



# **Effectiveness of Various Error Metrics in SCEPTR**

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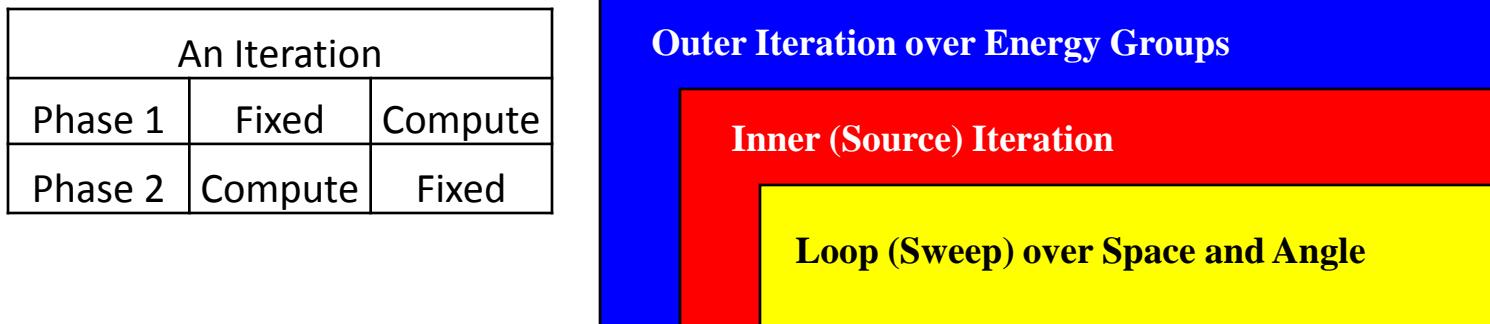
# Objective

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- Investigate accuracy of error metrics in SCEPTRE and produce useful benchmarks
  - Identify metrics that do not work well
  - Identify metrics that do work well
  - Produce easy to reference results

# Background-Intro

- **SOCBTR** Eric Sandia's Computational Engine for Particle Transport for Radiation Effects
  - = Deterministic finite element radiation transport code
  - Boltzmann transport equation



$$\langle \mathbf{P} \cdot \nabla + \sigma_t \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{c}, \Omega) \rangle = M \Sigma D \psi(\mathbf{c}, \Omega) + Q(\mathbf{c}, \Omega)$$



# Background-Metrics

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- Error Metrics consist of error norms what parameters are used in them

- Error Norm/Semi-Norm

- L, H, or S
    - 1, 2, or infinity
    - Absolute or Signed

$$L_p \text{ norm} = \left( \iiint |\varepsilon_h(\mathbf{r}, \Omega)|^p dr d\Omega \right)^{1/p}$$

$$H_p \text{ energy norm} = \left( \iint |\nabla \varepsilon_h(\mathbf{r}, \Omega)|^2 dr d\Omega \right)^{1/p}$$

$$S_p \text{ streaming norm} = \left( \iint |\Omega \cdot \nabla \varepsilon_h(\mathbf{r}, \Omega)|^p dr d\Omega \right)^{1/p}$$

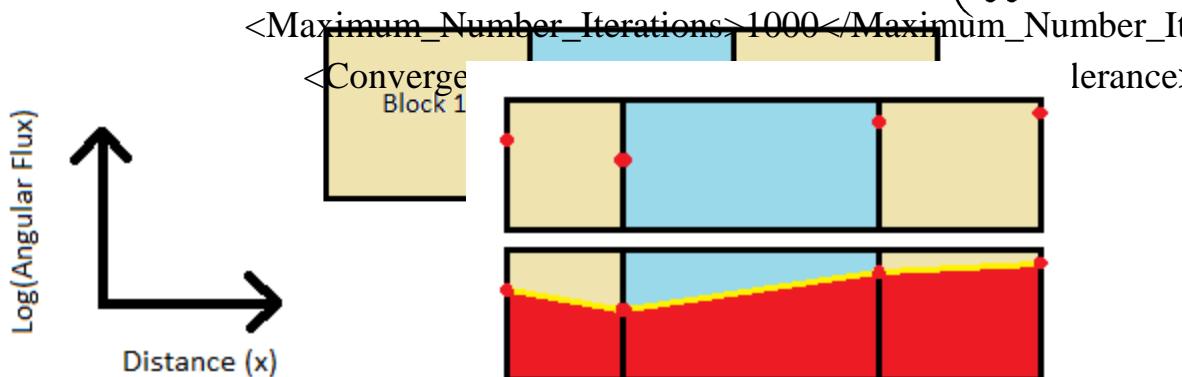
# Background-Norm Parameters

- More error norm parameters
  - Region
  - Continuous or Discrete
  - Stopping Criteria

Region Type	Specific Region
Whole	all blocks
Region	block #
Leakage	right/left/etc. side
Surface	external boundary

$$L_p \text{ norm} = \left( \sum \int \int \int \epsilon_h \phi, \Omega \right)^{1/p}$$

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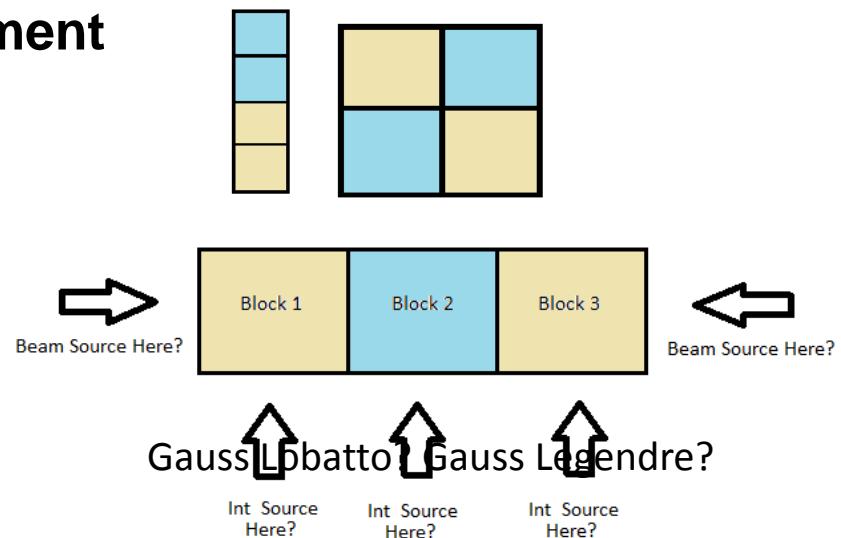
# Background-Geometry

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- Physical geometry and the discretization method used also affects norm operation

- Physical

- Source Type & Placement
    - Dimensionality
    - Size & Shape
    - $c$ , scattering ratio
    - Optical Thickness



- Discretization

- Quadrature method



# Background-Estimated Error

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- Accuracy of estimated error governs accuracy of quantities of interest
  - Estimated error is error according to norm at iteration
  - Stop iterating when estimated error below tolerance
  - Number of iterations determines accuracy of physical quantities (and therefore actual error of them)

$$e \leq \frac{\int \Psi^k - \int \Psi^m}{\int \Psi^k}$$

- Trick to balance computational time and accuracy



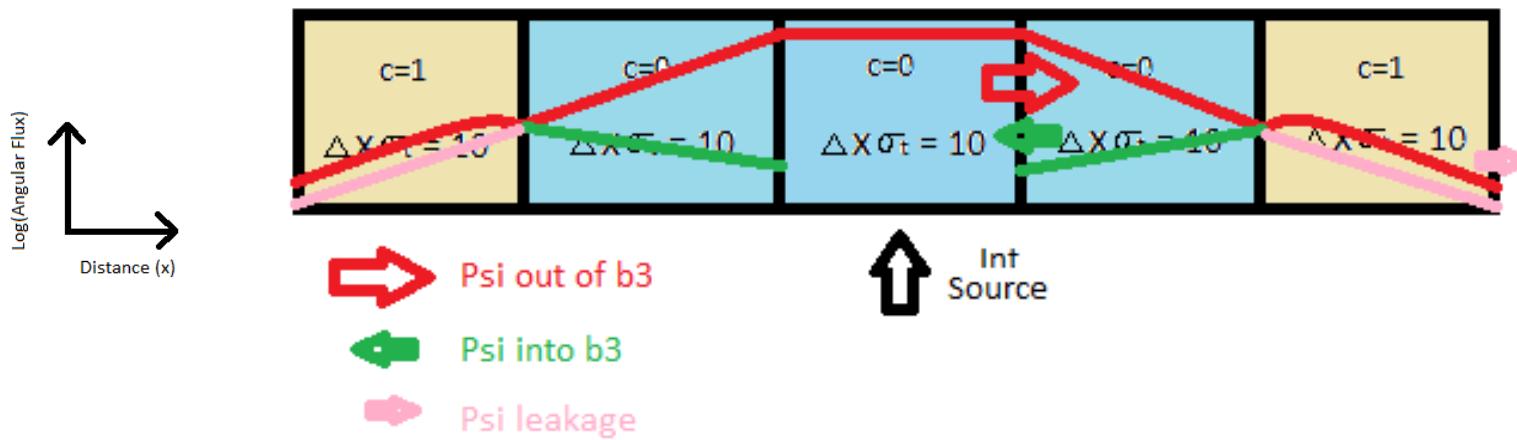
# Background-Review

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- **Error Metric**
  - Consists of:
    - Norm
    - Parameters
  - Affected by:
    - Physical geometry & discretization method
- **Estimated Error**
  - Accuracy determines accuracy of quantities of interest
  - Don't over or under iterate

# Results-Beam 3

Geometry for the Beam 3 Test Set



Evolving Angular Flux

	Psi out of b3	Psi into b3	Psi leakage
1 iteration	0.999954606	0	2.060502E-09
10 iterations	0.999954606	1.334365E-09	1.189094E-06
50 iterations	0.999954606	1.694030E-09	7.057503E-06
100 iterations	0.999954606	1.716267E-09	7.547262E-06
454 iterations	0.999954606	1.717085E-09	7.565288E-06

Investigating: Masked Errors/Choosing Metric Regions & Tolerance

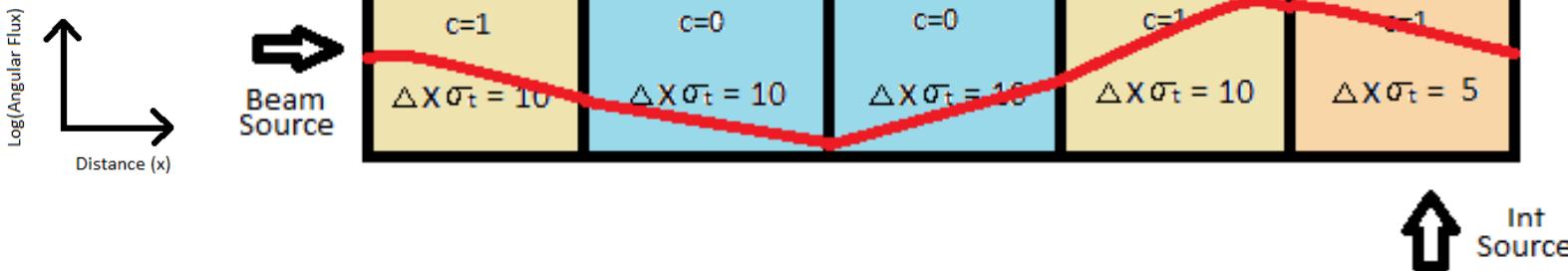


# Results-Beam 10

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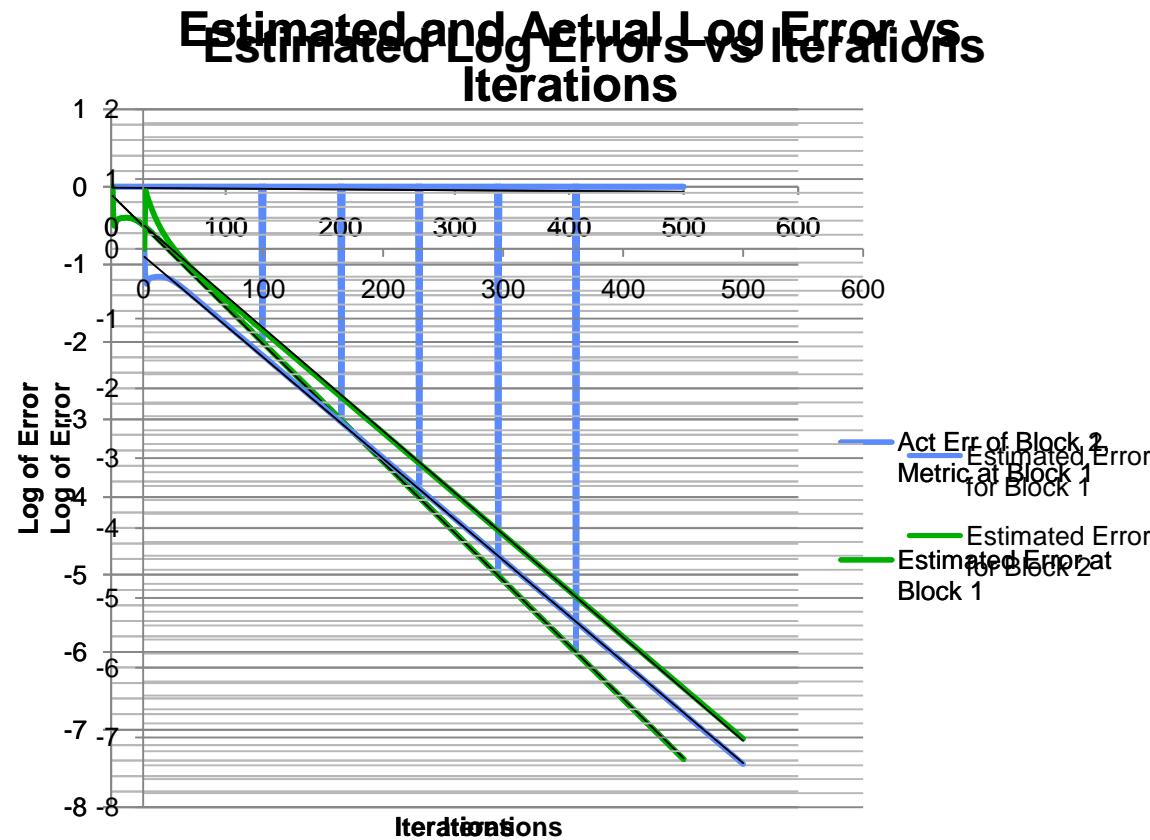
- Beam 10- Test each region with the matching metric region
  - $L_2$
  - Compare at critical points: tol  $e^{-n}$ ,  $n=\{2,3,4,5,6,7\}$

Geometry for the Beam 10 Test Set



Investigating: Accuracy of Reported Error

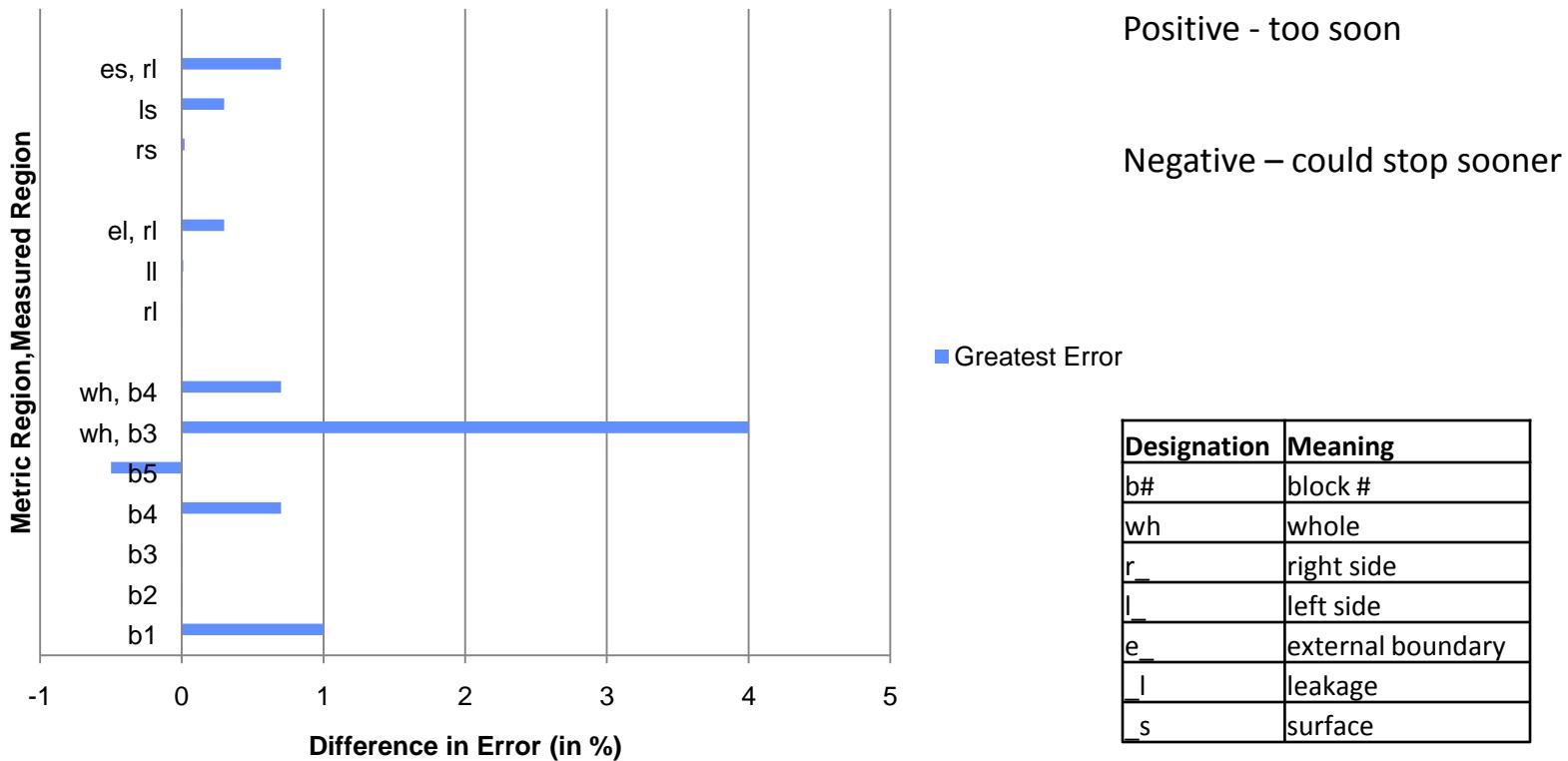
# Results-Beam 10



Investigating: Accuracy of Reported Error

# Results-Beam 10

## Difference of Reported Error to Actual Error



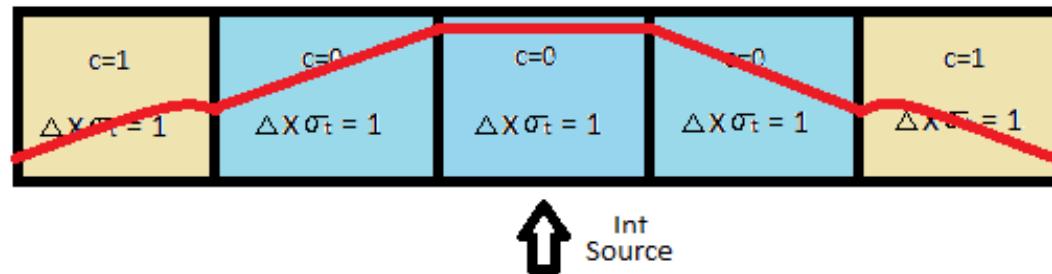
\*"wh, b5", "el, ll", and "es, ll" had over 100% negative difference

Investigating: Accuracy of Reported Error

# Results-Abs vs Sign

Geometry for the Beam 3 Test Set

↑  
Log(Angular Flux)  
→  
Distance (x)



		Region of Metric, then Measurement								
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		whale_h3	whale_h5	h3	h4	h5	r3	s4_r1	h4_e-13	h5_e-13
<b>b1</b>	Iterations	17	17	15	16	19	18	18	31	33
	rep err	5.31E-08	5.31E-08	5.90E-08	9.29E-08	4.01E-08	8.96E-08	5.46E-08	4.98E-14	5.28E-14
<b>L1signed</b>	Iterations	8.2384E-09	6.942E-08	5.73E-08	5.68E-08	9.99E-09	3.34E-08	3.34E-08		
	rep err	18	18	2	16	2	2	18	31	2
<b>S1signed</b>	rep err	5.46E-08	5.46E-08	0	9.29E-08	0	0	5.46E-08	4.41E-14	0
	Act Err	3.1247E-09	2.633E-08	0.017193	5.68E-08	0.143516	0.180168	3.34E-08		

Investigating: Absolute vs Signed Norms



# Other Documented Tests

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Test Inventory		
Test Set	Runs of SCEPTR	Runs of Post Processing Code
Exploratory Testing	131	5
Email Prob	273	273
Beams 1-5	65	65
Beam 6	213	572
Beam 10	457	721
bridgeToReality	140	593
<b>Total</b>	<b>1279</b>	<b>2229</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3508</b>	

- **Tests Exploring...**
  - L vs H vs S norms
  - Continuous vs discrete
  - Dimensionality (1, 2, and 3D)
  - Actual error calculated using total integral, average integral, and internal and external boundary angular flux values



## Other Documented Tests

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- **Tests Exploring...**
  - Total cross sections and values of C
  - Phasing out of less dominant eigen modes in weakly coupled systems
  - Quadrature type (gauss lobatto vs gauss legendre)
  - Accuracy of reported error versus number of iterations trends
  - Symmetry of results in multi-D with varied  $S_n$  orders



# Conclusions

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- Choose an appropriate metric for what you are interested in
  - Norm
  - Region
  - Tolerance
  - Based on geometry
- Reported error largely reliable in common range of tolerances
  - If must have within tolerance, set input tolerance slightly finer



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# Questions

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