Selection of dynamic model using analog data assimilation

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Context, notation and goal

- Given a set of observations y
- And p different dynamic models {M_(i)}_{i=1,...,p}
- With independent realizations {x_(i)}_{i=1,...,p}



Here, we use the Lorenz-96 and different forcing terms F
How can we say which model "match" the observations?

Solution 1: comparing climatological distributions

Compare climatological (marginal) distributions



Work well if bias or different range of values

Unable to detect models that are closed to the observations

Solution 2: comparing model dynamics

Compare conditional distributions between consecutive times





- Dynamics are different depending on the models
- Differences appear in the extreme values
- Solution 2 (conditional) is preferred to solution 1 (marginal)

Comparing model dynamics using data assimilation

- Need to start from the best initial condition
- Need to deal with observation uncertainties
- Data Assimilation (DA) is the perfect candidate



Computing model evidence in DA

- Find a metric to compare model dynamics
- Contextual Model Evidence (CME) is a possible one
- Introduced in DA by [Carrassi et al., 2017, Metref et al., 2019]

In the nonlinear and Gaussian DA case:

$$\mathsf{CME}_{(i)} = \prod_{t=1}^{T} \mathcal{L}\left(\mathbf{y}(t) | \mathcal{M}_{(i)}\right) \tag{1}$$

with the innovation likelihood given by:

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\mathbf{y}(t)|\mathcal{M}_{(i)}\right) \propto \exp\left(-\mathbf{d}_{(i)}(t)^{\top}\mathbf{\Sigma}_{(i)}(t)^{-1}\mathbf{d}(t)\right)$$
(2)

where $\mathbf{d}_{(i)}(t) = \mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_{(i)}^{f}(t)$ and $\mathbf{\Sigma}_{(i)}(t) = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_{(i)}^{f}(t)\mathbf{H}^{\top} + \mathbf{R}$



Getting $p\left(\mathbf{x}_{(i)}(t)|\mathbf{x}^{a}(t-1)\right)$ using analogs

- ▶ Instead of running a model $\mathcal{M}_{(i)}$, use analog forecasting
- Analog forecasts naturally capture $\mathbf{x}_{(i)}^{f}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{(i)}^{f}$



(historical observations or numerical simulations)

- Analog forecasting can be easily plugged into DA algorithms
- The Analog Data Assimilation (AnDA) [Tandeo et al., 2015, Lguensat et al., 2017]
- Other forecasting methods can be considered (e.g., neural nets, kernel methods)

The computation of model evidence using AnDA

- Need sufficient catalog size to get good performance
- Results similar as the true DA (using model integration)
- Details given in [Chau, 2019]



The interest of AnDA: the locality

- AnDA can be applied to a part of the state
- Thus, AnDA is able to compute CME locally



- Has been tested on a simple climate model (SPEEDY)
- 30 years or catalogs with different parameterizations
- Relative Humidity threshold in the Boundary Layer (RHBL = 0.70, 0.82, 0.90, 1.06)

Next step: application to climate simulations

- CMIP contains climate simulation runs for the future
- Different models (20) and scenarios (4) are considered
- For each scenario, each model has several members



RCP scenarios in CMIP simulations

ntic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) simulations from different climate models

- \blacktriangleright Goal 1 \rightarrow create weighted projections of climate metrics
- Goal 2 \rightarrow reduce the uncertainty of climate projections
- ▶ Data \rightarrow compare current observations to climate simulations
- \blacktriangleright Method \rightarrow use AnDA and the model evidence metric

Thank you for your attention!



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