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This script plots the KHI growth

1 - Define paths

```
workpath = '/Users/akv020/Projects/Dataverse/source/figure3';
res250path = '/Users/akv020/Projects/Dataverse/data/250m_resolution';
res1000path = '/Users/akv020/Projects/Dataverse/data/1000m_resolution';
```

2 - Load data and calculate pertubation growth

```
cd(res250path)

% find all 250 m resolution files
files = dir('*.nc');

% exclude aurora files
files(endsWith({files.name}, '_aurora_Q0.5.nc')) = [];
files(endsWith({files.name}, '_aurora_Q0.2.nc')) = [];

% Loop over files to calculate pertubation growth
for i = 1:numel(files)

    cd(res250path)
    nev = ncread(files(i).name, 'ne');

    % Needed for plotting horizontally
    nev = permute(nev, [2, 1, 3]);

    % Use Equation 5 of the article to calculate the perturbation growth
    cd(workpath)
    KHI_growth(i, :) = perturbation_signal(nev);
end
```

3 - Define data arrays

```
timeKHI = linspace(0, 30, 181);
```

4 - Define simulation markers

```
for i = 1:numel(files)
    filename = files(i).name;
    density = str2num(filename(1));
    velocity_1 = str2num(filename(11));
    velocity_2 = str2num(filename(12));
    velocity_3 = str2num(filename(13));

    if density == 5
        if velocity_3 == 8 && velocity_2 == 0
            KHIstring = ['$n_p = 5 \times 10^{11} \backslash, \mathrm{m}^{-3}$', ' $
\Delta v$ = 0.', num2str(velocity_3), ' km/s'];
        else
            KHIstring = ['$n_p = 5 \times 10^{11} \backslash, \mathrm{m}^{-3}$', ' $
\Delta v$ = ', num2str(velocity_2), '.', num2str(velocity_3), ' km/s'];
        end
    elseif density == 1
        if velocity_1 == 8 && velocity_2 == 0
            KHIstring = ['$n_p = 1 \times 10^{11} \backslash, \mathrm{m}^{-3}$', ' $
\Delta v$ = 0.', num2str(velocity_2), '.', num2str(velocity_1), ' km/s'];
        else
            KHIstring = ['$n_p = 1 \times 10^{11} \backslash, \mathrm{m}^{-3}$', ' $
\Delta v$ = ', num2str(velocity_1), '.', num2str(velocity_2), ' km/s'];
        end
    else
        if velocity_1 == 8 && velocity_2 == 0
            KHIstring = ['$n_p = 1 \times 10^{12} \backslash, \mathrm{m}^{-3}$', ' $
\Delta v$ = 0.', num2str(velocity_2), '.', num2str(velocity_1), ' km/s'];
        else
            KHIstring = ['$n_p = 1 \times 10^{12} \backslash, \mathrm{m}^{-3}$', ' $
\Delta v$ = ', num2str(velocity_1), '.', num2str(velocity_2), ' km/s'];
        end
    end

    KHI{i} = KHIstring;
end
```

5 - Plot KHI growth

```
FIG = figure('units', 'centimeters', 'position', [0, 0, 37.0, 39.0]);
sx = 0.045;
sy = 0.065;
fz = 18;
lw = 3;
colors = {[0.6350, 0.0780, 0.1840], [0.4660, 0.6740, 0.1880], [0, 0.4470,
    0.7410]};

% Subplot for perturbation strength for l = 2 km
subplot_tight(3, 2, 1, [sx, sy])
hold on
for i = 10:12
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    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '-.', 'Color', colors{i-9}, 'linewidth',
    lw)
end
for i = 1:3
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '-', 'Color', colors{i}, 'linewidth', lw)
end
for i = 19:21
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '--', 'Color', colors{i-18}, 'linewidth',
    lw)
end
title('a) Perturbation strength for  $\ell = 2$ 
    'km', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz, 'FontWeight', 'normal')
set(gca, 'fontsize', fz)
legend({KHI{10:12}, KHI{1:3},
    KHI{19:21}}, 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'Location', 'Southeast')
grid on
set(gca, 'XTickLabel', [])
ylabel('Perturbation', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz)
set(gca, 'YScale', 'log')
xlim([0 30])
ylim([5e-3 3e0])
axisproperties= get(gca, 'YAxis');
axisproperties.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
set(gca, 'FontSize', fz)

% Subplot for perturbation strength for  $\ell = 6$  km
subplot_tight(3, 2, 3, [sx, sy])
hold on
for i = 13:15
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '-.', 'Color', colors{i-12}, 'linewidth',
    lw)
end
for i = 4:6
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '-', 'Color', colors{i-3}, 'linewidth',
    lw)
end
for i = 22:24
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '--', 'Color', colors{i-21}, 'linewidth',
    lw)
end
grid on
title('c) Perturbation strength for  $\ell = 6$ 
    'km', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz, 'FontWeight', 'normal')
set(gca, 'XTickLabel', [])
ylabel('Perturbation', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz)
set(gca, 'YScale', 'log')
xlim([0 30])
ylim([5e-3 3e0])
axisproperties= get(gca, 'YAxis');
axisproperties.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
set(gca, 'FontSize', fz)

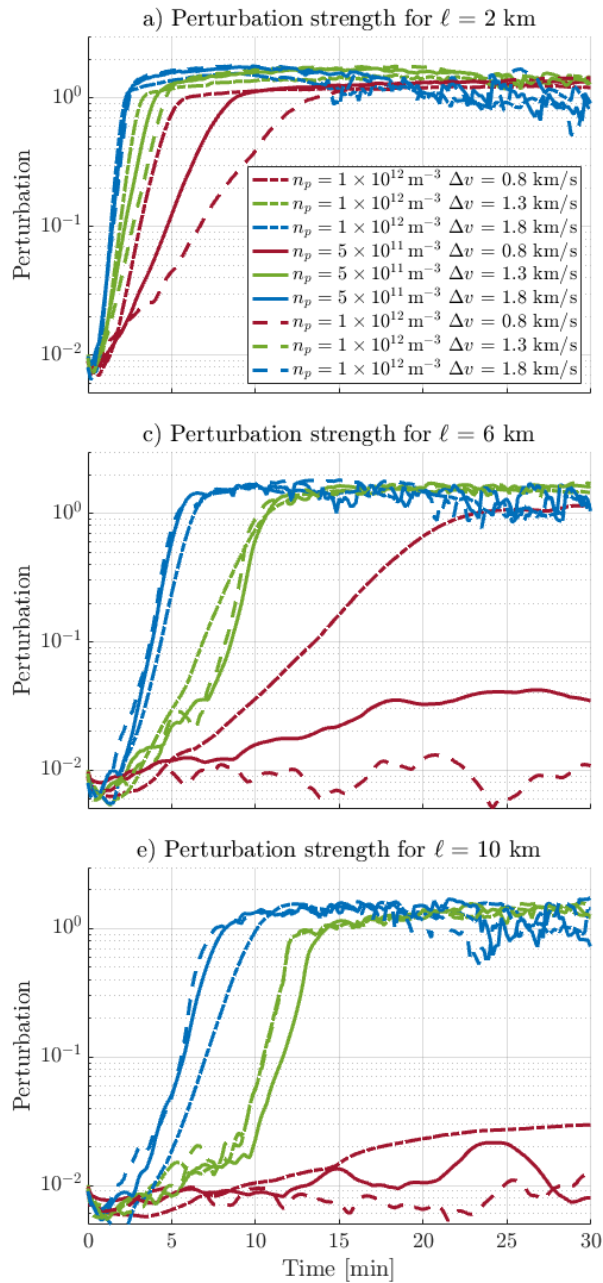
% Subplot for perturbation strength for  $\ell = 10$  km
subplot_tight(3, 2, 5, [sx, sy])

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hold on
for i = 16:18
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '-.', 'Color', colors{i-15}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 7:9
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '-', 'Color', colors{i-6}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 25:27
    plot(timeKHI, KHI_growth(i, :), '--', 'Color', colors{i-24}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
xlim([0 30])
ylim([5e-3 3e0])
grid on
set(gca, 'YScale', 'log')
ylabel('Perturbation', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz)
title('e) Perturbation strength for  $\ell = 10$ 
    km', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz, 'FontWeight', 'normal')
xlabel('Time [min]', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', fz)
axisproperties= get(gca, 'XAxis');
axisproperties.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
axisproperties= get(gca, 'YAxis');
axisproperties.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
set(gca, 'FontSize', fz)

```



6 - Calculate spatial growht

```
cd(res1000path)

% find all 250 m resolution files
files = dir('*.nc');

% exclude aurora files
files(endsWith({files.name}, '_aurora_Q0.5.nc')) = [];
files(endsWith({files.name}, '_aurora_Q0.2.nc')) = [];
```

```

% Loop over files to calculate pertubation growth
for i = 1:numel(files)

    cd(res1000path)
    nev = ncread(files(i).name, 'ne');
    y = ncread(files(i).name, 'y');
    % Needed for plotting horizontally
    nev = permute(nev, [2, 1, 3]);

    % Use Equation 5 of the article to calculate the perturbation growth
    cd(workpath)
    KHIsatial(i, :) = y_distance(nev,y,0.1);
end
% load('spatial_growth.mat')
% for i = 1:numel(files)
%     KHIsatial(i, :) = round(-idx(i, :));
% end

```

7 - Plot spatial growth

Subplot for spatial growth for $l = 2$ km

```

subplot_tight(3, 2, 2, [sx, sy])
hold on
yyaxis left
set(gca, 'YTickLabel', [])
ylim([0 220])
grid on
yyaxis right
for i = 10:12
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsatial(i, :), '-.', 'Color', colors{i-9}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 1:3
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsatial(i, :), '-', 'Color', colors{i}, 'linewidth', lw)
end
for i = 19:21
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsatial(i, :), '--', 'Color', colors{i-18}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
title('b) Spatial growth for  $\ell = 2$ 
    km', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontSize', fz, 'FontWeight', 'normal')
ylim([0 220])
ylabel('y extent [km]', 'Color', 'k', 'fontSize', fz, 'Interpreter', 'latex')
set(gca, 'XTickLabel', [])
ax = gca;
ax.YAxis(1).Color = 'k';
ax.YAxis(2).Color = 'k';
yaxisproperties= get(gca, 'YAxis');
yaxisproperties(2).TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
set(gca, 'FontSize', fz)

% Subplot for spatial growth for  $l = 6$  km

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```

subplot_tight(3, 2, 4, [sx, sy])
hold on
yyaxis left
set(gca, 'YTickLabel', [])
ylim([0 220])
grid on
yyaxis right
for i = 13:15
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsptial(i, :), '-.', 'Color', colors{i-12}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 4:6
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsptial(i, :), '-', 'Color', colors{i-3}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 22:24
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsptial(i, :), '--', 'Color', colors{i-21}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
ylim([0 220])
grid on
title('d) Spatial growth for  $\ell = 6$ 
    km', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontSize', fz, 'FontWeight', 'normal')
ylabel('y extent[km]', 'Color', 'k', 'fontSize', fz, 'Interpreter', 'latex')
set(gca, 'XTickLabel', [])
ax = gca;
ax.YAxis(1).Color = 'k';
ax.YAxis(2).Color = 'k';
yaxisproperties= get(gca, 'YAxis');
yaxisproperties(2).TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
set(gca, 'FontSize', fz)

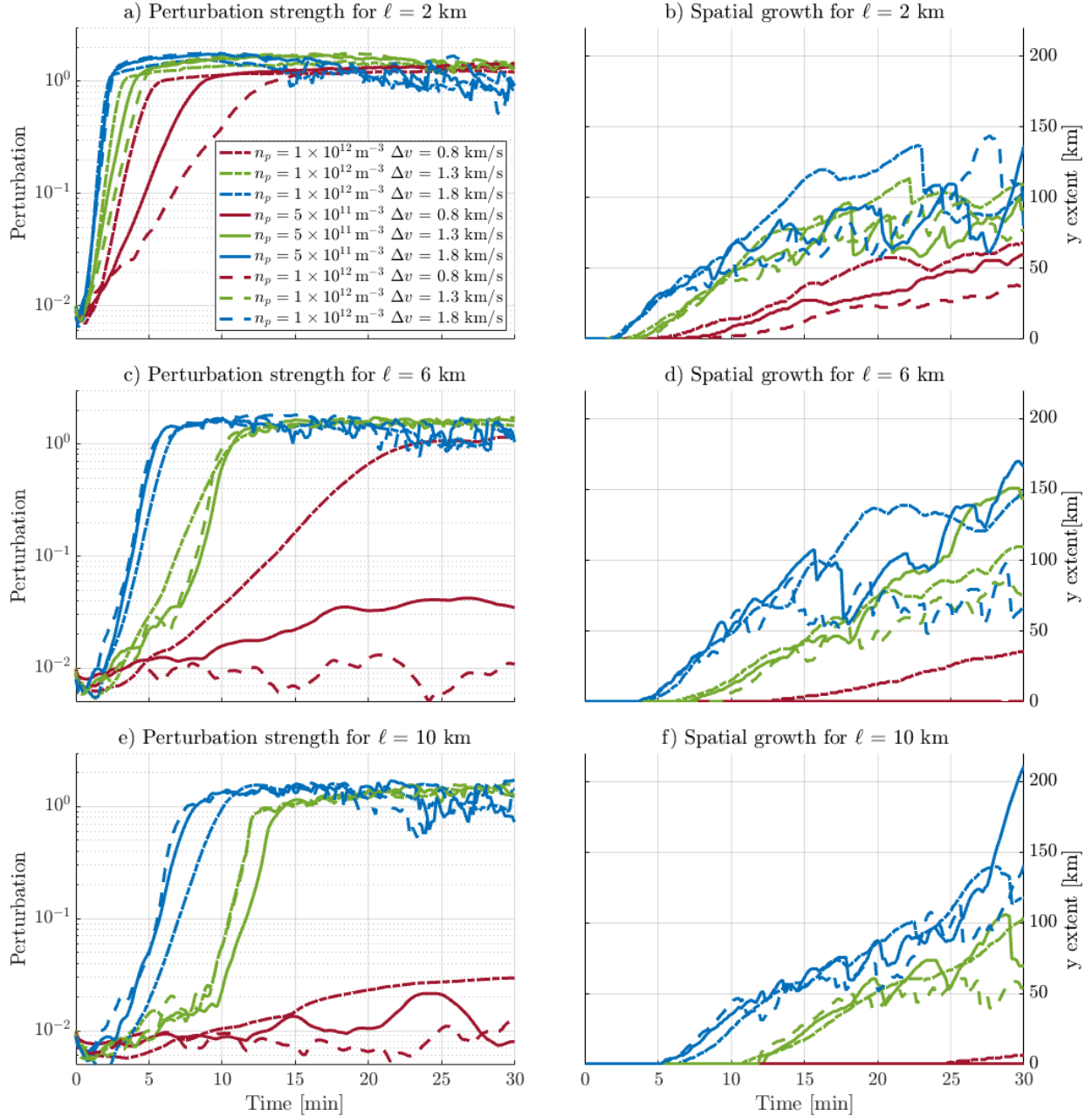
% Subplot for spatial growth for l = 10 km
subplot_tight(3, 2, 6, [sx, sy])
hold on
yyaxis left
set(gca, 'YTickLabel', [])
ylim([0 220])
grid on
yyaxis right
for i = 16:18
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsptial(i, :), '-.', 'Color', colors{i-15}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 7:9
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsptial(i, :), '-', 'Color', colors{i-6}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
for i = 25:27
    plot(timeKHI, KHIsptial(i, :), '--', 'Color', colors{i-24}, 'linewidth',
        lw)
end
ylim([0 220])
grid on

```

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title('f) Spatial growth for  $\ell = 10$ 
      'km', 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'fontSize', fz, 'FontWeight', 'normal')
xlabel('Time [min]', 'fontSize', fz, 'Interpreter', 'latex')
ylabel('y extent [km]', 'Color', 'k', 'fontSize', fz, 'Interpreter', 'latex')
ax = gca;
ax.YAxis(1).Color = 'k';
ax.YAxis(2).Color = 'k';
axisproperties= get(gca, 'XAxis');
axisproperties.TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
yaxisproperties= get(gca, 'YAxis');
yaxisproperties(2).TickLabelInterpreter = 'latex';
set(gca, 'FontSize', fz)

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