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# Space-time Galerkin POD for optimal control of nonlinear PDEs

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$$\dot{x} - \Delta x = f$$

Consider the solution of a PDE:

$$x \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))$$

with  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  ... the time-interval

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ... the spatial domain

and its numerical approximation:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$$

with  $\mathcal{S} \subset L^2(I)$  ... discretized time

$\mathcal{Y} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  ... a FE space

Task: Find  $\hat{\mathcal{S}} \subset \mathcal{S}$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}} \subset \mathcal{Y}$  of much smaller dimension to express  $\mathbf{x}$ .



PDE solution  $x \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))$   
 $\mathcal{S} \subset L^2(I)$  ... discretized time  
 $\mathcal{Y} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  ... a FE space

Consider finite dimensional subspaces

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{span}\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_s\} \subset L^2(I)$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_q\} \subset L^2(\Omega)$$

with the mass matrices

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{S}} = [(\psi_i, \psi_j)_{L^2}]_{i,j=1,\dots,s} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}} = [(v_i, v_j)_{L^2}]_{i,j=1,\dots,q}$$

and the product space

$$\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y} \subset L^2(I; L^2(\Omega)).$$



We represent a function

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{i=1}^q \mathbf{x}_{i,j} \nu_i \psi_j \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$$

via its matrix of coefficients

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_{i,j}]_{i=1,\dots,q}^{j=1,\dots,s} \in \mathbb{R}^{q,s}$$

and vice versa.



## Section 2

# Optimal Space Time Product Bases



## Lemma

The space-time  $L^2$ -orthogonal projection  $x = \Pi_{S,\mathcal{Y}}\bar{x}$  of a function  $\bar{x} \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))$  onto  $\mathcal{X}$  is given as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} ((x, v_1 \psi_1))_{S,\mathcal{Y}} & \dots & ((x, v_1 \psi_s))_{S,\mathcal{Y}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ((x, v_q \psi_1))_{S,\mathcal{Y}} & \dots & ((x, v_q \psi_s))_{S,\mathcal{Y}} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_S^{-1},$$

where

$$((x, v_i \psi_j))_{S,\mathcal{Y}} := ((x, v_i)_{\mathcal{Y}}, \psi_j)_S := \int_I \left( \int_{\Omega} x(\xi, \tau) v_i(\xi) d\xi \right) \psi_j(\tau) d\tau.$$



## Lemma (Space-time discrete $L^2$ -product)

Let  $x^1, x^2 \in S \cdot \mathcal{Y}$ . Then, with

$$\mathbf{x}^\ell = [\mathbf{x}_{1,1}^\ell, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{q,1}^\ell, \mathbf{x}_{1,2}^\ell, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{q,2}^\ell, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{1,s}^\ell, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{q,s}^\ell]^\top =: \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}^\ell),$$

the inner product in  $S \cdot \mathcal{Y}$  is given as

$$((x^1, x^2))_{S \cdot \mathcal{Y}} = \int_I \int_\Omega x^1 x^2 \, d\xi \, d\tau = (\mathbf{x}^1)^\top (\mathbf{M}_S \otimes \mathbf{M}_Y) \mathbf{x}^2$$

and the induced norm as

$$\|x^\ell\|_{S \cdot \mathcal{Y}}^2 = \|\mathbf{x}^\ell\|_{\mathbf{M}_S \otimes \mathbf{M}_Y}^2 = \|\mathbf{M}_Y^{1/2} \mathbf{X}^\ell \mathbf{M}_S^{1/2}\|_F^2,$$

$\ell = 1, 2$ .





## Lemma (Optimal low-rank bases in space)

Given  $x \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$  and the associated matrix of coefficients  $\mathbf{X}$ . The best-approximating subspace  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}$  in the sense that  $\|\Pi_{\mathcal{S}, \hat{\mathcal{Y}}} x - x\|_{\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}}$  is minimal over all subspaces of  $\mathcal{Y}$  of dimension  $\hat{q}$  is given as  $\text{span}\{\hat{v}_i\}_{i=1, \dots, \hat{q}}$ , where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{v}_1 \\ \hat{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{v}_{\hat{q}} \end{bmatrix} = V_{\hat{q}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{-1/2} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_q \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $V_{\hat{q}}$  is the matrix of the  $\hat{q}$  leading left singular vectors of

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{1/2} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{S}}^{1/2}.$$



The same arguments apply to the transpose of  $\mathbf{X}$ :

## Lemma (Optimal low-rank bases in time<sup>1</sup>)

Given  $x \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$  and the associated matrix of coefficients  $\mathbf{X}$ . The best-approximating subspace  $\hat{\mathcal{S}}$  in the sense that  $\|\Pi_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{Y}} x - x\|_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{Y}}$  is minimal over all subspaces of  $\mathcal{S}$  of dimension  $\hat{s}$  is given as  $\text{span}\{\hat{\psi}_j\}_{j=1, \dots, \hat{s}}$ , where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\psi}_1 \\ \hat{\psi}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\psi}_{\hat{s}} \end{bmatrix} = U_{\hat{s}}^T \mathbf{M}_S^{-1/2} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_S \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $U_{\hat{s}}$  is the matrix of the  $\hat{s}$  leading **right** singular vectors of

$$\mathbf{M}_Y^{1/2} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{M}_S^{1/2}.$$

<sup>1</sup>see  BM&PB&JH '16: [ArXiv:1611.04050](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.04050)



## Section 2

# Optimal Space Time Product Bases



The solution of a spatially discretized PDE

$$x: \tau \mapsto \mathbb{R}^q$$

is projected to  $\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathbb{R}^q$  via

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{S}} y x = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1, \psi_1)_{L^2} & \dots & (x_1, \psi_s)_{L^2} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (x_q, \psi_1)_{L^2} & \dots & (x_q, \psi_s)_{L^2} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_S^{-1}.$$

In the (degenerated) case that  $\psi_j$  is a delta distribution centered at  $\tau_j \in I$ , the coefficient matrix degenerates to

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(\tau_1) & \dots & x_1(\tau_s) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_q(\tau_1) & \dots & x_q(\tau_s) \end{bmatrix}$$

– the standard POD snapshot matrix.



## Section 4

# Space-Time Galerkin-POD for Optimal Control



## ■ PDE:

$$\dot{x}(\tau, \xi) + \partial_{\xi} x(\tau, \xi)^2 = 0 \quad \text{on } I \times \Omega$$

■ Ansatz:  $x \in \hat{\mathcal{S}} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{Y}}$ 

$$\rightarrow x(\tau, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{s}} \sum_{i=1}^{\hat{q}} \mathbf{x}_{i,j} \hat{\psi}_j(\tau) \hat{v}_i(\xi)$$

$$\rightarrow x = [\hat{\psi}_1 \quad \dots \quad \hat{\psi}_{\hat{q}}] \otimes [\hat{v}_1 \quad \dots \quad \hat{v}_{\hat{s}}] \mathbf{x} = [\hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T] \mathbf{x}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{time derivative: } \dot{x} = \left[ \frac{d}{d\tau} \hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T \right] \mathbf{x}$$

## ■ Space-Time Galerkin Projection:

$$\rightarrow \text{Testfunction } v_{ji} = \hat{\psi}_j \hat{v}_i, j = 1, \dots, \hat{s}, i = 1, \dots, \hat{q}$$

→ Galerkin projection

$$\int_I \int_{\Omega} [\hat{\Psi} \otimes \hat{\Gamma}] \left[ \frac{d}{d\tau} \hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T \right] d\tau d\xi \mathbf{x} = - \int_I \int_{\Omega} [\hat{\Psi} \otimes \hat{\Gamma}] \partial_{\xi} ([\hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T] \mathbf{x})^2 d\tau d\xi$$



With

$$([\hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T] \hat{\mathbf{x}})^2 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T [\hat{\Psi} \otimes \hat{\Gamma}] [\hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T] \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T [\hat{\Psi} \hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma} \hat{\Gamma}^T] \hat{\mathbf{x}},$$

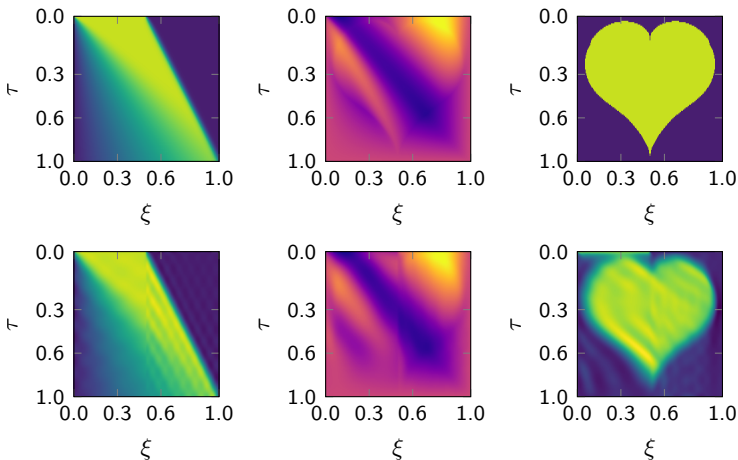
the  $ji$ -th component of the nonlinearity

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_I \int_{\Omega} \hat{v}_i \hat{\psi}_j \cdot \partial_{\xi} \hat{v}^2 \, d\tau \, d\xi \\ &= \int_I \int_{\Omega} \hat{v}_i \hat{\psi}_j \cdot \partial_{\xi} ([\hat{\Psi}^T \otimes \hat{\Gamma}^T] \hat{\mathbf{x}})^2 \, d\tau \, d\xi \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \left[ \int_I \hat{v}_i \hat{\Psi} \hat{\Psi}^T \, d\tau \otimes \int_{\Omega} \hat{\psi}_j \partial_{\xi} (\hat{\Gamma} \hat{\Gamma}^T)^2 \, d\xi \right] \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \end{aligned}$$

can be efficiently assembled by precomputing

$$\int_I \hat{v}_i \hat{\Psi} \hat{\Psi}^T \, d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\Omega} \hat{\psi}_j (\hat{\Gamma} \partial_{\xi} \hat{\Gamma}^T + \partial_{\xi} (\hat{\Gamma}) \hat{\Gamma}^T) \, d\xi.$$

- Exact hyper-reduction!
- The reduced model is independent of the full dimensions.



**Figure:** Illustration of the state, the adjoint, and the target and their approximation via POD-reduced space-time bases.





For a target trajectory  $x^* \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))$  and a penalization parameter  $\alpha > 0$ , consider

$$\mathcal{J}(x, u) := \frac{1}{2} \|x - x^*\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \rightarrow \min_{u \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))}$$

subject to the generic PDE

$$\dot{x} - \Delta x + N(x) = f + u, \quad x(0) = 0. \quad (\text{FWD})$$

If the nonlinearity is smooth, then necessary optimality conditions for  $(x, u)$  are given through  $u = \frac{1}{\alpha} \lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  solves the adjoint equation

$$-\dot{\lambda} - \Delta \lambda + D_x N(x)^T \lambda + x = x^*, \quad \lambda(T) = 0. \quad (\text{BWD})$$

**Algorithm** (space-time-pod):*Offline Phase*

1. Do standard forward/backward solves to compute the matrix of measurements for  $x$  and  $\lambda$ .
2. Compute optimal low-dimensional spaces  $\hat{S}$ ,  $\hat{R}$ ,  $\hat{Y}$ , and  $\hat{\Lambda}$  for the space and time discretization of the state  $x$  and the adjoint state  $\lambda$ .

*Online Phase*

3. Solve the space-time Galerkin projected necessary optimality conditions (FWD)-(BWD)<sup>2</sup> for the reduced costate  $\hat{\lambda}$ .

*Evaluation*

→ Inflate  $\hat{u} := \frac{1}{\alpha} \hat{\lambda}$  and apply it in the full order simulation.

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<sup>2</sup>(FWD)-(BWD) is a two-point boundary value problem with initial and terminal conditions for which time stepping schemes like RKM do not apply.



## Algorithm (sqp-pod):

### Offline Phase

1. Do standard forward/backward solves to compute the matrix of measurements for  $x$ .
2. Compute optimal low-dimensional space  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}$  of dimension  $\hat{q}$  via POD.
3. Identify a (manually optimized) time grid of size  $n_t$  on which the input is linearly interpolated

→ suboptimal control as minimizer  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\hat{q} \cdot n_t}$  of  $\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{u}) := \mathcal{J}(x(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{u})$ .

### Online Phase

4. Solve  $\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{u}) \rightarrow \min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{\hat{q} \cdot n_t}}$  by SQP with BFGS<sup>3</sup> for  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\hat{q} \cdot n_t}$

### Evaluation

→ Inflate  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  and apply it in the full order simulation.

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<sup>3</sup>here we use MINPACK routines as interfaced in the SciPy optimization module



## The PDE

- 1D Burger's equation
- $I = (0, 1]$ ,  $\Omega = (0, 1)$
- Viscosity:  $\nu = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- Stepfunction as initial value
- Zero Dirichlet conditions

## The optimization

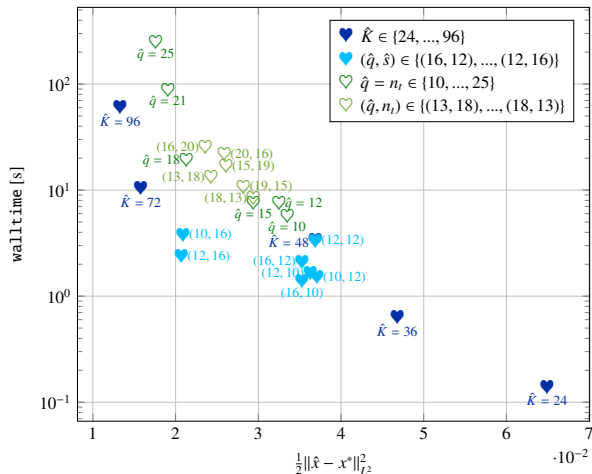
- $\alpha = 10^{-3}$  (space-time-pod)
- $\alpha = 6 \cdot 10^{-5}$  (sqp-pod)

## The full model

- Equidistant space and time grids
- $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{R} \dots$  120 linear hat functions
- $\mathcal{Y} = \Lambda \dots$  220 linear hat functions

## The reduced model

- $\hat{\mathcal{Y}} = \hat{\Lambda} \dots$  of dimension  $\hat{q} = \hat{p}$
- $\hat{\mathcal{S}} \neq \hat{\mathcal{R}} \dots$  of dimensions  $\hat{s} = \hat{r}$
- $\hat{q}, \hat{p}, \hat{s}, \hat{r} \dots$  varying
- $n_t \dots$  varying



### Caption:

The achieved tracking vs. the time needed to compute the suboptimal controls by means of

♡, ♡ ... sqp-pod

♥, ♥ ... space-time-pod.

### Parameters:

$$\hat{K} : \leftrightarrow \hat{q}, \hat{p}, \hat{r}, \hat{s} = \frac{\hat{K}}{4}$$

$$(\hat{q}, \hat{s}) = (\hat{p}, \hat{r})$$



- The space-time Galerkin POD approach allows for
  - construction of optimized Galerkin bases in space and time
  - in a functional analytical framework
- The resulting space-time Galerkin discretization
  - approximates PDEs by a small system of algebraic equations
  - and naturally extends to boundary value problems in time
  - can be used for efficient computations of (sub)optimal controls
- Future work:
  - Use the functional analytical framework for error estimates.
  - Exploit the freedom of the choice of the measurement functions in  $\mathcal{Y}$ ,
  - to produce, e.g., *optimal* measurements or to compensate for stochastic perturbations.



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# Thank you!

## Thank you for your attention!

I am always open for discussion

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