



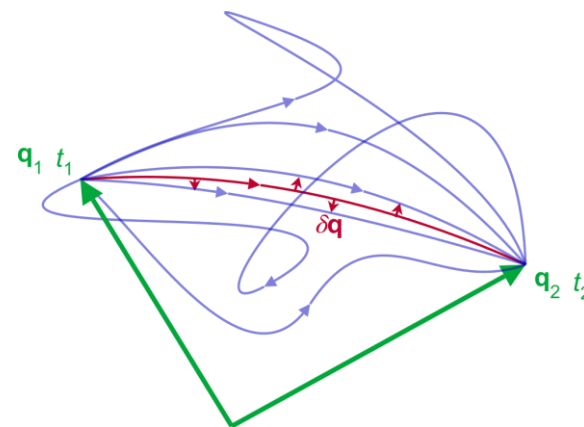
# Bayesian Identification of Hamiltonian Dynamics from Symplectic Data

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# Motivation

- We want to learn dynamical models of systems from data
  - Predict behavior
  - Control and plan
- We have a breadth of knowledge on physical systems from physics
  - Conservation of energy
  - Principle of least action
  - Stability
- In this work, we seek to enforce physical phenomena to learn Hamiltonian systems
  - Conservation
  - Reversibility
  - Symplecticness



$$\mathcal{H}(q, p) = T(q, p) + U(q, p)$$

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p} \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q}$$

# Existing Approaches

## Optimal management of uncertainty can enhance performance

- Hamiltonian neural network (HNN) (Greydanus et al., 2019)

- Parameterize the Hamiltonian
- Minimize the objective

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| q_i - \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_\theta}{\partial q} dt - q_{i-1} \right\|^2 + \left\| p_i + \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_\theta}{\partial p} dt - p_{i-1} \right\|^2$$

- Leapfrog (Toth et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2019)
- In (Galioto, Gorodetsky, 2020) we showed that objectives of this form do not account for all sources of uncertainty

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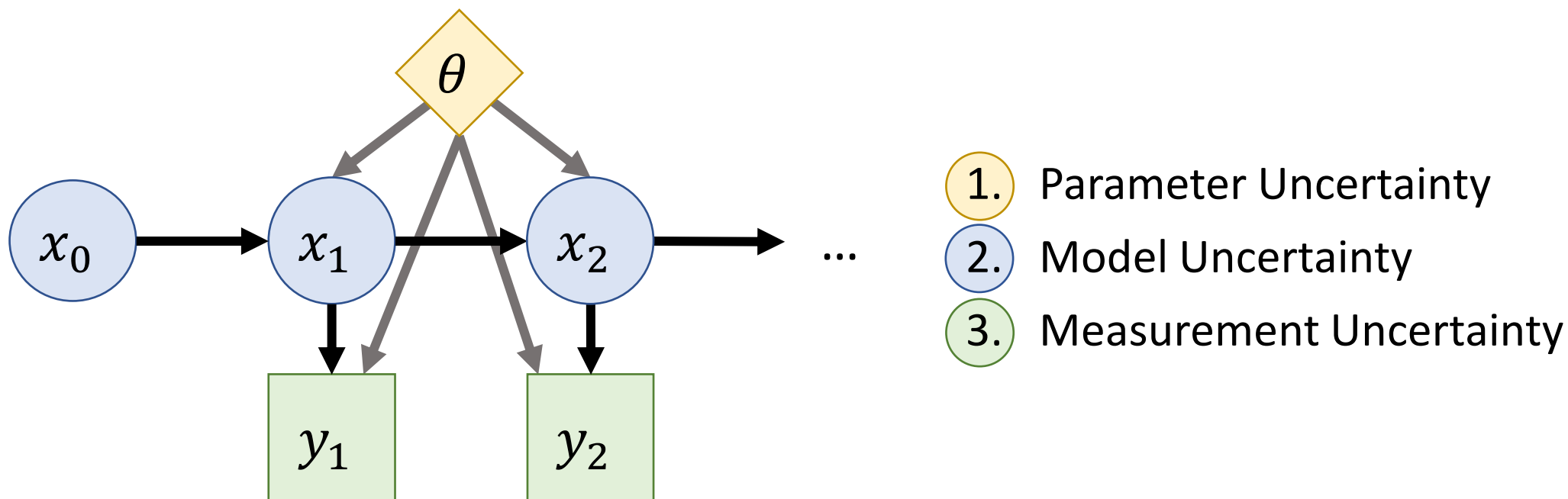
# Probabilistic Formulation

Joint parameter-state estimation with stochastic dynamics

$$X_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x}, \quad Y_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_y}, \quad \theta = (\theta_\Psi, \theta_h, \theta_\Sigma, \theta_\Gamma) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}$$

$$X_k = \Psi(X_{k-1}, \theta_\Psi) + \xi_k; \quad \xi_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma(\theta_\Sigma))$$

$$Y_k = h(X_k, \theta_h) + \eta_k; \quad \eta_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma(\theta_\Gamma))$$



# Posterior Flow Chart

## Log Joint Likelihood

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\theta; x_n, y_n) \propto -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \|y_k - h(x_k, \theta_h)\|_{\Gamma(\theta_\Gamma)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \|x_k - \Psi(x_{k-1}, \theta_\Psi)\|_{\Sigma(\theta_\Sigma)}^2$$

Deterministic dynamics:

$$x_k = \Psi(x_{k-1})$$

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\theta; y_n) \propto -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \|x_k - h(\Psi^k(x_0, \theta_\Psi), \theta_h)\|^2$$

- Ayed et al., 2019
- Long et al., 2018
- Zhong et al., 2019

Identity observations:

$$y_k = x_k$$

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\theta; y_n) \propto -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^n \|y_k - \Psi(y_{k-1}, \theta_\Psi)\|^2$$

- Hamiltonian neural network
- Hills et al., 2015
- Qin et al., 2019
- Raissi, 2018

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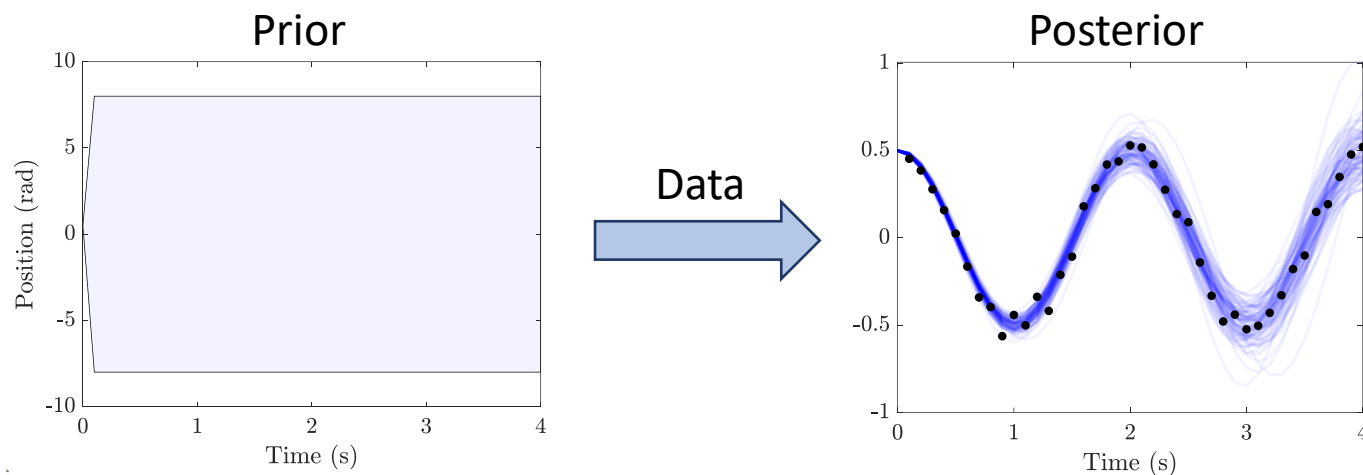
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# Bayesian Inference

- Goal: learn  $p(\theta|\mathcal{Y}_n)$  where  $\mathcal{Y}_n = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$
- Bayes' rule:  $p(\theta|\mathcal{Y}_n) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{Y}_n)p(\theta)}{p(\mathcal{Y}_n)}$



- Due to uncertainty in the states, we can only access the joint likelihood:  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{X}_n, \mathcal{Y}_n)$
- To get the marginal likelihood, we must evaluate the integral

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{Y}_n) = \int \mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{X}_n, \mathcal{Y}_n) d\mathcal{X}_n$$

# Approximate Marginal Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) Algorithm (Särkkä, 2013)

1. **for**  $i = 1, \dots, N$
2. Propose sample  $\theta^*$   
Evaluate posterior:
3. **for**  $k = 1, \dots, n$
4. Predict:  $p(X_{k+1}|\mathcal{Y}_k, \theta) = \int p(X_{k+1}|X_k, \theta)p(X_k|\mathcal{Y}_k, \theta)dX_k$
5. Update:  $p(X_{k+1}|\mathcal{Y}_{k+1}, \theta) = \frac{p(y_{k+1}|X_{k+1}, \theta)p(X_{k+1}|\mathcal{Y}_k, \theta)}{p(y_{k+1}|\mathcal{Y}_k, \theta)}$
6. Marginalize:  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{Y}_{k+1}) = \int p(y_{k+1}|X_{k+1}, \theta)p(X_{k+1}|\mathcal{Y}_k, \theta)dX_{k+1}$
7. **end for**
8. Accept  $\theta^*$  with Metropolis-Hastings probability; otherwise reject
9. **end for**

Unscented  
Kalman Filter

MCMC



# Dynamical Model Parameterization

Ensures the learned system is Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}(q, p, \theta_\Psi) = \frac{1}{2} p^T p + U(q, \theta_\Psi)$$

Differentiation

$$\dot{q} = p, \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial U(q, \theta_\Psi)}{\partial q}$$

Conserves Hamiltonian and preserves symplectic structure throughout evaluation

Leapfrog Method

$$\Psi(q_k, p_k; \theta_\Psi) = \begin{bmatrix} q_k + \Delta t p_k - \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \frac{\partial U(q, \theta_\Psi)}{\partial q} \Big|_{q_k} \\ p_k - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left( \frac{\partial U(q, \theta_\Psi)}{\partial q} \Big|_{q_k} + \frac{\partial U(q, \theta_\Psi)}{\partial q} \Big|_{q_{k+1}} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

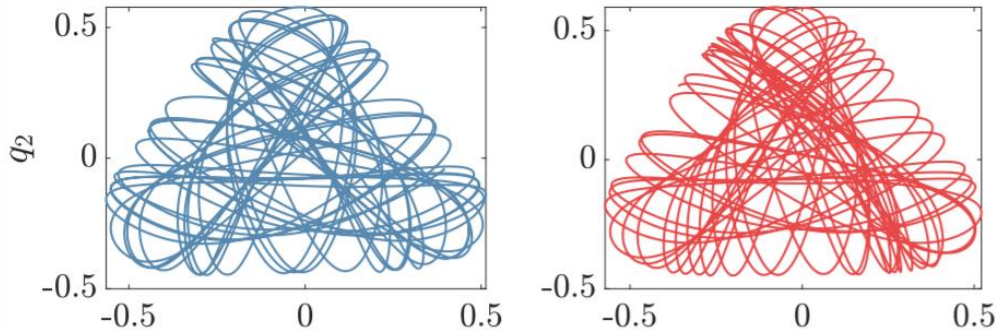


# Results: Hénon-Heiles

The symplectic approach learns a more accurate Hamiltonian

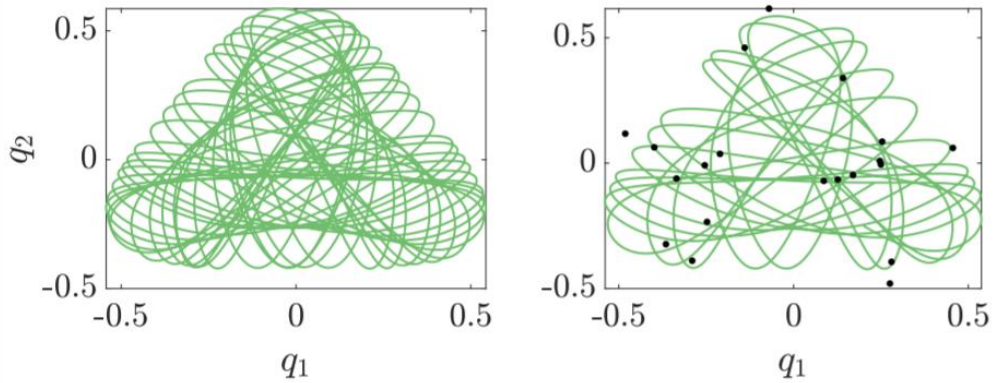
$$\text{Truth: } U(q_1, q_2) = \frac{1}{2}q_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}q_2^2 + q_1^2q_2 - \frac{1}{3}q_2^3$$

Phase plots



(a) Leapfrog

(b) Runge-Kutta

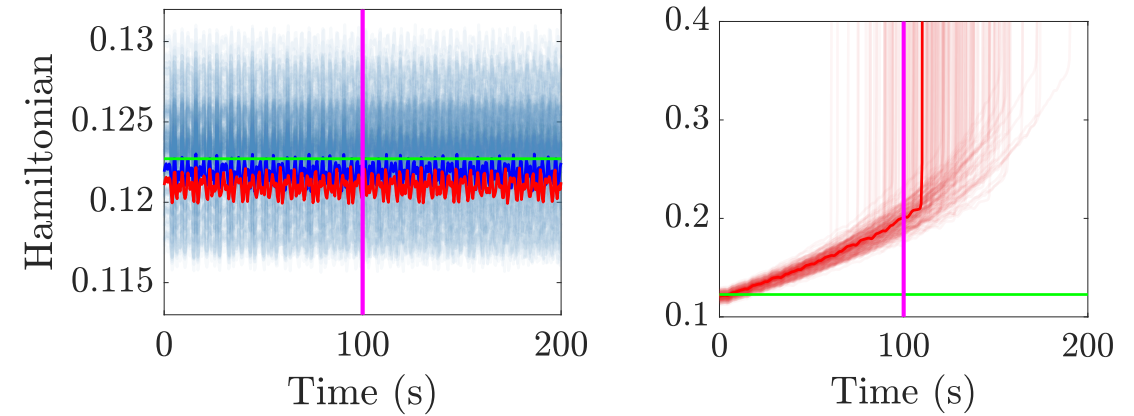


(c) True

(d) Position Data

**Data Generation:**  
 $n = 20, \Delta t = 5, \sigma = 0.05$

Hamiltonian over time



Leapfrog

Runge-Kutta

— Leapfrog — Runge-Kutta — Truth

The method equipped with RK must learn a smaller Hamiltonian to compensate for being non-conservative

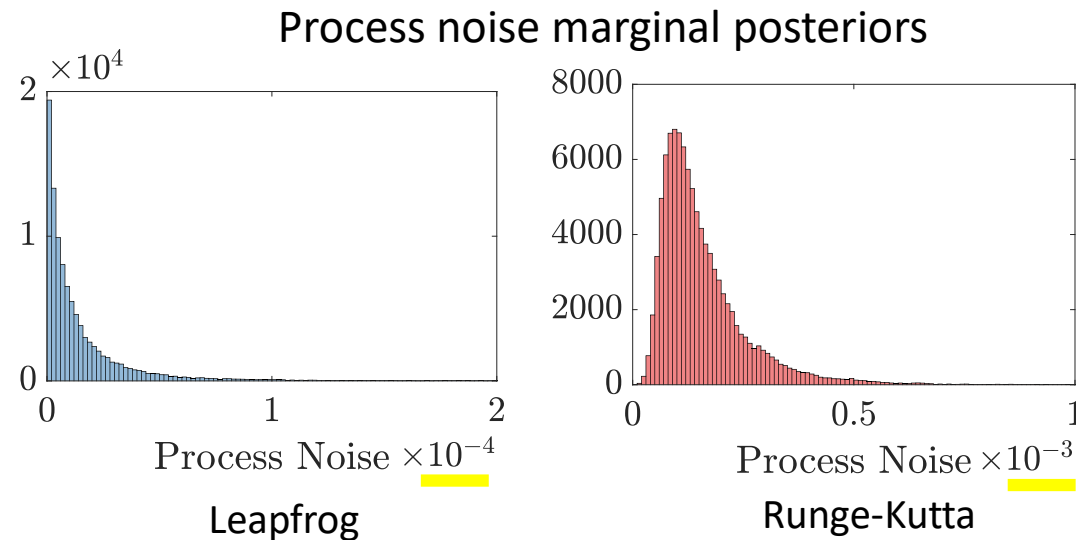
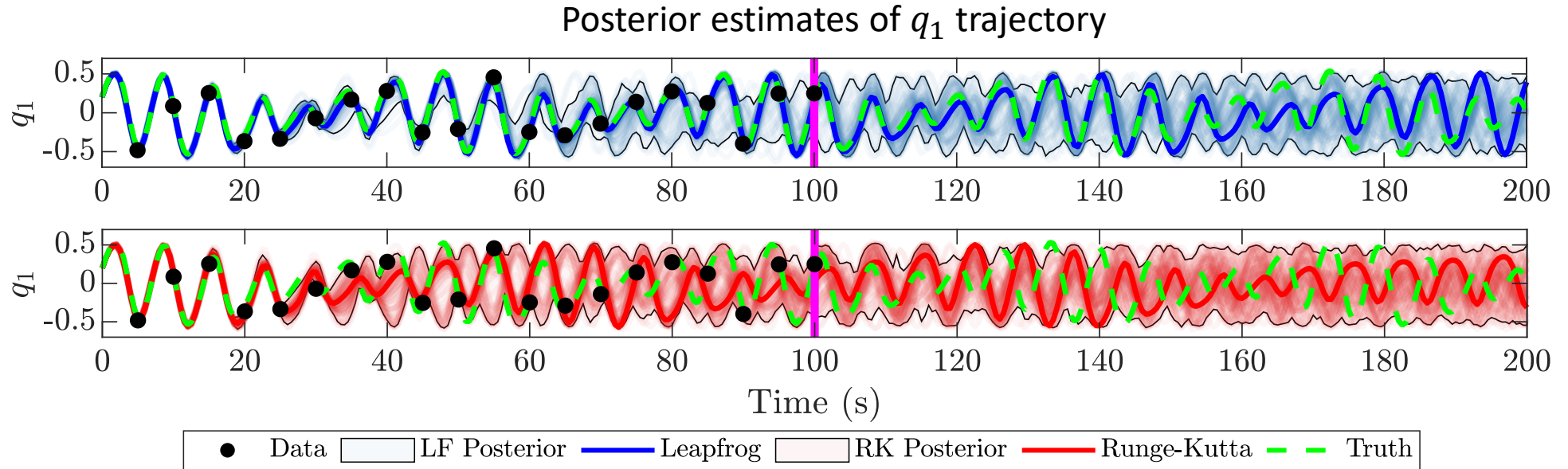
**Relative mean error:**

Leapfrog: 0.7%

Runge-Kutta: 1.3%

# Results: Hénon-Heiles

The symplectic approach yields greater certainty



Symplectic approach learns a model with an order of magnitude greater certainty

# Main Takeaway

- Optimally accounting for different types of uncertainty can lead to robustness even when data are few and/or noisy
- Embedding the learning process with a symplectic integrator yields two main benefits
  - Greater accuracy
  - Greater certainty

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