POD Model Reduction of Large Scale Geophysical Models

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Reduced order control Results:

- Set the following
  * $\Phi = [\phi_1, \phi_2, \cdots, \phi_r]$ the $\mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ matrix of POD basis, and
  * $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \cdots, \eta_r)$ the coordinates vector in $\mathbb{R}^r$

- Project $x - \bar{x}$ onto the $r$-dimensional subspace \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \cdots, \phi_r\}

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Case 2: Gyre (Re = 250)

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<td>10 bases for 41 snapshots</td>
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