

# Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR)

## 3-D Neutron Transport Equations:

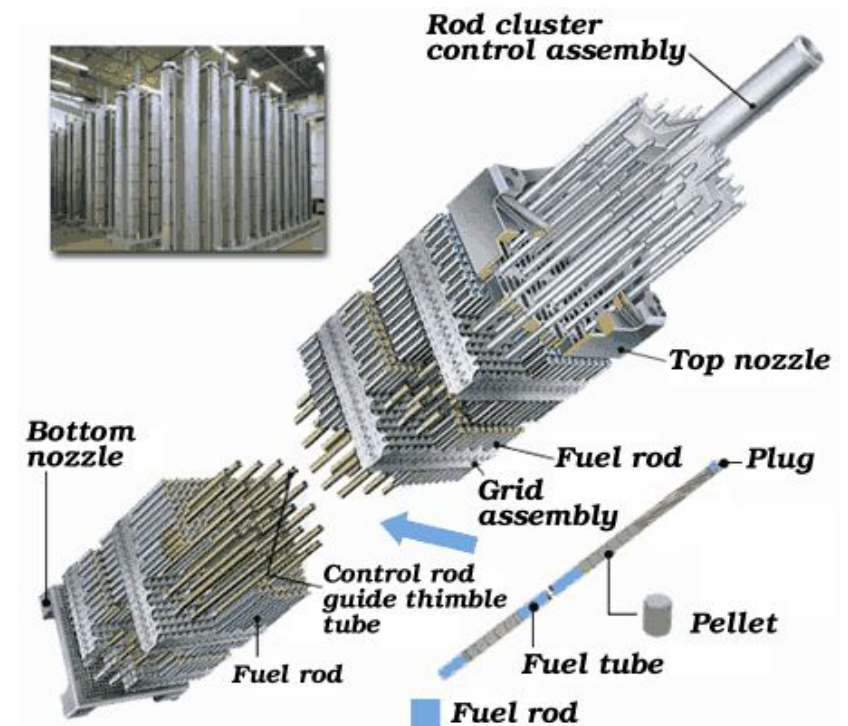
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|v|} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla \varphi + \Sigma_t(r, E) \varphi(r, E, \Omega, t) \\ = \int_{4\pi} d\Omega' \int_0^\infty dE' \Sigma_s(E' \rightarrow E, \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega) \varphi(r, E', \Omega', t) \\ + \frac{\chi(E)}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} d\Omega' \int_0^\infty dE' \nu(E') \Sigma_f(E') \varphi(r, E', \Omega', t) \end{aligned}$$

## Challenges:

- Linear in the state but function of 7 independent variables:

$$r = x, y, z; E; \Omega = \theta, \phi; t$$

- Very large number of inputs; e.g., 100,000; **Active subspace construction is critical.**
- ORNL Code SCALE: can take minutes to hours to run.
- SCALE TRITON has adjoint capabilities via TSUNAMI-2D and NEWT.



# Active Subspaces

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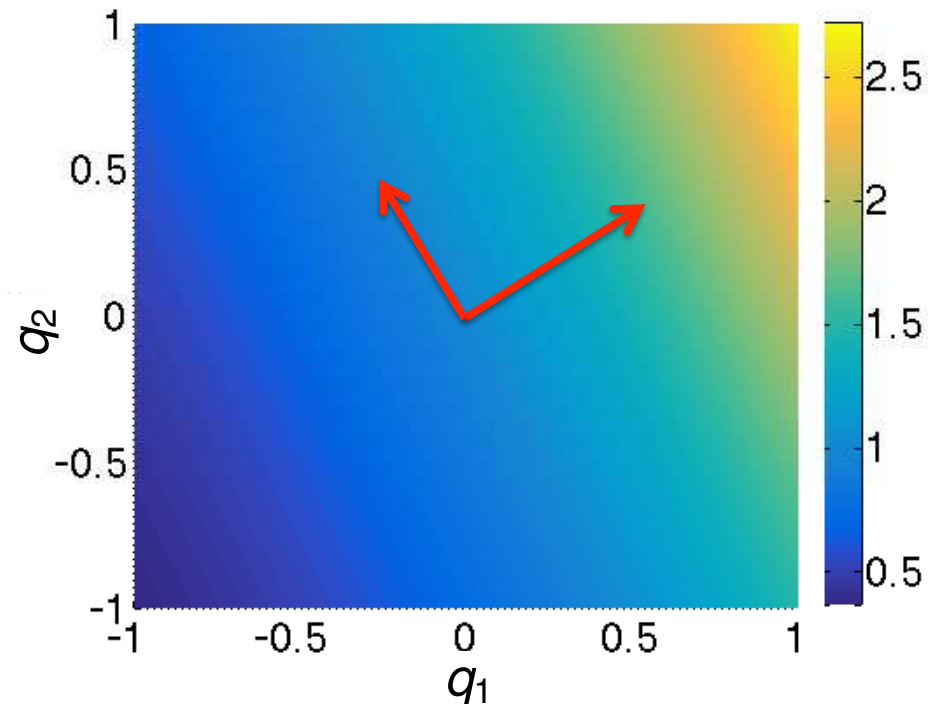
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# Active Subspaces

**Note:** Sensitivity analysis isolate *subsets* of influential parameters but ineffective for *subspaces* that are not aligned with coordinate axes.

**Linearly Parameterized Problems:**  $y = Aq$  ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ,  $q \in \mathbb{R}^p$  ,  $A$  is  $n \times p$

**Example:**  $y_i = q_2 x_i$  ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$q = [q_1, q_2]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x_1 \\ 0 & x_2 \\ 0 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here

$$\mathcal{N}(q) = \mathcal{N}(A) = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{I}(q) = \mathcal{R}(A^T) = c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Null space of A

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{q \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid Aq = 0\}$$

Range

$$\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid b = A^T z \text{ for some } z \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

Note:  $\mathcal{N}(A^T A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$  ,  $\mathcal{R}(A^T A) = \mathcal{R}(A^T)$

**Good Reference:** Ise C.F. Ipsen, *Numerical Matrix Analysis*, SIAM, 2009

# Active Subspaces

**Example:**  $y = [2 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Here

$$NI(\mathbf{q}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{c} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}$$

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# Deterministic Algorithms

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**Singular Value Decomposition (SVD):**

$$A = U\Sigma V^T \quad , \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} S & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq \varepsilon$$

and

$$U = [U_r \quad U_{n-r}] \quad , \quad U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \quad , \quad U_{n-r} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-r)}$$

$$V = [V_r \quad V_{p-r}] \quad , \quad V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r} \quad , \quad V_{p-r} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times (p-r)}$$

**Rank Revealing QR Decomposition:**  $A^T P = QR$

**Problem:** Neither is directly applicable when  $n$  or  $p$  are very large; e.g., millions.

**Solution:** Random range finding algorithms.

# Random Range Finding Algorithms: Linear Problems

**Algorithm:** Halko, Martinsson and Tropp, SIAM Review, 2011

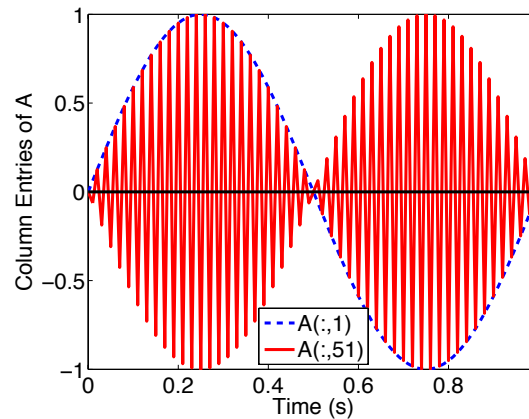
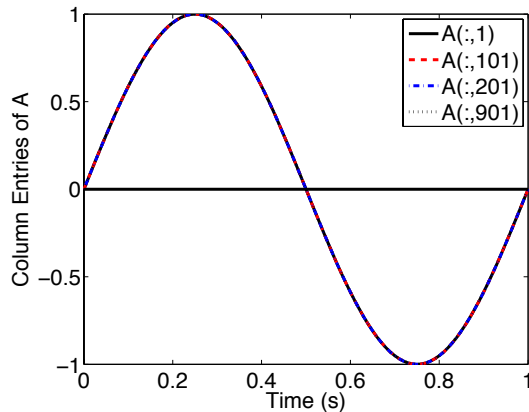
1. Choose  $\ell$  random inputs  $q^i$  and compute outputs  $y^i = Aq^i$  which are compiled in the  $m \times \ell$  matrix  $Y$ .
2. Take a pivoted QR factorization  $Y = QR$  to construct a matrix  $Q$  whose columns form an orthonormal basis for the range of  $Y$ .

**Example:**

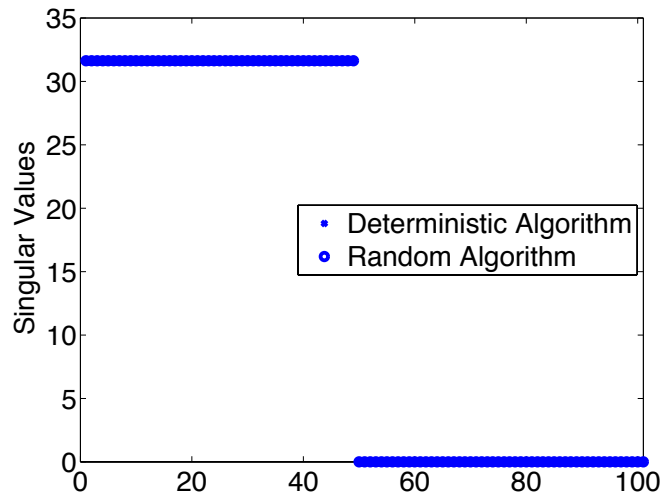
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(2\pi t_1) & \cdots & \sin(2\pi p t_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sin(2\pi t_n) & \cdots & \sin(2\pi p t_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_p \end{bmatrix}$$

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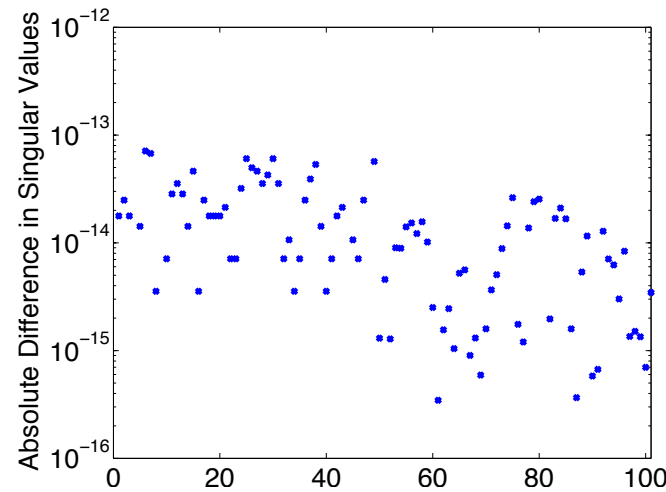
**Example:**  $m = 101$ ,  $p = 1000$ : Analytic value for rank is 49



Aliasing



Singular Values



Absolute Difference Between Singular Values

**Example:**  $m = 101$ ,  $p = 1,000,000$ : Random algorithm still viable

# Active Subspaces for Nonlinearly Parameterized Problems

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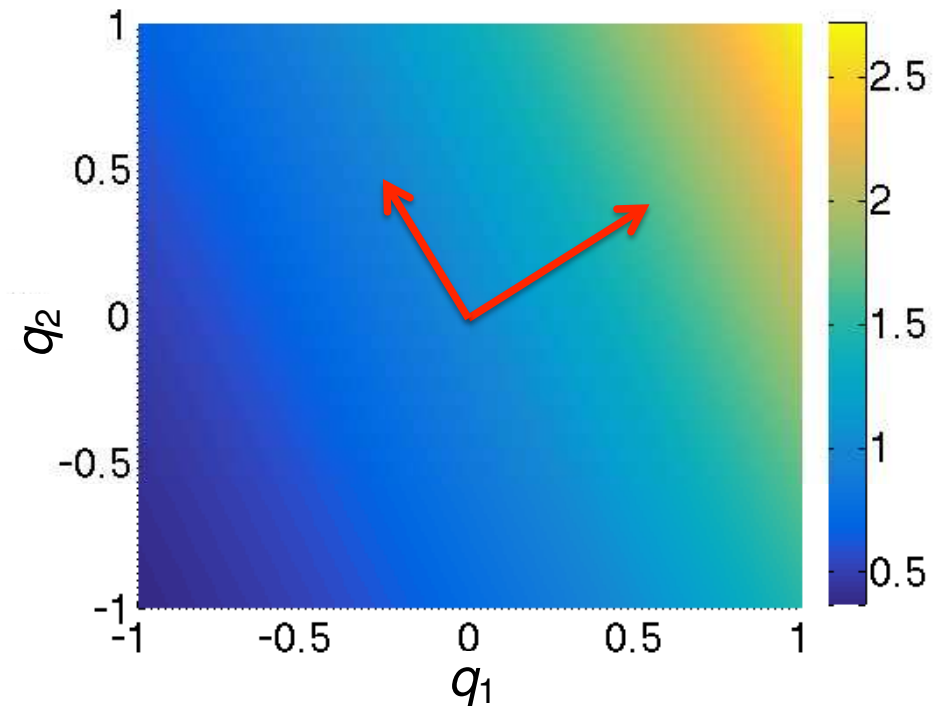
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# Gradient-Based Active Subspace Construction

**Active Subspace:** Consider

$$f = f(\mathbf{q}) , \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$$

and

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} f(\mathbf{q}) = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_p} \right]^T$$

- E.g., see [Constantine, SIAM, 2015; Stoyanov & Webster, *IJUQ*, 2015]

Construct outer product

$$\mathbf{C} = \int (\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} f)(\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} f)^T \rho d\mathbf{q}$$

$\rho(\mathbf{q})$ : Distribution of input parameters  $\mathbf{q}$

**Question:** How sensitive are results to distribution, which is typically not known?

Partition eigenvalues:  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{W}^T$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Lambda}_1 & \\ & \mathbf{\Lambda}_2 \end{bmatrix} , \mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1 \quad \mathbf{W}_2]$$

Rotated Coordinates:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}_1^T \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}_2^T \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{p-n}$$

Active Variables

Active Subspace: Range of eigenvectors in  $\mathbf{W}_1$

# Gradient-Based Active Subspace Construction

**Active Subspace:** Construction based on random sampling

1. Draw  $M$  independent samples  $\{q^j\}$  from  $\rho$
2. Evaluate  $\nabla_q f_j = \nabla_q f(q^j)$
3. Approximate outer product

$$C \approx \tilde{C} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M (\nabla_q f_j)(\nabla_q f_j)^T$$

Note:  $\tilde{C} = GG^T$  where  $G = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} [\nabla_q f_1, \dots, \nabla_q f_M]$

4. Take SVD of  $G = W\sqrt{\Lambda}V^T$ 
  - Active subspace of dimension  $n$  is first  $n$  columns of  $W$

**One Goal:** Develop efficient algorithm for codes that do not have adjoint capabilities

**Note:** Finite-difference approximations tempting but not effective for high-D

**Strategy:** Algorithm based on initialized adaptive Morris indices

# Gradient-Based Active Subspace Construction

**Example:** Consider

$$y = e^{c_1 q_1 + c_2 q_2} = f(q)$$

so

$$\nabla_q f(q) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{c_1 q_1 + c_2 q_2} \\ c_2 e^{c_1 q_1 + c_2 q_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 f(q) \\ c_2 f(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $Q_1, Q_2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (\nabla_q f)(\nabla_q f)^T dq_1 dq_2 \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} c_1^2 f^2(q) & c_1 c_2 f^2(q) \\ c_1 c_2 f^2(q) & c_2^2 f^2(q) \end{bmatrix} dq \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1^2 & c_1 c_2 \\ c_1 c_2 & c_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{4c_1 c_2} (e^{2c_1} - 1) (e^{2c_2} - 1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{c_1}{4c_2} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{c_2}{4c_1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot (e^{2c_1} - 1) (e^{2c_2} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

**Values:**  $c_1 = 0.7$  ,  $c_2 = 0.3$

**Analytic C:**

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1.4652 & 0.6279 \\ 0.6279 & 0.2691 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Monte Carlo Approx:**

$$C \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M (\nabla_q f(q^j)) (\nabla_q f(q^j))^T$$

$$M = 10^4$$

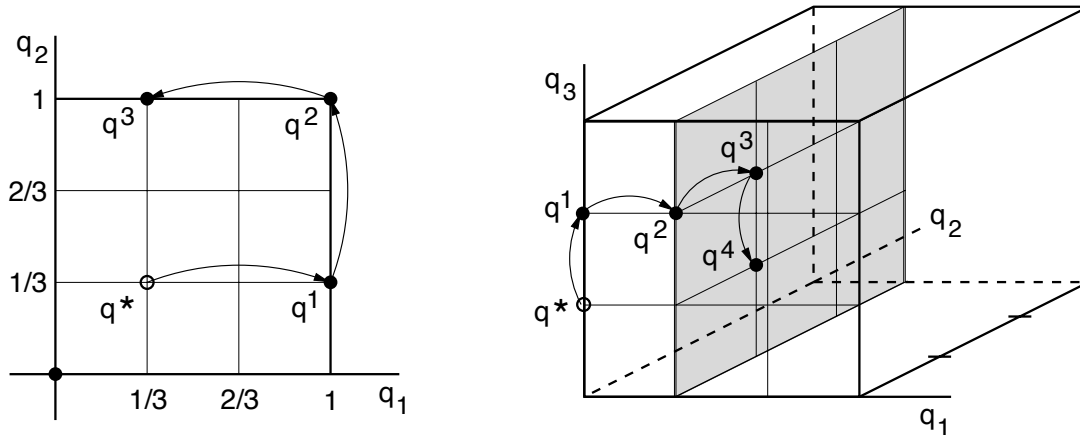
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1.4532 & 0.6228 \\ 0.6228 & 0.2669 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Morris Screening: Random Sampling of Approximated Derivatives

**Example:** Consider uniformly distributed parameters on  $\Gamma = [0, 1]^p$



Adaptive Algorithm:

- Use SVD to adapt stepsizes and directions to reflect active subspace.
- Reduce dimension of differencing as active subspace is discovered.

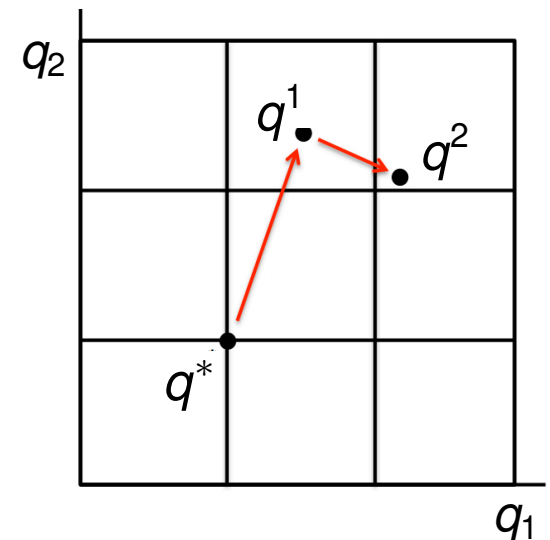
**Elementary Effect:**

$$d_i = \frac{f(q^j + \Delta e_i) - f(q^j)}{\Delta}$$

**Global Sensitivity Measures:**  $r$  samples

$$\mu_i^* = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r |d_i^j(q)|$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{r-1} \sum_{j=1}^r (d_i^j(q) - \mu_i)^2, \quad \mu_i = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r d_i^j(q)$$



**Note:** Gets us to moderate-D but initialization required for high-D

# Initialization Algorithm

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2. Sample  $w^1$  from surface of unit sphere where approximately linear

For  $j = 1, \dots, \ell$

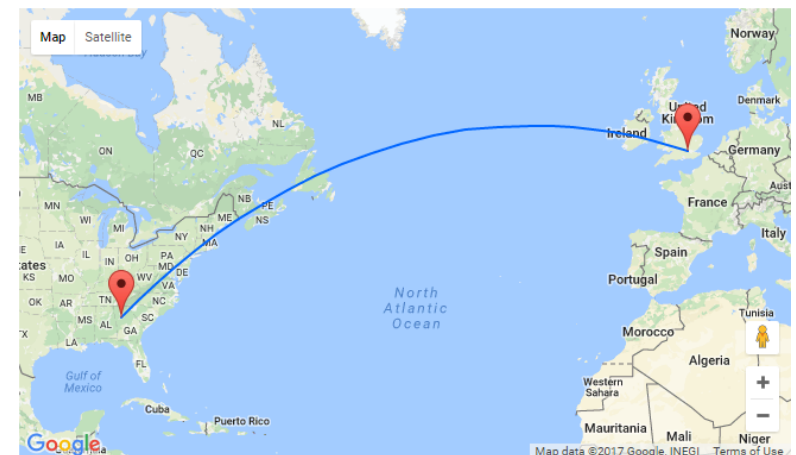
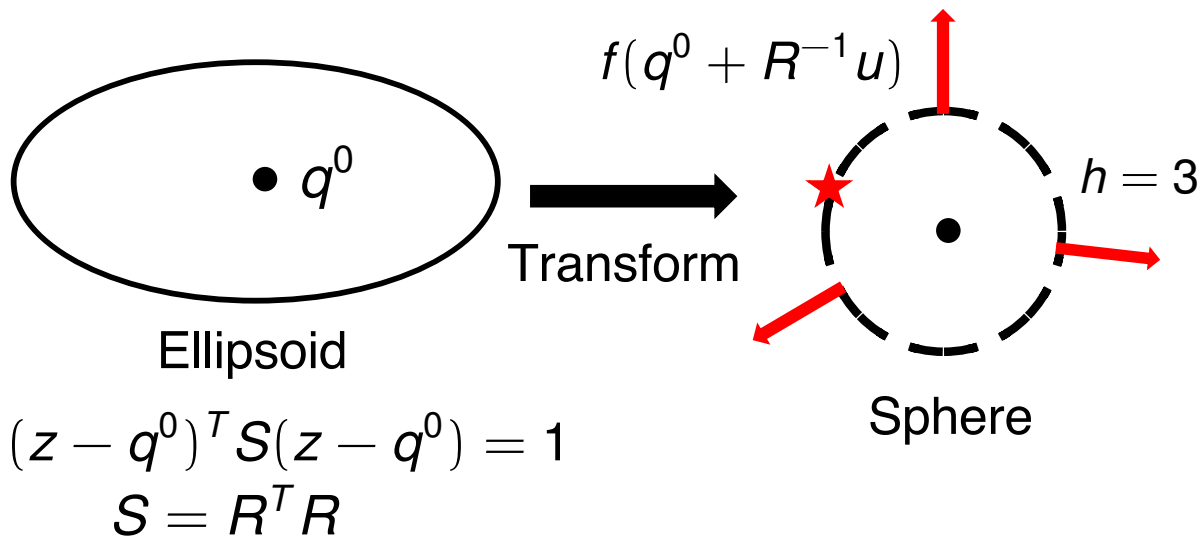
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Note: For  $h=1$ , maximizing great circle through  $w^1, v^1$

Example: Let  $w^1 = \text{Atlanta}$ ,  $v^1 = \text{London}$ , and  $g(u) = \text{'QUIETness' of seatmate on flight}$



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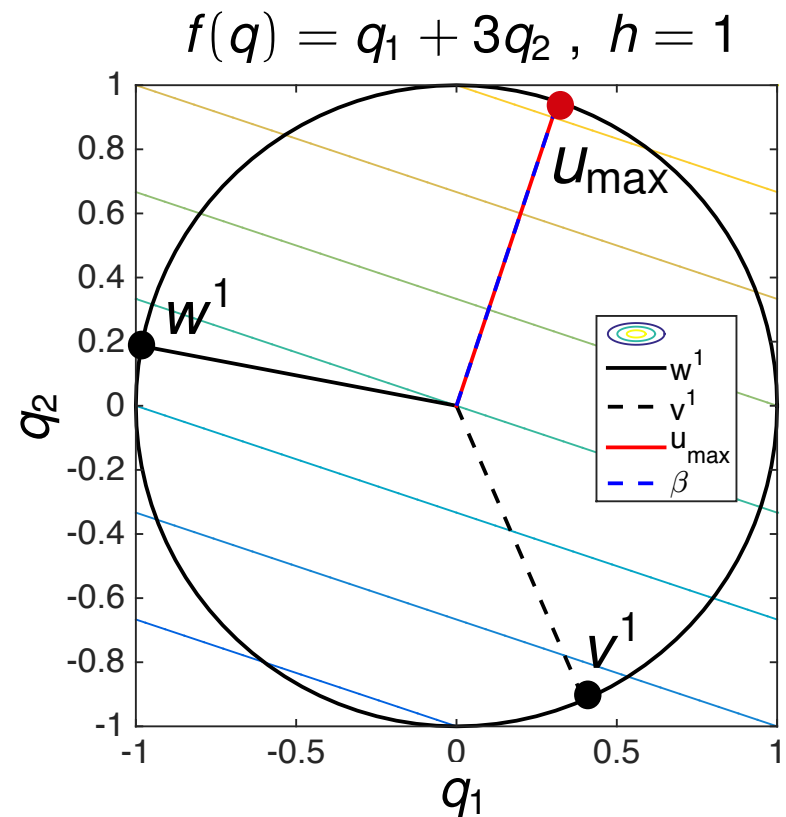
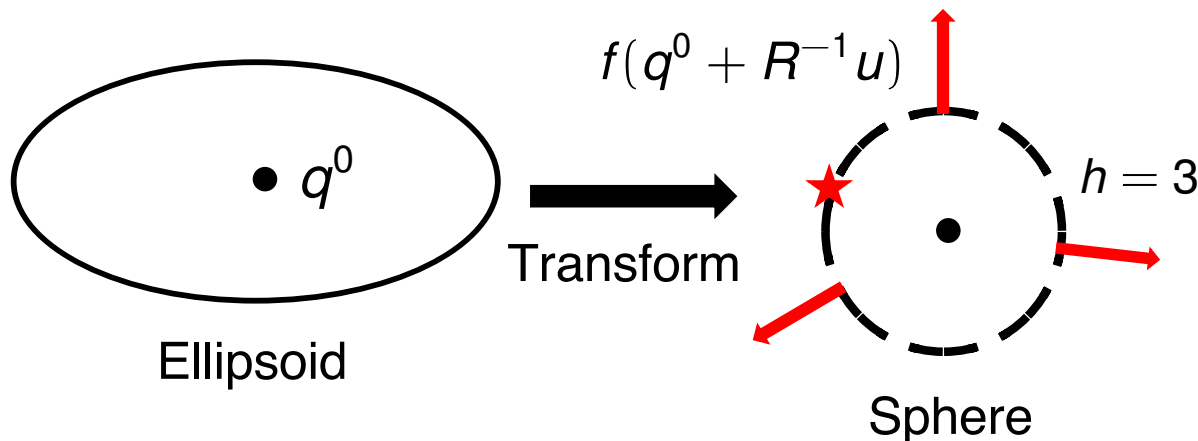
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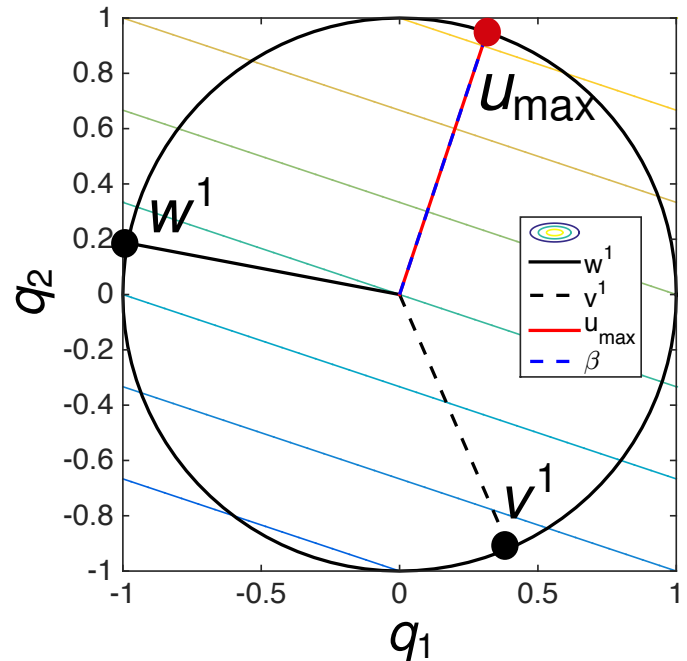
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Set  $w^{j+1} = u_{\max}^j$ .



5. Take  $C = [w^j, v_1^j, \dots, v_h^j]$  and set  $P_{u_{\max}^j} = u_{\max}^j (u_{\max}^j)^T$

6. Let  $C_{j\perp} = \left[ \text{span} \left( C_{(j-1)\perp}, (I_m - P_{u_{\max}^j} C) \right) \right]$  and set  $P_{C_{j\perp}} = C_{j\perp} (C_{j\perp}^T C_{j\perp})^{-1} C_{j\perp}^T$

7. Take  $v_i^j = \frac{(I_m - P_{C_{j\perp}}) \tilde{v}_i^j}{\|(I_m - P_{C_{j\perp}}) \tilde{v}_i^j\|}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, h$  and repeat

Ortho-complement  
of  $u_{\max}$

# Example: Initialization Algorithm to Approximate Gradient

**Example:** Family of elliptic PDE's

$$-\nabla_s \cdot (a(\mathbf{q}, s, \ell) \nabla_s u(s, a(\mathbf{q}, s, \ell))) = 1, \quad s = [0, 1]^2, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, n$$

with the random field representations

$$a(\mathbf{q}, s, \ell) = a_{\min} + e^{\bar{a}(s, \ell) + \sum_{i=1}^p q_k^\ell \gamma_i \phi_i(s)}$$

Quantity of interest: e.g., strain along edge at n levels

$$f(\mathbf{q}^1, \dots, \mathbf{q}^n) \approx \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{1}{|\Gamma_2|} \int_{\Gamma_2} u(\mathbf{q}, s, \ell) ds$$

**Problem Dimensions:**

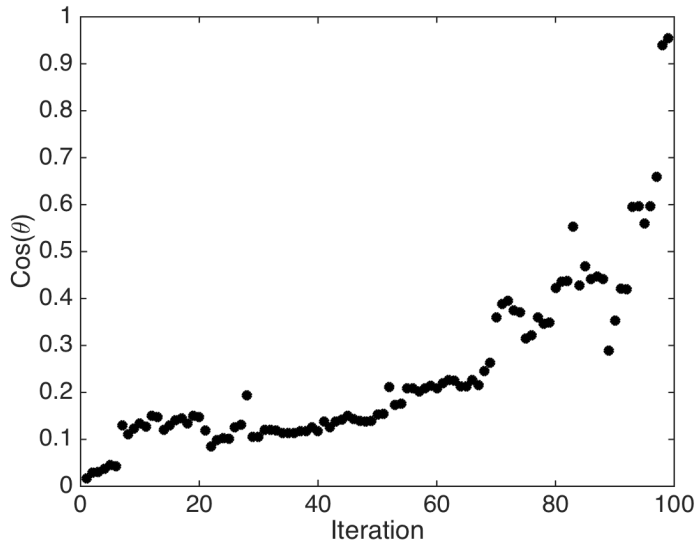
- Parameter dimension:  $p = 100$
- Active subspace dimension:  $n = 1$
- Finite element approximation



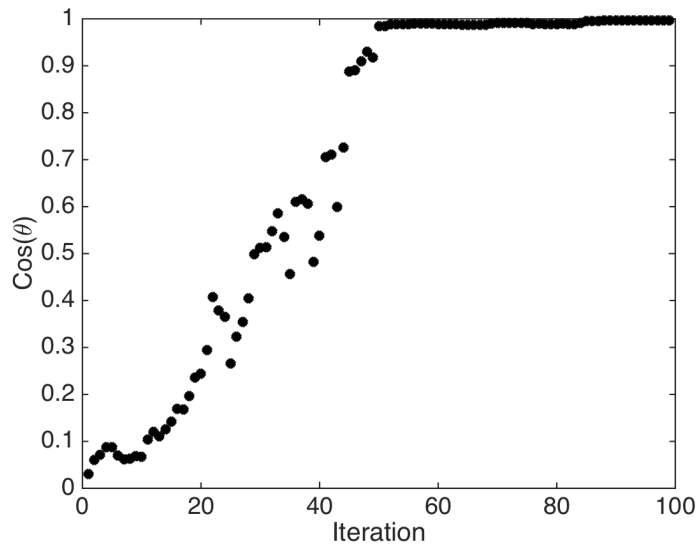


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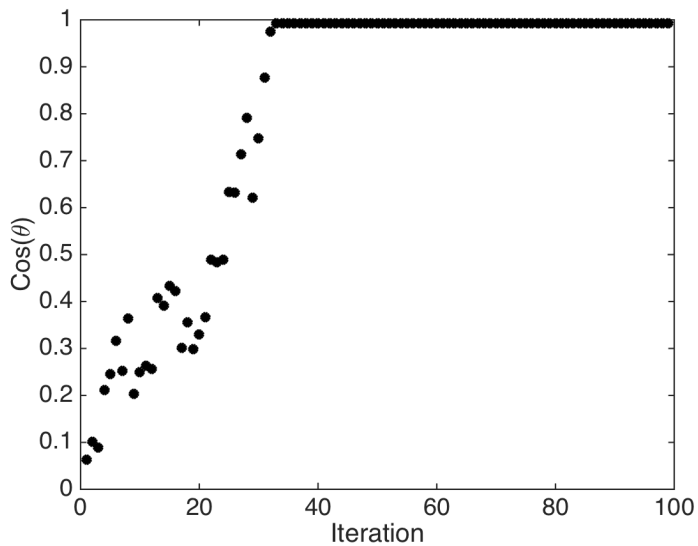
**Results:** Cosine of angle between 'analytic' and computed gradient



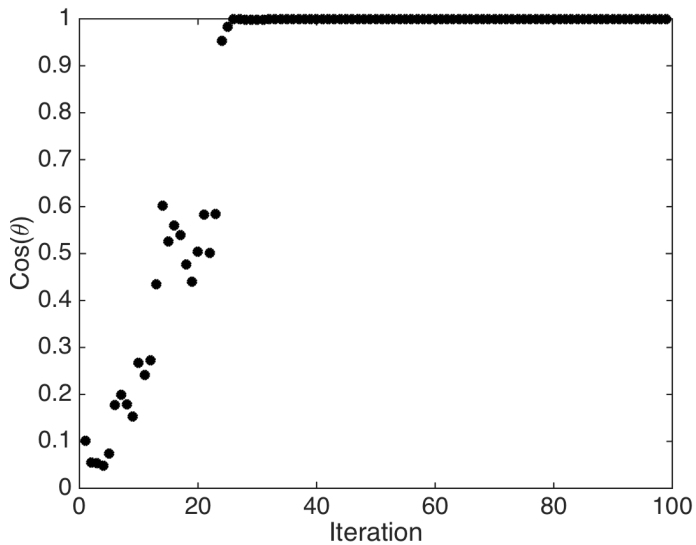
$h = 1$



$h = 2$



$h = 3$



$h = 4$

Recall:  $p=100$

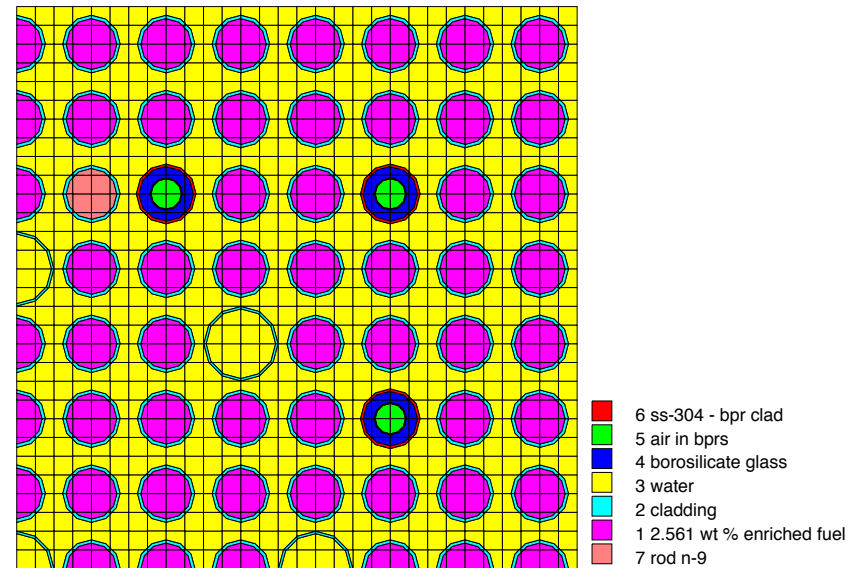
**Note:** Convergence within  $h \cdot \ell$  iterations

# SCALE6.1: High-Dimensional Example

## Setup: Cross-section computations SCALE6.1

- Input Dimension: 7700
- Output  $k_{eff}$

Materials			Reactions	
$^{234}_{92}\text{U}$	$^{10}_5\text{B}$	$^{31}_{15}\text{P}$	$\Sigma_t$	$n \rightarrow \gamma$
$^{235}_{92}\text{U}$	$^{11}_5\text{B}$	$^{55}_{25}\text{Mn}$	$\Sigma_e$	$n \rightarrow p$
$^{236}_{92}\text{U}$	$^{14}_7\text{N}$	$^{26}_{26}\text{Fe}$	$\Sigma_f$	$n \rightarrow d$
$^{238}_{92}\text{U}$	$^{15}_7\text{N}$	$^{116}_{50}\text{Sn}$	$\Sigma_c$	$n \rightarrow t$
$^1_1\text{H}$	$^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$	$^{120}_{50}\text{Sn}$	$\bar{\nu}$	$n \rightarrow ^3\text{He}$
$^{16}_8\text{O}$	$^{27}_{13}\text{Al}$	$^{40}_{40}\text{Zr}$	$\chi$	$n \rightarrow \alpha$
$^6_6\text{C}$	$^{14}_{14}\text{Si}$	$^{19}_{19}\text{K}$	$n \rightarrow n'$	$n \rightarrow 2n$



PWR Quarter Fuel Lattice

**Note:** We cannot efficiently approximate all directional derivatives required to approximate the gradient matrix. Requires efficient initialization algorithm.

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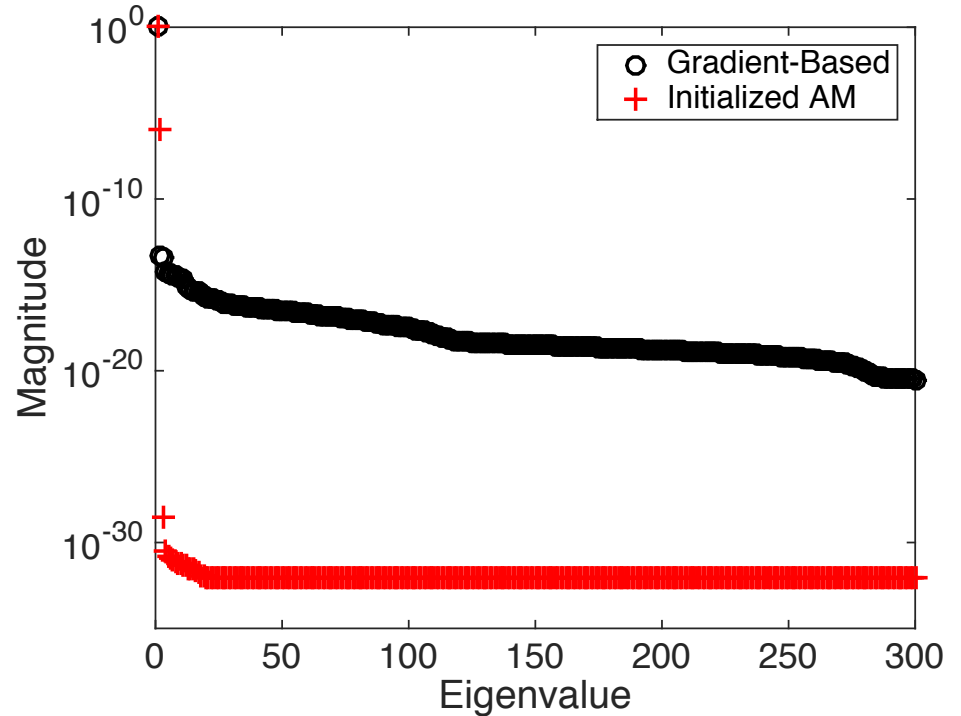
## Setup:

- Input Dimension: 7700

## SCALE Evaluations:

- Gradient-Based: 1000
- Initialized Adaptive Morris: 18,392
- Projected Finite-Difference: 7,701,000

**Note:** Analytic eigenvalues: 0, 1



## Active Subspace Dimensions:

For surrogate sampled off space

	Gap	PCA				Error Tolerance			
Method		0.75	0.90	0.95	0.99	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-6}$
Gradient-Based	1	2	6	9	24	1	13	90	233
Initialized AM	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2

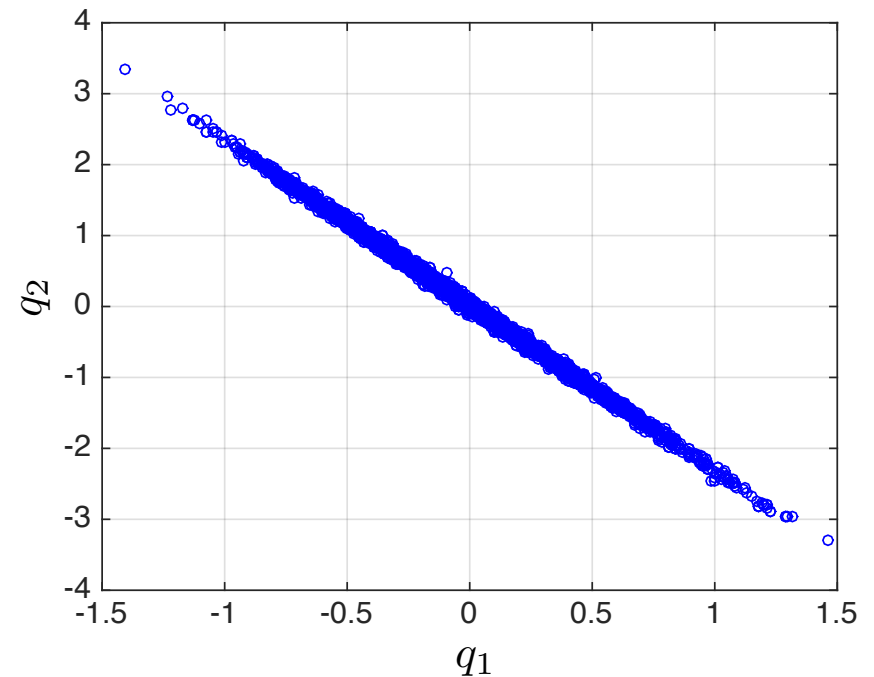
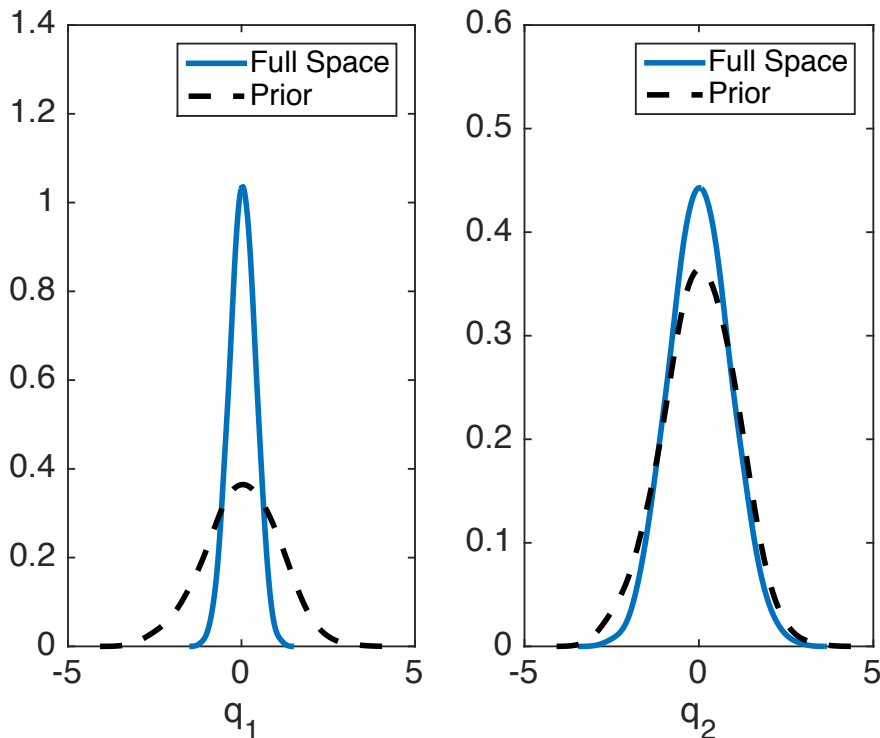
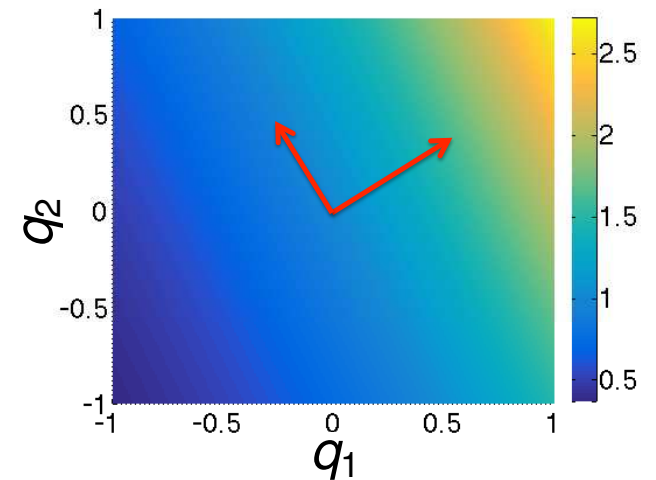
**Notes:** Computing *converged* adjoint solution is expensive and *often not achieved*

# Bayesian Inference on Active Subspaces

**Example:**  $y = \exp(0.7q_1 + 0.3q_2)$

## Full Space Inference:

- Parameters not jointly identifiable
- Result: Prior for 2<sup>nd</sup> parameter is minimally informed.
- Goal: Use active subspace to quantify parameter sensitivity and guide inference.



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**Active Subspace:** For gradient matrix  $G$ , form SVD

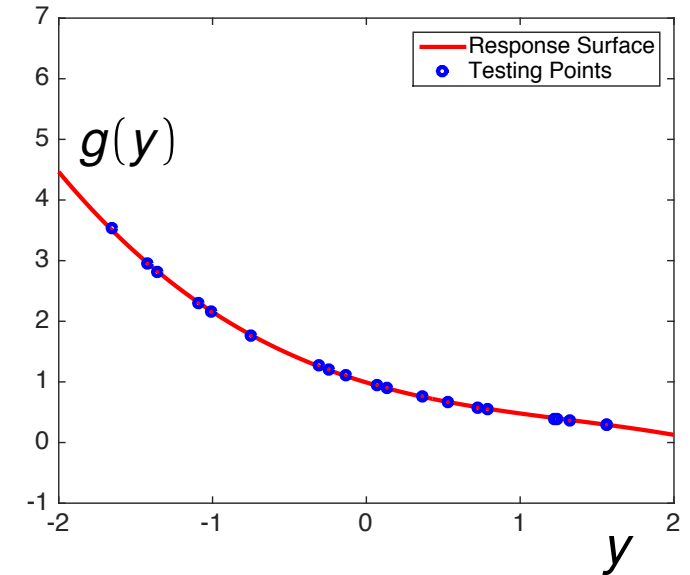
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Eigenvalue spectrum indicates 1-D active subspace with basis

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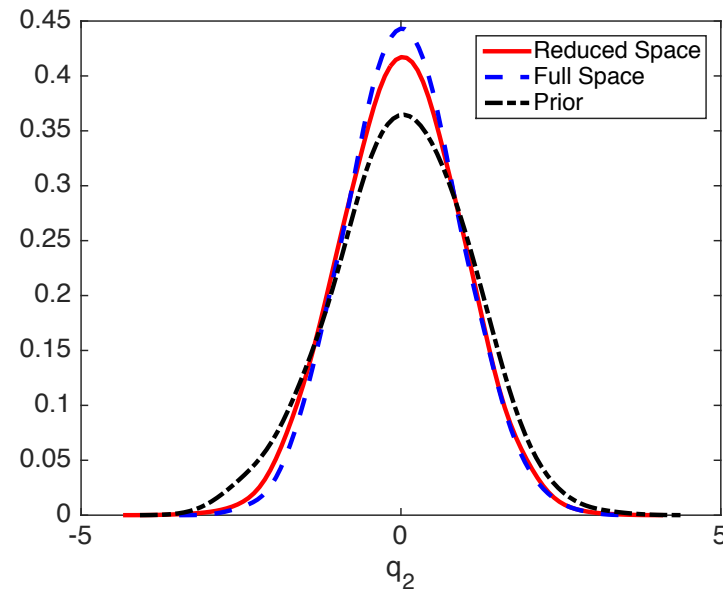
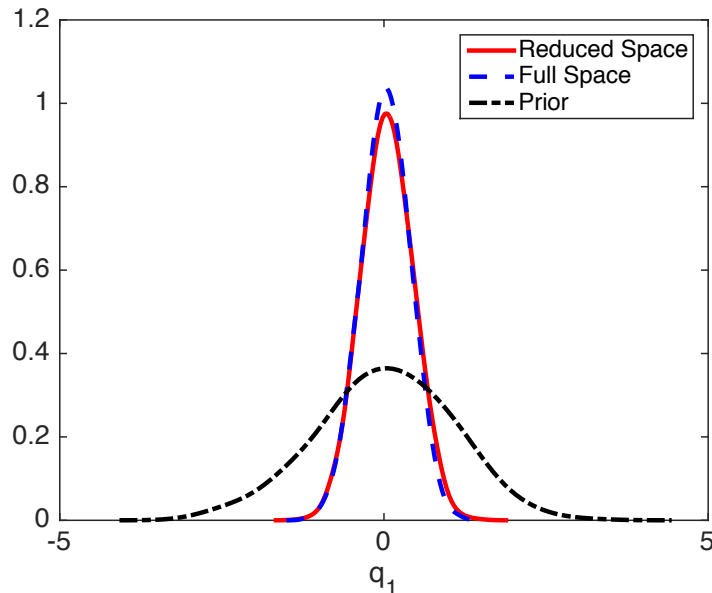
**Strategy:** Inference based on active subspace

- For values  $\{q^j\}_{j=1}^M$ , compute  $y^j = U(:, 1)^T q^j$  and fit response surface  $g(y)$
- Use DRAM to calibrate  $y$
- Because model is “invariant” to  $z = U(:, 2)^T q$ , draw  $\{z^j\} \sim N(0, 1)$
- Transform to  $q^j = U(:, 1)y^j + U(:, 2)z^j$  to obtain posterior densities for physical parameters



# Bayesian Inference on Active Subspaces

**Results:** Inference based on active subspace



**Global Sensitivity:** For active subspace of dimension  $N$ , consider vector of activity scores

$$\alpha(N) = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j w_j^2$$

**Note:** Here  $N = 1$  and  $w_j^2 = U(:, 1) \cdot U(:, 1) = [0.91^2, 0.39^2]$

**Conclusion:** First parameter is more influential and better informed during Bayesian inference.

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$$a(q, s, \ell) = a_{\min} + e^{\bar{a}(s, \ell) + \sum_{i=1}^p q_k^\ell \gamma_i \Phi_i(s)}$$

Quantity of interest: e.g., strain along edge at N levels

$$f(\mathbf{q}^1, \dots, \mathbf{q}^n) \approx \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{1}{|\Gamma_2|} \int_{\Gamma_2} u(q, s, \ell) ds$$

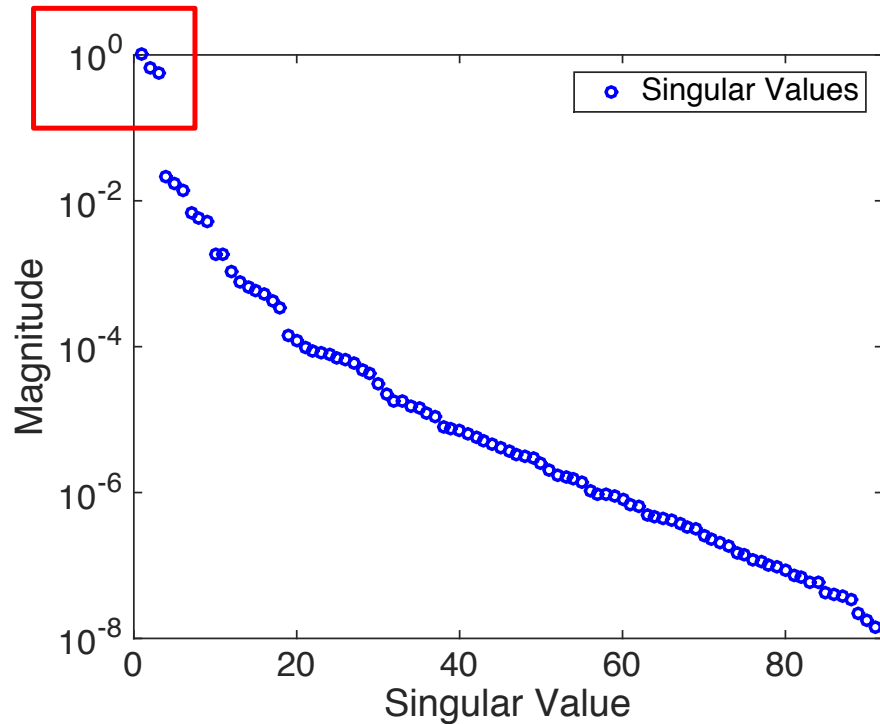


**Problem Dimensions:**

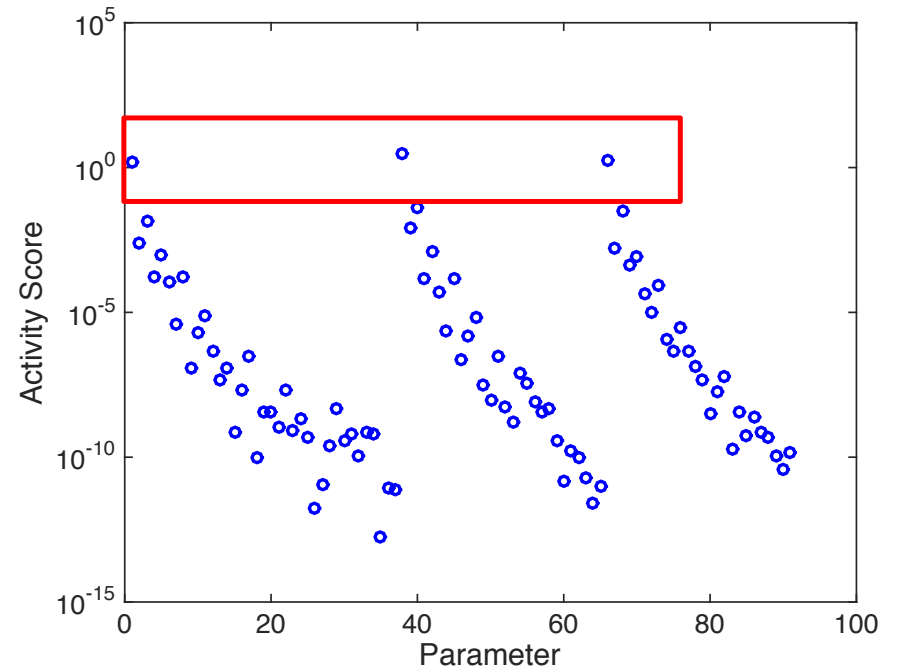
- Parameter dimension:  $p = 91$
- Active subspace dimension:  $N = 3$
- Finite element space: 1372 triangular elements, 727 nodes

# Bayesian Inference on Active Subspaces

**Singular Values:** Recall  $N = 3$



**Activity Scores:** Quantify global sensitivity



**Conclusion:** Parameters 1, 38, 66 are most influential and will be primarily informed during Bayesian inference

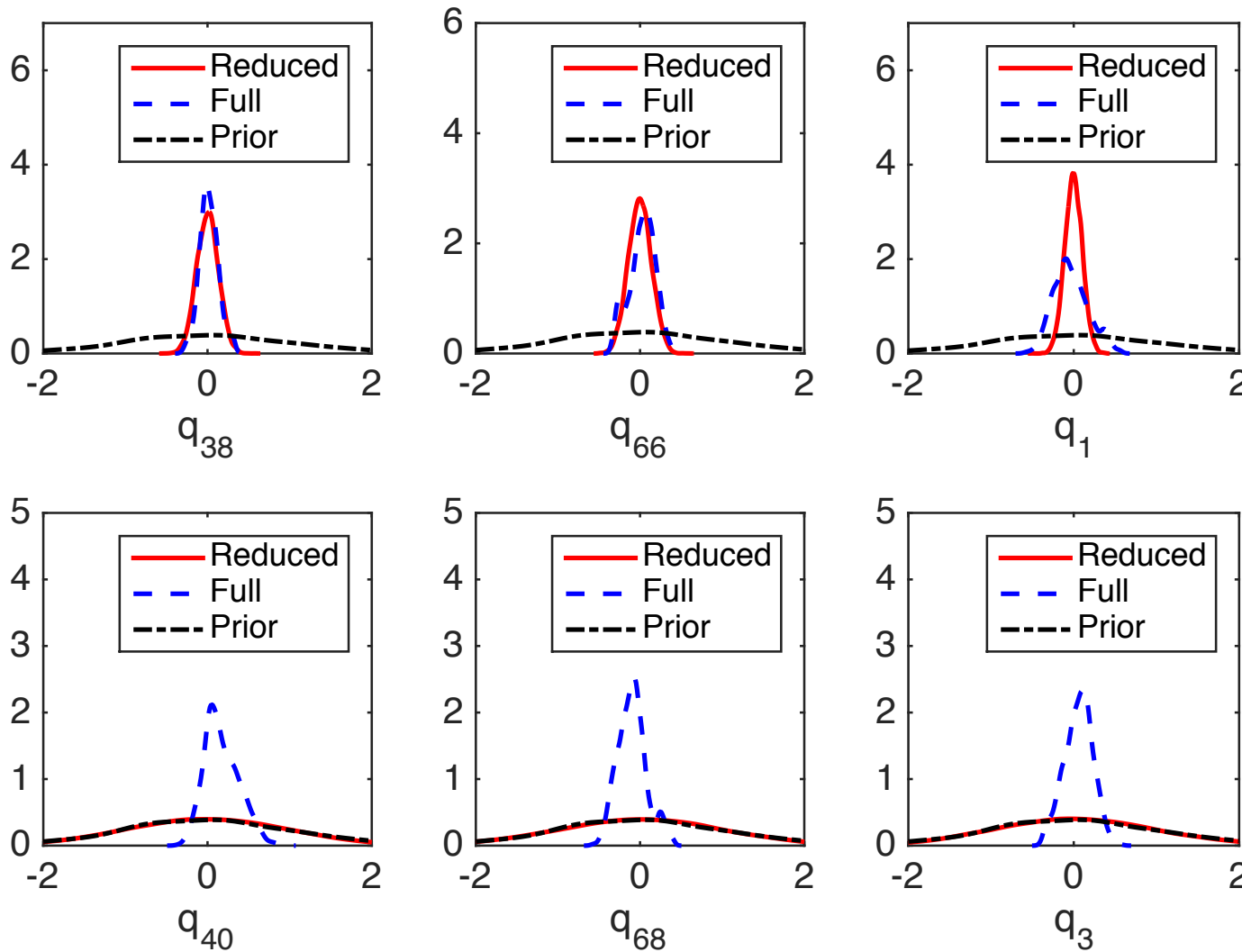


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## Note:

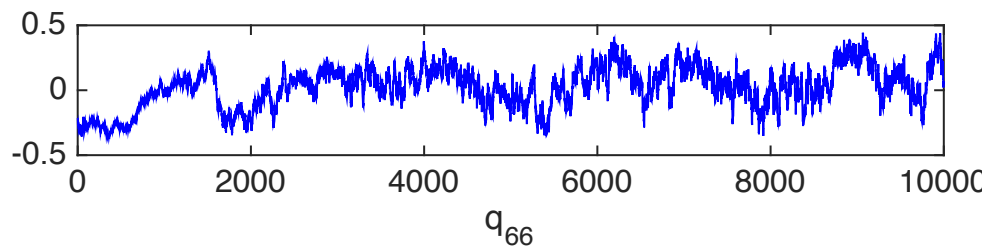
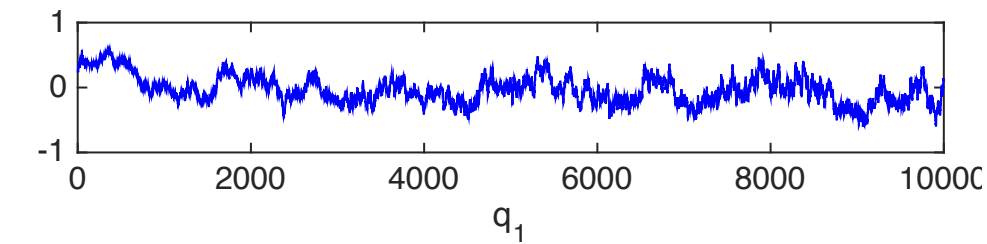
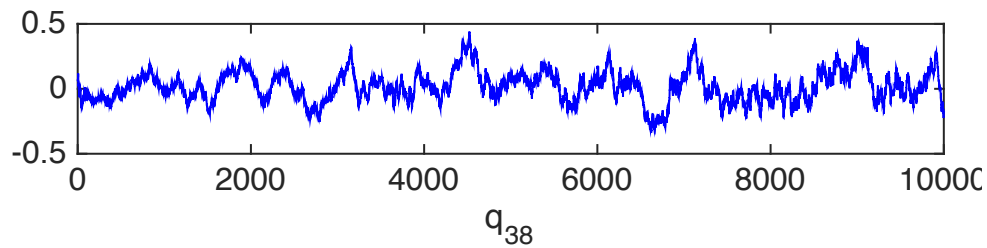
- Full space: 18 hours
- Reduced: 20 seconds



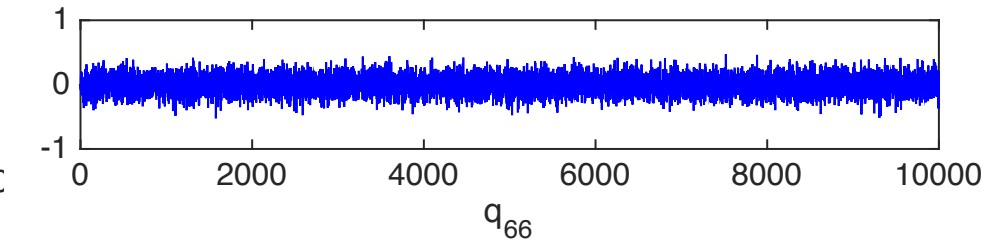
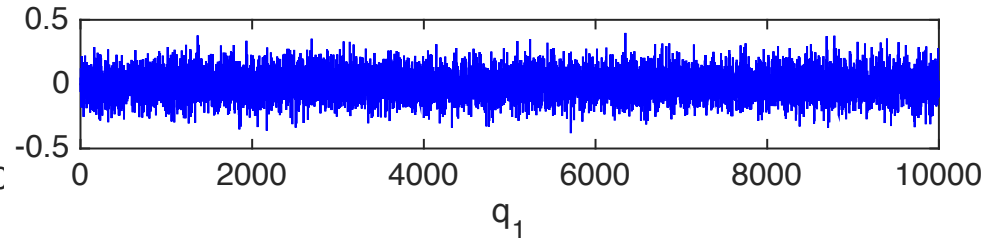
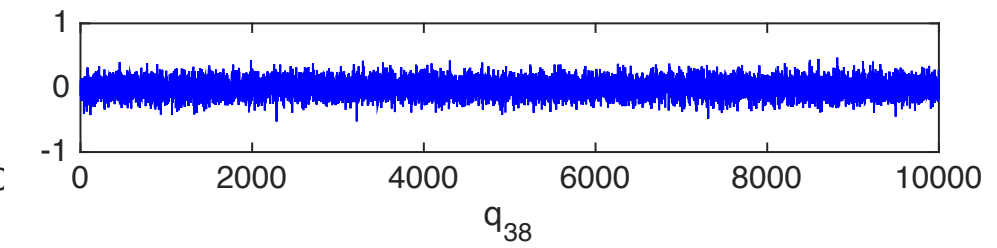
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## Note:

- Chains for full space not converging well due to parameter nonidentifiability
- Hence full space inference is less reliable



Full Space



Active Subspace