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# Gramian-based Model Reduction for Classes of Nonlinear Systems

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# Overview

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## 1. Introduction

Model Reduction for Control Systems

System Classes

How general are these system classes?

Linear Systems and their Transfer Functions

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## Model Reduction for Control Systems

### Nonlinear Control Systems

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with

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- inputs  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,
- outputs  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ .

If  $E$  singular  $\rightsquigarrow$  descriptor system. Here,  $E = I_n$  for simplicity.



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Written in control-affine form:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(x) &:= Ax + H(x \otimes x), & \mathcal{B}(x) &:= [A_1, \dots, A_m] (I_m \otimes x) + B \\ \mathcal{C}(x) &:= Cx, & \mathcal{D}(x) &:= D.\end{aligned}$$

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But **exact representation** of smooth nonlinear systems possible:

## Theorem [GU '09/'11]

Assume that the state equation of a nonlinear system is given by

$$\dot{x} = a_0x + a_1g_1(x) + \dots + a_kg_k(x) + Bu,$$

where  $g_i(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are compositions of uni-variable rational, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric or root functions, respectively. Then, by iteratively taking derivatives and adding algebraic equations, respectively, the nonlinear system can be transformed into a QB(DAE) system.

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Alternatively, polynomial-bilinear system can be obtained using iterated Lie brackets [GU '11].

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## FitzHugh-Nagumo model

- Model describes activation and de-activation of neurons.
- Contains a cubic nonlinearity, which can be transformed to QB form.

## Sine-Gordon equation

- Applications in biomedical studies, mechanical transmission lines, etc.
- Contains **sin function**, which can also be rewritten into QB form.



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**Model reduction in frequency domain:** **Fast evaluation** of mapping  $u \rightarrow y$ .

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⇒ Approximation problem:  $\min_{\text{order}(\hat{G}) \leq r} \|G - \hat{G}\|.$



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- By iteratively inserting expressions for  $x(t - \bullet)$ , we obtain the **Volterra series expansion** for the QB system. [RUGH '81]

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[B./GOYAL '16]

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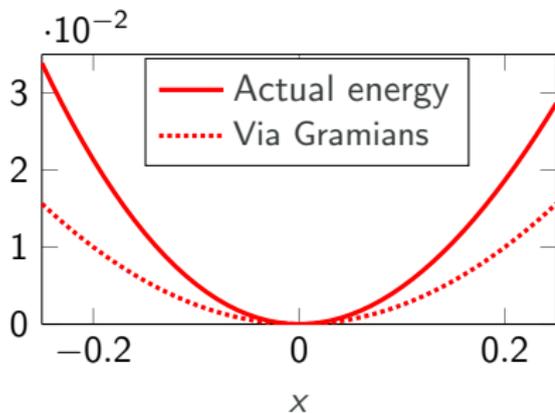
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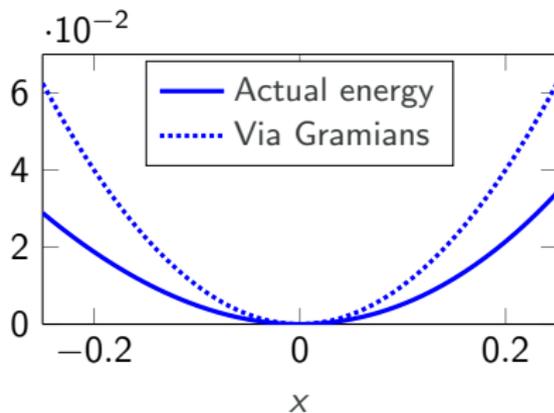
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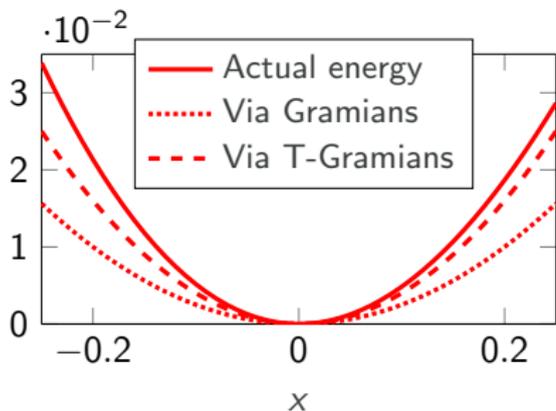


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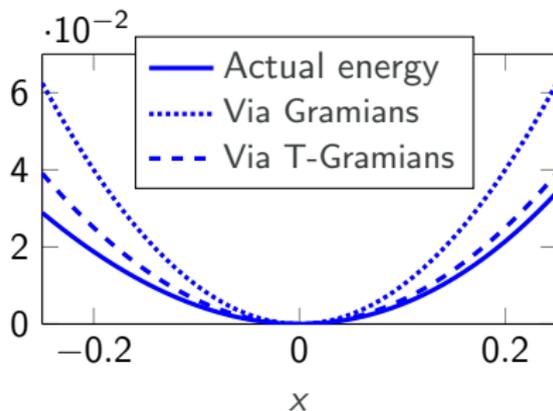
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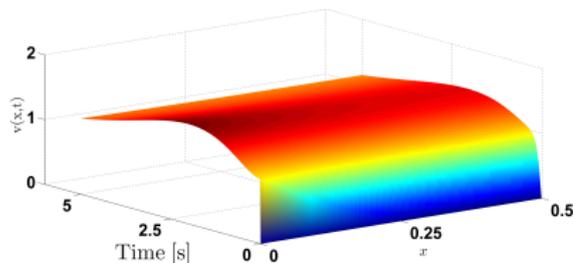


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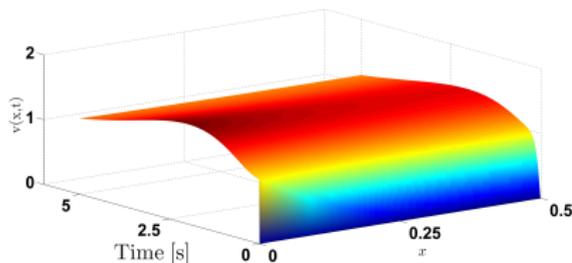


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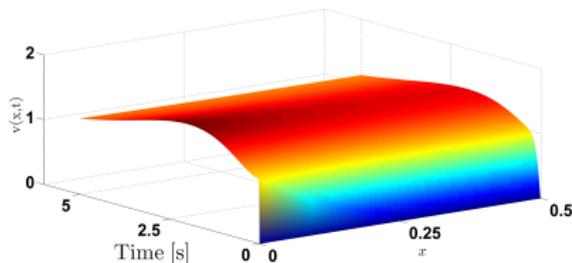


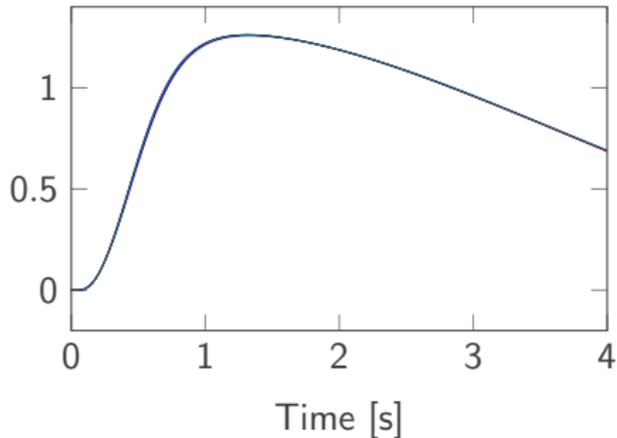
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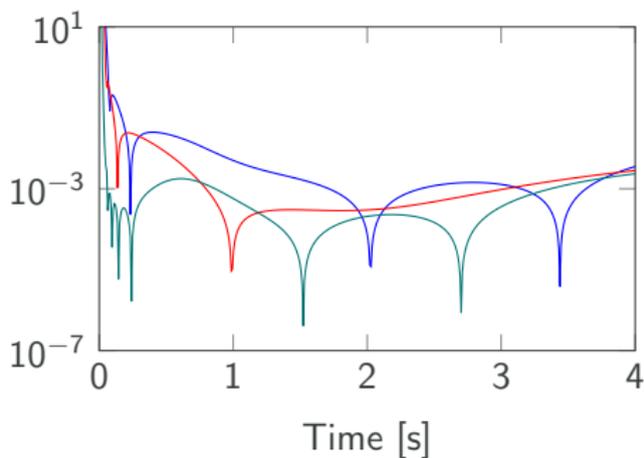


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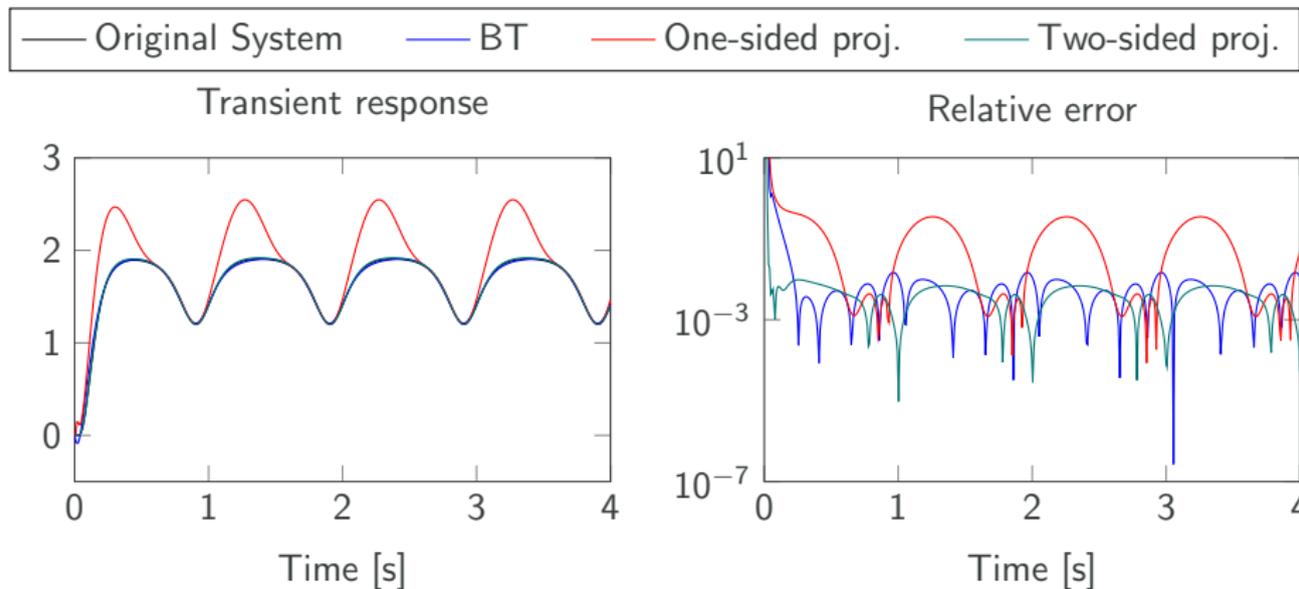


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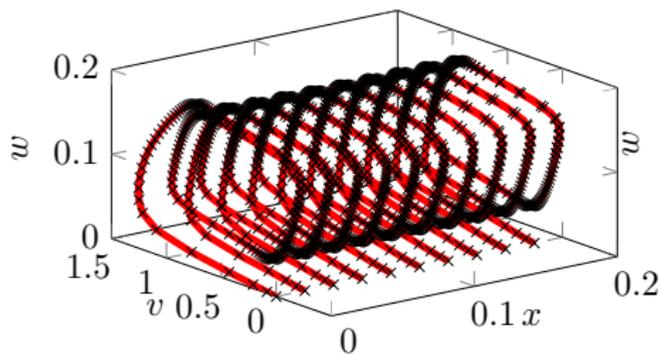
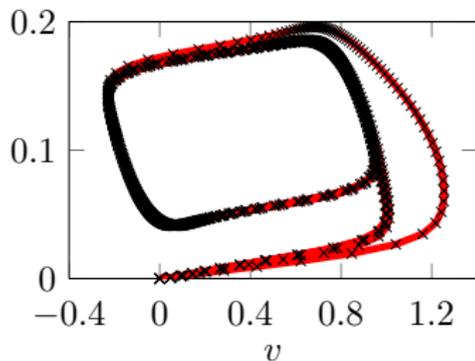
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**Examples:** [FitzHugh-Nagumo](#) and [Chafee-Infante](#) equations lead to cubic control systems; cubic-quintic [Allen-Cahn](#) equation to quintic control system.



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- Then, by taking the kernel of Volterra series, one has

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- Polynomial Lyapunov equations are very expensive to solve.
- As for QB systems, we thus propose truncated Gramians that only involve a finite number of kernels.

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where  $AP_l + P_l A^T + BB^T = 0$

- Advantage:** Only need to solve a finite number of (linear) Lyapunov equations.

## Numerical Example, the FitzHugh-Nagumo model, revisited

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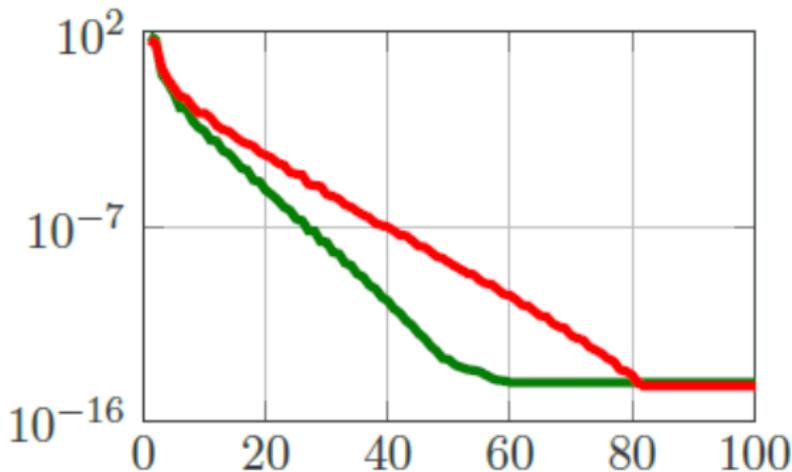
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- After discretization we obtain a PC system with cubic nonlinearity of order  $n_{pc} = 600$ . [B./BREITEN '15]
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## Singular values decay

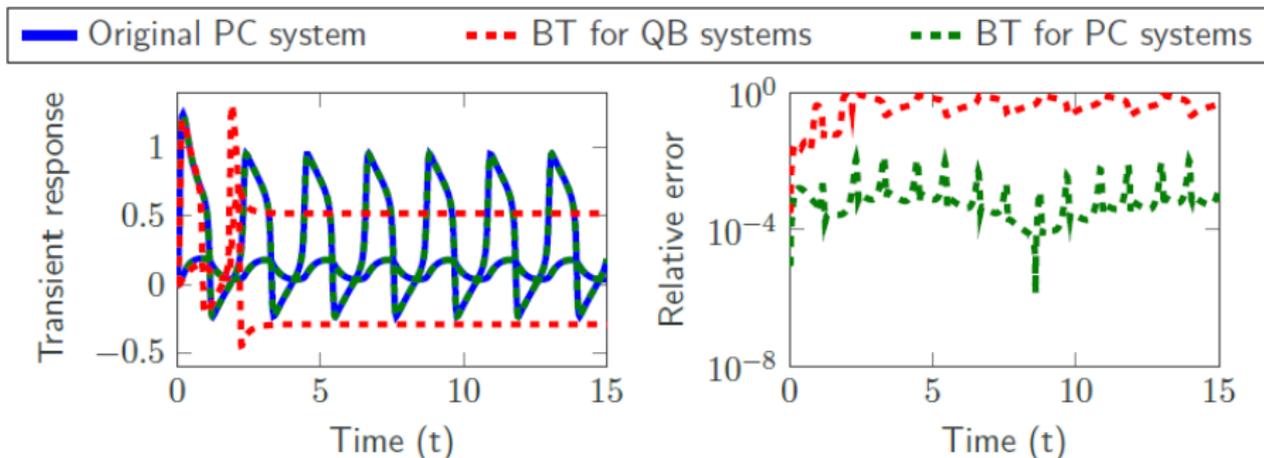
— BT for QB systems      — BT for PC systems



- Decay singular values for PC systems is faster  $\Rightarrow$  smaller reduced order

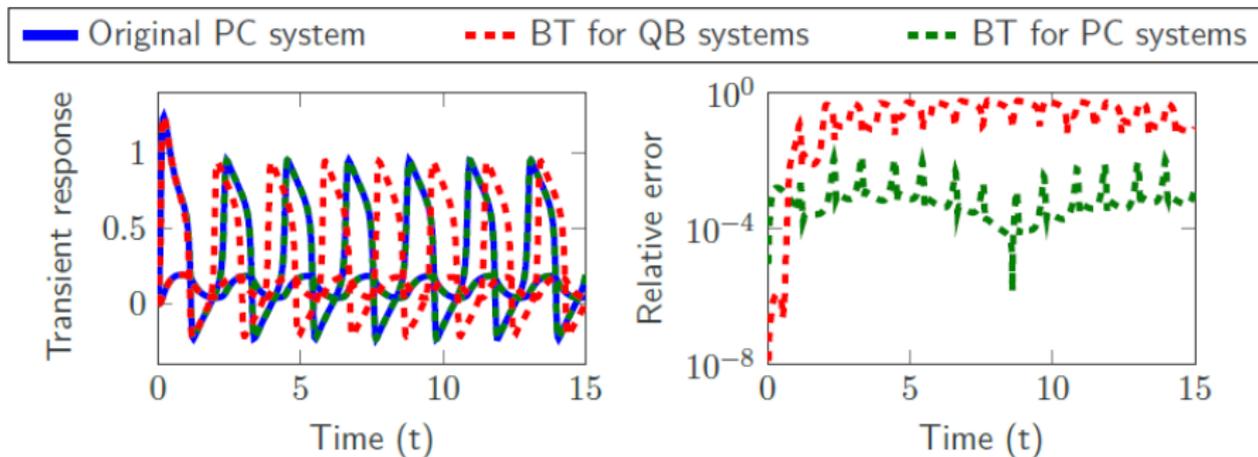


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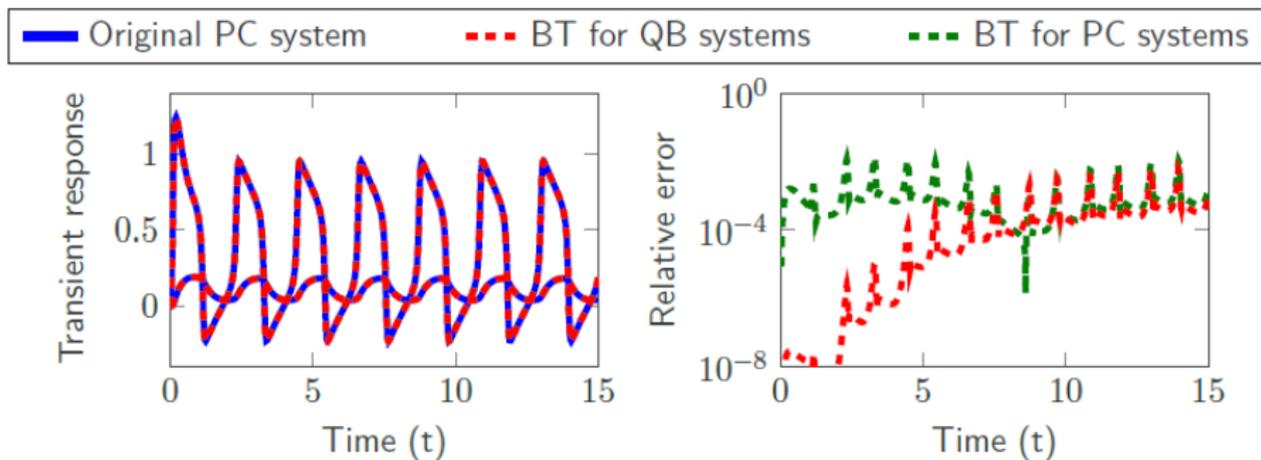
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- BT extended to bilinear, QB, and polynomial systems.
- Local Lyapunov stability is preserved.
- As of yet, only weak motivation by bounding energy functionals.
- No error bounds in terms of "Hankel" singular values.
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- **To do:**
  - improve efficiency of Lyapunov solvers with many right-hand sides further;
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