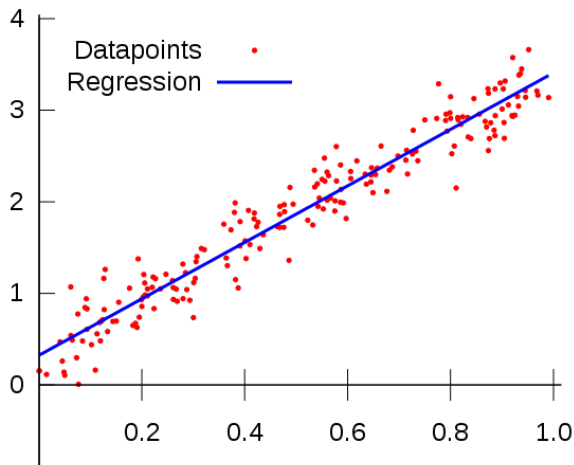
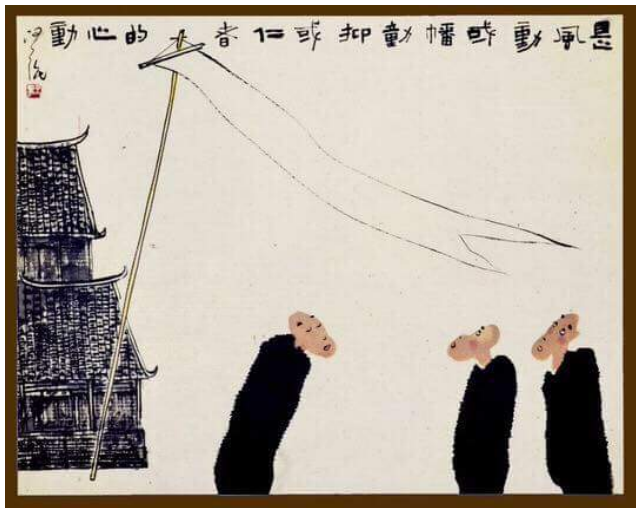


Mapping, Transport and Diffusion: Energetic Variational Approaches

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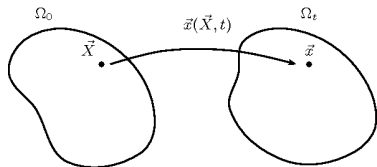
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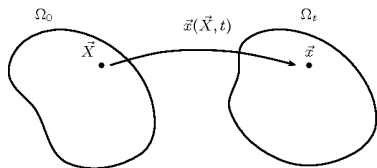
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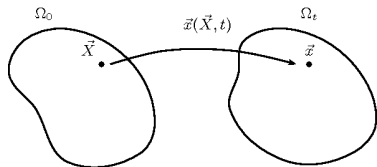
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\mathbf{x} : trajectory if applicable

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AZ QUOTES

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- Discrete action function $\mathcal{A}_h(\Xi(t))$
- Discrete dissipation: $\mathcal{D}_h(\Xi(t), \Xi'(t))$
- A discrete Energetic Variational Approach:

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{D}_h}{\delta \Xi'(t)} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{A}_h}{\delta \Xi(t)},$$

which is a nonlinear ODE system of $\xi_i^{(k)}(t)$.

- Introduce a proper temporal discretization \Rightarrow Numerical scheme

- Numerical approximate the flow map $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{X}, t)$, $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is determined by the kinematic relations ($\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho_0(\mathbf{X}) / \det F$).
- A diffeomorphism $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{X}, t)$ can be approximated by a piecewise linear map (ReLU).
For a given t :
the deformation matrix F is piecewise constant, so is F^{-1} and $\det F$
- Finite element methods:
 - triangularize the $\Omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ into some simple finite elements, denote by \mathcal{T}_h . which consists of a set of simplexes $\{\tau_e \mid e = 1, \dots, M\}$ and a set of nodal points $\mathcal{N}_h = \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_N\}$.

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- Ω_0 is taken to be the compact support of $\rho_0(X)$ for the PME.
- \mathbf{X}_i can be viewed as “particles”.
- $\xi_i(t)$ can be viewed as the coordinate in Ω_t .
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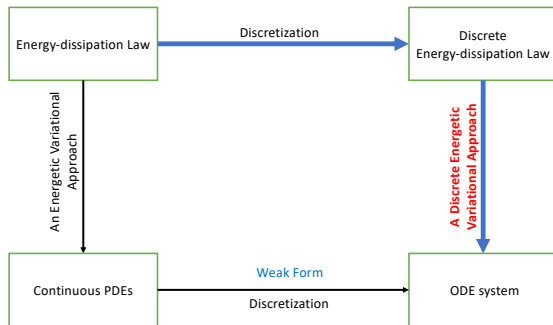
$$F_{ad}^h = \left\{ \mathbf{x}_h(\mathbf{X}, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{N+1} \xi_i(t) \phi_i(\mathbf{X}) \mid \det F_e > 0 \right\}.$$

Nonnegativity of $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is naturally preserved.

- Minimizing movement scheme: $\Xi^{n+1} := \operatorname{argmin}_{\Xi \in F_{ad}^\Xi} J(\Xi)$

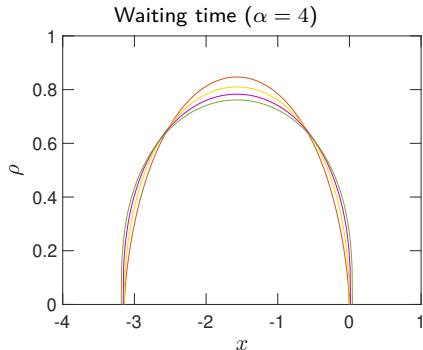
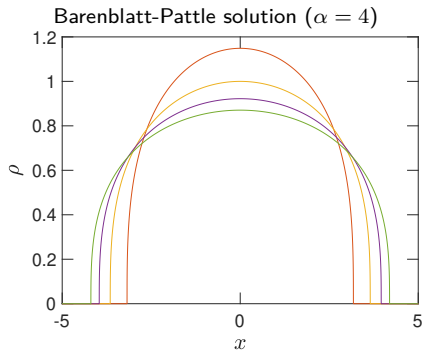
$$J(\Xi) = \frac{1}{2\tau} D_n^*(\Xi - \Xi^n) \cdot (\Xi - \Xi^n) + E(\Xi),$$

A discrete Energetic Variational Approach



- The two approaches may give us different numerical schemes (non-commute).
- The nonlinear ODE system can be realized as specific weak forms (filters).

- Porous medium equation (PME) is a typical example of nonlinear diffusion
- Properties of the PME
 - Finite speed of propagation
 - Waiting time phenomena
 - Lack of regularity near the free boundary



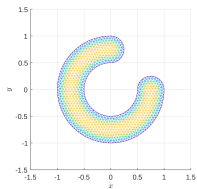
- Porous Medium Equations are examples of nonlinear diffusion.
- Derive different numerical schemes by different energy-dissipation laws.
- Energy-dissipation law 1 (commonly used):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \rho^{\alpha} d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\Omega} \rho |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x},$$

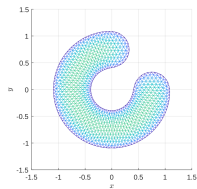
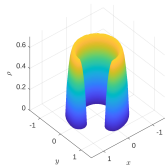
- Energy-dissipation law 2 (equivalent to the PME on its compact support for $\alpha > 2$, good for free boundary)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)} \rho^{\alpha - 1} d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x},$$

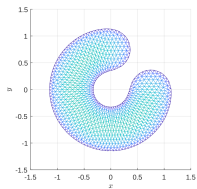
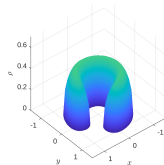
Porous Medium Equation ($\alpha = 3$): Complex Support



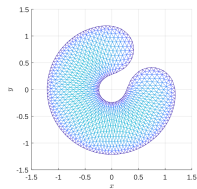
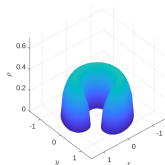
$t = 0.0$



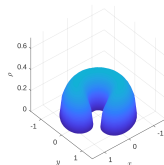
$t = 0.05$



$t = 0.1$

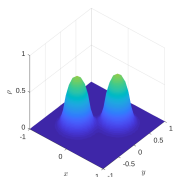
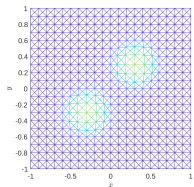


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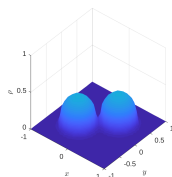
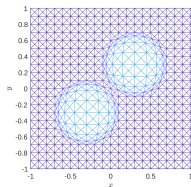


Porous Medium Equation ($\alpha = 4$): Peaks Merge

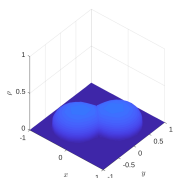
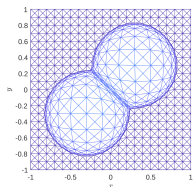
$$\rho_0(X, Y) = e^{-20((X-0.3)^2+(Y-0.3)^2)} + e^{-20((X+0.3)^2+(Y+0.3)^2)} + 0.001$$



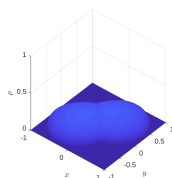
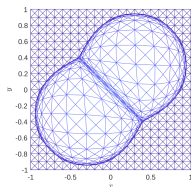
$t = 0.01$



$t = 0.1$

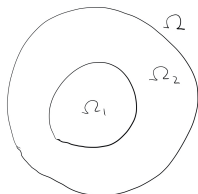


$t = 1$



$t = 5$

- Mixture: fluid 1 + fluid 2



Label:

$$\phi(x, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{fluid 1} \\ -1 & \text{fluid 2} \end{cases}$$

- Mixture energy:

$$\mathcal{F}[\phi, \nabla\phi] = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla\phi|^2 + G(\phi) \, dx$$

- Ginzburg-Landau:

$$G(\phi) = \frac{1}{4\epsilon^2} (\phi^2 - 1)^2$$

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- $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$: $\phi \rightarrow \pm 1$

- Allen-Cahn equation:

$$\phi_t = -(\Delta\phi - G'(\phi))$$

- Energy-dissipation Law:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla\phi|^2 + G(\phi) dx = - \int_{\Omega} |\phi_t|^2 dx$$

- $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$: Motion by mean curvature

- Cahn-Hilliard equation:

$$\phi_t = -\nabla \cdot (\nabla(\Delta\phi - G'(\phi)))$$

- Energy-dissipation Law:

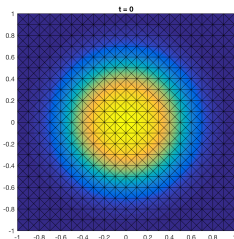
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla\phi|^2 + G(\phi) dx = - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(\Delta\phi - G'(\phi))|^2 dx$$

- Kinematic: $\phi_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0$
- Energy-dissipation Law (Allen-Cahn):

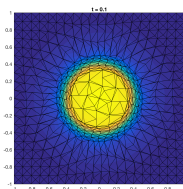
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- Governing equation:

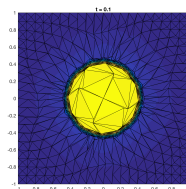
$$(\nabla \phi \otimes \nabla \phi) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \cdot \left(\nabla \phi \otimes \nabla \phi - \left(\frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2 + G(\phi) \right) \mathbf{I} \right)$$



Initial



$$\frac{1}{4\epsilon^2} = 100$$



$$\frac{1}{4\epsilon^2} = 1000$$

Gradient Flow: LC confined in a square

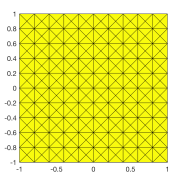
- Well-Order-Reconstruction Solution (WORS)

- 2D Q-tensor: $Q = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & d_2 \\ d_2 & -d_1 \end{pmatrix}$

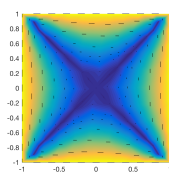
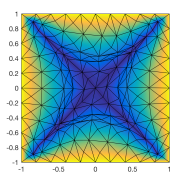
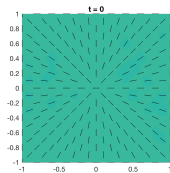
- Energy-dissipation law:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla d|^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon^2} (1 - |d|^2)^2 d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\gamma} |d_t|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

- Hybrid with Eulerian solver to update the value of d in each node.



Initial



WORS

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- Particle approximation (empirical measure): $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i(t))$.
- $\{x_i(0)\}_{i=1}^N$ are sampled from a prior distribution $\rho_0(\mathbf{x})$.
- $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i(t)$ can be determined by a semi-discrete energy-dissipation law:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\ln \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(x_i - x_j) \right) + V(x_i) \right) \right) \right) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\dot{x}_i|^2$$

$K(x - y)$ is an approximation to $\delta(x - y)$.

- A discrete energetic approach:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i(t) = - \left(\frac{2 \sum_{j=1}^N \nabla K(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^N K(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)} + \nabla V(\mathbf{x}_i) \right).$$

- Solve by an **implicit Euler scheme**.

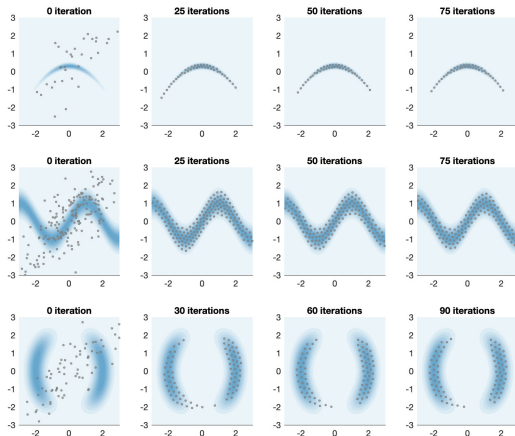
Particle-based Variational Inference: Toy examples

Sample from three unnormalized 2-D distributions $\rho^*(\mathbf{x}) \propto \exp\{-V(\mathbf{x})\}$

$$V(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{200} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} (x_2 + 0.03x_1^2 - 3)^2$$

$$V(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x_2 - \sin \frac{\pi x_1}{2}}{0.4} \right]^2$$

$$V(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 - 2}{0.4} \right)^2 + \log \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x_1 - 2}{0.6} \right]^2} + e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x_1 + 2}{0.6} \right]^2} \right)$$



- We proposed a general framework to derive an efficient **structure-preserving** numerical scheme for a large class of partial differential equations by a discrete energetic variational approach, which can be adopted to a large class of partial differential equations with energy-dissipation law, such as **nonlinear diffusion equations, phase-field equations, and equations for liquid crystals**.
- Numerical experiments demonstrate the accuracy of our numerical method as well as its ability in tracking the free boundary for the PME.
- A detailed numerical analysis is needed for such type of methods.
- Limitations: Large deformation / topological change / velocity vanish ($\rho_0(X) = 0$ in the PME)
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Thank you!