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# Atmospheric Composition Data Assimilation: Selected topics

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#### Atmospheric composition : A strongly constrained system

- Coupling with the meteorology is in each 3D grid volume (winds, temperature, humidity, clouds/radiation)
- Chemical solution is also controlled by chemical sources and sinks



# Atmospheric composition as a slaved /controlled system

- As coupled system have to consider the Information content:
  - Chemical model
  - Chemical observations
  - Meteorology
- Favors online chemistry-meteorology models
- No for Incremental formulation with a lower resolution chemistry
- Because the control of meteorology on chemistry is so strong, the feedback of chemistry on meteorology is small
- Except for long-lived species, chemical forecast is not the most useful product, but analyses are
- Forecast improvement is better addressed with parameter (e.g. sources) estimation

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# Notation and definitions

Continuity equation;  $\rho$  dry air density

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0 \quad \text{Lagrangian} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \, \mathbf{V}) = 0 \quad \text{Eulerian}$$
  
Mixing ratio  $c_i$  of constituent  $i$  is defined as  $c_i = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho}$ 
$$\frac{Dc_i}{Dt} = 0 \quad \text{Lagrangian} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla c_i = 0 \quad \text{Eulerian}$$

The consistency between the wind field V used for the continuity equation and the wind field V used for the transport of the constituent *i* is called the **mass consistency** 

**CTM** (Chemical Transport Models) are offline (from meteorology) models that uses different V and often at different resolution: they were introduced to use met analyses

**Online** chemical models have mass consistency and same resolution as the meteorology



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## **GEM-BACH online with meteo model /**

**BASCOE CTM offline model driven by 6-hourly meteorological analyses** 





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# Coupled Assimilation O<sub>3</sub>/meteorology

Assimilation of limb sounding MIPAS observations of  $O_3$  with AMSU-A

MIPAS vertical resolution 1-3 km

solid lines no radiation feedback dashed lines assim O<sub>3</sub> used in radiative scheme (k-correlated method)

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# **Operational air quality analysis** Analysis of O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> each hour

#### experimental since 2002, operational since Feb 2013



#### History

- O<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> using CHRONOS 2002-2009
- O<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> using GEM-MACH 2009-2015
- O<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> since April 2015 (Robichaud et al. 2015, *Air Qual Atmos Health*)
- Multi-year data set (2002-2012) Robichaud and Ménard 2014, *ACP*)



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#### What does the medicine has to say about air pollution ?

- Interact with many groups (e.g. Health Canada, Environmental Cardiology)
- In terms of mass, we breathe-in per day about 20 kg of air,
  2 kg of liquid and 1 kg of solid food

12-25 breath per minutes each is about 1 liter  $\approx$  20,000 liter of air/day

• Pulmonology and cardiology are strongly linked



D<sup>r</sup> François Reeves



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FRANÇOIS REEVES, MD



HOW AN UNHEALTHY ENVIRONMENT LEADS TO HEART DISEASE

**Greystone Books** 



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Brook et al; Particulate Matter Air Pollution and CVD. Circulation 2010. 121; 2331-2378





# Canadian Census Health and Environmental Cohort (CanCHEC) and the Canadian Urban Environmental Health Research Consortium (CANUE)



Brook et al. BMC Public Health (2018) 18:114

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# Evaluation of analysis by cross-validation (or leave-out observations)

Ménard, R and M. Deshaies-Jacques Part I: Using verification metrics. *Atmosphere* **2018**, *9*(3), 86, doi: <u>10.3390/atmos9030086</u>

Ménard, R and M. Deshaies-Jacques Part II: Diagnostic and optimization of analysis error covariance. *Atmosphere* **2018**, *9*(2), 70; doi:<u>10.3390/atmos9020070</u>



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var(O-A) [O3]



# Estimation of error covariances in observation space (HBH<sup>T</sup>, R)

#### Theorem on estimation of error covariances in observation space

Assuming that observation and background errors are uncorrelated, the *necessary* and *sufficent* conditions for error covariance estimates to be equal to the *true* observation and background error covariances are:

1) 
$$\mathbb{E}[(O-B)(O-B)^T] = \mathbf{H}\widetilde{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{H}^T + \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}$$
 Innovation covariance consistency

A scalar version of this condition is  

$$tr\left\{\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{d}\mathbf{d}^{T}] (\mathbf{H}\widetilde{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{H}^{T} + \widetilde{\mathbf{R}})^{-1}\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{tr[\mathbf{d}^{T} (\mathbf{H}\widetilde{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{H} + \widetilde{\mathbf{R}})^{-1}\mathbf{d}]\right\} = \mathbb{E}[\chi^{2}] = N_{p}$$
or

$$J_{\min} = N_p / 2$$

2)  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{\tilde{K}}$  The Kalman gain condition

Ménard, 2016, QJRMS

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## 2) $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{\tilde{K}}$ The Kalman gain condition

Diagnostic of the Kalman gain condition

- Daley 1992 (MWR) suggested that the time lag-innovation covariance to be equal zero (assuming observation errors are serially uncorrelated)
- Here we suggest to use cross-validation

Simple interpretation with a scalar problem

- 1) Innovation consistency says that the **sum** of observation and background error variances is the sum of the true error variances
- 2) Kalman gain condition says that the **ratio** of observation to background error variance is the ratio of the true error variances



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Hilbert spaces of random variables

Define an inner product of two (zero-mean) random variables X , Y as

$$\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle = \mathbb{E} \big[ \mathbf{X} \, \mathbf{Y} \big]$$

Can defined a metric as

$$\left\|\mathbf{X}\right\|_{2} = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{X}^{2}\right]$$

Uncorrelated random variables X, Y would be orthogonal  $\langle X, Y \rangle = 0$ 

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by varying the observation weight while  $\mathbb{E}[(O-B)(O-B)^T] = \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{HBH}^T$ we can find a true optimal analysis

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and using  $\mathbb{E}[(O - \hat{A})_c (O - \hat{A})_c^T] = \mathbf{H}_c \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{H}_c^T + \mathbf{R}_c$ we get the relation above





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# Application to O<sub>3</sub> surface analysis

#### iter 0 (first guess error correlation) Iter 1 (Maximium Likelihood estimation of correlation length)

#### Input error statistics

Exp	eriment	$L_c$ (km)	$\left\langle (O-B)^2 \right\rangle$	$\hat{\gamma} = \hat{\sigma}_o^2 / \hat{\sigma}_b^2$	$\hat{\sigma}_o^2$	$\hat{\sigma}_b^2$	$\chi^2 / N_p$
<b>O</b> 3	iter 0	124	101.25	0.22	18.3	83	2.23
<b>O</b> 3	iter 1	45	101.25	0.25	20.2	81	1.36

#### Estimate of analysis error variance at passive observation sites

Experiment	$\frac{\textbf{Passive}}{diag(\textbf{H}_{c}\hat{\textbf{A}}_{MDJ}\textbf{H}_{c}^{T})}$	<b>Passive</b> $var[(O-\hat{A})_c] - \sigma_{oc}^2$	
O3 iter 0	26.03	32 72	
O <sub>3</sub> iter 1	28.95	28.75	

#### Estimation of active analysis error variance

Experiment	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Active} \\ diag(\textbf{H} \hat{\textbf{A}}_{MDJ} \textbf{H}^{T}) \end{array}$	Active $diag(\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{D}\mathbf{H}^{T})$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Active} \\ diag(\textbf{H}\hat{\textbf{A}}_{HL}\textbf{H}^{T}) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Active} \\ diag(\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{P}\mathbf{H}^{T}) \end{array}$
O <sub>3</sub> iter 0	22.69	9.61	-6.03	5.77
O <sub>3</sub> iter 1	13.32	13.68	8.94	11.60





#### Verification of analysis by cross-validation:

when active observation and background errors are correlated



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# Lognormal

Simple model: Random proportional tendencies

$$\frac{c_i - c_{i-1}}{\Lambda t} = \varepsilon_i \, c_{i-1}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is random parameter. Suppose we divide a time inverval [0,1] into  $K \Delta t$  intervals

$$\sum_{i=1}^{K} \left( \frac{c_i - c_{i-1}}{c_{i-1}} \right) = \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{K} \varepsilon_i$$

we can approximate

$$\sum_{i=1}^{K} \left( \frac{c_i - c_{i-1}}{c_{i-1}} \right) \approx \int_{c(t_0)}^{c(t_K)} \frac{dc}{c} = \log c(t_K) - \log c(t_0)$$

and by central limit theorem

$$\Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{K} \varepsilon_{i} = \Delta t \, K \left( \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \varepsilon_{i} \right) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^{2})$$

Kapteyn's analogue machine, replicate  $X_i = X_{i-1}(1 + \varepsilon_i)$ where  $\varepsilon_i$  is simply specified by  $P(\varepsilon_i = a) = 1/2$  $P(\varepsilon_i = -a) = 1/2$ 

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then

$$\frac{\log \frac{c(t_K)}{c(t_0)} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\frac{c(t_K)}{c(t_0)} \sim LN(\mu, \sigma^2)}$$

is lognormally-distributed.



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# Analysis step

Positive analysis (lognormal formulation) (Cohn 1997, Fletcher and Zupanski 2006)

Letting  $\mathbf{w} = \log \mathbf{c}$ , the analysis equation is then of the form

$$\mathbf{w}^{a} = \mathbf{w}^{f} + \overline{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{w}^{o} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w}^{f} - \mathbf{b})$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{K}} = \overline{\mathbf{B}}^{f} \mathbf{H}^{T} \left( \mathbf{H} \overline{\mathbf{B}}^{f} \mathbf{H}^{T} + \overline{\mathbf{B}}^{o} \right)^{-1}$$

where the  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}$  s are the error covariances defined in log space.

**b** is an observational correction, and has different form whether we consider that:

- a) the measurement in log space that is unbiased (in which case  $\mathbf{b} = 0$ )
- b) the measurement in physical space is unbiased  $b_i = -\overline{B}_{ii}/2$

Transformation of mean and covariance between log and physical quantities  $\langle c_i \rangle = \exp\left[\langle w_i \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \overline{B}_{ii}\right]$   $P_{ij} = \langle c_i \rangle \langle c_j \rangle \left[\exp(\overline{B}_{ij}) - 1\right]$ 

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# Data assimilation with a relative error formulation

If the state-dependent observation error is dependent on the forecast instead of the truth, i.e.

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^o = \boldsymbol{\mathsf{H}}_k \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^t + \boldsymbol{\mathsf{g}}_k (\boldsymbol{\mathsf{H}}_k \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^f) \circ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k.$$

and that the state-dependent model error is dependent on the analysis instead of the truth

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k+1}^{t} = \mathbf{M}_{k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k}^{t} + \mathbf{f}_{k}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k}^{a}) \circ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k}^{q},$$

Then the Bayesian update, and KF propagation using the proper conditional expectation can be derived and give the standard KF with

$$\mathbf{R}_{k} \circ [\mathbf{g}_{k}(\mathbf{H}_{k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k}^{f})\mathbf{g}_{k}^{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{H}_{k}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k}^{f})] \equiv \mathbf{R}_{k}^{o}.$$
$$\mathbf{Q}_{k} \equiv \mathbf{f}_{k}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k}^{a})\mathbf{f}_{k}^{\mathrm{T}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k}^{a}) \circ \mathbf{C}_{k}^{q}.$$

Ménard et al., 2000. MWR



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#### 4.4 Lognormal KF

90

60

30

0

-30

-60

-90

-180

-120

-60



#### KF relative error formulation





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Kalman Filter





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# **Lognormal distributions:** $\sigma_c^2 = \langle c \rangle^2 \exp(\sigma_w^2 - 1)$ **Observation errors is not lognormally distributed**

Observations at low concentrations can have negative values, because there are detection limits, or because of the retrieval



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# Lognormal or something else ?

#### **Process of random dilution**

n is the number density (number of molecules per unit volume), v is the volume, and q is total number of molecules

q = nv

If all these molecules found themselves into a larger volume V, then the new number density is q = NV

thus

$$N = n \left(\frac{v^{\alpha}}{V}\right) = n \alpha$$

where  $\alpha$  is a dilution factor  $0 < \alpha < 1$ And after *k* dilutions,

$$n_k = n_0 \prod_{i=1}^k \alpha_i$$
 or  $\ln n_k = \ln n_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \ln \alpha_i$ 

If  $\alpha_i \sim U(0,1)$  then  $-\log \alpha_i \sim EXP(1)$  and  $-\sum_{i=1}^{K} \log \alpha_i \sim Gamma(k,1)$ 

so  $n_k \sim Log$ -Gamma distribution

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# Thanks



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