



Augmented-SVM: Automatic space partitioning for combining multiple non-linear dynamics

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Dynamical Systems

- Learning autonomous dynamical systems (DS) from data

$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i\}_{i=1\dots M} ; \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}); f : \mathbb{R}^N \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N$$

- Regression (GPR, SVR, GMR, LWR, LWPR) , Latent space models (GPDM)

- Stability!

- Important for motion synthesis

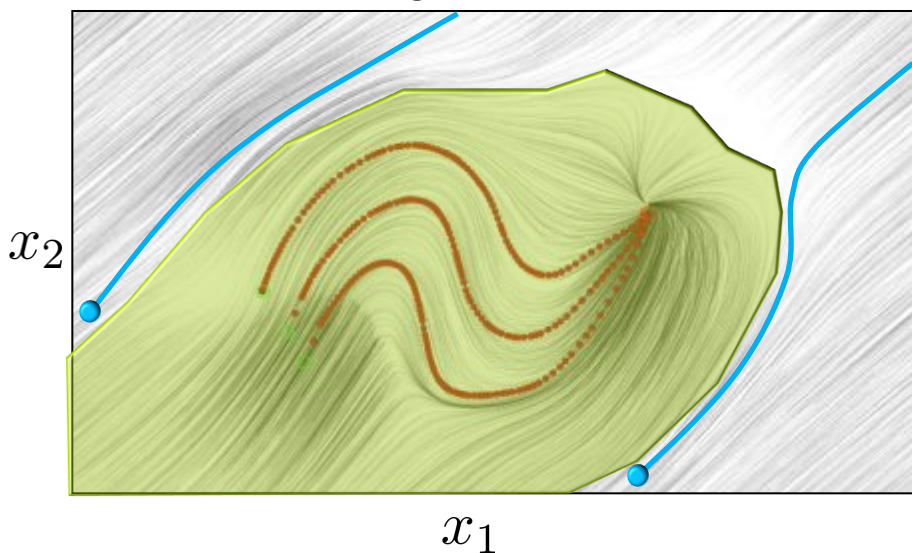
- Progress toward a goal state

Single attractor dynamics

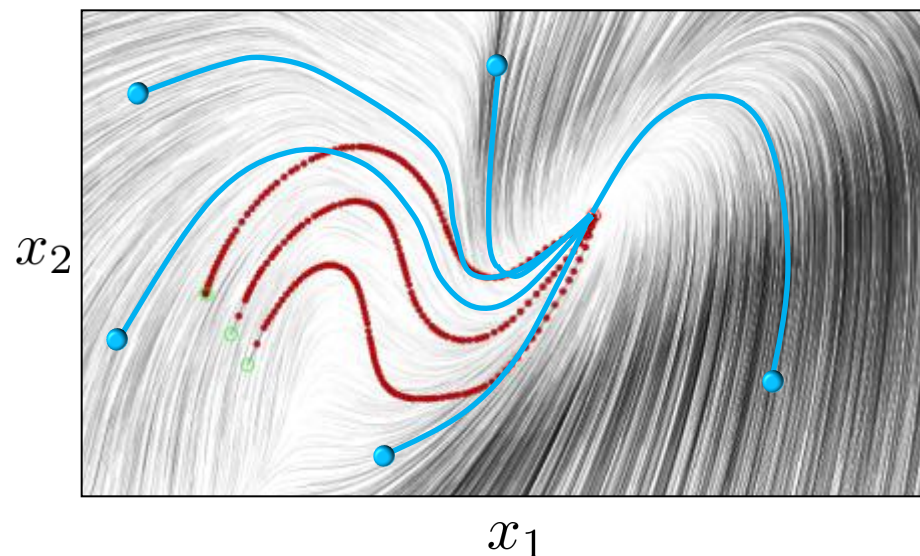
■ For a DS $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, \mathbf{x}^* is an *attractor* iff \exists some open neighborhood \mathcal{B} of \mathbf{x}^* such that $\mathbf{x}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^*$ as $t \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall \mathbf{x}(0) \in \mathcal{B}$

■ $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow$ basin of attraction

Regression



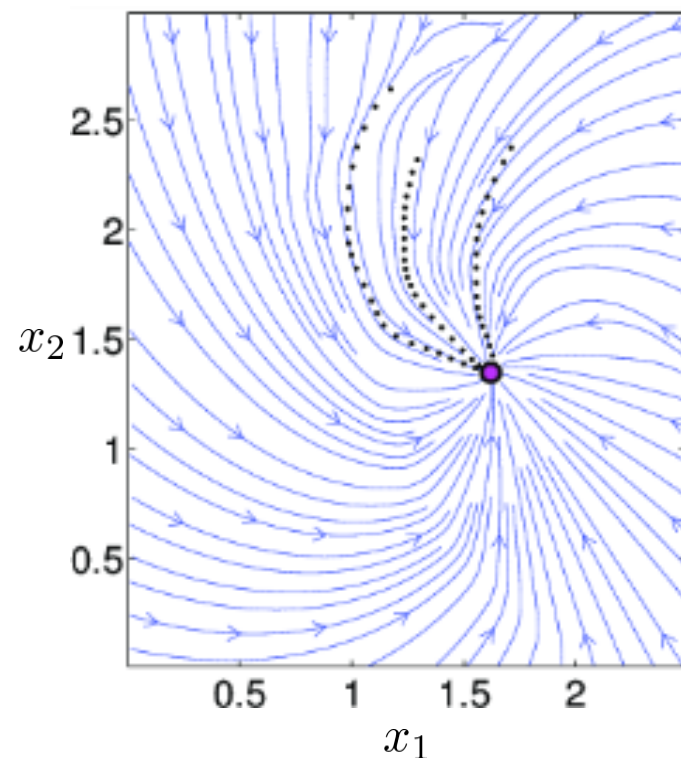
Regression + Stability



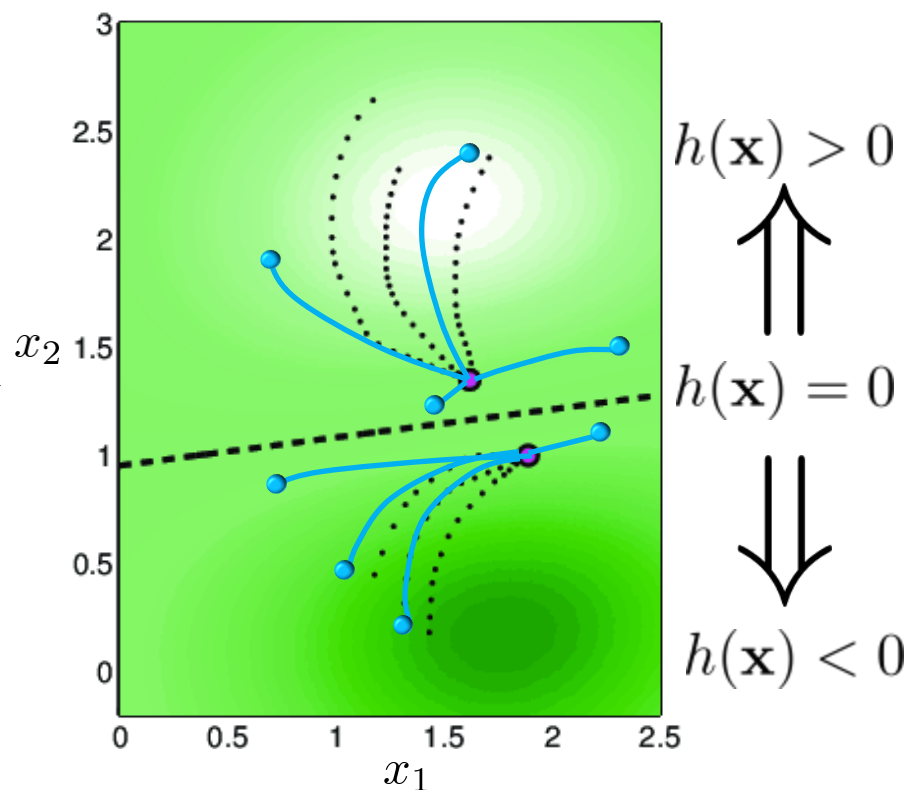
Multiple attractor dynamics

- All attractors must have finite basins of attraction \rightarrow space partitions

Single att. DS - 2

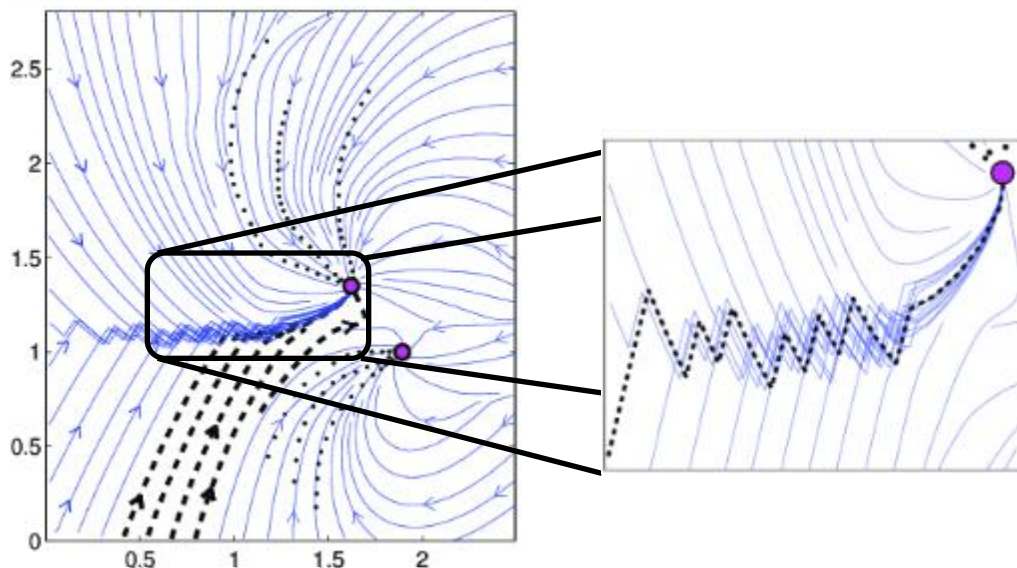


combined \rightarrow



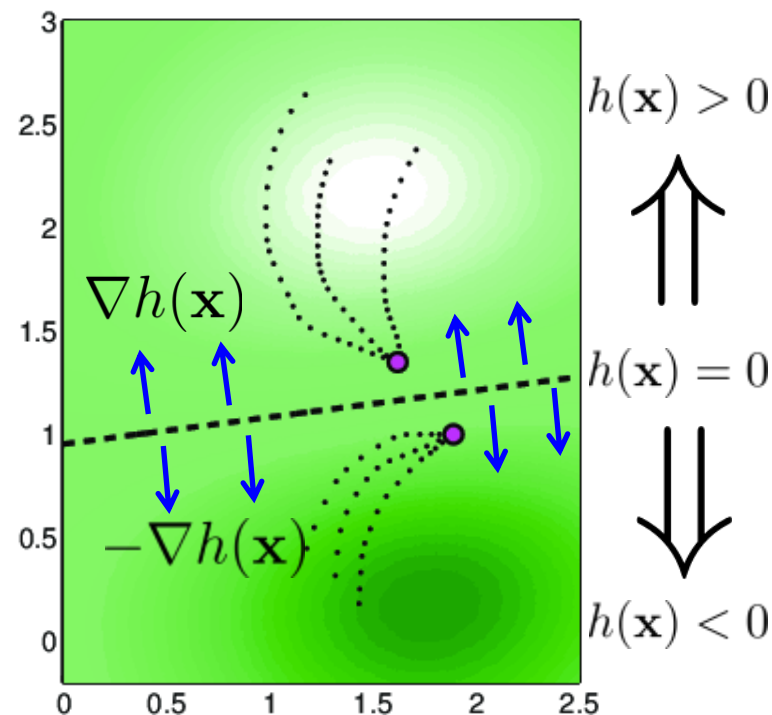
Combination of dynamics

- The naïve approach : SVM classifier based switched dynamical system



Crossing over

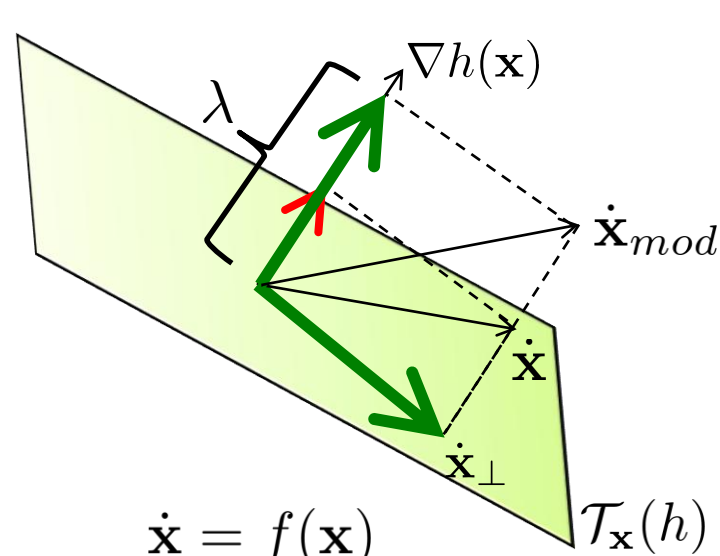
Jitter



- **Incompatibility** between the classifier function and dynamics

Boundary avoiding

- Dynamic gradient method [1]** : trajectories in the positive (negative) region move along increasing (decreasing) values of the classifier function.

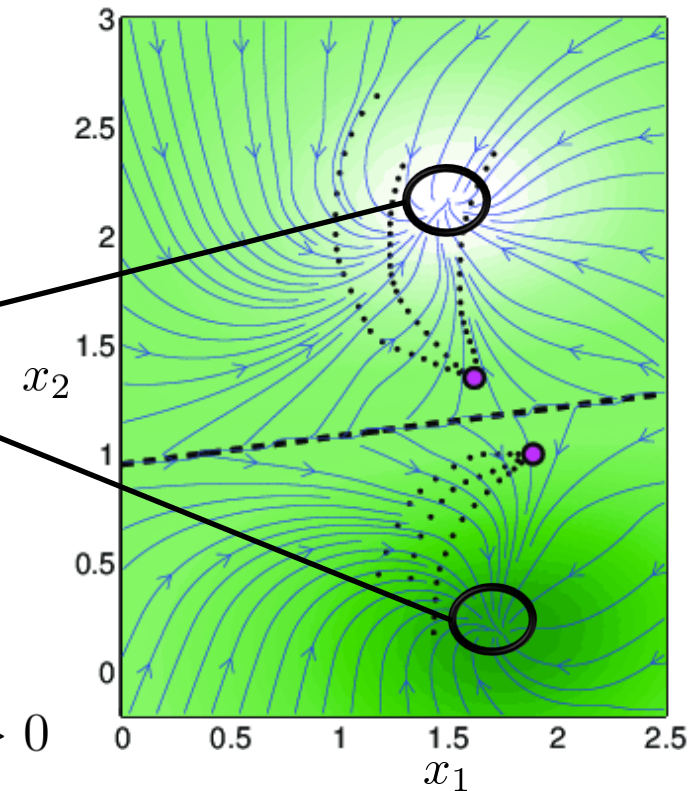


$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{mod} = \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \nabla h(\mathbf{x}) + \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{\perp}$$

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \max(\epsilon, \nabla h(\mathbf{x})^T \dot{\mathbf{x}}) & \text{if } h(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \\ \min(-\epsilon, \nabla h(\mathbf{x})^T \dot{\mathbf{x}}) & \text{if } h(\mathbf{x}) < 0 \end{cases} ; \epsilon > 0$$

$$\nabla h(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$



[1] **Lee, J.** Dynamic gradient approaches to compute the closest unstable equilibrium point for stability region estimate and their computational limitations. IEEE TRO Automatic Control, 2003.

Designing the classifier function: Augmented-SVM

■ Data $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i, y_i\}_{i=1 \dots M}$; $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N, y_i = \pm 1$

■ Feature space transformation and its Jacobian

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) + b ; \phi \in \mathbb{R}^F$$

$$\nabla h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w} ; \mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{F \times N}$$

■ Constraints

■ Classification

$$y_i h(\mathbf{x}_i) \geq 1$$

■ DS compatibility

$$y_i \nabla h(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i + \xi_i \geq 0$$

■ Stability

$$\nabla h(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$$

■ Primal :

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, \xi_i} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + c \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i \quad \text{subject to}$$

$$y_i (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots M$$

$$y_i \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_i) \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i + \xi_i > 0 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots M$$

$$\xi_i > 0 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots M$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mathbf{e}_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots N$$

$\{\mathbf{e}_i\} \rightarrow$ Cannonical basis of \mathbb{R}^N

A-SVM Dual

■ The Lagrangian with multipliers $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + c \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i (y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b) - 1) \\ - \sum_{i=1}^M \beta_i (y_i \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_i) \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i + \xi_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mathbf{e}_i$$

■ Dual : Constrained quadratic program

$$\min \frac{1}{2} [\alpha^T \beta^T \gamma^T] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{G} & -\mathbf{G}_* \\ \mathbf{G}^T & \mathbf{H} & -\mathbf{H}_* \\ -\mathbf{G}_*^T & -\mathbf{H}_*^T & \mathbf{H}_{**} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} - \alpha^T \mathbf{1} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \begin{aligned} & 0 \leq \alpha_i \\ & 0 \leq \beta_i \leq C \\ & \sum_{i=1}^P \alpha_i y_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{K})_{ij} &= y_i y_j \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) & (\mathbf{H})_{ij} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^T \frac{\partial^2 k(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i \partial \mathbf{x}_j} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \\ (\mathbf{G})_{ij} &= y_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \frac{\partial k(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j & (\mathbf{H}_*)_{ij} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^T \frac{\partial^2 k(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j^*)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i \partial \mathbf{x}_j} \mathbf{e}_j \\ (\mathbf{G}_*)_{ij} &= y_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \frac{\partial k(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j^*)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} \mathbf{e}_j & (\mathbf{H}_{**})_{ij} &= \mathbf{e}_i^T \frac{\partial^2 k(\mathbf{x}_i^* T \mathbf{x}_j^*)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^* \partial \mathbf{x}^*} \mathbf{e}_j \end{aligned}$$

SMO & ν -variant for A-SVM

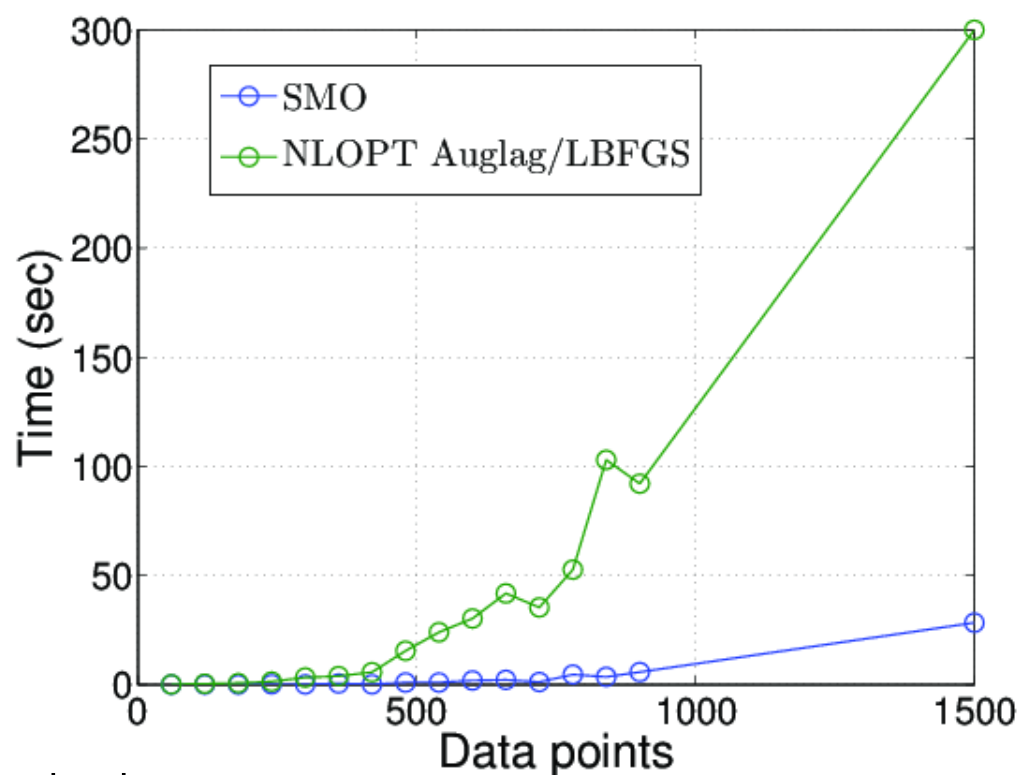
- Closed form & Globally convergent** updates on Lagrange multipliers

α updates \rightarrow same as SVM-SMO

$$\beta_i^{new} = \beta_i^{old} - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^T \nabla_i h(\mathbf{x}_i)}{(H)_{ii}}$$

$$\gamma_i^{new} = \gamma_i^{old} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_i^T \nabla_* h(\mathbf{x}^*)}{(H_{**})_{ii}}$$

- ν -ASVM variant can be derived where ν_1, ν_2 are the lower-bounds on the fraction of α, β -SV resp.



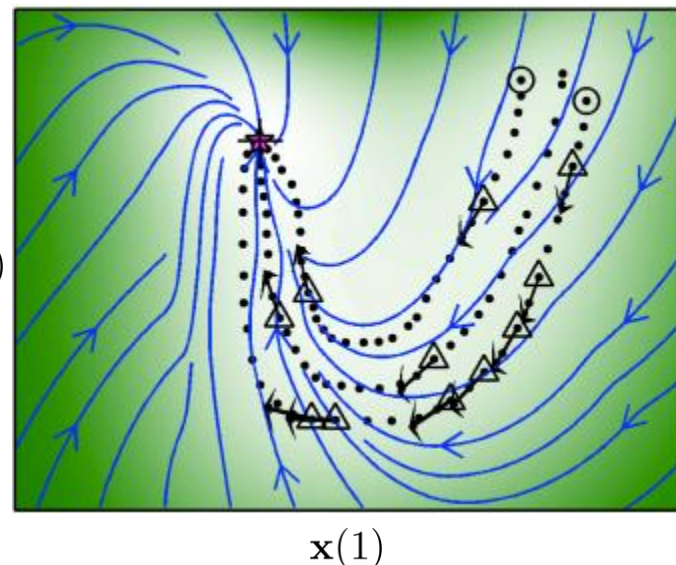
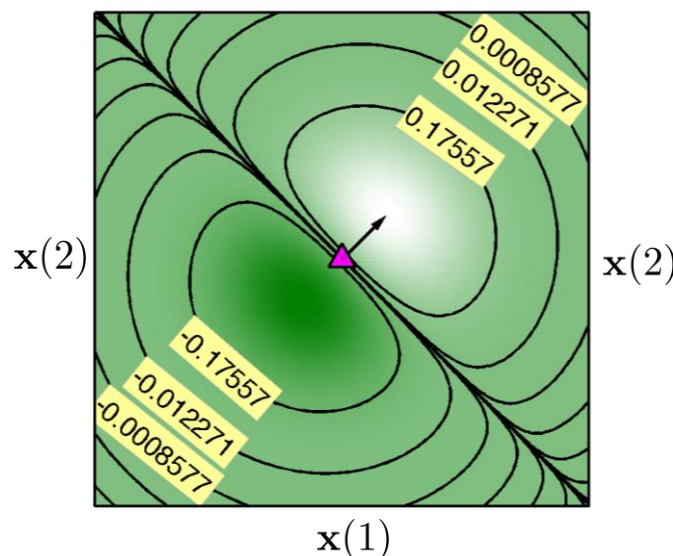
Classifier function

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i y_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)}_{\text{Standard SVM } \alpha - \text{SVs}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^M \beta_i \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^T \frac{\partial k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i}}_{\text{New } \beta - \text{SVs}} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i \mathbf{e}_i^T \frac{\partial k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^*)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^*}}_{\text{Non-linear bias}} + \underbrace{b}_{\text{Const. bias}}$$

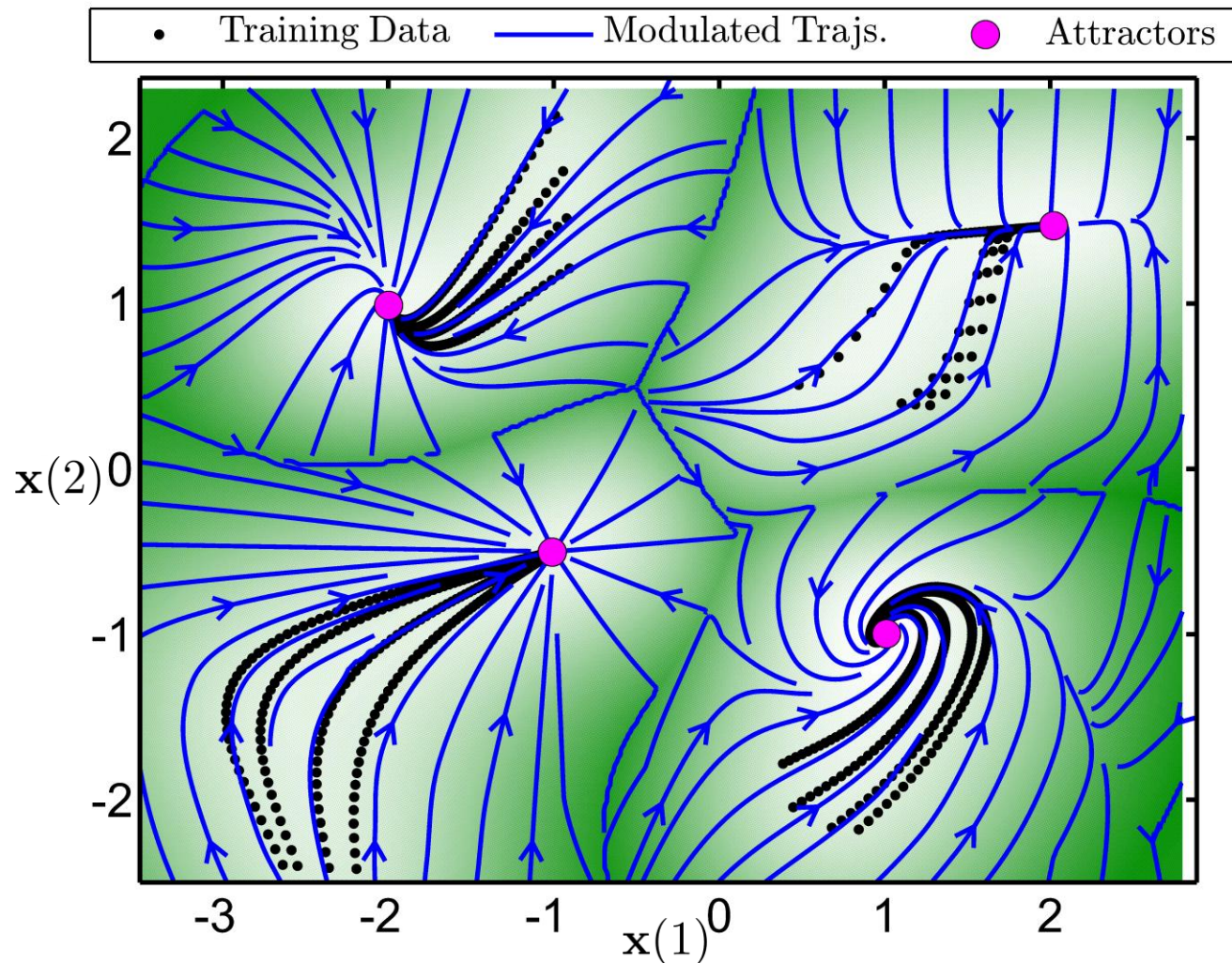
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■ β - SV for the rbf kernel

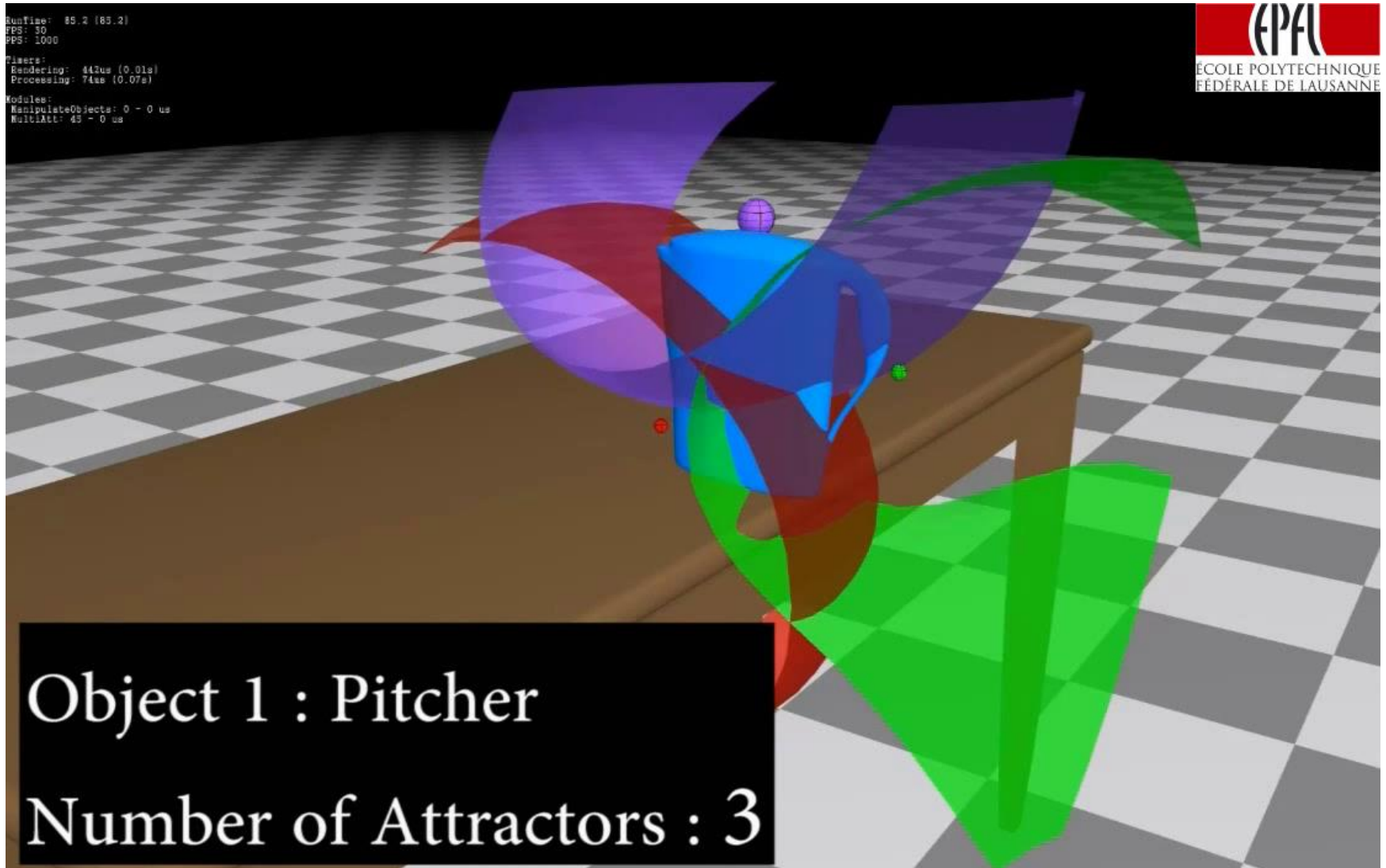
$\blacktriangle \equiv \mathbf{x}_i$
 $\rightarrow \equiv \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i$
 $\odot \equiv \alpha - \text{SV}$
 $\Delta \equiv \beta - \text{SV}$



1-vs-rest multi-class implementation



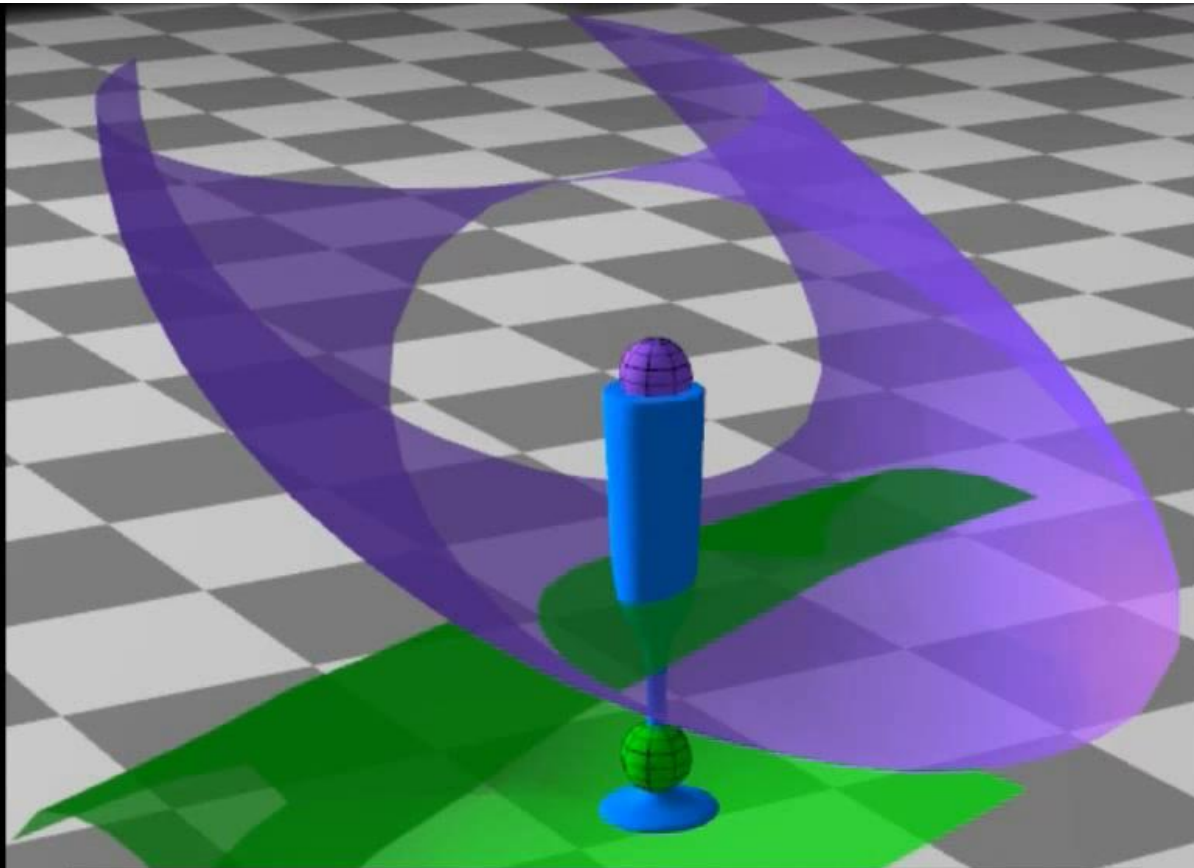
Application : reach-to-grasp motions



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Trajectories starting inside a region
remain inside and terminate at the
corresponding attractor

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Object 2 : Champagne glass
Number of Attractors : 2

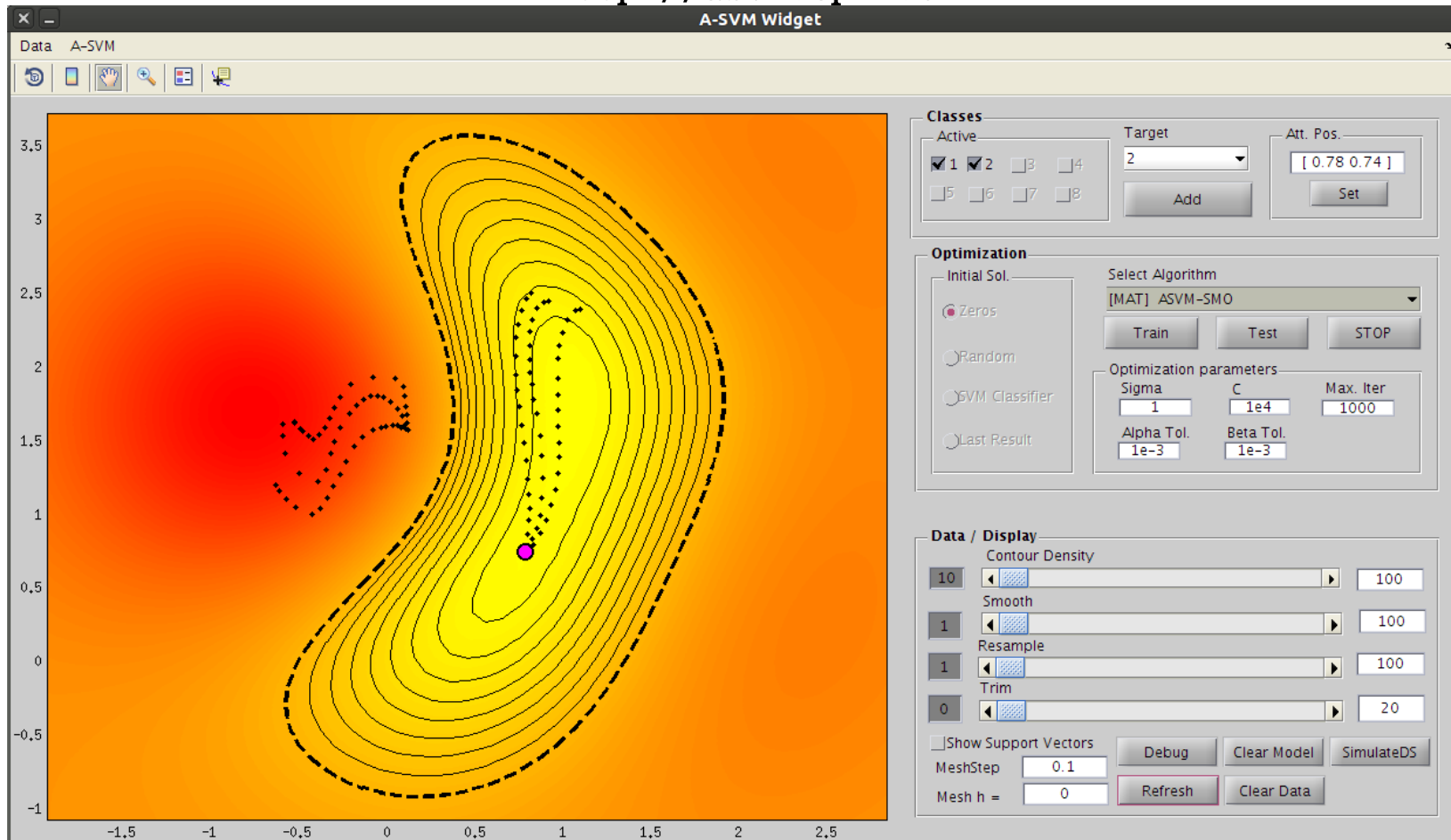
Application : reach-to-grasp motions

The robot switches between the two
attractors *on-the-fly*

Fast decision-making + trajectory generation



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