

# Blending Data And Models: Kalman Based Approaches

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# Overview

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# Historical Context: Celestial Mechanics

# Brahe



Purely observational data – initially by eye.

Big data c. 1600s.

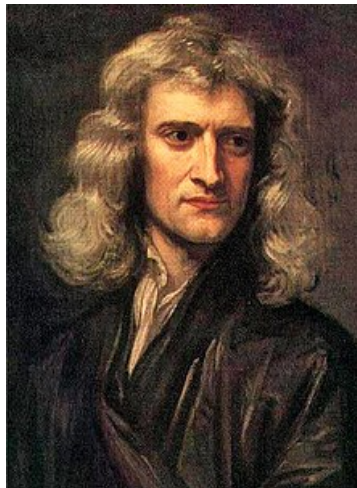
# Kepler



Mathematical formulae which interpolated Brahe's data.

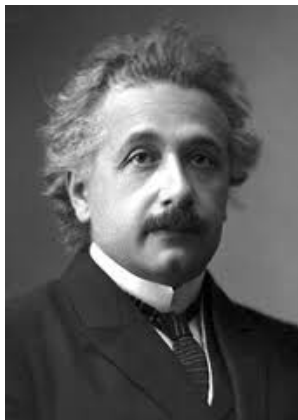
**Data-driven model: Kepler's Law.**

# Newton



Kepler's Law rationalized through Newtonian mechanics.  
Led to theory of conservation laws: **extrapolation**.

# Einstein



Discrepancy between data and predictions of Newtonian mechanics.  
Mercury perihelion; resolved by special and then general relativity.

**The scientific method.**

# Kalman Methodology & Applications



# Kalman Filter (Navigation)

## State Space Model

Dynamics Model:  $v_{n+1} = Mv_n + \xi_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Data Model:  $y_{n+1} = Hv_{n+1} + \eta_{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Probabilistic Structure:  $v_0 \sim N(m_0, C_0), \quad \xi_n \sim N(0, \Sigma), \quad \eta_n \sim N(0, \Gamma)$

Probabilistic Structure:  $v_0 \perp \{\xi_n\} \perp \{\eta_n\}$  independent



- ▶ Rudolf **Kalman**.
- ▶ J. Basic Engineering **82**(1960); [19].
- ▶  $\approx 35,000$  citations (Google Scholar 1/21).
- ▶ Apollo 11.
- ▶  $Y_n = \{y_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ .
- ▶  $v_n | Y_n \sim N(m_n, C_n)$ .
- ▶  $(m_n, C_n) \mapsto (m_{n+1}, C_{n+1})$ .

# Kalman Filter

## Sequential Optimization Perspective

$$\text{Predict: } \hat{m}_{n+1} = Mm_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\text{Model/Data Compromise: } J_n(m) = \frac{1}{2} |m - \hat{m}_{n+1}|_{\hat{C}_{n+1}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} |y_{n+1} - Hm|_{\Gamma}^2$$

$$\text{Optimize: } m_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_m J_n(m).$$

- ▶  $|\cdot|_A = |A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot|$  for  $A > 0$ . Here  $|\cdot|$  is Euclidean norm.
- ▶  $d$  the state space dimension ( $m_n, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ).
- ▶ Updating  $\hat{C}_{n+1}$  is expensive:  $\mathcal{O}(d^2)$  storage.

# 3DVAR Filter (Weather Forecasting)

## State Space Model

Dynamics Model:  $v_{n+1} = \Psi(v_n) + \xi_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

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Probabilistic Structure:  $v_0 \perp \{\xi_n\} \perp \{\eta_n\}$  independent



- ▶ Andrew Lorenc.
- ▶ Introduced in UK Met Office.
- ▶ See [25]
- ▶  $\{v_n\} \mapsto \{v_{n+1}\}$ .

## Sequential Optimization Perspective

$$\text{Predict: } \hat{v}_{n+1} = \Psi(v_n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\text{Model/Data Compromise: } J_n(v) = \frac{1}{2}|v - \hat{v}_{n+1}|_{\hat{C}}^2 + \frac{1}{2}|y_{n+1} - Hv|_{\Gamma}^2$$

$$\text{Optimize: } v_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_v J_n(v).$$

- ▶  $\hat{C}$  is a fixed model covariance (not updated sequentially).
- ▶  $d = \mathcal{O}(10^9)$ ;  $\mathcal{O}(d^2)$  entries of  $\hat{C}$  prohibitive in general.
- ▶  $\hat{C}$  based on climatology + simple, computable, structure.

# Ensemble Kalman Filter (Oceanography)

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- ▶ Geir Evensen.
- ▶ See [11].
- ▶ Motivated by extended Kalman filter; see [17, 14].
- ▶ Original paper in oceanography.
- ▶ Now used in weather forecasting centres worldwide.
- ▶  $\{v_n^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^J \mapsto \{v_{n+1}^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^J$ .

# Ensemble Kalman Filter

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$$\text{Optimize: } v_{n+1}^{(j)} = \operatorname{argmin}_v J_n^{(j)}(v).$$

- ▶  $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$ ,  $J$  number of ensemble members.
- ▶  $\hat{C}_{n+1}$  is empirical covariance of the  $\{\hat{v}_{n+1}^{(k)}\}$ .
- ▶ Updating  $\hat{C}_n$  requires only  $\mathcal{O}(Jd)$  storage.

# Ensemble Kalman Filter (Mathematical Structure)

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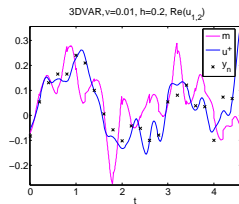
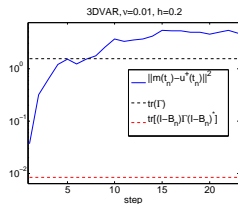
- ▶ Sebastian Reich (Potsdam)
- ▶ Continuous Time Limits:
- ▶ [4, 5, 27, 6].
- ▶ Optimal Transport Connections:
- ▶ [27, 29, 28].

# Weather Forecasting



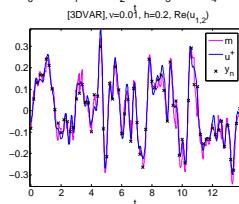
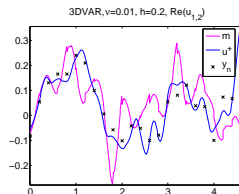
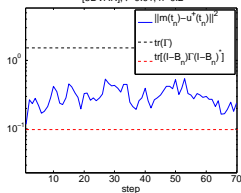
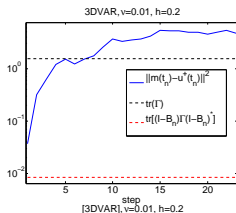
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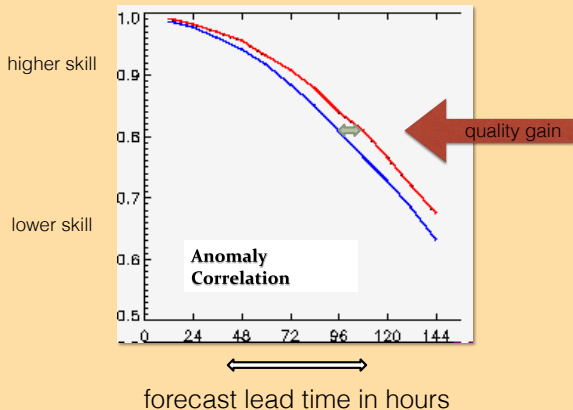
KJH Law and S [24].



# Impact of EnKF over 3DVAR

Courtesy of Roland Potthast (Head of Data Assimilation, DWD)

Ensemble Kalman Filter (red) versus 3DVAR (blue)



# Ensemble Kalman Inversion

- ▶ Chen & Oliver [8]
- ▶ Emerick and Reynolds [9]
- ▶ Iglesias, Law and S [16]
- ▶ Ernst, Sprungk and Starkloff [10]

# Inverse Problem

## Problem Statement

Find  $u$  from  $y$  where  $G : \mathcal{U} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $\eta$  is noise and

$$y = G(u) + \eta.$$

## Main Approaches

*Optimization*  $\Phi(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - G(u)\|_Y^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_\Sigma^2;$

*Probability*  $\mathbb{P}(u|y) \propto \exp(-\Phi(u)).$

# Inverse Problem

## Dynamical Formulation

Dynamics Model:  $u_{n+1} = u_n, \quad n \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}$

Dynamics Model:  $w_{n+1} = G(u_n), \quad n \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}$

Data Model:  $y_{n+1} = w_{n+1} + \eta_{n+1}, \quad n \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}$



- ▶ Evensen moved to Statoil.
- ▶ Dean **Oliver** & Al Reynolds; see [8, 9].
- ▶  $y_{n+1} = y, \quad \eta_{n+1} \sim N(0, M\Gamma)$ .
- ▶ Methodology now widely used in oil industry.
- ▶ Methodology now widely used by hydrologists.

# Discrete Time Kalman Inversion Algorithm

## Covariances

$$C_n^{ww} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J (G(u_n^{(j)}) - \bar{w}_n) \otimes (G(u_n^{(j)}) - \bar{w}_n), \quad \bar{w}_n = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J G(u_n^{(j)}),$$

$$C_n^{uw} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J (u_n^{(j)} - \bar{u}_n) \otimes (G(u_n^{(j)}) - \bar{w}_n), \quad \bar{u}_n = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J u_n^{(j)}.$$

## Iteration $n \mapsto n + 1$

$$u_{n+1}^{(j)} = u_n^{(j)} + C_n^{uw} (C_n^{ww} + M\Gamma)^{-1} (y - G(u_n^{(j)}))$$

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## Continuous Time Limit

$$u_n^{(j)} \approx u^{(j)}(t)|_{t=n/M} : \dot{u}^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \left\langle G(u^{(k)}) - \bar{G}, G(u^{(j)}) - y \right\rangle_{\Gamma} (u^{(k)} - \bar{u})$$



# Gradient Flow In Parameter Space

- ▶ Ensemble Filtering Continuous Time: Bergemann & Reich (2010a, 2010b, 2012) [4, 5, 6]
- ▶ Ensemble Filtering Continuous Time: Reich (2011) [27]
- ▶ Connection to Foais/Prodi: Titi and coworkers [15, 2]
- ▶ 3DVAR Filtering Continuous Time: Blömker, Law, S & Zygalakis (2013) [7]
- ▶ Ensemble Filtering Continuous Time: Kelly, Law & S (2015) [20]
- ▶ **Ensemble Inversion Continuous Time: Schillings & S (2017) [30]**
- ▶ Text: Reich & Cotter (2015) [28]
- ▶ Text: Law, S & Zygalakis (2015) [23]
- ▶ Ensemble Filtering Continuous Time: Lange & Stannat [22]
- ▶ Ensemble Square Root Filtering Continuous Time: Lange & Stannat [21]

# Gradient Flow In Space Of Probability Measures

- ▶ Jordan, Kinderlehrer & Otto 1998 [18]
- ▶ Otto 2001 [26]
- ▶ Benamou & Brenier 2000 [3]
- ▶ Ambrosio, Gigli & Savare 2008 [1]
- ▶ Villani 2008 [31]
- ▶ Reich & Cotter 2013 [29]
- ▶ Garbuno-Inigo, Hoffmann, Li & Stuart 2020 [12]
- ▶ Garbuno-Inigo, Nüsken & Reich [13]

# Ensemble Kalman Inversion (EKI) – Linear G See [27], [30]

## EKI Is Self-Preconditioned Gradient Descent

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}^{(j)} = -\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})\nabla\Phi_0(\mathbf{u}^{(j)}), \quad \Phi_0(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}\|y - G(\mathbf{u})\|_{\Gamma}^2,$$
$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{J}\sum_{k=1}^J \mathbf{u}^{(k)}, \quad \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{J}\sum_{k=1}^J (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \otimes (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}).$$

## Theorem [30]

EKI minimizes  $\Phi_0$  over a finite dimensional subspace determined by the initial conditions  $\{\mathbf{u}^{(j)}(0)\}_{j=1}^J$ . The rate of convergence is  $\mathcal{O}(1/t)$ .

## EKS Is Self-Preconditioned Langevin Equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}^{(j)} = -\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u})\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{u}^{(j)}) + \sqrt{2\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u})}\dot{W}^{(j)}, \quad \Phi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u})|_{\Gamma}^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{u}|_{\Sigma}^2,$$
$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \mathbf{u}^{(k)}, \quad \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \otimes (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}).$$

## Mean Field Limit: Nonlinear Nonlocal Fokker-Planck Eq.

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = -\mathcal{C}(\rho)\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{u}) + \sqrt{2\mathcal{C}(\rho)}\dot{W},$$
$$\mathcal{C}(\rho) = \int (\mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \otimes (\mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \rho(\mathbf{u}, t) d\mathbf{u}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}} = \int \mathbf{u} \rho(\mathbf{u}, t) d\mathbf{u},$$
$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathcal{C}(\rho) \nabla \Phi) + \mathcal{C}(\rho) : D^2 \rho, \quad \rho(0) = \rho_0.$$

# Nonlinear Nonlocal Fokker-Planck Equation See [18], [12]

## Theorem [12]

The nonlinear Fokker-Planck equation may be written as

$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot \left( \rho \mathcal{C}(\rho) \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho} \right), \quad \mathcal{E}(\rho) = \int (\Phi + \ln \rho) \rho \, d\mathbf{u}.$$

- ▶ Gradient flow in  $\mathcal{P}_+$  (probability measures) w.r.t. the (next slide) Kalman-Wasserstein metric;
- ▶ in linear setting convergence to equilibrium  $\propto \exp(-\Phi)$  **occurs at exponential rate  $\exp(-t)$ , independently of the linear inverse problem being solved.**

# Nonlinear Nonlocal Fokker-Planck Equation (Metric) [29],[12]

## Kalman-Wasserstein Metric Tensor (Otto [18, 26])

Define  $g_{\rho, \mathbf{C}} : T_{\rho} \mathcal{P}_+ \times T_{\rho} \mathcal{P}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$g_{\rho, \mathbf{C}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) := \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \psi_1, \mathbf{C}(\rho) \nabla \psi_2 \rangle \rho \, dx,$$

where  $\sigma_i = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{C}(\rho) \nabla \psi_i) \in T_{\rho} \mathcal{P}_+$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

## Kalman-Wasserstein Metric (Benamou-Brenier [3])

For  $\rho^0, \rho^1 \in \mathcal{P}_+$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{C}} : \mathcal{P}_+ \times \mathcal{P}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{C}}(\rho^0, \rho^1)^2 := \inf_{(\rho_t, \psi_t)} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \psi_t, \mathbf{C}(\rho_t) \nabla \psi_t \rangle \rho_t \, dx$$

$$\text{subject to } \partial_t \rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho_t \mathbf{C}(\rho_t) \nabla \psi_t) = 0, \quad \rho_0 = \rho^0, \quad \rho_1 = \rho^1,$$

# Closing

# Conclusions: Kalman Methodologies

- ▶ Introduced in 1960 by Rudolph Kalman.
- ▶ Basic algorithm generalized in many directions.
- ▶ Applications in numerous fields:
  - ▶ Navigation;
  - ▶ Weather forecasting;
  - ▶ Oceanography;
  - ▶ Hydrology, Subsurface flow;
  - ▶ Medical imaging, Machine learning . . . .
- ▶ Developing as a general methodology for state estimation.
- ▶ Developing as a general methodology for inverse problems:
  - ▶ Gradient flow structure: parameter space;
  - ▶ Gradient flow structure: probability space.
- ▶ Connections to Wasserstein gradient flows, optimal transport.
- ▶ Many open mathematical questions.



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# Ensemble Kalman Inversion (EKI)

## Continuous Time Formulation

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \left\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(k)}) - \bar{\mathbf{G}}, \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(j)}) - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}})$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \mathbf{u}^{(k)}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{G}} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(k)}),$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \otimes (\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}).$$

## Linear Approximation

$$(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(k)}) - \bar{\mathbf{G}}) \approx D\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(j)})(\mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}).$$



# Ensemble Kalman Sampling (EKS)

Continuous Time Formulation: Put EKI in a heat bath

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \left\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(k)}) - \bar{\mathbf{G}}, \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{u}^{(j)}) - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} \left( \mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}} \right) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{u}^{(j)} + \sqrt{2\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})} \dot{\mathbf{W}}^{(j)},$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{k=1}^J \left( \mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}} \right) \otimes \left( \mathbf{u}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}} \right).$$

Gradient Structure Of>NNLFP in MFL

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}(\rho) &= - \int \rho \left| \mathbf{C}(\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla (\Phi + \ln \rho) \right|^2 d\mathbf{u} \\ &= -\mathbf{g}_{\rho, \mathbf{C}}(\partial_t \rho, \partial_t \rho). \end{aligned}$$