

# Nonlinear Filtering for Markovian Processes in Partially Known and Observed Orthogonal Subspaces.

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## Classical nonlinear filter with particle approximations

# Classical nonlinear filtering

- ⊙ Let be  $X_n \in \mathbb{L}^2$  with a dynamical equation

$$X_{n+1} = F_{n+1}^M(X_n) + W_{n+1}$$

where  $W_{n+1}$  is a Martingale process.

- ⊙ The process  $X_n$  is partially observed by the process  $Y_n$  with an observation equation

$$Y_n = H(X_n) + V_n$$

where  $V_n$  is a noise process with a known pdf  $G_n$

- ⊙ The nonlinear filtering problem is the estimation of the conditional probability distribution  $\hat{\eta}_n = \mathbb{E}[X_n | Y_{[0:n]}]$

- ⊙ Using the Baye's decomposition, we get a sequential algorithm.

- ⊙ For the general case, a particle approximation of the nonlinear filtering is used.

# Classical nonlinear filtering

⊕ Some definitions :

▶ The Markovian evolution :  $M_{n+1}(x, dy) = \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1} \in dy | X_n = x)$ .

▶ A potential function :  $G_{n+1}$  such that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{C}(K, F)$ ,  $0 \leq G_{n+1}(x) \leq 1$

▶ The Bayes-Boltzmann-Gibbs transformation :

$$\Psi_{n+1}(\eta)(dx) = \frac{G_{n+1}(x)}{\eta(G_{n+1})} \eta(dx)$$

▶ Update selection :  $S_{n+1, \eta_{n+1}}(x, dy)$  such that  $\eta S_{n+1, \eta} = \Psi_{n+1}(\eta)$

1. SIR :  $S_{n+1, \eta}(x, dy) = \Psi_{n+1}(\eta)(dy)$

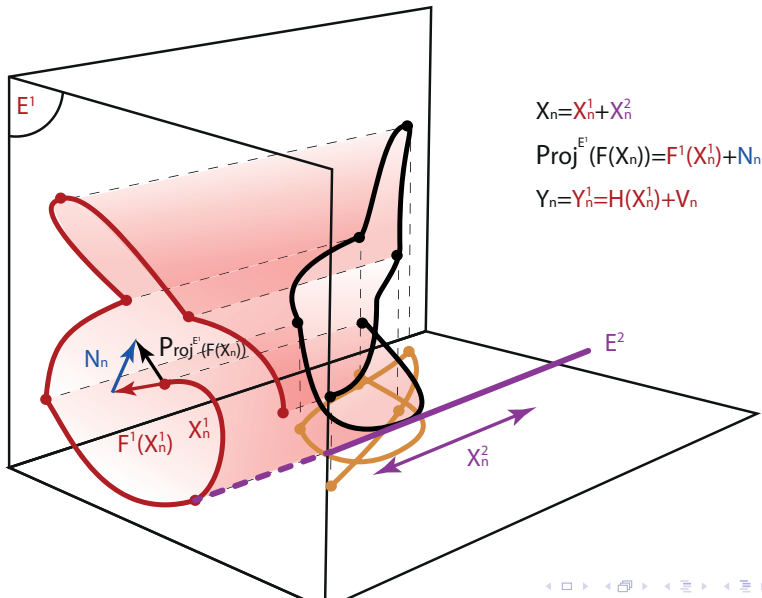
2. Genetic Algorithm :

$$S_{n+1, \eta}(x, dy) = G_{n+1}(x) \delta_x + (1 - G_{n+1}(x)) \Psi(\eta)(dy)$$

▶ The filtering Mc Kean kernel :  $K_{n+1, \eta} = S_{n, \eta} M_{n+1}$

## Filtering in Orthogonal Subspaces

## Dynamics in Orthogonal Subspaces



# Hypotheses

- ▶ Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$  be a complete filtered probability space.
- ▶ Let be the polish space  $E_n \subset \mathbb{L}^2 = E_n^1 \oplus E_n^2$  endowed with the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{E}$  and a prehilbertian structure such that  $E_n^1 \perp E_n^2$
- ▶ Let be the random process  $X_n = (X_n^1, X_n^2)$  where  $X_n^1 \in E_n^1$  and  $X_n^2 \in E_n^2$
- ▶ We denoted the probability law of the state  $X_n$  by  $\eta_n = \eta_n^1 \otimes \eta_n^2$
- ▶ We assume that  $X_n$  have the dynamical model :

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n+1} &= F_{n+1}(X_n) + W_n \\ &= F_{n+1}(X_n^1, X_n^2) + W_n \\ &= (F_{n+1}^1(X_n^1, X_n^2), F_{n+1}^2(X_n^1, X_n^2)) + W_n \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ and we consider the following decomposition :

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n+1}^1(X_n^1, X_n^2) &= F_{n+1}^{1,1}(X_n^1) + F_{n+1, X_n^1}^{2,1}(X_n^2) \\ F_{n+1}^2(X_n^1, X_n^2) &= F_{n+1}^{1,2}(X_n^1) + F_{n+1, X_n^1}^{2,2}(X_n^2) \end{aligned}$$

- ⊙ The Markovian transition kernel of the state  $X_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} M_{n+1}(x, dz) &= M_{n+1}((x^1, x^2), d(z^1, z^2)) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1}^1 \in dz^1 | X_n = x) \otimes \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1}^2 \in dz^2 | X_n = x) \end{aligned}$$



# The selection occurs only on $E_n^1$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{\rightarrow} \text{ Let be the observation process } Y_n = Y_n^1 &= H_n(\text{Proj}^{E_n^1} X_n) + V_n \\ &= H_n^1(X_n) + V_n \end{aligned}$$

## Proposition

The selection kernel for blind orthogonal subspaces is

$$S_{n,\eta_n}(x, dz) = S_{n,\eta_n^1}^1(x, dz^1) \otimes \eta_n^2(dz^2)$$

### Proof :

There is no observation on  $E_n^2$ , then the potential  $G_n$  of the state  $X_n$  which is defined by the likelihood of  $y^1$  given  $x^1$  may be written  $G_n(x) = G_n^1(x_n^1)$  and

$$\eta_n(G_n^1) = \int_x G_n^1(x^1) \eta_n(dx) = \int_{x^1} G_n^1(x_n^1) \eta_n^1(dx^1)$$

Then the selection kernel  $S_{n,\eta_n}$  is

$$S_{n,\eta_n}(x, dz) = \frac{G_n(z)}{\eta_n(G_n)} \eta_n(dz) = \frac{G_n^1(z)}{\eta_n^1(G_n^1)} \eta_n^1(dz^1) \otimes \eta_n^2(dz^2) = S_{n,\eta_n^1}^1(x, dz^1) \otimes \eta_n^2(dz^2) \quad \blacksquare$$

# The total Markovian transition

## Theorem

Using the general hypotheses and the previous definitions, it yields

$$M_{n+1}(x, dy) = M_{n+1}^1(x, dy^1) M_{n+1}^2(x, dy^2) = \int_{\xi} M_{n+1}^{1,\cdot}(x^1, d\xi) M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,\cdot}}^{2,\cdot}(\xi, dy)$$

⊙ We recall the general dynamics

$$X_{n+1} = (F_{n+1}^1(X_n^1, X_n^2), F_{n+1}^2(X_n^1, X_n^2)) + W_n$$

where we get :

$$F_{n+1}^1(X_n^1, X_n^2) = F_{n+1}^{1,1}(X_n^1) + F_{n+1, X_n^1}^{2,1}(X_n^2)$$

$$F_{n+1}^2(X_n^1, X_n^2) = F_{n+1}^{1,2}(X_n^1) + F_{n+1, X_n^1}^{2,2}(X_n^2)$$

⊙ The effects of the orthogonal subspaces express themselves through a parametered transition kernel.

# Some necessary definitions

First we defined the different kernels

$$M_{n+1}^{1,\cdot}(x^1, d\xi) = M_{n+1}^{1,1}(x^1, d\xi^1)M_{n+1}^{1,2}(x^1, d\xi^2)$$

$$M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,\cdot}}^{2,\cdot}(\xi, dy) = M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,1}}^{2,1}(\xi^1, dy^1)M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,2}}^{2,2}(\xi^2, dy^2)$$

and

$$M_{n+1}^{\cdot,1}(x, dy^1) = \int_{\xi^1} M_{n+1}^{1,1}(x^1, d\xi^1)M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,1}}^{2,1}(\xi^1, dy^1)$$

$$M_{n+1}^{\cdot,2}(x, dy^2) = \int_{\xi^2} M_{n+1}^{1,2}(x^1, d\xi^2)M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,2}}^{2,2}(\xi^2, dy^2)$$

with the initial definitions

$$M_{n+1}^{1,1}(x^1, d\xi^1) = \mathbb{P}\left(F_{n+1}^{1,1}(X_n^1) \in d\xi^1 | X_n^1 = x^1\right)$$

$$M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,1}}^{2,1}(\xi^1, dy^1) = \mathbb{P}\left(X_{n+1}^1 \in dy^1 | X_n = x, F_{n+1}^{1,1}(X_n^1) = \xi^1\right)$$

$$M_{n+1}^{1,2}(x^1, d\xi^2) = \mathbb{P}\left(F_{n+1}^{1,2}(X_n^1) \in d\xi^2 | X_n^1 = x^1\right)$$

$$M_{n+1, F_{n+1, x^1}^{2,2}}^{2,2}(\xi^2, dy^2) = \mathbb{P}\left(X_{n+1}^2 \in dy^2 | X_n = x, F_{n+1}^{1,2}(X_n^1) = \xi^2\right)$$

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## Theorem

Using the general hypotheses and the previous definitions, it yields

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## Proof :

The result is a direct calculation using the previous light definitions and the definition of  $M_{n+1}$  :

$$M_{n+1}(x, dz) = \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1}^1 \in dz^1 | X_n = x) \otimes \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1}^2 \in dz^2 | X_n = x)$$



# The filtering algorithm is determined by the McKean kernel

## Theorem

The filtering McKean kernel  $K_{n+1, \eta_n}(x, dz) = \int_{\xi} S_{n, \eta_n}(x, d\xi) M_{n+1}(\xi, dz)$  according to the orthogonal subspaces is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K_{n+1, \eta_n}(x, dy) &= S_{n, \eta_n^1} M_{n+1}^{1,1} \mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2, \cdot, 1}^{2,1}(x, dy^1) \otimes S_{n, \eta_n^1} M_{n+1}^{1,2} \mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2, \cdot, 1}^{2,2}(x, dy^2) \\ &= K_{n+1, \eta_n^1}^1(x, dy^1) \otimes K_{n+1, \eta_n^1}^2(x, dy^2) \end{aligned}$$

where we denote

$$\mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,i} = \eta_n^2 M_{n+1, F_{n+1}^{2,i}(\bullet)}^{2,i}$$

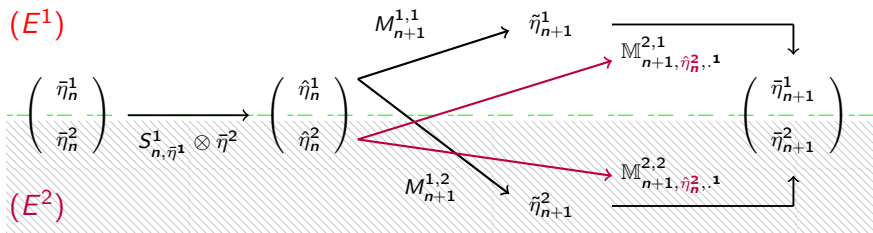
## Proof :

The proof is only the combination of the previous results ■

⊙  $\mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,i}$  is called the novation<sup>®</sup>. The novation<sup>®</sup> is the feedback of the orthogonal subspaces between themselves.

⊙ **Note** : If the two subspaces are observed, the McKean evolution have a shape like a Rao-Blawellized particle filter.

# The filtering algorithm considering the 2 subspaces



where  $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\eta}_n^1 \\ \bar{\eta}_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$  are the predictor measures,  $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\eta}_n^1 \\ \hat{\eta}_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$  are the filtered distributions and  $\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\eta}_n^1 \\ \tilde{\eta}_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$  the prediction before the novation<sup>®</sup> corrections.

# Questioning about the Novation<sup>®</sup> kernel

- ▶ How to get an estimation of the Novation<sup>®</sup> kernel  $\mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,1}$  ?
- ▶ How to get an interpretation for the total prediction step  $M_{n+1}^{1,1} \mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,1}$  ?
- ▶ How to control the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation error ?

## About the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation



# Giving some material for the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation

- ⊕ In order to suggest an estimation algorithm for the Novation<sup>®</sup>, we begin with some remarks. First we assume that we have an estimation algorithm for the Novation<sup>®</sup>.
- ▶ The Novation<sup>®</sup> process depends on  $\eta_n^2$  which is unreachable.
  - ▶ Due to the dynamical structure, the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation algorithm have no other choice than extracts information from the observation.
  - ▶ Since the Novation<sup>®</sup> is a process, the information is, at the first order, a conditional average given the observation.

# Giving some material for the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation

- ▶ Have an estimation algorithm for the Novation<sup>®</sup> means that we have a random process  $N_n(X_n^1, Y_n)$  such that for any  $\delta > 0$

$$\|N_{n+1}(X_{n+1}^1, Y_{n+1}) - F_{n+1, X_n^1}^{2,1}(X_n^2)\| \leq \delta$$

and there is a transition kernel  $C_{n+1}^{2,1} \sim \mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,1}$

- ▶ We assume that the Novation<sup>®</sup> is  $p$ -integrable and it exists a  $p$ -integrable measure  $\mu$  such that

$$\|M_{n+1}^{1,1} C_{n+1}^{2,1} - M_{n+1}^{1,1} \mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,1}\| \leq \|\mu\|$$

$\|\bullet\|$  is the Total Variation norm.

- ▶ Using this little assumptions, we have proved that we may control the  $L^p$  errors of the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation algorithm.

## Estimation of the Novation<sup>®</sup> in a particular case

# Application to the Gaussian case

- ⊙ We assume that the Novation<sup>®</sup> is Gaussian.
- ⊙ It means that we have a spatial average to determine and a covariance.
- ⊙ This is the frame of the Particle Filter with imperfect model.
- ⊙ We suggest to learn the conditional average by a variational minimization.
- ⊙ The error covariance matrices used in the minimization are learned .... somewhere else ...

# Application to the Gaussian case

## Proposition

We assume that the observation function  $H$  is  $h$ -Lipschitz, the dynamical noise  $W_n$  follows a  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_W^2)$  and the observational noise  $V_n$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_V^2)$  distributed. We denote  $P_n$  the error covariance matrix. Then, for any measure  $\nu$ , it yields :

$$\|\nu M_n^{1,1} C_n^{2,1} - \nu M_n^{1,1} \mathbb{M}_{n+1, \eta_n^2}^{2,1}\| \leq \|\mathcal{N}(\delta, (1 + |1 - h^2 P_n| \sigma_W^2 + P_n \sigma_V^2))\|$$

# Application to the Gaussian case

- ⊕ How to learn the  $P_n$  error covariance matrix?
  - ▶ For low dimension systems ( $<$  some thousands)  $\rightarrow$  use the well known Island Particle Method.
  - ▶ For a Gaussian and non-linear world  $\rightarrow$  use the well known Variational Interacting Filter ( interaction through an importance resampling) .
  - ▶ For a Gaussian and non-linear world in very high dimension  $\rightarrow$  use the well known Unscented/Ensemble Variational Filter.
  - ▶ Other methods ....

# Application to the Gaussian case

- ⊙ For this particular case the non linear filter is approximated by a particle filter including a variational minimization which learn the blind subspace feedback average.
- ⊙ We consider the particle system  $(\hat{X}_{n-1}^i)_{i=1}^N$ , initialized, conveyed and filtered since the step  $n - 1$ .
- ⊙ The variational minimization is performed on the mean of the predicted particles  $\tilde{X}_n^i$  and is used to get the corrected prediction particle set  $\bar{X}_n^i$ .
- ⊙ Then, for the time step  $n$ , the algorithm is :

$$\hat{X}_{n-1}^i \xrightarrow{\text{Prediction}} \tilde{X}_n^i \xrightarrow{\text{Mean}} \tilde{\bar{X}}_n \xrightarrow{\text{VarMini}} \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{\text{Debiasing}} \bar{X}_n^i \xrightarrow{\text{Selection}} \hat{X}_n^i$$

A first numerical application of the Novation<sup>®</sup> estimation



# An application based on the Shallow Water Equation

Total Process

Process in Orthogonal Subspace

Filtered Process

Height of the floating point

Dimensions : 1200

Nb of Particules : 50

# A short remark about the dimension

- ⊙ The average learning step reduces harshly the number of necessary particles.
- ⊙ Indeed the efforts lay in the learning of the error covariance matrices.
- ⊙ Numerical example : 2 Layers Quasi-Geostrophic Model, 10 particles, dimension 3000.
- ⊙ Why so few particles ?

# A short remark about the dimension

→ We suggest a work on the structure functions :

## Proposition

For two points  $a$  and  $b$  we compute the covariance

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_n^{1,a,b} &= \mathbb{E}(X_n^{1,a} X_n^{1,b} \mid Y_n) \\
 &= \tilde{S}_n^{1,a,b} && E^1 \text{ model structure function} \\
 &+ S_n^{2 \rightarrow 1,a,b} && \text{Novation structure function} \\
 &+ 2.S_n^{2 \times 1,a,b} && \text{Covariances novation-model}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, it exists a constant  $C^2$  such that  $\|\bar{S}_n^{1,a,b} - S_n^{1,a,b}\| \leq C^2$  where  $\bar{S}_n^{1,a,b}$  is the estimation of  $S_n^{1,a,b}$  using the Novation estimation algorithm.

Moreover if the Novation estimation error goes to zero,  $C^2$  goes also to zero.

# A short remark about the dimension

- ⊙ Then there is no more question of dimension ... or almost no more.
- ⊙ Indeed for a set of  $d$  points  $X_n^{1..d}$  we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}_n^{1..d} \in dx^{1..d} | Y_n^{1..d}) &= \int_z \mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}_n^{1..d} \in dx^{1..d} | Y_n^{1..d}, \tilde{X}_n^1 = z) \mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}_n^1 \in dz | Y_n^{1..d}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}_n^{2..d} \in dx^{2..d} | Y_n^{1..d}, \tilde{X}_n^1 = x^1) \mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}^1 \in dx^1 | Y_n^1) \end{aligned}$$

And if the structure functions are exactly determined, it yields

$$\mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}_n^{1..d} \in dx^{1..d} | Y_n^{1..d}) = \bigotimes_{i=2}^d \delta_{\tilde{x}^i} \cdot \mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}^1 \in dx^1 | Y^1)$$

- ⊙ Then a reduce set of particles is necessary to learn  $\mathbb{P}(\tilde{X}^1 \in dx^1 | Y^1)$ .
- ⊙ In nominal conditions, the structure functions are not entirely determined and a bigger set of particles is necessary...

Thanks for your attention

# Bayesianity

⊕ We assume that the total state is  $x_n$  and we denote  $z_n = -N_n$ . Then  $x_n + z_n$  is the prediction in  $E^1$  without Novation correction.

$$\begin{aligned} & p(x_n | y_{[0,n]}) \\ = & \frac{p(y_n | x_n, y_{[0,n-1]})p(x_n | y_{[0,n-1]})}{p(y_n | y_{[0,n-1]})} \\ = & \frac{p(y_n | x_n, y_{[0,n-1]})}{p(y_n | y_{[0,n-1]})} \int p(x_n | x_n + z_n, y_{[0,n-1]})p(x_n + z_n | y_{[0,n-1]}) \\ = & \frac{p(y_n | x_n, y_{[0,n-1]})}{p(y_n | y_{[0,n-1]})} \int p(x_n | x_n + z_n, y_{[0,n-1]}) \\ & \left( \int p(x_n + z_n | x_{n-1}, y_{[0,n-1]})p(x_{n-1} | y_{[0,n-1]}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

- ▶  $\tilde{\eta}_n = p(x_n | y_{[0:n-1]})$ ,  $\bar{\eta}_n = p(x_n + z_n | y_{[0,n-1]})$  et  $\hat{\eta}_n = p(x_n | y_{[0,n]})$ ,
- ▶  $M_n = p(x_n | x_{n-1}, y_{[0,n-1]})$ ,
- ▶  $M_n = M_n^{1,1} C_n^{2,1}$  avec  $M_n^{1,1} = p(x_n + z_n | x_{n-1}, y_{[0,n-1]})$  et  $C_n^{2,1} = p(x_n | x_n + z_n, y_{[0,n-1]})$ .