

# Banishing the Curse of Dimensionality in Solving Economic Models

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# Outline

## **1. Motivation – Heterogeneous & high-dimensional economic models**

## **2. Adaptive Sparse Grids** (see, e.g., Brumm & Scheidegger (2017); Brumm, Kubler & Scheidegger (2017))

- I. From Full (Cartesian) to Sparse Grids
- II. Adaptive Sparse Grids

## **3. High-dimensional model reduction** (see, e.g., Eftekhari, Scheidegger & Schenk (2017), Eftekhari & S. (2018))

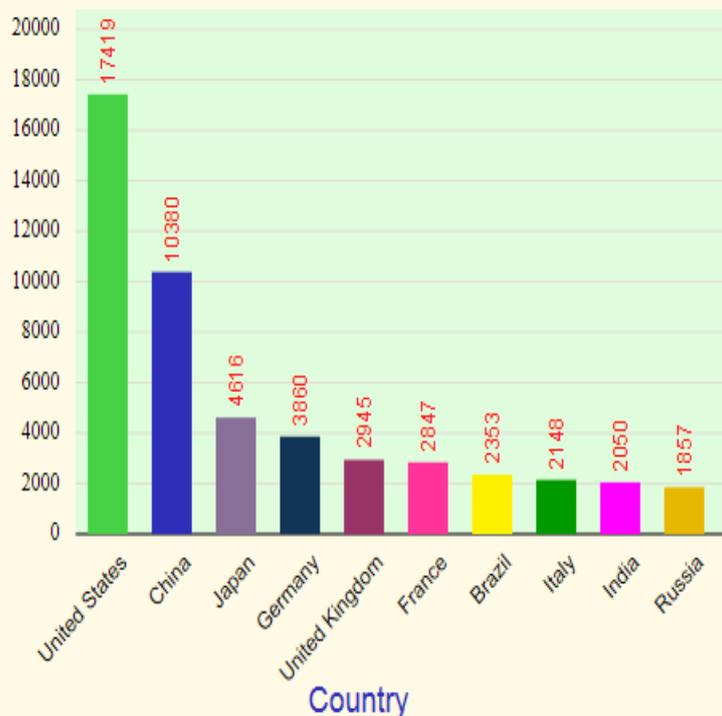
- I. Standard HDMR
- II. Adaptive HDMR

# Example – Heterogeneity in IRBC models

- Model trade imbalance
- FX rates
- ...



Top 10 countries by GDP (Nominal) 2014



- How many regions does a minimal model have?
- Are policy functions smooth? (borrowing constraints)

→ **Model heterogeneous & high-dimensional**

# Example: pay-as-you-go social security

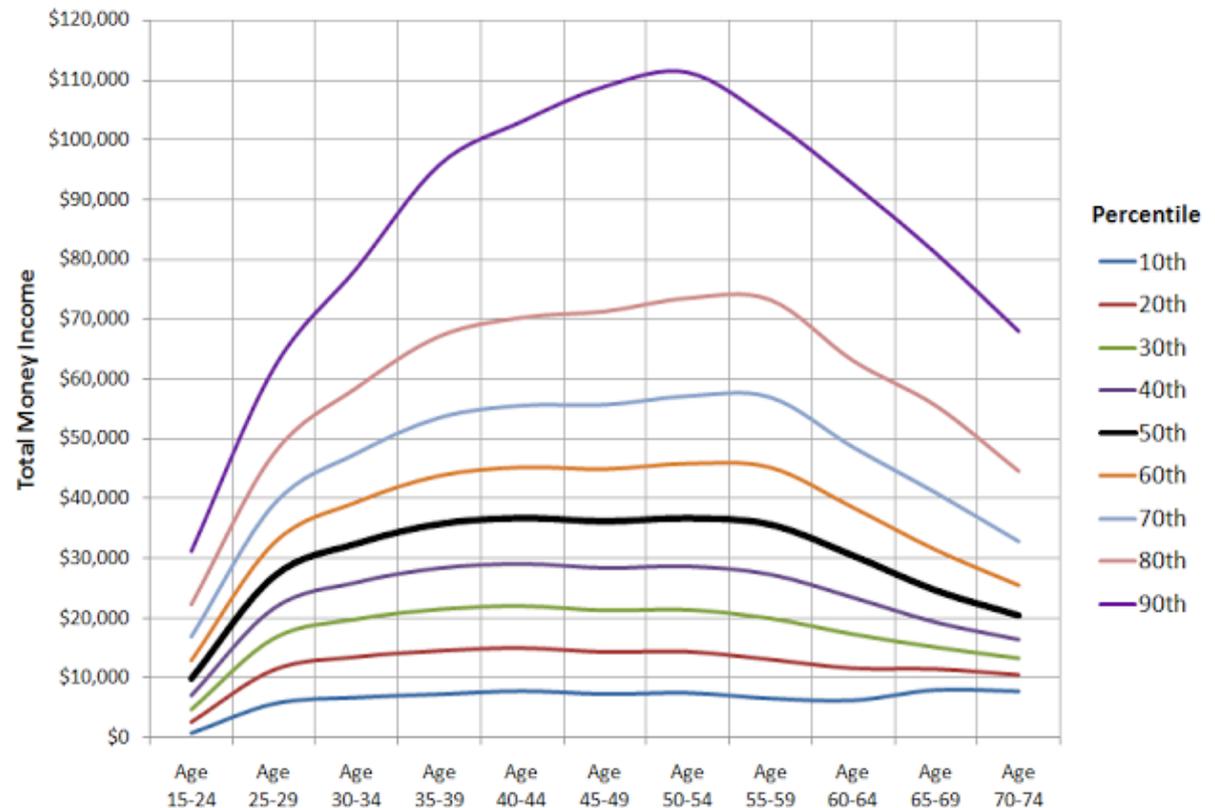
(See, e.g., Krüger & Kübler (2006))



- Income distribution across age.
  - How many age groups.
  - borrowing constraints.
  - taxes on capital and labour.
  - uncertainty in productivity and tax rates.
- already a simple problem is 60d, with stochastic components.

→ **Model: heterogeneous & very high-dimensional**

U.S. Total Money Income Distribution by Age, 2012



# Value function iteration (on irregularly-shaped domains)

e.g. Bellman (1961), Stokey, Lucas & Prescott (1989), Judd (1998), ...

The solution is approached in the limit as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  by iterations on:

$$V_{j+1}(\underline{x}) = \max_u \{r(x, u) + \beta V_j(\underline{\tilde{x}})\}$$

s.t.

$$\underline{\tilde{x}} = g(x, u)$$

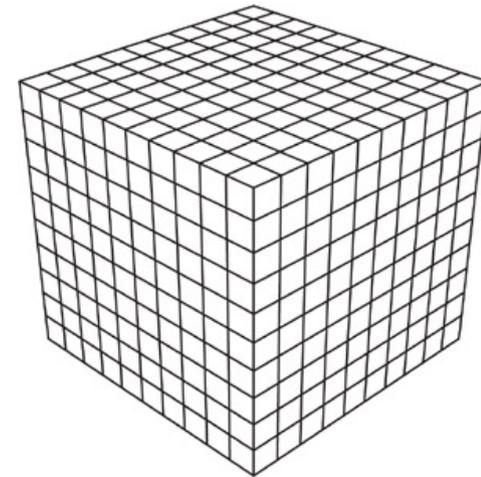
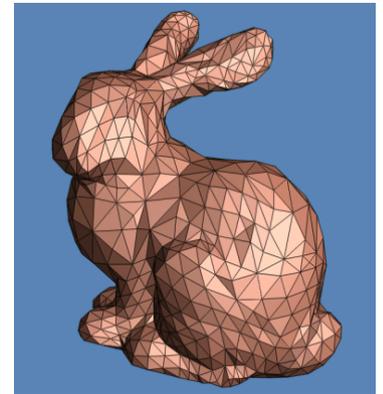
$\underline{x}$ : point in state space; describes your system.  
State-space potentially **irregularly-shaped**  
and **high-dimensional**.

'old solution':  
high-dimensional function on which **we interpolate**.

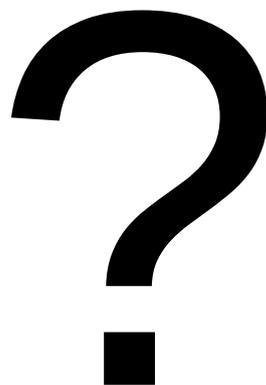
→  $N^d$  points in ordinary discretization schemes.

→ **"Curse of dimensionality"**

→ **Use-case e.g. for Adaptive Sparse Grids**



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3	1,000	~ 16 min
4	10,000	~ 2.7 hours
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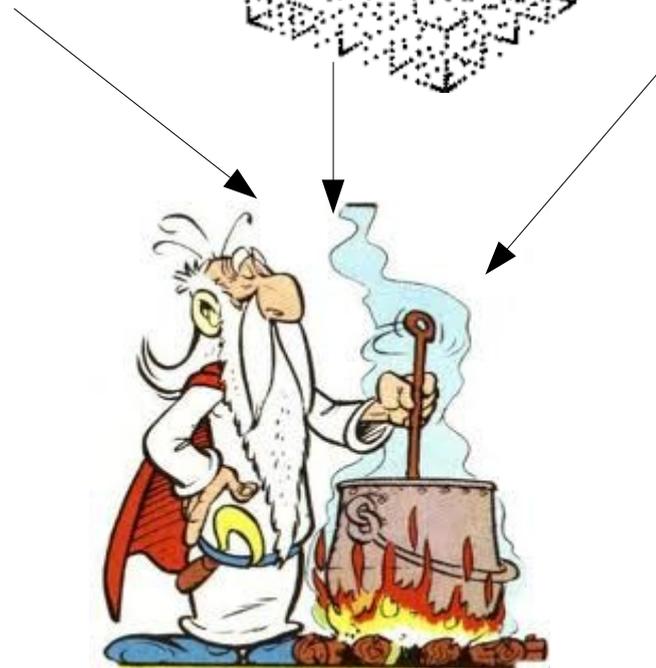
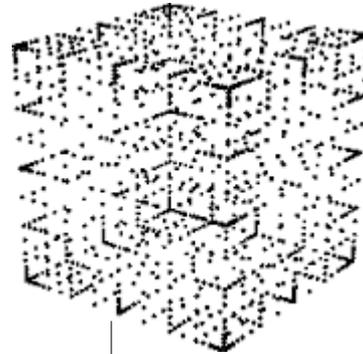
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# Computational modelling

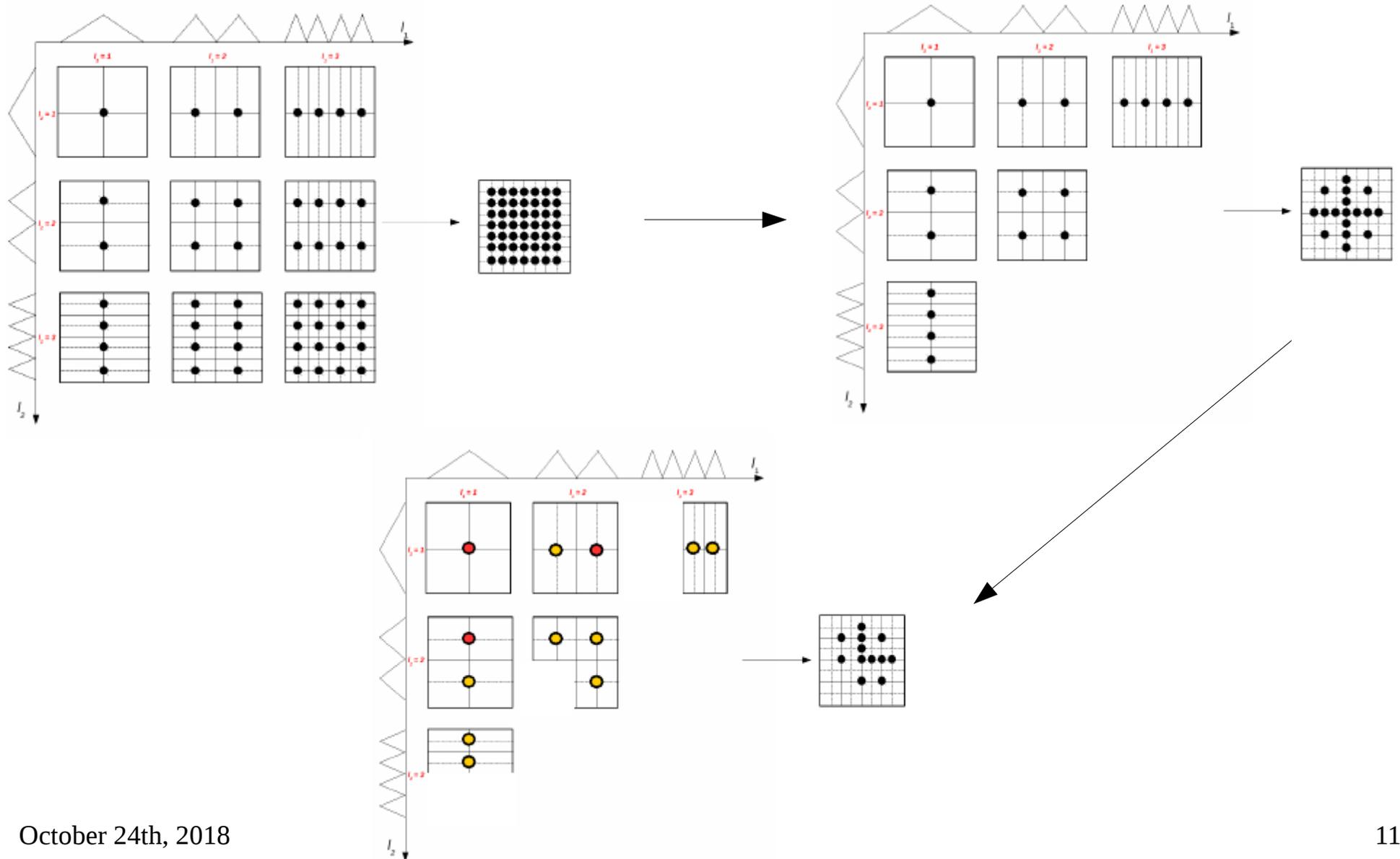
$$\lambda_t \cdot \left[ 1 + \phi \cdot g_{t+1}^j \right] - \mu_t^j$$

$$- \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \lambda_{t+1} \left[ a_{t+1}^j A \zeta (k_{t+1}^j)^{\zeta-1} + 1 - \delta + \frac{\phi}{2} g_{t+2}^j (g_{t+2}^j + 2) \right] - (1 - \delta) \mu_{t+1}^j \right\} = 0,$$

$$0 \leq \mu_t^j \perp (k_{t+1}^j - k_t^j (1 - \delta)) \geq 0.$$



# II. Adaptive Sparse Grids



# Interpolation on a Full Grid

- Consider a **1-dimensional function**  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on **[0,1]**
- In numerical simulations:  
 **$f$  might be expensive to evaluate!** (solve PDEs/system of non-linear Eqs.)  
 But: need to be able to evaluate  $f$  at arbitrary points using a numerical code
- Construct an interpolant  **$u$**  of  **$f$**   $f(\vec{x}) \approx u(\vec{x}) := \sum_i \alpha_i \varphi_i(\vec{x})$
- With suitable basis functions:  $\varphi_i(\vec{x})$   
 and coefficients:  $\alpha_i$
- For simplicity: focus on case where  $f|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$

# Basis Functions

-Hierarchical basis based on **hat functions**

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - |x| & \text{if } x \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

-Used to generate a **family of basis functions**  $\phi_{l,i}$  having support  $[x_{l,i} - h_l, x_{l,i} + h_l]$  by **dilation** and **translation**

$$\phi_{l,i}(x) := \phi\left(\frac{x - i \cdot h_l}{h_l}\right)$$

# Hierarchical Increment Spaces

## Hierarchical increment spaces:

$$W_l := \text{span}\{\phi_{l,i} : i \in I_l\}$$

with the **index set**

$$I_l = \{i \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq i \leq 2^l - 1, i \text{ odd}\}$$

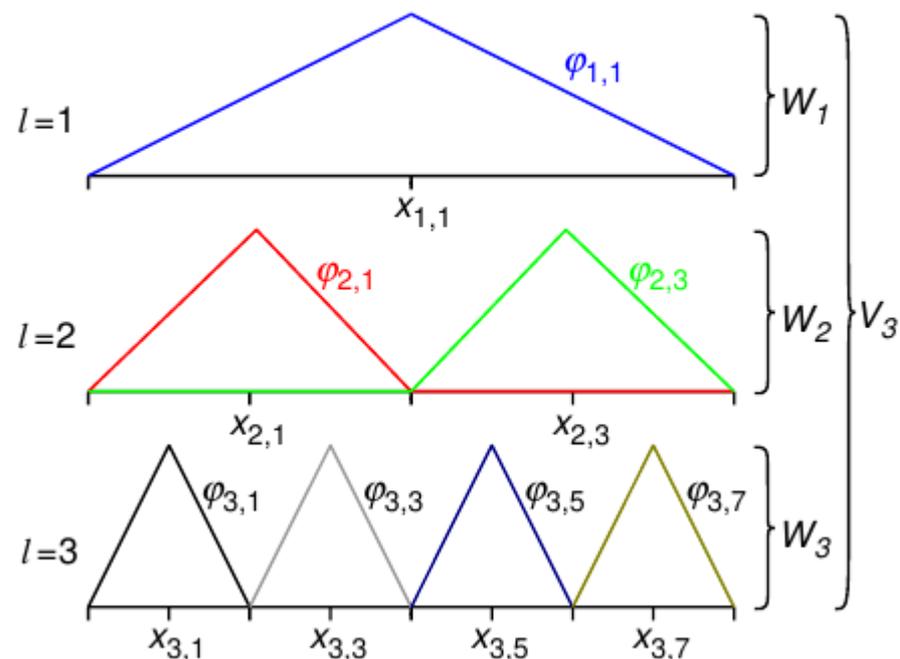
The corresponding function space:

$$V_l = \bigoplus_{k \leq l} W_k$$

The **1d-interpolant**:

$$f(x) \approx u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^l \sum_{i \in I_k} \alpha_{k,i} \phi_{k,i}(x)$$

**Note:** supports of all basis functions of  $W_k$  mutually disjoint!



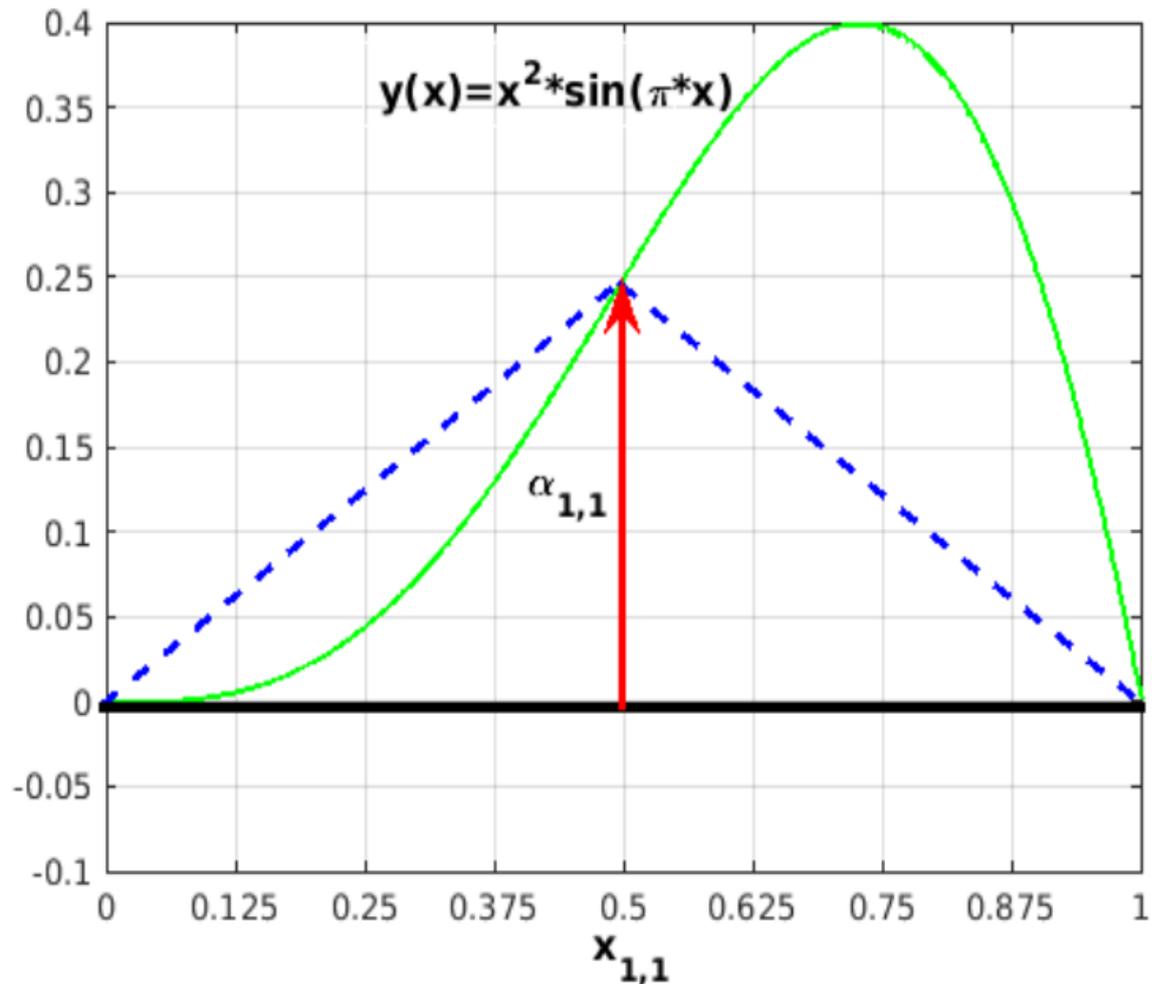
**Fig.:** 1-d basis functions  $\phi_{l,i}$  and the corresponding **grid points** up to level  $l = 3$  in the hierarchical basis.

# Piecewise Linear Interpolation: Level I

Coefficients:  
**hierarchical surpluses**

They correct the  
 interpolant of level  $l-1$  at  
 $\vec{x}_{l,i}$  to the actual  
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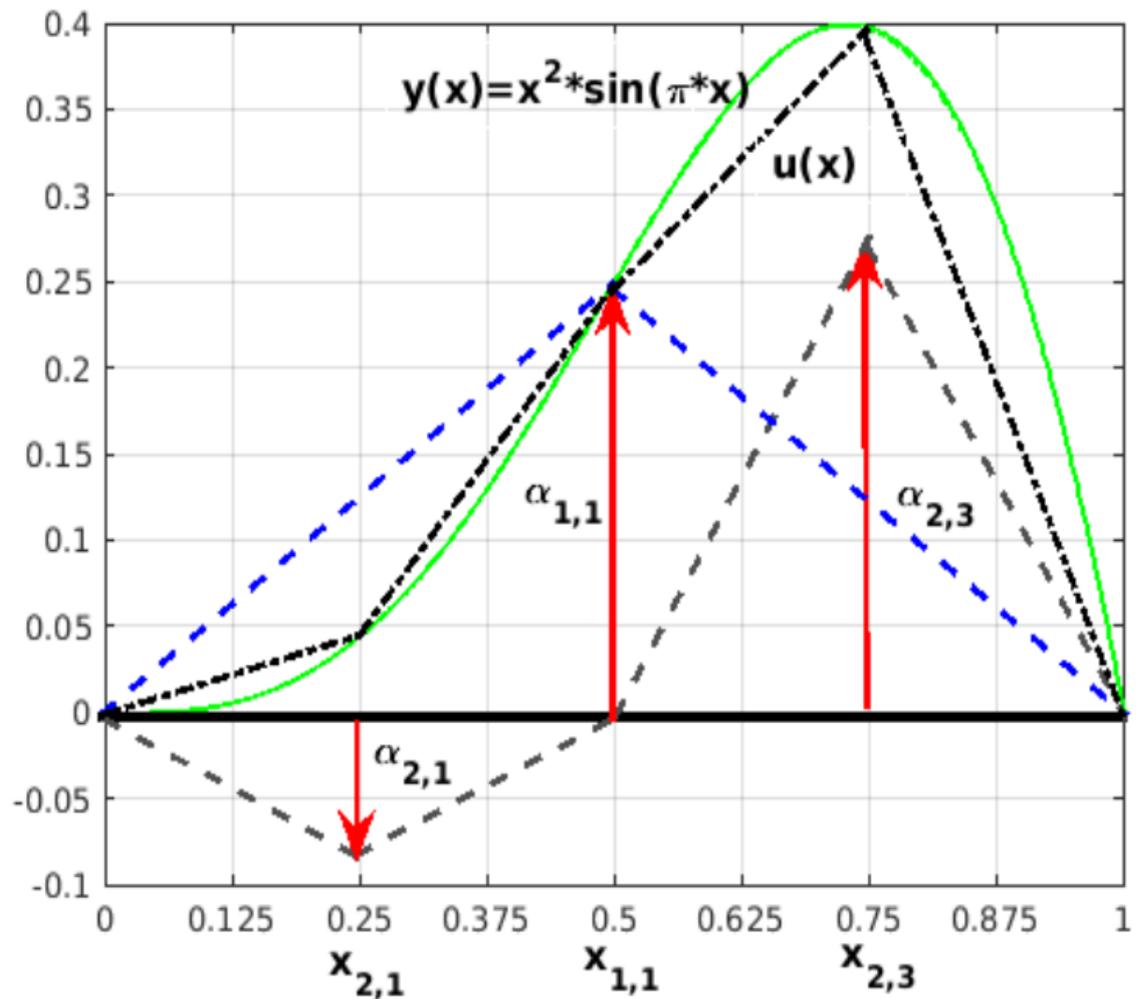


# Piecewise Linear Interpolation: Level II

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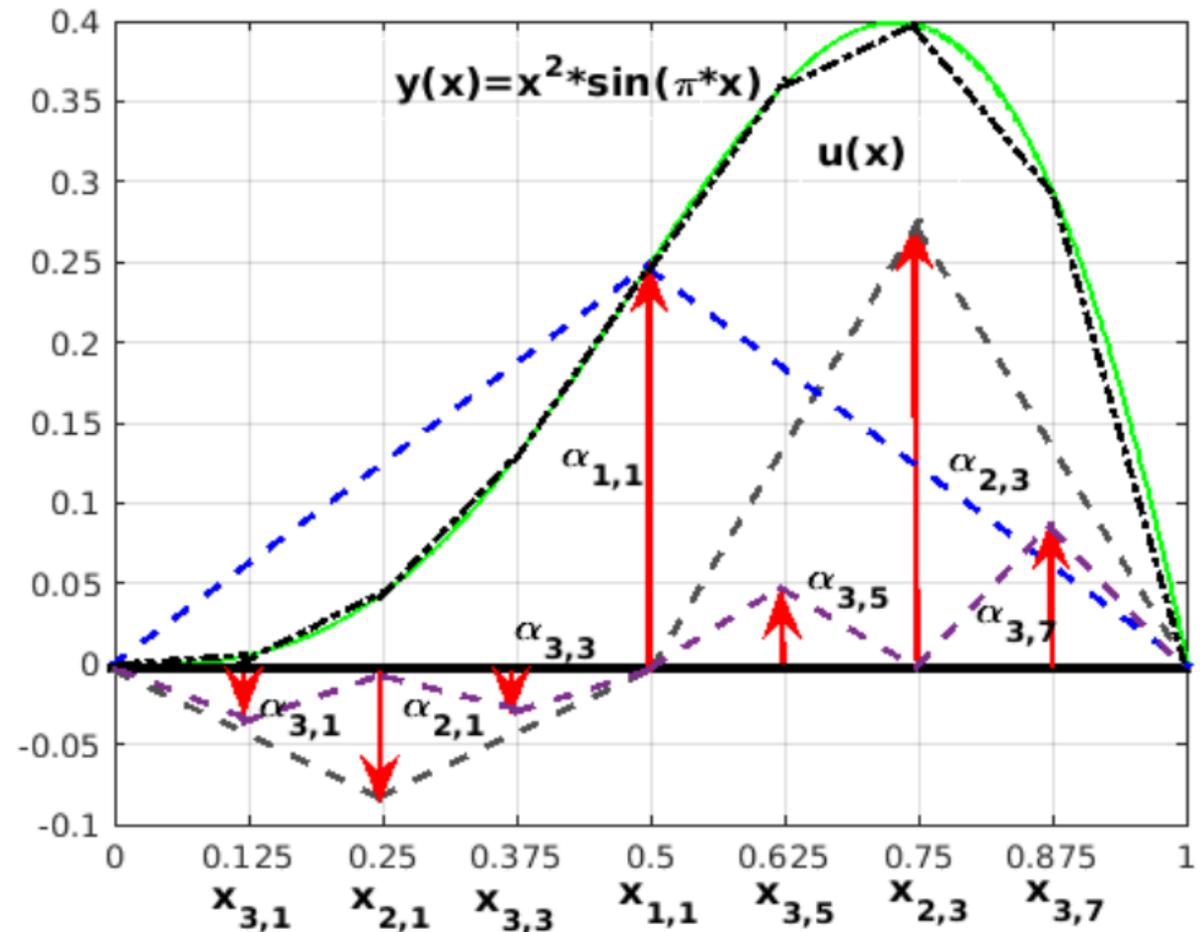


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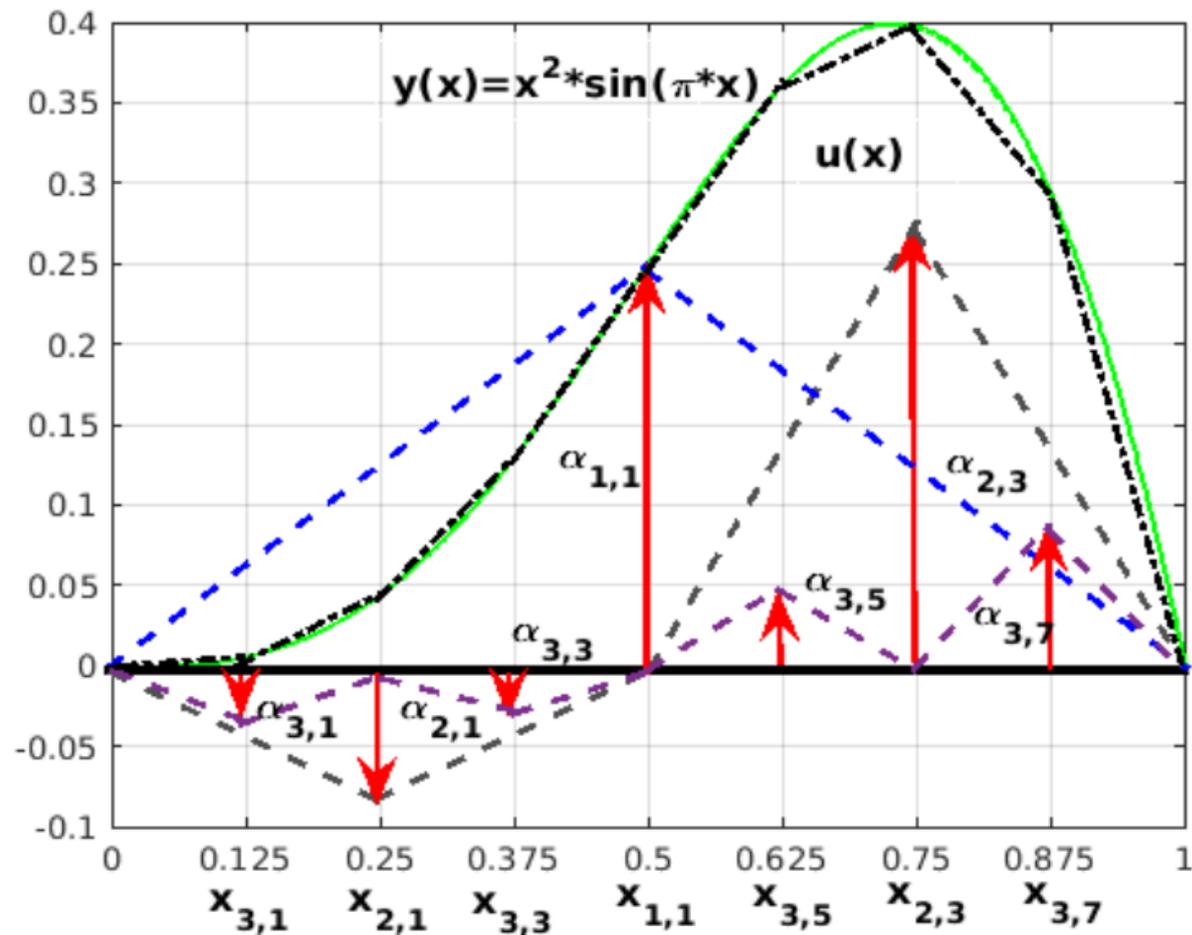
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# Some definitions & notation

(see, e.g. Zenger (1991), Bungartz & Griebel (2004), Garcke (2012), Pflüger (2010),...)

- We will focus on the domain  $\Omega = [0,1]^d$

**d: dimensionality; other domains: rescale**

- introduce **multi-indices**:

**grid refinement level:**  $\vec{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$

**spatial position:**  $\vec{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$

- Discrete, (Cartesian) full grid  $\Omega_{\vec{l}}$  on  $\Omega$

- Grid  $\Omega_{\vec{l}}$  consists of points:  $\vec{x}_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}} := (x_{l_1, i_1}, \dots, x_{l_d, i_d})$

Where  $x_{l_t, i_t} := i_t \cdot h_{l_t} = i_t \cdot 2^{-l_t}$  and  $i_t \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^{l_t}\}$

# Multi-Dimensional Interpolant

Extension to multi-d by a **tensor-product construction**:

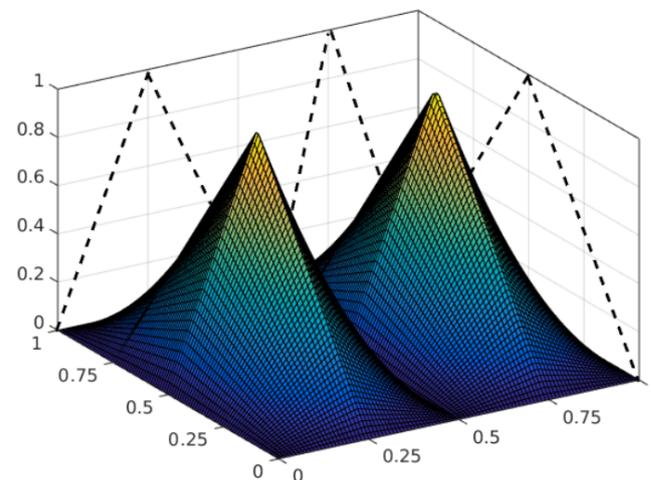
Multi-d basis: 
$$\phi_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}(\vec{x}) := \prod_{t=1}^d \phi_{l_t, i_t}(x_t)$$

Index set: 
$$I_{\vec{l}} := \{\vec{i} : 1 \leq i_t \leq 2^{l_t} - 1, i_t \text{ odd}, 1 \leq t \leq d\}$$

Hierarchical increments: 
$$W_{\vec{l}} := \text{span}\{\phi_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}} : \vec{i} \in I_{\vec{l}}\}$$

Multi-d interpolant:

$$\longrightarrow f(\vec{x}) \approx u(\vec{x}) = \sum_{|l|_{\infty} \leq n} \sum_{\vec{i} \in I_{\vec{l}}} \alpha_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}} \cdot \phi_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}(\vec{x})$$



**Fig.:** Basis functions of the **subspace  $W_{2,1}$**

# Why reality bites...

Interpolant consists of  $\mathcal{O}(2^{nd})$  grid points

For **sufficiently smooth  $f$**  and its interpolant  $u$ , we obtain an asymptotic error decay of  $\|f(\vec{x}) - u(\vec{x})\|_{L_2} \in \mathcal{O}(h_n^2)$

But at the cost of  $\mathcal{O}(h_n^{-d}) = \mathcal{O}(2^{nd})$

function evaluations  $\rightarrow$  **“curse of dimensionality”**

Hard to handle more than 4 dimensions numerically

$\rightarrow$  e.g.  $d=10$ ,  $n = 4$ , 15 points/d,  **$5.8 \times 10^{11}$**  grid points

# 'Breaking' the curse of dimensionality I

**Question: “can we construct discrete approximation spaces that are better in the sense that the same number of invested grid points leads to a higher order of accuracy?” YES ✓**

(see, e.g. Bungartz & Griebel (2004))

→ If **second mixed derivatives are bounded**, then the hierarchical **surpluses decay rapidly** with increasing approximation level.

$$|\alpha_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}| = \mathcal{O}\left(2^{-2|\vec{l}|_1}\right)$$

# 'Breaking' the curse of dimensionality II

(see, e.g. Bungartz & Griebel (2004))

Strategy of constructing sparse grid: **leave out** those **subspaces** from full grid that only contribute little to the overall interpolant.

**Optimization** w.r.t. **number of degrees of freedom** (grid points) and the **approximation accuracy** leads to the sparse grid space of level  $n$ .

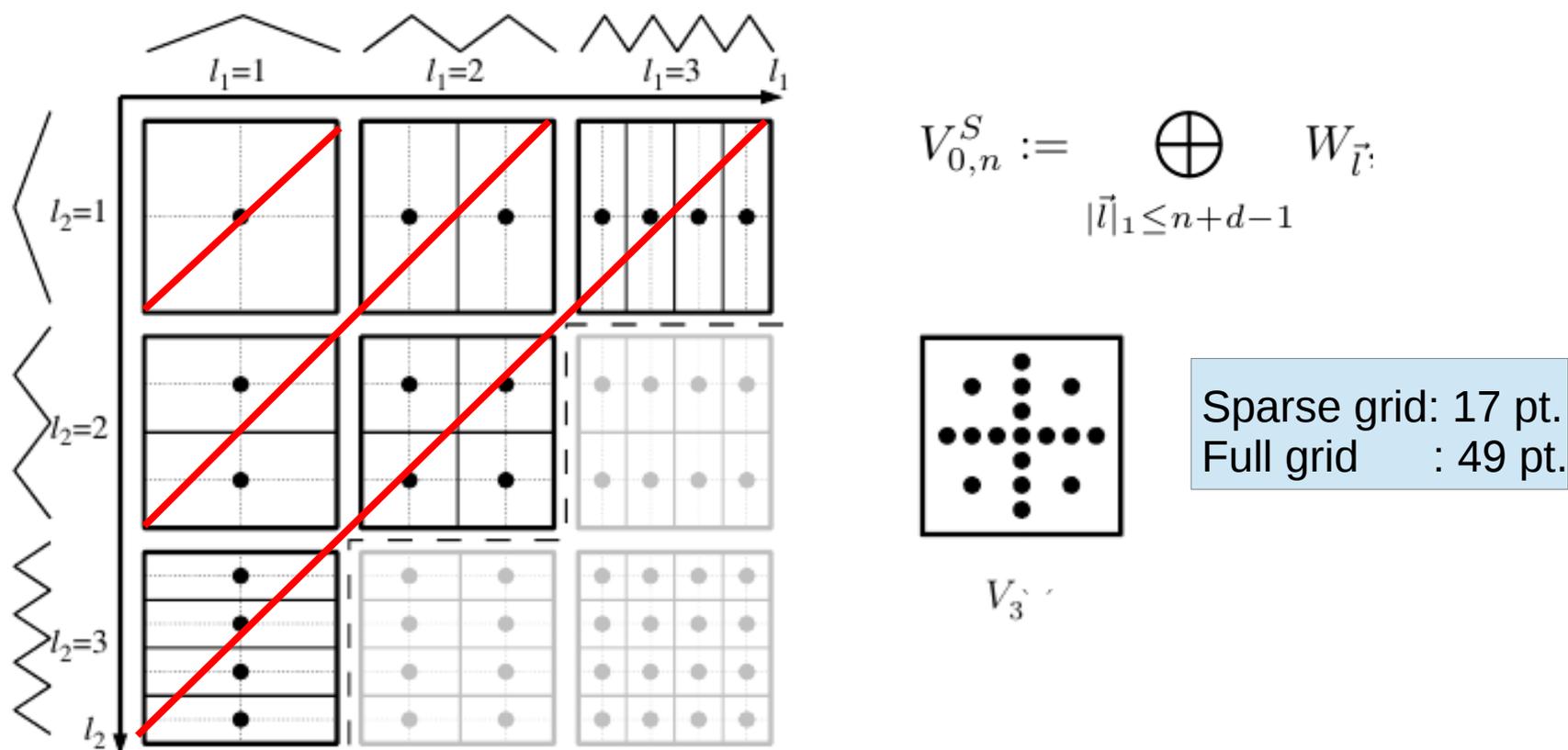
$$V_{0,n}^S := \bigoplus_{|\vec{l}|_1 \leq n+d-1} W_{\vec{l}}$$

Interpolant:  $f_{0,n}^S(\vec{x}) \approx u(\vec{x}) = \sum_{|\vec{l}|_1 \leq n+d-1} \sum_{\vec{i} \in I_{\vec{l}}} \alpha_{\vec{l},\vec{i}} \cdot \phi_{\vec{l},\vec{i}}(\vec{x})$

# grid points:  $\mathcal{O}(h_n^{-1} \cdot (\log(h_n^{-1}))^{d-1}) = \mathcal{O}(2^n \cdot n^{d-1}) \ll \mathcal{O}(h_n^{-d}) = \mathcal{O}(2^{nd})$

Accuracy of the interpolant:  $\mathcal{O}(h_n^2 \cdot \log(h_n^{-1})^{d-1})$  vs.  $\mathcal{O}(h_n^2)$

# Sparse grid construction in 2D

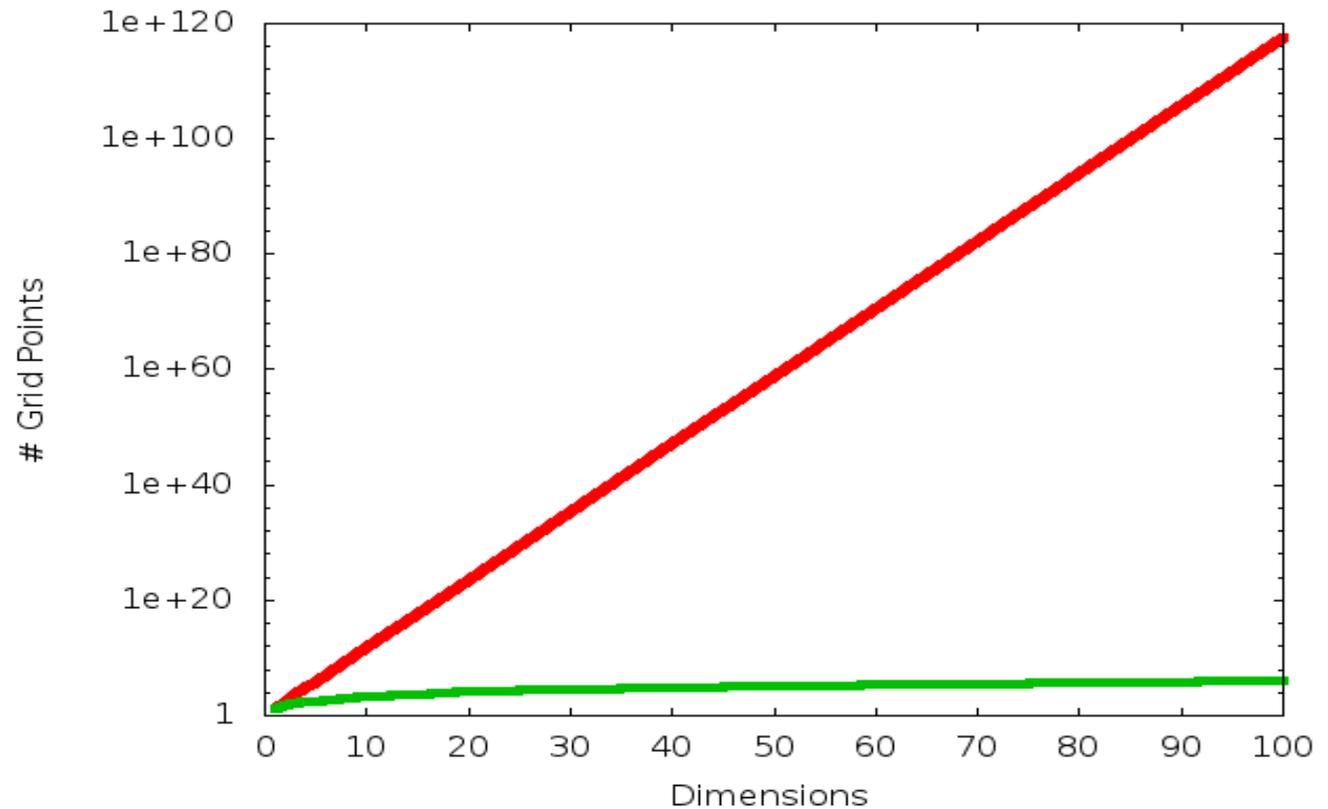


**Fig.:** Two-dimensional subspaces  $W_{\vec{l}}$  up to  $l=3$  ( $h_3 = 1/8$ ) in each dimension. The **optimal a priori selection of subspaces** is shown in black (**left**) and the corresponding sparse grid of level  $n = 3$  (**right**). For the **full grid**, the gray subspaces have to be used as well.



# Grid Points

d	$ V_n $	$ V_{0,n}^S $
1	15	15
2	225	49
3	3375	111
4	50'625	209
5	759'375	351
10	$5.77 \cdot 10^{11}$	2'001
15	$4.37 \cdot 10^{17}$	5'951
20	$3.33 \cdot 10^{23}$	13'201
30	$1.92 \cdot 10^{35}$	41'601
40	$1.11 \cdot 10^{47}$	95'201
50	$6.38 \cdot 10^{58}$	182'001
100	>Googol	1'394'001



**Tab.:** Number of grid points for several types of sparse grids of level  $n = 4$ .

**Middle:** Full grid; **right:** **classical sparse grid with no points at the boundaries.**

**Fig.:** Number of grid points growing with dimension (full grid vs. sparse grid).

# Hierarchical Integration

High-dimensional integration easy with sparse grids, e.g. compute expectations  
Let's assume uniform probability density:

$$\mathbb{E} [u(\vec{x})] = \sum_{|\mathbf{l}|_1 \leq n+d-1} \sum_{\vec{i} \in I_{\vec{l}}} \alpha_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}} \int_{\Omega} \phi_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$$

The one-dimensional integral can now be computed analytically (Ma & Zabaras (2008))

$$\int_0^1 \phi_{l,i}(x) dx = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } l = 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } l = 2 \\ 2^{1-l} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

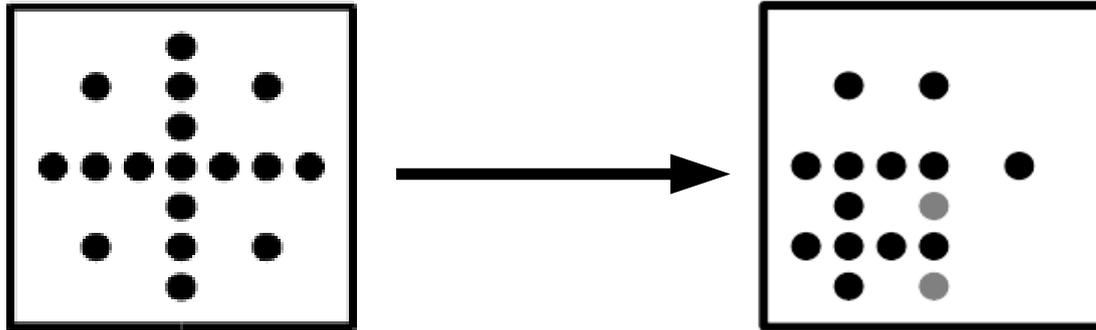
**Note that this result is independent of the location of the interpolant to dilation**  
And translation properties of the hierarchical basis functions.

→ **Multi-d integrals are therefore again products of 1-d integrals.**

We denote  $\int_{\Omega} \phi_{l,i}(\vec{x}) d\vec{x} = J_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}$

$$\longrightarrow \mathbb{E} [u(\vec{x})] = \sum_{|\mathbf{l}|_1 \leq n+d-1} \sum_{\vec{i} \in I_{\vec{l}}} \alpha_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}} \cdot J_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}$$

# Adaptive Sparse Grids



# Sketch of adaptive refinement

See, e.g. Ma & Zabaras (2008), Pflüger (2010), Bungartz (2003),...

-Surpluses should quickly decay to zero

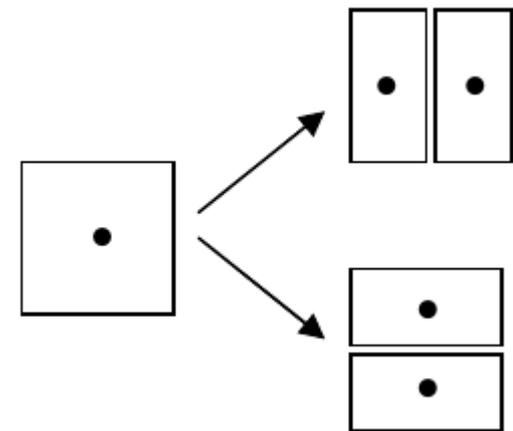
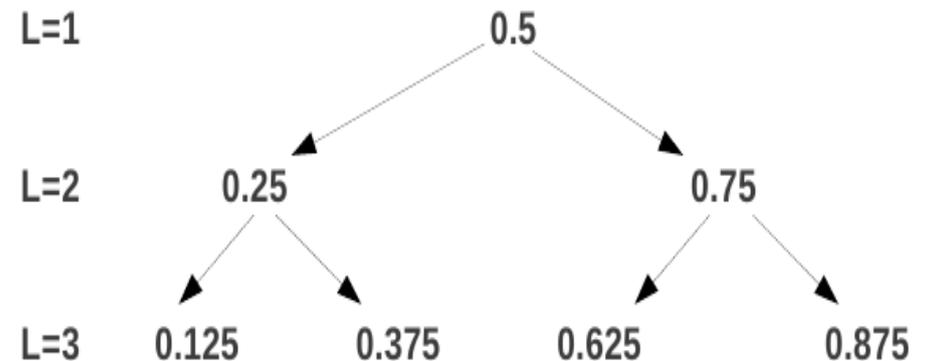
**-Use hierarchical surplus as error indicator.**

**-Automatically detect “discontinuity regions”** and adaptively refine the points in this region.

-Each grid point has  **$2d$**  neighbours

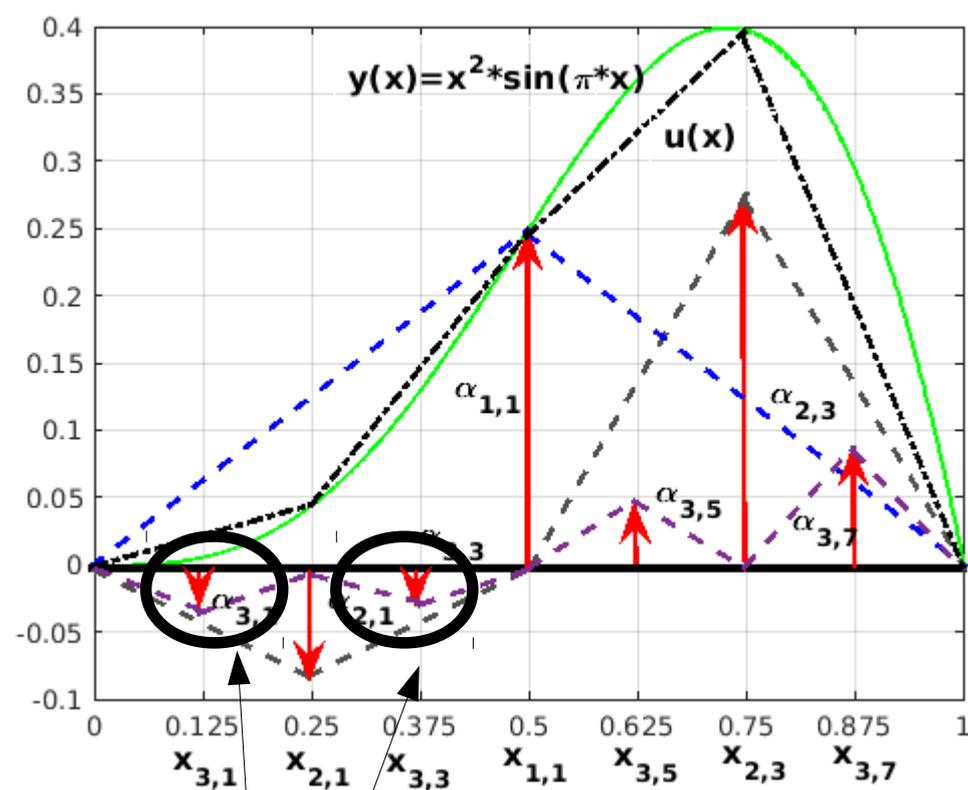
**-Add neighbour points, i.e. locally refine interpolation level from  $l$  to  $l+1$**

-Criterion: e.g.  $|\alpha_{\vec{l}, \vec{i}}| \geq \epsilon$



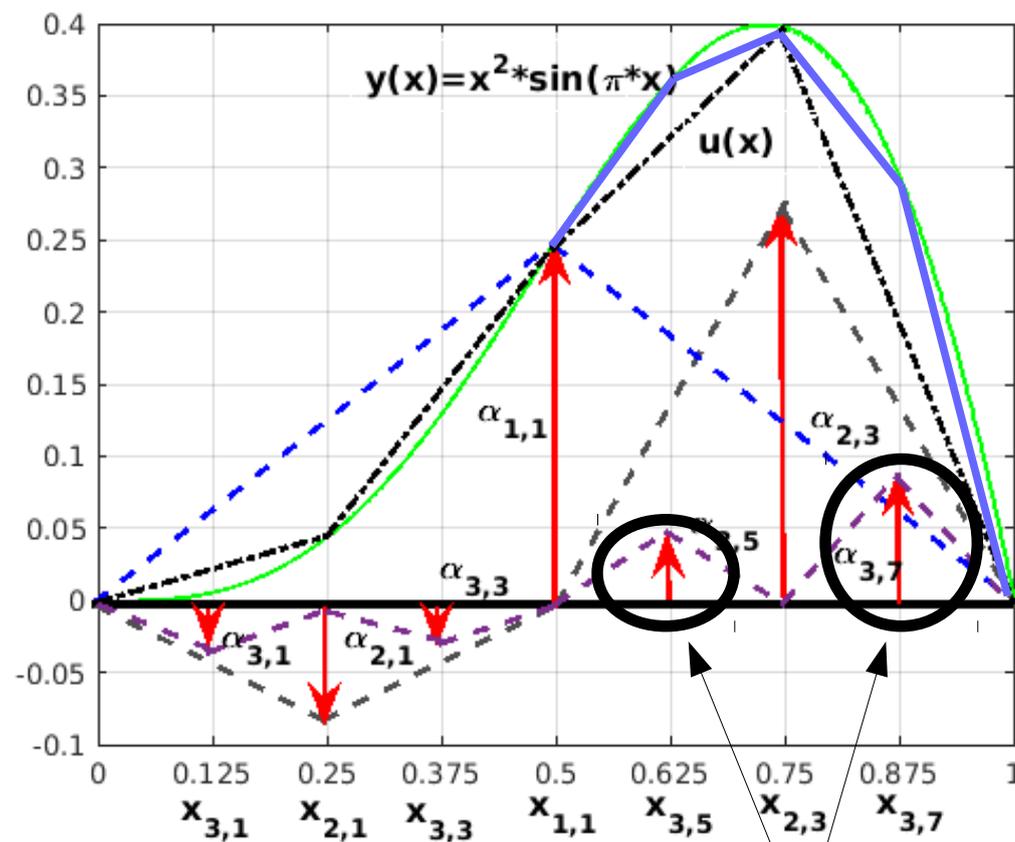
**top panel:** tree-like structure of sparse grid.  
**lower panel:** locally refined sparse grid in 2D.

# Example I



**Small – below threshold**

# Example II



Add points – above threshold

# Test in 1d

(See Genz (1984) for test functions)

Test function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{|0.5 - x^4| + 0.01}$$

Error both for full grid and adapt. sparse grid of  $O(10^{-2})$ .

Error measure:

→ 1000 random points from  $[0,1]$

$$e = \max_{i=1, \dots, 1000} |f(\vec{x}_i) - u(\vec{x}_i)|$$

Full grid: **1023** points

Adaptive sparse grid: **109** points.

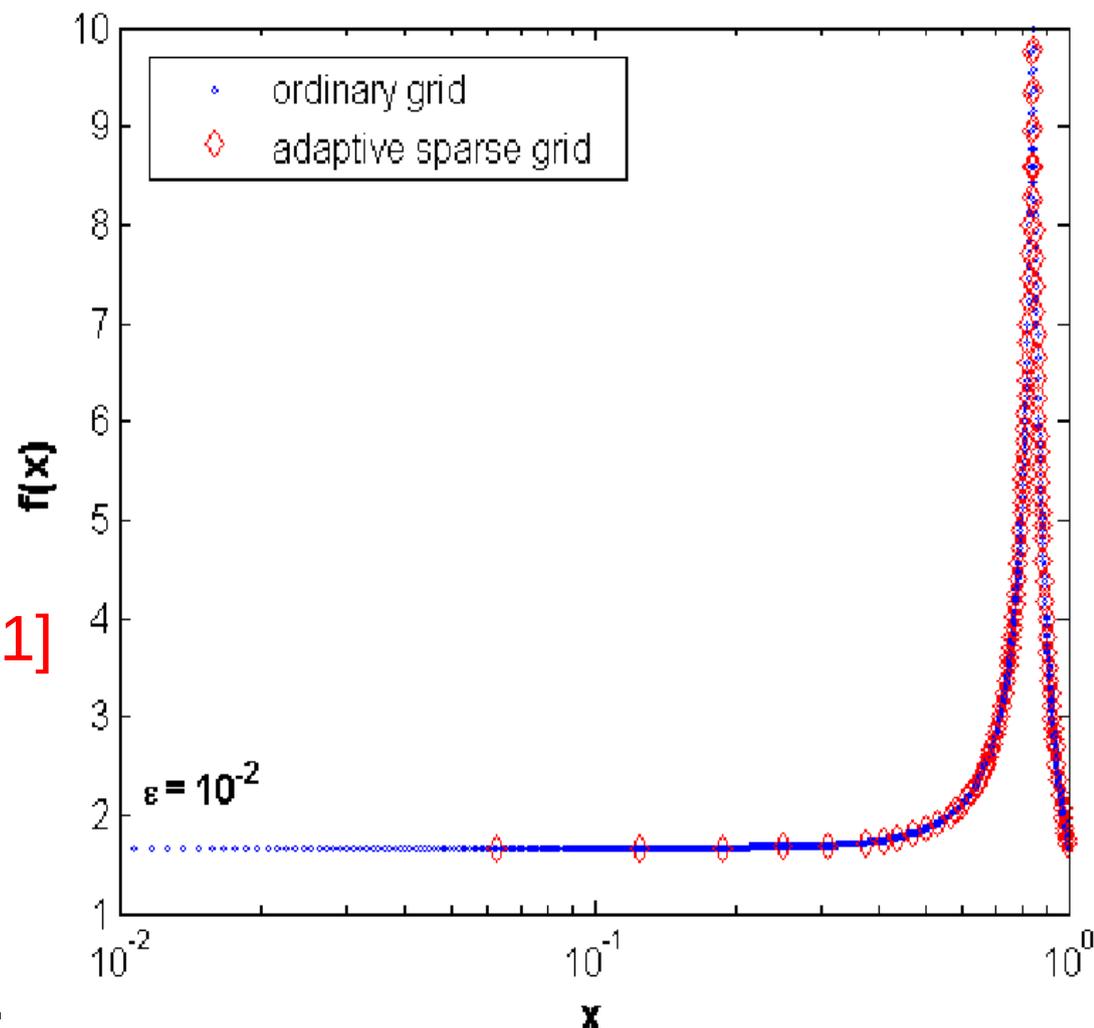


Fig.: Blue: Full grid; red: adaptive sparse grid.

# Test in 2d

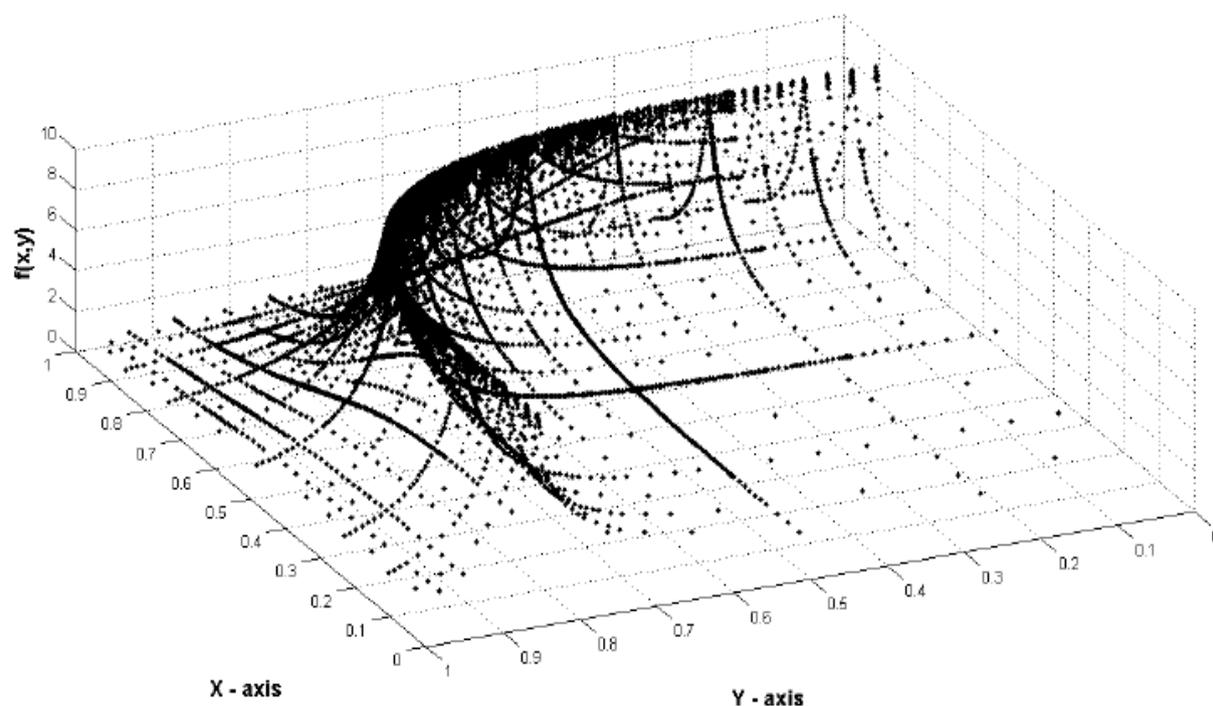
Test function: 
$$\frac{1}{|0.5 - x^4 - y^4| + 0.1}$$

Error:  $O(10^{-2})$

Full grid:  
→  $O(10^9)$  points

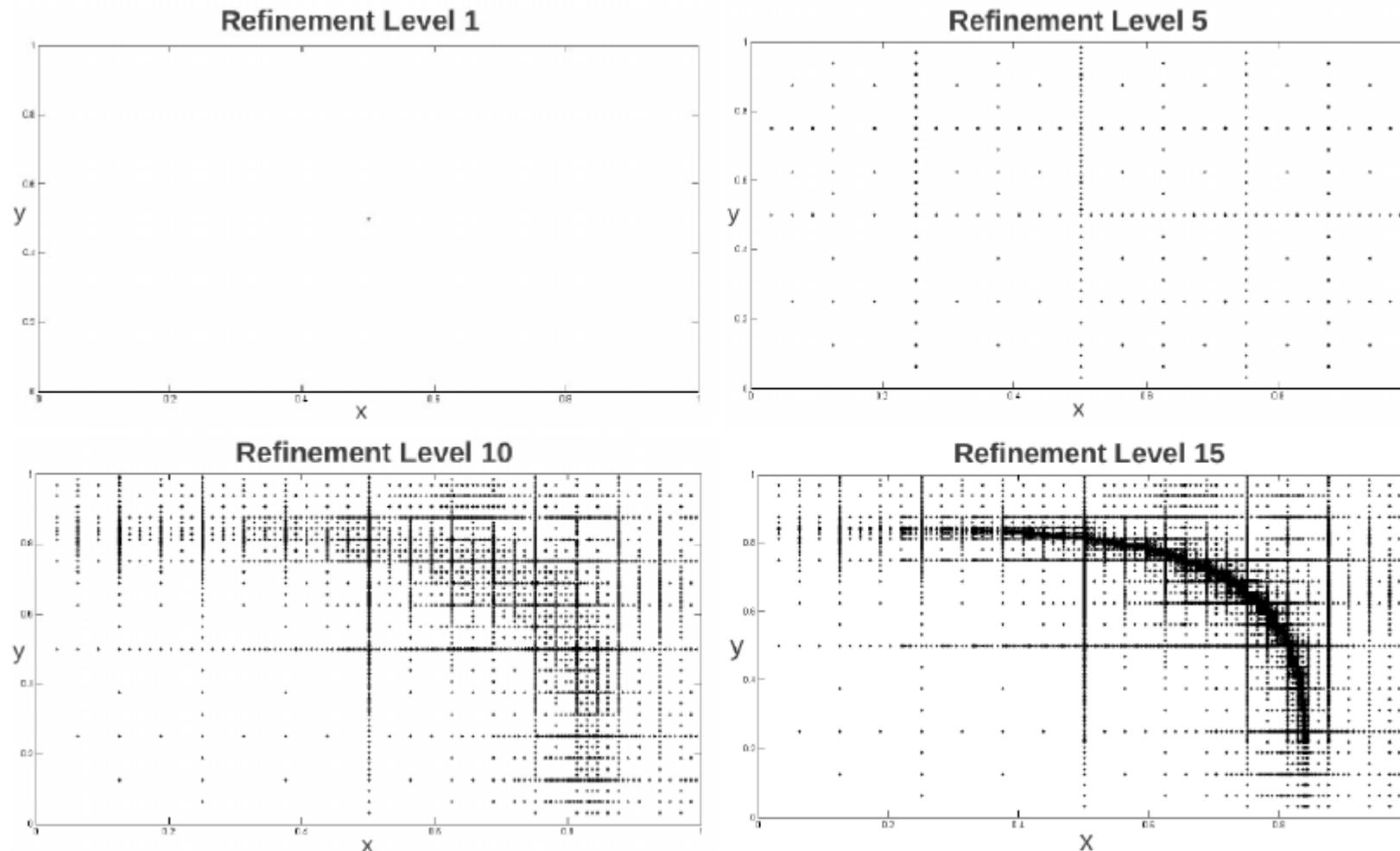
Sparse grid:  
→ **311,297 points**

Adaptive sparse grid:  
→ **4,411 points**



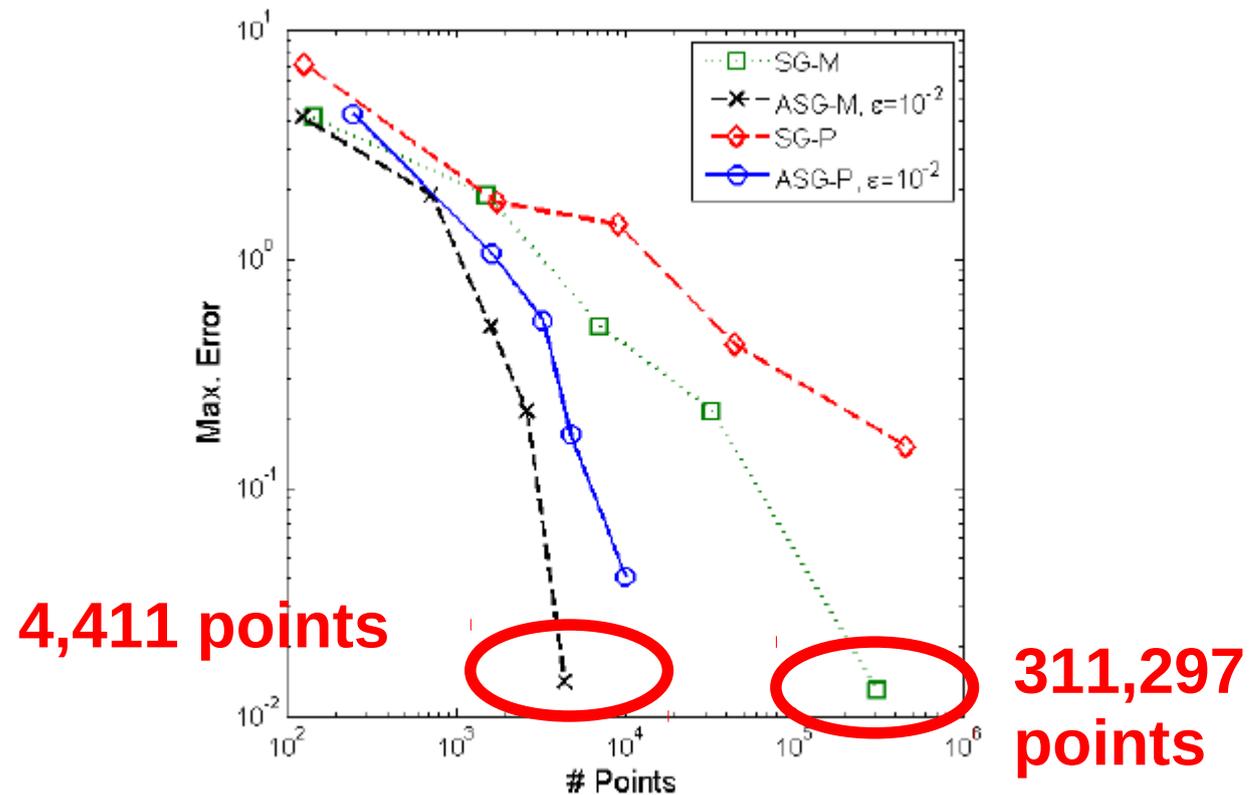
**Fig.:** 2d test function and its corresponding grid points after 15 refinement steps.

# Movie



**Fig.:** Evolution of the adaptive sparse grid with a **threshold for refinement of  $10^{-2}$** . The refinement levels displayed are  $L = 1, 5, 10, 15$ .

# Convergence



**Fig.:** Comparison of the interpolation error for **conventional and adaptive sparse grid interpolation** (two different adaptive sparse grid choices).

# Time-iteration with adaptive sparse grids

**Data:** Initial guess  $p_{next} = (p_{next}(1), \dots, p_{next}(N_s = 16))$  for next period's policy function. Approximation accuracy  $\bar{\eta}$ . Maximal refinement level  $L_{max}$ . Starting refinement level  $L_0 \leq L_{max}$ . Refinement threshold  $\epsilon$ .

**Result:** The (approximate) equilibrium policy function  $p = (p(1), \dots, p(N_s = 16))$ .

**while**  $\eta > \bar{\eta}$  **do**

  Set  $z = 1$ .

**for**  $z \leq N_s$  **do**                   → *Stochastic states: independent adaptive sparse grids*

    Set  $l = 1$ , set  $G(z) \subset S(z)$  to be the level 1 grid on  $S(z)$ , and set  $G_{old}(z) = \emptyset, G_{new}(z) = \emptyset$ .

**while**  $G(z) \neq G_{old}(z)$  **do**

**for**  $g(z) \in G(z) \setminus G_{old}(z)$  **do**   → *Grid points within a refinement level: independent*

        Compute the optimal policies  $p(g(z))$  by evaluating (5) to (15) given next period's policy  $p_{next}$ .

        Define the policy  $\tilde{p}(g(z))$  by interpolating  $\{p(g(z))\}_{g(z) \in G_{old}(z)}$ .

**if**  $(l < L_{max} \text{ and } \|p(g(z)) - \tilde{p}(g(z))\|_{\infty} > \epsilon)$  **or**  $l < L_0$ , **then**

          | Add the neighboring points (sons) of  $g(z)$  to  $G_{new}(z)$ .

**end**

**end**

      Set  $G_{old}(z) = G(z)$ , set  $G = G_{old}(z) \cup G_{new}(z)$ , set  $G_{new}(z) = \emptyset$ , and set  $l = l + 1$ .

**end**

    Define the policy function  $p(z)$  as the sparse grid interpolation of  $\{p(g(z))\}_{g(z) \in G(z)}$ .

    Calculate (an approximation for) the error within a state:

$\eta(z) = \|p(z) - p_{next}(z)\|$ . Set  $p_{next}(z) = p(z)$ .

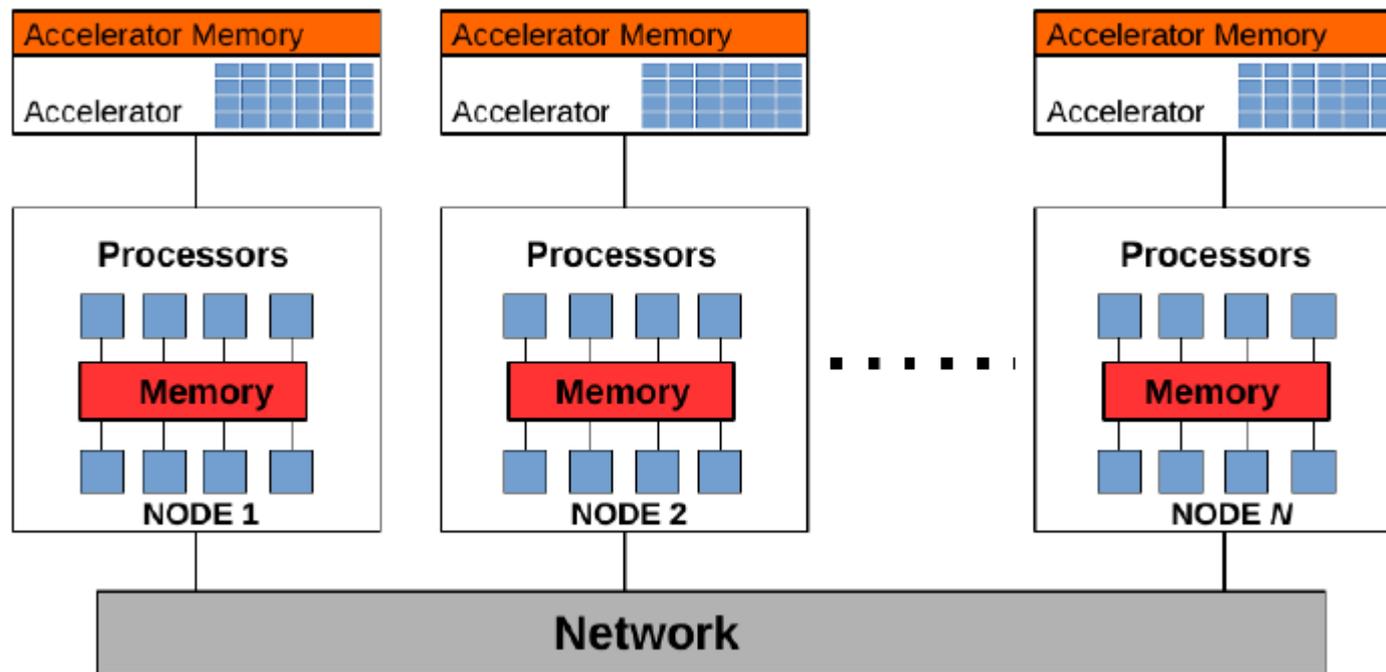
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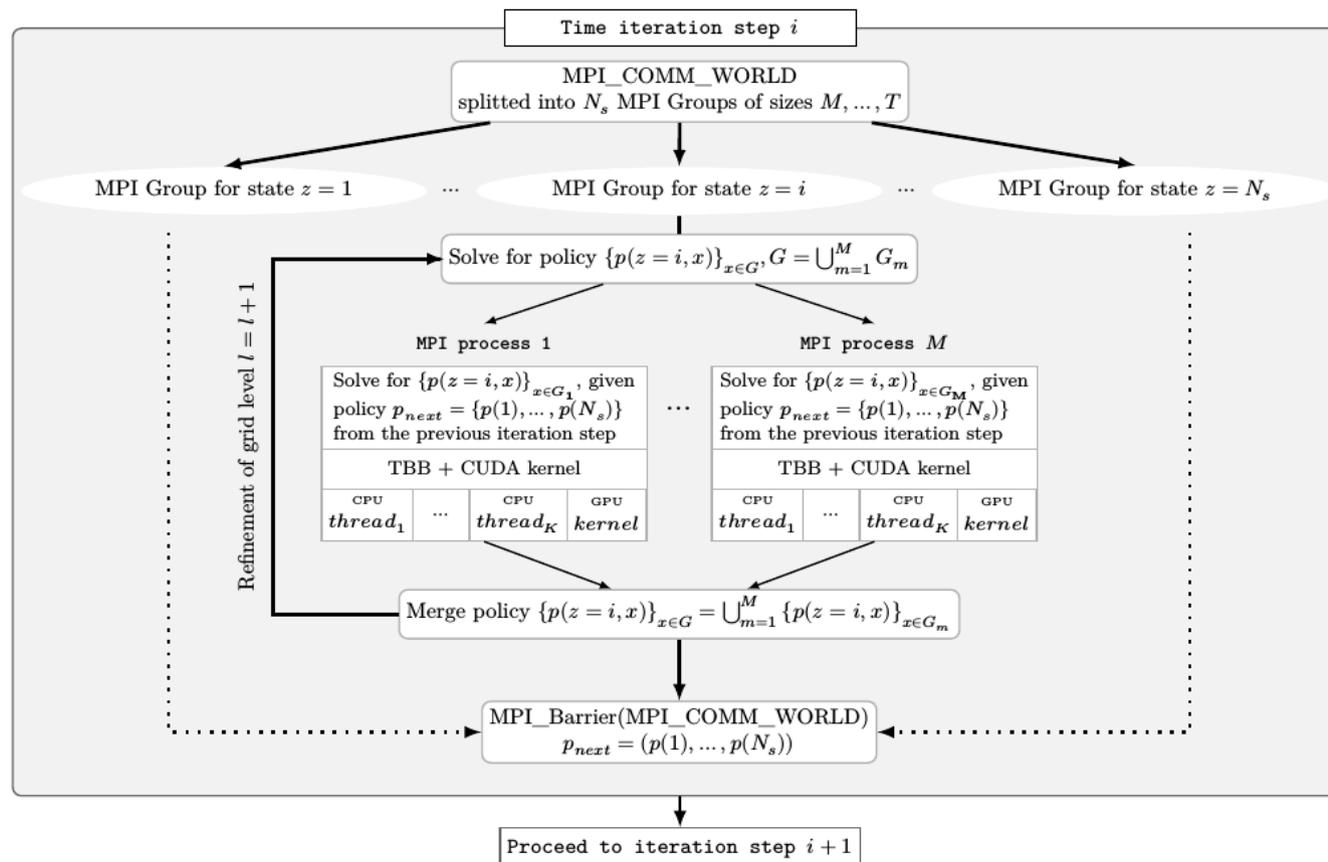
  error:  $\eta = \max(\eta(1), \dots, \eta(N_s))$

**end**

# Today's HPC systems



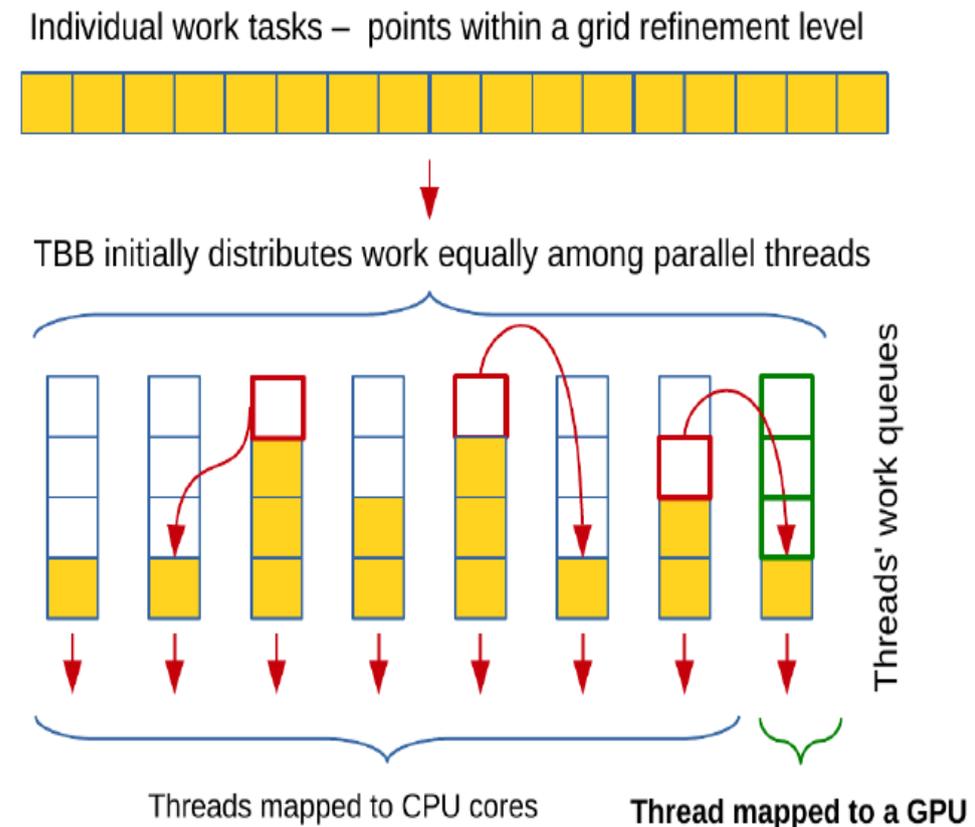
# Overall parallelization scheme



- At every grid point in every state, a non-linear system of equations needs to be solved.
- Sizes of the individual adaptive sparse grids may be very different.
- We need to carefully ensure workload balance.

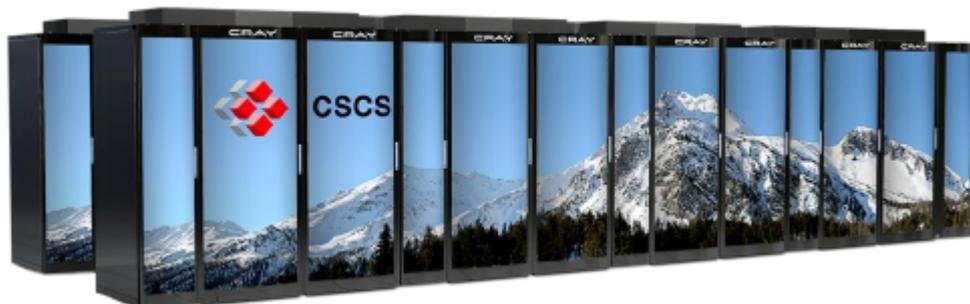
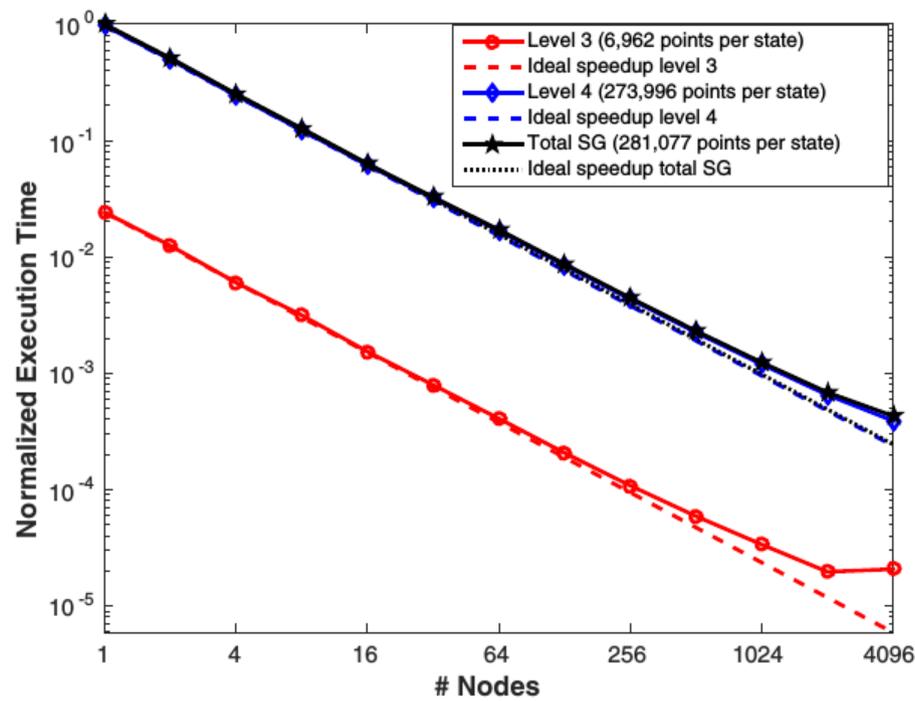
# Single node parallelization

- TBB maps different threads, similar to OpenMP.
- Every thread is initially assigned an equal logical queue of tasks.
- However, different tasks may be processed faster or slower, due to differences between tasks and/or compute cores
- TBB approach to work balancing: once one thread runs out of tasks, “steal” a task from **another thread, which makes slower progress.**
- We map one extra thread onto **GPU** if present.  
→ **CPU** cores and **GPU** process interpolation tasks together.



# Strong scaling on “Piz Daint” at CSCS

- Test on Cray XC50
- $16 \times 281,077 = 4,497,232$  points.
- 265,336,688 unknowns.
- 70% efficiency on 4,096 nodes.
- Speed-up limitations: few points in lower grid levels.



← Piz Daint: ~25 Petaflop/s

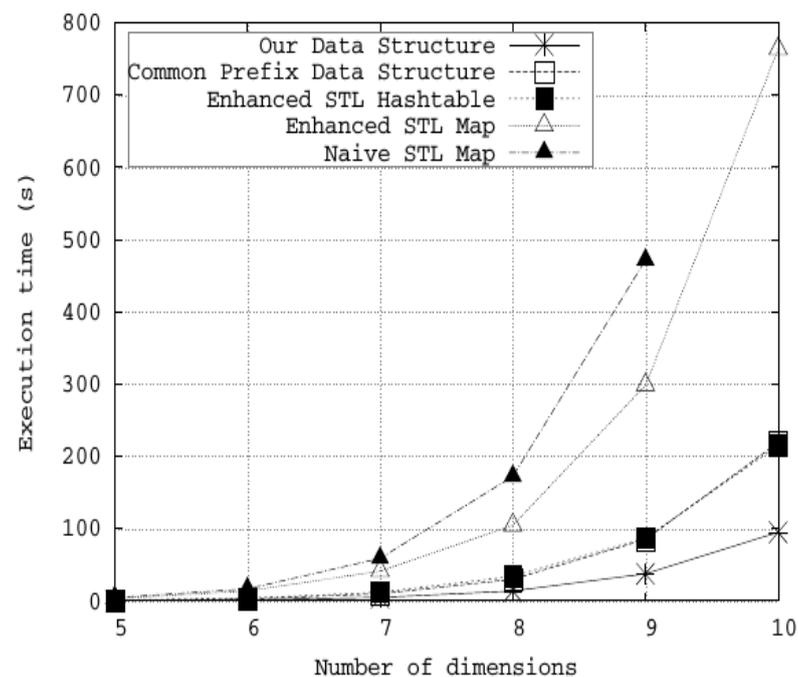
# Results for Smooth IRBC Model

Non-adaptive sparse grid of fixed level produces stable accuracy when dimension is increased massively:

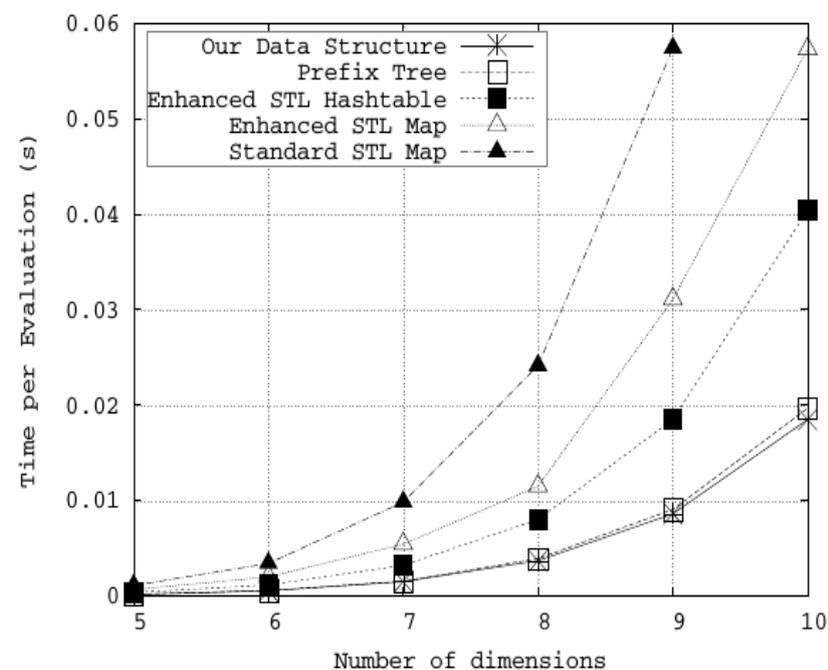
Dimension	Level	Points	Max. Error	Avg. Error
4	3	41	-2.95	-3.18
12	3	313	-2.81	-3.27
20	3	841	-2.93	-3.30
50	3	5,101	-2.64	-3.33
100	3	20,201	-2.79	-3.33
4	4	137	-3.04	-3.65
12	4	2,649	-3.04	-3.83
20	4	11,561	-3.00	-3.73

All errors are given in log 10 -scale.

# Execution times on sparse grids



(a) Runtime for sequential hierarchization.



(b) Runtime for sequential evaluation.

→ going to higher dimensions gets polynomially harder

# Limitations of sparse grids (II)

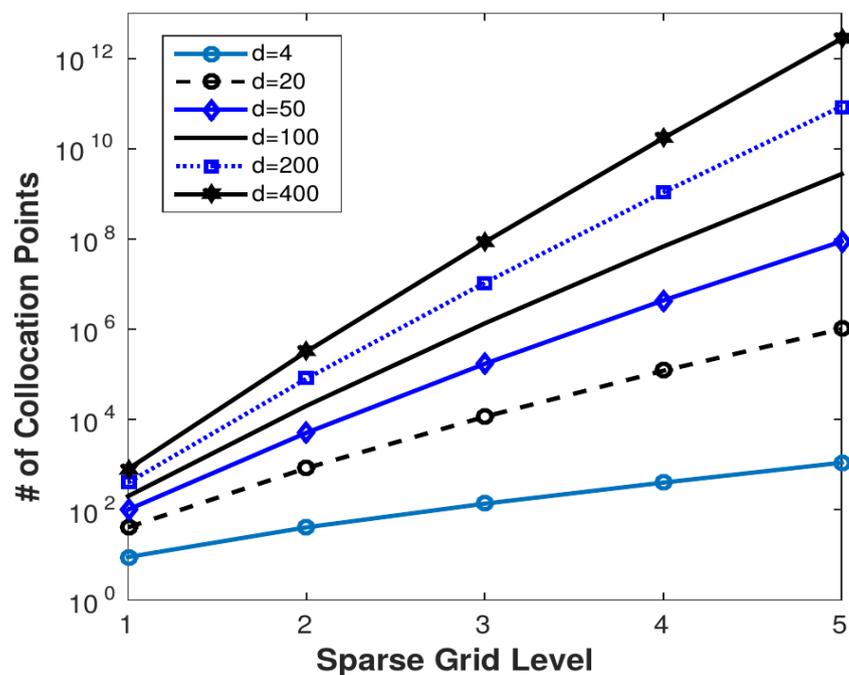


Fig.: classical sparse grids of varying dimension and increasing refinement level

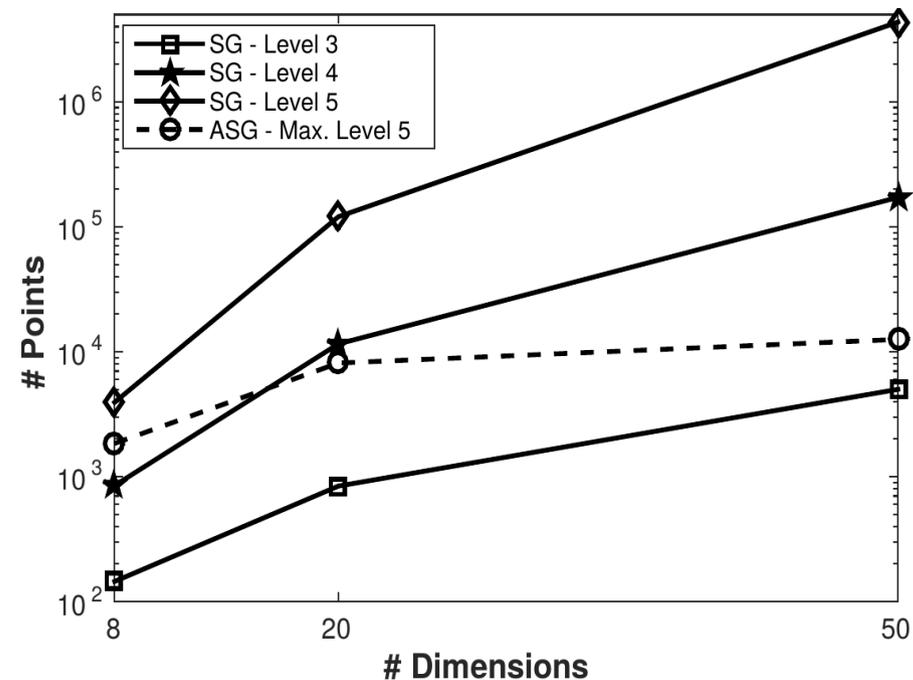


Fig.: IRBC model, solved both with classical sparse grids of varying dimension and increasing refinement level.

**Major issue:** a complex problem may require a **high resolution** in order to obtain a “reasonable” solution, i.e., a **high sparse grid refinement level**. For high-dimensional problems, the amount of points added to the sparse grid grow fast with the increasing level (still slower than exponential) but still make **problems quickly intractable (left panel)**. ASGs can alleviate this issue to some extent (**right panel**).

**Second issue:** Geometric restrictions (we need to map our problem onto a hypercube → **See Felix’ talk for GPR**).

# 3. HDMR



So this, then, was the kernel of the brute!

(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

# Dimensional Decomposition

see, e.g., Ma & Zabaras (2010), Yang et al. (2012), Rabitz & Alis (1999), Holtz (2011)...

Motivated by idea that for many situations, **only relatively low order correlations\* among dimensions will significantly impact solution.**

- Split multi-dimensional function of dimension  $N$  into its contributions from different groups of sub-dimensions.
- We want to approximate  $f(\mathbf{Y}) : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by the following representation:

$$f(\mathbf{Y}) = f_0 + \sum_{s=1}^N \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_s} f_{i_1 \dots i_s}(Y_{i_1}, \dots, Y_{i_s})$$

Where the interior sum is over all sets of  $s$  integers  $i_1, \dots, i_s$ , that satisfy  $1 \leq i_1 < i_s \leq N$ .

$$f(\mathbf{Y}) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(Y_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq N} f_{i_1 i_2}(Y_{i_1}, Y_{i_2}) + \dots + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_s \leq N} f_{i_1 \dots i_s}(Y_{i_1}, \dots, Y_{i_s}) + \dots + f_{12 \dots N}(Y_1, \dots, Y_N).$$

↑  
zeroth-order component  
“mean effect”

↖  
Univariate function; individual  
contribution to the output

↖  
s-th order component function

# Cut-HDMR

(e.g. , Sobol (2002), Ma & Zabararas (2010), Yang et al (2012), and references therein)

A computationally efficient way of constructing the HDMR expansion is the so-called “cut-HDMR”.

The notation  $\mathbf{Y} = \bar{\mathbf{Y}} \setminus \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{u}}$  means that the components of  $\mathbf{Y}$  other than those indices that belong to the set  $\mathbf{u}$  are set equal to those of the reference point.

- Components are  $|\mathbf{u}|$ -dimensional functions where the unknown variables are those dimensions whose indices belong to  $\mathbf{u}$ .
- The component functions of CUT-HDMR are explicitly given as follows:

$$f_0 = f(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}), \quad f_i(Y_i) = f(\mathbf{Y})|_{\mathbf{Y}=\bar{\mathbf{Y}} \setminus Y_i} - f_0$$

$$f_{ij}(Y_i, Y_j) = f(\mathbf{Y})|_{\mathbf{Y}=\bar{\mathbf{Y}} \setminus (Y_i, Y_j)} - f_i(Y_i) - f_j(Y_j) - f_0, \dots$$

In general, the component functions for  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}$  are

$$f_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) = f(\mathbf{X})|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}} \setminus \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}} - \sum_{\mathbf{v} \subset \mathbf{u}} f_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}), \quad \text{with } f_0 = f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}).$$

# Choice of a reference point

see, e.g., Sobol (2002)

The convergence property of HDMR is **rather sensitive** to the choice of **the reference point, a so-called anchor point  $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}$**

→ A good reference point should satisfy:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Y} \in I} |f(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}) - \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{Y})]|$$

Often, the **mean of the output is not known a priori**.

- To this end, it was proposed to **sample a moderate number of random inputs** and compute the mean of the sample outputs.
- Then the reference point is chosen as the one among the samples whose output is the closest to the above mean value.

# HDMR expansion in large dimensions

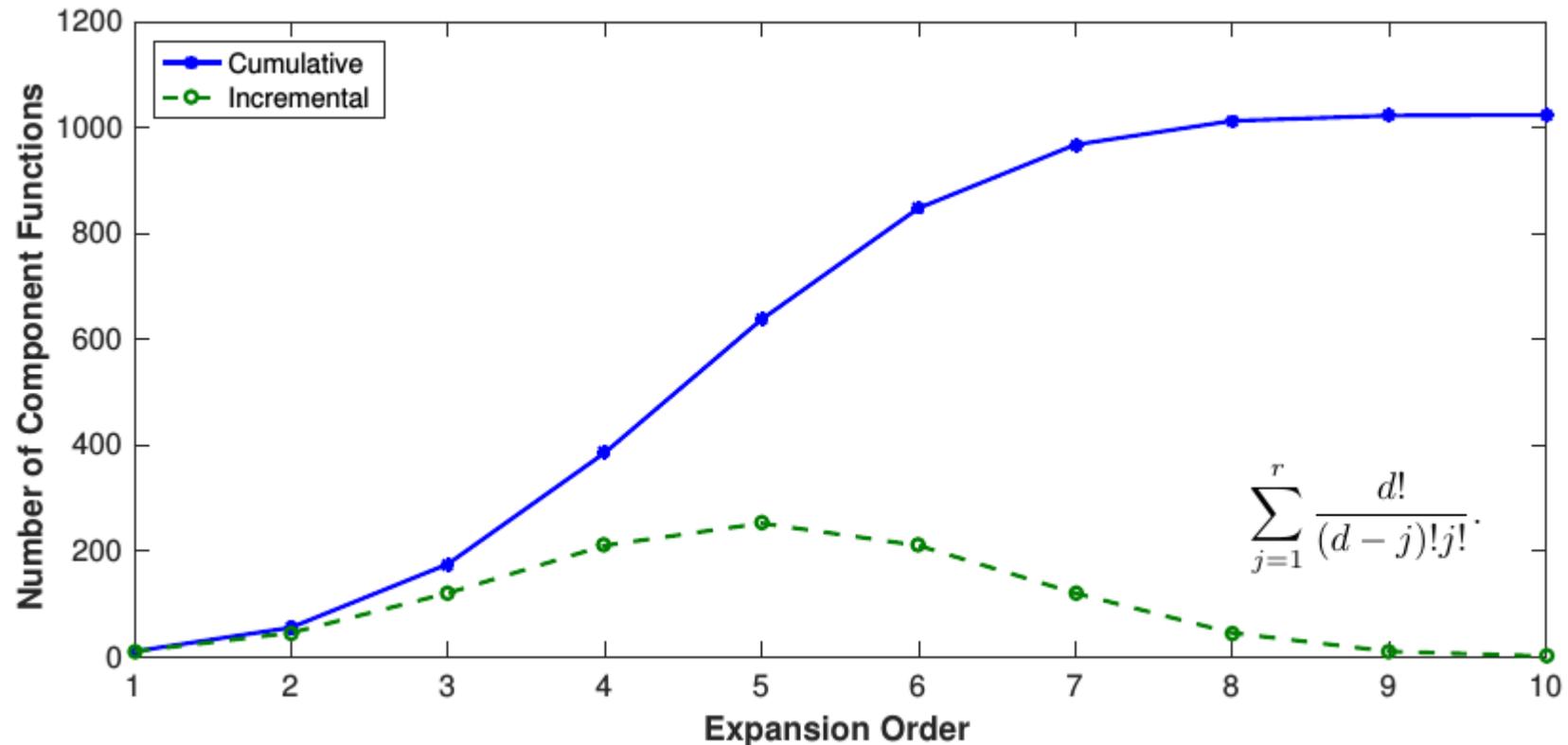


Fig.: Number of component functions for a 10-dimensional, at each given expansion order.

Up to this point we have discussed dimensional decomposition assuming that we will compute all component functions.

→ **Too expensive**

(500d: 125,251 component functions are needed for a second-order expansion)

# Truncation of the HDMR expansion

- The **active dimensions** refers to the set of indices in  $\mathbf{u}$  corresponding to the **inputs that have significance in the input-output response** of the system.
  - We want to construct an approximated system output by **only considering the active dimensions and ignoring non-active ones.**
  - From the figure in the previous slide we can see that the increase in component functions is highest at the start of the expansion.
- It would be ideal to eliminate any combinations of insignificant inputs early on in the combinatorial tree.

# Adaptive dimension selection

The metric for this assessment is based on the work in Ma & Zabaras (2010), however different variates have been implemented (see, e.g. Yang et al (2012)).

**Adaptivity measure**  $\eta_{\mathbf{u}}$  and an appropriately selected cut-off  $\epsilon_{\eta} \geq 0$ .  
We **reject component functions** containing all indices of  $\mathbf{u}$  if  $\eta_{\mathbf{u}} < \epsilon_{\eta}$ .

$$\eta_{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\left\| \int f_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) d\mathbf{x} \right\|_2}{\left\| \sum_{\mathbf{v} \subset \mathcal{S}, |\mathbf{v}| \leq |\mathbf{u}|-1} \int f_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}) d\mathbf{x} \right\|_2},$$

e.g. in 1 dimension  $\frac{|\mathbb{E}(f_j)|}{|f_0|}$  ...and in 2 dimension  $\frac{|\mathbb{E}(f_{j_1 j_2})|}{\sum_{j=0}^{D_1} |\mathbb{E}(f_j)|}$

- **scalar measure**: indicating the relative importance of the component function with index  $\mathbf{u}$ .
- The adaptivity coefficient corresponds to the relative integral of the current component function with respect to **approximated system integral of the previous expansion order**.
- **Only the integral of the current component function will be required, as the denominator will have already been computed in the last expansion.**

# Merging HDMR wirth ASGs

Recall: 
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subseteq \mathcal{S}} f_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}), \quad f_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) = f(\mathbf{X})|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}} \setminus \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}} - \sum_{\mathbf{v} \subset \mathbf{u}} f_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}),$$

The component function now operations on a  $|\mathbf{u}|$ -dimensional sparse grid and all subsets of the current component functions are also lower dimensional sparse grid interpolations.

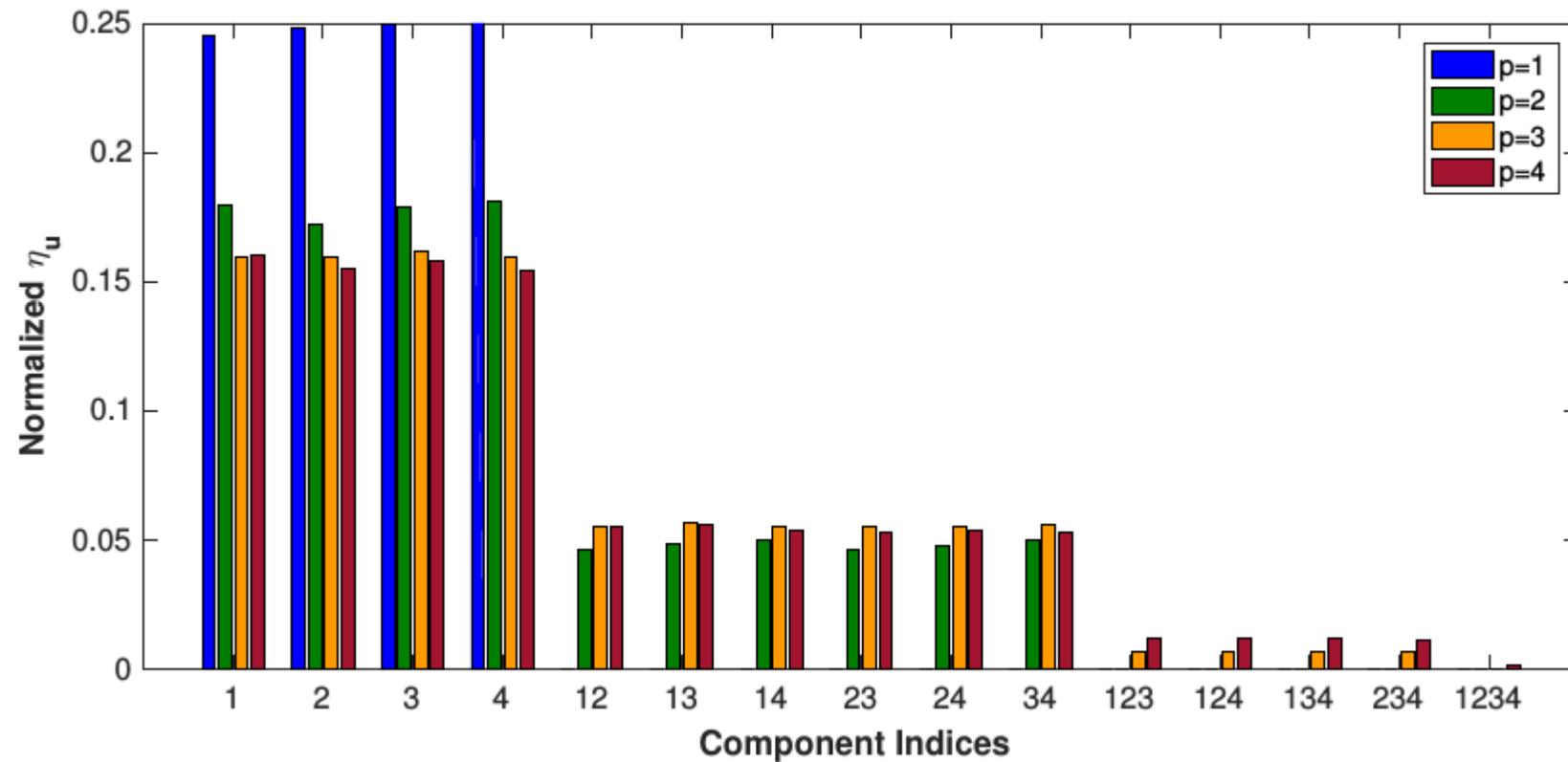
$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) &\approx \mathcal{SG} f(\mathbf{X})|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}} \setminus \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}} - \sum_{\mathbf{v} \subset \mathbf{u}} f_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}) \\ &\approx \sum_{\|\mathbf{k}\|_1 \leq \ell + d - 1} \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{k}}} \alpha_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{k}} \Phi_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{X})|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}} - \sum_{\mathbf{v} \subset \mathbf{u}} f_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}) \end{aligned}$$

One nice feature: 
$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subseteq \mathcal{S}} \mathbb{E}[f_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}})]$$

→ Integration trivial on adaptive sparse grids)

**NOTE: HDMR independent of choice of “basis” – SG is convenient.**

# Example I



Active dimension adaptivity measure  $\eta_{\mathbf{u}}$  for a 4-dimensional polynomial  $(x_1 + \dots + x_4)^p$ .

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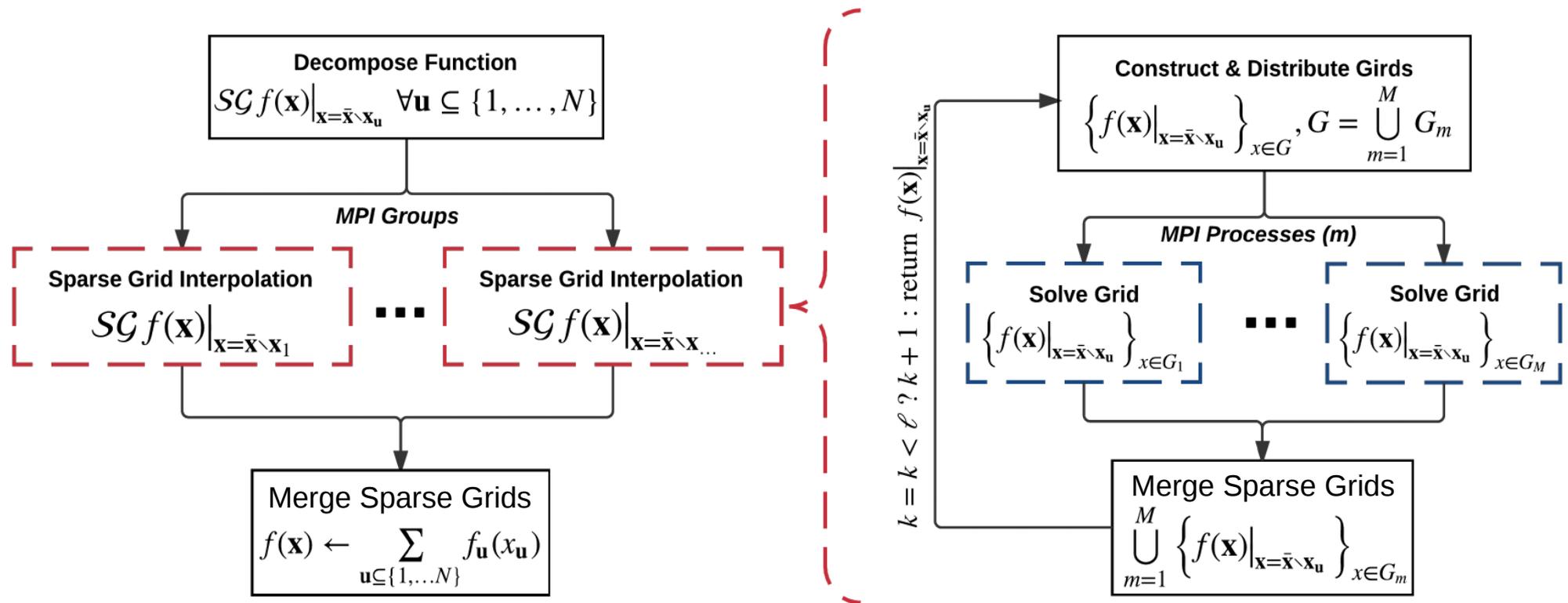
In optimal situation where functions that need to be approximated are “somehow” additive separable, truncation can work very efficiently.

- There are however situations where ASGs perform substantially better than HDMR+ASGs (e.g. “product-peak” functions).
- Transformations or alternative adaption criteria might help.

# Parallelization

All the component functions within a “HDMR level” are independent!

→ an additional layer of parallelism (MPI\_Groups) on top of sparse grid parallelism



**Fig:** The red boxes indicate region of isolated (local to the communicator) communication.

# HDMR as a whole

HDMR can provide 3<sup>rd</sup> layer of sparsity (SG – ASG – HDMR).

HDMR can provide significant performance gains:

- for functions with low input-output correlation.
- provides high degree of parallelization.
- can scale efficiently on large scale systems.
- allows for computability of otherwise uncomputable systems.
- we were able to solve 400d smooth dynamic stochastic problems.
- we were able to solve 60d dynamic models with kinks.

# Questions

