

# Limit Theorems for Cloning Algorithms

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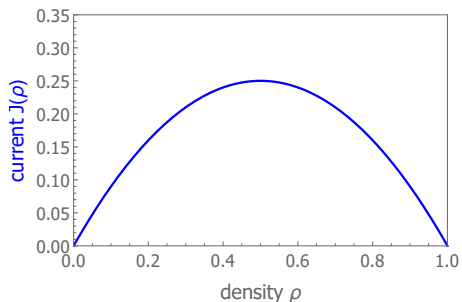
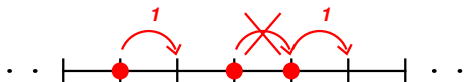
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- SMC for continuous-time jump processes (Feynman-Kac models)
- Cloning algorithm, comparison to other particle approximations
- Current fluctuations for IPS

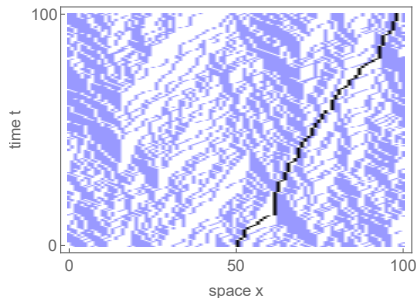
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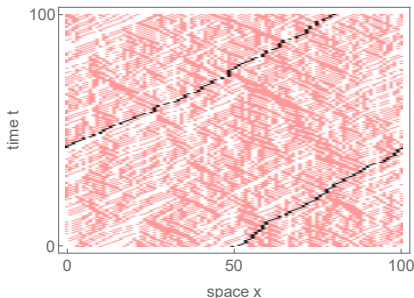
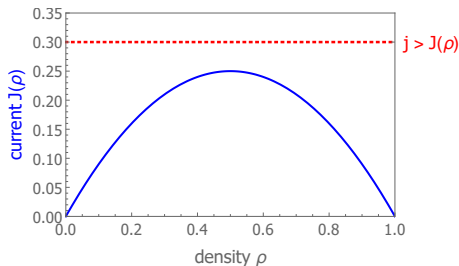
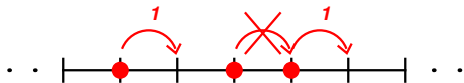


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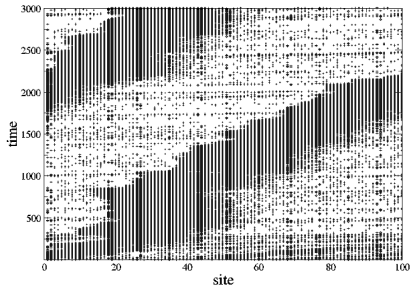
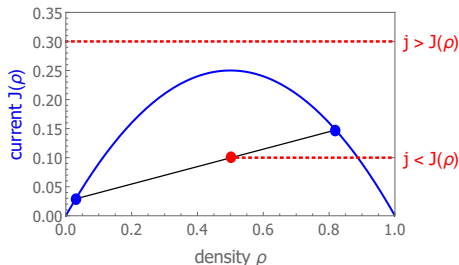
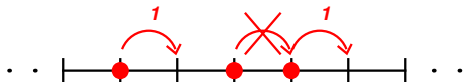
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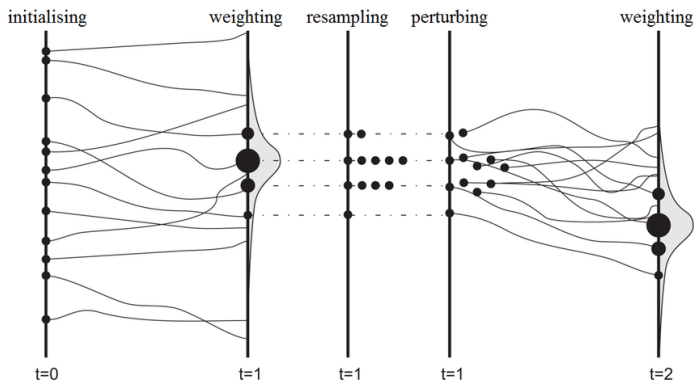


[Giardinia et al. (2006)]

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phase separation

# Sequential Monte Carlo methods



[D. Alvarez, PhD thesis, researchgate.net]

## Particle filters

[Crisan, Lyons (1997); Del Moral, Miclo (2000); Del Moral, Doucet, Jasra (2006); Rousset (2006); ...]

## dynamic rare events/cloning algorithms

[Giardina, Kurchan, Peliti (2006); Lecomte, Tailleur (2007); Pérez-Espirages, Hurtado (2019); ...]

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## Assumption. Asymptotic stability

There exist  $C > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , such that for all  $\mu_0 \in \mathcal{P}(E)$

$$\|\mu_t(f) - \mu_\infty(f)\| \leq C\|f\|\alpha^t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

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**normalized measures**  $\mu_t^{\mathcal{V}}(f) = \mu_t(f) := \nu_t(f) / \nu_t(1)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mu_t(f) = \mu_t(\mathcal{L}f + \mathcal{V}f - \mu_t(\mathcal{V})f) \quad (\star)$$

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**Sufficient condition**  $\tilde{W}(y, x) - \tilde{W}(x, y) = \mathcal{V}(x) - \mathcal{V}(y)$

**Examples** for constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $c = \mu(\mathcal{V})$  (using  $g = g^+ - g^-$ )

1.  $\tilde{W}_1(x, y) = (\mathcal{V}(x) - c)^- + (\mathcal{V}(y) - c)^+$
2.  $\tilde{W}_2(x, y) = (\mathcal{V}(y) - \mathcal{V}(x))^+$
3.  $\tilde{W}_3(x, y) = \frac{(\mathcal{V}(x) - \mu(\mathcal{V}))^- (\mathcal{V}(y) - \mu(\mathcal{V}))^+}{\mu(\mathcal{V} - \mu(\mathcal{V}))^+}$

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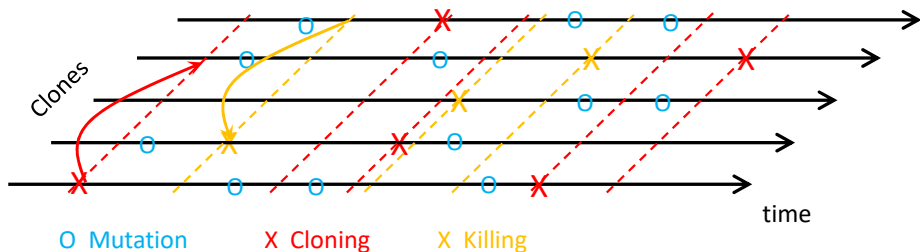
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# Cloning/Killing interpretation



$$\begin{aligned}
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## Assumptions

For a given McKean model  $\mathcal{L}_\mu$  on  $E$  we assume that the sequence of particle approximations  $(\xi_t : t \geq 0)$  on  $E^M$  with generators  $\mathcal{L}^M$  (and associated  $\Gamma^M$ ) satisfy for all  $f \in C_b(E)$  and  $F(\underline{x}) = m(\underline{x})(f)$

$$(A1) \quad \mathcal{L}^M F(\underline{x}) = m(\underline{x})(\mathcal{L}_{m(\cdot)} f) \quad \text{for all } M \geq K \quad \text{(Consistency)}$$

$$(A2) \quad \Gamma^M F(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{M} m(\underline{x})(G_{m(\cdot)} f) + O\left(\frac{1}{M^2}\right) \quad \text{as } M \rightarrow \infty$$

where  $\sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(E)} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \|G_\mu(f, f)\| < \infty$  (Concentration)

$$(A3) \quad \text{almost surely, } \sup_{t \geq 0} |\{1 \leq i \leq M : \xi_t^i \neq \xi_{t-}^i\}| \leq K \quad \text{(bounded jumps)}$$

$$(A4) \quad \xi_0^1, \dots, \xi_0^M \sim \mu_0 \text{ i.i.d.r.v.s} \quad \text{(initial condition)}$$

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**Unbiased estimators** for unnormalized measures

$$\nu_t^M(f) := \nu_t^M(1) \mu_t^M(f) \quad \text{with} \quad \nu_t^M(1) := \exp \left( \int_0^t \mu_s^M(\mathcal{V}) ds \right),$$

where  $\mathbb{E}^M \left[ \nu_t^M(f) \right] = \nu_t(f)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $M \geq 1$ ,  $f \in C_B(E)$ .



# Sketch of the proof

- **propagator**  $\Theta_{t,T}f(x) := \frac{P_{T-t}^{\mathcal{V}}f(x)}{\mu_t(P_{T-t}^{\mathcal{V}}1)}$  s. th.  $\mu_T(f) = \mu_t(\Theta_{t,T}f)$

- $$\mathbb{E}^M \left[ |\mu_T^M(f) - \mu_T(f)|^p \right]^{1/p} \leq E^M \left[ |\mu_T^M(f) - \mu_t^M(\Theta_{t,T}f)|^p \right]^{1/p} \\ + E^M \left[ |\mu_t^M(\Theta_{t,T}f) - \mu_T(f)|^p \right]^{1/p}$$

- choose  $T - t \propto \log M$  and use **asymptotic stability**

- **martingale decomposition** for  $F(\underline{x}) = m(\underline{x})(f)$

$$\mu_T^M(f) - \mu_t^M(f) = \mathcal{M}_f^M(T-t) + \int_t^T \mathcal{L}_{m(\underline{x}_s)}(f) ds$$

- connect **predictable QV** with QV (bounded jumps **A3**)

- use **BDG inequality** to bound moments of martingales (**A2**)

# Asymptotic variance

## Partial result

Assume asymptotic stability and (A1) to (A4) for a particle approximation  $\mu_t^M$ , such that for some  $T > 0$  and all  $0 \leq s \leq T$ ,  $f \in C_b(E)$

$$\mu_s^M(G_{\mu_s^M}(f)) \rightarrow \mu_s(G_{\mu_s}(f)) \quad \text{in a strong enough sense(?) .}$$

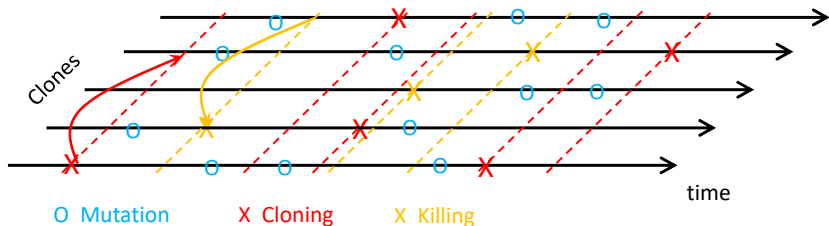
Then  $V_T^M(f) := \sqrt{M}(\mu_T^M(f) - \mu_T(f)) \rightarrow V_T(f)$  in law as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ . Here  $V_T(f)$  is a centred Gaussian with **asymptotic variance**

$$\mathbb{E}[V_T(f)^2] = \mu_0((\Theta_{0,T}\bar{f})^2) + \int_0^T \mu_s(G_{\mu_s}(\Theta_{s,T}\bar{f}))ds ,$$

where  $\Theta_{t,T}f$  is the propagator for  $\mu_t$  and  $\bar{f} = f - \mu_t(f)$ .

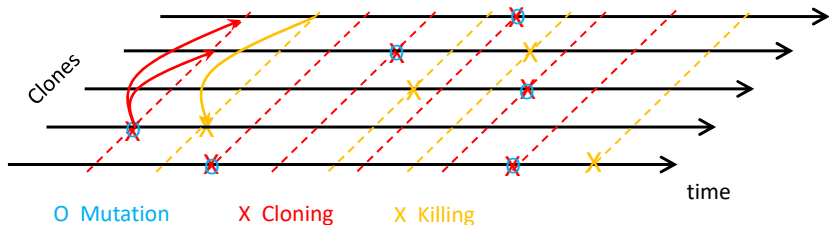
# More general particle approximations

## Mean-field approximation



## Cloning algorithm

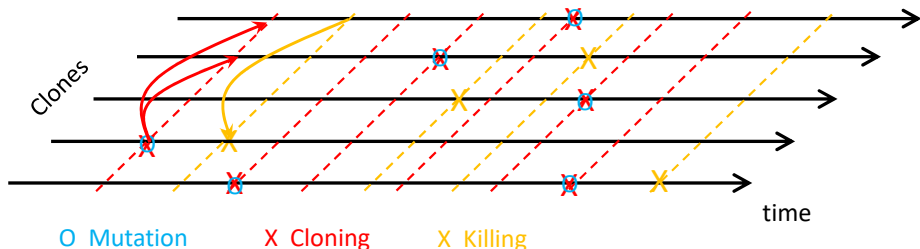
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choose  $\pi_x(A) = \pi_x(|A|) / \binom{M}{|A|} = 0$  if  $|A| > K$  and (A3)

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# Dynamic large deviations

Continuous-time Markov jump process  $(X_t : t \geq 0)$  with path space  $(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$

**Additive path space observable** ,  $g \in C_b(E^2)$ ,  $h \in C_b(E)$

$$A_T[\omega] := \sum_{\substack{t \leq T \\ \omega(t-) \neq \omega(t)}} g(\omega(t-), \omega(t)) + \int_0^T h(\omega(t)) dt$$

Assume that  $A_T$  fulfills a **large deviation principle** such that

$$\mathbb{P}[A_T/T \approx a] \asymp e^{-T I(a)} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty ,$$

with **rate function**  $I(a) \in [0, \infty]$  .

Assume  $I(a)$  is **convex**, then  $I(a) = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{R}} (ka - \lambda_k)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

given by the Legendre transform of the **SCGF**

$$\lambda_k := \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \mathbb{E}_{\mu_0} [e^{kA_T}] \in \mathbb{R} , \quad k \in \mathbb{R} .$$

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Assume asymptotic stability and (A1) to (A4). Then there exist  $C, C_p > 0$  such that for all  $b \in [0, 1)$  the **systematic error** is

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and the **random error** for all  $p > 2$  is

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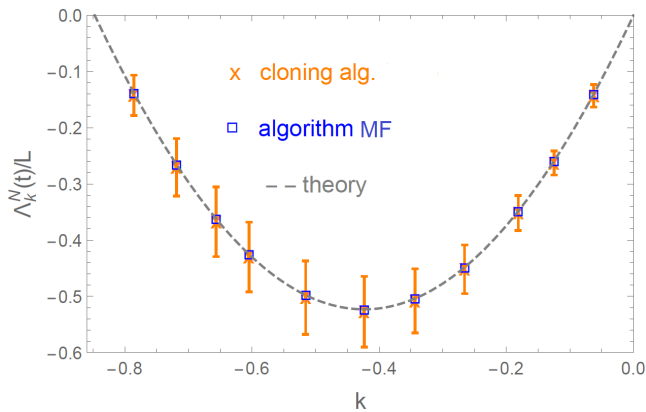
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**Example** inclusion process with  $u(n, m) = n(d + m)$

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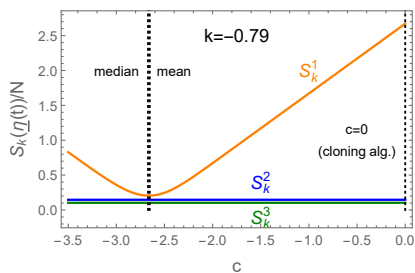
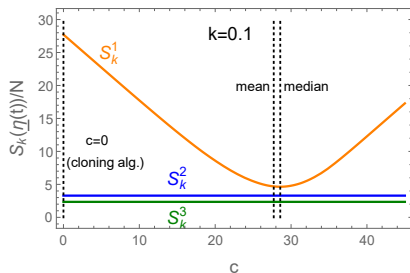


**SCGF** for current fluctuations in a stochastic lattice gas

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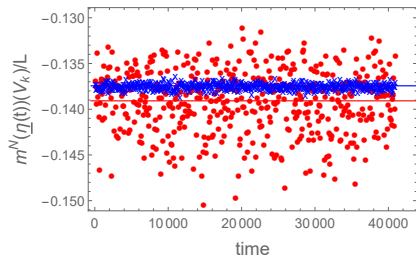
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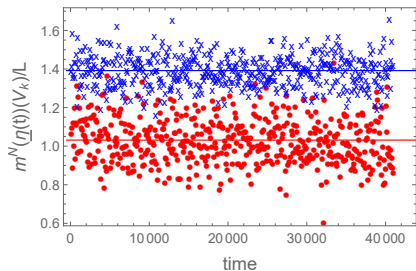
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**time series**  $\mu_t^M(\mathcal{V}_k)$ ,  $\Lambda_k^M(u, t) = \frac{1}{t-u} \int_u^t \mu_s^M(\mathcal{V}_k) ds$

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# Conclusion

## Summary

- analyze and compare particle approximations via martingale characterizations
- adapt/generalize convergence results from sequential Monte Carlo  
[del Moral, Miclo, Rousset, . . . ]
- rigorous version of recent heuristic results on cloning algorithms  
[Nemoto, Guevara Hidalgo, Lecomte (2017), Guevara Hidalgo (2018)]

## Work in progress/open questions

- asymptotic covariances and convergence to a stationary Gaussian process
- extensions and potential improvement of cloning algorithms  
exploit freedom in McKean representations and particle approximations
- numerical estimates for asymptotic variances

**Thank you!**