

PDE-constrained optimization

In plasma simulation

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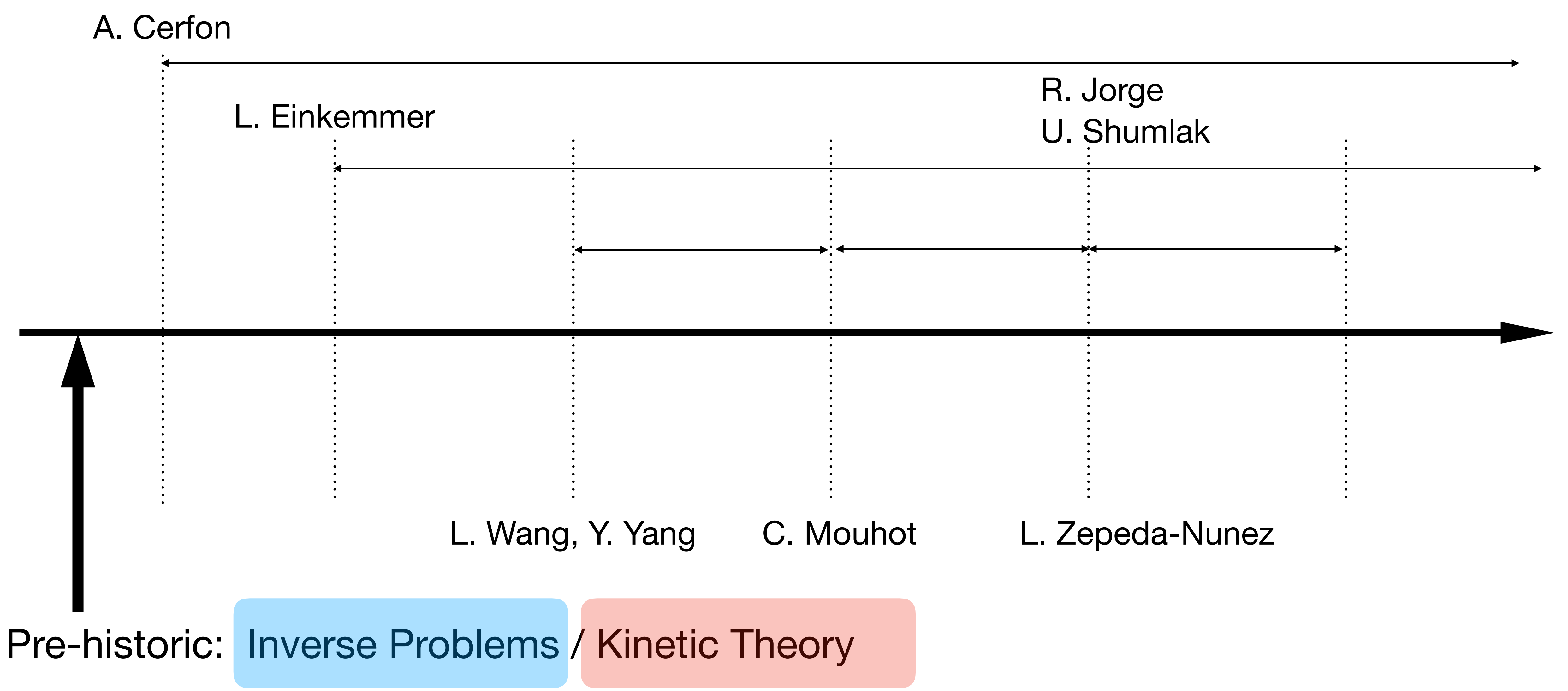
Suppressing Plasma Instability Through Constrained Optimization

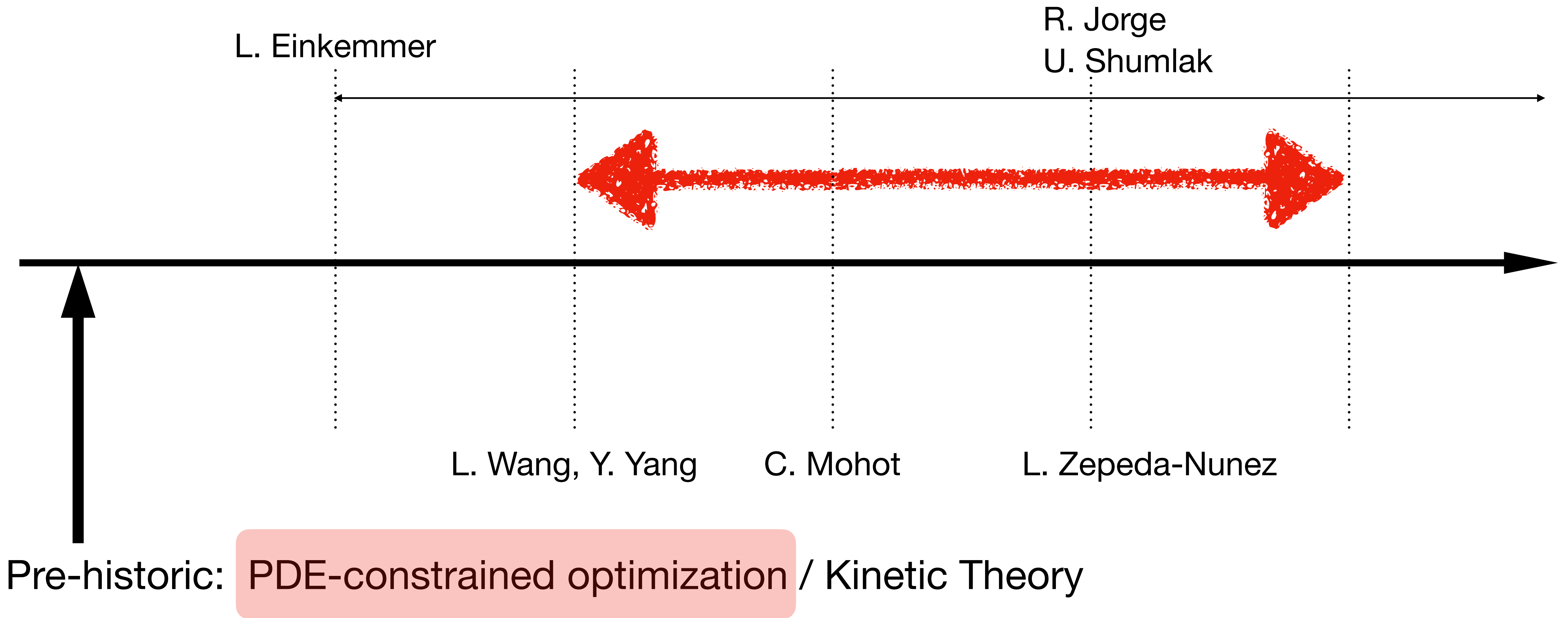
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Stabilizing plasma instabilities cast as PDE-constrained optimization





PDE-constrained optimization

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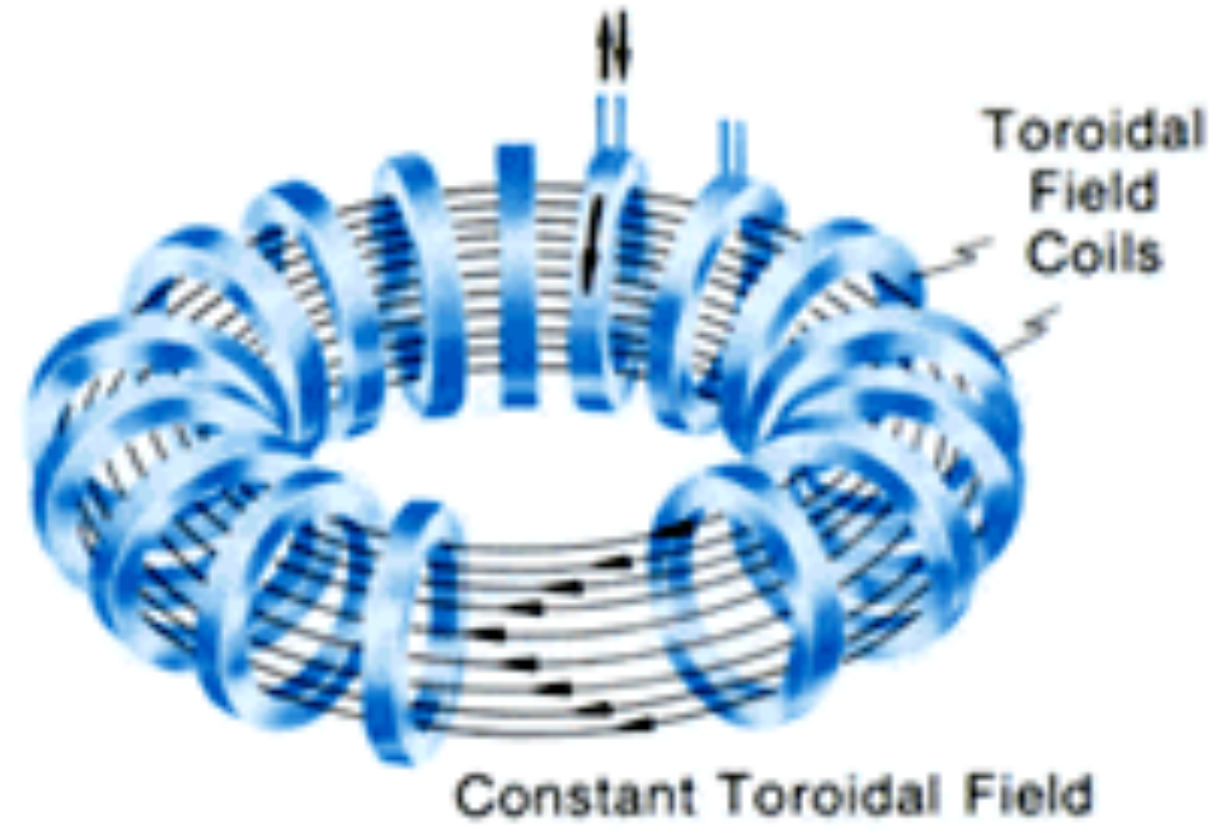
- Inverse problems
- Control problems

Find parameter that minimizes mismatch

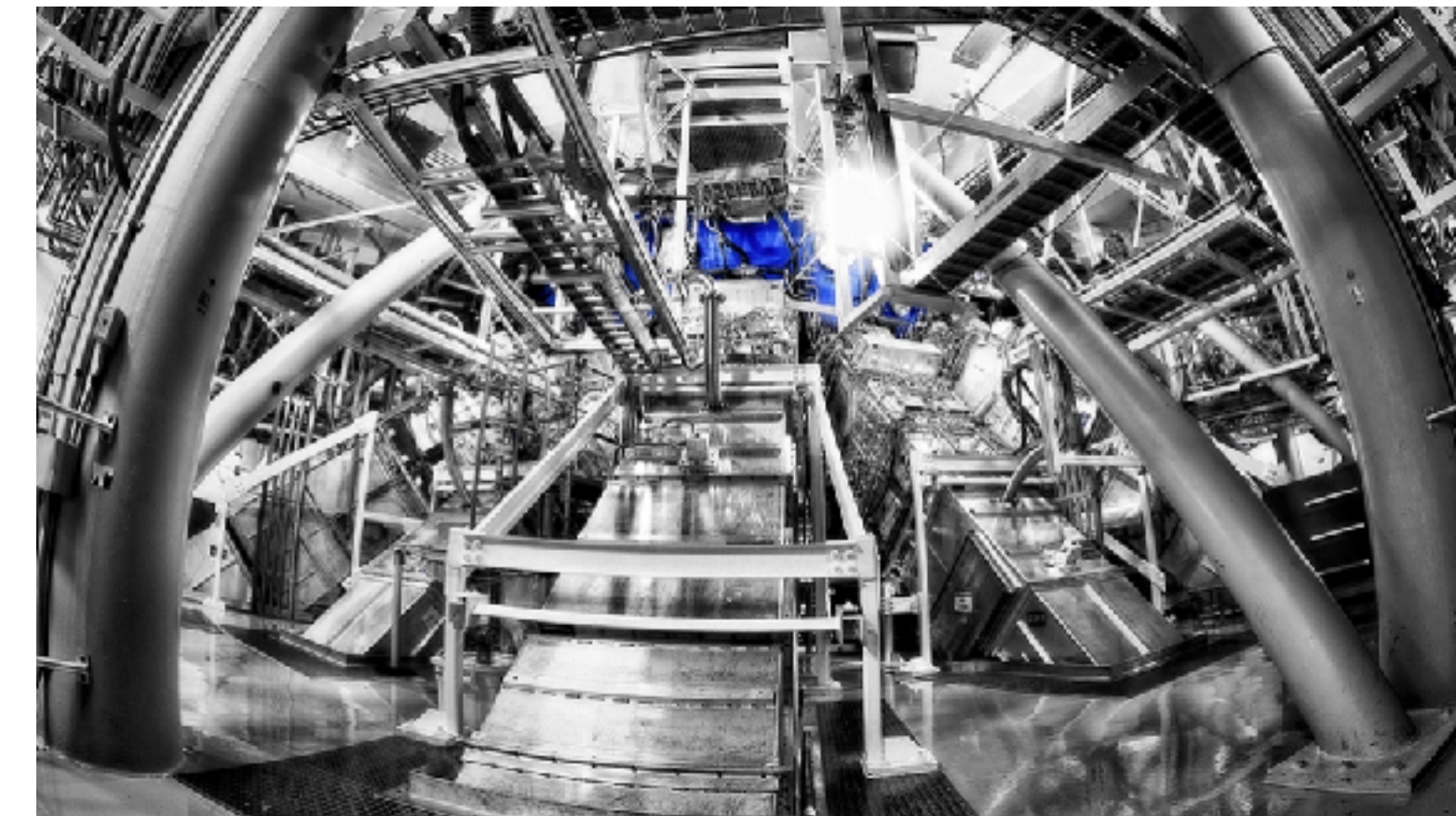
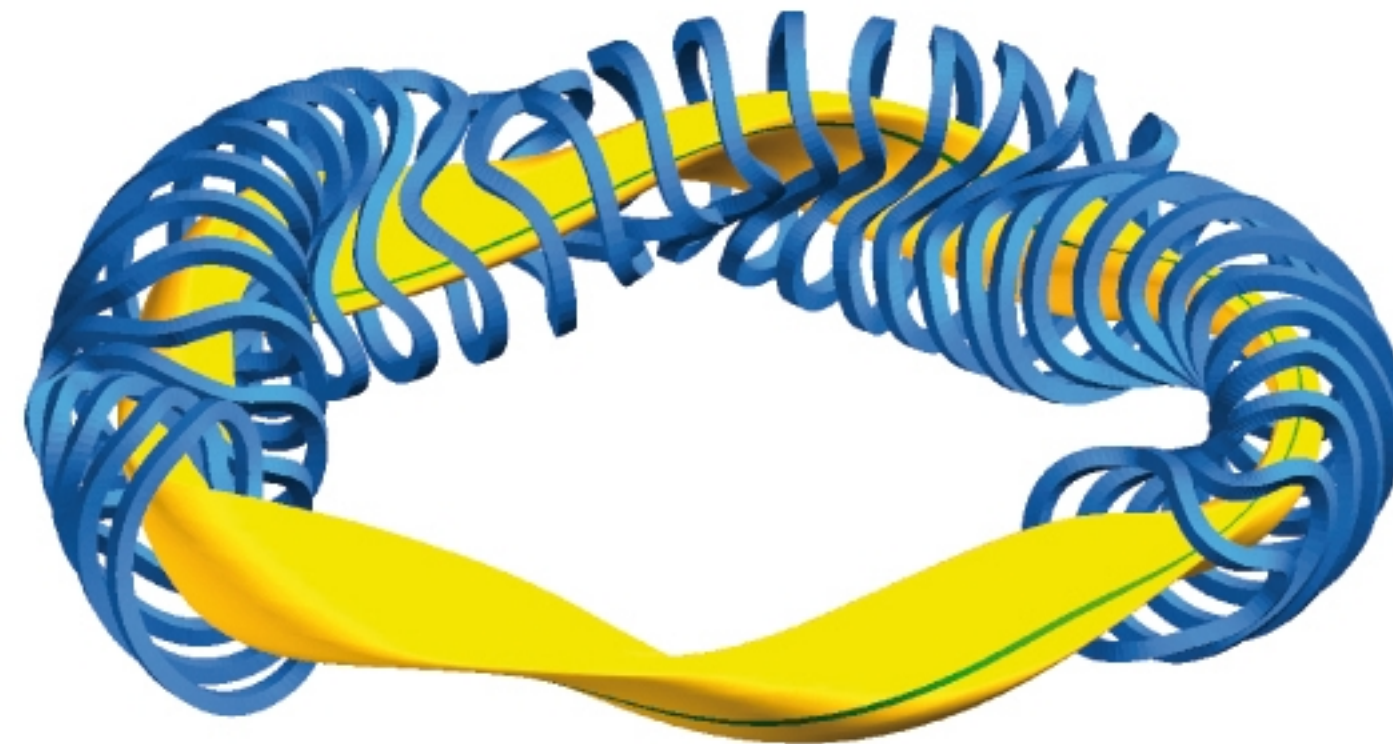
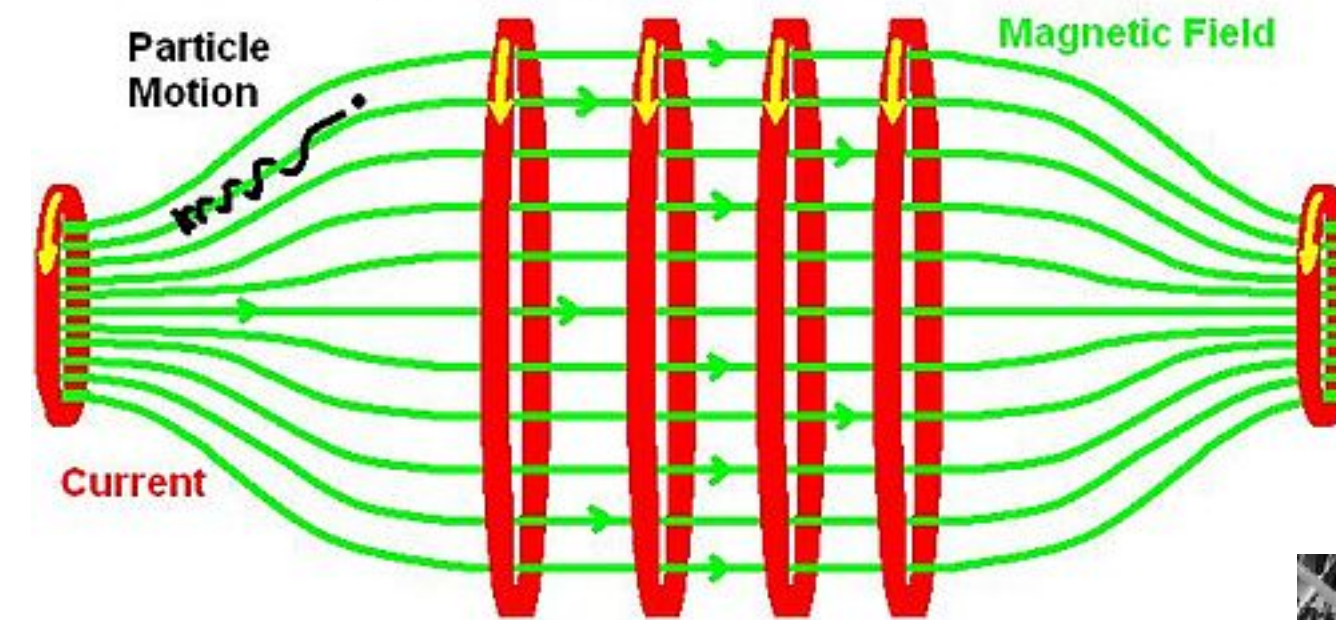
Find parameter that achieves desired property

PDE-constrained optimization – control problems

Relatively Constant Electric Current



Basic Magnetic Mirror Machine:



$$\min_{E, Q} \mathcal{J}[f]$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f + E \cdot \nabla_v f = Q[f]$$

PDE-constrained optimization

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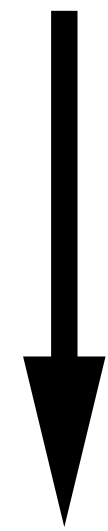
$$\mathcal{L}[f, E, g] = \mathcal{J}[f] - \langle \mathcal{N}[f; E] - S, g \rangle$$

$$\min \mathcal{L}[f, E, g]$$

$$\partial_{f, E, g} \mathcal{L} = 0$$

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PDE-constrained optimization

$$\min_E \mathcal{J}[f]$$

$$E^{n+1} = E^n - \eta \left. \frac{\delta \mathcal{J}}{\delta E} \right|_{E^n}$$

Forward solver + Adjoint (backward) solver

$$\mathcal{N}[f; E] = S$$

$$\mathcal{N}^*[g] = 0$$

PDE-constrained optimization **in plasma**

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L. Wang, Y. Yang

Pre-historic: PDE-constrained optimization / Kinetic Theory

- L. Einkemmer, Q. Li, L. Wang and Y. Yang. Suppressing instability in a Vlasov–Poisson system by an external electric field through constrained optimization, JCP, 498

PDE-constrained optimization – Vlasov stabilization

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + v \nabla_x f - (E + H) \nabla_v f = 0 \\ E = \nabla_x V \\ \Delta V = 1 - \int f dv \end{cases}$$

$$\partial_t f + \underbrace{v \cdot \nabla_x f}_{\dot{x}=v} - \underbrace{(\nabla_x G(x; y) * (1 - \rho) + H) \cdot \nabla_v f}_{\dot{v} = -E - H} = 0$$

PDE-constrained optimization – Vlasov stabilization

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$$\text{if } H = 0, \quad f_{\text{eq}} = h(v) \quad + \epsilon$$



(a) stable equilibrium



(b) Unstable equilibrium

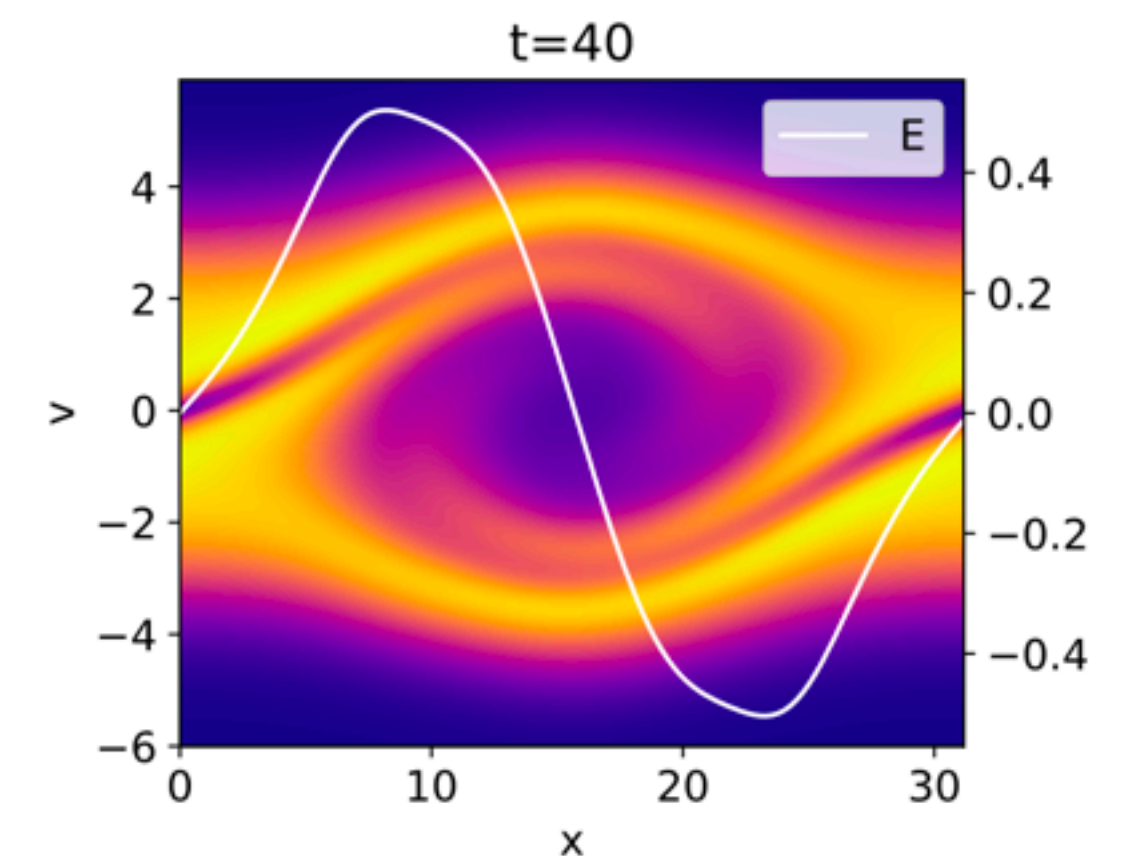
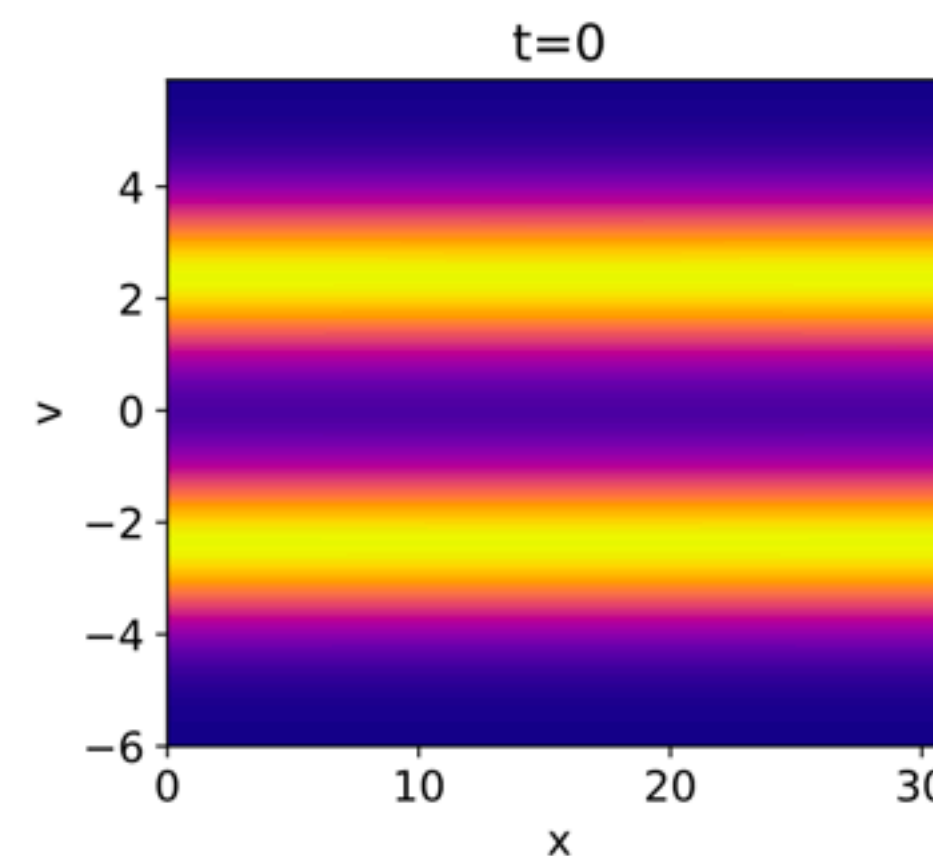
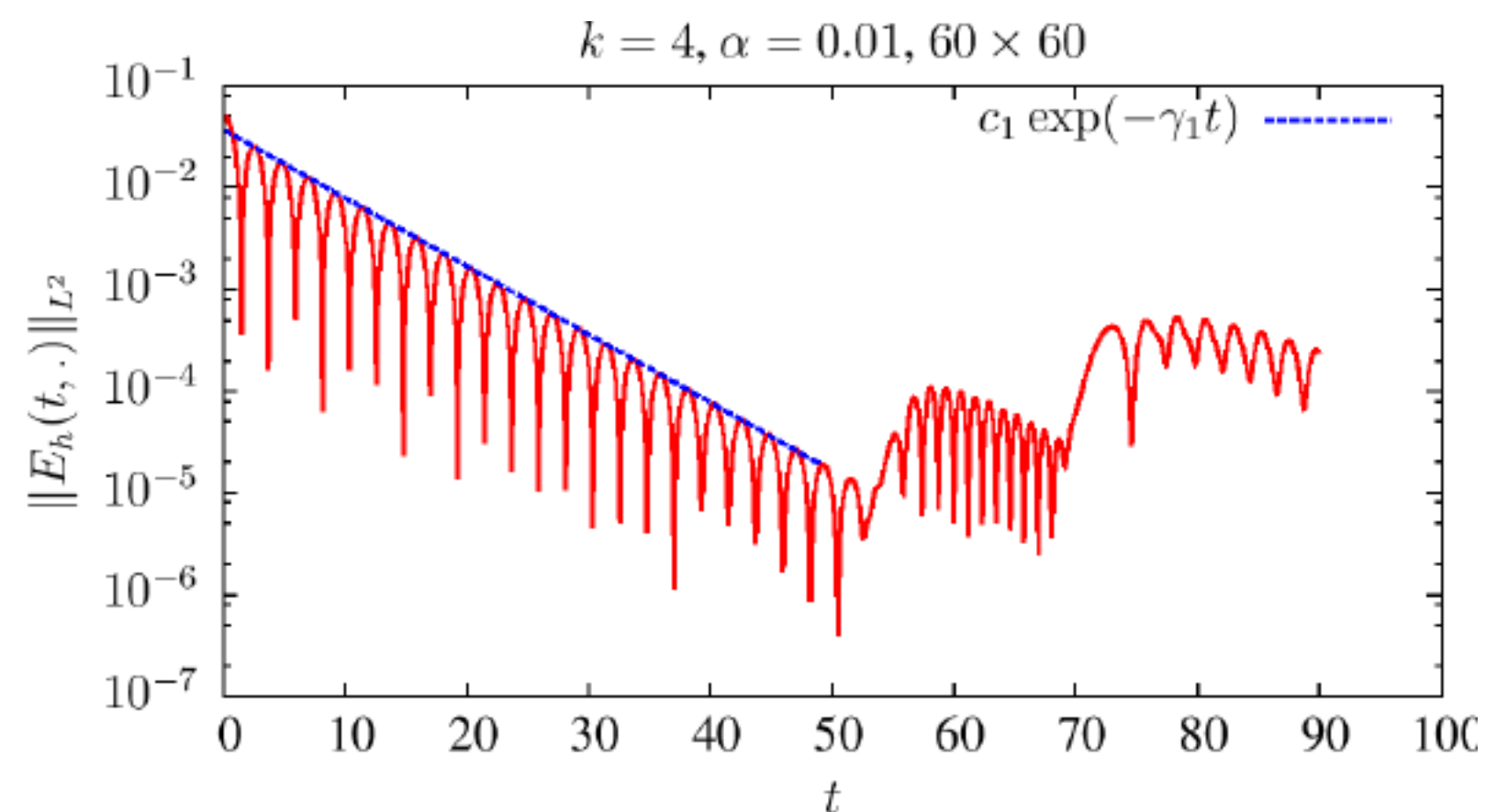
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Stable
(Landau damping)

unstable
(two-stream instability)



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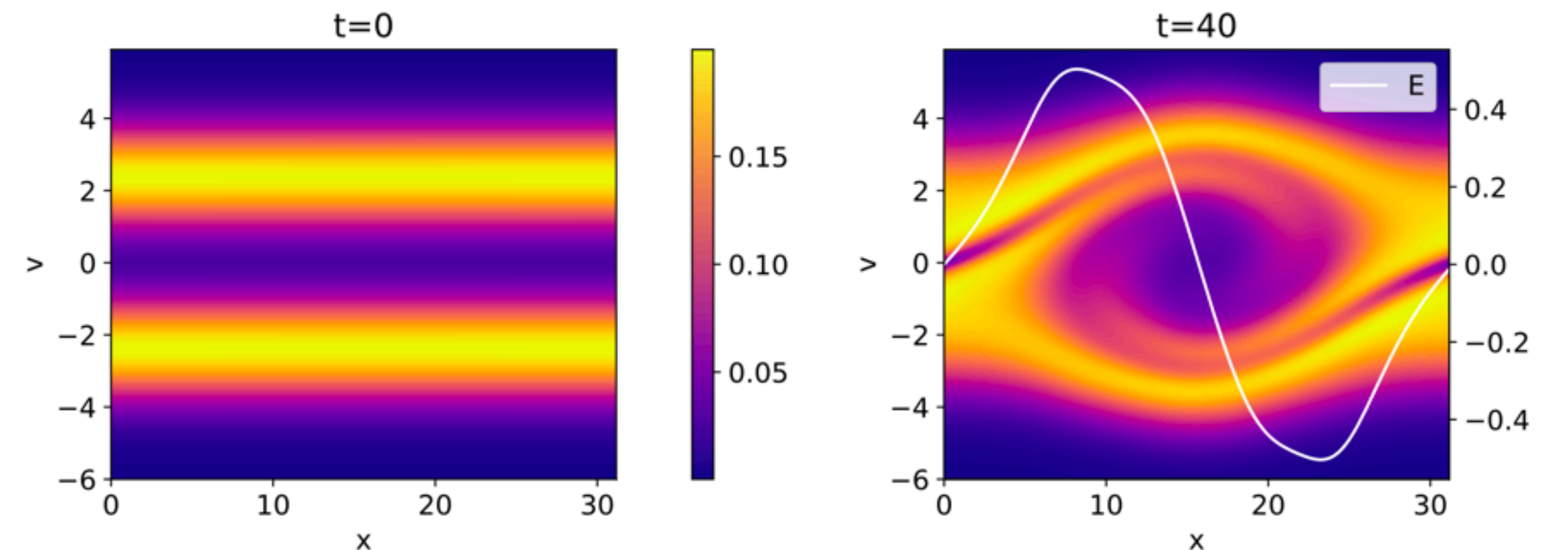
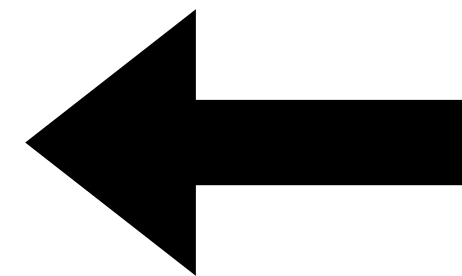
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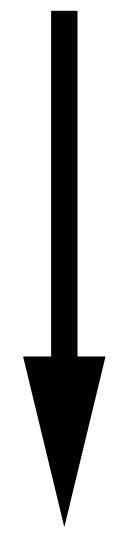
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Design H so to suppress instability



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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{J}[f] - \langle \text{eqn}, g \rangle - \langle \text{initial}, \eta \rangle$$

$$\partial_g \mathcal{L} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{eqn}$$

$$\partial_t g + v \partial_x g - H \partial_v g + [G' * (\rho_f - 1)] \partial_v g + G' * \langle f \partial_v g \rangle = - \frac{\partial J}{\partial f}(t, x, v)$$

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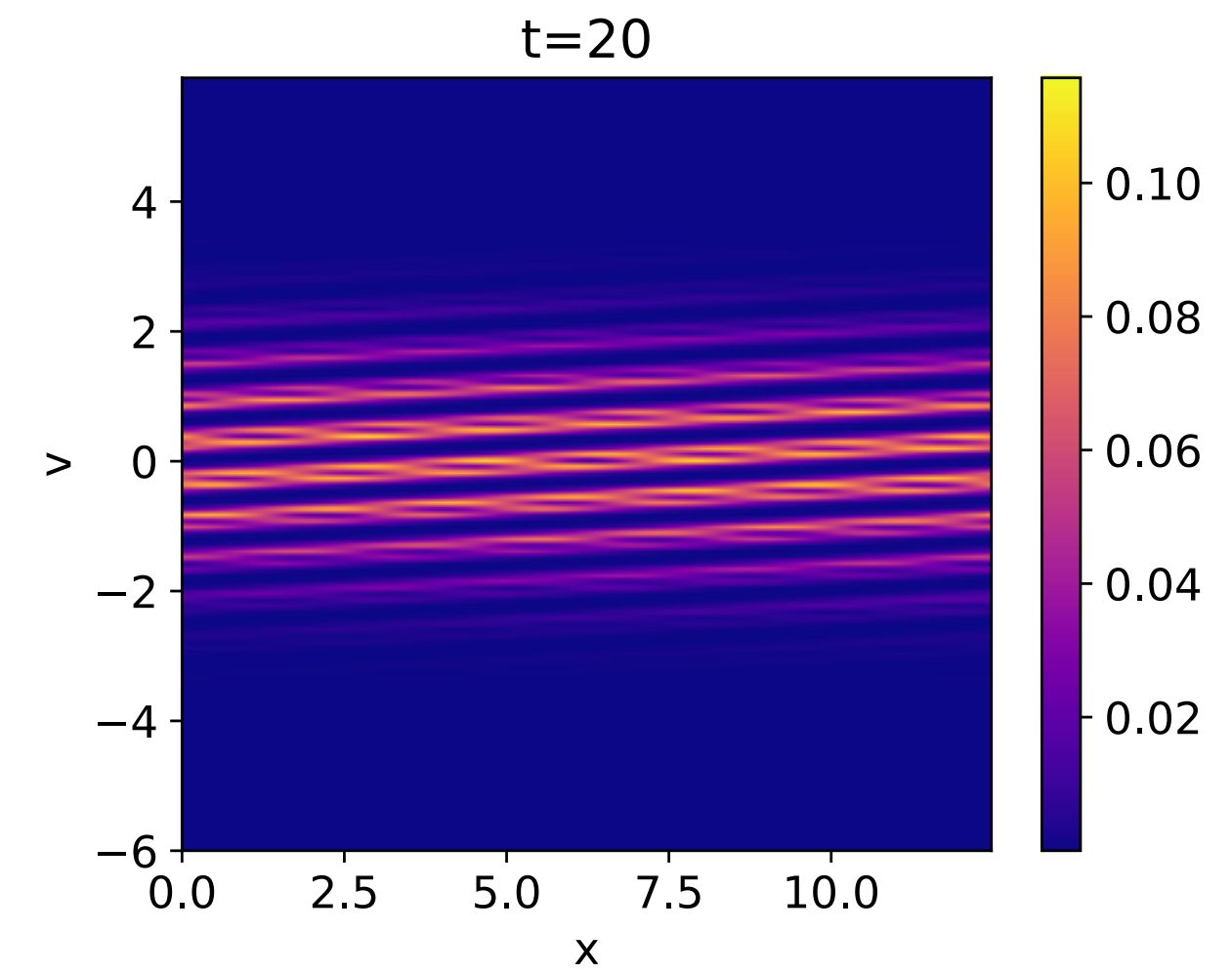
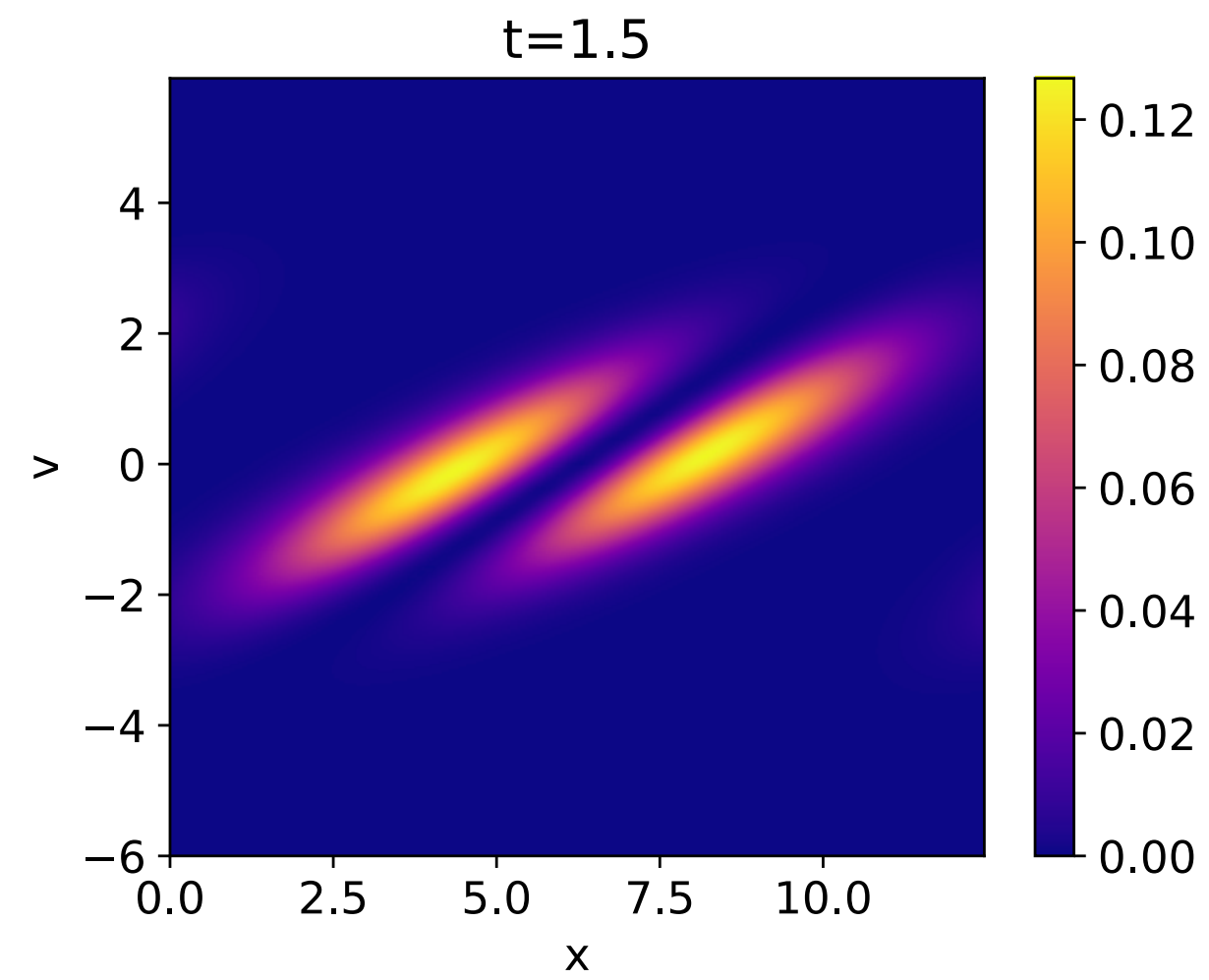
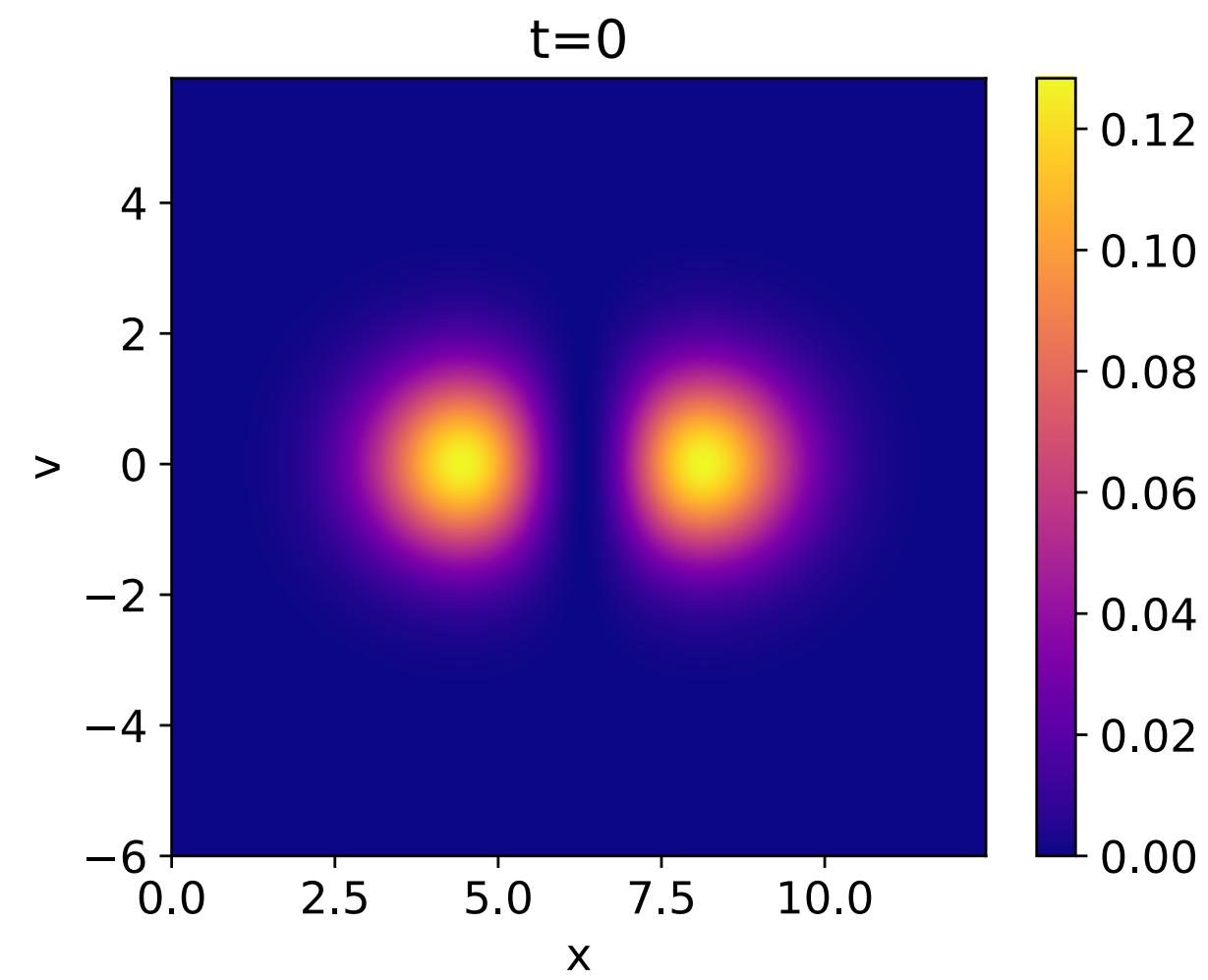
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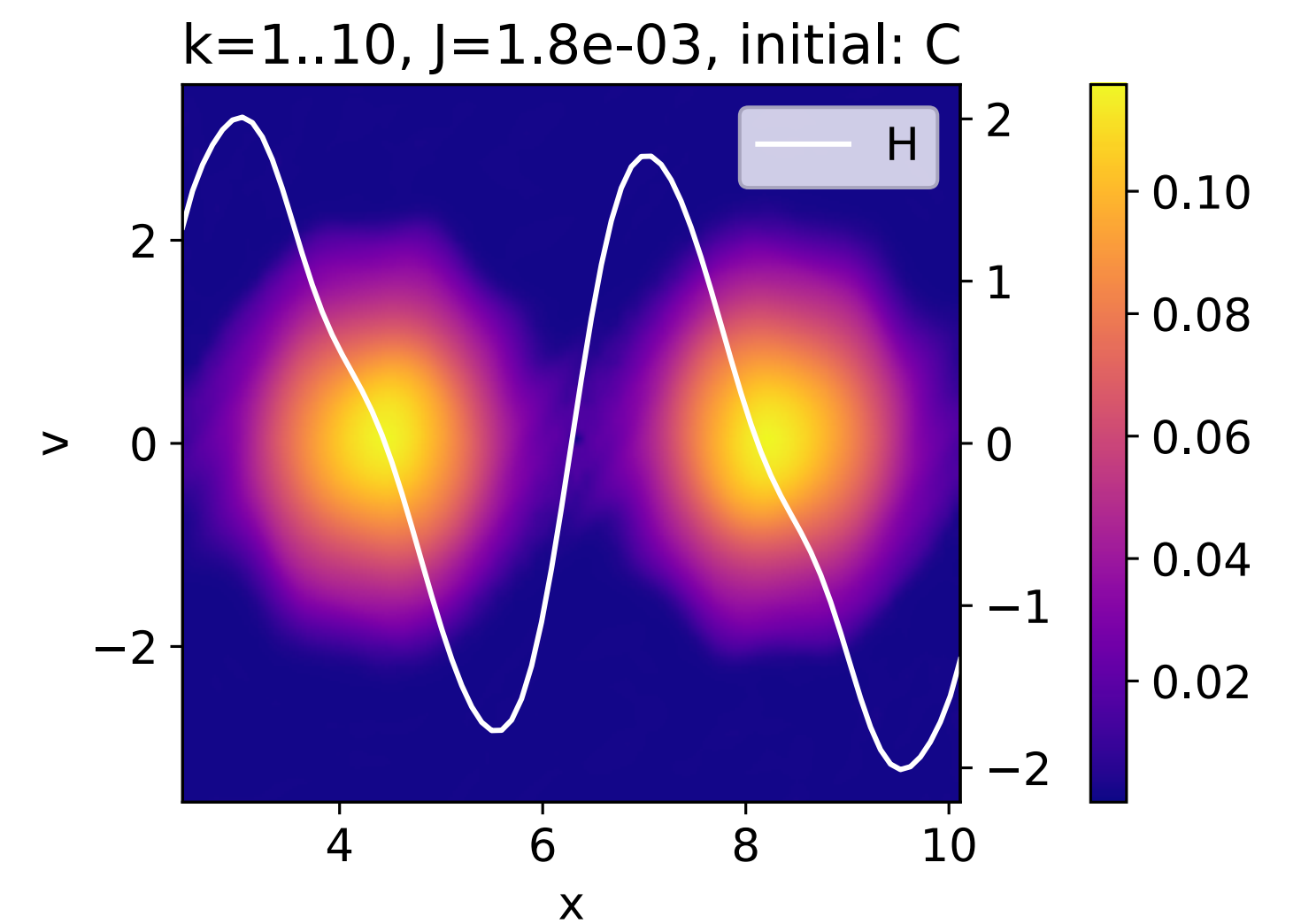
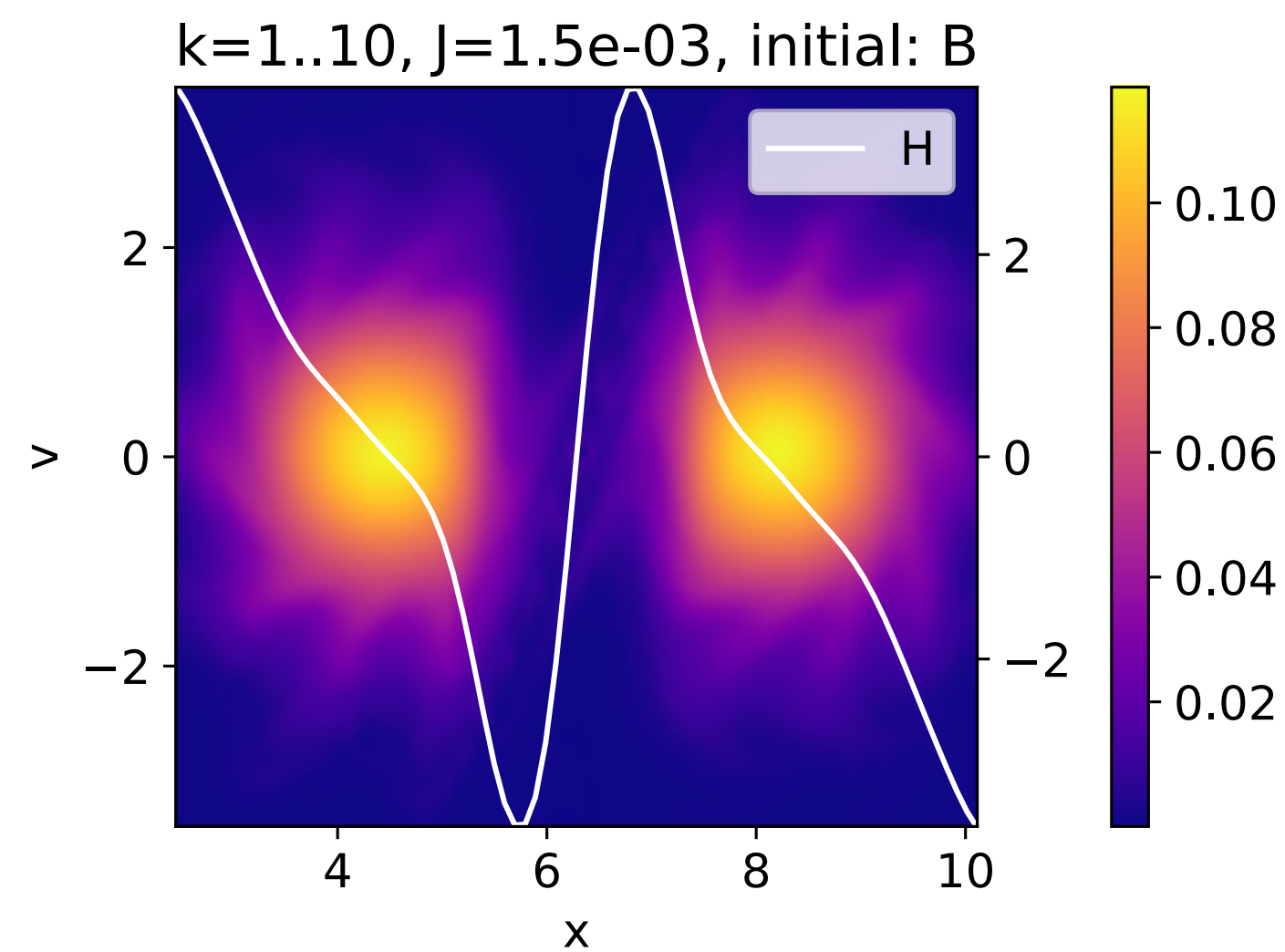
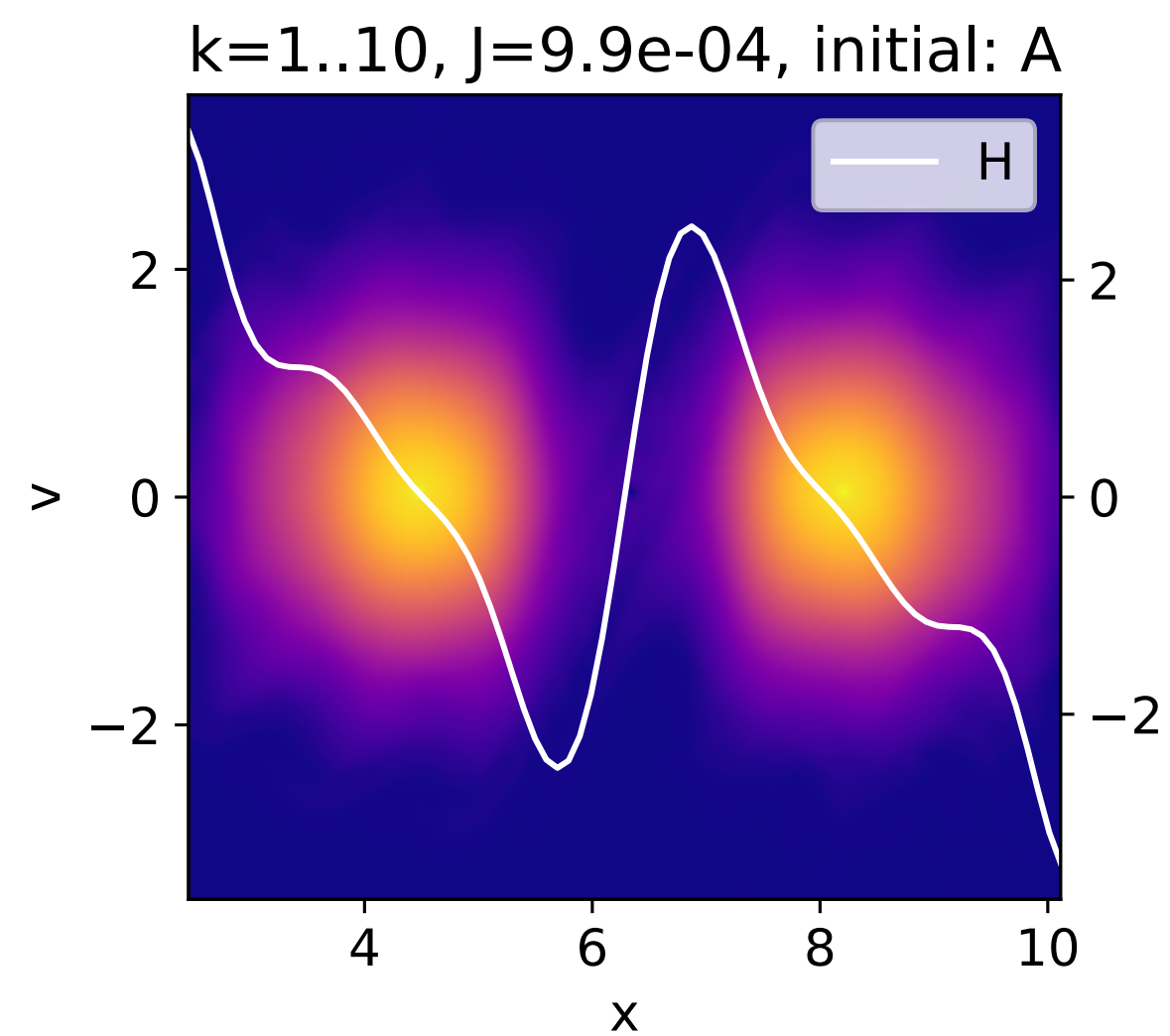
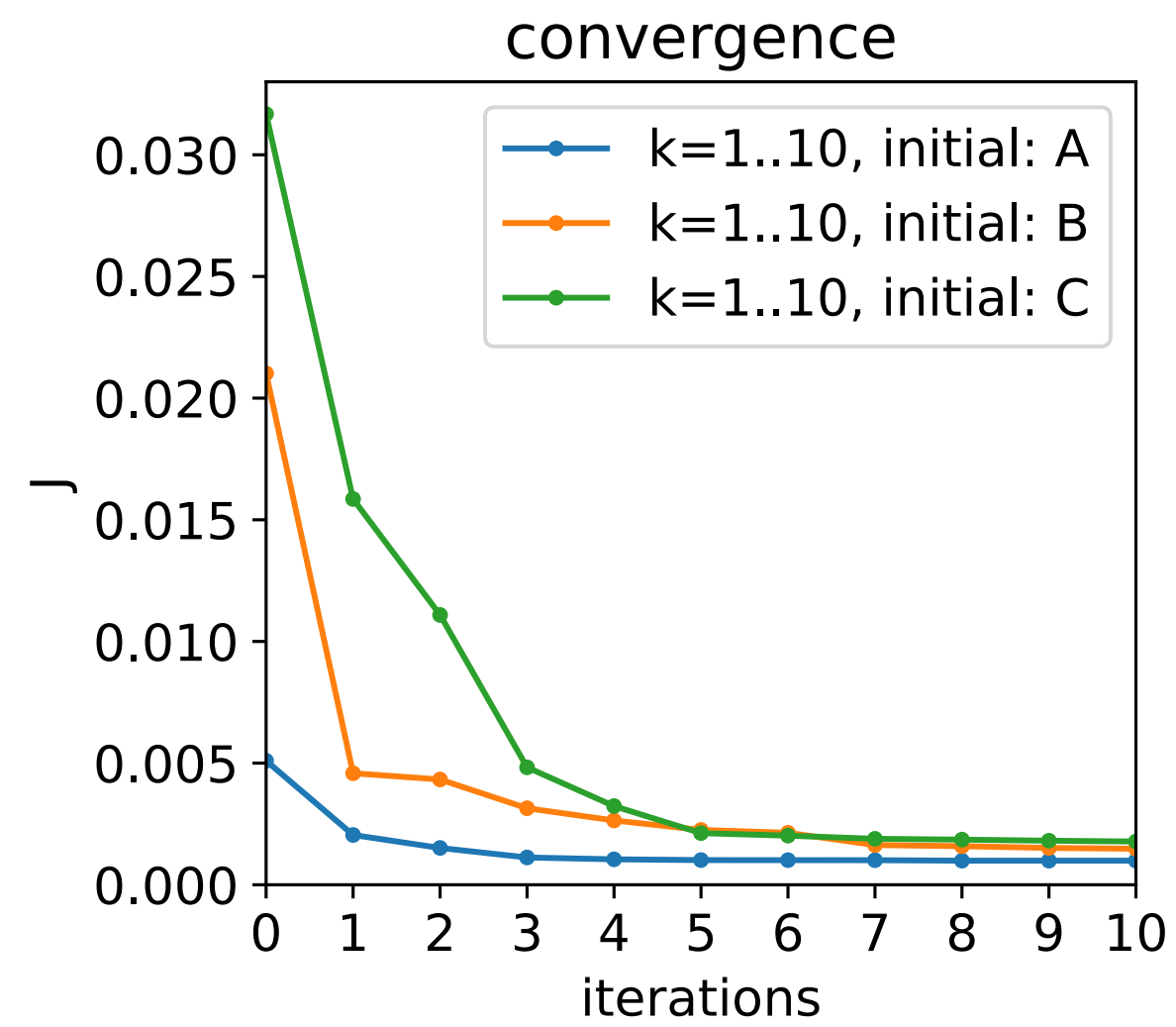
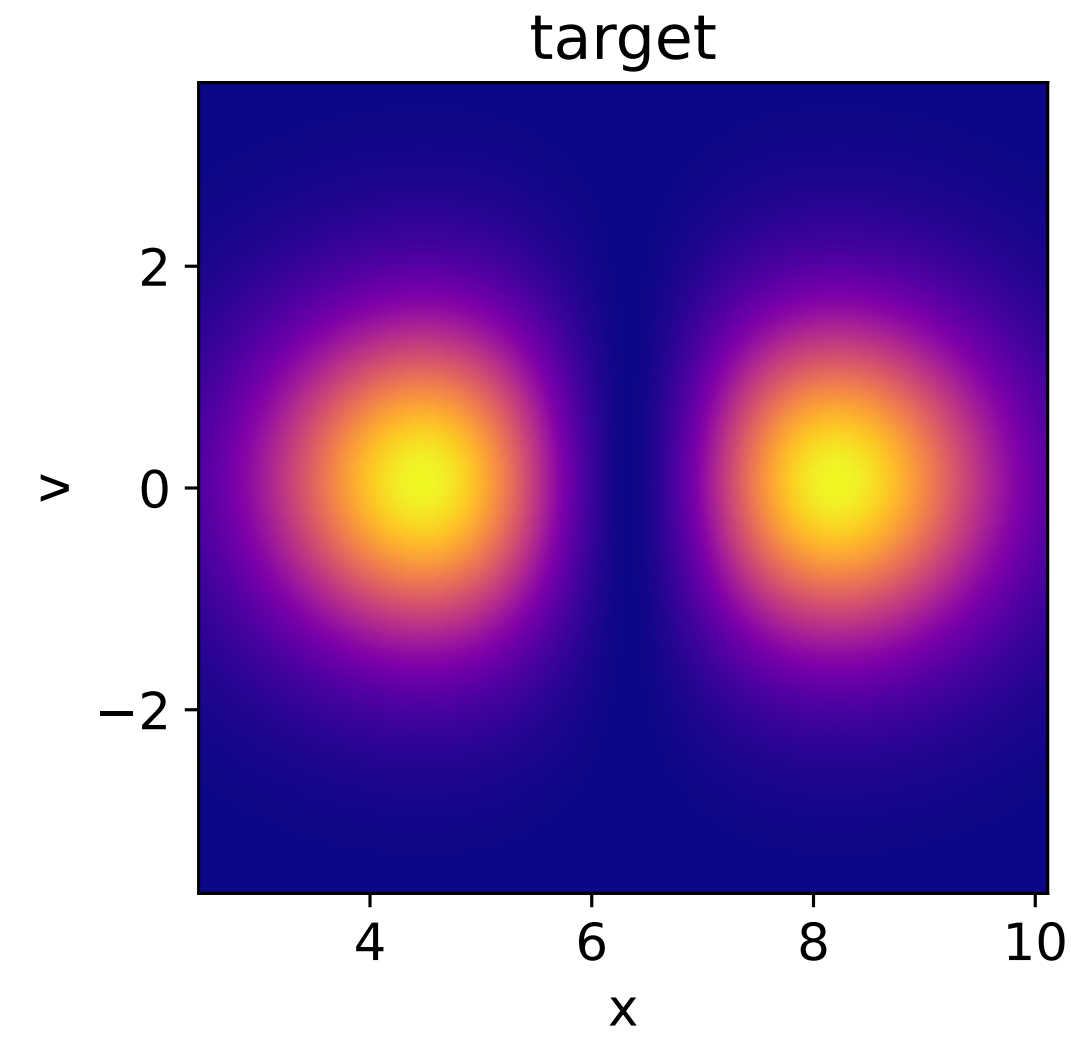
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Focused beam



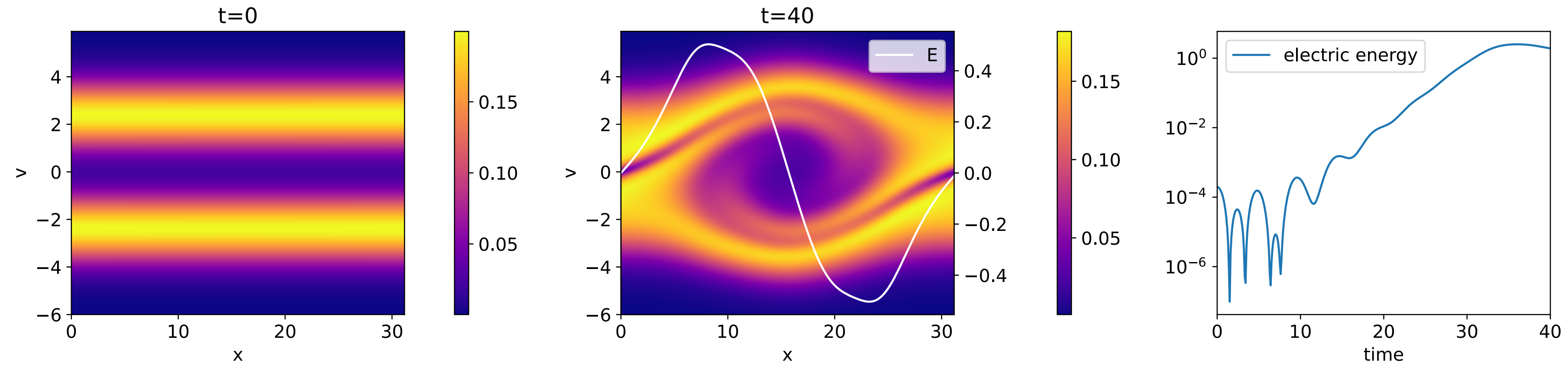
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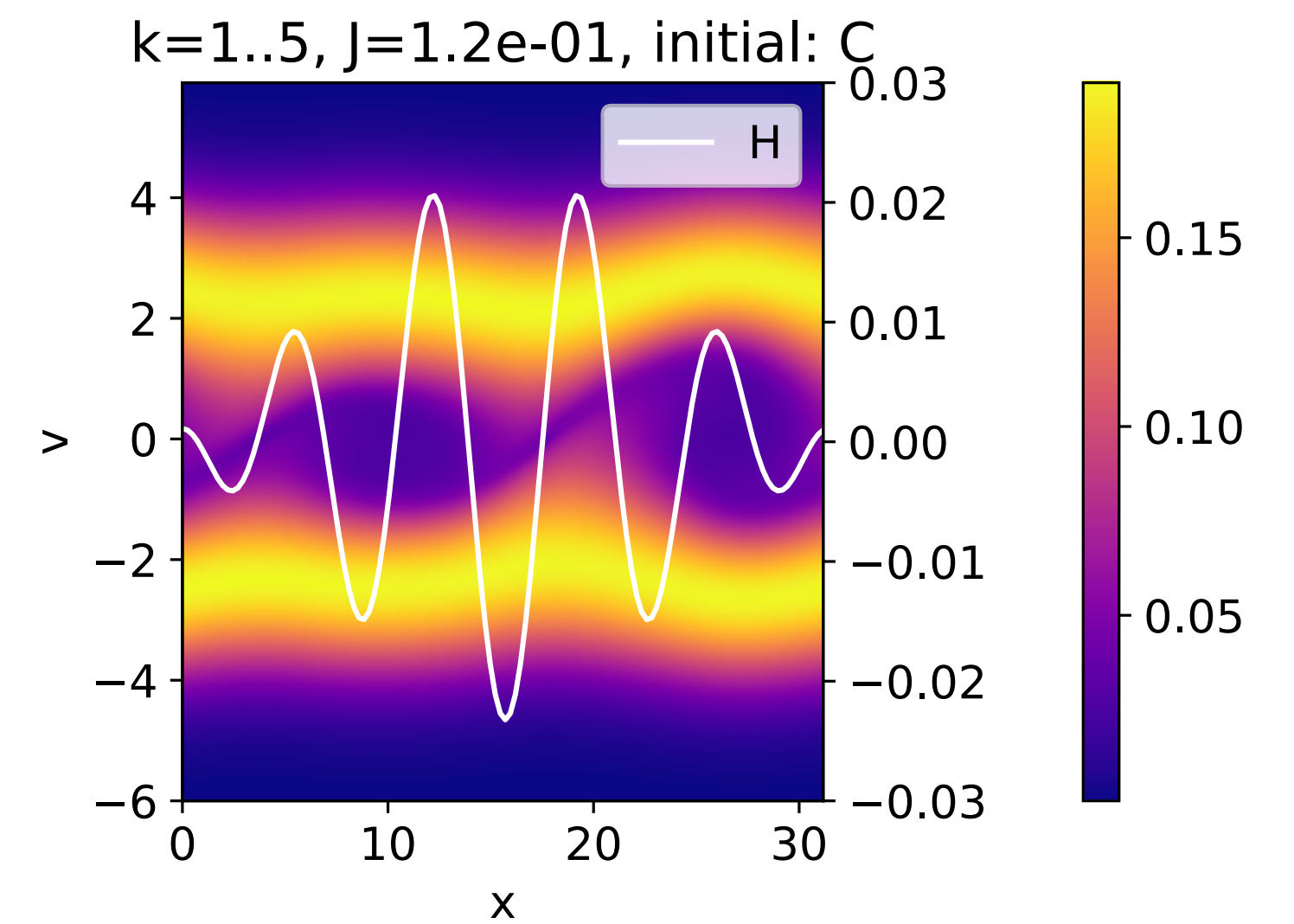
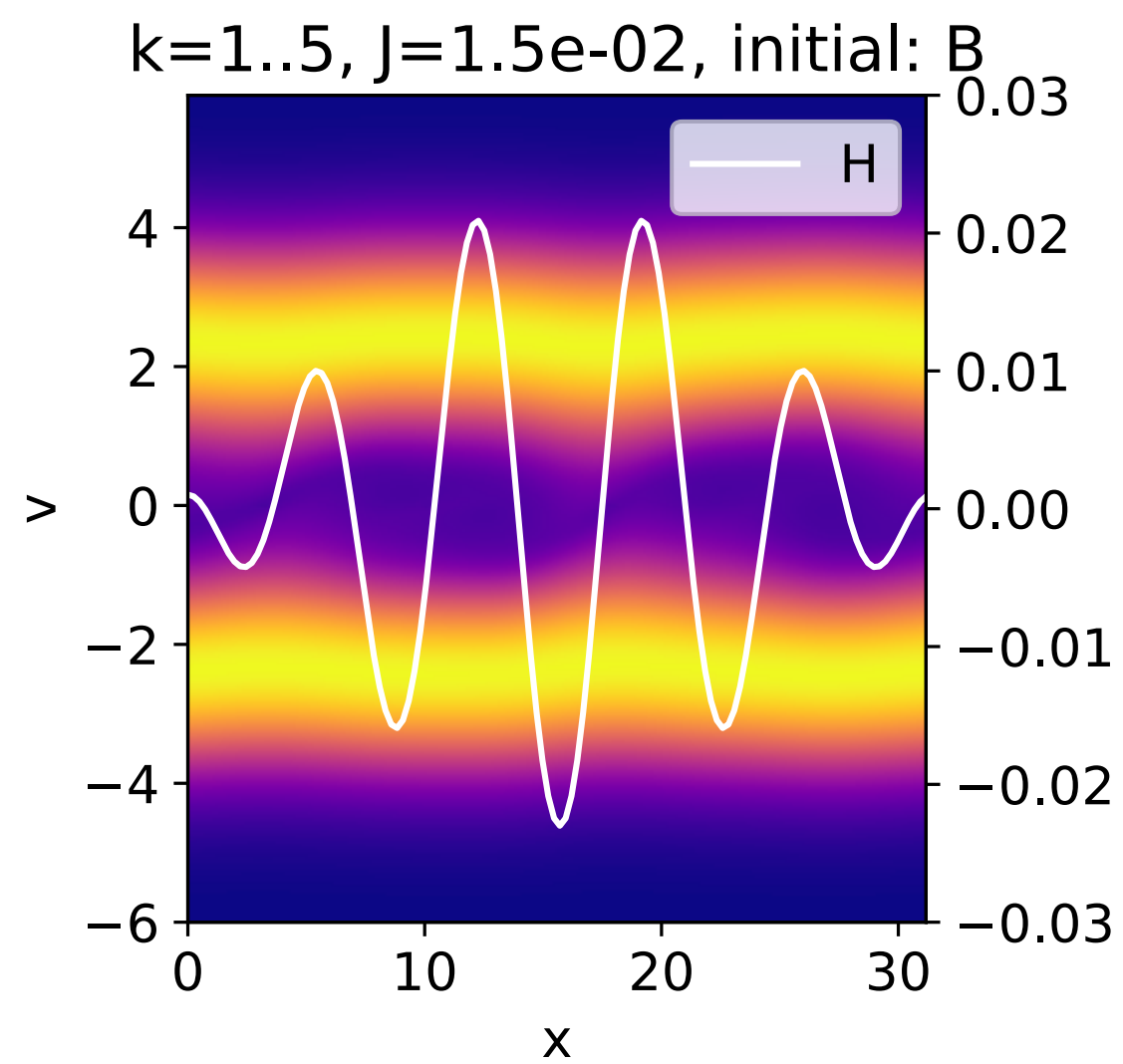
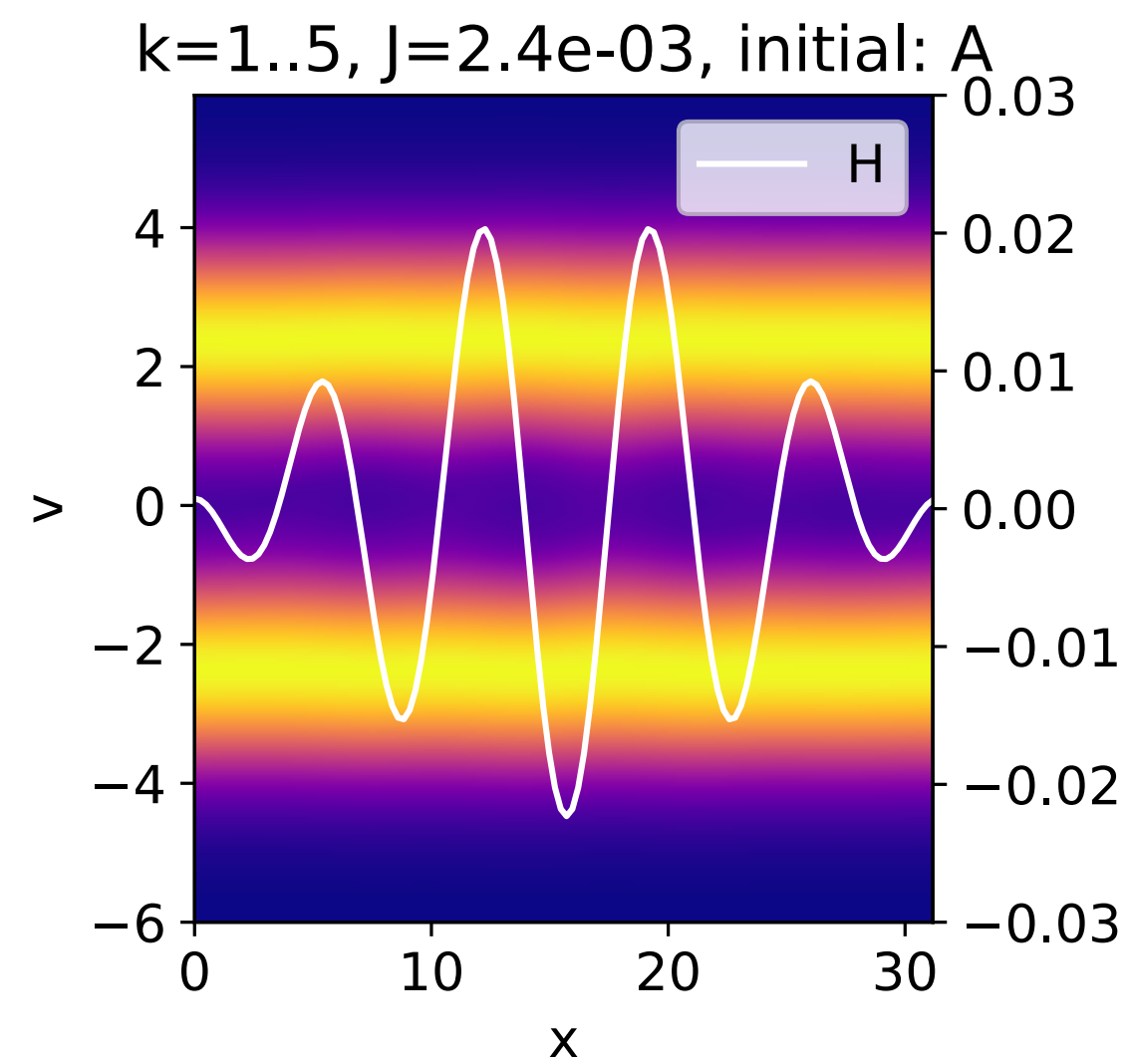
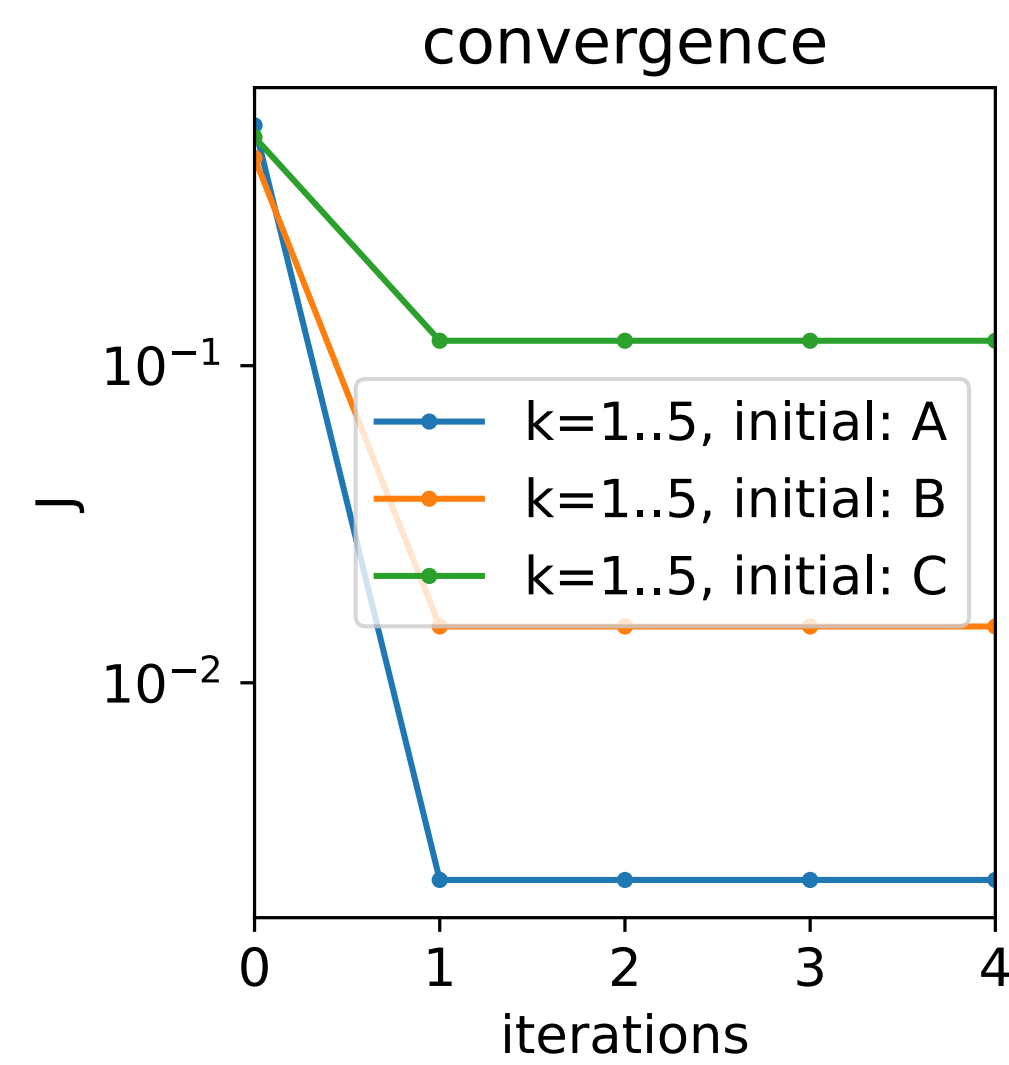
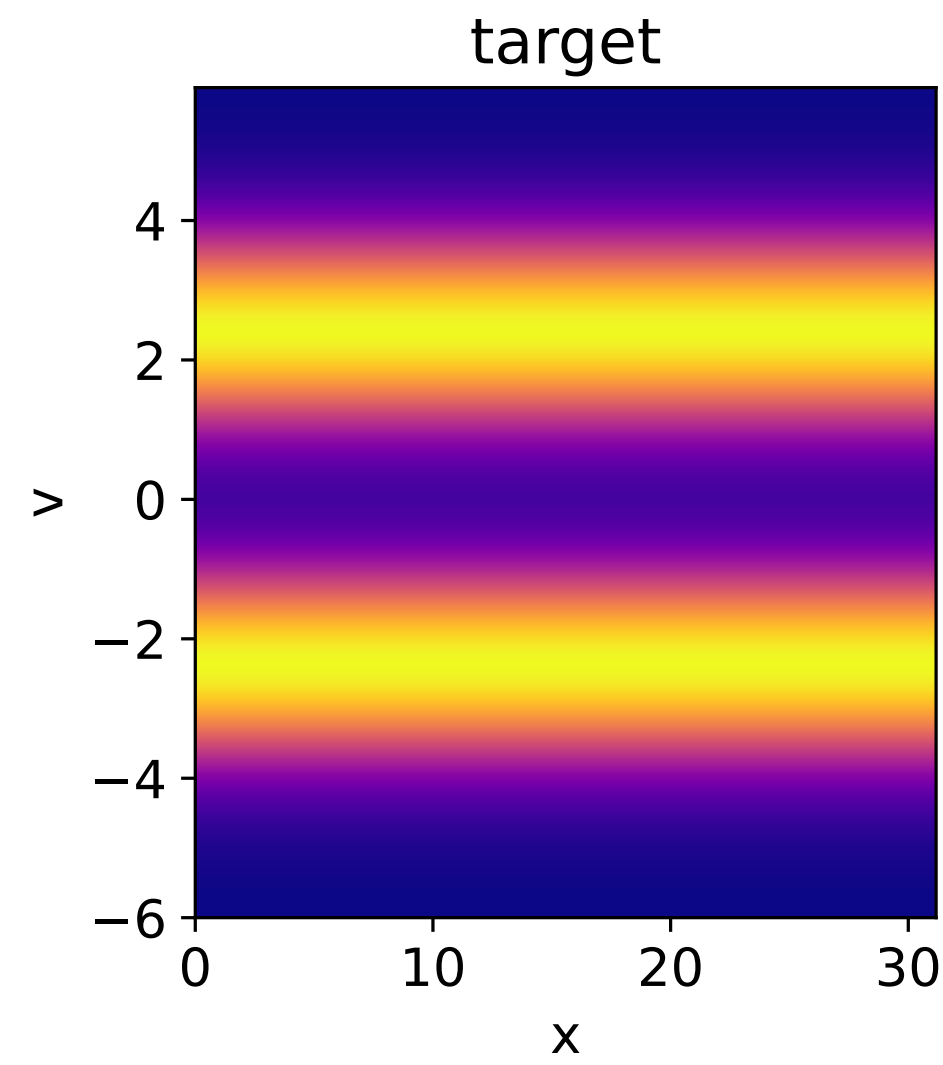
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2-stream



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Failed attempts

- External field needs to be parameterized

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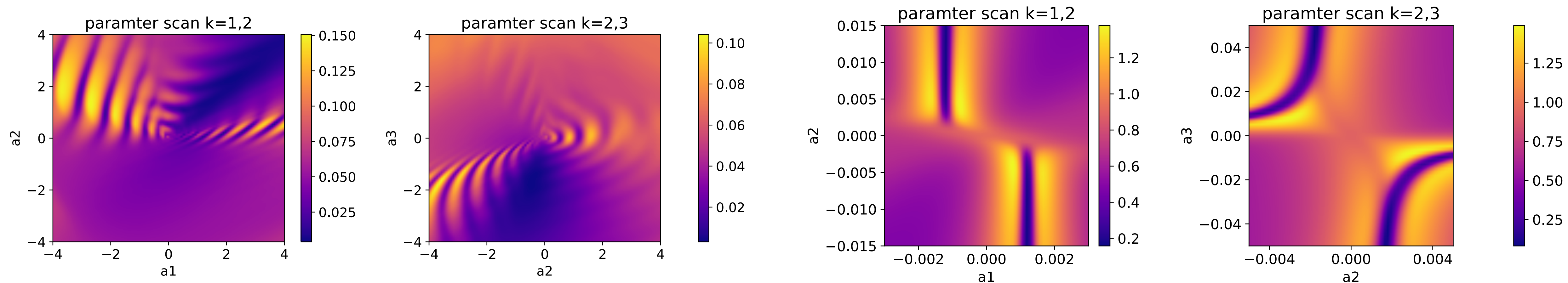
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$$H(x) = \sum_{k=1}^3 a_k \sin(kx) \quad \text{vs.} \quad H(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{10} a_k \sin(kx)$$

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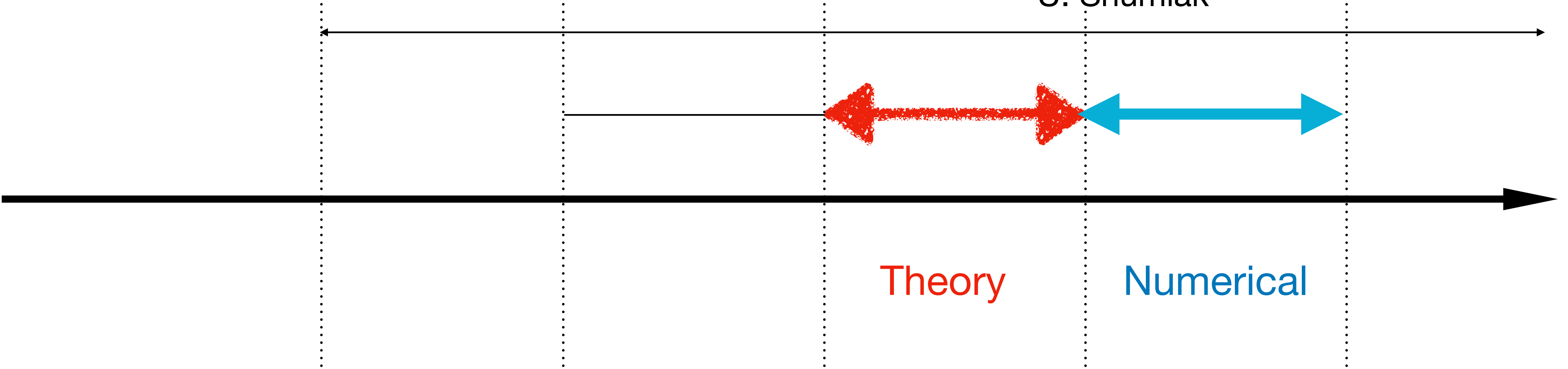
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- Objective function highly oscillatory, luck dependent



PDE-constrained optimization in plasma

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Theory

Numerical

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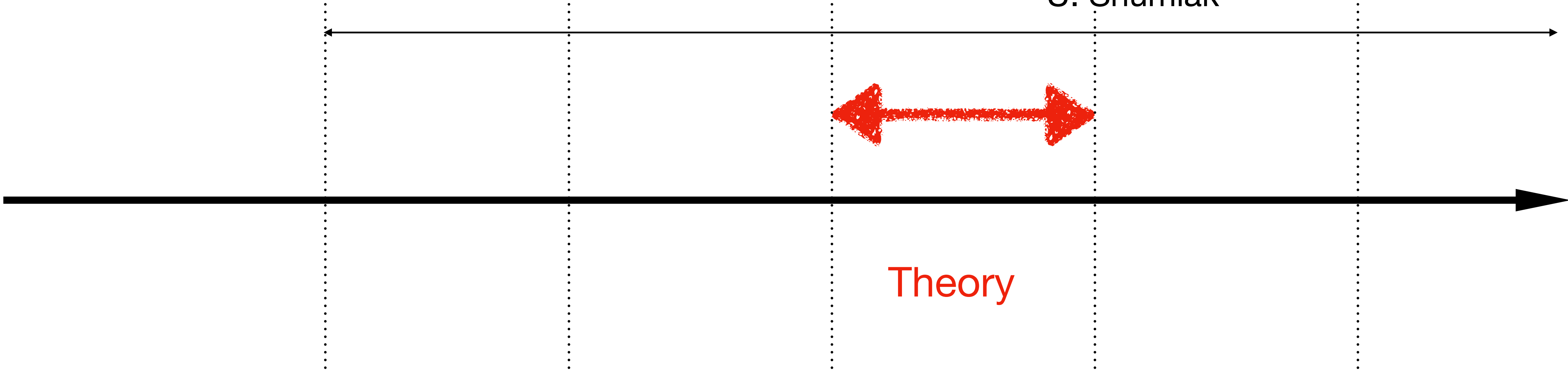
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How did Landau Damping damp?



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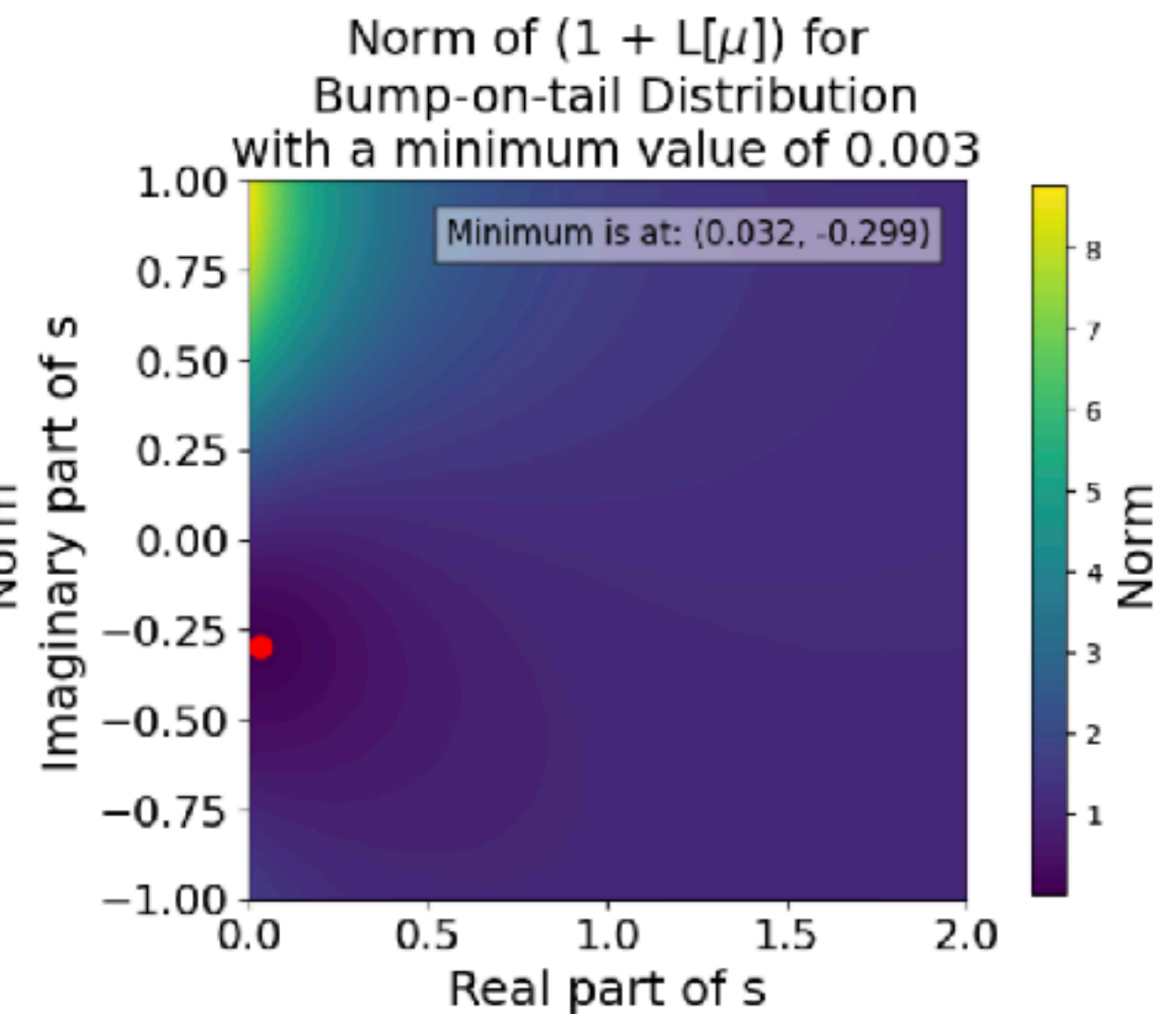
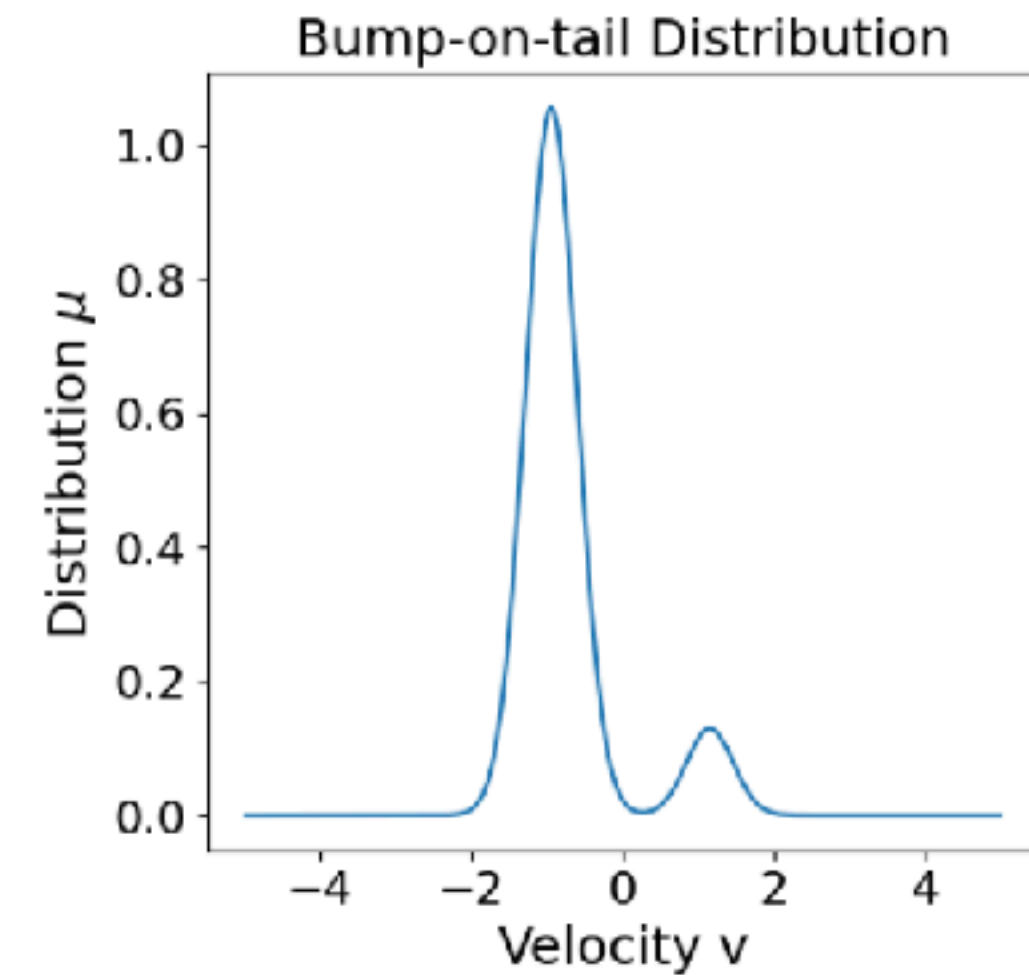
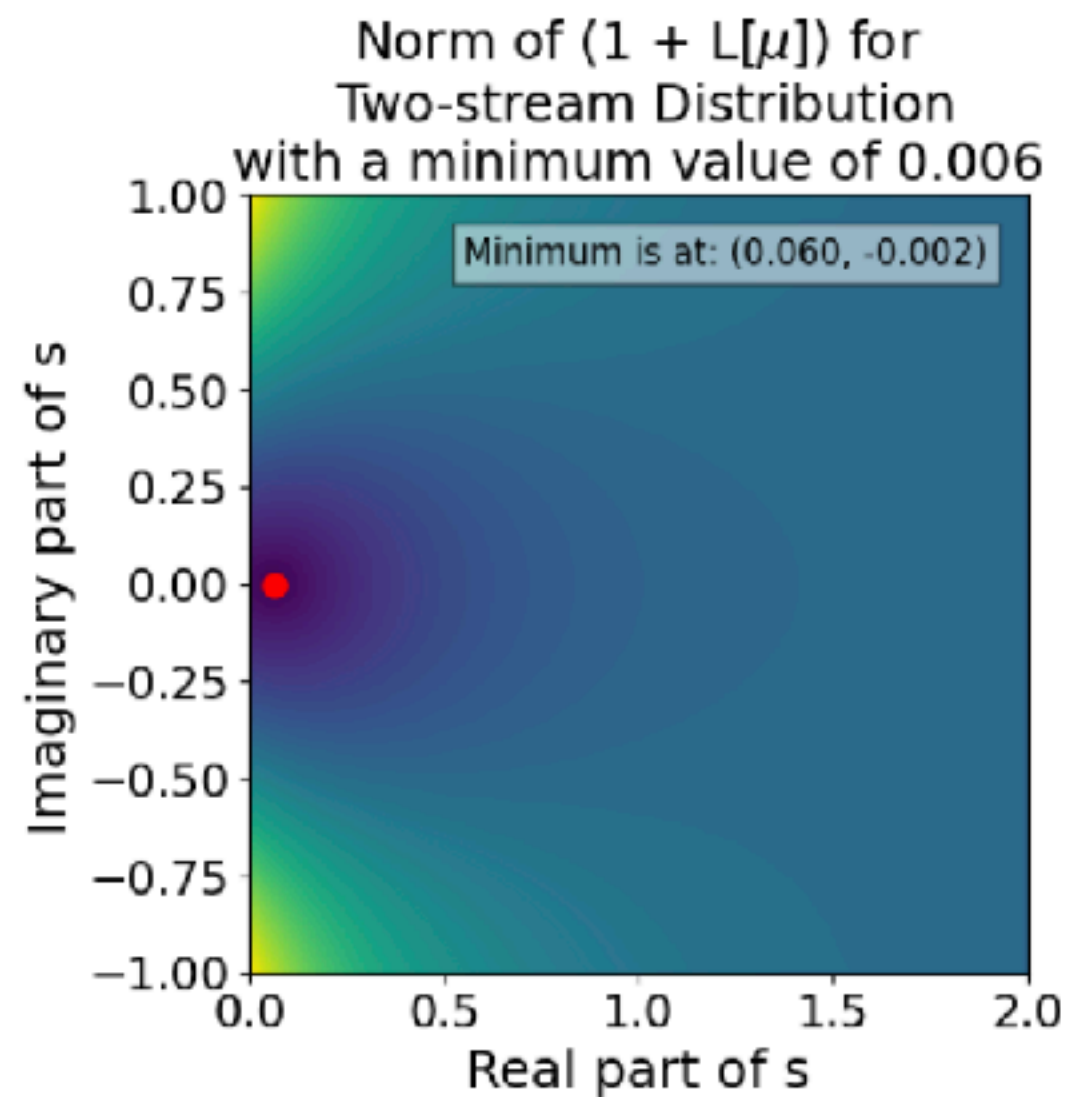
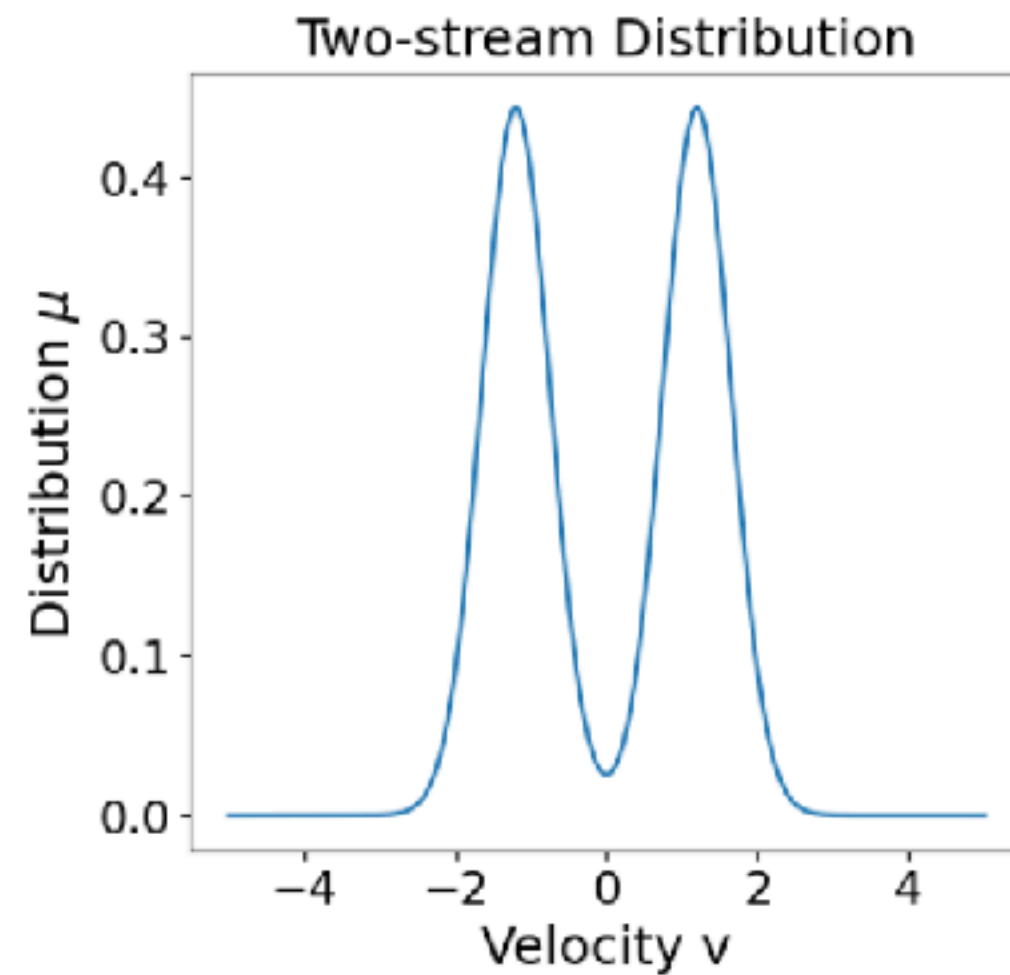
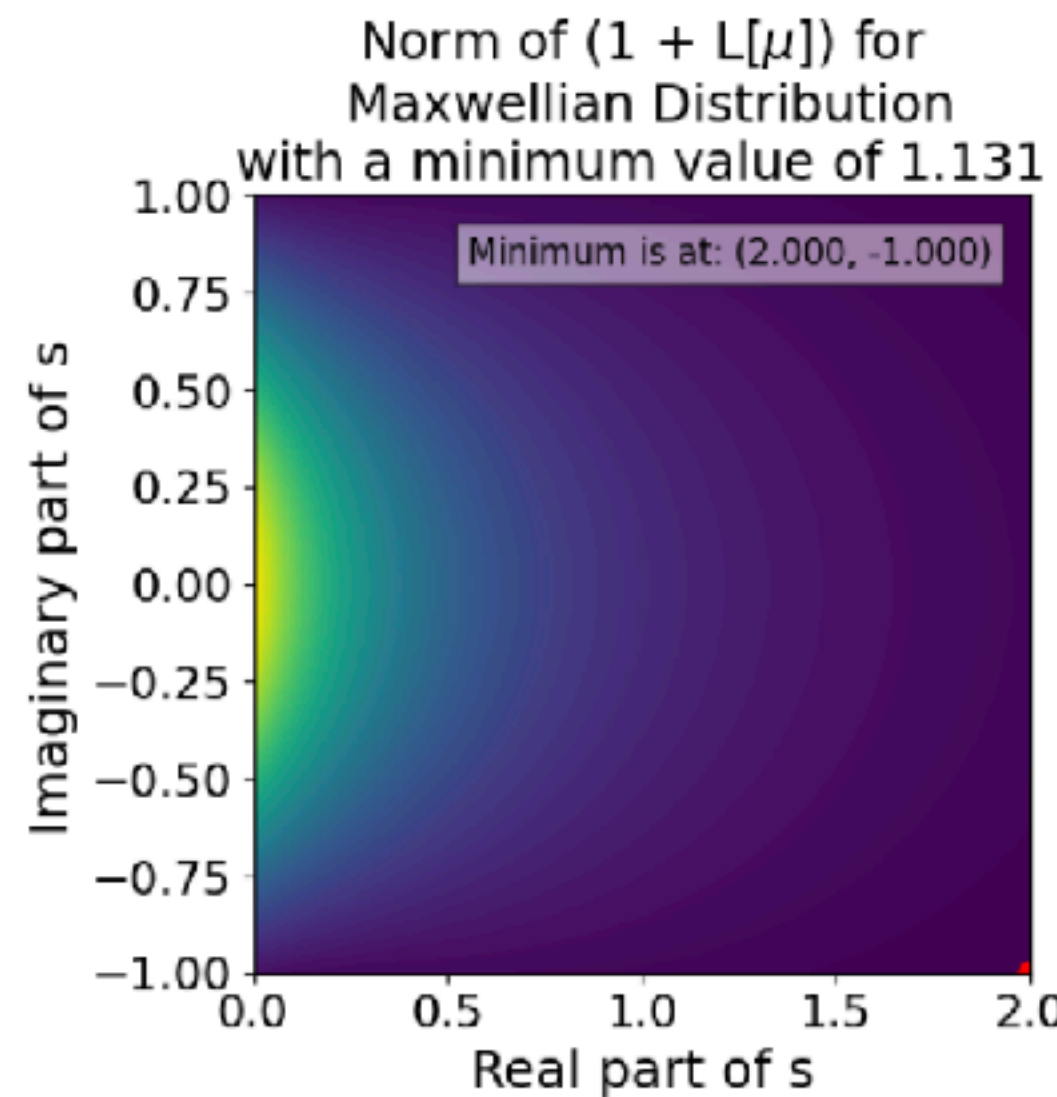
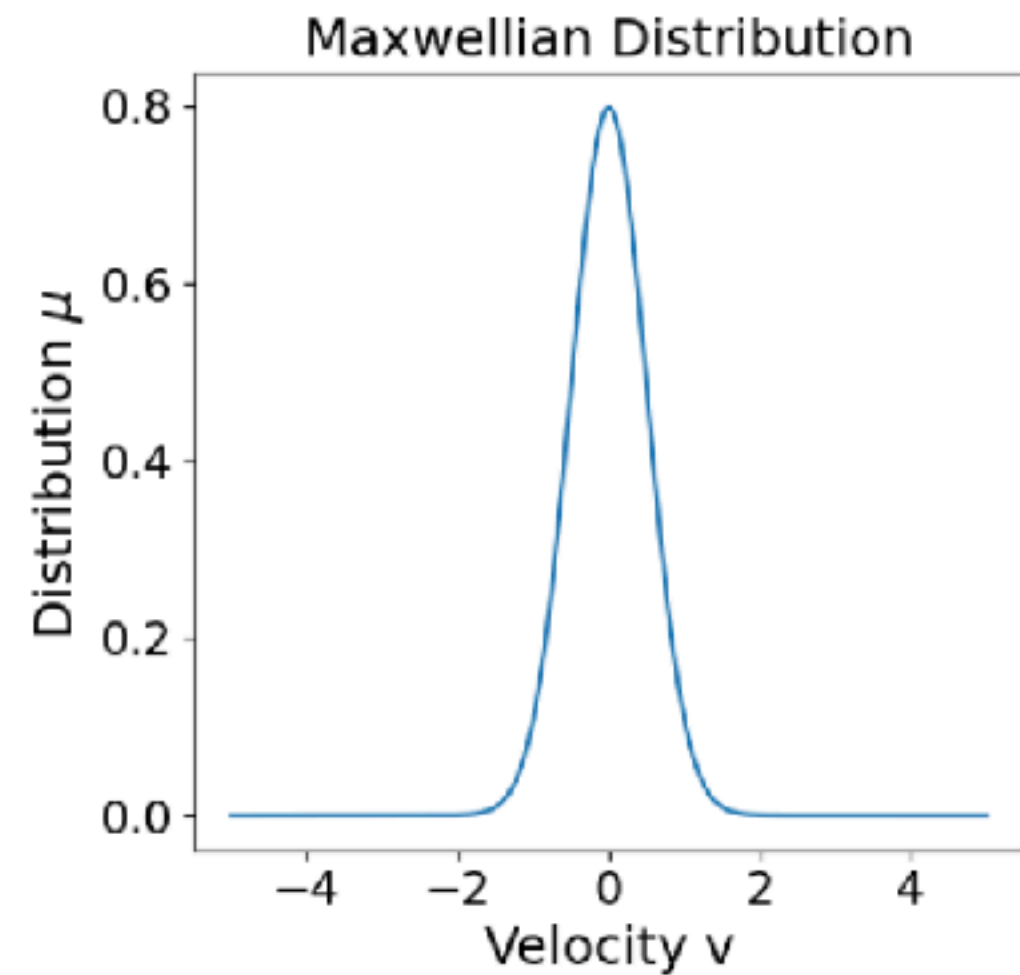
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Question: design H to remove positive roots

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$$L[\hat{\rho}(\cdot, k)](s) \left(1 + L[\hat{U}(\cdot, k)](s) \right) = L[\hat{S}(\cdot, k)](s)$$

Laplace

Fourier

Equilibrium

Free-streaming

cannot have roots on the positive side

Penrose condition

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source canceling

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$$\left(L[\hat{\rho}] - L[\hat{S}]\right) \left(1 + L[\hat{U}]\right) = L[\hat{U}] \left(-L[\hat{S}] + ikL[\hat{H}]\right)$$

difference against free-streaming

control

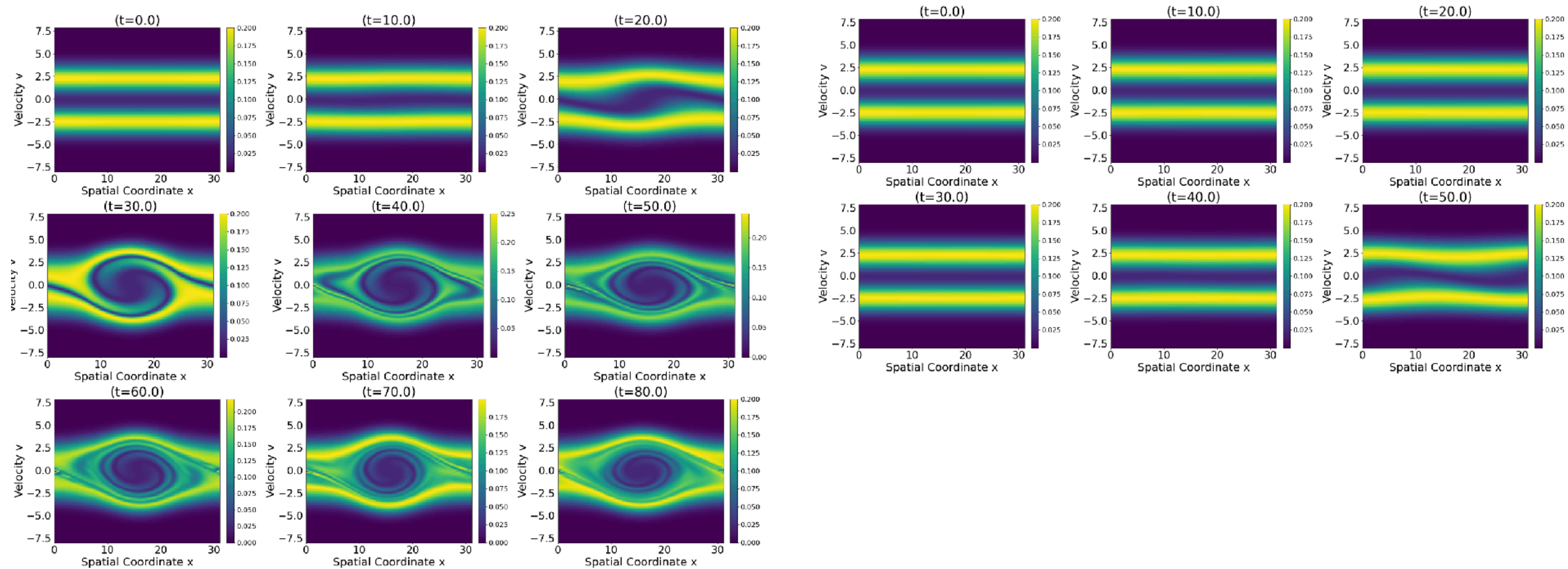
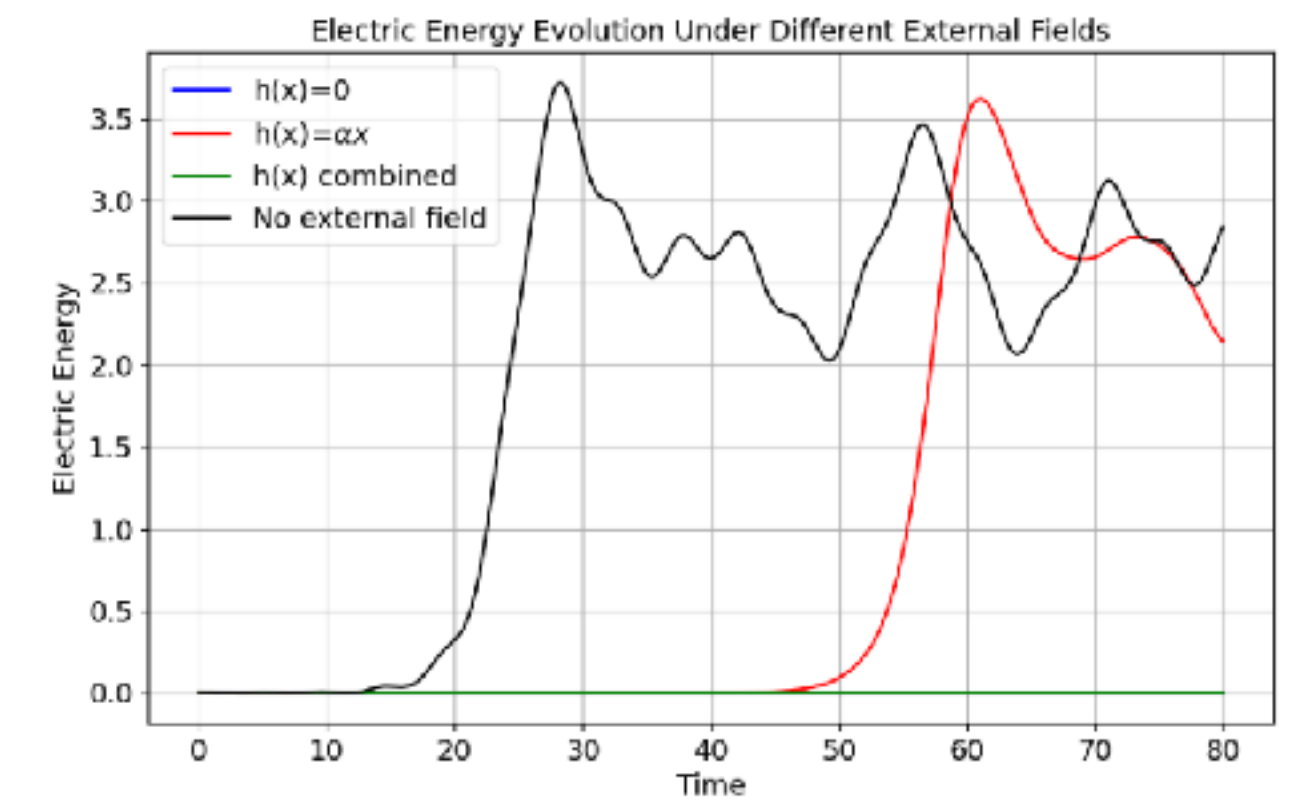
Special case:

control = 0

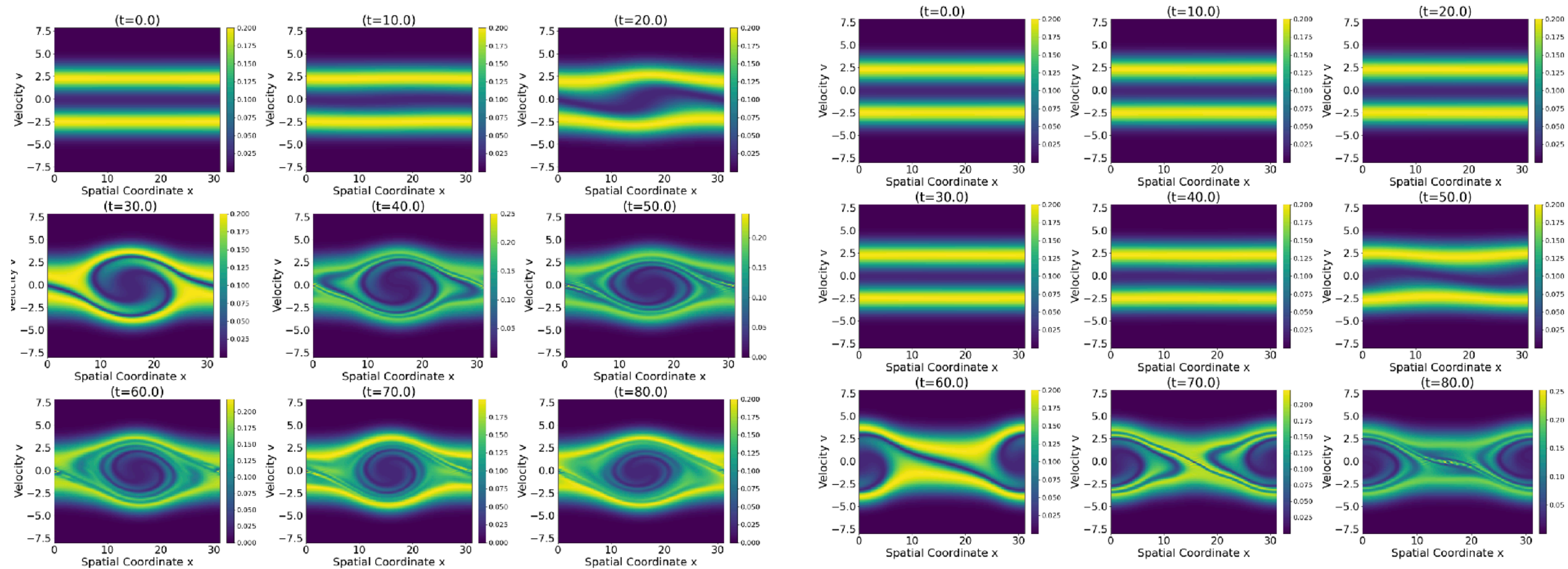
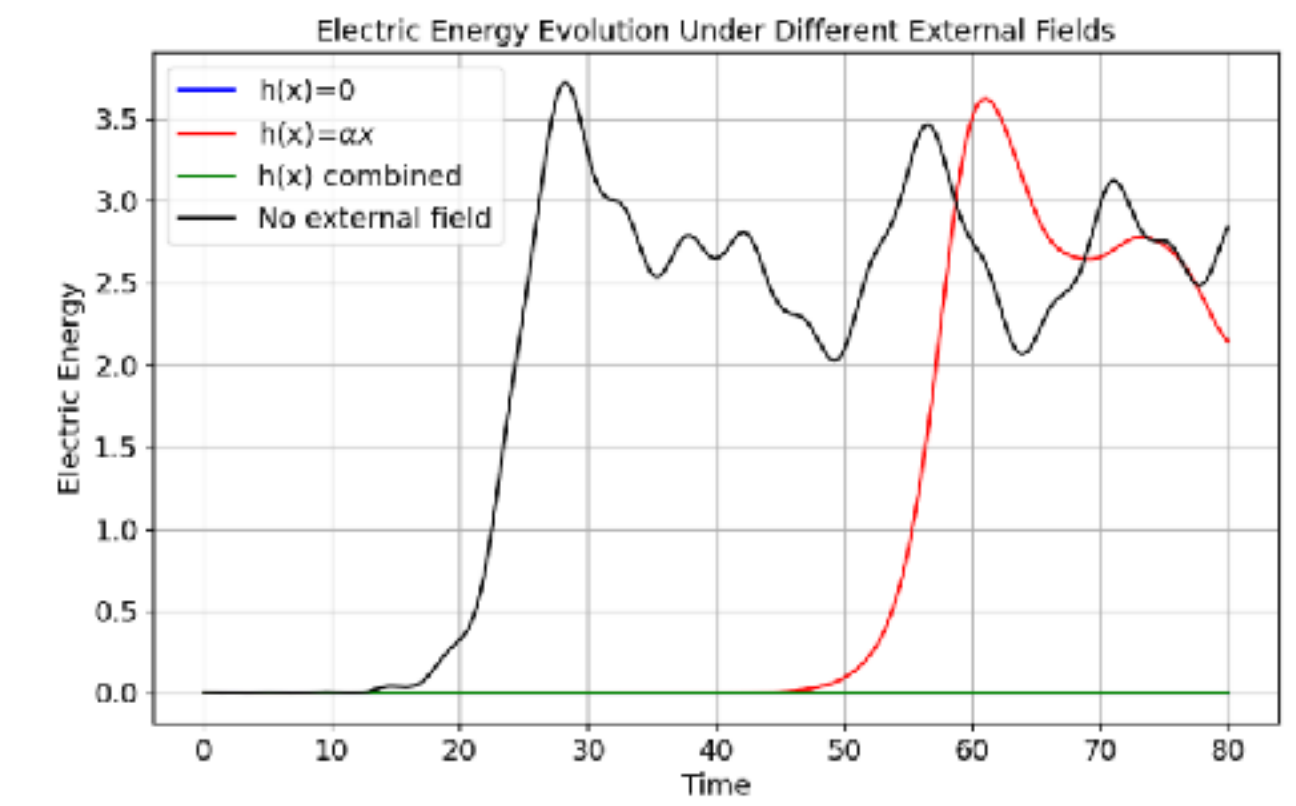
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Theorem: free-streaming solution is stable.

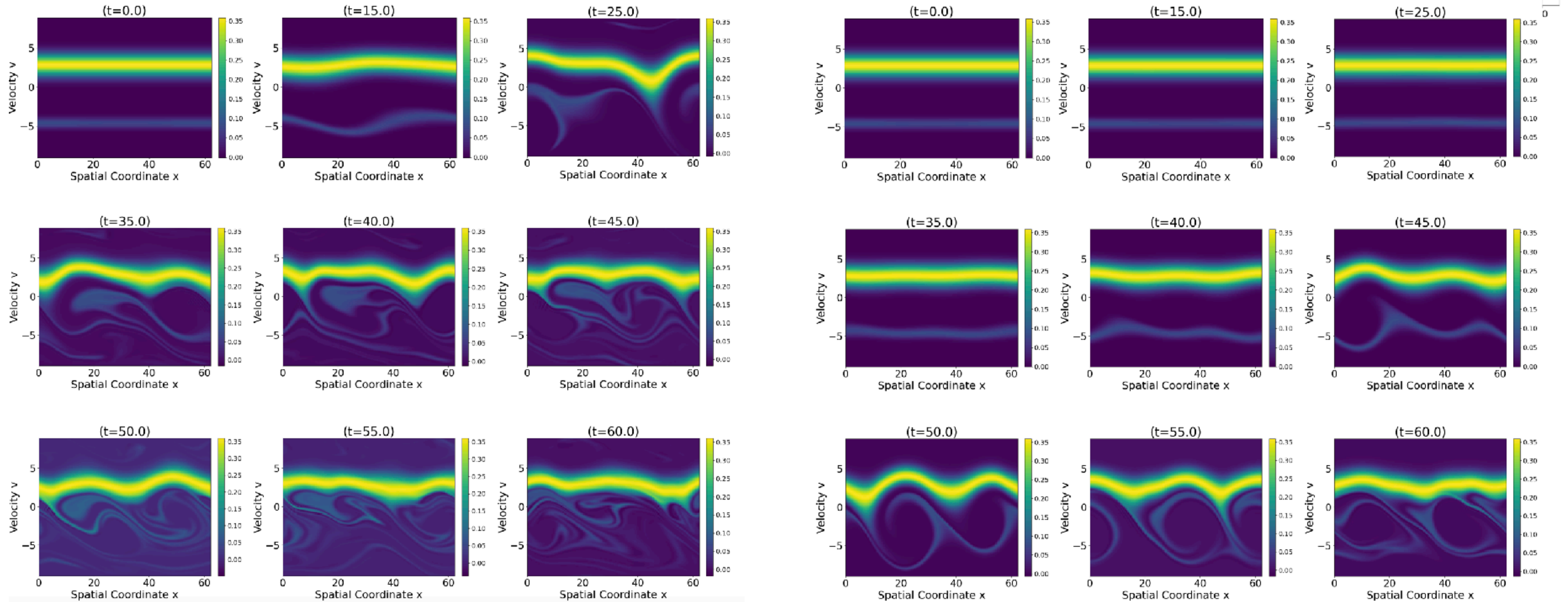
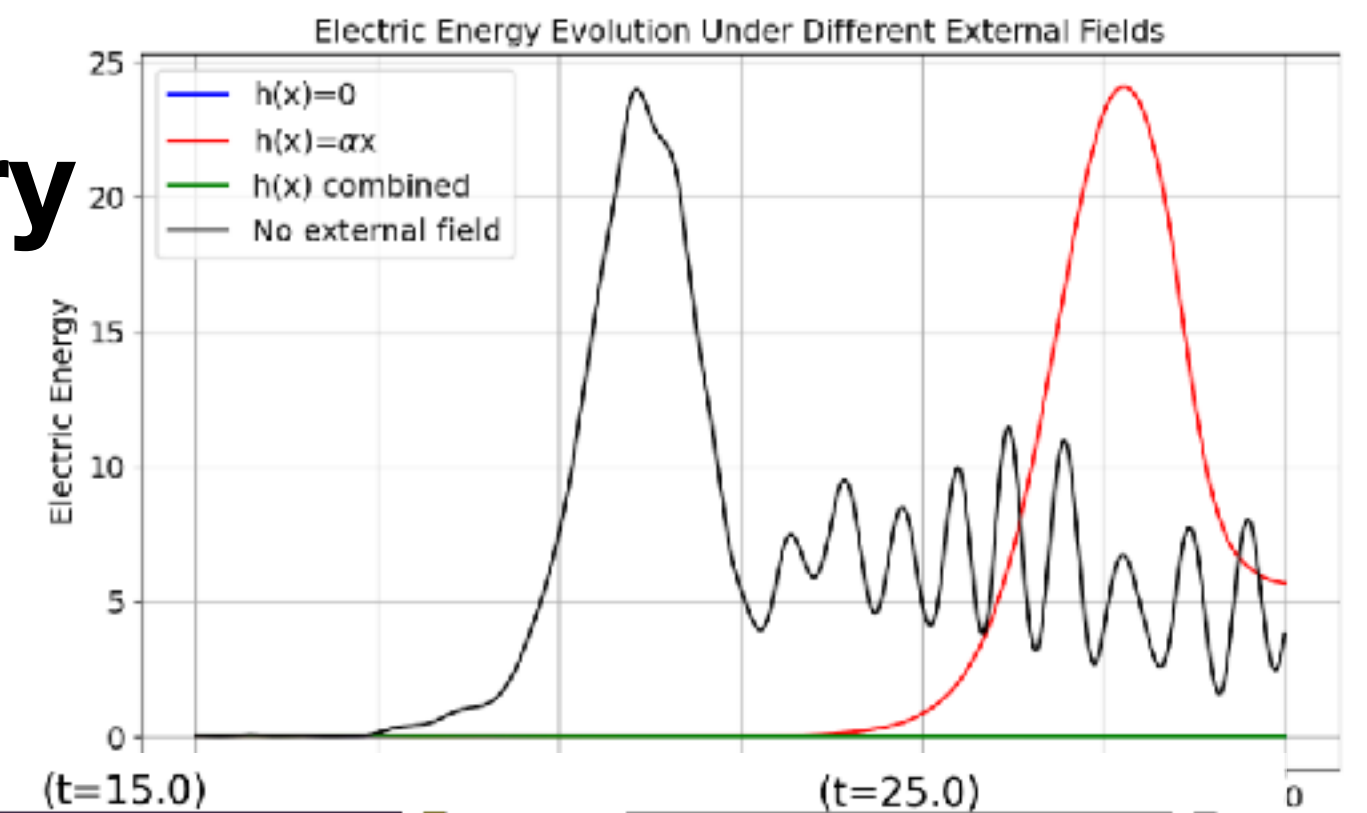
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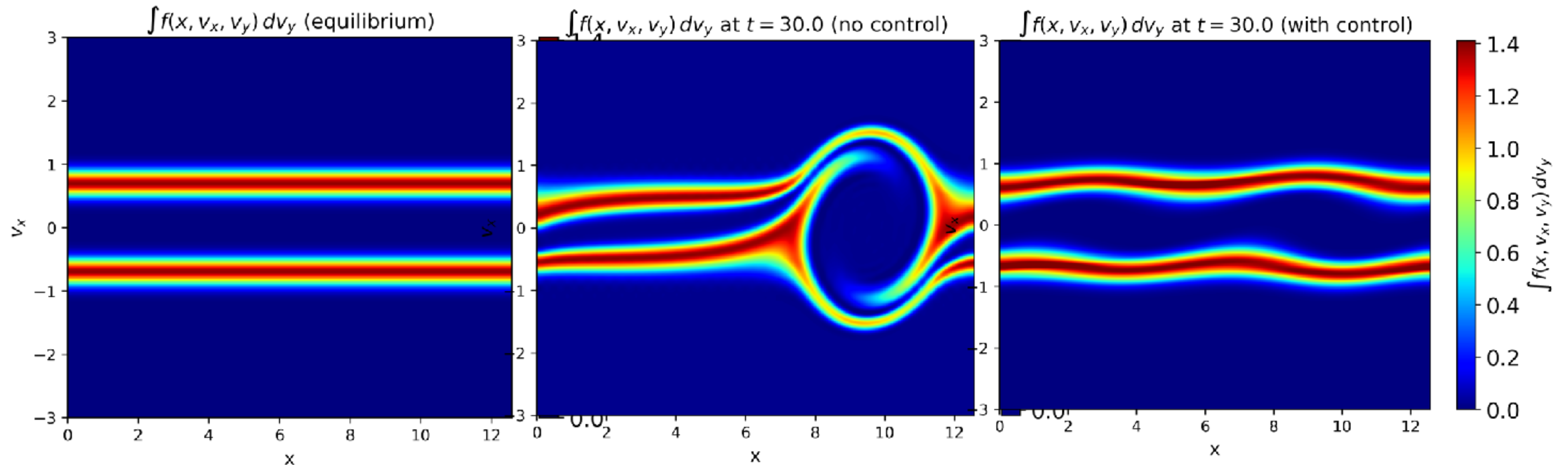
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Control of kinetic plasma instabilities by laser fields, 1D2V Vlasov–Maxwell

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t f + v_x \partial_x f + (E_x + v_y B_z) \partial_{v_x} f + (E_y - v_x B_z) \partial_{v_y} f = 0, \\ \partial_x E_x = \rho - 1, \\ \partial_t E_y = -\partial_x B_z - (j_y - \langle j_y \rangle), \\ \partial_t B_z = -\partial_x E_y, \end{array} \right.$$

+**B**, +**E**_{laser}



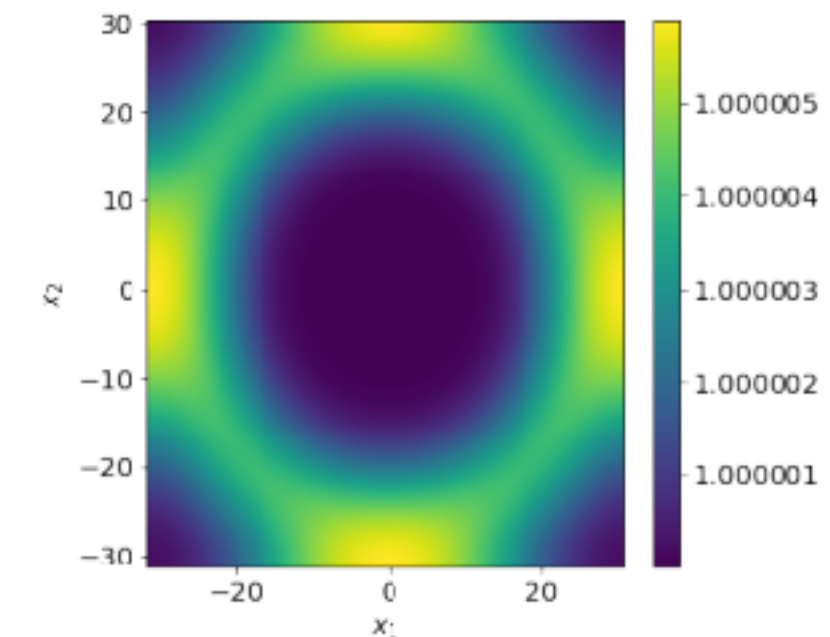
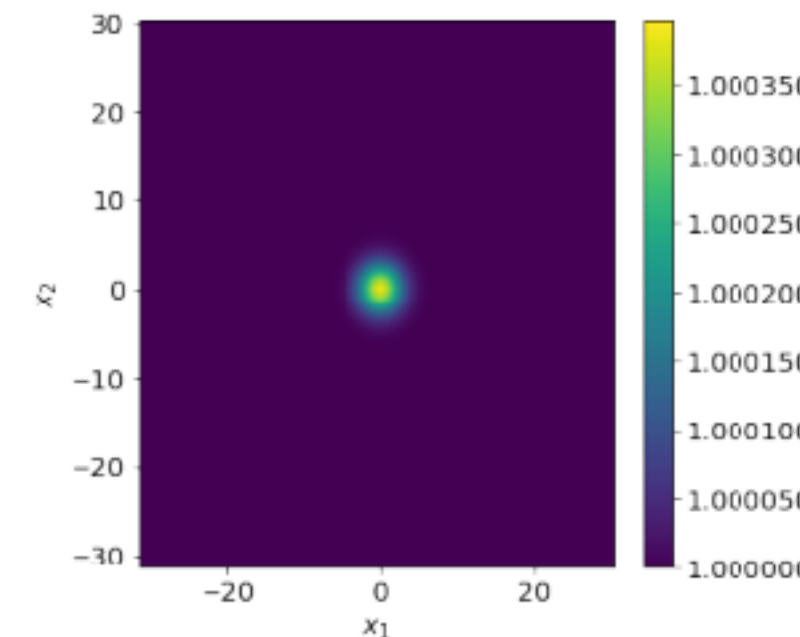
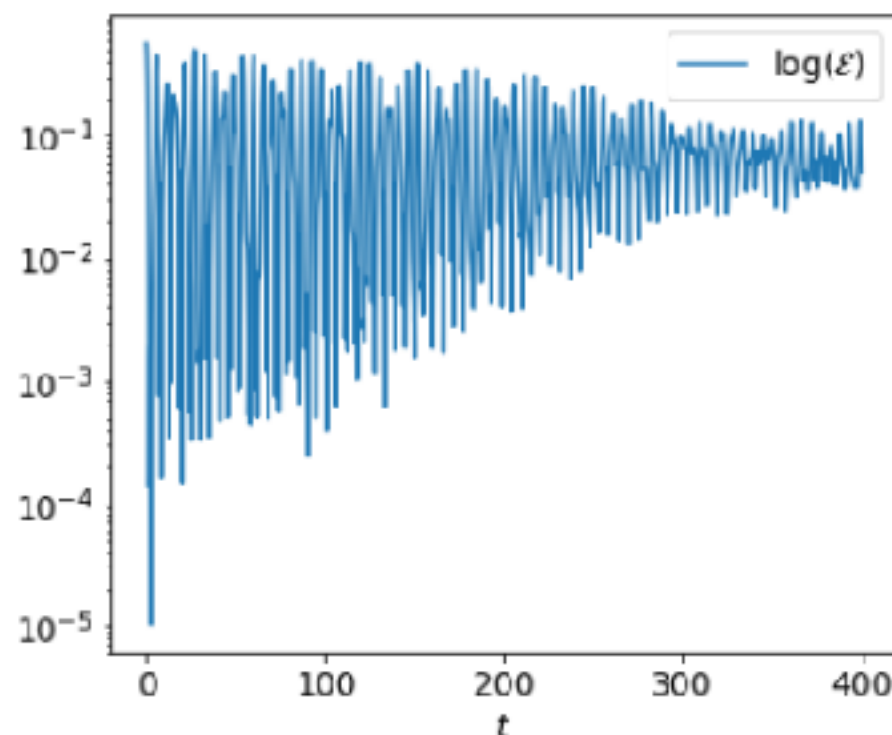
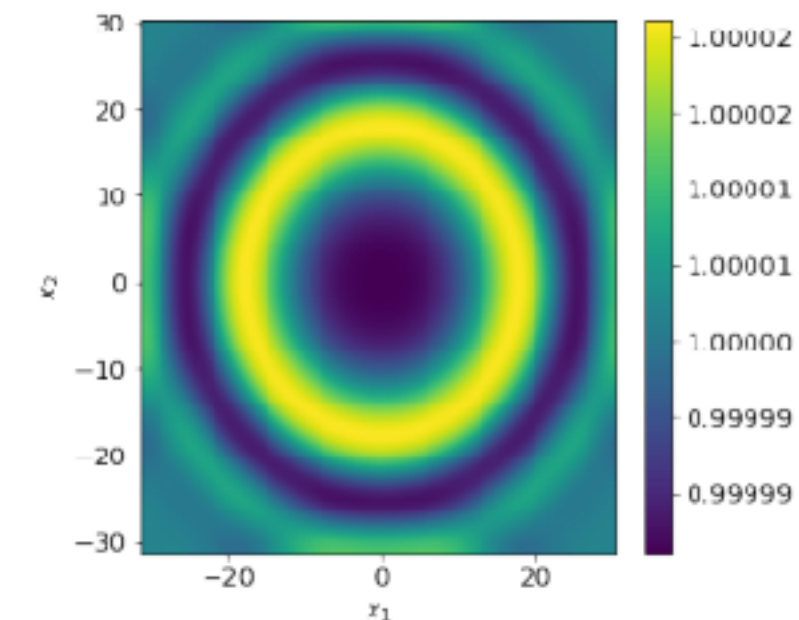
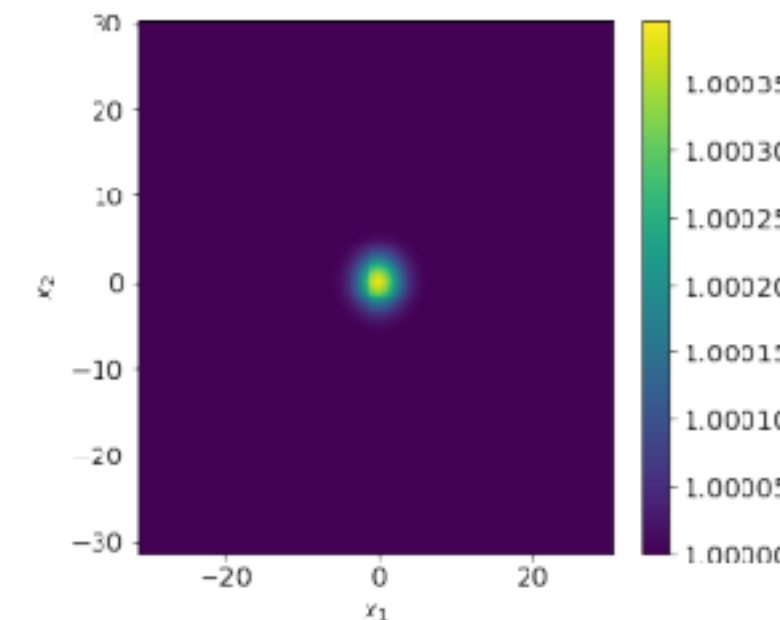
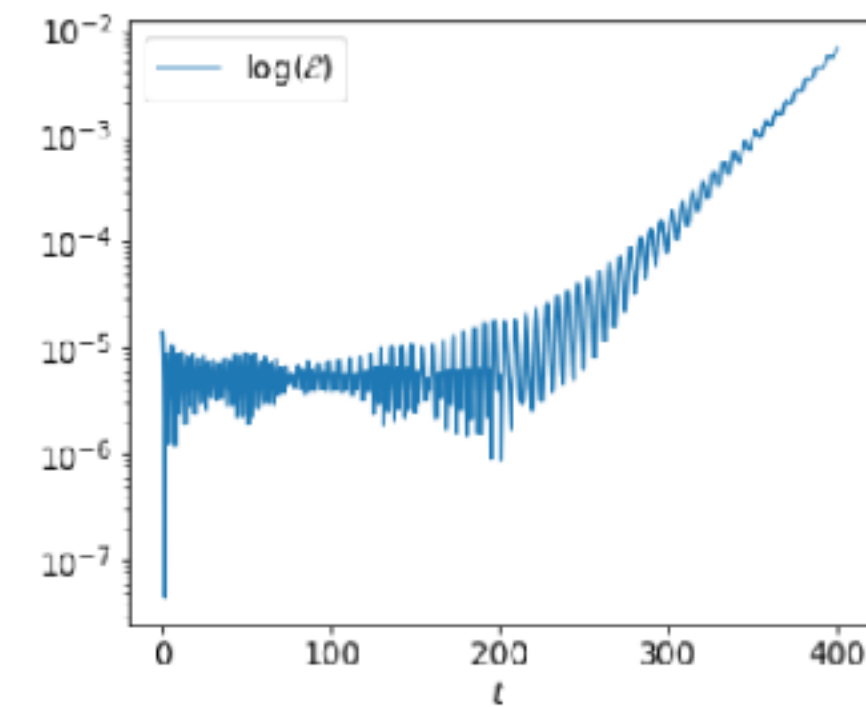
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Control of a Uniformly Magnetized Plasma with External Electric Fields, 2D2V Vlasov–Poisson

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$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f + (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = 0, \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 V = 1 - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f d\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{E} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} V. \end{cases}$$

+ \mathbf{E}_{ext}



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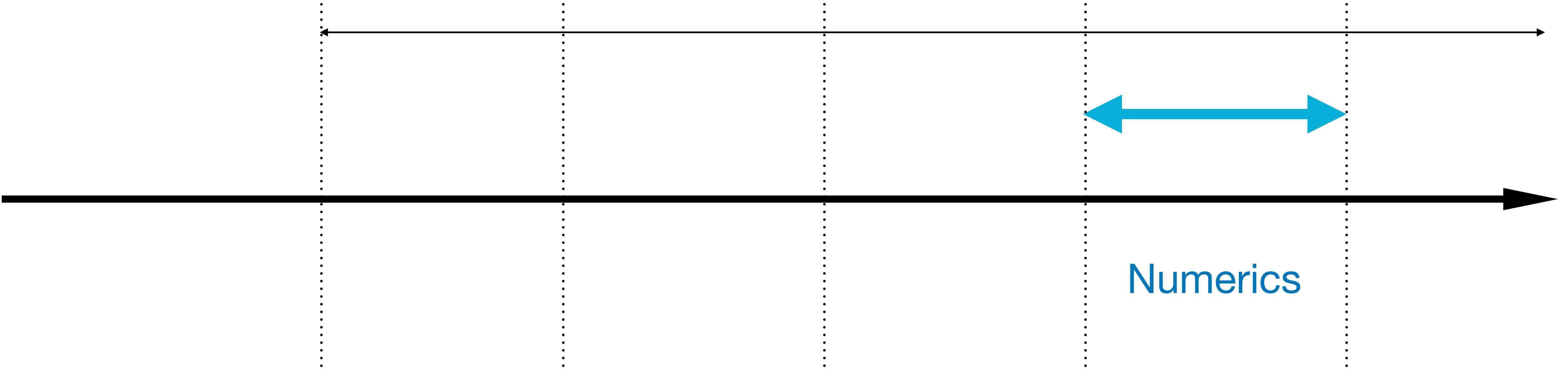
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Theory

How did Landau Damping damp?

- Mathematical machinery very systematic
- Linear solver for a warm start \rightarrow PDE-constrained opt

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Any way to smooth objective landscape?

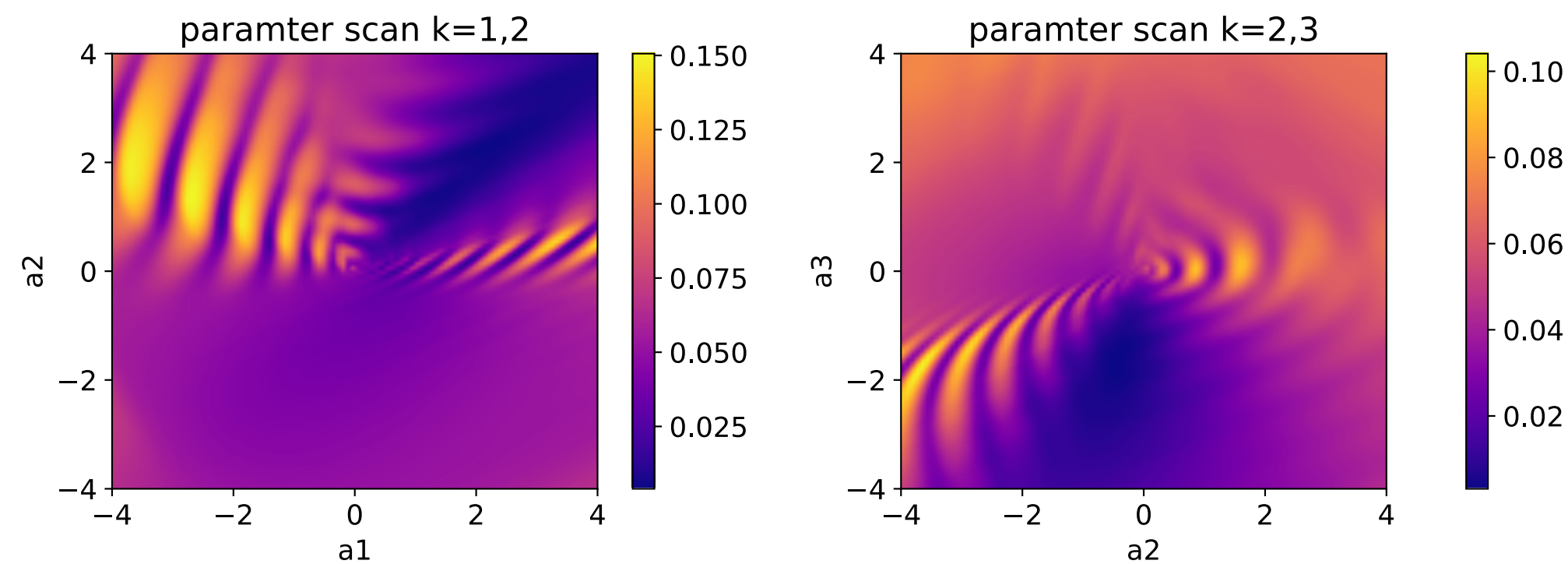
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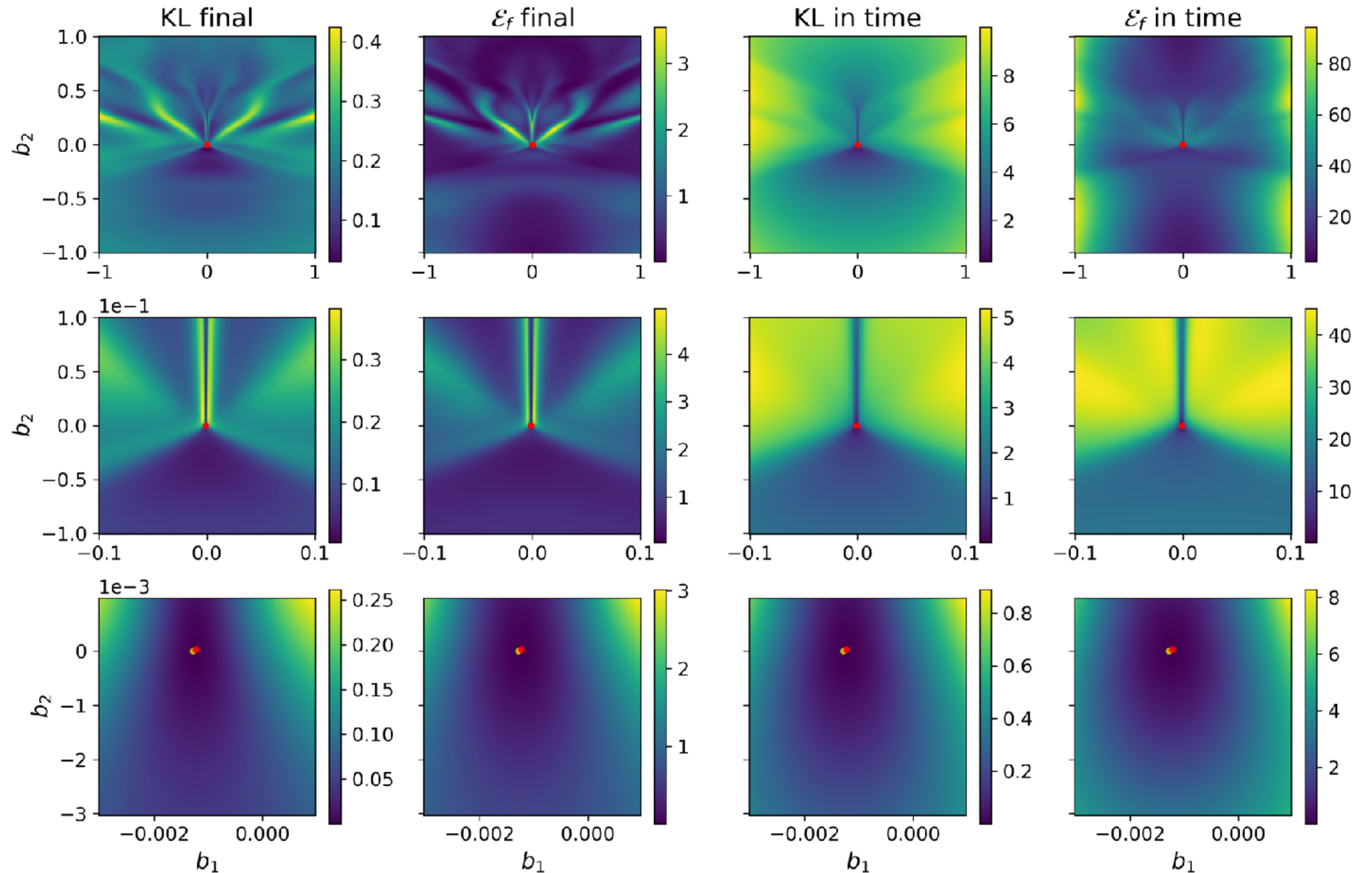
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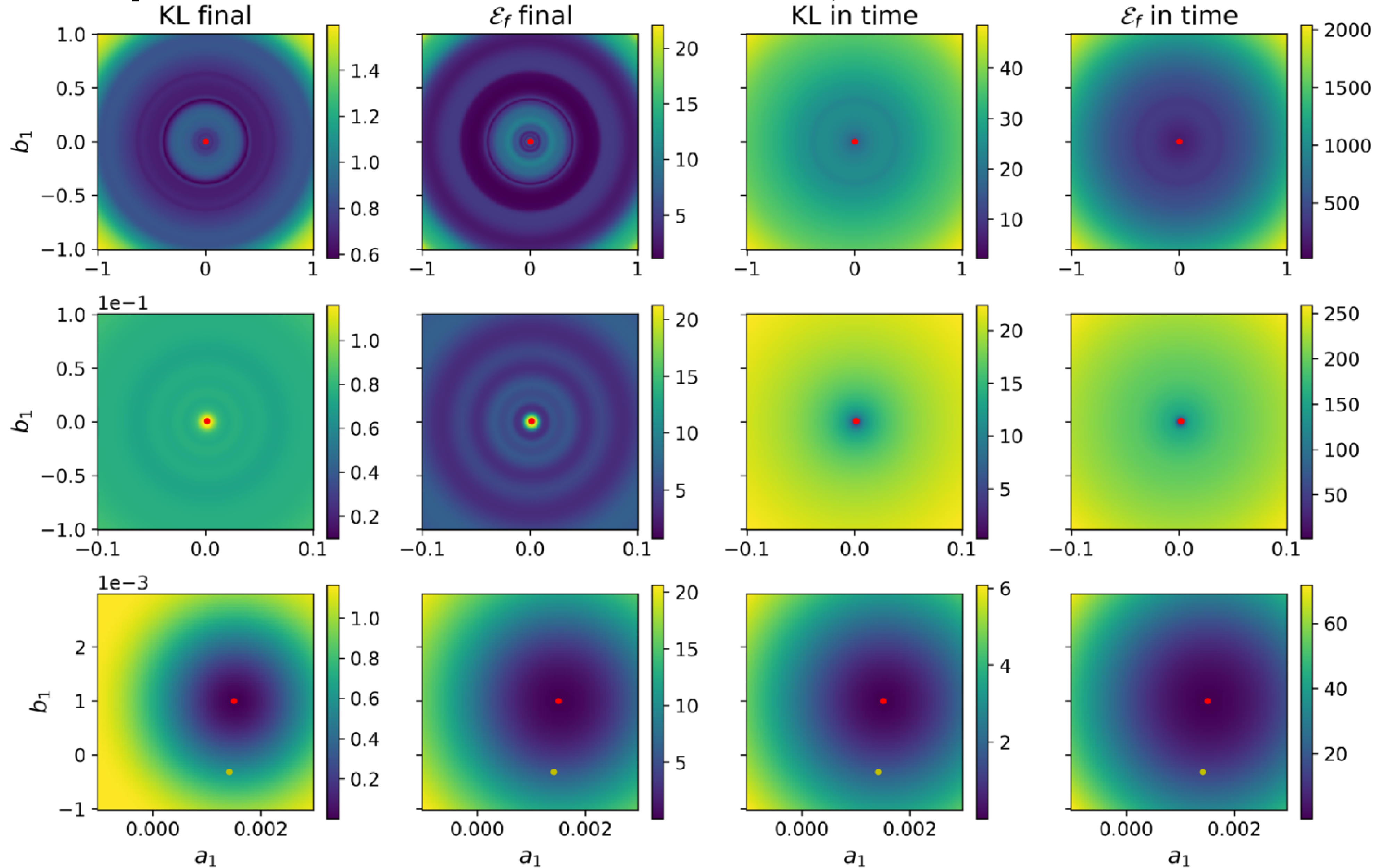
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		Under-parametrized (30)			Over-parametrized (32)		
Init.	Step	(KL)	(EE)	(EET)	(KL)	(EE)	(EET)
Mid	Adaptive						
		(Fig. C.14)	(Fig. C.20)	(Fig. C.26)	(Fig. C.32)	(Fig. C.38)	(Fig. C.44)
	Local						
		(Fig. C.15)	(Fig. C.21)	(Fig. C.27)	(Fig. C.33)	(Fig. C.39)	(Fig. C.45)
Near	Adaptive						
		(Fig. C.16)	(Fig. C.22)	(Fig. C.28)	(Fig. C.34)	(Fig. C.40)	(Fig. C.46)
	Local						
		(Fig. C.17)	(Fig. C.23)	(Fig. C.29)	(Fig. C.35)	(Fig. C.41)	(Fig. C.47)

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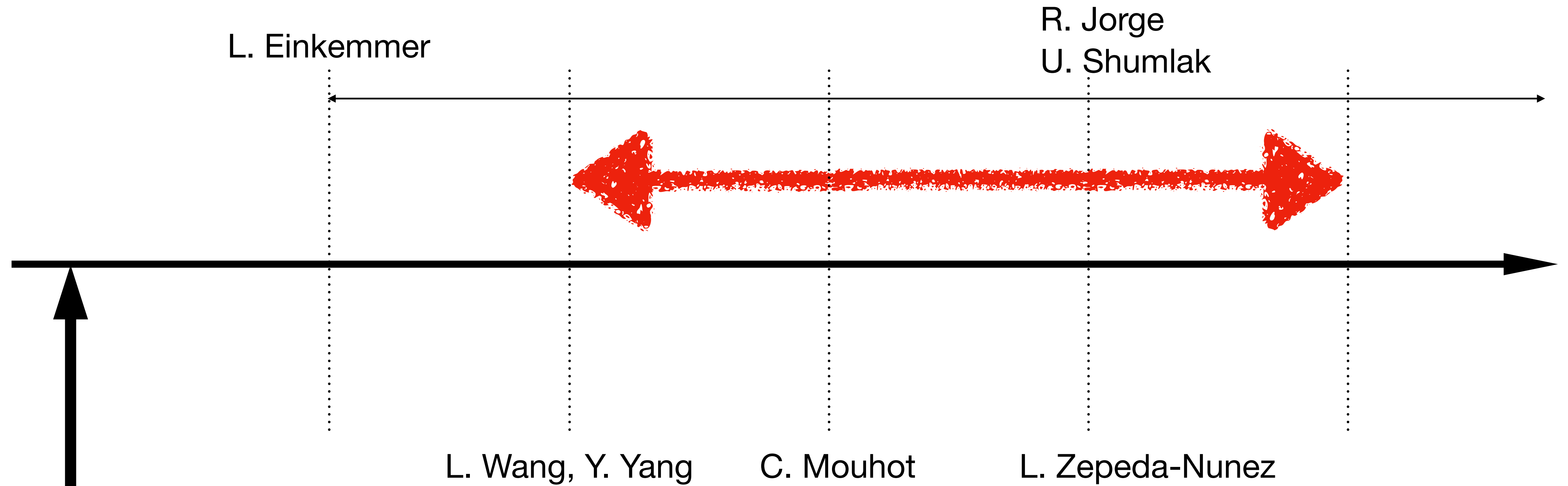
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- In-time measurement better
- Warm start important — local convex



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Thank you!!!