

# Overcoming Model Uncertainty in Data Assimilation

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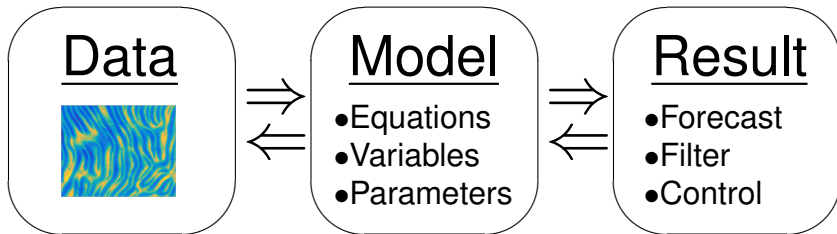
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# PARAMETRIC MODELING



- ▶ **Design Model:** Limited resolution and complexity
- ▶ **Assimilate Data:** Fit Parameters/Variables
  - ▶ Kalman Filter, EKF, EnKF, Variational methods
  - ▶ Observability and noise
  - ▶ **Model error**
- ▶ **Study/Apply:** Ensemble Forecast

# WHAT IS THE FILTERING PROBLEM?

- ▶ Consider a discrete time dynamical system:

$$x_k = f_k(x_{k-1}, \omega_k)$$

$$y_k = h_k(x_k, \nu_k)$$

- ▶ Where  $x_k$  is the state variable,  $\omega_k$  is stochastic forcing, and the maps  $f_k$  define the dynamics
- ▶ The maps  $h_k$  are called the observation functions,  $\nu_k$  is observation noise, and  $y_k$  is a noisy observation

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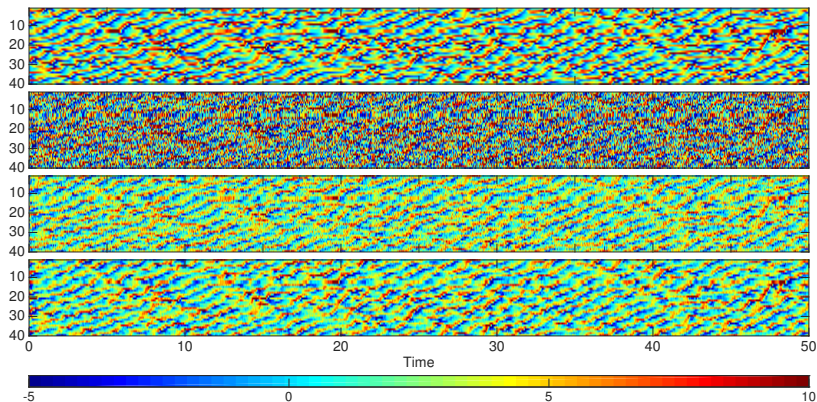
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- ▶ Given the observations  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  we define three problems:
  - ▶ **Filtering:** Estimate the current state  $p(x_k | y_1, \dots, y_k)$
  - ▶ **Forecasting:** Estimate a future state  $p(x_{k+\ell} | y_1, \dots, y_k)$
  - ▶ **Smoothing:** Estimate a past state  $p(x_{k-\ell} | y_1, \dots, y_k)$



# WHAT IS THE FILTERING PROBLEM?

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = -x^{i-2}x^{i-1} + x^{i-1}x^{i+1} - x^i + F$$



## TWO STEP FILTERING TO FIND $p(x_k | y_1, \dots, y_k)$

- ▶ Assume we have  $p(x_{k-1} | y_1, \dots, y_{k-1})$
- ▶ **Forecast Step:** Find  $p(x_k | y_1, \dots, y_{k-1})$
- ▶ **Assimilation Step:** Perform a Bayesian update,

$$p(x_k | y_1, \dots, y_k) \propto p(x_k | y_1, \dots, y_{k-1})p(y_k | x_k, y_1, \dots, y_{k-1})$$

$$\text{Posterior} \propto \text{Prior} \times \text{Likelihood}$$

# KALMAN FILTERING: AN INTUITIVE IDEA

Filter tracks two things

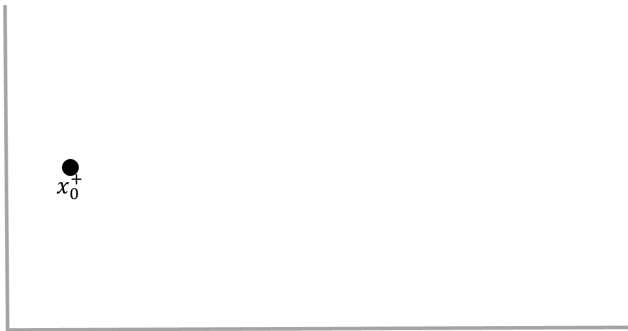
1. Estimate of state  $x$  over time
2. Uncertainty of state estimate, covariance matrix  $P$

These two statistics define a multivariate Gaussian.

1. **Predict** an estimate of state ( $x_k^-$ ) and covariance ( $P_k^-$ )
2. **Observe** data  $y_k$
3. **Correct** the mean ( $x_k^+$ ) and covariance ( $P_k^+$ )

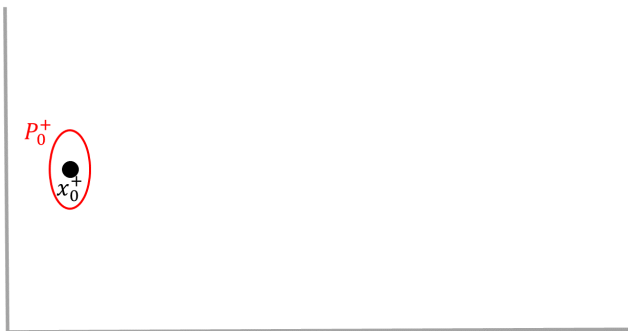
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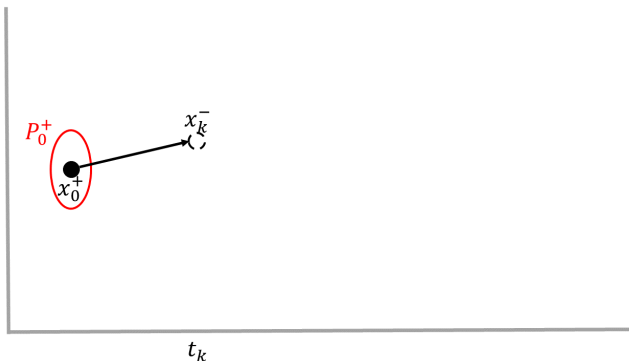
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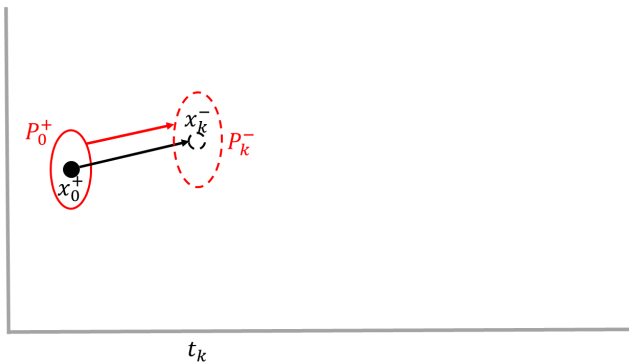
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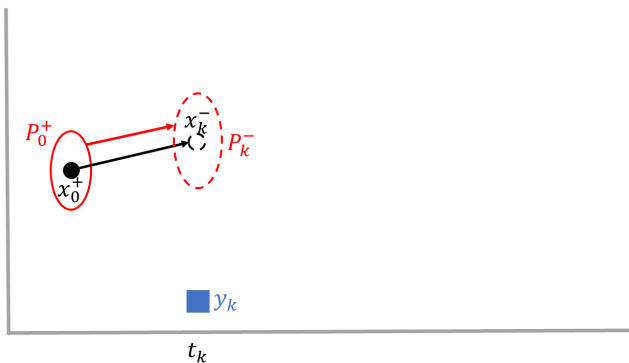
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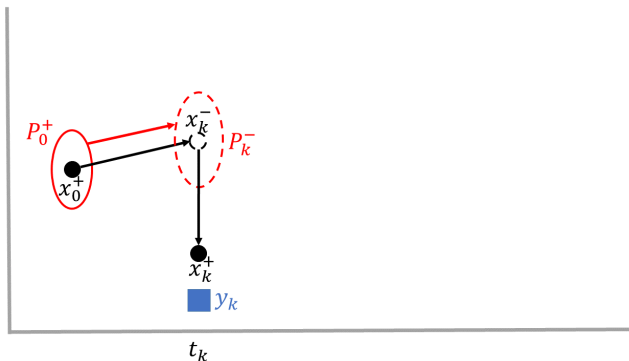
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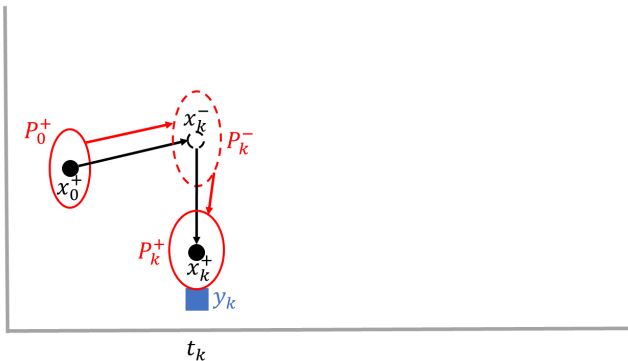
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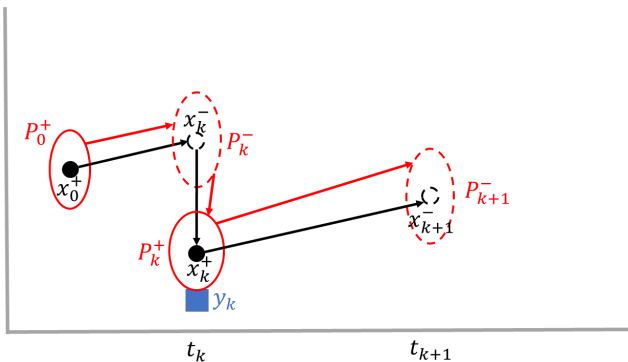
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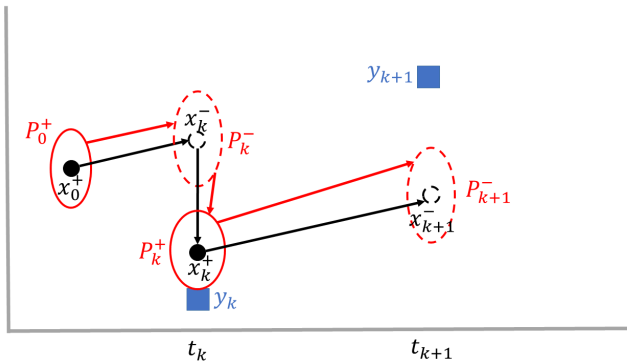
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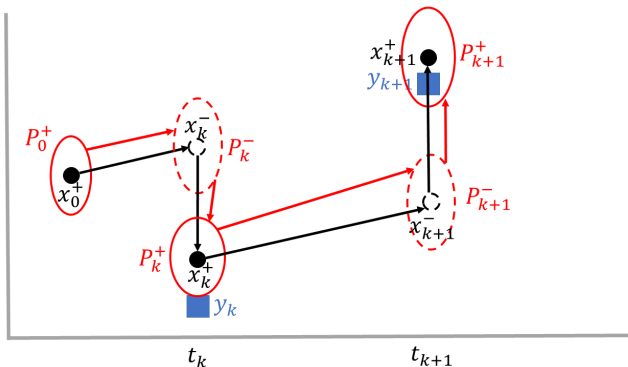
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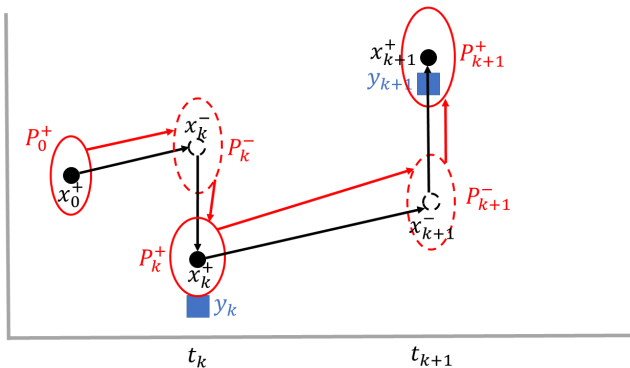


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And so on, and so on, and so on...

# KALMAN FILTER SUMMARY

$$x_k = F_{k-1}x_{k-1} + \omega_k$$

$$\omega_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q)$$

$$y_k = H_k x_k + \nu_k$$

$$\nu_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$$

$$\text{Forecast Step} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_k^- = F_{k-1}x_{k-1}^+ \\ P_k^- = F_{k-1}P_{k-1}^+F_{k-1}^T + Q \\ P_k^y = H_kP_k^-H_k^T + R \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Assimilation Step} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K_k = P_k^-H_k^T(P_k^y)^{-1} \\ P_k^+ = (I - K_kH_k)P_k^- \\ x_k^+ = x_k^- + K_k(y_k - H_kx_k^-) \end{array} \right.$$

# WHAT ABOUT NONLINEAR SYSTEMS?

- ▶ Consider a system of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= f(x_k) + \omega_{k+1} & \omega_{k+1} &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q) \\y_{k+1} &= h(x_{k+1}) + \nu_{k+1} & \nu_{k+1} &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ **Extended Kalman Filter (EKF):**

- ▶ Linearize  $F_k = Df(\hat{x}_k^a)$  and  $H_k = Dh(\hat{x}_k^f)$

- ▶ **Ensemble Kalman Filter (EnKF):**

- ▶ Implicit linearization via ensemble forecast



# PARAMETER ESTIMATION

- ▶ When the model has parameters  $p$ ,

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, p) + \omega_{k+1}$$

- ▶ Can *augment* the state  $\tilde{x}_k = [x_k, p_k]$
- ▶ Introduce trivial dynamics for  $p$

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, p_k) + \omega_{k+1}$$

$$p_{k+1} = p_k + \omega_{k+1}^p$$

- ▶ Need to tune the covariance of  $\omega_{k+1}^p$

# EXAMPLE OF PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Consider the Hodgkin-Huxley neuron model, expanded to a network of  $n$  equations

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}_i &= -g_{Na}m^3h(V_i - E_{Na}) - g_Kn^4(V_i - E_K) - g_L(V_i - E_L) \\ &\quad + I + \sum_{j \neq i}^n \Gamma_{HH}(V_j)V_j\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{m}_i = a_m(V_i)(1 - m_i) - b_m(V_i)m_i$$

$$\dot{h}_i = a_h(V_i)(1 - h_i) - b_h(V_i)h_i$$

$$\dot{n}_i = a_n(V_i)(1 - n_i) - b_n(V_i)n_i$$

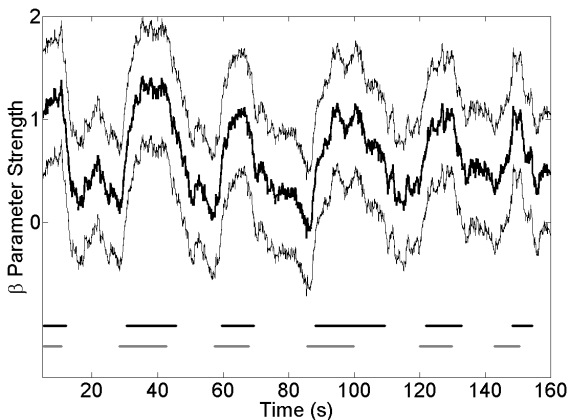
$$\Gamma_{HH}(V_j) = \beta_{ij}/(1 + e^{-10(V_j+40)})$$

Only observe the voltages  $V_i$ , recover the hidden variables and the connection parameters  $\beta$

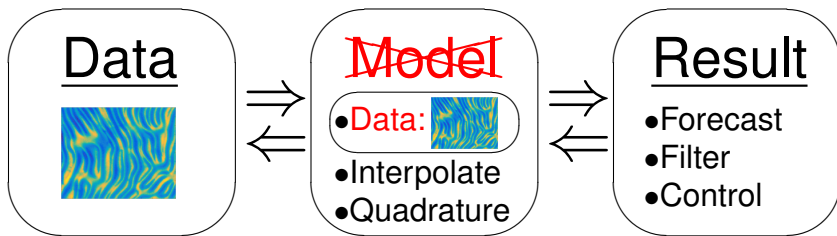
# EXAMPLE OF PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Can even turn connections on and off (grey dashes)

Variance estimate  $\Rightarrow$  statistical test (black dashes)



# NONPARAMETRIC MODELING



► **Data IS the model:**

- **Assume** a model exists
  - Data lies on/near an unknown sub-manifold
  - Data obeys an unknown dynamical system
- **Represent** the model using training data

# KALMAN-TAKENS FILTER

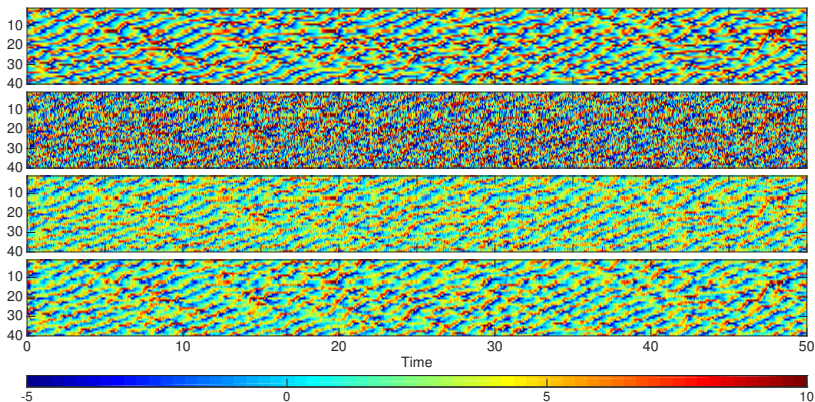
- ▶ Model,  $f$ , and observation,  $h$ , are unknown
- ▶ Given training data  $\{y_k\}_{k=1}^N$ , reconstruct state space using Takens' delay embedding

$$z_k = [y_k, y_{k-1}, \dots, y_{k-d}]$$

- ▶ As observations,  $y_{N+l}$ , arrive, build  $z_{N+l}$  and find nearest neighbors in  $z$ -space
- ▶ Estimate  $F_{N+l}$  using nearest neighbors from training data

# KALMAN-TAKENS VS. TRUE MODEL

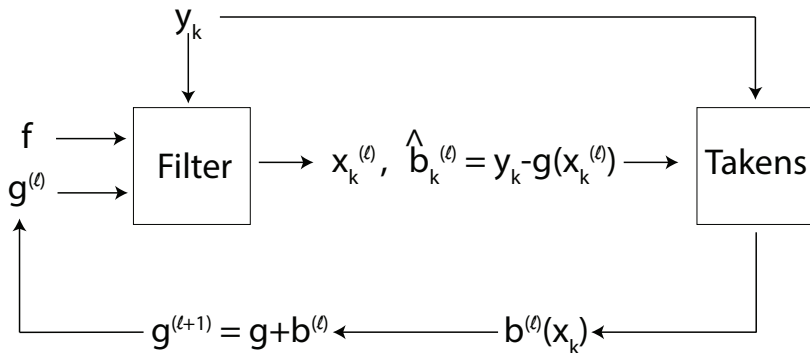
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# CORRECTING BIAS IN THE OBSERVATIONS

- ▶ Model,  $f$  is known but observation,  $h$  imperfect
- ▶ Given training data  $y_k$ , run filter with given obs,  $h$
- ▶ Estimate obs bias by  $b(x_k) = y_k - h(x_k)$
- ▶ Interpolate  $b(x)$  using Takens + local linear regression
- ▶ Correct the obs functions,  $g(x) = h(x) + b(x)$
- ▶ Rerun filter and estimate bias again, then repeat

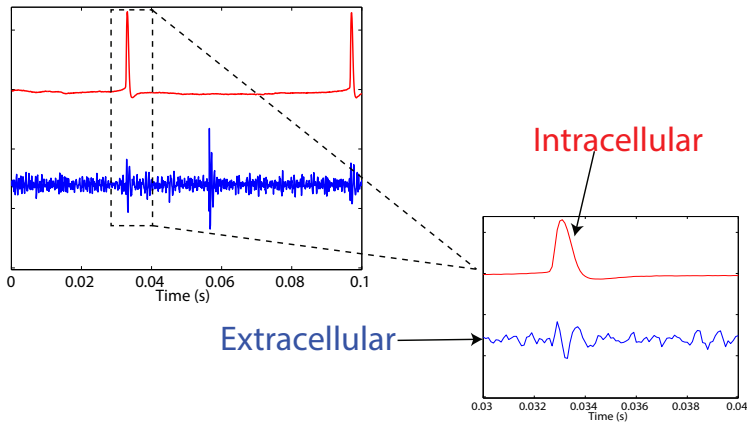
# BIAS CORRECTION METHOD





# RECONSTRUCTING INTRACELLULAR POTENTIAL

Mapping from intracellular to extracellular is complex.

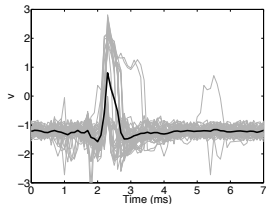




# APPLY BIAS CORRECTION WITH FHN MODEL

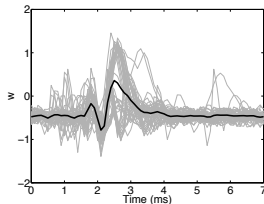
Without Bias Correction

Intracellular Potential



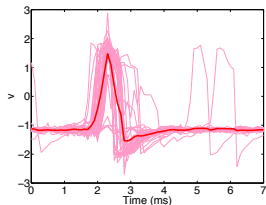
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Recovery Variable

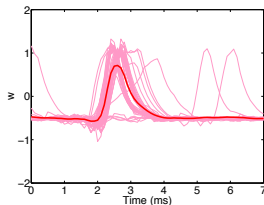


(b)

With Bias Correction



(c)



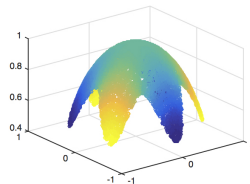
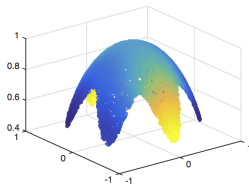
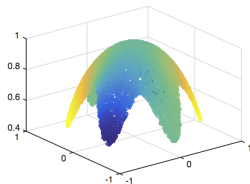
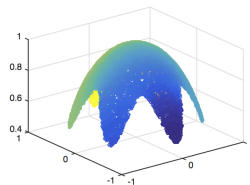
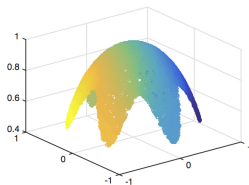
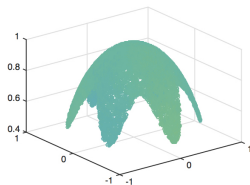
(d)

# WHAT IS MANIFOLD LEARNING?

- ▶ **Manifold learning**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **Estimating Laplace Operator**
- ▶ Euclidean space:
  - ▶ Eigenfunctions of  $\Delta$  are  $e^{i\vec{\omega}\cdot\vec{x}}$
  - ▶ Basis for Fourier transform
- ▶ Unit circle:
  - ▶ Eigenfunctions of  $\Delta$  are  $e^{ik\theta}$
  - ▶ Basis for Fourier series
- ▶ **Theorem:** Eigenfunctions of  $\Delta$  give the smoothest basis for square integrable functions on any manifold.

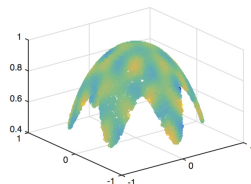
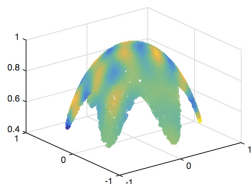
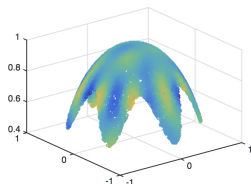
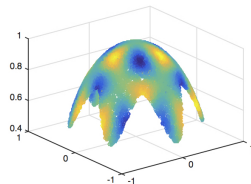
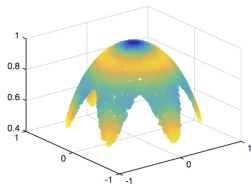
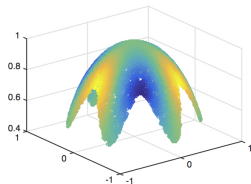
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# DIFFUSION FORECAST

- ▶ **Autonomous** SDE:  $dx = a(x) dt + b(x) dW_t$
- ▶ Density solves **Fokker-Planck PDE**:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} p = \mathcal{L}^* p$
- ▶ **Shift map**:  $S(p)(x_i) = p(x_{i+1})$
- ▶ Estimates:  $\mathbb{E}[S(p)] = e^{\tau \mathcal{L}} p$
- ▶ Project onto custom Fourier basis (spectral method)

$$p(x, t) \xrightarrow{\text{Diffusion Forecast}} p(x, t + \tau) = e^{\tau \mathcal{L}^*} p(x, t)$$

$$\downarrow \langle p, \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$\uparrow \sum_j c_j \varphi_j q$$

$$\vec{c}(t) \xrightarrow{A_{ij} \equiv \mathbb{E}[\langle \varphi_j, S \varphi_i \rangle q]} \vec{c}(t + \tau) = A \vec{c}(t).$$





# DIFFUSION FORECAST EXAMPLE

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# FILTERING WITH THE SHIFT MAP

Introduce an observable  $y = h(x) + \nu$  with  $\nu = y - h(x) \sim q$

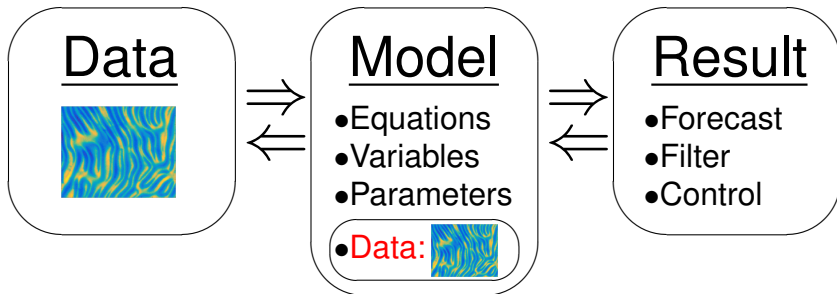
- ▶ Likelihood is  $p(y | x) = q(y - h(x))$
- ▶ Bayesian Posterior:  $p^a(x_i) \propto p^f(x_i)q(y - h(x_i))$
- ▶ Psuedo-spectral method

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 p^a(x, t - \tau) & \xrightarrow{\text{Diffusion Forecast}} & p^f(x, t) & \xrightarrow{p^f(x)p(y|x)} & p^a(x, t) \\
 \downarrow \langle p^a, \varphi_j \rangle & & \uparrow \sum_j c_j^f \varphi_j p_{eq} & & \langle p^a, \varphi_j \rangle \downarrow \\
 \vec{c}^a(t - \tau) & \xrightarrow{A_{ij}c^a(t-\tau)} & \vec{c}^f(t) & \xrightarrow{\text{Bayesian Update}} & \vec{c}^a(t)
 \end{array}$$

# PROBLEM: CURSE OF DIMENSIONALITY

- ▶ Nonparametric methods → Data required grows like  $a^{\text{dim}}$
- ▶ Maybe we shouldn't throw out the model...
- ▶ Use diffusion forecast to fix model error!

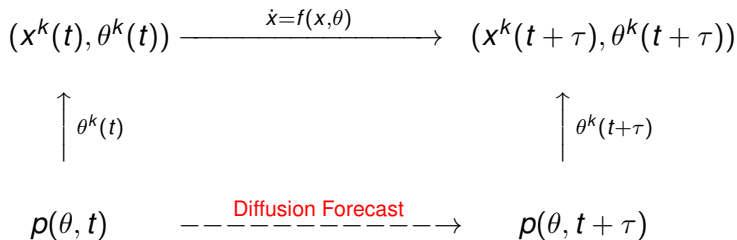
# SEMIPARAMETRIC MODELING



- ▶ **Data becomes part of the model:**
  - ▶ Start with **imperfect** parametric model
  - ▶ Fit training data with time-varying **parameters**
  - ▶ **Query** data as part of running model
- ▶ **Compensate for model error:**
  - ▶ Truncated resolution and complexity
  - ▶ Non-analytic expressions
  - ▶ Non-stationarity/Inhomogeneity

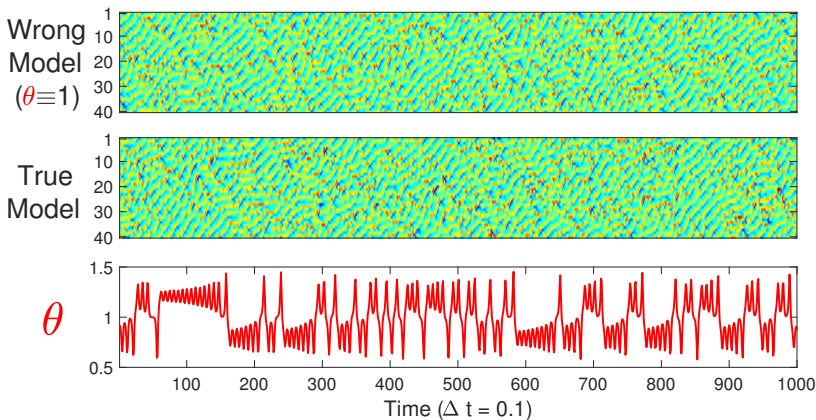
# SEMIPARAMETRIC FORECAST MODEL

- ▶ Partially known model  $\dot{x} = f(x, \theta)$
- ▶ **Unknown:**  $d\theta = a(\theta) dt + b(\theta) dW_t$
- ▶ Apply the **Diffusion Forecast** to  $p(\theta, t)$
- ▶ **Sample**  $\theta^k(t) \sim p(\theta, t)$  and pair with **ensemble**  $x^k(t)$



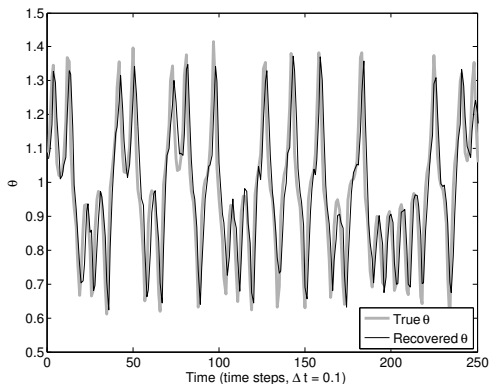
# EXAMPLE: 40-DIMENSIONAL LORENZ-96 SYSTEM

$$\dot{x}_i = \theta x_{i-1} x_{i+1} - x_{i-1} x_{i-2} - x_i + 8$$



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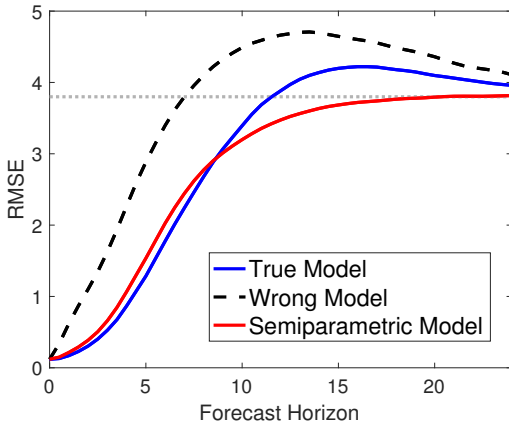
Kalman filter  $\Rightarrow$  Estimate time series of  $\theta$  (training period)



Using this data, build a diffusion forecast model for  $\theta$

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## SEMIPARAMETRIC FILTER: PUT IT ALL TOGETHER...

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^{k,a}(t-\tau) \\ \theta^{k,a}(t-\tau) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\dot{x}=f(x,\theta)} \begin{pmatrix} x^{k,f}(t) \\ \theta^{k,f}(t) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{EnKF } y^o(t)} \begin{pmatrix} x^{k,a}(t) \\ \theta^{k,a}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \theta^a$$

$$\uparrow \theta^{k,f}(t)$$

$$p(\theta^a(t) | \theta(t)) \downarrow$$

$$p^a(\theta, t-\tau) \xrightarrow{\text{Diffusion Forecast}} p^f(\theta, t) \xrightarrow{p^f(\theta)p(y|\theta)} p^a(\theta, t)$$

$$\downarrow \langle p^a, \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$\uparrow \sum_j c_j^f \varphi_j p_{\text{eq}}$$

$$\langle p^a, \varphi_j \rangle \downarrow$$

$$\vec{c}^a(t-\tau) \xrightarrow{A_{ij}c^a(t-\tau)} \vec{c}^f(t) \xrightarrow{\text{Bayesian Update}} \vec{c}^a(t)$$

For more information: <http://math.gmu.edu/~berry/>

## Building the basis

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- ▶ B. and Sauer, *Local Kernels and Geometric Structure of Data*.

## Nonparametric forecast

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## Semiparametric forecast

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