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COMPUTATIONAL METHODS IN
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AN INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEM-THEORETIC METHODS FOR MODEL REDUCTION

Part V: Balancing-based Methods for Nonlinear Systems

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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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Nonlinear Control Systems

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with

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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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Remark

Bilinear systems directly occur, e.g., in biological systems, PDE control problems with mixed boundary conditions, "control via coefficients", networked control systems, ...



How general are these system classes?

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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.

Linear Systems in Frequency Domain

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$G(s)$ is the **transfer function** of Σ .

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- Rather than solving Lyapunov equations for P, Q (n^2 unknowns!), find $S, R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$ with $s \ll n$ such that $P \approx SS^T$, $Q \approx RR^T$.
- Reduced-order model directly obtained via small-scale ($s \times s$) SVD of $R^T S$!
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\rightsquigarrow Apply results for linear Lyapunov equations with r.h.s of rank $r + 1$.

Theorem

[B./Breiten 2012]

Assume existence and uniqueness with stable A and $A_j = U_j V_j^T$, with $U_j, V_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r_j}$. Set $r = \sum_{j=1}^m r_j$.
Then the solution X of

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- Generalized Alternating Directions Iteration (ADI) method.
 1. Computing square solution matrix ($\sim n^2$ unknowns) [DAMM 2008].
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[B./Breiten 2011]

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Alternative: \mathcal{H}_2 -optimal rational interpolation/bilinear IRKA [B./BREITEN 2012, B./BRUNS 2015, FLAGG/GUGERCIN 2015].

$$\begin{aligned} E\dot{x}(t) &= (A + p_1(t)A_1 + p_2(t)A_2)x(t) + B, \\ y(t) &= Cx(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

- Rewrite as system with zero initial condition,
- FE model: $n = 16,912$, $m = 3$, $q = 1$,
- $p_j \in [0, 10^9]$ time-varying voltage functions,
- transfer function $G(i\omega, p_1, p_2)$,
- reduced system dimension $r = 67$,
- $\max_{\substack{\omega \in \{\omega_{min}, \dots, \omega_{max}\} \\ p_j \in \{p_{min}, \dots, p_{max}\}}} \frac{\|G - \hat{G}\|_2}{\|G\|_2} < 6 \cdot 10^{-4}$,
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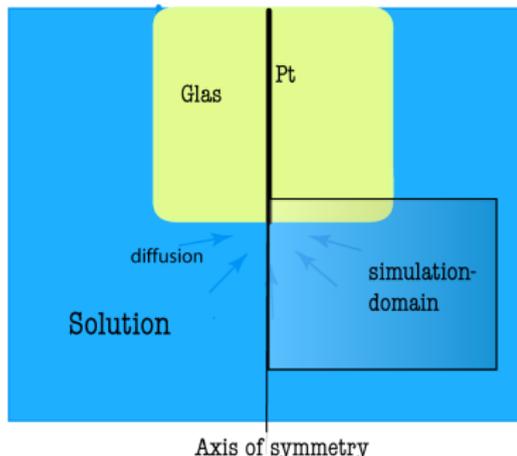
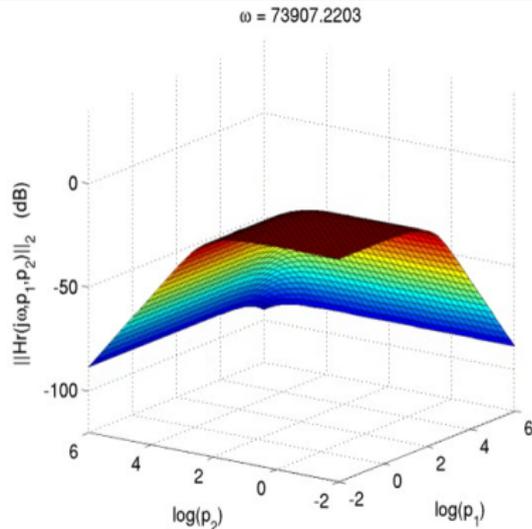
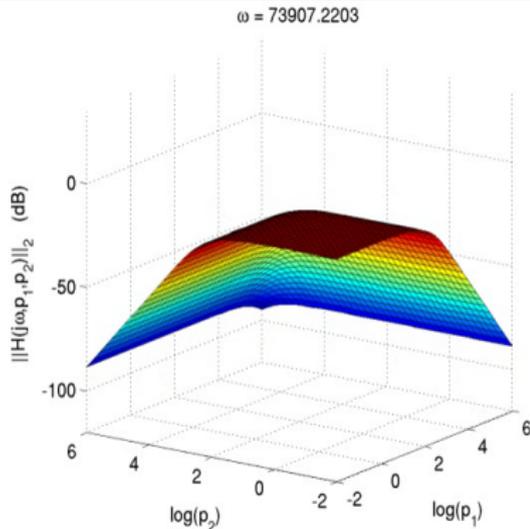


Figure: [FENG ET AL. 2006]

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- Empirical Gramians/frequency-domain POD [LALL ET AL '99, WILLCOX/PERAIRE '02].

Example: controllability Gramian from time domain data (snapshots)

1. Define reachability Gramian of the system

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2. Use time-domain integrator to produce snapshots $x_k \approx x(t_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, K$.
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(If their solutions exist, they define reachability and observability Gramians of BIBO stable bilinear system.)

- Here we aim at determining algebraic Gramians for QB (and polynomial) systems, which
 - provide bounds for the energy functionals of QB systems,
 - generalize the Gramians of linear and bilinear systems, and
 - allow us to find the states that are hard to control as well as hard to observe in an efficient and reliable way.



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[B./GOYAL '16]

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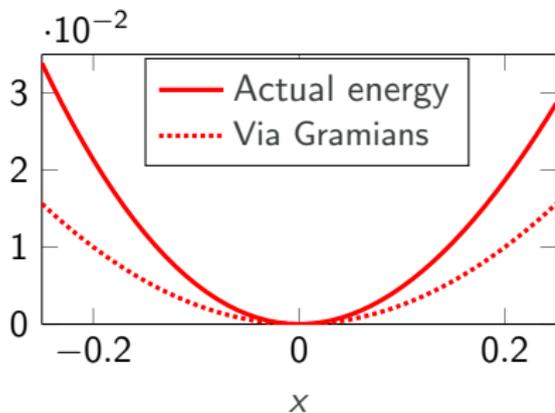
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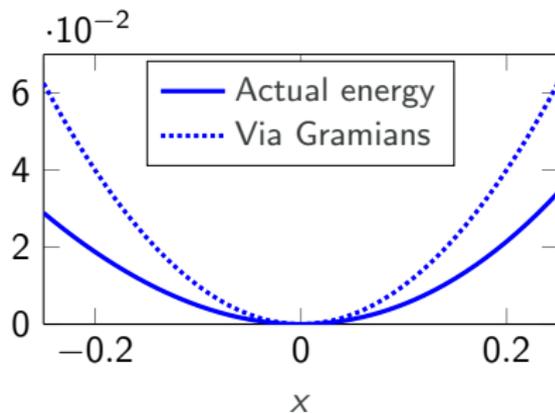
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Definition (Truncated Gramians)

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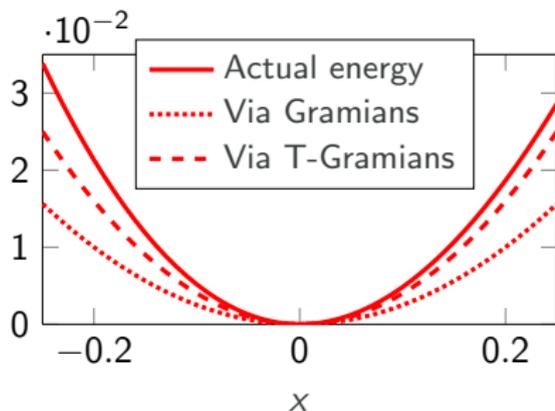


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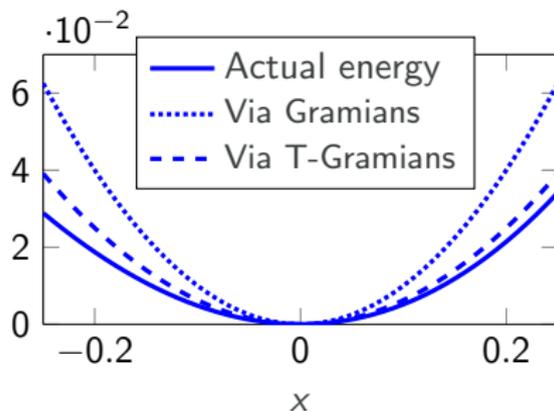
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Remark: There are efficient ways to compute \hat{H} , avoiding the explicit computation of $\mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{V}$.
 [B./BREITEN '15, B./GOYAL/GUGERCIN '18]

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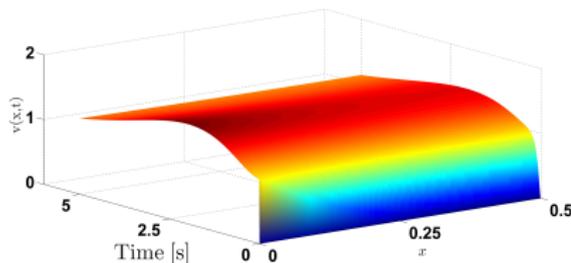


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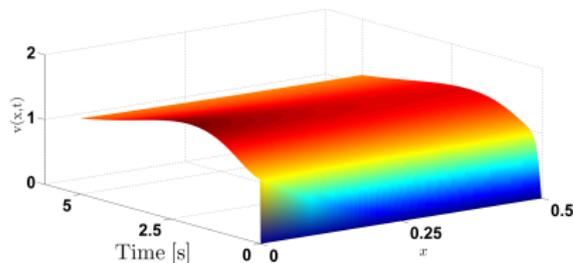


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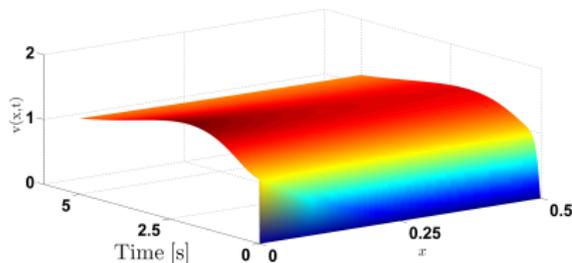
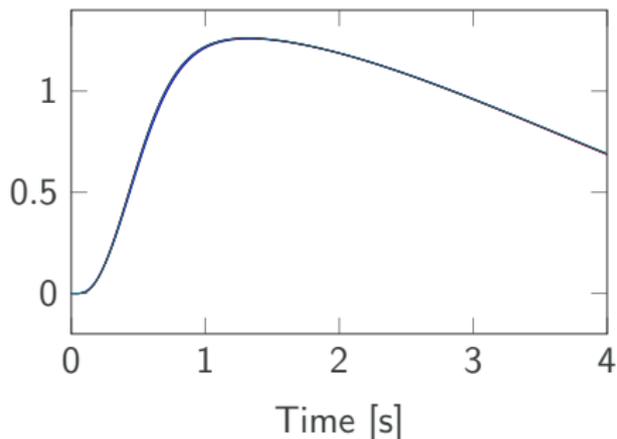


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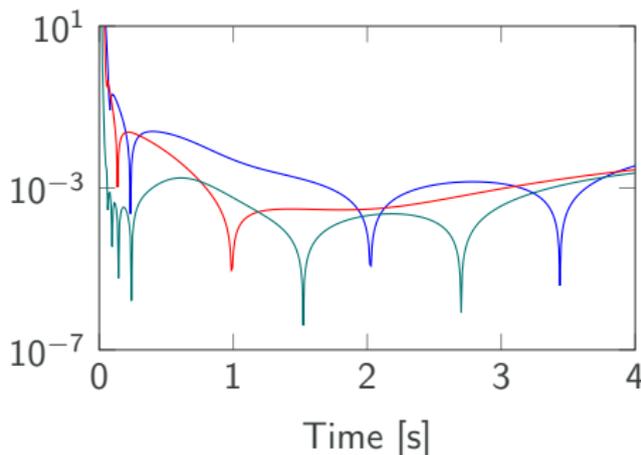
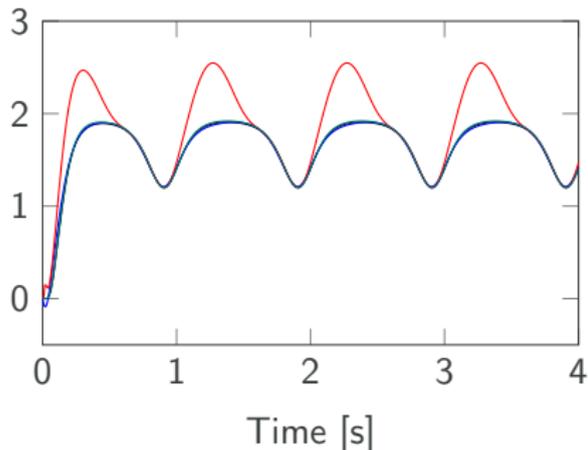


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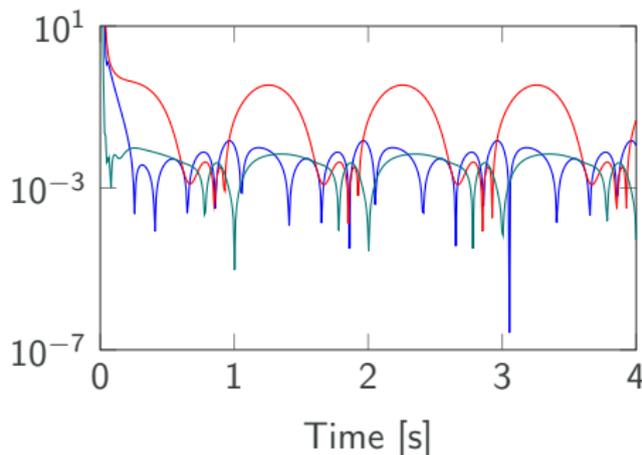


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$$\epsilon v_t(x, t) = \epsilon^2 v_{xx}(x, t) + f(v(x, t)) - w(x, t) + q,$$

$$w_t(x, t) = hv(x, t) - \gamma w(x, t) + q,$$

with a nonlinear function

$$f(v(x, t)) = v(v - 0.1)(1 - v).$$

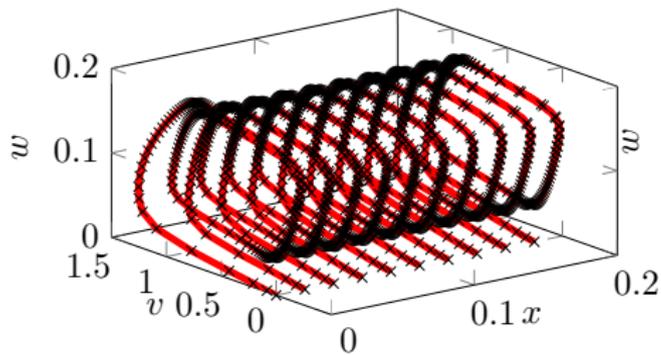
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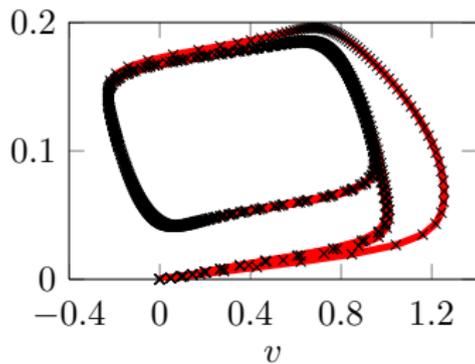
where $\epsilon = 0.015$, $h = 0.5$, $\gamma = 2$, $q = 0.05$,
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- Input $i_0(t) = 5 \cdot 10^4 t^3 \exp(-15t)$ serves as actuator.

— Original system ($n = 1500$) × Reduced system (BT) ($r = 20$)



(a) Limit-cycles at various x .



(b) Projection onto the $v-w$ plane.

Figure: Comparison of the limit-cycles obtained via the original and reduced-order (BT) systems. The reduced-order systems constructed by moment-matching methods were unstable.

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Now, consider the class of **polynomial control (PC) Systems**:

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Now, consider the class of **polynomial control (PC) Systems**:

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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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Theorem

The **reachability Gramian P** of a PC system solves the **polynomial Lyapunov** equation

$$AP + PA^T + BB^T + \sum_{j=2}^{n_p} H_j \left(\otimes^j P \right) H_j^T + \sum_{j=2}^{n_p} \sum_{k=1}^m N_j^k \left(\otimes^j P \right) \left(N_j^k \right)^T = 0.$$



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

Theorem

Let **P** be the **reachability Gramian**. Then, the **observability Gramian Q** of a PC system solves the **polynomial Lyapunov equation**

$$A^T Q + QA + C^T C + \sum_{j=2}^{np} H_j^{(2)} \left(\otimes^{j-1} P \otimes Q \right) \left(H_j^{(2)} \right)^T + \sum_{j=2}^{np} \sum_{k=1}^m N_j^{k,(2)} \left(\otimes^{j-1} P \otimes Q \right) \left(N_j^{k,(2)} \right)^T = 0.$$

- 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.

$$P_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_p+1} \int_0^{\infty} \cdots \int_0^{\infty} \bar{P}_k(t_1, \dots, t_k) \bar{P}_k(t_1, \dots, t_k)^T dt_1 \dots dt_k,$$

Truncated Gramians

The reachability truncated Gramian solves

$$AP_{\mathcal{T}} + P_{\mathcal{T}}A^T + BB^T + \sum_{j=2}^{n_p} H_j \otimes^j P_l H_j^T + \sum_{j=2}^{n_p} \sum_{k=1}^m N_j^k \otimes^j P_l (N_j^k)^T = 0.$$

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

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

$$\epsilon v_t(x, t) = \epsilon^2 v_{xx}(x, t) + f(v(x, t)) - w(x, t) + q,$$

$$w_t(x, t) = hv(x, t) - \gamma w(x, t) + q,$$

with a nonlinear function

$$f(v(x, t)) = v(v - 0.1)(1 - v).$$

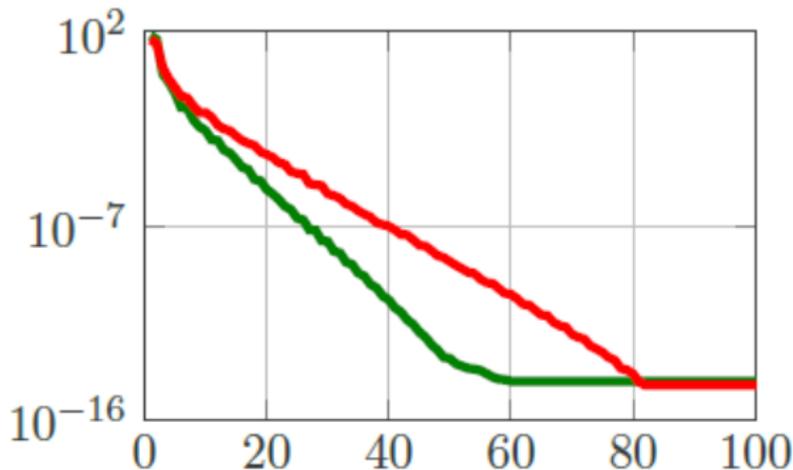
The boundary conditions are as follows:

$$v_x(0, t) = i_0(t), \quad v_x(L, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

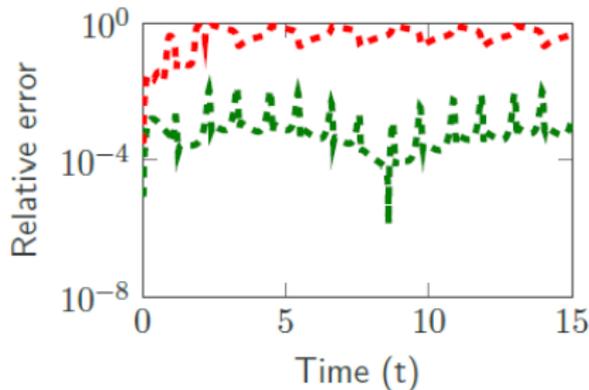
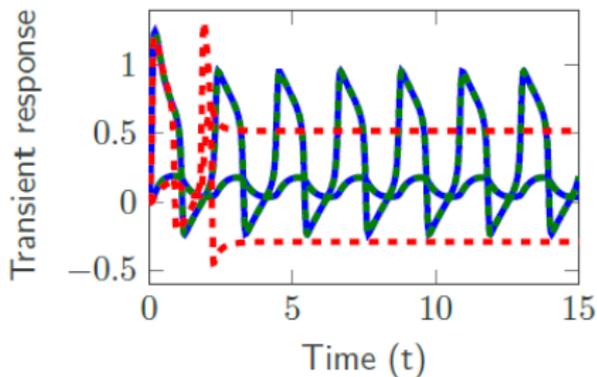
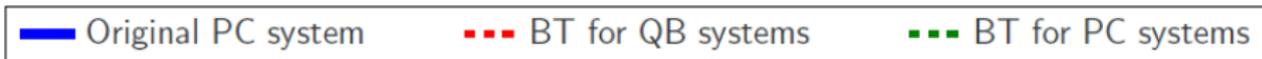
where $\epsilon = 0.015$, $h = 0.5$, $\gamma = 2$, $q = 0.05$, $L = 0.2$.

- After discretization we obtain a PC system with cubic nonlinearity of order $n_{pc} = 600$. [B./BREITEN '15]
- The transformed quadratic-bilinear (QB) system is of order $n_{qb} = 900$.
- The outputs of interest $v(0, t)$, $w(0, t)$ are the responses at the left boundary at $x = 0$.
- We compare balanced truncation for PC and QB systems.

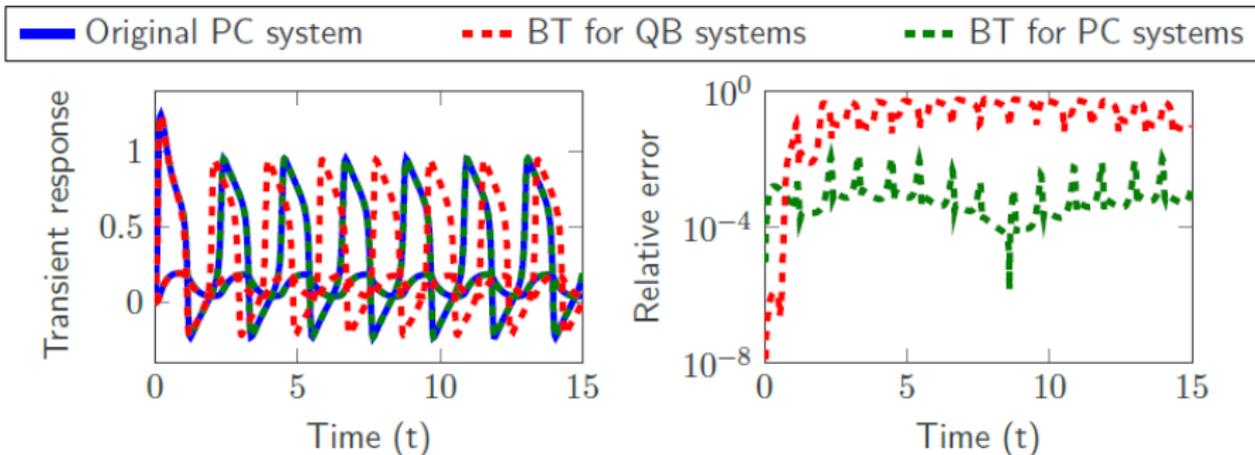
— BT for QB systems — BT for PC systems



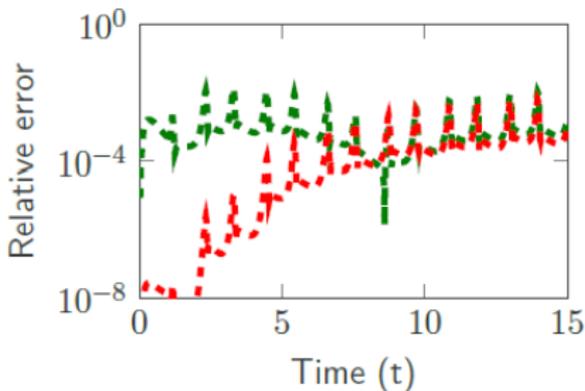
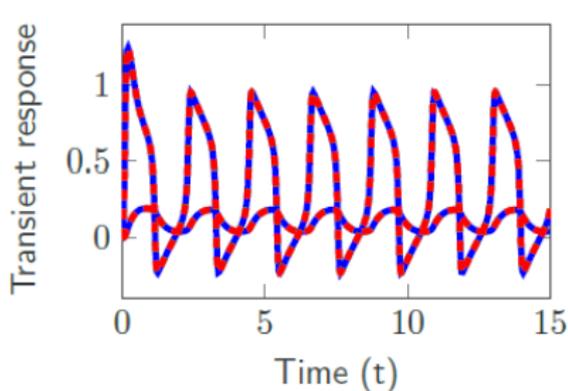
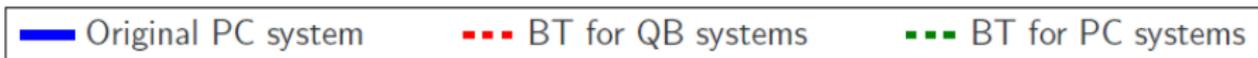
- Decay singular values for PC systems is faster \Rightarrow smaller reduced order model!



- Original PC system of order 600. Original QB system of order 900.
- Reduced PC system of order 10. Reduced QB system of order 10.



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- Reduced PC system of order 10. Reduced QB system of order 43.

- 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.
- Computationally efficient (as compared to nonlinear balancing), and input independent.
- **To do:**
 - improve efficiency of Lyapunov solvers with many right-hand sides further;
 - error bound;
 - conditions for existence of new QB Gramians;
 - extension to descriptor systems;
 - time-limited versions.

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