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# Approximate Conditional-mean Type Filtering for State-space Models

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# Linear State Space Models

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\* State equation:

$$\boldsymbol{x}_t = \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$$

\* Observation equation:

$$\boldsymbol{y}_t = \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{x}_t + \boldsymbol{v}_t$$

\* Ideal model assumptions:

$$\boldsymbol{x}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0) , \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{Q}) , \quad \boldsymbol{v}_t \sim \mathcal{N}_q(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{R}) ,$$

all independent

# Classical Kalman Filter

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\* Initialization ( $t = 0$ ):

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{0|0} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 , \quad \boldsymbol{P}_0 = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0$$

\* Prediction ( $t \geq 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1} &= \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1|t-1} \\ \boldsymbol{M}_t &= \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{P}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^\top + \boldsymbol{Q} = \text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1})\end{aligned}$$

\* Correction ( $t \geq 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t} &= \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1} + \boldsymbol{K}_t (\boldsymbol{y}_t - \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1}) \\ \boldsymbol{P}_t &= \boldsymbol{M}_t - \boldsymbol{K}_t \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{M}_t = \text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t})\end{aligned}$$

with  $\boldsymbol{K}_t = \boldsymbol{M}_t \boldsymbol{H}^\top (\boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{M}_t \boldsymbol{H}^\top + \boldsymbol{R})^{-1}$  (Kalman gain)

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# Types of Outliers

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- \* Innovational Outliers (IO's):
  - \* state equation is contaminated
  - \* not considered here
- \* Additive Outliers (AO's):
  - \* observations are contaminated
  - \* error process  $v_t$  is affected
  - \* possible model:

$$\mathcal{CN}_q(\gamma, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}_c) = (1 - \gamma)\mathcal{N}_q(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}) + \gamma\mathcal{N}_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \mathbf{R}_c)$$

- \* Other Types of Outliers:
  - \* substitutive outliers (SO's)
  - \* patchy outliers

# Masreliez's Theorem (1975)

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- \* If  $\boldsymbol{x}_t | \mathbf{Y}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1}, \mathbf{M}_t)$ ,  $t \geq 1$ , then  
 $\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t} = E(\boldsymbol{x}_t | \mathbf{Y}_t)$ ,  $t \geq 1$ , is generated by the recursions

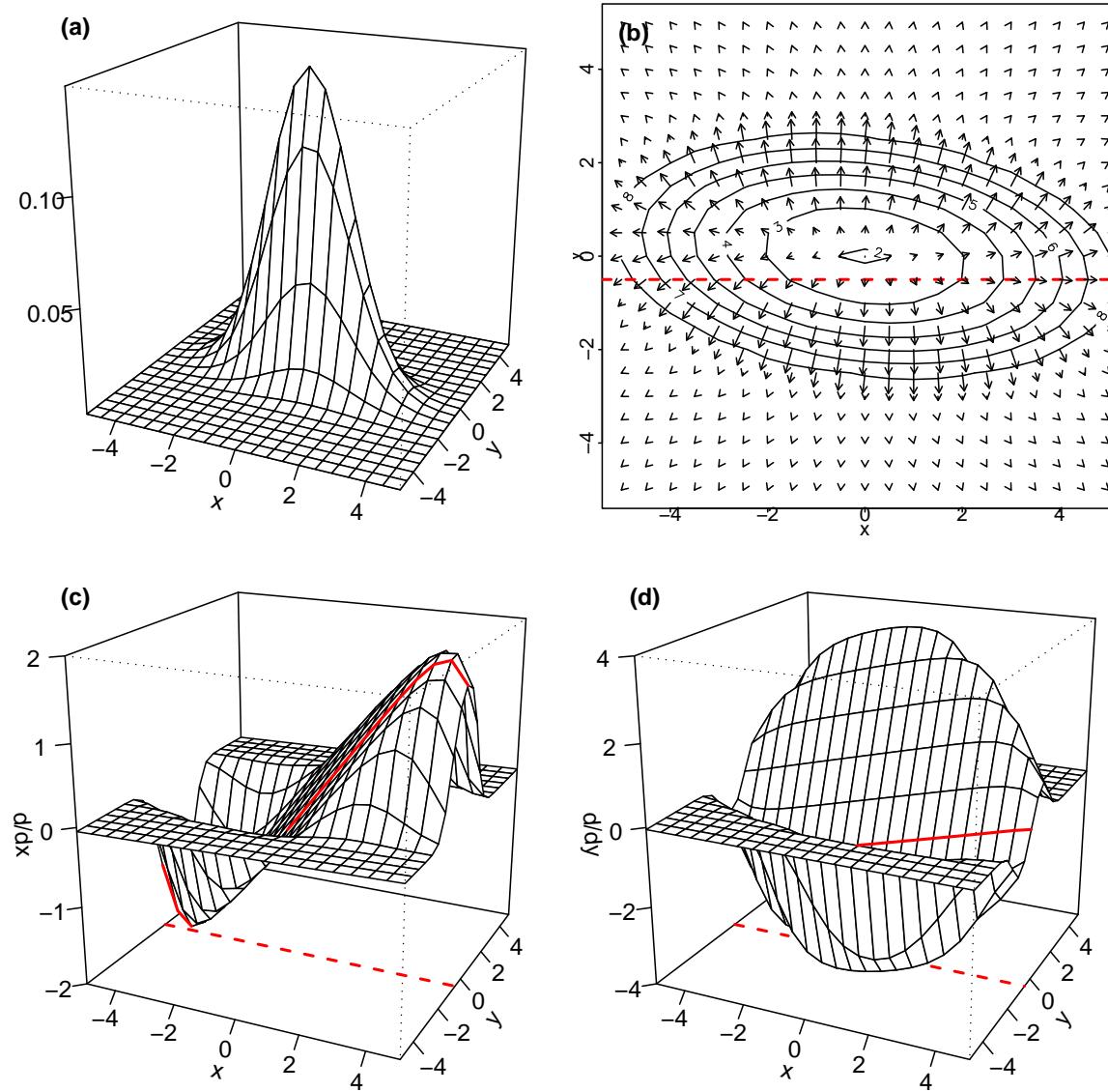
$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t} &= \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1} + \mathbf{M}_t \mathbf{H}^\top \Psi_t(\mathbf{y}_t) \\ \mathbf{P}_t &= \mathbf{M}_t - \mathbf{M}_t \mathbf{H}^\top \Psi'_t(\mathbf{y}_t) \mathbf{H} \mathbf{M}_t \\ \mathbf{M}_{t+1} &= \Phi \mathbf{P}_t \Phi^\top + \mathbf{Q},\end{aligned}$$

with  $(\Psi_t(\mathbf{y}))_i = -(\partial/\partial y_i) \log f_{\mathbf{y}_t}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{Y}_{t-1})$  and  
 $(\Psi'_t(\mathbf{y}))_{ij} = (\partial/\partial y_j)(\Psi_t(\mathbf{y}))_i$ .

- \*  $\Psi_t(\mathbf{y})$  is called the **score function**.
- \* Note: If  $f_{\mathbf{y}_t}(\cdot | \mathbf{Y}_{t-1})$  is Gaussian, Masreliez's filter reduces to the Kalman filter.

# The Score Function $\Psi_t$

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# Multivariate ACM-type Filter

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- \* approximate conditional-mean (ACM) type filter
- \* proposed by B. Spangl and R. Dutter (2008)
- \* modified correction step:

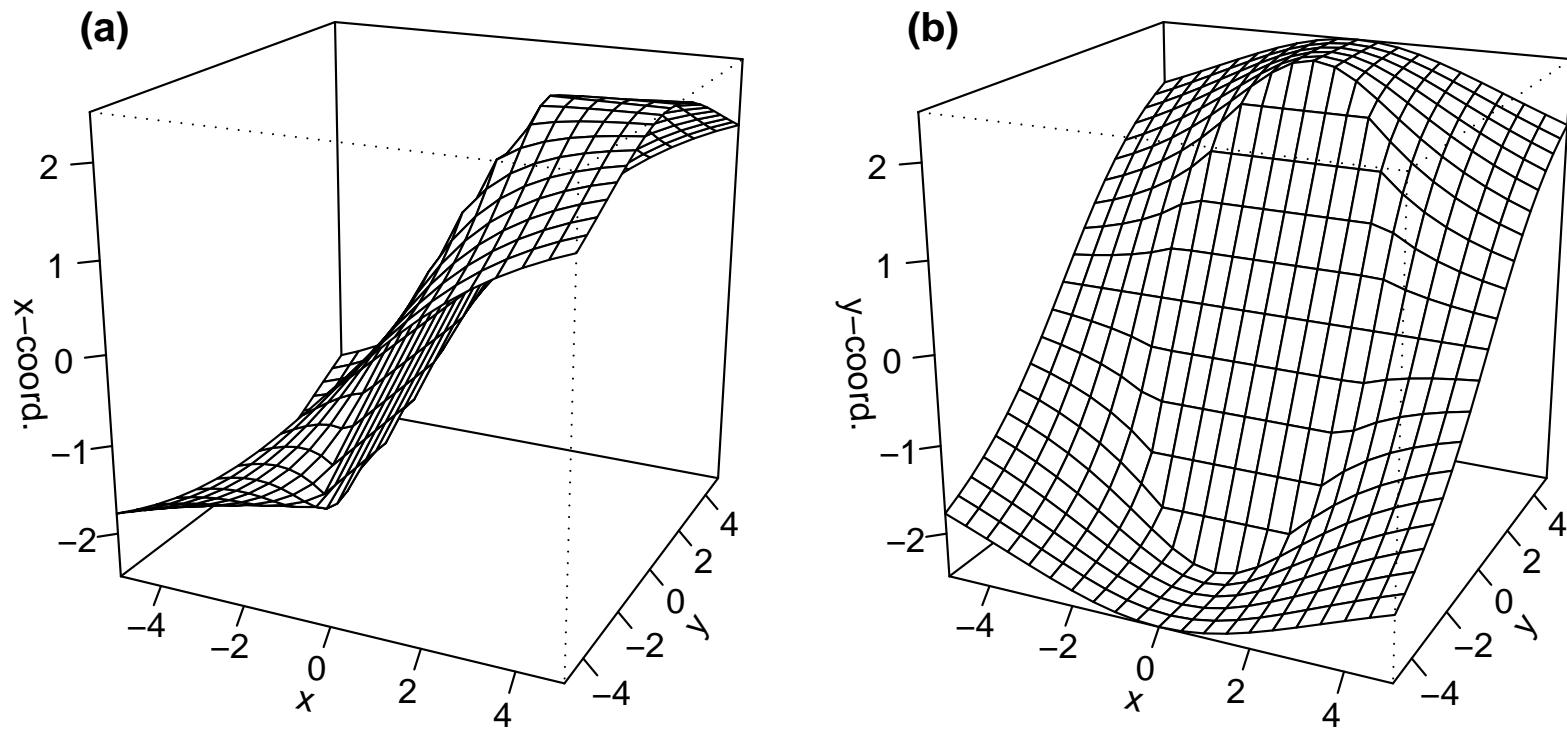
$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t} &= \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1} + \boldsymbol{M}_t \boldsymbol{H}^\top \boldsymbol{S}_t \psi(\boldsymbol{S}_t (\boldsymbol{y}_t - \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1})) \\ \boldsymbol{P}_t &= \boldsymbol{M}_t - \boldsymbol{M}_t \boldsymbol{H}^\top \boldsymbol{S}_t \psi'(\boldsymbol{S}_t (\boldsymbol{y}_t - \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1})) \boldsymbol{S}_t \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{M}_t \end{aligned}$$

for an  $\boldsymbol{S}_t$  and a  $\psi$ -function appropriately chosen

- \* in the case univariate observations equivalent to Martin's ACM type filter (Martin, 1979)

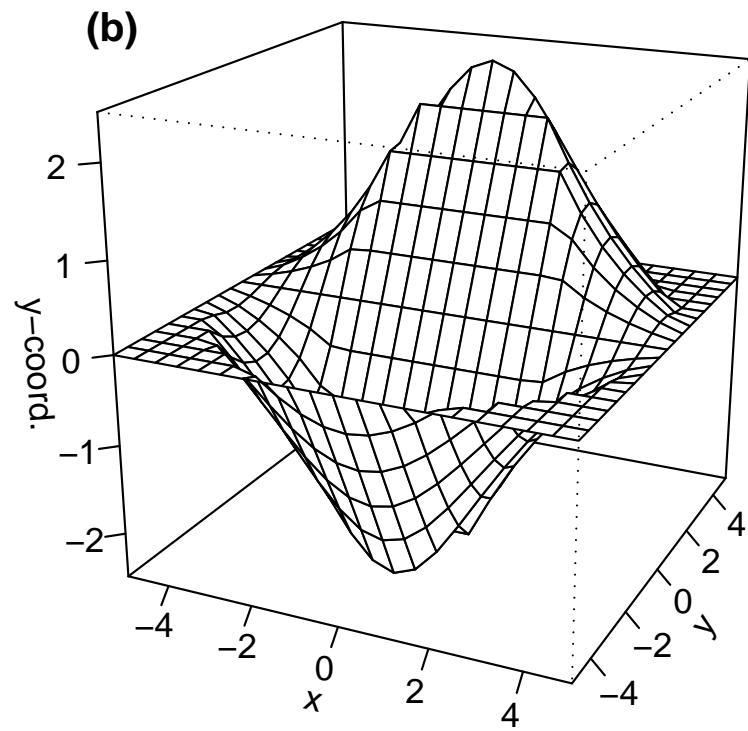
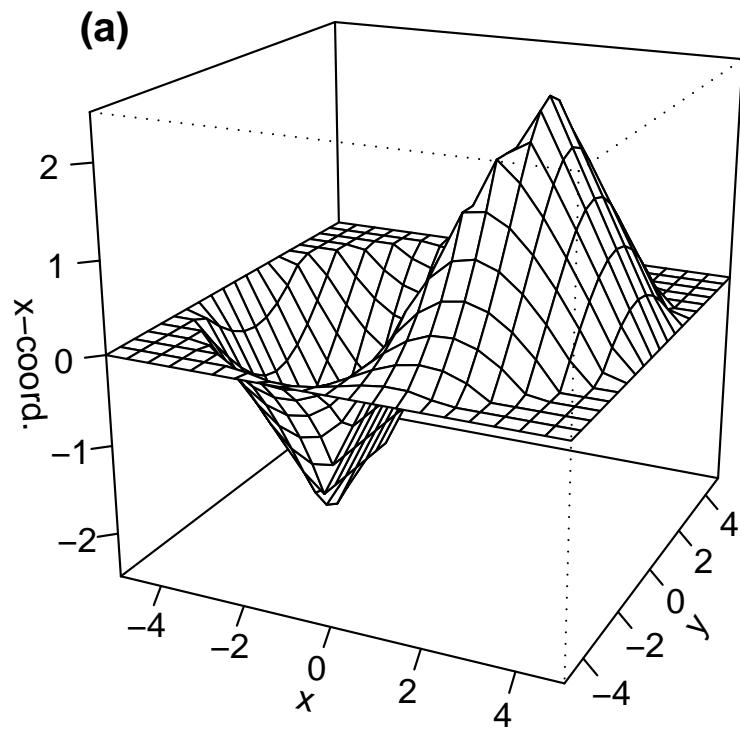
# Huber's Multivariate Psi-function

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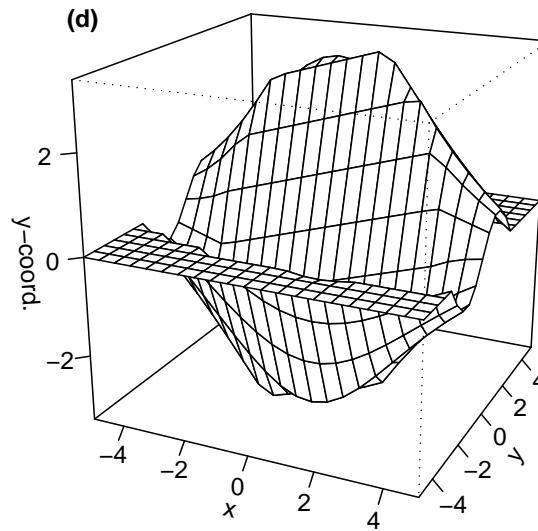
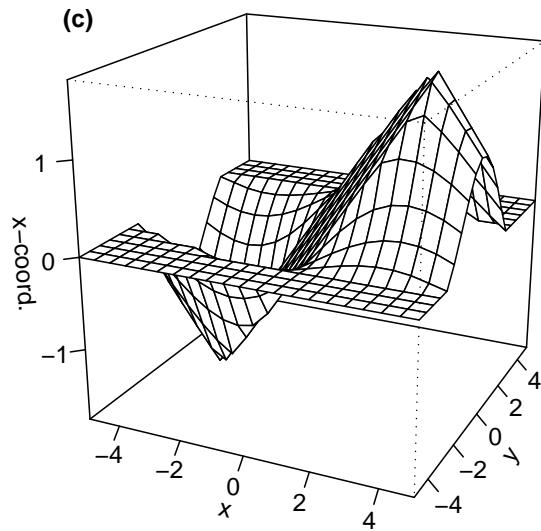
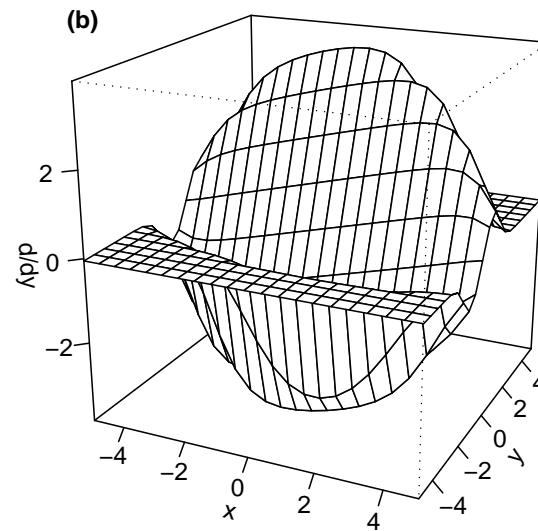
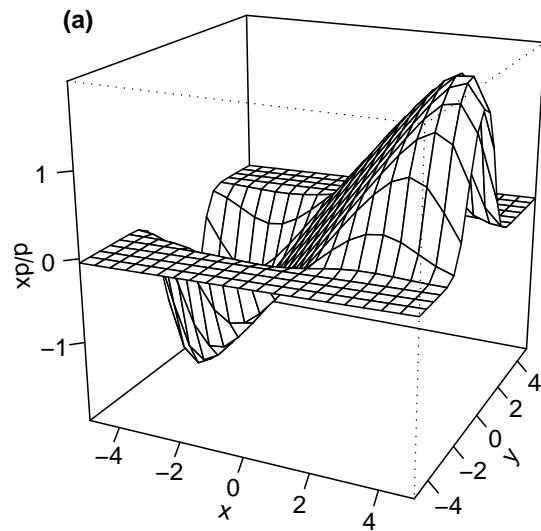
# Hampel's Multivariate Psi-function

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# Approximating the Score Function

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# rLS Filter

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- \* proposed by P. Ruckdeschel (2001)
- \* modified correction step:

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t} = \boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1} + \boldsymbol{H}_b(\boldsymbol{K}_t(\boldsymbol{y}_t - \boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{x}_{t|t-1}))$$

with  $\boldsymbol{H}_b(z) = z \min\{1, b/\|z\|_2\}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  the Euclidean norm

- \* optimal for SO's in some sense

# Simulation

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- \* State Space Process:

- \* simulate state space process using two different sets of hyper parameters
- \* and AO's from two different contamination setups:

$$\mathcal{N}_2\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 \end{pmatrix}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{N}_2\left(\begin{pmatrix} 25 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}\right).$$

- \* vary contamination  $\gamma$  from 0% to 20% by 5%
- \* each 400 times

- \* Filtering:

- \* robust filtering (ACM, rLS)

- \* Evaluation:

- \* compare with true state process via MSE

# Simulation (cont.)

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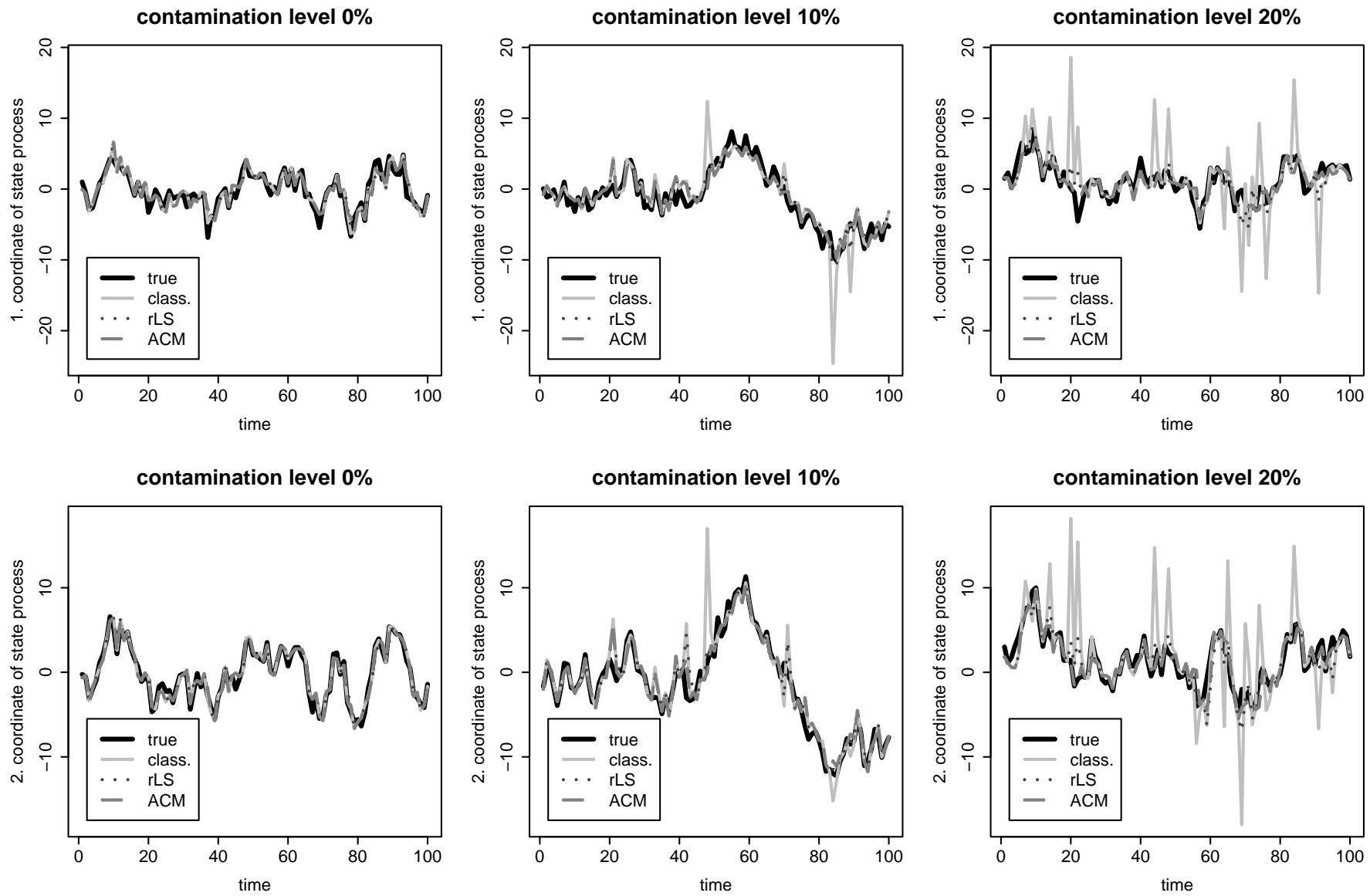
\* Example I:

$$\mu_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -0.2 \\ -0.2 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

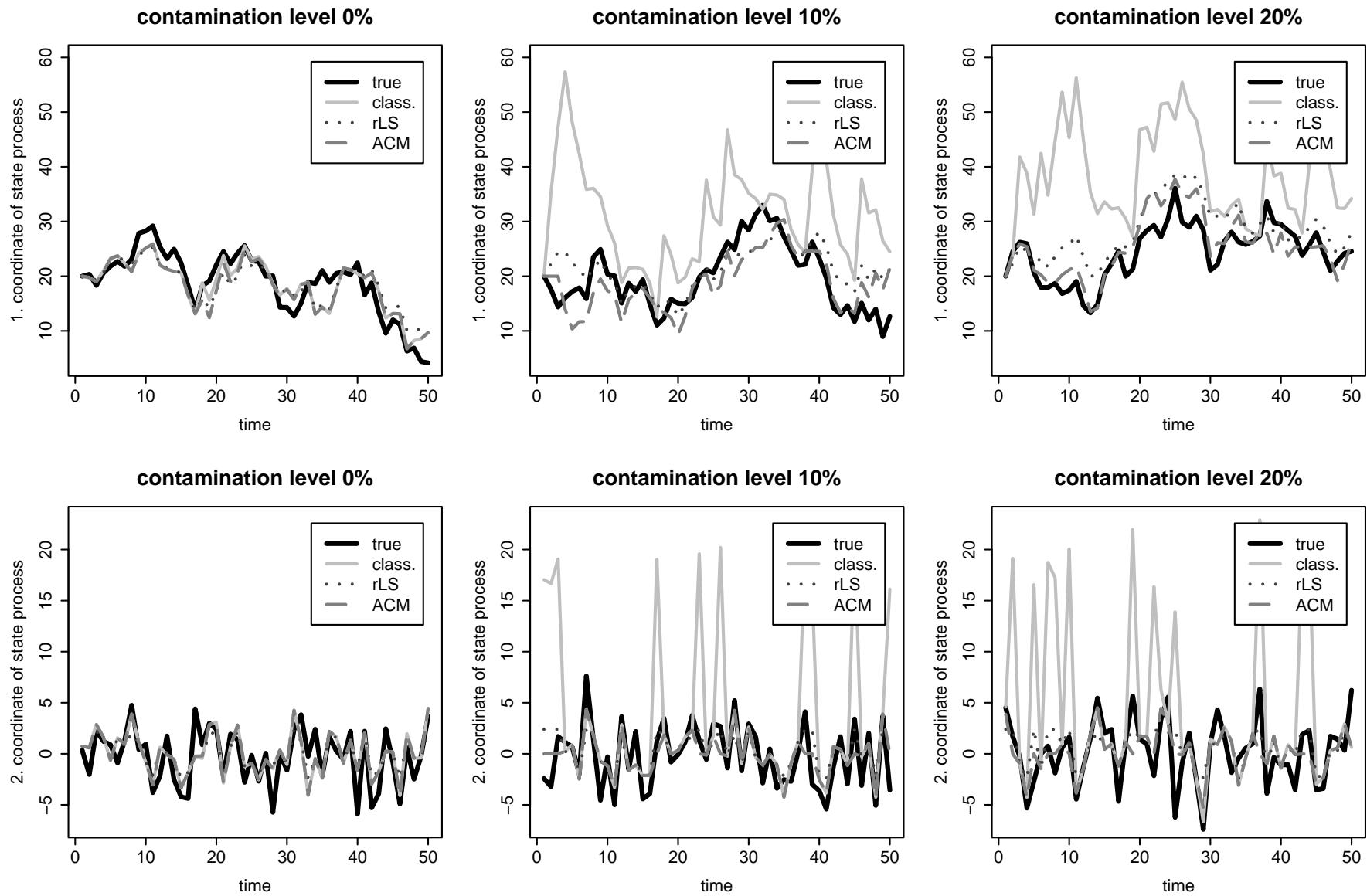
\* Example II:

$$\mu_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 1 \\ -0.3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

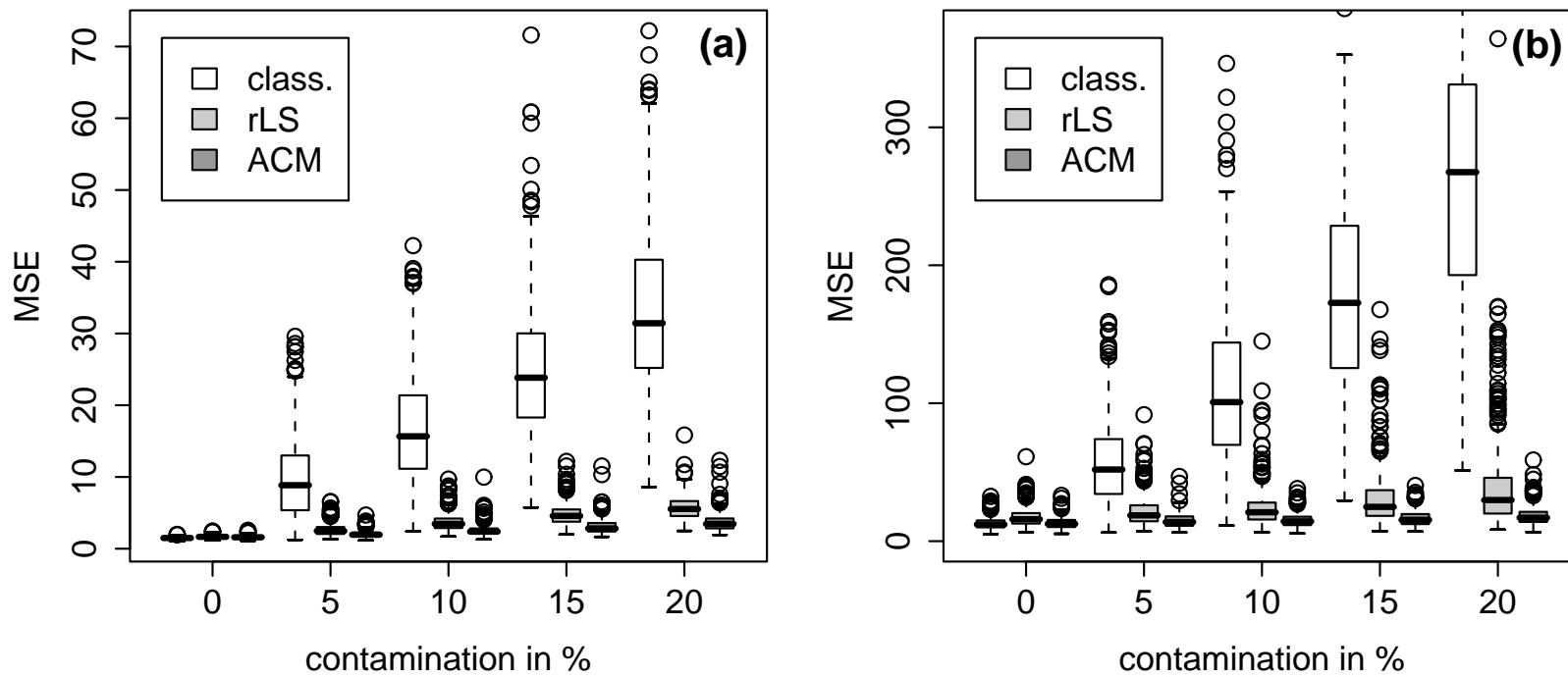
# Results



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# The R package `robKalman`

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- \* general function `recursiveFilter` with parameters:
  - \* observations
  - \* state-space model (hyper parameters)
  - \* functions for the init./pred./corr. step
- \* available filters:
  - \* `KalmanFilter`, `rLSFilter`,  
`ACMfilter`, `mACMfilter`
  - \* all: wrappers to `recursiveFilter`

# Remarks & Outlook

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- \* ACM performs better than rLS for both contamination situations
- \* rLS yields larger errors in the case of 0% contamination because it was calibrated to a loss of efficiency  $\delta = 10\%$
- \* all simulations were made with R
- \* R-package `robKalman` for filtering already exists  
*(but is still under construction!)*

`http://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/  
robkalman/`
- \* S4 classes for state-space models and filtering results

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