

# Ensemble Methods for Data Assimilation

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**Course:**  
Mathematical Methods for Data Exploitation (MMED)

**Teaching Unit:**  
Big Data for Geosciences

# Where are we? MFEE/SEE-BD and MFEE/MSN-BD

## Teaching Units: Big Data for Geosciences (5 ECTS)

- Course : Use of Artificial Intelligence in Forecasting (50%)
- Course : Mathematical Methods of Data Exploitation (50%)

### Course : Mathematical Methods for Data Exploitation (MMED)

- ① Part 1: Uncertainty Quantification, H. ROUX
- ② Part 2: Ensemble Methods for Data Assimilation, O. THUAL and M. SAADI
- ③ Exam: Project presentations, H. ROUX, O. THUAL and M. SAADI

# How will the course be evaluated

## Report containing two parts

- ① Part 1: Uncertainty Quantification
- ② Part 2: Ensemble Methods for Data Assimilation

### Report for Part 2

- About 10 pages of results
- Sources of the developed post-processing programs

### Oral presentation

- 8 mn each
- Choice between Part 1 or Part 2

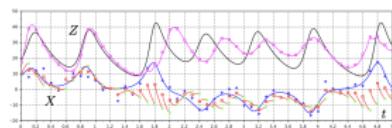
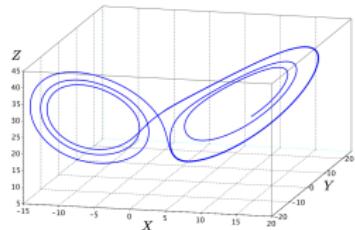
# What is the program of the course?

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|------|---|
| CM 1 | Course presentation<br>① ENGINEER APPLICATIONS<br>② INCREMENTAL METHOD<br>③ TIME DEPENDENT MODELS         |
| TDM1 | Improvement of Homework A   |
| CM2  | <input type="radio"/> Deadline for Homework A<br>④ ENSEMBLE METHODS IN $R$<br>⑤ ENSEMBLE METHODS IN $R^N$ |
| TDM2 | Programming Homework B  |
| TDM3 | Improvement of Homework B   |
| Exam | <input type="radio"/> Deadline for Homework B<br>Oral presentation of Part 1 or Part 2 reports            |

# Course notes

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## Data assimilation for engineers



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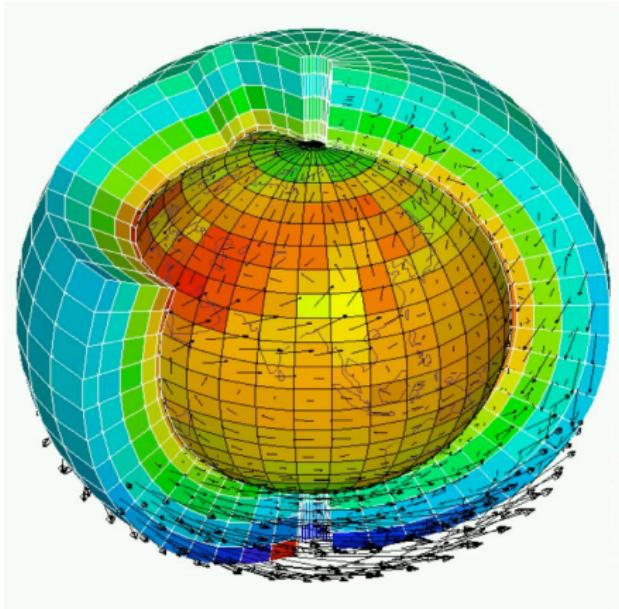
- ① ENGINEER APPLICATIONS
- ② INCREMENTAL METHODS → Homework A (Ex. 2.1)
- ③ TIME DEPENDENT MODELS → Homework A (Ex. 3.1)
- ④ ENSEMBLE METHODS IN  $R$  → Homework B (4.2.2 and 4.2.3)
- ⑤ ENSEMBLE METHODS IN  $R^N$  → Homework B (4.2.4)

# 1. ENGINEER APPLICATIONS

Weather forecast and other applications

Data assimilation is part of the modelling science for researchers and engineers.

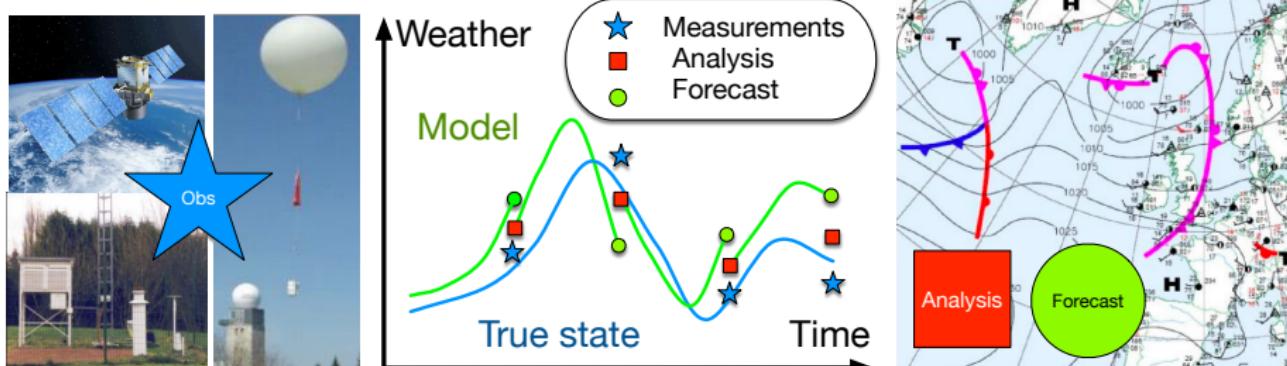
# Data assimilation for weather forecast



Atmospheric model:

Fluid mechanics equations for winds, pressure, temperature and humidity.

# Data assimilation chain : a minimization problem



$$J(\square) = \frac{1}{2} \| \square - \circ \|^2_B + \frac{1}{2} \| \star - \mathcal{G}(\square) \|^2_R$$

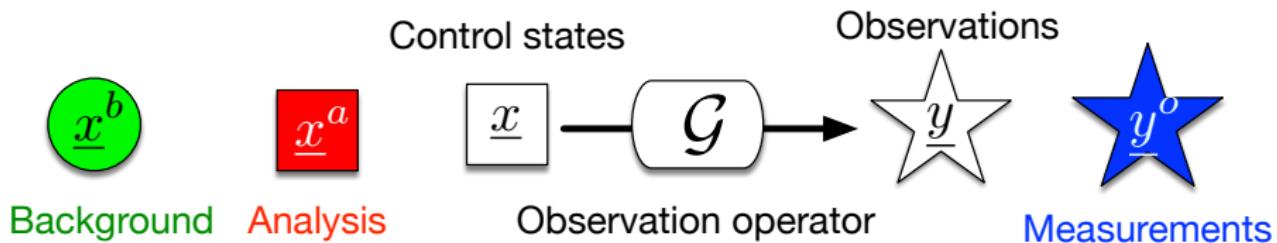
Looking for the present weather : the analysis

A state close to both the previous forecast and the field measurements

# The standard formalism of data assimilation

The analysis minimizes a cost function

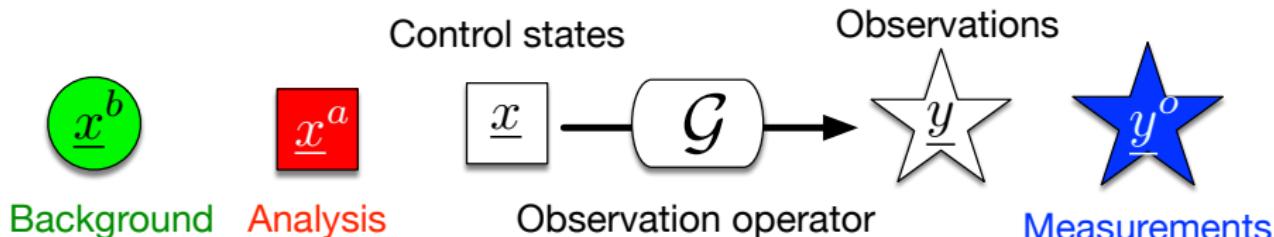
$$J(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \underline{x} - \underline{x}^b \right)^T \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \left( \underline{x} - \underline{x}^b \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}) \right]^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} \left[ \underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}) \right]$$



The metrics depends on the uncertainties

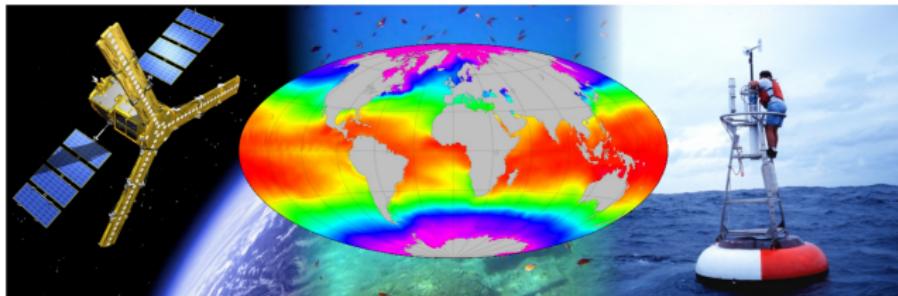
- The  $N \times N$  “background error covariance matrix”  $\underline{\underline{B}}$
- The  $M \times M$  “observation error covariance matrix”  $\underline{\underline{R}}$

# Data assimilation for meteorology



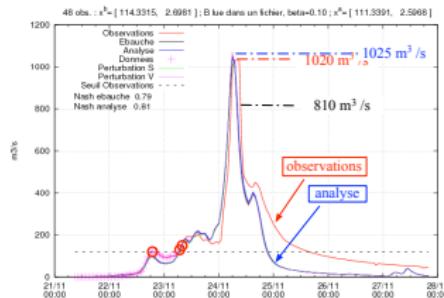
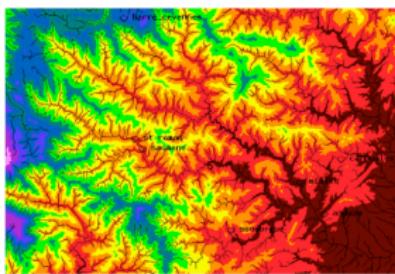
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3D fields: <math>T, P, H, U, V</math></li><li>• Order ten millions of grid points</li></ul> | Evolution model of the primitive equations of the atmosphere | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Satellite data</li><li>• In-situ data</li><li>• Order one million of observations</li></ul> |

# Data assimilation for oceanography



| Control space  | Observation operator                                    | Observation space   |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3D fields: <math>T, P, S, U, V</math></li><li>• 2D fields: sea surface level</li><li>• Order ten millions of grid points</li></ul> | Evolution model of the primitive equations of the ocean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Satellite data: sea surface temperature, altimetry</li><li>• In-situ data: temperature, salinity...</li><li>• Order thousands of observations</li></ul> |

# Data assimilation for hydrology



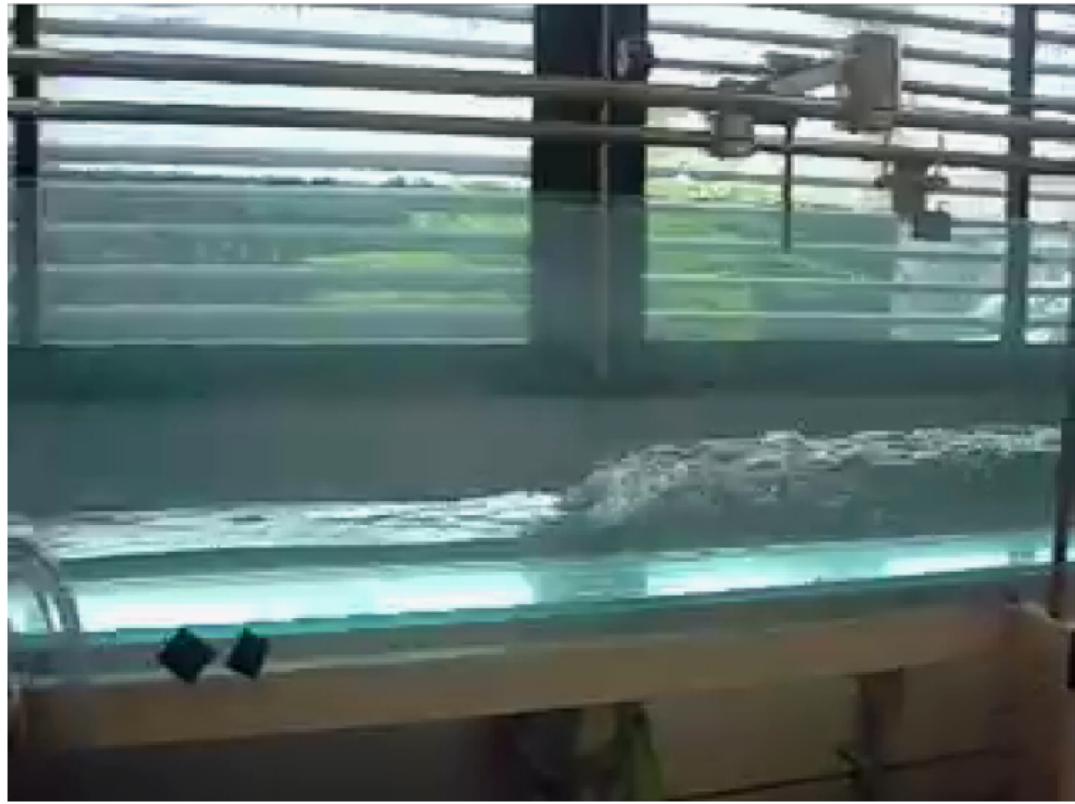
| Control space  | Observation operator                   | Observation space   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1D fields: <math>h, U, T</math></li><li>Model parameters: friction, soil water content...</li><li>Order thousands of grid points</li></ul> | Shallow water (Saint-Venant) equations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Satellite data: altimetry</li><li>In-situ data: water height, piezometric height</li><li>Order hundred observations</li></ul> |

## 2. INCREMENTAL METHOD

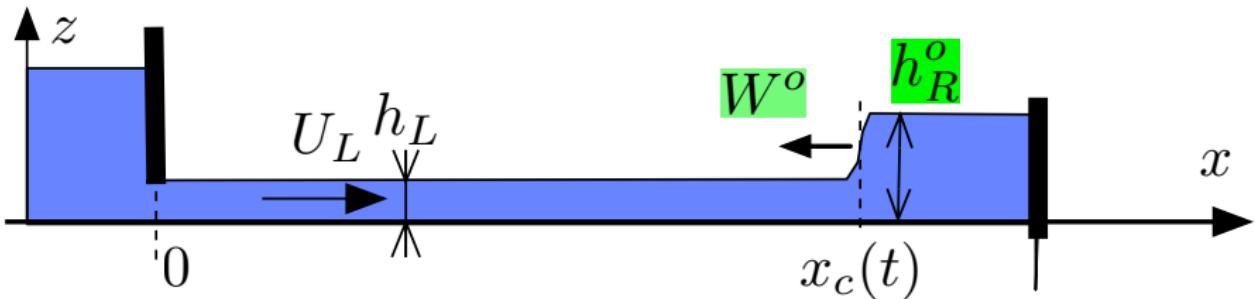
### Linearization of the observation operator

How to compute the minimum of a nonlinear cost function through a linear approximation of the observation operator around the background state.

# How will the bore propagate?



# A very simple geophysical model



Mass conservation:

$$h_L(U_L - W) = h_R(U_R - W) \implies W = \frac{-h_L U_L}{h_R - h_L}$$

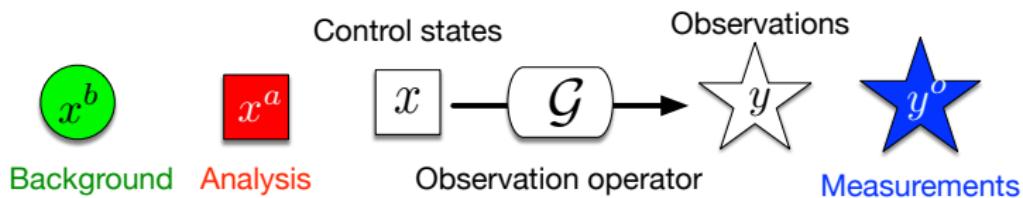
Notations  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{G} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$x = h_R, \quad y = W, \quad \text{and} \quad y = \mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{-h_L U_L}{x - h_L} = \frac{-q}{x - h_L}$$

# Best estimate of the height $x = h_R$

Too much information in:  $x = h_R, \quad \mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{-q}{x - h_L}, \quad y = W$

- We know approximatively  $x = x^b$  with an uncertainty error  $\sigma_b$
- We know approximatively  $y = y^o$  with an uncertainty error  $\sigma_r$
- What is the best estimate  $x^a$  of  $x$  knowing that  $y = \mathcal{G}(x)$ ?

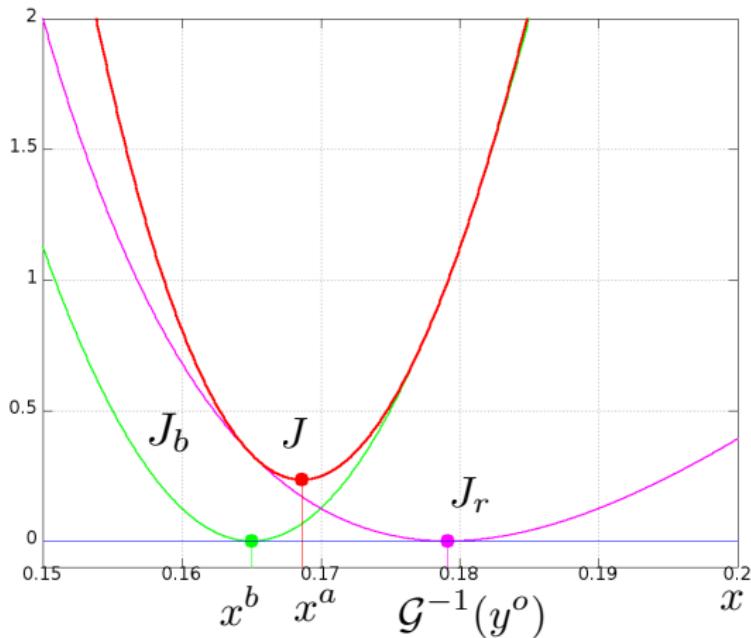


The analysis  $x^a$  minimizes the cost function:

$$J(x) = \frac{(x - x^b)^2}{2\sigma_b^2} + \frac{[y^o - \mathcal{G}(x)]^2}{2\sigma_r^2}$$

# Plotting the cost function $J(x)$

$$J(x) = \frac{(x - x^b)^2}{2\sigma_b^2} + \frac{[y^o - \mathcal{G}(x)]^2}{2\sigma_r^2} = J_b(x) + J_r(x)$$



$$J_b(x) = \frac{(x - x^b)^2}{2\sigma_b^2}$$

$$J_r(x) = \frac{[y^o - \mathcal{G}(x)]^2}{2\sigma_r^2}$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{-q}{x - h_L}$$

# Incremental cost function

The cost function to minimize

$$J(x) = \frac{(x - x^b)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} + \frac{[y^o - \mathcal{G}(x)]^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{-q}{x - h_L}$$

Linearization of  $\mathcal{G}$  around  $x^b$ :

$$\mathcal{G}(x) = \mathcal{G}(x^b + \delta x) \sim \mathcal{G}(x^b) + G \delta x \quad \text{with } \delta x = x - x^b$$

One can compute  $G = \mathcal{G}'(x^b) = q/(x^b - h_L)^2$

The incremental cost function  $J_{inc}$  is an approximation of  $J$ :

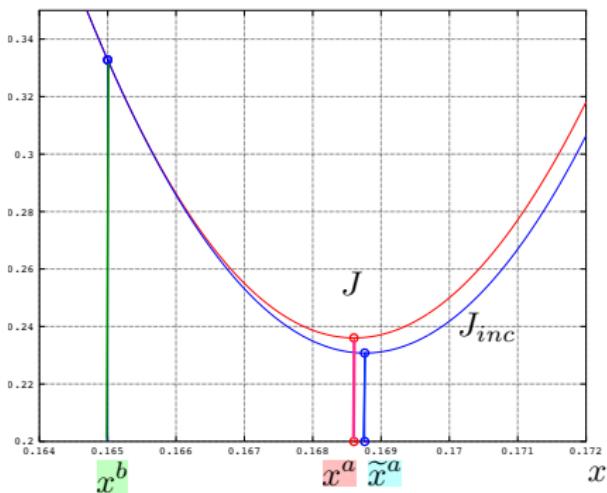
$$J_{inc}(x^b + \delta x) = \frac{(\delta x)^2}{2\sigma_b^2} + \frac{(d - G \delta x)^2}{2\sigma_r^2}$$

where  $d = y^o - \mathcal{G}(x^b)$  is the “innovation”

# Plotting the incremental cost function $J_{inc}$

Gradient of the function  $J_{inc}(x^b + \delta x) = \frac{(\delta x)^2}{2\sigma_b^2} + \frac{(d - G \delta x)^2}{2\sigma_r^2}$ :

$$J'_{inc}(x^b + \delta x) = \frac{\delta x}{\sigma_b^2} + G \frac{G \delta x - d}{\sigma_r^2}$$



$J'_{inc}$  vanishes for:  $\tilde{x}^a = x^b + \tilde{\delta x}^a$

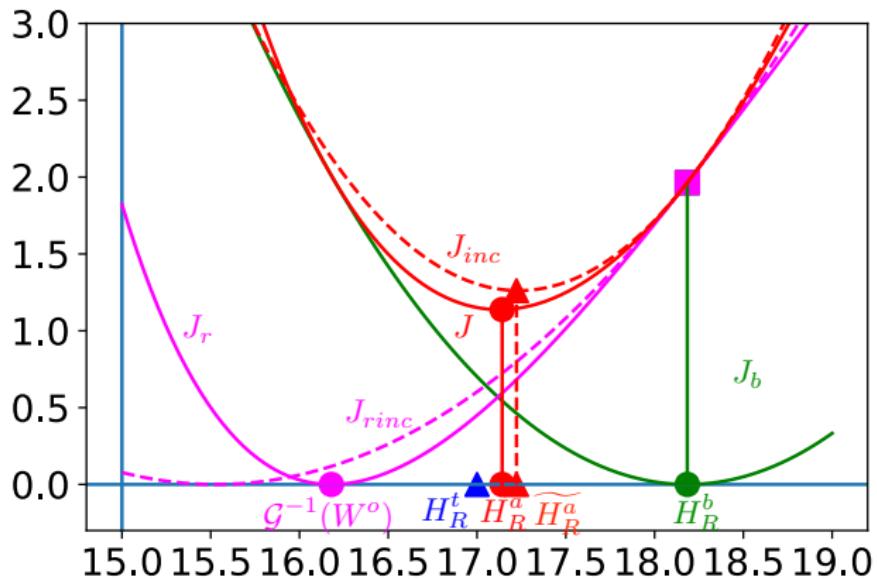
with  $\tilde{\delta x}^a = K d$  where:

Innovation:  $d = y^o - \mathcal{G}(x_b)$

Gain:  $K = \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_b^2} + \frac{G^2}{\sigma_r^2} \right)^{-1} \frac{G}{\sigma_r^2}$

or  $K = \sigma_b^2 G \left( G^2 \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_r^2 \right)^{-1}$

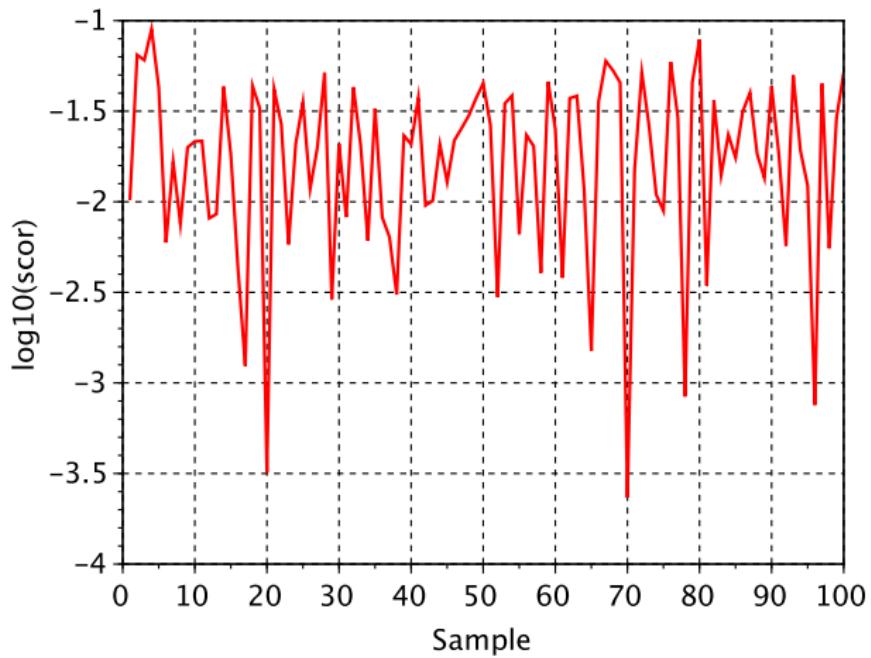
## Validity of the incremental method on the bore example



Blocked height  $x = H_R$  and bore velocity  $y = W$

$$\mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{-q}{x - h_L} \quad \text{and} \quad G = \mathcal{G}'(x^b) = \frac{q}{(x - h_L)^2}$$

# Score of the incremental method for the bore experiment

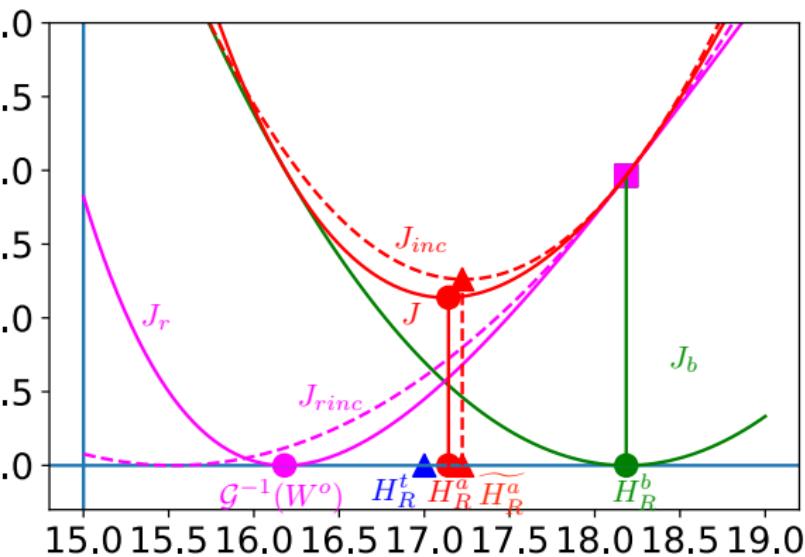


## Experimental values

$$q = 7, h_L = 5, h_R = x^t = 17, x^b = 18, \sigma_b = 1, \sigma_r = .03$$

# Homework A (1/2). Exo 2.1 : "How will the bore propagate?"

Hands-on from: <https://olivier-thual.fr/130202>



$$\mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{-q}{x - h_L}$$

$$G = \mathcal{G}'(x^b) = \frac{q}{(x - h_L)^2}$$

- ➊ Read program.
- ➋ Launch program
- ➌ Compute scores
- ➍ Replace  $\mathcal{G}$
- ➎ Count improvements

# Basic linear algebra

Vectors are  $1 \times N$  or  $1 \times M$  matrices

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_j \\ \dots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_i \\ \dots \\ y_M \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} \underline{x}^T = (x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_N) \\ \underline{y}^T = (y_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_M) \end{cases}$$

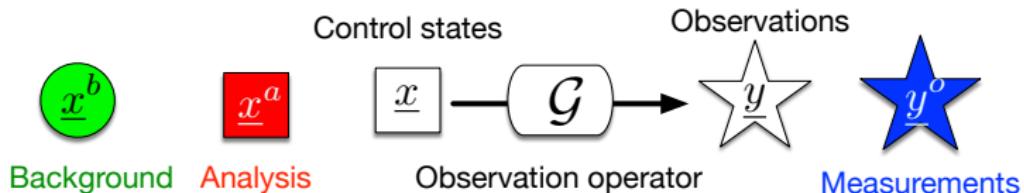
Example of a  $M \times N$  matrix considered as a linear operator:

$$\underline{y} = \underline{\underline{H}} \underline{x} \iff \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_i \\ \dots \\ y_M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & \dots & H_{1j} & \dots & H_{1N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ H_{i1} & \dots & H_{ij} & \dots & H_{iN} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ H_{M1} & \dots & H_{Mj} & \dots & H_{MN} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_j \\ \dots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix}$$

# Generic cost function for data assimilation

Searching the analysis  $\underline{x}^a$  that minimize the cost function

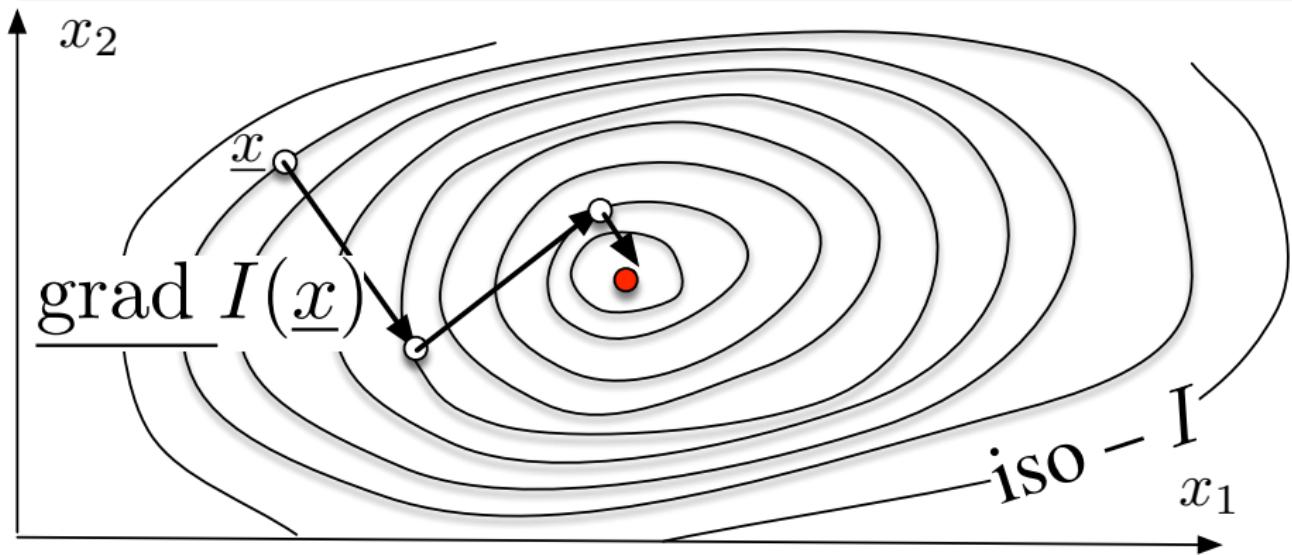
$$J(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \underline{x} - \underline{x}^b \right)^T \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \left( \underline{x} - \underline{x}^b \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}) \right]^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} \left[ \underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}) \right]$$



- Control space  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and Observation space  $\underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^M$
- Background  $\underline{x}^b$  known with errors  $\underline{\epsilon}^b$
- Measurement  $\underline{y}^o$  known with errors  $\underline{\epsilon}^o$
- Covariance background error matrix  $\underline{\underline{B}}$  with  $B_{ij} = \langle \epsilon_i^b \epsilon_j^b \rangle$
- Covariance observation error matrix  $\underline{\underline{R}}$  with  $R_{ij} = \langle \epsilon_i^o \epsilon_j^o \rangle$

# Gradient of a scalar function

$$\underline{\text{grad}} \ I(\underline{x}) = \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_1}, \ \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_2}, \ \dots \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_j}, \ \dots \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_N} \right)^T$$



# Examples of gradient computations

| $\mathbf{I}(\underline{\mathbf{x}})$  | $\text{grad } \mathbf{I}(\underline{\mathbf{x}})$   |
|---|---|
| $\underline{u}^T \underline{x}$   | $\underline{u}$   |
| $\underline{u}^T \underline{\underline{M}} \underline{x}$   | $\underline{\underline{M}}^T \underline{u}$   |
| $\underline{x}^T \underline{\underline{M}} \underline{x}$   | $(\underline{\underline{M}} + \underline{\underline{M}}^T) \underline{x}$   |
| $\underline{x}^T \underline{\underline{H}}^T \underline{\underline{S}} \underline{\underline{H}} \underline{x}$ | $\underline{\underline{H}} (\underline{\underline{S}} + \underline{\underline{S}}^T) \underline{\underline{H}}^T \underline{x}$ |

## Incremental cost function through a linearization of $\mathcal{G}$

$$J(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{x}^b)^T \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{x}^b) + \frac{1}{2} [\underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x})]^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} [\underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x})]$$

Linearization of  $\mathcal{G}$  around the background  $\underline{x}^b$  :

$$\mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^b + \underline{\delta x}) \approx \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^b) + \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\delta x}$$

### Incremental cost function

$$J_{inc}(\underline{x}^b + \underline{\delta x}) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\delta x}^T \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \underline{\delta x} + \frac{1}{2} (\underline{d} - \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\delta x})^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} (\underline{d} - \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\delta x})$$

where  $\underline{d} = \underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^b)$  is the innovation vector

# Minimum of the incremental cost function

Knowing the innovation vector  $\underline{d} = \underline{y}^o - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^b)$ :

$$J_{inc}(\underline{x}^b + \underline{\delta x}) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\delta x}^T \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \underline{\delta x} + \frac{1}{2} (\underline{d} - \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\delta x})^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} (\underline{d} - \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\delta x})$$

## Gradient of the incremental cost function

$$\underline{\text{grad}} J_{inc}(\underline{x}^b + \underline{\delta x}) = \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \underline{\delta x} - \underline{\underline{G}}^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} [\underline{d} - \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\delta x}]$$

The minimum  $\tilde{\underline{x}}^a$  is found through  $\underline{\text{grad}} J_{inc}(\underline{x}^a) = \underline{0}$ :

$$\tilde{\underline{x}}^a = \underline{x}^b + \underline{\underline{K}} \underline{d}$$

where the gain matrix is:  $\underline{\underline{K}} = \left( \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} + \underline{\underline{G}}^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} \underline{\underline{G}} \right)^{-1} \underline{\underline{G}}^T \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1}$

and is also equal to (SMW identity):  $\underline{\underline{K}} = \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T \left( \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T + \underline{\underline{R}} \right)^{-1}$

## 5. TIME DEPENDENT MODELS

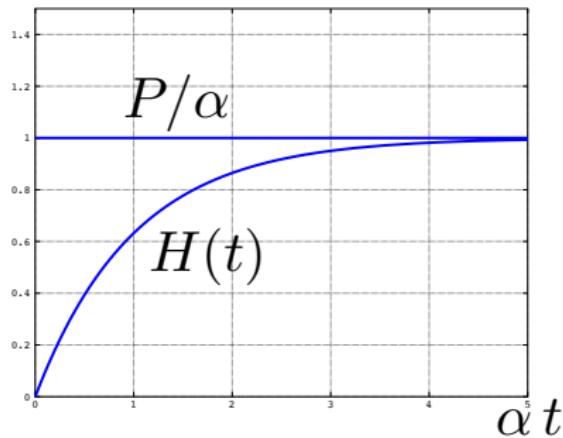
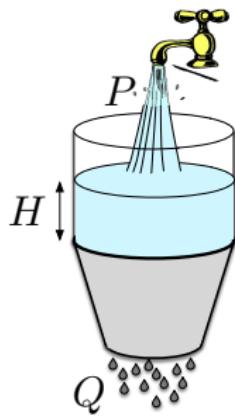
Time evolution of a system

Data are available at different times and the model is a dynamical system.

# Will the water overflow?

## Reservoir model

$$\frac{dH(t)}{dt} = -\alpha H(t) + P \quad \text{with} \quad H(0) = 0$$



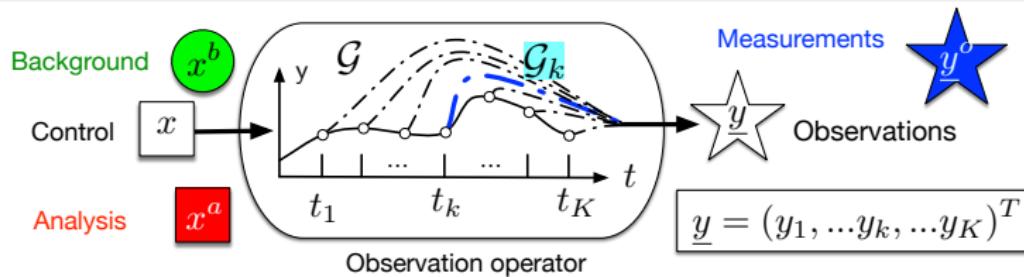
## Exact solution

$$H(t) = (P/\alpha) [1 - \exp(-\alpha t)]$$

# Assimilation of $\alpha$

Measurements of  $y_k = H(t_k)$  to determine  $x = \alpha$

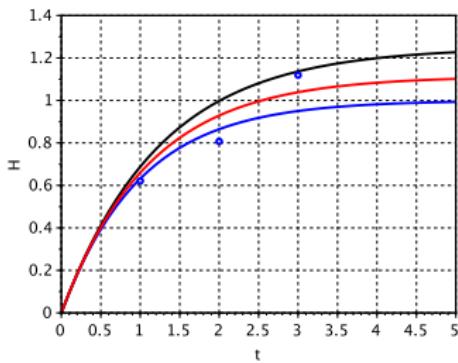
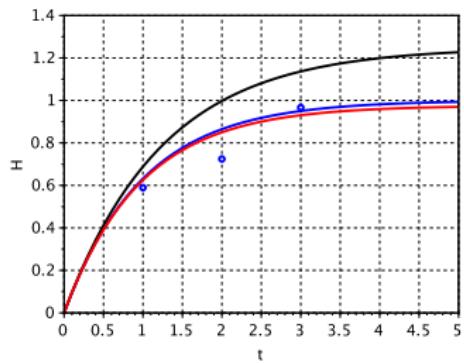
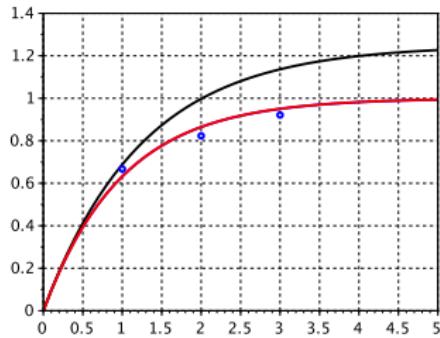
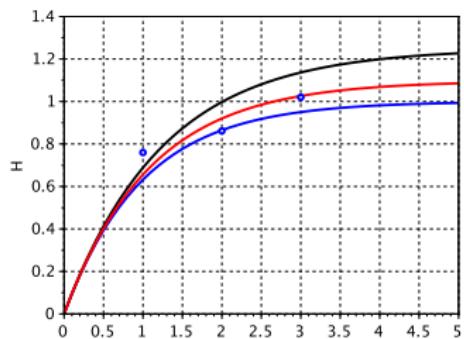
- $\underline{y}^o = (y_1^o, \dots, y_k^o, \dots, y_K^o)^T$
- $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_1^T, \dots, \mathcal{G}_k^T, \dots, \mathcal{G}_K^T)^T$  with  $\mathcal{G}_k(\alpha) = (1/\alpha)[1 - \exp(-\alpha t_k)]$



## Cost function

$$J(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\alpha - \alpha^b)^2}{\sigma_b^2} + \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{[y_k^o - \mathcal{G}_k(\alpha)]^2}{2 \sigma_r^2}$$

# Incremental method for the $x = \alpha$ reservoir example

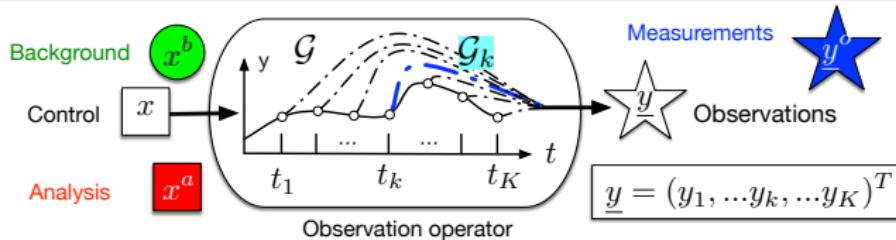


Red: analysis, Blue: true state, Black: background

# Assimilation of $(\alpha, P)$

Measurements of  $y_k = H(t_k)$  to determine  $\underline{x} = (\alpha, P)$

- $\underline{y}^o = (y_1^o, \dots, y_k^o, \dots, y_K^o)^T$
- $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_1^T, \dots, \mathcal{G}_k^T, \dots, \mathcal{G}_K^T)^T$  with  $\mathcal{G}_k(\alpha, P) = (P/\alpha)[1 - \exp(-\alpha t_k)]$



Cost function:

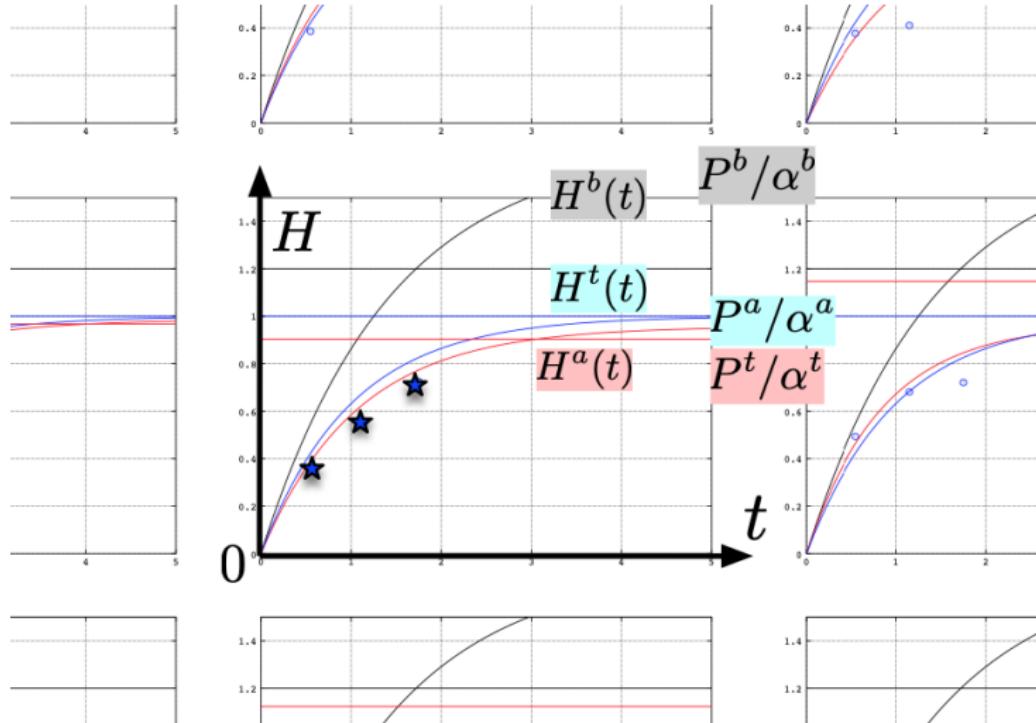
$$J(\alpha, P) = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \alpha^b, P - P^b) \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \alpha^b \\ P - P^b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{[y_k^o - \mathcal{G}_k(\alpha, P)]^2}{2 \sigma_r^2}$$

Covariance background error matrix:

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_\alpha^2 & \rho \sigma_\alpha \sigma_P \\ \rho \sigma_\alpha \sigma_P & \sigma_P^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

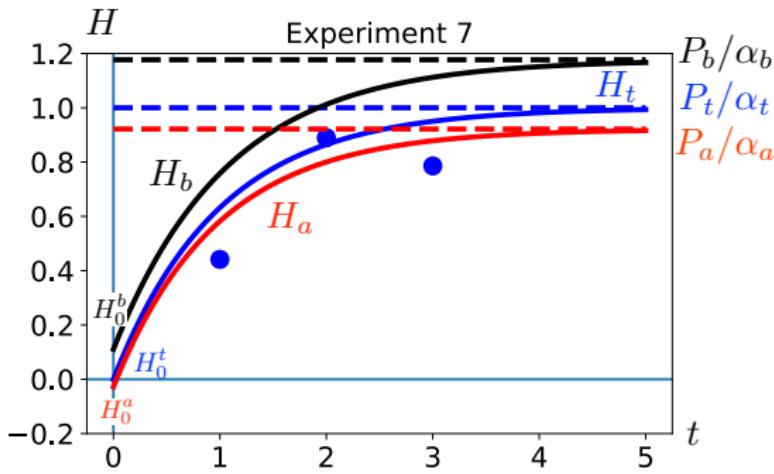
# Incremental method for the assimilation of $(\alpha, P)$



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# Homework A (2/2). Exo3.1 : “Will the water overflow?”

Hands-on from: <https://olivier-thual.fr/130202>



- ① Read the content of the program
- ② Launch the program with the default parameters
- ③ Describe the program algorithm briefly
- ④ Change parameters and describe results
- ⑤ Enrich the program to compute scores

# Homework A : Two exercices

Two exercices from the course notes :

- Exo 2.1 : "How will the bore propagate?"
- Exo3.1 : "Will the water overflow?"

## Requirements

- A written report : 5 pages minimum
- The sources of the python program(s) or the Jupyter notebook(s)
- On Moodle before the dealine

## 4. ENSEMBLE METHODS IN R

### Monte-carlo experiments

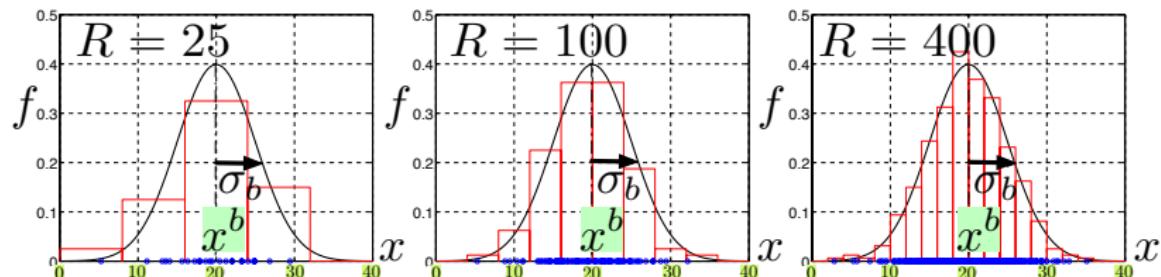
Use a great number of experiments :

- To compute scores
- To approximate derivatives

# Gaussian random variable

Probability density function of a gaussian random variable:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_b} \exp\left[-\frac{(x - x^b)^2}{2\sigma_b^2}\right] \implies \langle \Phi(x) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(x) f(x) dx$$

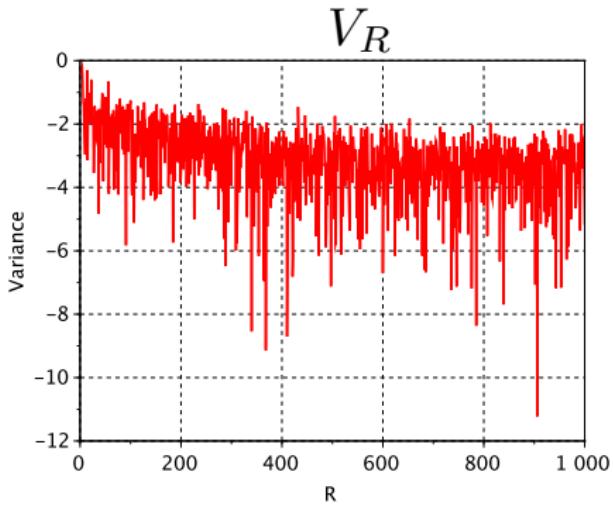
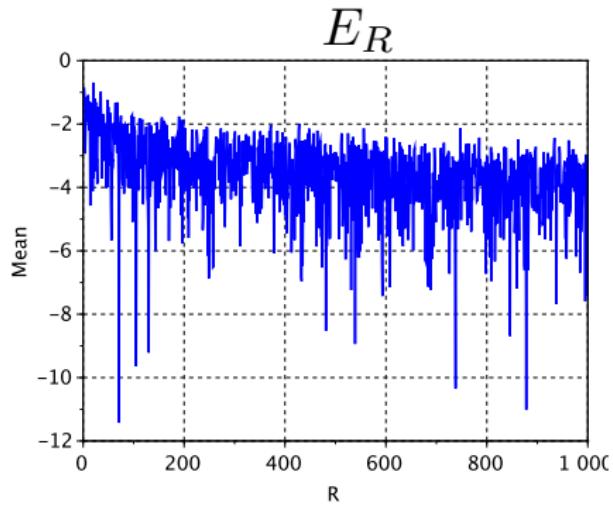


Mean  $x^b = \langle x \rangle$  Variance  $\sigma_b^2 = \langle (x - x^b)^2 \rangle$  estimators:

$$E_R = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R x^{(r)} \sim x^b \text{ and } V_R = \frac{1}{R-1} \sum_{r=1}^R (x^{(r)} - E_R)^2 \sim \sigma_b^2$$

where  $x^{(r)}$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$  be  $R$  are draws of the random variable

# Convergence of the estimators



Scores  $\log_{10} |E_R - x^b|$  and  $\log_{10} |V_R - \sigma_b^2|$ :

$$E_R = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R x^{(r)} \sim x^b \text{ and } V_R = \frac{1}{R-1} \sum_{r=1}^R (x^{(r)} - E_R)^2 \sim \sigma_b^2$$

## Computation of the gain with an ensemble method

We want to compute the gain  $K$ :

$$K = \sigma_b^2 G \left( G^2 \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_r^2 \right)^{-1} \text{ where } G = \mathcal{G}'(x^b) \dots \text{ without computing } G !$$

With  $x^{(r)}$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$  of mean  $x^b$  and variance  $\sigma_b^2$ :

Compute  $y(r) = \mathcal{G}(x^{(r)})$  and  $y^b = \mathcal{G}(x^b)$

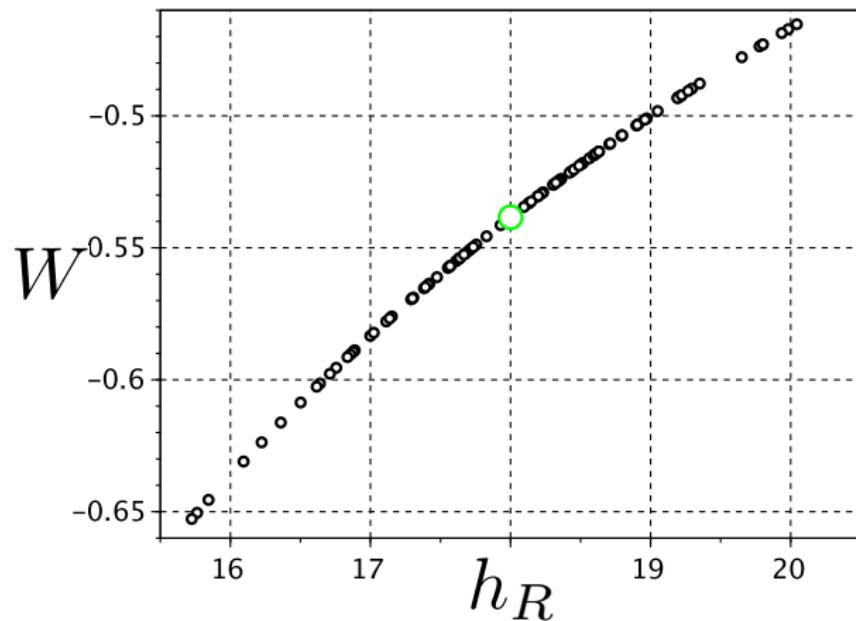
$$\sigma_b^2 G \sim \mathcal{A}^{\sigma_b^2 G} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R \left( x^{(r)} - x^b \right) \left( y^{(r)} - y^b \right)$$

$$\sigma_b^2 G^2 \sim \mathcal{A}^{\sigma_b^2 G^2} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R \left( y^{(r)} - y^b \right) \left( y^{(r)} - y^b \right)$$

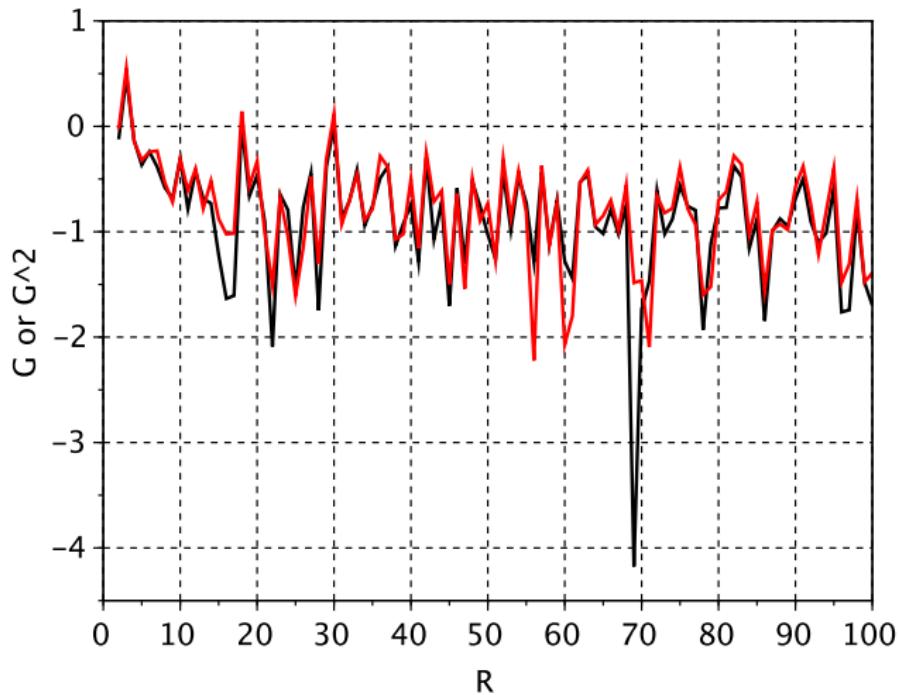
This ensemble method approximates  $G = \mathcal{G}'(x^b)$ :

$$\left( y^{(r)} - y^b \right) = \left[ \mathcal{G}\left(x^{(r)}\right) - \mathcal{G}\left(x^b\right) \right] \sim G \left( x^{(r)} - x^b \right)$$

# Dispersion of the ensemble used to estimate the gain

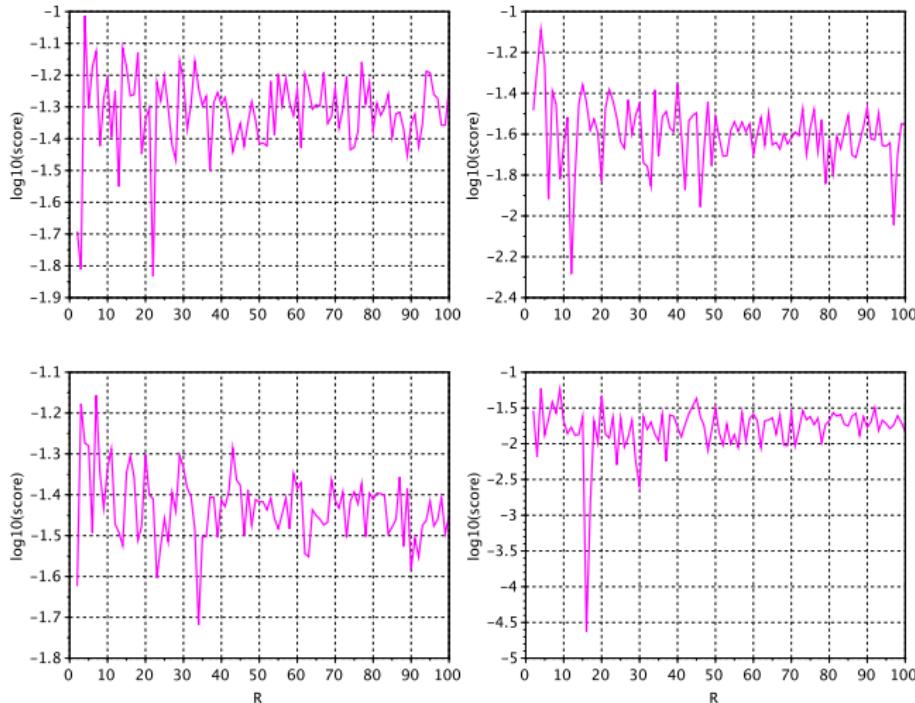


# Approximation of $G$ and $G^2$ by the ensemble method



Estimation of  $\sigma_b^2 G$  (black) and  $\sigma_b^2 G^2$  (red)

# Validity of the ensemble method of the bore example

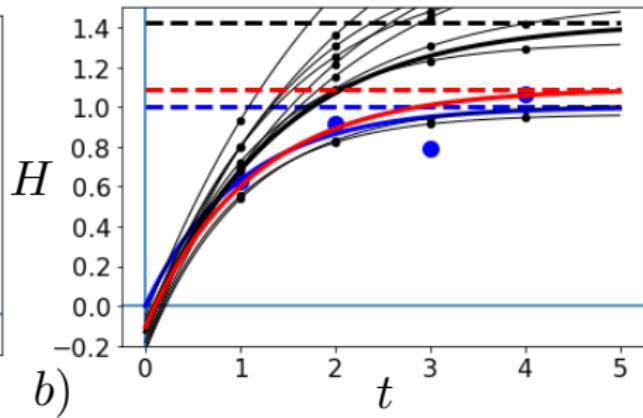
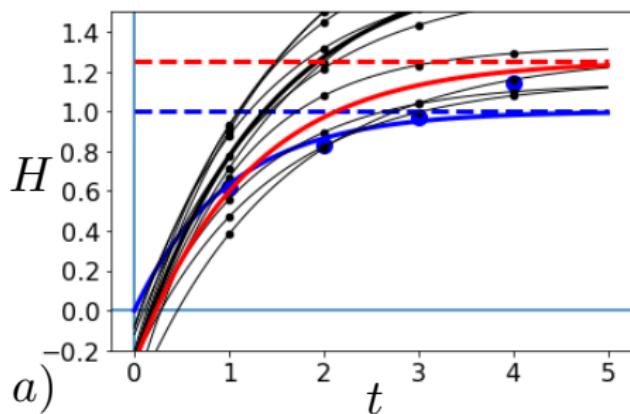


The score is  $|x^a/x^t - 1|$  and  $R$  is the number of members.

# Ensemble method for the assimilation of $(\alpha, P)$

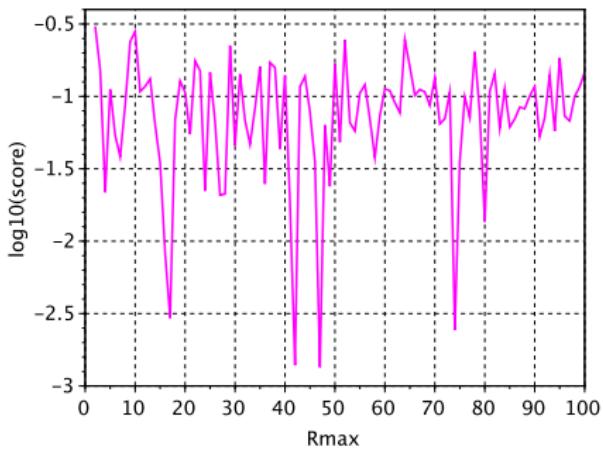
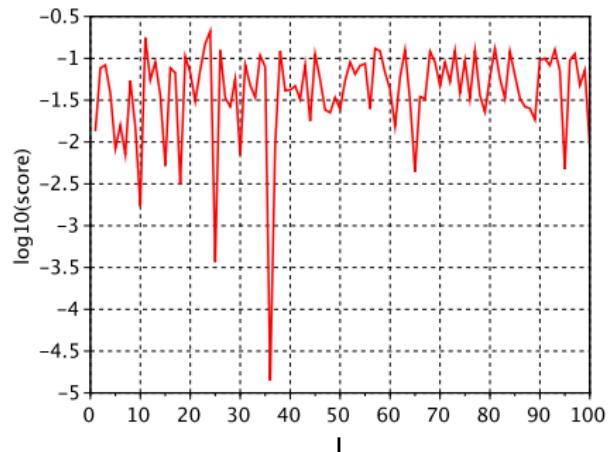
## Ensemble method

Approximations  $\underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T \sim \underline{\underline{\mathcal{A}}}^{BG^T}$  and  $\underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T \sim \underline{\underline{\mathcal{A}}}^{GBG^T}$  with random draws  $x^{(r)} = (\alpha^r, P^r)$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$



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# Incremental versus ensemble method



Left (Red): Incremental for  $I = 100$  draws

Right (Magenta): Ensemble for one draw as a function of  $R$

## 5. ENSEMBLE METHODS IN $R^N$

### Monte-carlo experiment

Use a great number of experiments :

- To approximate gradients

## Computation of the gain matrix with an ensemble method

Compute  $\underline{\underline{K}} = \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T ( \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T + \underline{\underline{R}} )^{-1}$  ... without computing  $\underline{\underline{G}}$  !

Let  $\underline{x}^{(r)}$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$  of mean  $\underline{x}^b$  and covariance variance  $\underline{\underline{B}}$ :

Compute  $\underline{y}^{(r)} = \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^{(r)})$  and  $\underline{y}^b = \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^b)$

$$\underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T \sim \underline{\underline{A}}^{BG^T} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R (\underline{x}^{(r)} - \underline{x}^b) (\underline{y}^{(r)} - \underline{y}^b)^T$$

$$\underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{G}}^T \sim \underline{\underline{A}}^{GBG^T} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R (\underline{y}^{(r)} - \underline{y}^b) (\underline{y}^{(r)} - \underline{y}^b)^T$$

This method approximates the Jacobian matrix  $\underline{\underline{G}}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  at  $\underline{x}^b$ :

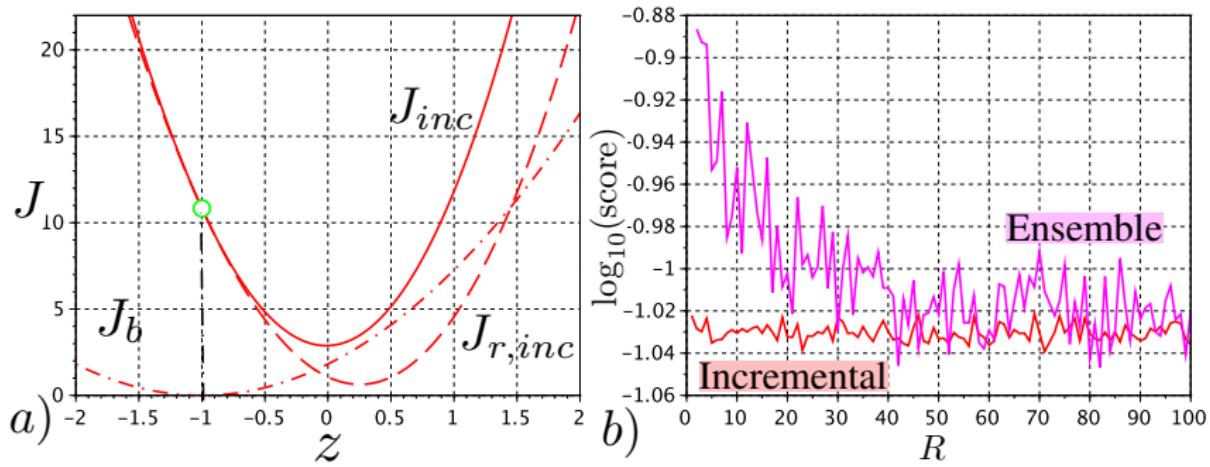
$$(\underline{y}^{(r)} - \underline{y}^b) = [\mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^{(r)}) - \mathcal{G}(\underline{x}^b)] \sim \underline{\underline{G}} (\underline{x}^{(r)} - \underline{x}^b)$$

## Exemple with $N = 30$ and $M = 10$

Observation operator  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_1^T, \dots, \mathcal{G}_M^T)^T$  and other parameters

$\mathcal{G}_i(\underline{x}) = [\underline{x} - 10 * \sin(i) \underline{e}_i]^2$  where  $(\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_N)$  is the canonical basis.

True state:  $\underline{x}^t = \sum_{j=1}^N \underline{e}_j$ . Covariance matrices:  $\underline{\underline{B}} = 0.1 \underline{\underline{I}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{R}} = \underline{\underline{I}}$



Plot of  $J_{inc}$ ,  $J_b$  and  $J_{r,inc}$  as a function of  $z$  for  $\underline{x} = \underline{x}^a + z(\underline{x}^a - \underline{x}^b)$

# Homework B : Ensemble method on a simples examples

See Jupyter notebooks from: <https://olivier-thual.fr/130202>

## Example in $\mathbb{R}$

- ① Read Sections 1.1 and 1.2 of Chapter 4
- ② Program both the incremental and ensemble method for one example

## Example in $\mathbb{R}^n$

- ① Read Sections 1.4 of Chapter 4
- ② Program an ensemble method for a new example in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , to be designed

## Requirements

- Program and present two examples
- A written report : 5 pages minimum
- A link to Jupyter notebooks on Moodle before the dealine