

Learning dynamics on invariant measures using PDE-constrained optimization

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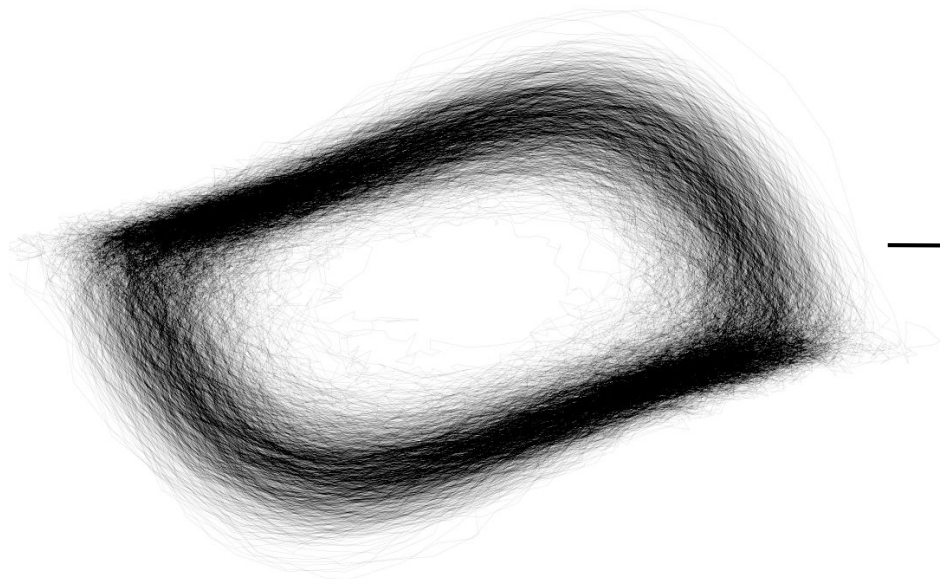
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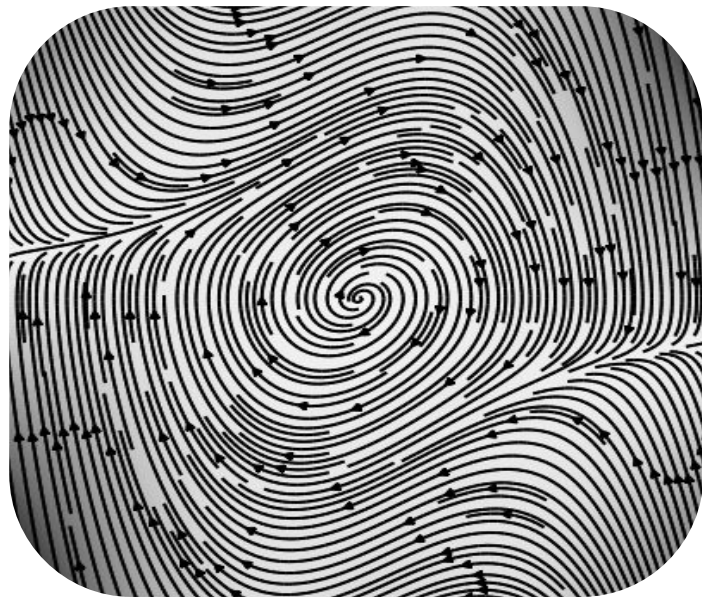
Background & motivation

What does it mean to learn dynamics?

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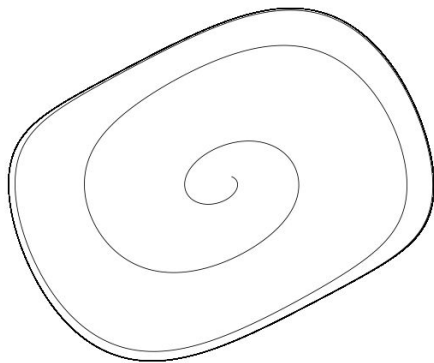
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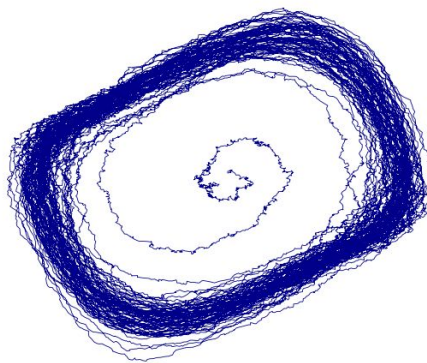
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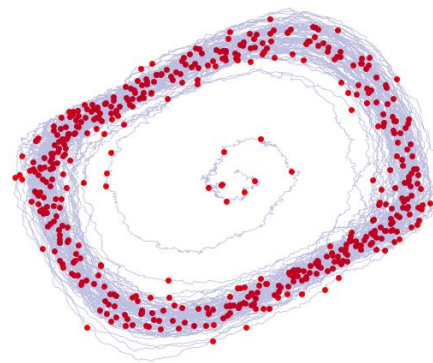
Best case scenario



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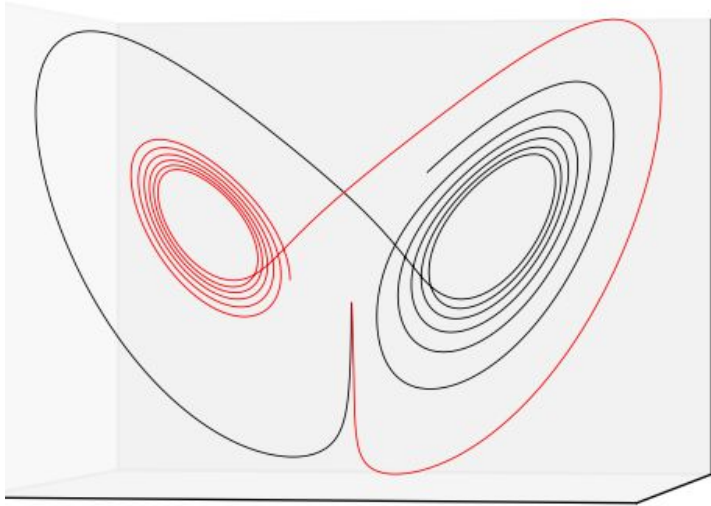


Slow/irregular sampling



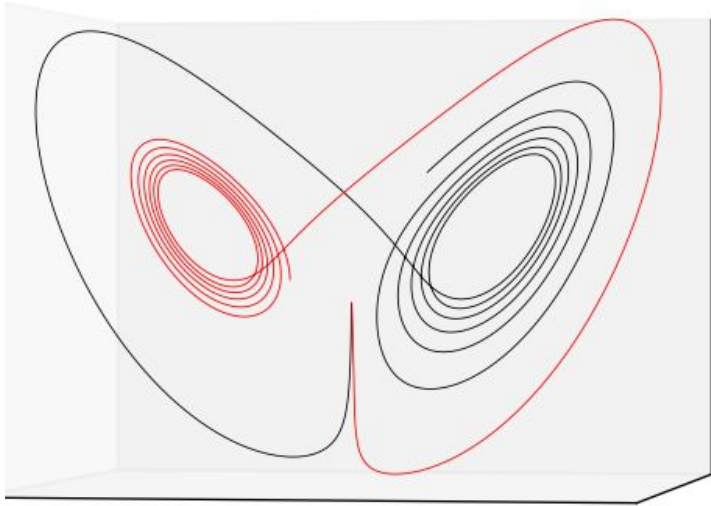
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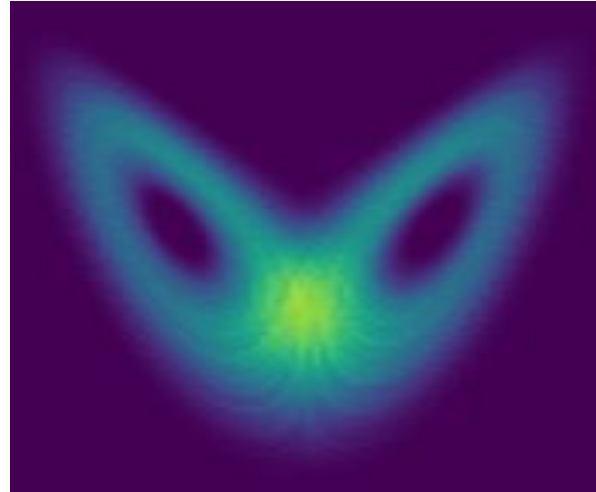


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A weak-* limit of occupation measures is **invariant**.

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New contributions:

- ☐ Ability to model intrinsic noise
- ☐ Large-scale parameter identification
- ☐ Learning dynamics in delay coordinates
- ☐ Uncertainty quantification

Building a forward model

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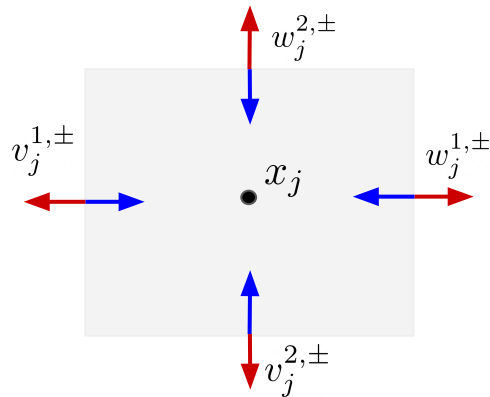
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We discretize the FPE via a first order upwind finite volume method to form a **Markov chain** approximation of the dynamics.

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



A closer look at the discretization...

$$K_i := \begin{matrix} S_i \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} \ddots & & & \\ & -v_{j-1}^{i,-} + \frac{D}{\Delta x_i} & & \\ & \vdots & & \\ & v_{j-1}^{i,-} - w_{j-1}^{i,+} - \frac{2D}{\Delta x_i} & -v_j^{i,-} + \frac{D}{\Delta x_i} & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \\ & w_{j-1}^{i,+} + \frac{D}{\Delta x_i} & v_j^{i,-} - w_j^{i,+} - \frac{2D}{\Delta x_i} & -v_{j+1}^{i,-} + \frac{D}{\Delta x_i} \\ & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & w_j^{i,+} + \frac{D}{\Delta x_i} & v_{j+1}^{i,-} - w_{j+1}^{i,+} - 2\frac{D}{\Delta x_i} \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & w_{j+1}^{i,+} + \frac{D}{\Delta x_i} \end{array} \right. \end{matrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

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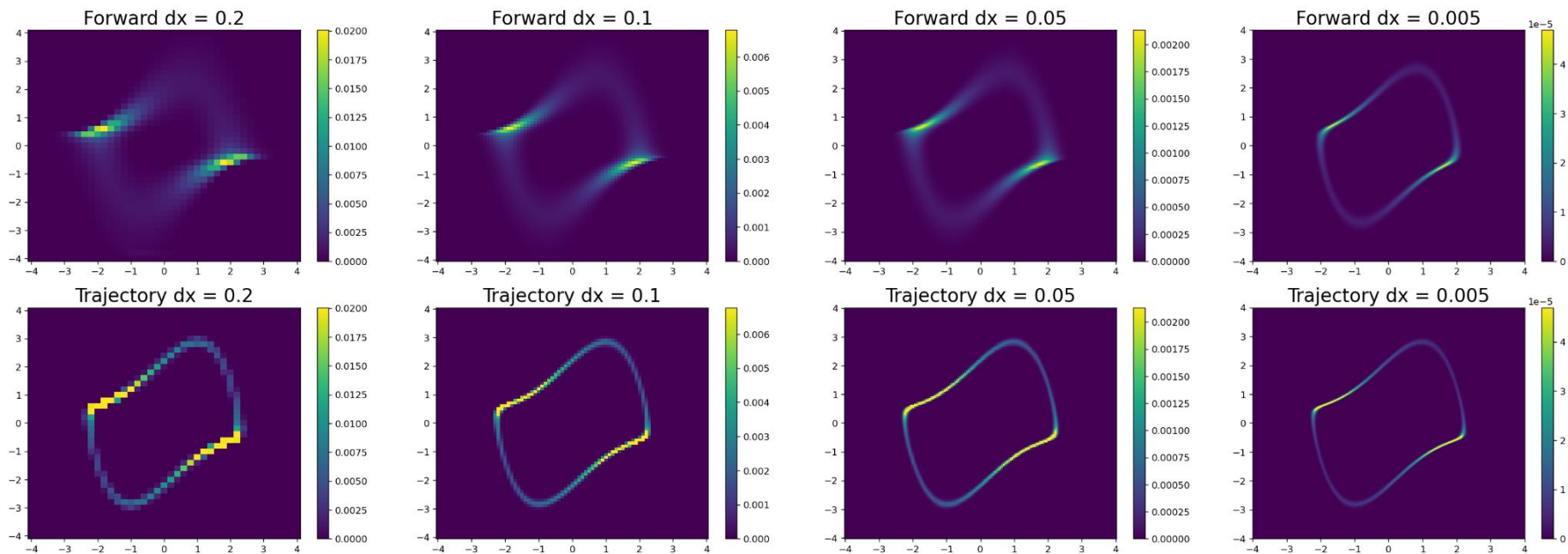
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Now, the steady state can be uniquely found by solving a **sparse linear system**.

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

Forward model vs. occupation measures

Forward Model vs. Trajectory Histogram with Diffusion = 0.001



Choice of 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.

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

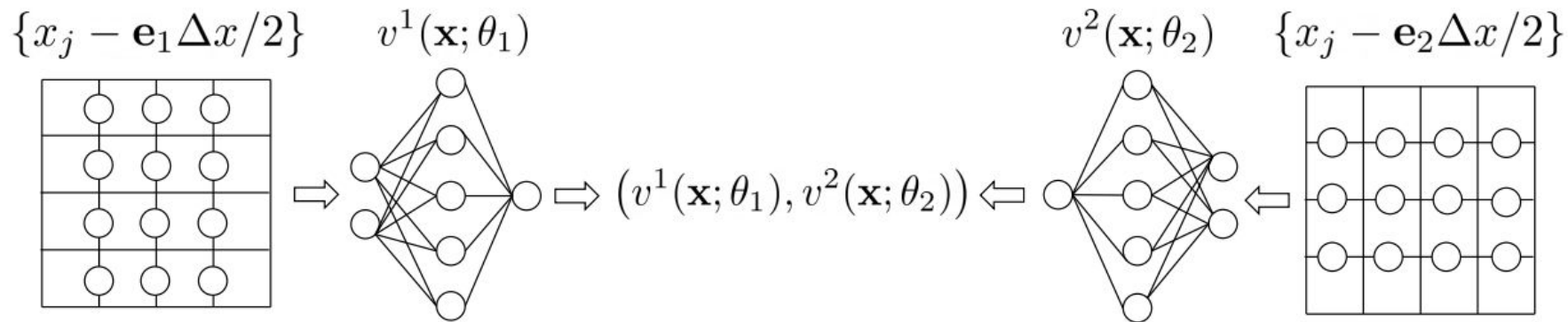
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We considered three parameterizations: piecewise constant, global polynomial, and neural network.



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

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

5.) Compute the gradient

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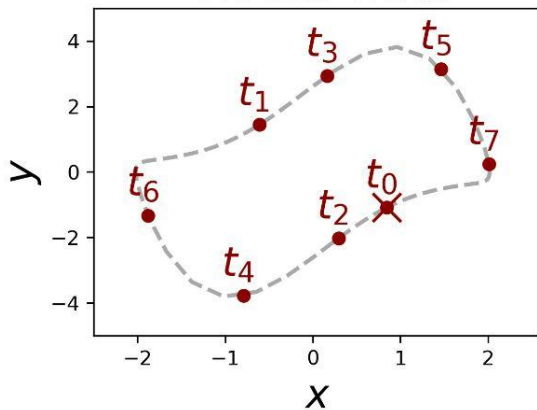
6.) Descend

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

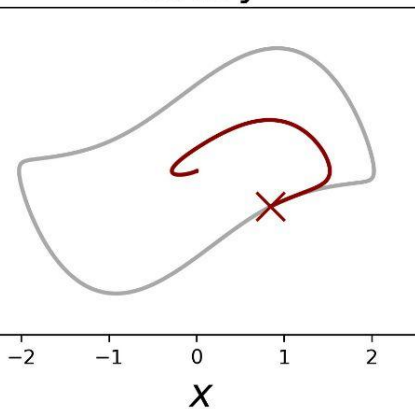
Numerical Results

Comparison with other methods

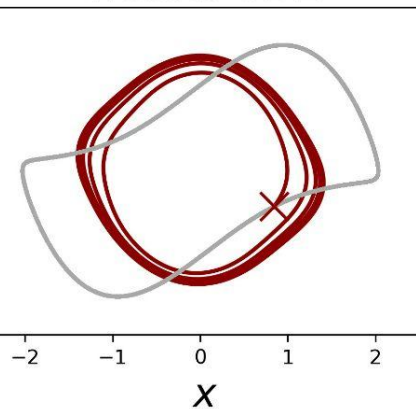
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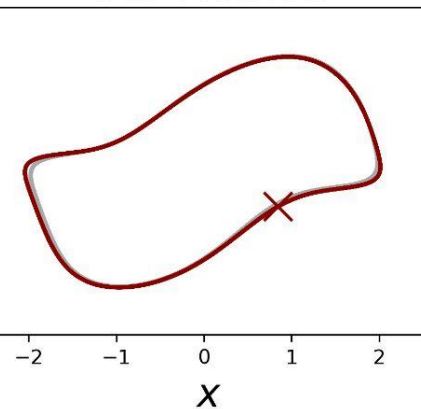
SINDy



Neural ODE



Our Method

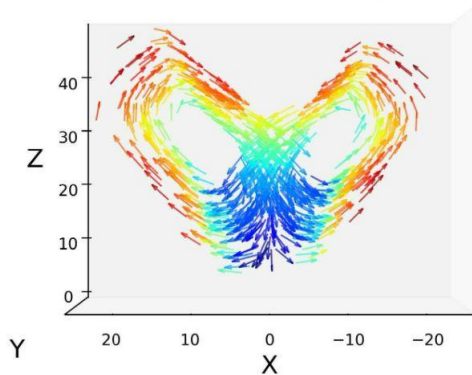


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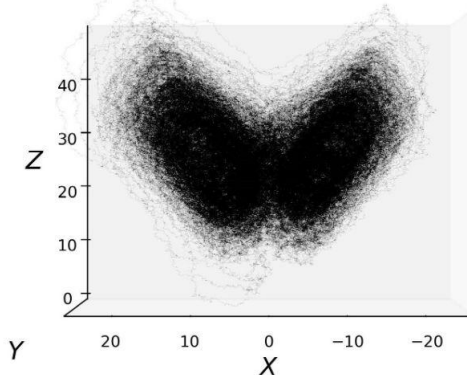
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Application to a chaotic system

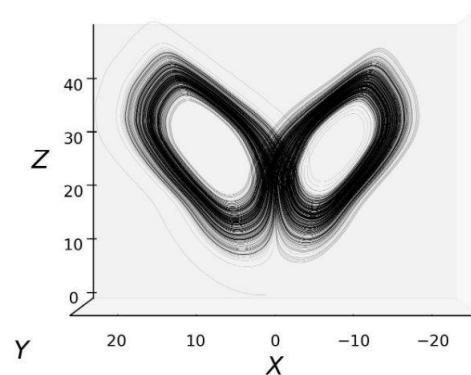
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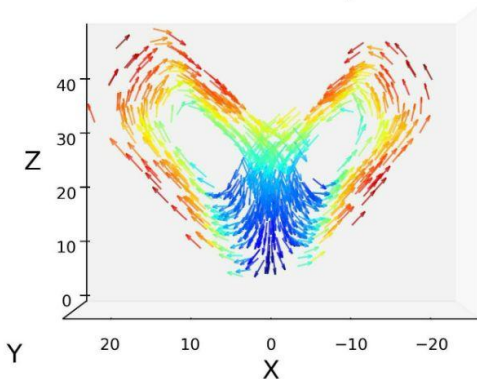
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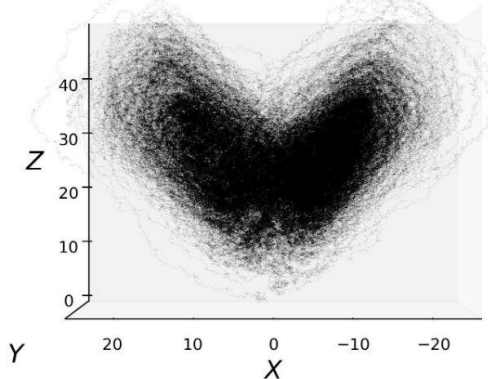
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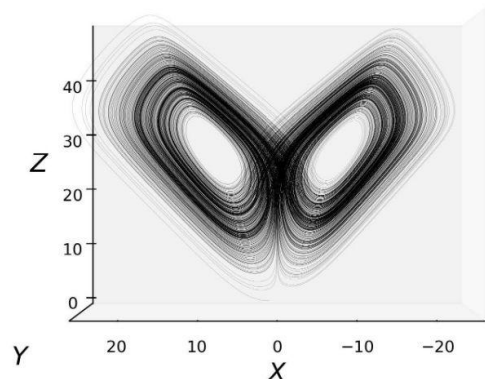
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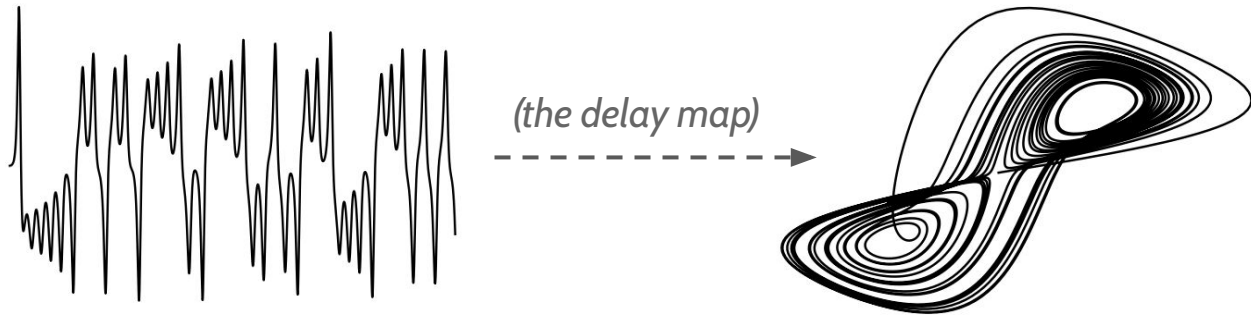
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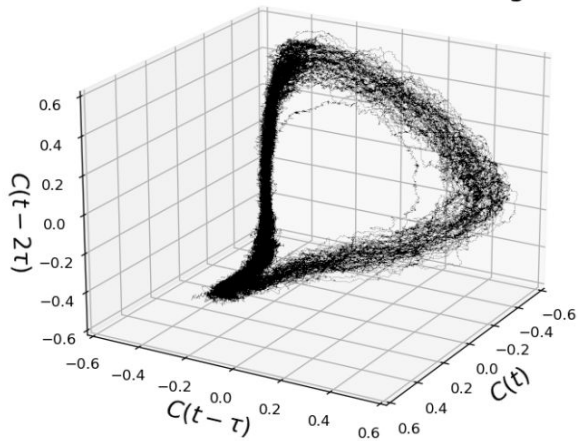
Motivated by Takens' Theorem (1981), we can instead learn the dynamics in **delay coordinates**.

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

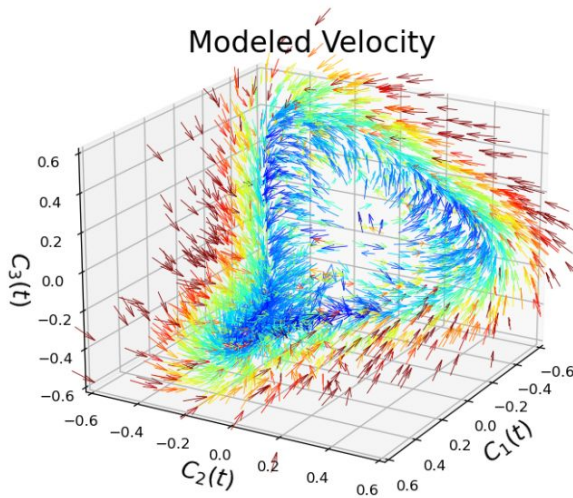


Application to a Hall-effect thruster

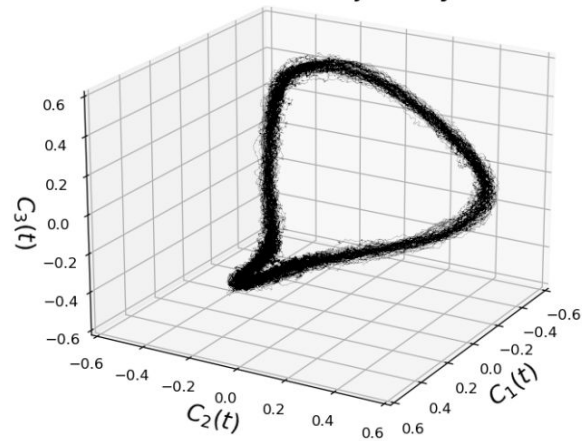
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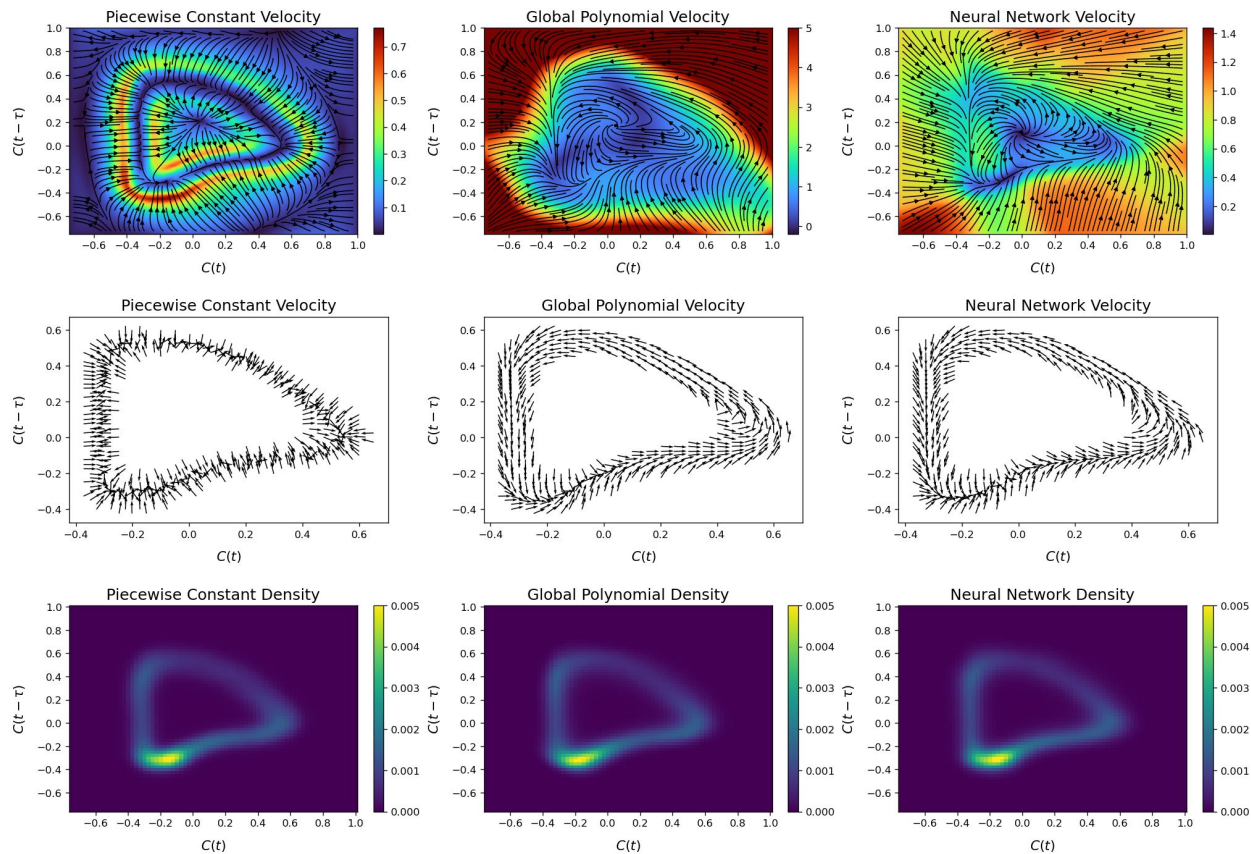
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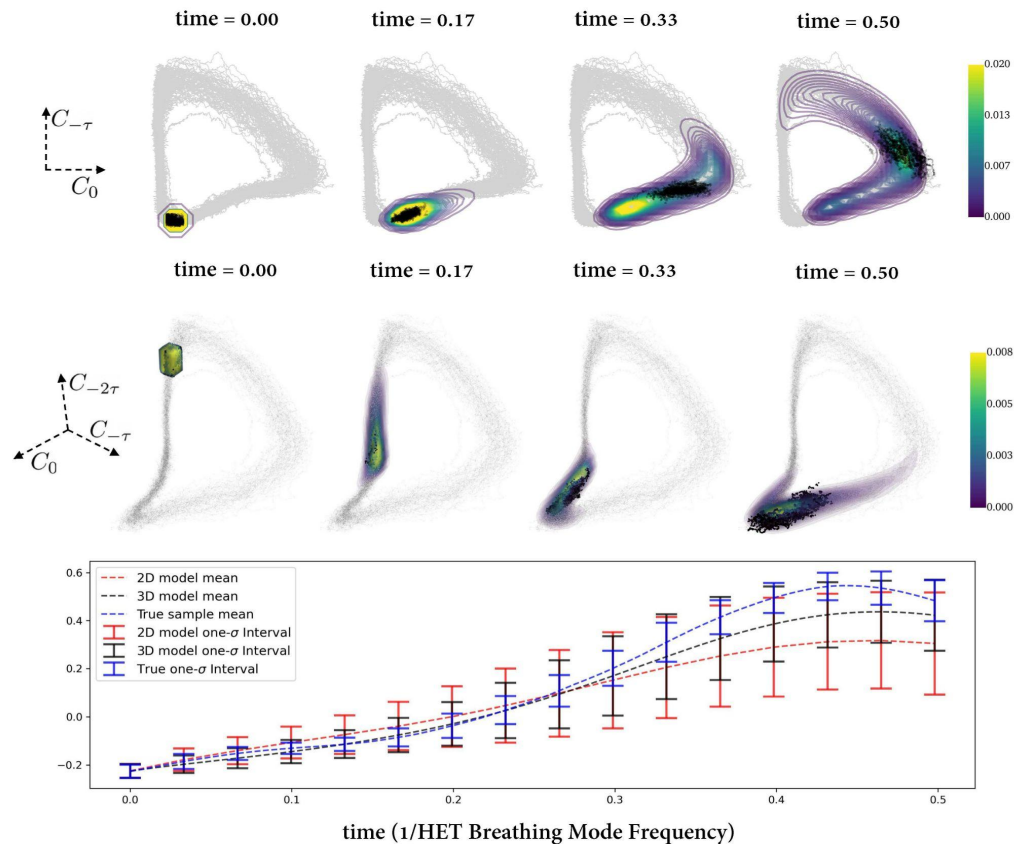
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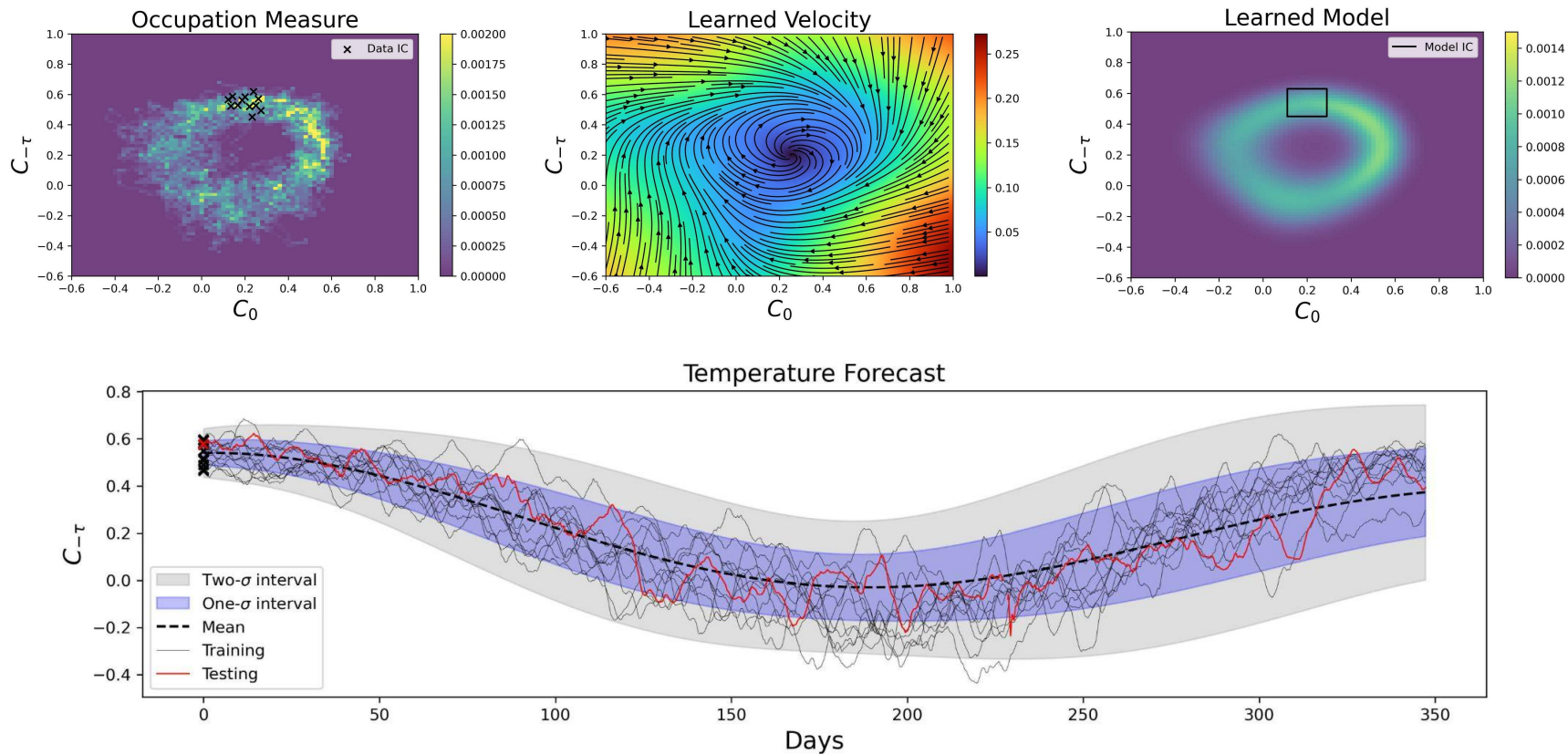
Varying the parameterization



Quantifying model uncertainty



Temperature prediction with uncertainty quantification



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