# A Regularizing Ensemble Kalman Method for PDE-constrained Inverse Problems

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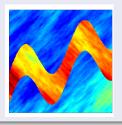
#### **General Aim**



Inferring/estimating functions which are inputs for a PDE model, given measurements/observations form the output.

## PDE-constrained applications

## Porous media flow



#### Electrical Impedance Tomography





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# **Abstract Setting**



Let  $\mathcal{G}: X \to \mathbb{R}^J$ .

#### **Forward Model**

Given  $u \in X$  compute

$$y = \mathcal{G}(u)$$
.

Let  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^J$  be a realization of an observational noise.

#### **Inverse Problem**

Given  $y \in \mathbb{R}^J$  find  $u \in X$ :

$$y = \mathcal{G}(u) + \eta.$$

## **Groundwater Flow: Forward and Inverse Problem**



Forward groundwater flow model:

# **Forward Problem: Darcy flow**

$$\begin{aligned}
-\nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla p &= f & \text{in } D, \\
-\kappa \nabla p \cdot n &= B_N & \text{in } \Gamma_N. \\
p &= B_D & \text{in } \Gamma_D
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\partial D = \Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_D$ .

$$u = \log(\kappa(x)) \in X \equiv L^{\infty}(D) \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}(u) = \{p(x_i)\}_{i=1}^{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{J}$$

#### **Inverse Problem**

Given  $y \in \mathbb{R}^J$  find  $u \in X$ :

$$y = \mathcal{G}(u) + \eta.$$

# **Bayesian Inversion**



#### **Prior**

Probabilistic information about *u before* data is collected:

$$\mu_0(u) = \mathbb{P}(u)$$

#### Likelihood

Since  $y = \mathcal{G}(u) + \eta$ , if  $\eta \sim N(0, \Gamma)$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(y|u) = N(\mathcal{G}(u), \Gamma)$ . Then  $(\Gamma$ —weighted) model-data misfit  $\Phi$  is the negative log-likelihood:

$$\Phi(u;y) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \Gamma^{-1/2} (y - \mathcal{G}(u)) \right\|^2$$

#### **Posterior**

Probabilistic information about *u after* data is collected:

$$\mu^{y}(u) = \mathbb{P}(u|y).$$

$$rac{\mu^{y}(u)}{\mu_{0}(u)} \propto \exp\left(-\Phi(u;y)
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# **Bayesian Inversion**



#### **Posterior**

Probabilistic information about *u after* data is collected:

$$\mu^{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{y}).$$

$$\frac{\mu^{y}(u)}{\mu_{0}(u)} \propto \exp\left(-\Phi(u;y)\right)$$

### Challenge

To explore the probability measure  $\mu^{y}$ .

- ullet  $\mathcal G$  is highly nonlinear;  $\mu^{\mathbf y}$  cannot be characterized with a few parameters.
- The problem is high dimensional (X is discretized with  $10^6$ - $10^9$  cells).
- Standard sampling methods for Bayesian inference do not work.
- Infinite-dimensional Bayesian framework [Stuart, 2010]; MCMC method for functions (pcn-MCMC) [Cotter, et-al, 2013].
- Well-known for continuous G.

#### **Classical Inversion**



#### The Classical (deterministic) formulation of the Inverse Problem

Given data  $y \in Y$  find

$$u = \arg\min_{u \in X} ||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y - \mathcal{G}(u))||^2 \to \min$$

For most PDE-constrained applications  $\mathcal{G}: X \to \mathbb{R}^M$  is compact (unless X is finite dimensional)

#### Lack of continuity (lack of stability) with respect to the data

We can construct a sequence  $u_n \in X$  such that

$$u_n \nrightarrow u$$
 but  $\mathcal{G}(u_n) \to \mathcal{G}(u)$ 

If we want to compute the minimizer above with standard optimization we may observe semiconvergence behavior [Kirsch, 1996]

# Classical approach for nonlinear ill-posed inverse problem



## Regularization Approaches (for nonlinear operators)

- Regularize-then-compute (e.g. Tikhonov, TSVD)
- Compute while regularizing (Iterative Regularization) [Kaltenbacher, 2010]
  - regularizing Levenberg-Marquardt
  - Landweber iteration
  - truncated Newton-CG
  - iterative regularized Gauss-Newton method

Introduce noise level

$$||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u^{\dagger}))|| \leq \eta$$

#### Regularization

Construct an approximation  $u^{\eta}$  that is stable, i.e. such that

$$u^{\eta} \rightarrow u$$
 as  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ 

where

$$G(u) = G(u^{\dagger})$$

# Merging the Bayesian and the Classical approach



Consider  $\mu_0(u) = \mathbb{P}(u) = \mathcal{N}(0, C)$  the prior on u and

$$y = \mathcal{G}(u) + \xi, \quad \xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma)$$

#### The Bayesian Inverse Problem

Characterize the posterior  $\mu^{y}(u) = \mathbb{P}(u|y)$ :

$$\frac{\mu^{y}(u)}{\mu_{0}(u)} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u))||^{2}\right) \quad y^{(j)} = y + \eta^{(j)} \sim N(0,\Gamma)$$

## Ensemble Approximating the Bayesian posterior $\mu^{y}(u) = \mathbb{P}(u|y)$

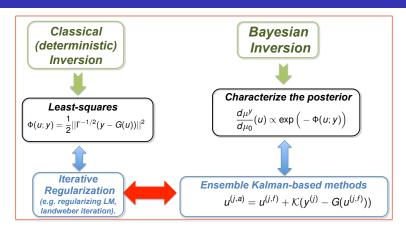
Randomizing least-squares, e.g.

$$\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y^{(j)}-\mathcal{G}(u))||^2 \rightarrow \min \quad \ y^{(j)}=y+\eta^{(j)} \sim \textit{N}(0,\Gamma)$$

or, for example, Randomized Maximum Likelihood

$$\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y^{(j)}-\mathcal{G}(u^{(j)}))||^2+||C^{-1/2}(u-u^{(j)})||_X^2\to \text{min} \quad \ u^{(j)}\sim \mathcal{N}(0,C)$$

#### Overview of this work





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# **Ensemble Kalman Smoother [Evensen, 2006]**

## **Bayesian Inverse Problem**

Given a prior  $\mu_0(u)$  of on u and data

$$y = \mathcal{G}(u) + \eta \quad \eta \sim N(0, \Gamma)$$

find  $\mu(u) = \mathbb{P}(u|y)$ .

$$\mu(u) \propto \mu_0(u) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u))||^2\right\}$$

Define

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \mathcal{G}(u) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad y = Hz + \eta, \qquad H = (0, I)$$

## **Alternative Bayesian Inverse Problem**

Given a prior on z,  $\mu_0(z)$  and data y, find  $\mu(z) = \mathbb{P}(z|y)$ 

$$\frac{\mu(z)}{\mu_0(z)} \propto \exp\Big\{-\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u))||^2\Big\}$$

#### **Ensemble Kalman Smoother**

#### **Bayesian Inverse Problem**

Given a prior on z,  $\mu_0(z)$  and data y, find  $\mu(z) = \mathbb{P}(z|y)$ 

$$\mu(u) \propto \mu_0(u) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u))||^2\right\}$$

Construct an initial ensemble

$$z_0^{(j,f)} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0^{(j)} \\ \mathcal{G}(u_0^{(j)}) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \{u_0^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^{N_e} \sim \mu_0$$

Compute mean and covariance

$$\overline{Z}^f = \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} z^{(j,f)} \qquad C^f = \frac{1}{(N_e - 1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} z^{(j,f)} (z^{(j,f)})^T - \overline{Z}^f (\overline{Z}^f)^T$$

Gaussian Approximation:  $\mu_0(z) = N(\overline{z}^f, C^f)$ ,

#### **Ensemble Kalman Smoother**

Since  $\mu_0(z) = N(\overline{z}^f, C^f)$ , then

$$\mu(u) \propto \mu_0(u) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u))||^2\right\} = N(\overline{z}^a, C^a)$$

where

$$\overline{Z}^{(a)} = \overline{Z}^{(f)} + \underbrace{C^f H^T \Big( H C^f H^T + \Gamma \Big)^{-1}}_{K} (y - H \overline{Z}^{(f)})$$
$$C^a = (I - K) C^f$$

Updated each ensemble according to

$$z^{(j,a)} = z^{(j,f)} + C^f H^T (HC^f H^T + \Gamma)^{-1} (y^{(j)} - Hz^{(j,f)})$$

with

$$y^{(j)} = y + \eta^{(j)}, \qquad \eta^{(j)} \sim N(0, \Gamma)$$

#### **Ensemble Kalman Smoother**

Updated each ensemble according to

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Claim 1: 
$$\{z^{(j,a)}\}_{j=1}^{N_e} \approx \mathbb{P}(z|y)$$
.

Recall that 
$$z = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \mathcal{G}(u) \end{pmatrix}$$
. Then,

$$u^{(j)} = u_0^{(j)} + C^{uw}(C^{ww} + \Gamma)^{-1}(y^{(j)} - G(u_0^{(j)})$$

$$C^{uw} = \frac{1}{(N_{e} - 1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{e}} (u_{0}^{(j)} - \overline{u}_{0}) (\mathcal{G}(u_{0}^{(j)}) - \mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_{0}))^{T}$$

$$C^{ww} = \frac{1}{(N_e - 1)} \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} (\mathcal{G}(u_0^{(j)}) - \mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_0)) (\mathcal{G}(u_0^{(j)}) - \mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_0))^T$$

Claim 2:  $\{u^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^{N_e} \approx \mathbb{P}(u|y)$ .

Observation:  $\{u^{(j)}\}_{i=1}^{N_e} = \mathbb{P}(u|y)$  if  $\mathcal{G}$  is linear and  $\mu_0$  is Gaussian.

#### **Issues with Ensemble Kalman Smoother**

It kind of works....sometimes.

$$u^{(j)} = u_0^{(j)} + C^{uw}(C^{ww} + \Gamma)^{-1}(y^{(j)} - \mathcal{G}(u_0^{(j)})$$

Underestimates the uncertainty

#### **Iterative smoothers**

$$u_n^{(j)} = u_{n-1}^{(j)} + C_{n-1}^{uw} (C_{n-1}^{ww} + \Gamma)^{-1} (y^{(j)} - \mathcal{G}(u_{n-1}^{(j)})$$

Overestimates the uncertainty

#### Ad-hoc fixes of Iterative smoothers

$$u_n^{(j)} = u_{n-1}^{(j)} + \rho \circ C_{n-1}^{uw} (C_{n-1}^{ww} + \alpha \Gamma)^{-1} (y^{(j)} - \mathcal{G}(u_{n-1}^{(j)})$$

 $\rho$  is a localization matrix and  $\alpha$  is an inflation parameter

# Understanding the iterative ensemble smoother with iterative regularization

# Suppose we are interested in solving

$$u = \arg\min_{u \in X} ||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y - \mathcal{G}(u))||^2$$

where X has norm  $||C^{-1/2} \cdot ||$ 

## Levenberg-Marquardt

 $u_{n+1}$  iteration level is given by

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + \arg\min_{v \in X} ||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y - \mathcal{G}(u_n) - D\mathcal{G}(u_n)v)||^2 + \alpha ||C^{-1/2}v||_X^2$$

After some computations

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + C D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n)(D\mathcal{G}(u_n) C D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n) + \alpha \Gamma)^{-1}(y - \mathcal{G}(u_n))$$

# Regularizing LM scheme [Hanke,1997]

Hanke proposed a way to select  $\alpha$  and a stoping criteria ( $\delta$ = noise level):

$$||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(u_n))|| \approx \delta$$

so that

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + C D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n)(D\mathcal{G}(u_n) C D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n) + \alpha \Gamma)^{-1}(y - \mathcal{G}(u_n))$$

generates a stable approximation to the solution of the classical inverse problem.

# Theorem [Hanke 1997]

The LM scheme terminates after a finite number of iterations  $n^*$  and

$$u_{n^\star} o u$$
 as  $\eta o 0$  (where  $\mathcal{G}(u) = \mathcal{G}(u^\dagger)$ )

 $u^{\dagger}$  is the truth

# Regularizing ensemble Kalman method

Consider an initial ensemble  $\{u_0^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^{N_e} \subseteq X$ 

# Linearize around the ensemble mean $\overline{u}_n \equiv \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} u_n^{(j)}$

$$egin{aligned} w_n^{(j)} &\equiv \mathcal{G}(u_n^{(j)}) pprox \mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n) + D\mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n)(u_n^{(j)} - \overline{u}_n) \ & C_n^{uu}D\mathcal{G}^*(\overline{u}_n)v pprox C_n^{uw}v & D\mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n)C_n^{uu}D\mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n)^*v pprox C_n^{ww}v \end{aligned}$$

# Recall the update formula for the regularizing LM scheme

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + C D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n)(D\mathcal{G}(u_n) C D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n) + \alpha \Gamma)^{-1}(y - \mathcal{G}(u_n))$$

# Replace

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u_n & \Longrightarrow & \overline{u}_n, \\ C \, D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n) & \Longrightarrow & C_n^{uu} D\mathcal{G}^*(\overline{u}_n) \approx C_n^{uw} \\ D\mathcal{G}(u_n) \, C \, D\mathcal{G}^*(u_n) & \Longrightarrow & D\mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n) C_n^{uu} D\mathcal{G}^*(\overline{u}_n) \approx C_n^{ww} \end{array}$$

# Regularizing ensemble Kalman method

# Update formula for the mean of the ensemble

$$\overline{u}_{n+1} = \overline{u}_n + C_n^{uw}(C_n^{ww} + \alpha \Gamma)^{-1}(y - \overline{w}_n)$$

where  $\overline{w}_n \equiv \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} \mathcal{G}(u_n^{(j)})$ .

We propose to update each ensemble in a consistent fashion

$$u_{n+1}^{(j)} = u_n^{(j)} + C_n^{uw}(C_n^{ww} + \alpha \Gamma)^{-1}(y^{(j)} - \mathcal{G}(u_n^{(j)}))$$

Selection of  $\alpha$ :

$$\rho||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\overline{w}_n))||_{Y} \leq \alpha||\Gamma^{1/2}(C_n^{ww}+\alpha\Gamma)^{-1}(y-\overline{w}_n)||_{Y}$$

Stopping criteria

$$||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\overline{w}_n)||_Y \approx \delta$$

# An iterative regularizing ensemble Kalman method

Let  $\rho < 1$  and  $\tau > 1/\rho$ . Generate an initial ensemble  $u_0^{(j)} \sim \mu_0$ 

# A regularizing Kalman method

- (1) **Prediction Step:** Evaluate  $w_m^{(j,f)} = \mathcal{G}(u_m^{(j)})$  define  $\overline{w}_m^f$
- (2) Stopping criteria. If

$$||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\overline{w}_m^f)|| \leq \tau \eta$$

Stop. Otherwise: define  $C_m^{uw}$ ,  $\overline{u}_m$ ,  $C_m^{ww}$  and

(3) Analysis step: Compute the updated ensembles

$$u_{m+1}^{(j)} = u_m^{(j)} + C_m^{uw} (C_m^{ww} + \alpha_m \Gamma)^{-1} (y^{(j)} - w_m^{(j,f)})$$

for  $\alpha_m$  such that

$$\alpha_m || \Gamma^{1/2} (C_m^{ww} + \alpha_m \Gamma)^{-1} (y^{\eta} - \overline{w}_m^f) || \le \rho || \Gamma^{-1/2} (y^{\eta} - \overline{w}_m^f) ||$$

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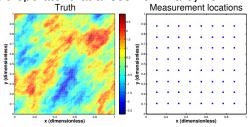
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# Synthetic experiment with Darcy flow model

Initial ensemble generated from a prior  $\mathbb{P}(u) = N(\overline{u}, C)$ .  $\mathcal{G}(u)$  be the forward operator that arises from Darcy flow.



Consider a truth  $u^{\dagger} \sim \mathbb{P}(u)$  from which synthetic data are generated by  $y = \mathcal{G}(u^{\dagger}) + \xi$   $\xi \sim N(0, \Gamma)$  (prescribed  $\Gamma$  covariance of the Gaussian noise).

For the numerical investigation with respect to the approximation properties of the Bayesian posterior see

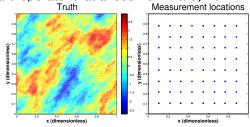


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Some elements from the initial ensemble





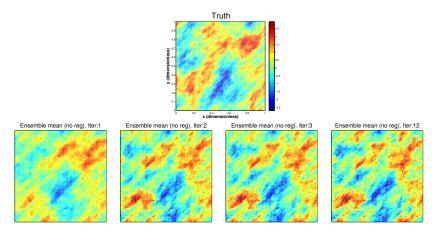






#### Results from the standard ES choice $\alpha = 1$ .

Reconstructing the truth with the mean of an ensemble of  $N_e = 75$  (with small noise)

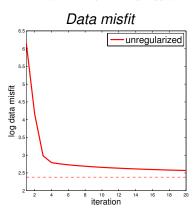


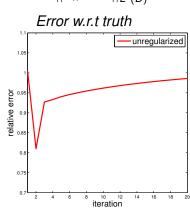
#### **Performance**

$$\overline{u}_n \equiv \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} u_n^{(j)}$$

$$||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y-\mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n))||_{l^2}$$

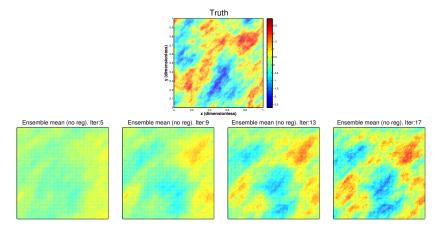
$$||\overline{u}_n - u^{\dagger}||_{L^2(D)}$$





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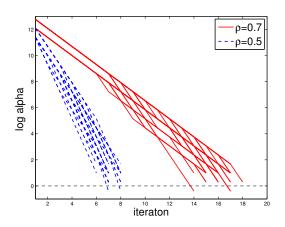
$$\overline{u}_n \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N u_n^{(j)}$$
 
$$||\Gamma^{-1/2}(y - \mathcal{G}(\overline{u}_n))||_{l^2} \qquad ||\overline{u}_n - u^{\dagger}||_{L^2(D)}$$
 
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Data misfit} & \text{Error w.r.t truth} \\ & \text{--regularized} \\ & \text{--unregularized} \\ & \text{--unregularized} \\ & \text{--negularized} \\ & \text{--negularized}$$

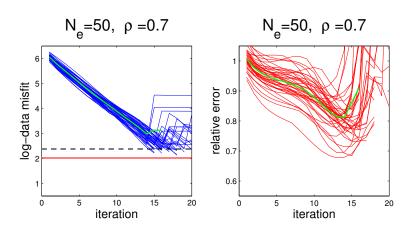
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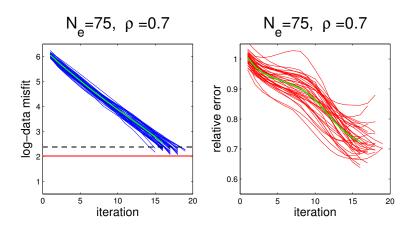
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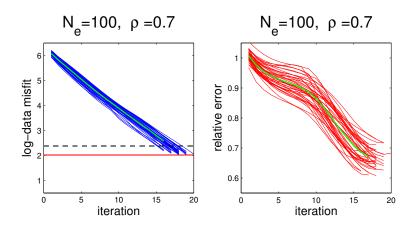
# Regularization parameter $\alpha$

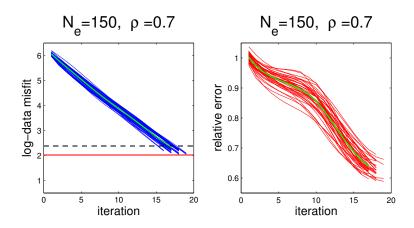
# Plot of $\log \alpha$

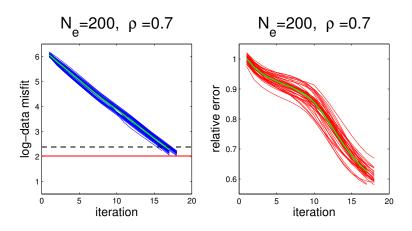


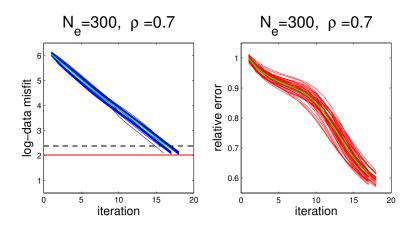




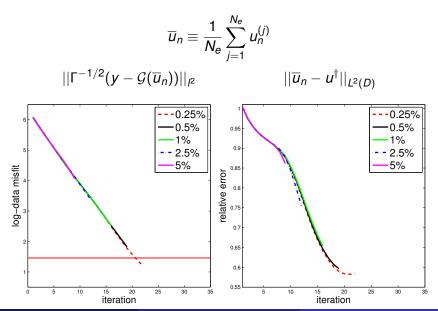






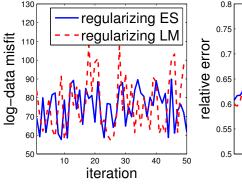


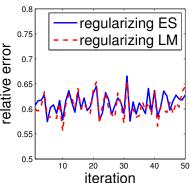
## Convergence as the noise level decreases



# The proposed ES as an approximate regularizing LM scheme

Comparing ES with the regularizing LM scheme (on the same subspace)





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# **Manufacturing Composite Materials**

In Collaboration with Michael Tretyakov (UoN, maths) and Minho Park (UoN, maths), Mikhail Matveev (UoN, engineering)

# Forward map: Resin Transfer Molding

$$-\nabla \cdot e^{u} \nabla p = f \quad \text{in } D(t)$$

$$p = p_{in} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{in}$$

$$p = p_{f} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{s}(t)$$

$$-e^{u} \nabla p \cdot n = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{N}$$

# **Moving boundary**

$$\frac{d\Gamma_s(t)}{dt} = -e^u \nabla \rho$$

$$u = \log(\kappa(x)) \in X \equiv L^{\infty}(D) \longrightarrow G(u) = \{p(x_i)\}_{i=1}^{N} \in Y \equiv \mathbb{R}^{M}$$

#### The Inverse Problem

Find  $u \in X$  given

$$y = G(u) + \eta$$
  $\eta \sim N(0, \Gamma)$ 

#### The Forward model



# **Solving the Inverse Problem**



# **Electrical Impedance Tomography**



# Complete Electrode Model: Forward and Inverse Problem

Given 
$$\kappa$$
,  $\{z_m\}_{m=1}^{n_e}$  and  $I = \{I_m\}_{m=1}^{n_e}$  compute  $v$  and  $V = \{V_m\}_{m=1}^{n_e}$ 

$$\nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla v = 0 \quad \text{in } D,$$

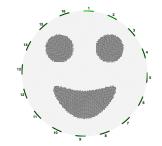
$$v + z_m \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nu = V_m \quad \text{on } e_m, \quad m = 1, \dots, n_e,$$

$$\nabla v \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D \setminus \bigcup_{m=1}^{n_e} e_m,$$

$$\int_{e_m} \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nu \, ds = I_m \quad m = 1, \dots, n_e,$$

#### **Inverse Problem:**

Given  $I^{(1)}, \ldots, I^{(N)}$  and the observations of voltages  $V^{(1)}, \ldots, V^{(N)}$  find  $\kappa$  and  $z_m$ 



#### Geometric Parameterization with Level-Sets



Permeability  $\kappa$  defined through level set function u:

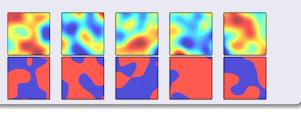
$$\kappa(x) = \kappa_1 \, \chi_{\{u < 0\}}(x) + \kappa_2 \, \chi_{\{u \ge 0\}}(x).$$

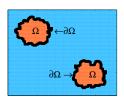
 $u \mapsto \kappa$  is discontinuous

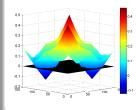
## Forward Map and initial ensemble

$$u \longrightarrow \kappa \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}(u) = \{p(x_i)\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

Gaussian prior  $\mu_0 = N(0, C_0)$  on the level-set function. Covariance  $C_0$  reflects the regularity of the shape.









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# **Summary**

- Iterative regularization provides strategies for regularizing Kalman based methods.
- Regularization has strong effect in the robustness and accuracy of ensemble methods for solving both classical and Bayesian inverse problems.
- The stabilization of the proposed method is suitable for solving level-set based geometric inverse problems.
- Further investigations are required to establish the mathematical properties of these approximations.

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