

# Stochastic particle methods in Bayesian statistical learning

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## Some hyper-refs

- ▶ Feynman-Kac formulae, Genealogical & Interacting Particle Systems with appl., Springer (2004)
- ▶ Sequential Monte Carlo Samplers JRSS B. (2006). (joint work with Doucet & Jasra)
- ▶ On the concentration of interacting processes Hal-inria (2011). (joint work with Hu & Wu) [+ Refs]
- ▶ More references on the website <http://www.math.u-bordeaux1.fr/~delmoral/index.html> [+ Links]

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# Introduction

**Stochastic particle methods**  
=  
**Universal adaptive sampling technique**

## 2 types of stochastic interacting particle models:

- ▶ Diffusive particle models with mean field drifts  
[McKean-Vlasov style]
- ▶ Interacting jump particle models  
[Boltzmann & Feynman-Kac style]

# Lectures $\subset$ Interacting jumps models

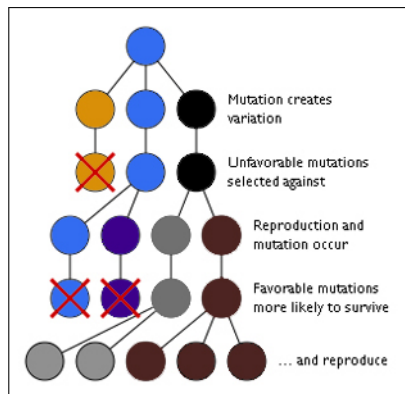


- ▶ Interacting jumps = Recycling transitions =
- ▶ Discrete time models ( $\Leftrightarrow$  geometric **rejection/jump** times)



# Genetic type interacting particle models

- ▶ **Mutation**-Proposals w.r.t. Markov transitions  $X_{n-1} \rightsquigarrow X_n \in E_n$ .
- ▶ **Selection**-Rejection-Recycling w.r.t. potential/fitness function  $G_n$ .



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## More botanical names:

bootstrapping, spawning, cloning, pruning, replenish, multi-level splitting, enrichment, go with the winner, ...

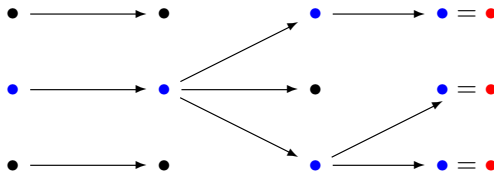
1950  $\leq$  Meta-Heuristic style stochastic algorithms  $\leq$  1996





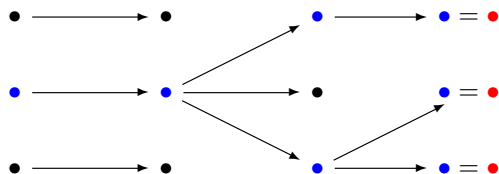
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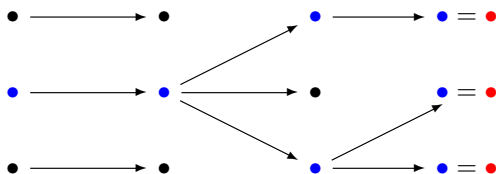
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**Example**

$$G_n = 1_{A_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_n = \text{Law}((X_0, \dots, X_n) \mid X_p \in A_p, p < n)$$

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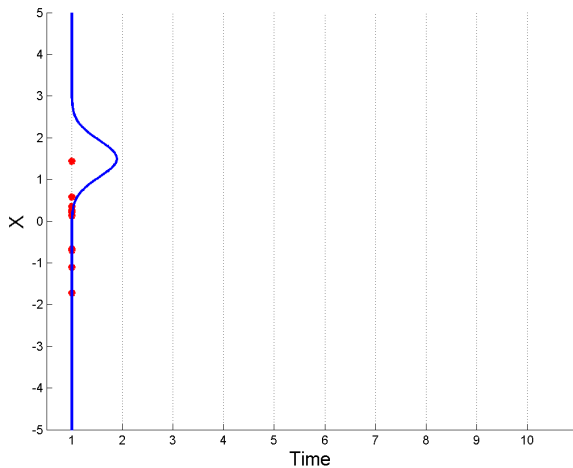
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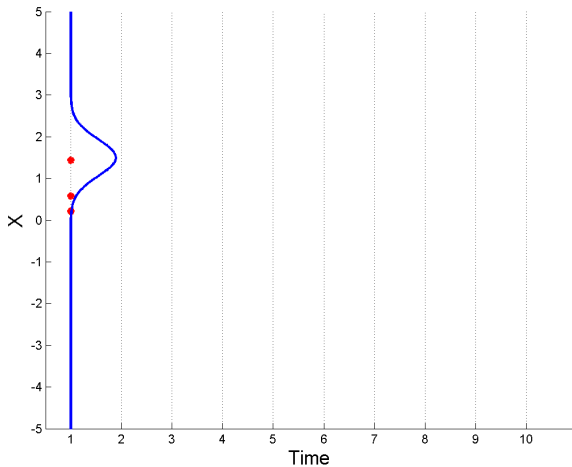
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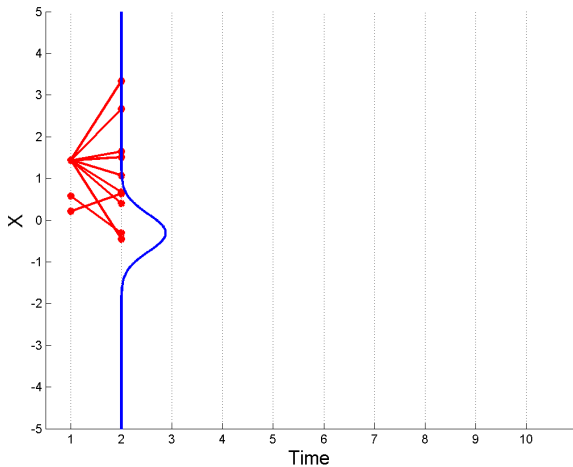
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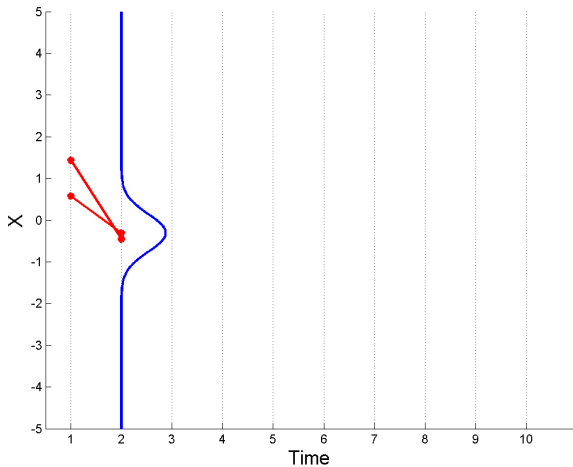
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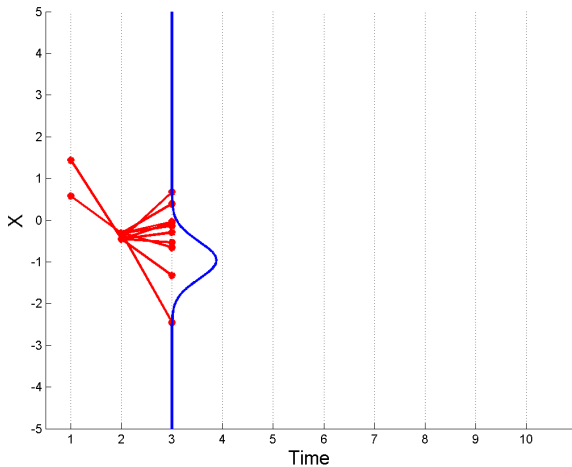
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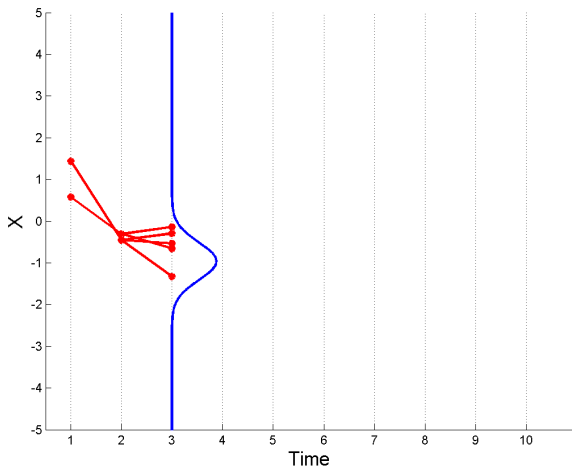
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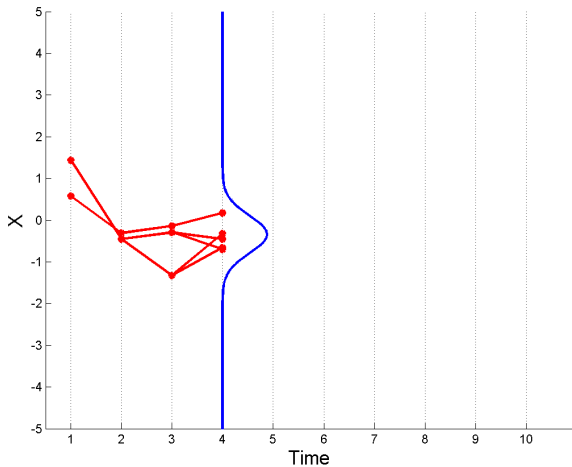


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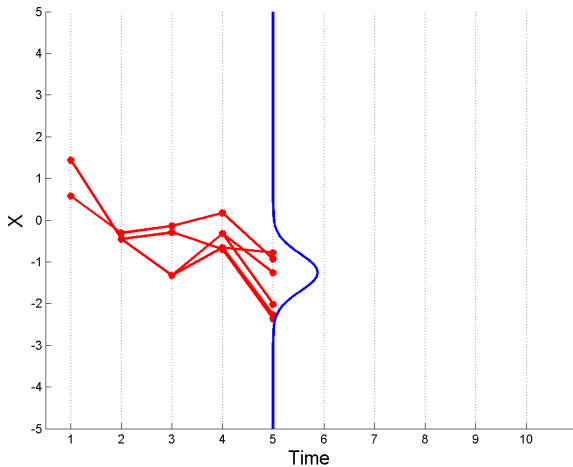
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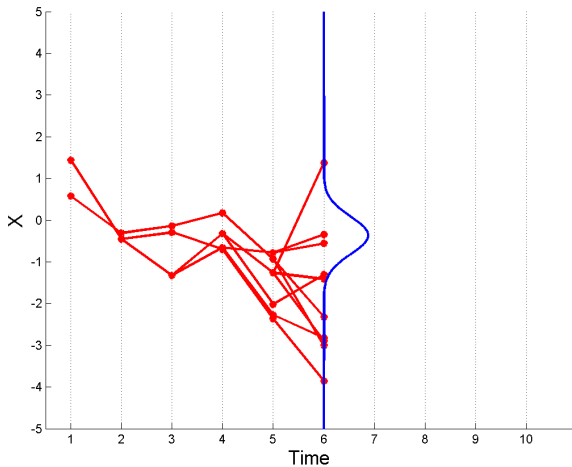




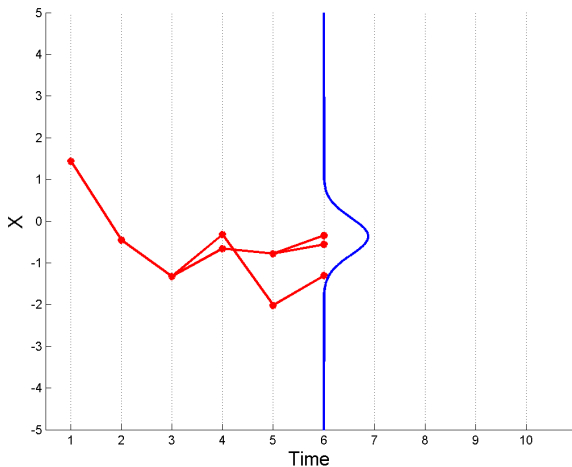
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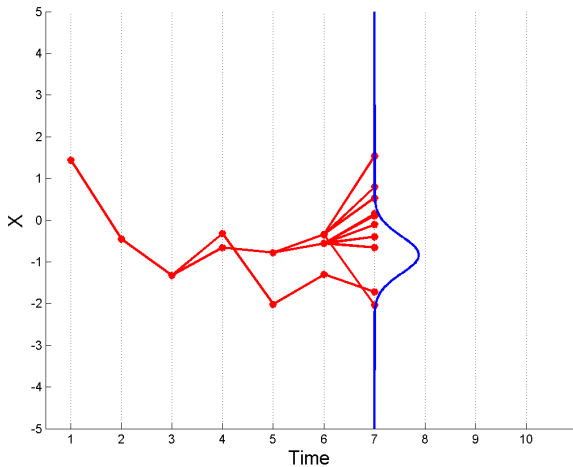
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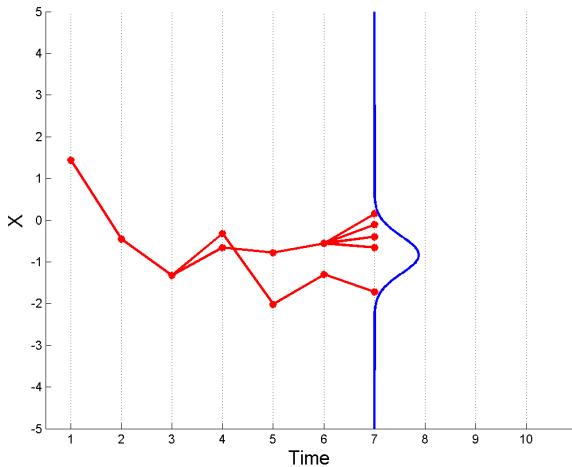
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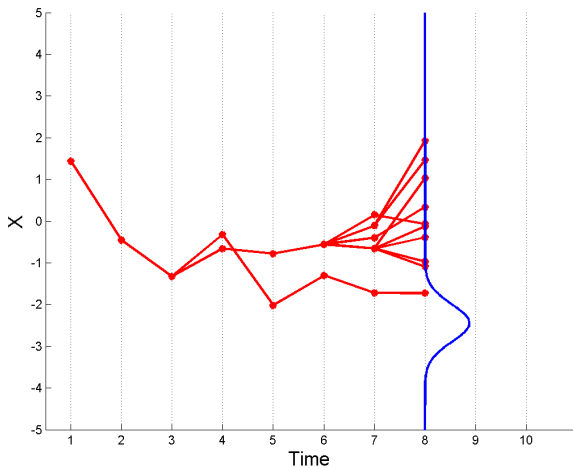
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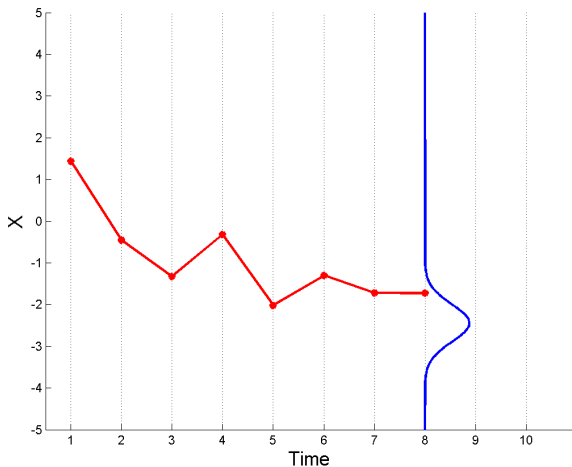
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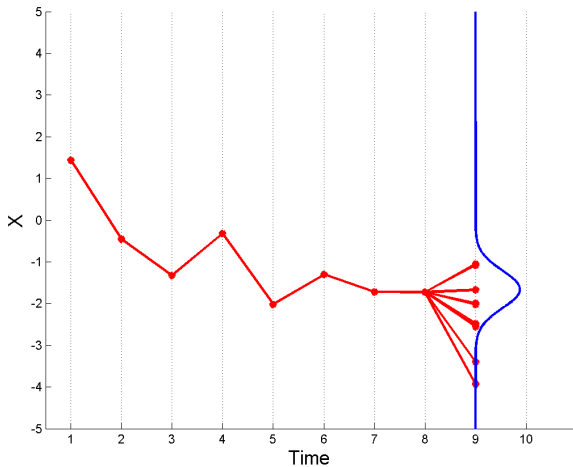


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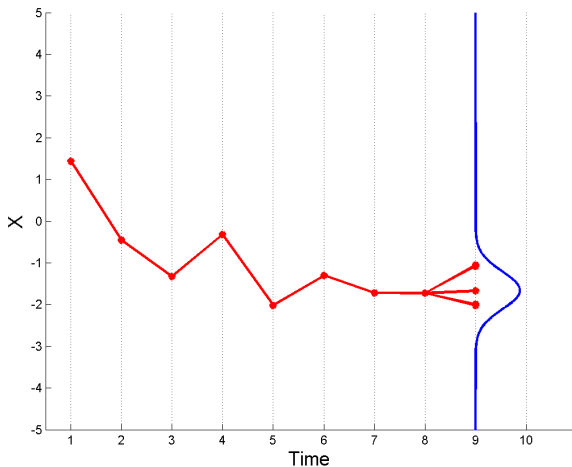




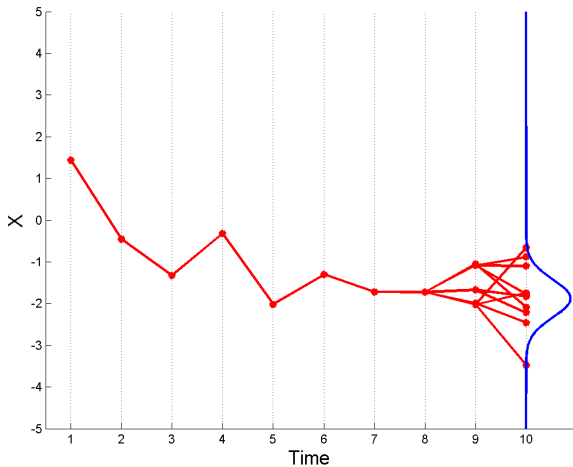
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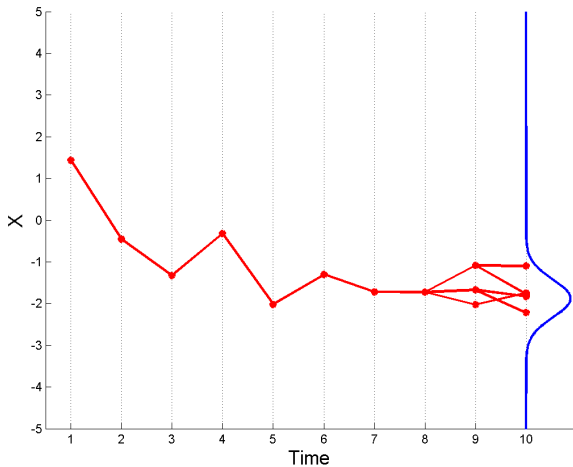
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*Example: Normalized additive functionals*

$$\mathbf{f}_n(x_0, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{0 \leq p \leq n} f_p(x_p)$$

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$$\mathbb{Q}_n^N(\mathbf{f}_n) := \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{0 \leq p \leq n} \eta_n^N \underbrace{\mathbb{M}_{n, \eta_{n-1}^N} \dots \mathbb{M}_{p+1, \eta_p^N}(f_p)}_{\text{matrix operations}}$$

# Island models ( $\subset$ Parallel Computing)

Reminder : the unbiased property

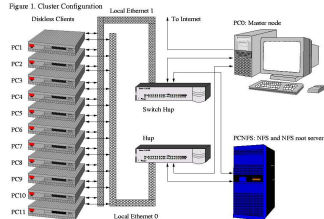
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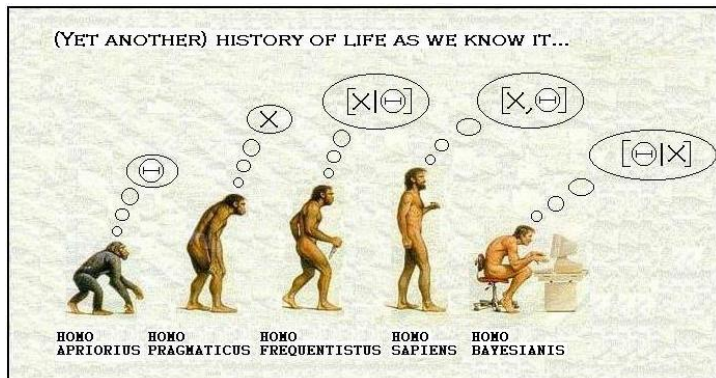
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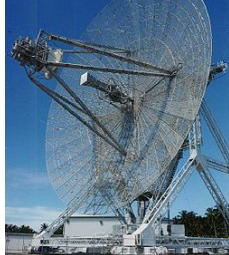
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## ⊂ **Multiple objects tracking models (highly more complex pb)**

- ▶ On the Stability and the Approximation of Branching Distribution Flows, with Applications to Nonlinear Multiple Target Filtering. Francois Caron, Pierre Del Moral, Michele Pace, and B.-N. Vo (HAL-INRIA RR-7376) [50p]. Stoch. Analysis and Applications Volume 29, Issue 6, 2011.
- ▶ Comparison of implementations of Gaussian mixture PHD filters. M. Pace, P. Del Moral, Fr. Caron 13th International Conference on Information. FUSION, EICC, Edinburgh, UK, 26-29 July (2010)

$$\text{Law} \left( X = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N_t^X} \delta_{X_t^i} \mid Y = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N_t^Y} \delta_{Y_t^i} \right)$$

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**Not unique stochastic model!**



## Posterior density

$$p(\theta \mid (y_0, \dots, y_n)) \propto \underbrace{p((y_0, \dots, y_n) \mid \theta)}_{\prod_{0 \leq k \leq n} p(y_k \mid \theta, (y_0, \dots, y_{k-1})) \leftarrow \text{likelihood functions}} \times p(\theta)$$

⇓

$$\text{Law}(\Theta \mid (y_0, \dots, y_n)) \propto \left\{ \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} h_p(\theta) \right\} \lambda(d\theta)$$

with

$$h_p(\theta) := p(y_p \mid \theta, (y_0, \dots, y_{p-1})) \quad \& \quad \lambda := \text{Law}(\Theta)$$



## First key observation

$$p((y_0, \dots, y_n)|\theta) = \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} h_p(\theta) = \mathcal{Z}_n(\theta)$$

with the normalizing constant  $\mathcal{Z}_n(\theta)$  of the conditional distribution

$$\begin{aligned} & p((x_0, \dots, x_n)|(y_0, \dots, y_n), \theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{p((y_0, \dots, y_n)|\theta)} p((y_0, \dots, y_n)|(x_0, \dots, x_n), \theta) p((x_0, \dots, x_n)|\theta) \end{aligned}$$

## Second key observation

$h_n(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_n(\theta)$  easy to compute for linear/gaussian models

**Third key observation :** Any target measure of the form

$$\eta_n(d\theta) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_n} \left\{ \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} h_p(\theta) \right\} \times \lambda(d\theta)$$

is the  $n$ -th time marginal of the Feynman-Kac measure

$$\mathbb{Q}_n := \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_n} \left\{ \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(\Theta_p) \right\} \mathbb{P}_n$$

with

$$G_n = h_{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}_n := \text{Law}(\Theta_0, \dots, \Theta_n)$$

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**Feynman-Kac formulation :**

Ref. Markov chain  $\bar{\Theta}_k = (\Theta_k, \xi^{(k)})$  MCMC with target  $\bar{\eta}_n$  and  $G_n = \bar{h}_{n+1}$

# Particle steepest descent gradient models

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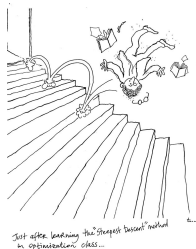
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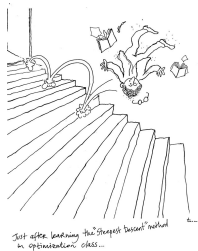
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$\rightsquigarrow$  **Particle gradient algorithm**

$$\Theta_n = \Theta_{n-1} + \tau_n \nabla \mathbb{Q}_n^{(\theta)}(\Lambda_n) \simeq \Theta_{n-1} + \tau_n \nabla \mathbb{Q}_n^{(\theta), N}(\Lambda_n)$$



# Approximate Bayesian Computation



When  $p(y_n|x_n)$  is untractable or impossible to compute in reasonable time

$$\begin{cases} X_n = F_n(X_{n-1}, W_n) \\ Y_n = H_n(X_n, V_n) \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{X}_n=(X_n, Y_n)} \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}_n = \mathcal{F}_n(\mathcal{X}_{n-1}, \mathcal{W}_n) \\ Y_n^\epsilon = Y_n + \epsilon V_n^\epsilon \end{cases}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\mathbf{Law}(X \mid Y^\epsilon = y) \simeq_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \mathbf{Law}(X \mid Y = y)$$

$\Downarrow$

**Feynman-Kac model with the Markov chain and the potentials :**

$$\mathcal{X}_n = (X_n, Y_n) \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(\mathcal{X}_n) = p(Y_n^\epsilon | Y_n)$$

# Interacting Kalman-Filters

$X_n = (X_n^1, X_n^2)$  with  $X_n^1$  Markov and  $(X_n^2, Y_n) | X_n^1$  linear-gaussian model

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**Integration over  $X^1 \Rightarrow$  Law  $((X^1, X^2) \mid Y) =$  Feynman-Kac model  
with the reference Markov chain and the gaussian potential**

$$\mathcal{X}_n = (X_n^1, \eta_{X^1, n}) \ \& \ G_n(\mathcal{X}_n) = \int p(Y_n \mid (x_n^1, x_n^2)) \eta_{X^1, n}(dx_n^2)$$





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# Current population models

Constants  $(c_1, c_2)$  related to (bias, variance),  $c$  universal constant  
Test funct.  $\|f_n\| \leq 1$

- ▶  $\forall (x \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1)$ , the probability of the event

$$[\eta_n^N - \eta_n](f) \leq \frac{c_1}{N} (1 + x + \sqrt{x}) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{x}$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

- ▶  $x = (x_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d} \rightsquigarrow (-\infty, x] = \prod_{i=1}^d (-\infty, x_i]$  cells in  $E_n = \mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$F_n(x) = \eta_n(\mathbf{1}_{(-\infty, x]}) \quad \text{and} \quad F_n^N(x) = \eta_n^N(\mathbf{1}_{(-\infty, x]})$$

$\forall (y \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1)$ , the probability of the following event

$$\sqrt{N} \|F_n^N - F_n\| \leq c \sqrt{d(y+1)}$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

# Particle free energy models

Constants  $(c_1, c_2)$  related to (bias, variance),  $c$  universal constant.

- ▶  $\forall (y \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1, \epsilon \in \{+1, -1\})$ , the probability of the event

$$\frac{\epsilon}{n} \log \frac{Z_n^N}{Z_n} \leq \frac{c_1}{N} (1 + x + \sqrt{x}) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{x}$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

Note :  $(0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1 \Rightarrow (1 - e^{-\epsilon}) \vee (e^\epsilon - 1) \leq 2\epsilon)$

$$e^{-\epsilon} \leq \frac{z^N}{z} \leq e^\epsilon \Rightarrow \left| \frac{z^N}{z} - 1 \right| \leq 2\epsilon$$

# Genealogical tree models $:= \eta_n^N$ (in path space)

Constants  $(c_1, c_2)$  related to (bias, variance),  $c$  universal constant  
 $\mathbf{f}_n$  test function  $\|\mathbf{f}_n\| \leq 1$ .

- ▶  $\forall (y \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1)$ , the probability of the event

$$[\eta_n^N - Q_n](f) \leq c_1 \frac{n+1}{N} (1 + x + \sqrt{x}) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)}{N}} \sqrt{x}$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

- ▶  $\mathcal{F}_n =$  indicator fct.  $\mathbf{f}_n$  of cells in  $\mathbf{E}_n = (\mathbb{R}^{d_0} \times \dots, \times \mathbb{R}^{d_n})$   
 $\forall (y \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1)$ , the probability of the following event

$$\sup_{\mathbf{f}_n \in \mathcal{F}_n} |\eta_n^N(\mathbf{f}_n) - Q_n(\mathbf{f}_n)| \leq c (n+1) \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{0 \leq p \leq n} d_p}{N}} (x+1)$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

# Backward particle models

Constants  $(c_1, c_2)$  related to (bias, variance),  $c$  universal constant.

$\mathbf{f}_n$  normalized additive functional with  $\|f_p\| \leq 1$ .

- ▶  $\forall (x \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1)$ , the probability of the event

$$[\mathbb{Q}_n^N - \mathbb{Q}_n](\bar{\mathbf{f}}_n) \leq c_1 \frac{1}{N} (1 + (x + \sqrt{x})) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{x}{N(n+1)}}$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

- ▶  $\mathbf{f}_{a,n}$  normalized additive functional w.r.t.  $f_p = 1_{(-\infty, a]}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^d = E_n$

$\forall (x \geq 0, n \geq 0, N \geq 1)$ , the probability of the following event

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}^d} |\mathbb{Q}_n^N(\mathbf{f}_{a,n}) - \mathbb{Q}_n(\mathbf{f}_{a,n})| \leq c \sqrt{\frac{d}{N}(x+1)}$$

is greater than  $1 - e^{-x}$ .