

# Data Assimilation: New Challenges in Random and Stochastic Dynamical Systems

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**Limited predictability**:

## Global Attractor

$$d(v_j, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

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**Filter:** probability distribution of  $v_j$  given observations to time  $j$ :

Filter

$$\mu_j(A) = \mathbb{P}(v_j \in A | \mathcal{F}_j), \quad \mathcal{F}_j = \sigma(y_1, \dots, y_j).$$

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When is the **filter predictable:**

Filter Accuracy

$$\mu_j \approx \delta_{v_j^\dagger} \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

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View  $P$  as a **projection** on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Define  $Q = I - P$ .

**Key Idea:**  $Q\Psi$  should contract

# A Large Class of Examples

## Geophysical Applications

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + Au + B(u, u) = f.$$

## Dissipative with energy conserving nonlinearity

- $\exists \lambda > 0 : \langle Av, v \rangle \geq \lambda |v|^2.$
- $\langle B(v, v), v \rangle = 0.$
- $f \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{H}).$

## Examples

Lorenz '63

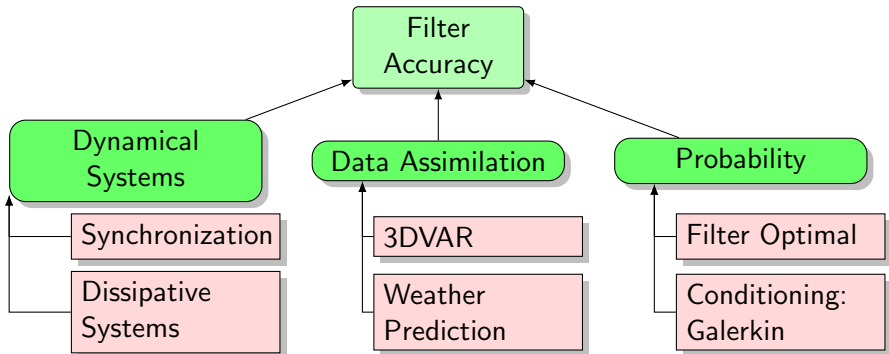
Lorenz '96

Incompressible 2D Navier-Stokes equation on a torus



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Synchronization for various chaotic dynamical systems (including the three canonical examples above [8, 13, 4, 14]):

$$|m_j - v_j^\dagger| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

## Idea 2: 3DVAR (Lorenz [12] Q. J. R. Met. Soc 1986)

Cycled 3DVAR Filter.  $|\cdot|_A = |A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot|$ .

$$m_{j+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathcal{H}} \{ |m - \Psi(m_j)|_C^2 + \epsilon^{-2} |y_{j+1} - Pm|_\Gamma^2 \}.$$

Solve Variational Equations (with  $C = \epsilon^2(\eta^{-2}\Gamma P + Q)$ )

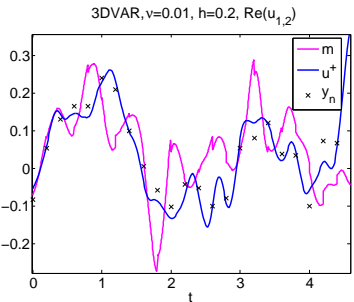
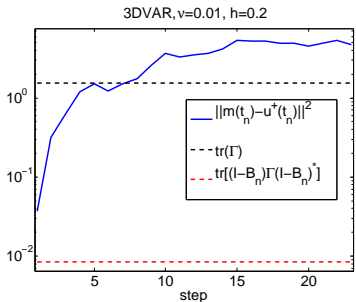
$$m_{j+1} = (I - K)\Psi(m_j) + Ky_{j+1}, \quad K = (1 + \eta^2)^{-1}P,$$

Variance Inflation (from weather prediction)  $\eta \ll 1$

$$m_{j+1} = Q\Psi(m_j) + Py_{j+1}, \quad \eta = 0. \quad \text{Synchronization Filter.}$$

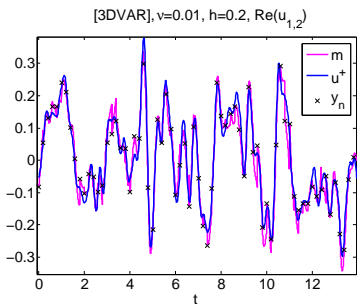
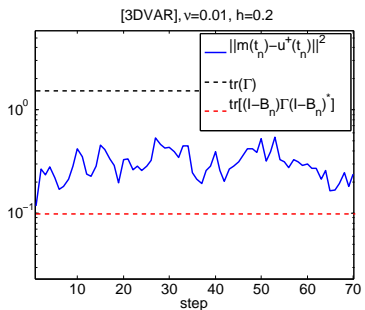
Inaccurate:  $\eta$  too large. (NSE torus)

Law and S [10], Monthly Weather Review, 2012



# Accurate: smaller $\eta$ . (NSE torus)

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## Idea 3: Filter Optimality (Folklore, but see e.g. Williams . . .)

Recall  $\mathcal{F}_j = \sigma(y_1, \dots, y_j)$  and define the mean of the filter:

$$\hat{v}_j := \mathbb{E}(v_j | \mathcal{F}_j) = \mathbb{E}^{\mu_j}(v_j).$$

Use Galerkin orthogonality wrt conditional expectation

For any  $\mathcal{F}_j$  measurable  $m_j$  :

$$\mathbb{E}|v_j - \hat{v}_j|^2 \leq \mathbb{E}|v_j - m_j|^2.$$

Take  $m_j$  from **3DVAR** to get bounds on the mean of the filter.  
Similar bounds apply to the variance of the filter. (Not shown.)



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# Assumptions

There are two equivalent Hilbert spaces:  
 $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, |\cdot|)$  and  $(\mathcal{V}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{V}}, \|\cdot\|)$ :

## Assumption 1: Absorbing Ball Property

There is  $R_0 > 0$  such that:

- for  $B(R_0) := \{x \in \mathcal{H} : |x| \leq R_0\}$ ,  $\Psi(B(R_0)) \subset B(R_0)$ ;
- for any bounded set  $S \subset \mathcal{H} \exists J = J(S) : \Psi^J(S) \subset B(R_0)$ .

## Assumption 2: Squeezing Property

There is  $\alpha(R_0) \in (0, 1)$  such that, for all  $u, v \in B(R_0)$ ,

$$\|Q(\Psi(u) - \Psi(v))\|^2 \leq \alpha(\mathbf{R}_0) \|u - v\|^2.$$

## Theorem (Sanz-Alonso and S, 2014, [15])

Let Assumptions 1,2 hold. Then there is a constant  $c > 0$  independent of the noise strength  $\epsilon$  such that

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} |v_j - \hat{v}_j|^2 \leq c\epsilon^2$$

### Idea of proof:

- Fix  $m_0 \in B(R_0)$  and let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the  $\mathcal{H}$ -projection onto  $B(R_0)$ . Define the **modified 3DVAR**:

$$m_{j+1} = \mathcal{P}(Q\Psi(m_j) + y_{j+1}).$$

- Prove

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} |v_j - m_j|^2 \leq c\epsilon^2.$$

- Use the  $L^2$  optimality of the filtering distribution.

Idea of proof (sketch,  $\Psi$  globally Lipschitz):

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{j+1} &= Q\Psi(m_j) && + \overbrace{P\Psi(v_j) + \epsilon\xi_{j+1}}^{y_{j+1}}, \\
 v_{j+1} &= Q\Psi(v_j) && + P\Psi(v_j).
 \end{aligned}$$

Subtract and use independence plus contractivity of  $Q\Psi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}\|v_{j+1} - m_{j+1}\|^2 &= \mathbb{E}\|Q(\Psi(v_j) - \Psi(m_j)) - \epsilon\xi_{j+1}\|^2 \\
 &\leq \mathbb{E}\|Q(\Psi(v_j) - \Psi(m_j))\|^2 + \epsilon^2\mathbb{E}\|\xi_{j+1}\|^2 \\
 &\leq \alpha\mathbb{E}\|v_j - m_j\|^2 + \epsilon^2\mathbb{E}\|\xi_{j+1}\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Use Gronwall.

## Lorenz '63

(uses noiseless synchronization filter analysis in Hayden, Olson and Titi [8], Physica D 2011.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dv^{(1)}}{dt} + a(v^{(1)} - v^{(2)}) &= 0 \\
 \frac{dv^{(2)}}{dt} + av^{(1)} + v^{(2)} + v^{(1)}v^{(3)} &= 0 \\
 \underbrace{\frac{dv^{(3)}}{dt}}_{\frac{dv}{dt}} + \underbrace{bv^{(3)}}_{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}} - \underbrace{v^{(1)}v^{(2)}}_{\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})} &= \underbrace{-b(r+a)}_{\mathbf{f}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Observation matrix

$$P := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theory applicable with  $\|\cdot\|^2 := |P \cdot|^2 + |\cdot|^2$  for  $h$  sufficiently small: [8], [11].

# Lorenz '96

(Law, Sanz-Alonso, Shukla and S [14], arXiv 2014.)

Consider the following system, subject to the periodicity boundary conditions  $v_0 = v_{3J}$ ,  $v_{-1} = v_{3J-1}$ ,  $v_{3J+1} = v_1$ :

$$\underbrace{\frac{dv^{(j)}}{dt}}_{\frac{dv}{dt}} + \underbrace{v^{(j)}}_{\mathbf{A}v} + \underbrace{v^{(j-1)}(v^{(j+1)} - v^{(j-2)})}_{\mathbf{B}(v, v)} = \underbrace{F}_{\mathbf{f}}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 3J.$$

Observation matrix  $P$ : observe 2 out of every 3 points. Theory applicable with  $\|\cdot\|^2 := |P \cdot|^2 + |\cdot|^2$  for  $h$  sufficiently small: [14].

## 2D Navier-Stokes Equation (again uses analysis in Hayden, Olson and Titi [8], Physica D 2011.)

$P_{\text{leray}}$  denotes the Leray projector:

$$Au = -\nu P_{\text{leray}} \Delta u, \quad B(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} P_{\text{leray}} [u \cdot \nabla v] + \frac{1}{2} P_{\text{leray}} [v \cdot \nabla u].$$

Observation operator in (divergence-free) Fourier space:

$$Pu = \sum_{|k| \leq k_{\max}} u_k \frac{k^\perp}{|k|} e^{ik \cdot x}.$$

Theory applicable with  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{V} := H_{\text{div}}^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$  and  $k_{\max}$  sufficiently large/ $h$  sufficiently small: [3], [8].

## Summary of Examples

Observations control unpredictability in these cases:

ODE	Dimension of $v$	Rank(P)
Lorenz '63	3	1
Lorenz '96	$3J$	$2J$
NSE on torus	$\infty$	Finite



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# Generalize 3DVAR: The EnKF. Evensen [6] Journal of Geophysical Research 1994.

Ensemble Kalman Filter. For  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

$$v_{j+1}^{(n)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in \mathcal{H}} \{ |v - \Psi(v_j^{(n)})|_{C_j}^2 + \epsilon^{-2} |y_{j+1}^{(n)} - Pv|_{\Gamma}^2 \}.$$

Empirical Covariance

$$\bar{v}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N v_j^{(n)}, \quad C_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (v_j^{(n)} - \bar{v}_j) \otimes (v_j^{(n)} - \bar{v}_j).$$

Perturbed Observations

$$y_{j+1}^{(n)} = y_{j+1} + \epsilon \xi_j^{(n)}, \quad \xi_j^{(n)} \text{ i.i.d. w/pdf } \rho.$$

# S(P)DE Limits with Brett et al [3], Blömker et al 2012 [2], Kelly et al 2014 [9]

## High Frequency Data Limit – 3DVAR

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## High Frequency Data Limit – Ensemble Kalman Filter

$$\frac{dv^{(n)}}{dt} + Av^{(n)} + B(v^{(n)}, v^{(n)}) + CP^*\Gamma^{-1}\left(P(v^{(n)} - v) + \epsilon\Gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{dW^{(n)}}{dt}\right) = f,$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J v^{(j)}, \quad C = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J (v^{(j)} - \bar{v}) \otimes (v^{(j)} - \bar{v}).$$

# S(P)DE Accuracy see also Azouani, Olson and Titi 2014 [1] and Tong, Majda, Kelly 2015 [16] .

## Theorem (3DVAR Accurate, with Blömker 2012 et al [2])

*Under similar assumptions to the discrete case there is a constant  $c > 0$  independent of the noise strength  $\epsilon$  such that*

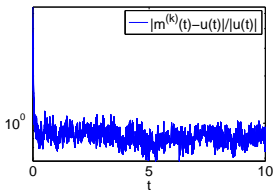
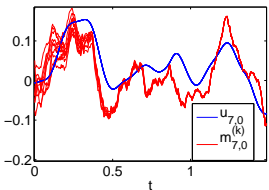
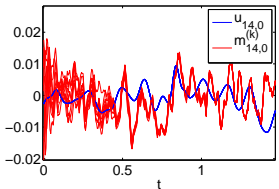
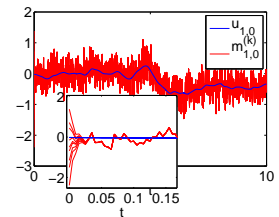
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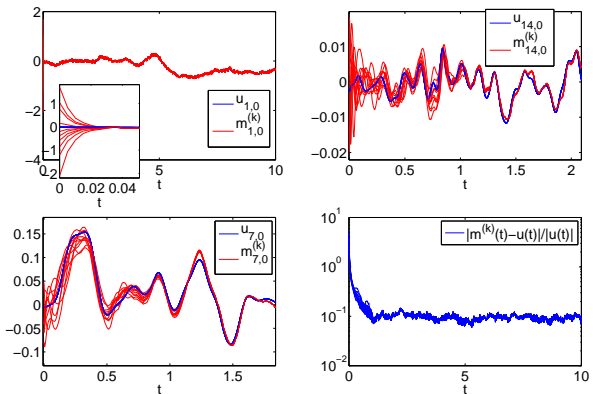
*Let Assumptions 1 hold and  $P=I$ . Then there is a constant  $c > 0$  independent of the noise strength  $\epsilon$  such that*

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}|v^{(n)}(t)|^2 \leq C(T)(1 + \mathbb{E}|v^{(n)}(0)|^2).$$

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