

Learning Dynamical Systems from Invariant Measures

BIRS Workshop: New Ideas in Computational Inverse Problems

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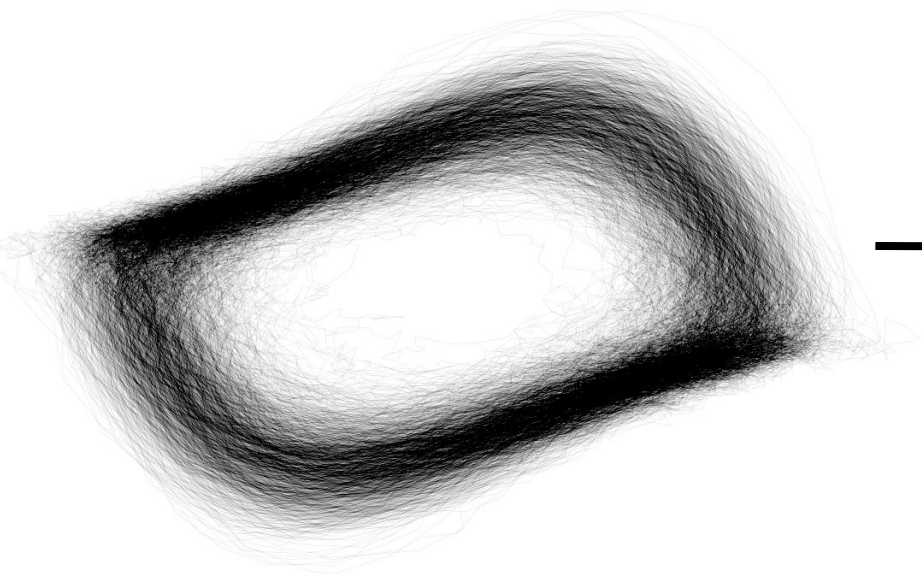
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Motivation and Theory

What does it mean to learn a system?

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Computer Model



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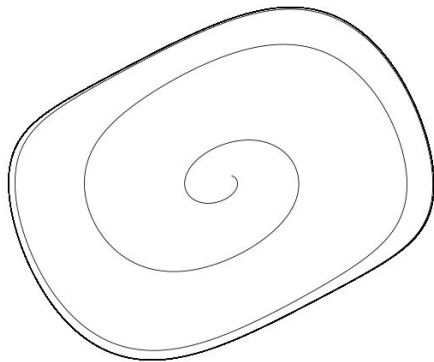
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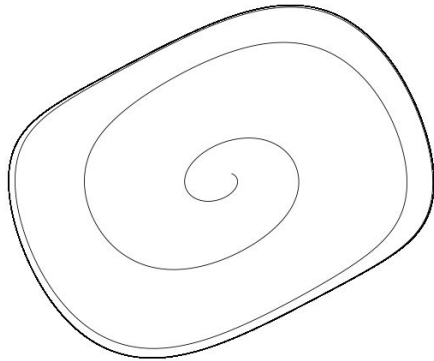
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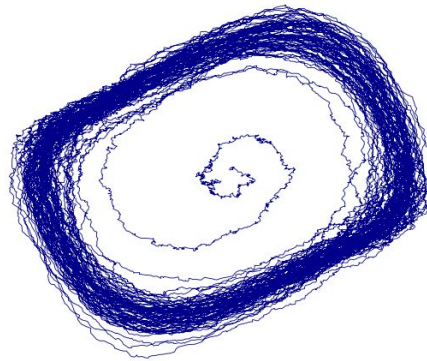
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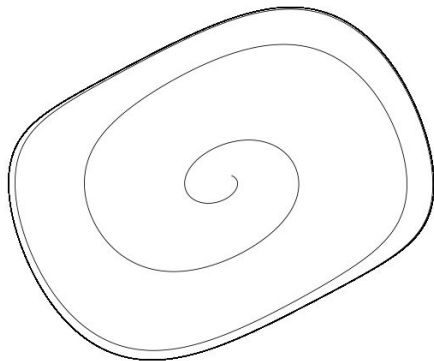
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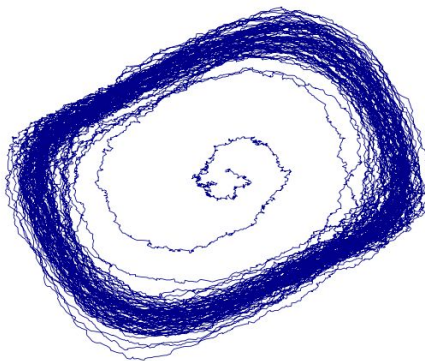
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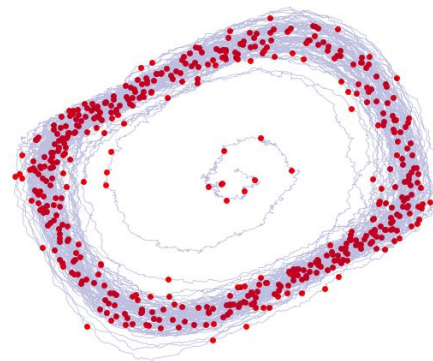
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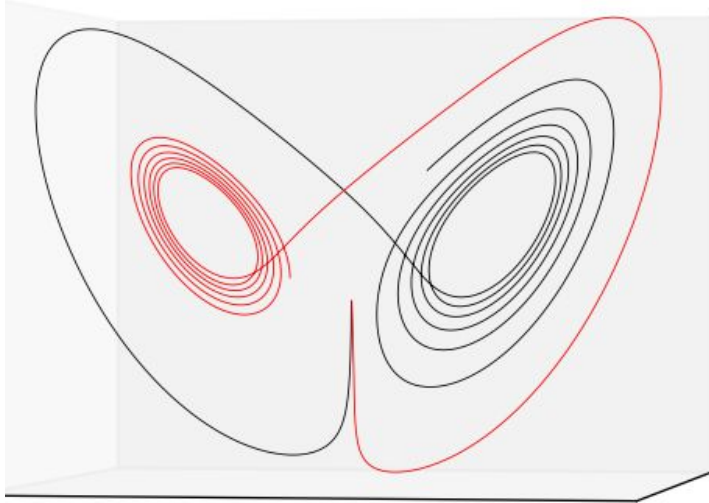
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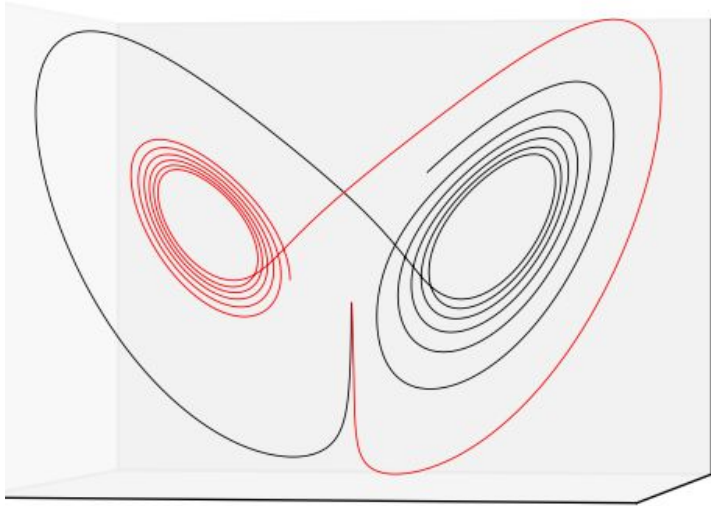
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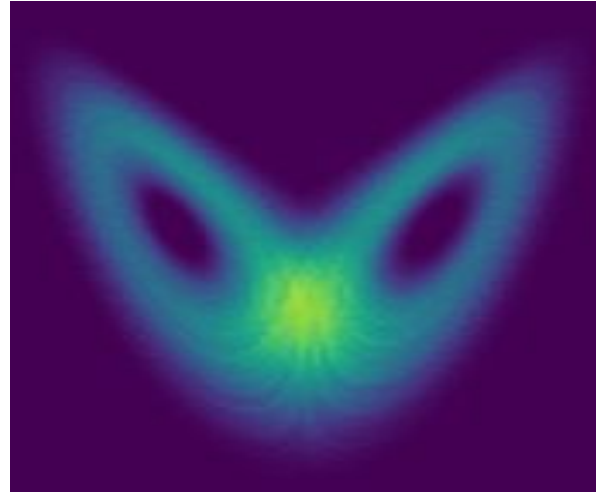


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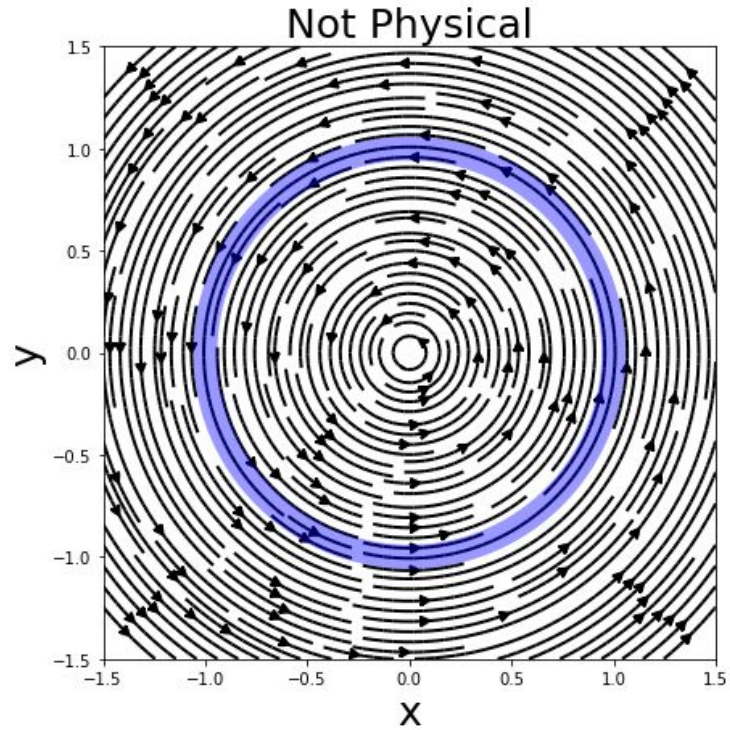
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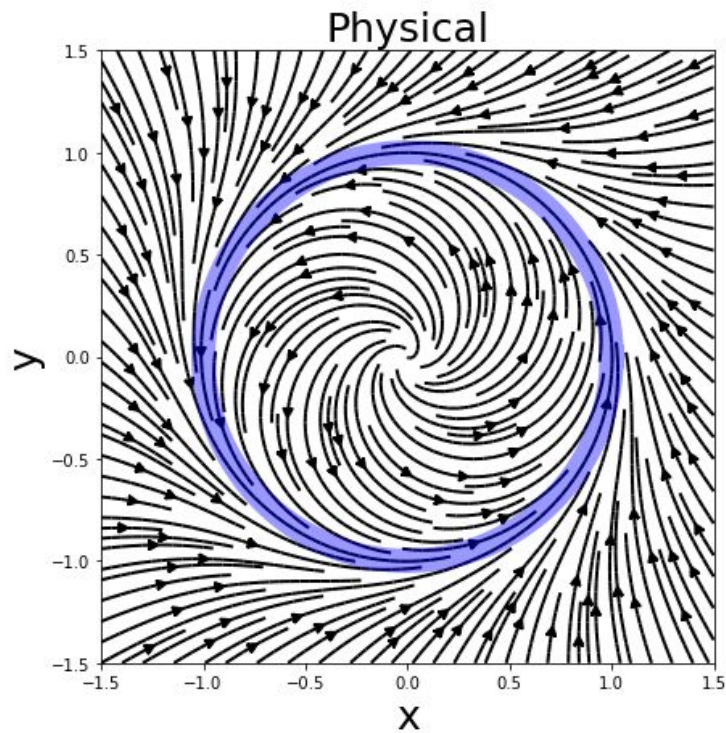
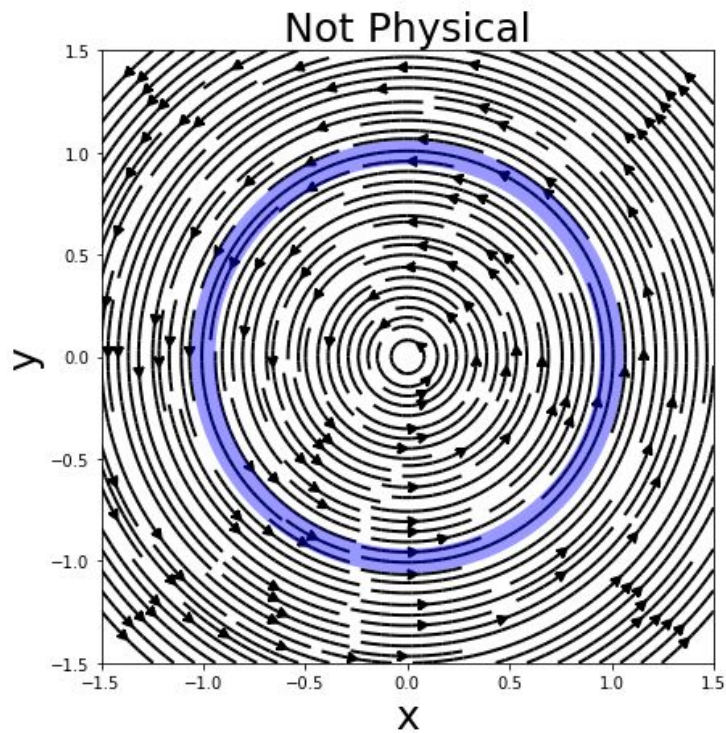
A weak-* limit of occupation measures is invariant.

$$\mu(T^{-1}(B)) = \mu(B)$$

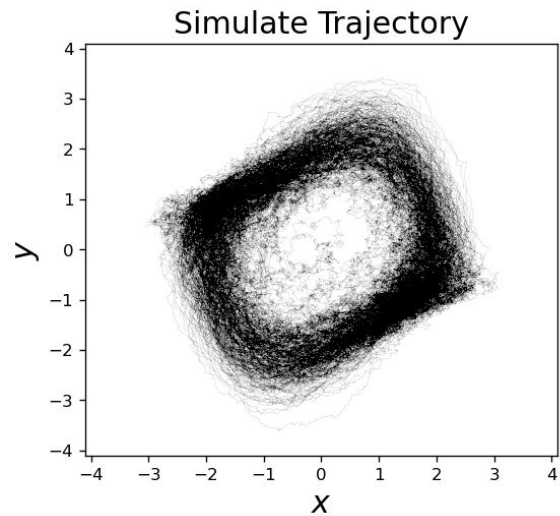
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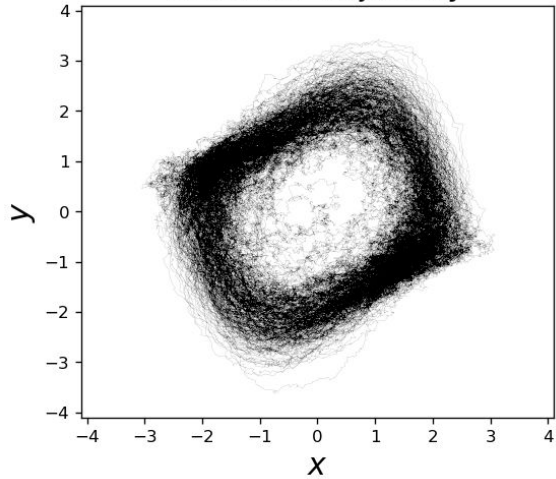


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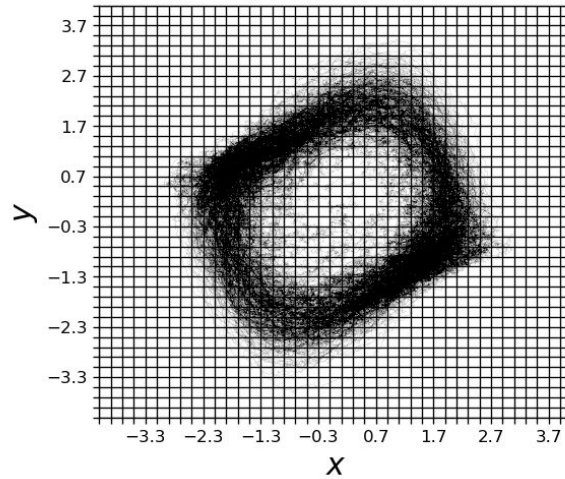


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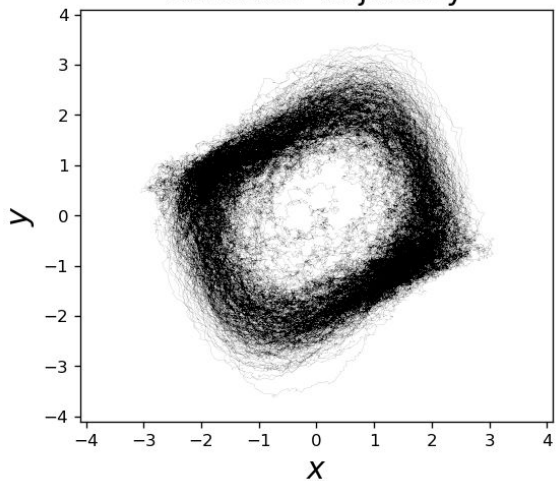


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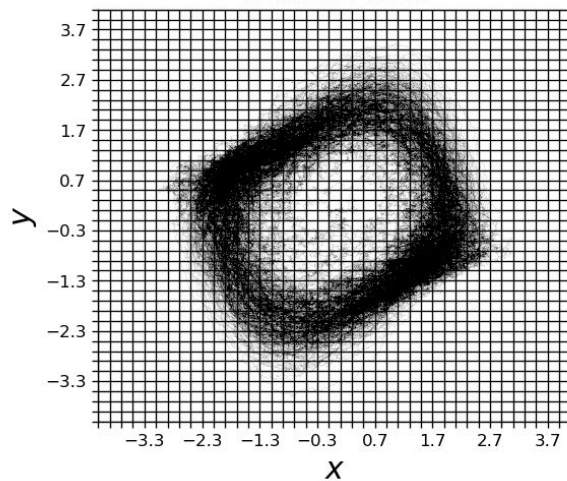


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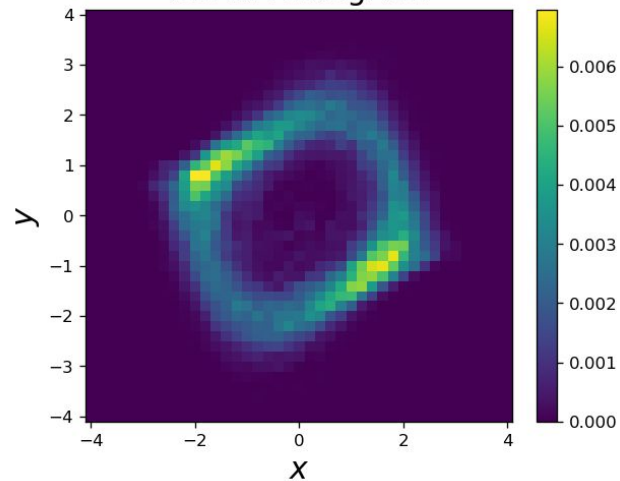
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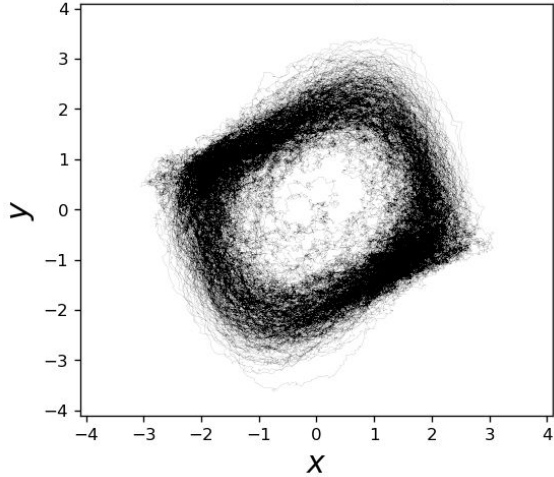


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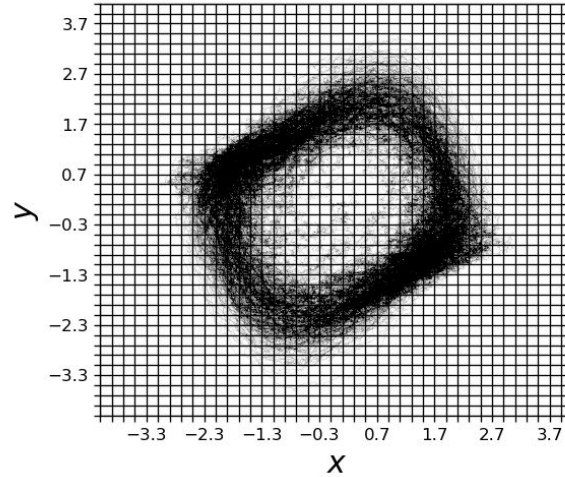


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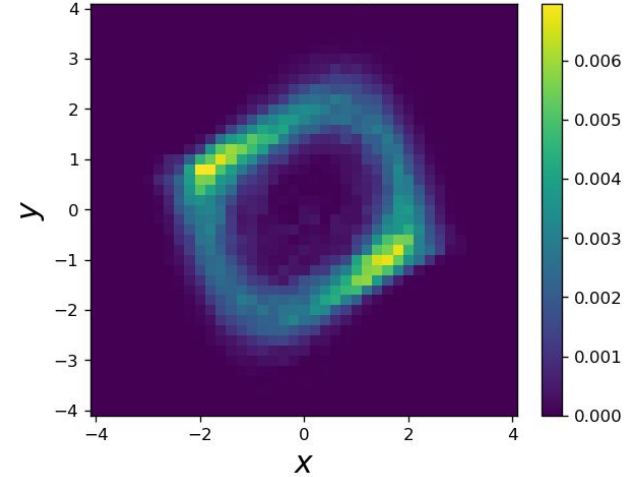
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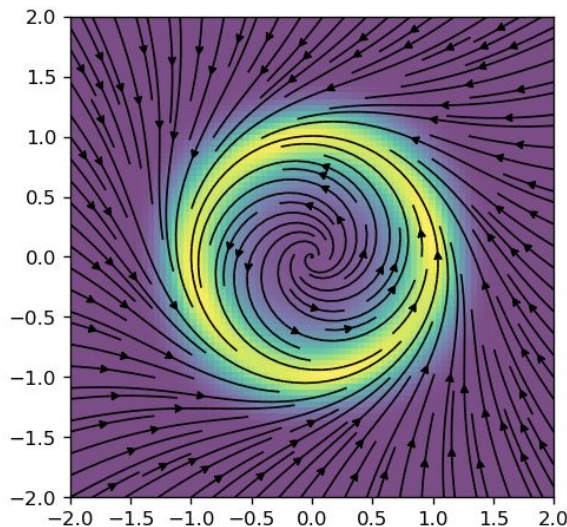
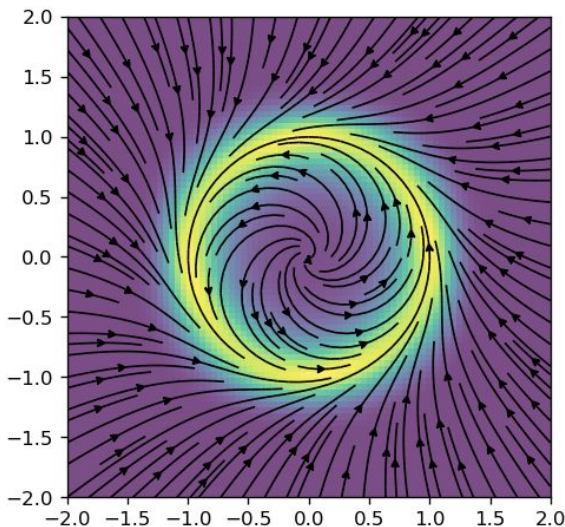
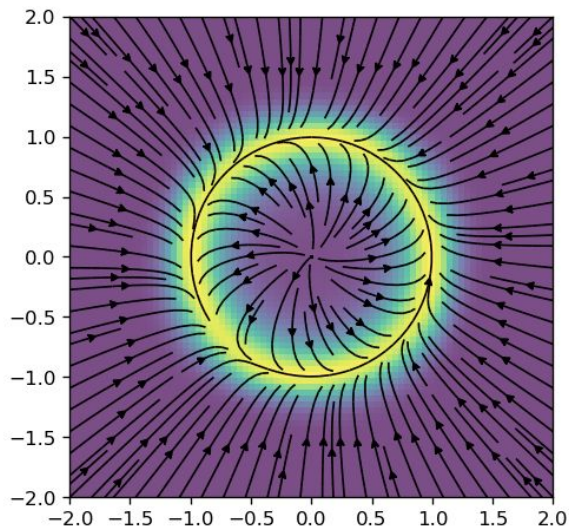
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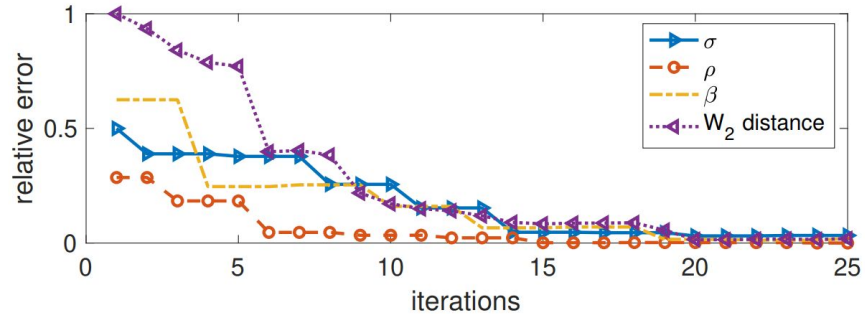
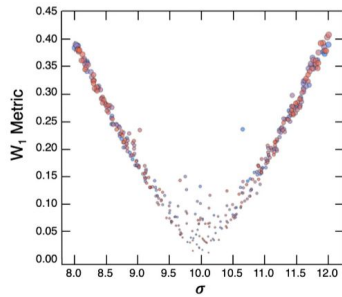
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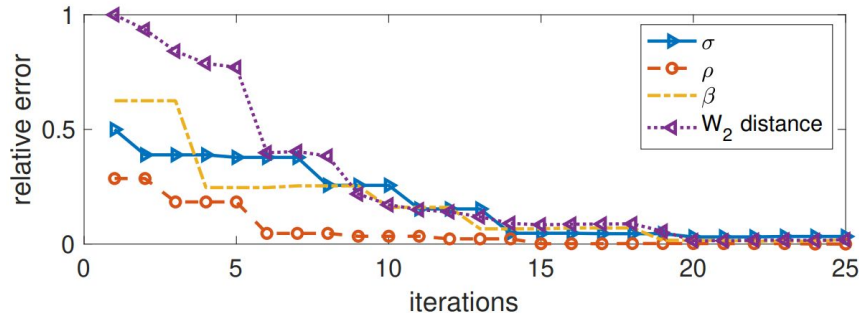
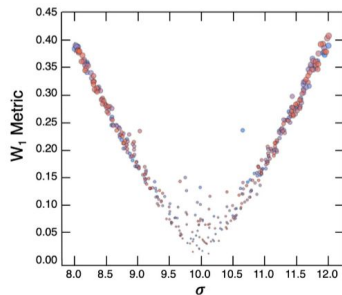
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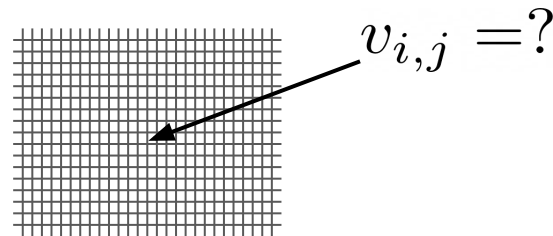
New contributions:

- Ability to model intrinsically noisy trajectories
- Large-scale parameter identification
- Learning dynamics in time-delay coordinates

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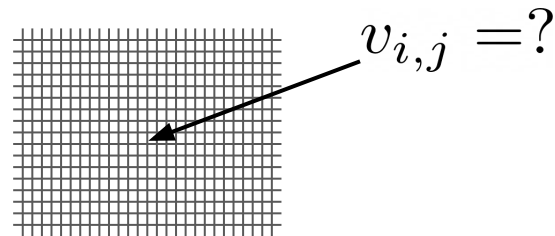
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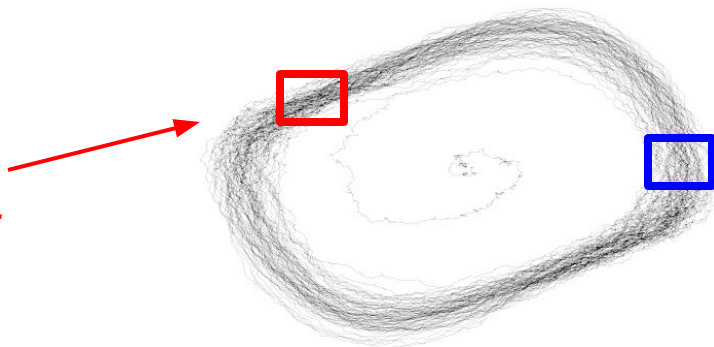
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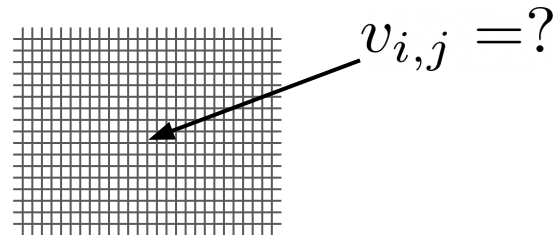
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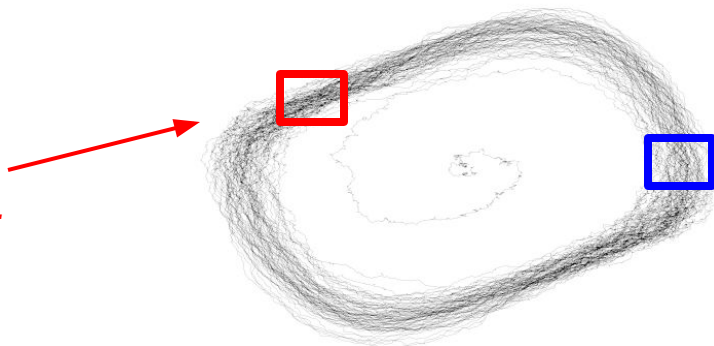
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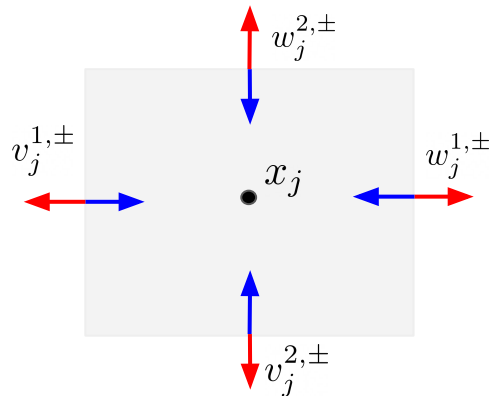
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$$\rho^{(\ell+1)} = M \rho^{(\ell)}, \quad M = I + K$$



Taking a closer look at the discretization...

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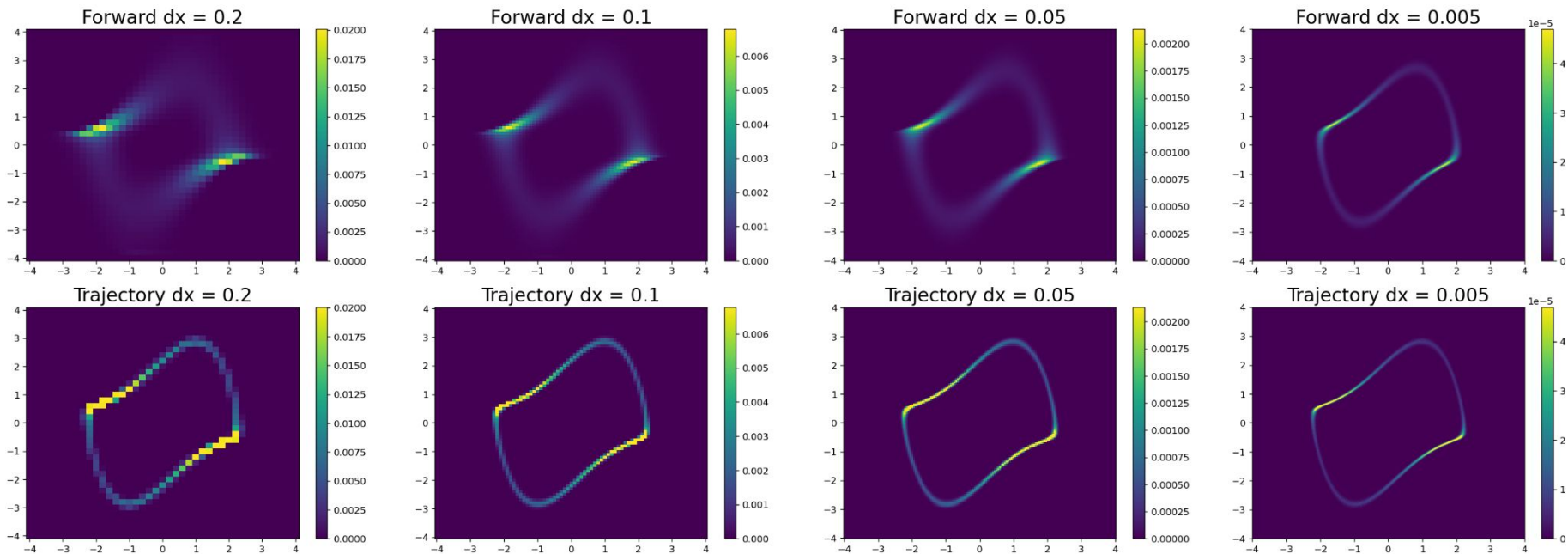
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$$(1 - \epsilon)(M - I)\rho = -\frac{\epsilon}{N}\mathbf{1}$$

Forward Model vs. Occupation Measures

Forward Model vs. Trajectory Histogram with Diffusion = 0.001



Selecting an Objective Function

$$L^2(\rho, \rho^*) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\rho(x) - \rho^*(x))^2 dx$$

Squared L2 Norm

$$D_{\text{KL}}(\rho, \rho^*) := \int_{\Omega'} \rho^*(x) \log \left(\frac{\rho^*(x)}{\rho(x)} \right) dx$$

Kullback-Leibler Divergence

$$D_{\text{JS}}(\rho, \rho^*) = \frac{1}{2} D_{\text{KL}}(\rho, \rho') + \frac{1}{2} D_{\text{KL}}(\rho^*, \rho')$$

Jenson-Shannon Divergence

$$W_2^2(\rho, \rho^*) := \inf_{T_{\rho, \rho^*} \in \mathcal{M}} \int_{\Omega} |x - T_{\rho, \rho^*}(x)|^2 d\rho(x)$$

Quadratic Wasserstein Distance

Computing the Gradient

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Compute gradient with respect to the piecewise constant velocities used in the Markov matrix.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial v_i} = \lambda \cdot \frac{\partial M_\epsilon}{\partial v_i} \rho$$

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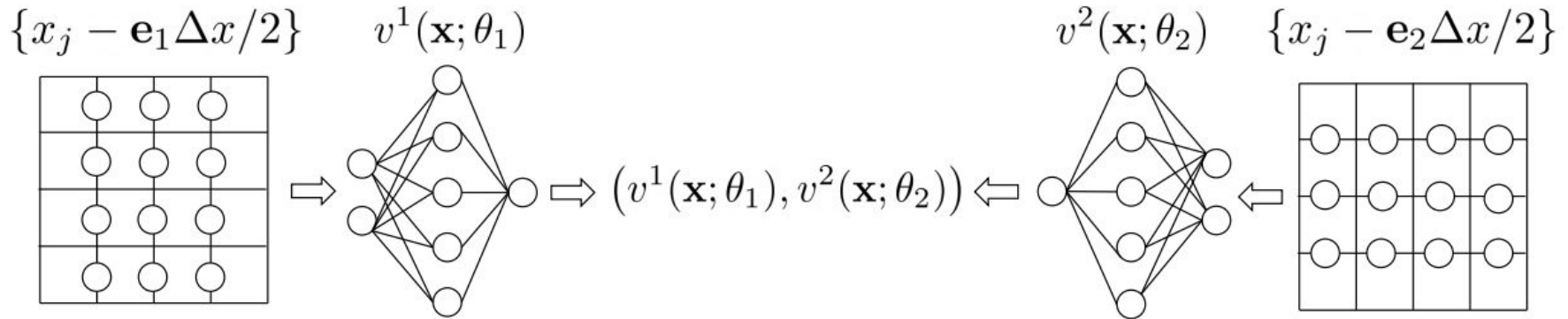
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The Optimization Framework

1.) Solve the forward problem

$$M_\epsilon \rho = \rho$$

2.) Evaluate the cost

$$\mathcal{J}(\rho, \rho^*)$$

3.) Compute the Frechet derivative

$$\phi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \rho}$$

4.) Solve the adjoint equation

$$(M_\epsilon^T - I)\lambda = -\phi + \phi \cdot \rho \mathbf{1}$$

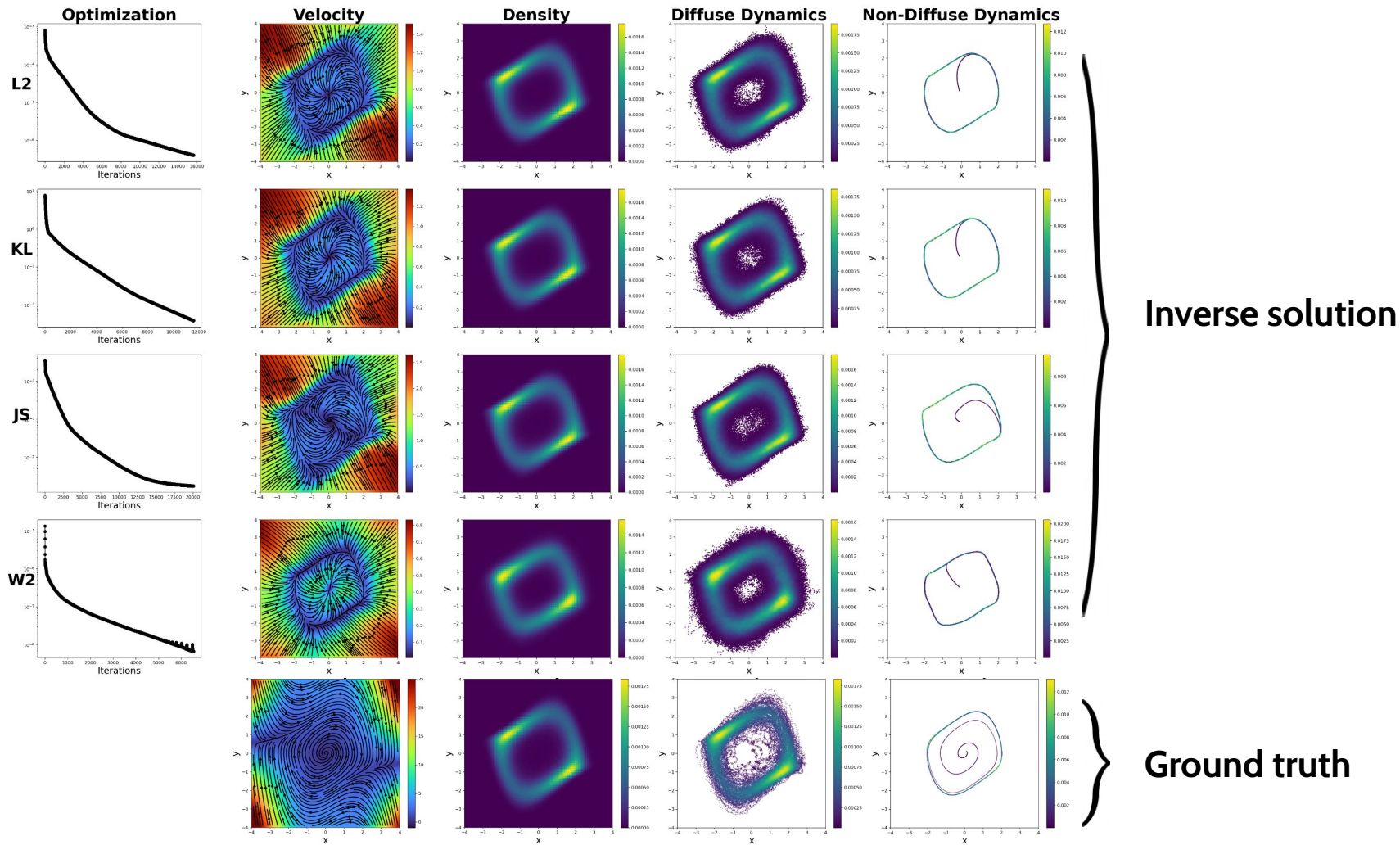
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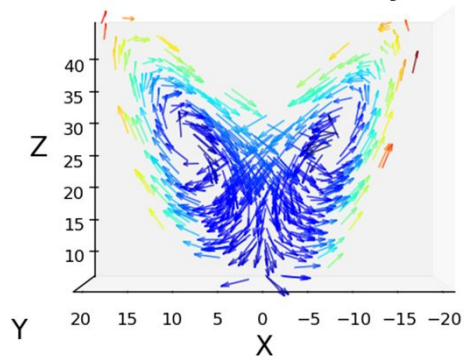
Adam, L-BFGS-B, CG, etc.

Numerical Results

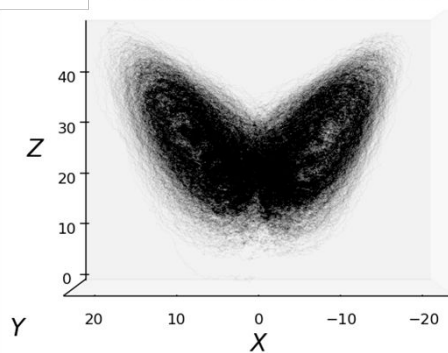


Lorenz-63 System - Inverting V1

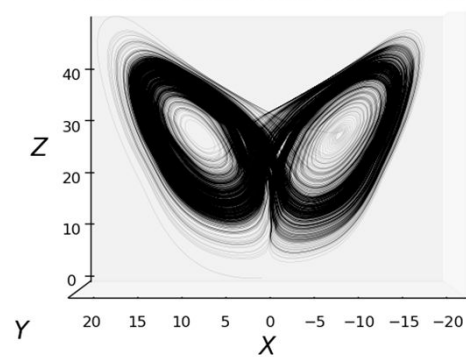
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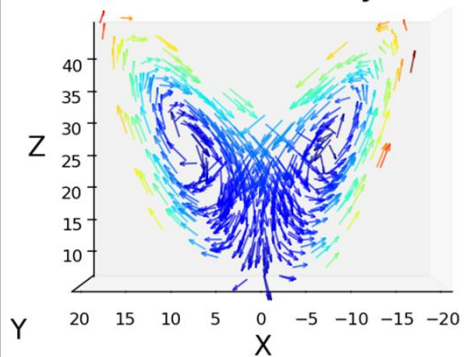
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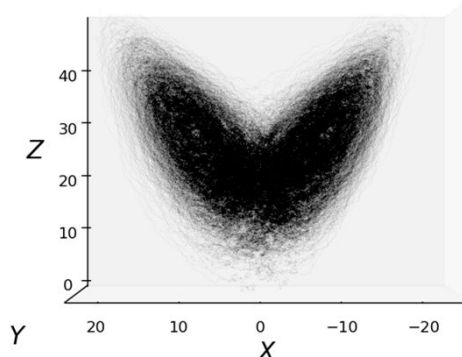
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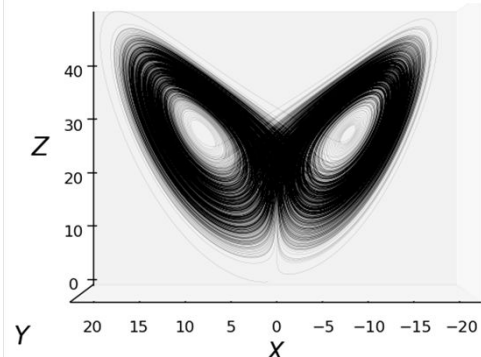
True Velocity



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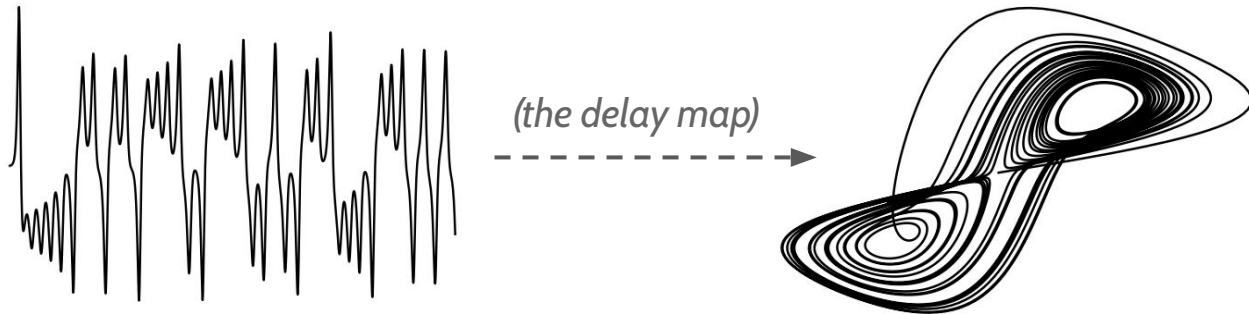
$\underbrace{\dot{x} = v(x)}_{\text{full dynamics}}$

$\underbrace{y : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}_{\text{observation function}}$

$\underbrace{\{y(x(t_i))\}_{i=1}^N}_{\text{available data}}$

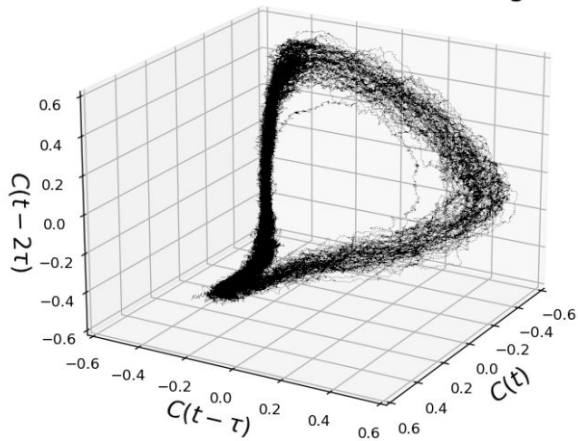
Motivated by Takens' Theorem (1981), we can instead learn the dynamics in delay coordinates.

$\exists \underbrace{\Phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d}_{\text{diffeomorphism}}$ with $\Phi(x(t)) = (y(t), y(t - \tau), \dots, y(t - 2d\tau))$

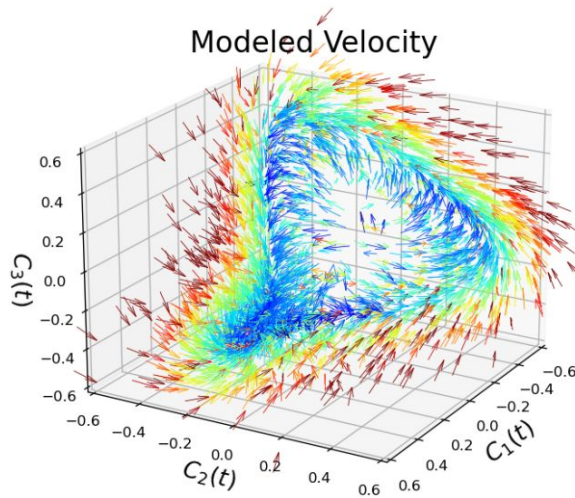


Application to a Hall-Effect Thruster (HET)

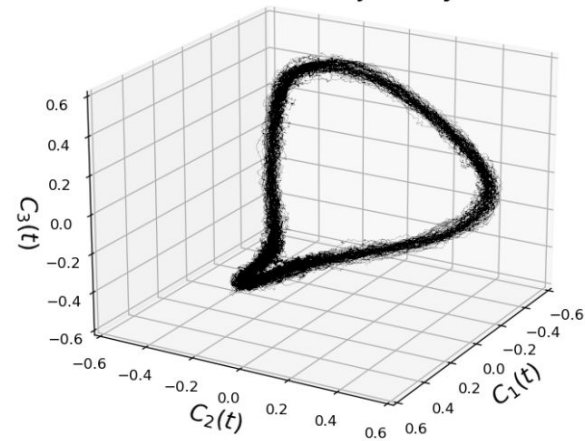
Embedded Cathode-Pearson Signal



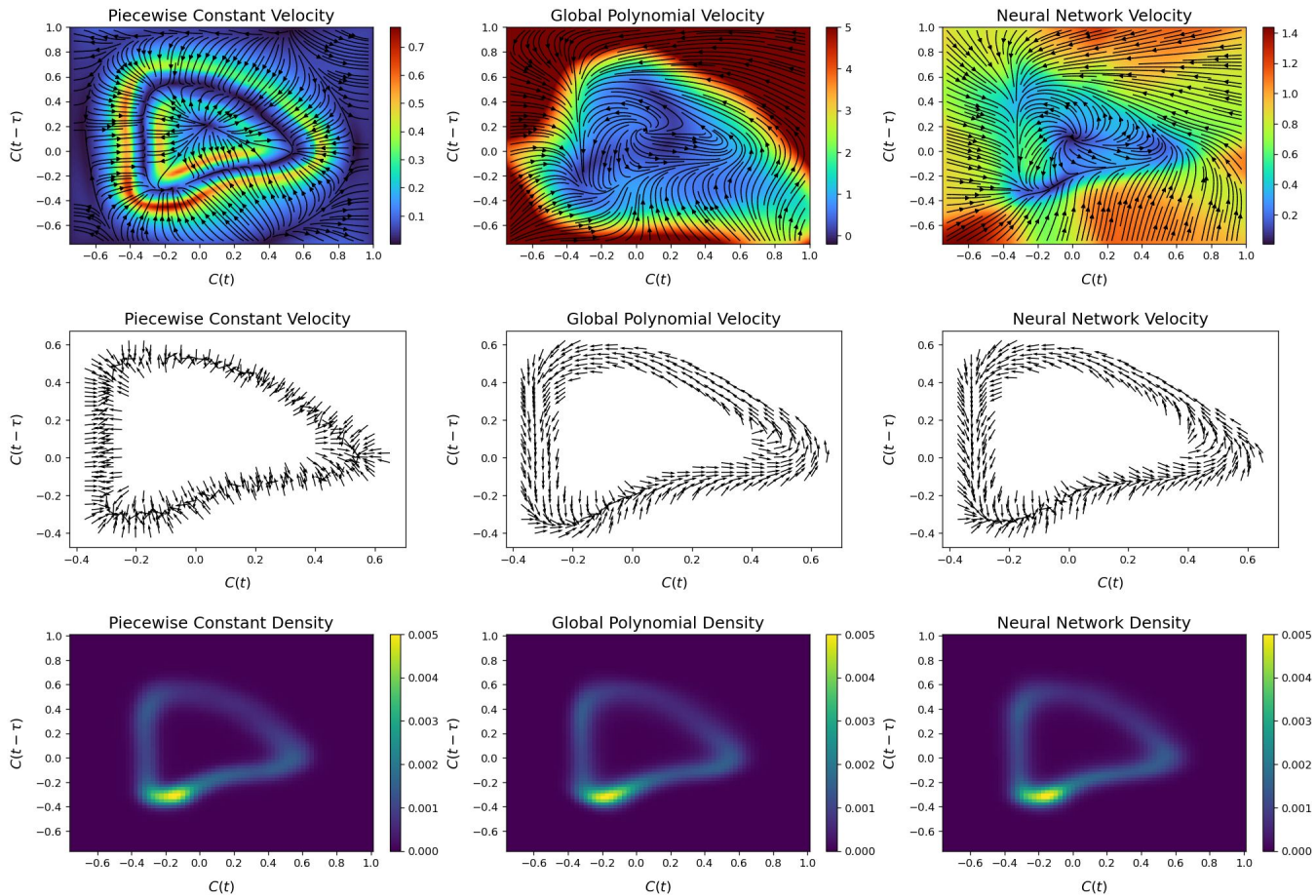
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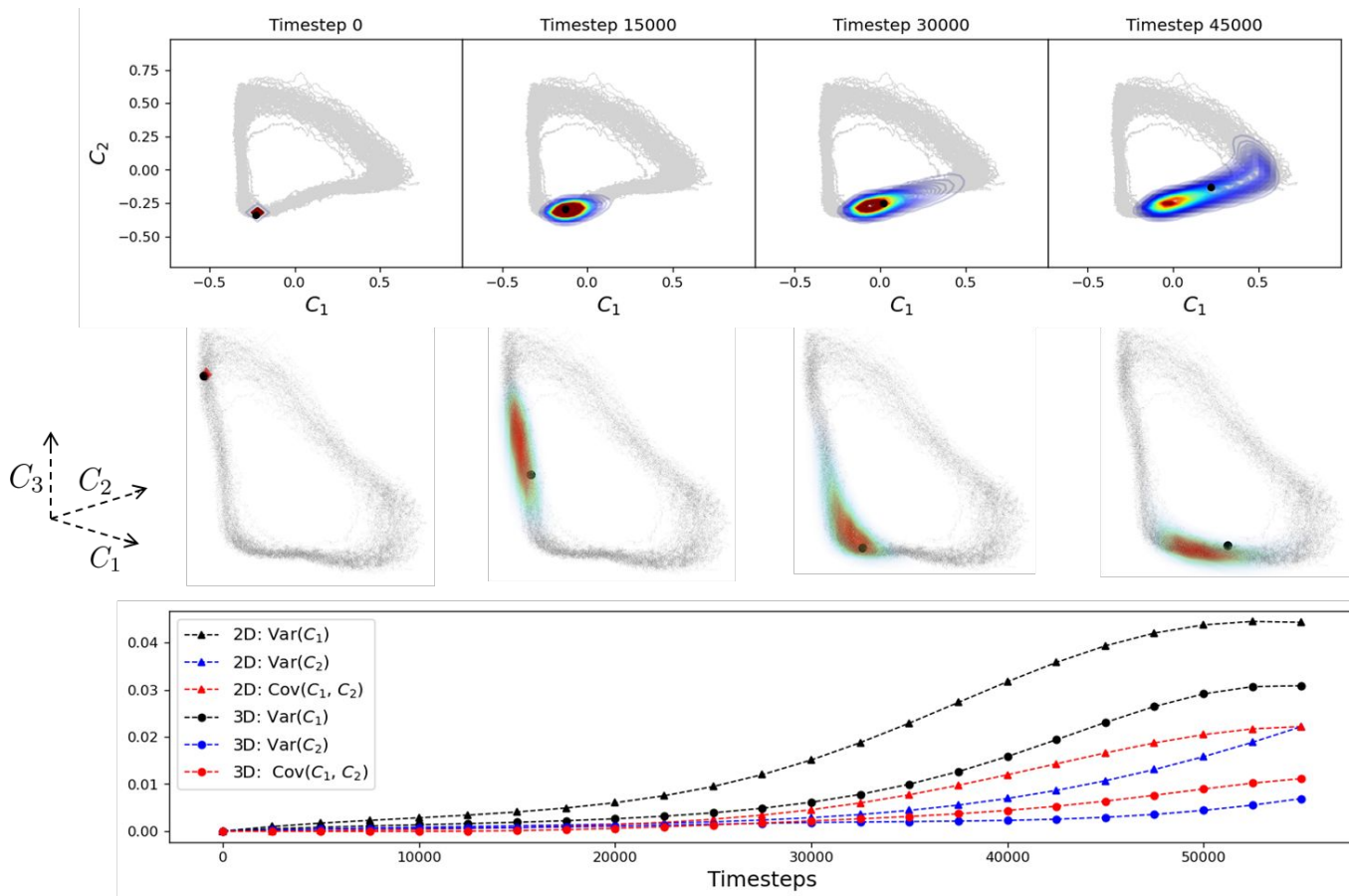
Modeled Trajectory



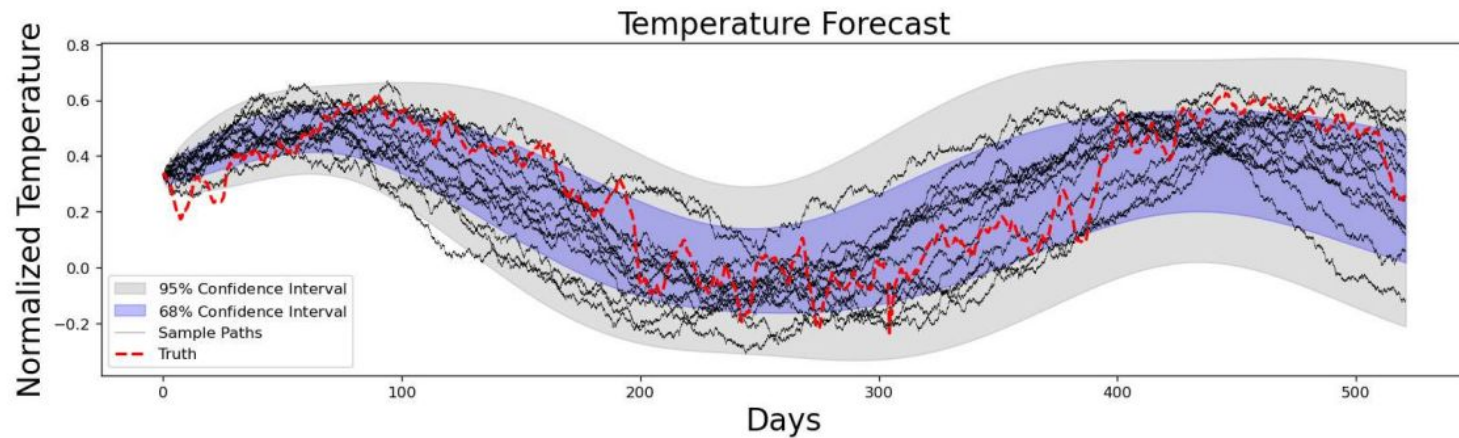
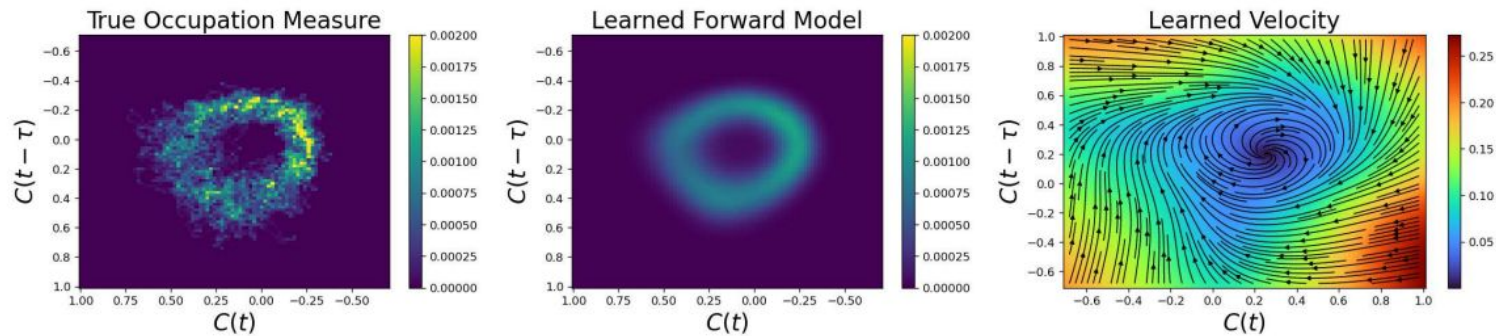
Varying the Paramaterization



Quantifying Model Uncertainty



Temperature Prediction with Uncertainty Quantification



Future Directions

- Dimension-free and mesh-free approaches
- Unstructured Mesh
- Higher order finite volume method
- Study inverse problem regularity
- The case of multiple attractors
- Learning an anisotropic diffusion

Thank you!

Questions?