

Low-rank approximations for time-dependent differential equations

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Low-rank approximations

Low-rank approximations \longleftrightarrow reduce computational complexity

$$\dot{X}(t) = F(t, X(t)), \quad X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad n \text{ large}$$

- Large-scale ODEs: Lyapunov and Riccati differential equations
- Discretized PDEs

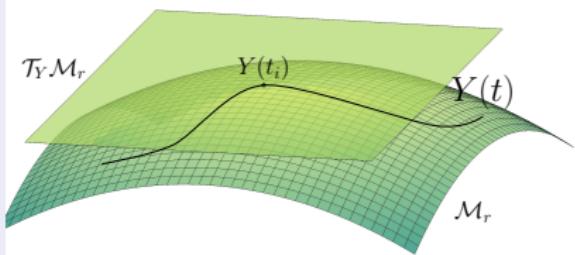
Truncated singular value decomposition:

$$Y(t) = U(t)S(t)V(t)^T$$

$$U(t), V(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}, S(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}, \quad r \ll n$$

Orthogonality constraints: $U^T U = I, V^T V = I$.

Dynamical low-rank approximation



Follow the rank- r solution $Y(t)$



update the low-rank factors
dynamically in time

Instead of searching for $Y(t) \approx X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ we solve:

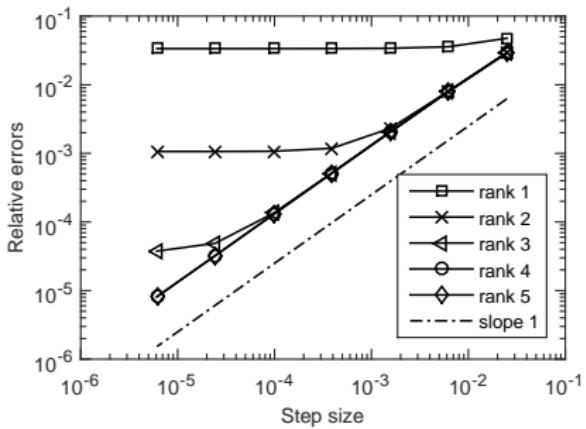
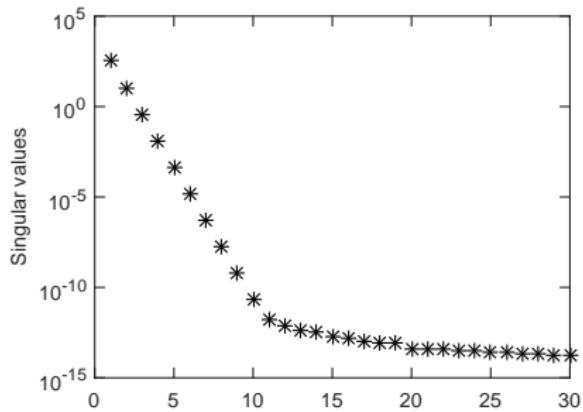
$$\dot{\textcolor{red}{U}} = \dots \rightarrow U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r},$$

$$\dot{\textcolor{green}{S}} = \dots \rightarrow S \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r},$$

$$\dot{\textcolor{blue}{V}} = \dots \rightarrow V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}.$$

Discretized PDE

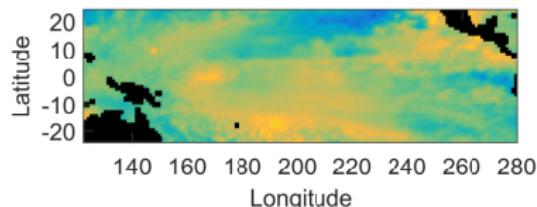
$$\partial_t v = \alpha \Delta v + v^3 \text{ on } \Omega = [0, 1]^2$$



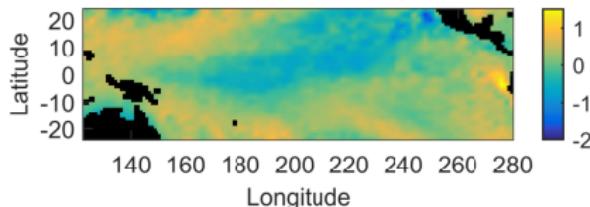
Results at $T = 0.5$, $n = 500$.

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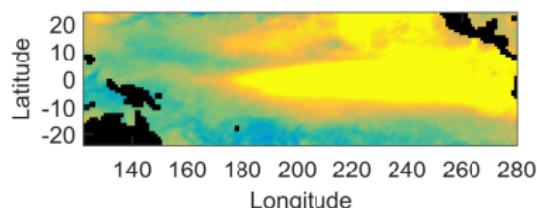
Number of unknowns: 3900^2 , approximation rank = 10



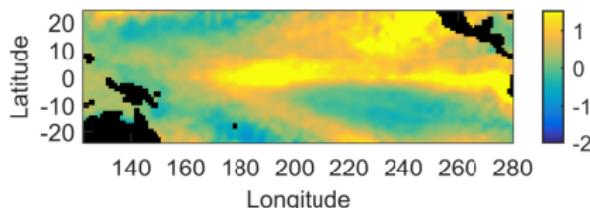
Measured anomalies 2013



Simulated anomalies 2013



Measured anomalies 2015



Simulated anomalies 2015

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Vlasov–Maxwell equations

Kinetic description of plasma interacting with an electromagnetic field

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t f(t, x, v) + v \cdot \nabla_x f(t, x, v) + F \cdot \nabla_v f(t, x, v) &= 0 \\ F &= E + v \times B\end{aligned}$$

$(x, v) \in \Omega_x \times \Omega_v$: 3+3 dimensional phase-space

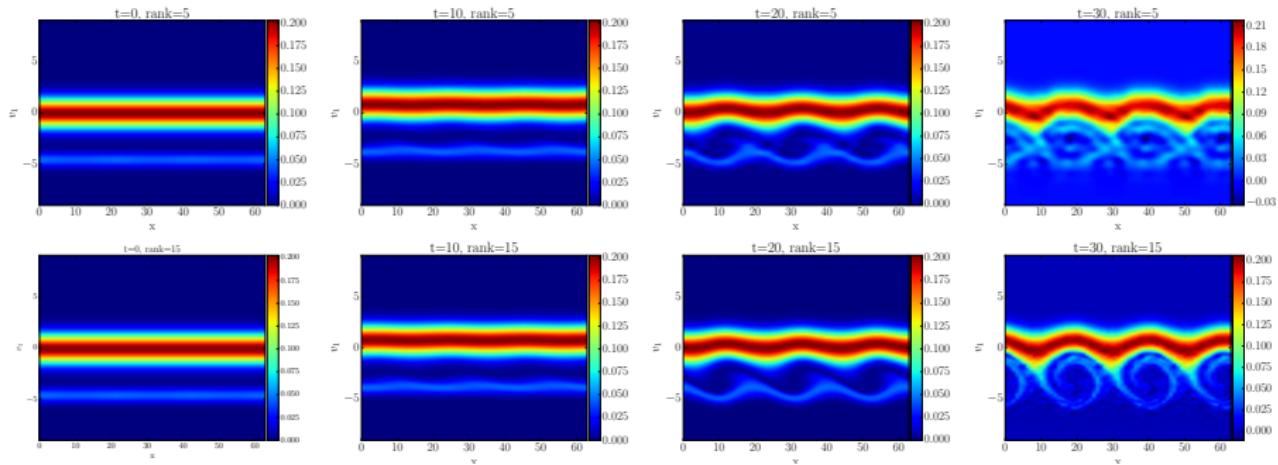
Low-rank approximation of f :

$$f(t, x, v) = \sum_{i,j=1}^r X_i(t, x) S_{ij}(t) V_j(t, v),$$

Orthogonality constraints: $\langle X_i, X_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$, $\langle V_i, V_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$.

Vlasov–Maxwell equations

Bump-on-tail instability





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Thank you for your attention!