

The Surprising Robustness and Computational Efficiency of Weak Form System Identification

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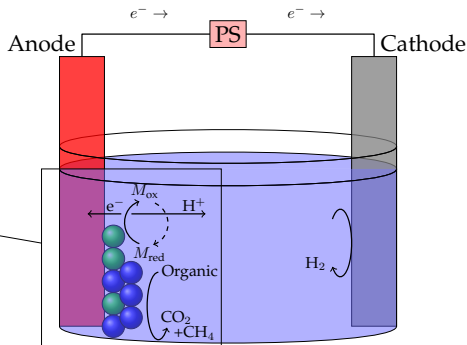
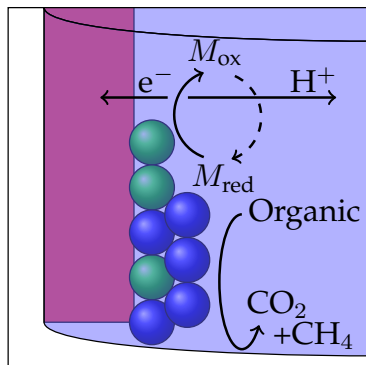
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Electroactive bacteria, Methanogenic Microorganisms

M = Extracellular Mediator



Substrate flows in, External Voltage applied, blue competes with green, decreasing hydrogen production

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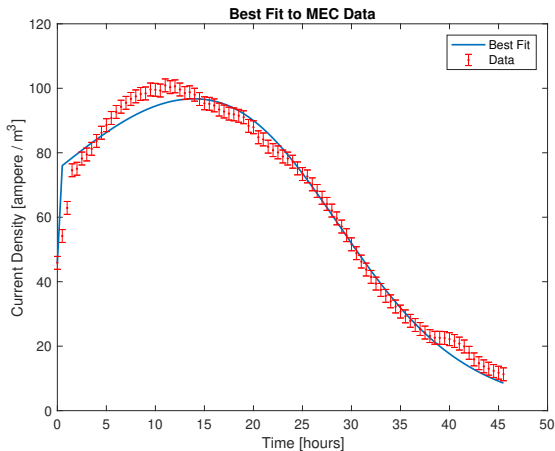
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$$\frac{dM_{\text{Ox}}}{dt} = -Y_M q_e(t)X_e(t) + \frac{\gamma}{VmF_2} I_{\text{MEC}}(t),$$

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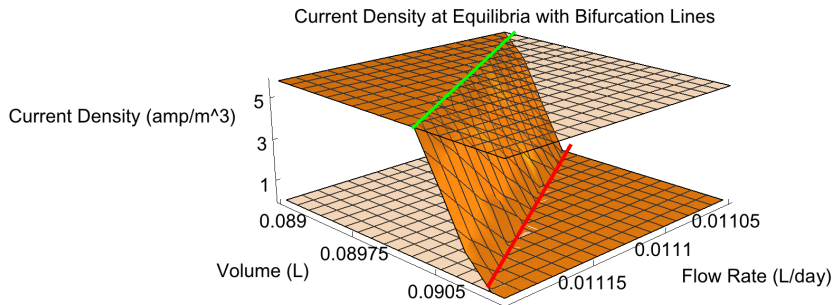
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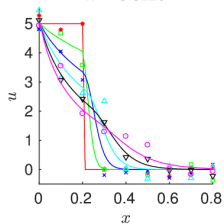
Consider a chemotaxis-like advection equation with parameters α and β

$$u_t(t, x) + \nabla \bullet \left((\alpha \sqrt[\beta]{x}) u(t, x) \right) = 0$$
$$u(0, x) = \phi(x)$$

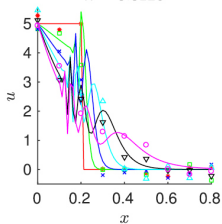
- Consider creating artificial data with i.i.d. Gaussian noise.
- Fit α and β using different numerical schemes

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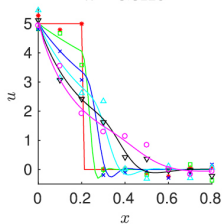
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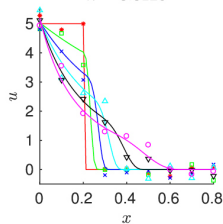
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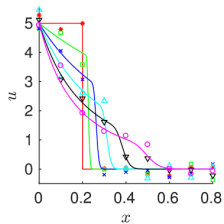
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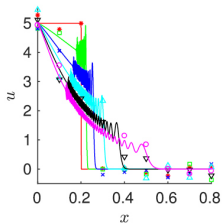
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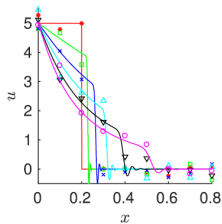
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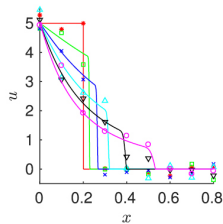
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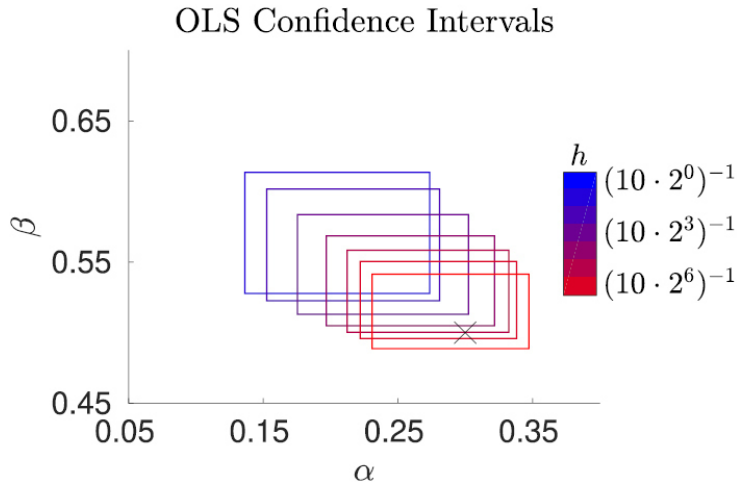
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Model Selection and Parameter Inference

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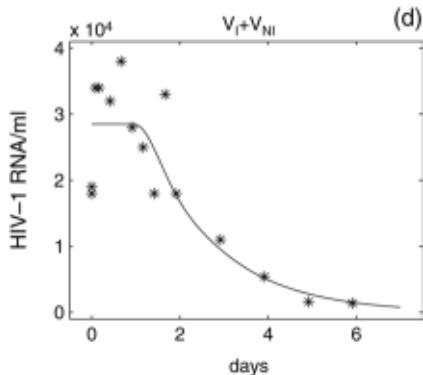
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$$\text{AIC} = -2\ell(\hat{\Theta}|\mathbf{V}) + 2Q$$

$$\text{TIC} = -2\ell(\hat{\Theta}|\mathbf{V}) + 2\text{Tr}\left(J(\hat{\Theta})I(\hat{\Theta})^{-1}\right)$$

$$\text{ICOMP} = -2\ell(\hat{\Theta}|\mathbf{V}) + Q \ln\left(\frac{\lambda_a}{\lambda_g}\right)$$

Information Criteria = goodness of fit + statistical complexity

Model Selection

Table 2 Sample mean values for the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters, ICOMP(IFIM), TIC, AIC_C , and AIC. The bold type represents that method's prediction for "best" model.

Model	\hat{c}	$\hat{\delta}$	$\hat{\delta}_L$	$\hat{\tau}$	$\ell(\hat{\Theta})$	ICOMP(IFIM)	TIC	AIC
(10)	13.7	0.35	-	-	-147.5	315.6	338.4	307.0
(11)	31.2	0.35	-	-	-137.3	271.4	20939	286.5
(12)	25.3	0.36	0.11	-	-131.2	354.7	971.2	282.4
(13)	24.7	3.6	0.38	-	-132.1	313.5	402.5	284.2
(14)	20.7	0.73	0.67	-	-104.6	329.4	303.5	229.2
(15)	16.7	0.36	-	0.7	-108.9	303.6	17305	304.5

T^* = infectious T-cells

V = Virus Particles

T = Uninfected T-cells

$$\dot{T}^*(t) = (1 - n_{rt})kV(t)T(t) - \delta T^*(t),$$

$$\dot{V}(t) = N\delta T^*(t) - cV(t), \tag{11}$$

$$\dot{T}(t) = S + pT(t) \left(1 - \frac{T(t) + T^*(t)}{T_{\max}} \right) - d_T T(t) - (1 - n_{rt})kV(t)T(t),$$

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- Plug in data U and solve Equation-Error linear least squares problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$$

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PROBLEM!

- Approximating derivatives is unstable:

$$\mathbb{E} [|\partial_x^k u - \Delta_x^k(u + \epsilon)|^2] = \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{h^{2k}} \right)$$

- True solution $u(x, t)$ may not be smooth

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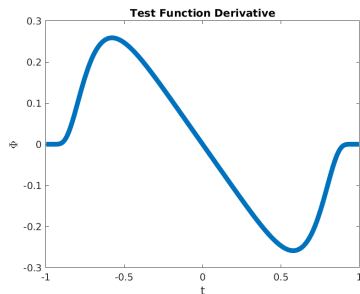
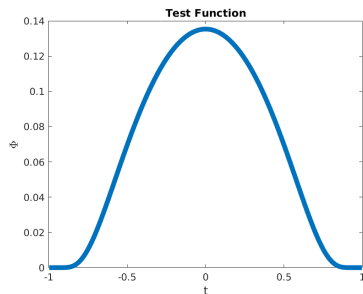
- For test functions $(\psi_k)_{1 \leq k \leq K}$, **evaluate (3) at U**

$$\mathbf{b}_k := \left\langle (-1)^{|\alpha^0|} D^{\alpha^0} \psi_k, \mathbf{U} \right\rangle, \quad \mathbf{G}_{k,(j-1)S+s} := \left\langle (-1)^{|\alpha^s|} D^{\alpha^s} \psi_k, f_j(\mathbf{U}) \right\rangle$$

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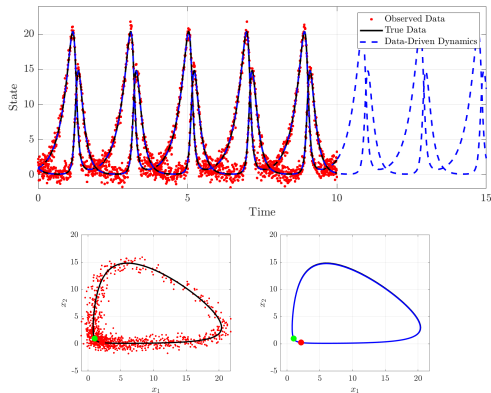
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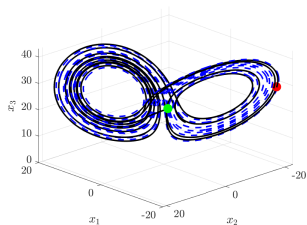
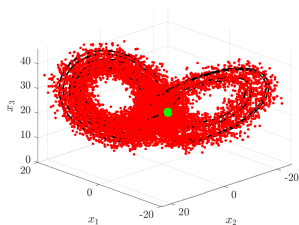
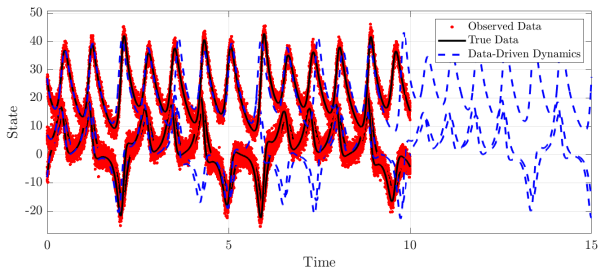
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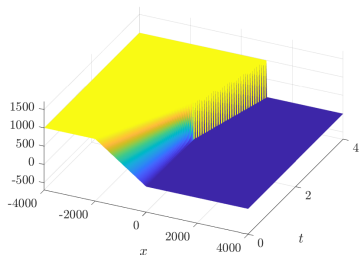


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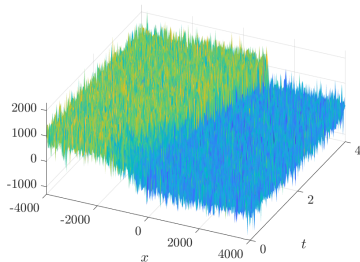
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Inviscid Burgers: $\partial_t u = -\partial_x (u^2)$



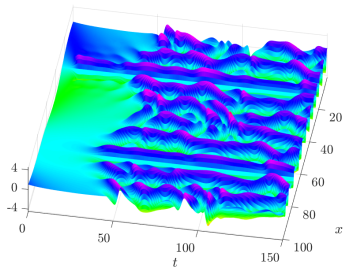
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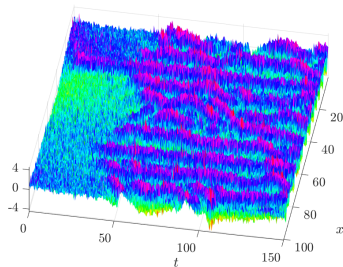
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Noise level	Max. Coefficient Error	Identification Rate
0%	4.3×10^{-5}	100%
25%	0.0051	100%
50%	0.012	99.4%
100%	0.025	99%

Kuramoto Sivashinsky $u_t = -(u^2)_x - u_{xx} - u_{xxxx}$



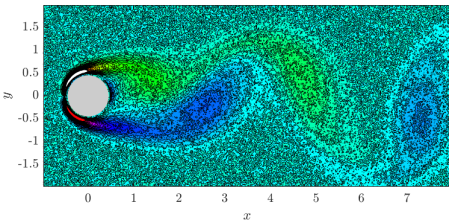
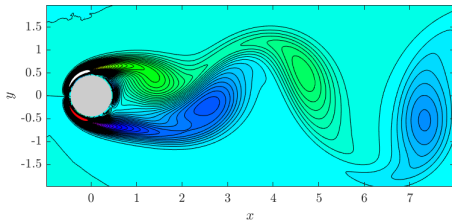
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Noise level	Max. Coefficient Error	Identification Rate
0%	8.1×10^{-7}	100%
25%	0.017	100%
50%	0.070	100%
100%	0.31	96.1%

Navier-Stokes $\omega_t = -\nabla \bullet (\omega \mathbf{u}) + 0.01\Delta\omega$

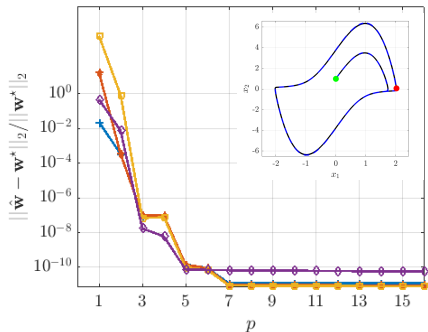


Noise level	Max. Coefficient Error	Identification Rate
0%	5.4×10^{-3}	100%
10%	7.8×10^{-3}	100%
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30%	0.25	83.5%

WSINDy

Test Functions

Van der Pol Oscillator ($\Delta t = 0.01$)



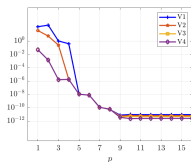
$$\phi(v; a, p) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{v}{a}\right)^2\right)_+^p$$

- $\phi \in C^{p-1}(\mathbb{R})$, $\text{supp}(\phi) = [-a, a]$
- Trapezoidal rule + large p realizes machine precision:

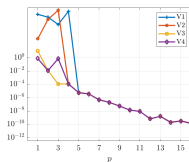
$$\langle \phi', \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \phi, \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{p+1})$$

$$(\sigma_{NR} = 0)$$

Linear 5D ($\Delta t = 0.025$)



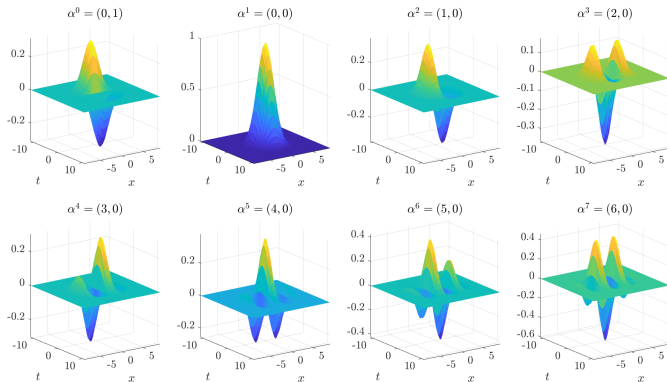
Pendulum ($\Delta t = 0.1$)



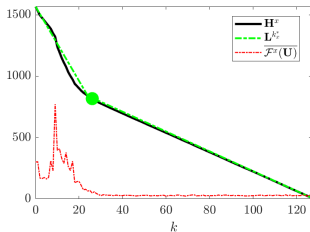
Test Functions

$$\phi(\bullet; a, p) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\bullet}{a}\right)^2\right)_+^p \quad (4)$$

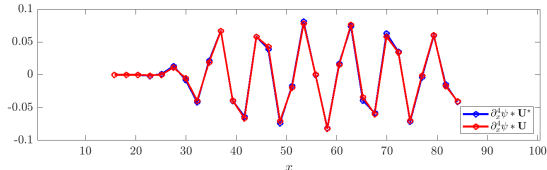
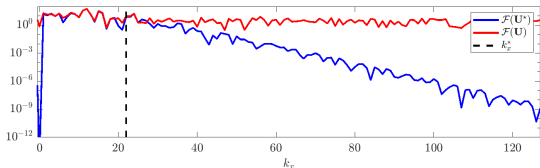
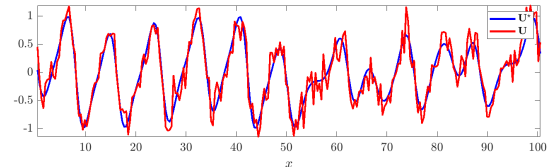
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Test Functions



- 1 Find changepoint k^* between *signal-dominated* and *noise-dominated* modes
- 2 Set k^* to be $\hat{\tau}$ standard deviations into tail of $\hat{\phi}$.
- 3 Enforce ϕ decays to τ at penultimate gridpoint.



Weak 4th-derivative from KS data with 50% noise.

- Reference test function: $\psi_k(\mathbf{x}, t) := \psi(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}, t_k - t)$
- Query points: $\mathcal{Q} := \{(\mathbf{x}_k, t_k)\}_{k \in [K]}$
- Convolutional Weak Form:

$$\left(D^{\alpha^0} \psi\right) * u(\mathbf{x}_k, t_k) = \sum_{s,j}^{S,J} \mathbf{w}_{s,j}^* \left(D^{\alpha^s} \psi\right) * f_j(u)(\mathbf{x}_k, t_k). \quad (5)$$

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- Take ψ separable, $\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \phi_1(x_1) \cdots \phi_D(x_D) \phi_{D+1}(t)$, use FFT:

$$\Psi^s * f_j(\mathbf{U}) = \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{Q}} \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(\mathcal{F}(\Psi^s) \odot \mathcal{F}(f_j(\mathbf{U})) \right), \quad (6)$$

At-worst $\mathcal{O}(M \log(N))$ complexity for $M = N^{D+1}$ datapoints

- Local vs. Global Test Functions

Sparse Regression

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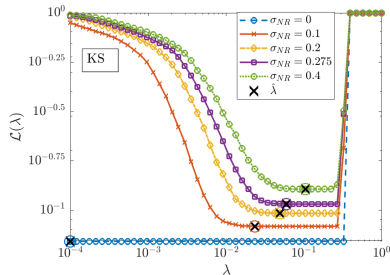
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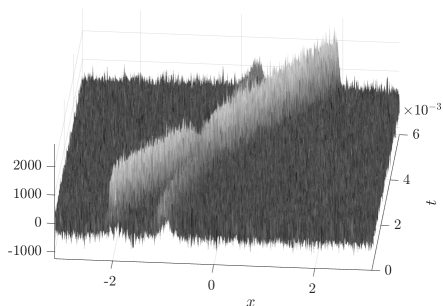
$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda) = \frac{\|\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{w}^\lambda - \mathbf{w}^0)\|_2}{\|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{w}^0\|_2} + \frac{\|\mathbf{w}^\lambda\|_0}{\|\mathbf{w}^0\|_0}$$



Minimize \mathcal{L} over MSTLS solutions,
finds feasible λ under large noise!

$$\tilde{u}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) := \gamma_u u \left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\gamma_x}, \frac{\tilde{t}}{\gamma_t} \right)$$

- Physical laws often involve power laws
 \implies large $\kappa(\mathbf{G})$
- Rescaling is critical for sparse regression
- Choose $\gamma_x, \gamma_t, \gamma_u$ automatically from Θ and ψ to improve $\kappa(\mathbf{G})$



Korteweg-de Vries:

- 50% noise
- $u \sim 10^3, \Delta x \sim 1, \Delta t \sim 10^{-6}$
- $\kappa(\mathbf{G}) = \mathcal{O}(10^{26})$
- $\kappa(\tilde{\mathbf{G}}) = \mathcal{O}(10^6)$

WSINDy Computational Cost

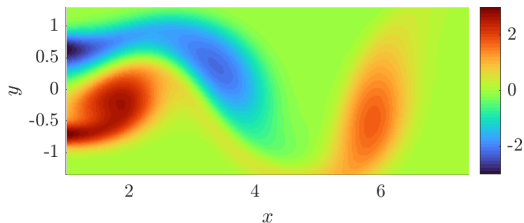
PDE	U (MB)	U (dim)	G (dim)	nz(\mathbf{w}^*)	Walltime (s)
IB	0.5	256×256	784×43	1	0.12
KS	0.6	256×301	$1,806 \times 43$	3	0.24
KdV	1.9	400×601	$1,443 \times 43$	2	0.39
NLS	1.0	$2 \times 256 \times 251$	$1,804 \times 190$	6	2.5
NS	233	$3 \times 324 \times 149 \times 201$	$3,872 \times 50$	4	12
PM	41	$200 \times 200 \times 128$	$4,608 \times 65$	3	16
SG	85	$129 \times 403 \times 205$	$13,000 \times 73$	3	29
RD	211	$2 \times 256 \times 256 \times 201$	$11,638 \times 181$	14	75

Table: Computations in serial, 8-core Intel i7-2670QM CPU with 2.2 GHz and 8 GB of RAM. (233 MB = 4-min HD Youtube video).

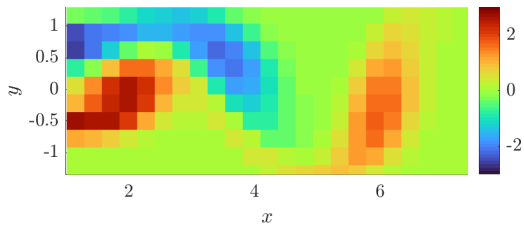
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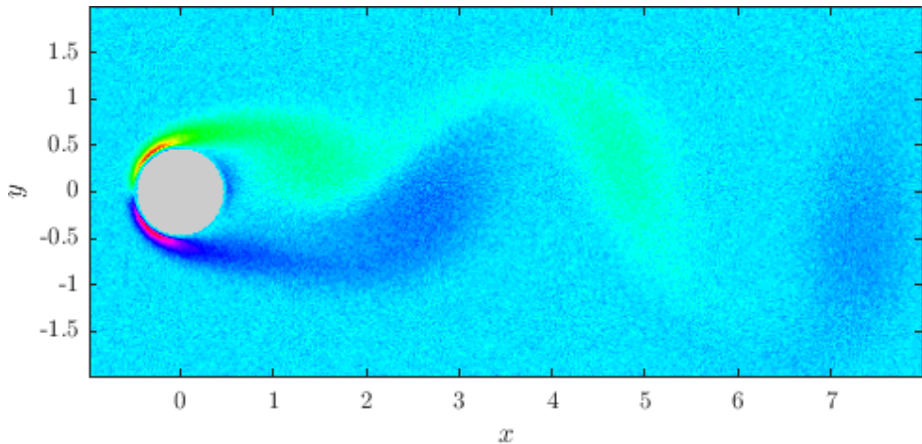
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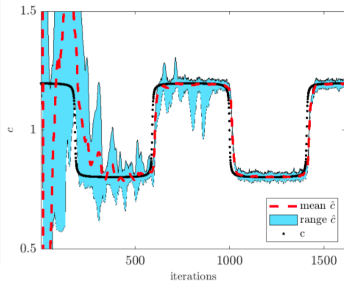
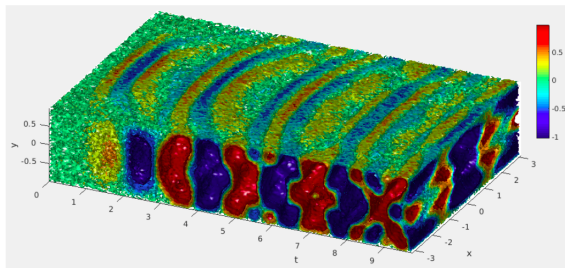


Large-Noise Case



50% noise -> Euler Equations

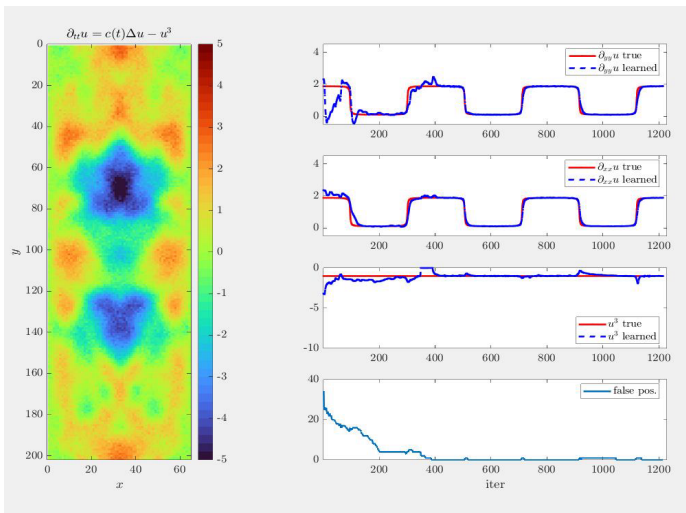
Online Learning: 2D wave 10% noise, $K=25$



DAM, E. Dall'Anese, & DMB. Online Weak-form Sparse Identification of Partial Differential Equations. In Proc. 3rd MSLS Conf. PMLR 190:241–256. 2022.

Online WSINDy: DAM, Dall'Anese, DMB, MSML, 2022

- 30 fr/s (0.033 s/iter)
- 10% noise
- $(\Delta x, \Delta t) = (0.031, 0.024)$
- $K_{\text{mem}} = 15$
- $\dim(\mathbf{G}^{(t)}) = 1548 \times 37$
- $\dim(\mathbf{U}^{(t)}) = 65 \times 202$
- 6.9Mb online storage

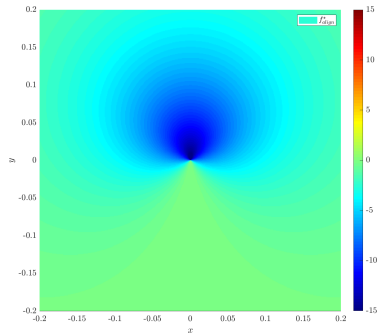
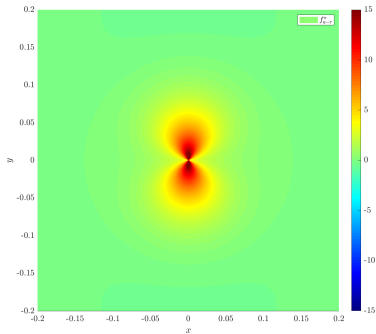


Interacting Particle Systems (Cell Migration)

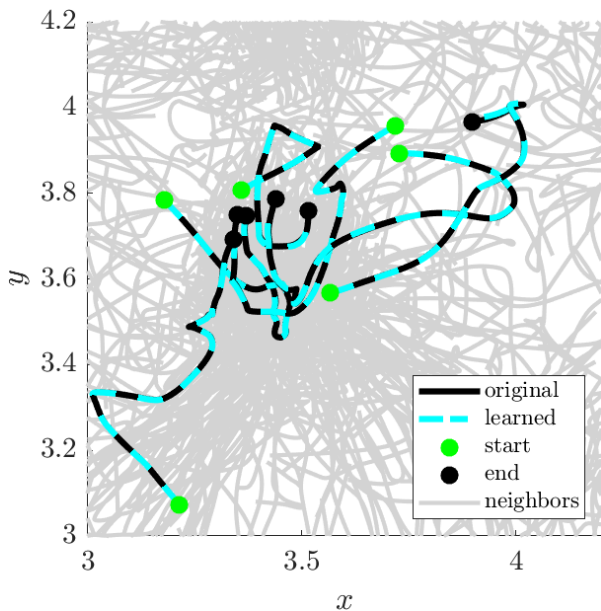
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Interacting Particle Systems (Cell Migration)



Learn interaction potentials for migration



Weak form Parameter Estimation

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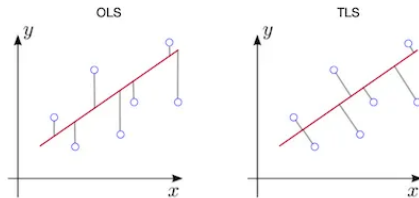
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- **But, this is a GLS problem:**

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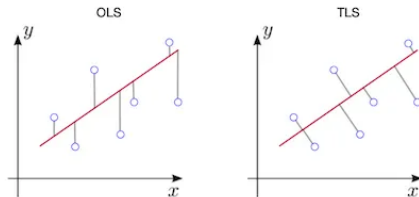
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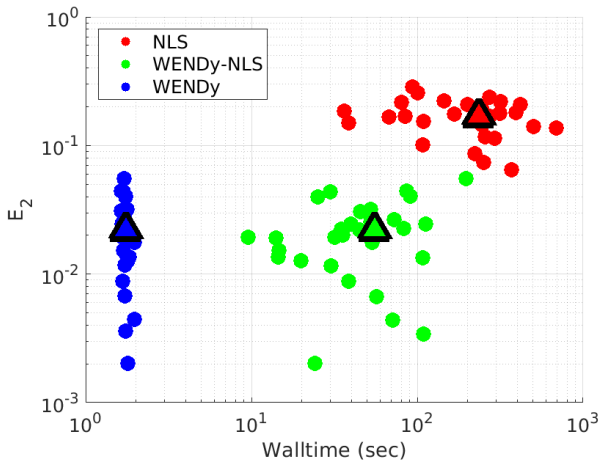
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- Solve via iterative reweighting of covariance:**

$$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{w}^* - \mathbf{b} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{w}^*} (\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{w}^*})^T)$$

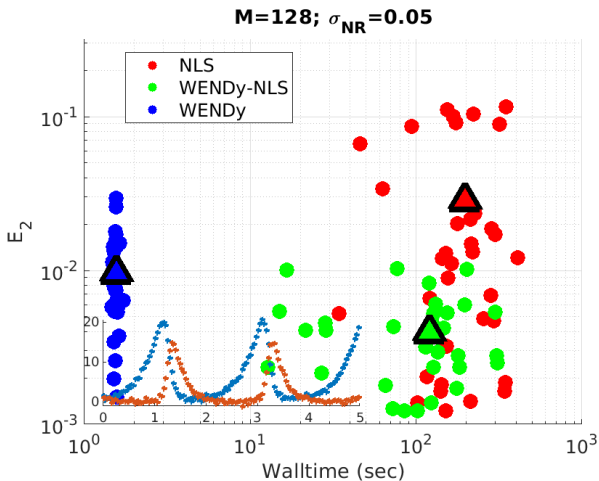
$$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{w}} := [\text{mat}(\mathbf{w})^T \otimes \Phi] \nabla \Theta \mathbf{K} + [\mathbb{I}_d \otimes \dot{\Phi}].$$

Parameter Estimation (FitzHugh-Nagumo)



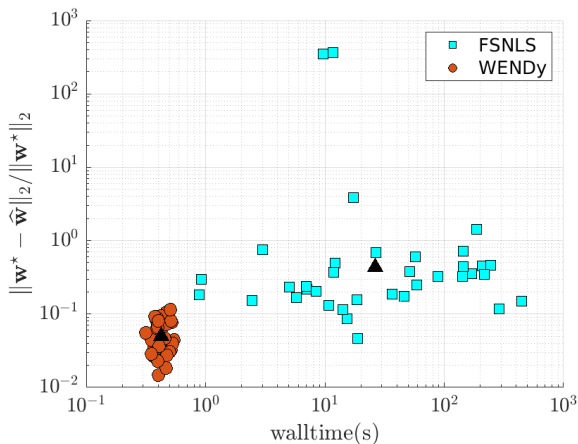
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Parameter Estimation (Lotka-Volterra)

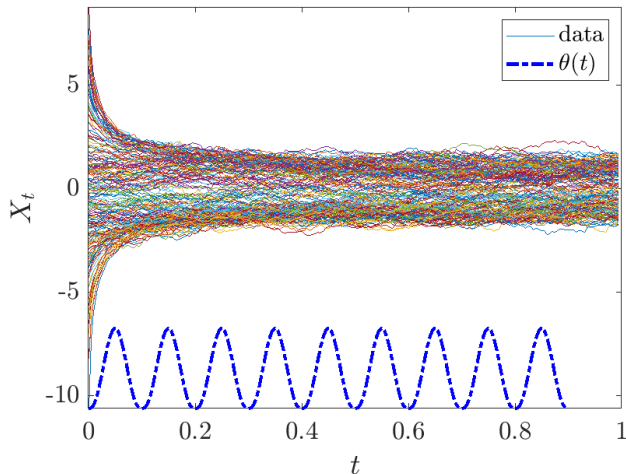


Forthcoming Work

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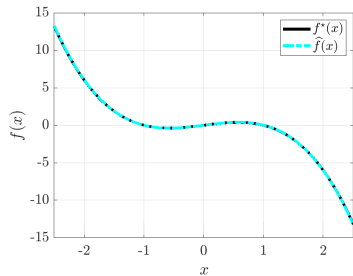


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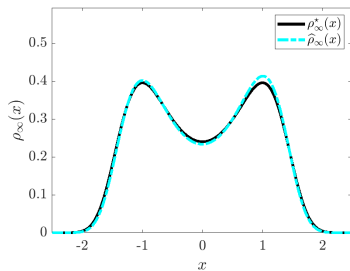


Stochastic Double well potential
200 realizations, 200 timepoints

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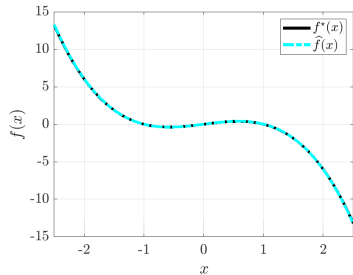


drift function

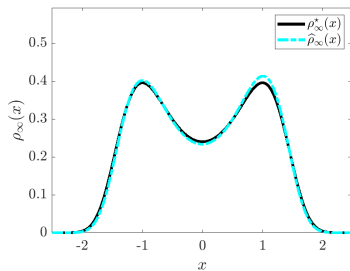


stationary measure

Parameter Estimation (SDE)



drift function



stationary measure

2.5 seconds

$$\widehat{\mathbf{w}}^{(n)} = \text{WSINDy}(\mathbf{U}^{(n)}), \quad \mathbf{U}^{(n)} = u^*(\mathbf{X}^{(n)}, \mathbf{t}^{(n)}) + \epsilon, \quad \Delta x^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$$

In what sense does $\widehat{\mathbf{w}}^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathbf{w}^*$?

Theorem

Under reasonable assumptions (subGaussian ϵ , poly-trig Θ), there exists a **critical noise level** $\sigma_c > 0$ and a stability tolerance θ_* such that for all $\sigma < \sigma_c$, all $\theta \in (0, \theta_*)$, and sufficiently large n ,

$$\text{supp}(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}^{(n)}) = \text{supp}(\mathbf{w}^*) \quad \text{and} \quad \|\widehat{\mathbf{w}}^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^*\|_\infty < C(\theta + \sigma^2) \quad (8)$$

with probability exceeding $1 - 4K(\mathfrak{J} + 1) \exp\left(-\frac{c}{2} (m_n \theta)^{2/p_{\max}}\right)$ for any $\theta > 0$, where $m_n = |\text{supp}(\psi) \cap (\mathbf{X}^{(n)}, \mathbf{t}^{(n)})|$.

Classes of (provably) robust equations: $\sigma_c = \infty$ WSINDy recovers the correct form for all noise levels for $p_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$, $|\alpha^j| \geq 0$, $|\beta^j| \geq 1$, $|\gamma^j| \geq 0$:

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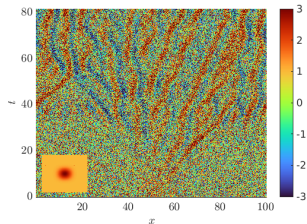
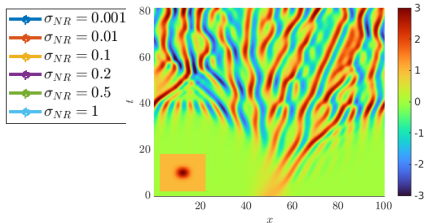
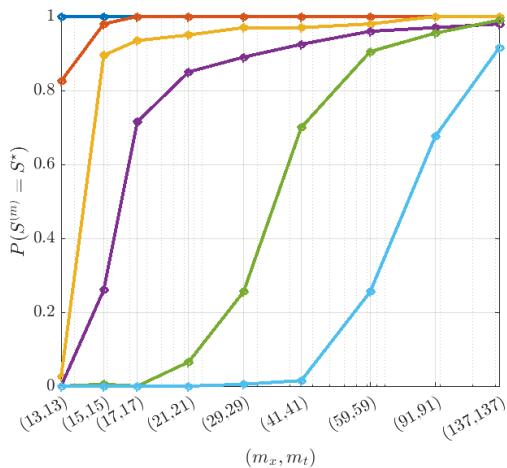
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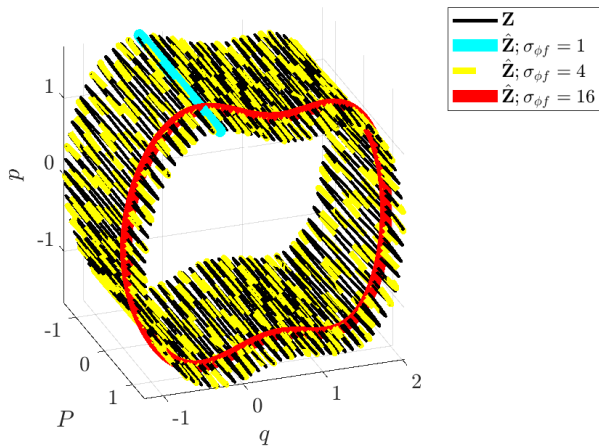
(e.g. $\partial_{tt} u = \Delta u - \sin(\omega u)$)

- (9) also recovers the correct coefficient values
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$$\partial_t u = (1)\partial_x^4 u + (0.75)\partial_x^6 u + (-0.5)\partial_x(u^2) + (0.1)\partial_x^3(u^2)$$

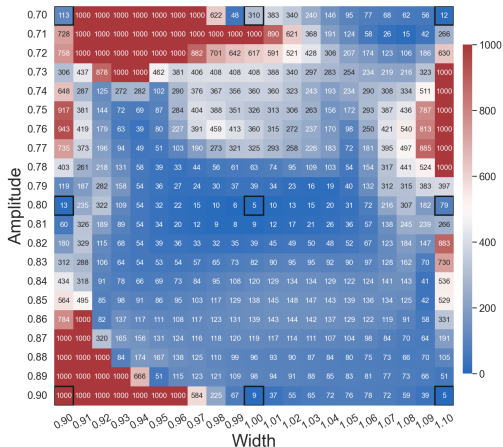


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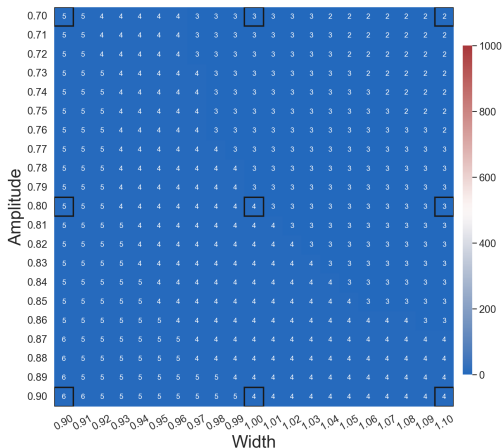
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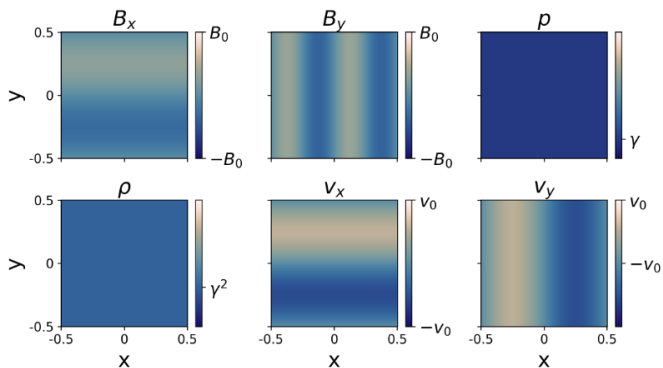
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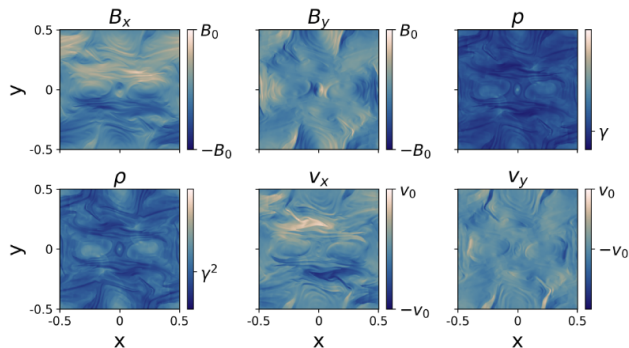
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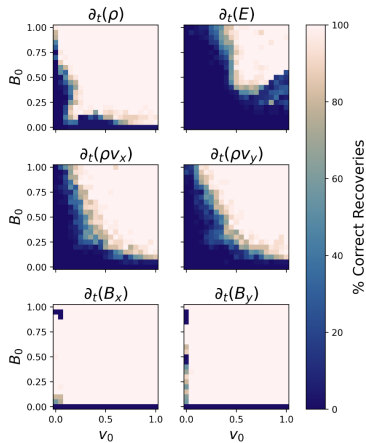
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