

# Fokker-Planck Prediction on the Cylindric Manifold using Tensor Decomposition of a Regular Grid

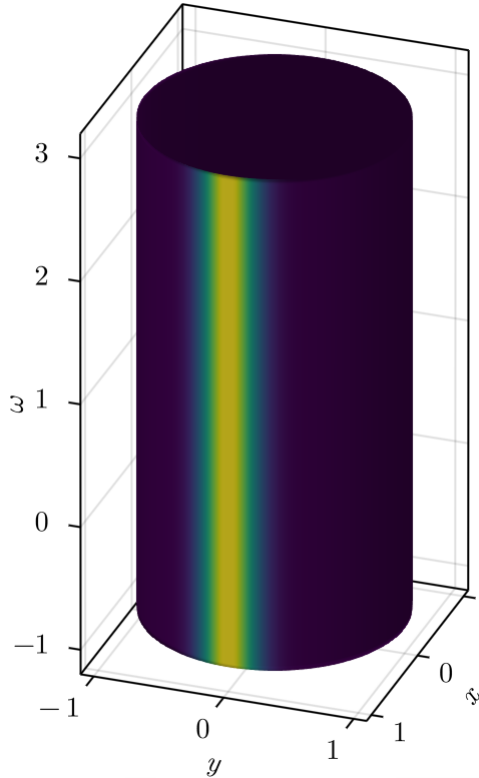
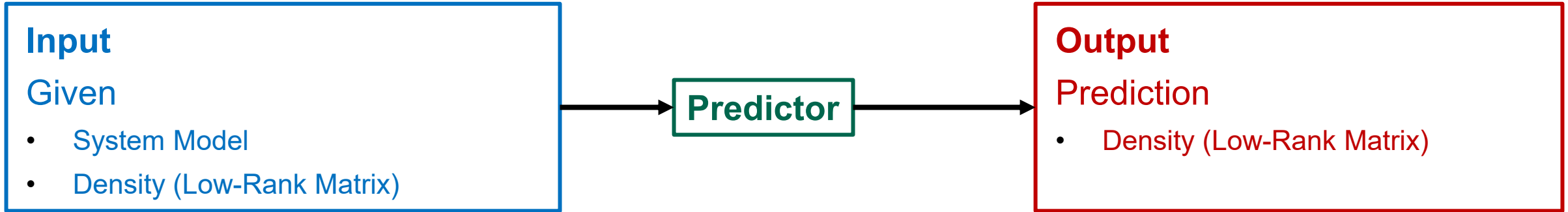
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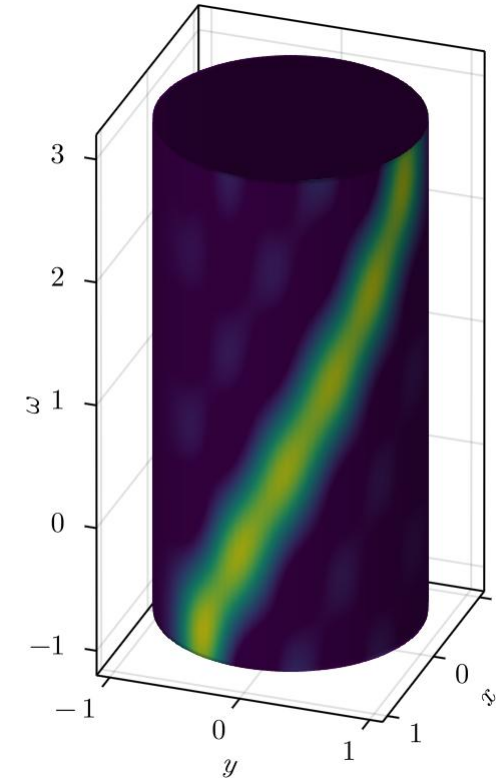
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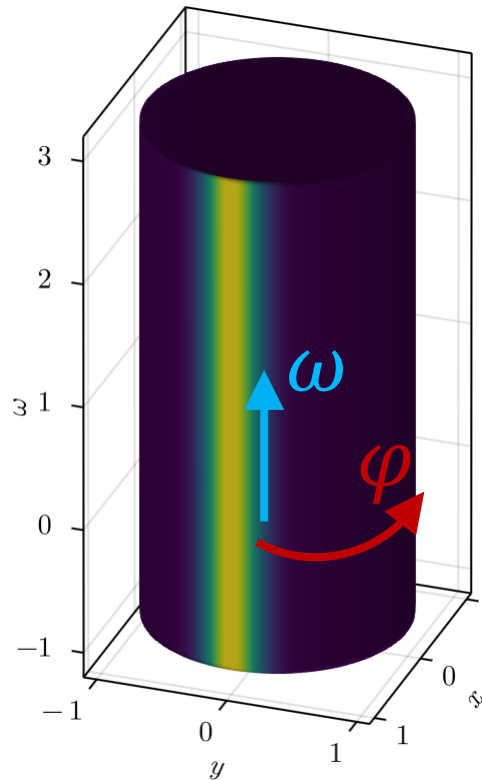
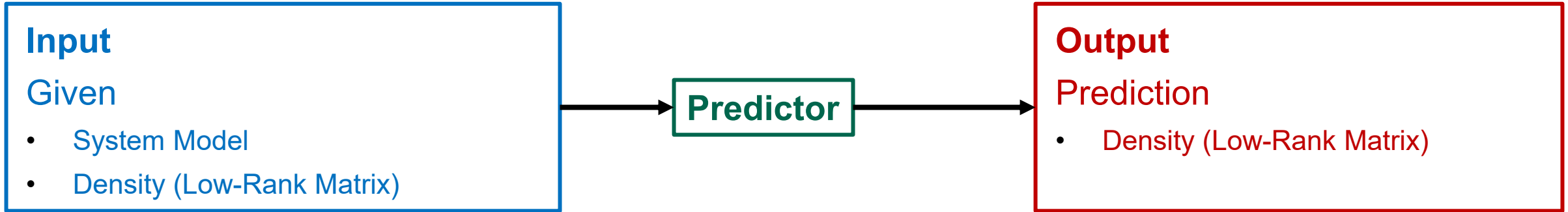


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- Tensorized Predictor
- Manifold-Aware



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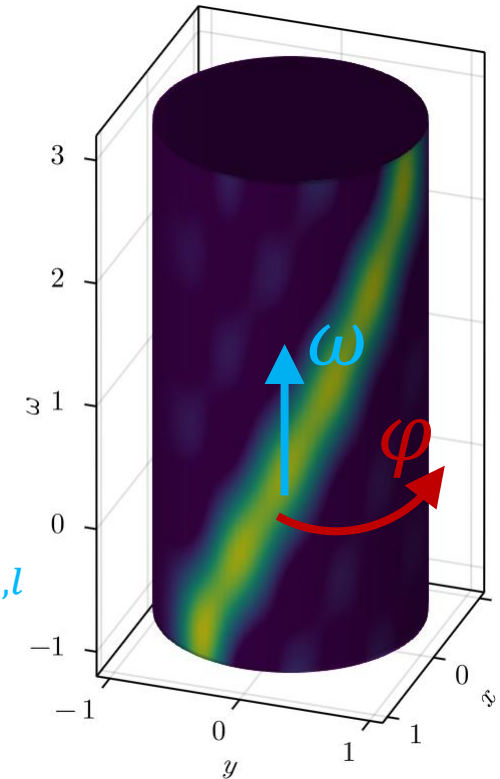


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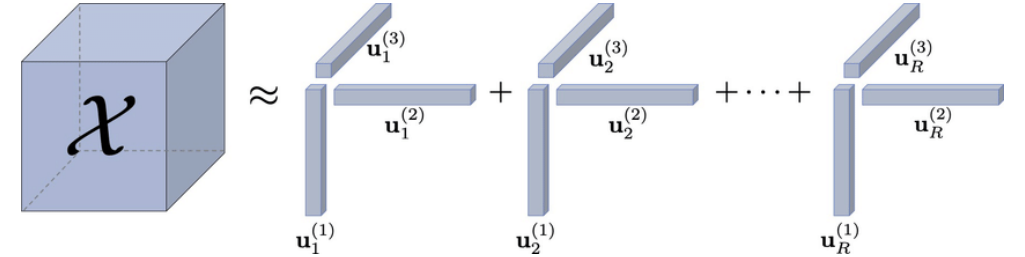
$$\mathbf{P}(1) = \sum_{l=1}^L \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l} \cdot \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l}^T$$



# Alternative Names

Many labels for the same thing!

- Tensor Decomposition
- Tensor rank decomposition
  - Matrix rank decomposition, e.g. SVD
- Kronecker Tensor Format
- CANDECOMP / PARAFAC (CP) Decomposition
  - canonical decomposition / parallel factor
- Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CPD)



Credits: Panagakis, Kossaifi, Chrysos, Tensor Methods in Computer Vision and Deep Learning

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

## General Basics

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^D \sigma_i \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}}_i \cdot \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^T$$

size  
↓  
 $D$

singular  
vectors

singular  
values

Original



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size  $\downarrow$   
 $D$

singular vectors

singular values

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \sum_{i=1}^R \sigma_i \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}}_i \cdot \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^T$$

rank  $\rightarrow$   
 $R$

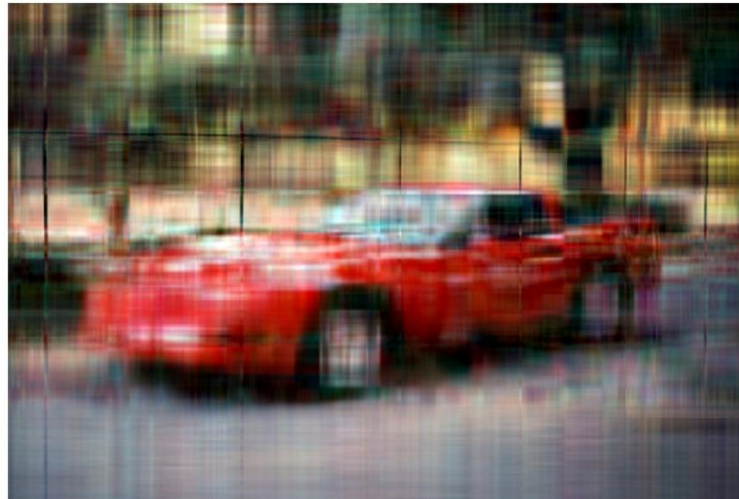
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Rank-1 Approximation



Rank-10 Approximation



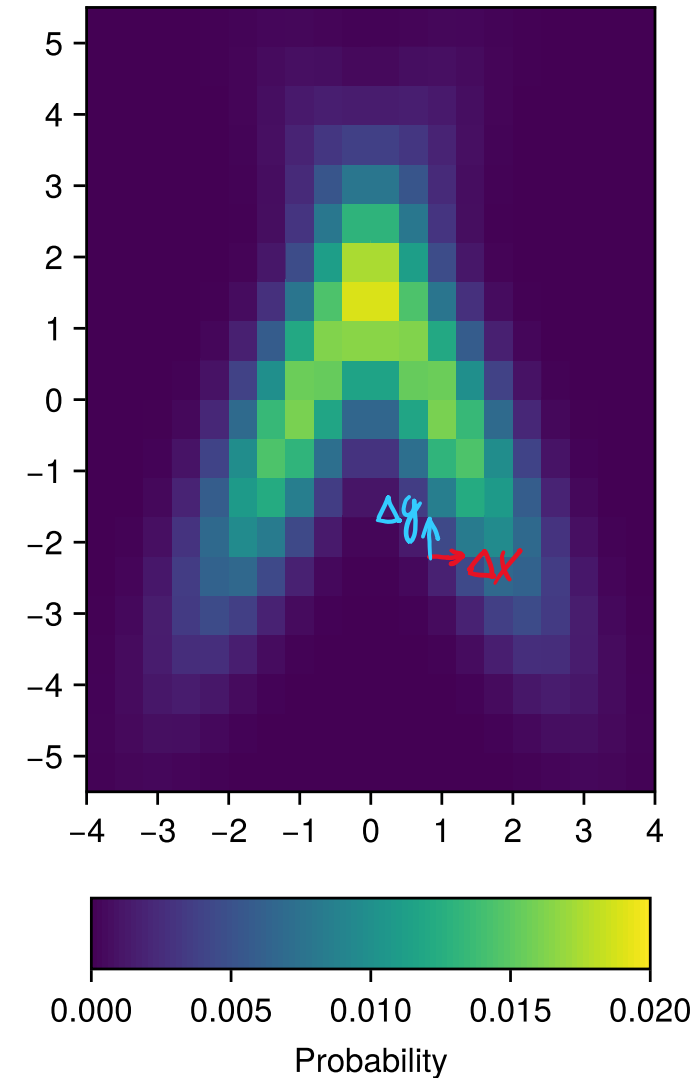
Rank-100 Approximation



# Low-Rank Density Representation

- Discretization
  - regular grid
  - spacing:  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$
- Rank Decomposition
  - SVD

$$\mathbf{P} \approx \sum_{l=1}^L \underbrace{\underline{\rho}_{x,l} \cdot \underline{\rho}_{y,l}^T}_{\text{loading vectors}}$$



# “Constant Rotational Speed” System Dynamics

- State Space

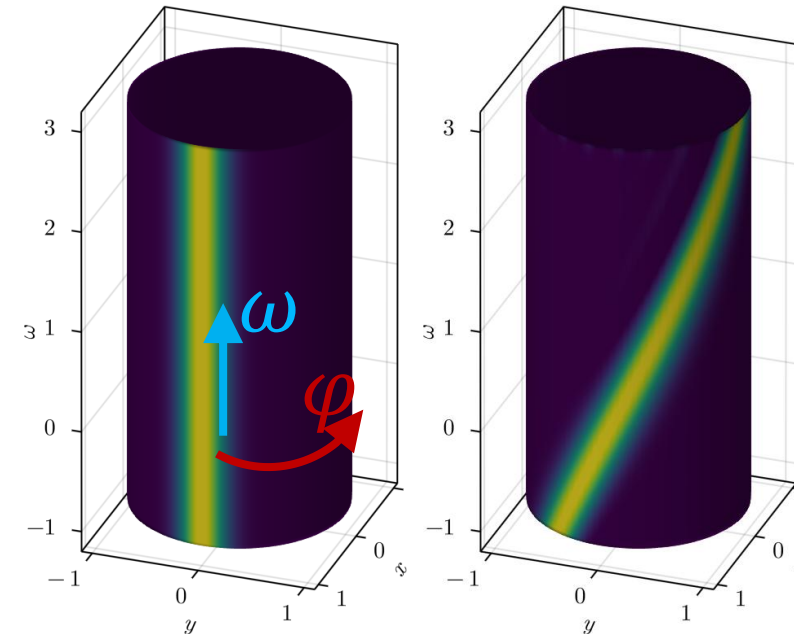
$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{R}$$

- Wiener Process

$$d\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x} dt + q \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} d\omega$$

- Fokker-Planck Equation

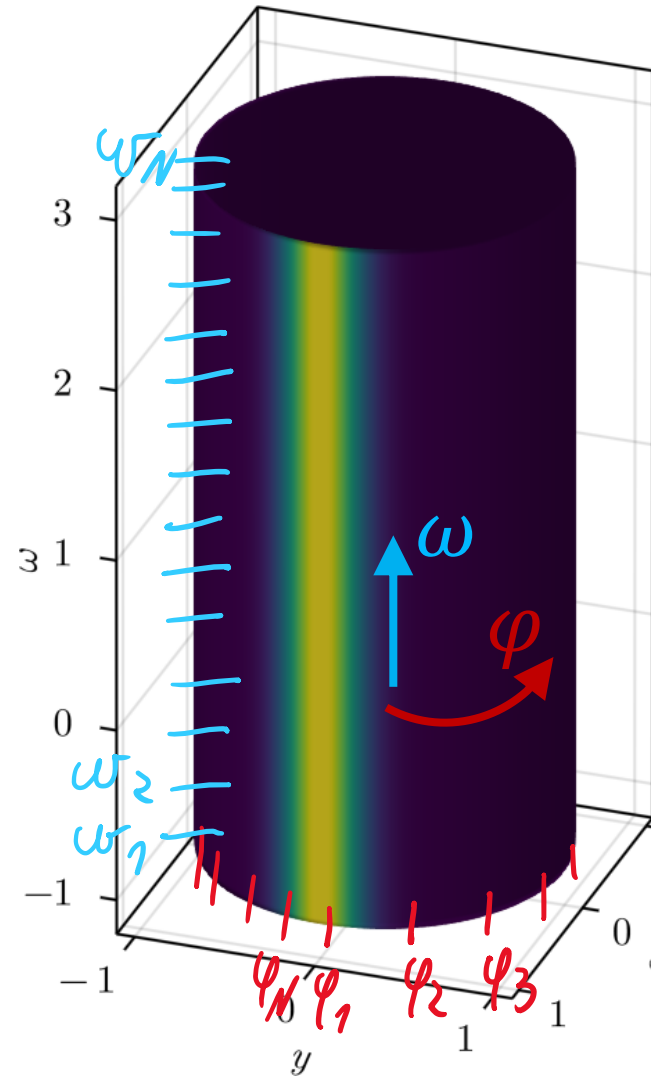
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \underbrace{-\omega \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varphi}}_{\text{translation}} + \underbrace{\frac{q}{2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \omega^2}}_{\text{diffusion}}$$





# Discretization: State Space

- Grid  $\varphi$ ,  $\omega$
- say,  $N_\varphi = N_\omega = 100$

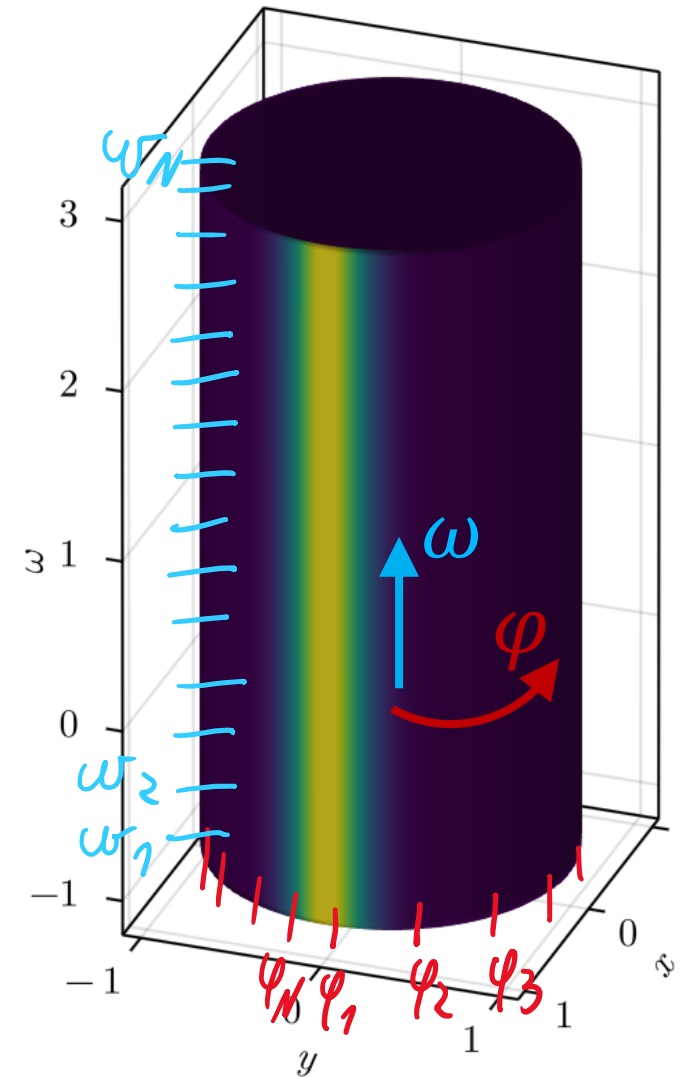


# Discretization: Density

- Scalar field  $p(\varphi, \omega)$

- Matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \sum_{l=1}^L \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l} \cdot \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l}^T$   
[100 x 100]

- Vector  $\underline{p} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{P}) = \sum_{l=1}^L \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l} \otimes \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l}$   
[10000 x 1]



# Discretization: Differentials → Finite Differences

PDE

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\omega \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{q}{2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \omega^2}$$

[10000 x 1]

$$\frac{\partial \underline{p}}{\partial t} = \mathbb{L}_1 \underline{p} + \mathbb{L}_2 \underline{p}$$

ODE

[10000 x 10000]

$$\mathbf{D}_\varphi = [100 \times 100]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_\omega = [100 \times 100]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PDE → Fokker-Planck Operator

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\omega \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{q}{2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \omega^2} \quad \text{PDE}$$

$$[10000 \times 1] \frac{\partial \underline{p}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{(\mathbb{L}_1 + \mathbb{L}_2)}_{\text{rank 2}} \underline{p} \quad \text{ODE}$$

$$\underbrace{[10000 \times 10000] \mathbb{L}_1}_{\text{rank 1}} = \underbrace{[100 \times 100] \text{diag}(\underline{\omega})}_{[100 \times 100]} \otimes \mathbf{D}_\varphi$$

$$\underbrace{[10000 \times 10000] \mathbb{L}_2}_{\text{rank 1}} = \mathbf{D}_\omega \otimes \underbrace{\left( \frac{q}{2} \mathbf{I}(N_\varphi) \right)}_{[100 \times 100]}$$

- Matrix Exponential

- very slow: [10000 x 10000]  
eigen decomposition

$$\underline{p}(t - \tau) = \exp\{\tau(\mathbb{L}_1 + \mathbb{L}_2)\} \cdot \underline{p}(t)$$

- ODE Solver

- slow due to [10000 x 10000]  
matrix multiplications

$$\frac{\partial \underline{p}}{\partial t} = \mathbb{L}_1 \underline{p} + \mathbb{L}_2 \underline{p}$$

- Tensorized Predictor

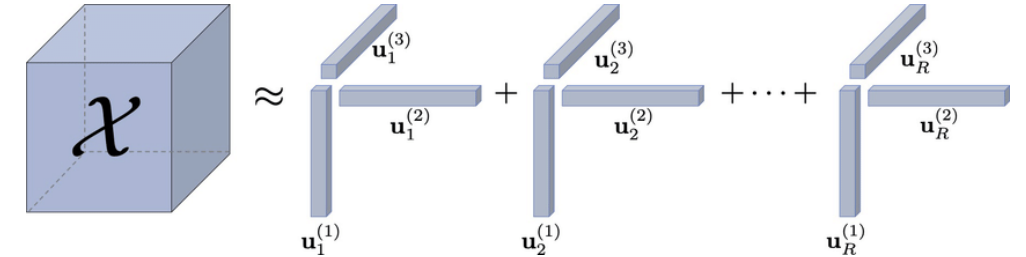
- directly transforms loading vectors
- purely via [100 x 100] matrices

... introduced in:

- Fusion 2016, Demissie, Khan, Govaers
- JAIF 2019, Govaers, Demissie, Khan, Ulmke, Koch
- →

# Tensorized Predictor: Approximations

- Exploits & requires low-rank structure
  - of densities  $\underline{p}$
  - of operator  $\mathbb{L}$



- Approximations

- Lie-Suzuki-Trotter
- Taylor series expansion
- $\Rightarrow$  trade-off: step size  $\tau$  vs  $N_T$

$$\exp\{\tau(\mathbb{L}_1 + \mathbb{L}_2)\} \approx \exp\{\tau\mathbb{L}_1\} \cdot \exp\{\tau\mathbb{L}_2\}$$

$$\exp\{\tau\mathbf{D}\} \approx \sum_{p=0}^{N_T} \frac{\tau^p}{p!} \cdot \mathbf{D}^p$$

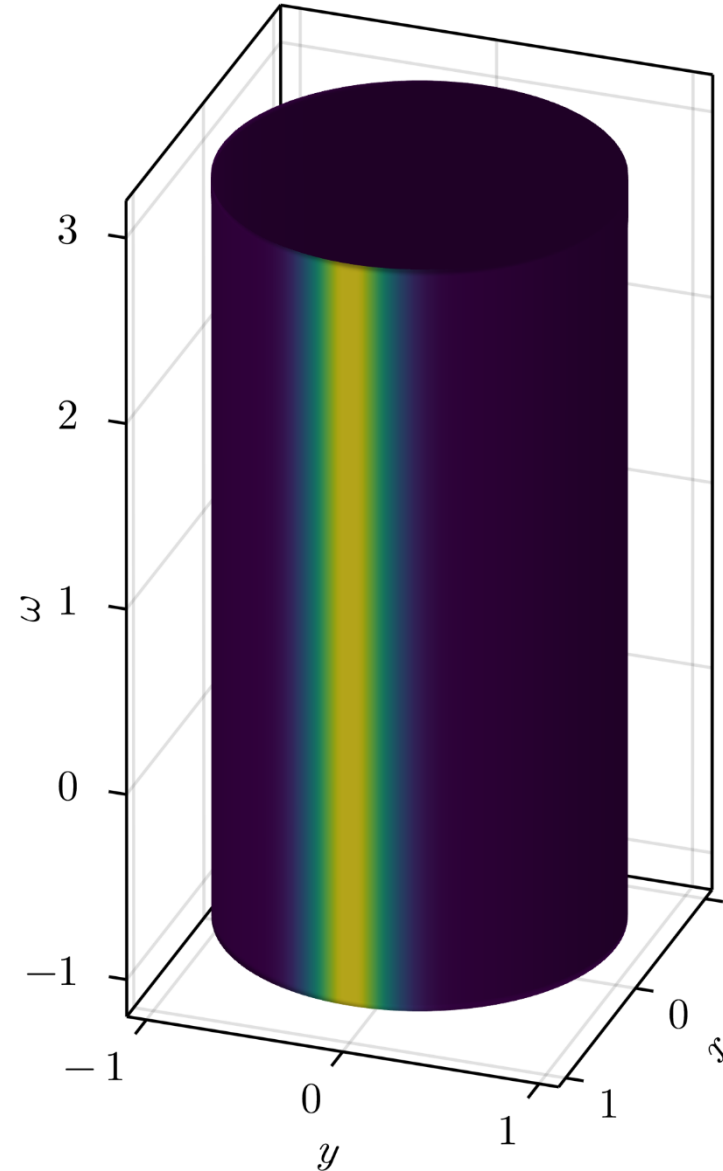
# Tensorized Predictor: Formula

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{prediction,} \\
 L \cdot N_T^2 \text{ loading vectors} \\
 \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad} \\
 \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l,p_1,p_2}(t + \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{p_1+p_2}}{p_1! + p_2!}} \cdot \underbrace{V_{\varphi,1} D_{\varphi,1}^{p_1} V_{\varphi,1}^\top}_{[100 \times 100]} \cdot \underbrace{V_{\varphi,2} D_{\varphi,2}^{p_2} V_{\varphi,2}^\top}_{[100 \times 100]} \cdot \underbrace{\underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l}}_{[100 \times 1]} \\
 [100 \times 1] \qquad\qquad\qquad [100 \times 100] \qquad\qquad\qquad [100 \times 100] \qquad\qquad\qquad [100 \times 1] \\
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 \end{array}$$

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function fp_step_simple!(ρPred_φ, ρPred_ω, ρInit_φ, ρInit_ω, NTaylor, τ)
  for p1 = 0:NTaylor, p2 = 0:NTaylor
    fac = sqrt(τ^p1/factorial_list[p1+1]) * sqrt(τ^p2/factorial_list[p2+1])
    ρPred_φ[:, :, p1+1, p2+1] .= fac * (Vφ1 * (Dφ1^p1 * (Vφ1' * (Vφ2 * (Dφ2^p2 * (Vφ2' * ρInit_φ))))))
    ρPred_ω[:, :, p1+1, p2+1] .= fac * (Vω1 * (Dω1^p1 * (Vω1' * (Vω2 * (Dω2^p2 * (Vω2' * ρInit_ω))))))
  end
end
    
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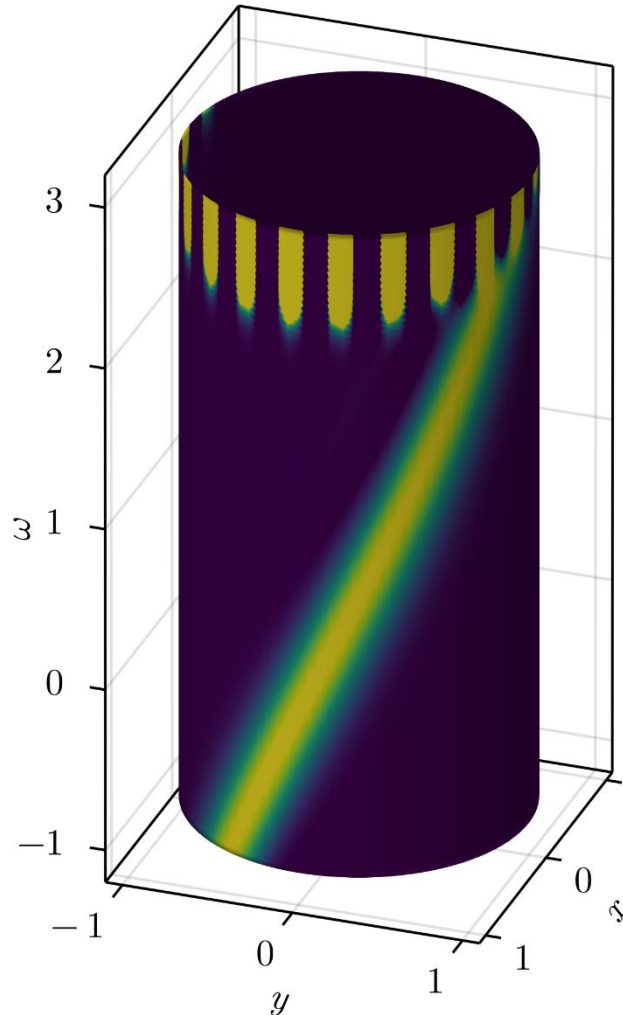
- Rotating shaft
- Encoder
- After 1<sup>st</sup> measurement →
  - $\varphi$ : VMF
  - $\omega$ : uniform
  - $L = 1$



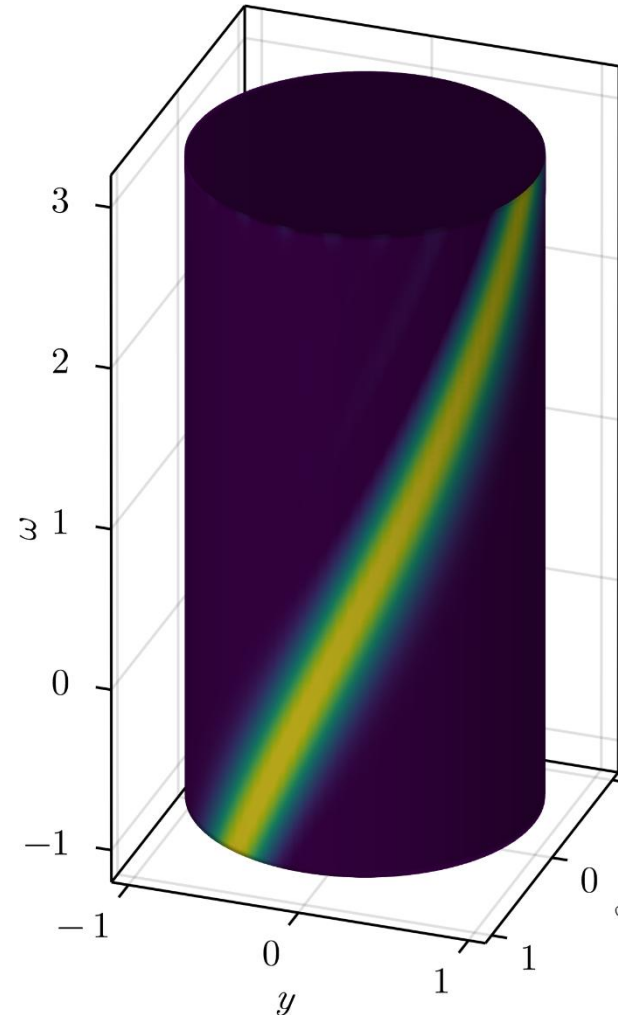


# Evaluation: Single-Step

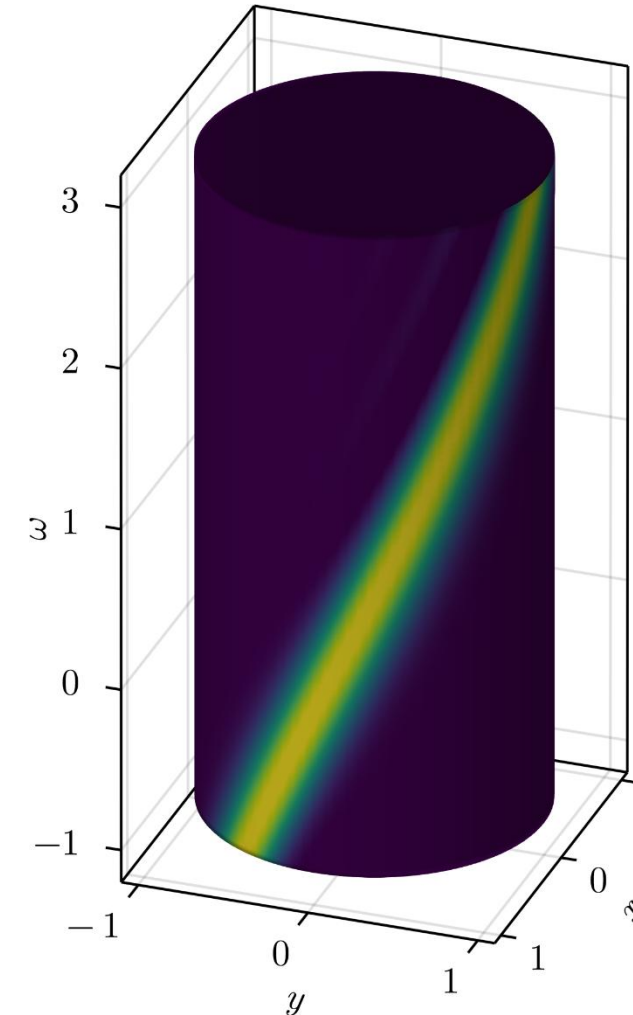
- Prediction
- $\tau = 0.5$
- $N_T = 40$ 
  - artifacts
- $N_T = 55$ 
  - enough
- ODE
  - slow



$N_T = 40, 0.077\text{s},$   
 $L = 40^2 = 1600$



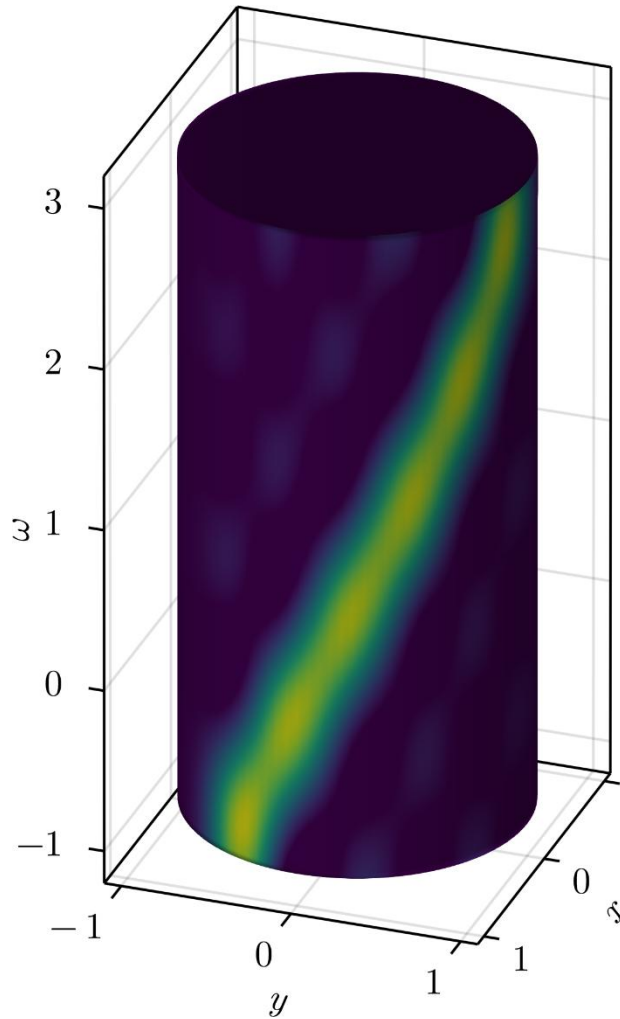
$N_T = 55, 0.15\text{s},$   
 $L = 55^2 = 3025$



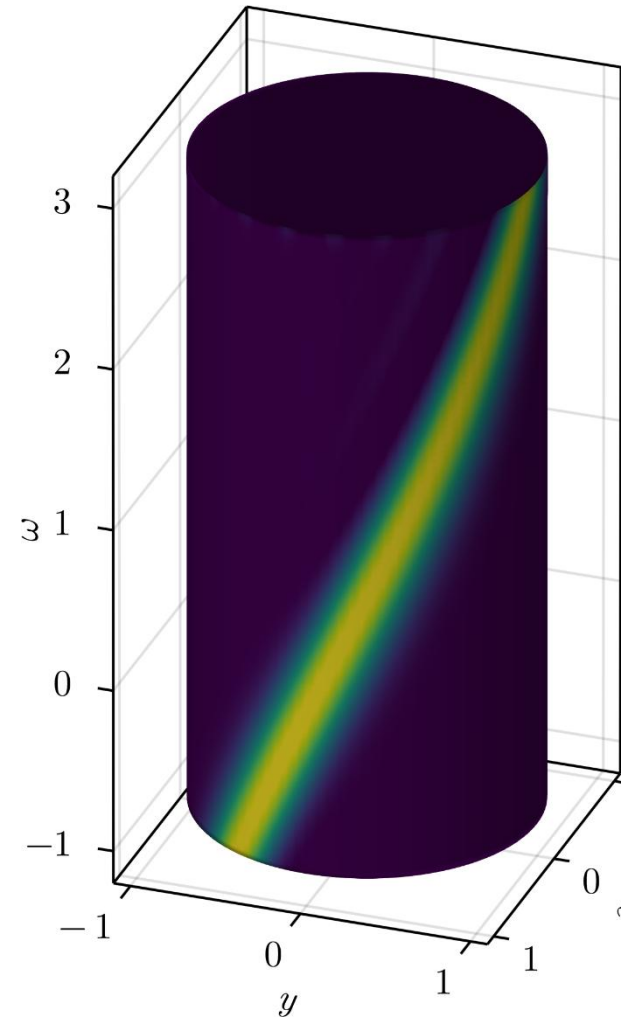
ground truth  
ODE solver, 2.3s

# Evaluation: SVD-Reduction

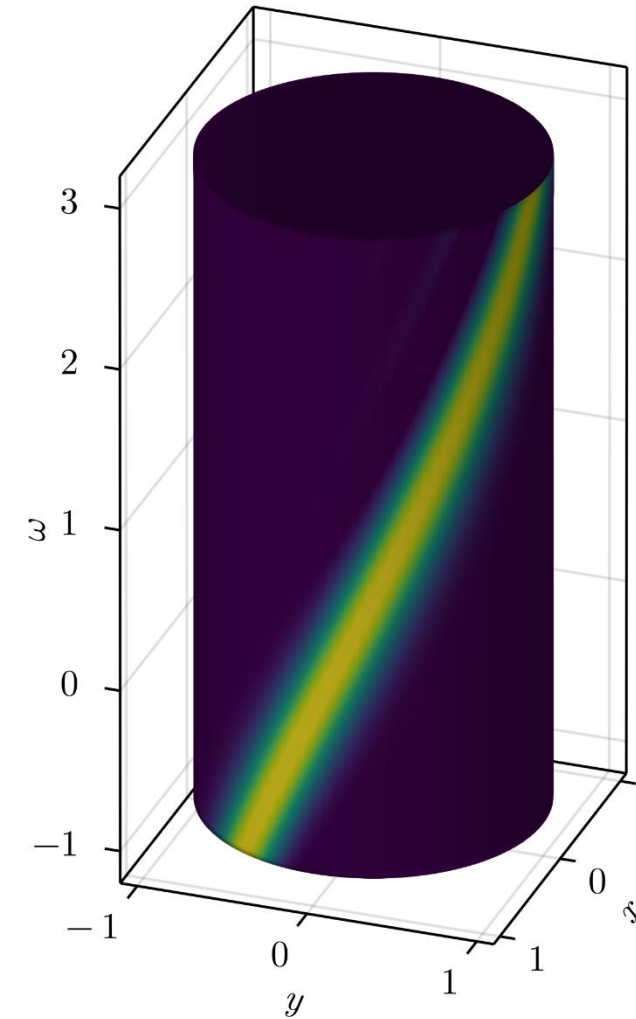
- Reduce  $L$
- via SVD
- $3025 \rightarrow 6$
- $3025 \rightarrow 15$



$L = 6$



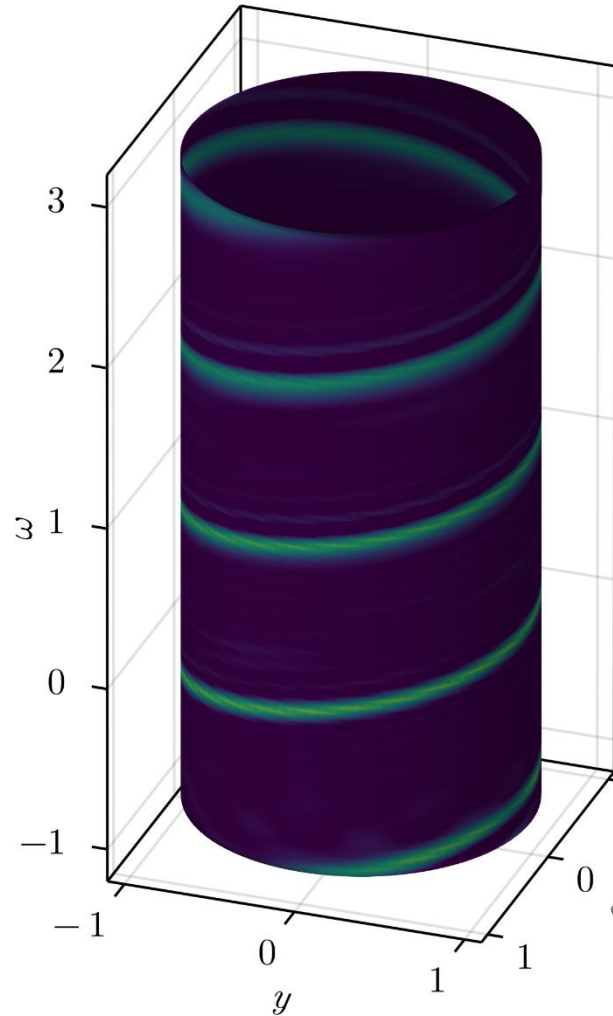
$L = 15$



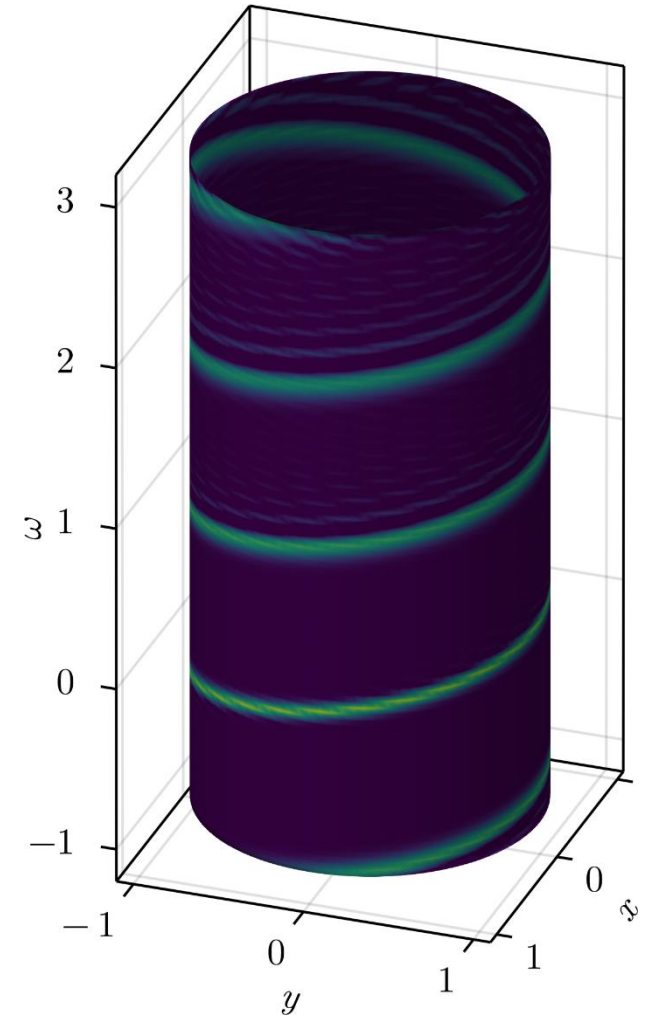
ground truth  
ODE solver

# Evaluation: Recursive Multi-Step Predictor

- Arbitrary large steps:  $\tau = 2\pi$
- Trade-off used
  - $\tau_k = 0.06$  step size
  - $N_T = 4$  Taylor terms
  - $L = 20$  rank reduction
  - 1.8s computation time



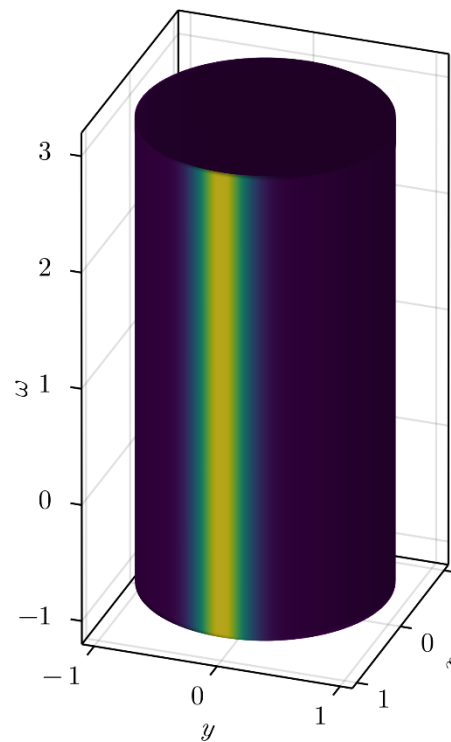
Multi-step FPE predictor  
1.8s



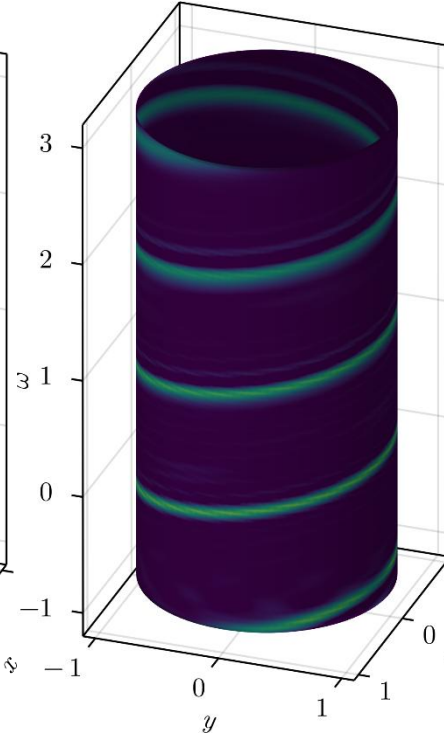
ground truth  
ODE solver, 32s

# Evaluation: Tensorized Filter Step

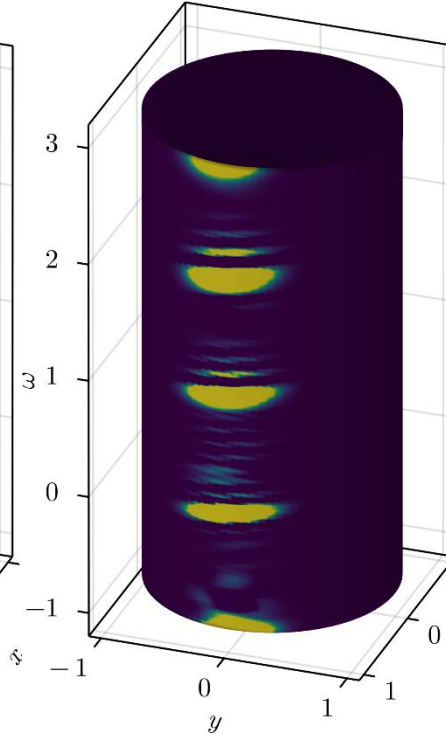
- Required:
  - low-rank likelihood
  - here: rank-1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> measurement
  - multi-modal result
- 3<sup>rd</sup> measurement
  - unique result



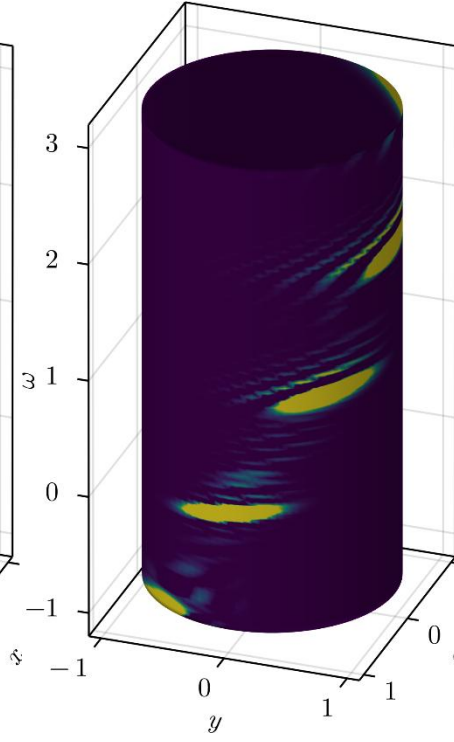
$p_e(t = 0)$



$p_p(t = 2\pi)$



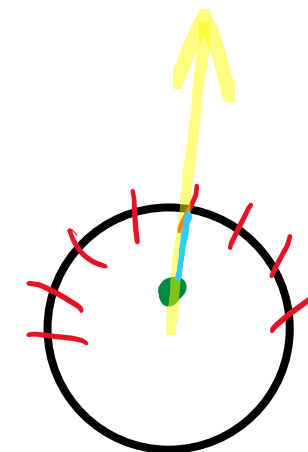
$p_e(t = 2\pi)$



$p^p(t = 2.25\pi)$

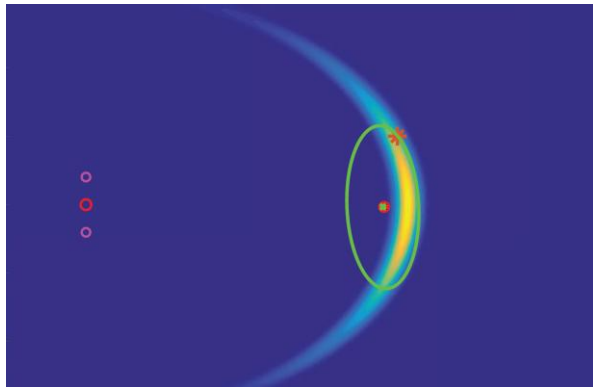
# Further Tensorized Computations

- Prediction step (see above)
- Filter step  $\underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l,l'}^e = \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l}^p \odot \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l'}^L$ ;  $\underline{\rho}_{\omega,l,l'}^e = \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l}^p \odot \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l'}^L$
- Normalization constant  $c = \sum_{l=1}^L \left( \sum \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l} \right) \cdot \left( \sum \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l} \right)$
- Mean of  $\omega$   $\mu_{\omega} = \sum_{l=1}^L \left( \sum \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l} \right) \cdot \left( \sum \underline{\omega} \odot \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l} \right)$
- Variance of  $\omega$   $\sigma_{\omega}^2 = \sum_{l=1}^L \left( \sum \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l} \right) \cdot \left( \sum \underline{\omega} \odot \underline{\omega} \odot \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l} \right) - \mu_{\omega}^2$
- Trigonometric moment  $m_1 = \sum_{l=1}^L \left( \sum e^{i\varphi} \odot \underline{\rho}_{\varphi,l} \right) \cdot \left( \sum \underline{\rho}_{\omega,l} \right)$
- Circular mean of  $\varphi$   $\mu_{\varphi} = \text{ang}(m_1)$
- Circular variance of  $\varphi$   $\sigma_{\varphi}^2 = 1 - |m_1|$



## Demonstrated Applications

- [Govaers 2019]
  - multitarget PHD
  - 16D SLAM
  - bistatic radar



- [Frisch 2025] (this)
  - rotating shaft

## Nonlinear Filtering

- nonlinear periodic domains
- combined Euclidean and periodic domains
- robotic: joint angles & position

## Posterior

- density on grid
- [directional] mean
- [directional] variance

## **Limitations** (state of art)

- Linear domain (+ nonlinear estimation problem)
- Euclidean state space

## **Advantages** (proposed)

- Nonlinear domain
  - always nonlinear estimation!
- Grid + periodic space
  - good match
- Periodic state spaces
  - Cylinder
  - Torus
  - SE(2)

Thank you for your attention

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