Multi-Source Atmospheric Dispersion Event Reconstruction Using Bayesian Inference and Composite Model Ranking

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Motivation: Source term estimation of multi-source releases



(source: Red River Radio (NPR))

- Fukushima
 Nuclear Reactor
 Meltdown
- Reactor unreachable
- Radioactive material released from multiple locations

Gaussian Plume Forward Model



Inverse problem

$$\boldsymbol{m} \approx F^{-1}(\boldsymbol{d})$$

where,

- F is the forward model, the Gaussian plume model in this case (can be other)
- *d* is a vector of observed concentration values (i.e. sensor readings)
- *m* is a set of forward model parameters (i.e. source location, emission rate, etc.)
- Probabilistic approach



Bayesian Formulation

$$P(\boldsymbol{m}|\boldsymbol{d}) \propto L(\boldsymbol{d}|\boldsymbol{m})P(\boldsymbol{m})$$

where,

- P(m|d) is the probability of the forward model parameters, given the observed concentrations
- L(d|m) is the Likelihood of the observations given the forward model parameters
- P(m) is a set of prior probabilities for each forward model parameter

Conditional Likelihood Formulation

$$L(d_i|\boldsymbol{m}) = \begin{cases} \exp(-\alpha \cdot \widehat{C}_i), & d_i = 0\\ \frac{1 - \exp(-\alpha \cdot \widehat{C}_i)}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma d_i} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\ln(d_i) - \ln(\widehat{C}_i)\right)^2\right), & d_i > 0 \end{cases}$$

(Senocak et al., 2008)

- $\alpha = \frac{1}{C_{th}} \ln(2)$, due to ideal sensor detection with probability of $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Given model parameters, m, an ideal sensor, ξ_i , has a lognormal distribution with density:

$$p(\xi_i | \boldsymbol{m}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma\xi_i}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\ln(\xi_i) - \ln(\widehat{C}_i)\right)^2\right)$$

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Extending it to Multi-source

$$\boldsymbol{m} = \left[x_{s1}, y_{s1}, \left(\frac{Q}{U}\right)_1, \theta, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \sigma^2, d, \varphi, \left(\frac{Q}{U}\right)_2 \right]$$



MCMC Sampling

- Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) via the Metropolis Algorithm (Metropolis et al. 1953) simulates samples from the posterior distributions
- Candidate state *m**is sampled from Gaussian distribution centered on previous state, *m*, and accepted with probability

$$p(\boldsymbol{m}, \boldsymbol{m}^*) = \min\left(\frac{\pi(\boldsymbol{m}^*)}{\pi(\boldsymbol{m})}, 1\right)$$

Where target distribution is

 $\pi(\boldsymbol{m}) = L(\boldsymbol{d}|\boldsymbol{m}) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{m})$

How many sources are there?

- Possible to get a reasonable result with incorrect number of sources
- Proposed a composite model ranking system to quantitatively choose the correct number of sources



Ranking Metrics

Ranking Formula
• Overall Ranking Range:
o (worst) – 3 (best)

$$RANK = (1 - ||x||_{2,scaled}) + (1 - \frac{|FB|}{2}) + R^2$$

- *l*₂ norm of relative error
 - Quantifies Error

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{|C_{i} - \hat{C}_{i}|}{C_{i}}\right)^{2}}$$

- Fractional Bias
 - Quantifies Bias (Over/Underestimation)

$$FB = 2\left(\frac{\bar{C} - \bar{\hat{C}}}{\bar{C} + \bar{\hat{C}}}\right)$$

- Pearson's correlation coefficient
 - Quantifies Correlation

$$R = \frac{\sum_{i} \left[(C_{i} - \bar{C}) \left(\hat{C}_{i} - \bar{\hat{C}} \right) \right]}{\left[\sqrt{\sum_{i} (C_{i} - \bar{C})^{2}} \right] \left[\sqrt{\sum_{i} \left(\hat{C}_{i} - \bar{\hat{C}} \right)^{2}} \right]}$$

Application to FUSION Field Trials 2007 (FFT-07) and Synthetic Trials

- Real trials conducted by U.S. Army at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah
- 100 sensors placed 50m apart in test space 1km x 1km
- Single and multiple source releases of Propylene Gas in continuous and puff trials as part of FFT-07 data set.
- Goal: based on sensor data, reconstruct the source and all associated parameters and correctly determine number of sources involved in release



Synthetic Trial MCMC movie





Trial 40 from FFT-07 Data Set

- 48 sensors used
- Error of 8m and 6m for source 1 and source 2, respectively



Trial 40 from FFT-07 Data Set

- Bivariate and marginal posterior probabilities for location and release rate, Q.
- Marginal distributions approximately Gaussian



Trial 40 from FFT-07 Data Set

Observed data vs. calculated (predicted) data



Composite Model Ranking Results



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Additional Trial Data

Synthetic Trial Results

- 24 sensors used
- Tested with 20% and 40%
 Gaussian noise
- Average error of 15.5m and 35.6m, respectively



Trial 27 from FFT-07 Data Set



Source location Errors of 15m and 25m