

# Gradient flows on Lie groups:

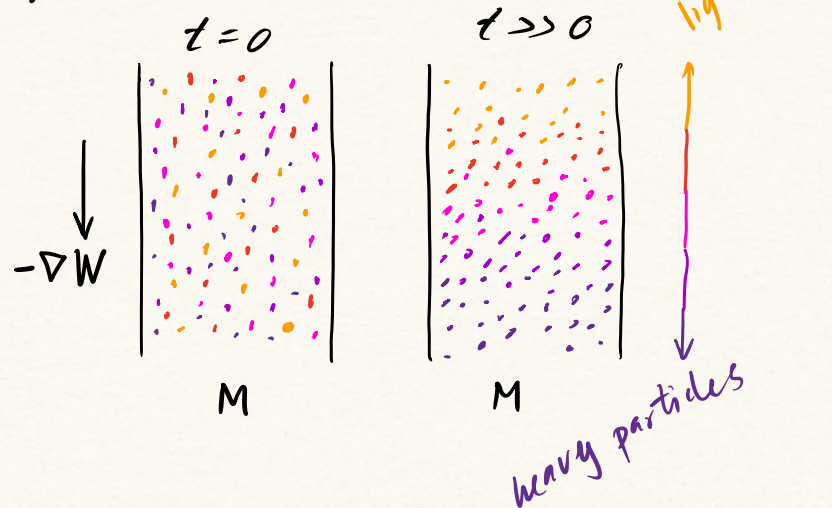
Toda flow as incompressible porous medium

with Boris Khesin

IPM equation

Incompressible flow through porous medium:

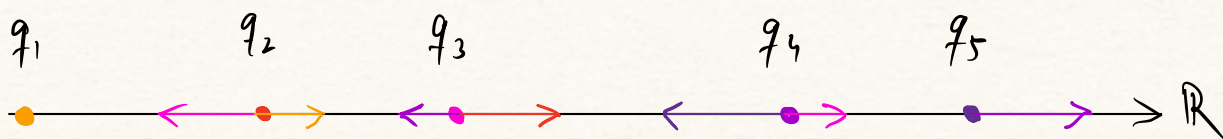
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\rho} + \operatorname{div}(\rho v) = 0 \\ v + \rho \nabla W = -\nabla p \\ \operatorname{div} v = 0 \end{cases}$$



Toda lattice

$n$  particles on  $\mathbb{R}$ , neighbour interaction

$$H(q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} e^{2(q_j - q_{j+1})}$$



Claim: IPM & Toda describe gradient flows on group  $\operatorname{Diff}_\mu(M)$  w.r.t

- same potential  $\swarrow$  2-D
- different Riemannian metrics (right-invariant)

# Gradient flows on $\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$

area form

2-manifold (Riemannian)  
symplectic

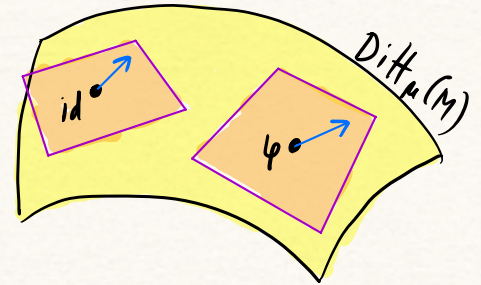
Formally:  $\dot{\varphi} = -\nabla_g E(\varphi) = -(\mathcal{G}_\varphi^\#)^{-1} dE(\varphi)$

Riemannian metric

energy functional

$$E(\varphi) = \int_M W(x) \omega_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}(x) \mu(x)$$

$$= F(\omega_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}) = F(\text{Ad}_\varphi^* \omega_0)$$



$$\mathcal{G}_\varphi(\dot{\varphi}, \dot{\varphi}) = \int_M \langle \hat{A}V, V \rangle_\mu$$

inertia operator

$\dot{\varphi} \circ \varphi^{-1}$

$$\hat{A}: \mathcal{X}_\mu(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_\mu(M)^*$$

what is this?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}_\mu(M) & \xrightarrow{\hat{A}} & \mathcal{X}_\mu(M)^* \simeq \Omega^1(M)/d\Omega^0(M) \\ \uparrow \psi \mapsto X_\psi & & \downarrow [\alpha] \mapsto \underbrace{*d\alpha}_\omega \text{ 'curl } \hat{A}V'' \\ C^\infty(M)/\mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{A} & C_0^\infty(M) \end{array}$$

Lemma Gradient flow on  $\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$  w.r.t.  $A$ :

$$\dot{\varphi} = -X_\psi \circ \varphi, \quad A\psi = \{W, \omega_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}\}$$

Or in terms of  $\omega = \omega_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}$ :

$$\dot{\omega} = -\underbrace{\{A^{-1}\{W, \omega\}, \omega\}}_\psi$$

double bracket

Remark: general Lie group  $G$

$$\dot{m} = \text{ad}_{A^{-1}}^* \text{ad}_{dF(m)}^x(m)$$



# Back to IPM (2-D)

$$F(\rho) = \int_M W \rho \mu$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\rho} + \operatorname{div}(\rho v) = 0 \\ v + \rho \nabla W = -\nabla p \\ \operatorname{div} v = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{v = X_\psi} \begin{cases} \dot{\rho} + \{\psi, \rho\} = 0 \\ \underbrace{-\Delta \psi}_A = \underbrace{\{W, \rho\}}_W \end{cases}$$

vorticity formulation

Remark: (\*) smooth ODE

on  $\operatorname{Diff}_\mu^s(M)$

proof:

$$\dot{\varphi} = ((a \circ b \circ c \circ \tau)(\varphi^{-1})) \circ \varphi$$

$$\tau : \operatorname{Diff}_\mu^s(M) \rightarrow H^s(M)$$

$$\eta \mapsto \rho \circ \eta$$

$$c : H^s(M) \rightarrow H_0^{s-1}(M)$$

$$\rho \mapsto \{W, \rho\}$$

$$b : H_0^{s-1}(M) \rightarrow H_0^{s+1}(M)$$

$$\rho \mapsto \Delta^{-1} \rho$$

$$a : H_0^{s+1}(M) \rightarrow X_\mu^s(M)$$

$$\psi \mapsto \nabla^\perp \psi$$

$\Rightarrow$  ODE!

Smoothness:  $\varphi \mapsto \varphi^{-1}$  not smooth but  $P(\varphi^{-1}) \circ \varphi$  is!

non-lin. diff operator

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varphi} = X_\psi \circ \varphi, \\ \Delta \psi = -\{W, \rho \circ \varphi^{-1}\} \end{cases} (*)$$

gradient formulation on  $\operatorname{Diff}_\mu(M)$

Remark (\*) natural on any Kähler manifold  $(M, J, \mu) \Rightarrow$  flow on symplectomorphisms

Remark Casimirs preserved

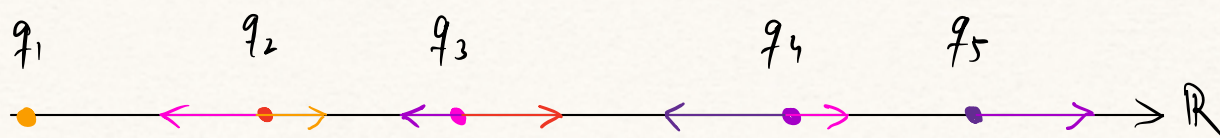
$$C_f(\rho) = \int_M f \circ \rho \mu, f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\rho$  evolves on co-adjoint orbit

# Back to Toda flow

Recall:

$$H(q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} e^{2(q_j - q_{j+1})}$$



Flaschka, Moser, Bloch: new variables

$$a_j = e^{q_j - q_{j+1}}, \quad b_n = p_n$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_1 & & \\ a_1 & b_2 & a_2 & \\ & a_2 & \ddots & \\ & & & b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \text{diag}(1, \dots, n)$$

$$\dot{L} = [L, [L, D]] \quad (*)$$

↑  
double bracket flow

framework on  $SO(n)$ :

gradient flow on orbits of  $\text{Sym}_n$

$$R \cdot L = R L R^T \quad (\text{isospectral!})$$

Energy:

$$E(R) = F(R L R^T), \quad F(L) = \text{tr}(L D)$$

↑  
minimized on orbit when  $L$  diagonal with sorted eigenvalues



# Continuous Toda (dispersionless Toda)

$z \in \mathbb{R}$

Classical limit:  $\{a_j^n\}_{j=1}^{n-1}, \{b_k^n\}_{k=1}^n \longrightarrow a(z), b(z)$

$$L \in \text{Sym}_n \longrightarrow \ell(\phi, z)$$

$(\phi, z) \in T^*S^1$

$$\text{as } \hbar = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

cylinder

$$\ell(\phi, z) = b(z) + 2a(z) \cos \phi$$

$$\dot{\ell} = \{\ell, \{\ell, z\}\} \quad (*)$$

Remark

(\*) not ODE on  $\text{Diff}_\mu^S$

(\*) is "vorticity" formulation for gradient flow on  $\text{Diff}_\mu(T^*S^1)$

$$F(\ell) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{T^*S^1} \ell z \, d\phi \wedge dz = \langle \ell, z \rangle_{L^2(T^*S^1)}$$

## COMPARISON

TODA

IPM

classical

$$\dot{\ell} = \{\ell, \underbrace{\{\ell, z\}}_{A^{-1}}\}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $w(\phi, z)$

$$\dot{p} = \{p, \underbrace{-\Delta^{-1}}_{A^{-1}} \{p, z\}\}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $w(\phi, z)$

quantized  
(discretized)

$$L = [L, [L, D]]$$

$$L \in \text{Sym}_n$$

$$\dot{p} = [p, \underbrace{-\Delta_n^{-1}}_{\text{Hodge-Yau quantized Laplacian}} [p, D]]$$

Hodge-Yau quantized Laplacian

## NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

*Initial configuration  $l_0 \in C^\infty(S^2)$*

