

# Score Evaluation within the Extended Square-root Information Filter

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$$\mathbf{E} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & w_t & v_t \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

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For example, (1), (2) may describe a discrete autoregressive (AR) process observed in the presence of additive noise

$$x_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \theta_3 & \dots & \theta_p \end{bmatrix} x_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} w_t,$$

$$z_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_t + v_t.$$

In this case  $\theta$  are the unknown AR parameters which need to be estimated.

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The negative Log Likelihood Function (LLF) for system (1), (2) is given by

$$L_{\theta} (Z_1^N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \left\{ \frac{m}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \ln(\det(R_{e,t})) + e_t^T R_{e,t}^{-1} e_t \right\}$$

with  $e_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_t - H_t \hat{x}_t$  being the zero-mean innovations whose covariance is determined as  $R_{e,t} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{e_t e_t^T\} = H_t P_t H_t^T + R_t$  through matrix  $P_t$ , the error covariance of the time updated estimate  $\hat{x}_t$  generated by the **Kalman Filter**.

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By differentiating (3) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial l_{\theta}(z_t)}{\partial \theta_i} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} [\ln(\det(R_{e,t}))] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} [e_t^T R_{e,t}^{-1} e_t], \quad i = \overline{1, p}. \quad (4)$$

As can be seen the computation of (3) and (4) **leads to** implementation of a **Kalman Filter** (and its derivative with respect to each parameter) which is known to be **unstable**.

# The eSRIF

[P. Park&T. Kailath, 1995]: assume that  $\Pi_0 > 0$ ,  $R_t > 0$  and  $F_t$  are invertible. Given  $P_0^{-T/2} = \Pi_0^{-T/2}$  and  $P_0^{-T/2} \hat{x}_0 = \Pi_0^{-T/2} \bar{x}_0$ , then

$$O_t \begin{bmatrix} R_t^{-T/2} & -R_t^{-T/2} H_t F_t^{-1} & R_t^{-T/2} H_t F_t^{-1} G_t Q_t^{T/2} \\ 0 & P_t^{-T/2} F_t^{-1} & -P_t^{-T/2} F_t^{-1} G_t Q_t^{T/2} \\ 0 & 0 & I_q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -R_t^{-T/2} z_t \\ P_t^{-T/2} \hat{x}_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} R_{e,t}^{-T/2} & 0 & 0 \\ -P_{t+1}^{-T/2} K_{p,t} & P_{t+1}^{-T/2} & 0 \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{e}_t \\ P_{t+1}^{-T/2} \hat{x}_{t+1} \\ * \end{bmatrix}$$

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Remark. The predicted estimate now can be found from the entries of the post-array by solving the triangular system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{P}_{t+1}^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_{t+1}^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{P}_{t+1}^{-1/2} \hat{x}_{t+1}^- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

# The LLG in terms of the eSRIF

The Log Likelihood Gradient (LLG) in terms of the eSRIF is given by

$$\frac{\partial l_{\theta}(z_t)}{\partial \theta_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \left[ \ln(\det(R_{e,t}^{1/2})) \right] + \bar{e}_t^T \frac{\partial \bar{e}_t}{\partial \theta_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

where  $R_{e,t}^{1/2}$  is a square-root factor of the matrix  $R_{e,t}$ , i. e.

$R_{e,t} = R_{e,t}^{T/2} R_{e,t}^{1/2}$ , and  $\bar{e}_t$  are the normalized innovations, i. e.

$\bar{e}_t = R_{e,t}^{-T/2} e_t$ .

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Finally, we obtain the expression for the LLG **in terms of the eSRIF**:

$$\frac{\partial l_{\theta}(z_t)}{\partial \theta_i} = -\mathbf{tr} \left[ R_{e,t}^{1/2} \frac{\partial (R_{e,t}^{-1/2})}{\partial \theta_i} \right] + \bar{e}_t^T \frac{\partial \bar{e}_t}{\partial \theta_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p. \quad (6)$$

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# LLG Evaluation

Lemma 1. Let

$$QA = L \quad (7)$$

where  $Q$  is any orthogonal transformation such that the matrix on the right-hand side of formula (7) is lower triangular and  $A$  is a nonsingular matrix. If the elements of  $A$  are differentiable functions of a parameter  $\theta$  then the upper triangular matrix  $U$  in

$$Q'_\theta Q^T = \bar{U}^T - \bar{U} \quad (8)$$

is, in fact, the strictly upper triangular part of the matrix  $QA'_\theta L^{-1}$ :

$$QA'_\theta L^{-1} = \bar{L} + D + \bar{U} \quad (9)$$

where  $\bar{L}$ ,  $D$  and  $\bar{U}$  are, respectively, strictly lower triangular, diagonal and strictly upper triangular.

# Algorithm LLG-eSRIF

I. For each  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , apply the eSRIF

$$\begin{aligned}
 O_t \begin{bmatrix} R_t^{-T/2} & -R_t^{-T/2} H_t F_t^{-1} & R_t^{-T/2} H_t F_t^{-1} G_t Q_t^{T/2} \\ 0 & P_t^{-T/2} F_t^{-1} & -P_t^{-T/2} F_t^{-1} G_t Q_t^{T/2} \\ 0 & 0 & I_q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -R_t^{-T/2} z_t \\ P_t^{-T/2} \hat{x}_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
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II. For each  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , calculate

$$O_t \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (R_t^{-T/2}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (S_t^{(1)}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (S_t^{(2)}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (S_t^{(3)}) \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (S_t^{(4)}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (S_t^{(5)}) & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (S_t^{(6)}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} X_i & Y_i & M_i & L_i \\ N_i & V_i & W_i & K_i \\ * & * & * & * \end{array} \right],$$

$O_t$  is the same orthogonal transformation as in the eSRIF and

$$\begin{aligned} S_t^{(1)} &= -R_t^{-T/2} H_t F_t^{-1}, & S_t^{(2)} &= R_t^{-T/2} H_t F_t^{-1} G_t Q_t^{T/2}, & S_t^{(3)} &= -R_t^{-T/2} z_t, \\ S_t^{(4)} &= P_t^{-T/2} F_t^{-1}, & S_t^{(5)} &= -P_t^{-T/2} F_t^{-1} G_t Q_t^{T/2}, & S_t^{(6)} &= P_t^{-T/2} \hat{x}_t. \end{aligned}$$



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III. For each  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , compute

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} X_i & Y_i & M_i \\ N_i & V_i & W_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{e,t}^{-T/2} & 0 & 0 \\ -P_{t+1}^{-T/2} K_{p,t} & P_{t+1}^{-T/2} & 0 \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix}^{-1}.$$

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IV. For each  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , split the matrices

$$J_i = \left[ \underbrace{\begin{matrix} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{m+n+q} \\ L_i + D_i + U_i \\ \hspace{10em} \end{matrix}}_{m+n} \quad \begin{matrix} \hspace{10em} \\ *** \\ \hspace{10em} \end{matrix} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{m+n+q} \\ L_i + D_i + U_i \\ \hspace{10em} \end{matrix}} \right\} m+n$$

where  $L_i$ ,  $D_i$  and  $U_i$  are the strictly lower triangular, diagonal and strictly upper triangular parts of  $J_i$ , respectively.

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V. For each  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , compute the following quantities:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{e,t}^{-T/2}}{\partial \theta_i} & 0 \\ -\frac{\partial \left( \tilde{P}_{t+1}^{-T/2} K_{p,t} \right)}{\partial \theta_i} & \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{t+1}^{-T/2}}{\partial \theta_i} \end{bmatrix} = [L_i + D_i + U_i^T] \quad (12)$$
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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S_{t+1}^{(6)}}{\partial \theta_i} = & \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \tilde{P}_{t+1}^{-T/2} K_{p,t} \right)}{\partial \theta_i} + N_i \right] R_{e,t}^{T/2} \bar{e}_t \\ & + \left[ \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{t+1}^{-T/2}}{\partial \theta_i} - V_i \right] F_t \hat{x}_t + K_i. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

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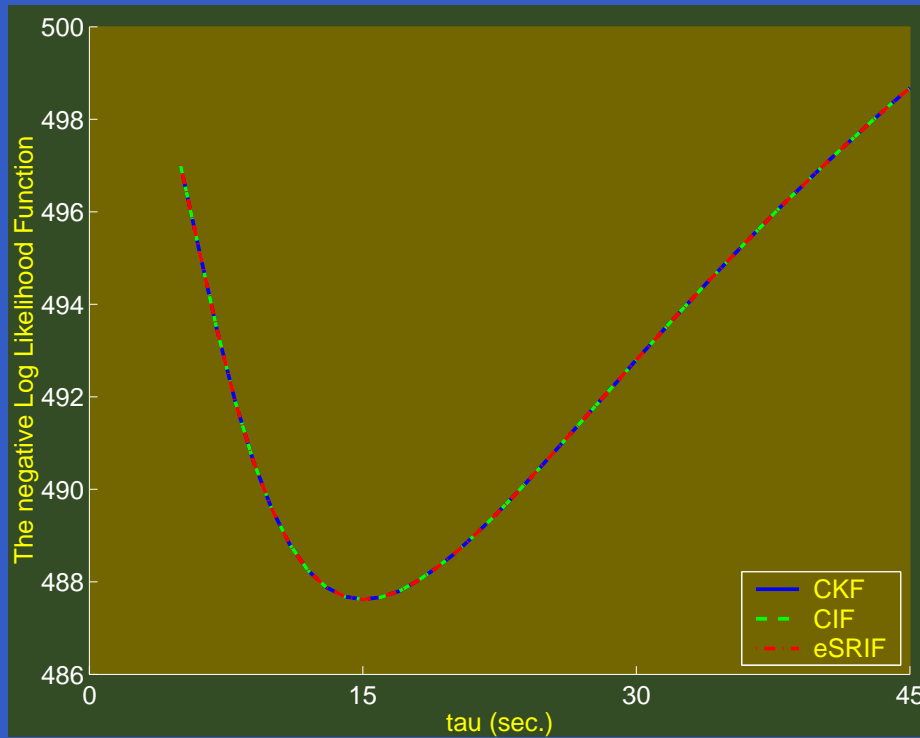
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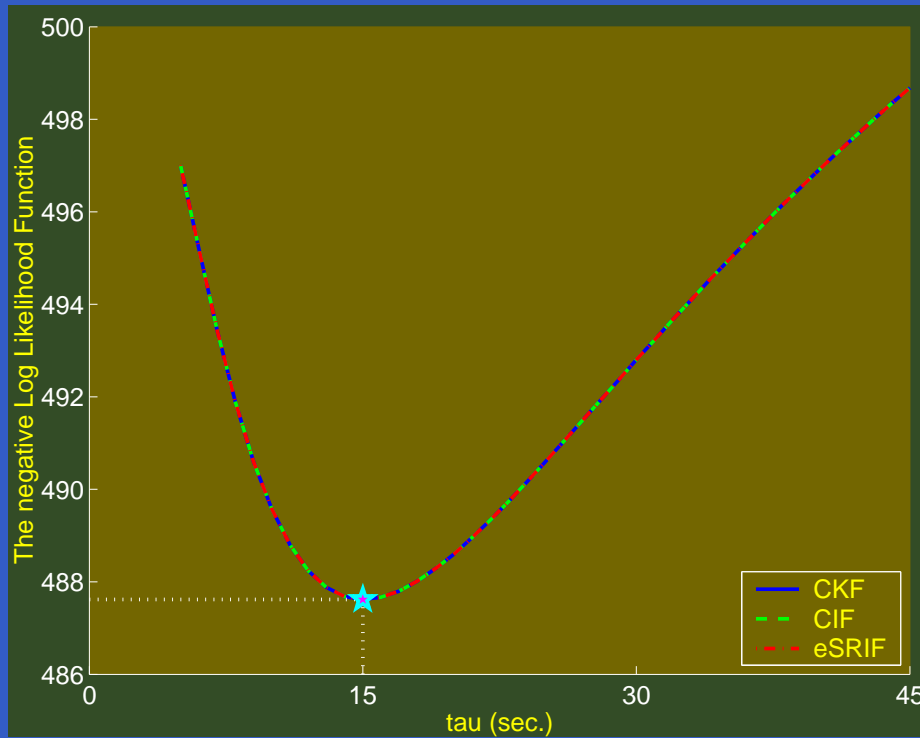
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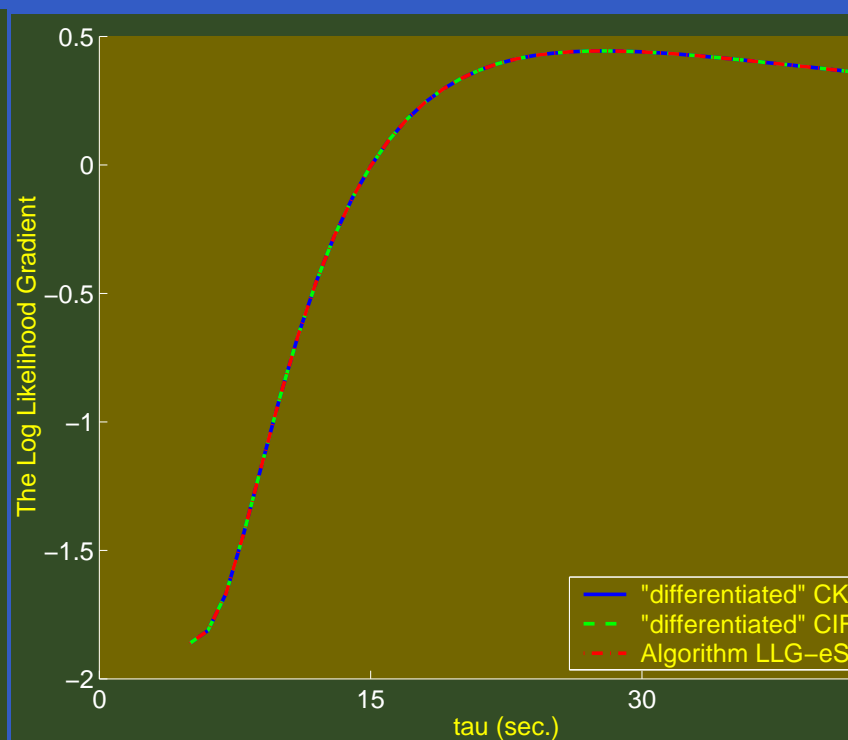
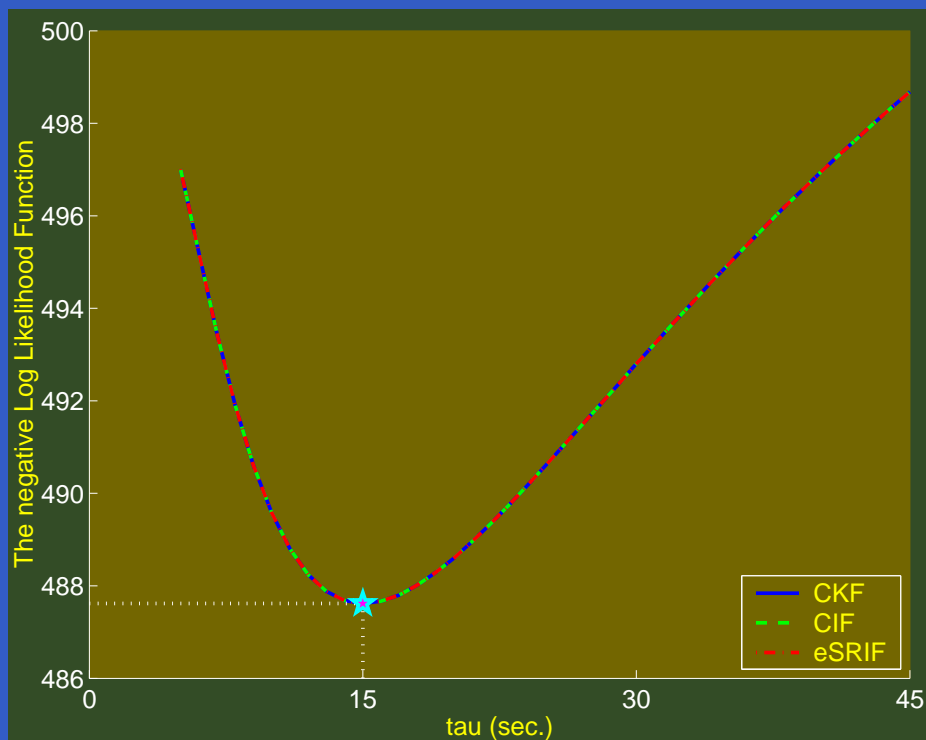
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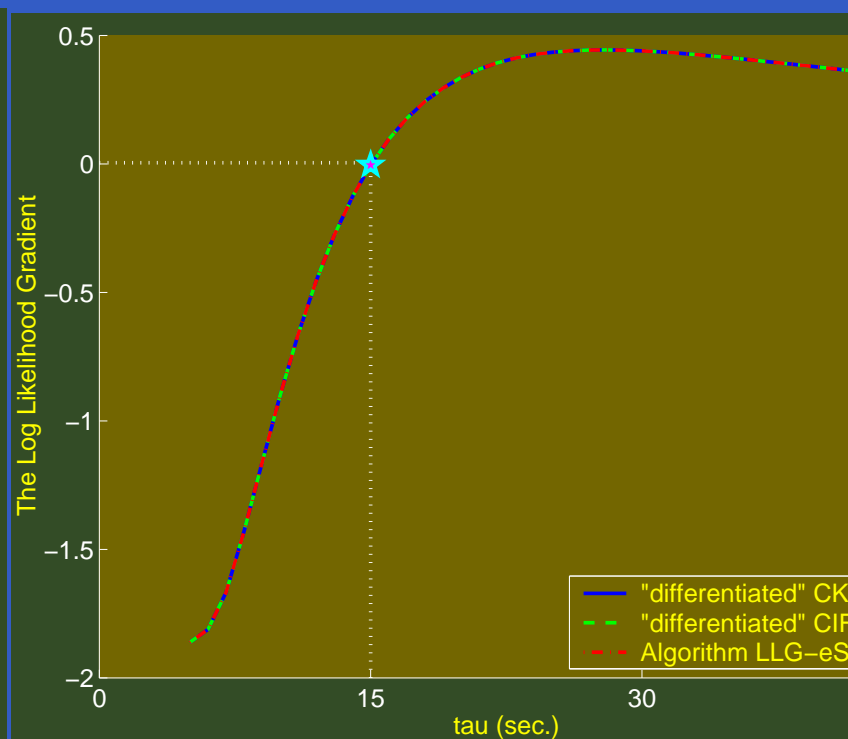
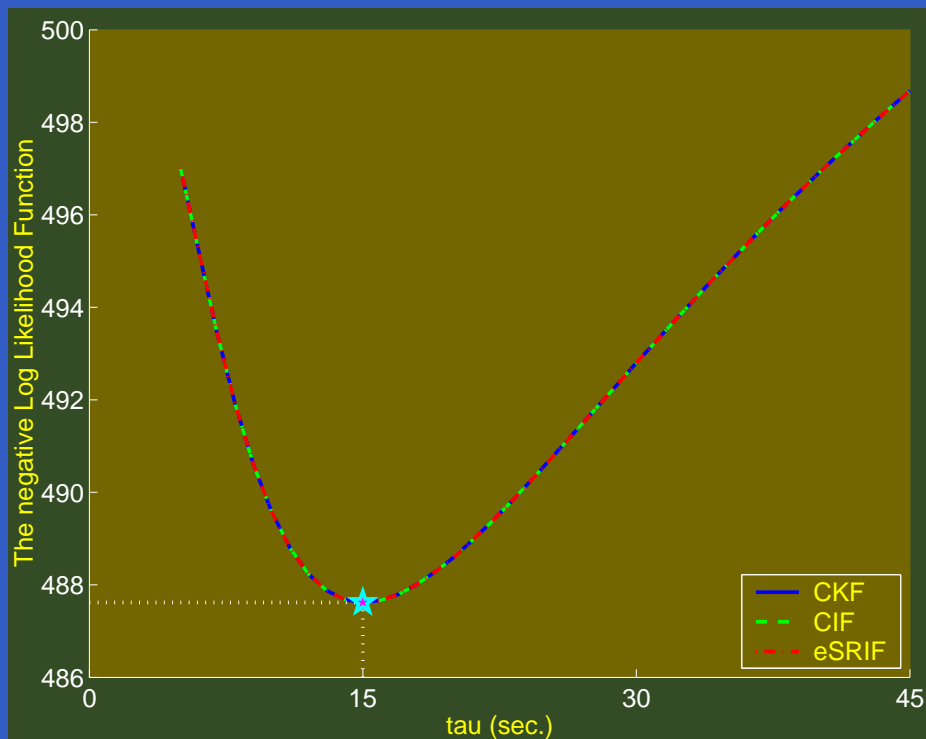
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# Conclusion

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