\ell - m - 1)}{(2\ell + 1)(2\ell - 1)}}$$

$$E_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell - m + 1)(\ell - m + 2)}{(2\ell + 3)(2\ell + 1)}} \qquad G_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{\frac{(\ell + m)(\ell + m - 1)}{(2\ell + 1)(2\ell - 1)}}$$

## One trick in Spherical Harmonics Approximation

Let 
$$\frac{\Omega'}{\sin\theta(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi)} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin\theta e^{i\varphi} \\ \sin\theta(\cos\varphi - i\sin\varphi) \\ \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin\theta e^{i\varphi} \\ \sin\theta e^{-i\varphi} \\ \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
and 
$$\nabla' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}) \\ \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{-} \\ \partial_{+} \\ \partial_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, 
$$\Omega \cdot \nabla = \Omega' \cdot \nabla'$$



## Streaming Term

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \overline{Y}_{\ell}^{m} \underline{\Omega} \cdot \nabla F \, d\underline{\Omega} \\ = & \frac{1}{2} \left( -C_{\ell-1}^{m-1} F_{\ell-1}^{m-1} + D_{\ell+1}^{m-1} F_{\ell+1}^{m-1} + E_{\ell-1}^{m+1} F_{\ell-1}^{m+1} - G_{\ell+1}^{m+1} F_{\ell+1}^{m+1} \right)_{,x} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} i \left( C_{\ell-1}^{m-1} F_{\ell-1}^{m-1} - D_{\ell+1}^{m-1} F_{\ell+1}^{m-1} + E_{\ell-1}^{m+1} F_{\ell-1}^{m+1} - G_{\ell+1}^{m+1} F_{\ell+1}^{m+1} \right)_{,y} \\ &+ \left( A_{\ell-1}^{m} F_{\ell-1}^{m} + B_{\ell+1}^{m} F_{\ell+1}^{m} \right)_{,z} \end{split}$$

## Simplified Moments Equations

$$F_{\ell,t}^{m} + \frac{1}{2} \left( -C_{\ell-1}^{m-1} F_{\ell-1}^{m-1} + D_{\ell+1}^{m-1} F_{\ell+1}^{m-1} + E_{\ell-1}^{m+1} F_{\ell-1}^{m+1} - G_{\ell+1}^{m+1} F_{\ell+1}^{m+1} \right)_{,x}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} i \left( C_{\ell-1}^{m-1} F_{\ell-1}^{m-1} - D_{\ell+1}^{m-1} F_{\ell+1}^{m-1} + E_{\ell-1}^{m+1} F_{\ell-1}^{m+1} - G_{\ell+1}^{m+1} F_{\ell+1}^{m+1} \right)_{,y}$$

$$+ \left( A_{\ell-1}^{m} F_{\ell-1}^{m} + B_{\ell+1}^{m} F_{\ell+1}^{m} \right)_{,z} + \sigma F_{\ell}^{m} = \sigma F_{0}^{0} \delta_{\ell 0} \delta_{m 0}$$
for  $0 < \ell < N$  and  $-\ell < m < \ell$ 

#### Number of Unknowns

$$F_1^{-1}F_1^0 \ F_1^1$$
 
$$F_2^{-2}F_2^{-1}F_2^0 \ F_2^1 \ F_2^2$$
 
$$\vdots$$
 
$$F_{N-1}^{-N+1}F_{N-1}^{-N+2}\cdots F_{N-1}^0\cdots \ F_{N-1}^{N-2} \ F_N^{N-1}$$
 
$$F_N^{-N}F_N^{-N+1}F_N^{-N+2}\cdots F_N^0 \ \cdots \ F_N^{N-2}F_N^{N-1}F_N^N$$
 number of unknowns : 
$$\sum_{\ell=0}^N \sum_{m=-\ell}^\ell 1 = N^2 + 2N + 1$$

#### Reduced Number of Unknowns

$$\begin{split} \overline{Y}_\ell^m &= (-1)^m Y_\ell^{-m} \\ F_\ell^m(\underline{x},t) &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \overline{Y}_\ell^m F(\underline{x},\underline{\Omega},t) \, d\underline{\Omega} = (-1)^m \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} Y_\ell^{-m} F(\underline{x},\underline{\Omega},t) \, d\underline{\Omega} \\ \overline{F}_\ell^m(\underline{x},t) &= (-1)^m \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \overline{Y}_\ell^{-m} F(\underline{x},\underline{\Omega},t) \, d\underline{\Omega} = (-1)^m F_\ell^{-m} \\ &\underline{q} = [F_0^0,F_1^0,F_2^0,\cdots,F_N^0,F_1^1,F_2^1,\cdots,F_N^1\cdots F_N^N]^T \\ &\text{number of unknowns}: \quad \sum_{N=0}^N \sum_{n=0}^\ell 1 = \frac{1}{2} (N^2 + 3N) + 1 \end{split}$$

## Reduced Moments Equations

$$\underline{q}_{,t} + \underline{\underline{Aq}}_{,x} + \underline{\underline{Bq}}_{,z} = \sigma \underline{\underline{Cq}}$$

 $\underline{A}$ ,  $\underline{B}$ :  $P_N$  Jacobians diagonalizable with same eigenvalues.

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### $P_1$ Jacobians

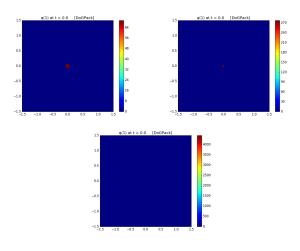
$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### P<sub>3</sub> Jacobians

### $P_3$ Jacobians

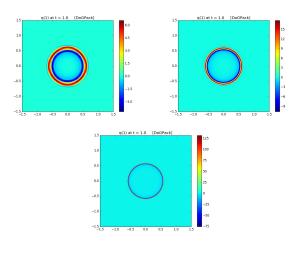
## Initial Conditions $\delta(x, z, t = 0)$ in 2D



mx=mz=50

mx=mz=100

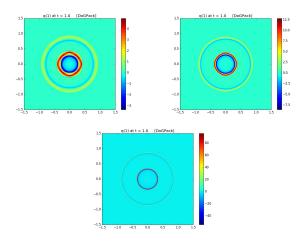
# $P_1$ Approximation in 2D (t=1)



mx=mz=50

mx=mz=100

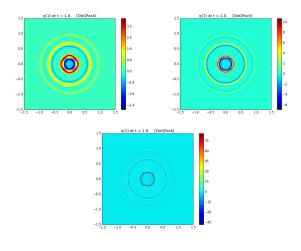
# $P_3$ Approximation in 2D (t=1)



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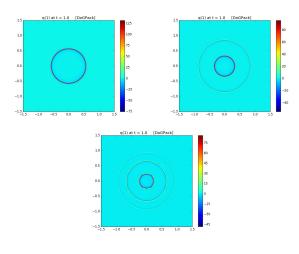
## $P_5$ Approximation in 2D (t=1)



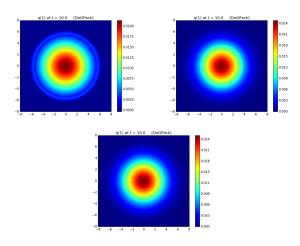
mx=mz=50

mx=mz=100

# $\overline{P_1}$ vs $\overline{P_3}$ vs $\overline{P_5}$ Approximation in 2D (t=1)



# $P_N$ Approximation in 2D (Long Term Behavior, t=10)



# $P_1$ Approximation in 2D ( $m_x = m_z = 50$ , $t \in [0, 10]$ )

#### **Future Work**

- piecewise- $P_N$  approximation in 2D
- positivity-preserving limiters for piecewise- $P_N$  in 2D
- convergence rate to the exact solution

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(Thank you!)

