

GParareal: a time-parallel ODE solver using Gaussian process emulation

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Take home message

Our goal is to develop **new time-parallel algorithms** using **probabilistic methods** to solve IVPs **faster**.

What will we cover today?

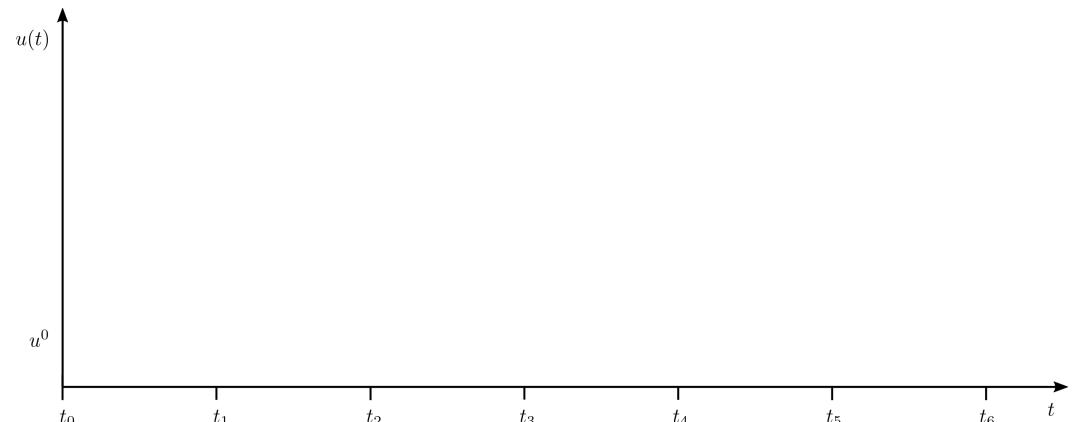
- What is a **time-parallel method**? → **parareal** (an existing method).
- Introduce **GParareal** (our method) that combines **parareal** and **Gaussian process emulation**.
- Illustrate that GParareal **performs favourably** compared to parareal → additional parallel speedup.
- Highlight some **open problems** surrounding GParareal.

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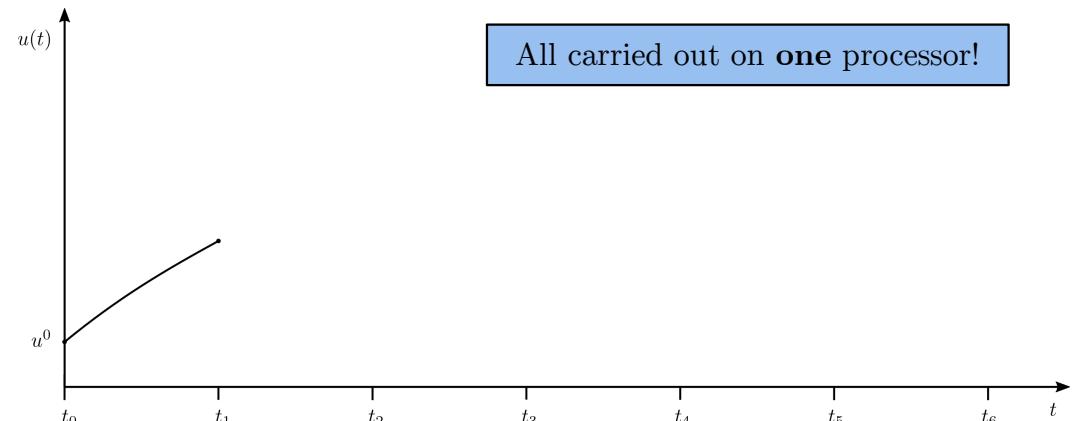


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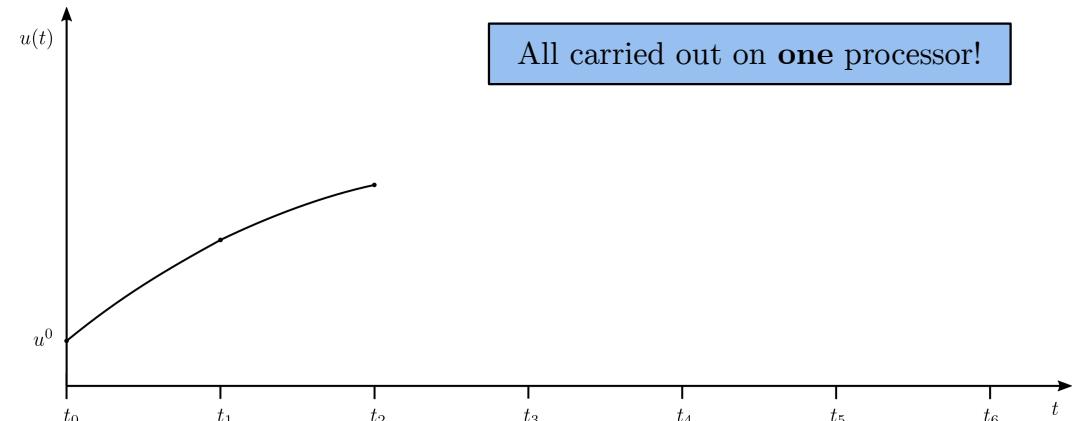


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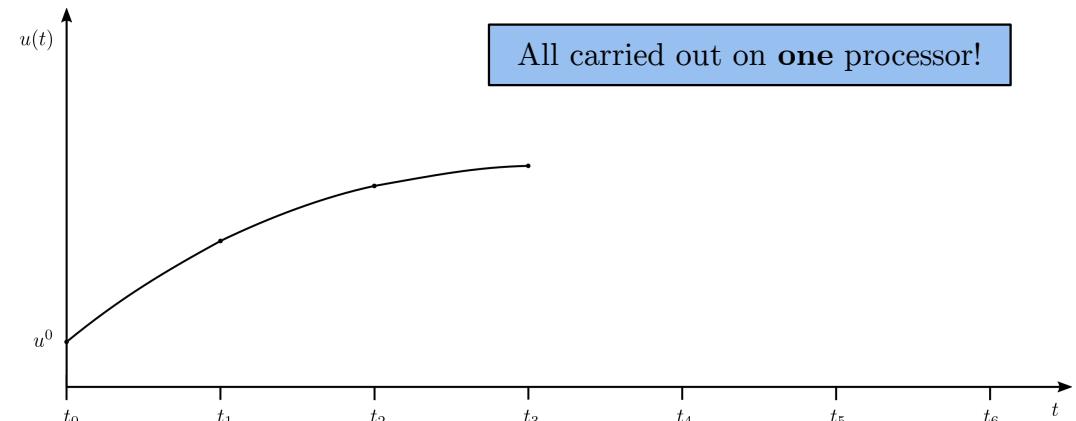


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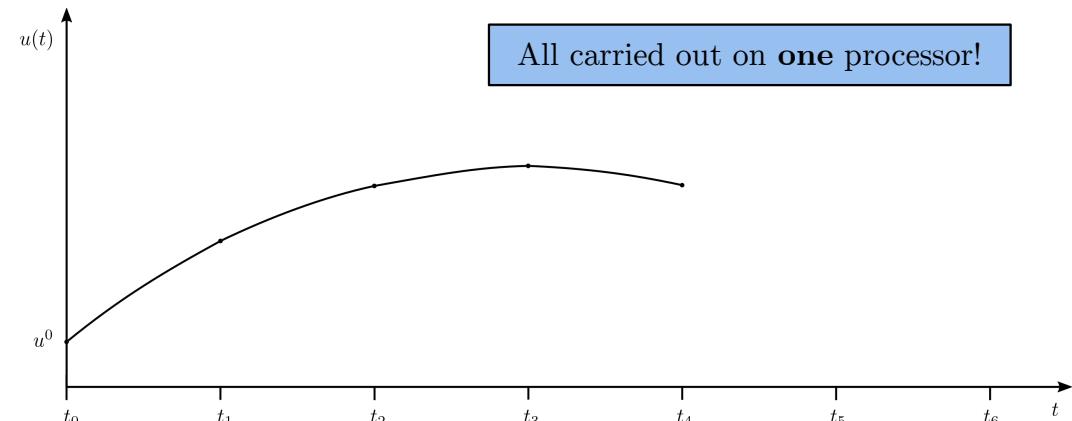


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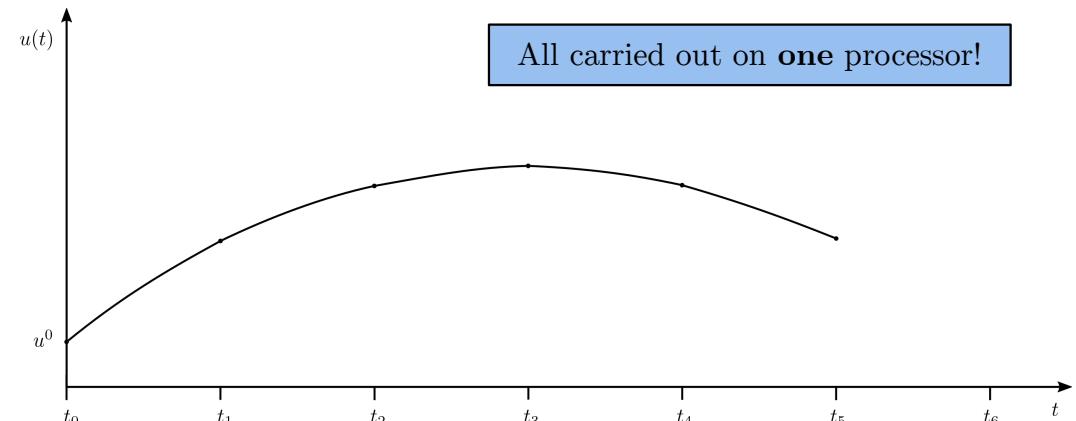


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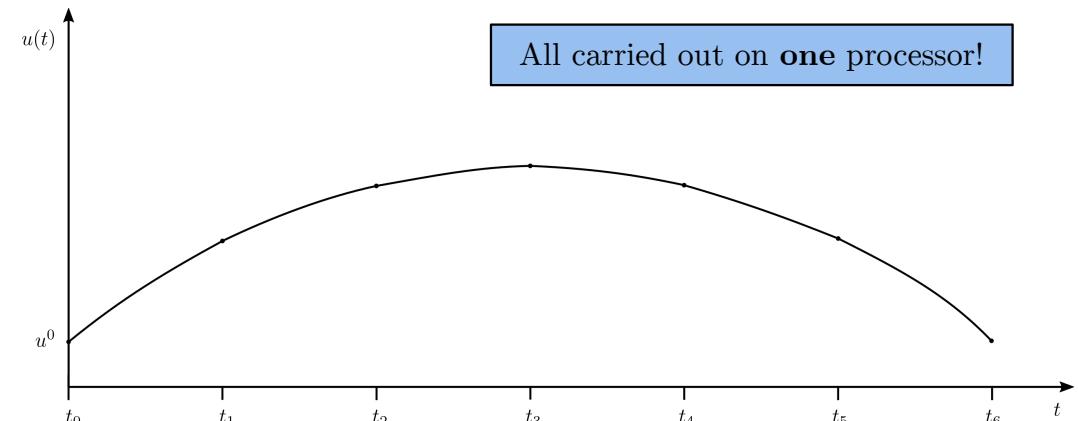


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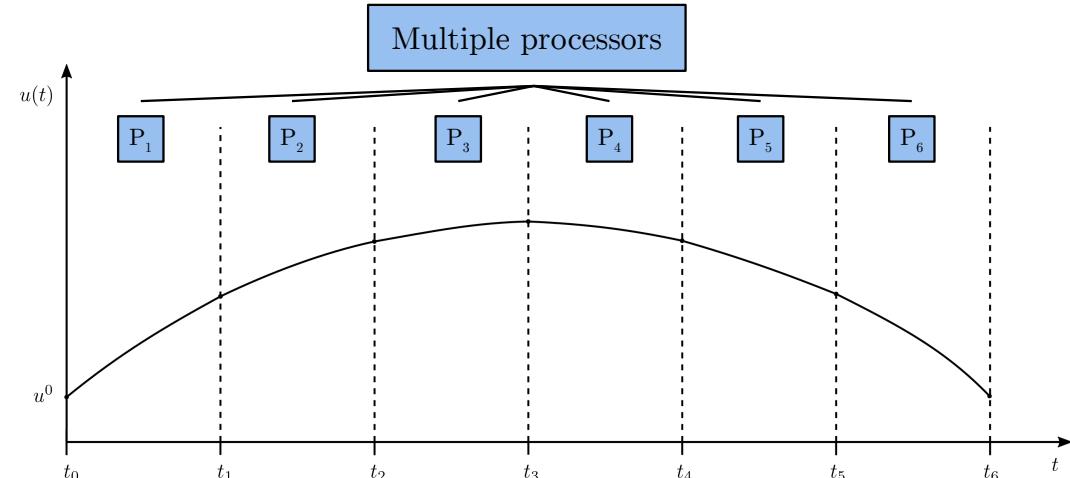


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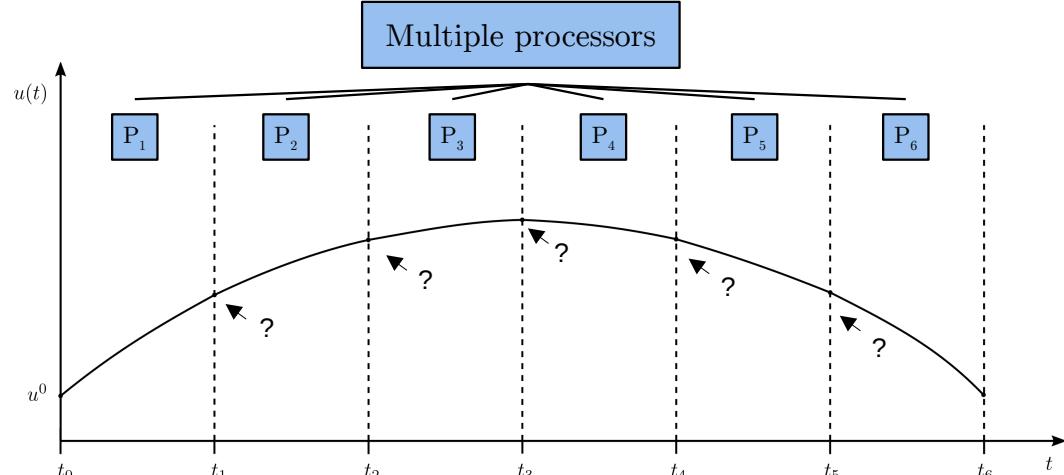


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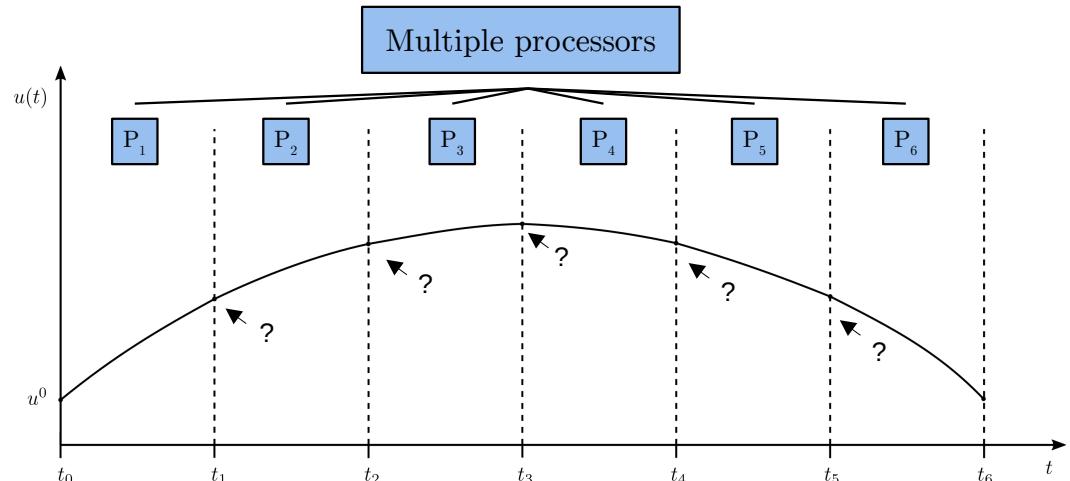
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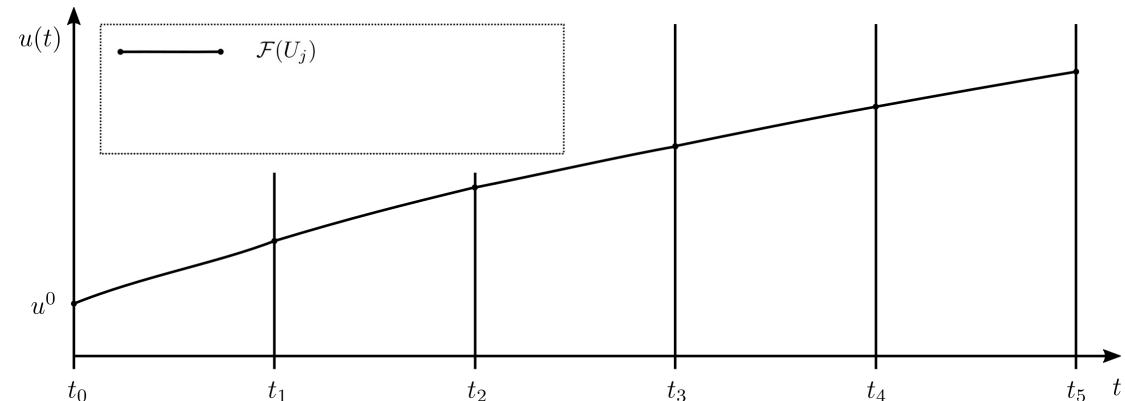
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- Many time-parallel methods:
 - Direct.
 - Waveform-relaxation.
 - Multigrid/multiple shooting (our focus).



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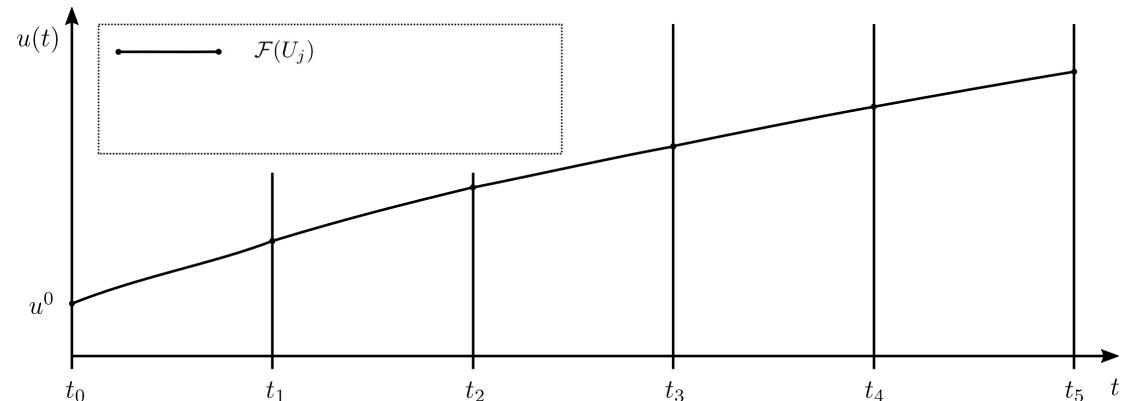


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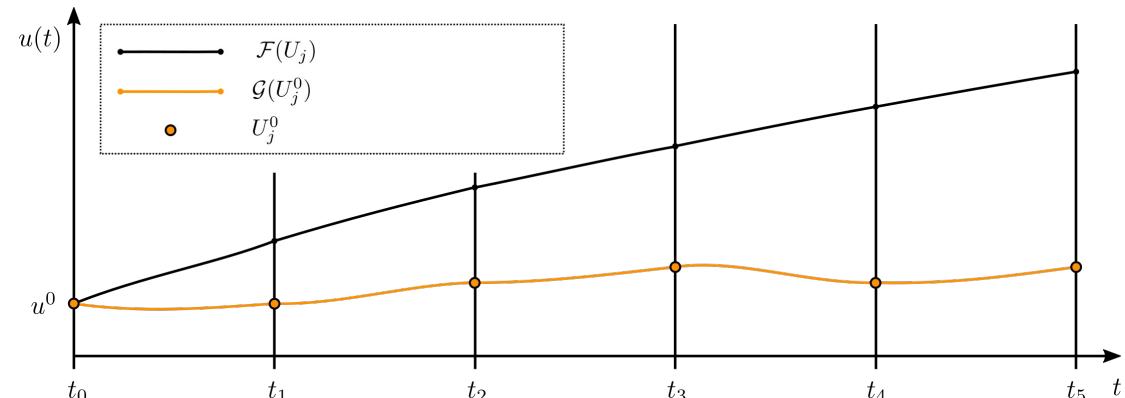
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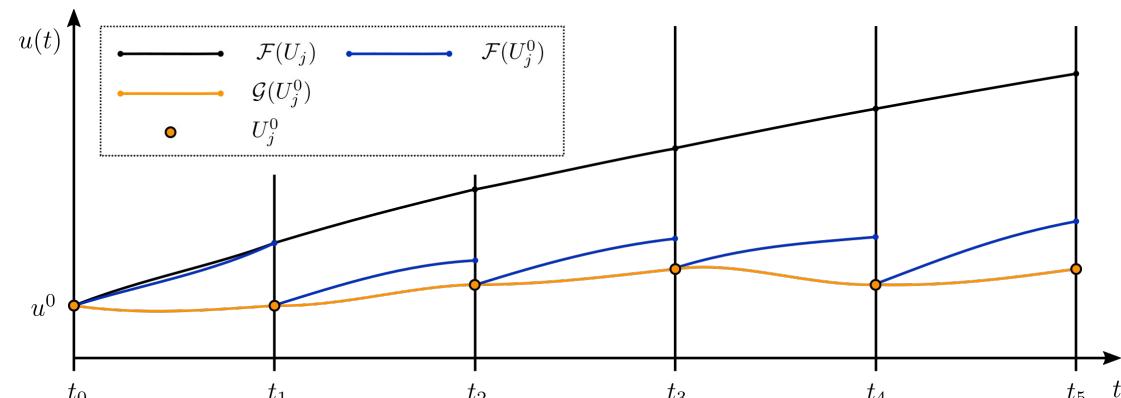
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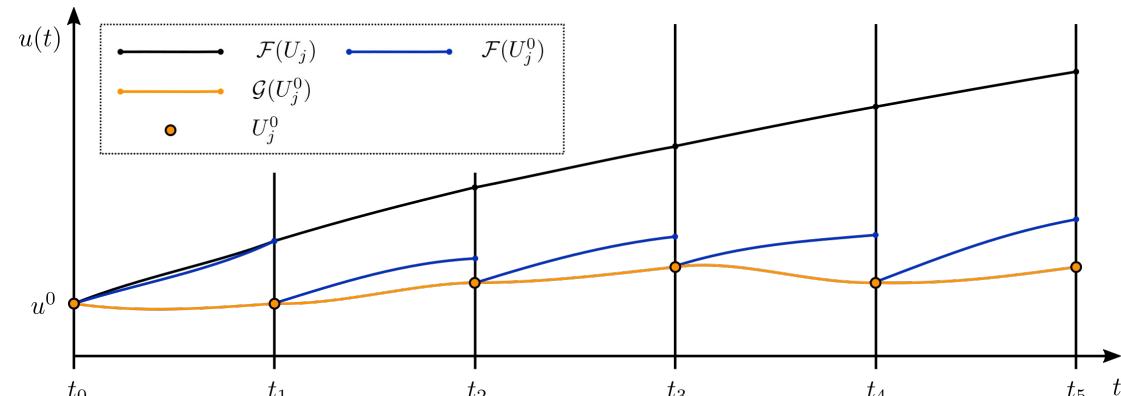


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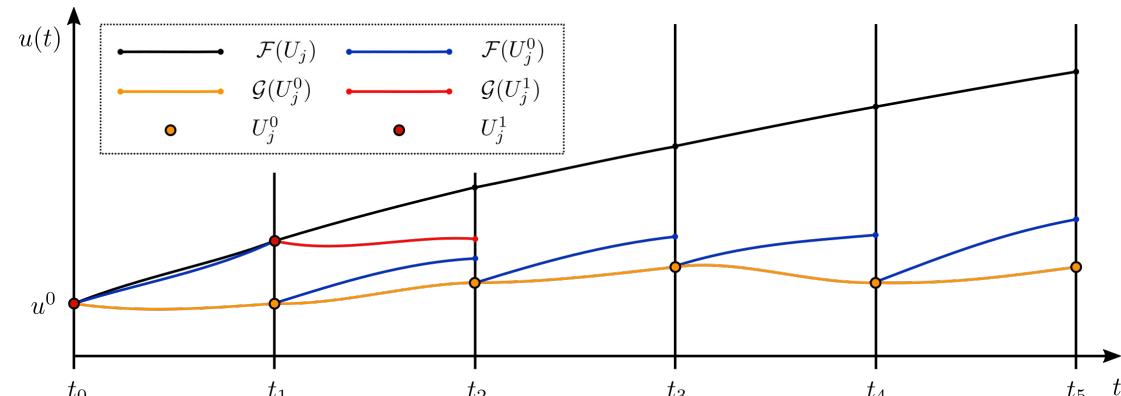


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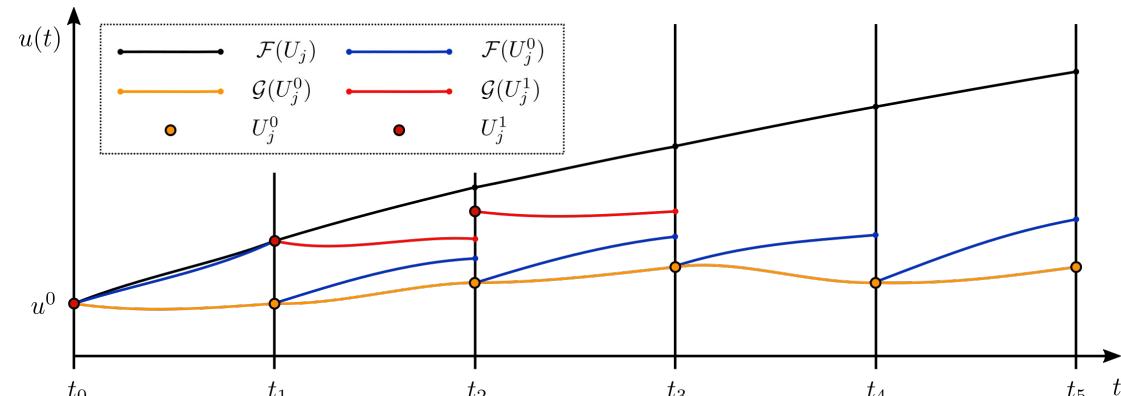


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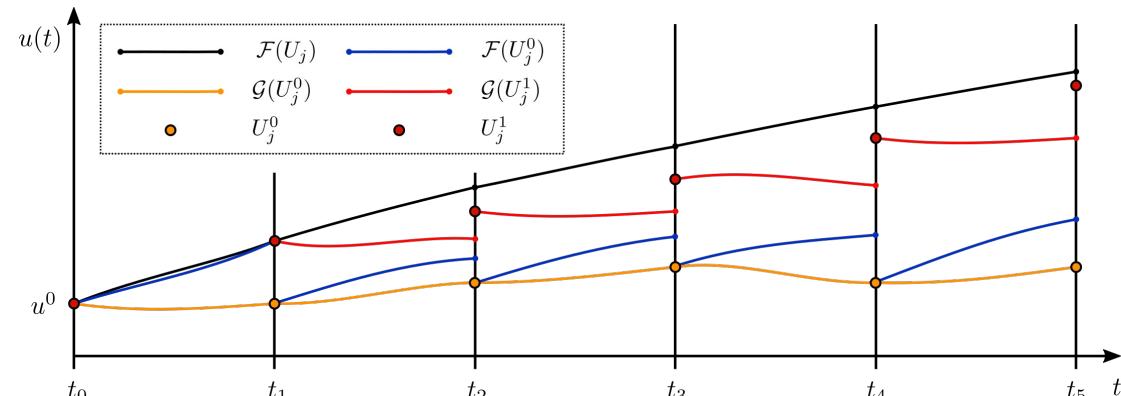


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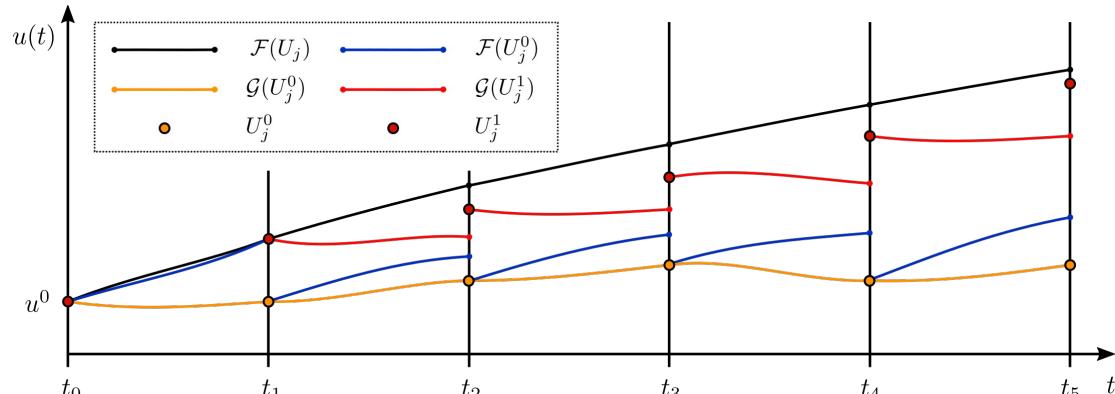
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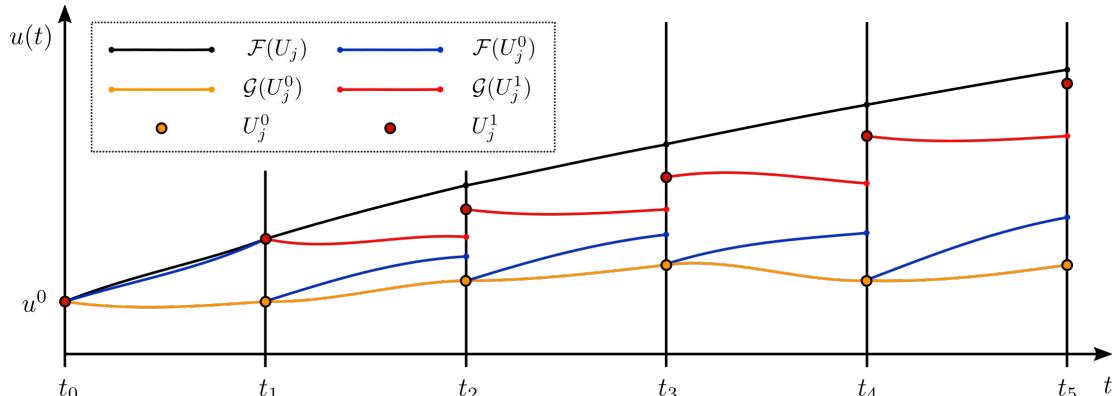
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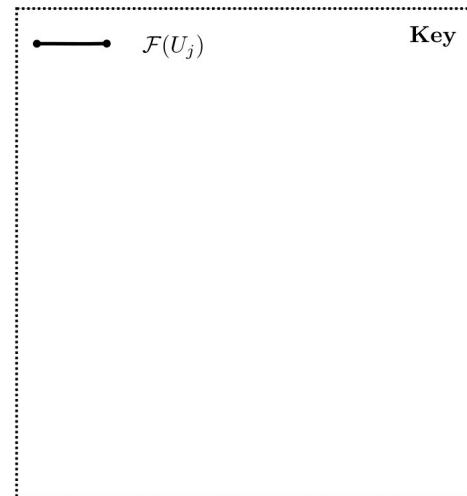
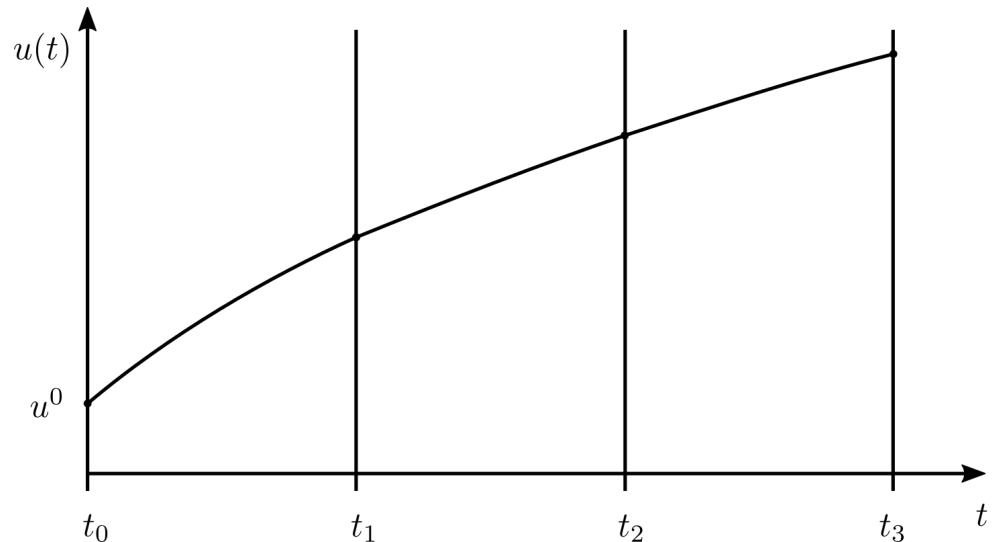
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We **approximate** the RV by taking its **expected value**.

This ignores uncertainty in the GP → **open problem**

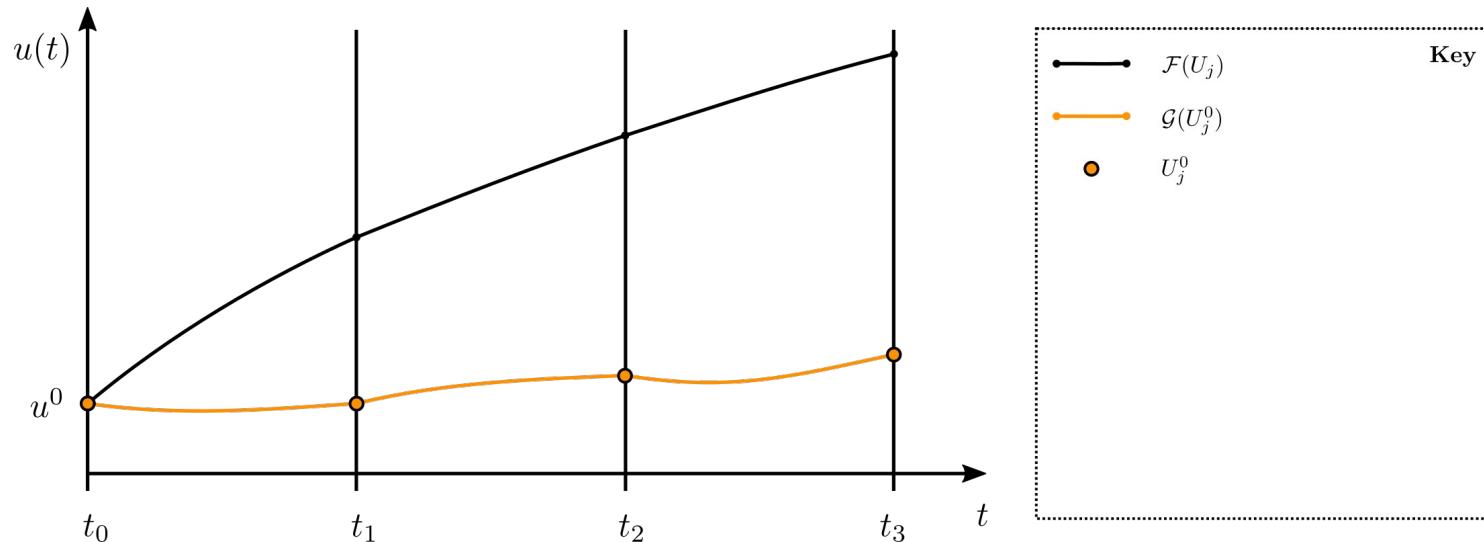
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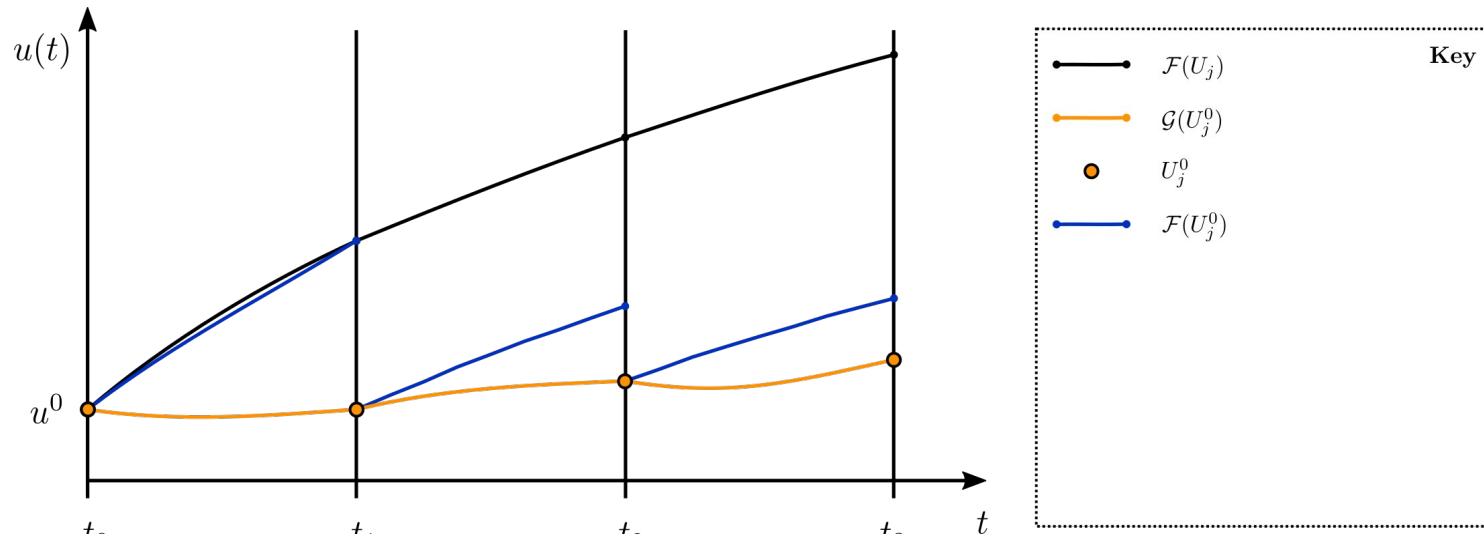
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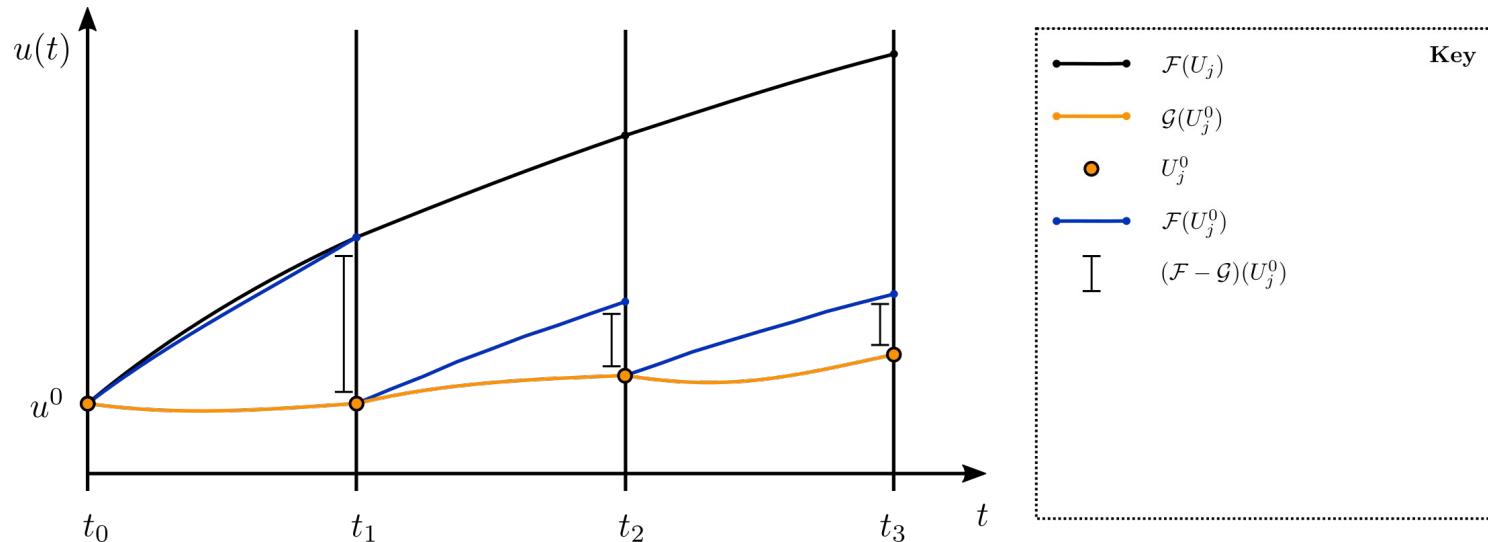
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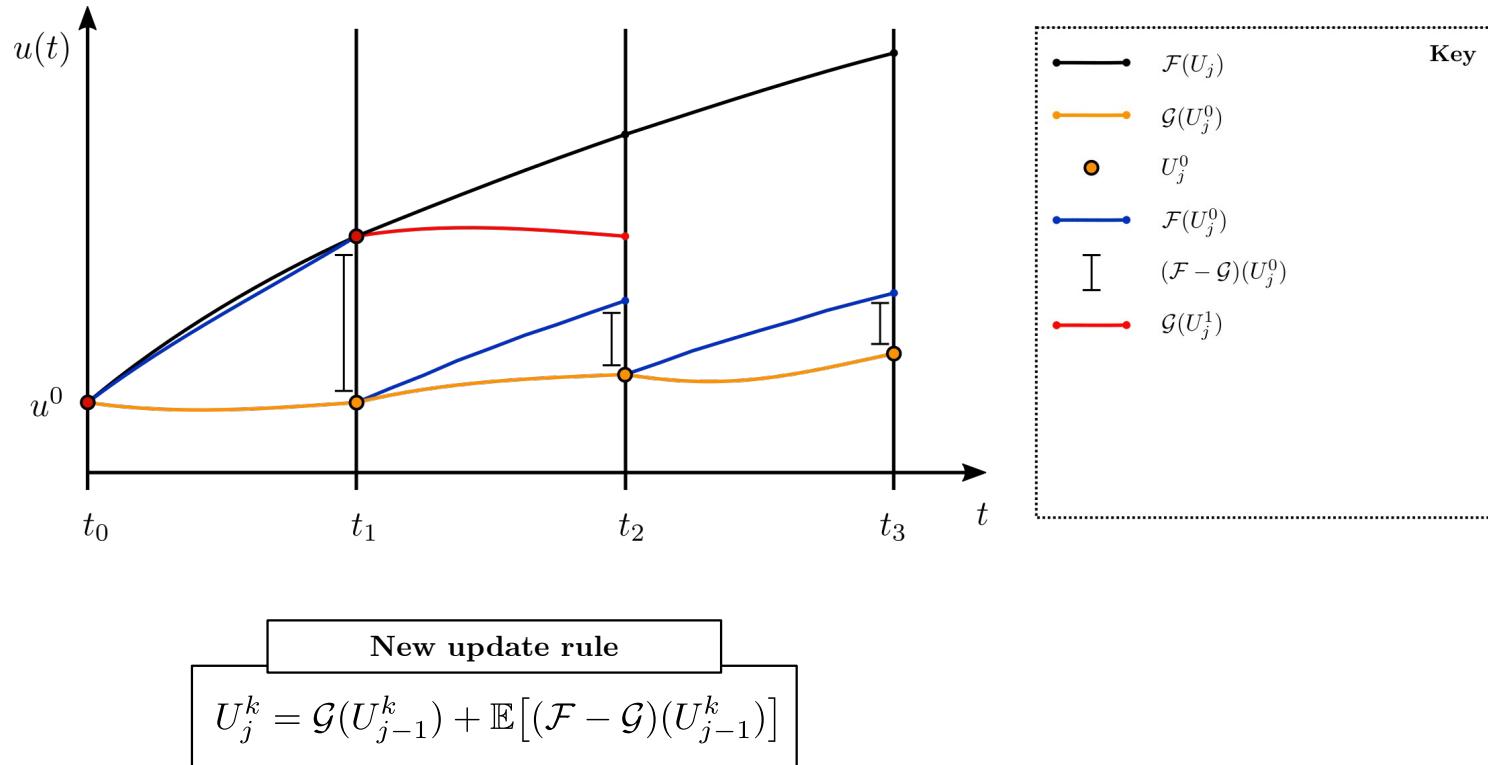
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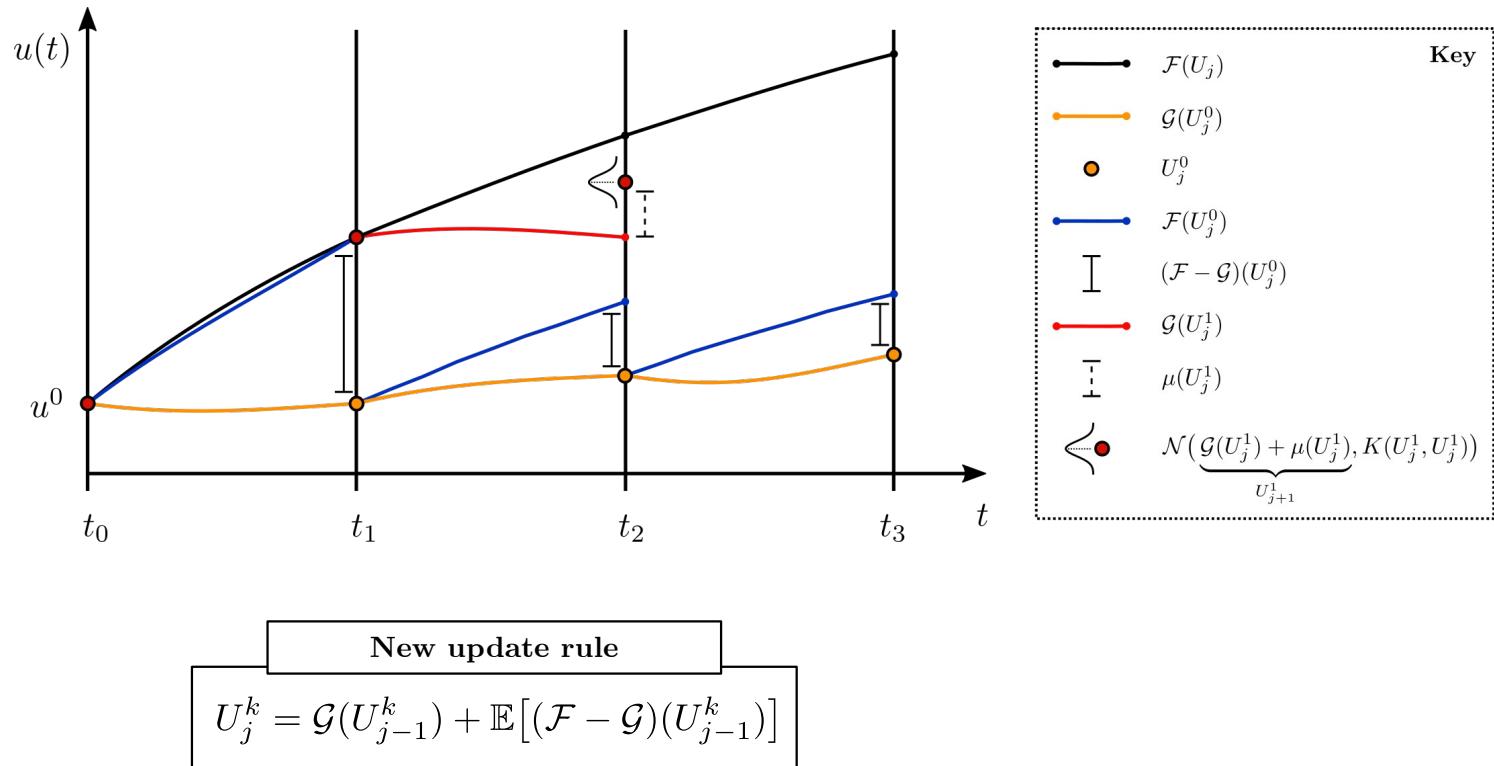
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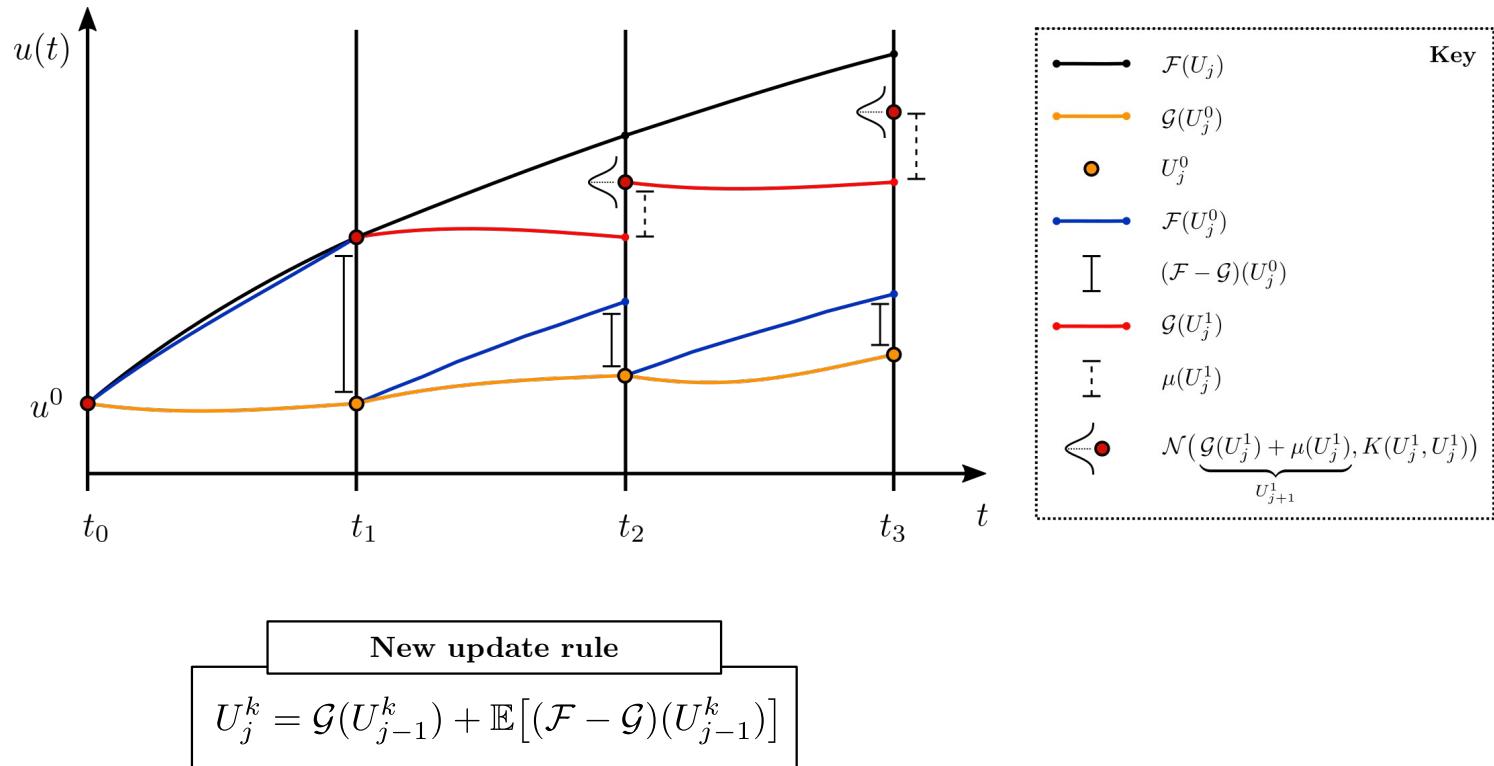
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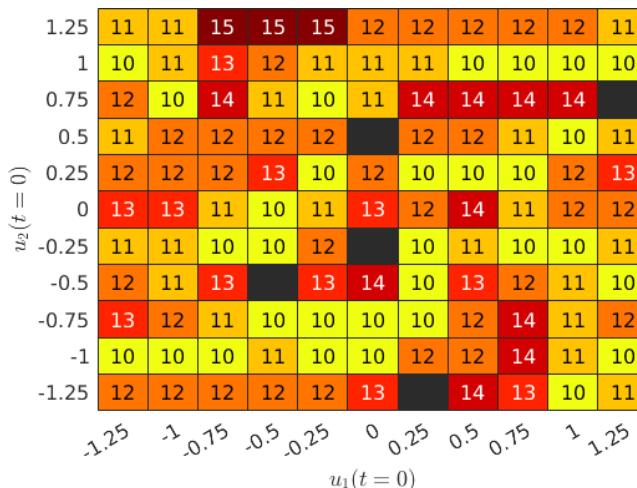
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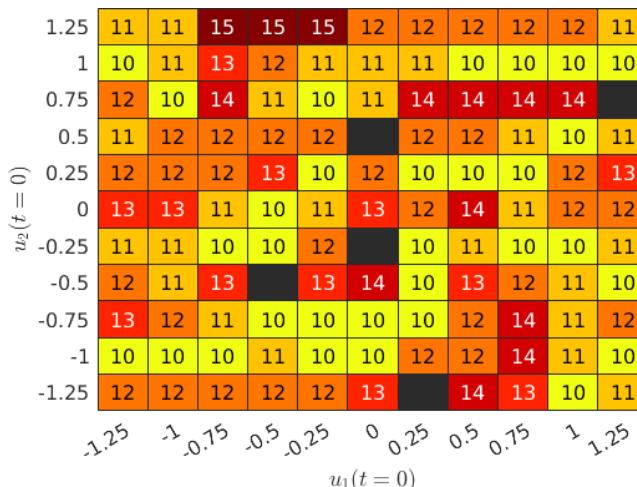
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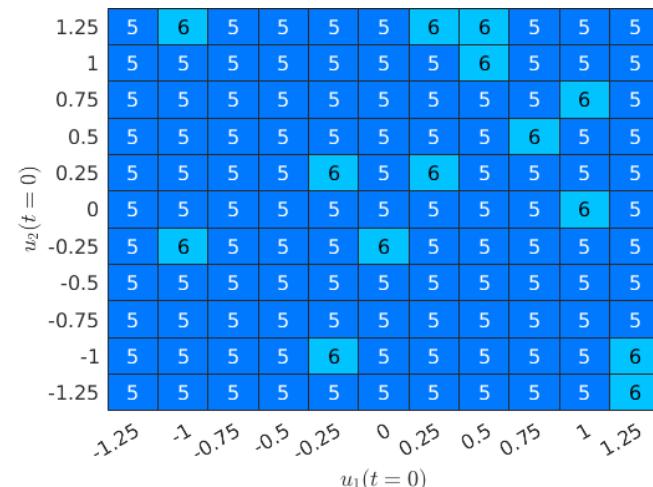
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Step 3: Pre-train emulator using legacy data and then solve for **new initial value**.

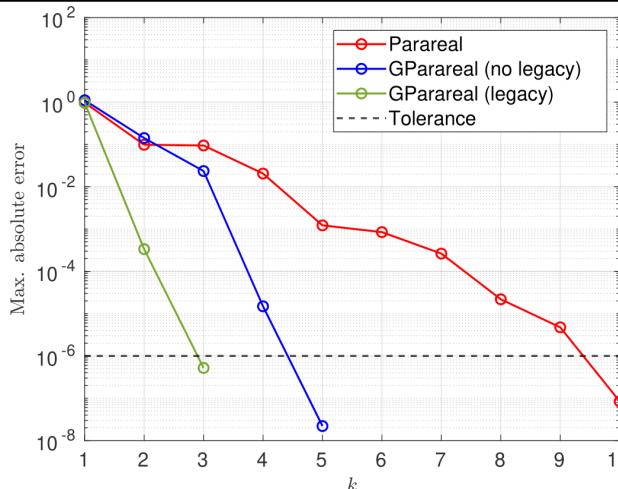
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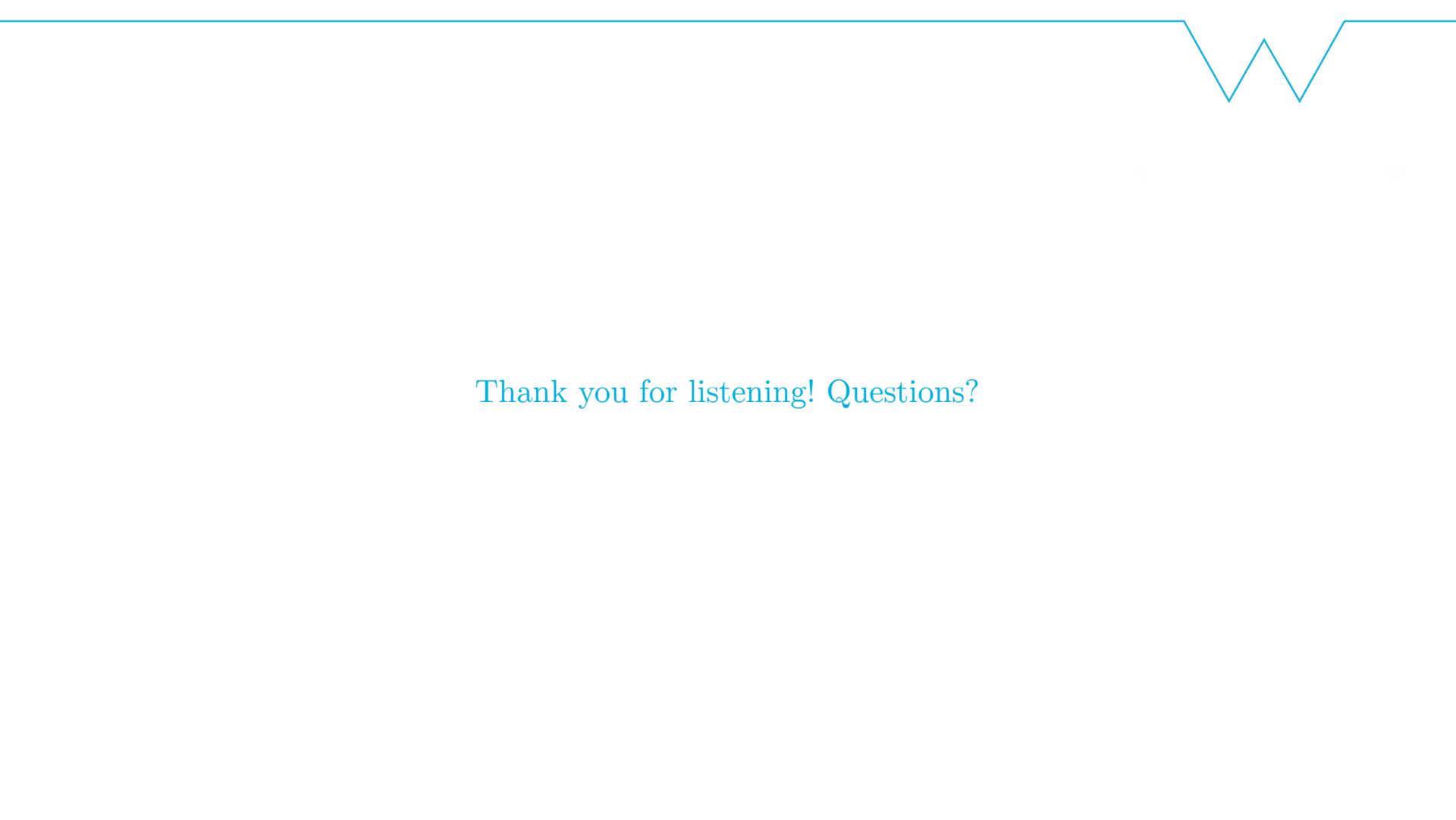


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Drawbacks/open problems

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Thank you for listening! Questions?

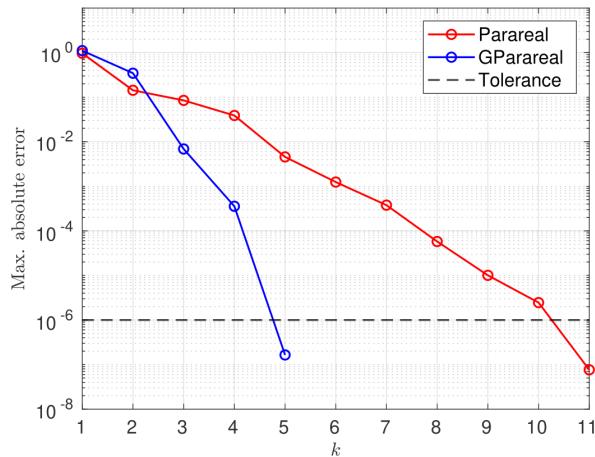
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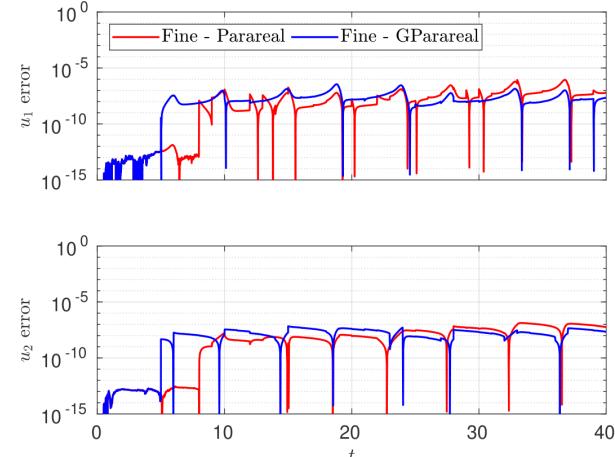
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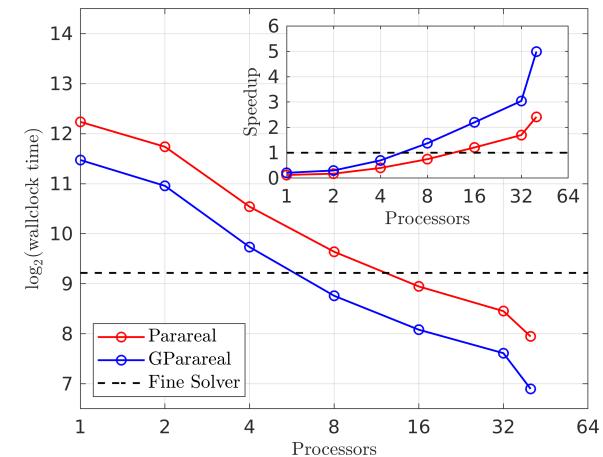
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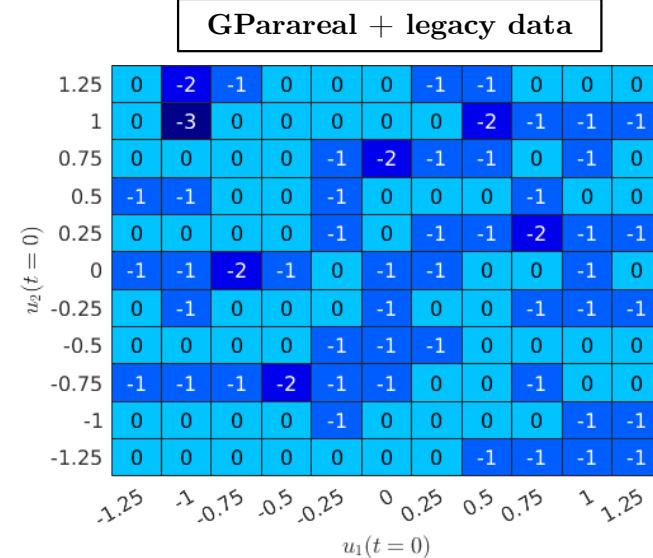
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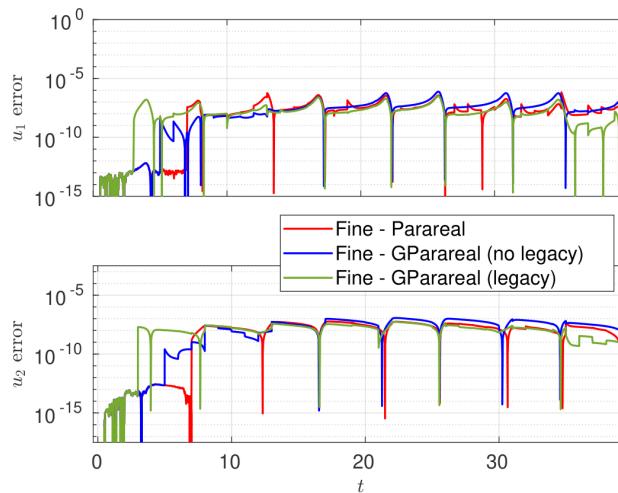
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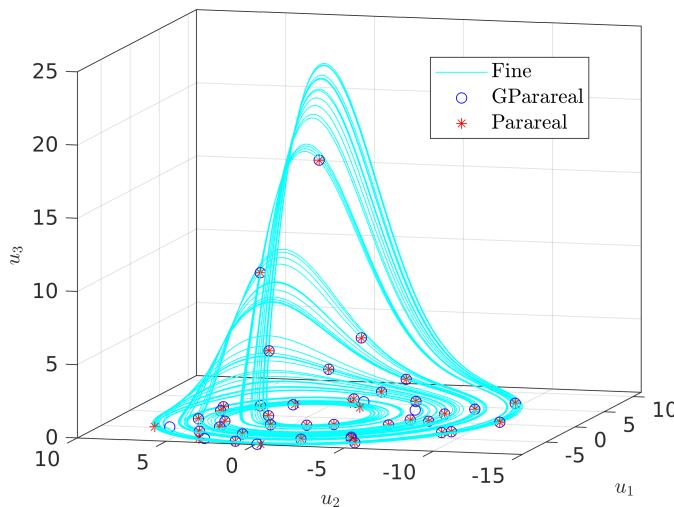
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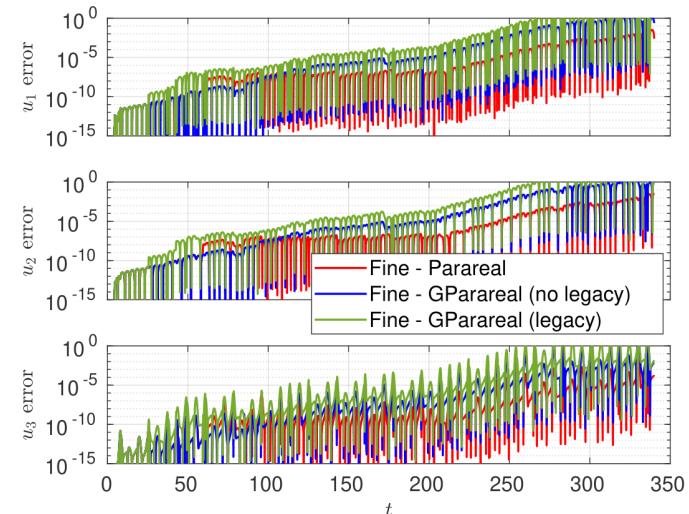
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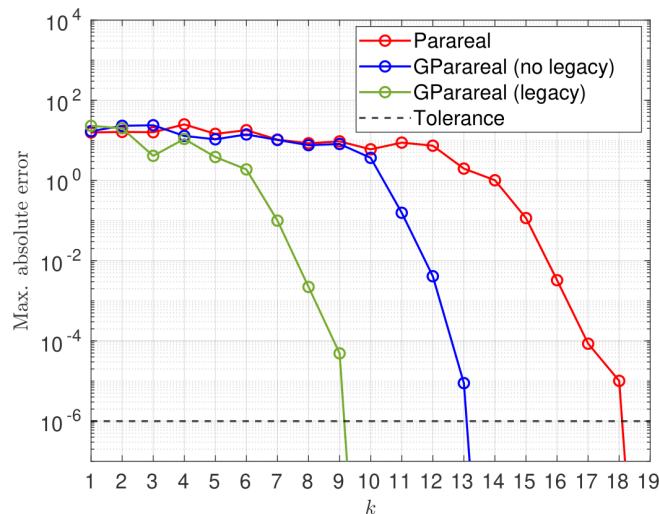


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