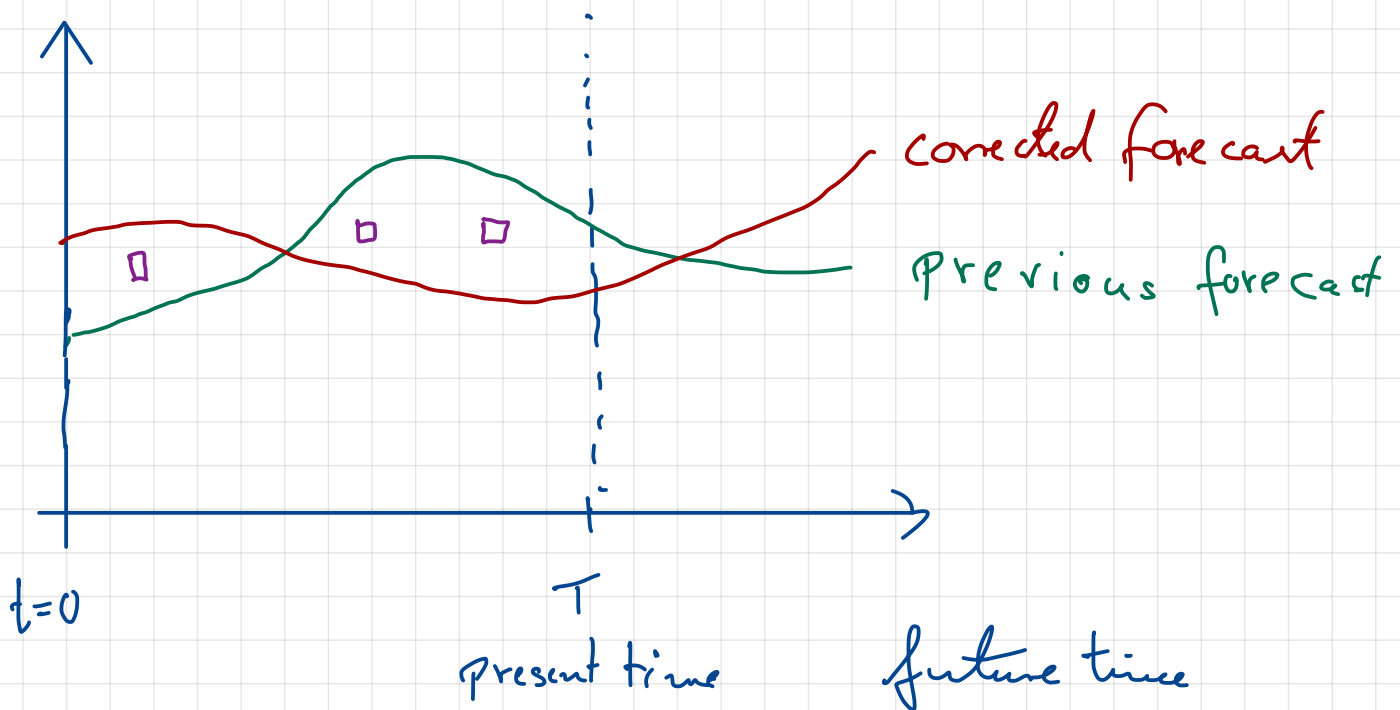


# Optimization II

Lecture Tuesday, May 2, 2023

# Variational data assimilation

Goal: calibrate your model to improve predictions  $\rightarrow$  forecasting



two stages:

Step 1: analysis step  
observations of previous and present time assimilate to derive optimal trajectory

Step 2: forecasting

Done: better fit of past data leads to better predictions

→ iterate these steps.

Abstract formulation:

$$(SE) \quad \gamma_t + A(u; \gamma) = L(u) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$\gamma(0) = \gamma_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\text{control } c(x, t) = (\gamma_0(x), u(x, t))$$

cost functional:

$$J(c, \gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \| C(\gamma(t)) - z^{\text{obs}} \|_R^2 dt$$

$$+ \frac{\mu_0}{2} \| \gamma_0 - \gamma_0^d \|_H^2 + \frac{\mu_1}{2} J_{\text{reg}}(u)$$

$C$ : observation operator

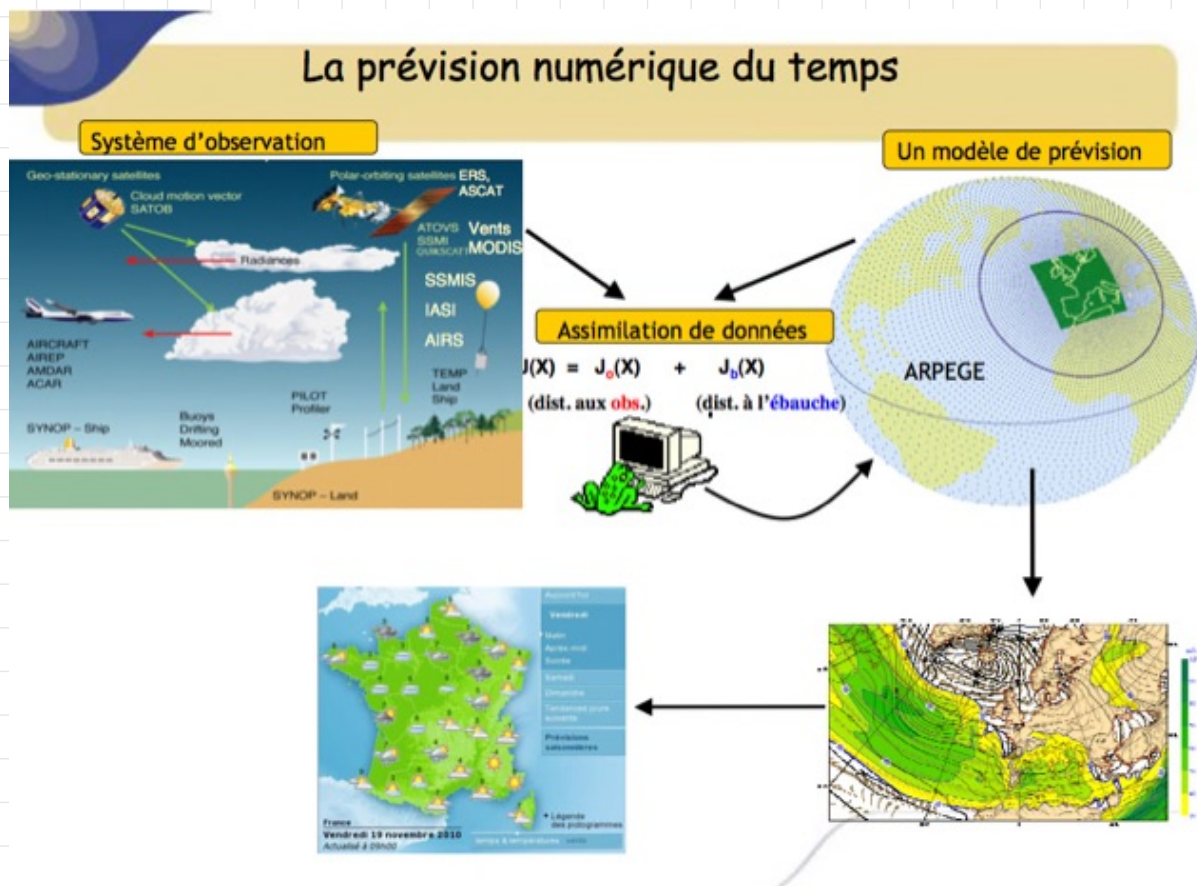
$J_{\text{reg}}$ : regularization term

data assim. problem:

Find  $\tilde{c}(x,t) = (\tilde{y}_0(x), \tilde{u}(x,t))$  s.t.

$$\tilde{J}(\tilde{c}) = \min_{c \in \mathcal{L}_{ad}} \tilde{J}(c)$$

Example (Weather forecast)



- Very challenging.
- adjoint based methods since 80s
- since 2000: VDA implemented in all large weather pred. centers
- model based on conservation laws

(energy, mass, momentum)

- unknowns: temperature, humidity, pressure, velocity, ...
- each time step is about 10 mins for mid-range forecast

Ref. Jerome Monnier; Var. Data Assimilation and Model learning.  
France 2021.

Remark: A further very important and timely application of VDF are digital twins.

Let's consider a simple case:

$$\min J(\gamma, \omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (\gamma - \gamma_d^Q)^2 dx dt$$
$$+ \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\omega - \gamma_0^d)^2 dx$$

subj. to

$$y_t - \Delta y = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$-\frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = \gamma \quad \text{in } \partial \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$y(0) = w \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

and  $w \in U_{ad} \subset L^2(\Omega)$

Remark: One can show that for any  $f \in L^2(Q)$  and  $w \in L^2(\Omega)$  there exists a unique sol.  $y$  of (SE), i.e., solution operator  $w \mapsto y(w)$  is well-defined.

Goal: derivation of the optimality system.

Step 1. Derive weak form for (SE)

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (\gamma_t - \Delta \gamma - f) \varphi \, dx$$

$$= - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \gamma \varphi_t \, dx \, dt + \int_{\Omega} \gamma(T) \varphi(T) \, dx$$

$$- \int_{\Omega} \omega \varphi(0) \, dx + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nabla \gamma \cdot \nabla \varphi \, dx$$

$$+ \int_0^T \int_{\partial \Omega} \gamma \varphi \, dx \, ds - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} f \varphi \, dx \, dt = 0$$

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\gamma, p, \omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (\gamma - \gamma_0^d)^2 \, dx \, dt + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\omega - \gamma_0^d)^2 \, dx$$

$$+ \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \gamma p_t \, dx \, dt - \int_{\Omega} \gamma(T) p(T) \, dx$$

$$+ \int_{\Omega} \omega p(0) \, dx - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nabla \gamma \cdot \nabla p \, dx$$

$$- \int_0^T \int_{\partial \Omega} \gamma p \, dx \, ds + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} f p \, dx \, dt$$

Step 2: for adj. eqn. compute  $\mathcal{L}_y h = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$0 = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (\gamma - \gamma_d) h \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} h p_t \, dx \, dt - \int_{\Omega} h(T) P(T) \, dx - \underbrace{\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nabla h \cdot \nabla p \, dx \, dt}_{\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} h \Delta p \, dx \, dt - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} h \frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} \, dx \, dt} - \int_0^T \int_{\partial \Omega} h p \, dx \, dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} h \underbrace{[\gamma - \gamma_d + p_t + \Delta p]}_{=0} \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int_{\partial \Omega} h \underbrace{[-p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu}]}_{=0} \, dx \, dt$$

$$- \int_{\Omega} h(T) \underbrace{P(T)}_{=0} \, dx = 0$$

(AE)  $\quad -p_t - \Delta p = \gamma - \gamma_d \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$   
 $\quad -\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} = p \quad \text{in } \partial \Omega \times (0, T)$   
 $\quad P(T) = 0$

Step 3: (compute gradient and (VI))

$$j'(\omega)h = \mathcal{L}'_{\omega}(\bar{\gamma}, \bar{p}, \bar{\omega})h$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \gamma(\bar{\omega} - \gamma_0^d)h \, dx + \int_{\Omega} h \bar{p}(0) \, dx$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} h [\gamma(\bar{\omega} - \gamma_0^d) + \bar{p}(0)] \, dx$$

apply Riesz to get  $L^2$  gradient

$$j'(\bar{\omega}) = \gamma(\bar{\omega} - \gamma_0^d) + \bar{p}(0)$$

and variational inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} (\gamma(\bar{\omega} - \gamma_0^d) + \bar{p}(0)) (\omega - \bar{\omega}) \, dx \geq 0$$

for all  $\omega \in W_{ad}$

## Remember about oral exam:

May 24th, 30-45 mins

- well posedness of state eqn (elliptic)
- existence of optimal controls ( $u$ )
- Necess. opt. cond. (ell. + parab.)
- Numerics (ell. + parab.)

Hint: Have a look at derivation of opt.-cond. for

- Project
- Worked out example for numerics (lect. March 16, section 6.1 Test Example)