

MACHINE LEARNING CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED SYSTEMS: ESTIMATING PARAMETERS

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ABSTRACT

We consider the problem of estimating parameters that govern the dynamics of a continuously monitored system. To this end, we bring into stage the a recurrent cell which, aided with automatic differentiation, allows us to do maximum likelihood on the measurement signal; we compare estimation performance with respect to the ultimate attainable bound given by the Fisher information, and with Lorentzian fits of the spectral power. We next move on to machine-learning-estimate external controls' parameters. Doors and questions remain open to whether the presented approach can be useful to tackle sophisticated tasks, such as the identification of dynamical equations of motion out of measurement signals.

THE MODEL

We consider an optomechanical system under continuous homodyne detection on the optical mode, and in the Gaussian regime. The equations of motion read:

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= (A_\theta - \chi(\Sigma_t)C)x_t dt + \chi(\Sigma_t)dy = A_\theta x_t dt + \chi(\Sigma_t)dW_t \\ d\Sigma_t &= A_\theta \Sigma_t + \Sigma A_\theta^T + D - \chi(\Sigma_t)^T \chi(\Sigma_t), \\ dy &= C(x_t dt + C^{-1}dW_t), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where (x_t, Σ_t) denote the first two moments of the mechanical mode at time t , and dy_t denotes measurement outcome. Thus, the measurement model is Gaussian and centered on the value of the *hidden state* x_t . The matrices and coefficients governing the dynamics read:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\gamma}{2} & -\omega \\ \omega & -\frac{\gamma}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = (\gamma(n+\frac{1}{2}) + \kappa)\mathbb{I}_2, \quad C = \sqrt{\eta\kappa} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \chi(\sigma) = \Sigma C^T$$

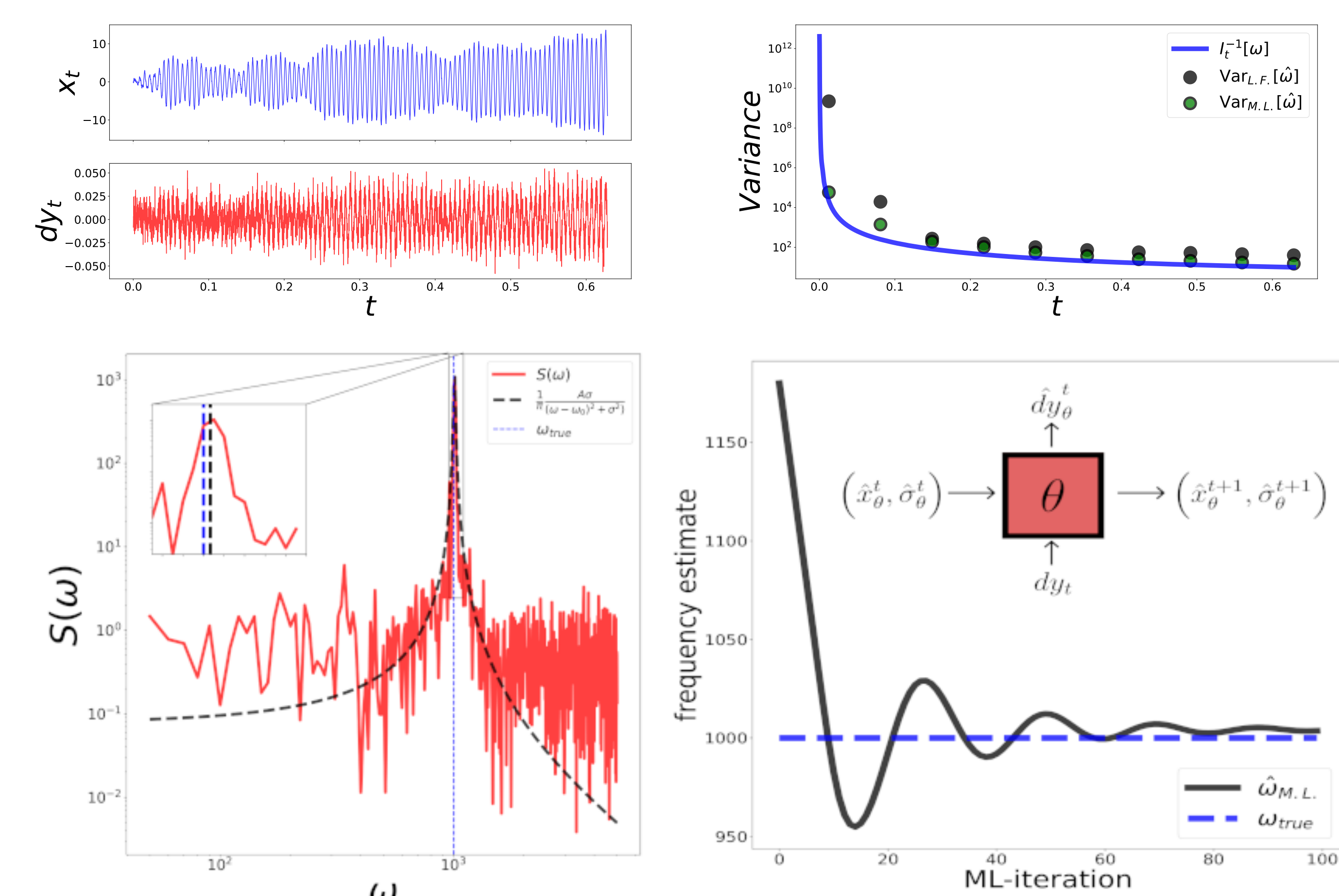
ESTIMATION

We focus on estimating the value of parameter θ , appearing in Eq. (1). The log-likelihood $\lambda(y|\theta) = \log p(y|\theta)$ of getting a string of outcomes $y = (dy_0, \dots, dy_t)$ under θ can be computed through the measurement model, and in particular an evolution for the (derivative of) the score (e.g. $s = \partial_\theta \lambda(y|\theta)$) can be derived as

$$d\partial_\theta^2 \lambda = -|\partial_\theta Cx|^2 dt + (\partial_\theta^2 Cx)dW_t,$$

which in turn allows us to numerically obtain the Fisher information $I[\theta] = \sum_t \mathbb{E}[|\partial_\theta Cx|^2]dt$. This quantity lower bounds the variance of any unbiased estimation $\hat{\theta}$.

Here, we propose a recurrent unit which computes $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_\theta \lambda(y|\hat{x}_\theta)$ where \hat{x}_θ is the estimated value of the hidden state obtained via Kalman Filtering. As an example, we consider estimating the mechanical mode's frequency ω , appearing in A matrix in Eq (1). We compare recurrent unit performance with Lorentzian fits over the spectral power $S(\omega)$ and the Fisher information.

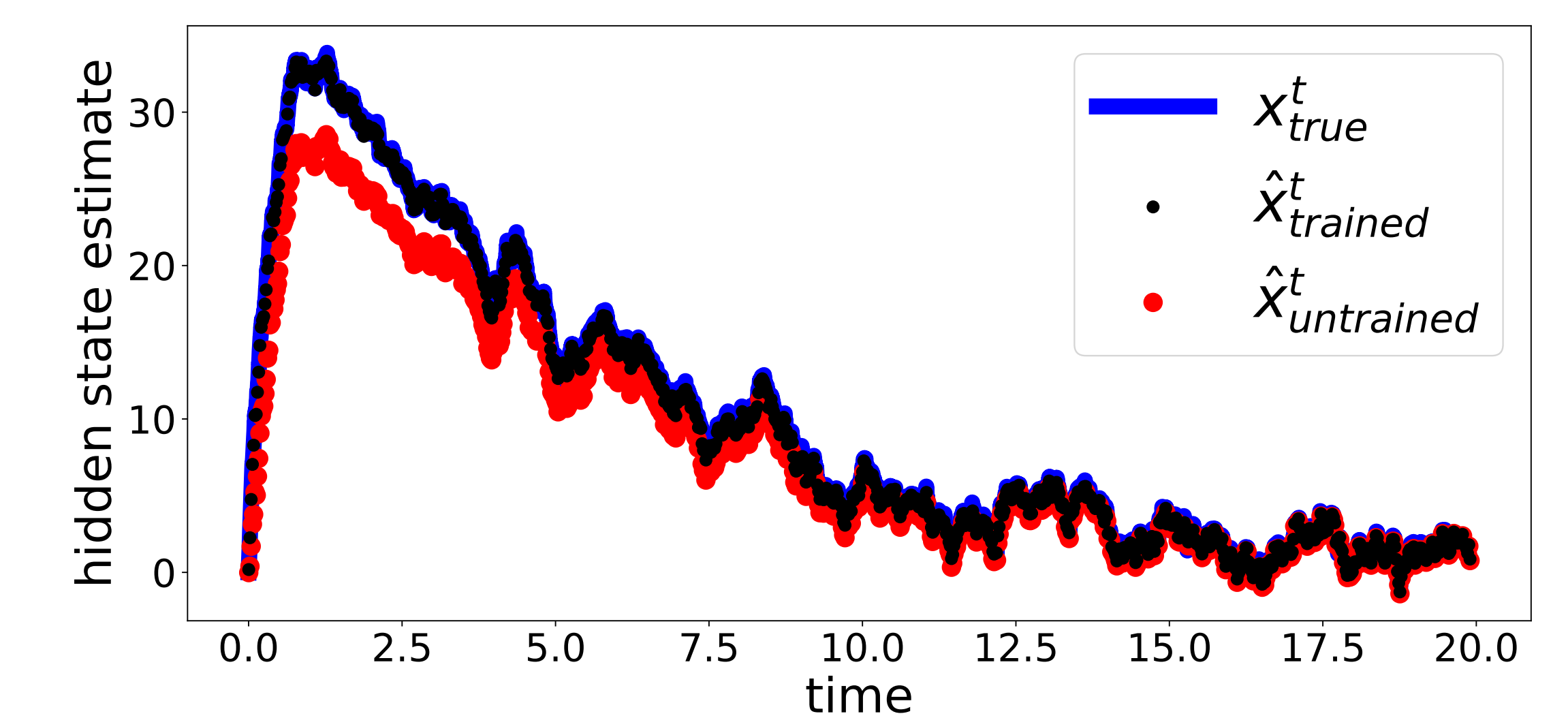
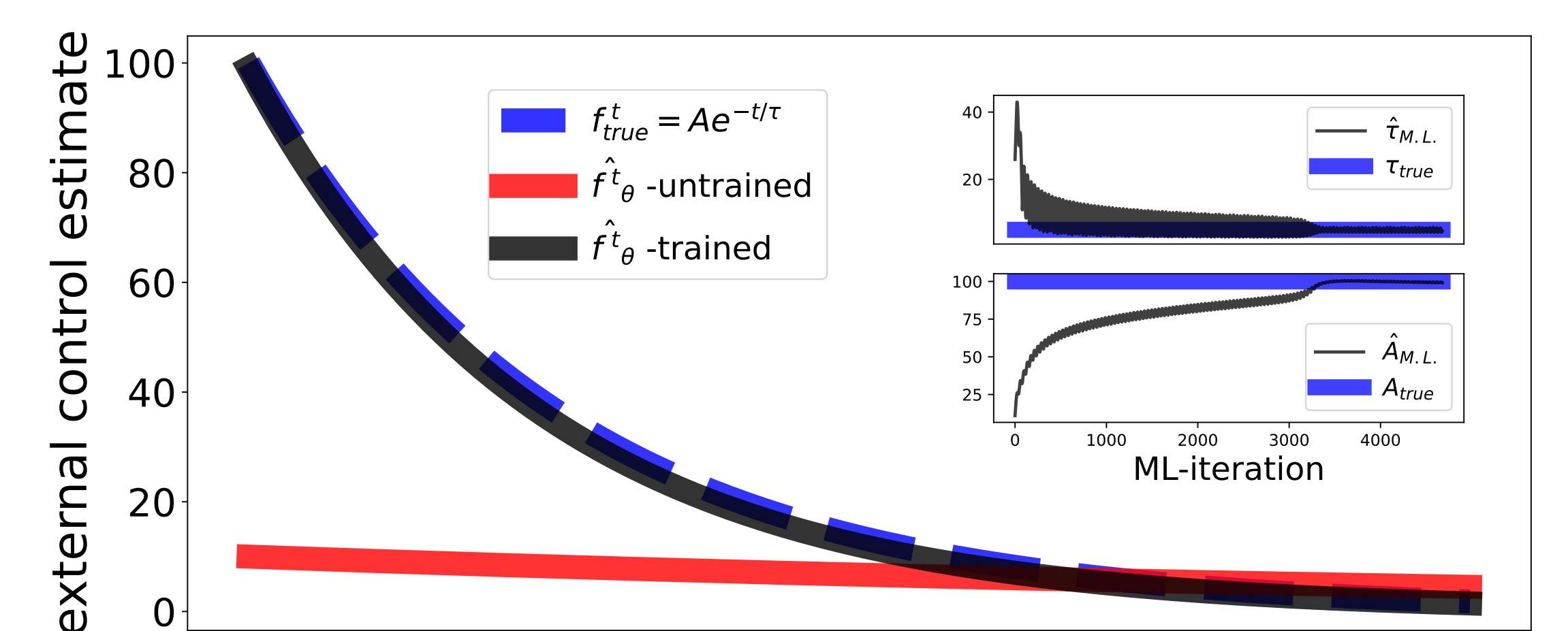
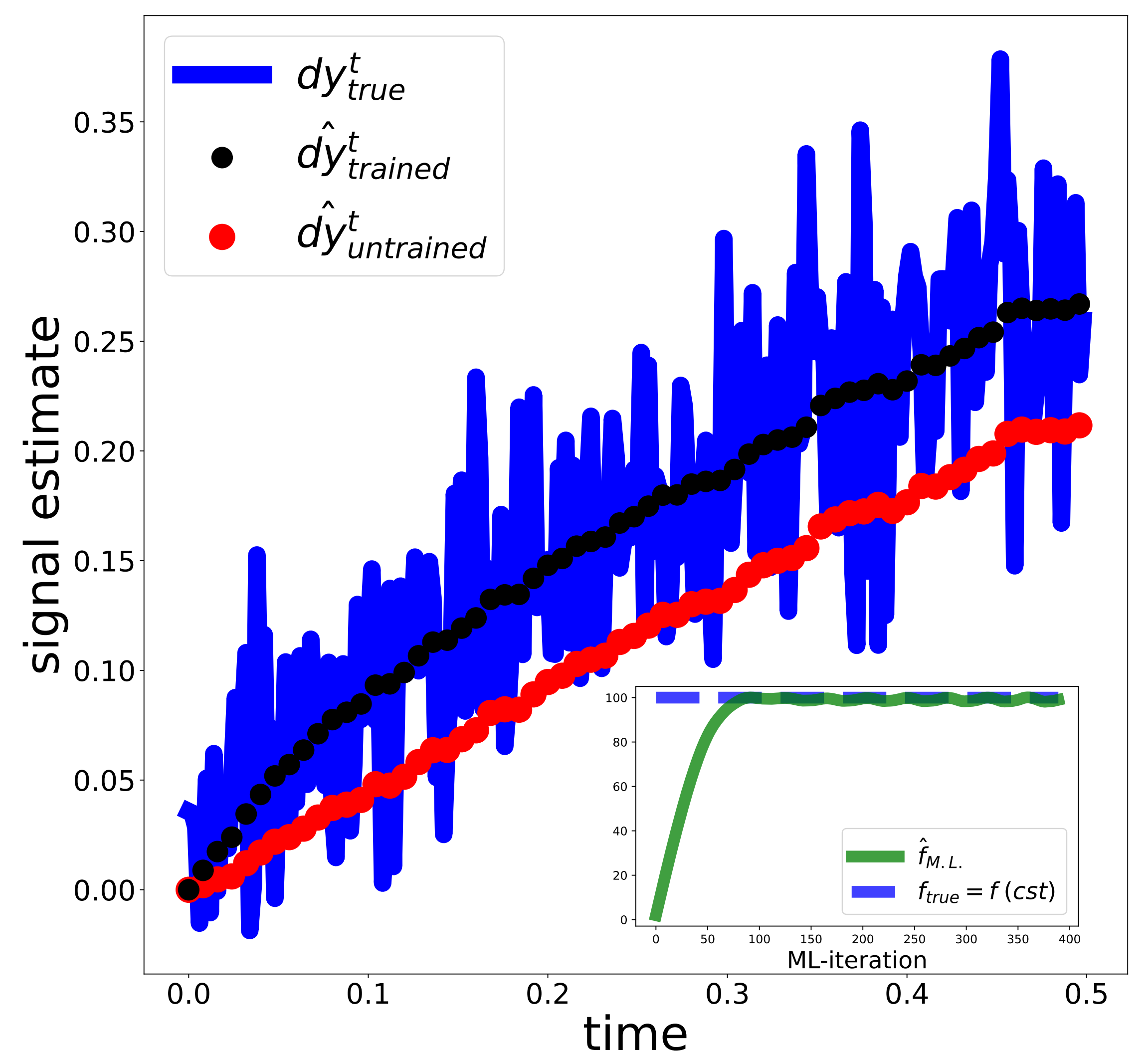


EXTERNAL CONTROLS

Signals for the cavity surroundings f_θ^t , such as forces, can be included in the evolution Eq. (1) as per:

$$dx_t = (A_\theta - \chi(\Sigma_t)C)x_t dt + \chi(\Sigma_t)dy + f_\theta^t dt \quad (2)$$

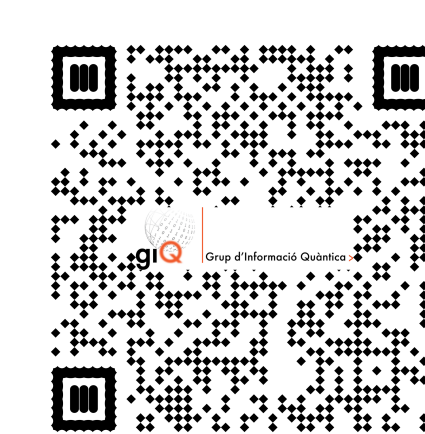
While the structure of the external signal might potentially be complicated, we test our machine-learning machinery in the case of (i) constant force, e.g. $f_\theta^t = f$, and (ii) eponentially damped force e.g. $f_\theta^t = Ae^{-t/\tau}$. Here, the task is to estimate f and (A, τ) respectively out of measurement signal dy_t .



CONCLUSION

We introduced a machine-learning method which is able to track the hidden state out of measurement data, and through the internal model make an estimation of hidden Markov dynamics (and in particular of the parameters value). Among interesting directions are those of inferring dynamical equations out of measurement data, in cases where f_θ^t has a more sophisticated structure.

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