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# Observations bruitées d'une diffusion Estimation, filtrage, applications

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#### Stochastic Differential Equations



FIGURE: Diffusion models (neuronal data)

- Continuous-time stochastic models
- Mean behaviour ruled by an ordinary differential equation
- Aim : estimation of a parameter  $\theta$  of interest

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# Model

# Stochastic Differential Equation

$$dX_t = b(X_t, \theta)dt + \sigma(X_t, \theta)dB_t, \quad X_0 = \eta$$

N+1 observations at discrete times

$$0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_N = T$$
 with  $t_{i+1} - t_i = \Delta_N$ 

 $(X_t)$  ergodic, with stationary probability  $\pi_0$ .

#### Litterature review

- [Florens-Zmirou, 1989], [Genon-Catalot, 1990], [Yoshida, 1992], [Genon-Catalot and Jacod, 1993], [Kessler, 1997] for the estimation of  $\theta$  by likelihood-based or contrast-based methods
- [Bibby and Sørensen, 1995], [Kessler and Sørensen, 1999], [Kessler, 2000], [Sørensen, 2009] for the estimating-equations method
- [Ditlevsen and Lansky, 2005], [Höpfner and Brodda, 2006], [Ditlevsen and Ditlevsen, 2007] for examples of applications

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# Examples of diffusions

• Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (on  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$dX_t = \theta(\mu - X_t)dt + \sigma dB_t \tag{2}$$

• Cox-Ingersoll-Ross (on  $(0,\infty)$ )

$$dX_t = \theta(\mu - X_t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{X_t}dB_t$$
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● Hyperbolic diffusion (on ℝ)

$$dX_t = \theta X_t dt + \sigma \sqrt{1 + X_t^2} dB_t \tag{4}$$

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# Hidden diffusions and statistical problems Observations

$$Y_{t_k} = F(X_{t_k}, \varepsilon_{t_k}) \tag{5}$$

F (known) function,  $(\varepsilon_{t_k})$  iid random variables independent of  $(X_t)$  : observation noise

 $\rightarrow$  to model a measurement error (physical or biological measure), a microstructure noise (finance). . .

- $\rightarrow$  Particular case of hidden Markov model, two questions :
  - estimation of  $\theta \in \Theta$  when  $(X_t)$  is ergodic
  - exact computation and approximation of the filter

$$\pi_{k|k:0}(f) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_{t_k})|Y_{t_0},\ldots,Y_{t_k})$$

Example of additive noise

$$Y_{t_k} = X_{t_k} + \varepsilon_{t_k}$$

often with Gaussian distribution.

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$$\begin{cases} dX_t = b(X_t, \theta)dt + \sigma(X_t, \theta)dB_t, \quad X_0 = \eta \\ Y_{t_k} = F(X_{t_k}, \varepsilon_{t_k}) \end{cases}$$
(7)

- Parameter estimation for noisy observations of a diffusion : [Gloter and Jacod, 2001], [Zhang et al., 2005], [Jacod et al., 2009] on [0, 1]
- Optimal filter : Kalman filter (specific for Gaussian framework) [Kalman, 1960], [Cappé et al., 2005], Computable filter [Chaleyat-Maurel and Genon-Catalot, 2006], [Genon-Catalot and Kessler, 2004]



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- Parameter estimation for a bidimensional partially observed Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with biological application (chapters 2 and 3)
  - Theoretical results [Favetto and Samson, 2010] in Scandinavian journal of statistics
  - Application to medical data [Favetto et al., 2009], submitted
- Parameter estimation by contrast minimization for noisy observations of a diffusion process (chapters 4 and 5)
  - Contrasts, consistency of the estimators and simulations [Favetto, 2010], submitted
  - Estimating equations for noisy observations of ergodic diffusions, preprint
- On the asymptotic variance in the Central Limit Theorem for particle filters (chapter 6, [Favetto, 2009] accepted in ESAIM P&S)

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# Parameter estimation for a bidimensional partially observed Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

[Favetto and Samson, 2010] for the theoretical results Medical data : joint work with Adeline Samson (MAP5), Daniel Balvay (HEGP), Isabelle Thomassin (HEGP), Valentine Genon-Catalot (MAP5), Charles-André Cuénod (HEGP) and Yves Rozenholc (MAP5)

# Medical problem

- New treatments in anti-cancer therapy : anti-angiogenesis
- Evaluation in vivo
- Based on several sequences of medical images
- Comprehension of microvascularization phenomena
- With a pharmacokinetic model for the contrast agent

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# MRI data



#### **FIGURE:** Female pelvis

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# Biological model

#### Deterministic pharmacokinetic model

- $\textbf{0} \ Q_P(t) \text{ quantity of contrast agent at time } t \text{ in the plasma}$
- **2**  $Q_I(t)$  quantity of contrast agent at time t in the interstitium

driven by two coupled ODE. Only access to the sum  $S(t) = Q_P(t) + Q_I(t)$  (quantity of contrast agent in a voxel.) [Brochot et al., 2006], [Fournier et al., 2007], [Brix et al., 2004]



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# Stochastic version of the model

Hidden diffusion (bidimensional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model)

$$\begin{cases} dU(t) = (F_{\theta}(t) + G_{\theta} U(t))dt + \Sigma_{\theta} dB(t) \\ U(t_0) = U_0 \end{cases}$$
(8)

with 
$$U(t) = \begin{pmatrix} S(t) \\ \star \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $\Sigma_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Discrete-time noisy observations (unidimensional)

$$y_i = J U(t_i) + \sigma \varepsilon_i, \quad J = (1 \ 0), \quad \varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$
 (9)

with  $\Delta = t_{i+1} - t_i$ .

 $\rightarrow$  Aim : estimation of  $\theta$  (microvascularization parameters and diffusion coefficients).

Stochastic models in biology : [Picchini et al., 2006], [Picchini et al., 2008]

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Computation of the Maximum Likelihood Estimator Log-likelihood

$$\ell_{0:n}(\theta) = \ell(\theta, y_0, \dots, y_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \log p(y_i | y_{i-1}, \dots, y_0; \theta).$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimator

Aim : compute 
$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} \ell(\theta, y_0, \dots, y_n).$$

#### Kalman algorithm for the log-likelihood

- iterative computation of the log-likelihood using Kalman recursions
- Gradient and Hessian of the log-likelihood also exactly computed by similar recursions
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  ightarrow \hat{ heta}$  obtained by a gradient method

Advantages of an iterative computation of the likelihood : no need to invert large matrix, faster than direct method

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# Theoretical properties of $\hat{\theta}$

(in stationary regime)

# Link with ARMA processes

- $(y_i)$  is an ARMA (2,2) process (can be extended to *d*-dimensional hidden diffusions)
- Hessian and information matrix  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ell_{0:n}(\theta) \right) = I(\theta)$

• Central Limit Theorem  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} \mathcal{N}(0, I^{-1}(\theta_0))$ 

# Identifiability

- difficulty : number of identifiable parameters on the spectral density
- $\bullet\,$  when  $\Delta$  is small, five parameters (out of six) are identifiable

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# Simulation results



- Comparison with the EM algorithm
- Validation of the method
- $\bullet\,$  Influence of  $\Delta\,$
- Curves obtained with the estimated parameters

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- left : ODE method
- right : SDE method
- confidence intervals

- comparison with the ODE model (no stochastic part in the hidden process)
- different behaviours for the ODE and the SDE-based methods
  - ODE similar to SDE
  - Iightly different
  - important differences

 $\rightarrow$  the SDE-based method performs at least as well as the ODE-based, and sometimes much better

stability of the SDE-based method

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- strongly based on Gaussian framework
- stability of the SDE method
- importance of numerical results (simulations and medical data)

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Parameter estimation by contrast minimization for noisy observations of a diffusion process

Model

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= b(X_t, \kappa) dt + \sigma(X_t, \lambda) dB_t, \quad X_0 = \eta \quad \text{(hidden)} \\ Y_{i\delta_N} &= X_{i\delta_N} + \rho_N \varepsilon_{i\delta_N} \quad \text{(observed)} \end{aligned}$$

Hidden unidimensional diffusion, with general drift and diffusion coefficient

- Aim : estimate  $\theta = (\kappa, \lambda)$
- Discretization step  $\delta_N \to 0$ , number of observations  $N \to \infty$  over [0,T] with  $T = N\delta_N \to \infty$  (high frequency data)
- $(X_t)$  ergodic, with stationary distribution  $\nu_0(dx) = \nu_0(x)dx$
- $\rho_N$  is known here
- $(\varepsilon_{i\delta_N})$  i.i.d. centered random variables,  $\mathbb{E}((\varepsilon_{i\delta_N})^2) = 1$

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# Assumptions on the noise



FIGURE: Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with high-frequency noisy observations.  $N=1000, \delta=0.1, \rho^2=1$ 

Two possible cases for the observations :

(B1)  $\rho_N^2 = \rho^2 > 0$ (B2)  $\rho_N^2 \to 0$  when  $N \to \infty$ Assumption (B2) corresponds to the case  $\sqrt{\delta_N} \varepsilon_{i\delta_N} = V_{(i+1)\delta_N} - V_{i\delta_N}$ with  $(V_t)$  Brownian motion independent of  $(B_t)$ .

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# Minimum contrast estimation for a discretely observed diffusion

# The Euler Scheme

For  $\delta_N \to 0$ ,

$$X_{(j+1)\delta_N} - X_{j\delta_N} \approx \mathcal{N}(b(X_{j\delta_N}, \kappa)\delta_N, \sigma(X_{j\delta_N}, \lambda)^2 \delta_N).$$

- [Kessler, 1997]  $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\kappa}, \hat{\lambda})$  consistent and asymptotically Gaussian estimator built as minimum of a contrast based on the loglikelihood of Gaussian observations
- [Gloter, 2000] and [Gloter, 2006] :  $\int_{j\delta_N}^{(j+1)\delta_N} X_s ds$  observed  $\rightarrow$  minimum contrast estimators, for observations on [0,1] and for  $T = N\delta_N \rightarrow \infty$

Aim : build a contrast based on noisy data, then obtain an estimator  $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\kappa}, \hat{\lambda})$  and derive consistency and asymptotic normality

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#### Local means of the observations



Local means and noise reduction

 $p_N, k_N$  such that  $p_N = \delta_N^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  for  $1 < \alpha \le 2$ ,  $N = p_N k_N$ . Let  $\Delta_N = p_N \delta_N = \delta_N^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ . Hence  $N\delta_N = k_N \Delta_N$ . Define

$$Y_{\bullet}^{j} = \frac{1}{p_{N}} \sum_{i=0}^{p_{N}-1} Y_{j\Delta_{N}+i\delta_{N}} = X_{\bullet}^{j} + \rho_{N}\varepsilon_{\bullet}^{j}$$

Idea :  $Y^j_{\bullet} \approx X^j_{\bullet} \approx \Delta_N^{-1} \int_{j\Delta_N}^{(j+1)\Delta_N} X_s ds \approx X_{j\Delta_N} \to \text{Build a contrast function}$ based on  $(Y^j_{\bullet})$  in the ergodic case.

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# Minimum contrasts estimation for an hidden diffusion

Contrast for  $(Y^j_{\bullet})$ 

$$\mathcal{E}_N(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^{k_N-2} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \frac{(Y_{\bullet}^{j+1} - Y_{\bullet}^j - \Delta_N b(Y_{\bullet}^{j-1}, \kappa))^2}{\Delta_N c(Y_{\bullet}^{j-1}, \lambda)} + \log(c(Y_{\bullet}^{j-1}, \lambda)) \right\}$$

where  $c(.,\lambda) = \sigma(.,\lambda)^2$ .

# Modified contrast for $(Y^j_{\bullet})$

$$\mathcal{E}_{N}^{\rho_{N}}(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^{k_{N}-2} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \frac{(Y_{\bullet}^{j+1} - Y_{\bullet}^{j} - \Delta_{N} b(Y_{\bullet}^{j-1}, \kappa))^{2}}{\Delta_{N} c_{N, \rho_{N}}(Y_{\bullet}^{j-1}, \lambda)} + \log(c_{N, \rho_{N}}(Y_{\bullet}^{j-1}, \lambda)) \right\}$$

where  $c_{N,\rho_N}(x,\lambda) = \sigma(x,\lambda)^2 + 3\Delta_N^{\frac{2-\alpha}{\alpha-1}}\rho_N^2$ , for  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ .

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#### Minimum contrast estimators (I)

Let 
$$\hat{\theta}_N = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arginf}} \mathcal{E}_N(\theta)$$
 and  $\hat{\theta}_N^{\rho_N} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{arginf}} \mathcal{E}_N^{\rho_N}(\theta)$ .

#### Consistency

- If (B1/2) holds, with  $p_N = \delta_N^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  with  $\alpha \in (1,2)$ , the estimator  $\hat{\theta}_N$  is consistent.
- If (B1/2) holds, with  $p_N = \delta_N^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ ,  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$ , the estimator  $\hat{\theta}_N^{\rho_N}$  is consistent.

 $\rightarrow$  Results based on Taylor expansions for  $Y^j_{\bullet}$ , and the asymptotic behaviour of the variation and the quadratic variation of  $Y^j_{\bullet}$  $\rightarrow$  Special case  $\alpha=2$ 

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# Minimum contrast estimators (II)

#### Asymptotic normality

Assume that  $N\delta_N^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \to 0$ , when  $N \to \infty$ ,  $\delta_N \to 0$ ,  $N\delta_N \to \infty$ ,  $k_N = N\delta_N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \to \infty$ ,  $\Delta_N = \delta_N^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \to 0$ . If  $\rho_N = \rho$  (B1) and  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$  or  $\rho_N \to 0$ (B2) with  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$ ,

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \sqrt{N\delta_N}(\hat{\kappa}_N^{\rho_N} - \kappa_0) \\ \sqrt{N\delta_N^{\frac{1}{2}}}(\hat{\lambda}_N^{\rho_N} - \lambda_0) \end{array}\right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V}(\theta_0)\right)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}(\theta_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \left\{ \nu_0 \left( \frac{(\partial_{\kappa} b(.,\kappa_0))^2}{c(.,\lambda_0)} \right) \right\}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{9}{4} \left\{ \nu_0 \left( \frac{(\partial_{\lambda} c(.,\lambda_0))^2}{c(.,\lambda_0)^2} \right) \right\}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the case  $\alpha = 2$  with **(B1)** ( $\rho_N = \rho > 0$ ), the asymptotic variance  $\mathbf{V}(\theta_0)$  is increased by the noise variance  $\rho^2$ .

 $\rightarrow$  Estimation rate and asymptotic variance for  $\hat{\lambda}_{N_{-}}^{\rho_{N}}$  ([Gloter, 2006])

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# Estimation with unknown $\rho^2$

Quadratic variation of the observations

- $\hat{\rho}_N^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (Y_{(i+1)\delta_N} Y_{i\delta_N})^2$
- If  $N\delta_N^2 \to 0$ , then  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\rho}_N^2 \rho^2) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, 3\rho^4)$

#### Associated estimator

The estimator  $\hat{\theta}_N^{\hat{\rho}_N}$  is consistent.

 $\rightarrow$  Essential difference with direct observations, local means to deal with the parameters of the hidden diffusion.

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# Numerical results

#### Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model with additive noise

- explicit estimators
- $\bullet\,$  simulations with different  $\delta\,$  and N : large number of data needed, with high frequency sampling
- with  $\alpha=2,\,\alpha=1.5$  and  $\alpha$  close to  $1:\alpha=1.5$  is a pretty good choice
- $\bullet\,$  no influence of the distribution of  $\varepsilon_{i\delta_N}$
- $\hat{\lambda}_N$  is poorly estimated when ho is very large
- comparison with direct observations

# Other models

- Cox-Ingersoll-Ross model with multiplicative noise
- Hyperbolic diffusion with additive noise

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#### Other results

• Parameter estimation for neuronal data



- Case of an integrated diffusion process observed with small noise
- General framework of estimating functions

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On the asymptotic variance in the Central Limit Theorem for particle filters



General hidden Markov model  $(X_k,Y_k)$  (not only an hidden diffusion model) :

Quantities of interest

Aim : Compute

$$\pi_{k|k:0}(f) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_k)|Y_k, \dots, Y_0) \qquad \text{(filter)}$$
  
$$\eta_{k|k-1:0}(f) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_k)|Y_{k-1}, \dots, Y_0) \qquad \text{(prediction)}$$

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# Filtering : problems and goals

- Except for a few models ([Kalman, 1960], [Genon-Catalot and Kessler, 2004], [Chaleyat-Maurel and Genon-Catalot, 2006]), exact algorithmic computation of π<sub>k|k:0</sub>(f) and η<sub>k|k-1:0</sub>(f) untractable
- Numerical approximation needed : particle filter ([Künsch, 2001], [Doucet et al., 2001])
- (Asymptotic) confidence interval for the method? Accuracy of the method? ([Del Moral and Jacod, 2001b], [Van Handel, 2009])

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# Assumptions and notations

#### On the hidden Markov chain

- Kernel  $Q(x,dx^\prime)$  with stationary probability  $\pi(dx)$
- There exists a probability measure  $\mu$  and  $0<\epsilon_-\leq\epsilon_+$  such that

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}) \quad \epsilon_{-}\mu(B) \le Q(x,B) \le \epsilon_{+}\mu(B).$$
(10)

#### On the observations

• f(y|x) conditional density of  $\mathcal{L}(Y_k|X_k)$ 

With  $g_k(x) = f(Y_k|x)$  and  $L_k(x, dx') = g_k(x)Q(x, dx')$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(f(X_k)|Y_{k-1},\dots,Y_0\right) = \eta_{k|k-1:0}(f) = \frac{\eta_0 L_{0,k-1}f}{\eta_0 L_{0,k-1}\mathbf{1}}$$
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# Particle Monte-Carlo method

- Algorithm which provides recursively empirical measures  $\pi_{k|k:0}^N$  and  $\eta_{k|k-1:0}^N$  which are good approximations of  $\pi_{k|k:0}$  and  $\eta_{k|k-1:0}$ , for a fixed set of observations  $Y_{0:k}$
- Based on the simulation of the evolution of N particles (need to know how to simulate under Q), which give the accuracy of the method

See e.g. [Künsch, 2001], [Doucet et al., 2001], [Del Moral et al., 2001] ...

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# Central Limit Theorem

[Pitt and Shephard, 1999], [Del Moral and Jacod, 2001a], [Chopin, 2004]

Central Limit Theorem for the prediction

$$\sqrt{N}(\eta_{k|k-1:0}^{N}(f) - \eta_{k|k-1:0}(f)) \xrightarrow[N \to \infty]{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f))$$

Central Limit Theorem for the filter

$$\sqrt{N}(\pi_{k|k:0}^{N}(f) - \pi_{k|k:0}(f)) \xrightarrow[N \to \infty]{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma_{k|k:0}(f))$$

As  $N \to \infty$ ,  $\Gamma_{k|k:0}(f)$  and  $\Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f)$  give the accuracy of the approximations (confidence interval) for a fixed sequence of observations.  $\Gamma_{k|k:0}(f)$  and  $\Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f)$  can be seen as functions of  $Y_{0:k}$ , *i.e.* random variables depending on the observations.

Question : behaviour when  $k \to \infty$ ? Aim : prove tightness of the sequences, to have uniform (in time) confidence intervals.

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#### Litterature review

Numerous references about particle filter(s). For the asymptotic behaviour :

- [Chopin, 2004] CLT and tightness under stronger assumptions, Bayesian approach of particle algorithms
- [Del Moral and Jacod, 2001b] Tightness in the particular case of Kalman filter, with analytic method
- [Van Handel, 2009] Other criterion of time-stability, under assumptions close to us

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#### The asymptotic variances

Asymptotic variance of the prediction

$$\Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} \eta_{i|i-1:0} \left( \left( \frac{L_{i,k-1} \mathbf{1}(.)}{\eta_{i|i-1:0} L_{i,k-1} \mathbf{1}} \right)^2 \left( \eta_{k|k-1:i} f(.) - \eta_{k|k-1:0} f \right)^2 \right)$$

Asymptotic variance of the filter

$$\Gamma_{k|k:0}(f) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{\eta_{i|i-1:0} \left( \left( \frac{L_{i,k-1}\mathbf{1}(.)}{\eta_{i|i-1:0}L_{i,k-1}\mathbf{1}} \right)^2 \left( \eta_{k|k-1:i}(g_k f)(.) - \pi_{k|k:0} f \right)^2 \right)}{(\eta_{k|k-1:0}(g_k))^2}$$

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Tightness of  $(\Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f))_k$  and  $(\Gamma_{k|k:0}(f))$ 

# Additional assumption

(B) For some  $\delta > 0$ 

$$\sup_{k\geq 0} \mathbf{E} \left| \log \left( \eta_{k|k-1:0} \left( g_k \right) \right) \right|^{1+\delta} < \infty,$$

where  ${\bf E}$  denotes the expectation with respect to the distribution of  $(Y_k)_{k\geq 0}.$ 

Remark : Technical assumption, but easy to check on common examples.

#### Main result :

Assume **(B)**. Then, for any bounded function f, the sequences of variances  $(\Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f))$  and  $(\Gamma_{k|k:0}(f))$  are tight.

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# Exponential stability of the prediction

Tool for the proof : forget the initial distribution at exponential rate ([Douc et al., 2009])

#### Proposition : forgetting the initial distribution

Setting  $ho=1-rac{\epsilon_-^2}{\epsilon_+^2}$ , then for all  $k,\,
u,\,
u'$  and all set  $y_{0:k-1}$  of values :

$$\|\eta_{\nu,k}[y_{0:k-1}] - \eta_{\nu',k}[y_{0:k-1}]\|_{TV} \le \rho^k,$$

where  $\|.\|_{TV}$  denotes the total variation distance.

Consequence :

For f bounded,

$$\Delta_{k|k-1:0}(f) \le \|f\|_{\infty}^{2} \frac{\epsilon_{+}^{2}}{\epsilon_{-}^{2}} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \eta_{i|i-1:0} \left( \left( \frac{g_{i}}{\eta_{i|i-1:0}g_{i}} \right)^{2} \right) \rho^{2(k-i)}.$$

 $\rightarrow$  conclusion with the tightness lemma [Del Moral and Jacod, 2001b].

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#### A simple Markov chain

$$X_0 \sim \pi, \qquad X_{k+1} = \mathbf{1}_{X_k < \alpha} U_{k+1} + \mathbf{1}_{X_k \ge \alpha} V_{k+1}$$

 $(U_k)$  and  $(V_k)$  independent of  $X_k$  with distributions u(x)dx and v(x)dx.



Then  $\mu(dx) = 4(x \wedge 1 - x)dx$ ,  $\epsilon_{-} = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\epsilon_{+} = \frac{3}{2}$ .

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#### Simulations and numerical results



FIGURE: Simulation of the example, with additive noise (observations on [0, 50])

Observations :  $Y_i = X_i + \varepsilon_i$ ,  $\varepsilon_i \sim_{iid} \mathcal{N}(0, 0.2)$ . N = 500 particles. In dark blue : result of particle filter. In red : hidden Markov chain. In green : noisy observations.

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# Concluding remarks and perspectives

- Generalization of the contrast-based method for high-frequency noisy observations of a diffusion to the multidimensional case, with general noise.
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