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## Signal: Unpredictability

Consider the following map with random initial conditions:

$$v_{j+1} = \Psi(v_j), \quad v_0 \sim \mu_0.$$

Example – Lorenz '63  $(a, b, r) = (10, 8/3, 28)$ .

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Set  $v = (v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}, v^{(3)})$ ,  $v_j = v(jh)$  to put in framework above.

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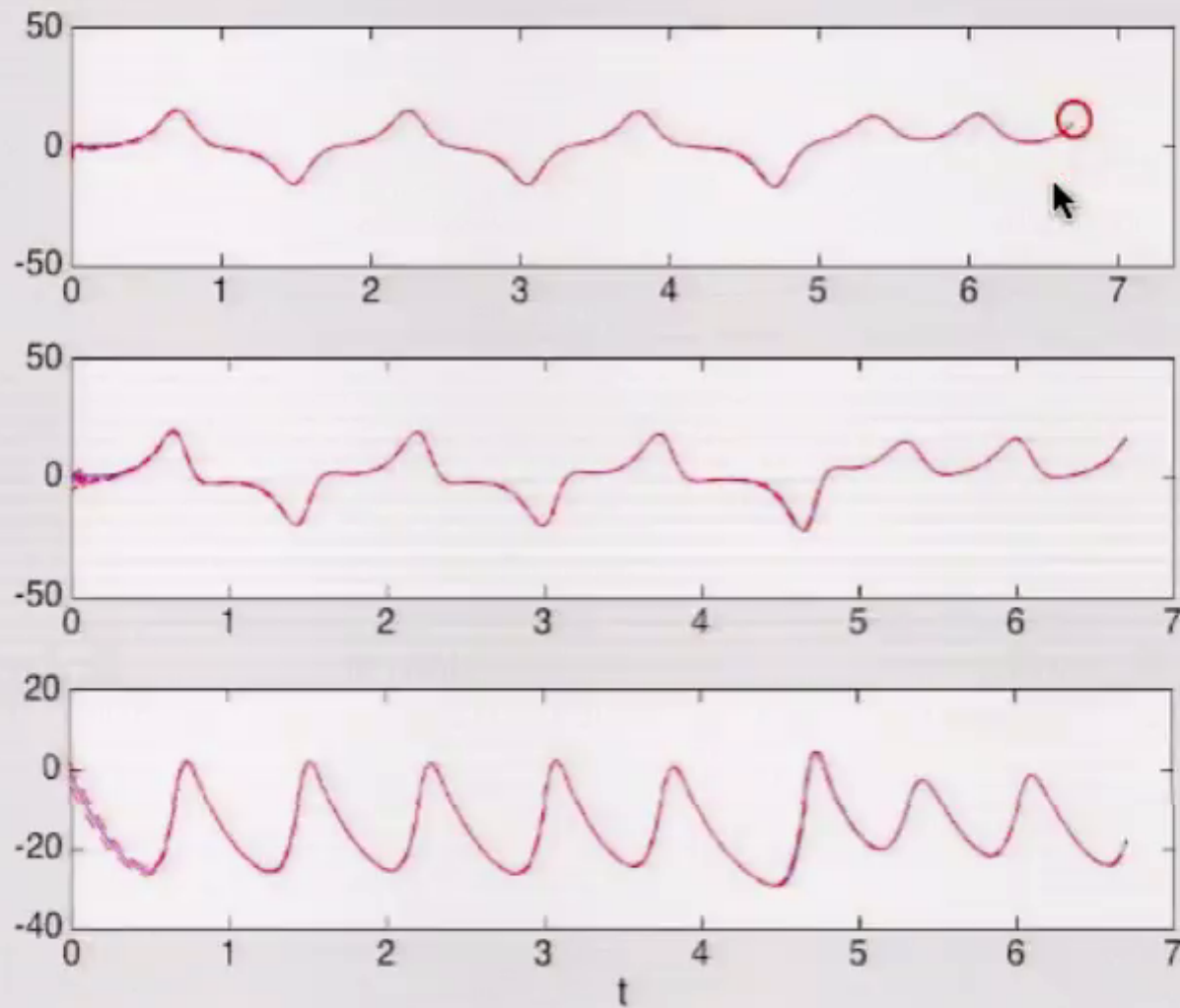
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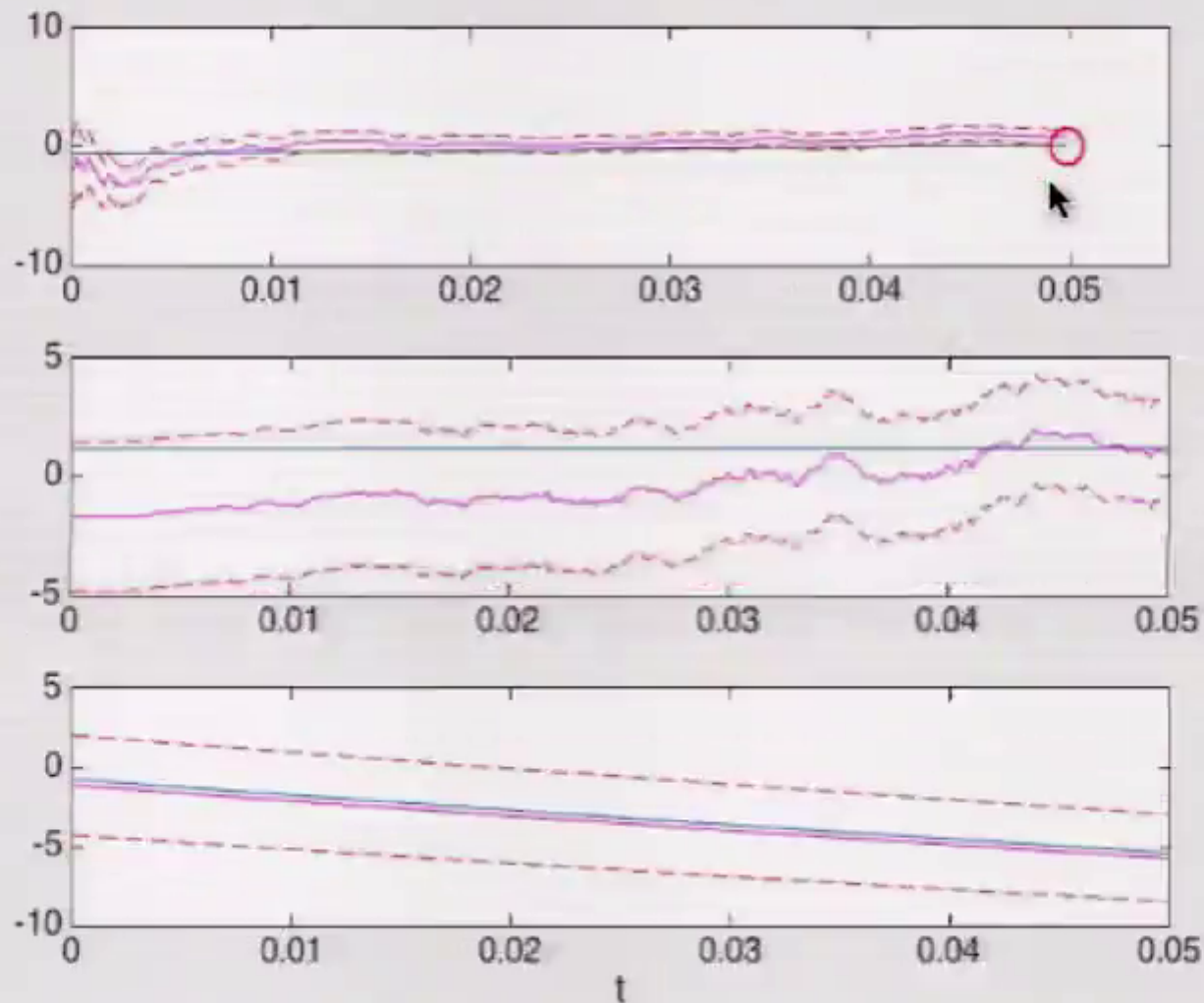
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## Running Example: Geophysical Applications

Consider the ODE for  $v(\cdot) \in \mathcal{H}$ , given  $u, f \in \mathcal{H}$ :

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + Av + B(v, v) = f, \quad v(0) = u.$$

Assume dissipative with energy-conserving nonlinearity i.e.  $\exists \lambda > 0$ :

$$\langle Av, v \rangle \geq \lambda |v|^2, \quad \langle B(v, v), v \rangle = 0.$$

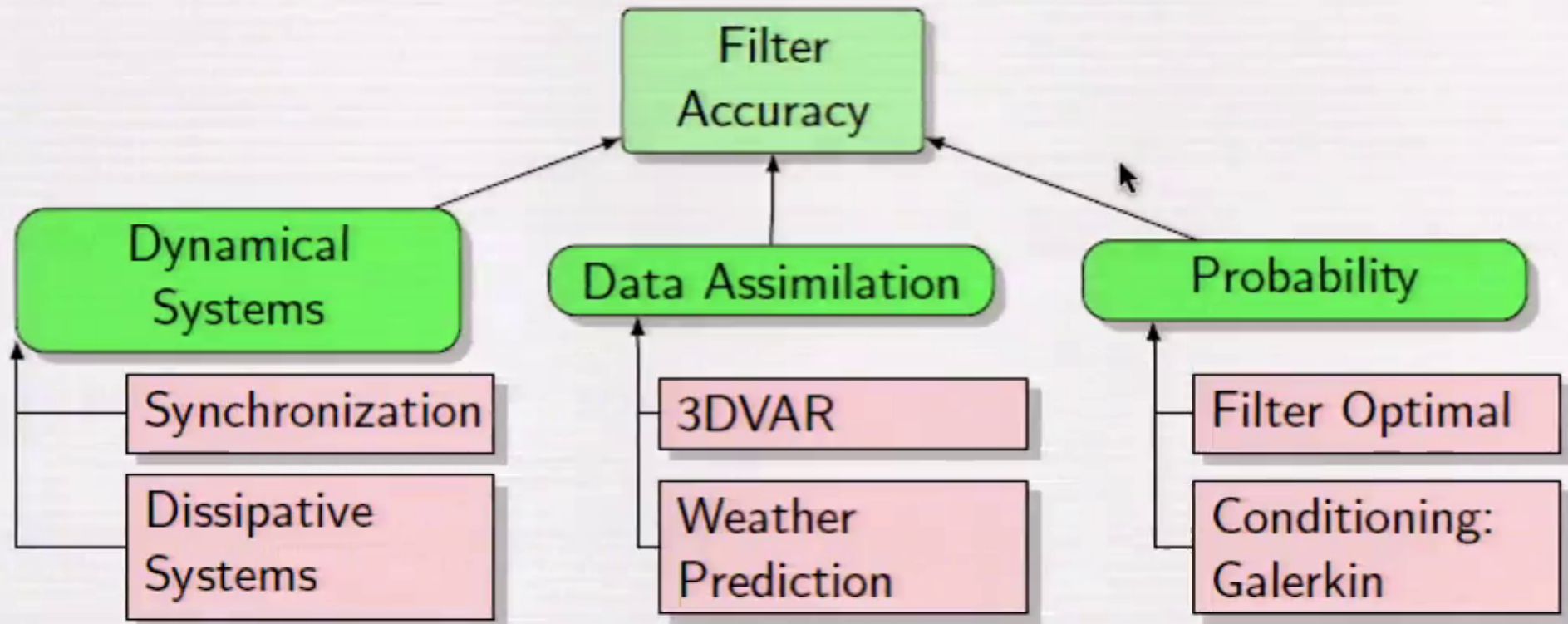
Dissipative semigroup  $\Psi$  denoting time  $h$  flow ( $v_j = v(jh)$ ):

$$v_{j+1} = \Psi(v_j), \quad v_0 = u.$$



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Synchronization for various chaotic dynamical systems [5, 10, 11]:

$$|m_j - v_j^\dagger| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

## Idea 2: 3DVAR (Lorenz [9] Q. J. R. Met. Soc 1986)

3DVAR Filter.  $|\cdot|_C = |C^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot|.$

$$m_{j+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathcal{H}} \{ |m - \Psi(m_j)|_C^2 + \epsilon^{-2} |y_{j+1} - Pm|_\Gamma^2 \}.$$

Solve Variational Equations (with  $C = \epsilon^2(\eta^{-2}\Gamma P + Q)$ )

$$m_{j+1} = (I - K)\Psi(m_j) + Ky_{j+1}, \quad K = (1 + \eta^2)^{-1}P,$$

Variance Inflation (from weather prediction)  $\eta \ll 1$

$$m_{j+1} = Q\Psi(m_j) + Py_{j+1}, \quad \eta = 0. \quad \text{Synchronization Filter.}$$

### Idea 3: Filter Optimality (Folklore, but see e.g. Williams ...)

Recall  $\mathcal{F}_j = \sigma(y_1, \dots, y_j)$  and define the mean of the filter:

$$\hat{v}_j := \mathbb{E}(v_j | \mathcal{F}_j) = \mathbb{E}^{\mu_j}(v_j).$$

Use Galerkin orthogonality wrt conditional expectation

For any  $\mathcal{F}_j$  measurable  $m_j$ :

$$\mathbb{E}|v_j - \hat{v}_j|^2 \leq \mathbb{E}|v_j - m_j|^2.$$

Take  $m_j$  from **3DVAR** to get bounds on the mean of the filter. Similar bounds apply to the variance of the filter. (Not shown.)

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# Assumptions

There are two equivalent Hilbert spaces  $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, |\cdot|)$  and  $(\mathcal{V}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{V}}, \|\cdot\|)$ :

## Assumption 1: Absorbing Ball Property

There is  $R_0 > 0$  such that:

- for  $B(R_0) := \{x \in \mathcal{H} : |x| \leq R_0\}$ ,  $\Psi(B(R_0)) \subset B(R_0)$ ;
- for any bounded set  $S \subset \mathcal{H} \exists J = J(S) : \Psi^J(S) \subset B(R_0)$ .

## Assumption 2: Squeezing Property

There is  $\alpha(R_0) \in (0, 1)$  such that, for all  $u, v \in B(R_0)$ ,

$$\|Q(\Psi(u) - \Psi(v))\|^2 \leq \alpha(R_0) \|u - v\|^2.$$



### Theorem (Sanz-Alonso and S, 2014, [12])

Let Assumptions 1,2 hold. Then there is a constant  $c > 0$  independent of the noise strength  $\epsilon$  such that

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}|v_j - \hat{v}_j|^2 \leq c\epsilon^2$$

### Idea of proof:

- Fix  $m_0 \in B(R_0)$  and let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the  $\mathcal{H}$ -projection onto  $B(R_0)$ . Define the **modified 3DVAR**:

$$m_{j+1} = \mathcal{P}(Q\Psi(m_j) + y_{j+1}).$$

- Prove

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}|v_j - m_j|^2 \leq c\epsilon^2.$$

- Use the  $L^2$  optimality of the filtering distribution.

Idea of proof (sketch,  $\Psi$  globally Lipschitz):

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{j+1} &= Q\Psi(m_j) && + \overbrace{P\Psi(v_j) + \epsilon\xi_{j+1}}^{y_{j+1}}, \\
 v_{j+1} &= Q\Psi(v_j) && + P\Psi(v_j).
 \end{aligned}$$

Subtract and use independence plus contractivity of  $Q\Psi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}\|v_{j+1} - m_{j+1}\|^2 &= \mathbb{E}\|Q(\Psi(v_j) - \Psi(m_j)) - \epsilon\xi_{j+1}\|^2 \\
 &\leq \mathbb{E}\|Q(\Psi(v_j) - \Psi(m_j))\|^2 + \epsilon^2\mathbb{E}\|\xi_{j+1}\|^2 \\
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Observation matrix

$$P := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theory applicable with  $\|\cdot\|^2 := |P \cdot|^2 + |\cdot|^2$ : [5], [8].

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# Navier-Stokes Equation on a 2D Torus

(Hayden, Olson and Titi [5], Physica D 2011.)

$P_{\text{leray}}$  denotes the Leray projector:

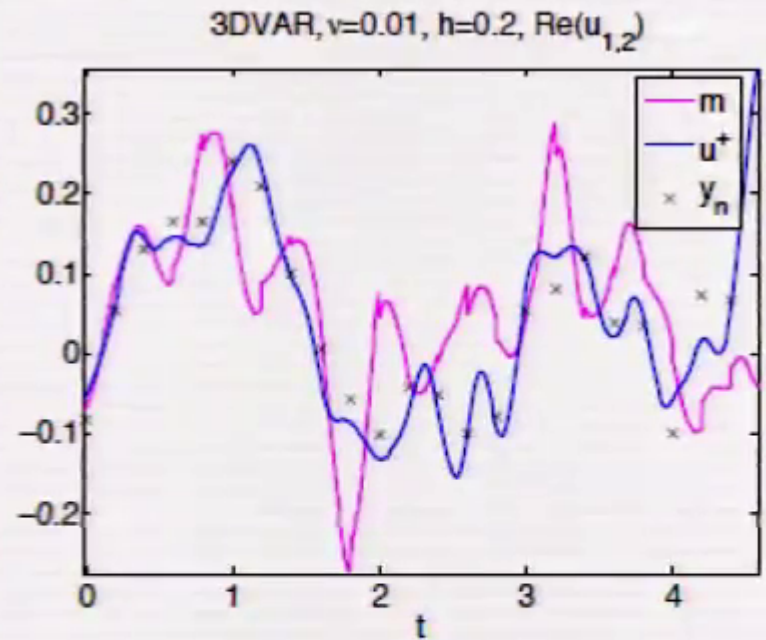
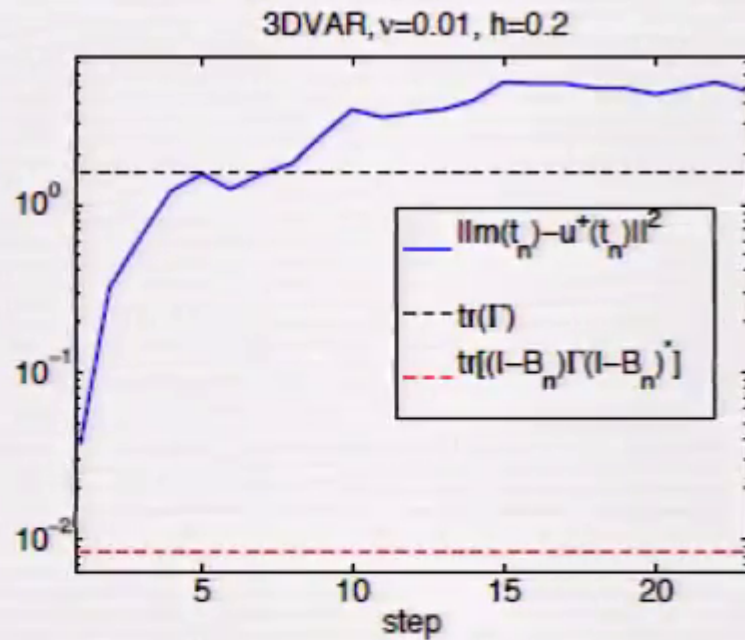
$$Au = -\nu P_{\text{leray}} \Delta u, \quad B(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} P_{\text{leray}} [u \cdot \nabla v] + \frac{1}{2} P_{\text{leray}} [v \cdot \nabla u].$$

Observation operator in (divergence-free) Fourier space:

$$Pu = \sum_{|k| \leq k_{\max}} u_k e^{ikx}.$$

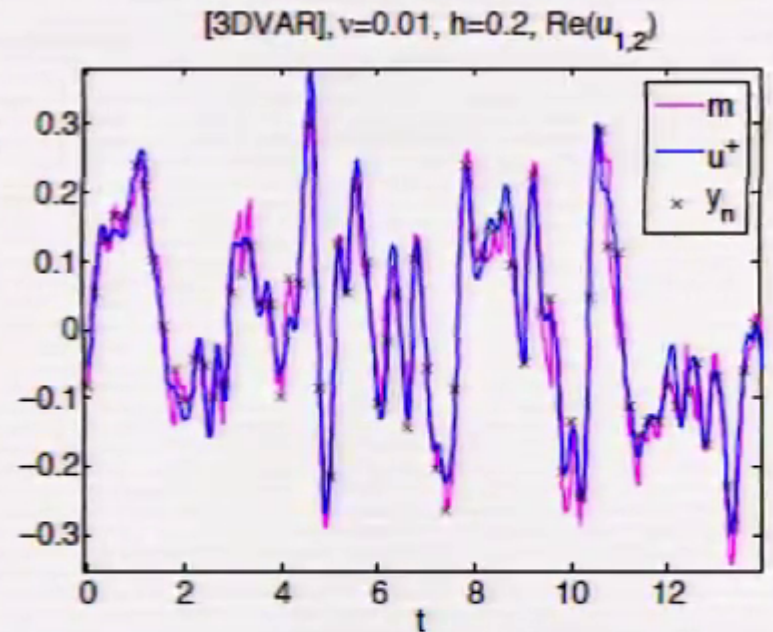
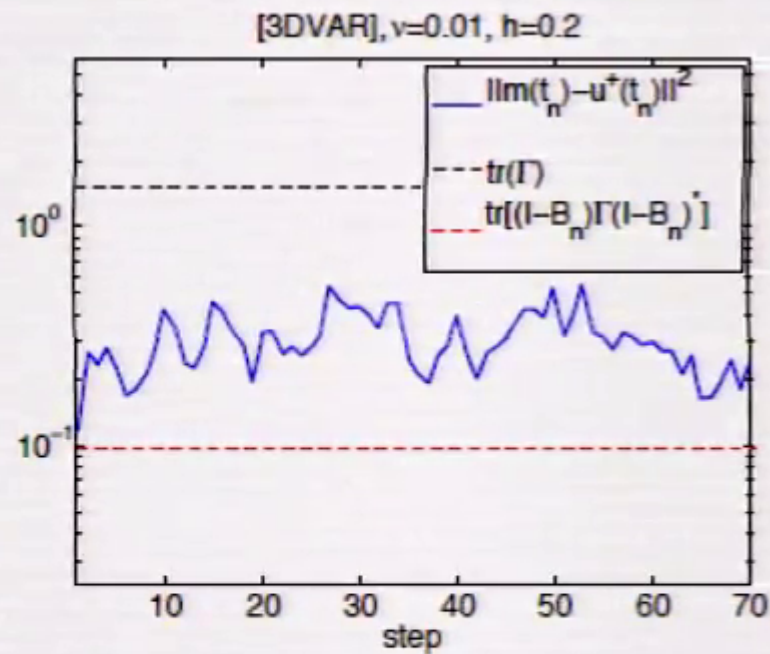
Theory applicable with  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{V} := H_{\text{div}}^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$  and  $k_{\max}$  sufficiently large/ $h$  sufficiently small: [2], [5].

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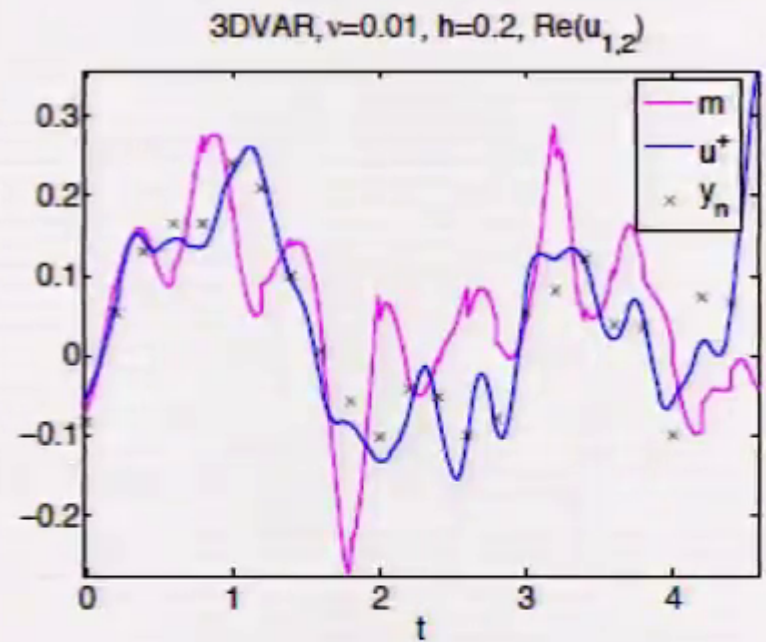
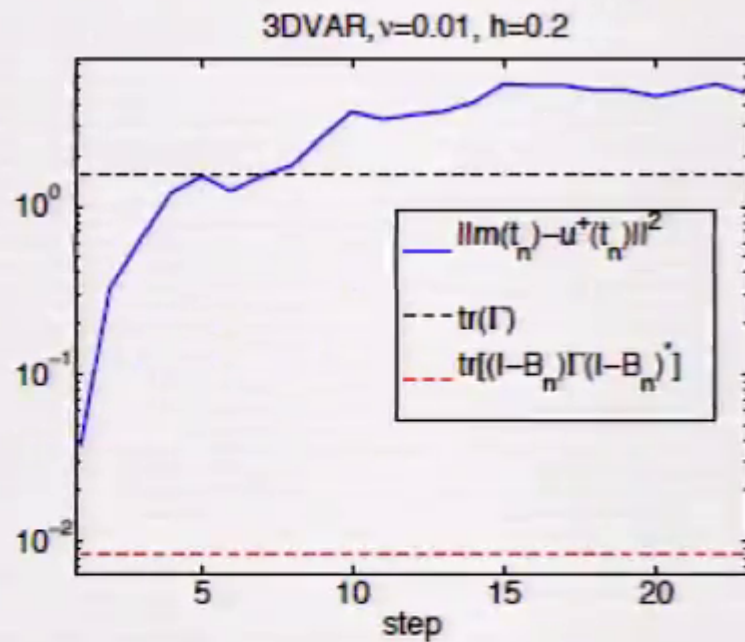




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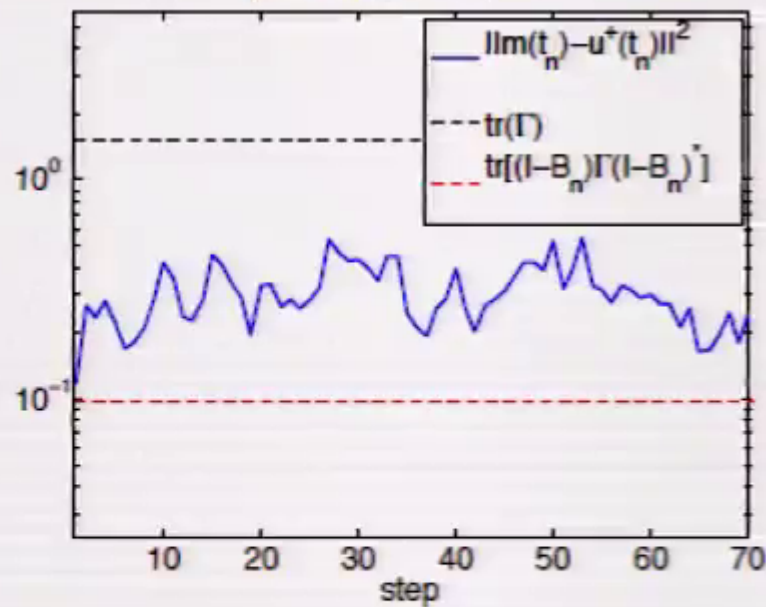


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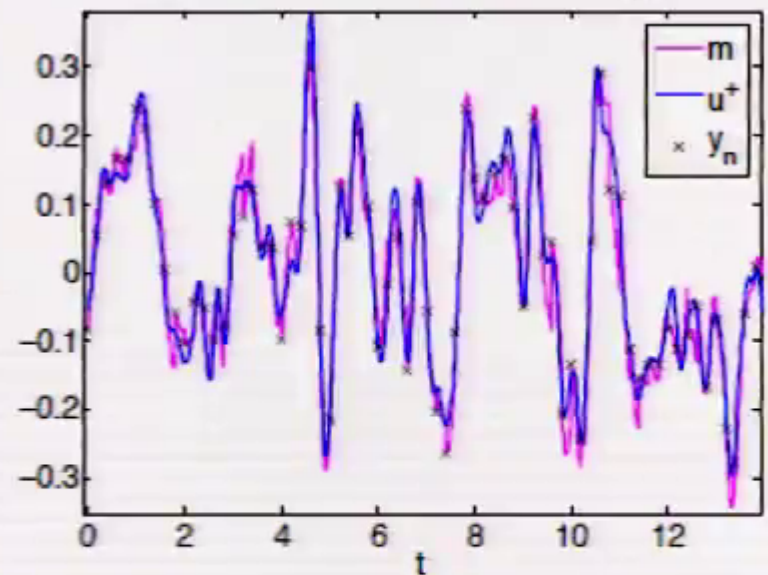


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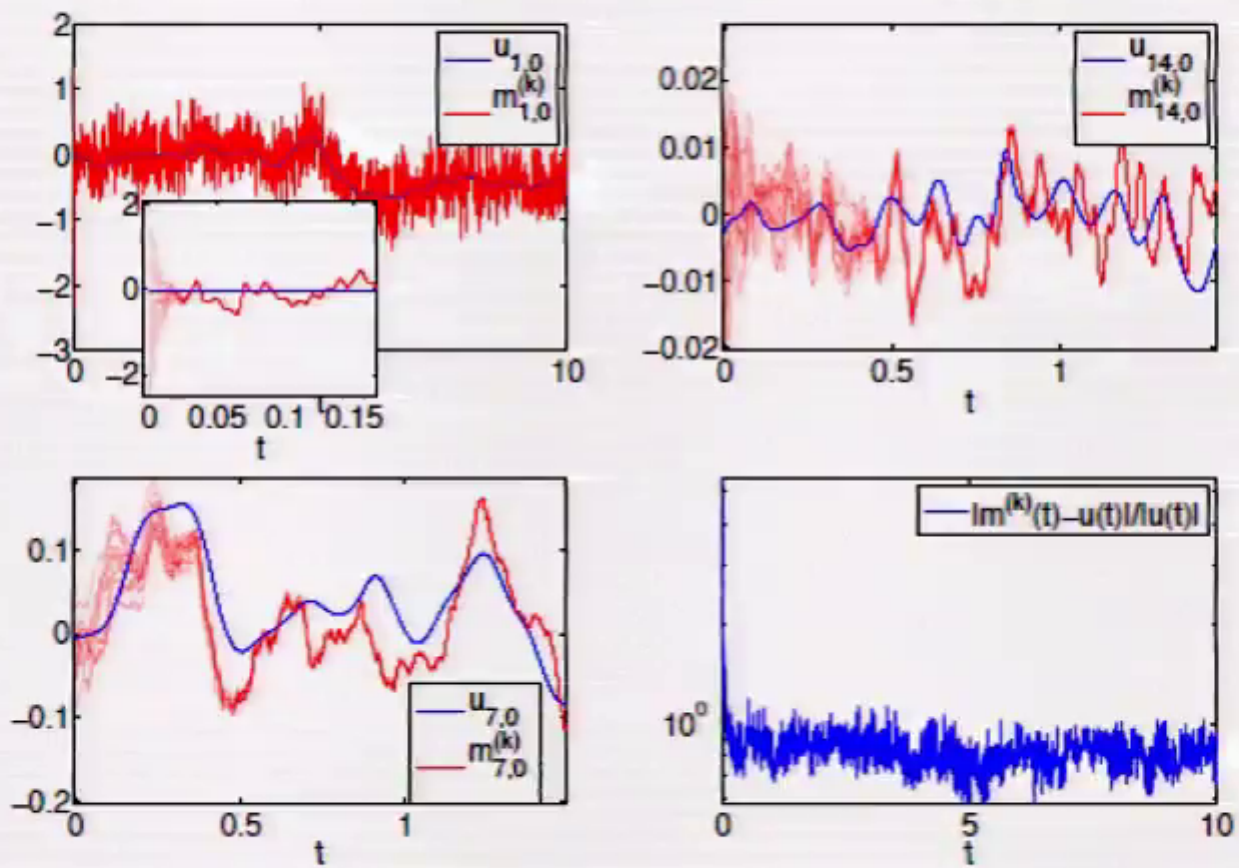
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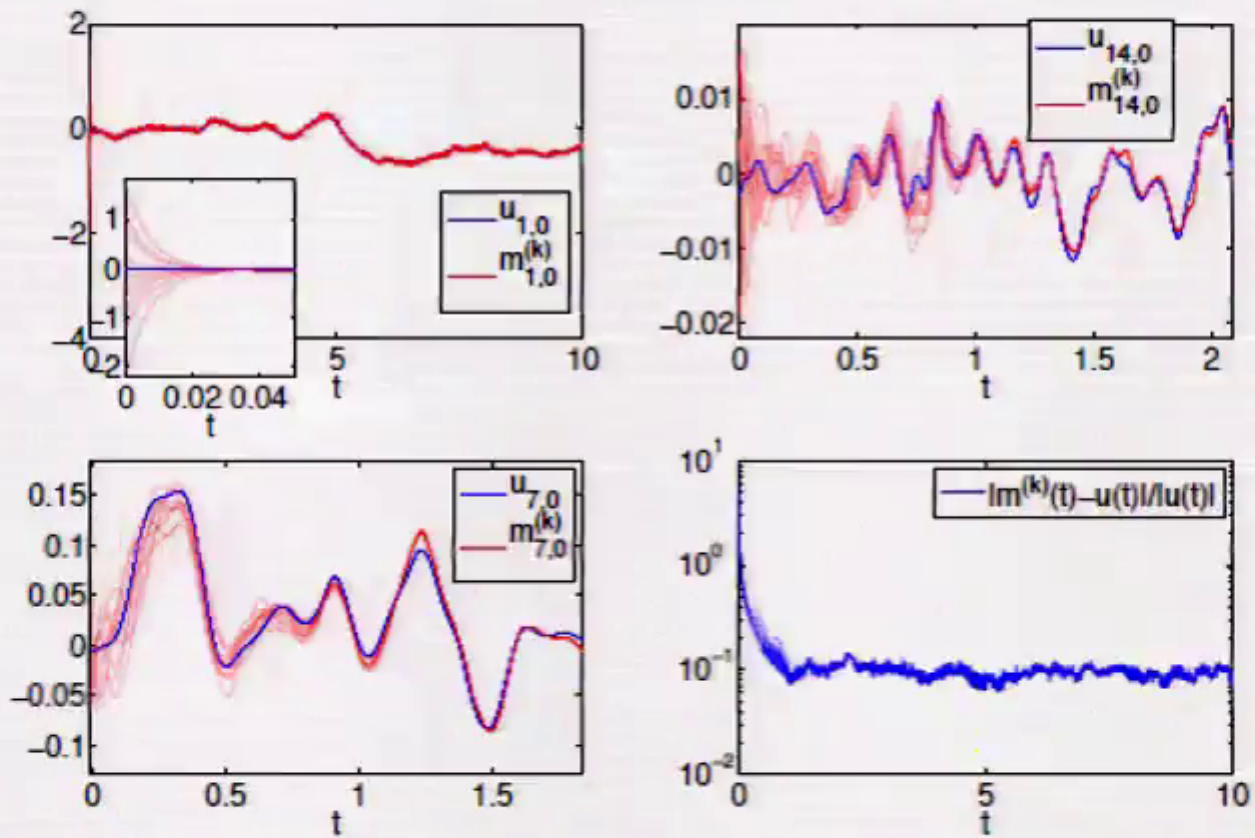
$$\frac{dm^{(j)}}{dt} + Am^{(j)} + B(m^{(j)}, m^{(j)}) + CP^*\Gamma^{-1}\left(P(m^{(j)} - v) + \Gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{dW}{dt}\right) = f,$$

$$\bar{m} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J m^{(j)}, \quad C = C(m) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J (m^{(j)} - \bar{m}) \otimes (m^{(j)} - \bar{m}).$$

# SPDE Inaccurate (NSE Torus) (Blömker et al [1])



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## Summary

- **Chaos** – and resulting **unpredictability** – is the enemy in many scientific and engineering applications.
- Its study has led to a great deal of interesting mathematics over the last century.
- **Data** – when combined with **models** – can have a massive positive impact on prediction in all of these scientific and engineering applications.
- The emerging new field, in which **model and data are analyzed simultaneously**, will lead to interesting new mathematics over the next century.
- **Data Assimilation** needs input from **Dynamical Systems**.

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