

Some geometrical aspects in shell theory and in numerical integration of hamiltonian systems

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Shell theory

What is shell theory?

Thin shell:

$$S \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \ni (P, x_3) \mapsto P + x_3 \mathbf{n}(P) \in \Omega^\varepsilon$$

S surface of \mathbb{R}^3 , $\mathbf{n}(P)$ normal to S in P . Plate: $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

Lateral boundary: $\Gamma^\varepsilon = \partial S \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$. Upper and lower faces $S \times \{\pm\varepsilon\}$.

Three dimensional displacement $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ in Cartesian coordinates.

Strain tensor

$$e_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right).$$

Isotropic material

$$A^{ijkl} = \lambda \delta^{ij} \delta^{kl} + \mu (\delta^{ik} \delta^{jl} + \delta^{il} \delta^{jk}),$$

λ and μ Lamé constants.

$$a^\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}') = \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} A^{ijkl} e_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) e_{kl}(\mathbf{u}') dx$$

What is shell theory ?

$V(\Omega^\varepsilon) = \{\mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)^3 \mid \mathbf{u}|_{\Gamma^\varepsilon} = 0\}$. (Clamped boundary conditions)

Problem with loading:

Find $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \in V(\Omega^\varepsilon)$ such that
$$a^\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon, \mathbf{u}') = \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \mathbf{f}^\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{u}' \, dx, \quad \forall \mathbf{u}' \in V(\Omega^\varepsilon)$$

Eigenmode problem:

Find $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \in V(\Omega^\varepsilon)$, $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \neq 0$, and $\Lambda^\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$a^\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon, \mathbf{u}') = \Lambda^\varepsilon \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{u}' \, dx, \quad \forall \mathbf{u}' \in V(\Omega^\varepsilon)$$

Behavior of \mathbf{u}^ε and/of Λ^ε as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$?

Three dimensional energy: $E_{3D}[\mathbf{u}] = a^\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})$.

Two-dimensional models

Orthogonal coordinates, $(x_\alpha, x_3) \in \mathcal{S} \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$

The displacement is written (u_α, u_3) ($\alpha = 1, 2$).

Two dimensional models:

$$\mathbf{K}(\varepsilon) = \mathbf{M} + \varepsilon^2 \mathbf{B}$$

acting on two-dimensional displacements (z_α, z_3) .

M **membrane** operator, **B** **bending** operator.

Controversial in the sixties: what is the *best* model?

[Koiter (1959-1970), Naghdi (1963), Bui-Danski & Sander (1967)]

Limit of u as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ identified in the 90's

[Sanchez-Palencia (1990), Ciarlet, Lods & Miara (1996)]

Koiter's operator

- \mathbf{M} is a 2D elasticity operator associated with the membrane strain tensor

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2}(D_{\alpha}z_{\beta} + D_{\beta}z_{\alpha}) - b_{\alpha\beta}z_3$$

$b_{\alpha\beta}$ curvature tensor. $D_{\alpha} = \partial_{\alpha} + \dots$ covariant derivative.

- \mathbf{B} is a 2D elasticity operator associated with the change of curvature tensor:

$$\rho_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{z}) = D_{\alpha}D_{\beta}z_3 - b_{\alpha}^{\sigma}b_{\sigma\beta}z_3 + b_{\alpha}^{\sigma}D_{\beta}z_{\sigma} + D_{\alpha}b_{\beta}^{\sigma}z_{\sigma}.$$

- Orders of derivative: $\mathbf{K}(\varepsilon)$ acts on (z_{α}, z_3) .

$$\mathbf{M} + \varepsilon^2\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Two dimensional energy $E_{2D}^{\varepsilon}[\mathbf{z}]$.

Koiter estimate (1970)

- Solution of the Koiter model:

$$\mathbf{K}(\varepsilon)\mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \mathbf{f}^{\varepsilon}(x_3) dx_3.$$

- Reconstruction operator

$$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{z} = \begin{cases} z_{\sigma} - x_3(D_{\sigma}z_3 + 2b_{\sigma}^{\alpha}z_{\alpha}) + x_3^2 b_{\sigma}^{\alpha}\theta_{\alpha}(\mathbf{z}), \\ z_3 - p x_3 \gamma_{\alpha}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{z}) + p \frac{x_3^2}{2} \rho_{\alpha}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{z}), \end{cases}$$

with $p = \lambda/(\lambda + 2\mu)$ and $\theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{z}) = D_{\sigma}z_3 + b_{\sigma}^{\alpha}z_{\alpha}$.

Uz defines a 3D displacement polynomial in x_3 .

Koiter estimate (1970)

$$E_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq C_S \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{L^2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{R} \right) E_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}].$$

- \mathbf{u} solution of the three-dimensional equations.
- $1/R$ the maximum principal curvature of S .
- L involved in inverse estimates of derivatives of \mathbf{z} .

$$\|D\gamma(\mathbf{z})\| \leq L^{-1}\|\gamma(\mathbf{z})\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|D\rho(\mathbf{z})\| \leq L^{-1}\|\rho(\mathbf{z})\|$$

- Adimensional estimate
- L may depend on ε .
- Methods used by Koiter: averaging the 3D equations.

Complete asymptotics

When they are available, complete asymptotic expansions of the displacements \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{z} allow to give optimal estimates.

Strategy:

- Expand the three dimensional operator in powers of ε with intrinsic coefficients (tensors on S).
- Obtain a reduced 2D model in formal series.
- Solve the formal series with boundary conditions (Boundary layer terms).
- Obtain optimal bounds by using a priori estimates.

Clamped elliptic shells

PhD Work.

- 1 E. Faou, CRAS (2000) and (2001).
- 2 E. Faou, *Elasticity on a thin shell: Formal series solution*, Asymptotic Analysis, (2002).
- 3 E. Faou, *Multiscale expansions for linear clamped elliptic shells*, Comm. in PDE (2004).

S elliptic means that the Gaussian curvature is positive.

Example: spherical cap.

Clamped elliptic shells

Complete asymptotic expansion in powers of $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$:

$$\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \simeq (\mathbf{v}^0 + \varphi^0) + \varepsilon^{1/2}(\mathbf{v}^{1/2} + \varphi^{1/2}) + \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}^1 + \varphi^1 + \mathbf{w}^1) + \dots$$

- $\mathbf{v}^{k/2}$ are regular terms (with bounded derivatives).
- $\varphi^{k/2}$ are 2D boundary layer terms exponentially decreasing with respect to $r/\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ (r is the distance to ∂S).
- $\mathbf{w}^{k/2}$ are 3D boundary layer terms exponentially decreasing with respect to r/ε . Always present (also for plates).

Energy estimate $E_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq b_S \varepsilon E_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}]$.

In this case, we obtain, $L \simeq \varepsilon^{1/2}$, $R \simeq 1$.

Koiter's estimate $E_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq c_S \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{L^2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{R} \right) E_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}]$ is
valid for clamped elliptic shells.

The case of plates

In this case, a complete asymptotic expansion exists, including 3D boundary layers

[Dauge & Gruais (1996-1998), Dauge, Gruais & Rössle (1999)]

Energy estimate $E_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq b_S \varepsilon E_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}]$.

The Koiter model splits into the 2D membrane operator acting on z_α and the bending operator acting on z_3 . Asymptotic expansion of \mathbf{z} without boundary layers.

$L \simeq 1$ and $1/R = 0$.

Koiter's estimate $E_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq c_S \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{L^2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{R} \right) E_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}]$ is

NOT valid for plates .

Shallow shells

- 1 G. Andreoiu, M. Dauge, E. Faou, CRAS (2000).
- 2 G. Andreoiu, E. Faou, Asymptotic analysis, (2001).

In this case, the curvature of S is of order ε .

When $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, the mean surface S tends to a domain of \mathbb{R}^2 .

The Koiter model is a **weak** coupled system.

We have $1/R \simeq \varepsilon$ and $L \simeq 1$.

Energy estimate as for plates $E_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq b_S \varepsilon E_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}]$.

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NOT valid for shallow shells.

Koiter estimate revisited

- 1 M. Dauge, E. Faou, *Koiter estimate revisited*, Rapport de recherche INRIA RR-5430.

New estimate, optimal in the previous three cases.

New estimate

$$\mathbf{E}_{3D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{Uz}] \leq a_S \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\ell} + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{r^2} + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{L^2} + \frac{\varepsilon^4 D^2}{L^6} \right) \mathbf{E}_{2D}^\varepsilon[\mathbf{z}] + a_S D^2 E^{-1} \|\mathbf{f}^{\text{rem}}\|_{L^2(\Omega^\varepsilon)}^2.$$

- a_S is an adimensional constant,
- L is a global wave length for \mathbf{z} similar to the one which Koiter used,
- ℓ is a lateral wave length for \mathbf{z} (boundary layers).
- r is a constant depending on the curvature of S ,
- D is a constant appearing in the 3D Korn inequalities,
- E is the Young modulus ($E = \mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)/(\lambda + \mu)$)
- $\mathbf{f}^{\text{rem}} = \mathbf{f}^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-\varepsilon}^\varepsilon \mathbf{f}^\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}_3) d\mathbf{x}_3$.
- Optimal inequality in the previous three cases.

Eigenmodes problem

The problem is more difficult.

Complete asymptotic expansion in the case of plates:

- M. Dauge, I. Djurdjevic, E. Faou, A. Roessle, *Eigenmode Asymptotics in Thin Elastic Plates* (1999)

Open problems for the other cases. Numerical investigation.

- M. Dauge, E. Faou, Z. Yosibash, *Plates and shells: Asymptotic expansions and hierarchical models*. Chapter 8, Vol I of the Encyclopedia for Computational Mechanics. (2004).

Example in the case of clamped elliptic shell:

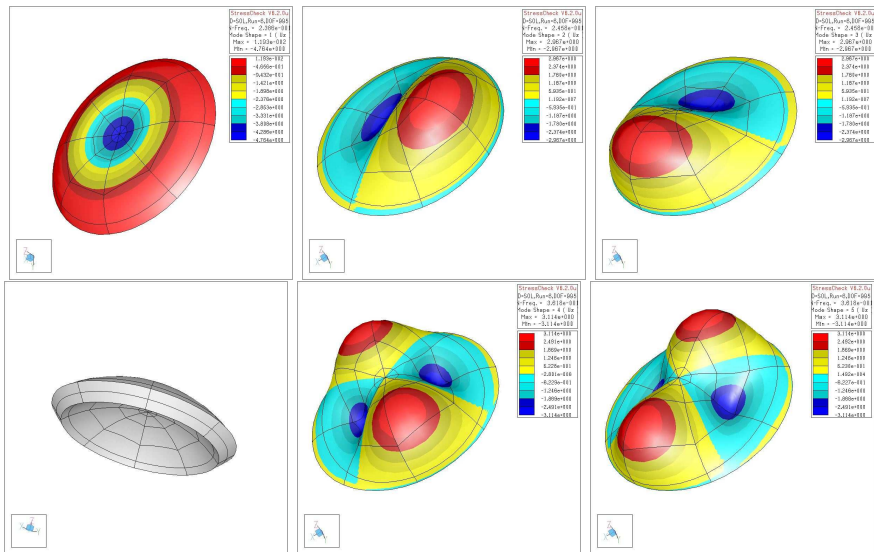
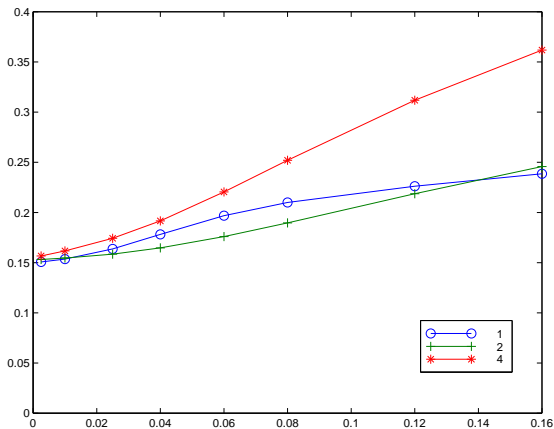


Figure: Vertical components of first 5 eigen-modes for $\varepsilon = 0.16$



No convergence towards a discrete spectrum

Problem: essential spectrum in the membrane operator

Analysis in axisymmetric situations: PhD work of Marie Beaudoin.

Numerical integration of Hamiltonian systems and molecular dynamics

Hamiltonian systems

Ordinary differential equations systems of the form

$$\dot{p} = -\partial_q H(p, q)$$

$$\dot{q} = \partial_p H(p, q)$$

$p \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $q \in \mathbb{R}^d$, \dot{q} time derivative of $q(t)$.
Solution with initial values $q(0)$ and $p(0)$.

$H(p, q)$ energy function.

Example: $H(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^d p_k^2 + U(q)$ (Kinetic and potential energies) .

$$\dot{p}_k = -\nabla_k U(q) \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{q}_k = \frac{p_k}{m_k}$$

Newton's law.

Properties

We can write the system as follows, with $y = (p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$

$$\dot{y} = J^{-1} \nabla H(y) \quad \text{where} \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_d \\ -I_d & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the canonical symplectic matrix.

- Conservation of the Energy: $H(y(t)) = H(y(0))$.
- The flow $\varphi_t(y_0)$ is symplectic:

$$\forall t \geq 0, \forall y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2d} \quad \partial_{y_0} \varphi_t(y_0)^T J \partial_{y_0} \varphi_t(y_0) = J.$$

Implies the conservation of the volume $\det(\partial_{y_0} \varphi_t(y_0)) = 1$.

Important in molecular dynamics.

Numerical simulation

Numerical flow $\Phi_h(y) \simeq \varphi_h(y)$ for a small step size $h > 0$.

Example: Verlet integrator in the case where $H(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^d p_k^2 + U(q)$.

$(p_1, q_1) = \Phi_h(p_0, q_0)$ defined by

$$p_{1/2} = p_0 - \frac{h}{2} \nabla_q U(q_0)$$

$$q_1 = q_0 + hp_{1/2}$$

$$p_1 = p_{1/2} - \frac{h}{2} \nabla_q U(q_1)$$

Splitting scheme associated with the decomposition

$$H(p, q) = T(p) + U(q).$$

Symplectic scheme. $\partial_{y_0} \Phi_h(y_0)^T J \partial_{y_0} \Phi_h(y_0) = J$.

Backward error analysis

Let Φ_h be a symplectic scheme of order p , and $y_{n+1} = \Phi_h(y_n)$, $n \geq 0$.

Then y_n coincide with the solution $\tilde{y}(nh)$ of a system

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt}(t) = J^{-1}\nabla\tilde{H}_h(\tilde{y}(t))$$

over **VERY** long times ($nh \leq \exp(-1/h)$) where

$$\tilde{H}_h(y) = H(y) + \mathcal{O}(h^p)$$

\implies conservation of the energy over very long time, up to an error h^p .

[Benettin & Giorgilli (1994), Hairer & Lubich (1997), Reich (1999)]

Gaussian wave packets dynamics

- 1 E. Faou, C. Lubich, Computing and Visualization in Science (2006).
- 2 Erwan Faou and Vasile Gradinaru, Submitted.

Goal: Approximation of the Schrödinger equation.

Time-dependent Schrödinger equation in quantum MD

$$i\varepsilon \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi, \quad \psi(x, 0) = \psi_0(x).$$

- Wave function $\psi = \psi(x, t)$, $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$ with $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ($d = 1$ or 3) and time $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Hamiltonian $H = T + V$ with the kinetic and potential energy operators

$$T = - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2m_k} \Delta_{x_k} \quad \text{and} \quad V = V(x),$$

Particle mass: $m_k > 0$. Laplace operator Δ_{x_k} . Real potential $V(x)$.

- ε is a (small) positive number representing the scaled Planck constant.
- **Preservation of the L^2 norm** .

Dirac-Frenkel-McLachlan Principle

- $\mathcal{M} \subset L^2$ an approximation manifold.
- $T_u\mathcal{M}$ the tangent space at $u \in \mathcal{M}$ (the space of admissible variations).
- $t \mapsto u(t)$ solution of

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\langle \delta u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{i} H u \right\rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta u \in T_u\mathcal{M}.$$

This amounts to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = P(u) \frac{1}{i} H u.$$

with the orthogonal projection $P(u) : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow T_u\mathcal{M}$

- Applications: Time-dependent Hartree, Hartree-Fock, MCTDH, Gaussian wave packets, etc...

Gaussian wave packets

\mathcal{M} made of functions of the form $u(x, t) = e^{i\phi(t)/\varepsilon} \prod_{k=1}^N \varphi_k(x_k, t)$ with

$$\varphi_k(x_k, t) = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\varepsilon} (a_k(t) |x_k - q_k(t)|^2 + p_k(t) \cdot (x_k - q_k(t)) + c_k(t))\right).$$

Finite dimensional complex submanifold parametrized by

- $q_k = \langle u | x_k | u \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^d$ position average
- $p_k = \langle u | -i\varepsilon \nabla_{x_k} | u \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^d$ momentum average
- $a_k = \alpha_k + i\beta_k$ (with $\beta_k > 0$) complex width parameter,
- $c_k = \gamma_k + i\delta_k$ complex phase parameter, and ϕ a real phase.

[Heller (1975), Lee & Heller (1982), Coalson & Karplus (1990)]

GWP equations

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q}_k &= \frac{p_k}{m_k} \\ \dot{p}_k &= -\langle u | \nabla_{x_k} V | u \rangle \\ \dot{a}_k &= -\frac{2a_k^2}{m_k} - \frac{1}{2d} \langle u | \Delta_{x_k} V | u \rangle \\ \dot{c}_k &= \frac{i\varepsilon da_k}{m_k} + \frac{\varepsilon}{8\beta_k} \langle u | \Delta_{x_k} V | u \rangle \\ \dot{\phi} &= \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{|p_k|^2}{2m_k} - \langle u | V | u \rangle\end{aligned}$$

where ($a_k = \alpha_k + i\beta_k$ and $c_k = \gamma_k + i\delta_k$)

$$\langle u | W | u \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} W(x) \prod_{j=1}^N \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\varepsilon}(\beta_j |x_j - q_j|^2 + \delta_j)\right) dx.$$

This average depends only on the parameters q_j , β_j , and δ_j .

Poisson structure

- The GWP system has a **Poisson structure** $\dot{y} = B(y)\nabla K(y)$ where $u = \chi(y)$, $y = (q_k, p_k, \dots)$ inherited from the symplectic structure of the Schrödinger equation.
- Conservation of the energy $K(y) = \langle u | H | u \rangle$:

$$\langle u | H | u \rangle = \|u\|^2 \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\frac{|p_k|^2}{2m_k} + \frac{\varepsilon d}{2m_k} \frac{\alpha_k^2 + \beta_k^2}{\beta_k} \right) + \langle u | V | u \rangle.$$

As $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $\|u\| = 1$, the energy tends to the classical one.

- Conservation of the L^2 -norm and of the linear and angular momentum.

Variational splitting

The decomposition $H = T + V$ induces the symmetric splitting scheme

$$u^{n+1} = \varphi_{\Delta t/2}^V \circ \varphi_{\Delta t}^T \circ \varphi_{\Delta t/2}^V(u^n)$$

- $u(t) = \varphi_t^V(u_0)$ is the solution of

$$\langle \delta u, i\varepsilon \dot{u} - Vu \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta u \in T_u \mathcal{M}, \quad u(0) = u_0$$

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Projection of the Strang or symmetric Trotter splitting algorithm.
[Lubich (2004)]

Tübingen's miracle

Each part of the splitting can be computed exactly!!

For the kinetic part: **Logic** . For the potential part: **Magic** .

$u_1 = \varphi_{\Delta t}^V(u_0)$, where $u_0 = \chi(q^0, p^0, a^0, c^0, \phi^0)$:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= 0 \\ \dot{p} &= -\langle u | \nabla_x V | u \rangle \\ \dot{a} &= -\frac{1}{2d} \langle u | \Delta_x V | u \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \\ \dot{c} &= \frac{\varepsilon}{8\beta} \langle u | \Delta_x V | u \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \\ \dot{\phi} &= -\langle u | V | u \rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \implies \dot{q} = 0, \dot{\beta} = 0, \dot{\delta} = 0.$$

$\langle u_0 | W | u_0 \rangle$ depends only on q^0, β^0 and δ^0

\implies **The solution is explicit** .

Properties

- **Poisson integrator** that preserves the L^2 norm, and the linear and angular momentum.
- Order 2:

$$\left| \|u^n\|^2 - \|u(t^n)\|^2 \right| = O(\Delta t^2) \quad \text{but} \quad \|u^n - u(t^n)\| = O(\Delta t^2/\varepsilon).$$

- Energy conservation: if the q_k are bounded and if $\beta_k \geq c_0\varepsilon$

$$\left| \langle u^n | H | u^n \rangle - \langle u^0 | H | u^0 \rangle \right| \leq C\Delta t^2 \quad \text{for} \quad n\Delta t \leq \exp(c/\Delta t)$$

where the constants are independent of Δt , and ε .

Work in progress: Hagedorn wave packets

(In collaboration with C. Lubich and V. Gradinaru)

Other results in geometric integration

Splitting methods for the linear Schrödinger equation

Schrödinger equation with periodic boundary conditions

$$i\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) = -\Delta u(t, x) + V(x)u(t, x).$$

Splitting: $u(t) = \exp(it(\Delta - V)) \simeq \exp(it\Delta) \exp(-itV)$.

- No backward error analysis (infinite dimensional problem).
 - Normal form result: perturbation of linear operators with V small.
 - Part of Guillaume Dujardin's PhD work (2008)
- 1 G. Dujardin, E. Faou, to appear in Numerische Mathematik.
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Some results in geometric integration

- **Energy conservation for symetric methods**

E. Faou, E. Hairer, T.-L. Pham, BIT (2004).

- **Quadratic and Hamiltonian invariants**

P. Chartier, E. Faou, A. Murua, Numerische Mathematik (2006) .

- **Piecewise smooth Hamiltonian**

P. Chartier, E. Faou, To appear in M2AN.

- **Application to Raman lasers**

- ① F. Castella, P. Chartier, E. Faou, CRAS (2003) 703-708.

- ② F. Castella, P. Chartier, E. Faou, D. Bayart, F. Leplingard, C. Martinelli, M2AN, (2004).

- ③ F. Leplingard, C. Martinelli, S. Borne, L. Lorcy, T. Lopez, D. Bayart, F. Castella, P. Chartier, E. Faou, IEEE Photonics Technology Letters (2004).

Application to Molecular dynamics

Principle of molecular dynamics

Hamiltonian system $\dot{y} = J^{-1}\nabla H(y)$.

Energy conservation + volume conservation

\implies **Preservation of the microcanonical measure.**

Ergodic hypothesis: For all function f

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(\varphi_t(y)) dt = \int_{\Sigma_0} f(x) \frac{d\sigma(x)}{\|\nabla H(x)\|}$$

where $\Sigma_0 = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^{2d} \mid H(y) = H(y_0)\}$.

Principle: simulate the **left-hand side** to compute the **right-hand side**.

Problem: **hypothesis fails in general** (in particular for integrable systems)

Averaging for integrable dynamics

- 1 E. Cancès, F. Castella, P. Chartier, E. Faou, C. Le Bris, F. Legoll, G. Turinici, *Journal of Chemical Physics*, 121 (2004) 10346-10355.
- 2 E. Cancès, F. Castella, P. Chartier, E. Faou, C. Le Bris, F. Legoll, G. Turinici, *Numerische Mathematik* 100 (2005) 211–232.

Idea : when the system is integrable, we can accelerate the convergence of the time average.

Application : Highly-oscillatory systems?

Shakers in molecular dynamics

Instead of considering hamiltonian system, $\dot{y} = J^{-1}\nabla H(y)$, we introduce systems of the form:

$$\dot{y} = J(t)\nabla H(y)$$

where J is a time dependent matrix.

Idea : $J(t)$ skew-symmetric \implies **Energy and volume conservation.**

Goal : $J(t)$ **shakes** the system to break the possible other invariants.

- 1 E. Faou, Journal of Chemical Physics (2006).
- 2 E. Faou, T. Lelièvre, *Ergodic stochastic differential equations for computing microcanonical averages*. In preparation.

Stochastic extension : we can prove the ergodicity, and the ergodicity of numerical schemes.

Work in progress with T. Lelièvre.

Future works

Hybrid methods for solving parabolic systems

Reaction-diffusion problems of the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) = \Delta u(t, x) + g(u(t, x))$$

Splitting schemes using the solutions of $\partial_t u = \Delta u$ and $\partial_t u = g(u)$.

Probabilistic interpretation of splitting schemes yields:

- Simpler proofs of known estimates using **stochastic calculus** .
- New estimates (with less regularity for the reaction part)
- New schemes (hybrid schemes)

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⇒ A huge work to be done in this field!!