

Weight-adjusted Bernstein-Bezier DG method for wave propagation in heterogeneous media

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First-order wave equations

- Acoustic wave equation:

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \nabla p$$

- Elastic wave equation:

$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{A}_i^T \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i}, \quad \mathbf{C}^{-1} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{A}_i \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i}$$

- Numerical scheme: high order, explicit time-stepping, parallelizable

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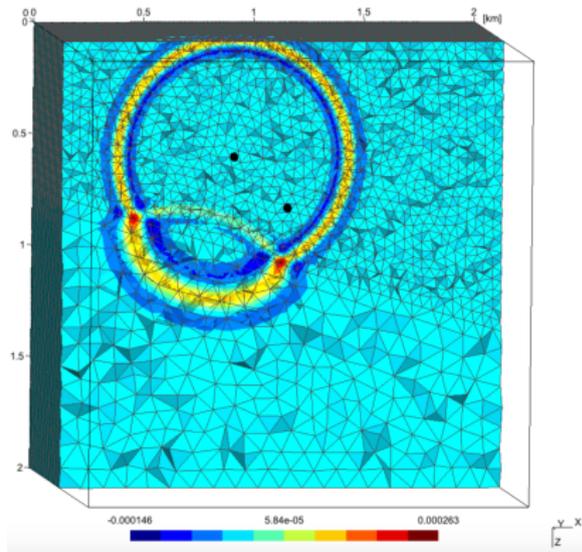
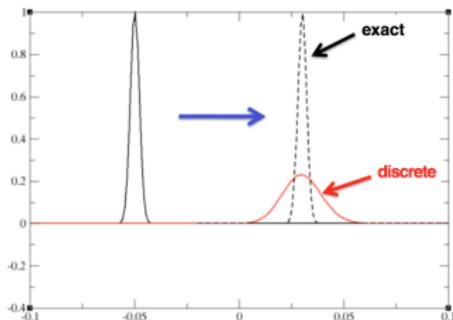


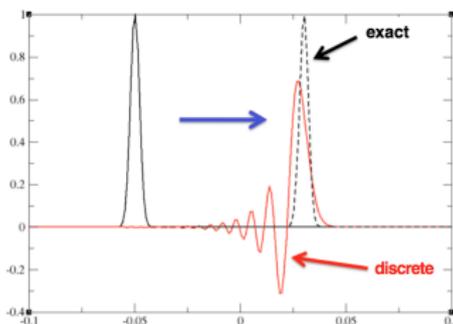
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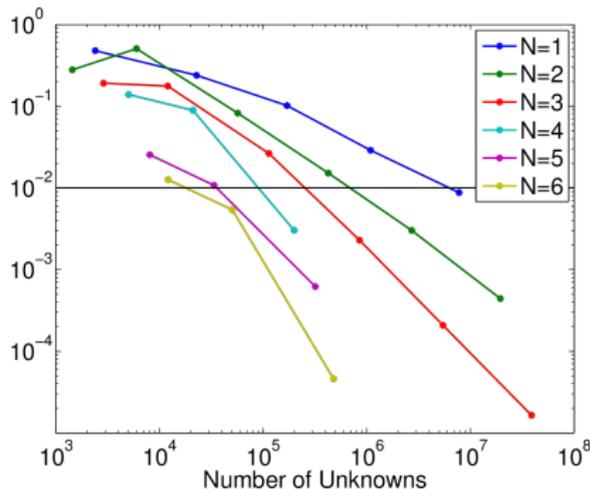
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(b) Dispersive error

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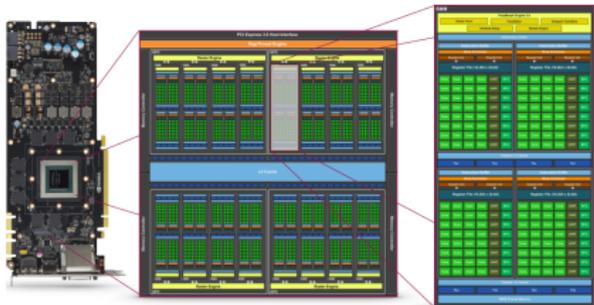
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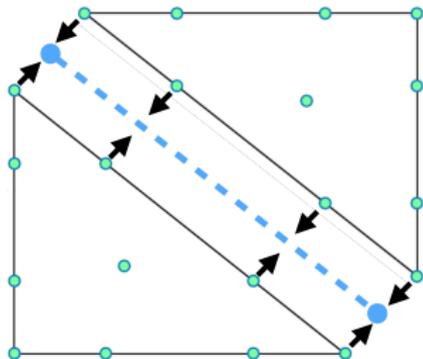


Graphics processing units (GPU).

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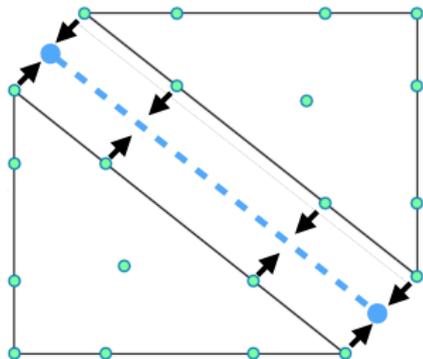
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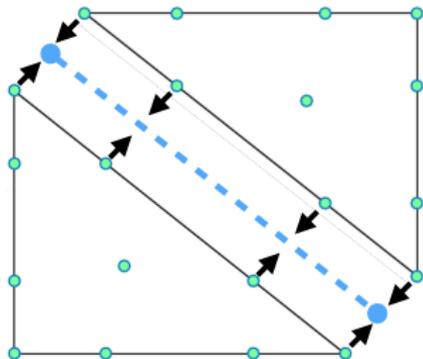
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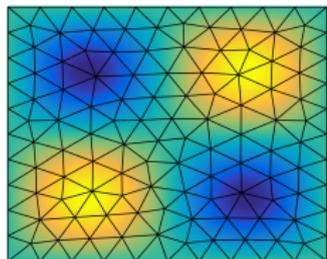
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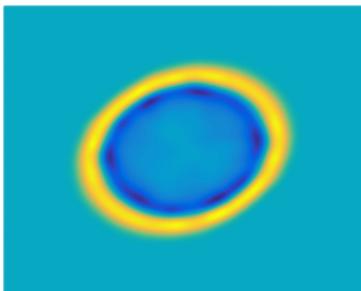
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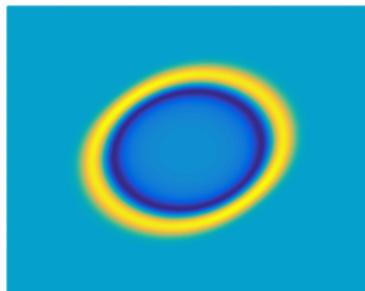
High order approximation of media and geometry



(a) Mesh and exact c^2



(b) Piecewise const. c^2



(c) High order c^2

- Piecewise constant wavespeed c^2 : efficient, but spurious reflections.

$$\frac{1}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla p = 0.$$

- High order wavespeeds: weighted mass matrices. Stable, but requires pre-computation/storage of inverses or factorizations!

$$\mathbf{M}_{1/c^2} \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{U}, \quad (\mathbf{M}_{1/c^2})_{ij} = \int_{D^k} \frac{1}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \phi_i(\mathbf{x}).$$

Weight-adjusted mass matrix

- **Weight-adjusted DG (WADG)**: energy stable approximation of \mathbf{M}_{1/c^2}^k

$$\mathbf{M}_{1/c^2}^k \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \approx \mathbf{M}^k \left(\mathbf{M}_{c^2}^k \right)^{-1} \mathbf{M}^k \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{U}$$

- Reuses implementation for piecewise constant wavespeed

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{M}^k \right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{M}_{c^2}^k \right)}_{\text{modified update}} \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{M}^k \right)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{U}}_{\text{RHS for } c=1}$$

- Modified update can be applied in a low storage manner using quadrature-based interpolation \mathbf{V}_q and L^2 projection \mathbf{P}_q .

Quadrature-based operators

- Using quadrature rule

$$\left(\mathbf{M}_{c^2}^k\right)_{ij} = \int_{D^k} c^2(\mathbf{x}) \phi_i^k(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j^k(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = J^k \sum_{n=1}^{N_q} c^2(\mathbf{x}_n^q) \phi_i(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n^q) \phi_j(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n^q) \mathbf{w}_n$$

where $\mathbf{x}^q, \hat{\mathbf{x}}^q$ denote quadrature points on D^k and \hat{D} , respectively.

- Writing $\mathbf{M}_{c^2}^k$ into matrix form

$$\mathbf{M}_{c^2}^k = J^k \mathbf{V}_q^T \text{diag}(\mathbf{w}) \text{diag}(c^2) \mathbf{V}_q$$

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$$(\mathbf{V}_q)_{ij} = \phi_j(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^q)$$

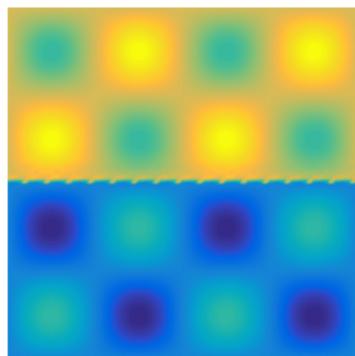
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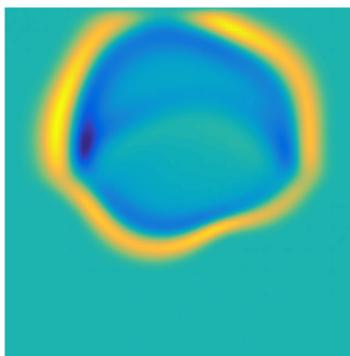
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- \mathbf{V}_q : evaluates function values at quadrature points.
- \mathbf{P}_q : projects a function onto a polynomial space in L^2 sense.

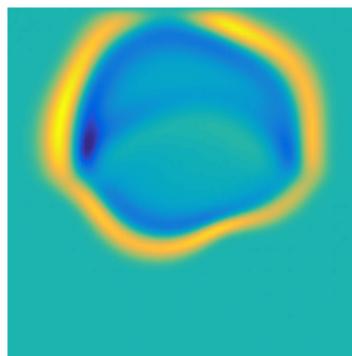
Wave simulations in heterogeneous media



(a) $c^2(x, y)$



(b) Standard DG



(c) Weight-adjusted DG

- L^2 convergence between optimal $O(h^{N+1})$, provable $O(h^{N+1/2})$.
- Difference between standard DG and WADG is $O(h^{N+2})$.

WADG implementation

- In WADG

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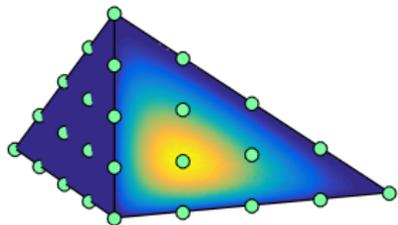
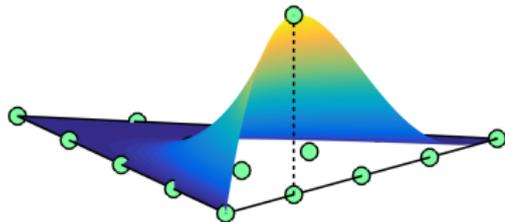
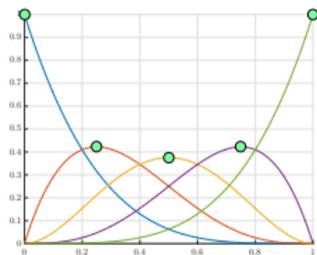
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Bernstein polynomial bases on simplices



Each function attains its maximum at an equispaced lattice point of a d -simplex.

- Bernstein polynomials are associated with vertex, edge, face, and interior equispaced nodes.
- Jumps across interfaces can be computed similarly to nodal bases (reuse nodal DG framework).

Bernstein polynomial

- On the reference tetrahedron, the barycentric coordinates are

$$\lambda_0 = -\frac{(1+r+s+t)}{2}, \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{(1+r)}{2}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{(1+s)}{2}, \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{(1+t)}{2}.$$

- The N th degree Bernstein basis is defined as

$$B_{\alpha}^N = C_{\alpha}^N \lambda_0^{\alpha_0} \lambda_1^{\alpha_1} \lambda_2^{\alpha_2} \lambda_3^{\alpha_3}, \quad C_{\alpha}^N = \frac{N!}{\alpha_0! \alpha_1! \alpha_2! \alpha_3!},$$

where $\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ and $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = N$.

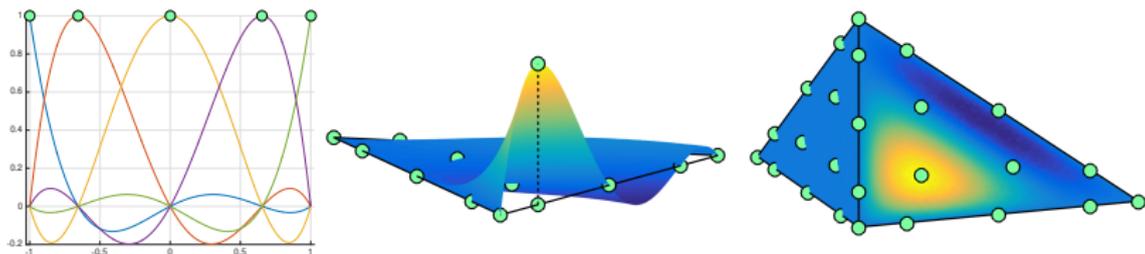
- Simple degree elevation of Bernstein polynomials

$$B_{\alpha}^{N-1} = \sum_{j=0}^d \frac{\alpha_j + 1}{N} B_{\alpha + e_j}^N$$

leads to **sparse** one-degree elevation operators.

BBDG: Bernstein-Bezier DG methods

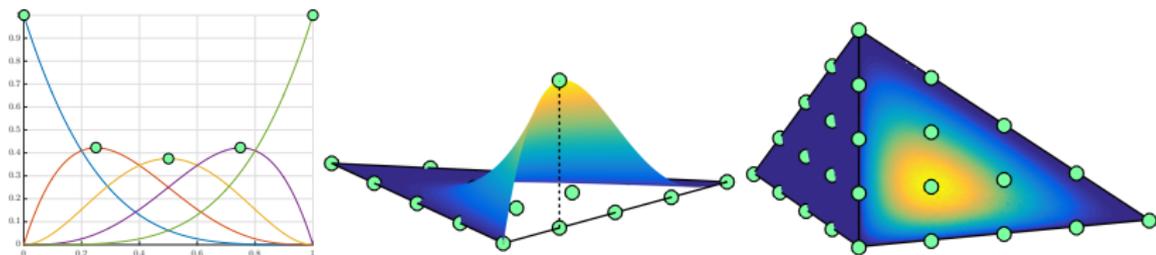
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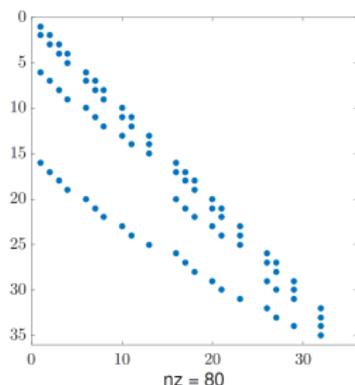
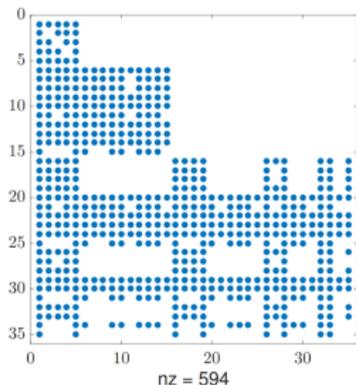
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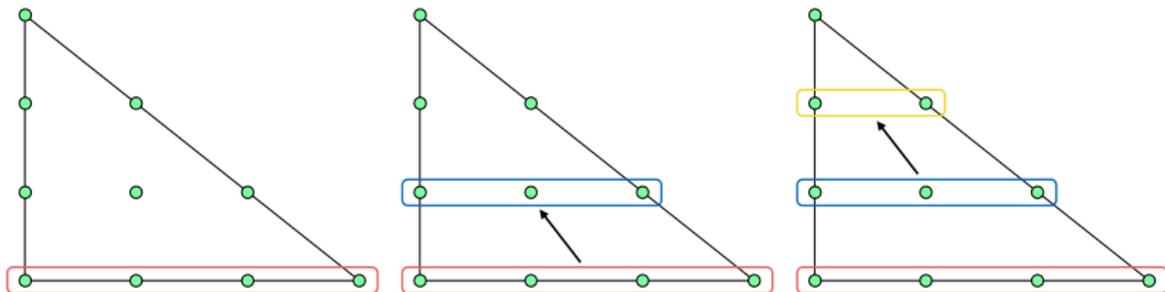
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Sparse Bernstein differentiation matrices for the reference tetrahedron.

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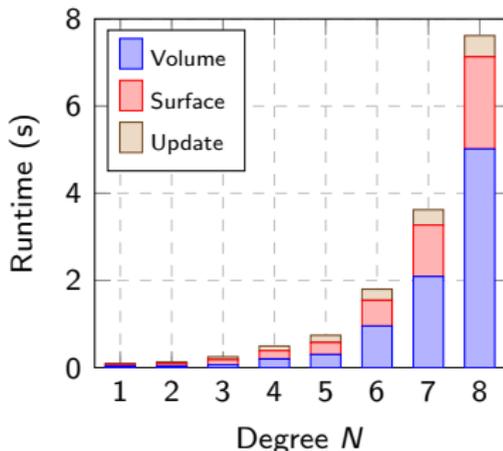
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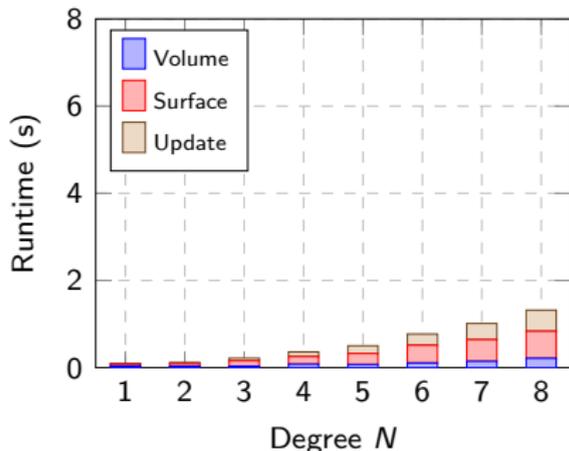
Optimal $O(N^3)$ complexity “slice-by-slice” application of Bernstein lift.

BBDG vs Nodal DG

Numerical experiments are implemented on a mesh with 61276 elements



(a) Nodal DG runtimes

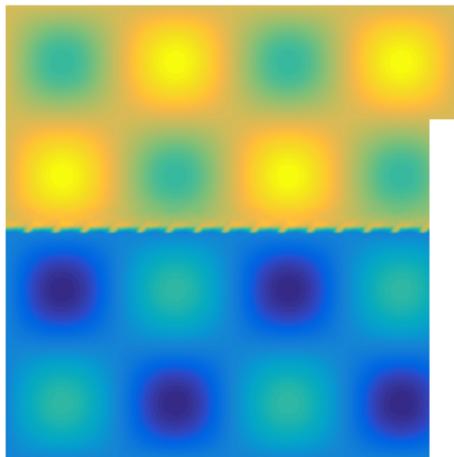


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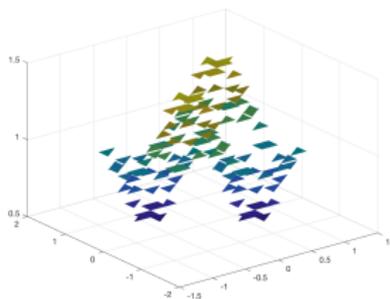
We observe BBDG achieves $\approx 6 \times$ speedup at high orders ($N = 8$).

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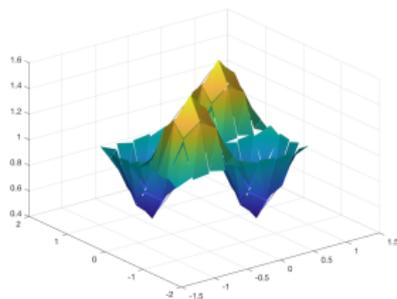
BBWADG: polynomial multiplication and projection



(a) Exact c^2



(b) $M = 0$ approximation



(c) $M = 1$ approximation

- BBWADG reuses the volume and surface kernels from BBDG
- Instead of using quadrature-based L^2 projection, BBWADG approximates $c^2(\mathbf{x})$ with degree M polynomial, use fast Bernstein algorithms for polynomial multiplication and projection.

Bernstein polynomial multiplication

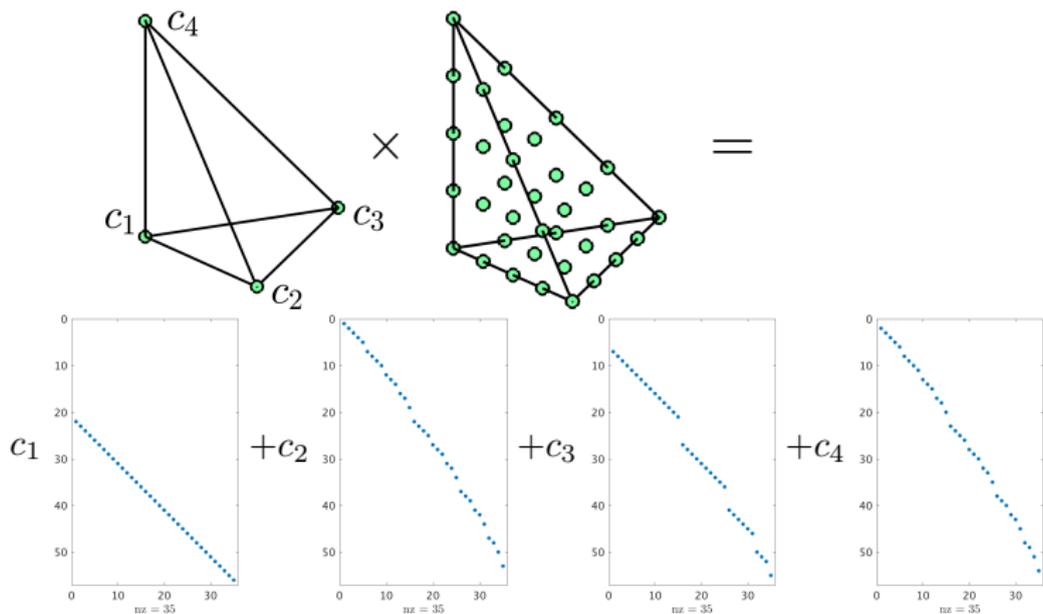
- Assume $h(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x})$, where f, g are Bernstein polynomials

$$f = c_1\lambda_0 + c_2\lambda_1 + c_3\lambda_2 + c_4\lambda_3, \quad g = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} d_\alpha B_\alpha^N$$

- We can split the multiplication into $d + 1$ parts. For example, the first part is

$$c_1 \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} d_\alpha \left(B_\alpha^N \lambda_0 \right) = c_1 \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} d_\alpha \frac{\alpha_j + 1}{N + 1} B_{\alpha + \mathbf{e}_0}^{N+1}$$

Bernstein polynomial multiplication



Bernstein polynomial multiplication: for fixed M , $O(N^3)$ complexity.

Fast Bernstein polynomial projection

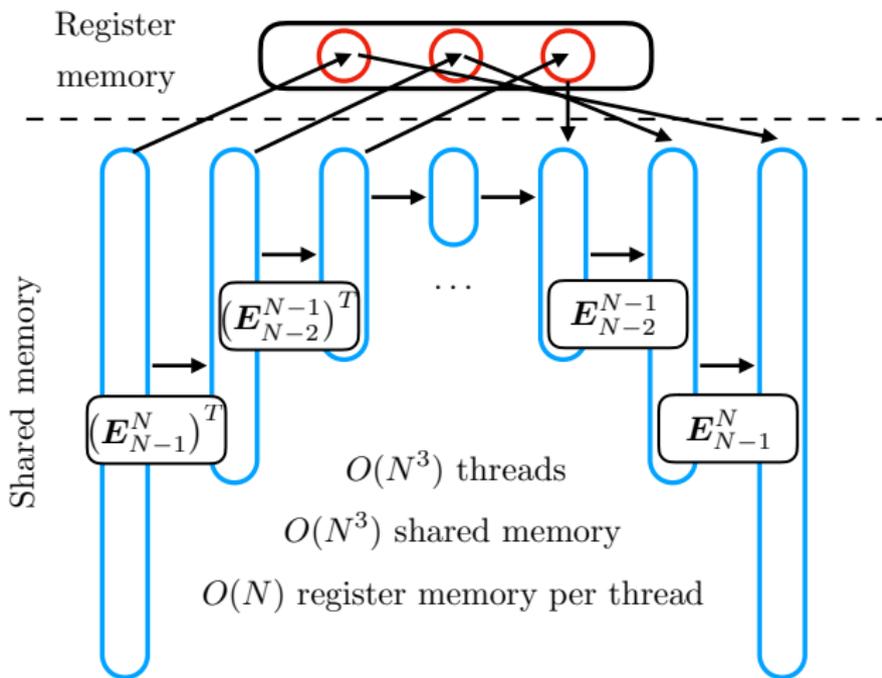
- Given $c^2(\mathbf{x})u(\mathbf{x})$ as a degree $(N + M)$ polynomial, apply L^2 projection matrix \mathbf{P}_N^{N+M} to reduce to degree N .
- Polynomial L^2 projection matrix \mathbf{P}_N^{N+M} under Bernstein basis:

$$\mathbf{P}_N^{N+M} = \underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^N c_j \mathbf{E}_{N-j}^N \left(\mathbf{E}_{N-j}^N \right)^T}_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_N} \left(\mathbf{E}_N^{N+M} \right)^T$$

- “Telescoping” form of $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_N$: $O(N^4)$ complexity, more GPU-friendly.

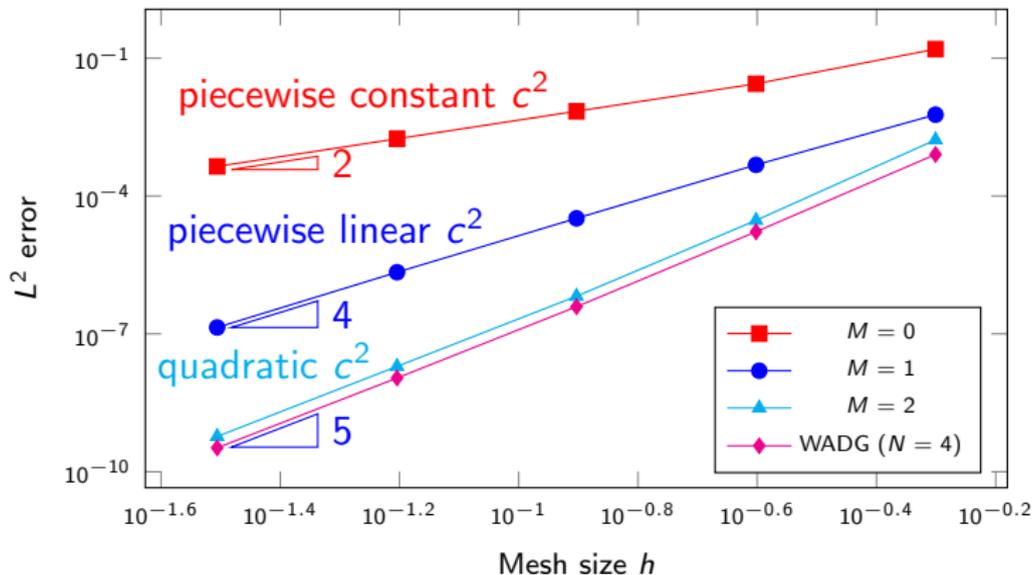
$$\left(c_0 \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_{N-1}^N \left(c_1 \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_{N-2}^{N-1} (c_2 \mathbf{I} + \cdots) \left(\mathbf{E}_{N-2}^{N-1} \right)^T \right) \right) \left(\mathbf{E}_{N-1}^N \right)^T$$

Illustration of GPU algorithm for \tilde{P}_N



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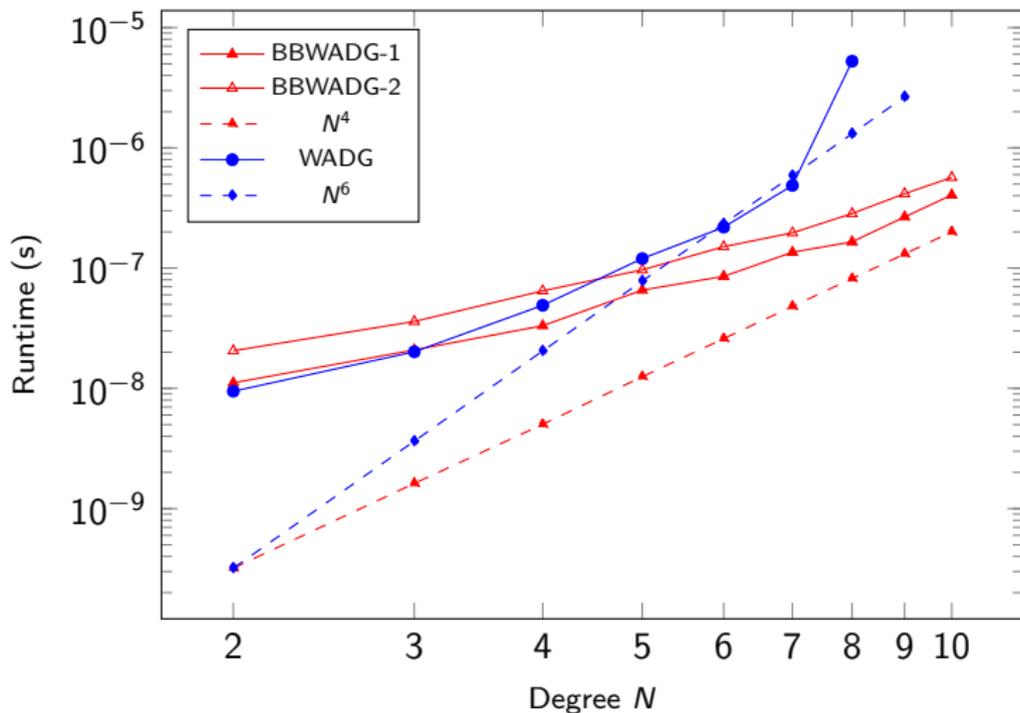
BBWADG: approximating c^2 and accuracy



Approximating smooth $c^2(\mathbf{x})$ using L^2 projection:
 $O(h^2)$ for $M = 0$, $O(h^4)$ for $M = 1$, $O(h^{M+3})$ for $0 < M \leq N - 2$.

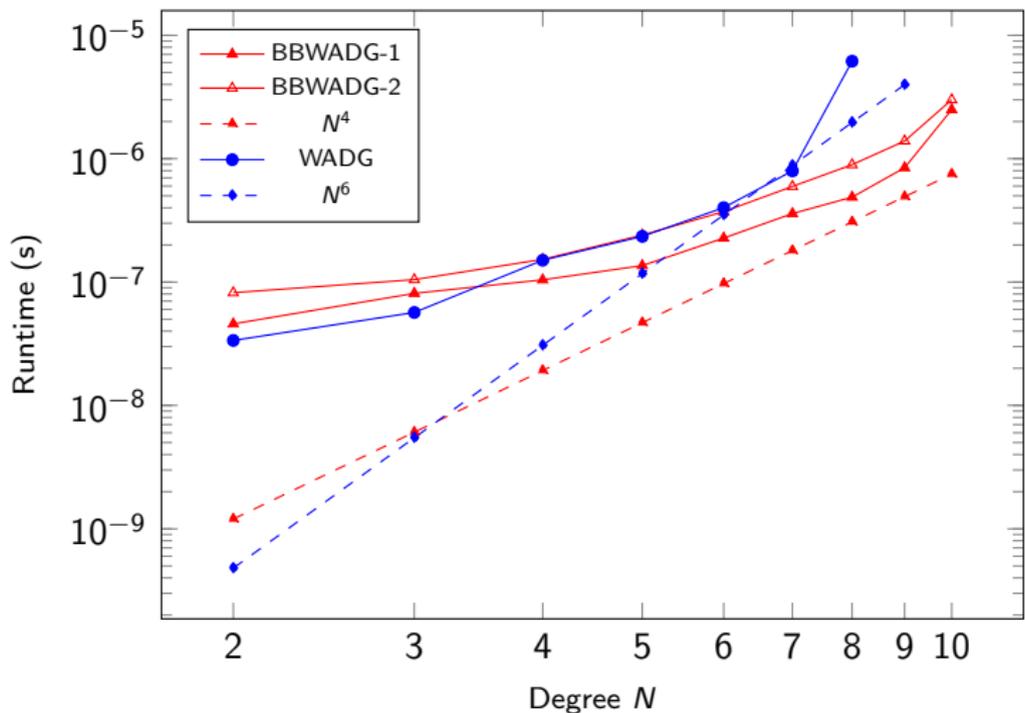
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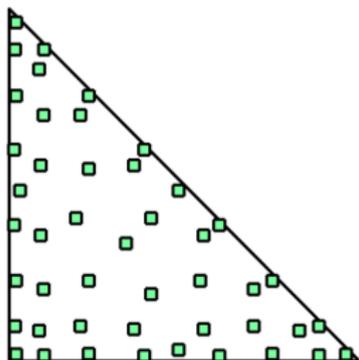
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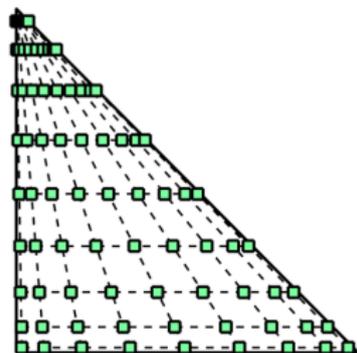
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	$N = 3$	$N = 4$	$N = 5$	$N = 6$	$N = 7$	$N = 8$
WADG	2.02e-8	4.91e-8	1.20e-7	2.19e-7	4.87e-7	5.25e-6
BBWADG-1	2.09e-8	3.32e-8	6.56e-8	8.54e-8	1.35e-7	1.65e-7
Speedup	0.9665	1.4789	1.8292	2.5644	3.6074	31.8182

For $N \geq 8$, WADG becomes much more expensive because of the quadrature points construction.



(d) $N = 7$ quadrature



(e) $N = 8$ quadrature

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- Weight-adjusted DG: stability and efficiency for heterogeneous media.
- BBWADG: improved complexity for approximate wavespeeds.
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