

# pfsim

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## 1 Demonstration of particle filtering for Gompertz and logistic growth models

The code below illustrates how the particle filter (PF) implementation in module `gmplgpf.py` can be used to model biomass growth. The demo data consists of biomass measured in a shake flask experiment. This notebook is provided as supplement to “Critical Event Prediction in Shake Flask Cultivations With Non-linear Bayesian Estimation”, (Pretzner et al. 2021). The data which we use for demonstration purpose were kindly provided by Körber Pharma [barbara.pretzner@koerber-pharma.com](mailto:barbara.pretzner@koerber-pharma.com).

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### 1.1 Installation of `gmplgpf.py` and dependencies

The implementation for PF based inference of logistic and Gompertz growth models (PFLgGrw) is largely self contained and depends only on standard Python 3.x, numpy and scipy. Additional Python modules are however required to run this demo notebook. For details about all dependencies check the `requirements.txt` file in the github repository <https://github.com/psykacek/pf4grwth.git>. This is a conda compatible requirements file which was generated with `conda list -e > requirements.txt`. To meet the requirements the PF code should run inside a conda environment which was prepared with `conda create --name "type here your envname" --file requirements.txt`. To use the PF for growth models the module `gmplgpf.py` has to reside in a folder which is in your Python path. `##` Generic comments about particle filters and their evaluation This demo code uses post hoc simulations on data where the entire growth profile is available. We use complete data to provide impressions of how the proposed PF copes on a global scale. It is however important to keep in mind that PFs are adaptive inference methods. The proposed approach allows in particular for adaptive innovation rates which allow that the filter adjusts gradually between convergence to stationarity and tracking of non stationary situations. The PF will hence in general only be optimal in a local sense. Evaluating global predictive behaviour is motivated by intending to predict when the growth process completes and which final yield we may expect. The visualised global behaviour of PF predictive accuracy depends however on the degree of stationarity of the analysed growth profiles and is hence data dependent. `##` Parametrisation of the filter To reduce simulation time, the evaluation in this script uses a reduced number of only 500 particles. We moreover use the default settings in the PFLgGrw constructor for the (diagonal) Gamma prior distributions over all innovation rates (`g`: 0.05 and `h`: 0.5). Further details of the adjustable parameters of the PF and their default values are provided in the source module `gmplgpf.py`. Parameters which we override are documented below. `##` Initialising a particle filter for a specific protocol Particle filters (PFs) are sequential Monte Carlo approaches where model parameters represented by a dynamically

evolving set of model parametrisations (the particles). As is pointed out in (Pretzner et al. 2021) inference benefits from starting with a filter that was previously adjusted to a growth profile which was obtained on the same protocol for which we intend predicting biomass development. Despite that PFs are incrementally updated and allow for tracking non stationary model behaviour, we find that convergence and initial predictions are greatly aided by starting with parameters which are “close” to the situation we expect to find in a new experiment.

```
[1]: ## particle filter initialisation
##
## (C) P. Sykacek 2021 <peter@sykacek.net>
from IPython import display
%matplotlib inline
from gmplgpf import PFLgGrw
from gmplgpf import NormVals
import numpy as np
import matplotlib
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf import PdfPages
## we turn of all warnings which are a result of
## overflows caused by unsuitable particles which
## are discarded anyway.
##
## The motivation for filtering warnings is the intent
## to have less flickering graphical output.
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
ifnams=["./testdata/E.coli-SFR03A-B-EF250-LB_1.csv",
        "./testdata/E.coli-SFR06-B-EF500-TB_3.csv",
        "./testdata/E.coli-SFR03A-B-EF250-LB_2.csv",
        "./testdata/E.coli-SFR06-B-EF500-TB_4.csv"]

## select one of the 4 files:
ifnam=ifnams[1]
indat=pd.read_csv(ifnam)
allx=indat['Process Time [h]']
signals=indat['Biomass [AU]']
## adjust signal scale
signals=signals/10000
ally=signals.copy()
## we cut off after 20 hours.
idssel=allx<20
allx=allx[idssel]
ally=ally[idssel]
##
if True:
    plt.clf()
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## initialising the filter
nwndw=20 ## window size (20 samples in a sliding window constitute X and y)
## we use 75 evenly spaced time points for predictions
in4pred=np.linspace(-2, np.amax(allx), 75)
## defining the filter
## the following parameters specify the prior distribution which we use for
→ generating
## the initial particles
iniw=np.zeros(2)
iniL=5*np.eye(2)
pkmd=2.5
pkprec=1.0
plmd=0.0
plprec=5.0
maxk=np.inf
## no buffering of past samples
maxinbuff=0
## note that we use the Gompertz growth model (set dogomp=False for
→ logistic growth)
lpf=PFLgGrw(iniw, iniL, pkmd, pkprec, plmd, plprec, maxk=maxk,
             dogomp=True, addoffs=True, smpwnd=nwndw, innwnd=nwndw,
             nprtcls=500, keeprate=0.075, maxinbuff=maxinbuff)

## for a initialisation we permute the indices randomly.
alldx=np.array(list(range(0, len(allx))))
doreshuffle=True
if doreshuffle:
    np.random.shuffle(alldx)
alldx=list(alldx)
smprange=[-1]*nwndw
## and reduce the reshuffled data to 10% of the entire time course.
alldx=alldx[0:int(np.ceil(len(alldx)*0.1))]
## fitting the particle filter
for cnt, idx in enumerate(alldx):
    plt.clf()
    ## add sample idx to filter:
    cx=allx[idx]
    cy=ally[idx]
    lpf.addsample(x=cx, y=cy)
    nopwnan=lpf.nopwnan
    ## get predictions at positions in4pred
    if cnt >=20:
        x, ymd, yu, yd=lpf.dopred(in4pred)
        ## smprange is the slice of samples which we have in the data buffer
        smprange=[idx]+smprange[:-1]
        trandx=np.array(smprange)
        trandx=list(trandx[trandx>=0])

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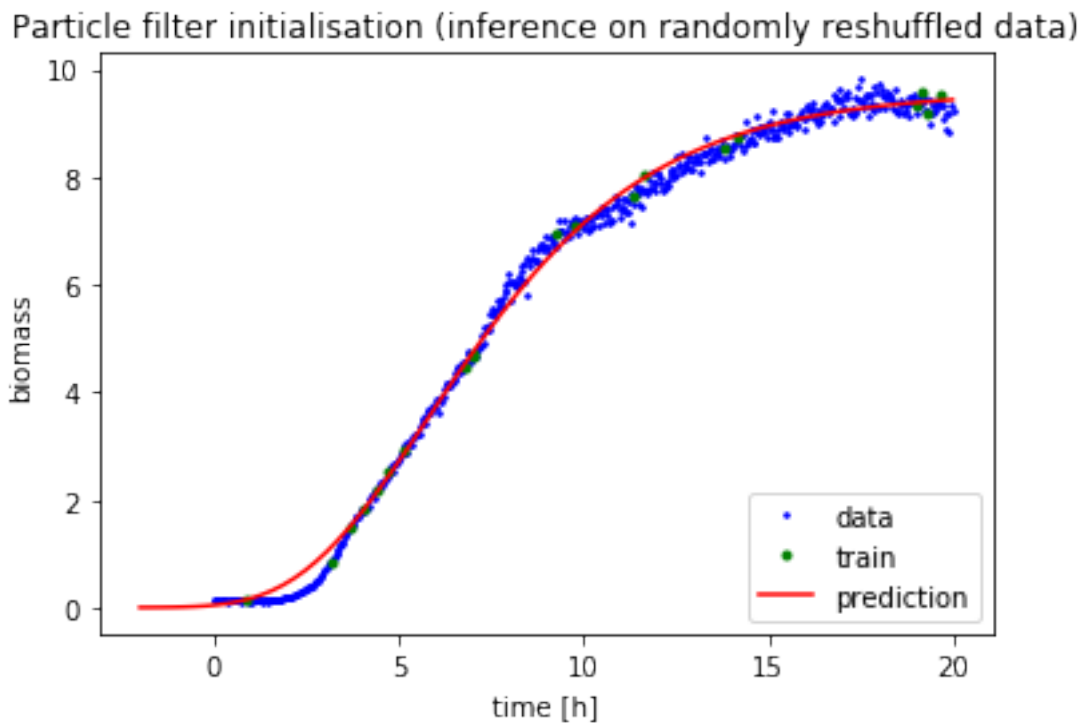
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    ## plot all samples
    pall=plt.plot(allx, ally, 'b.', markersize=3, label='data')
    ## plot samples in inference buffer
    ptran=plt.plot(allx[trandx], ally[trandx], 'g.', markersize=6,
→label='train')

    ## diagnostic output in title: self.nopwnan self.sumpw
    ## self.nracclamb self.nracclambn
    nslv=lpf.avprednoise[len(lpf.avprednoise)-1]
    if cnt >=20:
        ## plot predictions at xpred
        pprd=plt.plot(x, ymd, 'r-', label='prediction')

    plt.title("Particle filter initialisation (inference on randomly
→reshuffled data)")
    plt.xlabel("time [h]")
    plt.ylabel("biomass")
    plt.legend(loc="lower right")
    display.display(plt.gcf())
    display.clear_output(wait=True)

```



## 1.2 Inferred particle filter

The PF which we inferred on one of the terrific broth shake flask experiments is now parameterised. In practise we would pickle the object and load it when needed for monitoring and predicting experiments which use the same recipe. *## Monitoring and prediction* The initialised PF is capable of adjusting in case biomass growth is non stationary. Such situations may be the result of microbes adapting their metabolism to compensate for changes in their environment (e.g. important resources for one type of metabolism got consumed). For monitoring and prediction we use the PF in its sequential mode of operation.

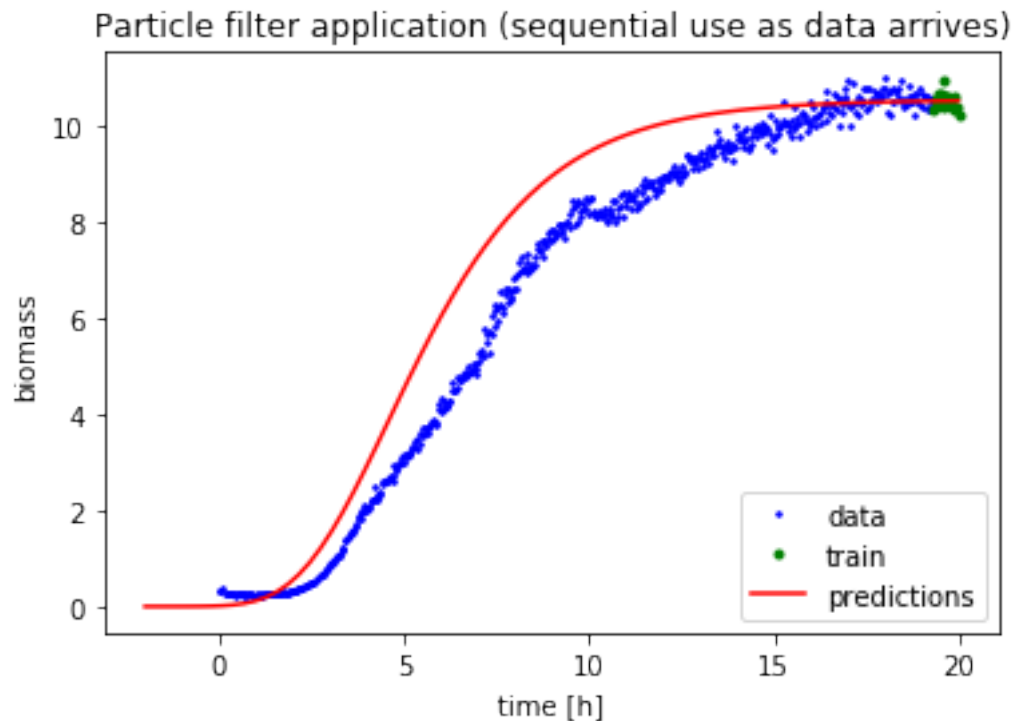
```
[2]: ## test predictions on new data (using the same recipe).
ifnam=ifnams[3]
indat=pd.read_csv(ifnam)
allx=indat['Process Time [h]']
signals=indat['Biomass [AU]']
normby=signals[1:20]
normby=normby[np.isfinite(normby)]
## adjust signal scale
signals=signals/10000
ally=signals.copy()
## cut off after 20 hours
keepdx=allx < 20
allx=allx[keepdx]
ally=ally[keepdx]
## use 75 samples for obtaining global predictions
in4pred=np.linspace(-2, np.amax(allx), 75)
## For assessing predictions, we discard the first 20 samples
## and provide time and biomass concentration in the correct
## temporal order.
alldx=np.array(list(range(20, len(allx))))
if True:
    ## we initialise the input buffer of the filter.
    lpf.buffcnt=0
    alldx=list(alldx)
    smprange=[-1]*nwndw
    for cnt, idx in enumerate(alldx):
        plt.clf()
        ## add sample idx to filter:
        cx=allx[idx]
        cy=ally[idx]
        lpf.addsample(x=cx, y=cy)
        ## get predictions at positions in4pred
        if cnt >=0:
            x, ymd, yu, yd=lpf.dopred(in4pred)
            ## smprange is the slice of samples which we have in the data buffer
            smprange=[idx]+smprange[:-1]
            trandx=np.array(smprange)
            trandx=list(trandx[trandx>=0])
```

```

## plot all samples
plt.plot(allx, ally, 'b.', markersize=3, label='data')
## plot samples in inference buffer
plt.plot(allx[trandx], ally[trandx], 'g.', markersize=6, label='train')
if cnt >=0:
    ## plot predictions at xpred
    plt.plot(x, ymd, 'r-', label='predictions')

plt.title("Particle filter application (sequential use as data_
↪arrives)")
plt.xlabel("time [h]")
plt.ylabel("biomass")
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
display.display(plt.gcf())
display.clear_output(wait=True)

```



### 1.3 Assessment of a-priori predictions with PFs (no prior adaptation to a protocol)

The next experiment reinitialises a new PF and illustrates a simulation without prior adjustment to a recipe.

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[3]: ## global predictions on new data without initialisations.
ifnam=ifnams[0]
indat=pd.read_csv(ifnam)
allx=indat['Process Time [h]']
signals=indat['Biomass [AU]']
normby=signals[1:20]
normby=normby[np.isfinite(normby)]
## adjust signal scale
signals=signals/10000
ally=signals-np.min(signals)
## cut off after 10 hours
keepdx=allx < 10
allx=allx[keepdx]
ally=ally[keepdx]
## use 75 samples for obtaining global predictions
in4pred=np.linspace(-2, np.amax(allx), 75)
## For assessing a uninitialised particle filter,
## we discarded the first 20 samples and provide time
## and biomass concentration in the
## correct temporal order.
alldx=np.array(list(range(20, len(allx))))
if True:
    ## initialise a new particle filter.
    plt.clf()
    ## initialising the filter
    nwndw=20 ## window size (20 samples in a sliding window constitute X and y)
    ## we use 75 evenly spaced time points for predictions
    in4pred=np.linspace(-2, np.amax(allx), 75)
    ## defining the filter
    ## the following parameters specify the prior distribution which we use for
    →generating
    ## the initial particles
    iniw=np.zeros(2)
    iniL=5*np.eye(2)
    pkmd=2.5
    pkprec=1.0
    plmd=0.0
    plprec=5.0
    maxk=np.inf
    ## no buffering of past samples
    maxinbuff=0
    ## note that we use the Gompertz growth model (set dogomp=False for
    →logistic growth)
    lpfnc=PFLgGrw(iniw, iniL, pkmd, pkprec, plmd, plprec, maxk=maxk,
                  dogomp=True, addoffs=True, smpwnd=nwndw, innwnd=nwndw,
                  nprtcls=500, keeprate=0.075, maxinbuff=maxinbuff)
    alldx=list(alldx)

```

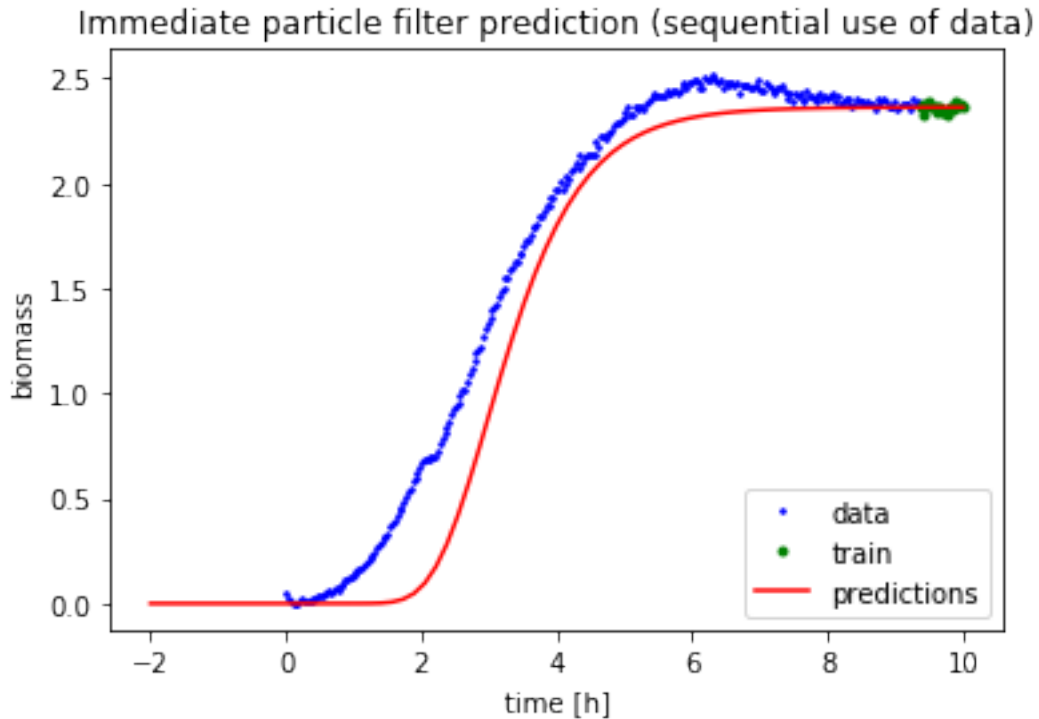
```

smprange=[-1]*nwndw
for cnt, idx in enumerate(allidx):
    plt.clf()
    ## add sample idx to filter:
    cx=allx[idx]
    cy=ally[idx]
    lpfn.addsample(x=cx, y=cy)
    ## get predictions at positions in4pred
    if cnt >=20:
        x, ymd, yu, yd=lpfn.dopred(in4pred)
        ## smprange is the slice of samples which we have in the data buffer
        smprange=[idx]+smprange[:-1]
        trandx=np.array(smprange)
        trandx=list(trandx[trandx>=0])
        ## plot all samples
        plt.plot(allx, ally, 'b.', markersize=3, label='data')
        ## plot samples in inference buffer
        plt.plot(allx[trandx], ally[trandx], 'g.', markersize=6, label='train')
    if cnt >=20:
        ## plot predictions at xpred
        plt.plot(x, ymd, 'r-', label='predictions')

plt.title("Immediate particle filter prediction (sequential use of ↪
data)")
plt.xlabel("time [h]")
plt.ylabel("biomass")
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
display.display(plt.gcf())
display.clear_output(wait=True)

```





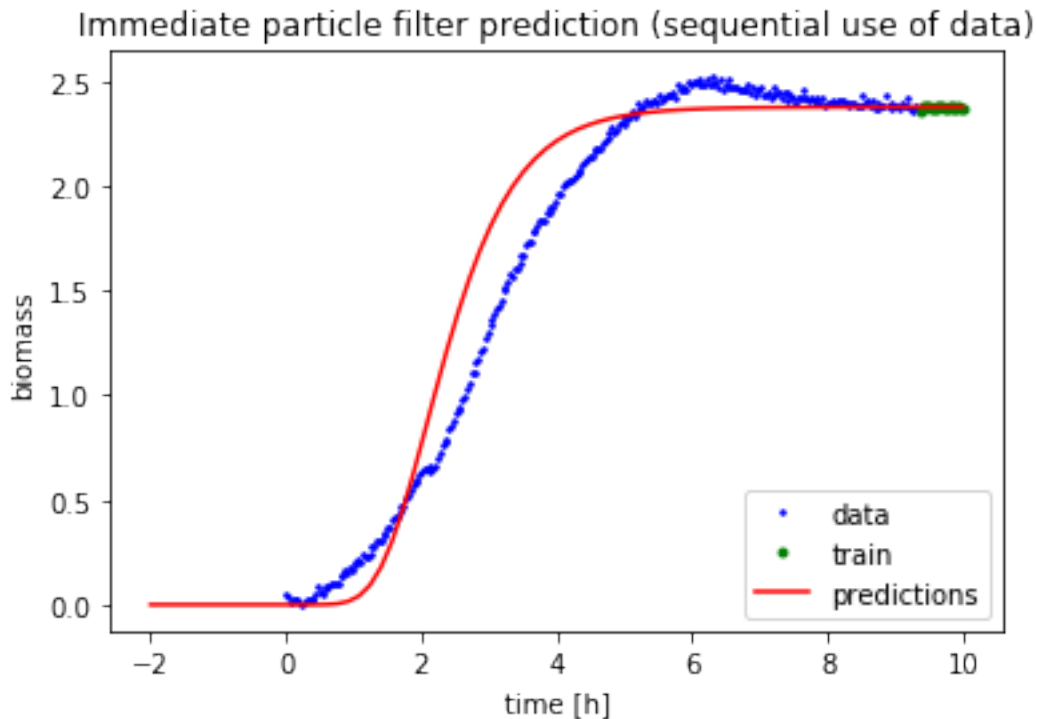
```
[4]: ## global predictions on new data without initialisations (second LB experiment).
ifnam=ifnams[2]
indat=pd.read_csv(ifnam)
allx=indat['Process Time [h]']
signals=indat['Biomass [AU]']
normby=signals[1:20]
normby=normby[np.isfinite(normby)]
## adjust signal scale
signals=signals/10000
ally=signals-np.min(signals)
## cut off after 10 hours
keepdx=allx < 10
allx=allx[keepdx]
ally=ally[keepdx]
## use 75 samples for obtaining global predictions
in4pred=np.linspace(-2, np.amax(allx), 75)
## For assessing a uninitialised particle filter,
## we discarded the first 20 samples and provide time
## and biomass concentration in the
## correct temporal order.
alldx=np.array(list(range(20, len(allx))))
if True:
    ## initialise a new particle filter.
```

```

plt.clf()
## initialising the filter
nwndw=20 ## window size (20 samples in a sliding window constitute X and y)
## we use 75 evenly spaced time points for predictions
in4pred=np.linspace(-2, np.amax(allx), 75)
## defining the filter
## the following parameters specify the prior distribution which we use for
→ generating
## the initial particles
iniw=np.zeros(2)
iniL=5*np.eye(2)
pkmd=2.5
pkprec=1.0
plmd=0.0
plprec=5.0
maxk=np.inf
## no buffering of past samples
maxinbuff=0
## note that we use the Gompertz growth model (set dogomp=False for
→ logistic growth)
lpfn2=PFLgGrw(iniw, iniL, pkmd, pkprec, plmd, plprec, maxk=maxk,
               dogomp=True, addoffs=True, smpwnd=nwndw, innownd=nwndw,
               nprtcls=500, keeprate=0.075, maxinbuff=maxinbuff)
alldx=list(alldx)
smprange=[-1]*nwndw
for cnt, idx in enumerate(alldx):
    plt.clf()
    ## add sample idx to filter:
    cx=allx[idx]
    cy=ally[idx]
    lpfn2.addsample(x=cx, y=cy)
    ## get predictions at positions in4pred
    if cnt >=20:
        x, ymd, yu, yd=lpfn2.dopred(in4pred)
        ## smprange is the slice of samples which we have in the data buffer
        smprange=[idx]+smprange[:-1]
        trandx=np.array(smprange)
        trandx=list(trandx[trandx>=0])
        ## plot all samples
        plt.plot(allx, ally, 'b.', markersize=3, label='data')
        ## plot samples in inference buffer
        plt.plot(allx[trandx], ally[trandx], 'g.', markersize=6, label='train')
        if cnt >=20:
            ## plot predictions at xpred
            plt.plot(x, ymd, 'r-', label='predictions')

```

```
plt.title("Immediate particle filter prediction (sequential use of ↵
→data)")
plt.xlabel("time [h]")
plt.ylabel("biomass")
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
display.display(plt.gcf())
display.clear_output(wait=True)
```



## 1.4 Predictive monitoring with particle filters

To assess predictive monitoring we compare three modes how the PF can be used.

- Application of a naively initialised PF (*unbuffered*).
- Application of a PF which was before initialised with a growth experiment that uses the same experimental protocol (*pretrained*).
- The PF allows to specify that samples (time and corresponding biomass) are randomly retained after they would normally be discarded. This mode of operation still focuses on most recent observations, but also keeps the estimated growth curve close to earlier samples (*buffered*)

To evaluate predictive monitoring we focus on future samples and calculate the mean square errors of all three PF options.

```

[5]: ## global predictions on new data without intialisations
## (second LB experiment). This assessment runs three versions
## of the PF - one with and one without retaining earlier
## samples for inference and a third PF without buferiung but
## pretrained on the same recipe. To assess the global predictive
## accuracy over time we subsample indices to obtain SSDs over
## test time.
ifnam=ifnams[0]
indat=pd.read_csv(ifnam)
allx=indat['Process Time [h]']
signals=indat['Biomass [AU]']
## adjust signal scale
signals=signals/10000
ally=signals.copy()
## we cuit off after 20 hours.
idssel=allx<10
allx=allx[idssel]
ally=ally[idssel]
##
if True:
    plt.clf()
    ## initialising the filter
    nwndw=20 ## window size (20 samples in a sliding window constitute X and y)
    ## defining the filter
    ## the following parametes specify the prior distribution which we use for
    ↪generating
    ## the initial particles
    iniw=np.zeros(2)
    iniL=5*np.eye(2)
    pkmd=2.5
    pkprec=1.0
    plmd=0.0
    plprec=5.0
    maxk=np.inf
    ## no buffering of past samples
    maxinbuff=0
    ## note that we use the Gompertz growth model (set dogomp=False for
    ↪logistic growth)
    lpf5=PFLgGrw(iniw, iniL, pkmd, pkprec, plmd, plprec, maxk=maxk,
                  dogomp=True, addoffs=True, smpwnd=nwndw, innownd=nwndw,
                  nprtcls=500, keeprate=0.075, maxinbuff=maxinbuff)

    ## for a initialisation we permute the indices randomly.
    alldx=np.array(list(range(0, len(allx))))
    doreshuffle=True
    if doreshuffle:
        np.random.shuffle(alldx)

```

```

alldx=list(alldx)
smprange=[-1]*nwndw
## and reduce the reshuffled data to 10% of the entire time course.
alldx=alldx[0:int(np.ceil(len(alldx)*0.1))]
## fitting the particle filter
for cnt, idx in enumerate(alldx):
    ## add sample idx to filter:
    cx=allx[idx]
    cy=ally[idx]
    lpf5.addsample(x=cx, y=cy)
## clear input buffer of lpf5
lpf5.buffcnt=0
## lpf5 is initialised and we switch to evaluation
ifnam=ifnams[2]
indat=pd.read_csv(ifnam)
allx=indat['Process Time [h]']
signals=indat['Biomass [AU]']
normby=signals[1:20]
normby=normby[np.isfinite(normby)]
## adjust signal scale
signals=signals/10000
ally=signals-np.min(signals)
## cut off after 6.5 hours (as after that we have a decay)
keepdx=allx < 6.5
allx=allx[keepdx]
ally=ally[keepdx]
## use 100 samples for prediction and evaluation
id4pred=np.array(list(range(0,len(allx),int(len(allx)/100))))
in4pred=allx[id4pred]
trg4pred=ally[id4pred]
## For assessing a uninitialised particle filter,
## we discarded the first 20 samples and provide time
## and biomass concentration in the
## correct temporal order.
alldx=np.array(list(range(20, len(allx))))
if True:
    ## initialise a new particle filter.
    plt.clf()
    ## initialising the filter
    nwndw=20 ## window size (20 samples in a sliding window constitute X and y)
    ## defining the filter
    ## the following parameters specify the prior distribution which we use for
    →generating
    ## the initial particles
    iniw=np.zeros(2)
    iniL=5*np.eye(2)
    pkmd=2.5

```

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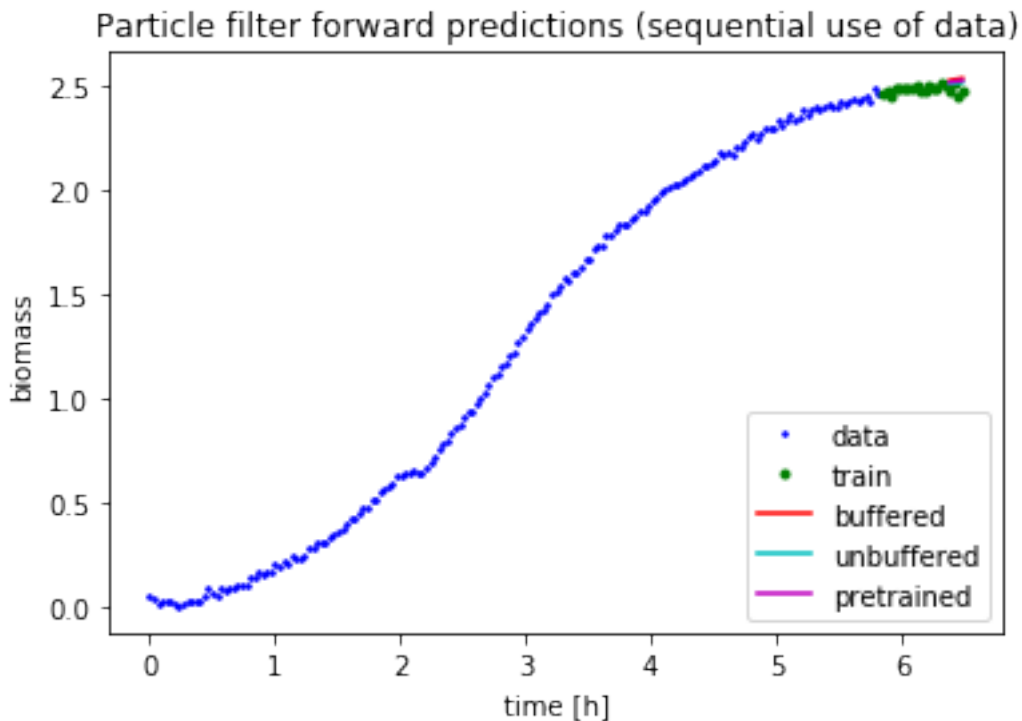
pkprec=1.0
plmd=0.0
plprec=5.0
maxk=np.inf
## buffering of 25 randomly selected past samples
maxinbuff=25
## note that we use the Gompertz growth model (set dogomp=False for
→logistic growth)
lpfn3=PFLgGrw(iniw, iniL, pkmd, pkprec, plmd, plprec, maxk=maxk,
               dogomp=True, addoffs=True, smpwnd=nwndw, innownd=nwndw,
               nprtcls=500, keeprate=0.075, maxinbuff=maxinbuff)
## and comparison without buffering
lpfn4=PFLgGrw(iniw, iniL, pkmd, pkprec, plmd, plprec, maxk=maxk,
               dogomp=True, addoffs=True, smpwnd=nwndw, innownd=nwndw,
               nprtcls=500, keeprate=0.075, maxinbuff=0)
alldx=list(alldx)
smprange=[-1]*nwndw
## buffers for ssds and time at prediction
msebf=[]
msenbf=[]
msept=[]
ptm=[]
for cnt, idx in enumerate(alldx):
    plt.clf()
    ## add sample idx to filter:
    cx=allx[idx]
    cy=ally[idx]
    lpfn3.addsample(x=cx.copy(), y=cy.copy())
    lpfn4.addsample(x=cx.copy(), y=cy.copy())
    lpfn5.addsample(x=cx.copy(), y=cy.copy())
    ## get predictions at positions in4pred
    if cnt >=10 and cnt % 10==0:
        ## generate inputs and targets for forward predictions
        id4pred=np.array(alldx)
        id4pred=id4pred[id4pred>idx]
        in4pred=allx[id4pred]
        trg4pred=ally[id4pred]
        ## time when prediction is made
        ptm.append(cx)
        xbf, ybf, yu, yd=lpfn3.dopred(in4pred)
        msebf.append(np.sum((ybf-trg4pred)**2)/len(ybf))
        xnbf, ynbf, yu, yd=lpfn4.dopred(in4pred)
        msenbf.append(np.sum((ynbf-trg4pred)**2)/len(ynbf))
        xpt, ypt, yu, yd=lpfn5.dopred(in4pred)
        msept.append(np.sum((ypt-trg4pred)**2)/len(ypt))
    ## smprange is the slice of samples which we have in the data buffer
    smprange=[idx]+smprange[:-1]

```

```

trandx=np.array(smprange)
trandx=list(trandx[trandx>=0])
## plot all samples
plt.plot(allx, ally, 'b.', markersize=3, label='data')
## plot samples in inference buffer
plt.plot(allx[trandx], ally[trandx], 'g.', markersize=6, label='train')
if cnt >=10:
    ## plot predictions at xpred
    plt.plot(xbf, ybf, 'r-', label='buffered')
    plt.plot(xnbf, ynbf, 'c-', label='unbuffered')
    plt.plot(xpt, ypt, 'm-', label='pretrained')
plt.title("Particle filter forward predictions (sequential use of
→data)")
plt.xlabel("time [h]")
plt.ylabel("biomass")
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
display.display(plt.gcf())
display.clear_output(wait=True)

```

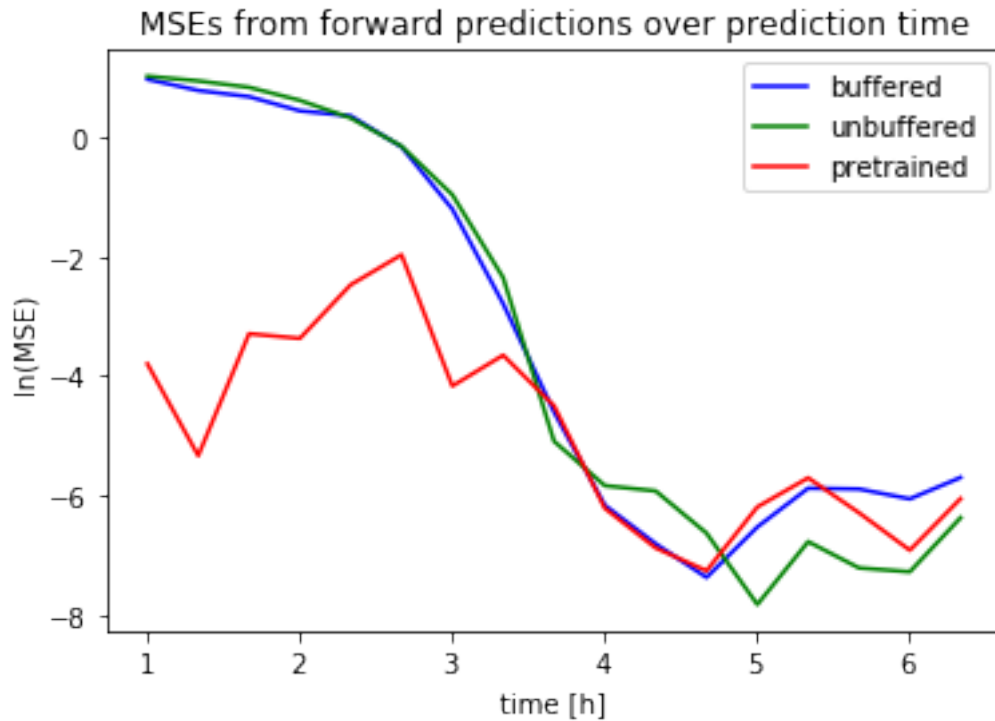


```

[6]: ## visualisation of MSE of forward predicitions over time
plt.clf()
plt.plot(ptm, np.log(msebf), 'b-', label='buffered')
plt.plot(ptm, np.log(msenbf), 'g-', label='unbuffered')

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plt.plot(ptm, np.log(msept), 'r-', label='pretrained')
plt.title("MSEs from forward predictions over prediction time")
plt.xlabel("time [h]")
plt.ylabel("ln(MSE)")
plt.legend(loc="upper right")
plt.show()
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## 1.5 Conclusion

Particle filters are sequential inference methods. A PF based estimation of growth curves can in principle be bootstrapped from randomly initialised particles. Our simulations reveal however that initialising PFs by training on biomass profiles which were obtained on identical growth media is beneficial. We observe in the above simulations that a naively initialised PF is particularly challenged with inferring accurate values for the limit biomass parameter when only presented with initial measurements. The simulations suggest hence that **recipe specific pretraining** of PF growth models is highly recommended. This is in particular important for reliable predictive process monitoring at the beginning of biomass growth experiments.

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