Nonlinear data assimilation:

Particle filters from a Bayesian perspective

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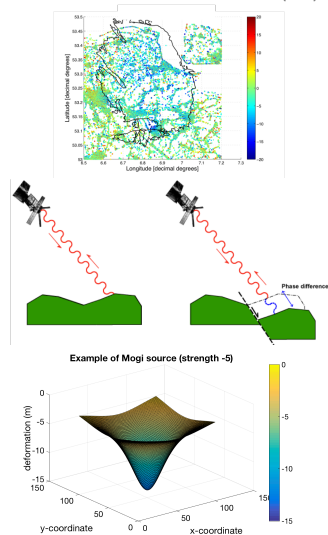

Available from `https://github.com/geirev/Data-Assimilation-Fundamentals.git`

Case I: Subsidence in Groningen

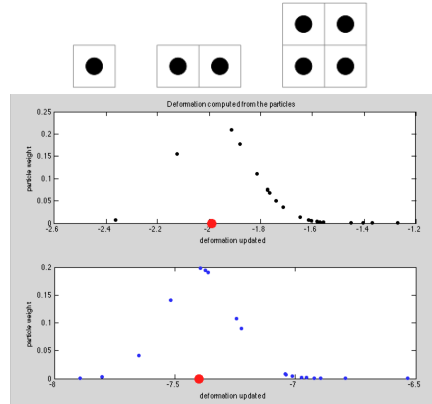InSAR data of 2009-2010 subsidence (mm)

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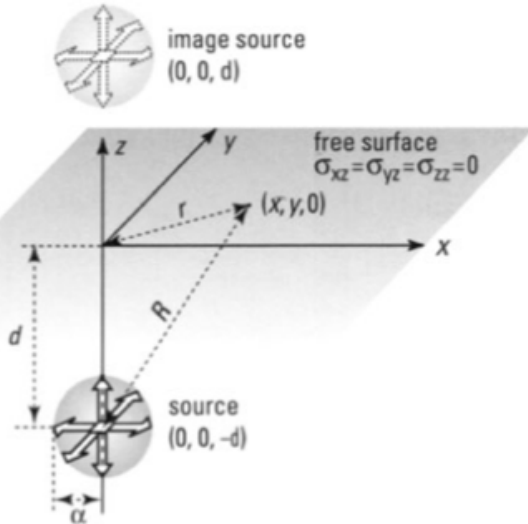
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- You will find out in the practical!

Mogi source

image source
(0, 0, d)

free surface
$\sigma_{xz} = \sigma_{yz} = \sigma_{zz} = 0$

z

y

r

$(x, y, 0)$

x

R

d

source
(0, 0, -d)

α

A Mogi source is a point source of deformation, used to model subsidence or uplift as a result of compaction or expansion in the subsurface, originally for volcanics. Deformation u_z is modelled as a function of the radial coordinate r and the distance to the Mogi source R:
$u_z = C \frac{r}{R^3}$.

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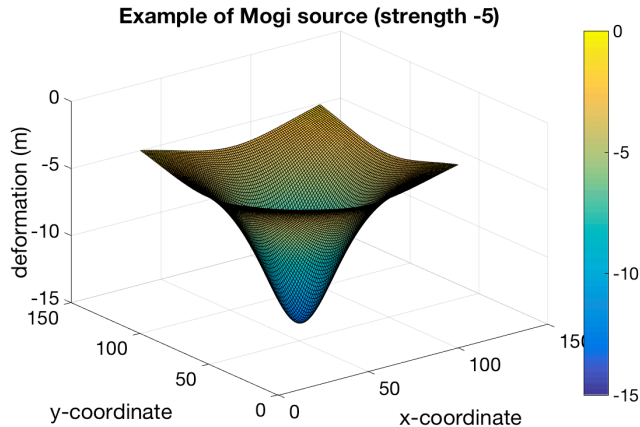
The resulting deformation is bell-shaped.

Exercise Importance Sampling (1)

With the practical partner from yesterday:

- Open DataAssimilation-ParticleFilter.ipynb
- Run the notebook step by step for "Part I: Numerical model and observations (data)"
- Make an estimate of the Mogi source strengths and discuss this with your practical partner

Exercise Importance Sampling (2)

With the practical partner from yesterday:

- Open DataAssimilation-ParticleFilter.ipynb
- Run "Part II: Particle filter algorithm" and "Part III: Plots and analysis of the results"
- What is an appropriate value for the number of particles, given the number of Mogi sources that you are simulating? Discuss with your partner
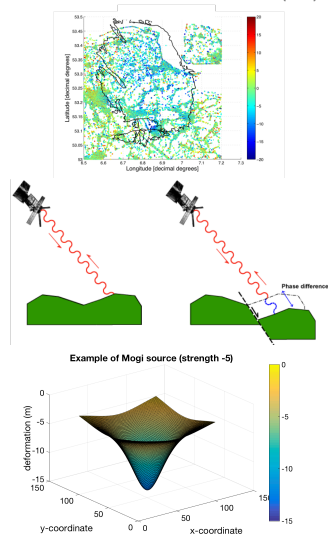
Exercise Importance Sampling (3)

Again, with your practical partner:

- In the second part of DataAssimilation-ParticleFilter.ipynb
- After playing with the number of particles and Mogi sources, vary the number of observations
- Discuss how this affects degeneracy

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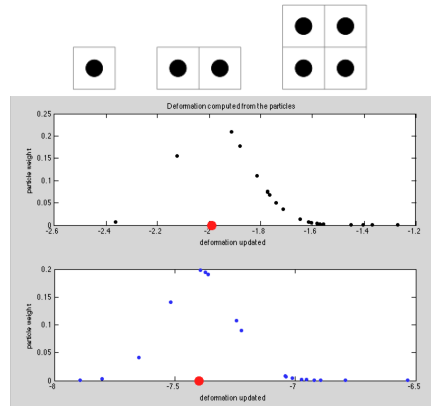
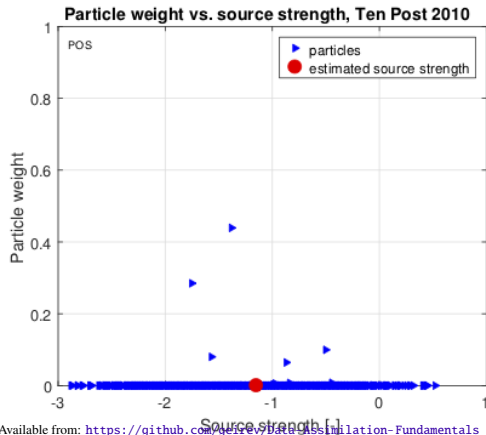# Assimilation actual InSAR data (unfitted)
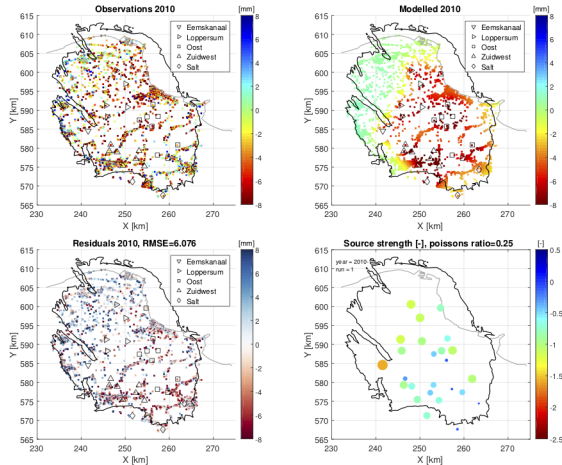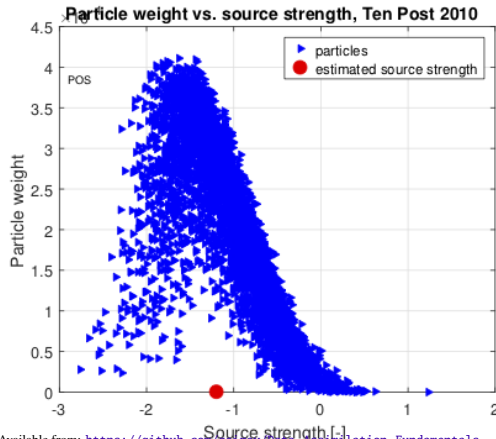
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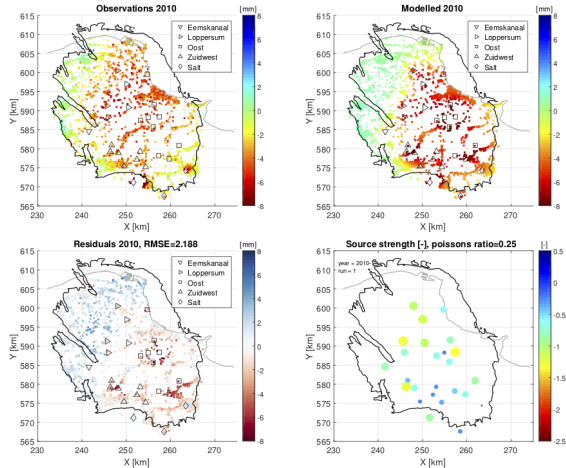
Particle weights

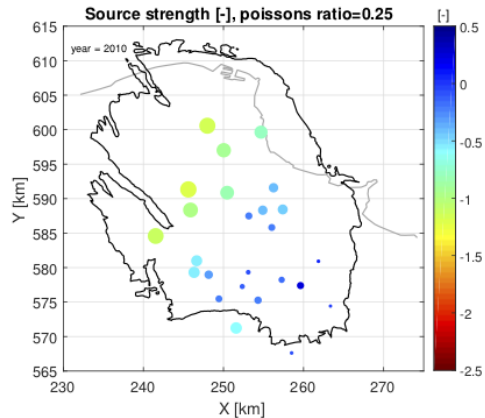Even with 5000 ensemble members, we observe degeneracy

Particle weight vs. source strength, Ten Post 2010

Particle weights with localisation

Degeneracy solved with localisation

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Assimilation actual InSAR data (fitted, localised)
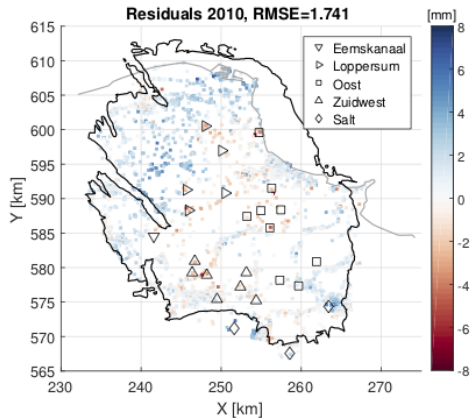
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- Particle filter can be used to estimate Mogi-source strengths as a representation of reservoir compaction
- For synthetic experiments, increasing the number of particles helps to avoid degeneracy
- For realistic experiments, an ensemble size of 5000 particles still leads to degeneracy
- Localisation can help to overcome this