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Adjoint Error Estimation During Prediction of Sonic Booms

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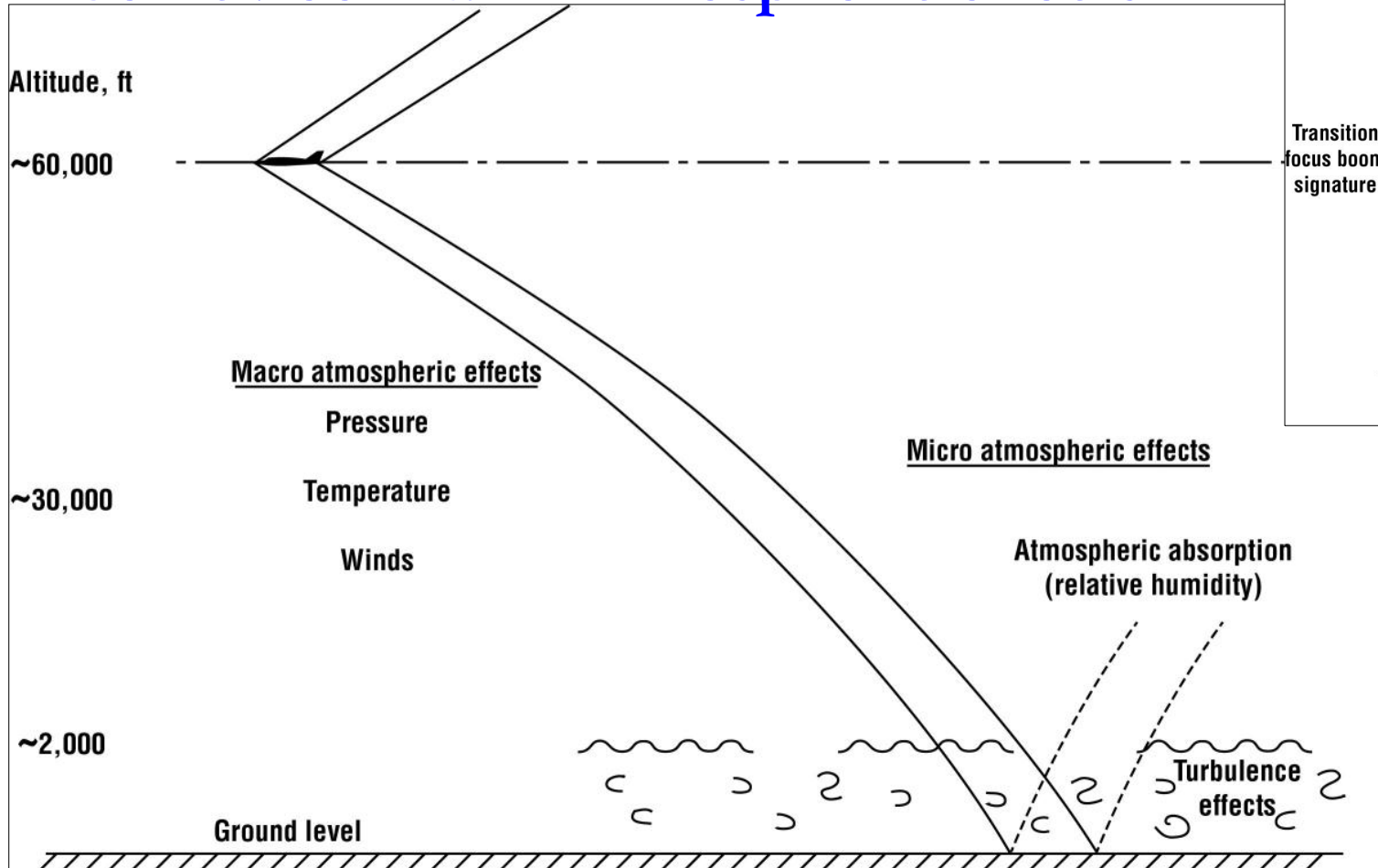
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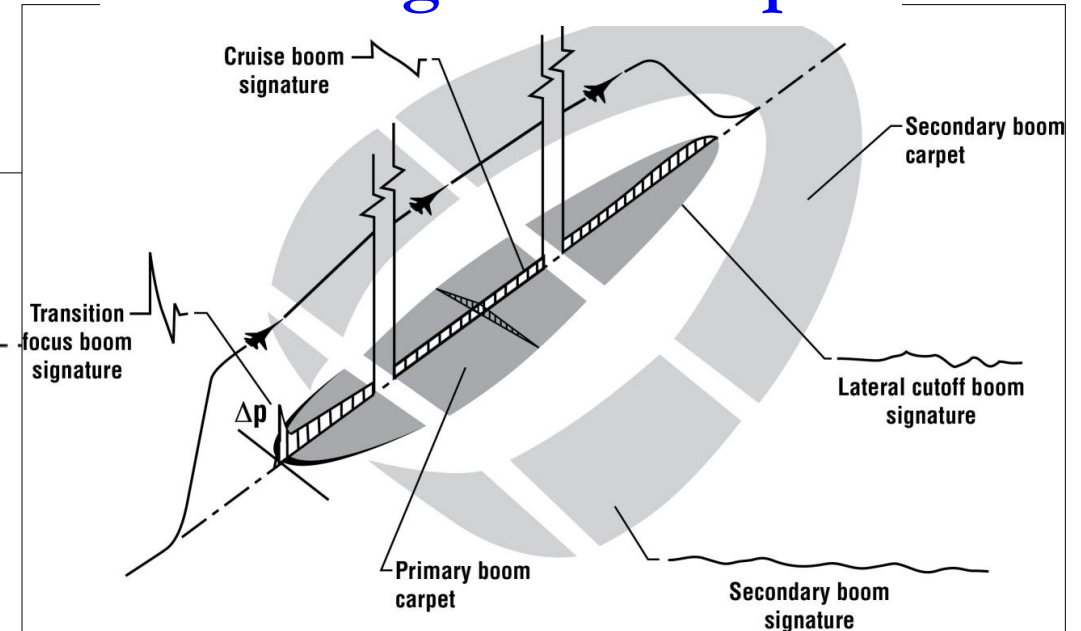
A Storied Legacy, A Soaring Future



Sonic boom with atmospheric effects



Boom signature carpet



Introduction: Sonic Boom Modeling

sBOOM

- Propagation based on lossy Quasi-1D Burgers equation

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \sigma} = P \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \tau^2} + \sum_{v=1}^2 C_v \frac{\partial^2}{1 + \theta_v \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}} P - \frac{\partial A}{\partial \sigma} P + \frac{\partial(\rho_0 c_0)}{\partial \sigma} P$$

- **Features**

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- *Unique*

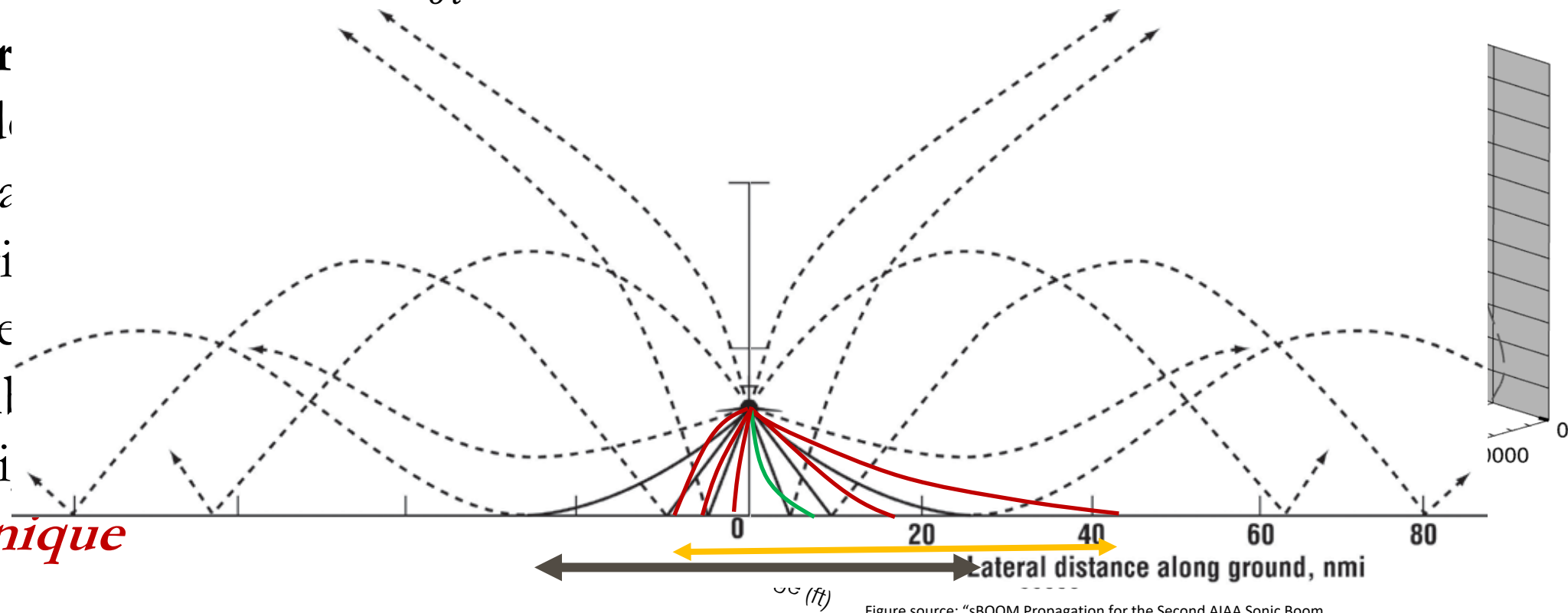
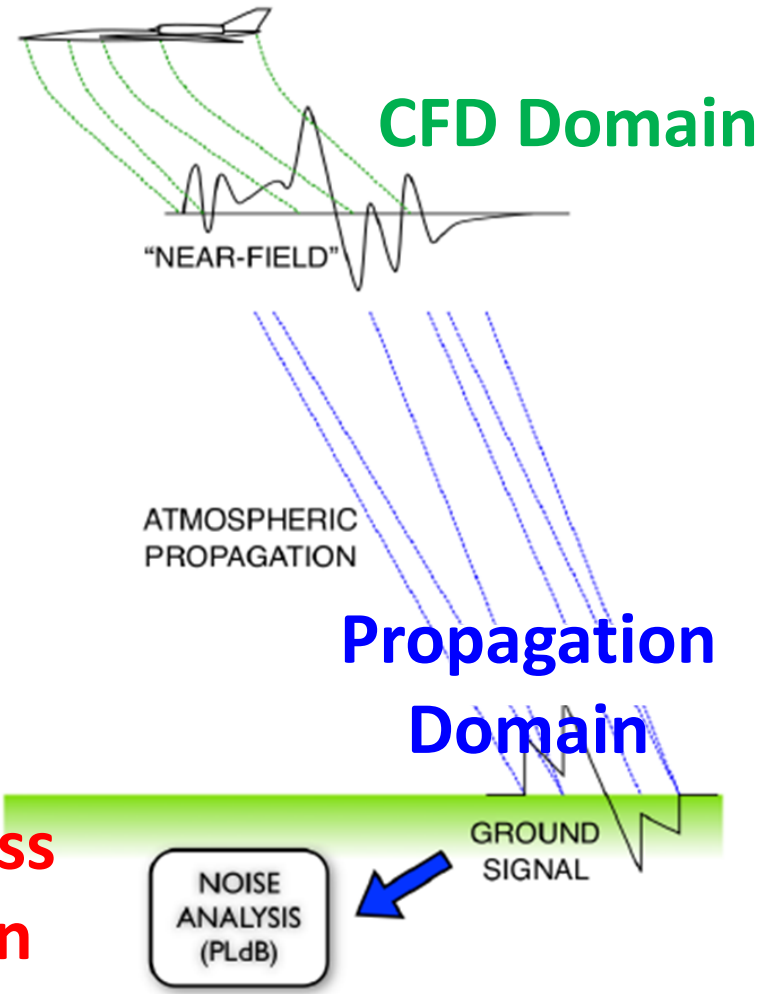
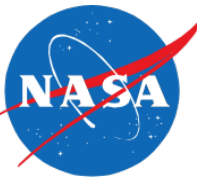


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Sonic Boom Calculation Overview



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Cart3D
FUN3D
USM3D
LAVA ...

Typically extract pressure data on a cylinder 3BL in radius

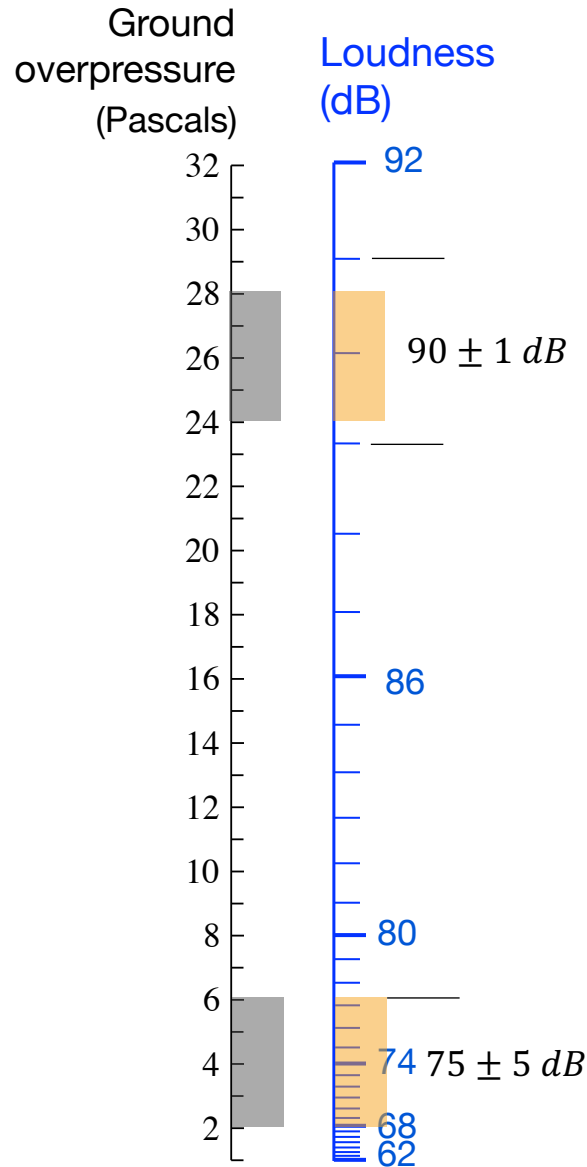
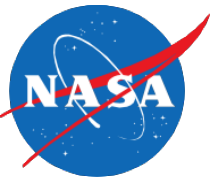
PCBoom
sBOOM
LMBOOM
GACBoom...

Includes atmospheric absorption, winds, turbulence, etc

LCASB

Loudness metrics including PLdB, ASEL, etc

Sonic Boom Modeling: Numerical Challenges

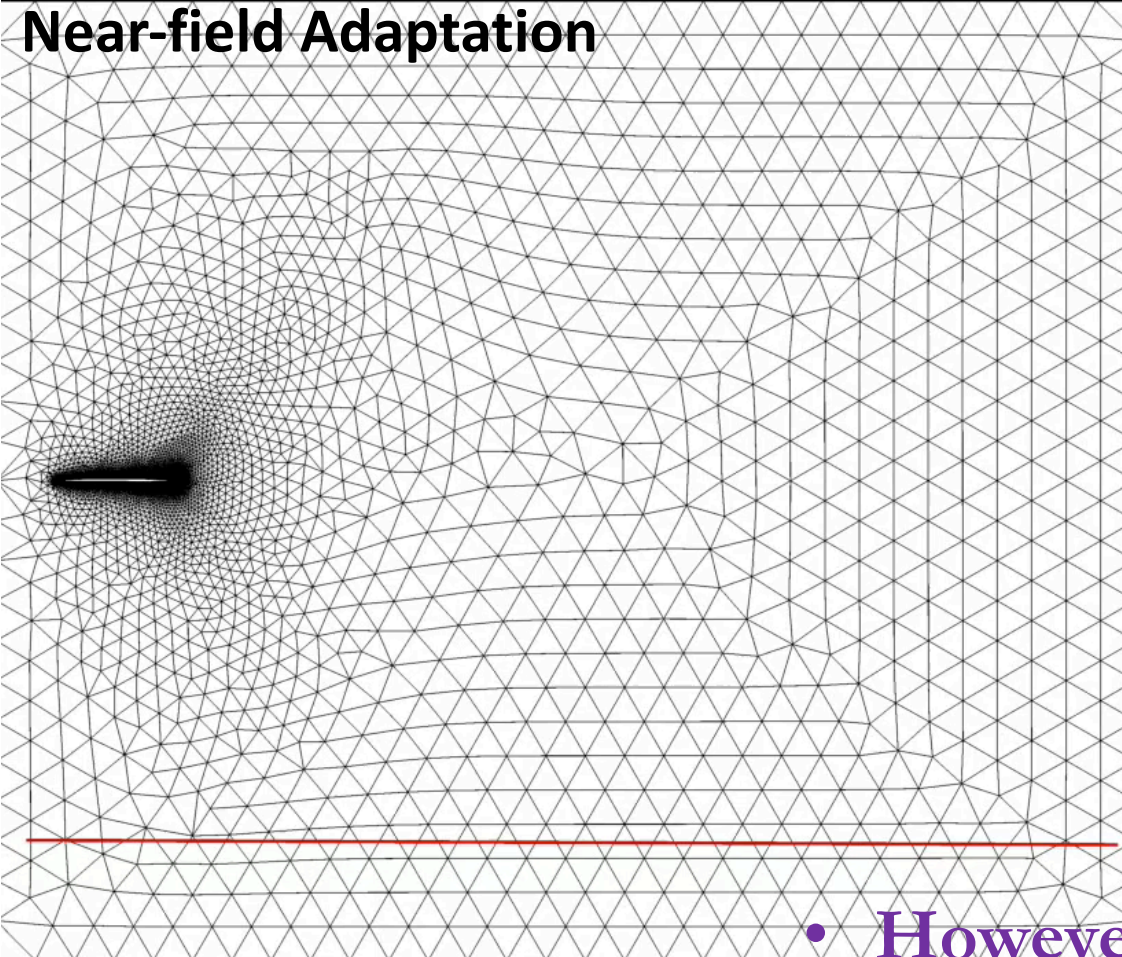


- Impact of an error of ± 2 Pa on a 90 PLdB signal may be less than 1 dB
- The same error on a 75 PLdB signal could be ± 5 dB
- **Mesh requirements and analysis uncertainty increase as aircraft designs becomes quieter!**

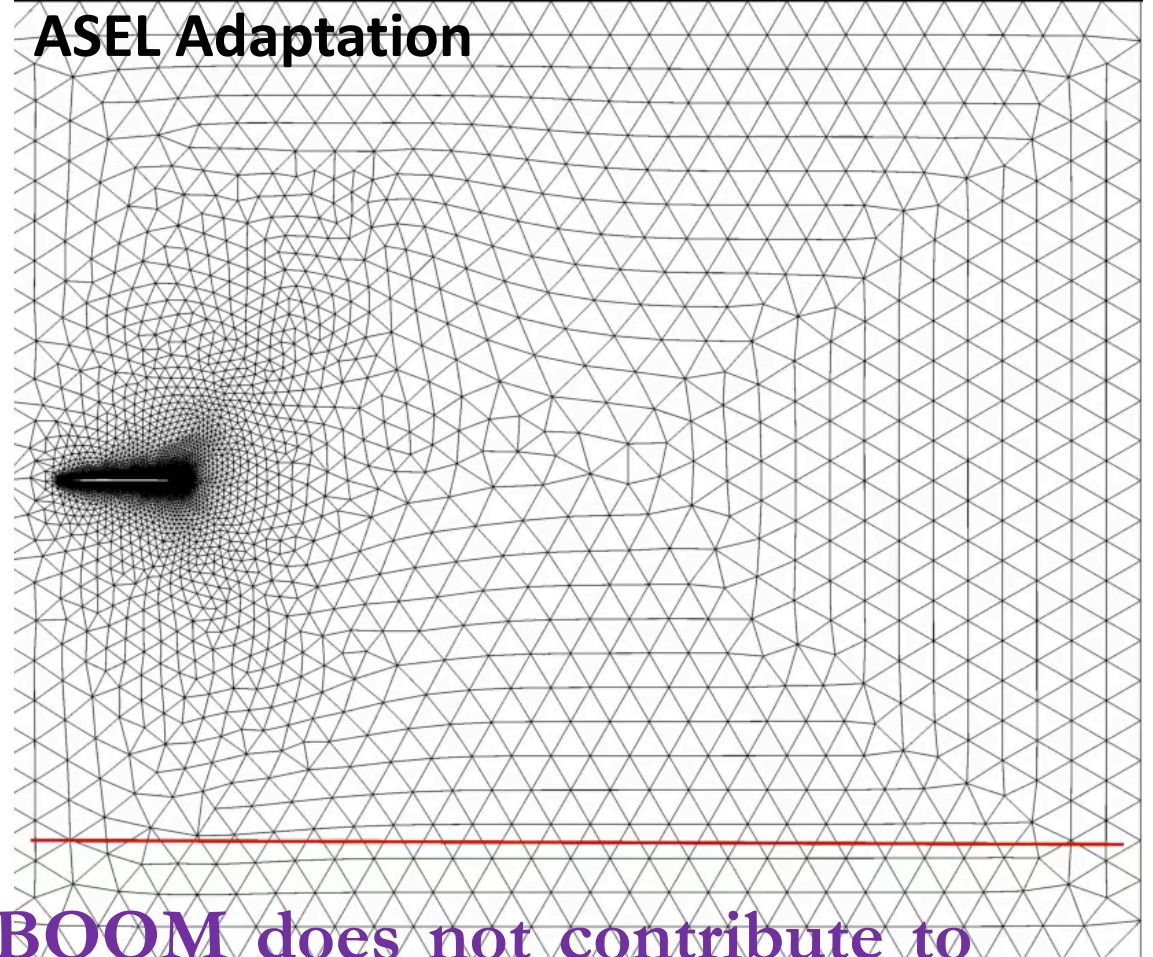
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- Recent CFD developments include output-based mesh adaptation to resolve near-field as well as sonic boom loudness (ASEL)

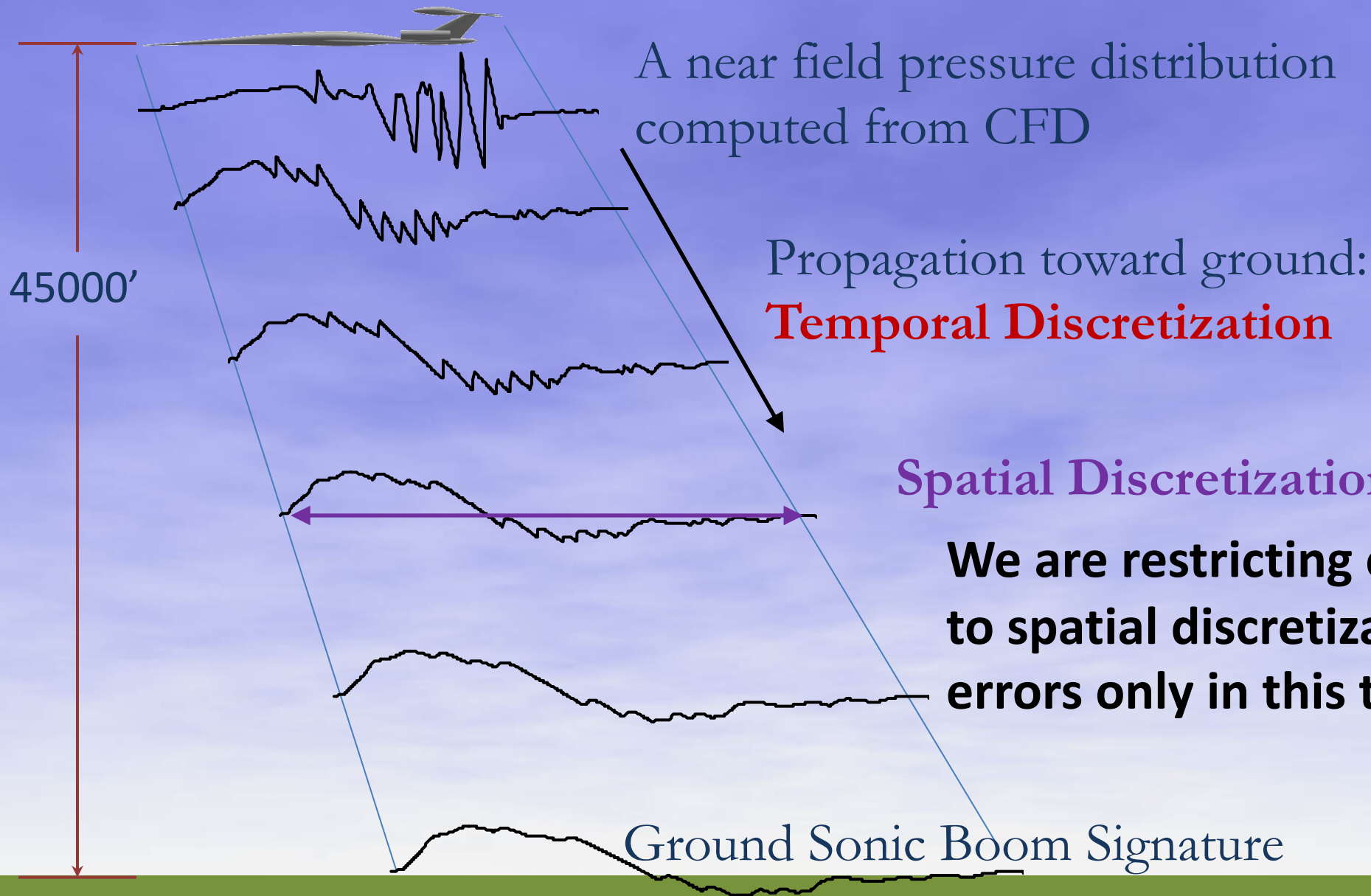
Near-field Adaptation



ASEL Adaptation



- However sBOOM does not contribute to the error to drive adaptation

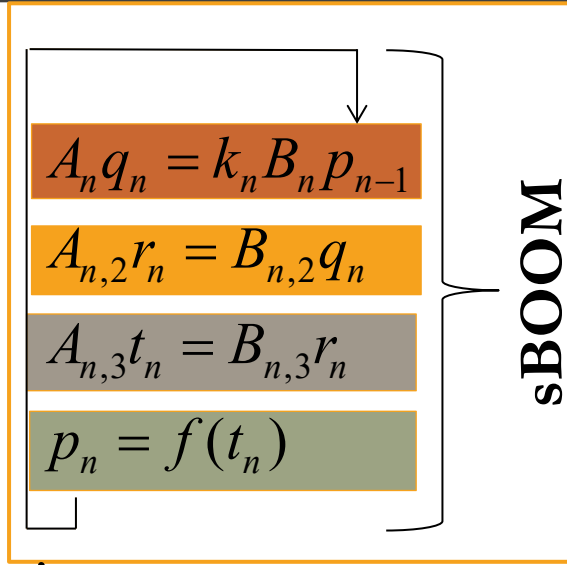


We are restricting ourselves to spatial discretization errors only in this talk

Sonic Boom Adjoints

- Sonic boom numerical modeling:

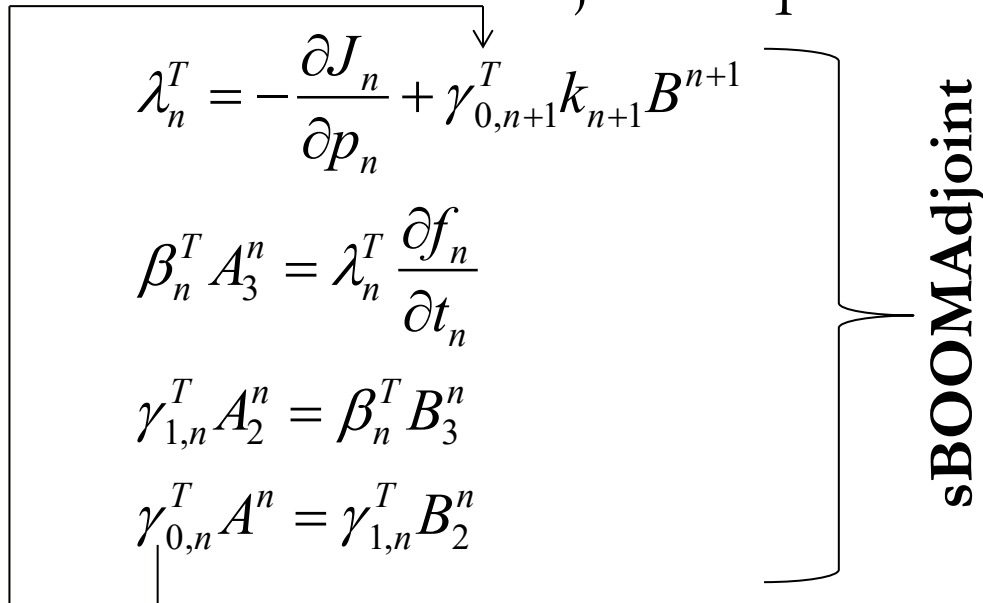
k_n – Blokhintzev scaling term
 A^n, B^n – N_2 Relaxation matrices
 $A_{n,2}, B_{n,2}$ – O_2 Relaxation matrices
 $A_{n,3}, B_{n,3}$ – Absorption matrices
 $f(t_n)$ – Nonlinear terms



Some other outputs currently available:

- $J = (P_g - P_{g,t})^2$
- $J = \frac{1}{2} (A_e - A_{e,t})(A_e - A_{e,t})^T$

- Sonic boom discrete-adjoint equations:



- Outputs/Objectives:

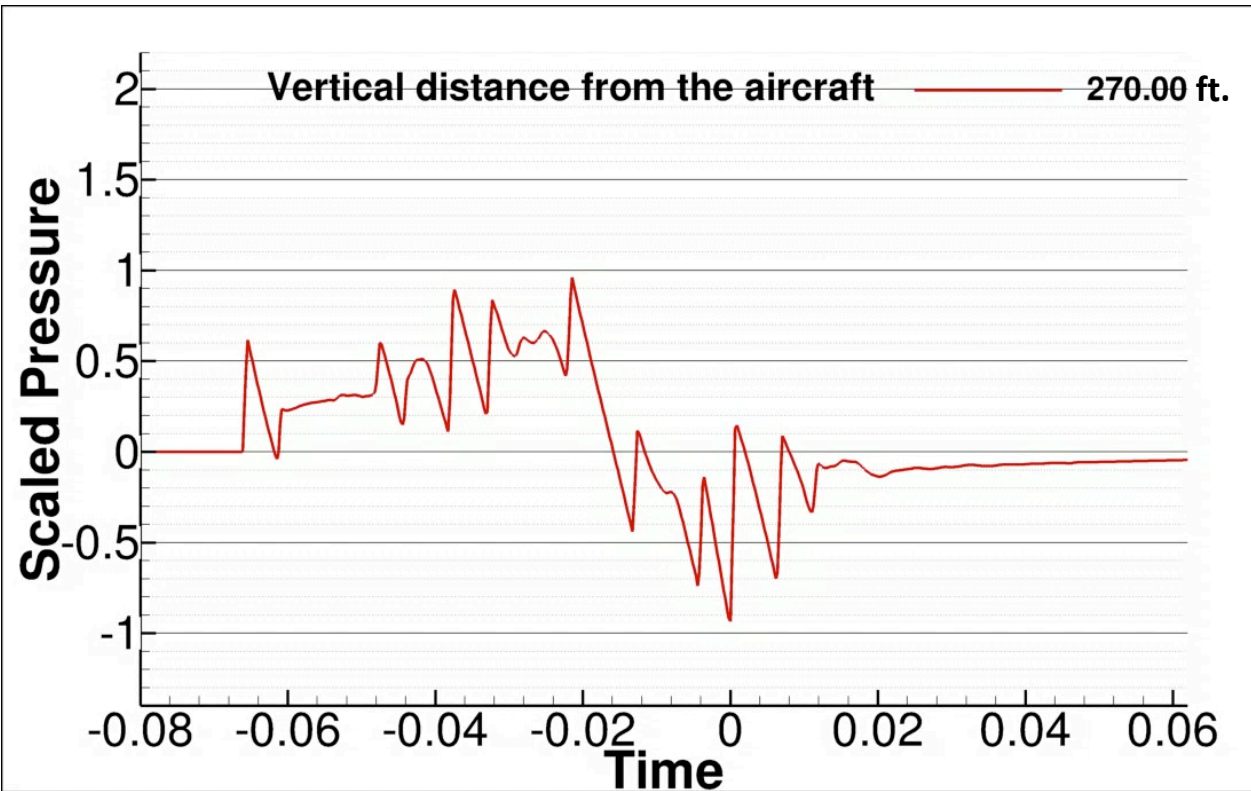
$$J = ASEL$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial p_g} = \frac{\partial (ASEL)}{\partial p_g}$$

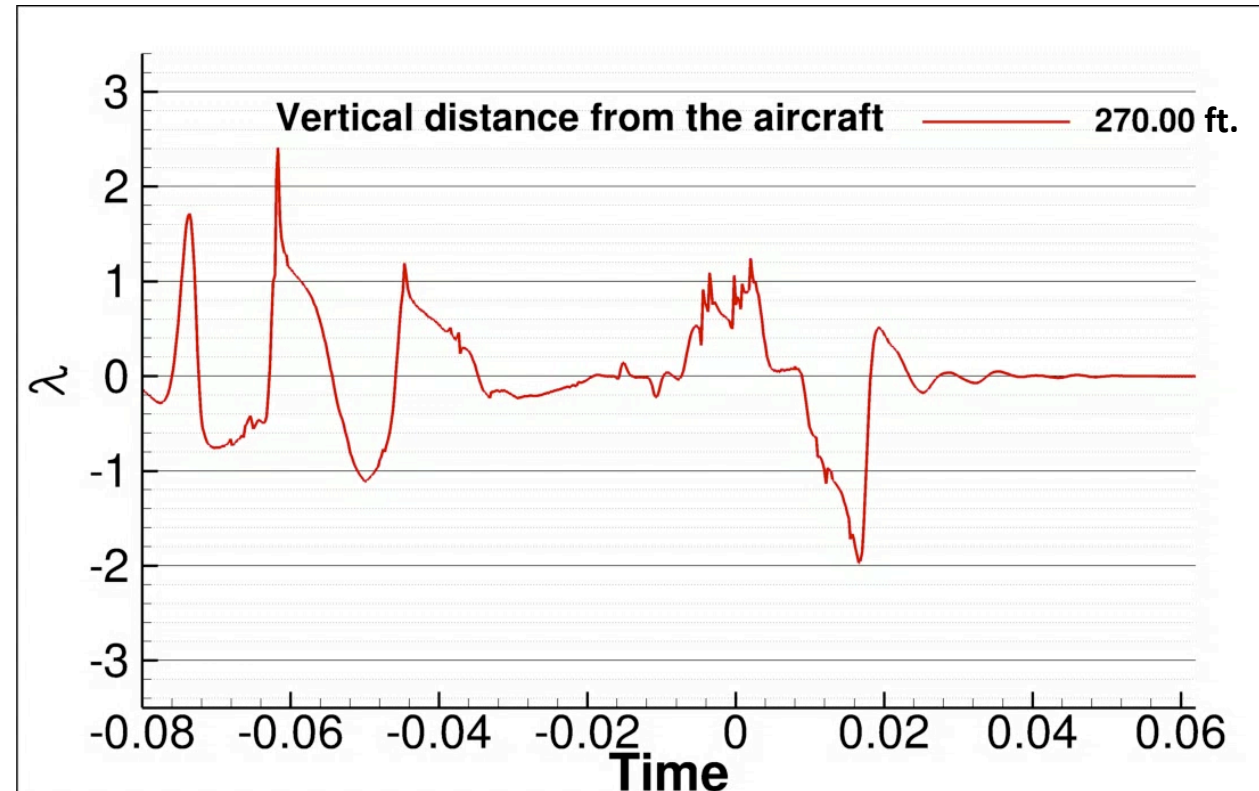
$$J = P_g^2$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial p_g} = 2P_g$$

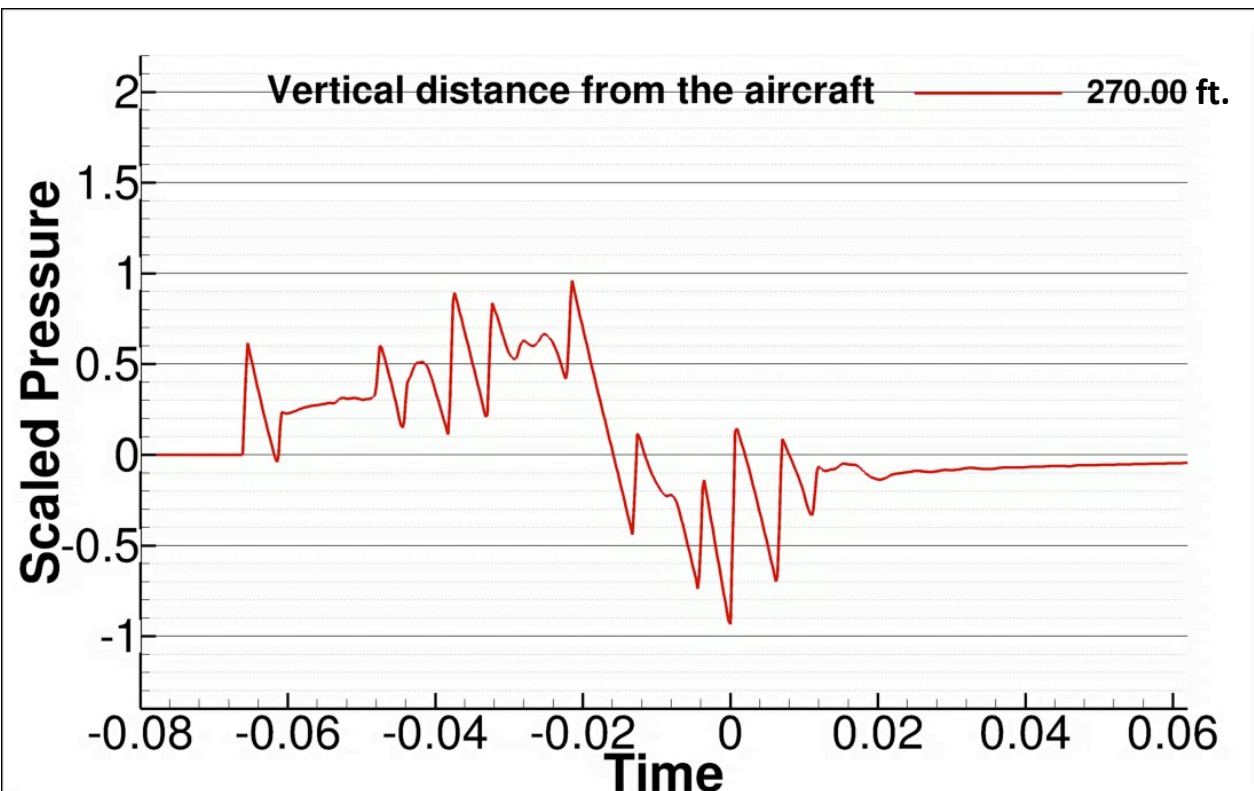
Sonic Boom Adjoints: Loudness



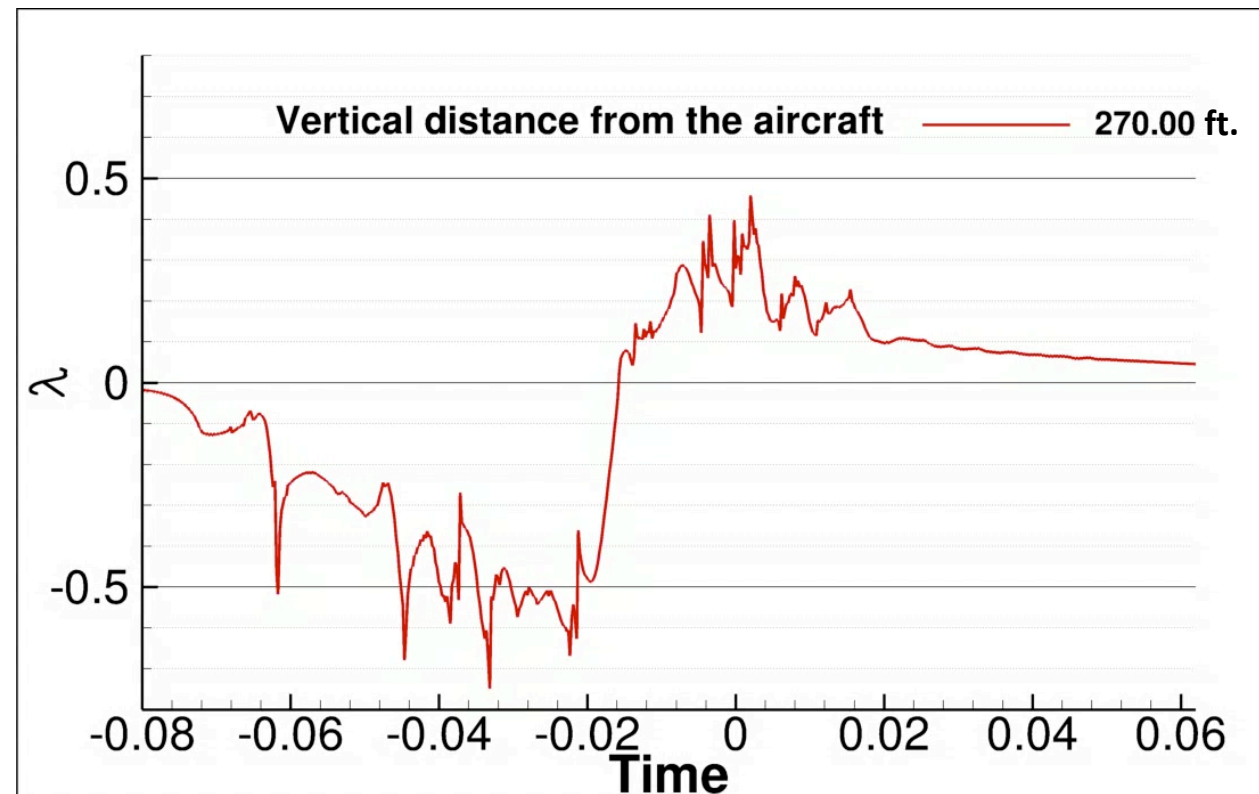
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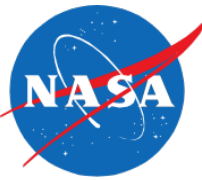


Sonic Boom Adjoints: Ground Pressures



$$J = P_g^2$$
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial p_g} = 2P_g$$





Adjoint Sensitivities

- Adjoint sensitivities verified
 - Great agreement with those from complex variable approach

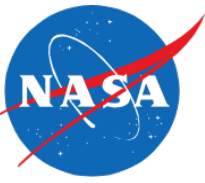
$J = ASEL$

Grid Point	Adjoint Gradient	Complex Gradient
2	-6.905038627775740	-6.90503861583487
100	-2.090800737003511	-2.09080073325145
1000	12.717298769483072	12.71729876557384
2000	-5.460241220665764	-5.460241220578294

$J = P_g^2$

Grid Point	Adjoint Gradient	Complex Gradient
2	-0.233976119396085	-0.233976119345164
100	1.759314455499879	1.759314455758305
1000	16.769371001777564	16.769371001735749
2000	-6.488476197116740	-6.4884761971747344

Adjoint Error Estimation



Residuals

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{A}_n \vec{q}_n - k_n \vec{B}_n \vec{p}_{n-1} \\ \vec{A}_{n,2} \vec{r}_n - \vec{B}_{n,2} \vec{q}_n \\ \vec{A}_{n,3} \vec{t}_n - \vec{B}_{n,3} \vec{r}_n \\ \vec{p}_n - \vec{f}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions

$$\mathbf{u}_n = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{p}_n \\ \vec{q}_n \\ \vec{r}_n \\ \vec{t}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Adjoint

$$\Gamma_n^T = [\vec{\gamma}_{0,n}^T \quad \vec{\gamma}_{1,n}^T \quad \vec{\beta}_{0,n}^T \quad \vec{\lambda}_{0,n}^T]$$

Truncation
error estimate

H = Coarse mesh

h = Embedded refined mesh

Adjoint Error Correction $\approx \sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H)$

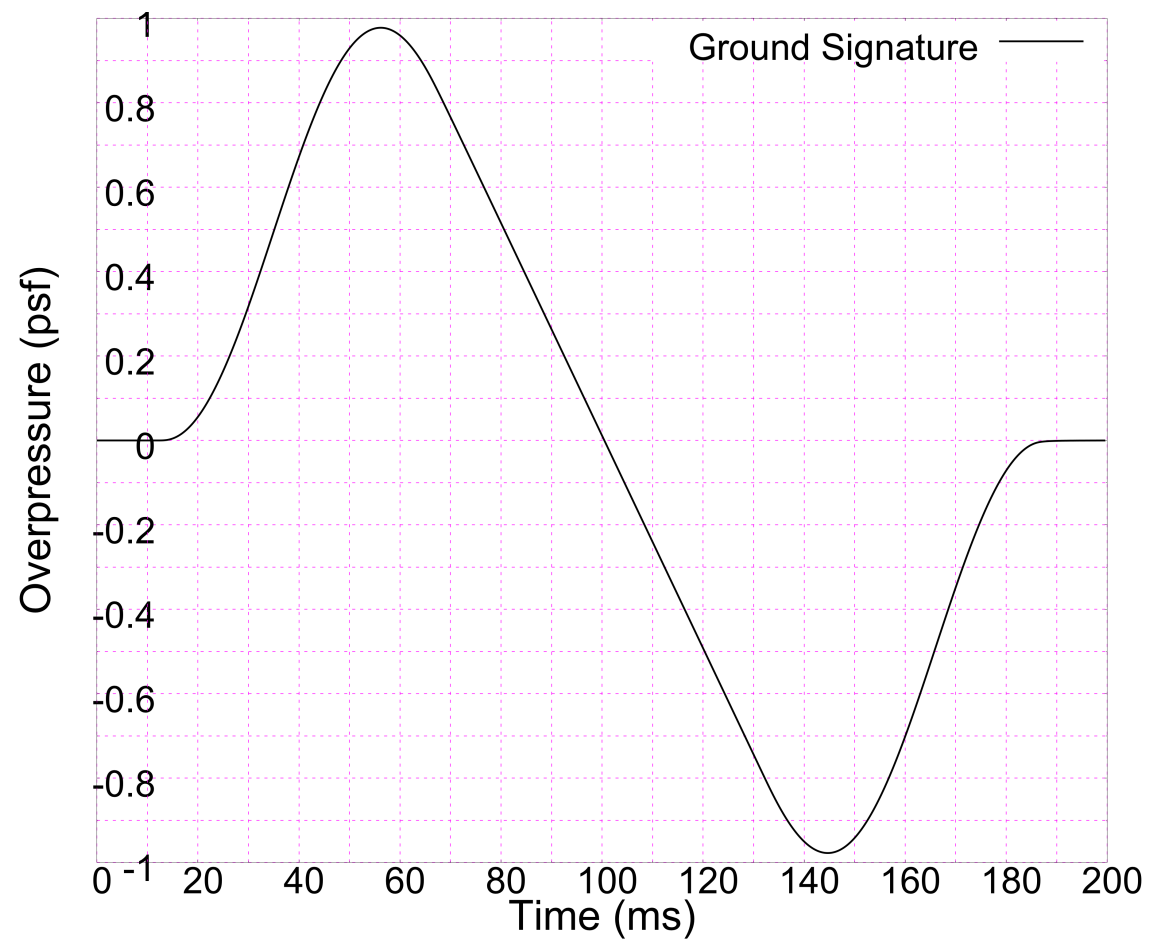
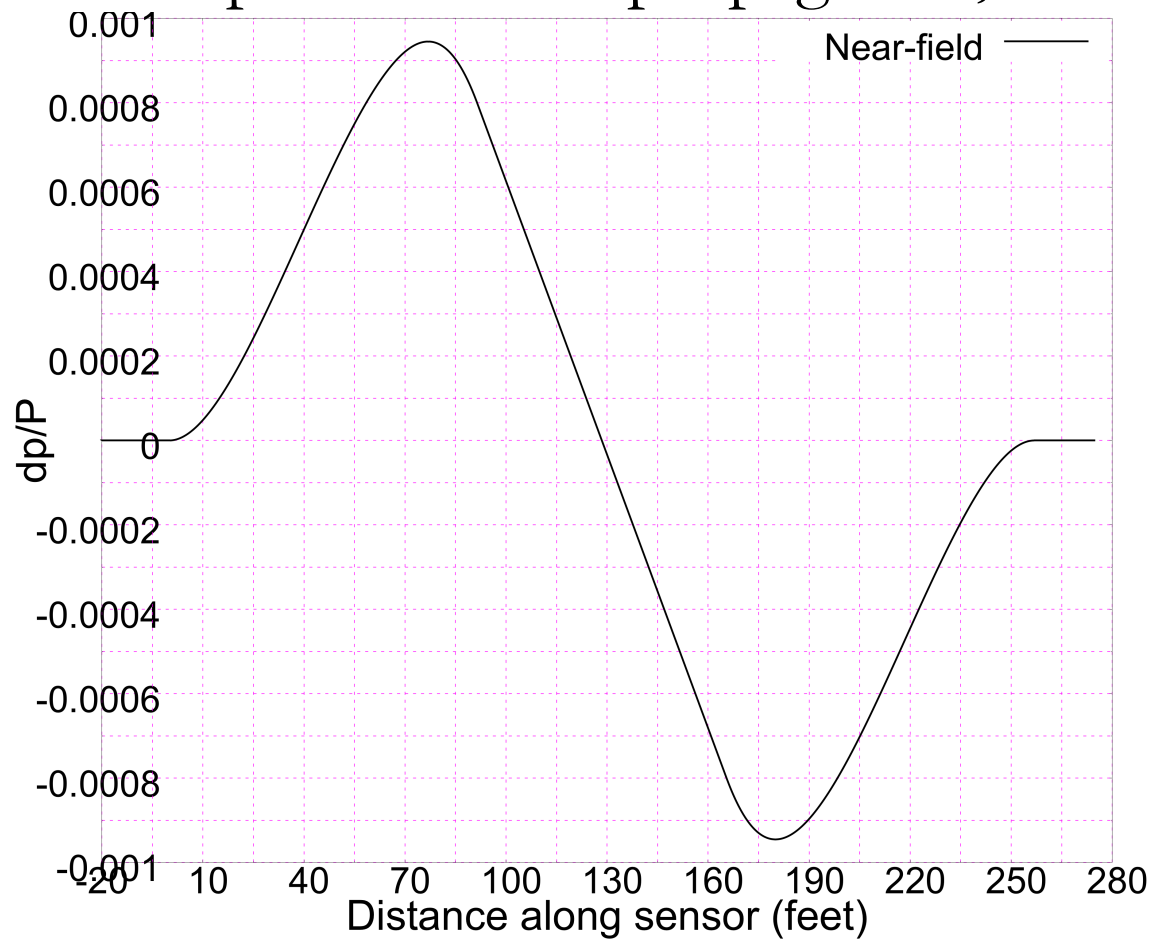
Interpolation from coarse
grid to fine grid

$$\text{Remaining Error} \approx |J_h - J_h^H + \sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H)|$$

Results: Sine Wave



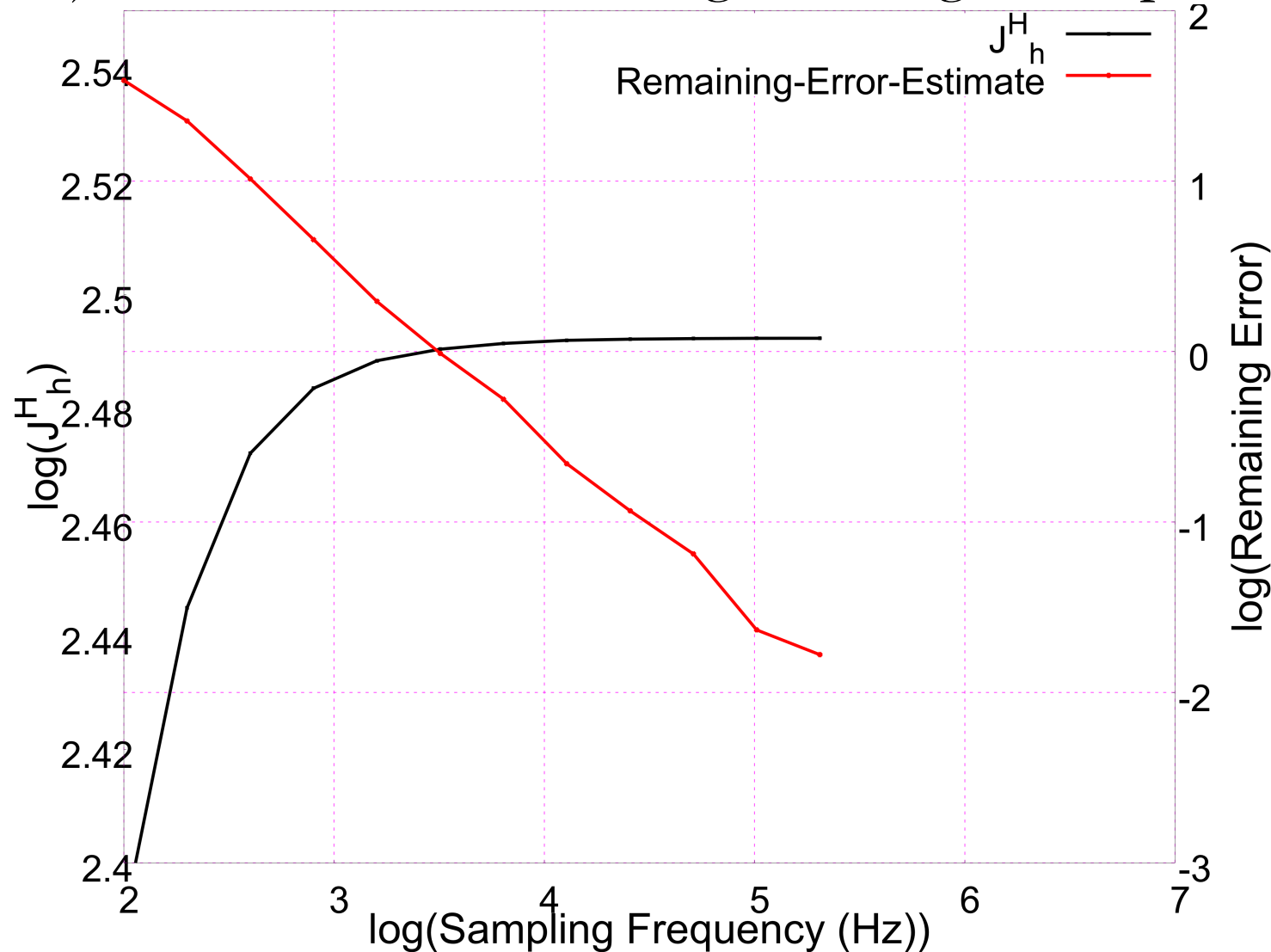
- Simple sine wave propagation, no shocks



Results: Error in Ground Signatures, Sine Wave

- Function and adjoint error estimation for ground signature pressures

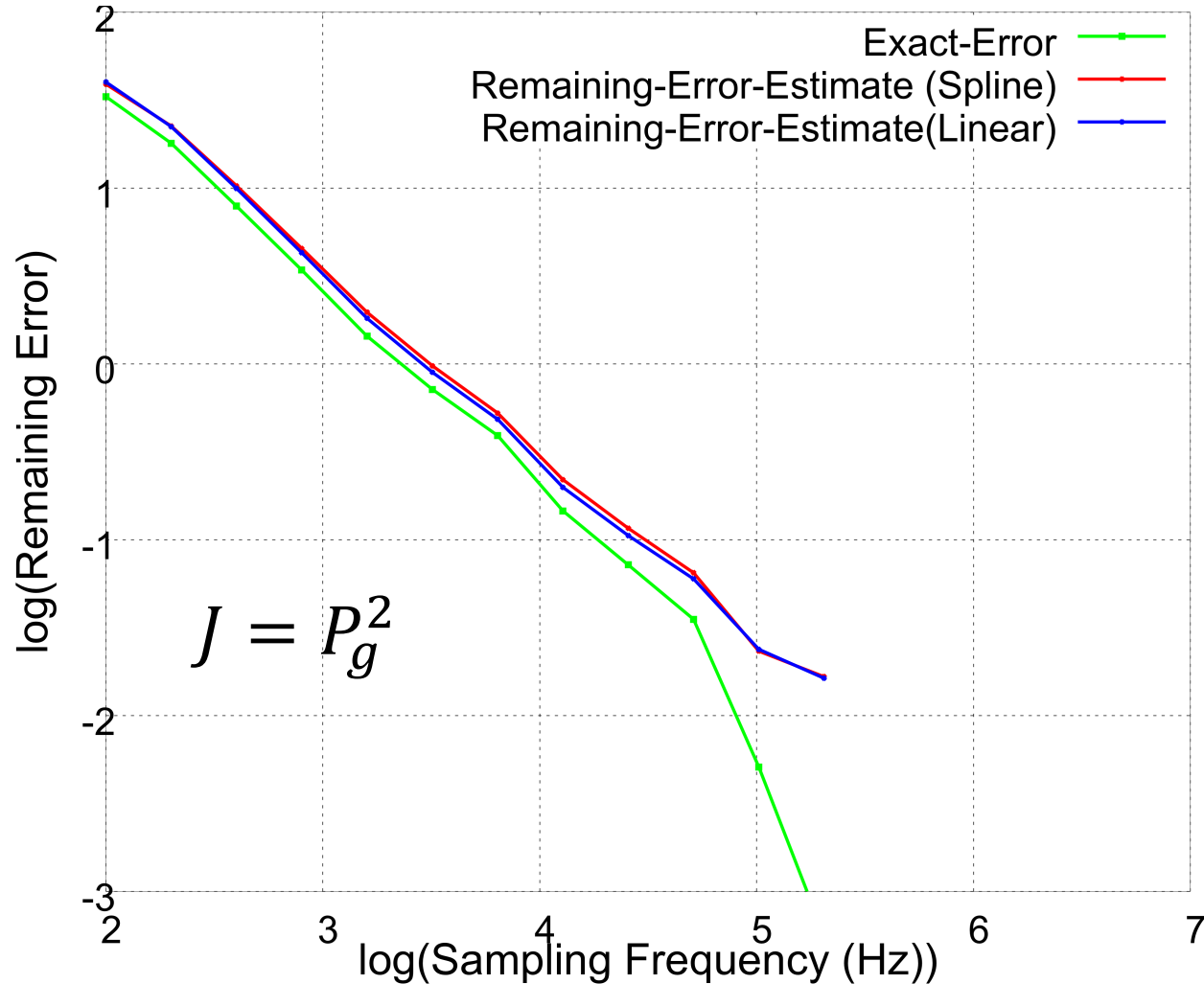
$$J = P_g^2$$



Results: Error in Ground Signatures, Sine Wave



- Remaining error keeps dropping after adjoint error correction



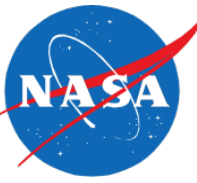
Remaining Error Estimate

$$\left| J_h - J_h^H + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H)}_{\text{Adjoint Correction}} \right|$$

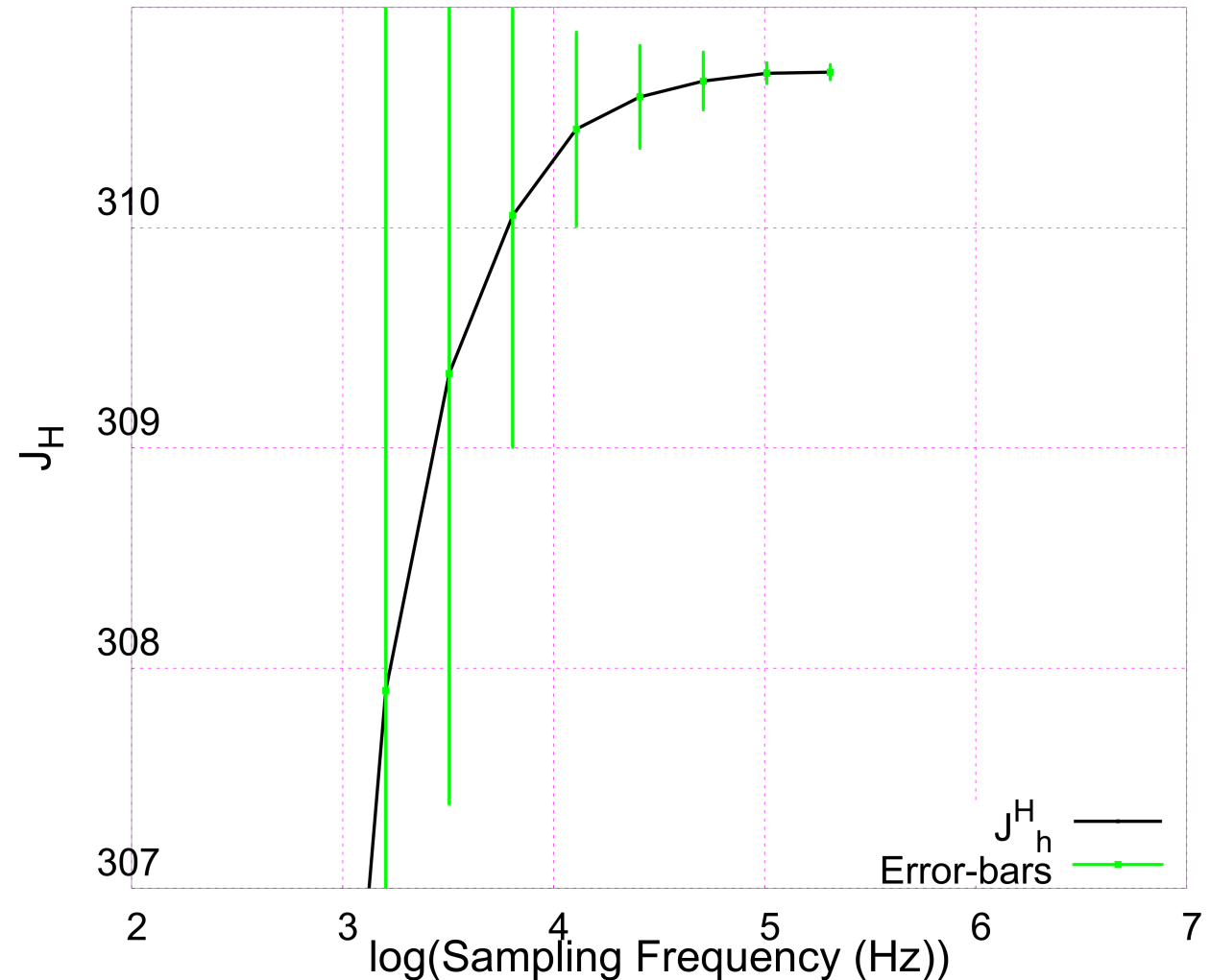
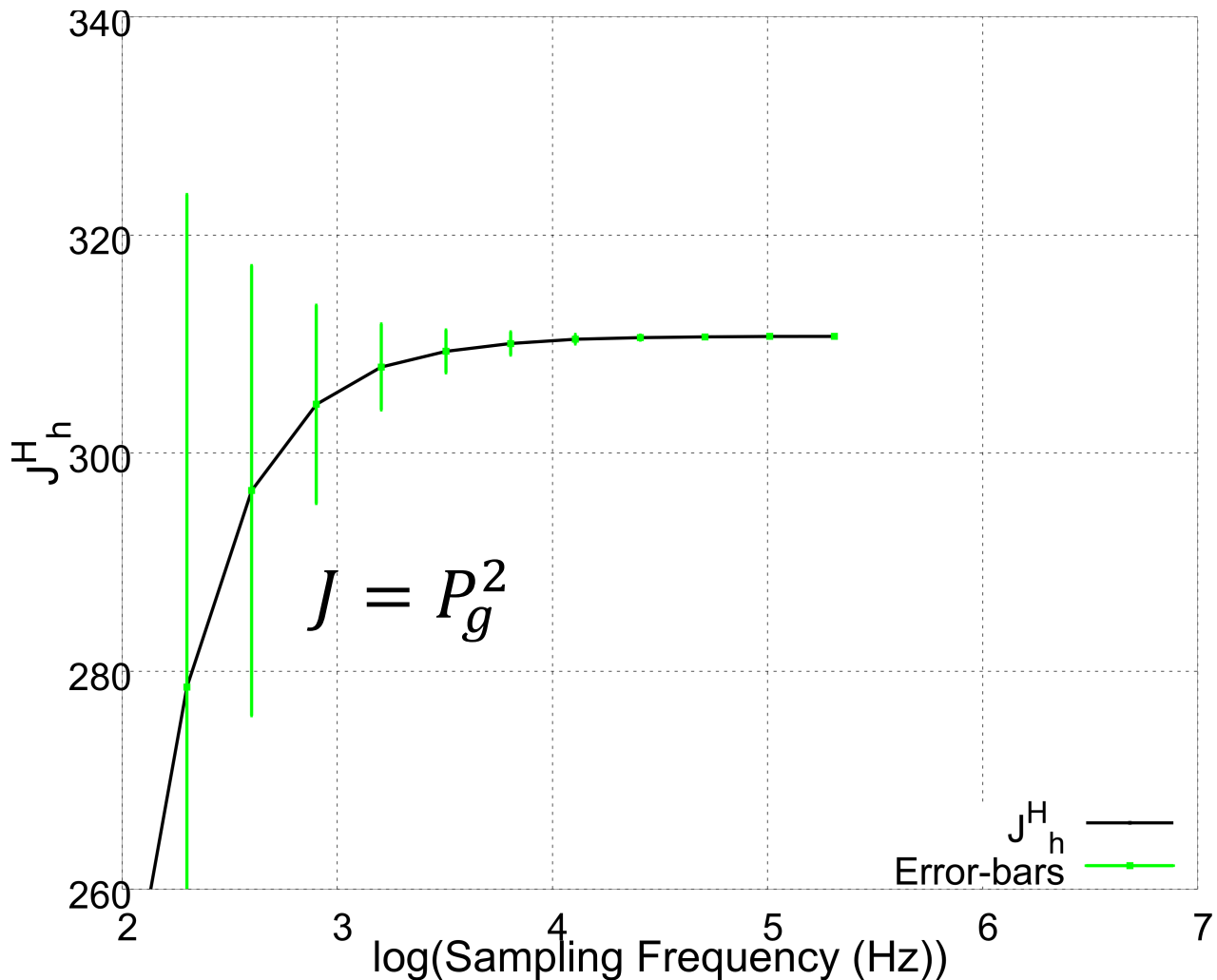
Exact error

$$J_h - J_H$$

Results: Error in Ground Signatures, Sine Wave



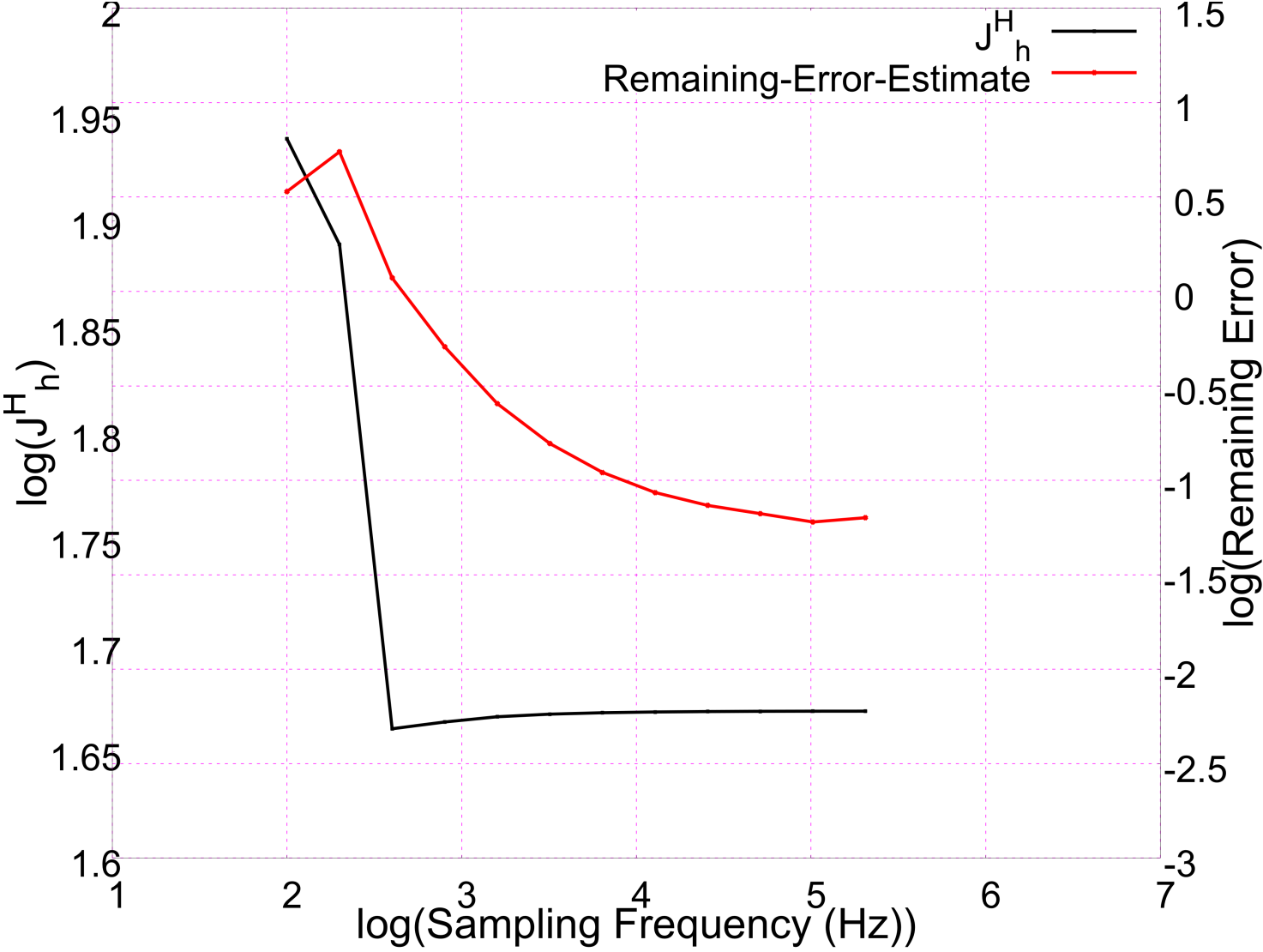
- Adjoint error bars keep decreasing with increasing sampling frequency



Results: Error in ASEL, Sine Wave

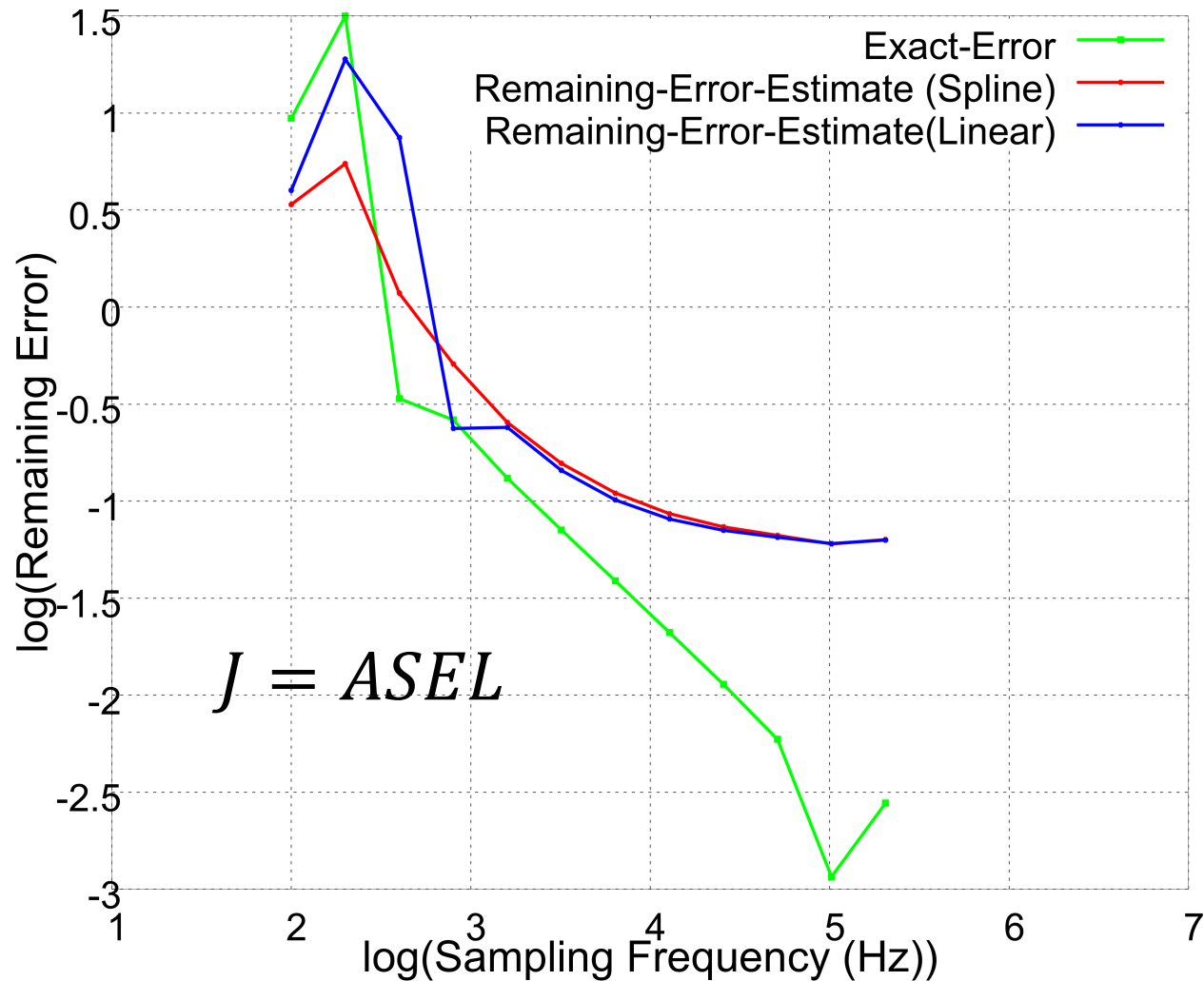
- Function and remaining error estimation for ASEL

$J = ASEL$



Results: Error in ASEL, Sine Wave

- Remaining error keeps dropping, but slowly



Remaining Error Estimate

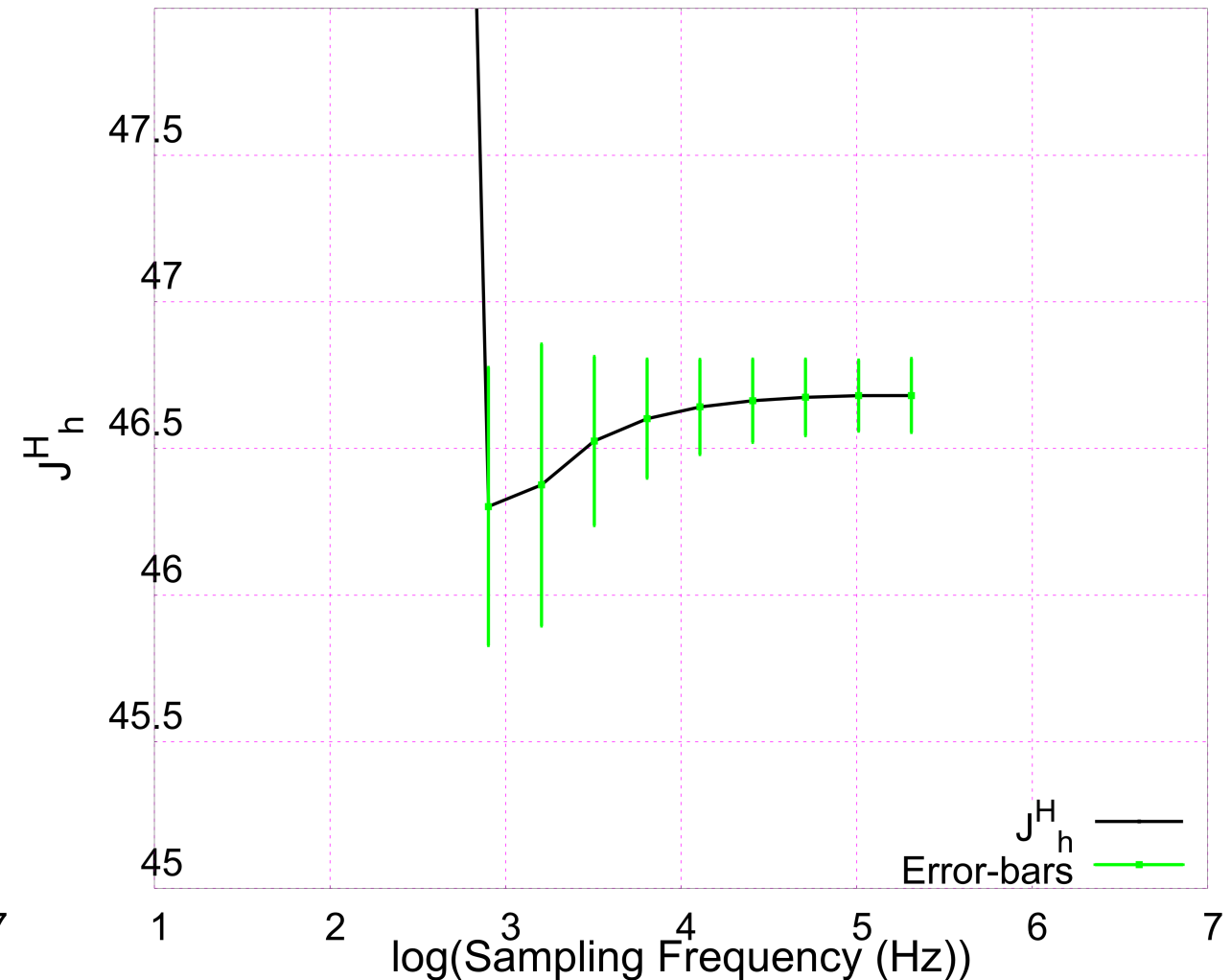
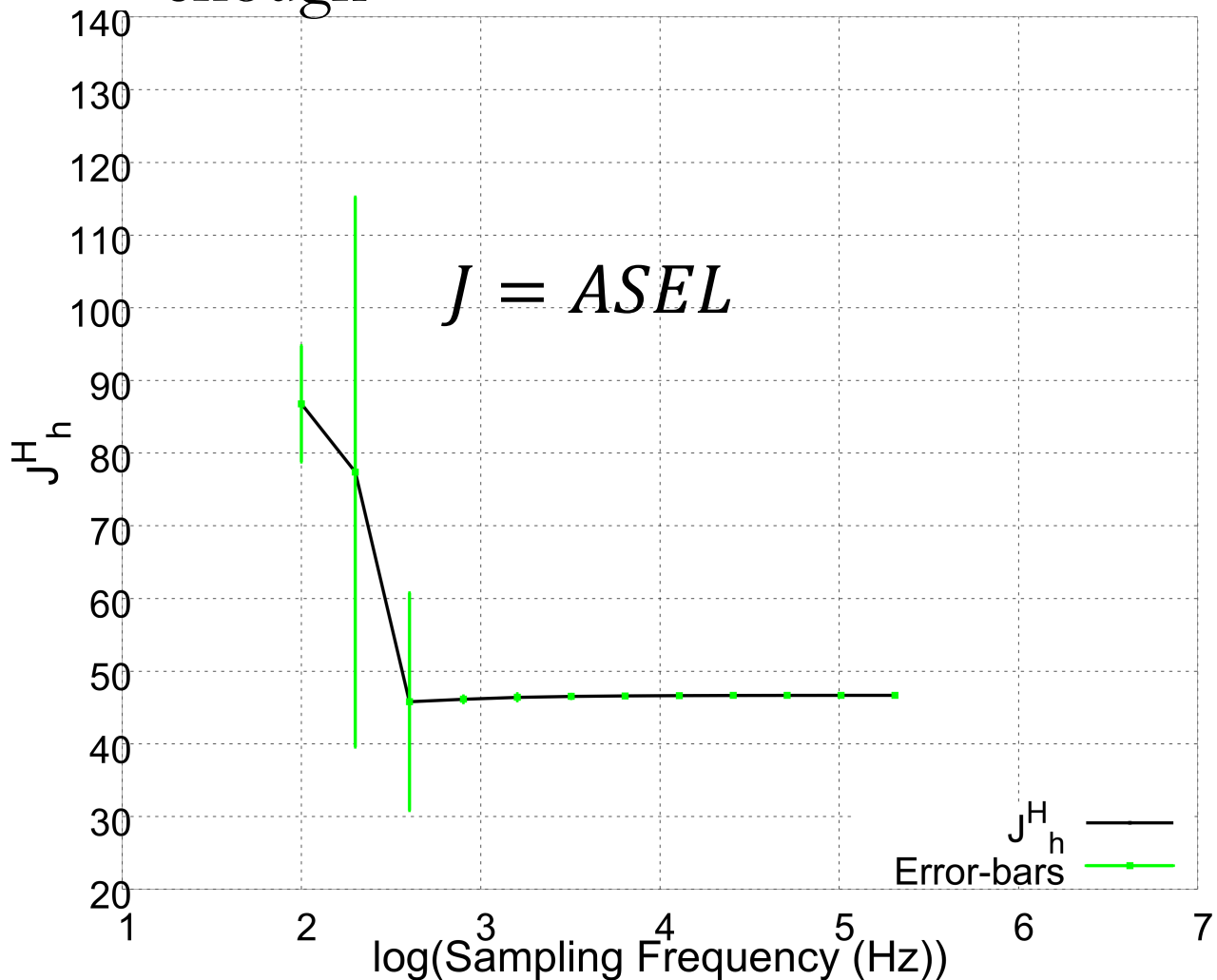
$$\left| J_h - J_h^H + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H)}_{\text{Adjoint Correction}} \right|$$

Exact error

$$J_h - J_H$$

Results: Error in ASEL, Sine Wave

- Remaining error decreasing at a much smaller rate, residuals not dropping fast enough



Summary and Future Work



- sBOOM enhanced to estimate error in sonic boom predictions by leveraging discrete adjoint methodology
- Errors useful in predicting how much variability exists in the current solution in determining metrics of interest
- Valuable to have *a priori* error estimates given the numerical discretization setup

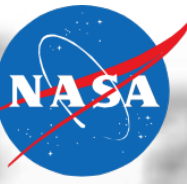
Future Work

- Loudness calculation at high sampling frequencies
- Investigate error stalling and improve performance
- Reduce memory footprint and improve efficiency
- Verify estimated errors via Error Transport Equations (ETEs)



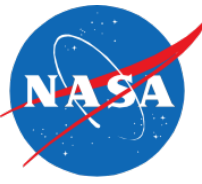
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Thank You! – Any Questions?





EXTRA SLIDES



Adjoint Error Estimation

H = Coarse mesh

h = Embedded refined mesh

Residual vector	Solution vector	Adjoint vector
$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{A}_n \vec{q}_n - k_n \vec{B}_n \vec{p}_{n-1} \\ \vec{A}_{n,2} \vec{r}_n - \vec{B}_{n,2} \vec{q}_n \\ \vec{A}_{n,3} \vec{t}_n - \vec{B}_{n,3} \vec{r}_n \\ \vec{p}_n - \vec{f}_n \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{u}_n = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{p}_n \\ \vec{q}_n \\ \vec{r}_n \\ \vec{t}_n \end{pmatrix}$	$\Gamma_n^T = [\vec{\gamma}_{0,n}^T \quad \vec{\gamma}_{1,n}^T \quad \vec{\beta}_{0,n}^T \quad \vec{\lambda}_{0,n}^T]$

$$J(U_h) \approx J(U_h^H) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{dJ(U_h^H)}{dU_{h,n}} (U_{h,n} - U_{h,n}^H)$$

$$R(U_{h,n}) = 0 \approx R(U_{h,n}^H) + \frac{dR(U_{h,n}^H)}{dU_{h,n}} (U_{h,n} - U_{h,n}^H)$$

$$J(U_h) \approx J(U_h^H) - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{dJ(U_h^H)}{dU_{h,n}} \left[\frac{\partial R(U_{h,n}^H)}{\partial U_{h,n}} \right]^{-1} R(U_{h,n}^H)$$

$$(\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T \frac{dR(U_{h,n}^H)}{dU_{h,n}} = \frac{dJ(U_h^H)}{dU_{h,n}}$$

$$J(U_h) \approx J(U_h^H) - \sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H)$$

Adjoint Error Correction

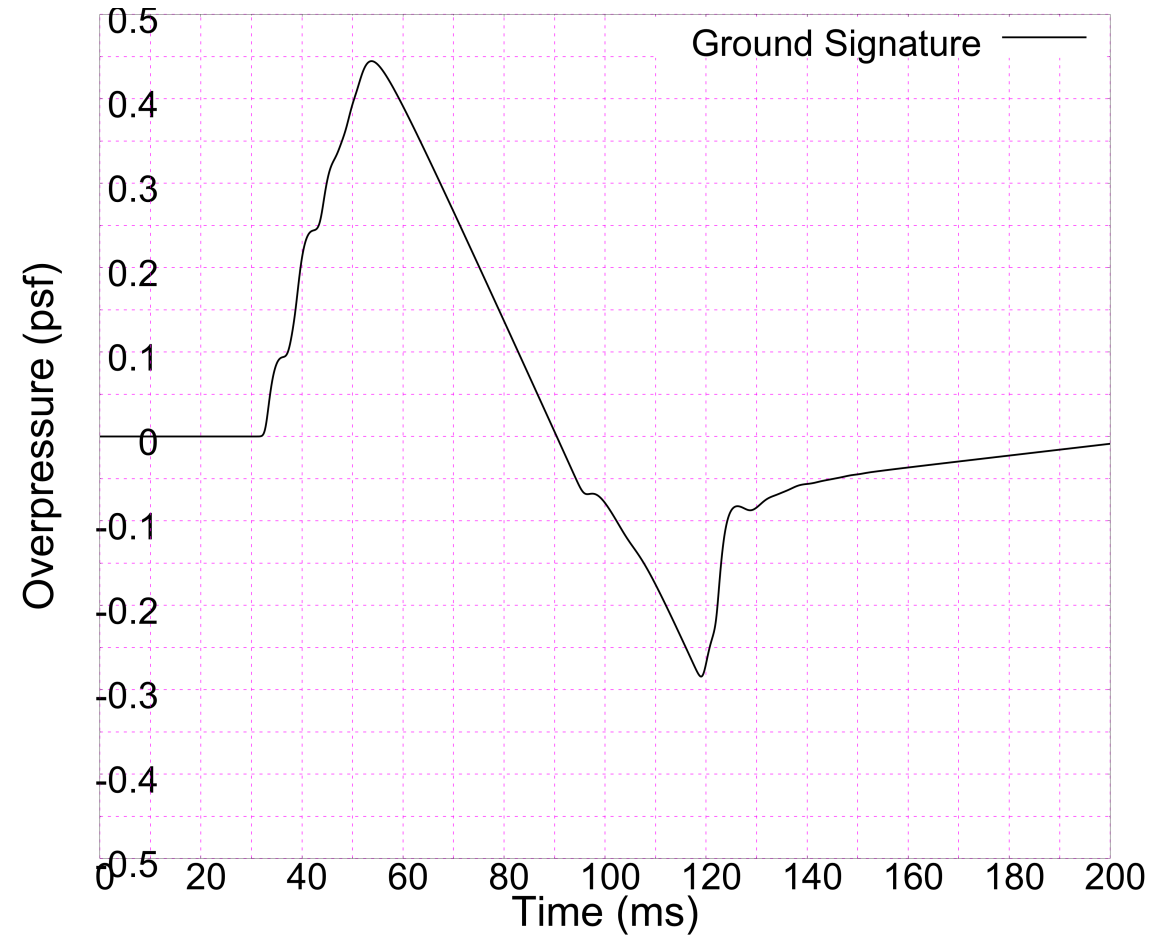
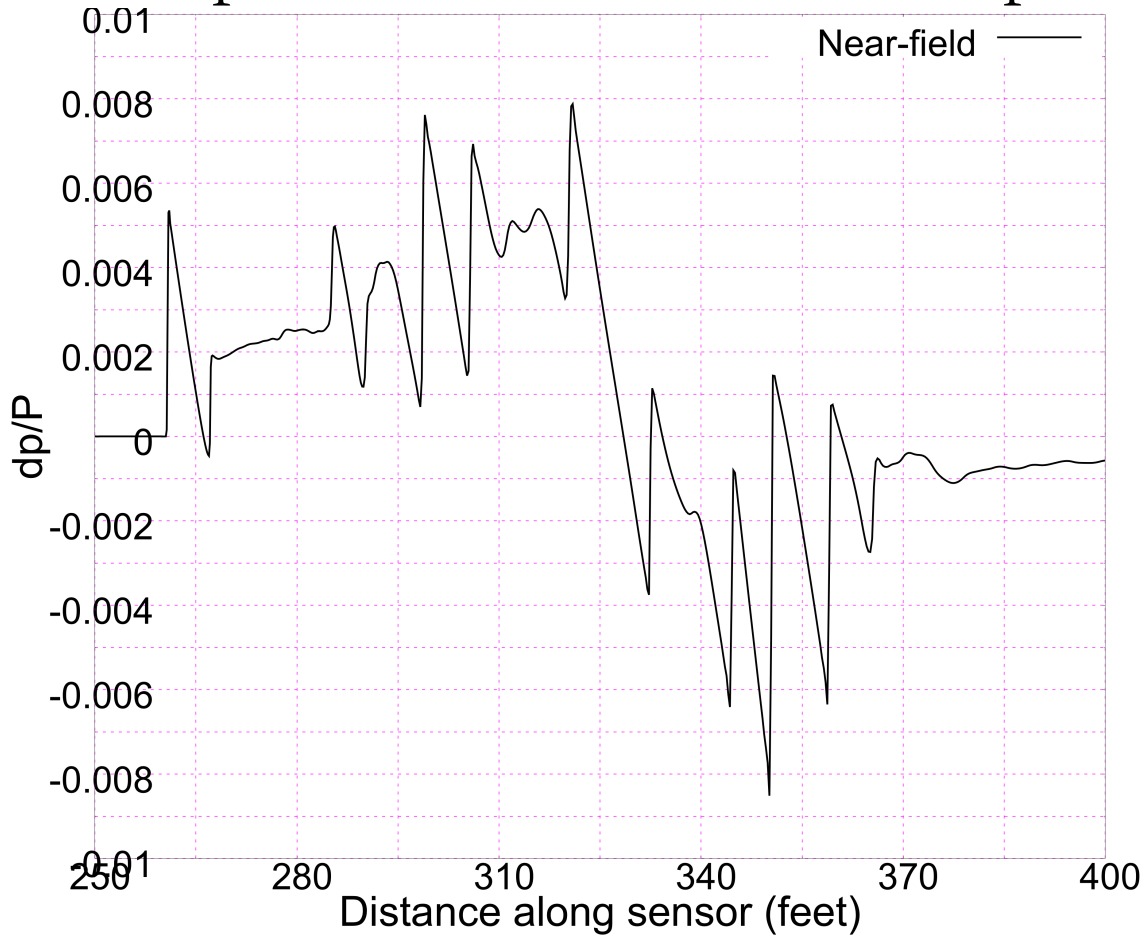
$$\approx \sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H)$$

$$\text{Remaining Error} \approx \left| J_h - J_h^H + \sum_{n=1}^N (\Gamma_{h,n}^H)^T R(U_{h,n}^H) \right|$$

Results: Error in Loudness Metrics, Non-Sine Wave



- Shaped boom waveform, multiple shocks and dominant non-linear effects



Results: Error in Loudness Metrics, Non-Sine Wave



- Adjoint error estimate for loudness: ASEL

