

Numerical and Analytical Methods for Spatially-Extended Neurobiological Networks

Part 2

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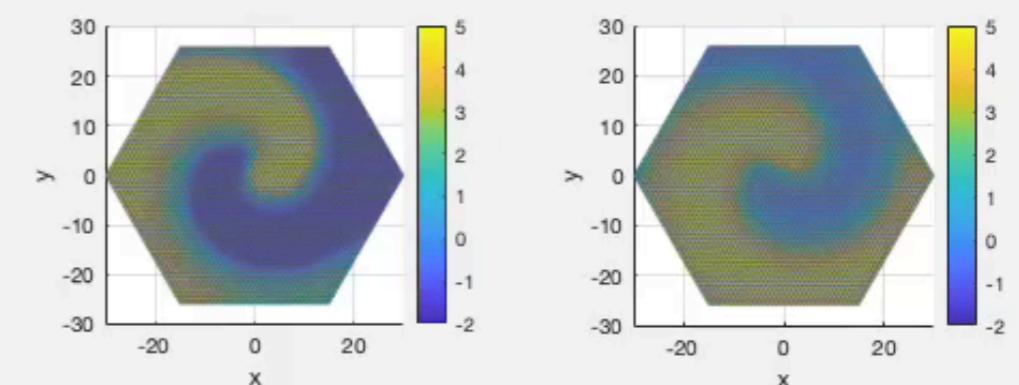


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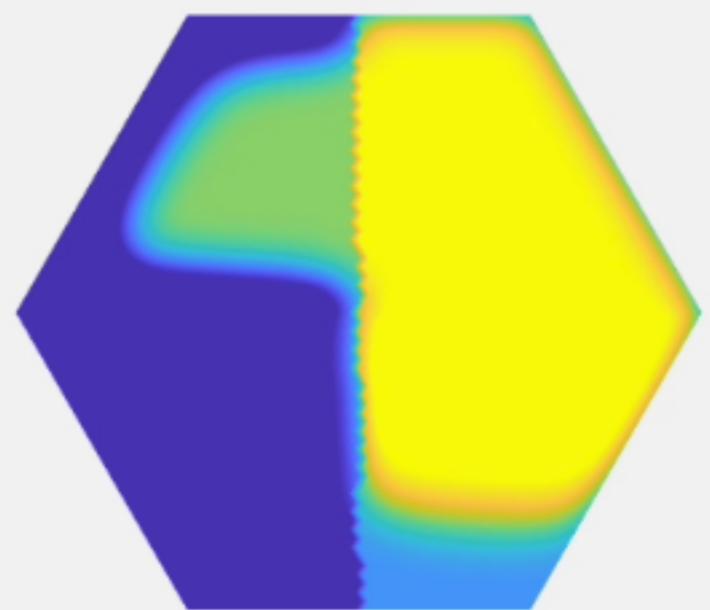


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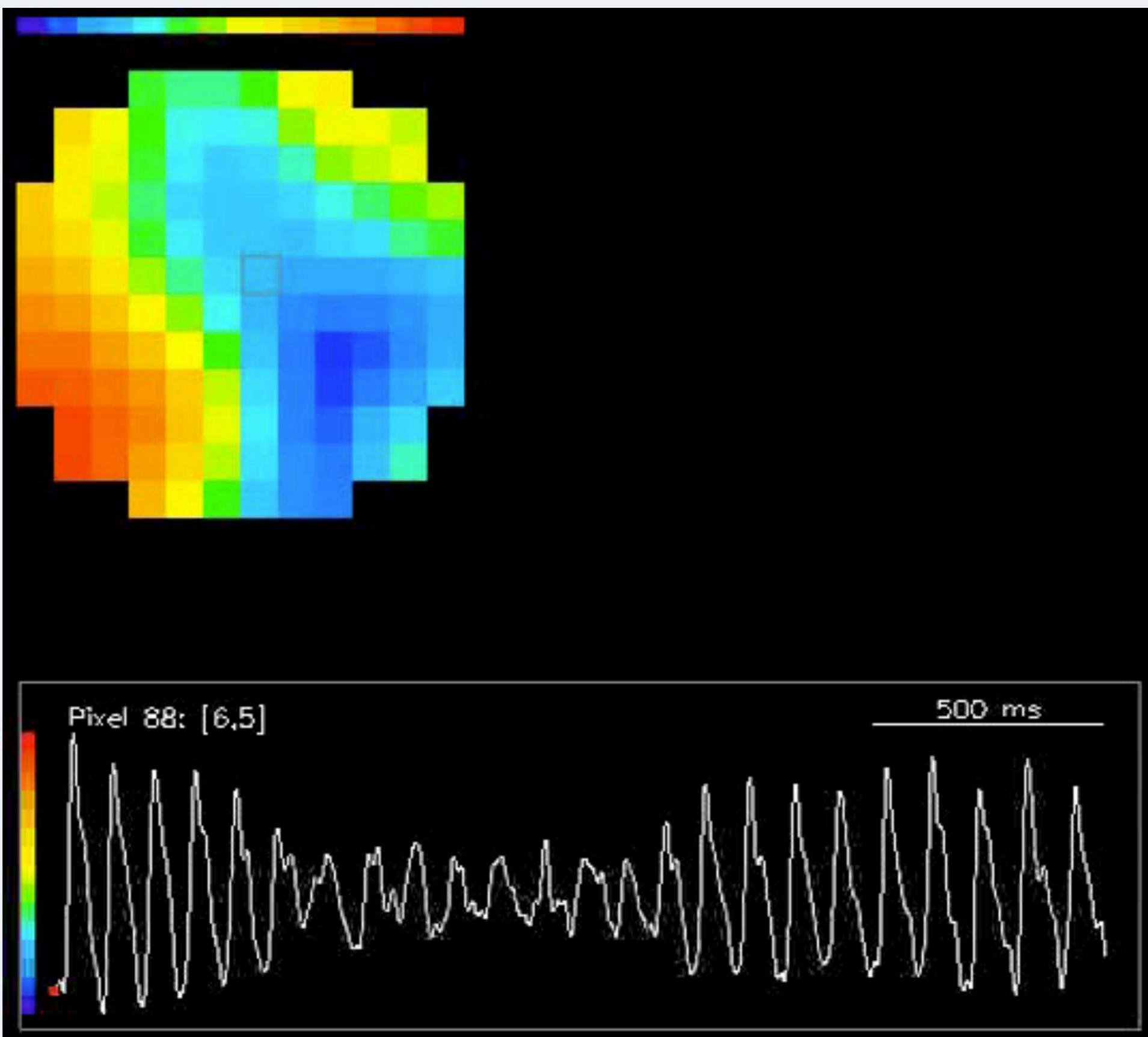
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Recording of rat cortical slice



Generation of time-dependent patterns

- Compute steady state $u(x)$

$$0 = -u(x) + \int_D w(x, y) f(u(y), p) dy$$

- Eigenvalue problem

$$\lambda v(x) = -v(x) + \int_D w(x, y) f'(u(y), p) v(y) dy$$

- Solve nonlinear discretised problem

$$0 = -u + M F(u, p) \quad 0 = N(u, p) \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

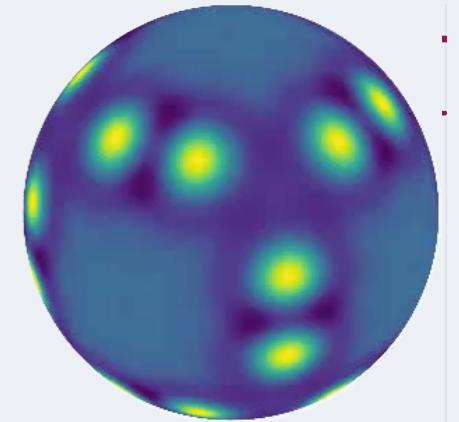
- Solve discretised eigenvalue problem

$$\lambda v = [-I + M \operatorname{diag} DF(u, p)] v \quad \lambda v = D_u N(u, p) v \quad D_u N(u, p) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

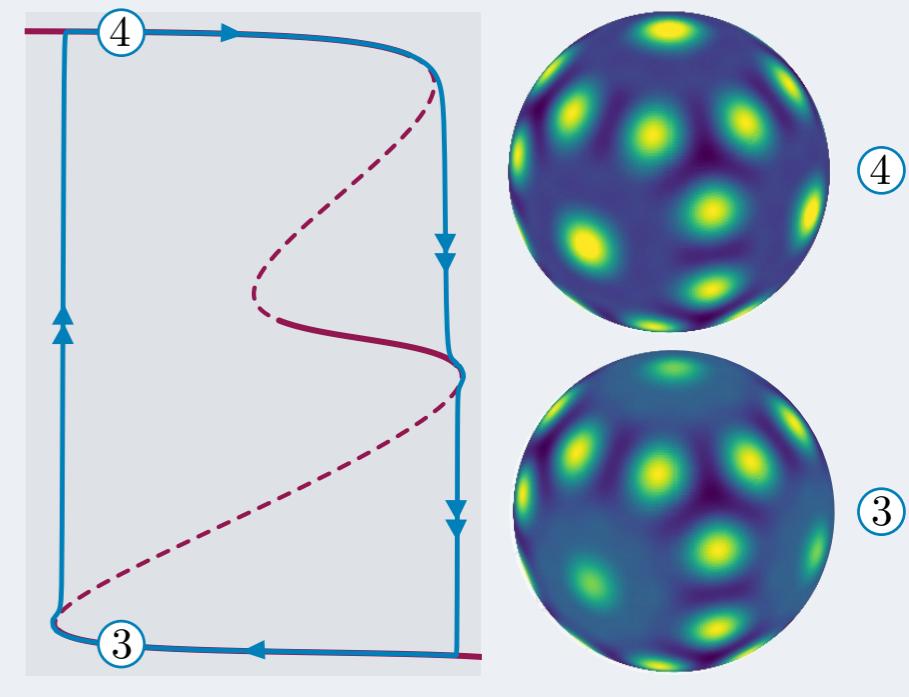
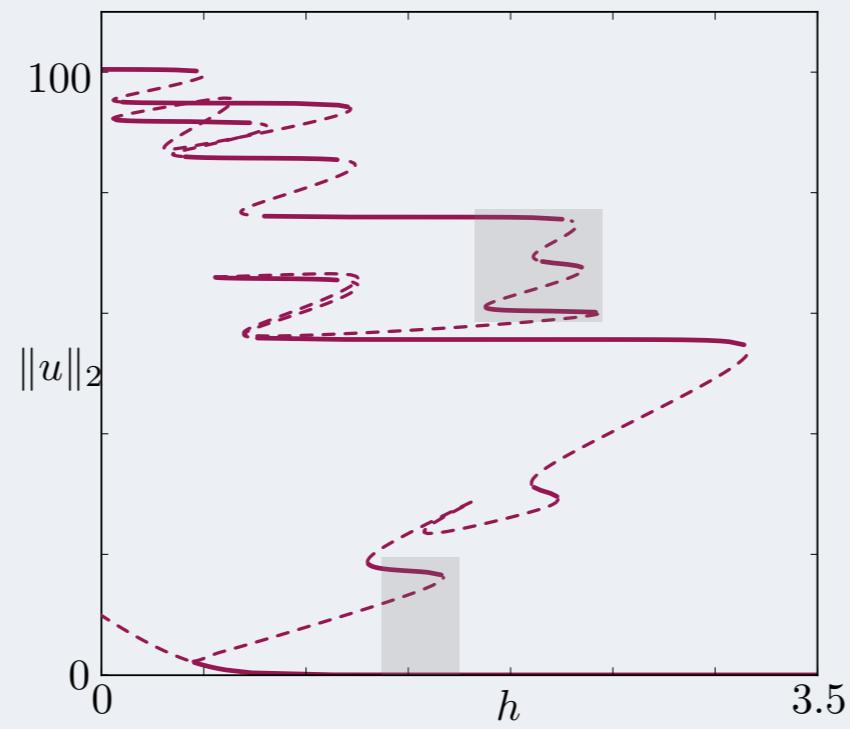
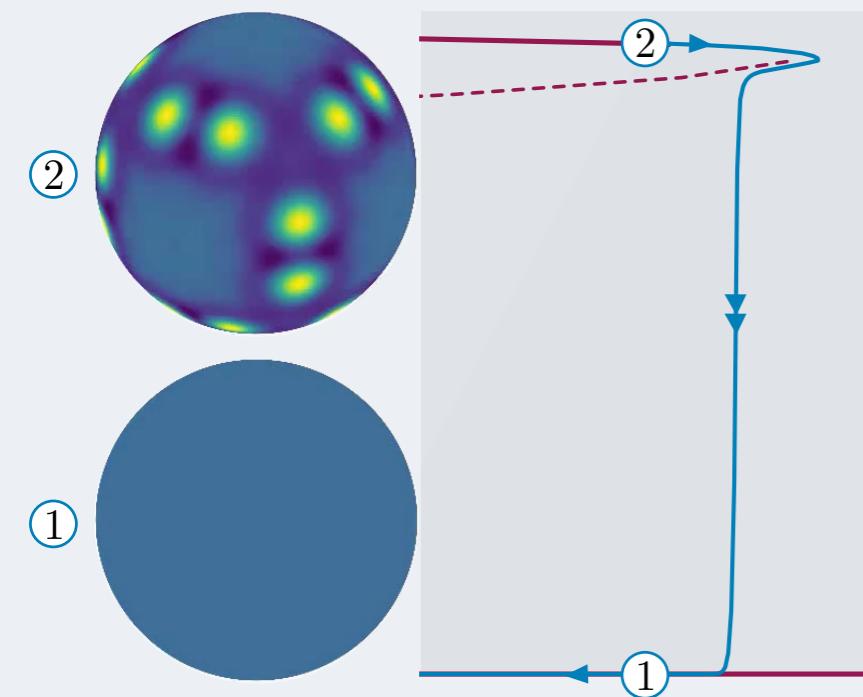
Example

Neural field on a sphere

$$\partial_t u(x, t) = -u(x, t) + \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} w(\langle x, y \rangle) f(u(y, t) - h) d\mu(y) \quad x \in \mathbb{S}^2$$



Numerical Bifurcation analysis



Newton's method and numerical continuation

Fix h , find u such that $N(u) = 0$

Sequence of approximations $\{u_k\}_k \quad u_k \rightarrow u$

Pseudocode

Guess u_0

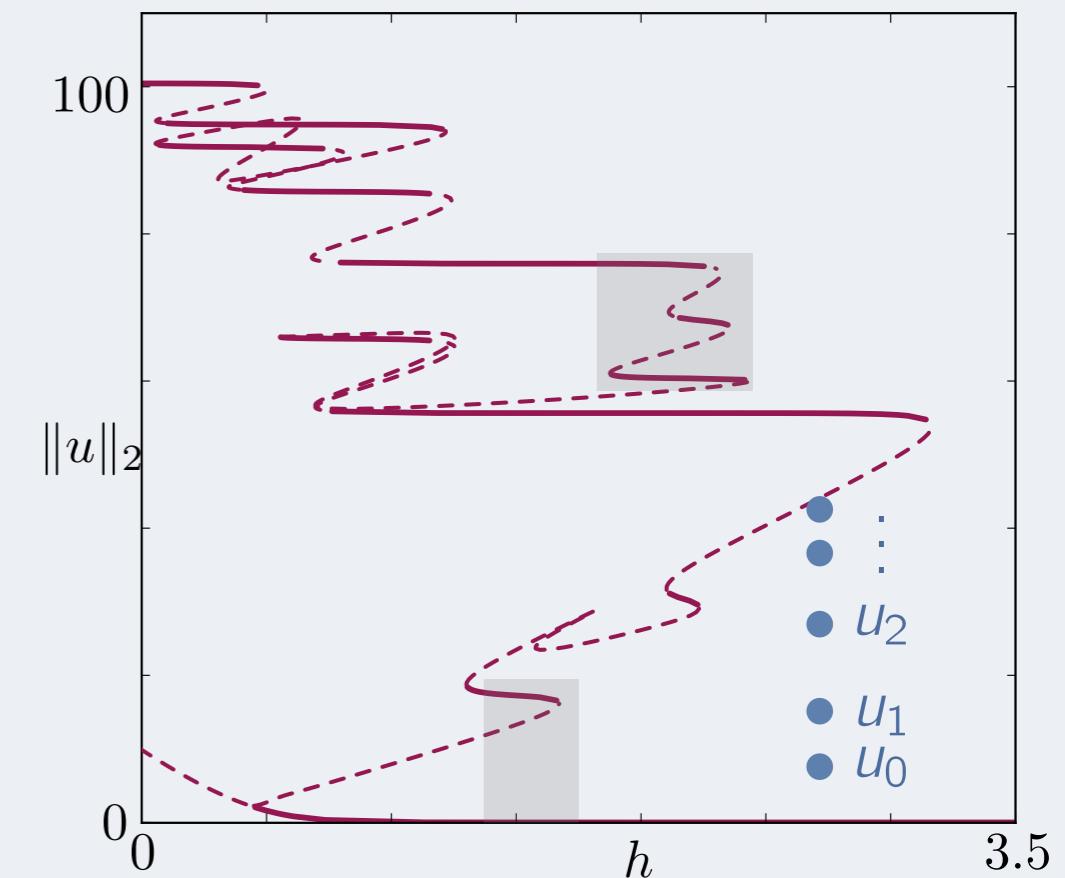
For each $k \geq 0$

Solve $D_u N(u_k)x = -N(u_k)$

Set $u_{k+1} = u_k + x$

When convergence is attained

Compute eigenvalues of $D_u N(u_k)$



Solve $Ax = b$, with A large and dense

Large and dense eigenvalue problem

Use FFT on convolutional problems

- Neural field with convolutional structure, on a ring

$$0 = -u(x) + \int_{\mathbb{S}} w(x-y) f(u(y)) dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{S}$$

- Express RHS using Fourier Transform and its inverse

$$u \mapsto -u + \mathcal{F}^{-1} [\mathcal{F}[w] \mathcal{F}[f(u)]]$$

- Linear operator

$$v \mapsto -v + \mathcal{F}^{-1} [\mathcal{F}[w] \mathcal{F}[f'(u)v]]$$

- Main conclusions:

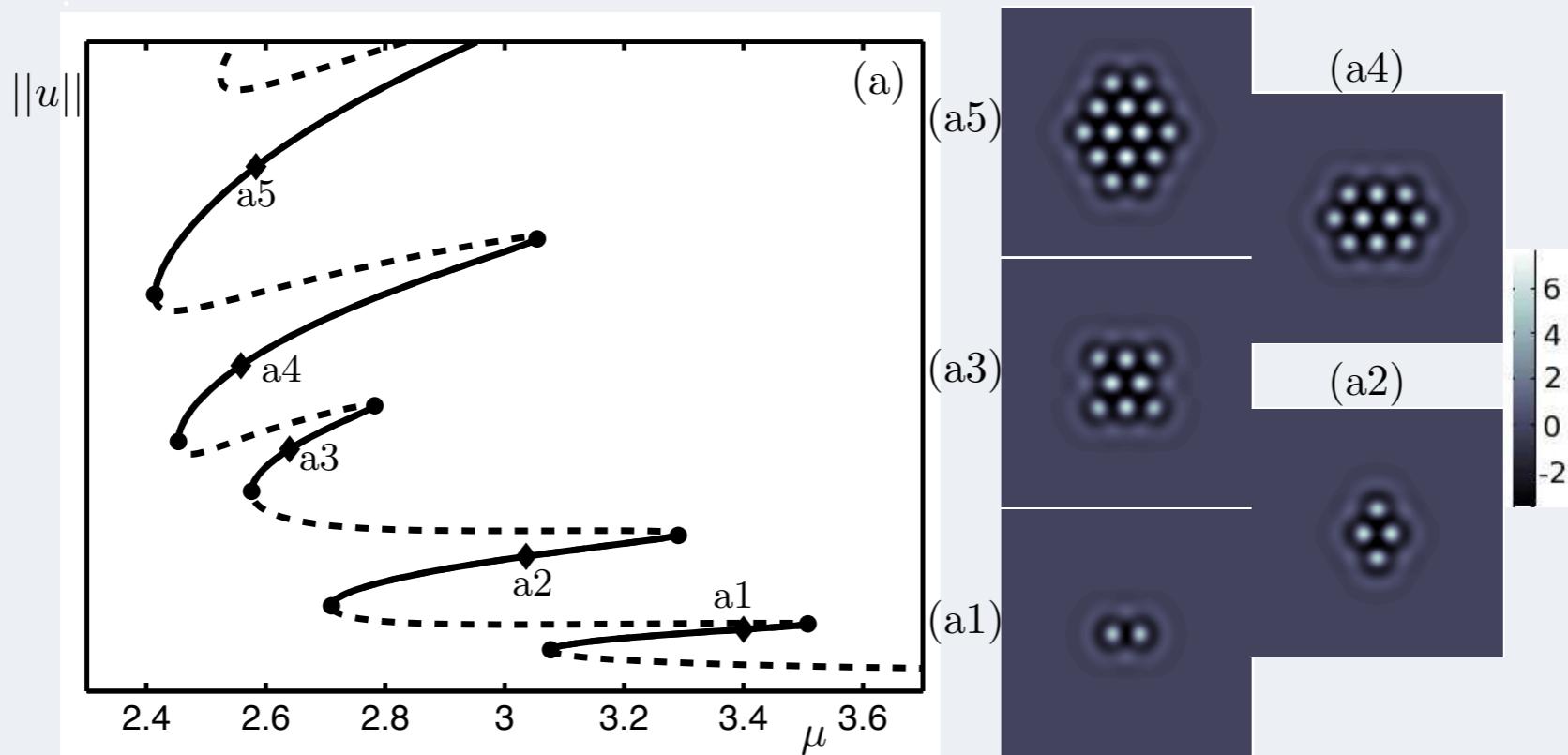
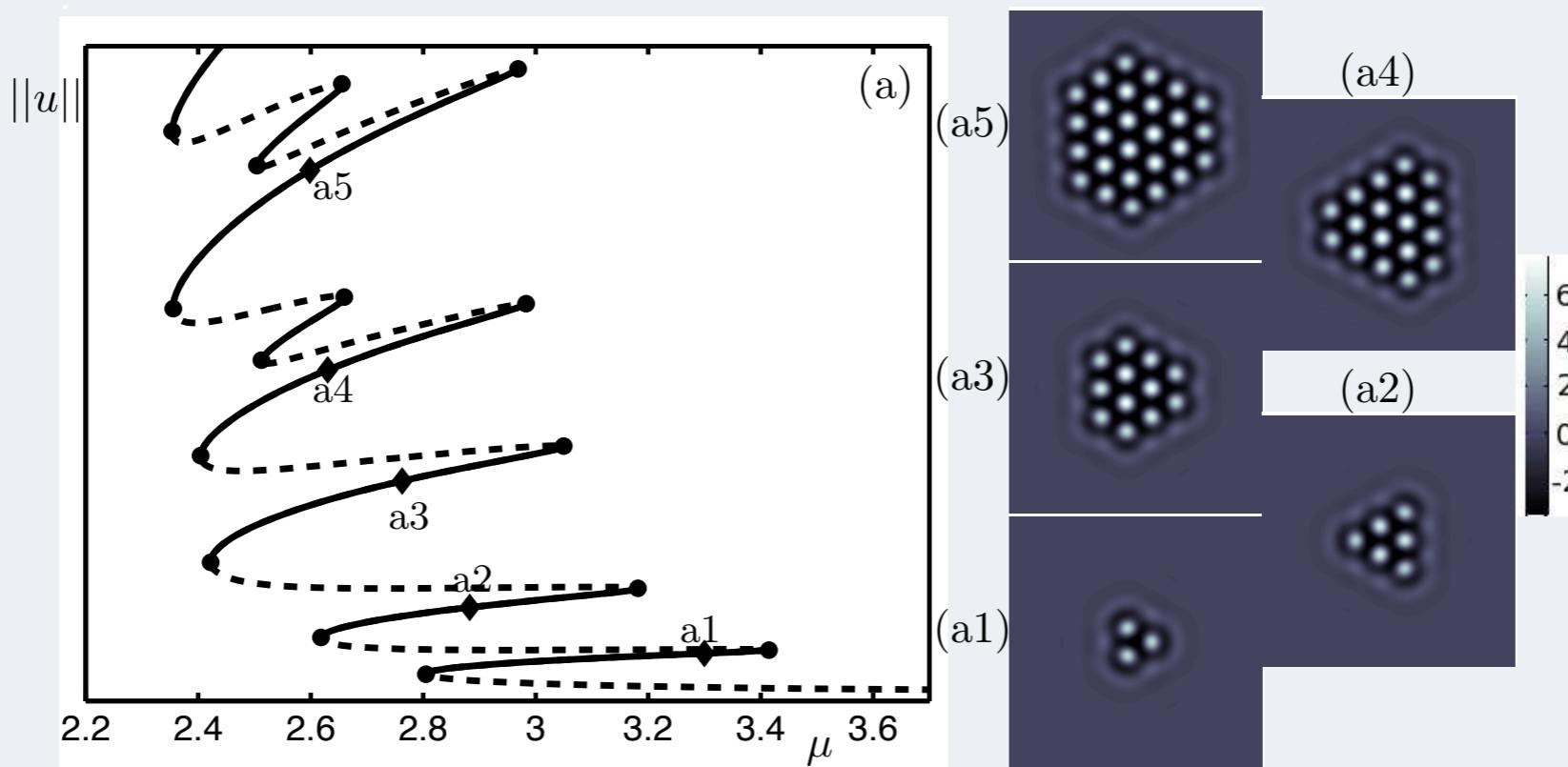
$u \mapsto N(u)$ evaluates in $O(n \log n)$ operations

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Replace Newton with Newton-GMRES

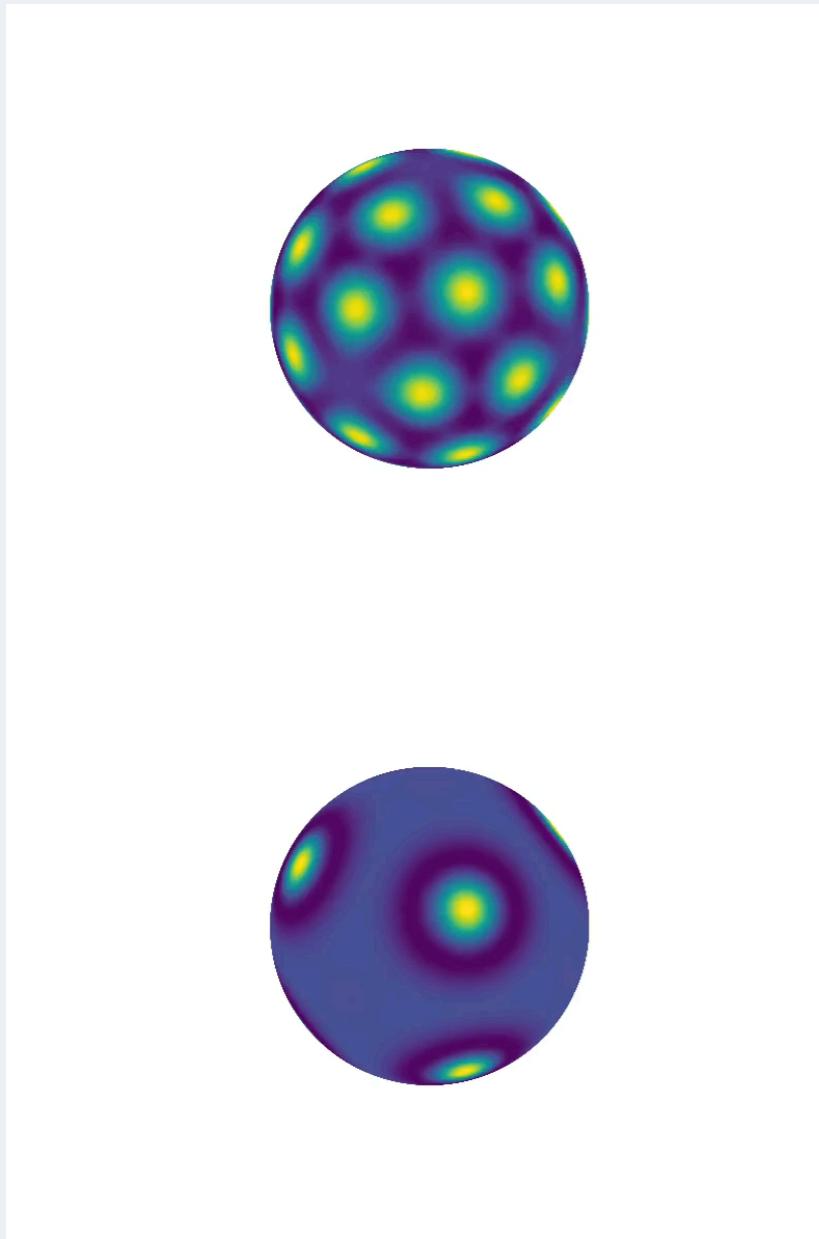
Efficient Numerical Bifurcation Analysis

[Rankin et al]

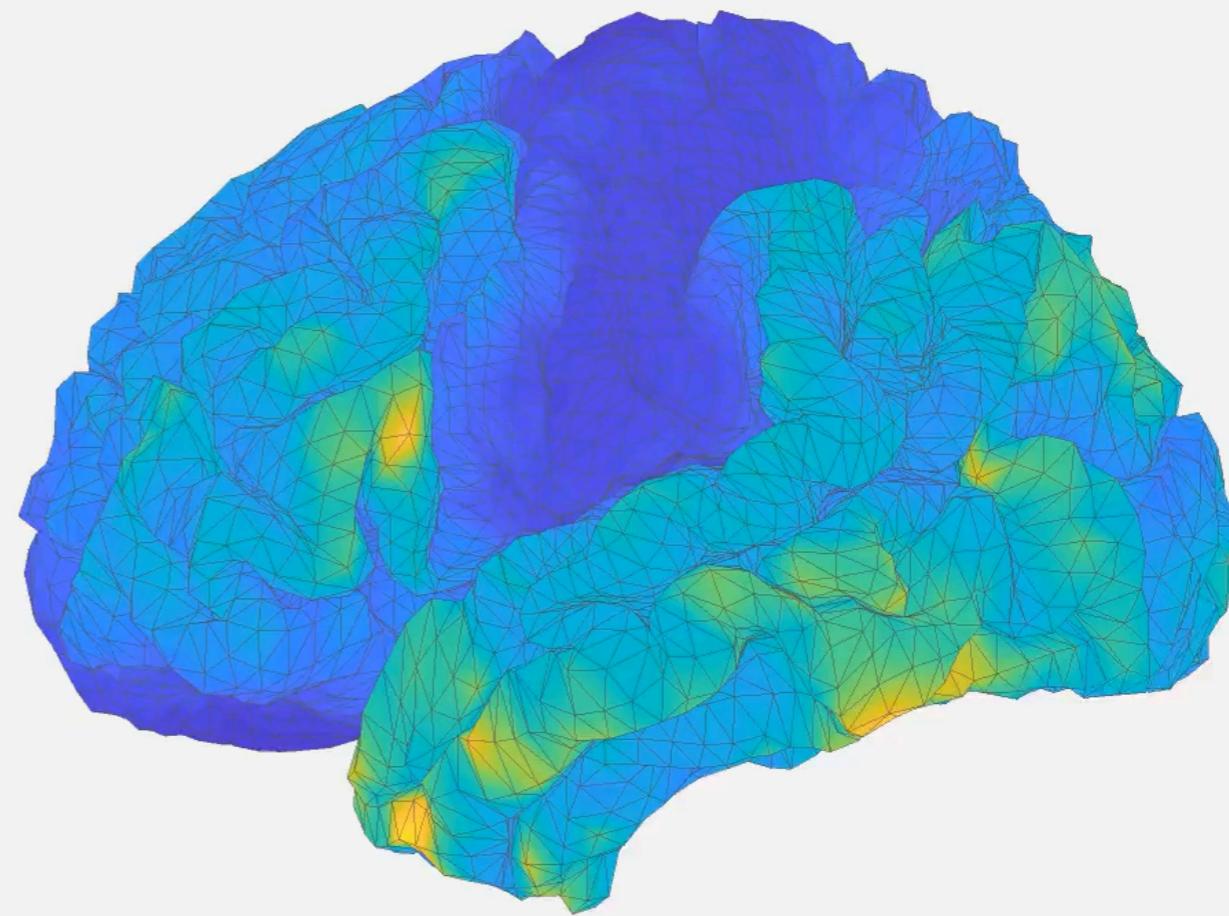


More generally

[Smith et al]



[Sammy Petros]



Need scalable, provably accurate methods for NFEs

Collocation scheme (heuristic)

$$\partial_t u(x, t) = -u(x, t) + \int_D w(x, x') f(u(x', t)) dx'$$



Evaluate at $x = x_i$

$$\partial_t u(x_i, t) = -u(x_i, t) + \int_D w(x_i, x') f(u(x', t)) dx'$$

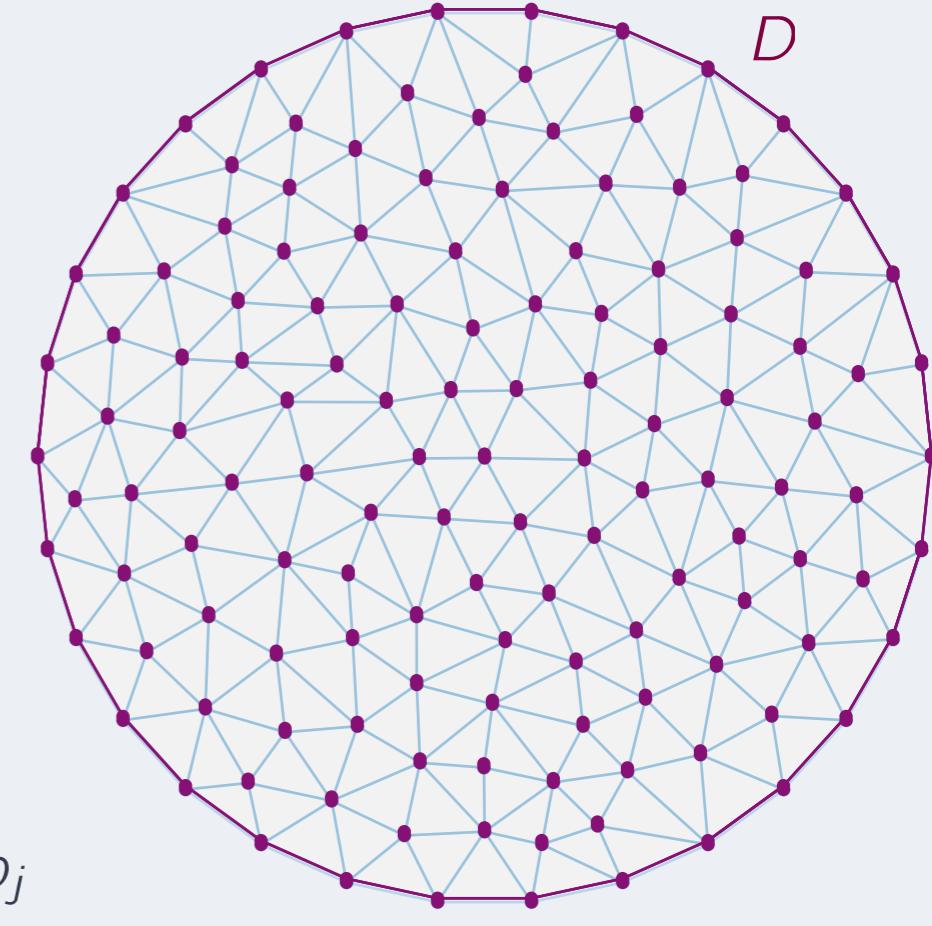


Approximate integral $\int_D h(x') \approx \sum_j h(x_j) \rho_j$

$$U'_i(t) = -U_i(t) + \sum_j w(x_i, x_j) f(U_j(t)) \rho_j$$



Time step, Error Analysis



[Lima, Buckwar]

[Avitabile, Lima, Coombes]

Galerkin scheme (heuristic)

$$\partial_t u(x, t) = N(u)(x, t)$$

$$u(x, t) = a_1(t)\varphi_1(x) + a_2(t)\varphi_2(x) + a_3(t)\varphi_3(x) + \dots$$

↓ Truncate $u(x, t) \approx \sum_j^n a_j(t)\varphi_j(x)$

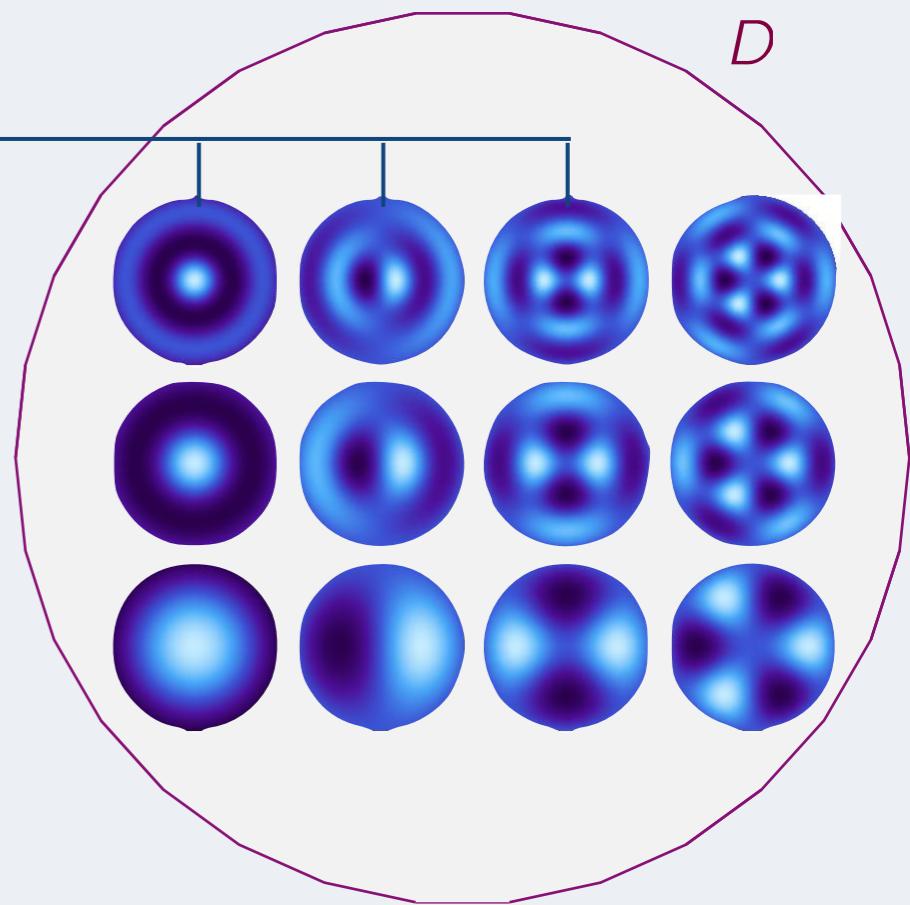
$$\sum_j \langle \varphi_i, \varphi_j \rangle a'_j(t) = \left\langle \varphi_i, N\left(\sum_j a_j(t)\varphi_j\right) \right\rangle$$

↓ Approximate integrals $\langle \varphi_i, \varphi_j \rangle \approx \sum_k \varphi_i(x_k)\varphi_j(x_k)\rho_k$

$$\sum_j M_{ij} a'_j(t) = F(a_1(t), \dots, a_n(t))$$



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Abstract approximation strategy

- Residual at a Neural field solution

$$R(u) = u' - N(\cdot, u) = 0, \quad \text{on } J = [0, T]$$

- Approximation strategy

- Select

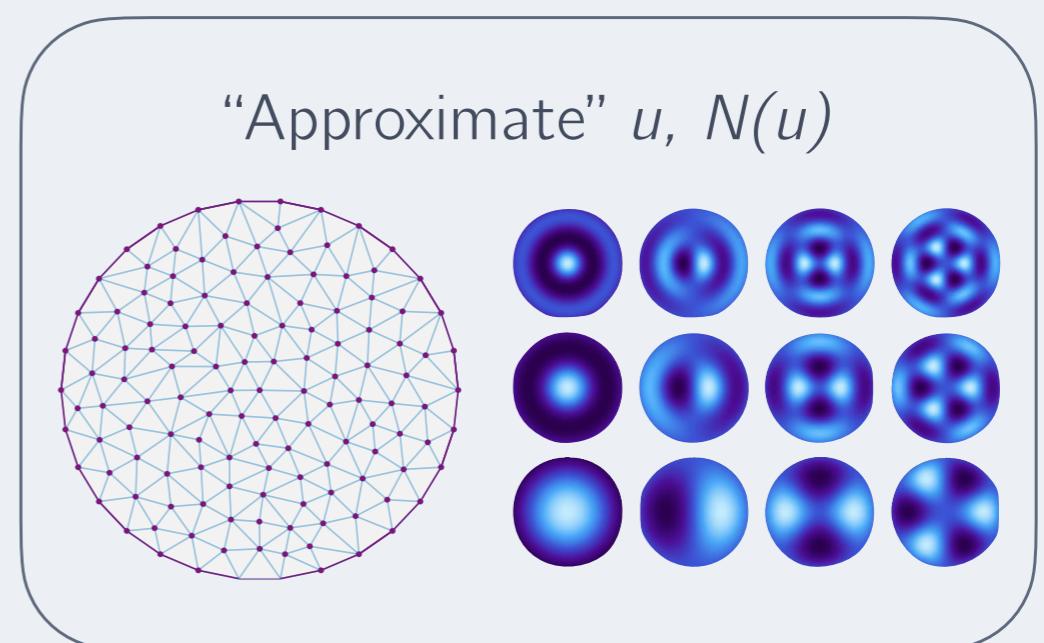
$$\mathbb{X}_n = \text{Span}\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$$

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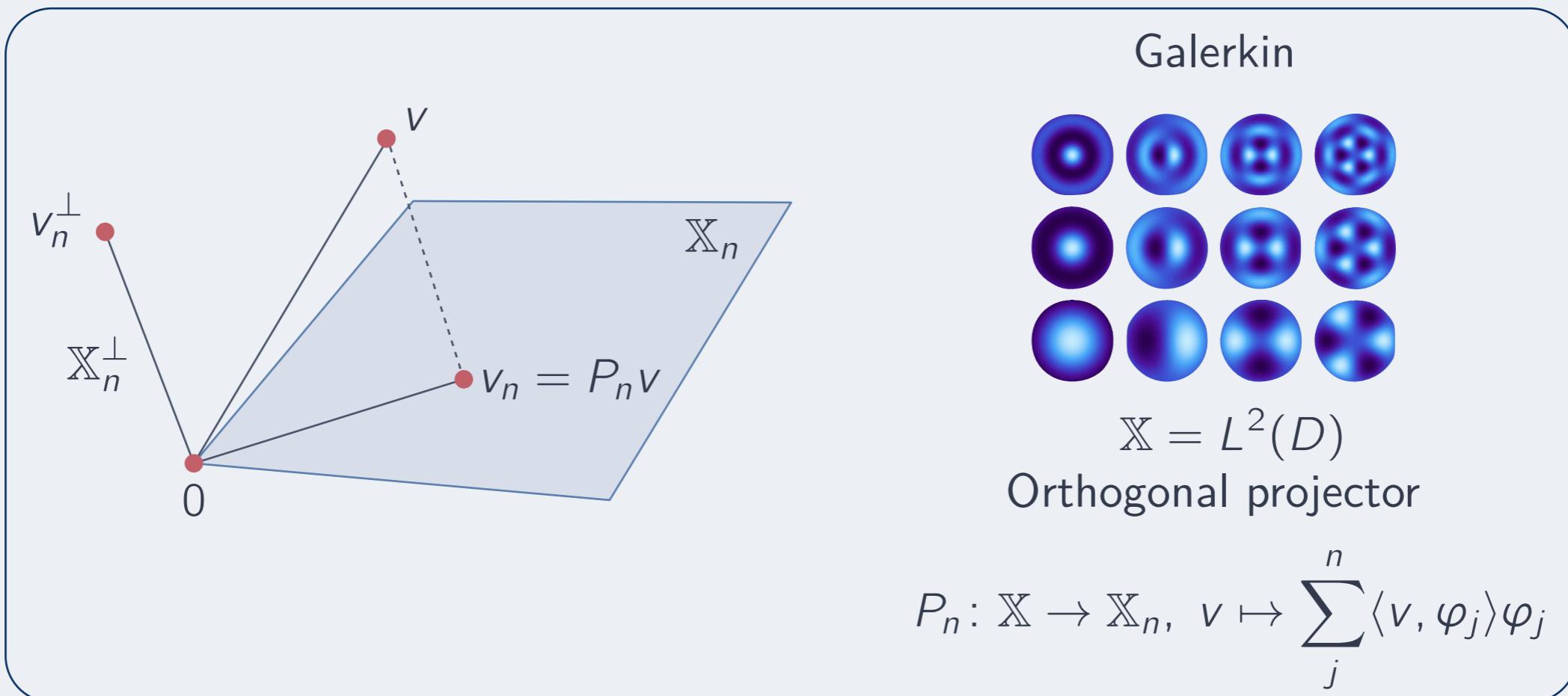
$$u_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n U_j(t) \varphi_j \in \mathbb{X}_n$$

- Make the residual “small”

$$R(u_n(t)) \approx 0, \quad t \in J$$



Residual conditions - abstract schemes



- Characterisation

$$P_n v = 0 \iff \langle v, \varphi_j \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } j$$

- Scheme

$$P_n R(u_n) = 0 \text{ for all } x, t \iff$$

$$u'_n(t) = P_n N(t, u_n(t))$$



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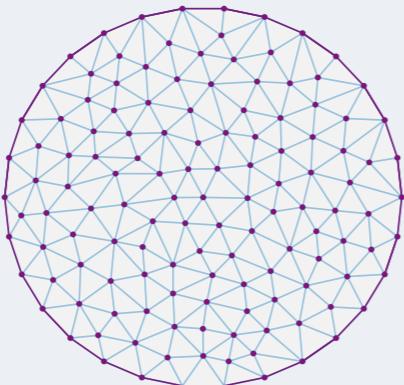
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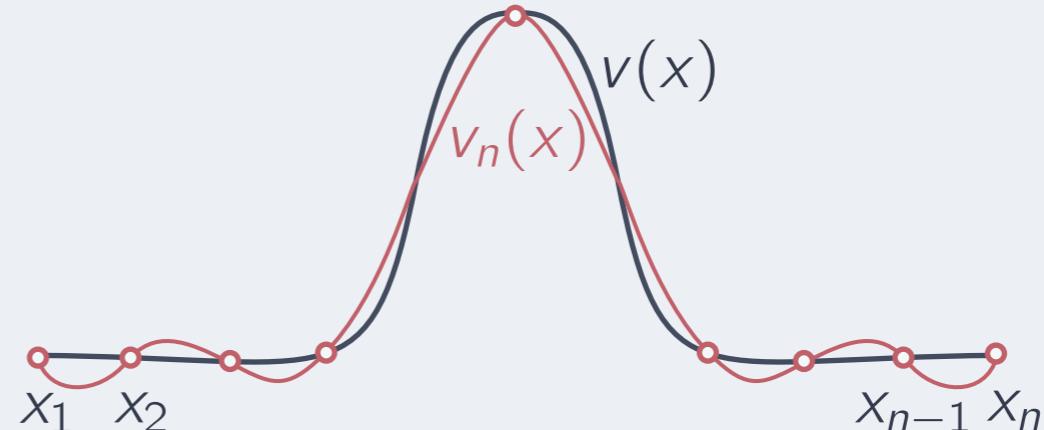
Collocation



$$\mathbb{X} = C(D)$$

Interpolating projector

$$P_n: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_n, \quad v \mapsto \sum_j^n v(x_j) \varphi_j$$



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Schemes in operator form

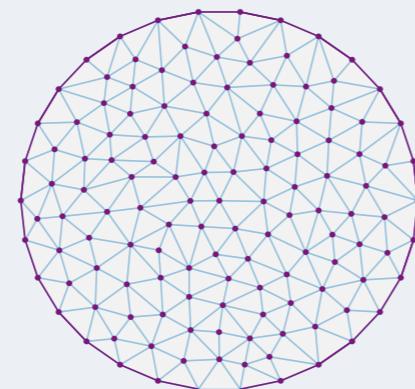
- NF Equation

$$u'(t) = N(t, u(t)), \quad u(0) = u_0$$

ODE in \mathbb{X}



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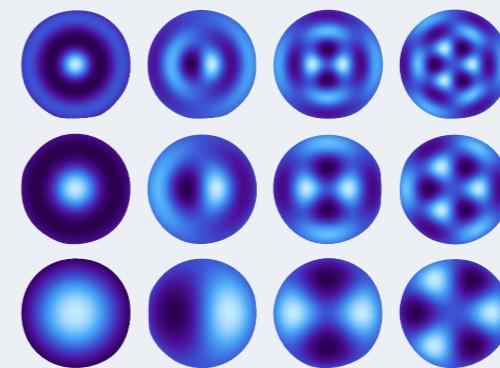


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Galerkin



$$\mathbb{X} = L^2(D)$$

Orthogonal projector

$$P_n: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_n, \quad v \mapsto \sum_j^n \langle v, \varphi_j \rangle \varphi_j$$



- NF Equation

$$u'_n(t) = P_n N(t, u_n(t)), \quad u_n(0) = P_n u_0$$

ODE in \mathbb{X}_n

Papers

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