



## Zastosowanie algorytmów przybliżonych obliczeń bayesowskich (ang. Approximate Bayesian computation, ABC) w problemie identyfikacji źródła uwolnienia gazu w środowisku zurbanizowanym

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#### Motivation

- Accidental atmospheric releases of hazardous material pose great risks to human health and the environment.
- For example, release of CS-137 in a steel mill in Algeciras, Spain, V.1998 r.
- Registered in Switzerland, France and Italy in June.
- It is necessary to have properly fast response to such incidents.
- Emergency responders need quickly recognize the source of contamination.



Figure 2. Seven-day average air concentration at 1200 UTC on 5 June 1998. Contours >10 (outermost or lightest), >100, >500, and >1000 uBq/m3 (innermost or darkest).

Estevan, M. (2003). Consequences of the Algeciras accident ..., Security of Radioactive Sources, 357.





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- Problem: Find the values of the pollutant transport model, (such as the location of the release source) which will the best "fit" our model to the observational data.





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- The DAPPLE experimental work took place in central London between 2002-2006
- ► The mean building height in the study area is 21.6m (range 10 to 64m)
- ► Total mass emitted from point-source release was 323mg of perfluoromethyl-cyclohexane (PMCH, C7F14)
- Two sets of long-term reference measurements were taken to generate the wind data sets, rooftop City Council (WCC) (18 m) and tower top (190 m) winds.







Figure 1: The sampling receptors 1-18 (yellow circles). Three fixed-point tracer sources (green dots X,Y and Z); red star - City Council (WCC); white rectangle - determined computational domain.







Figure 2: Fixed-point tracer source X; City Council (WCC);





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## **MODEL QUIC**

The **QUIC** uses a stochastic Lagrangian random walk approach to estimate concentrations in a gridded domain. The model is designed to use averaged wind fields produced by the QUIC-URB system. Parcels, representing substance are transported with a vector sum of mean winds from QUIC-URB plus turbulent fluctuating winds computed using the random walk equations. **QUIC dispersion model is non deterministic** 

MLA Williams, Michael D., Michael J. Brown, and Eric M. Pardyjak. "Development of a dispersion model for flow around buildings." Fourth Symposium on the Urban Environment. 2002.

Gowardhan, A. A., et al. "Evaluation of the QUIC urban dispersion model using the Salt Lake City URBAN 2000 tracer experiment data—IOP 10." Sixth Symposium on the Urban Environment/14th Joint Conference on the Applications of Air Pollution Meteorology with the Air and Waste Management Association. Atlanta. January J. Vol. 6, 2006.







Figure 3: a) Extracted buildings (black rectangle) and greenery (green ellipse) ; sampling receptors are numbered 1-18 (yellow circles), three fixed-point tracer sources (green dots X,Y and Z); red star - Westminster City Council (WCC) b) 3D model of city buildings designed in QUIC-GUI







Figure 4: a) The shape of the gas cloud - take from QUIC b) Concentration of the substance at a height of 2 m  $\,$ 





Let  $\theta$  be a parameter vector, given the prior distribution  $\pi(\theta)$ .

The goal of Bayesian inference is to approximate the posterior distribution,  $\pi(\theta|x) \propto \pi(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)$ , where  $\pi(x|\theta)$  is the likelihood of  $\theta$  given the data x.





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In many cases it is replace with a distance defined on summary statistics,  $\rho(S(x),S(x_{obs})).$ 





In ABC methods, Sequential Monte Carlo (SMC) is used in order to automatically, sequentially "clean" approximation of posterior distribution to be used to generate proposals for further steps. In methods, the set of samples with weights, called particles sampled from the prior distribution  $\pi(\theta)$ , are propagated through a sequence of intermediate posterior distributions  $\pi(\theta) \circ (x, y, z) < c$ , t = 1, T, until it represents a sample from

 $\pi(\theta|\rho(x, x_{obs}) < \epsilon_t)$ , t = 1, ..., T, until it represents a sample from the target distribution,  $\pi(\theta|\rho(x, x_{obs}) < \epsilon_T)$ .

These methods aim to generate draws from  $p(\theta|\rho(x, x_{obs}) < \epsilon_t)$ , at each of a series of sequential steps t, where  $\epsilon_t$  define a series of thresholds.





## ABC Algorithm (1)

- Initialize threshold schedule  $\epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2 < ... < \epsilon_T$
- ► Set t = 1
- ► For i = 1 to N
- Simulate  $\theta_i^t \sim \pi(\theta)$  and  $x \sim \pi(x|\theta_i^t)$

• Until 
$$\rho(x, x_{obs}) < \epsilon_t$$

• Set 
$$w_i^t = \frac{1}{N}$$

Bonassi, F. V., West, M. (2015). Sequential Monte Carlo with adaptive weights for approximate Bayesian computation. Bayesian Analysis, 10(1), 171-187





## ABC Algorithm (2)

- For i = 2 to T
- Compute new weights  $v_i^{t-1} \propto w_i^{t-1} K_{x,t}(x_{obs}|x_i^{t-1})$
- Normalize weights  $v_i^{t-1}$

• For 
$$i = 1$$
 to  $N$ 

• Pick 
$$ilde{ heta}_i$$
 from the  $heta_i^{t-1}$  set with probabilities  $v_i^{t-1}$ 

• Draw 
$$\theta_i^t \sim K_{\theta,t}(\theta_i^t | \tilde{\theta}_i)$$
 and  $x \sim \pi(x | \theta_i^t)$ 

• Until 
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$$\begin{aligned} & \bullet \qquad w_i^t \propto \frac{\pi(\theta_i^t)}{\sum_j v_j^{t-1} K_{\theta,t}(\theta_i^t | \theta_j^{(t-1)})} \\ & \bullet \qquad \text{Normalize weights } w_i^t \text{ for } i = 1:N \end{aligned}$$

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In those type of problems we chose normalize approximation error between all the data obtained to the current time step t with is also called Fractional Bias (FB).

The FB is used to indicate a bias towards underprediction or overprediction of concentration data by the model.

Cox, W.M.: Protocol for determining the best performing model. Technical report, Environmental Protection

Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC (United States). Technical Support Div. (1992)





The  $\rho(x^t, x^t_{obs})$  measure in time step t:

$$\rho(x^t, x^t_{obs}) = \frac{1}{18} \sum_{j=1}^{18} \left( \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{|C_i^{Sj} - \hat{C}_i^{Sj}|}{C_i^{Sj} + \hat{C}_i^{Sj}} \right), \tag{1}$$

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Given that the concentration  $C_i^{Sj}$  has always value  $\geq 0$ , a  $\rho(x^t,x^t_{obs})$  is always between 0 and 1. Let us recognize that  $\rho(x^t,x^t_{obs})=0$  is the situation when our prediction fit perfectly. In opposite  $\rho(x^t,x^t_{obs})=1$  does not fit at all.





## Threshold schedule and weights

The most commonly used adaptive scheme for threshold choice is based on the quantile of the empirical distribution of the distances between the simulated data and observations from the previous population  $\theta_j^{t-1}$ .





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#### Transition kernel - example







#### Parameters vector

The following parameters vector describe the source of the release:

$$\theta \equiv (x, y, z, q, l, s).$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The (x, y) is source position within computing domain, (z) is the height of source location above ground level, (q) is a mass of release, (s) is the start time of release and (l) is duration time.

In the presented procedure we declare the following priori distribution on particular parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta^1) \equiv \\ & (x,y) \sim U^{\Theta}([100,600],[100,500]) \\ & z \sim Gamma(3,3) \\ & q \sim U(10,500) \\ & l \sim U(0,1800) \\ & s \sim U(0,180). \end{aligned}$$







Figure 7: Scatter plot of all samples generate in the subsequent time steps t = 2, 3, ..., 10 in (x, y) space







Figure 8: Evolution of the posteriori probability distribution for x, y and q parameters. The red vertical line represents target value of parameters. All plots are taken form for subsequent time steps intervals













Figure 10: Prior and marginal posterior probability densities for the joint inference of six parameters.







Figure 11: The bivariate and marginal posterior distributions for all searched parameters  $\theta \equiv (x, y, z, q, l, s)$ .





## Publications:

- Approximate Bayesian Computation Methods in the Identification of Atmospheric Contamination Sources for DAPPLE Experiment, P Kopka, A Wawrzynczak, M Borysiewicz International Conference on Bayesian Statistics in Action, 161-171
- In review: Identification of atmospheric contamination source parameter in urban area by Approximate Bayesian Computation methodology, Environmental Modelling and Software





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