

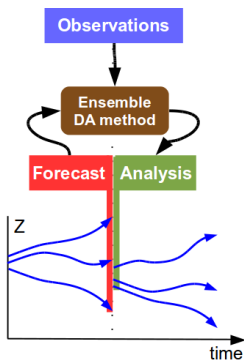
Nonlinear data assimilation via hybrid particle-Kalman filters and optimal coupling

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Traditional approaches

- ▶ Ensemble Kalman Filters
 - + Robust and moderately affordable
 - Biased for non-Gaussian PDFs
- ▶ Traditional Particle Filters
 - + Non-Gaussianity properly handled
 - Liable to the "Curse of Dimensionality"



Some recent developments

- ▶ Localized particle filters
[Lei and Bickel, 2011][Poterjoy, 2015]
- ▶ Hybrid Kalman-particle filters
[Frei and Künsch, 2013][Chustagulprom et al., 2016]
- ▶ Optimal transportation based particle filters
[Reich, 2013]
- ▶ Intrinsic Dimension [Agapiou et al, arXiv:1511.06196]

Motivation

Linear Ensemble Transform Filters

Hybrid Ensemble Transform Filter

Single one-dimensional DA step

Non-spatially extended dynamical systems

Spatially extended systems

Conclusions and Prospect

- Forecast and Analysis ensembles:

$$z_i^f, z_i^a, \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

- Update step via a General linear transformation [Reich and Cotter, 2015]

$$z_j^a = \sum_{i=1}^M z_i^f d_{ij}$$

- Transform coefficients satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^M d_{ij} = 1$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^M d_{ij} = M w_i$$

ESRF as a LETF:

$$z_j^a = \sum_{i=1}^M z_i^f \hat{w}_i + \sum_{i=1}^M (z_i^f - \bar{z}^f) s_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^M z_i^f d_{ij}^{KF}$$

- Transform coefficients:

$$d_{ij}^{KF} = d_{ij}^{KF}(\{z_l^f\}, y_{\text{obs}}) := s_{ij} + \hat{w}_i - \frac{1}{M},$$

- Square root matrix: $S = \{s_{ij}\}$

$$S = \left\{ I + \frac{1}{M-1} (HA^f)^T R^{-1} HA^f \right\}^{-1/2},$$

- ESRF “Weights”:

$$\hat{w}_i = \frac{1}{M} - \frac{1}{M-1} e_i^T S^2 (HA^f)^T R^{-1} (H\bar{z}^f - y_{\text{obs}}), \quad \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{w}_i = 1$$

Analysis Mean

$$\bar{z}^a = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i z_i^f, \quad w_i \sim \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(Hz_i^f - y_{\text{obs}})^T R^{-1}(Hz_i^f - y_{\text{obs}})\right)$$

ETPF transform update $DF : \{d_{ij}^{\text{PF}}\}$

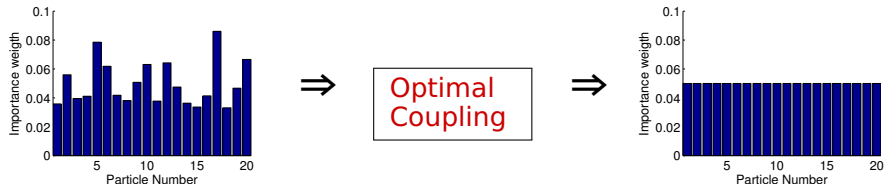
$$z_j^a = \sum_{i=1}^M z_i^f d_{ij}^{\text{PF}}$$

Transform constraints:

$$\sum_{i=1}^M d_{ij} = 1, \quad \sum_{j=1}^M d_{ij} = w_i M, \quad d_{ij} \geq 0,$$

Minimal Transportation Cost:

$$D^{\text{PF}} = \arg \min J(D), \quad J(D) = \sum_{i,j=1}^M d_{ij} \|z_i^f - z_j^f\|^2$$



Optimal transportation cost: $\min J(D)$

- ▶ also known as Earth Mover distance
- ▶ takes into account shape of the PDFs

Optimal coupling: D^{PF}

- ▶ maximizes correlation between prior and posterior ensembles
- ▶ is deterministic, preserving the regularity of the state fields
- ▶ consistent with Bayes' formula [Reich 2013]
- ▶ convergence (regarding ensemble size) is faster than SIR-PFs at the cost of solving an optimal transportation problem

Exact solution

- ▶ Computational complexity $\mathcal{O}(M^3 \ln(M))$
- ▶ Efficient Earth Mover Distance algorithms available, e.g. FastEMD [Pele and Werman, 2009].

Entropic Regularized Approximation [Cuturi, 2013]

$$J(D) = \sum_{i,j=1}^M \left\{ d_{ij} \|z_i^f - z_j^f\|^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda} d_{ij} \ln d_{ij} \right\}$$

- ▶ Sinkhorn's fixed point iteration can be used.
- ▶ Computational complexity $\mathcal{O}(M^2 \cdot C(\lambda))$

1D Approximation (Each variable independently updated)

- ▶ OT problem reduces to reordering.
- ▶ Computational complexity $\mathcal{O}(M \ln(M))$
- ▶ No particle distance needed

Observation within the convex hull

Prior ensemble

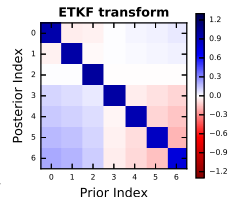
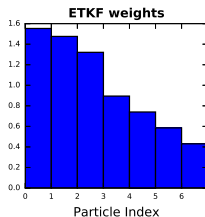
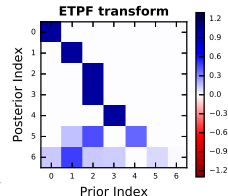
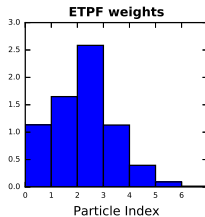


Observation

ETPF analysis



ETKF analysis



Observation within the convex hull

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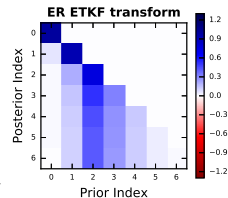
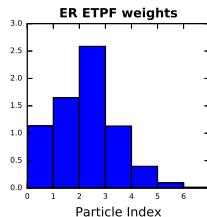
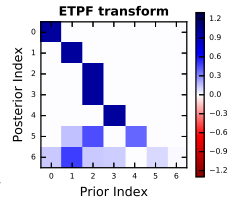
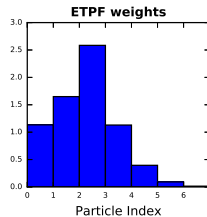


Observation

ETPF analysis



Entropic Reg. ETPF analysis



Observation outside the convex hull

Prior ensemble

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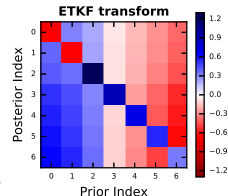
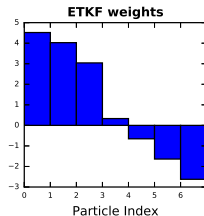
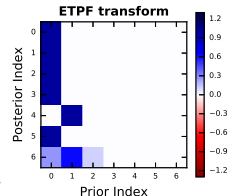
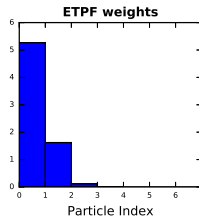


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Likelihood splitting [Frei and Künsch, 2013]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi_Y(y_{\text{obs}}|Z) &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{y}_Z)^T R^{-1} \tilde{y}_Z\right), \quad \tilde{y}_Z = HZ - y_{\text{obs}} \\
 &\propto \exp\left(\alpha\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{y}_Z)^T R^{-1} \tilde{y}_Z\right)\right) \times \exp\left((1-\alpha)\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{y}_Z)^T R^{-1} \tilde{y}_Z\right)\right) \\
 &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{y}_Z)^T \left(\frac{R}{\alpha}\right)^{-1} \tilde{y}_Z\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{y}_Z)^T \left(\frac{R}{1-\alpha}\right)^{-1} \tilde{y}_Z\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Downarrow$
ETPF

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ESRF

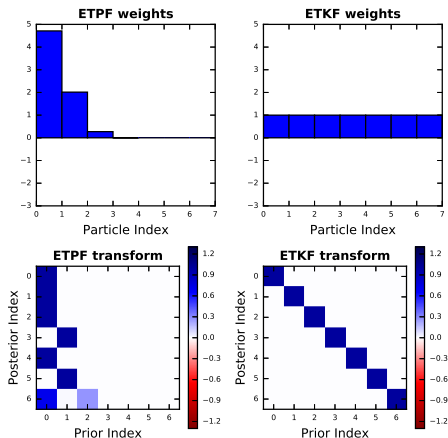
Bridging parameter extremes:

- ▶ $\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow$ Pure Kalman Filter
- ▶ $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$ Pure Particle Filter

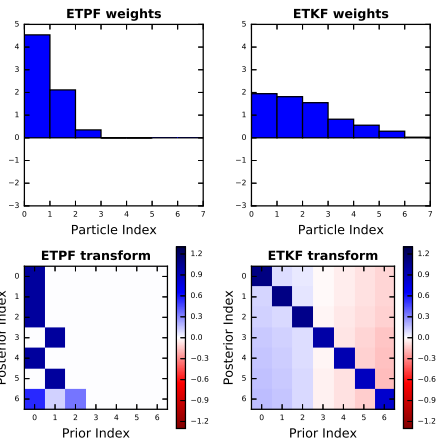
Models explored:

- ▶ Single DA step
- ▶ Lorenz 63
- ▶ Lorenz 96
- ▶ Lorenz 96 coupled to a wave equation
- ▶ Shallow water equations (2D)
- ▶ Modified shallow water equations (1D)

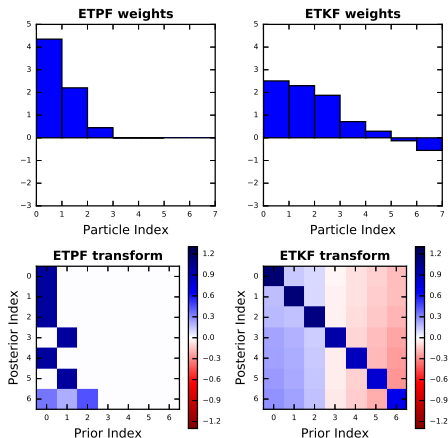
Bridging Parameter = 1



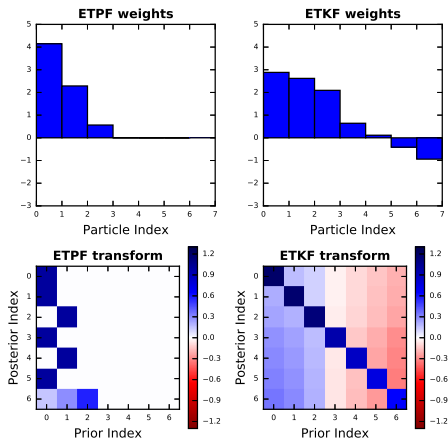
Bridging Parameter = 0.9



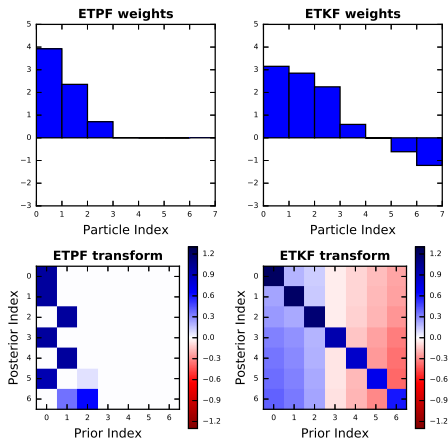
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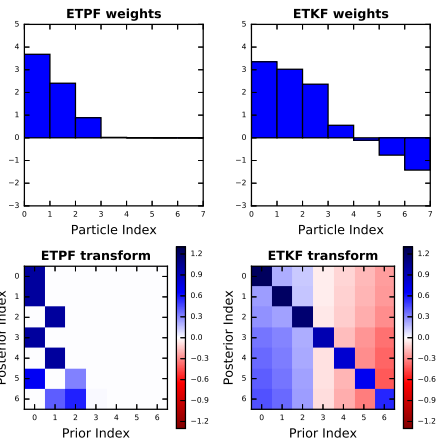
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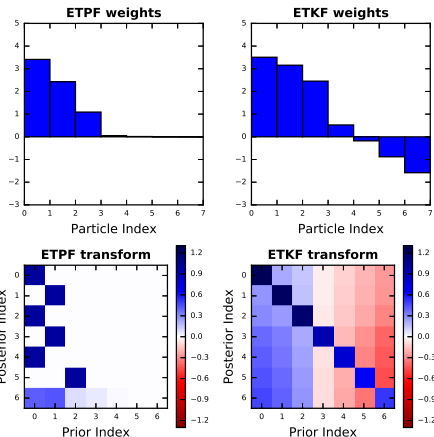
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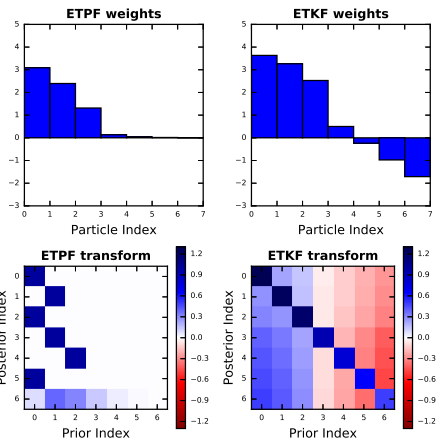
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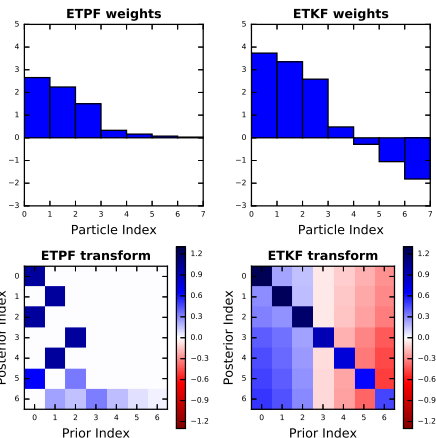
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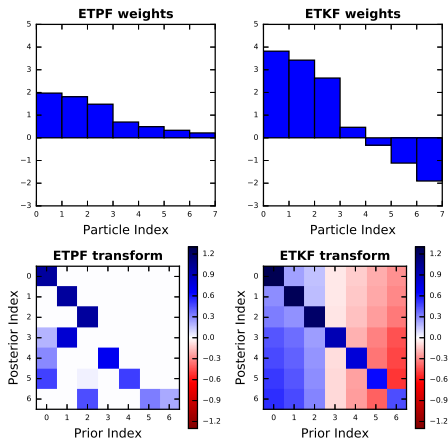
Bridging Parameter = 0.3



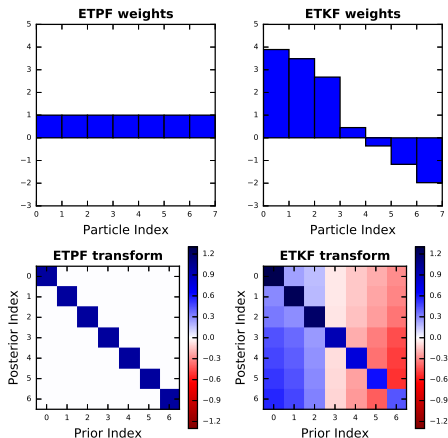
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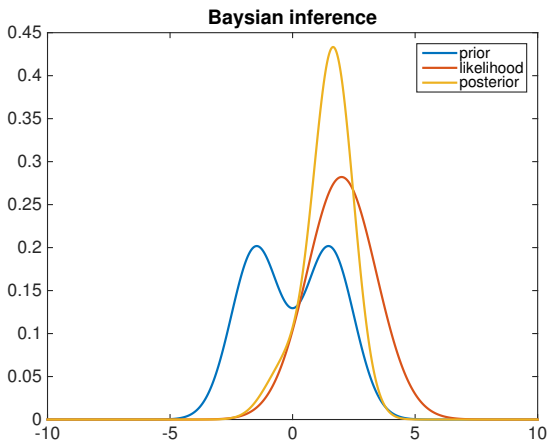
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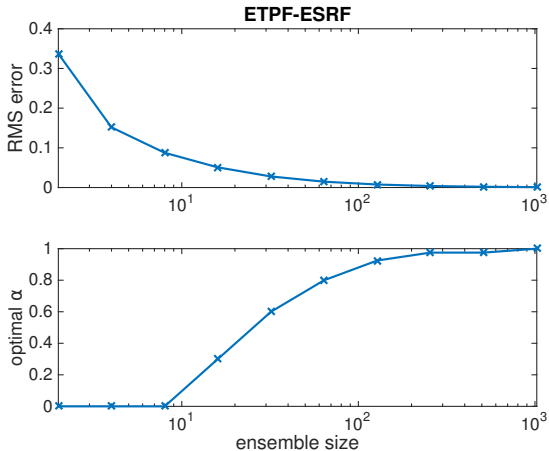
Bridging Parameter = 0



Bayesian Inference for bimodal prior and Gaussian likelihood



ETPF-ESRF performance vs ensemble size



Particle rejuvenation:

$$z_j^a \rightarrow z_j^a + \sum_{i=1}^M (z_i^f - \bar{z}^f) \frac{\beta \xi_{ij}}{\sqrt{M-1}}$$

- ▶ β : Rejuvenation parameter
- ▶ $\{\xi_{ij}\}$: i.i.d. Gaussian random variables with mean zero and variance one

Properties:

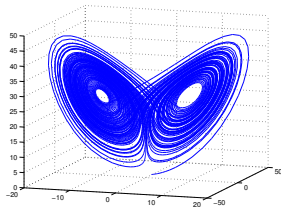
- ▶ Increase ensemble spread while preserving ensemble mean
- ▶ Ameliorates particle degeneracy
- ▶ Does not destroy spatial regularity

Dynamical system:

$$\dot{x}_1 = 10(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1(28 - x_3) - x_2$$

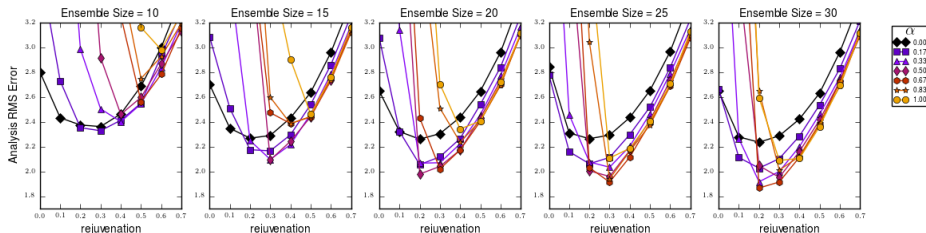
$$\dot{x}_3 = x_1x_2 - 8/3x_3$$



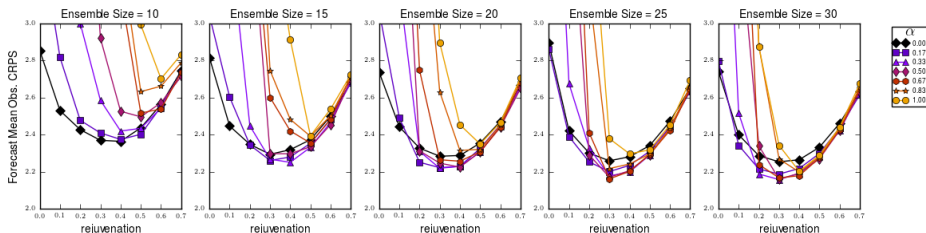
Perfect model DA experiments:

- ▶ x_1 observed every 12 time-steps
- ▶ Observation error variance $R = 8$

PF-KF RMSE with exact OT solver



PF-KF CRPS with exact OT solver



Possible updating sequences:

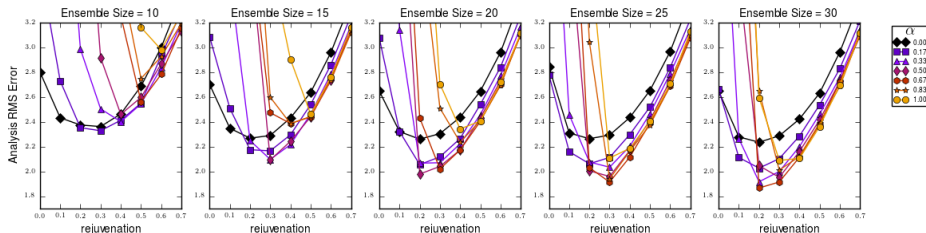
► ETPF-ESRF

$$z_j^h = \sum_{i=1}^M z_i^f d_{ij}^{\text{PF}}, \quad d_{ij}^{\text{PF}} := d_{ij}^{\text{PF}}(\alpha, \{z_l^f\}, y_{\text{obs}}),$$
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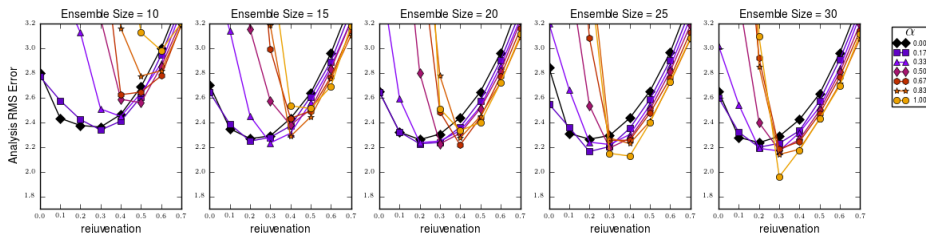
► ESRF-ETPF

$$z_j^h = \sum_{i=1}^M z_i^f d_{ij}^{\text{KF}}, \quad d_{ij}^{\text{KF}} := d_{ij}^{\text{KF}}(\alpha, \{z_l^f\}, y_{\text{obs}}),$$
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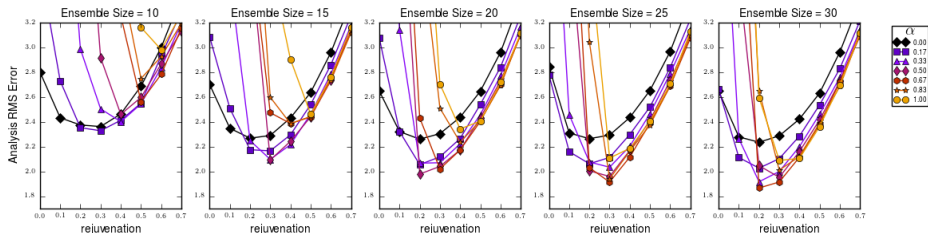
PF-KF RMSE with exact OT solver



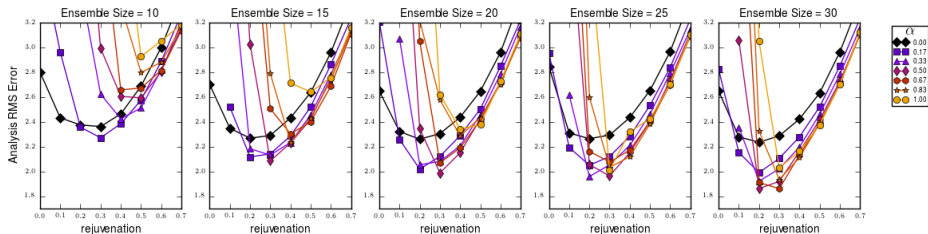
KF-PF RMSE with exact OT solver



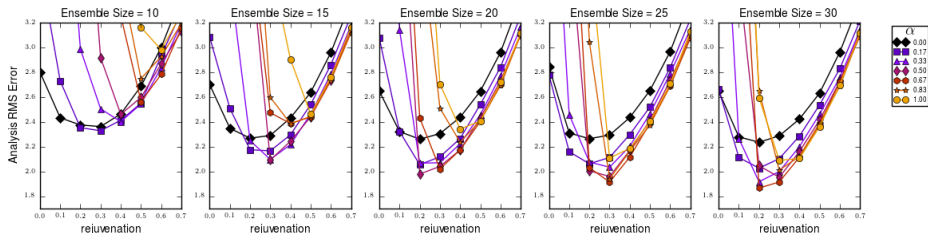
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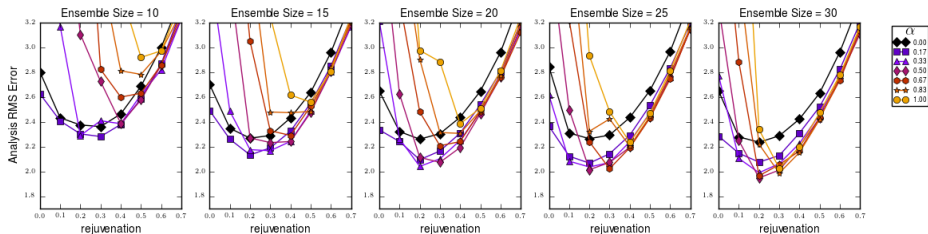
PF-KF RMSE solving entropic regularized OT problem



PF-KF RMSE with exact OT solver



PF-KF RMSE solving 1D OT problem

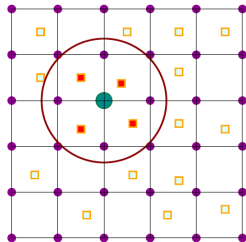


R-Localization

$$r_{qq}^{LOC}(x_k) = \frac{r_{qq}}{\rho\left(\frac{\|x_k - x_q\|}{R_{loc}}\right)},$$

with ρ a compactly supported tempering function.

- ▶ Directly applicable to Kalman Filters
- ▶ Directly applicable to importance weights



Particle distance Localization [Cheng and Reich, 2015]

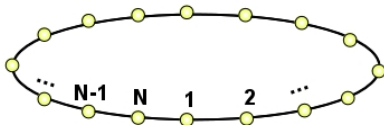
$$c_{ij}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \rho\left(\frac{\|x_k - x_q\|}{C_{loc}}\right) \|z_i^f(x_q) - z_j^f(x_q)\|^2 dx_q$$

Dynamical system:

$$\dot{x}_j = (x_{j+1} - x_{j-2})x_{j-1} - x_j + F,$$

$$x_j = x_{j+N}$$

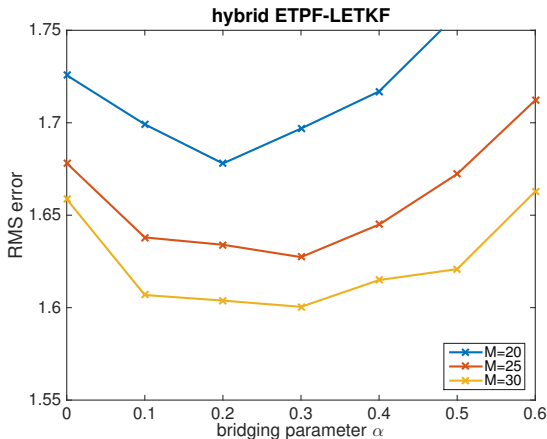
where $F = 8$ and $N = 40$.



Perfect model DA experiments:

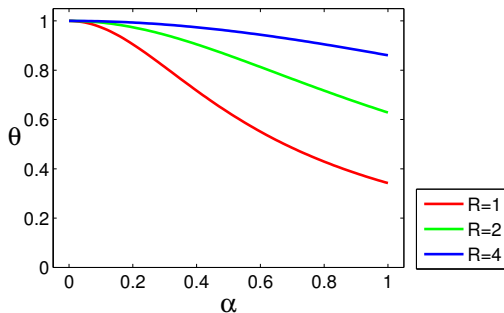
- ▶ Odd variables observed every 22 time-steps
- ▶ Observation error variance $R = 8$
- ▶ Particle rejuvenation $\beta = 0.2$
- ▶ Localization radius is $R_{\text{loc}} = 4$
- ▶ OTP solved using FastEMD algorithm

Skill dependence on
bridging parameter
for different
ensemble sizes
using fixed
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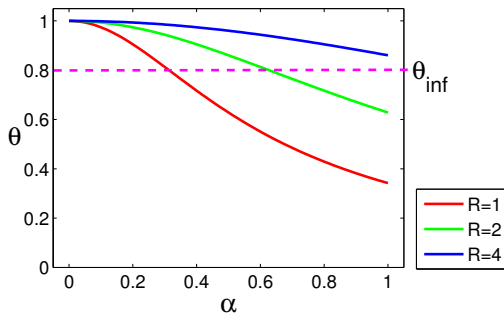
Normalized effective sample size: $\theta(\alpha) = \frac{1}{M \sum_{i=1}^M w_i(\alpha)^2}$

θ vs α for different
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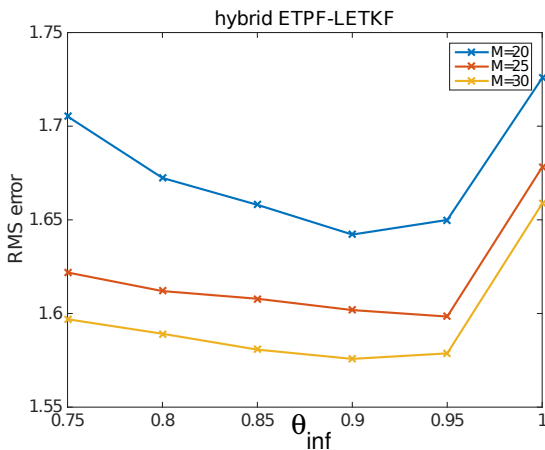
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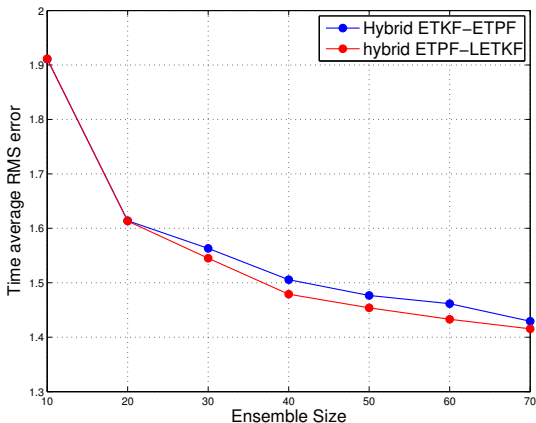


Adaptivity criterion: Set α to the maximal value for which $\theta \geq \theta_{inf}$.

Skill dependence on
minimum effective
sample size
for different
ensemble sizes
using adaptive
likelihood splitting



Skill dependence on
ensemble size for
both update orders
using optimal fixed
bridging parameter



- ▶ Proposed Hybrid scheme
 - allows consistent localization for both filters,
 - preserves model state regularity,
 - outperforms both ETKF and ETPF for a suitable α
- ▶ Approximated OT solution approaches are promising cheaper options, in particular 1D approximation
- ▶ Update ordering sensitivity is model-dependent
- ▶ Adaptive likelihood splitting benefits spatially extended systems.

- ▶ ETPF and hybrid scheme being implemented for the German Weather Service (DWD)
- ▶ Second order accurate Ensemble Transform Particle Filter (under review)
- ▶ 1D OT approximation and then multivariate dependence recovery via Ensemble copula coupling [Schefzik et al., 2013]
- ▶ Generation of unbalanced fields through localization currently being addressed via mollification.



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