

Data Assimilation of Hamiltonian Dynamics

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- **Parametric Hamiltonian:** $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_\theta \rightsquigarrow u(\theta)$ for $\theta \in \Theta$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &= \{u(\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\} && \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}_+; V) \\ \mathcal{M}(t) &= \{u(\theta)(t, \cdot) : \theta \in \Theta\} && \subset V \end{aligned}$$

Hamiltonian Structure

- Preservation of the Hamiltonian along trajectories:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{H}(u(\theta)(t, \cdot), \theta) = 0, \quad \forall t > 0, \forall \theta \in \Theta.$$

- The flow map $F_t(u_0) = u(t)$ is a symplectic transformation:

$$(F_t)^*\Omega = \Omega$$

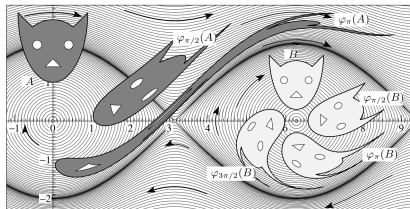


Figure: Volume preservation of the flow [HWL10].

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For all $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^d)^2 \cap L^4(\mathbb{R}^d)^2 \cap \text{dom}(\mathcal{H})$,

$$\begin{aligned} (D\mathcal{H})_u(v) &= \int_D (-\Delta u_1 - \varepsilon u_1(u_1^2 + u_2^2)) v_1 + (-\Delta u_2 - \varepsilon u_2(u_2^2 + u_1^2)) v_2, \quad \forall v \in V, \\ &= \langle \text{grad}_V \mathcal{H}(u), v \rangle_V \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\text{grad}_V \mathcal{H}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta u_1 - \varepsilon u_1(u_1^2 + u_2^2) \\ -\Delta u_2 - \varepsilon u_2(u_2^2 + u_1^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

The associated Hamiltonian flow is thus: Find $u(t) = (u_1, u_2)(t)$ s.t.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u}_1 &= -\Delta u_2 - \varepsilon(u_1^2 + u_2^2)u_2, \\ \dot{u}_2 &= +\Delta u_1 + \varepsilon(u_1^2 + u_2^2)u_1. \end{cases}$$

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The Filtering Problem

- **Task:** For an **unknown** $\theta^\dagger \in \Theta$, reconstruct

$$u^\dagger = u(\theta^\dagger) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}_+, V)$$

given observations of the velocity $\dot{u}^\dagger$.

- **Velocity Observations:** For every $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$,

$$\dot{z}_i(\tau) = \ell_i(\dot{u}^\dagger(\tau)) = \langle \omega_i, \dot{u}^\dagger(\tau) \rangle_V, \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq t, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{\omega}(\tau) = P_{W_m} \dot{u}^\dagger(\tau)$$

where

- $\ell_i \in V'$ indep. linear functionals (model sensor response)
 - $\omega_i \in V$ Riesz representers.
 - $W_m := \text{span}\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m\} \subset V$ observation space.
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$$\mathcal{S}_{2n} := \{\mathcal{V} = \{v_i\}_{i=1}^{2n} \in V^{2n} : \langle v_i, v_j \rangle_V = \delta_{i,j} \text{ and } \Omega(v_i, v_j) = (J_{2n})_{i,j}\}$$

is the set of all $2n$ -tuple of orthosymplectic functions where

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The differential of φ at a point $\gamma = (a, c, \mathcal{V}) \in \Gamma$ reads

$$(D\varphi)_\gamma : T_\gamma \Gamma \rightarrow V \times L^2(\Theta, V)$$

$$\delta\gamma = (\delta a, \delta c, \delta \mathcal{V}) \mapsto \left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\delta a_i v_i + a_i \delta v_i), \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\delta c_i v_i + c_i \delta v_i) \right)$$

where

$$T_\gamma \Gamma = \mathbb{R}^{2n} \times L^2(\Theta, \mathbb{R}^{2n}) \times T_{\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{S}_{2n}.$$

and

$$T_{\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{S}_{2n} = \{ \delta \mathcal{V} = (\delta v_i)_{i=1}^{2n} \in V^{2n} : \langle \delta v_i, v_j \rangle_V + \langle v_i, \delta v_j \rangle_V = 0 \text{ and } \Omega(\delta v_i, v_j) + \Omega(v_i, \delta v_j) = 0 \}.$$

Theorem 1

There are “convenient” subsets $\widetilde{\Gamma} \subset \Gamma$ and $\widetilde{T_\gamma \Gamma} \subset T_\gamma \Gamma$ for which

$$(D\varphi)_\gamma : \widetilde{T_\gamma \Gamma} \rightarrow V \times L^2(\Theta, V)$$

is injective.

Filtering Scheme

Given the observations

$$\dot{z}(t) = \ell(\dot{u}^\dagger(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^m,$$

we search for a curve $\gamma : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \Gamma$ such that

$$\dot{u}^\dagger(t) \approx \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_1(\gamma(t)) = (D\varphi_1)_{\gamma(t)}(\dot{\gamma}(t))$$

$$\dot{u}(\theta)(t, \cdot) \approx \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_2(\gamma(t))(\theta) = (D\varphi_2)_{\gamma(t)}(\dot{\gamma}(t))(\theta), \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta.$$

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For this, we solve for every $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\gamma}(t) \in \arg \min_{\delta \gamma \in T_{\gamma(t)} \Gamma} & \frac{1}{2} \left\| \dot{z}(t) - \ell \left(\frac{d}{dt} \varphi_1(\gamma(t)) \right) \right\|_Z^2 \\ & + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{\Theta} \left\| \underbrace{\mathcal{J}(\text{grad}_{\Omega} \mathcal{H}_{\theta}(f_2(\theta)))}_{=\dot{u}(\theta)(t, \cdot)} - \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_2(\gamma(t))(\theta) \right\|_{\mathcal{V}}^2 \mu(d\theta).\end{aligned}$$

Remark: $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\Theta)$ is an extra degree of freedom.

Necessary optimality conditions lead to an ODE of the form

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = f(\gamma(t))$$

which we then integrate in time (using symplectic schemes) $\rightsquigarrow \gamma(t) \rightsquigarrow \varphi(\gamma(t))$.

Theorem 2

- *The ODE is well-posed
(when working on the “convenient” subsets $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset \Gamma$ and $\widetilde{T_{\gamma}\Gamma} \subset T_{\gamma}\Gamma$).*
- *$F_t(u_0) = \varphi(\gamma(t))$ is a symplectic flow map.*

Remark: We reconstruct $u^{\dagger} = u(\theta^{\dagger})$ without estimating $\theta^{\dagger}$. We can estimate it a posteriori by residual minimization.

Theorem 3

Let

$$e(t) := \|u^\dagger(t) - \varphi_1(\theta(t))\|_V$$

It holds that

$$e(t) \lesssim e(0) \exp\left(\frac{L}{2}t\right) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \exp\left(\frac{L}{2}(t-s)\right) \beta^{-1}(s) \inf_{\dot{v} \in T_{\mathcal{V}(t)} \mathcal{S}_{2n}} \|\dot{v} - \mathcal{J} \operatorname{grad}_V \mathcal{H}(\varphi_1(\gamma(s)))\|_V ds.$$

where

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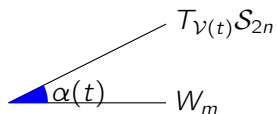
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$$\beta(t) = \beta(T_{V(t)}S_{2n}, W_m) = \min_{v \in T_{V(t)}S_{2n}} \frac{\|P_{W_m} v\|_V}{\|v\|_V} = \cos(\alpha(t)) \in [0, 1]$$

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Suppose $V = L^2(\Omega)$. For a given t ,

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Gathering the sensors' locations in

$$x(t) = \{x_i(t)\}_{i=1}^m \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^m,$$

we thus have

$$W_m(x(t)) := \{\omega_i(x_i(t))\}_{i=1}^m$$

with

$$\omega_i(x_i(t)) = g(x_i(t), \sigma_i).$$

Dynamical sensor placement

We search for the sensors' optimal path that maximizes stability

$$\max_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{C}([0,t], \mathbb{R}^m) \\ x(0)=a \\ \dot{x}(0)=b}} \int_0^t \left(\beta(V_n(t), W_m(x(t))) - \frac{\kappa}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \right) d\tau,$$

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The Euler-Lagrange equations yield:

$$\begin{cases} \kappa \ddot{x} = \nabla_x \beta^2(V_n(t), W_m(x(t))), \\ x(0) = a, \quad \dot{x}(0) = b. \end{cases}$$

and a time integration scheme yields the evolution of the sensors' locations.

Any scheme requires knowing how to compute $\nabla_x \beta^2(x)$.

We could also optimize over covariances $\Sigma_i(t)$.

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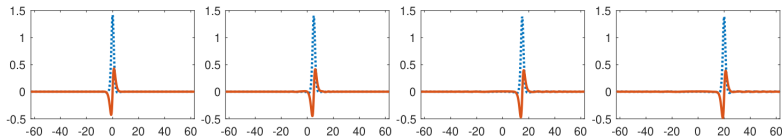
1D Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation

Here $u = (q, p)$ satisfies

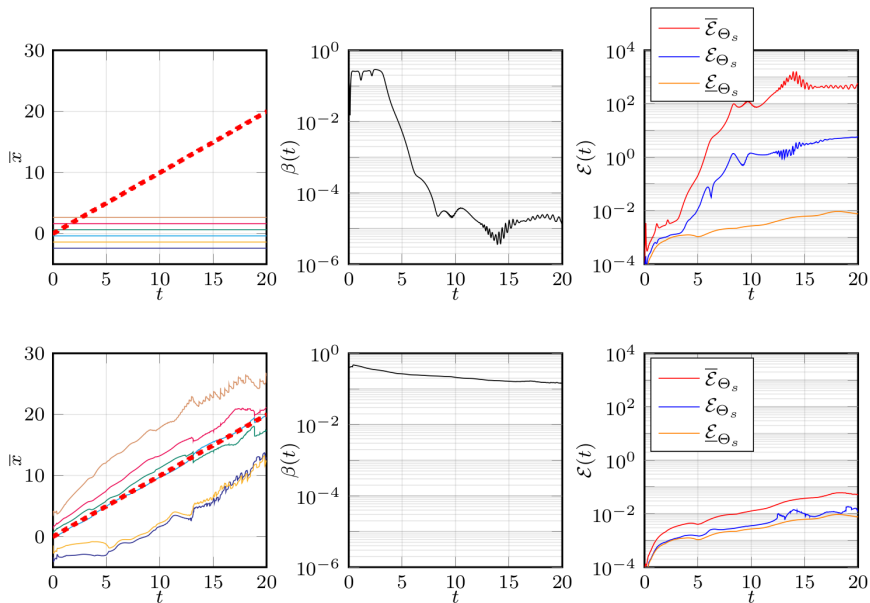
$$\begin{cases} q_t = -p_{xx} - \epsilon(q^2 + p^2)p, \\ p_t = q_{xx} + \epsilon(q^2 + p^2)q. \end{cases}$$

and

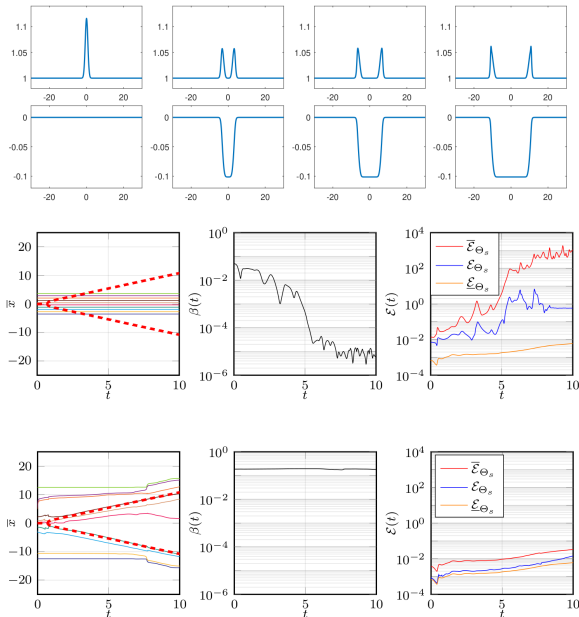
$$\theta = (\epsilon, \alpha) \in \Theta := [0.98, 1.1]^2, \quad V = L^2([-L, L]).$$



Static VS dynamic sensor placement



1D Shallow Water



$$\begin{cases} h_t + \nabla \cdot (h \nabla \Phi) = 0 & x \in D \quad t \in [0, T] \\ \Phi_t + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \Phi|^2 + h = 0 & x \in D \quad t \in [0, T] \end{cases}$$

with periodic boundary conditions. Initial condition for h : Gaussian with 2 parameters.

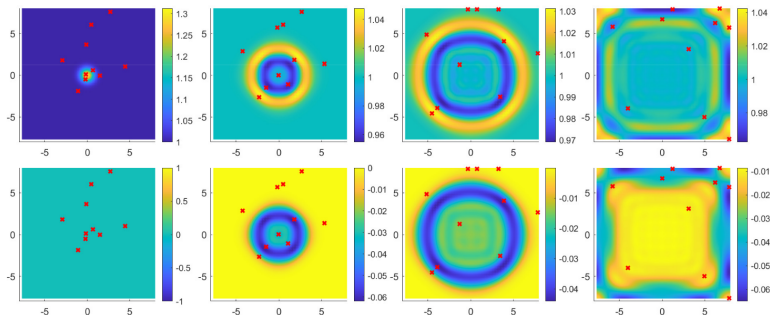


Figure: We use $V_n(t)$, and $m = 10$.

- Reconstruction with dynamical symplectic spaces and dynamical sensor placement.
- Rules for dynamical sensor placement based on stability.
- Error and stability estimates.
- Plenty of future work to derive a general formulation:
 - Fully nonlinear spaces.
 - Learn $\mu(t)$.
 - Deal with other dynamics (gradient flows, GENERIC).
 - How optimal is our algorithm? (extension of [CDMN22])

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