



# HOW TO SURVIVE POST-ELECTION AMERICA

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- Option 1. Invent a time-machine...
- Option 2. Canada...
- Option 3. ?



**STOP WORRYING  
AND**



**LEARN TO LOVE  
BAYESIAN**

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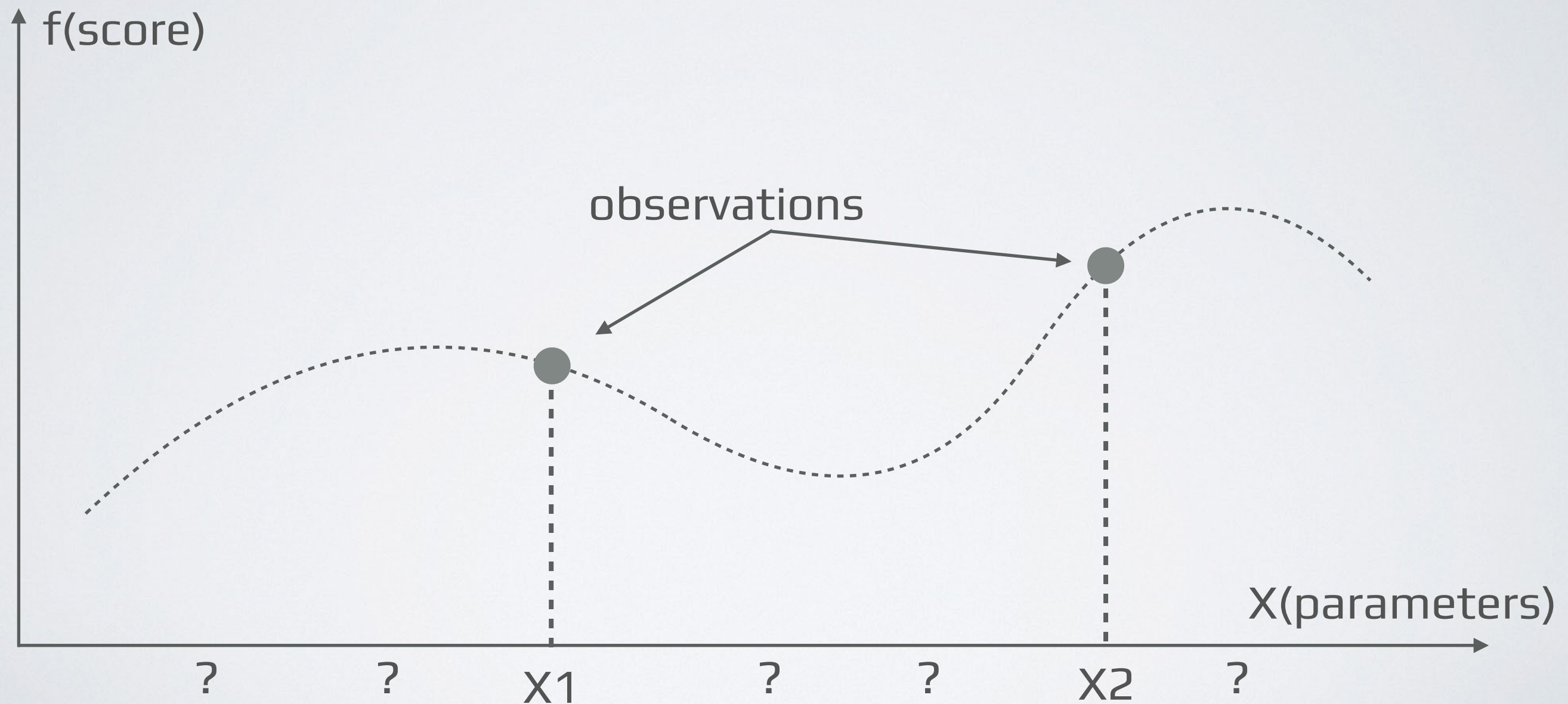
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$$\frac{0.99 \times 0.0001}{0.01 \times 0.9999 + 0.99 \times 0.0001} = 0.98\%$$

# hyperparameter tuning scenario

- Extremely large parameter space
- Each evaluation takes a long time to finish (days)
- Smart way to find the next point to evaluate ?

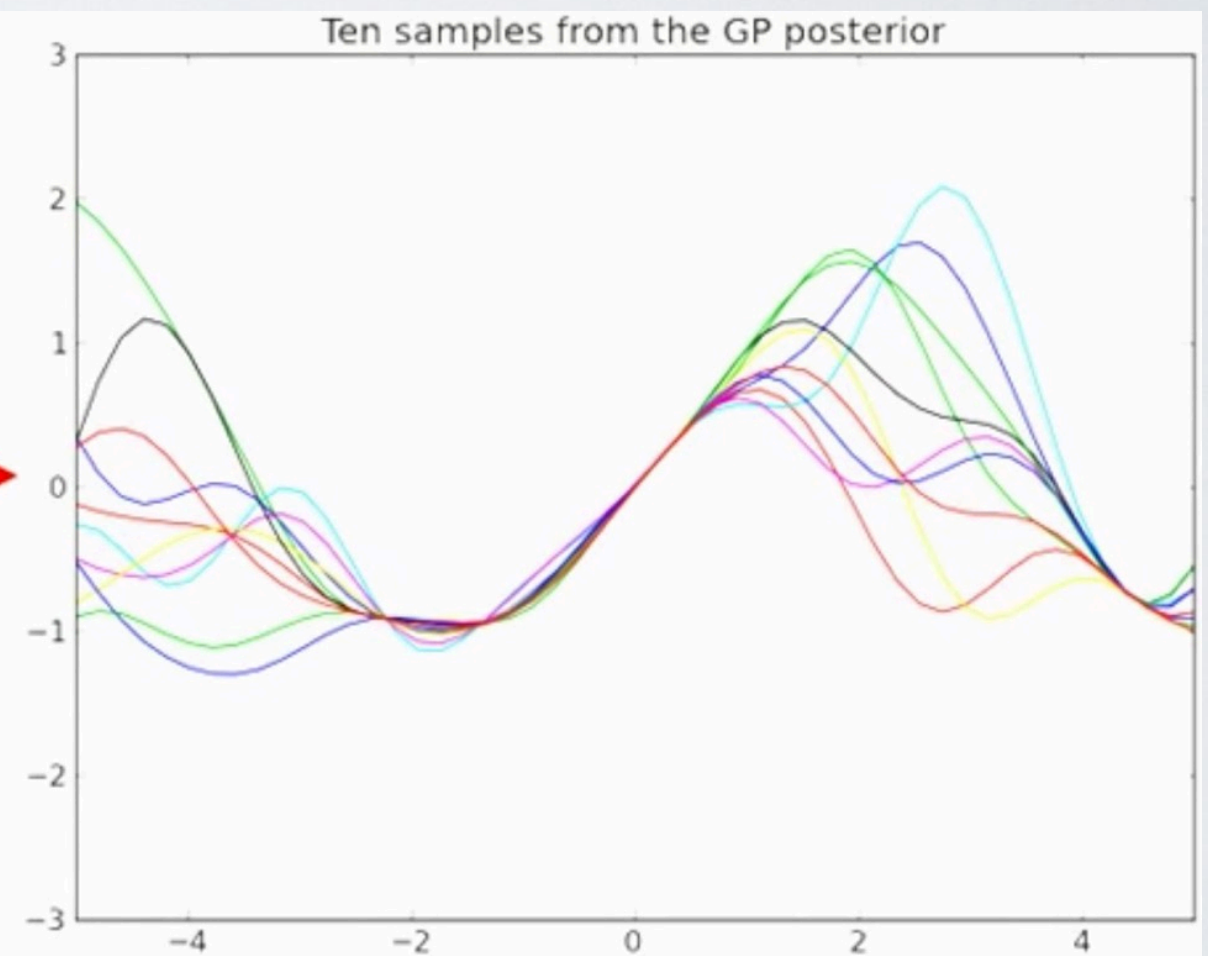
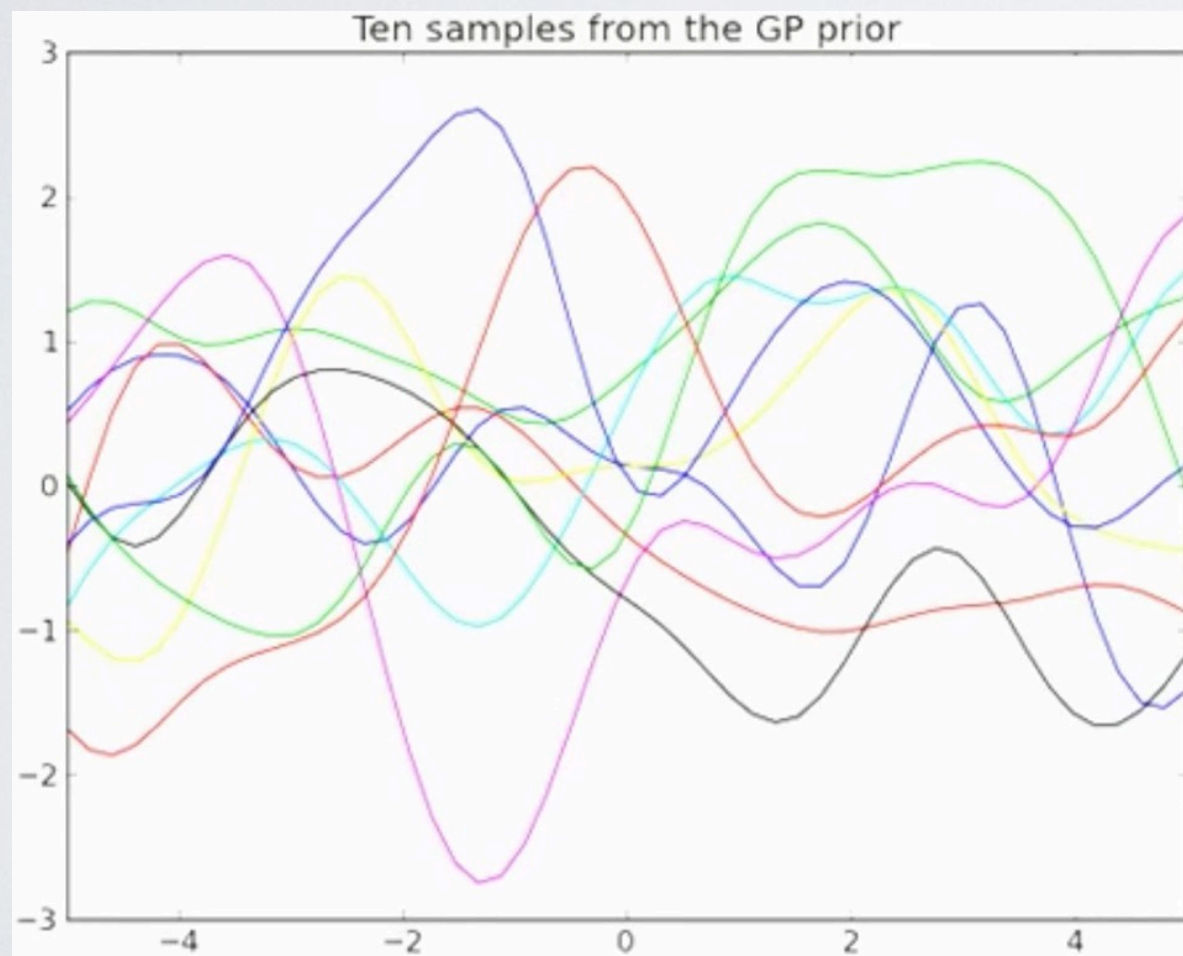




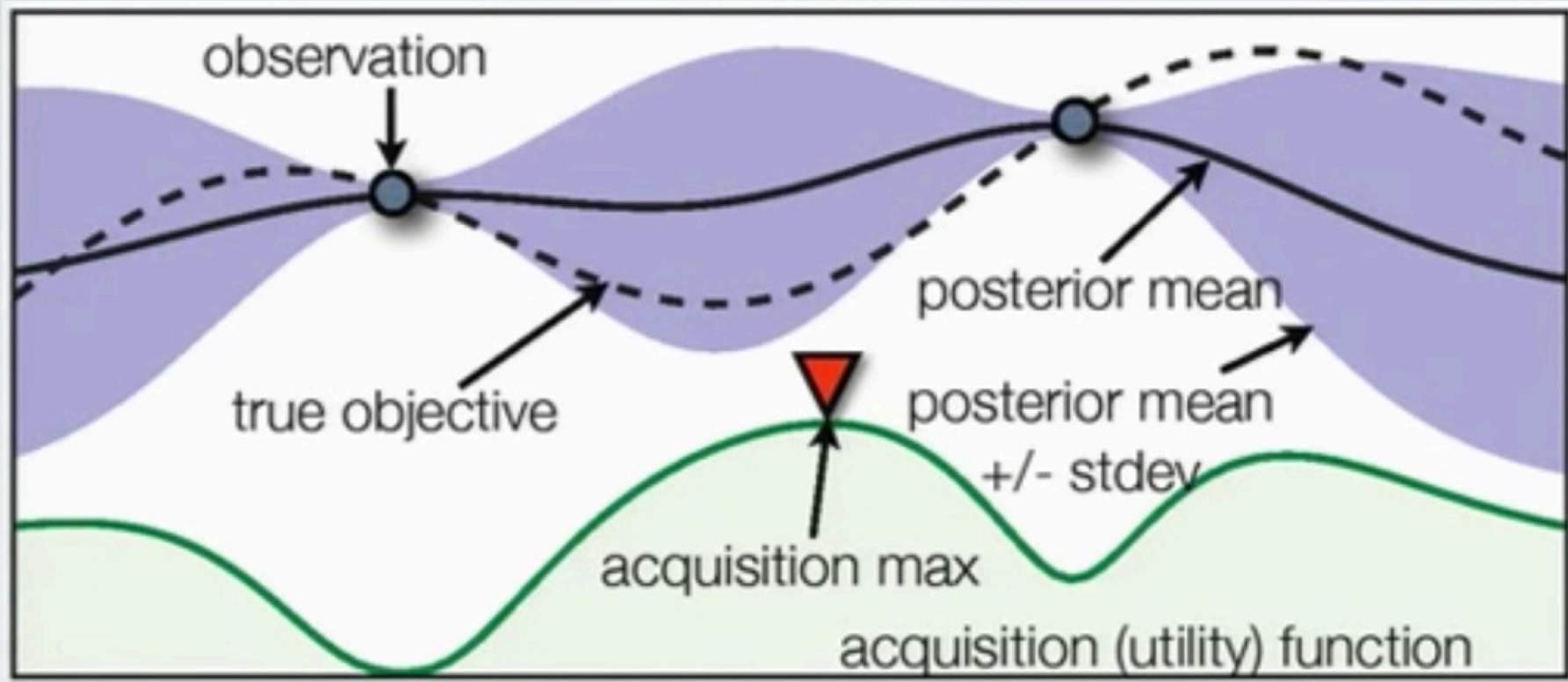
**Prior belief**  $p(f)$   
a multivariate  
normal(Gaussian)  
distribution

**Updated belief**  
using Bayesian theory

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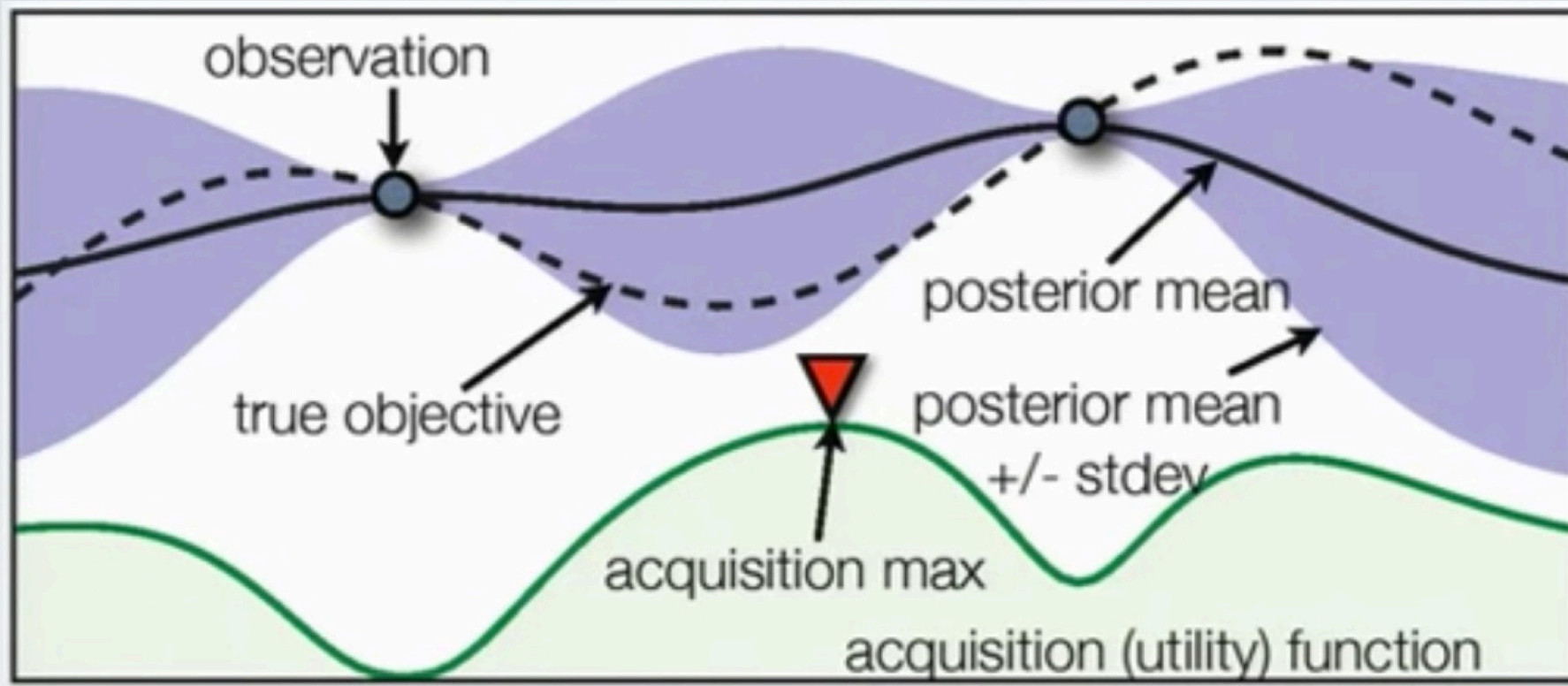




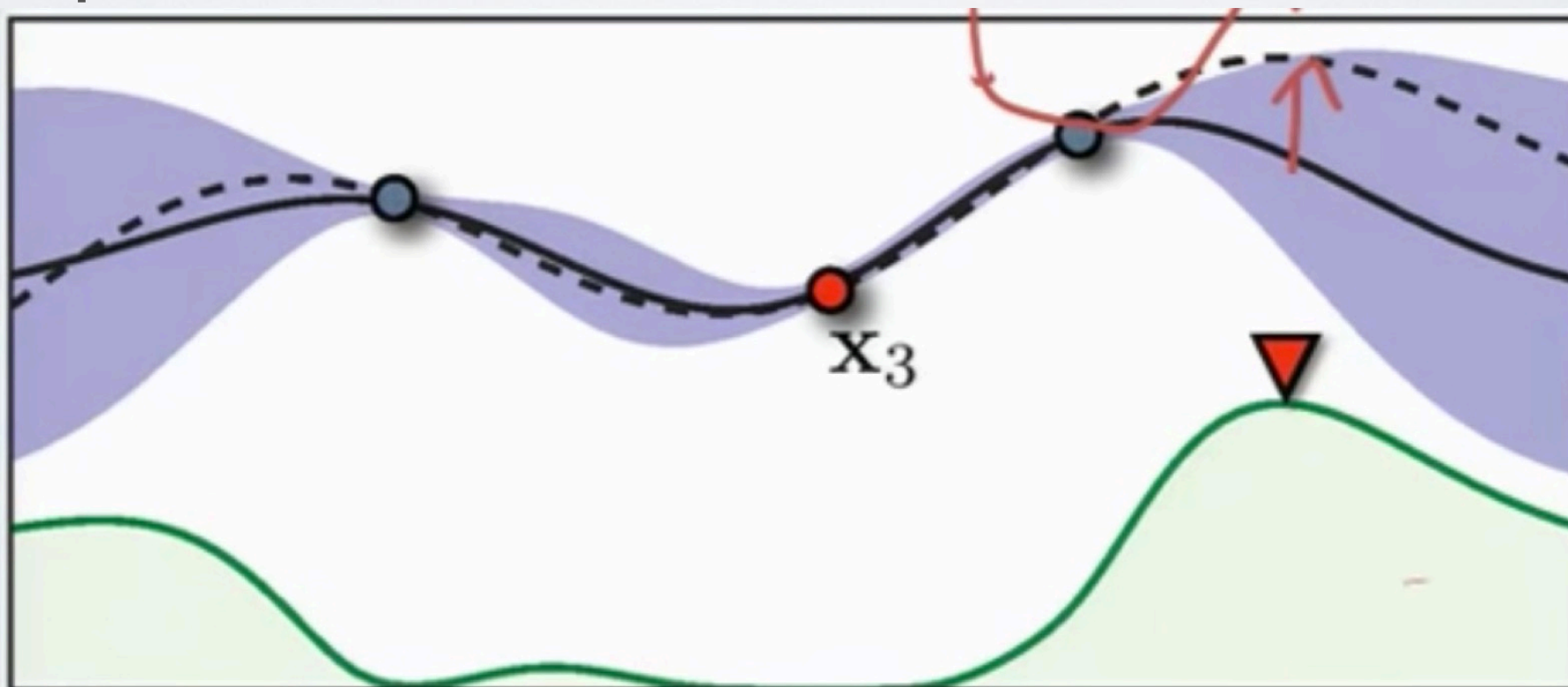


## Introducing acquisition(utility) function

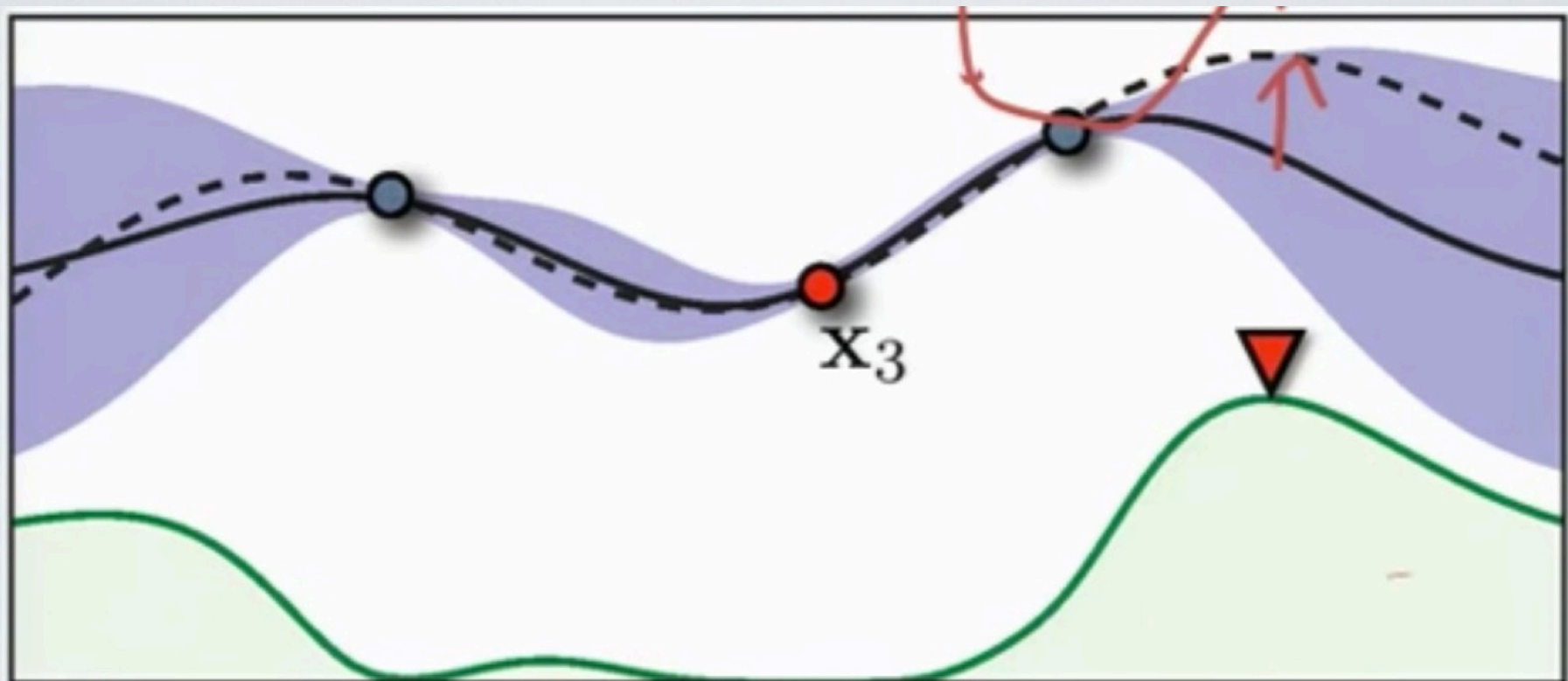
- measures the **chance** of hitting a higher score for every X
- many different ways to construct (chance of improvement)
- updates after each observation
- provides a systematical way to approach max score



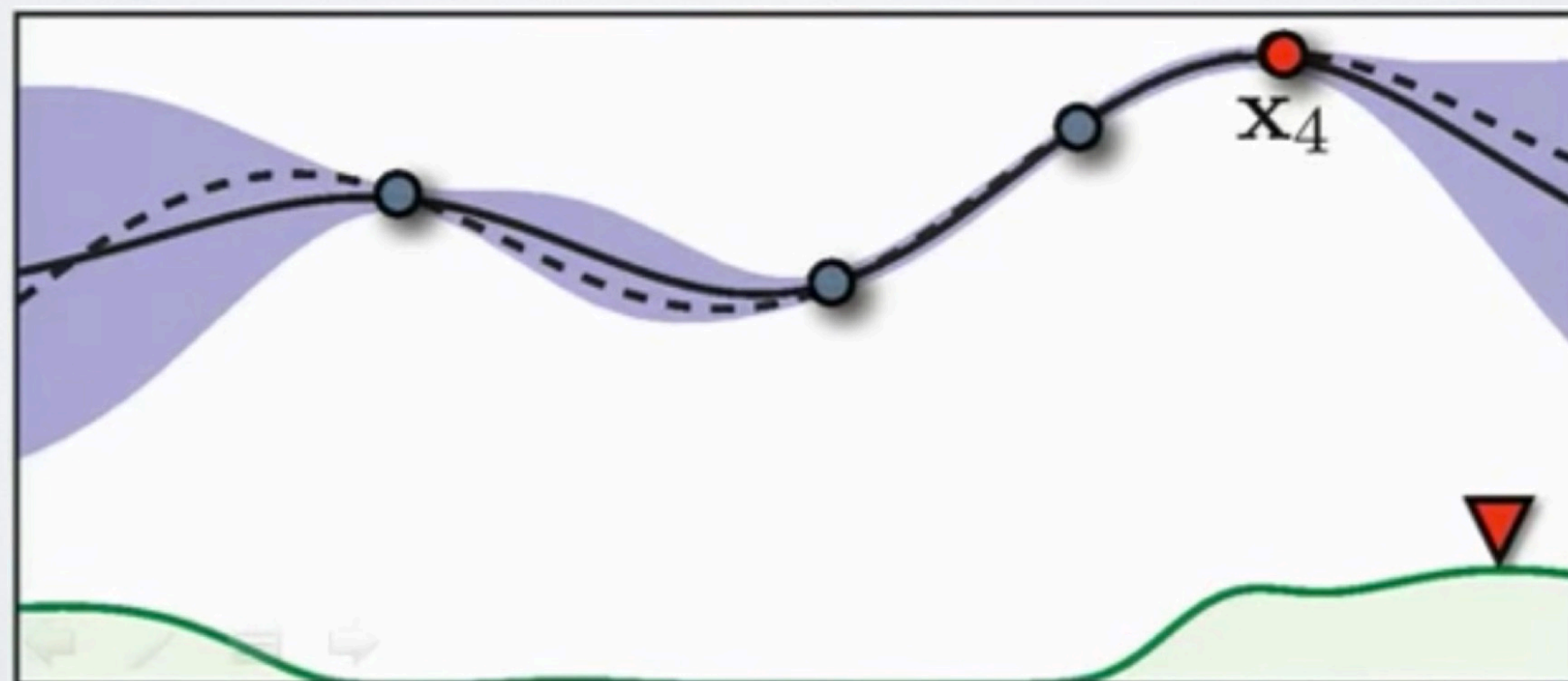
Updates after observation  $X_3$







Updates after observation  $X_4$



# Gaussian Process Bayesian Optimization

- Smarter
- Uses collective information
- “model of the results”
- Advantage over humans in high-dimensional space
- Systematic approach with no bias toward a particular model



# DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE?

(IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)

THIS NEUTRINO DETECTOR MEASURES  
WHETHER THE SUN HAS GONE NOVA.

THEN, IT ROLLS TWO DICE. IF THEY  
BOTH COME UP SIX, IT LIES TO US.  
OTHERWISE, IT TELLS THE TRUTH.

LET'S TRY.

DETECTOR! HAS THE  
SUN GONE NOVA?

(ROLL)  
YES.



FREQUENTIST STATISTICIAN:

THE PROBABILITY OF THIS RESULT  
HAPPENING BY CHANCE IS  $\frac{1}{36} = 0.027$ .  
SINCE  $p < 0.05$ , I CONCLUDE  
THAT THE SUN HAS EXPLODED.



BAYESIAN STATISTICIAN:

BET YOU \$50  
IT HASN'T.



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Thank you