
Stochastic Galerkin/Support space method

Prof. Nicholas Zabaras
Materials Process Design and Control Laboratory
Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
188 Rhodes Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853-3801

Email: zabaras@cornell.edu
URL: <http://mpdc.mae.cornell.edu/>

SUPPORT-SPACE [STOCHASTIC GALERKIN]

- Let stochastic inputs be represented by ON random variables (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_N) with a joint PDF $f_\xi(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N)$
- Support space is the region in the span of stochastic input that has a positive PDF

$$A = \{ \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N) : f_\xi(\xi) > 0 \}$$

- Now consider a discretization of the support space into disjoint finite element subdomains $A = \bigcup_{e=1}^{Nel} A^{(e)}$ with a mesh size h (defined as the maximum diameter of $A^{(e)}$).
- The support-space representation of $X(\xi)$ (denoted as $\hat{X}(\xi)$) is constructed as a piecewise polynomial of degree q in each element $A^{(e)}$
- Thus the stochastic process can be represented using the basis

functions as

$$\hat{X}(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{nodes} X_i \phi_i$$

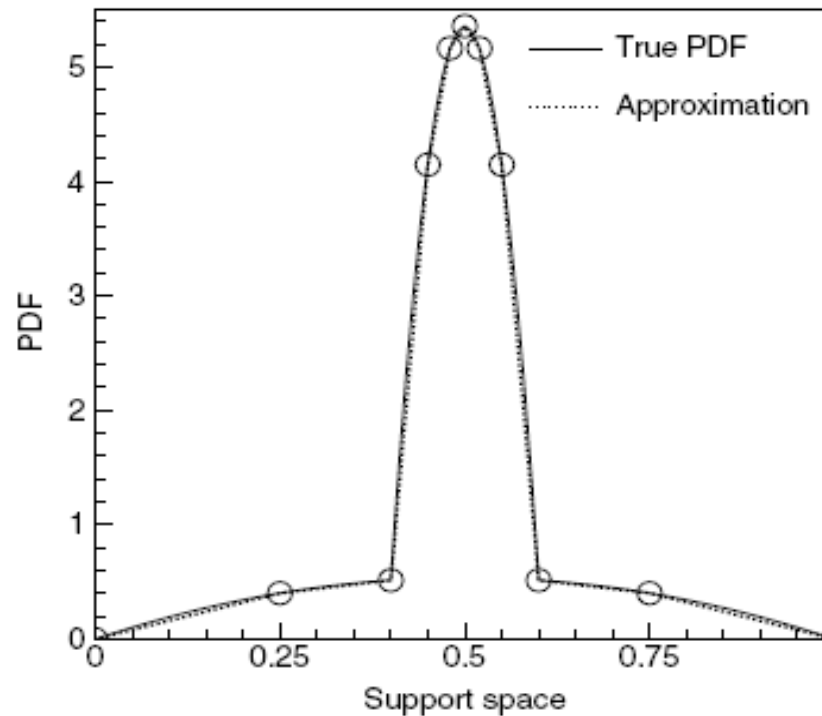
where ϕ_i are the locally supported basis functions and X_i are nodal values.

SUPPORT-SPACE [STOCHASTIC GALERKIN]

□ Note that the error in approximation of $X(\xi)$ behaves as follows:

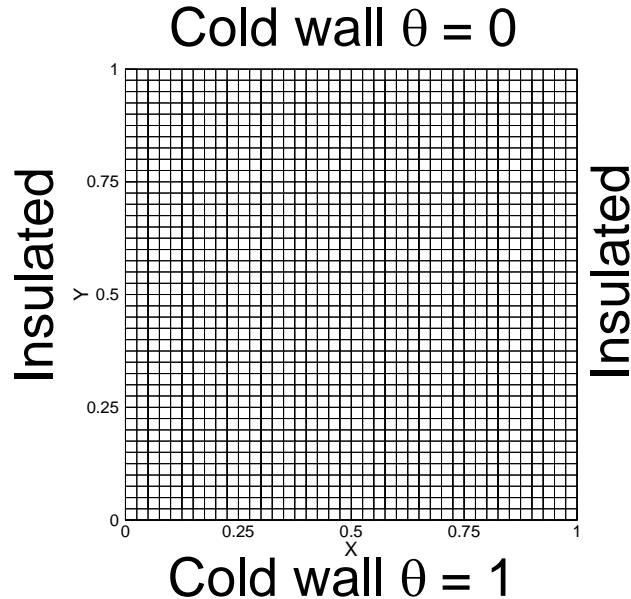
$$\|X - \hat{X}\|_{L_2} = \left[\int_A (X(\xi) - \hat{X}(\xi))^2 f_\xi(\xi) d\xi \right] \leq h^{q+1}$$

□ Example of a 1D input and associated support-space



CAPTURING UNSTABLE EQUILIBRIUM

- 1600 bilinear elements, 5th order Legendre chaos expansion for velocity and pressure, preconditioned GMRES



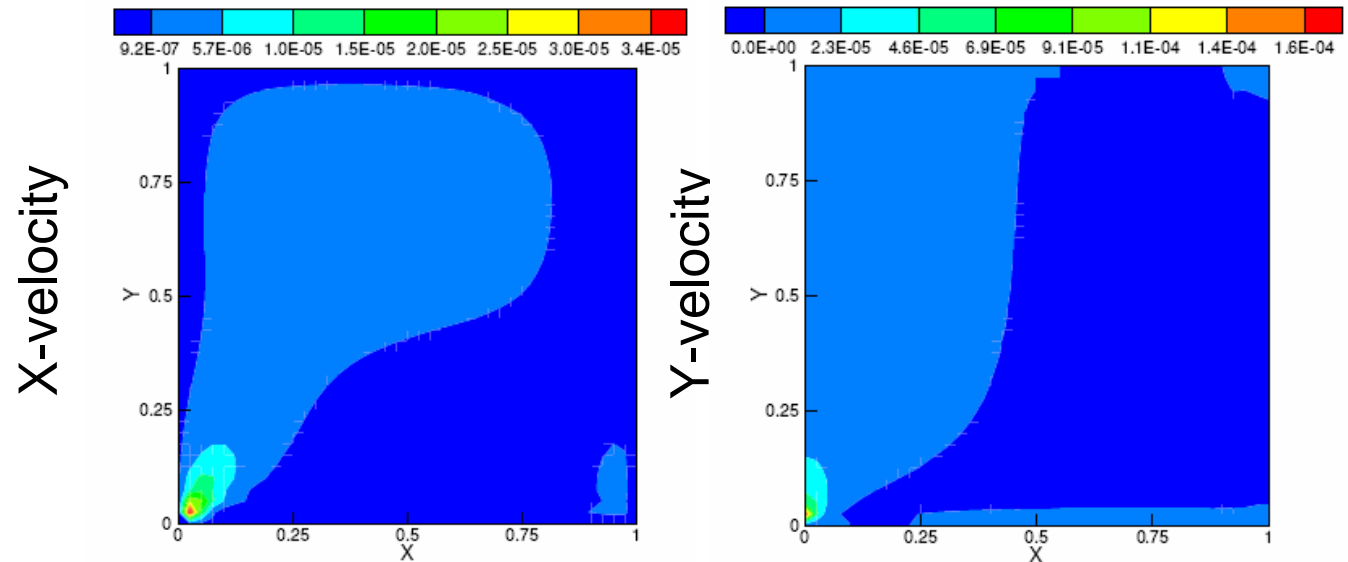
- Time [0,1.5]
- Time step [0.002]
- Rayleigh number unif[1530,1870]
- Prandtl number [6.95]
- Support-space mesh [10 linear elements]

From: [Asokan and Zabarar, JCP \(2005\)](#)

- Simulation around critical Rayleigh number 1700 [[Le Maître, JCP \(2004\)](#)]
- Failure of GPCE approach and use of support-space
- The deterministic velocity contours for $Ra= 1530$ and $Ra= 1870$ can be thought of as lower and upper bounds of the flow velocity.

FAILURE OF GPCE

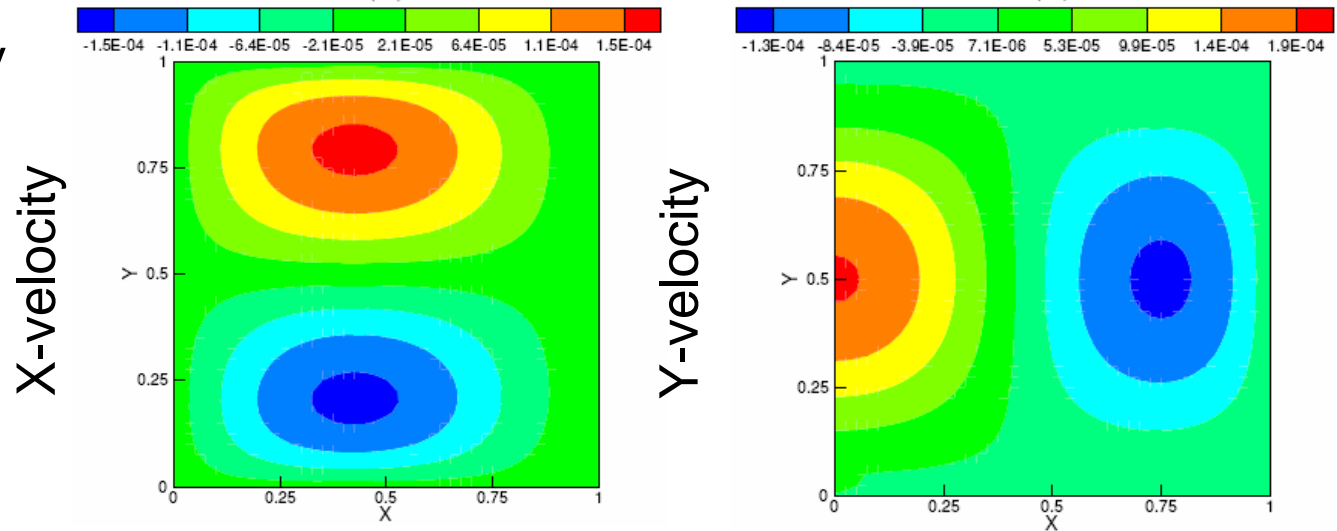
❑ Mean X and Y velocity obtained from GPCE yield unphysical low values



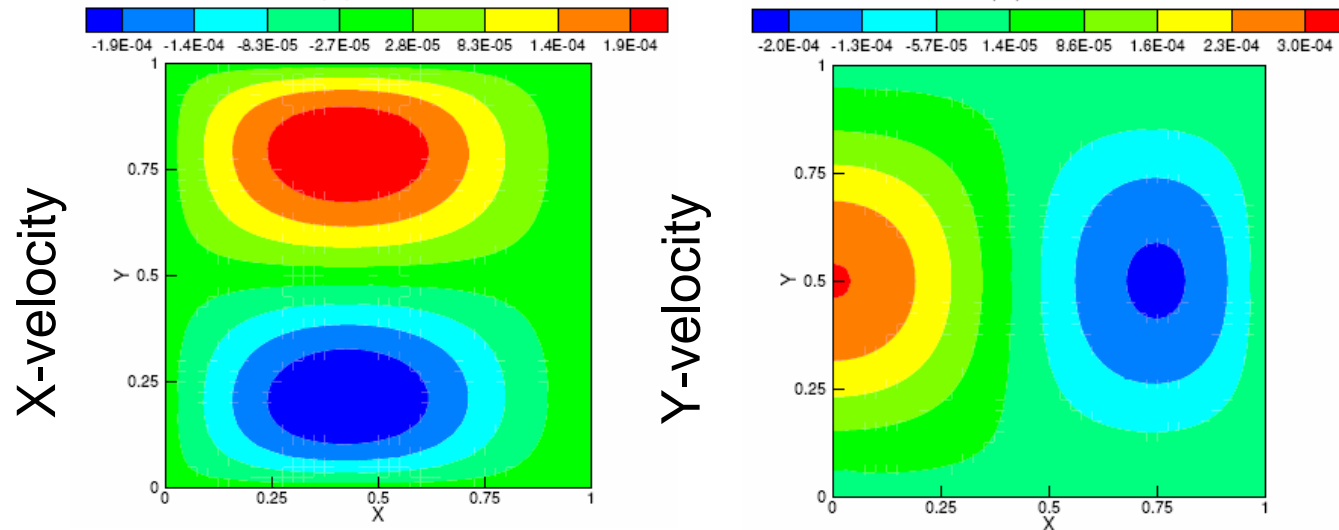
- ❖ This system is characterized by the critical Rayleigh number of 1700. Below this Rayleigh number, the heat transfer is by conduction and the fluid flow is absent. Above this Rayleigh number, well known Rayleigh-Benard instabilities are initiated. Heat transfer is by conduction and convection.
- ❖ So the GPCE dose not work in the case of discontinuity.

PREDICTION BY SUPPORT-SPACE METHOD

□ X and Y velocity obtained using a support-space method at $Ra = 1530$

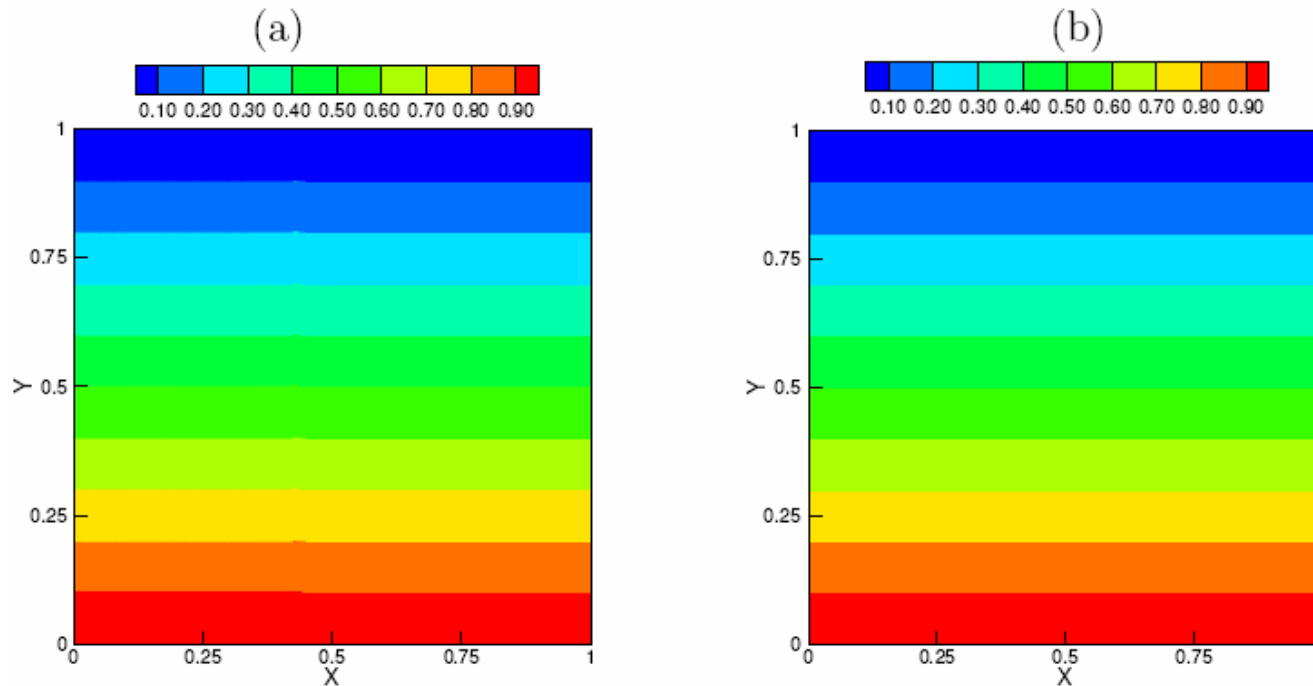


□ Comparative X and Y velocity obtained using a deterministic simulation at $Ra = 1530$ (the lower limit)



Asokan and Zabarar, JCP (2005)

PREDICTION BY SUPPORT-SPACE METHOD

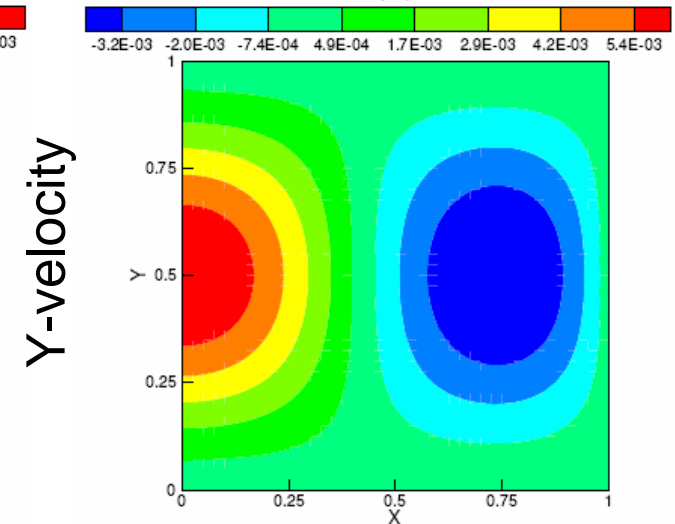
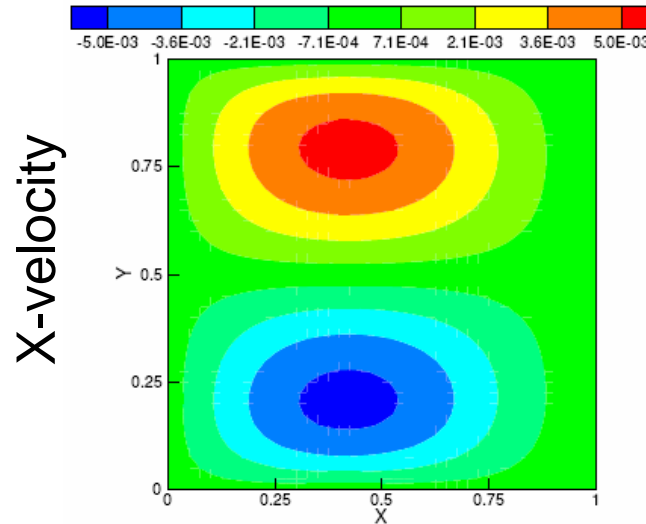


(a) Mean non-dimensional temperature at steady state for deterministic simulation at $Ra=1530$; (b) Prediction of support-space method for non-dimensional temperature at steady state at $Ra = 1530$

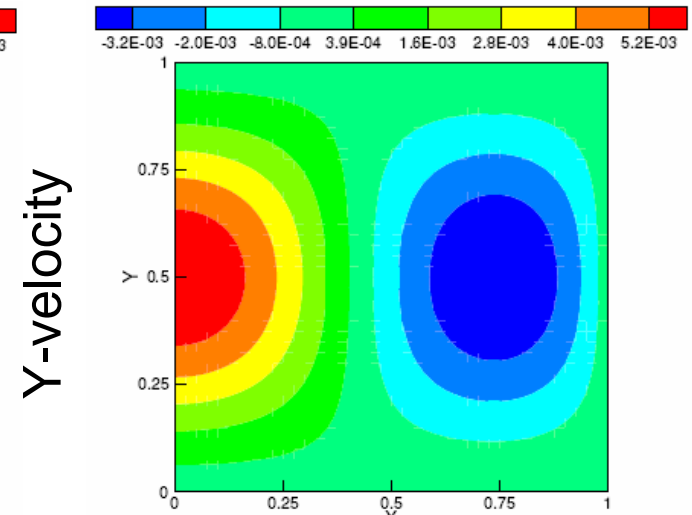
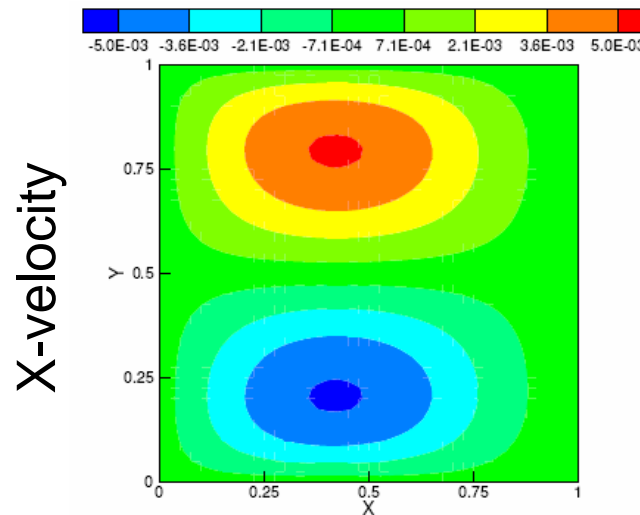
[Asokan and Zabarar, JCP \(2005\)](#)

PREDICTION BY SUPPORT-SPACE METHOD

□ X and Y velocity obtained using a support-space method at $Ra = 1870$

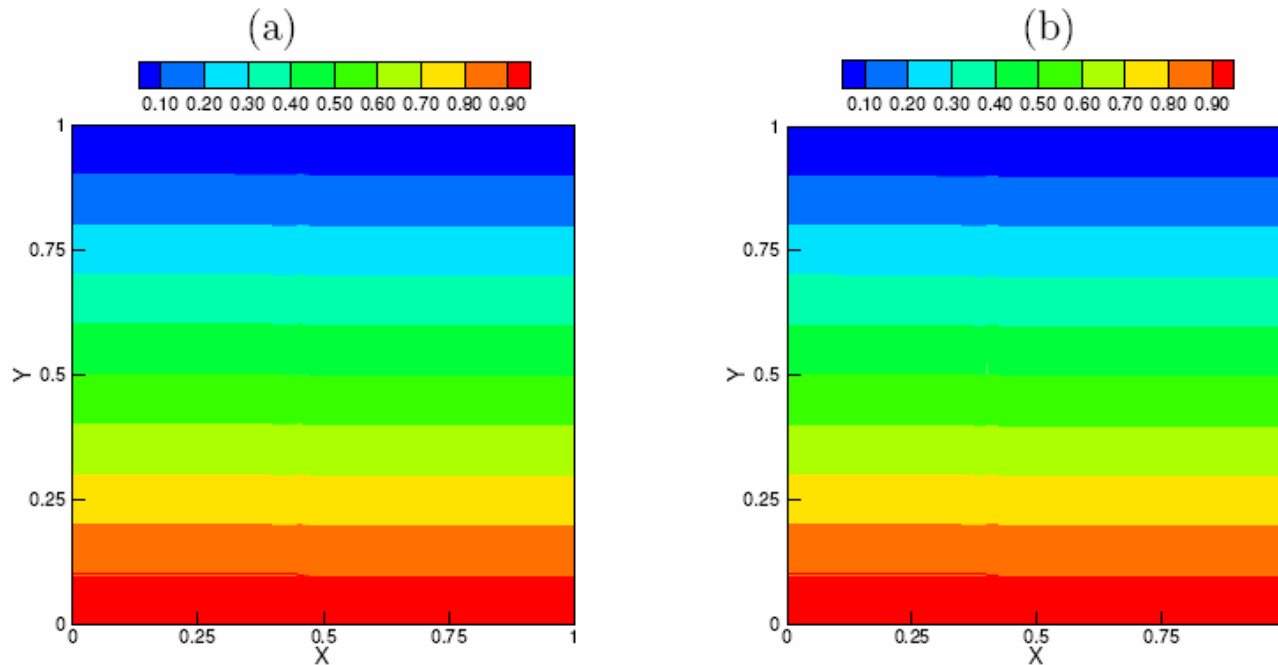


□ Comparative X and Y velocity obtained using a deterministic simulation at $Ra = 1870$ (the upper limit)



Asokan and Zabarar, JCP (2005)

PREDICTION BY SUPPORT-SPACE METHOD



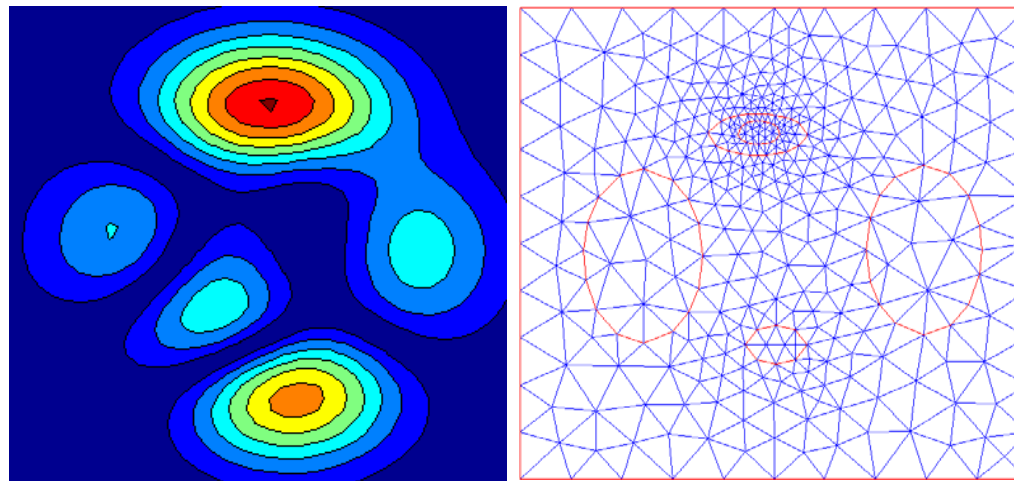
(a) Mean non-dimensional temperature at steady state for deterministic simulation at $Ra=1870$; (b) Prediction of support-space method for non-dimensional temperature at steady state at $Ra = 1870$

Many potential extensions

ADAPTIVE DISCRETIZATION BASED ON OUTPUT STOCHASTIC FIELD

- Refine/Coarsen input support space grid based on output defined control parameter (Gradients, standard deviations etc.)
- Applicable using standard h,p adaptive schemes.

□ Example of a 2D input and associated support-space



Support-space of input

Importance spaced grid

Many potential extensions

- For support spaces with dimensionality less than 4, standard finite element grids can be used for domain discretization. To extend the approach to domains with dimensionality more than 3, tensor product finite element grid spaces can be considered ([I.Babuska et al. 2005](#))
- We still use the idea of multi-index. First, we introduce a finite dimensional stochastic subspace

$$W^h = \text{span}\{\psi_1(\xi), \psi_2(\xi), \dots, \psi_{N_\varepsilon}(\xi)\}$$

- The construction of W^h can be based on the tensor product of one dimensional basis function $\psi(\xi)$ using multi-index α_m

$$W^h = \text{span}\{\psi_\alpha(\xi) = \prod_{m=1}^M \psi_{\alpha_m}(\xi_m) : \psi_{\alpha_m} \in W_m^h\}$$