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## **On a Class of Genetic Genealogical Tree Models**

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↪ F-K Formulae, Genealogical and IPS, Springer (2004) + References therein

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## Introduction

- Mean field particle models  $\simeq$  stochastic linearization Methods.
- Feynman-Kac formulae, Genetic and genealogical tree interpretation models  
*Discrete time models  $\rightsquigarrow$  Continuous time version = Moran type genetic models*  
( $\sim$  joint works with L. Miclo, see also [PhD  $\oplus$  articles] M. Rousset)
- **Asympt. analysis  $\oplus$  propagations of chaos expansions**  
( $\sim$  F. Patras, S. Rubenthaler)
- **Application model areas : particle physics (absorbing medium, ground states), biology (polymers, macromolecules), statistics (particle simulation, restricted Markov, target distributions), rare event analysis (importance sampling, multilevel branching).**
  
- **Signal processing, Filtering : Particle filters**
  1. Filtering velocities in turbulent fluids (C. Baehr, Météo France Toulouse)  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  Workshop on Particle methods in fluid mechanics (March 16th 2007)
  2. Vortex and source particles for fluid motion estimation (A. Cuzo1, E. Mémin, IRISA projet VISTA <http://www.irisa.fr/vista>)

## Mean field particle models = Non Linear Monte Carlo Methods

$\eta_t$  Non linear PDE  $\sim (L_{t,\eta})_{(t,\eta) \in (\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathcal{P}(E))}$  infinitesimal generators

$$\frac{d}{dt} \eta_t(f) = \eta_t L_{t,\eta_t}(f) =_{\text{def.}} \int_E \eta_t(dx) L_{t,\eta_t}(f)(x)$$

↓

*Interacting Particle Approximation Model*  $\xi_t = (\xi_t^i)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$  infinitesimal generator  $\mathcal{L}$

$$\mathcal{L}(F)(x^1, \dots, x^N) =_{\text{def.}} \sum_{i=1}^N L_{t,m(x)}^{(i)} F(x^1, \dots, x^i, \dots, x^N) \quad \text{with} \quad m(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x^i}$$

$$\downarrow \quad (\eta_t^N := m(\xi_t))$$

$$d\eta_t^N(f) = \eta_t^N L_{t,\eta_t^N}(f) dt + dM_t^N(f) \quad \text{with} \quad \langle M^N(f) \rangle_t = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^t \eta_s^N \Gamma_{L_s, \eta_s^N}(f, f) ds$$

**Example :** (L. Miclo & P. DM SPA 2000)

$(X_t \simeq L - \text{motion on } E), (V : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+) \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{F.K. norm. model } \eta_t(f) := \gamma_t(f)/\gamma_t(\mathbf{1})$

$$\text{with } \gamma_t(f) = \mathbb{E} \left( f(X_t) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right\} \right) \left( = \eta_t(f) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \eta_s(V) ds \right\} \right)$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \gamma_t(f) = \gamma_t(L^V(f)) \quad \text{with the Schrödinger operator } L^V := L - V$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \eta_t(f) = \eta_t L_{\eta_t}(f) := \int \eta_t(dx) \left\{ L(f)(x) + V(x) \int (f(y) - f(x)) \eta_t(dy) \right\}$$

**Moran's type IPS Model**  $(\xi_t^i)_{1 \leq i \leq N} = L\text{-motions} \oplus \text{interacting jumps (V-intensity)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_t(F)(x^1, \dots, x^N) &= \sum_{i=1}^N L^{(i)} F(x^1, \dots, x^i, \dots, x^N) + \sum_{i=1}^N V(x^i) \\ &\quad \times \int (F(x^1, \dots, y^i, \dots, x^N) - F(x^1, \dots, x^i, \dots, x^N)) m(x)(dy^i) \end{aligned}$$

## Discrete generation models

$$\eta_n = \eta_{n-1} K_{n, \eta_{n-1}} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int_{E_{n-1}} \eta_{n-1}(dx) \underbrace{K_{n, \eta_{n-1}}(x, \cdot)}_{\text{Markov transitions}}$$

↓

*Interacting Particle Approximation Model*

$$\forall 1 \leq i \leq N \quad \xi_{n-1}^i \longrightarrow \xi_n^i \sim K_{n, \eta_{n-1}^N}(\xi_{n-1}^i, \cdot) \quad \text{with} \quad \eta_{n-1}^N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\xi_{n-1}^i}$$

↓

$$\eta_n^N = \eta_{n-1}^N K_{n, \eta_{n-1}^N} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} W_n^N \quad \text{with} \quad W_n^N \simeq \text{centered Gauss field}$$

↪ adaptive dynamics, genetic and branching population model, etc.

## Evolutionary type models

<b>Simple Genetic Branching Algo.</b>	<i>Mutation</i>    <i>Selection/Branching</i>
<b>Metropolis-Hastings Algo.</b>	<i>Proposal</i>    <i>Acceptance/Rejection</i>
<b>Sequential Monte Carlo methods</b>	<i>Sampling</i>    <i>Resampling (SIR)</i>
<b>Filtering/Smoothing</b>	<i>Prediction</i>    <i>Updating/Correction</i>
<b>Particle <math>\in</math> Absorbing Medium</b>	<i>Evolution</i>    <i>Killing/Creation/Anhiling</i>

Other Botanical Names : multi-level splitting (Khan-Harris 51), prune enrichment (Rosenbluth 1955), switching algo. (Magill 65), matrix reconfiguration (Hetherington 84), restart (Villen-Altamirano 91), particle filters (Rigal-Salut-DM 92), SIR filters (Gordon-Salmon-Smith 93, Kitagawa 96), go-with-the-winner (Vazirani-Aldous 94), ensemble Kalman-filters (Evensen 1994), quantum Monte Carlo methods (Melik-Nightingale 1999), sequential Monte Carlo Methods (Arnaud Doucet 2001), spawning filters (Fisher-Maybeck 2002), SIR Pilot Exploration Resampling (Liu-Zhang 2002),...

## ⇔ Particle Interpretations of Feynman-Kac models

Since R. Feynman's *phD. on path integrals 1942*

Physics ↔ Biology ↔ Engineering Sciences ↔ Probability/Statistics

### – Physics :

- $FKS \in$  nonlinear integro-diff. éq. ( $\sim$  generalized Boltzmann models).
- Spectral analysis of Schrödinger operators and large matrices with nonnegative entries. (particle evolutions in disordered/absorbing media)
- Multiplicative Dirichlet problems with boundary conditions.
- Microscopic and macroscopic interacting particle interpretations.

### – Biology :

- Self-avoiding walks, macromolecular polymerizations.
- Branching and genetic population models.
- Coalescent and Genealogical evolutions.

– **Rare events analysis :**

- Multisplitting and branching particle models (Restart).
- Importance sampling and twisted probability measures.
- Genealogical tree based simulation methods.

– **Advanced Signal processing :**

- Optimal filtering/smoothing/regulation, open loop optimal control.
- Interacting Kalman-Bucy filters.
- Stochastic and adaptative grid approximation-models

– **Statistics/Probability :**

- Restricted Markov chains (w.r.t terminal values, visiting regions,...)
- Analysis of Boltzmann-Gibbs type distributions (simulation, partition functions,...).
- Random search evolutionary algorithms, interacting Metropolis/simulated annealing algo.
- Bayesian methodology.



**Simple Genetic evolution/simulation models** → only 2 ingredients!!

(Discrete time parameter  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , state spaces  $E_n (\in \{\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathbb{R}^d, \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^d \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^d}_{(n+1)\text{-times}}\})$ )

– *Mutation/exploration/prediction/proposal* :

→ Markov transitions  $M_n(x_{n-1}, dx_n)$  from  $E_{n-1}$  into  $E_n$ .

– *Selection/absorption/updating/acceptance* :

→ Potential functions  $G_n$  from  $E_n$  into  $[0, 1]$ .

**A Genetic Evolution Model**  $\Rightarrow$  Markov chain  $\xi_n = (\xi_n^1, \dots, \xi_n^N) \in E_n^N = E_n \times \dots \times E_n$

$$\xi_n \in E_n^N \xrightarrow{\text{selection}} \widehat{\xi}_n \in E_n^N \xrightarrow{\text{mutation}} \xi_{n+1} \in E_{n+1}^N$$

– **Selection transition** ( $\exists \neq$  types  $\rightarrow$  Ex. : accept/reject)

$$\xi_n^i \rightsquigarrow \widehat{\xi}_n^i = \xi_n^i \quad \text{with proba. } G_n(\xi_n^i) \quad \textbf{[Acceptance]}$$

Otherwise we select a better fitted individual in the current configuration

$$\widehat{\xi}_n^i = \xi_n^j \quad \text{with proba. } G_n(\xi_n^j) / \sum_{k=1}^N G_n(\xi_n^k) \quad \textbf{[Rejection + Selection]}$$

– **Mutation transition**

$$\widehat{\xi}_n^i \rightsquigarrow \xi_{n+1}^i \sim M_{n+1}(\widehat{\xi}_n^i, \cdot)$$

*Continuous time models :*

$(M, G) = (Id + \Delta L, e^{-V\Delta}) \rightsquigarrow L\text{-motions} \oplus \text{expo. random clocks rate } V + \text{Uniform selection}$

## A Genealogical tree model

*Important observation* [Historical process]

$$X'_n \in E'_n \quad \text{Markov chain}$$

↓

$$X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \in E_n = (E'_0 \times \dots \times E'_n) \quad \text{Markov chain} \in \text{path spaces}$$

→ *Markov transitions*  $M_n(x_{n-1}, dx_n)$  [elementary extensions]

$$X_{n+1} = ((X'_0, \dots, X'_n), X'_{n+1}) = (X_n, X'_{n+1})$$

## Genetic Evolution Model on Path Spaces = Genealogical tree model

$$X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \quad \text{Markov transitions } M_n \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(X_n) = G'_n(X'_n)$$

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Genetic path-valued particle Model

$$\begin{cases} \xi_n^i &= (\xi_{0,n}^i, \xi_{1,n}^i, \dots, \xi_{n,n}^i) \\ \widehat{\xi}_n^i &= (\widehat{\xi}_{0,n}^i, \widehat{\xi}_{1,n}^i, \dots, \widehat{\xi}_{n,n}^i) \in E_n = (E'_0 \times \dots \times E'_n) \end{cases}$$

- Path acceptance/(rejection+selection).
- Path mutation = path elementary extensions.

**Occupation/Empirical measures** ( $\forall f_n$  test function on  $E_n$ )

$$\eta_n^N(f_n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_n(\xi_n^i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_n \underbrace{(\xi_{0,n}^i, \xi_{1,n}^i, \dots, \xi_{n,n}^i)}_{i\text{-th ancestral lines}}$$

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*Unbias-particle measures & Unnormalized Feynman-Kac measures :*

$$\gamma_n^N(f_n) = \eta_n^N(f_n) \times \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p^N(G_p) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n(f_n) = \mathbb{E}(f_n(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p))$$

**Notes :**

- $f_n = 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_n^N(1) = \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p^N(G_p) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n(1) = \mathbb{E}(\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p))$
- *Path-space models*

$$[ X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \text{ and } G_n(X_n) = G'_n(X'_n) ] \Rightarrow \gamma_n(f_n) = \mathbb{E}(f_n(X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G'_p(X'_p))$$

$\implies$  Occupation measure & Normalized Feynman-Kac measures :

$$\eta_n^N(f_n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_n(\xi_n^i) = \gamma_n^N(f_n) / \gamma_n^N(\mathbf{1}) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \eta_n(f_n) = \gamma_n(f_n) / \gamma_n(\mathbf{1})$$

Path-space models

$$[ X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \text{ and } G_n(X_n) = G'_n(X'_n) ]$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\eta_n(f_n) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(f_n(X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G'_p(X'_p))}{\mathbb{E}(\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G'_p(X'_p))}$$

Note :

$$\gamma_n(f_n) = \eta_n(f_n) \times \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p(G_p) \quad (\leftarrow \gamma_n^N(f_n) = \eta_n^N(f_n) \times \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p^N(G_p))$$

**Asymptotic theory**  $(n, N) \rightarrow \infty$  (usual LLN, CLT, LDP,...)

Some examples :

- *Weak convergence* [ $p \geq 1$  +  $\mathcal{F}_n$  not too large + regular mutations]  
(JTP 2000, joint work with M. Ledoux + FK Formulae Springer 2004)

$$\sup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{f_n \in \mathcal{F}_n} |\eta_n^N(f_n) - \eta_n(f_n)|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq c(p) / \sqrt{N}$$

$$\sup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{P}(|\eta_n^N(f_n) - \eta_n(f_n)| > \epsilon) \leq (1 + \epsilon \sqrt{N/2}) \exp -\frac{N\epsilon^2}{\sigma^2}$$

- *Propagation-of-chaos estimates* [ $q \leq N$  finite block size]  
(TVP + SIAM PTA 2006, joint work with A. Doucet)

$$\mathbb{P}_{n,q}^N := \text{Law}(\xi_n^1, \dots, \xi_n^q) \simeq \eta_n^{\otimes q} + \frac{1}{N} \partial^1 \mathbb{P}_{n,q} \quad \text{with} \quad \sup_{n \geq 0} \|\partial^1 \mathbb{P}_{n,q}\|_{\text{tv}} \leq c q^2$$

**Functional representation at any order :**  $(\mathbb{Q}_{n,q}^N(F) := \mathbb{E}((\gamma_n^N)^{\otimes q}(F)))$

↪ Coalescent tree based functional representations for some Feynman-Kac particle models.

(joint work with F. Patras and S. Rubenthaler)

**thm :**

$$\mathbb{Q}_{n,q}^N = \gamma_n^{\otimes q} + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq (q-1)(n+1)} \frac{1}{N^k} \partial^k \mathbb{Q}_{n,q}$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}_{n,q}^N \simeq \eta_n^{\otimes q} + \sum_{1 \leq l \leq k} \frac{1}{N^l} \partial^l \mathbb{P}_{n,q} + \frac{1}{N^{k+1}} \partial^{k+1} \mathbb{P}_{n,q}^N \quad \text{with} \quad \sup_{N \geq 1} \|\partial^{k+1} \mathbb{P}_{n,q}^N\|_{\text{tv}} < \infty$$

**Consequences :** Sharp + strong propagations of chaos estimates at any order, Wick product formulae on forests, sharp  $\mathbb{L}_p$ -mean error bounds, law of large numbers for  $U$ -statistics for interacting processes, . . . .



## Applications :

- Particle physics (absorbing medium, ground states)
- Biology (polymers, macromolecules)
- Statistics (particle simulation, restricted Markov, target distributions)
- Rare event analysis (importance sampling, multilevel branching)
- Signal processing, filtering

↪ [*Stochastic Engineering + Scilab Prog. (Master 2) (⇒ in french)*]

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↪ [*IRISA ASPI project **A**pl. **S**tat. Syst. de **P**articules en **I**nteraction*]

<http://www.irisa.fr/activites/equipes/aspi>

**Particle physics : Markov  $X_n \in$  Absorbing medium  $G(x) = e^{-V(x)} \in [0, 1]$**

$$X_n^c \in E^c = E \cup \{c\} \xrightarrow{\text{absorption}} \widehat{X}_n^c \xrightarrow{\text{exploration}} X_{n+1}^c$$

*Absorption/killing* :  $\longrightarrow \widehat{X}_n^c = X_n^c$ , with proba  $G(X_n^c)$ ; otherwise the particle is killed and  $\widehat{X}_n^c = c$ .

$\Downarrow$

$A = \{x : G(x) = 0\} \longrightarrow$  Hard obstacles

$T = \inf \{n \geq 0 ; \widehat{X}_n^c = c\} \longrightarrow$  Absorption time  $X_{T+n}^c = \widehat{X}_{T+n}^c = c$

$\implies$  Feynman-Kac models  $(G, X_n)$  :  $\gamma_n = \text{Law}(X_n^c ; T \geq n)$  and  $\gamma_n(1) = \text{Proba}(T \geq n)$

$\Downarrow$

$$\eta_n = \text{Law}(X_n^c \mid T \geq n) = \text{Law}((X_0^{lc}, \dots, X_n^{lc}) \mid T \geq n)$$

**Lyapunov exponents and grounds states** ( $X_n \sim M$ ,  $G \in [0, 1]$ ,  $T$  abs. time)

( $\oplus$  Schrodinger op.  $L+V \rightsquigarrow$  joint work with L. Miclo ESAIM 2003, **see also** M. Rousset PhD.+articles)

$$\text{Proba}(T \geq n) = \mathbb{E}\left(\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G(X_p)\right) = \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p(G) \simeq e^{-\lambda n} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda = -\log \eta_\infty(G)$$

$$M \quad \mu - \text{reversible} \Rightarrow \eta_\infty(f) = \frac{\mu(H M(f))}{\mu(H)} \quad \text{with} \quad GM(H) = \lambda H$$

and

$$\Psi(\eta_\infty)(f) := \frac{\eta_\infty(Gf)}{\eta_\infty(G)} = \frac{\mu(Hf)}{\mu(H)}$$

N-particle approx. :

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_n^N(1) &= \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p^N(G) \simeq_N \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p(G) = \gamma_n(1) \simeq_n e^{-\lambda n} \\ \Psi(\eta_n^N) &\simeq_N \Psi(\eta_n) \simeq_n \Psi(\eta_\infty) = \frac{\mu(Hf)}{\mu(H)} \end{aligned}$$

## Biology : Macromolecules and Directed Polymers

– Self avoiding walks  $X'_n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(X_n) = 1_{\notin \{X'_0, \dots, X'_{n-1}\}}(X'_n)$$

$$\gamma_n(1) = \text{Proba}(\forall 0 \leq p \neq q \leq n, X'_p \neq X'_q) \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_n = \text{Law}(X'_0, \dots, X'_n \mid \forall 0 \leq p \neq q \leq n, X'_p \neq X'_q)$$

Ex. : (Connectivity constants)

$$\gamma_n(1) = \frac{1}{(2d)^n} \times \#\{\text{non intersecting walks with length } n\} \simeq \frac{\exp(\mathbf{c} \ n)}{(2d)^n}$$

– Edwards' model

$$X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(X_n) = \exp \left\{ -\beta \sum_{0 \leq p < n} 1_{X'_p}(X'_n) \right\}$$

– Random medium  $(G_n(x))_{n,x}$  i.i.d random variables  $(\in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow \text{Law}(X_n \mid X \in \text{percolation clusters}))$

## Statistics : Sequential MCMC and Feynman-Kac-Metropolis models

(Series joint works with A. Doucet and A. Jasra : Sem. Proba 2003, JRSS B 2006)

*Metropolis potential* [ $\pi$  target measure]+[( $K, L$ ) pair Markov transitions]

$$G(y_1, y_2) = \frac{\pi(dy_2)L(y_2, dy_1)}{\pi(dy_1)K(y_1, dy_2)}$$

**Ex.  $\pi$  Gibbs measure :**

$$\pi(dy) \propto e^{-V(y)} \lambda(dy) \Rightarrow G(y_1, y_2) = e^{(V(y_1)-V(y_2))} \frac{\lambda(dy_2)L(y_2, dy_1)}{\lambda(dy_1)K(y_1, dy_2)}$$

Note : ( $K = L$   $\lambda$  – reversible) or ( $\lambda K = \lambda$  and  $L(y_2, dy_1) = \lambda(dy_1) \frac{dK(y_1, \cdot)}{d\lambda}(y_2)$ )

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$$G(y_1, y_2) = \exp(V(y_1) - V(y_2))$$

Notation  $\mathbb{E}_\nu^M(\cdot)$  = Expectation w.r.t. Markov [transition  $M$ , initial condition  $\nu$ ]

**Theorem :** (Time reversal formula), [A. Doucet, P.DM; (Séminaire Probab. 2003)]

$$\mathbb{E}_\pi^L(f_n(Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_0) | Y_n = y) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_y^K(f_n(Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \{\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G(Y_p, Y_{p+1})\})}{\mathbb{E}_y^K(\{\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G(Y_p, Y_{p+1})\})}$$

**In addition :**  $\oplus$  FK-Metropolis  $n$ -marginal :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta_n = \pi$  (cv. decays  $\perp \pi$ )

$\oplus$  Nonhomogeneous models :  $(\pi_n, L_n, K_n)$  (joint work with A. Doucet and A. Jasra, JRSS B 2006)

$\pi_n(dy) \propto e^{-\beta_n V(y)} \lambda(dy)$ , cooling schedule  $\beta_n \uparrow \infty$ , mutation s.t.  $\pi_n = \pi_n K_n$ , and  $\text{Law}(X_0) = \pi_0$

$\Downarrow$

$G_n(y_1, y_2) = \exp[-(\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n)V(y_1)] \implies \eta_n = \pi_n \leftrightarrow$  **stationary Metropolis-Hasting model**

**Rare events analysis** (joint work with J. Garnier AAP 2005  $\oplus$  Optics Comm. 2006 )  
 – Importance sampling and Twisted Feynman-Kac measures

$$\mathbb{P}(V_n(X_n) \geq a) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{1}_{V_n(X_n) \geq a} e^{-\beta_n V_n(X_n)} e^{+\beta_n V_n(X_n)})$$

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*Importance potentials/measures :*

$$G_n(X_n, X_{n+1}) = e^{\beta_n(V_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) - V_n(X_n))} \implies \mathbb{P}(V_n(X_n) \geq a) = \gamma_n(\mathbf{1}_{V_n \geq a} e^{-\beta_n V_n})$$

**In addition :**

$$\mathbb{E}(f_n(X_n) \mid V_n(X_n) \geq a) = \eta_n(f_n \mathbf{1}_{V_n \geq a} e^{-\beta_n V_n}) / \eta_n(\mathbf{1}_{V_n \geq a} e^{-\beta_n V_n})$$

$\oplus$  Path-space models  $\Rightarrow$  weighted genealogies

$$X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \text{ and } V_n(X_n) = V'_n(X'_n)$$

↓

$$\mathbb{E}(f_n(X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \mid V'_n(X'_n) \geq a) = \eta_n(f_n \mathbf{1}_{V_n \geq a} e^{-\beta_n V_n}) / \eta_n(\mathbf{1}_{V_n \geq a} e^{-\beta_n V_n})$$

- **Multi-splitting Feynman-Kac models** ( $\neq$  importance sampling)  
 (Series joint works with F. Cérou, A. Guyader, F. Le Gland, P. Lézaud,  
 [Alea 2006, Stochastic Hybrid Systems Springer 2006,...])

$(E = A \cup A^c)$ ,  $Y_n$  Markov,  $Y_0 \in A_0 (\subset A) \rightsquigarrow A^c = (B \cup C)$ ,  $C =$  absorbing set/hard obstacle

Multi-level decomposition  $B = B_m \subset \dots \subset B_1 \subset B_0$  ( $A_0 = B_1 - B_0$ ,  $B_0 \cap C = \emptyset$ )

$\Downarrow$

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_n \text{ hits } B \text{ before } C) = \mathbb{E}\left(\prod_{1 \leq p \leq m} G_p(X_p)\right)$$

Inter-level excursions :  $T_n = \inf \{p \geq T_{n-1} : Y_p \in B_n \cup C\}$

$$X_n = (Y_p ; T_{n-1} \leq p \leq T_n) \in \text{Excursion space} \quad G_n(X_n) = \mathbf{1}_{B_n}(Y_{T_n})$$

$\Downarrow$

### FK interpretation

$$\mathbb{E}(f(Y_0, \dots, Y_{T_m}) \mathbf{1}_{B_m}(X_{T_m})) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_0, \dots, X_m) \prod_{1 \leq p \leq m} G_p(X_p))$$



**Advanced signal processing** → filtering/hidden Markov chains/Bayesian methodology

Signal process  $X_n = \text{Markov chain} \in E_n$

Observation/Sensor eq.  $Y_n = H_n(X_n, V_n) \in F_n$  with  $\mathbb{P}(H_n(x_n, V_n) \in dy_n) = g_n(x_n, y_n) \lambda_n(dy_n)$

*Example* :  $Y_n = h_n(X_n) + V_n \in F_n = \mathbb{R}$ , with Gaussian noise  $V_n = \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

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$$\mathbb{P}(h_n(x_n) + V_n \in dy_n) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y_n - h_n(x_n))^2} dy_n = \underbrace{\exp [h_n(x_n)y_n - h_n^2(x_n)/2]}_{g_n(x_n, y_n)} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(0, 1)(dy_n)}_{\lambda_n(dy_n)}$$

**Prediction/filtering/smoothing** → Feynman-Kac representation  $G_n(x_n) = g_n(x_n, y_n)$

$$\eta_n = \text{Law}(X_n \mid Y_0 = y_0, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}) = \text{Law}(X'_0, \dots, X'_n \mid Y_0 = y_0, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1})$$

## Filtering velocities in turbulent fluids (C. Baehr, Météo France Toulouse)

Simple Lagrangian Fluid Velocity Model (S.B. Pope 85)

$$\begin{aligned}
 dX_t &= V_t dt \\
 dV_t &= \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \langle p \rangle dt}_{\text{average tendency}} - \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0 \right) \frac{\epsilon_t}{k_t} (V_t - \langle V \rangle) dt + \underbrace{\sqrt{C_0 \epsilon_t}}_{\text{dissipation rate}} dB_t
 \end{aligned}$$

with ( $\delta$  = localization parameter)

$$\langle V \rangle \simeq \mathbb{E}^\delta(V_t | X_t) \quad \text{and} \quad 2k_t := \langle (V - \langle V \rangle)^2 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{E}^\delta((V_t - \mathbb{E}^\delta(V_t | X_t))^2 | X_t)$$

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$$\text{"} \mathbb{E}^\delta(dV_t | X_t) \simeq -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \langle p \rangle dt, \quad \mathbb{E}^\delta(dV_t dV_t | X_t) \simeq C_0 \epsilon_t dt \text{"}$$

Observations  $dY_t = H_t(V_t)dt + dB'_t \Rightarrow$  Conditional mean field  $\mathbb{E}^\delta(\cdot | X_t) \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{E}^\delta(\cdot | X_t, Y_{[0,t]})$