

# Multilevel ensemble Kalman filtering

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with  $u_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and Lipschitz continuous  $a : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $b : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times \hat{d}}$ .

And noisy observations

$$y_n = H u_n + \gamma_n,$$

with i.i.d.  $\gamma \sim N(0, \Gamma)$  and  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ .

**Objective:** Let  $Y_n := (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  and let  $Y_n^{\text{obs}}$  be a sequence of fixed observations. Construct an efficient method for tracking  $u_n | (Y_n = Y_n^{\text{obs}})$ . That is, approximate

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## Predict

- 1 Compute (numerical solutions of)  $M$  particle paths one step forward

$$\hat{v}_{n+1,i} = \Psi(v_{n,i}, \omega_i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M.$$

- 2 Compute sample mean and covariance

$$\hat{m}_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} = E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}]$$

$$\hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} = \text{Cov}_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}]$$

$$\text{where } E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}] := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{v}_{n+1,i}$$

$$\text{and } \text{Cov}_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}] := E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1} \hat{v}_{n+1}^T] - E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}](E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}])^T.$$

## Update

- 1 Generate signal observations for the ensemble of particles

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1,i} = y_{n+1}^{\text{obs}} + \gamma_{n+1,i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M,$$

with i.i.d.  $\gamma_{n+1,1} \sim N(0, \Gamma)$ .

- 2 Use signal observations to update particle paths

$$v_{n+1,i} = (I - K_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} H) \hat{v}_{n+1,i} + K_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} \tilde{y}_{n+1,i},$$

where  $K_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} = \hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} H^T (H \hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} H^T + \Gamma)^{-1}$ .

Note: After the first step, all particles are correlated due to  $K_{n+1}^{\text{MC}}$ .



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# Convergence of EnKF

## Theorem 1 (Le Gland et al. (2009))

Consider the dynamics and observations,

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1} &= f(u_n) + \xi_{n+1}, & \xi_{n+1} &\sim N(0, \Sigma), \\y_{n+1} &= Hu_{n+1} + \gamma_{n+1}, & \gamma_{n+1} &\sim N(0, \Gamma),\end{aligned}$$

and assume  $u_0 \in L^p(\Omega)$  for any  $p \geq 1$ , and that

$$\max(|f(x) - f(x')|, |\phi(x) - \phi(x')|) \leq C|x - x'| (1 + |x|^s + |x'|^s), \text{ for an } s \geq 0.$$

Then, for the EnKF update ensemble  $\{v_{n,i}\}_{i=1}^M$ ,

$$\sup_{M \geq 1} \sqrt{M} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\phi(v_{n,i})}{M} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi(x) \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(dx) \right|^p \right] \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

for any order  $p \geq 1$  and finite  $n$ .

Extension to further nonlinear settings in [Law et al. (2014)].

- To meet the constraint

$$\left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\phi(v_{n,i})}{M} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi(x) \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(dx) \right|^p \right] \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon),$$

one thus needs ensemble of size  $M = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$ .

- How does the computational cost increase if the EnKF dynamics has to be sampled using a numerical solver for which  $|\mathbb{E}[\Psi_{\Delta t} - \Psi]| = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^\alpha)$ ?
- Short answer (under additional assumptions): the cost increases to  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-(2+1/\alpha)})$ .

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# Multilevel EnKF (MLEnKF)

## Prediction

- Compute an ensemble of particle paths on a hierarchy of accuracy levels

$$\hat{v}_{n+1,i}^{\ell-1} = \Psi^{\ell-1}(v_{n,i}^{\ell-1}, \omega_{\ell,i}), \quad \hat{v}_{n+1,i}^{\ell} = \Psi^{\ell}(v_{n,i}^{\ell}, \omega_{\ell,i}),$$

for the levels  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, L$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M_{\ell}$ .

- Multilevel approximation of mean and covariance matrices:

$$\hat{m}_{n+1}^{\text{ML}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^L E_{M_{\ell}}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell} - \hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell-1}],$$

$$\hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{ML}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^L \text{Cov}_{M_{\ell}}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell}] - \text{Cov}_{M_{\ell}}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell-1}]$$

Notice the telescoping properties  $\mathbb{E}[\hat{m}_{n+1}^{\text{ML}}] = \mathbb{E}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^L]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{ML}}] = \text{Cov}(\hat{v}_{n+1}^L) + O(1/M_L)$ .

## Update

For  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, L$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M_\ell$ ,

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1,i}^\ell = y_{n+1}^{\text{obs}} + \gamma_{n+1,i}^\ell, \quad \text{i.i.d. } \gamma_{n+1,i}^\ell \sim N(0, \Gamma)$$

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# Convergence of MLEnKF

For observables  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , introduce notation

$$\mu_n^{\text{ML}}(\phi) := \sum_{\ell=0}^L \frac{1}{M_\ell} \sum_{i=1}^{M_\ell} \phi(v_{n,i}^\ell) - \phi(v_{n,i}^{\ell-1}).$$

and

$$\mu_n^{\text{MF}}(\phi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi(x) \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(dx).$$

**Question:** Under what assumptions and at what cost can one achieve

$$\|\mu_n^{\text{ML}}(\phi) - \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(\phi)\|_{L^p(\Omega)} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)?$$



## Assumption 1

Consider the dynamics

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with  $u_0 \in \cap_{p \in \mathbb{N}} L^p(\Omega)$  and a hierarchy of numerical solvers  $\{\Psi^\ell\}_{\ell=0}^\infty$ .  
Furthermore, assume the observable  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$$|\phi(x) - \phi(x')| \leq C|x - x'| (1 + |x|^s + |x'|^s), \quad \text{for an } s \geq 0,$$

that there exists positive constants  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , and an positive exponentially increasing sequence  $\{N_\ell\}_\ell$  such that for all  $u, v \in \cap_{p \in \mathbb{N}} L^p(\Omega)$ ,

- (i)  $|\mathbb{E}[\phi(\Psi^\ell(u)) - \phi(\Psi^\ell(v))]| \lesssim N_\ell^{-\alpha}$ , provided that  $|\mathbb{E}[u - v]| \lesssim N_\ell^{-\alpha}$ ,
- (ii)  $\|\phi(\Psi^\ell(v)) - \phi(\Psi^{\ell-1}(v))\|_p \lesssim N_\ell^{-\beta}$ , for all  $p \geq 1$ ,
- (iii)  $\text{Cost}(\Psi^\ell(v)) \lesssim N_\ell$ .

## Theorem 2 (MLEnKF accuracy vs. cost)

Suppose Assumption 1 holds. Then, for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $p \geq 2$ , there exists an  $L > 0$  and  $\{M_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^L$  such that

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# Central idea in the proof

Introduce

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_n^{\text{MLMF}}(\phi) &:= \sum_{\ell=0}^L \frac{1}{M_\ell} \sum_{i=1}^{M_\ell} \phi(v_n^{\text{MF},\ell}(\omega_{i,\ell})) - \phi(v_n^{\text{MF},\ell-1}(\omega_{i,\ell})) \\ \mu_n^{\text{MF,L}}(\phi) &:= \mathbb{E}[\phi(v_n^{\text{MF,L}})],\end{aligned}$$

and bound MLEnKF error by

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mu_n^{\text{ML}}(\phi) - \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(\phi)\|_p &\leq \|\mu_n^{\text{ML}}(\phi) - \mu_n^{\text{MLMF}}(\phi)\|_p \\ &\quad + \|\mu_n^{\text{MLMF}}(\phi) - \mu_n^{\text{MF,L}}(\phi)\|_p + \|\mu_n^{\text{MF,L}}(\phi) - \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(\phi)\|_p \\ &\leq c \sum_{\ell=0}^L \left[ \|v_n^\ell - v_n^{\text{MF},\ell}\|_{\hat{p}} + \frac{\|v_n^{\text{MF},\ell} - v_n^{\text{MF},\ell-1}\|_{\hat{p}}}{M_\ell^{1/2}} \right] + |\mathbb{E}[\phi(v_n^{\text{MF,L}}) - \phi(v_n^{\text{MF}})]| \\ &\leq c \left( \epsilon + \sum_{\ell=0}^L M_\ell^{-1/2} N_\ell^{-\beta/2} + N_L^{-\alpha} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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# Numerical example

Underlying dynamics is the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck SDE

$$du = -udt + 0.5dW(t),$$

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$$y_n = u_n + \gamma_n, \quad i.i.d. \gamma_n \sim N(0, 0.04)$$

Solvers: Hierarchy of Milstein solution operators  $\{\Psi_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^L$  with  $\Delta t^\ell = \mathcal{O}(2^{-\ell})$ .

Compare the approximation errors for the observable  $\phi(x) = x$  in terms of the RMSE

$$\sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{|\mu_n^{\text{ML}}(\phi) - \mu_n^{\text{MF}}(\phi)|^2}{N}}.$$

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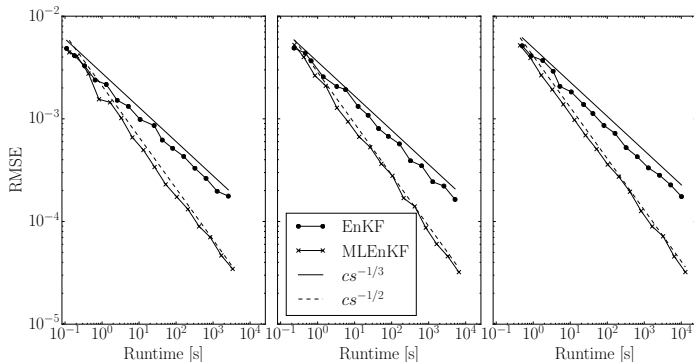
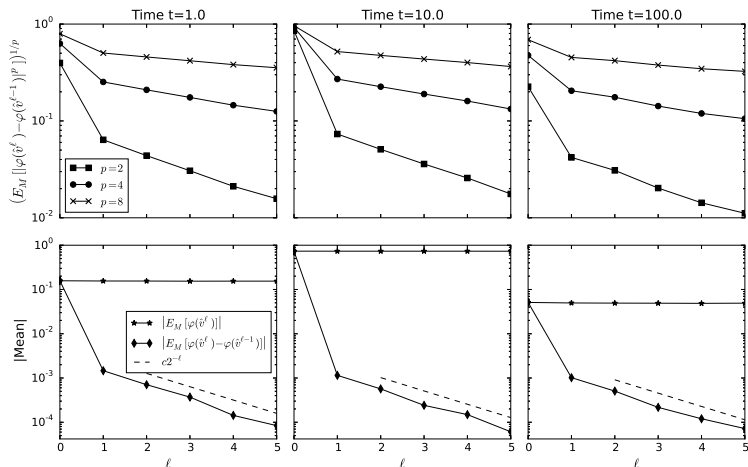


Figure: From left to right:  $N = 100, 200$  and  $400$ .

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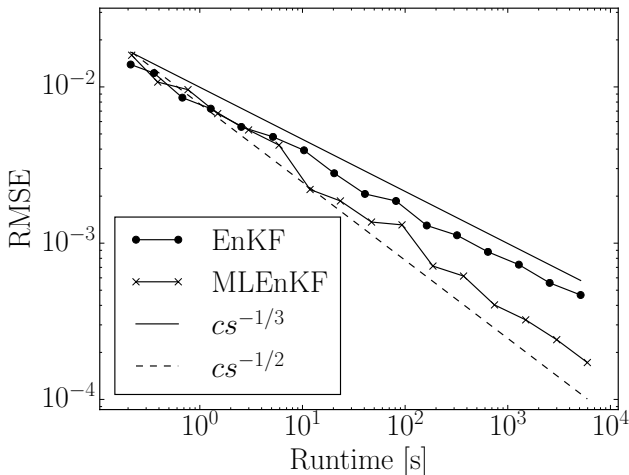




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# Extension of MLEnKF to infinite dimensional state spaces

- Work in progress with Alexey Chernov, Kody Law, Fabio Nobile and Tempone.
- Infinite dimensional stochastic dynamics:

$$u_{n+1} = \Psi(u_n)$$

where  $u_n \in L^P(\Omega; \mathcal{H})$  with  $\mathcal{H} = \text{Span}(\{\nu_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty})$ , and  $\Psi : L^P(\Omega; \mathcal{H}) \rightarrow L^P(\Omega; \mathcal{H})$ .

- And finite dimensional observations

$$y_n = Hu_n + \gamma_n,$$

with linear  $H : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

- Introduce nested hierarchy of Hilbert spaces

$$\mathcal{H}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{H}_{\infty} = \mathcal{H},$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_{\ell} = \text{Span}(\{\nu_i\}_{i=1}^{N_{\ell}})$  and work with a hierarchy of solvers

$$\Psi^{\ell} : L^P(\Omega; \mathcal{H}_{\ell}) \rightarrow L^P(\Omega; \mathcal{H}_{\ell}).$$

- Extended EnKF to multilevel EnKF.
- Verified asymptotic efficiency gain for approximations of expectation of observables. We hope to improve result further!
- Further extension of MLEnKF to infinite dimensional state space is work in progress.

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