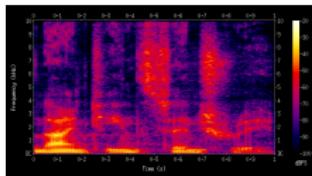


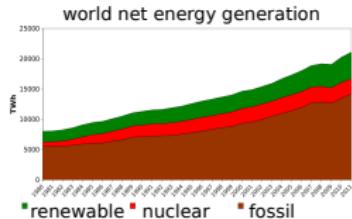
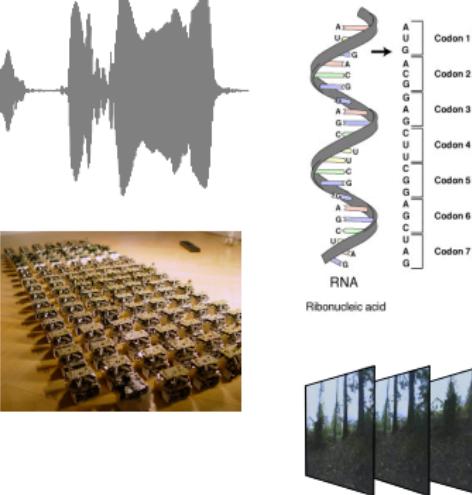
# Sequence Modelling

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# Sequence data

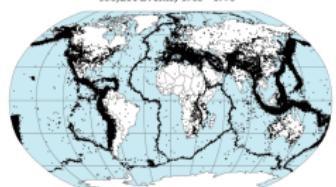


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On the Feast of Stephen;  
When the snow lay round about;  
Deep and crisp and even;  
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Preliminary Determination of Epicenters  
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I believe that at the end of the century the use of words and general educated opinion will have altered so much that one will be able to speak of machines thinking without expecting to be contradicted.

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## Goals of sequence modelling

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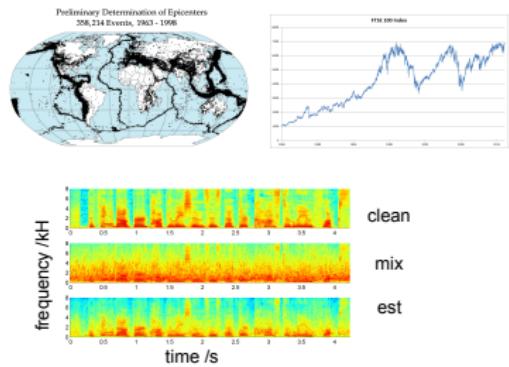
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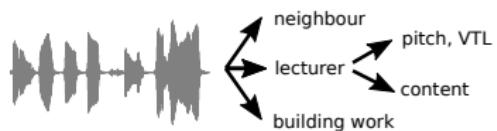
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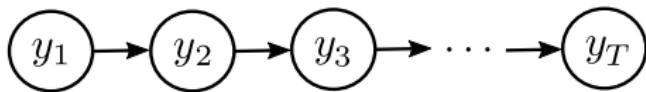
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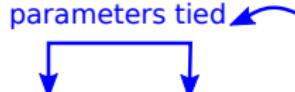


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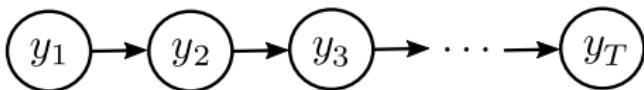
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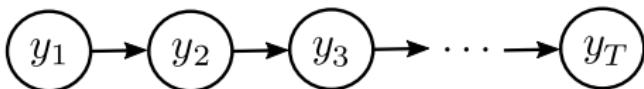


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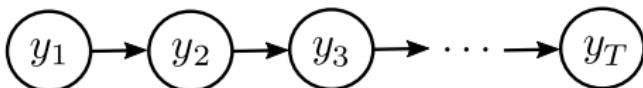
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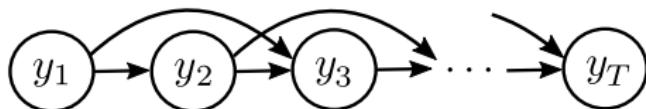
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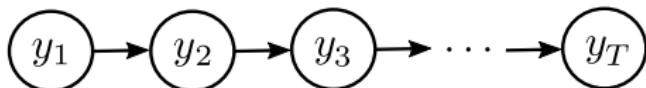
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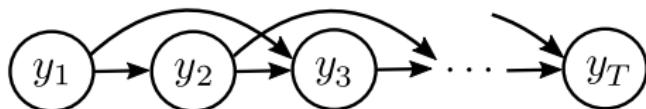
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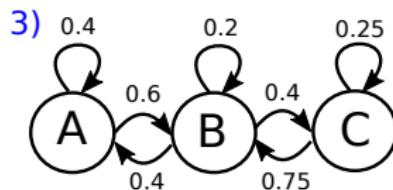
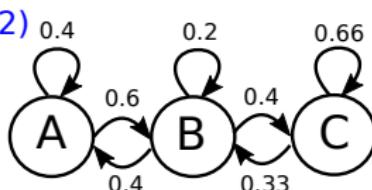
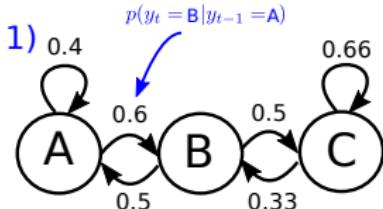
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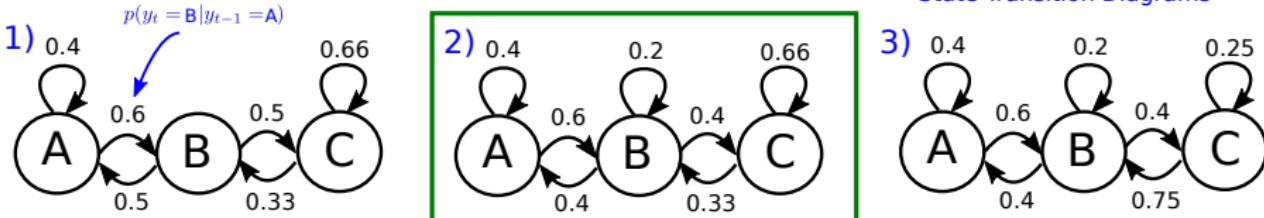
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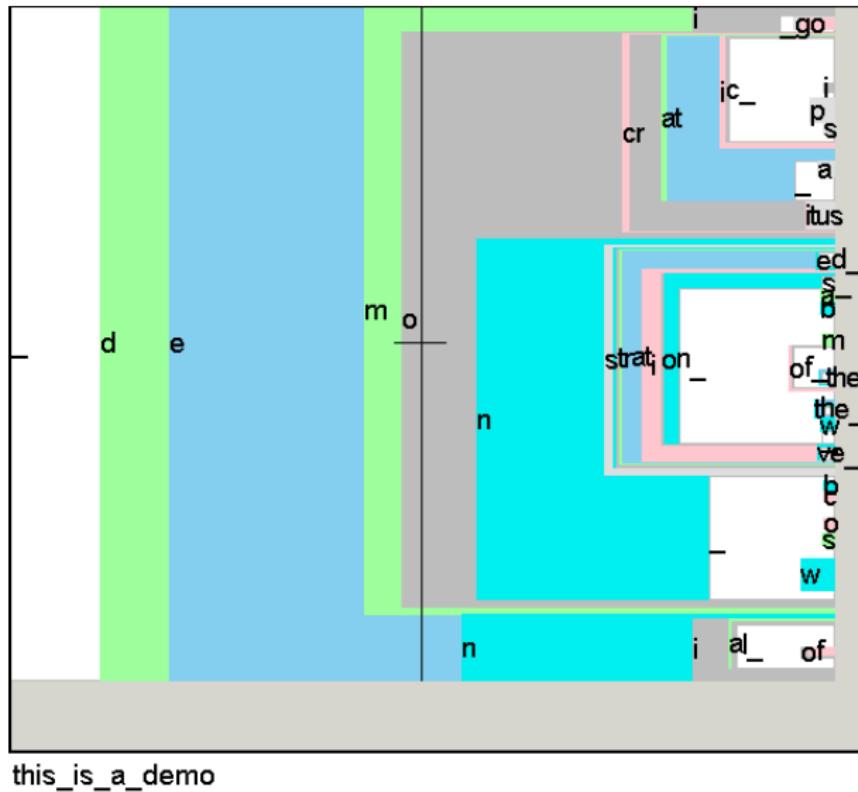
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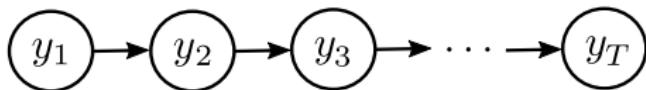
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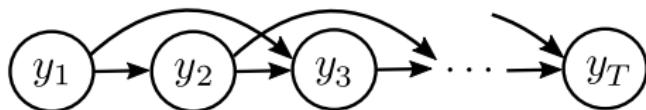
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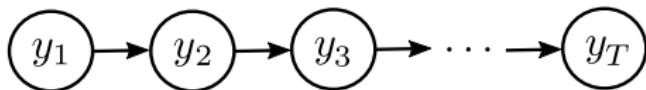
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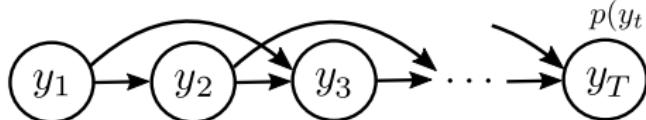
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↑ continuous vector states      ↑ initial state density      ↑ transition density

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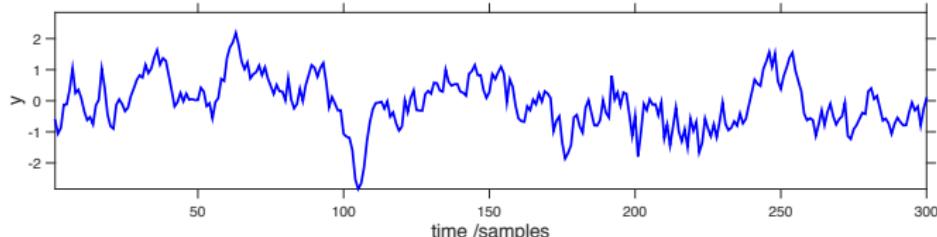
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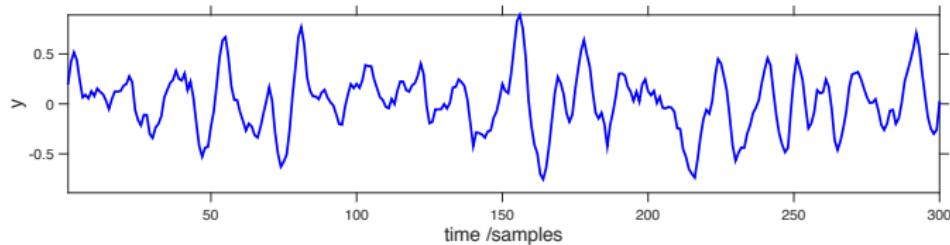
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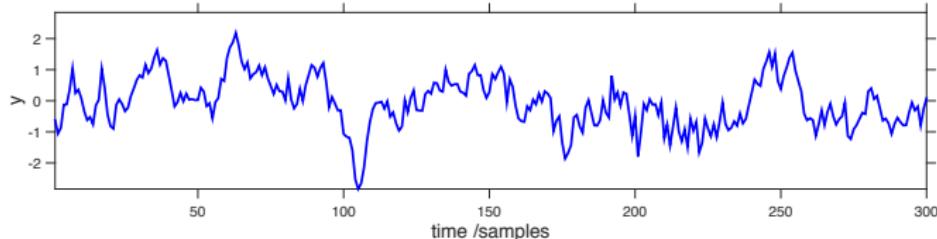
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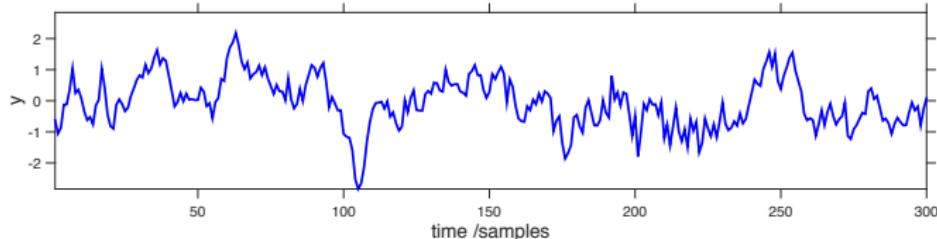


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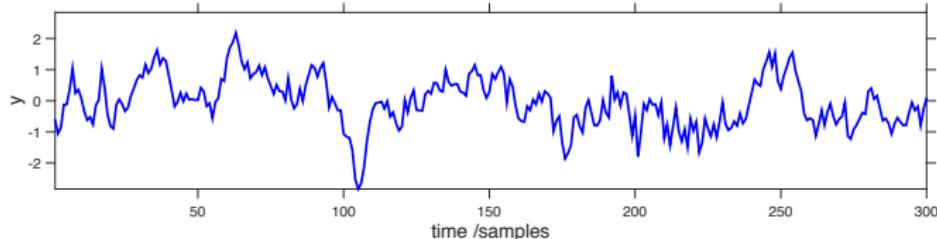
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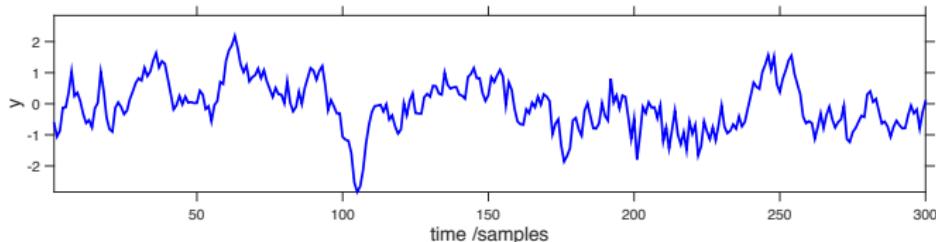
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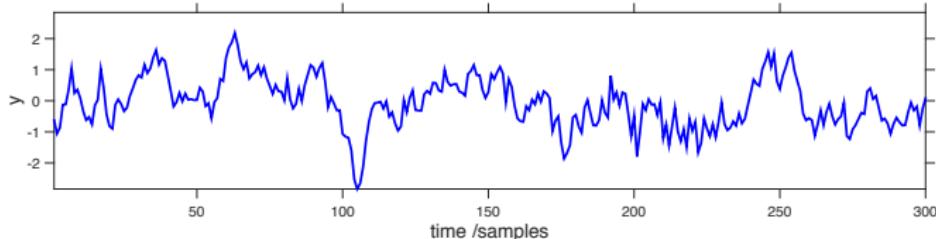
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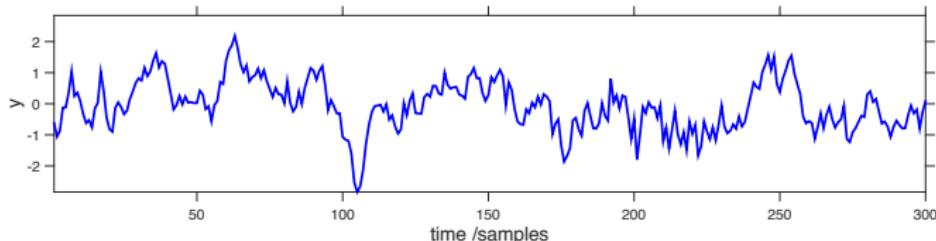
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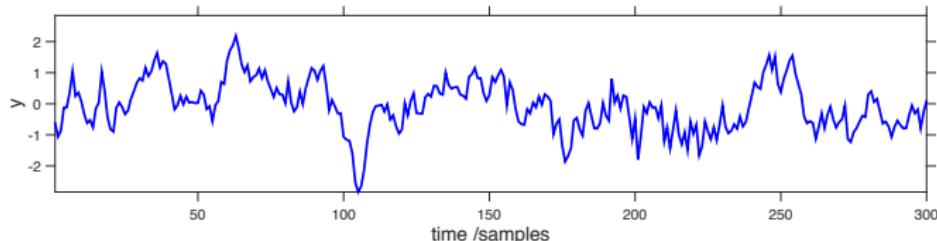
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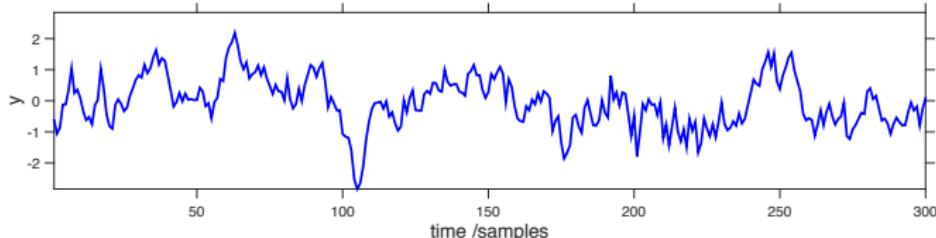
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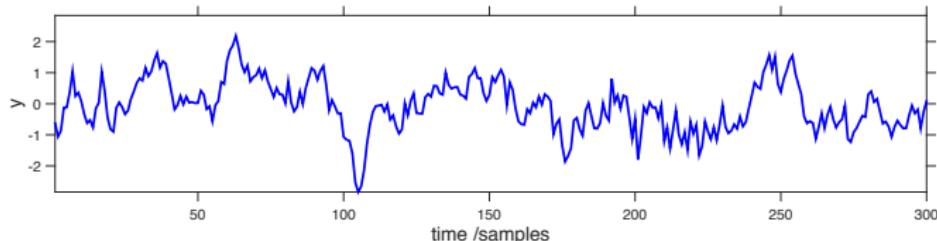
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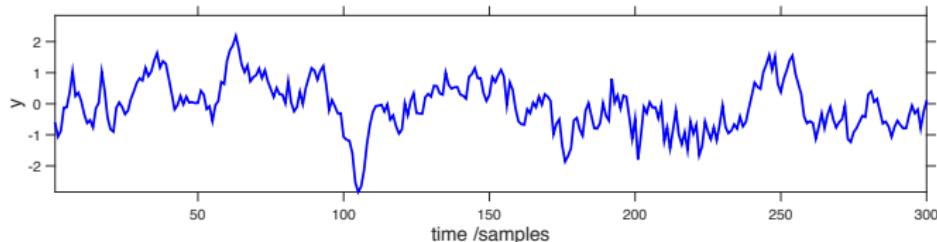
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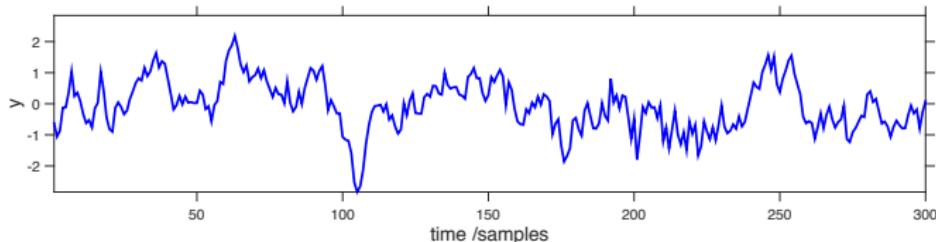
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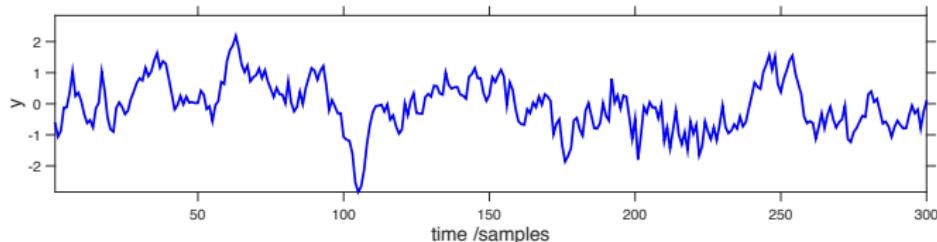
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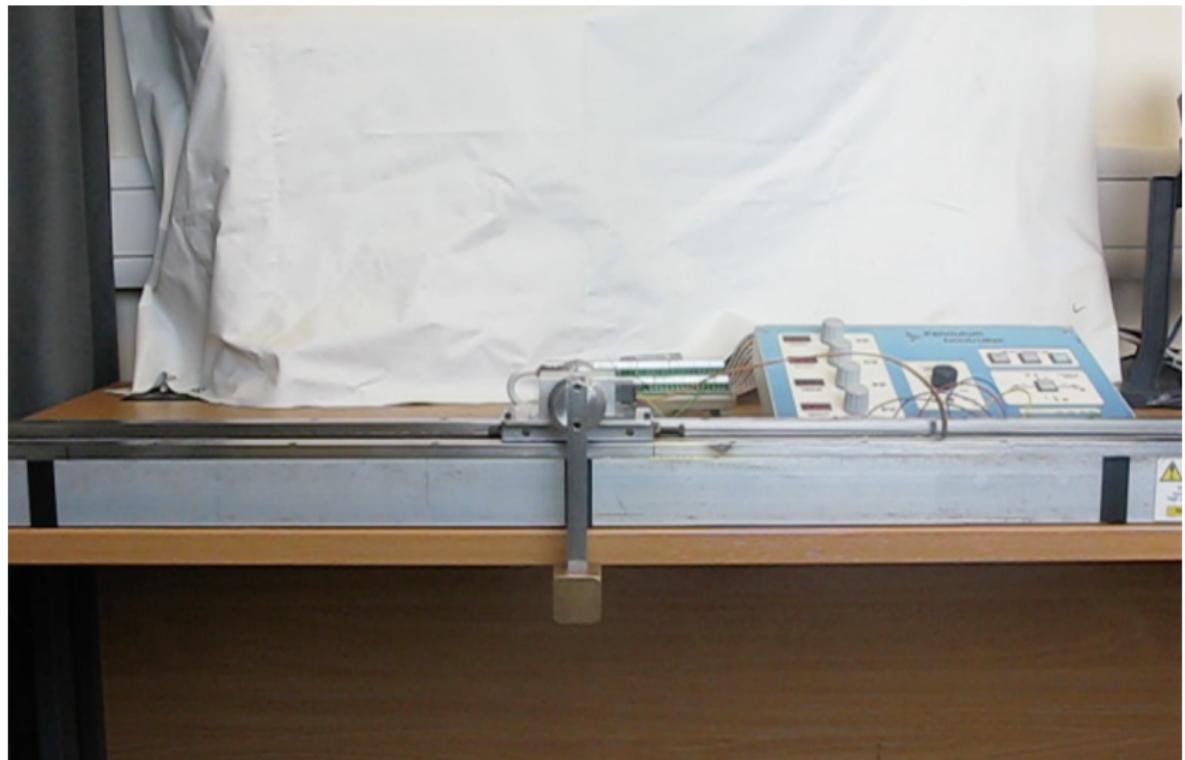
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## Example application of Markov Models: pendulum swing up control problem



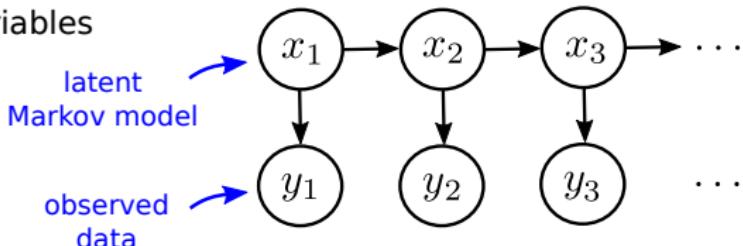
# Hidden Markov models

Real data depend on latent variables

ASR

$x$  phonemes/words

$y$  waveform/feature



Computer Vision

$x$  objects, pose, lighting

$y$  image pixel intensities

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Natural Language Processing

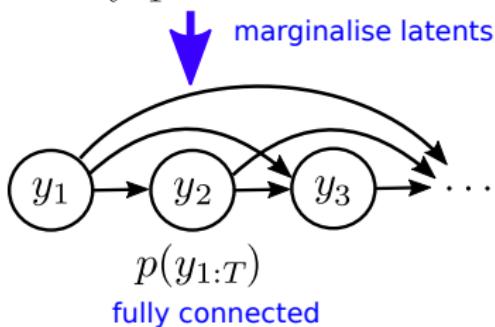
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Two prevalent Examples:

Hidden Markov Models (discrete  $x$ )

Linear Gaussian State Space Models (Gaussian  $x$  and  $y$ )



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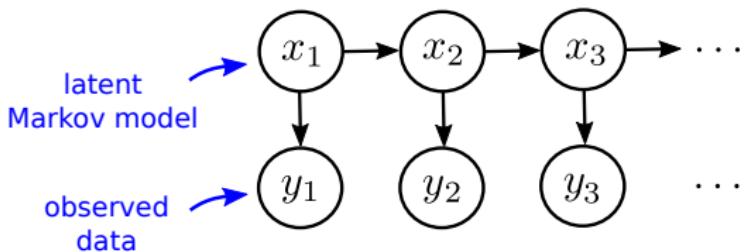
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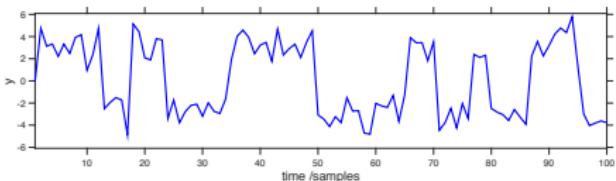


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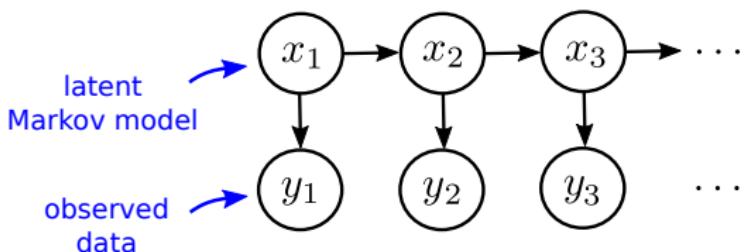
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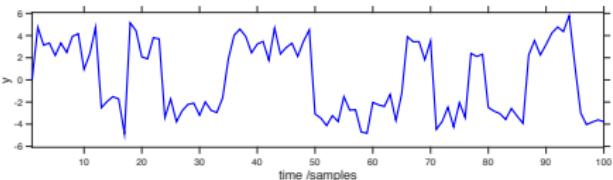


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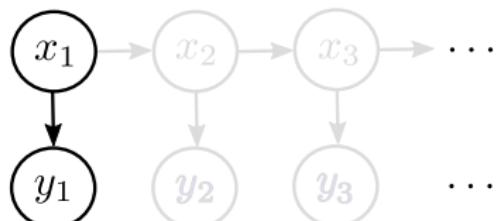
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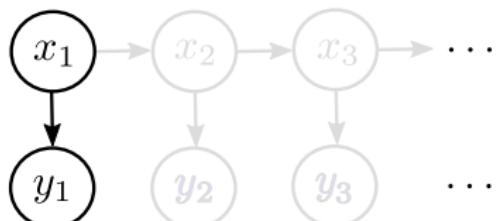
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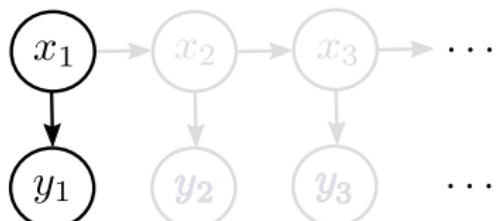
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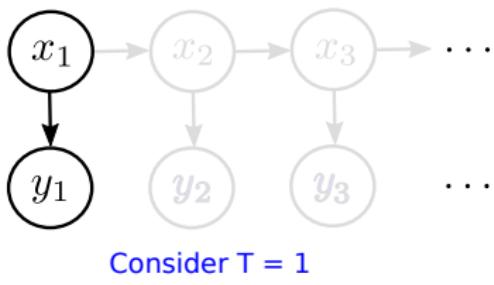
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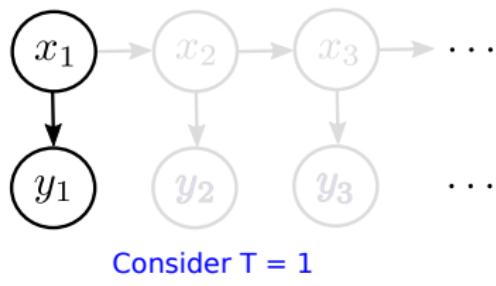
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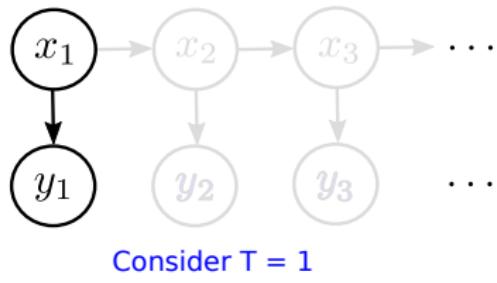
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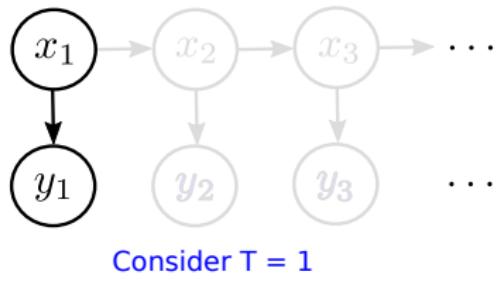
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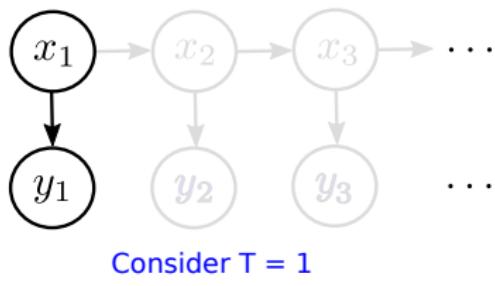
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this HMM = Mixture of Gaussian Models with dynamic cluster assignments

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Continuous Observed State

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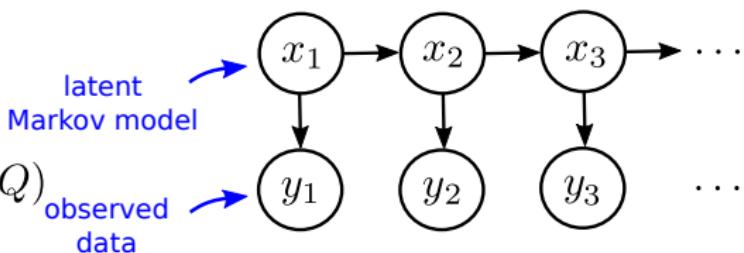
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$$\lambda = 0.99 \quad \theta = 2\pi/10$$

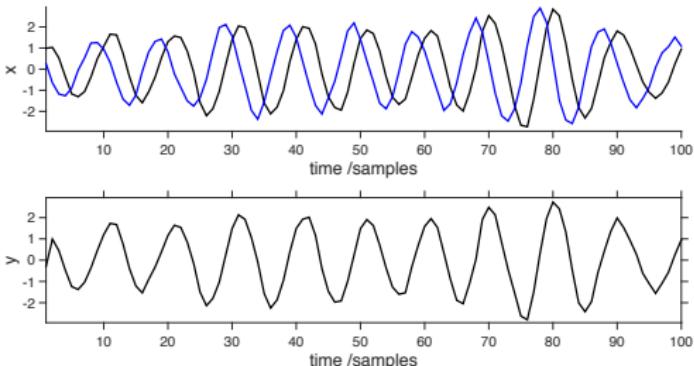
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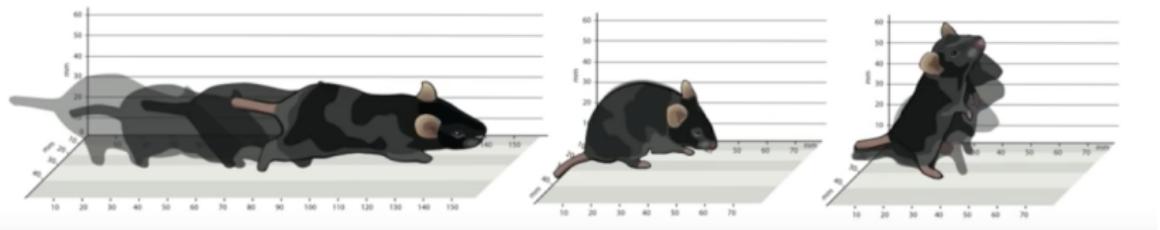
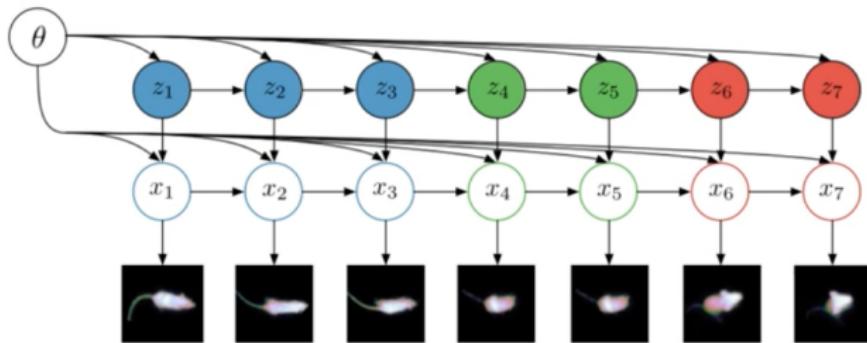
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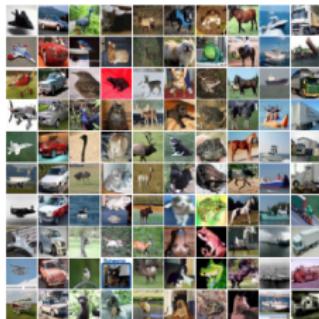


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# Connections

Neural auto-regressive models: closely related to Markov models and HMMs

Pixel CNN



## 2 WAVENET

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$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(x_t | x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}) \quad (1)$$

Each audio sample  $x_t$  is therefore conditioned on the samples at all previous timesteps.

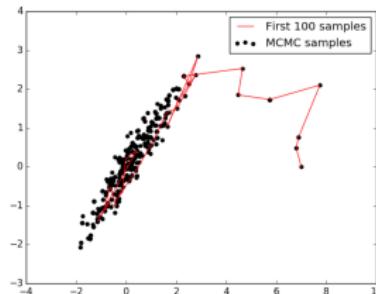
## MCMC: design Markov chain with desired stationary distribution

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**Algorithm 1** Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

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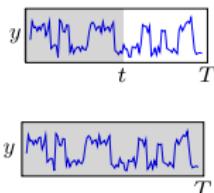
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Initialize  $x^{(0)} \sim q(x)$ 
for iteration  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  do
    Propose:  $x^{cand} \sim q(x^{(i)} | x^{(i-1)})$ 
    Acceptance Probability:
         $\alpha(x^{cand} | x^{(i-1)}) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{q(x^{(i-1)} | x^{cand}) \pi(x^{cand})}{q(x^{cand} | x^{(i-1)}) \pi(x^{(i-1)})} \right\}$ 
         $u \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ 
        if  $u < \alpha$  then
            Accept the proposal:  $x^{(i)} \leftarrow x^{cand}$ 
        else
            Reject the proposal:  $x^{(i)} \leftarrow x^{(i-1)}$ 
        end if
    end for
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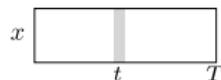
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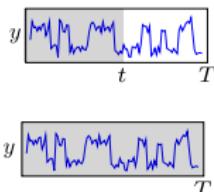
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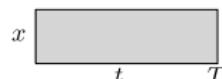
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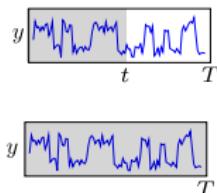
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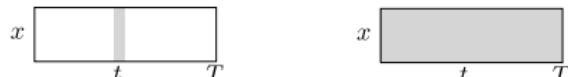
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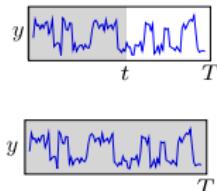
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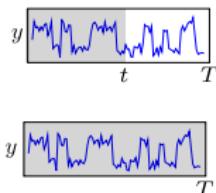
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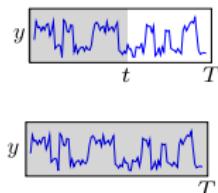
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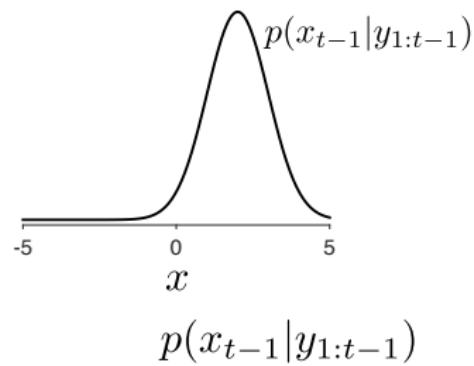
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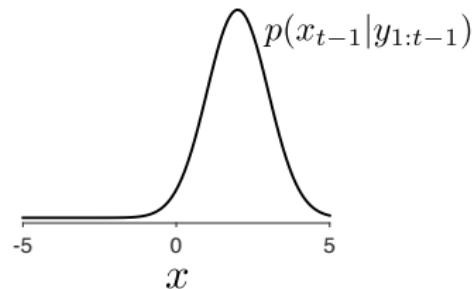
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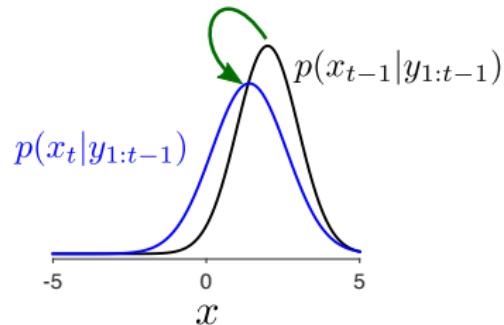


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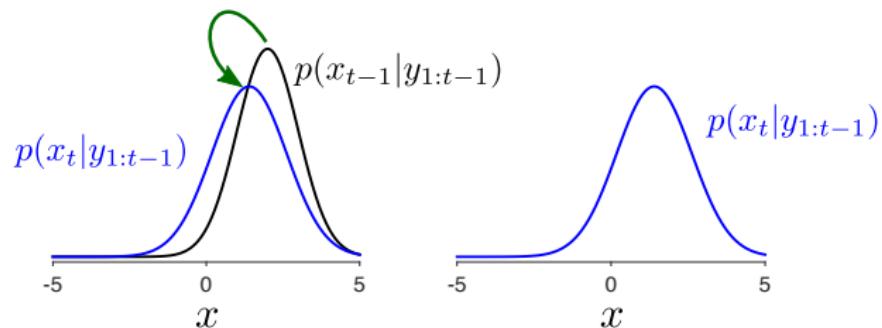


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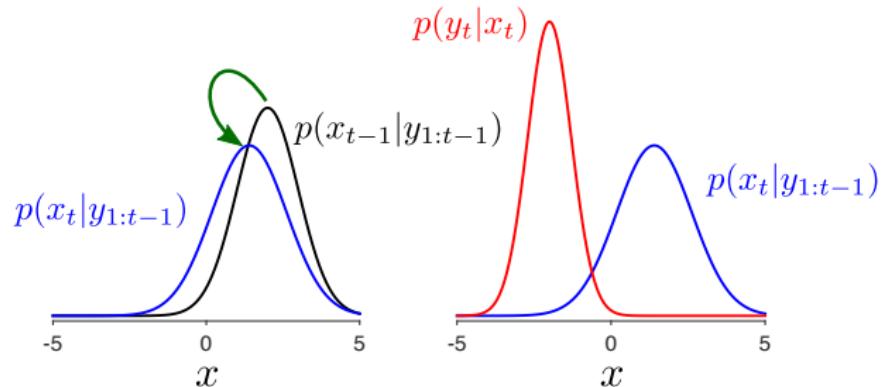
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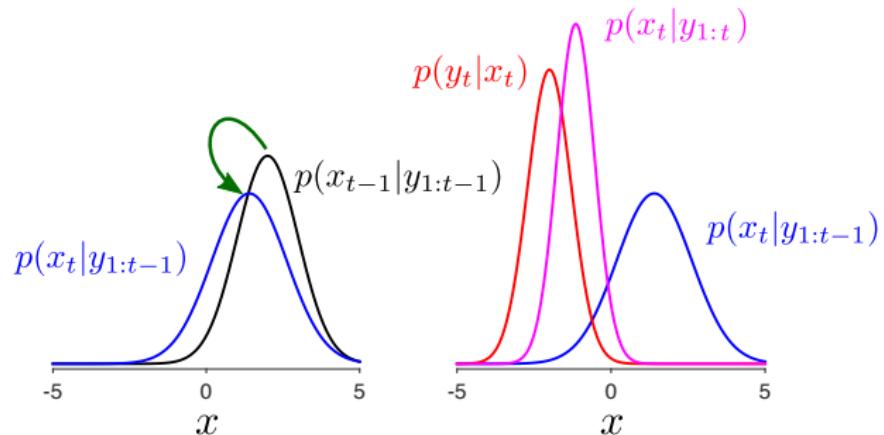
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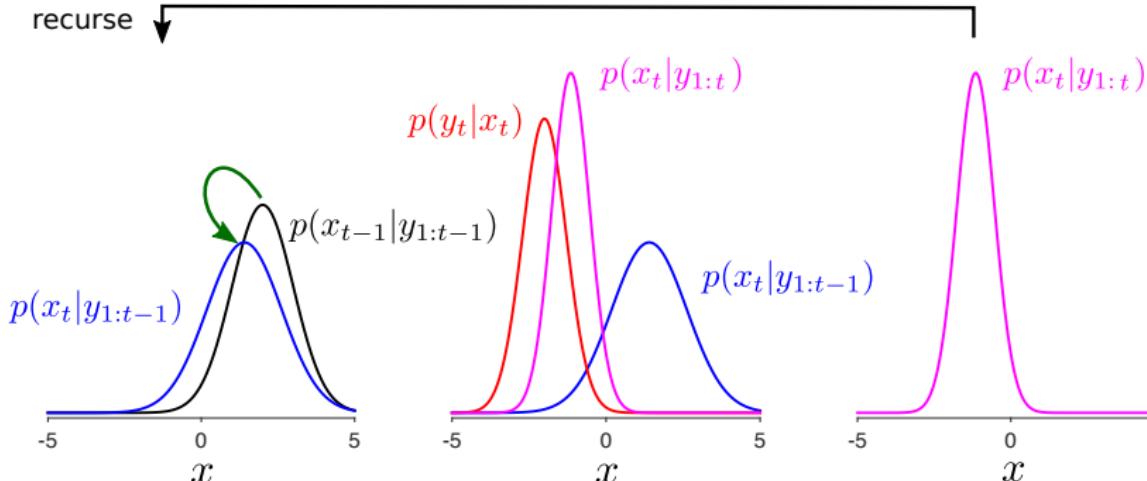
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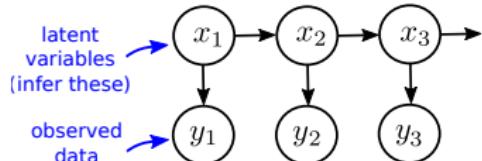
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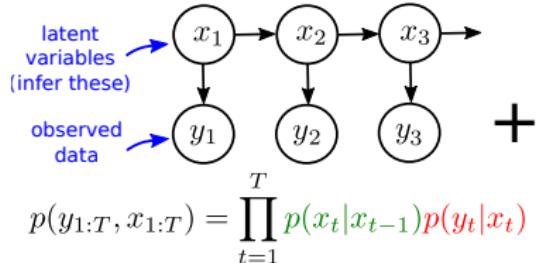
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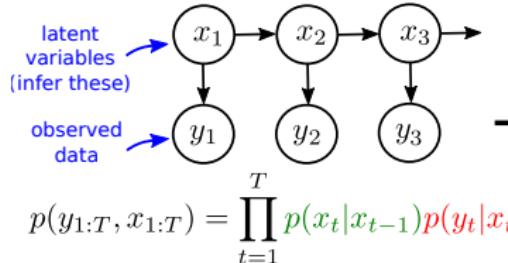
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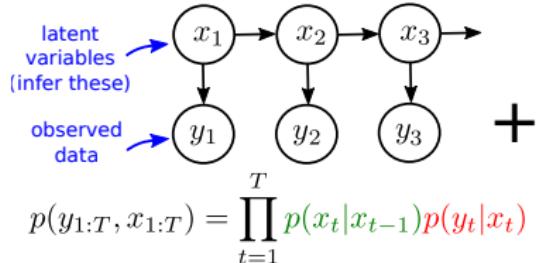
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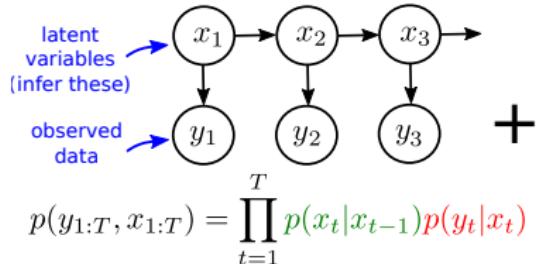
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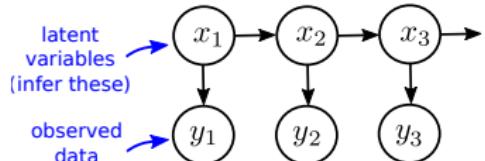
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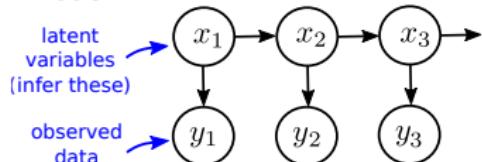
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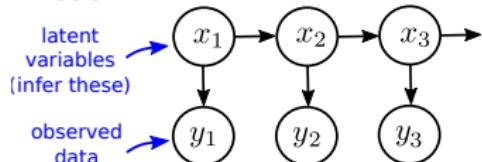
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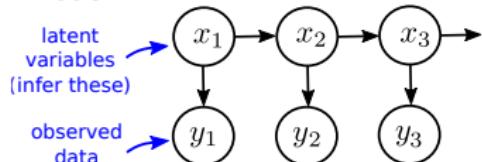
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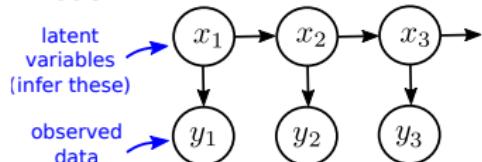
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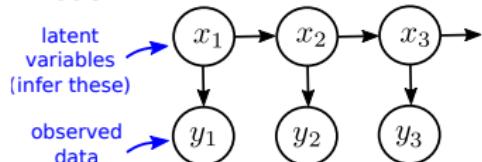
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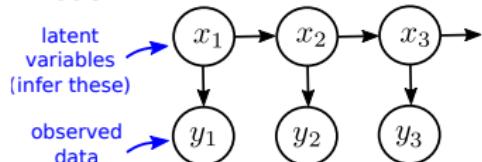
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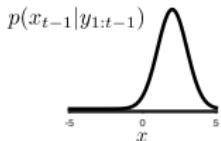
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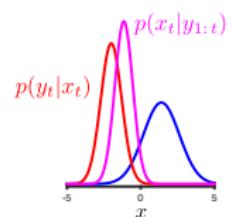
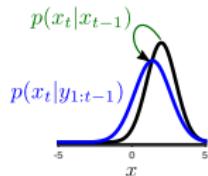


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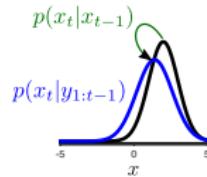
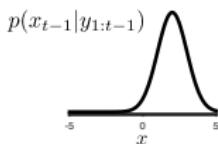
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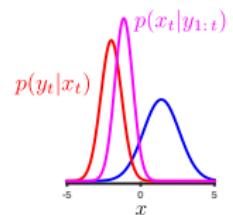
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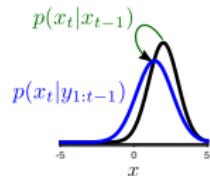
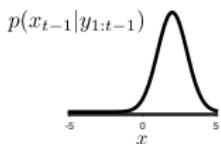
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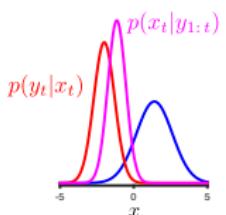
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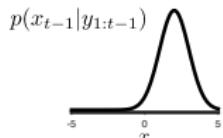
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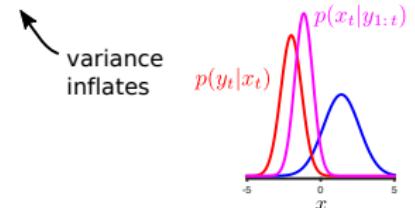
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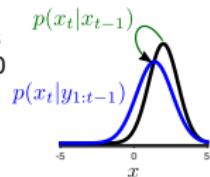
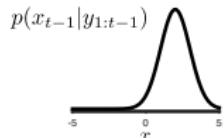
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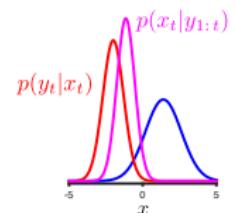
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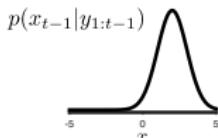
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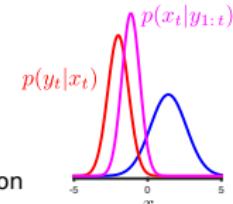
prediction

$$\mu_t^t = \mu_t^{t-1} + K_t(y_t - C\mu_t^{t-1})$$

correction

$$V_t^t = V_t^{t-1} - K_t C V_t^{t-1}$$

Kalman gain →  $K_t = V_t^{t-1} C^\top (C V_t^{t-1} C^\top + R)^{-1}$

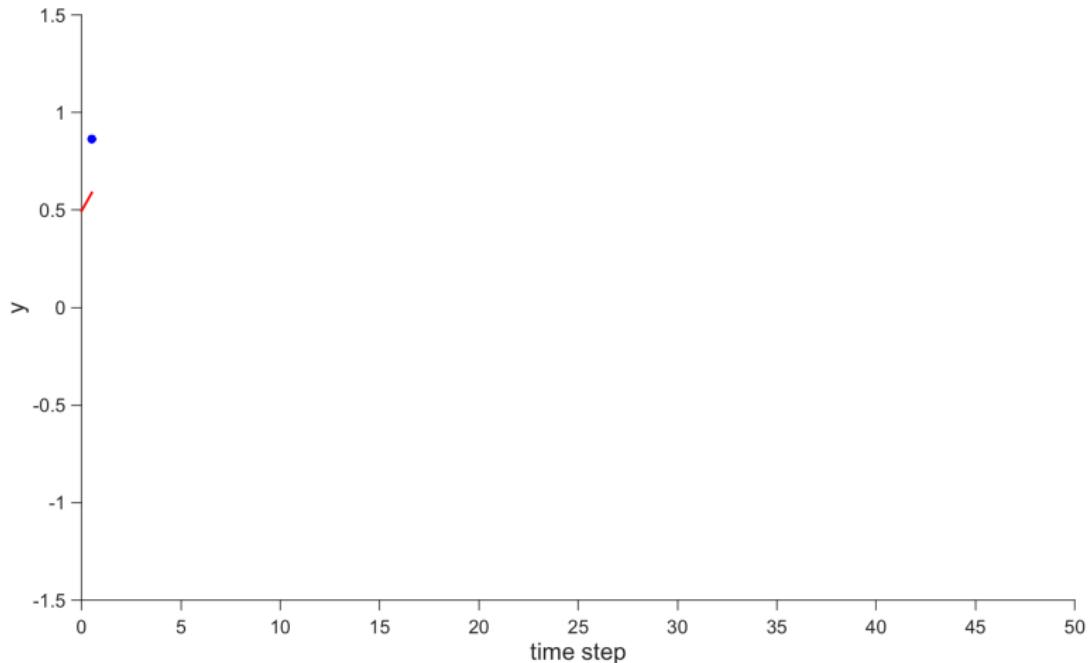


## Kalman Filter Demo

- ▶ data:  $y_t = \sin(\omega t) + \sigma_y \epsilon_t$  where  $\sigma_y^2 = 0.1$
- ▶ model:  $x_t = \lambda x_{t-1} + \sigma \eta$  and  $y_t = x_t + \sigma_y \eta'_t$   
where  $\lambda = 0.99$  and  $\sigma^2 = 1 - \lambda^2$
- ▶ demo shows how the Kalman filter processes the data to form estimates of the hidden state at each time point  $p(x_t | y_{1:t})$

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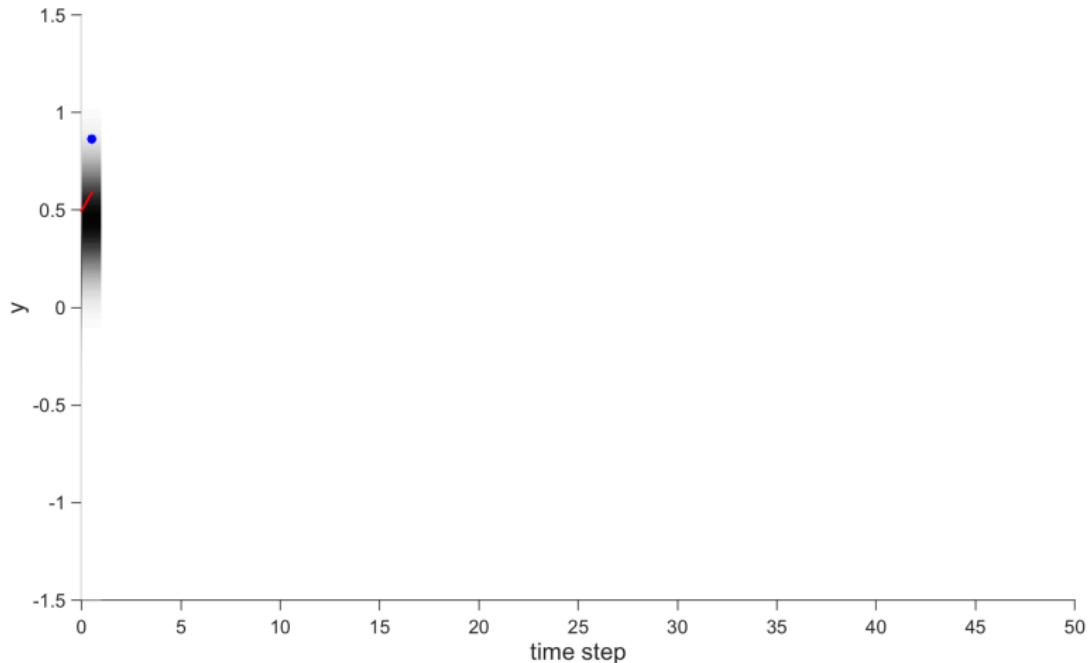
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observe first data point  $y_1$

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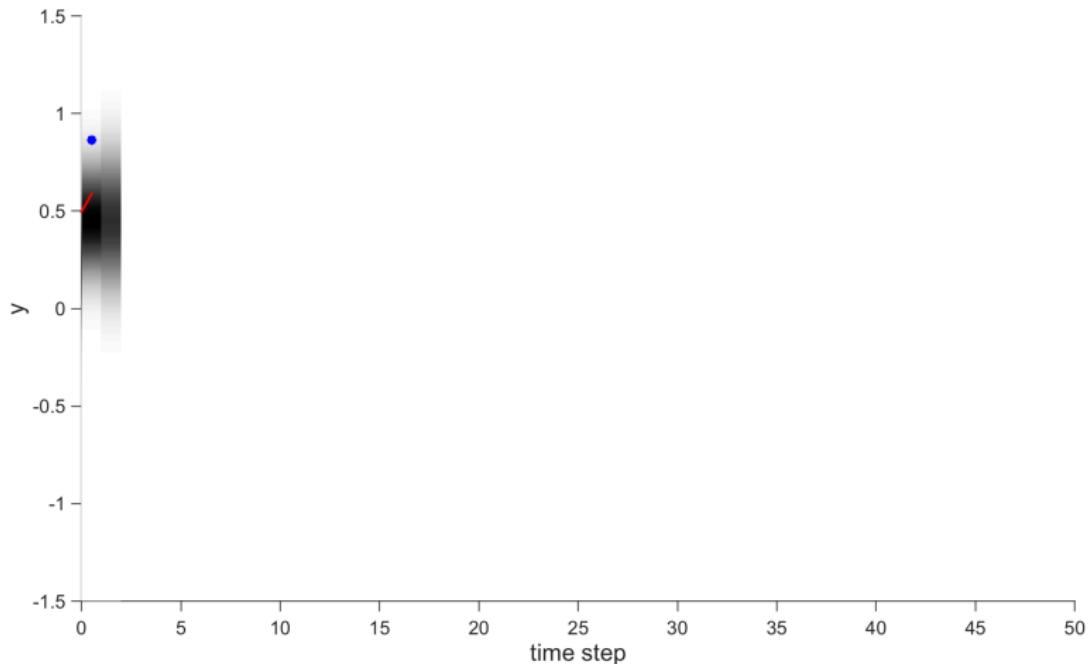
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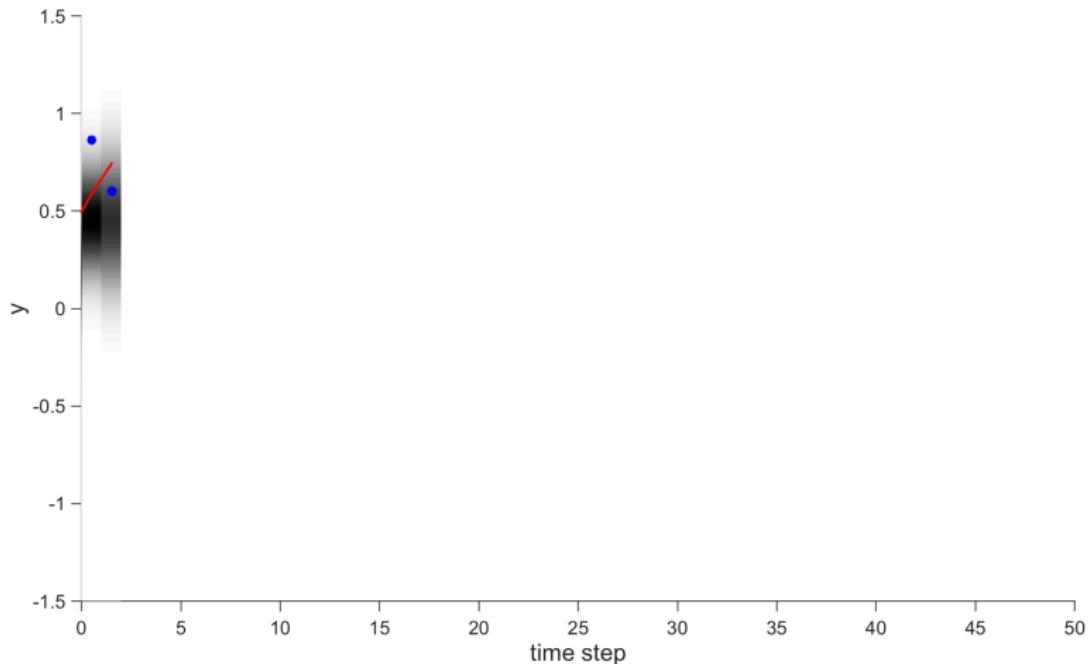
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prediction for second latent variable  $p(x_2|y_1)$

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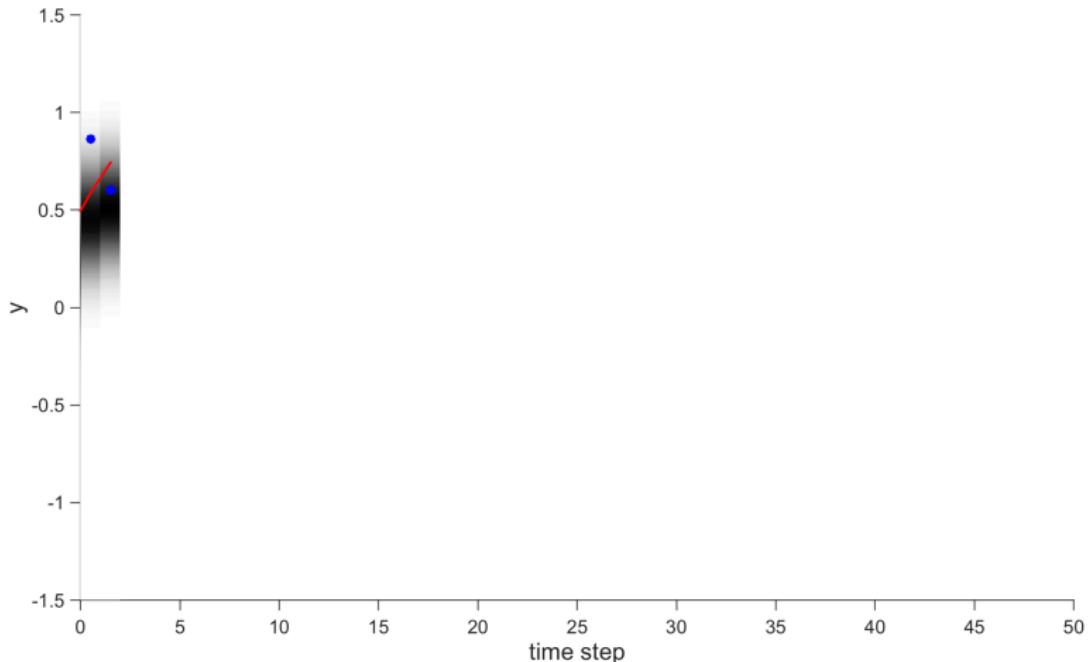
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observe next data point  $y_2$

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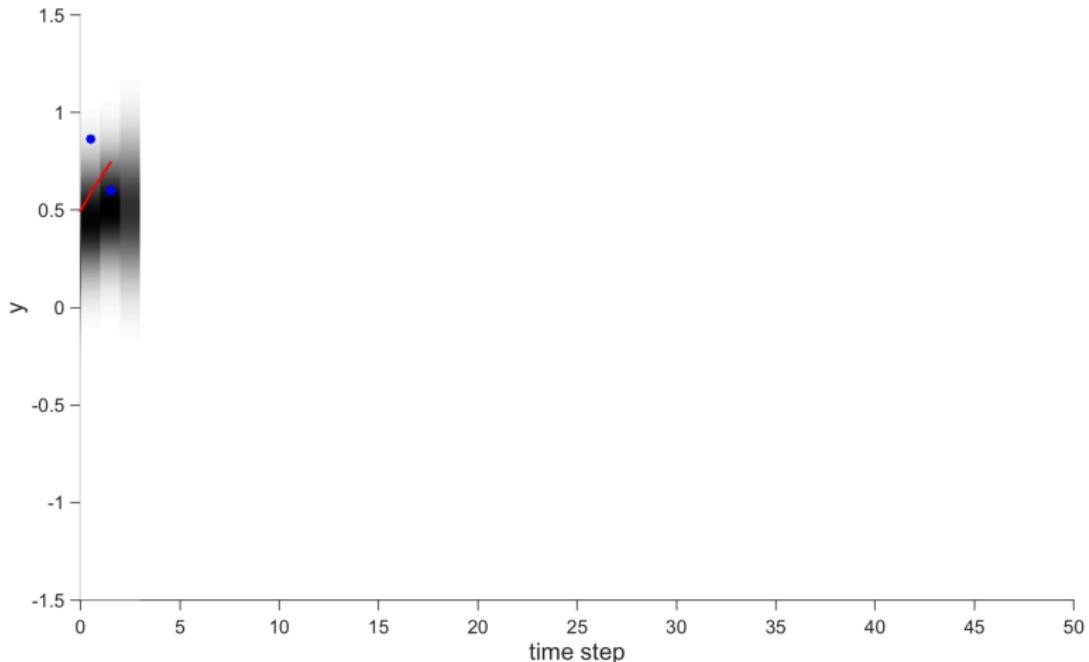
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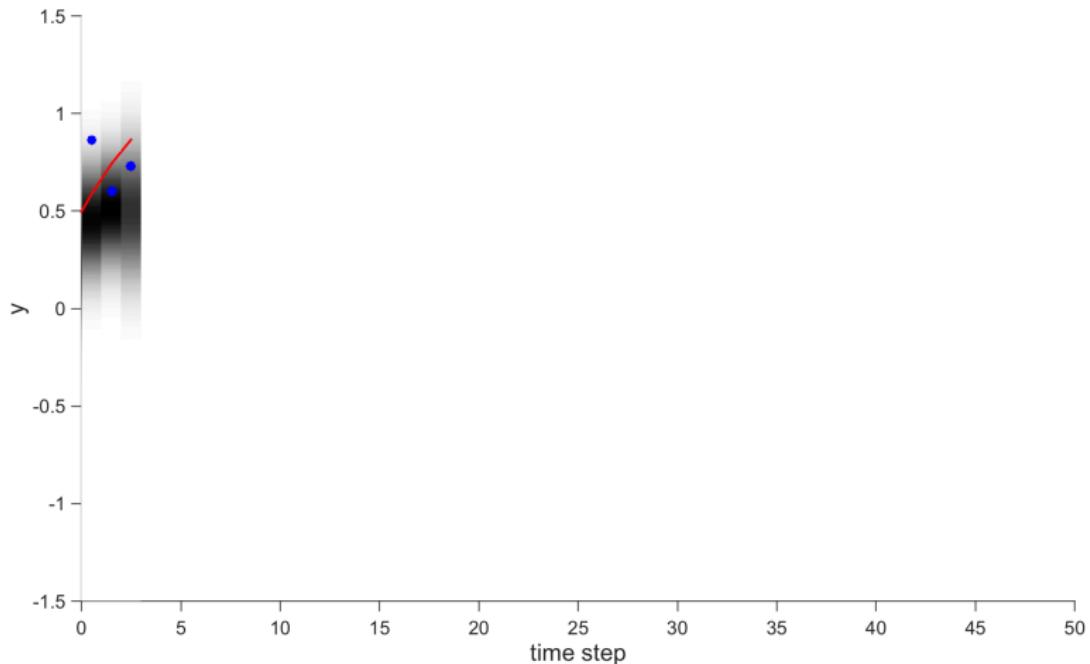
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prediction for third latent variable  $p(x_3|y_1, y_2)$

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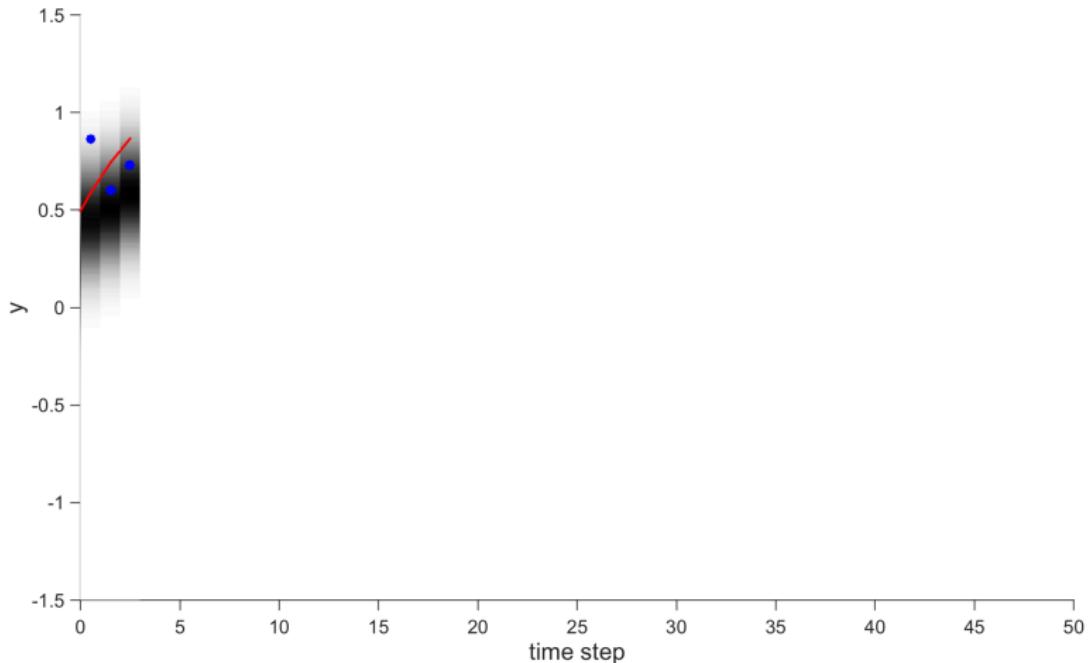
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observe next data point  $y_3$

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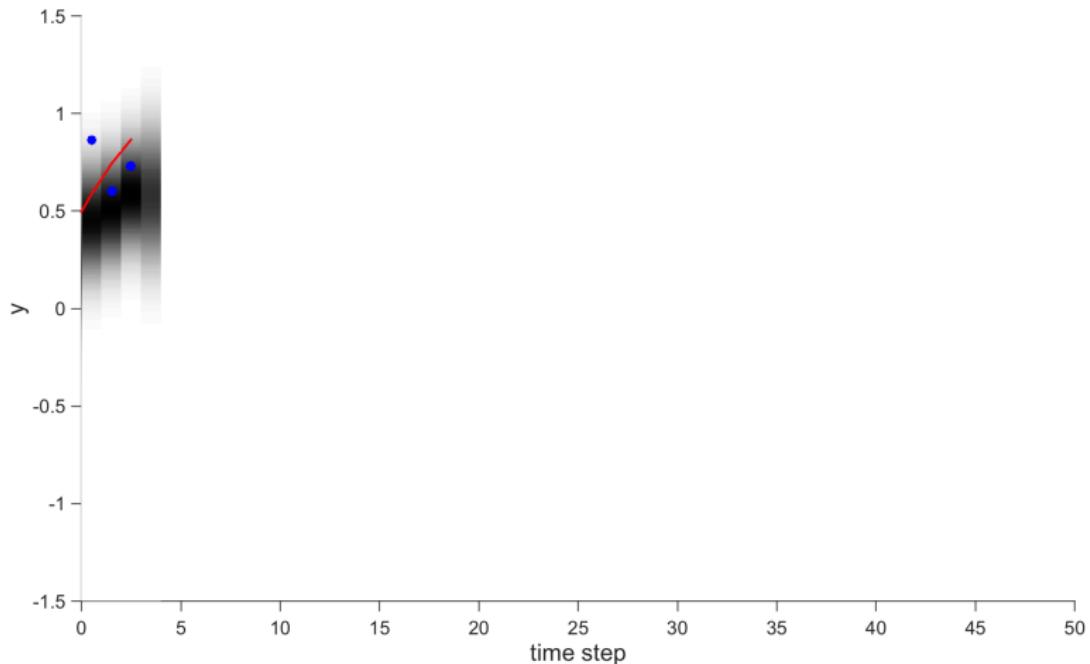
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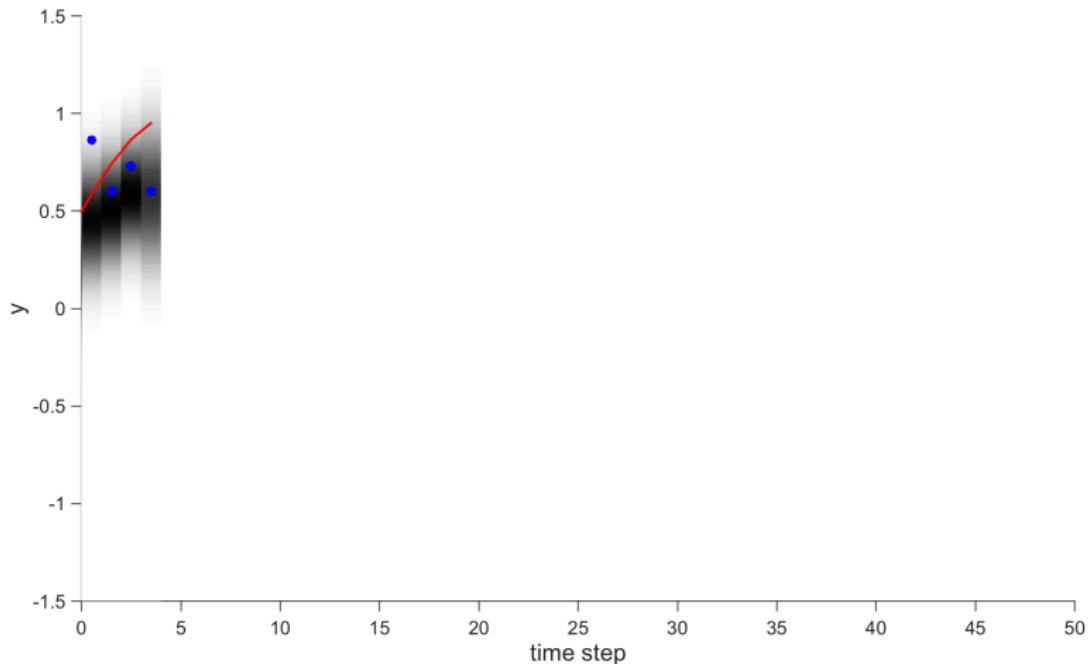
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prediction for fourth latent variable  $p(x_4|y_{1:3})$

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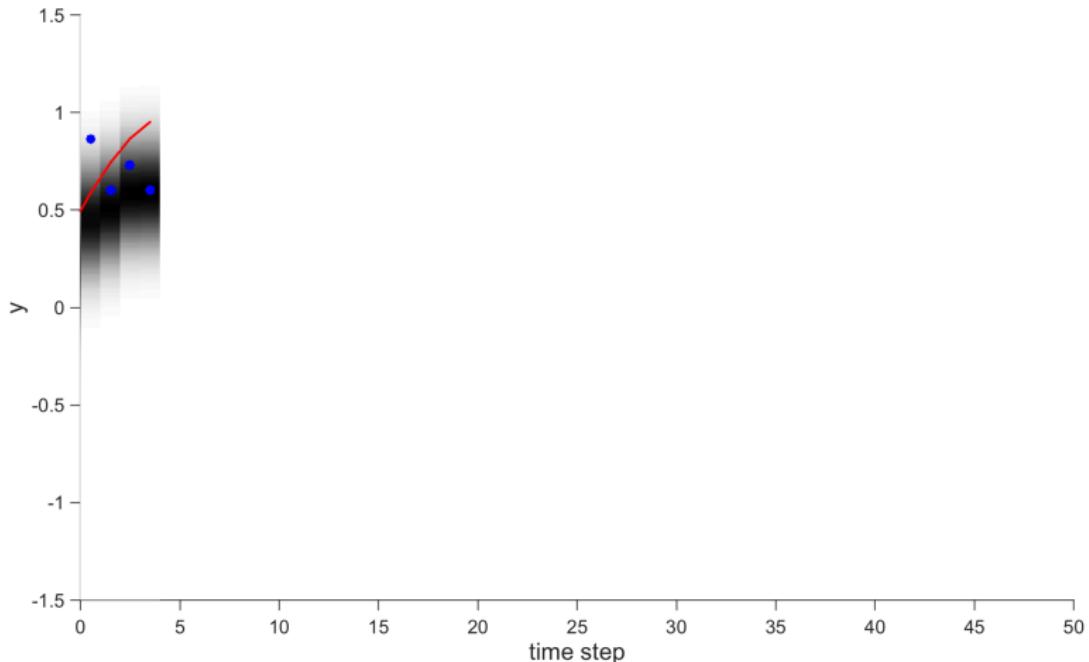
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observe next data point  $y_4$

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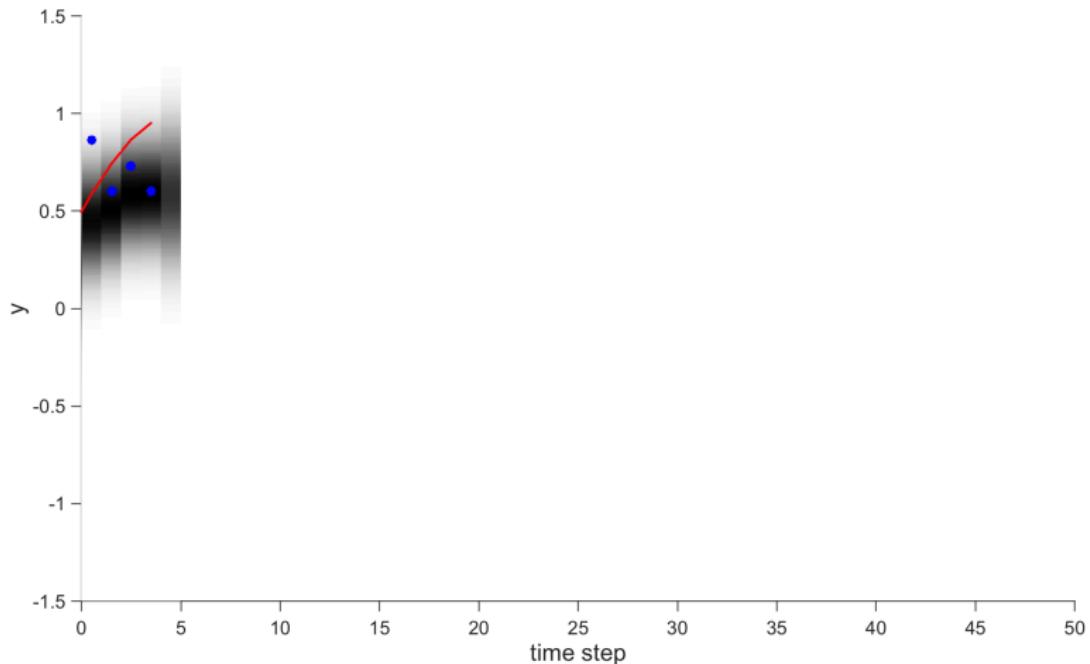
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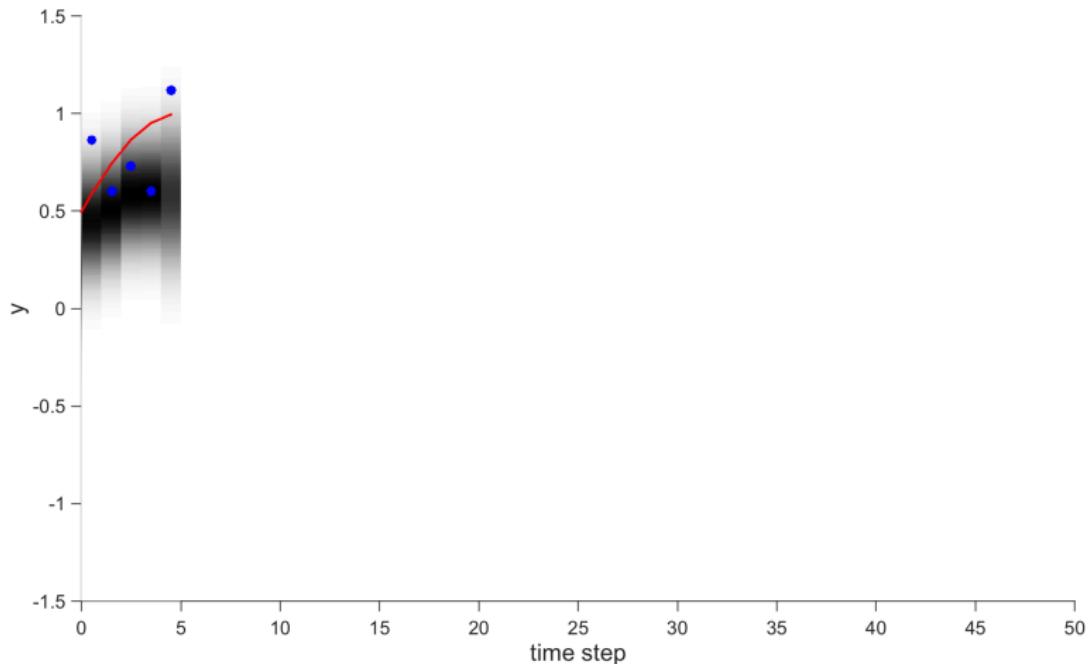
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prediction for fifth latent variable  $p(x_5|y_{1:4})$

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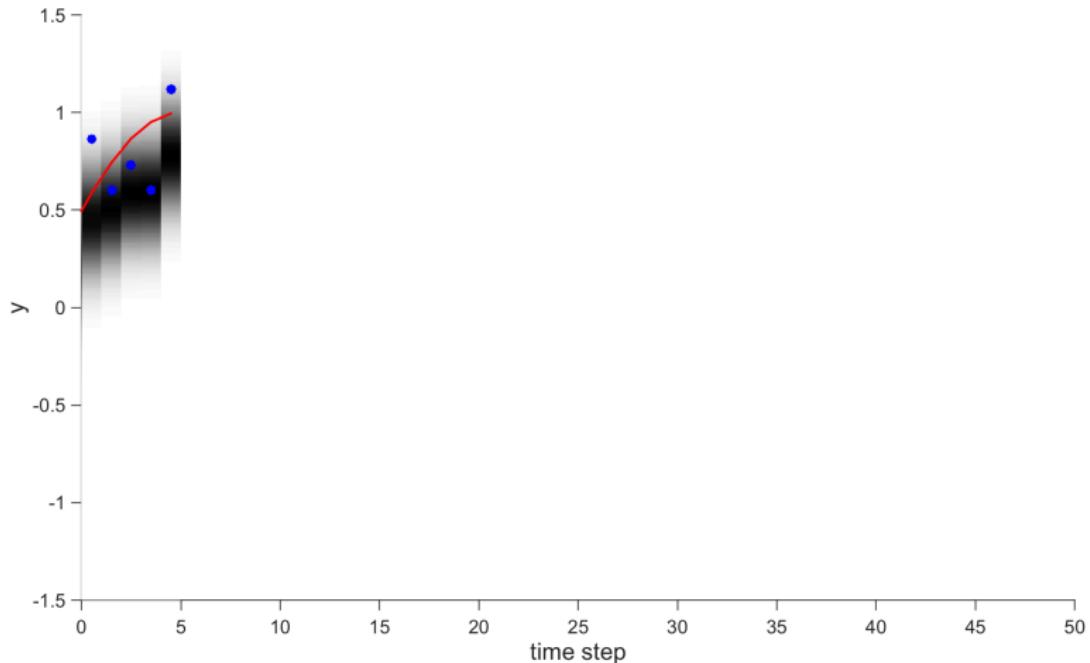
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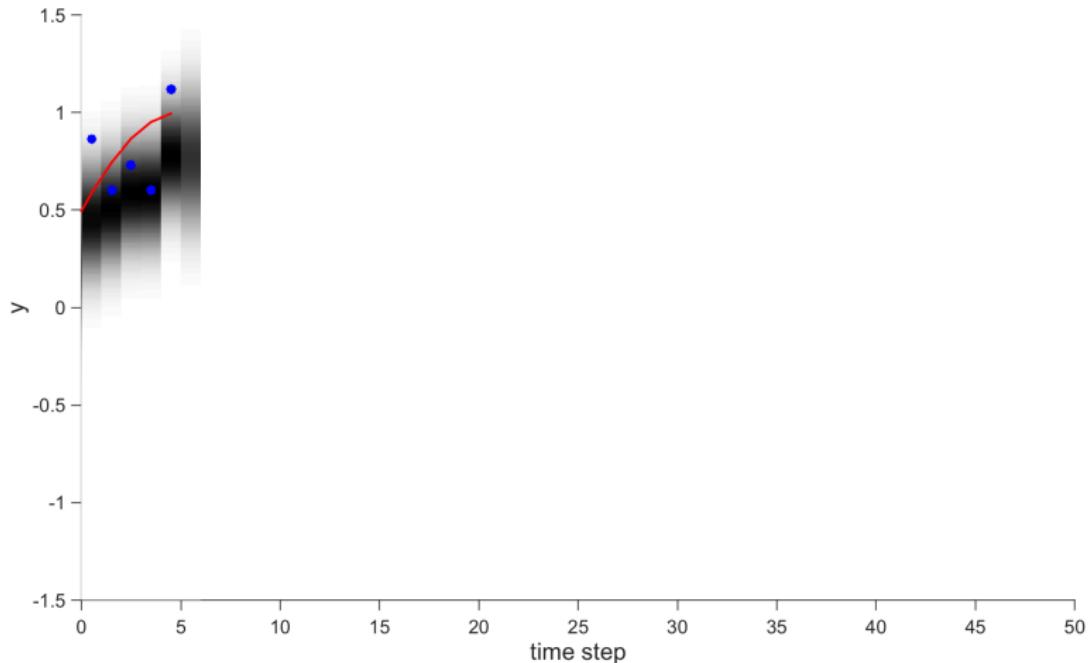
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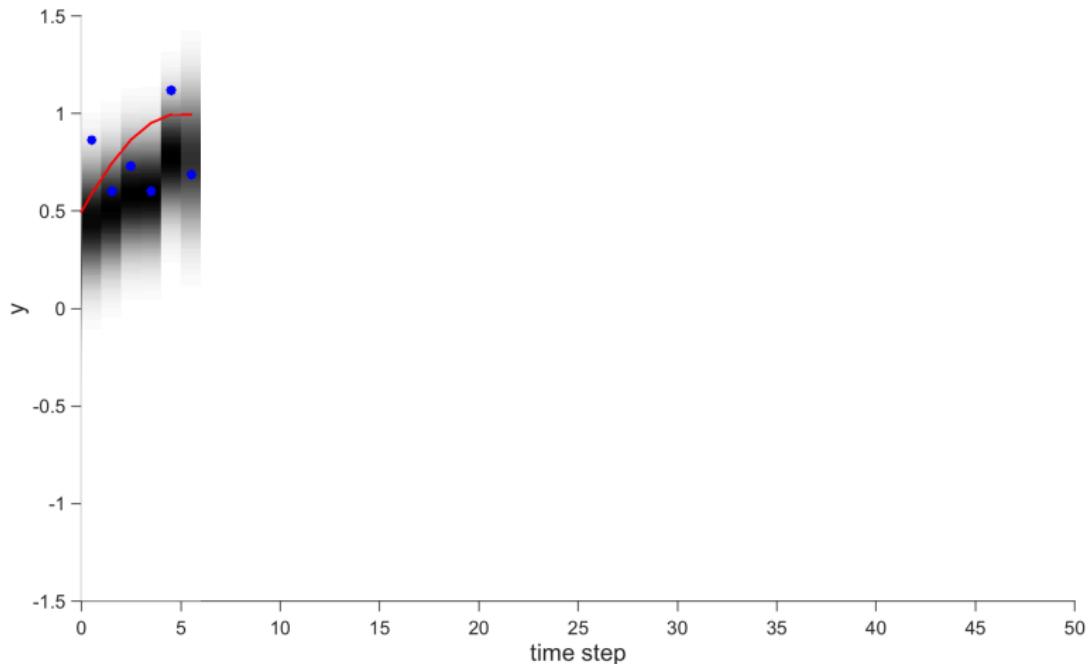
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prediction for sixth latent variable  $p(x_6|y_{1:5})$

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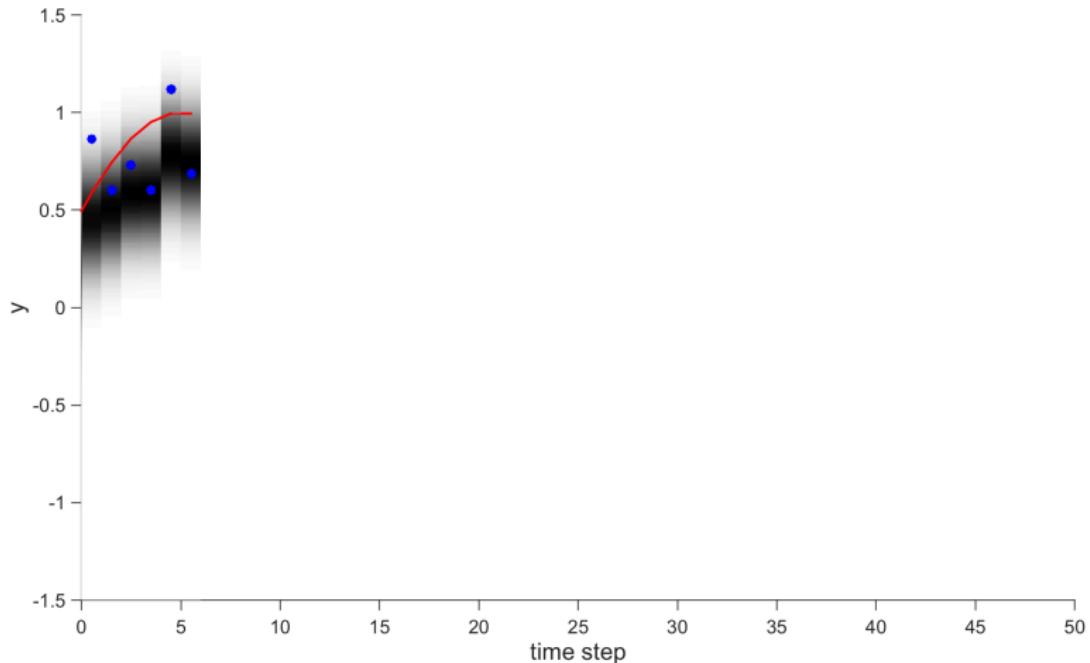
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observe next data point  $y_6$

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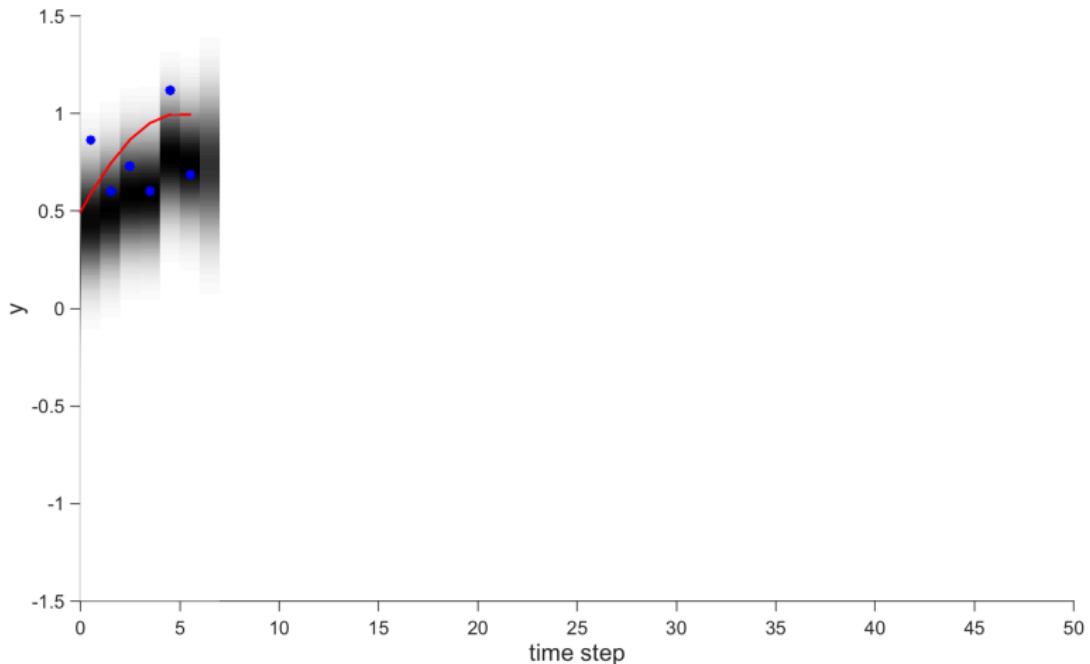
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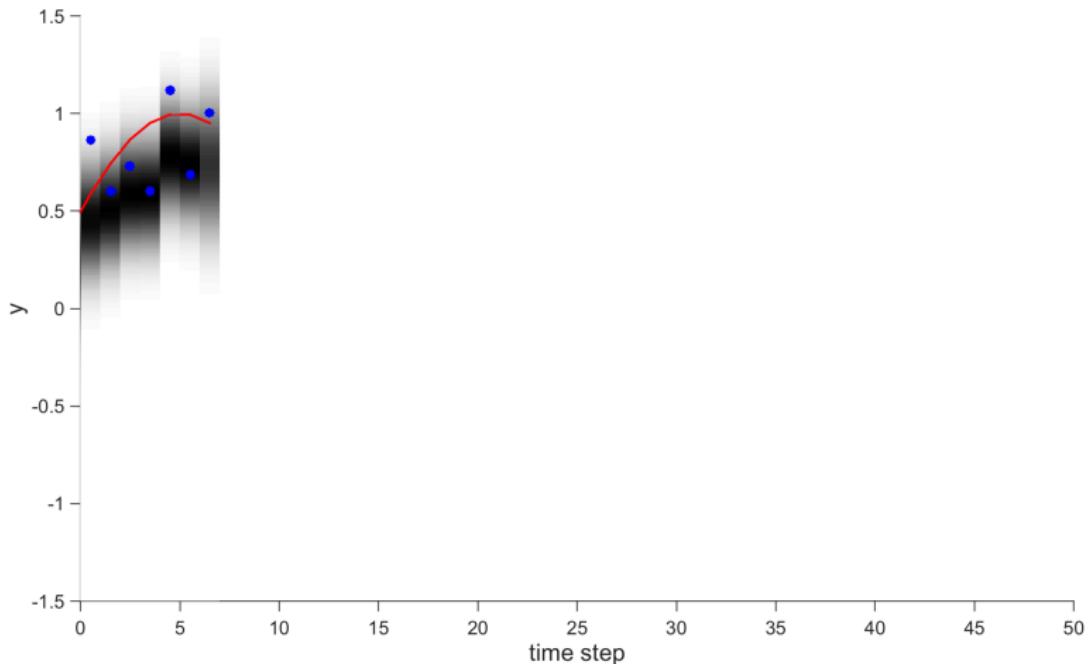
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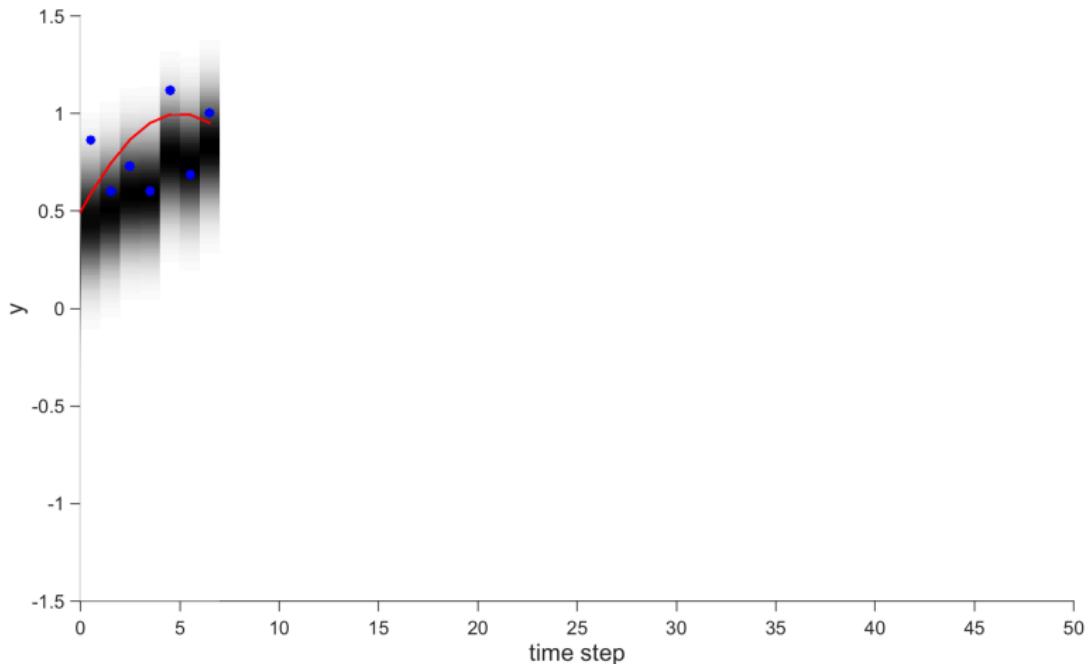
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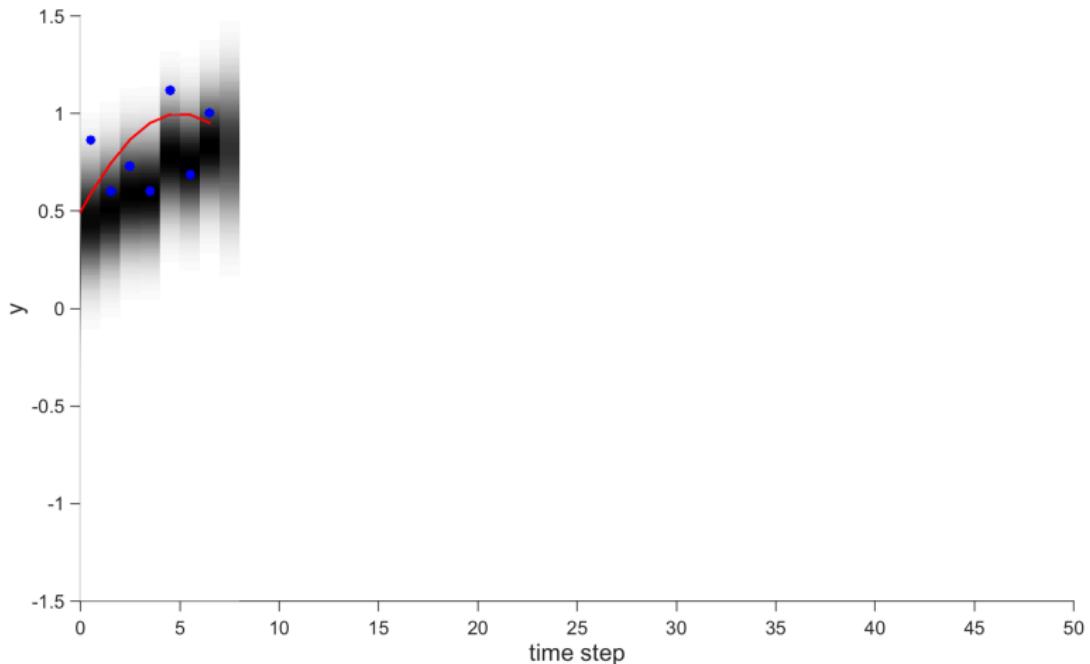
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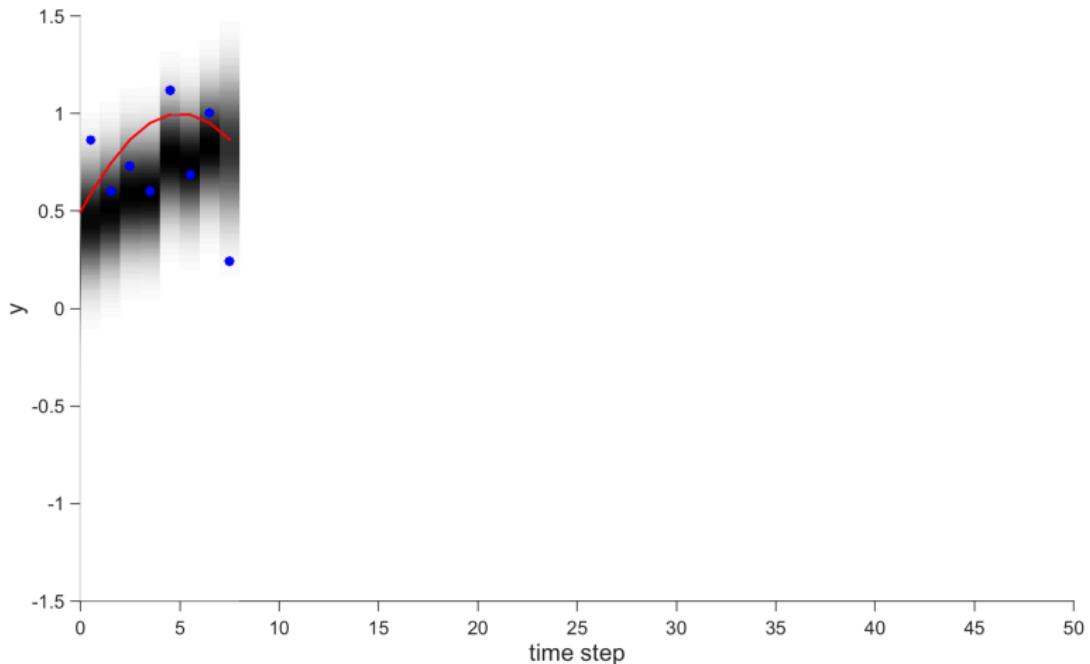
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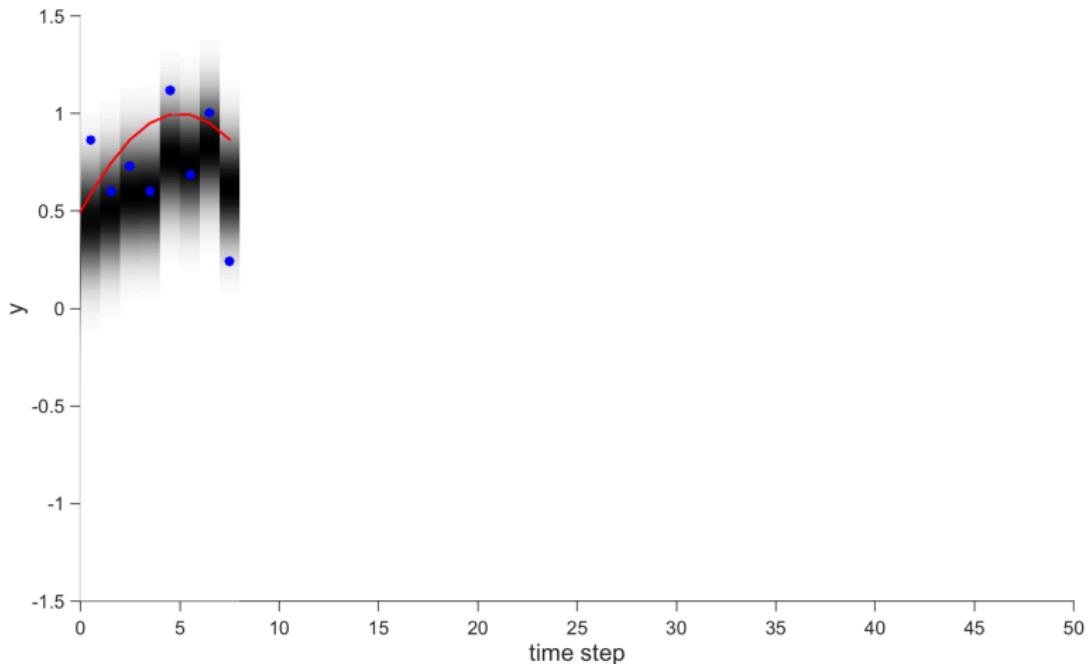
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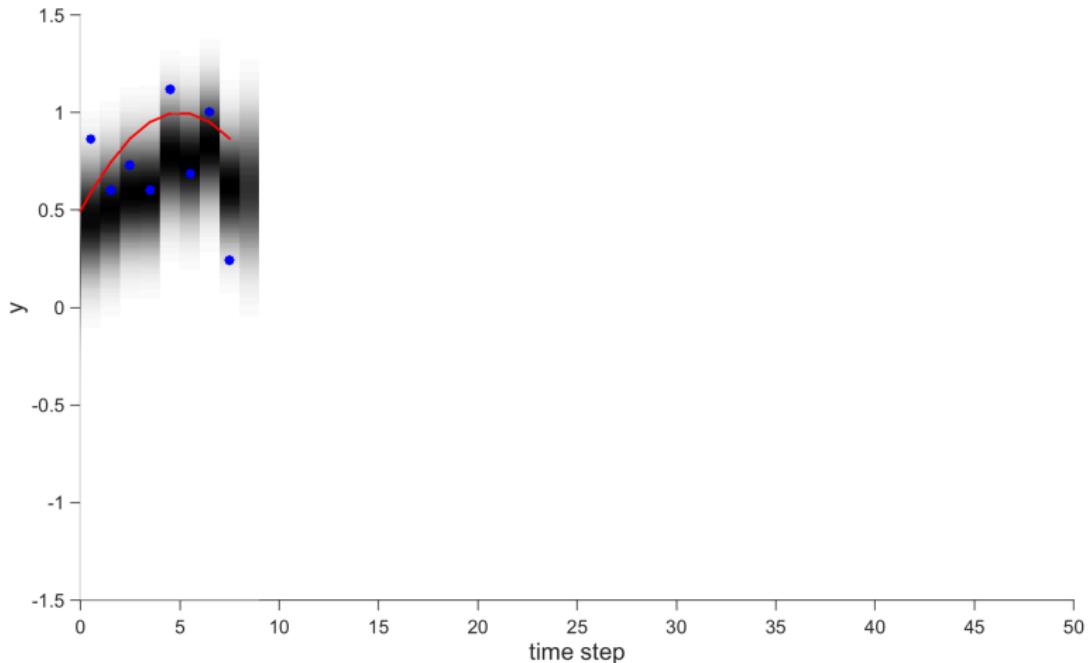
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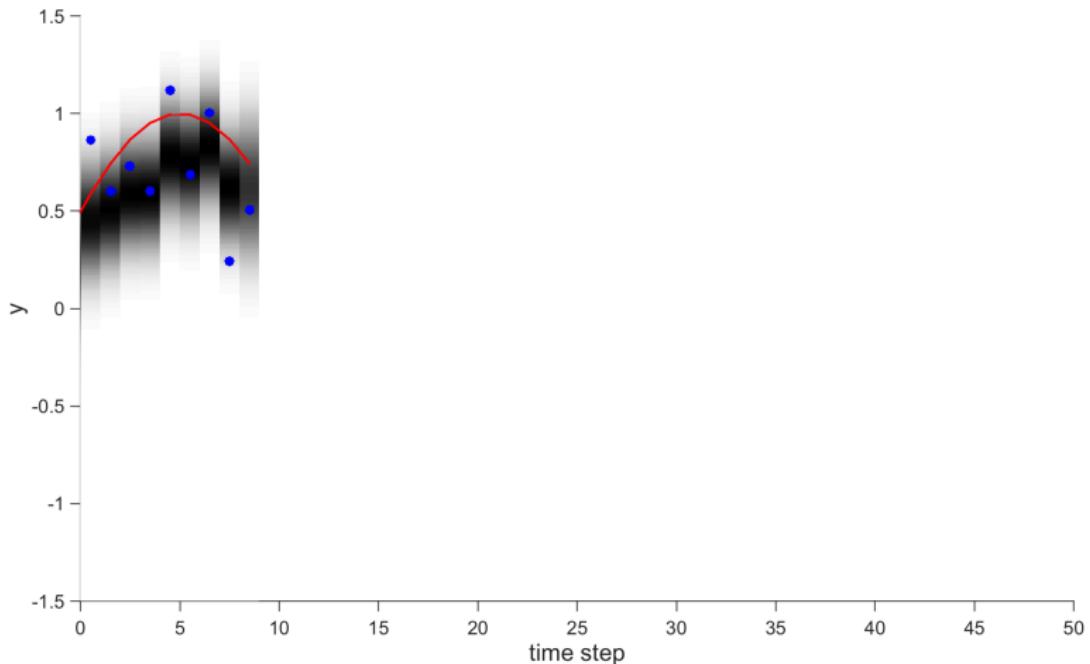
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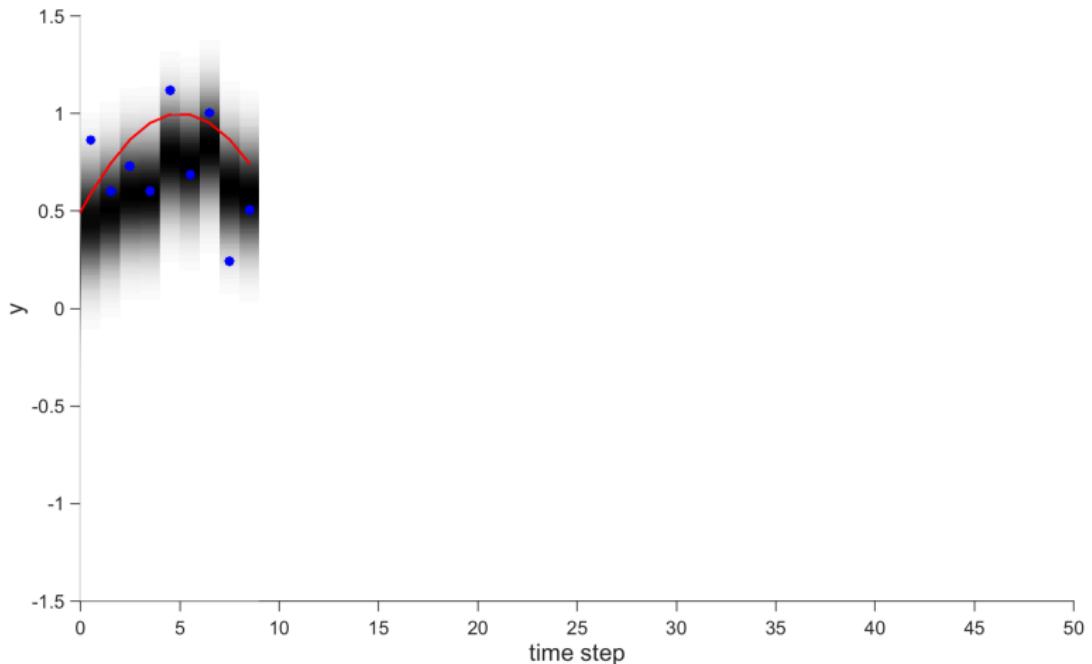
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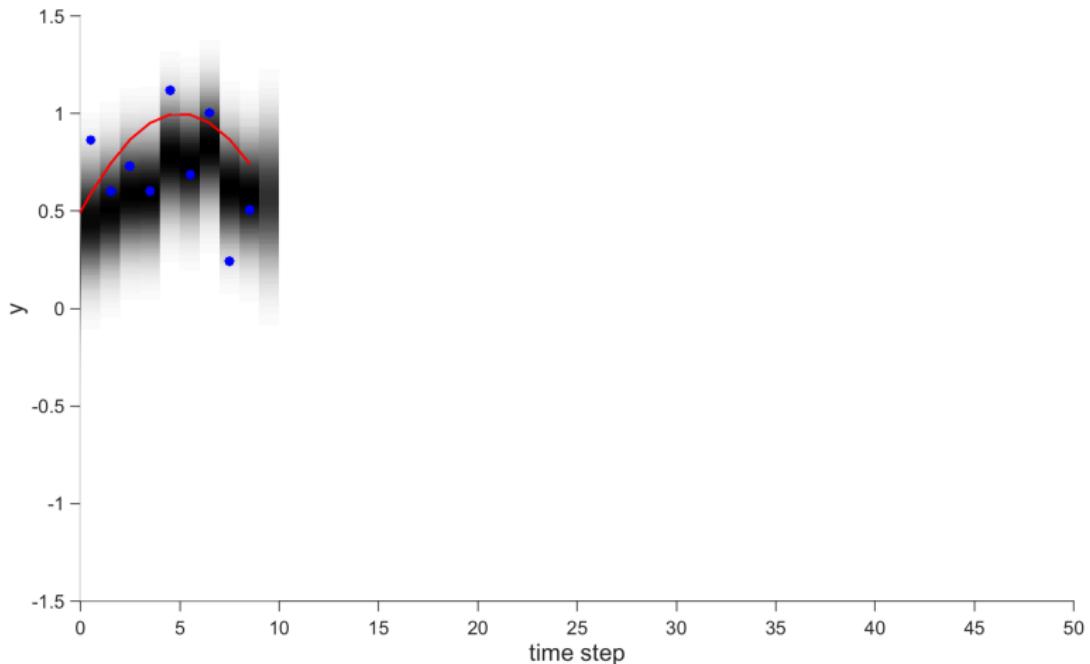
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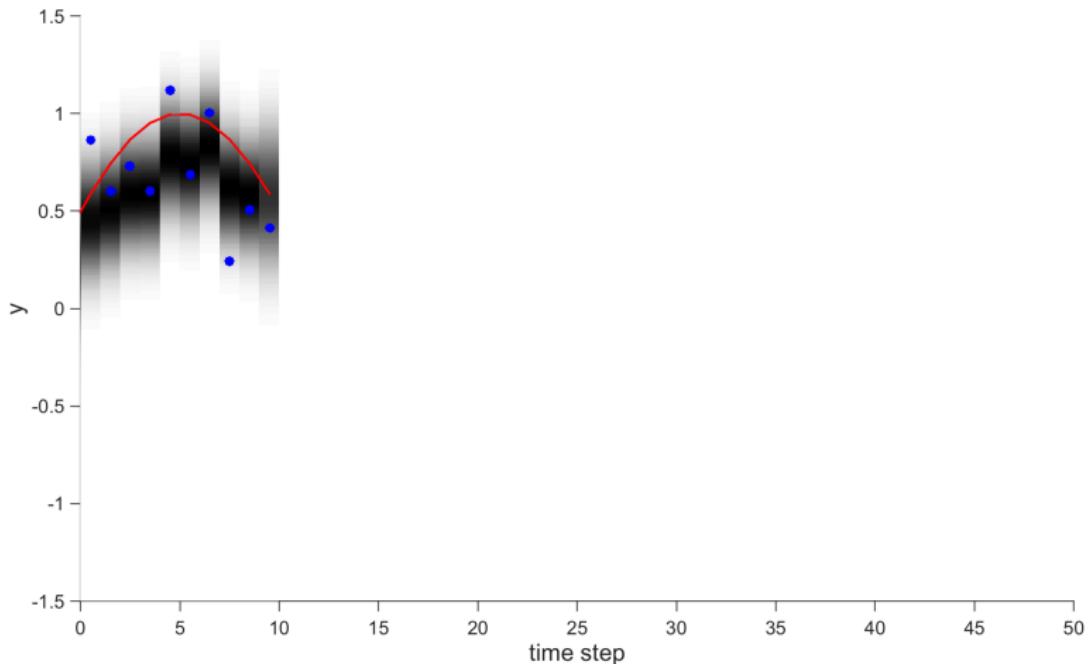
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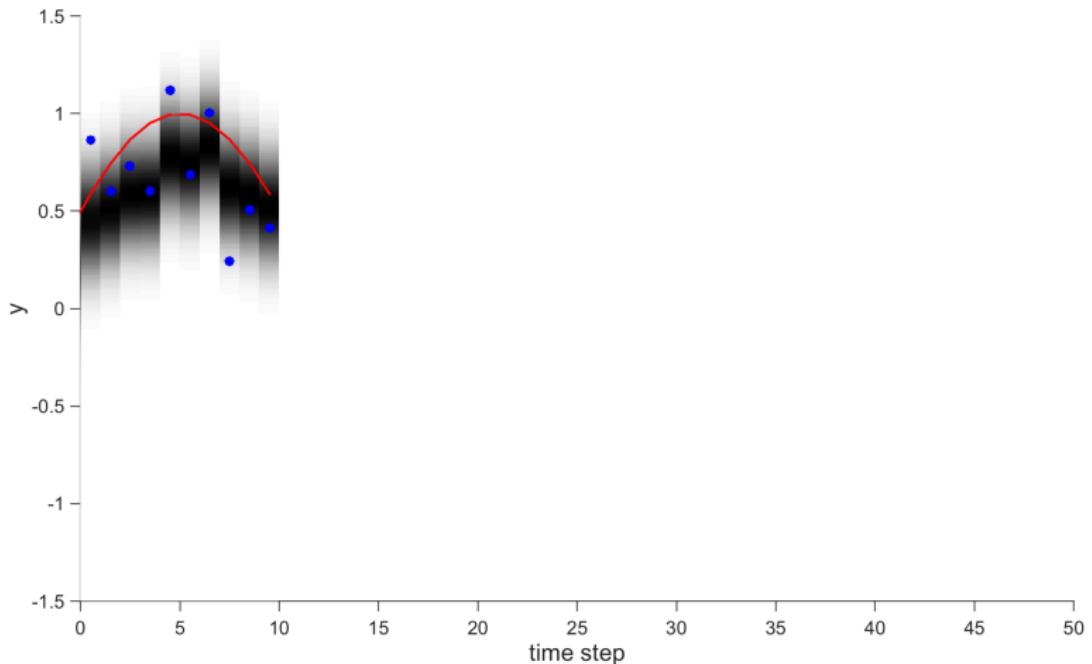
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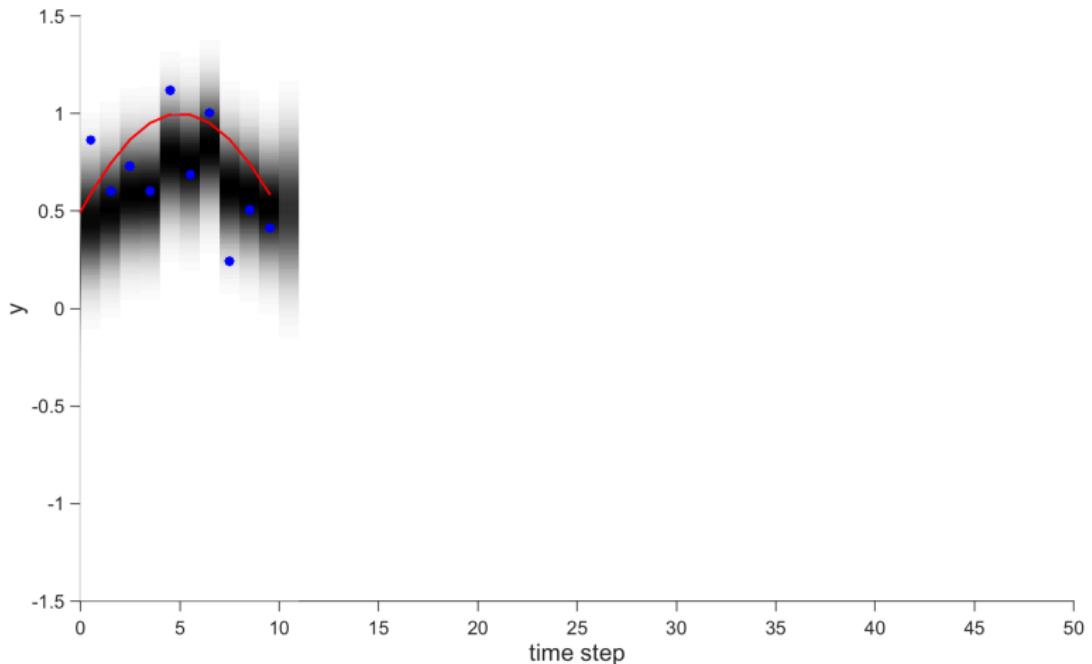
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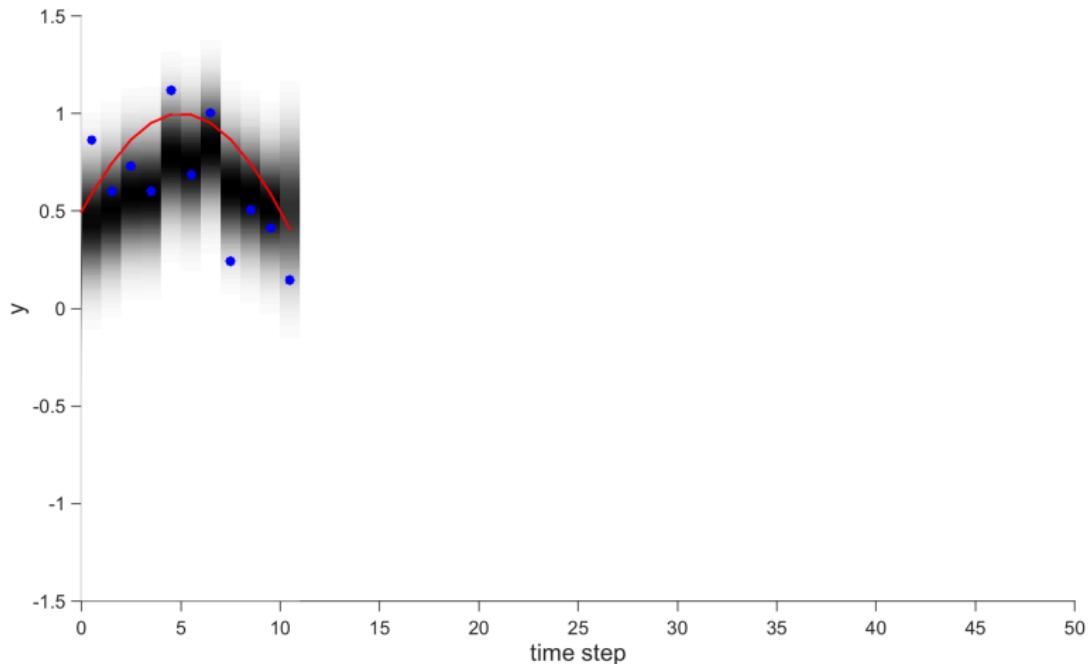
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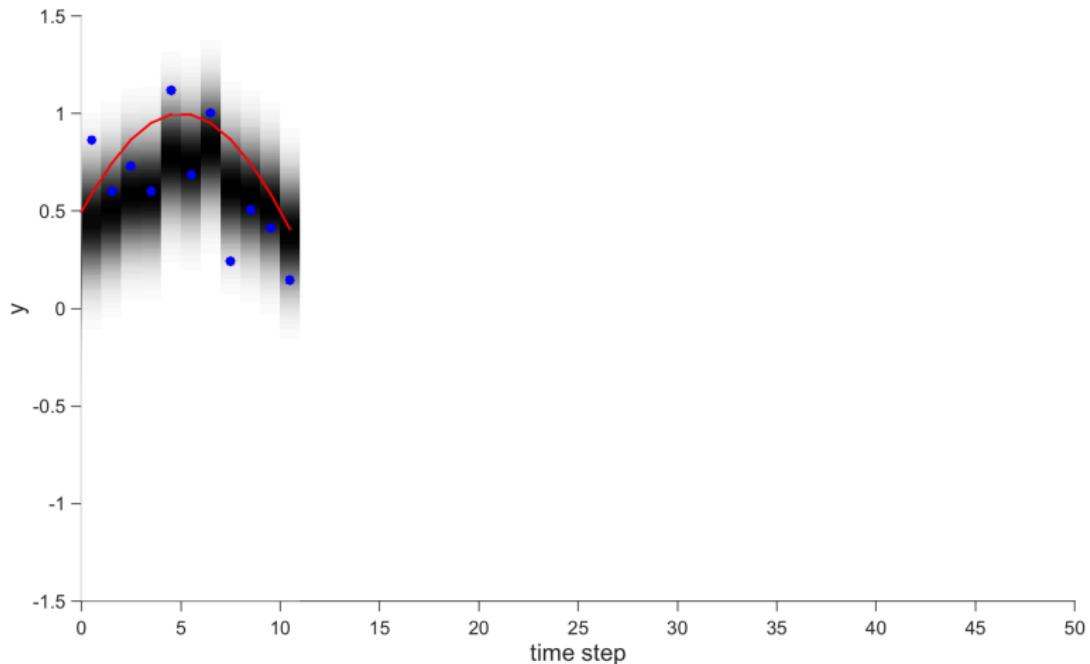
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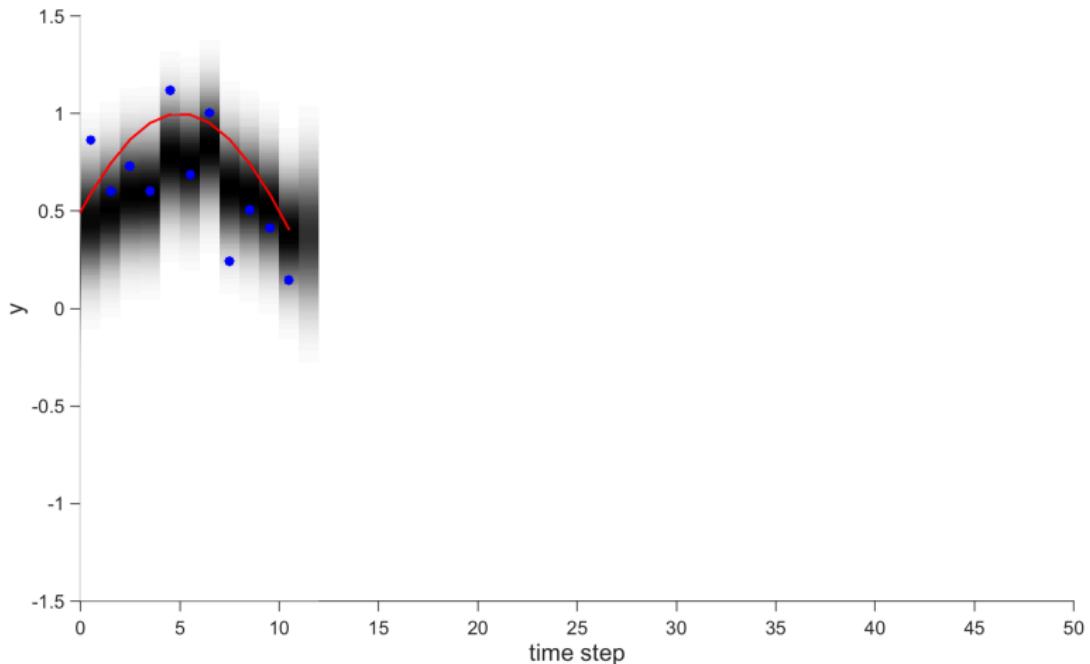
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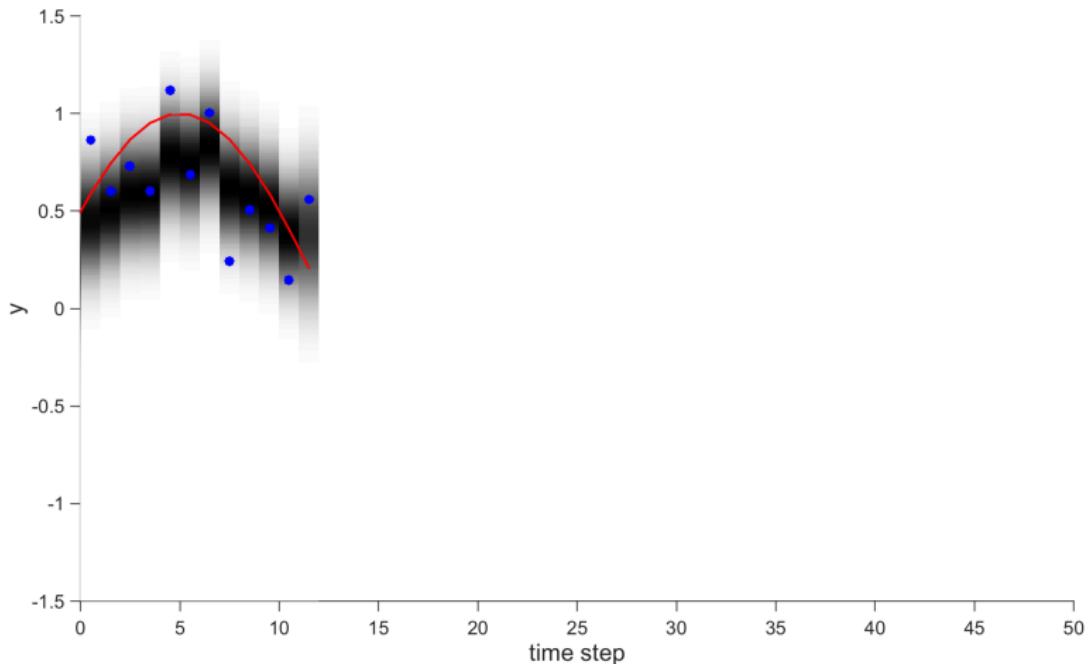
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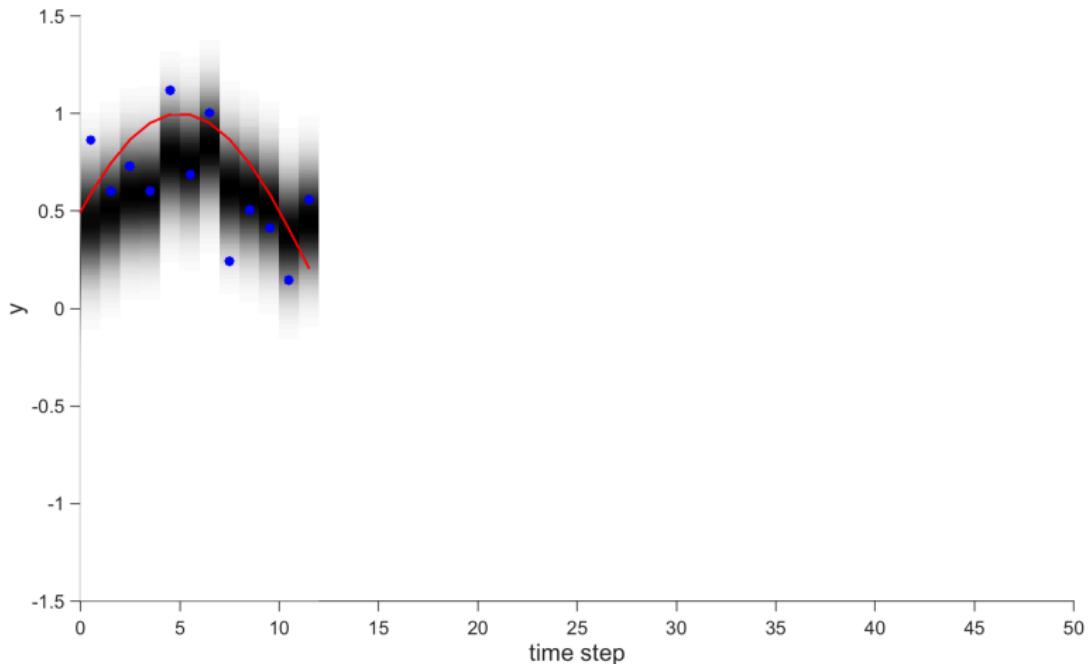
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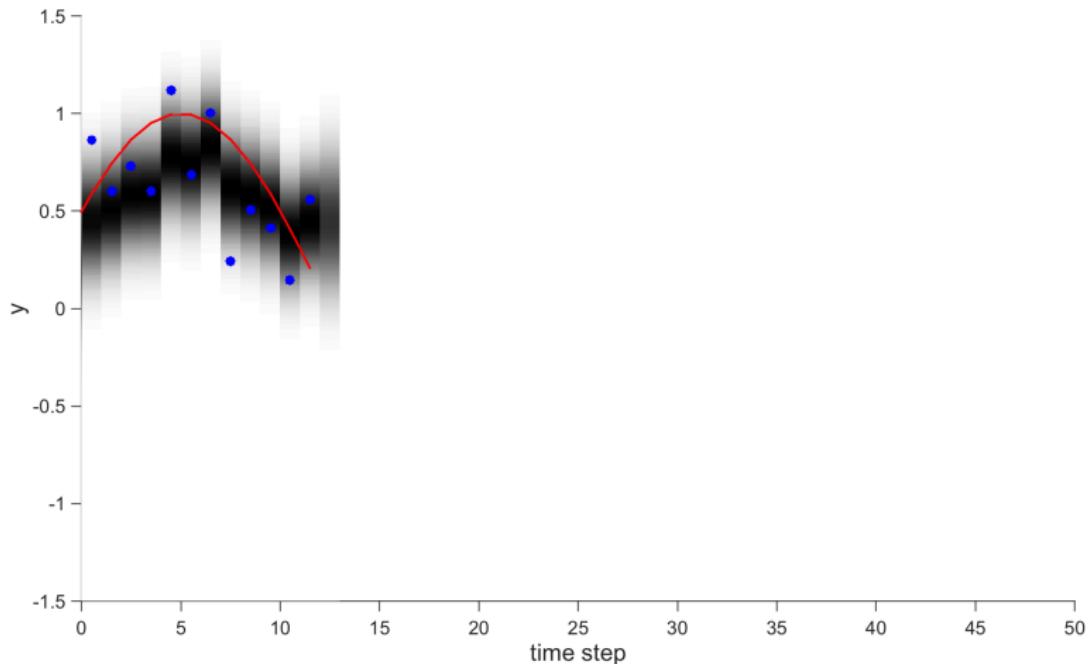
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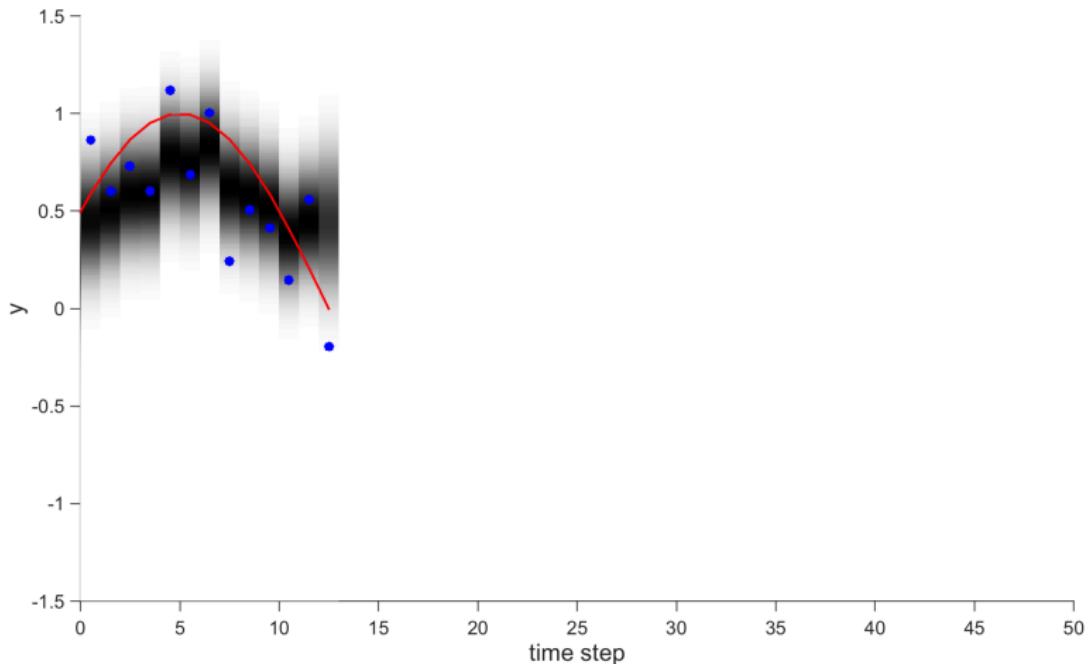
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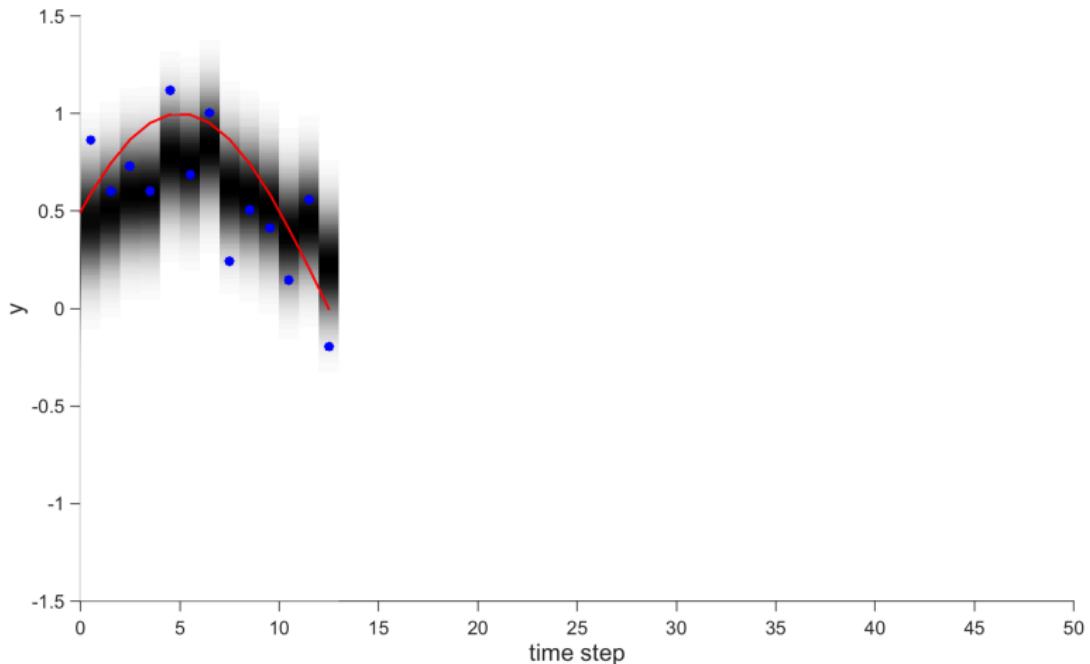
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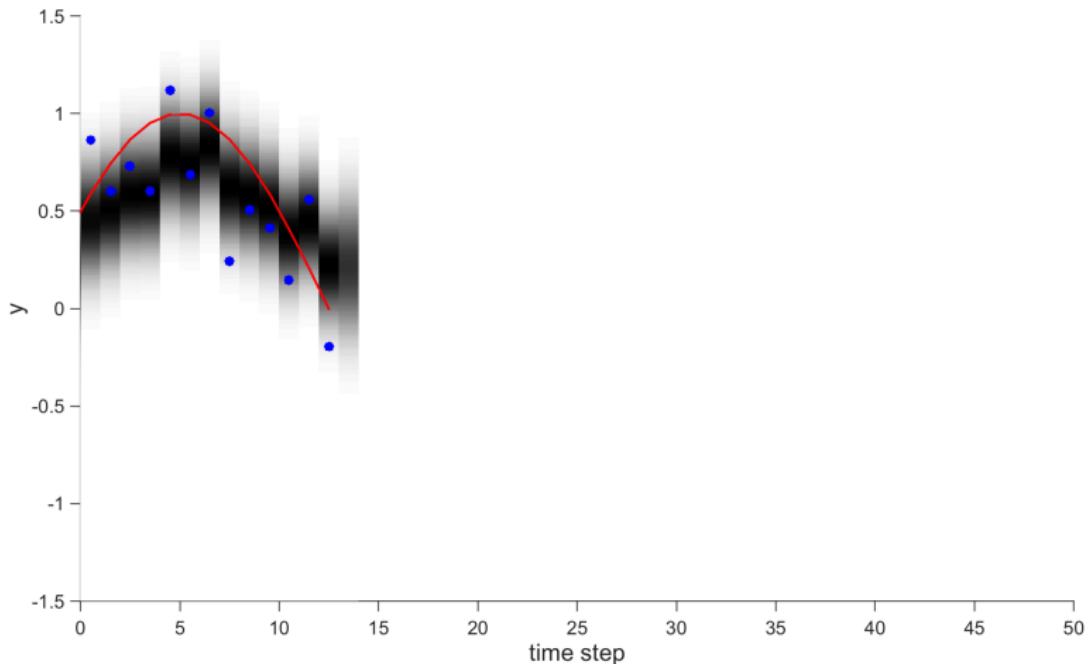
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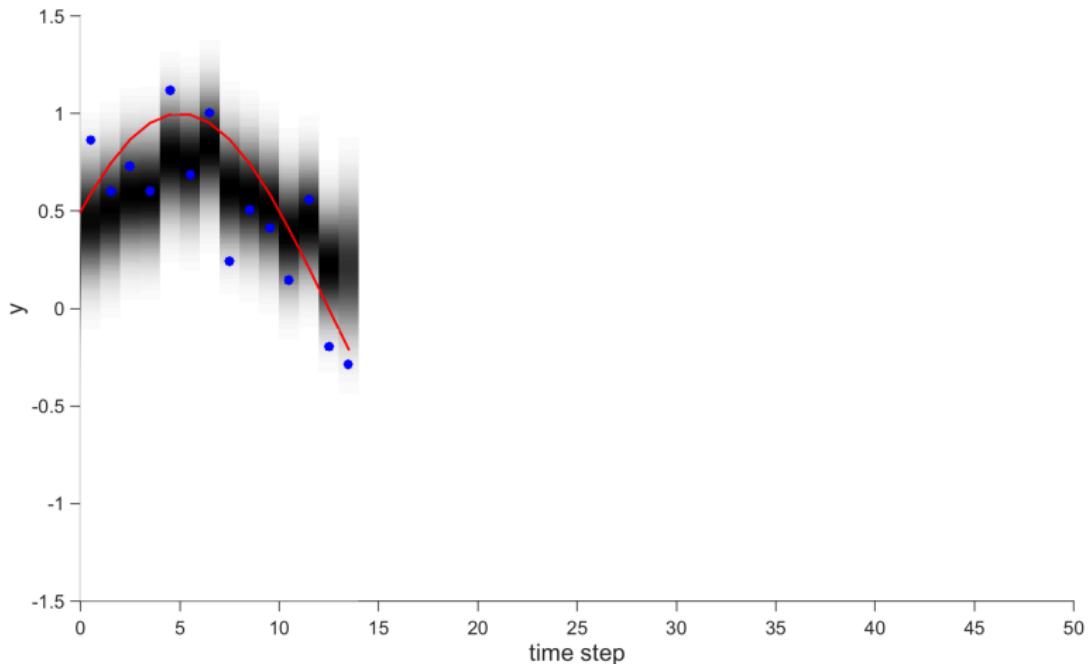
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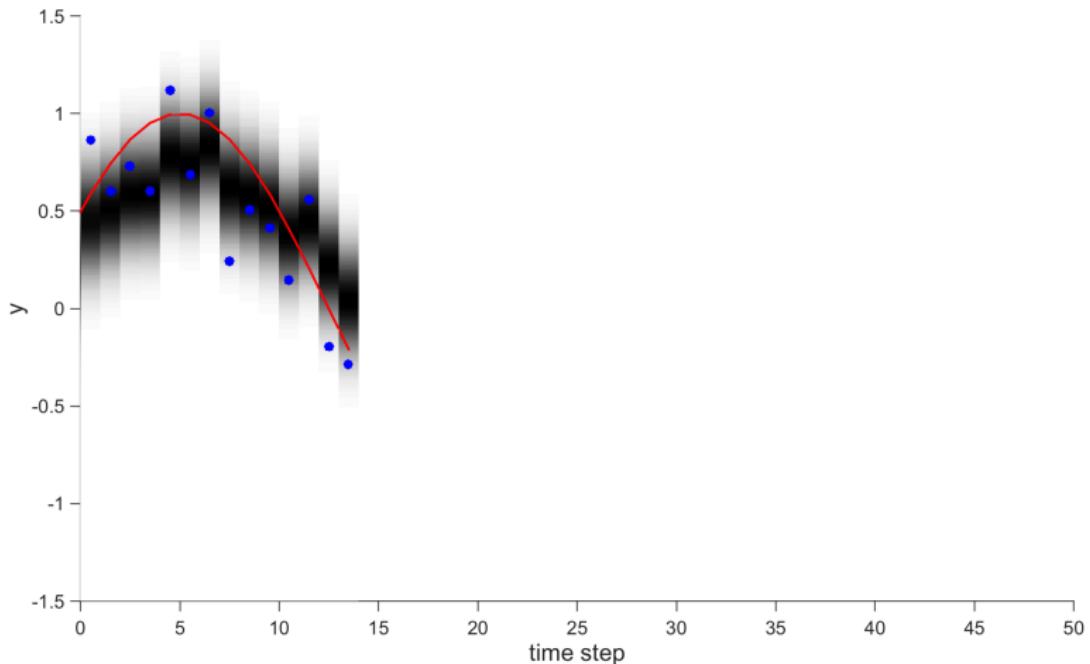
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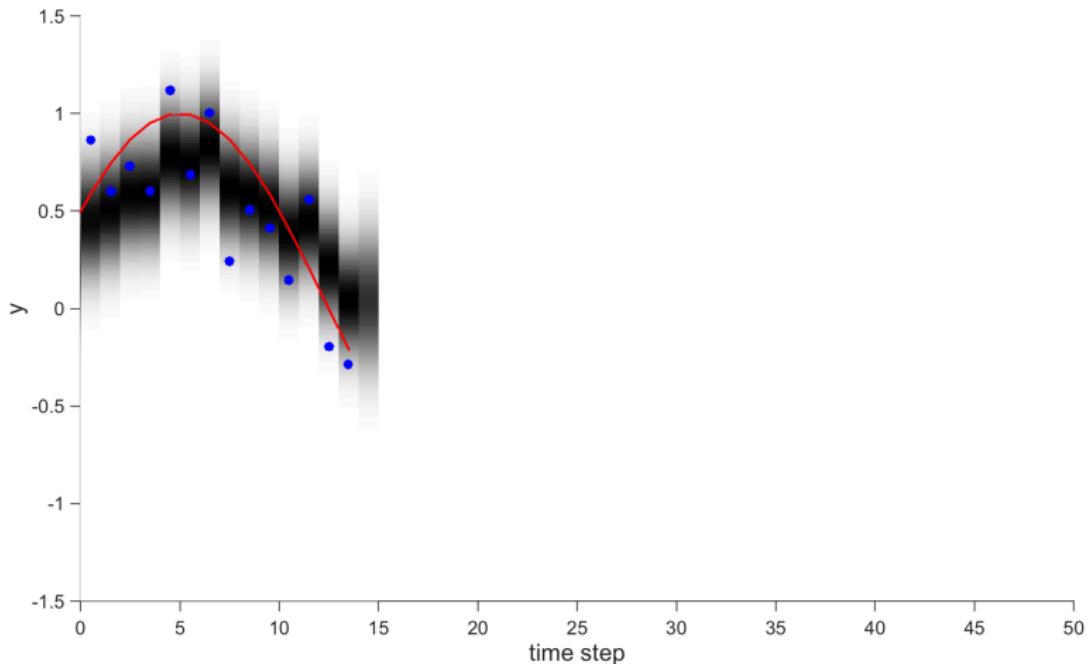
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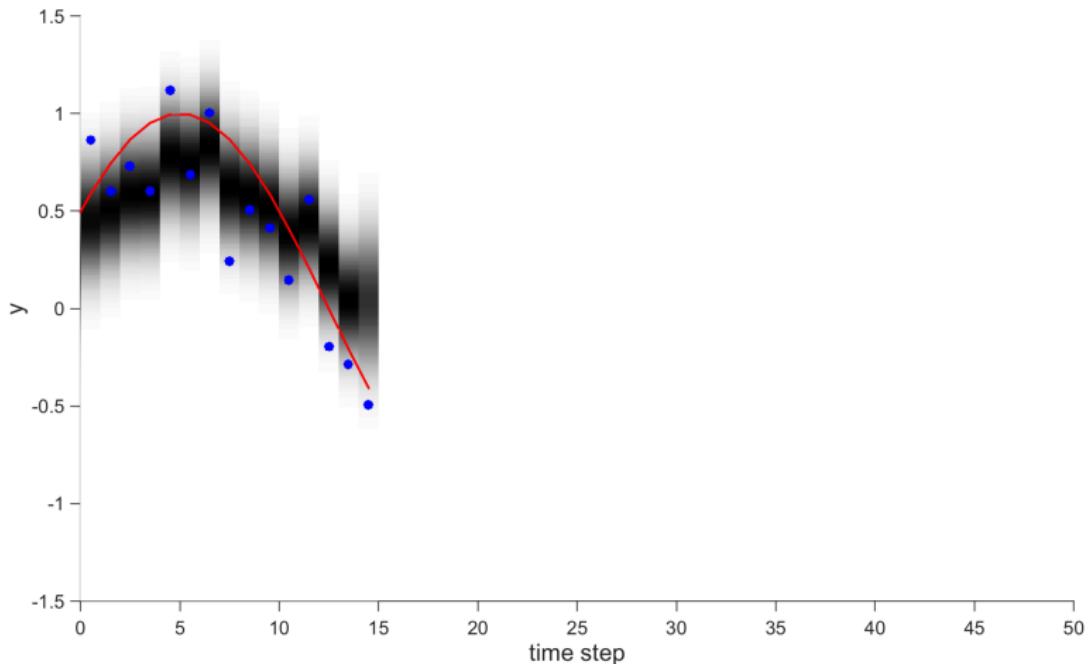
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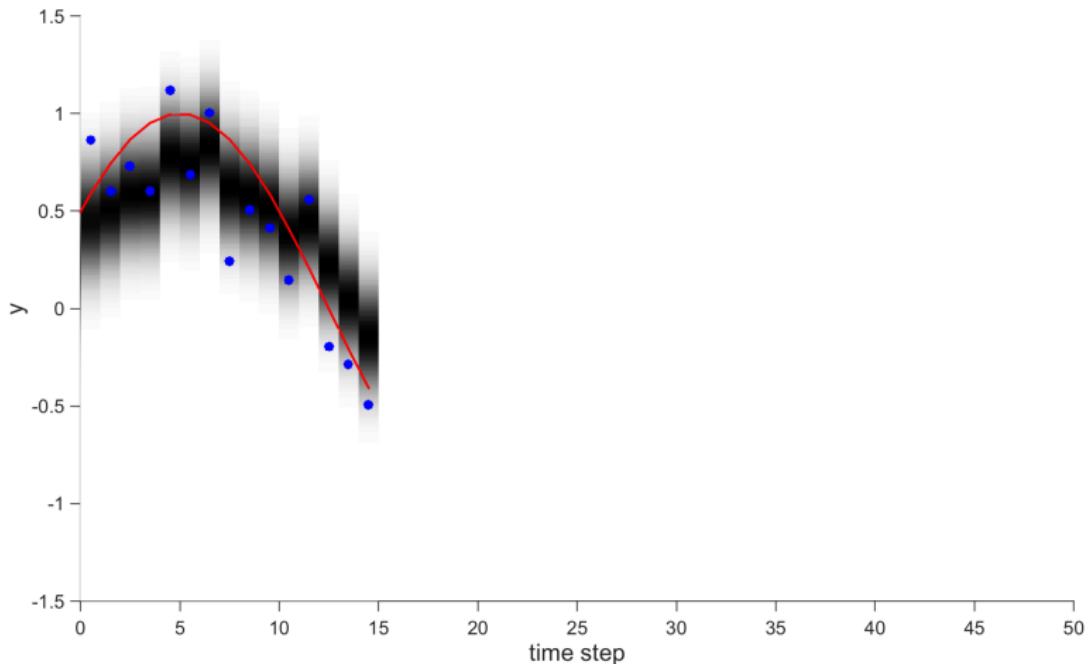
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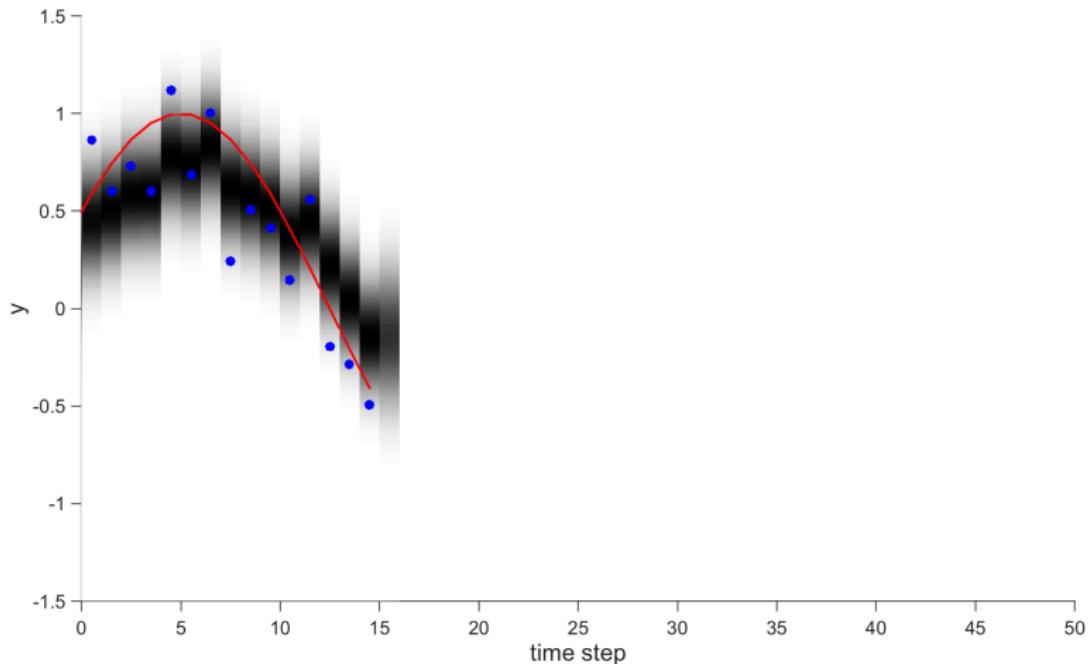
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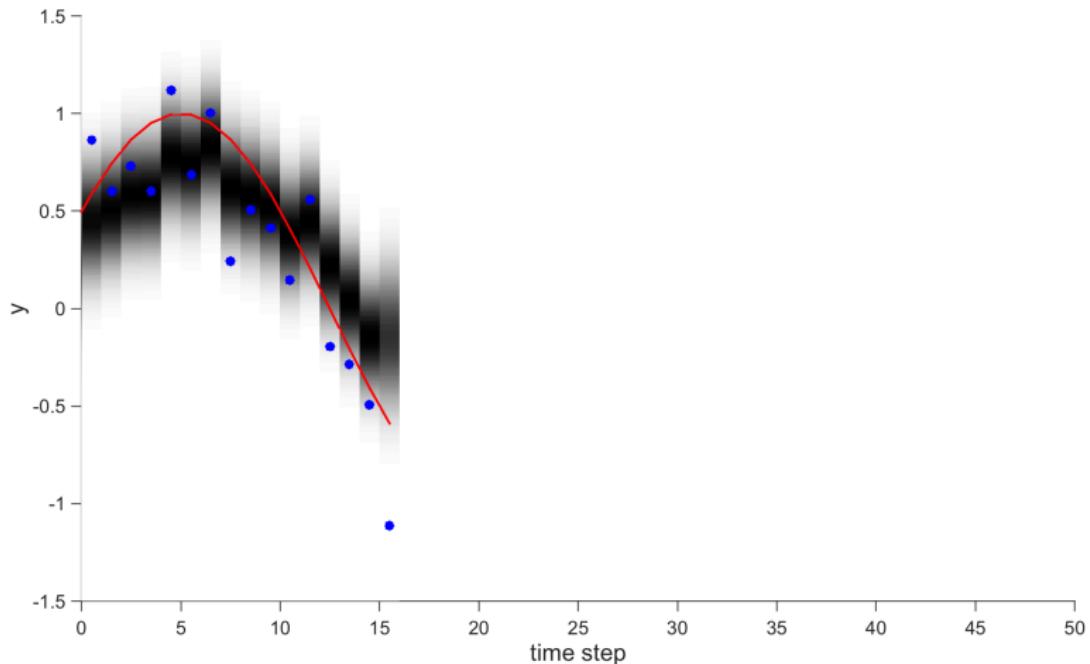
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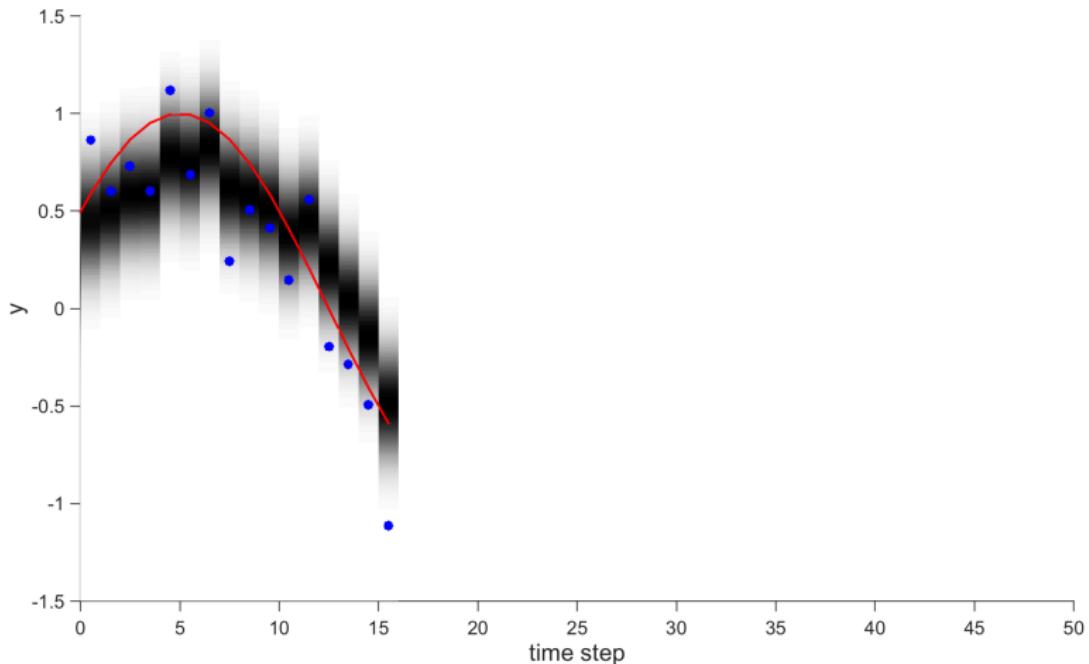
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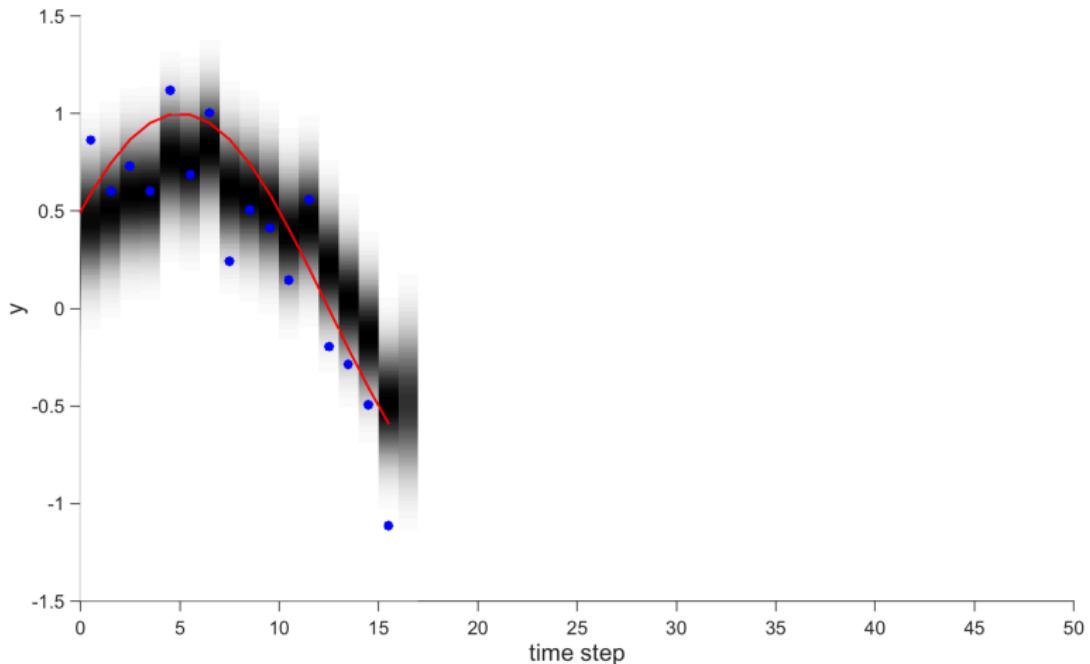
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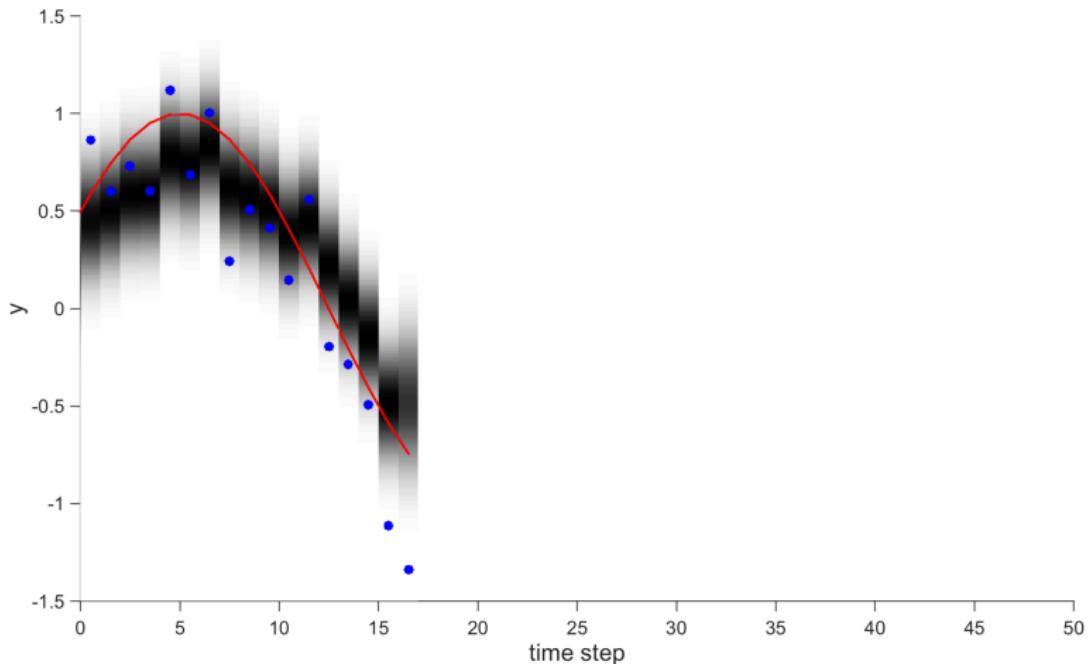
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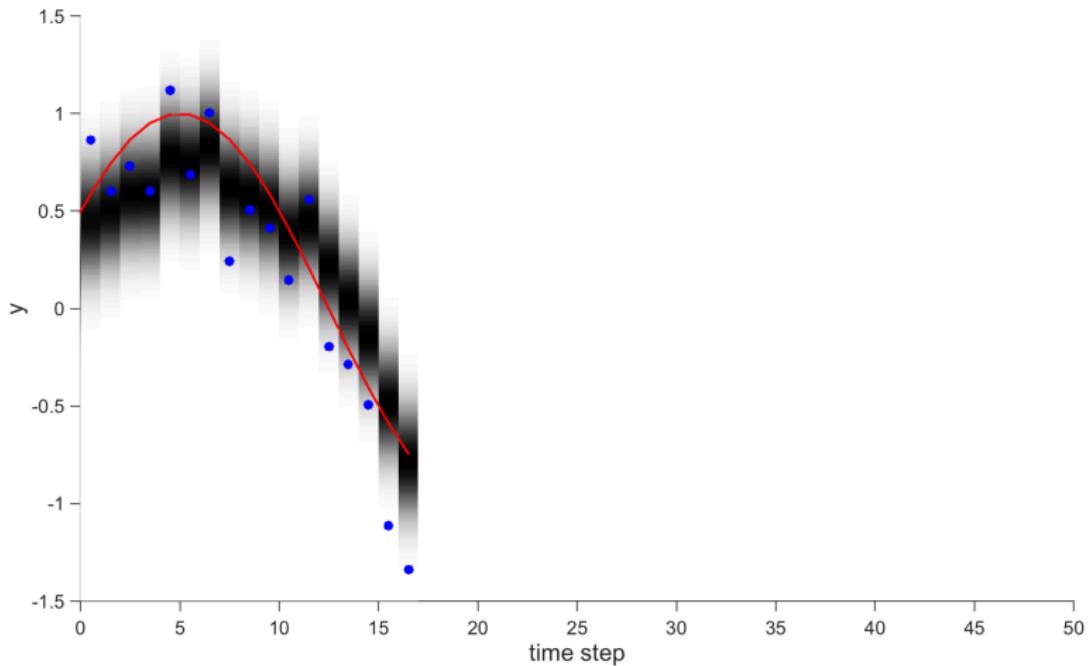
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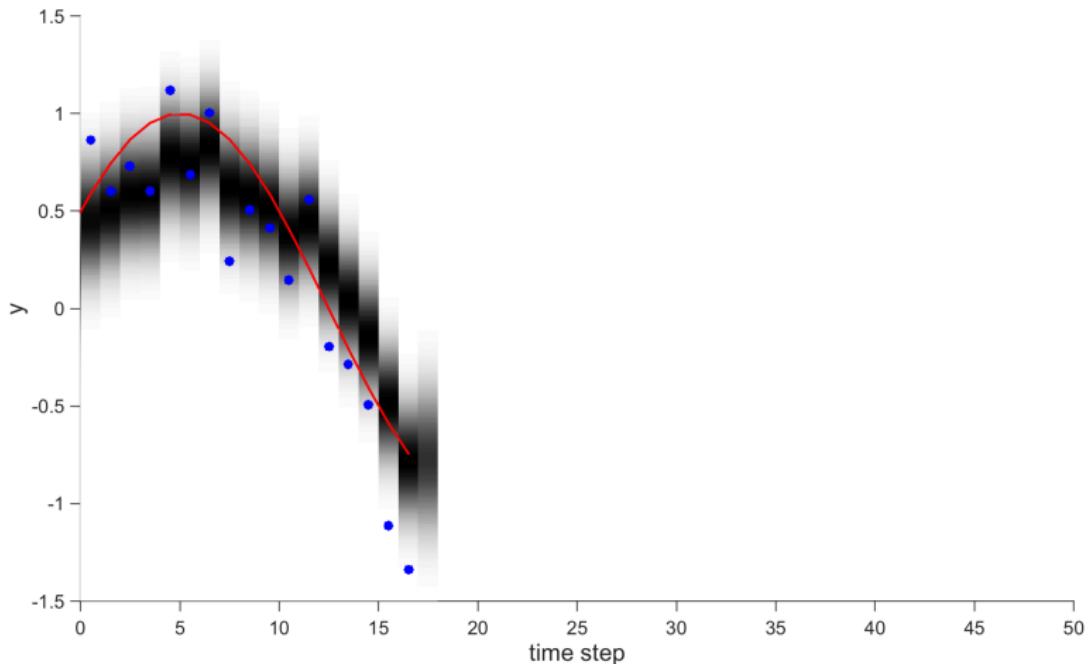
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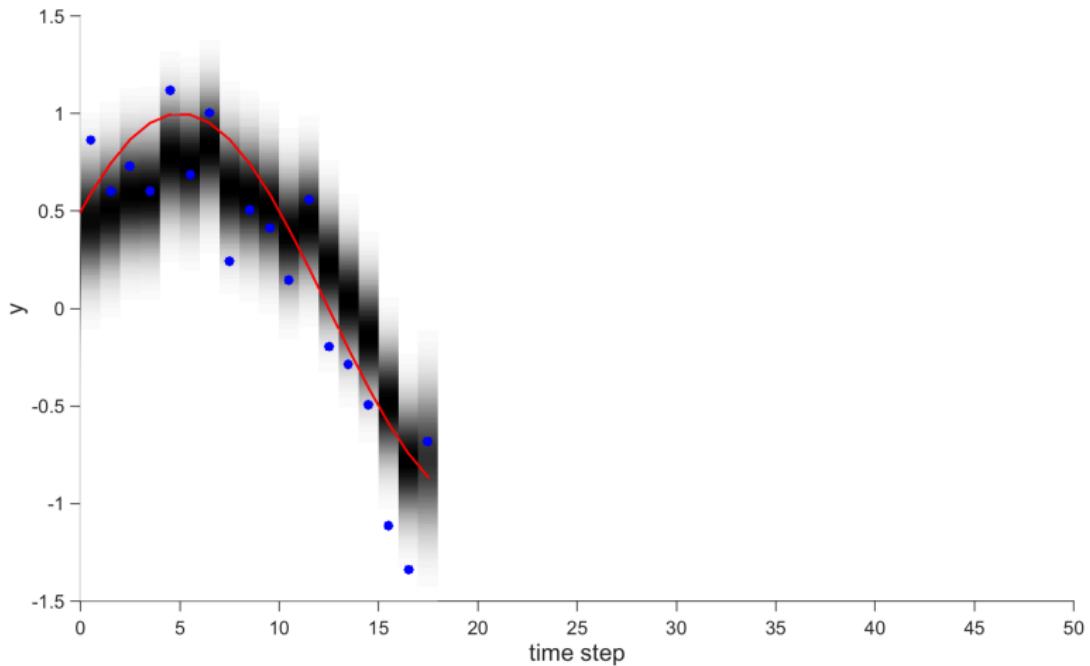
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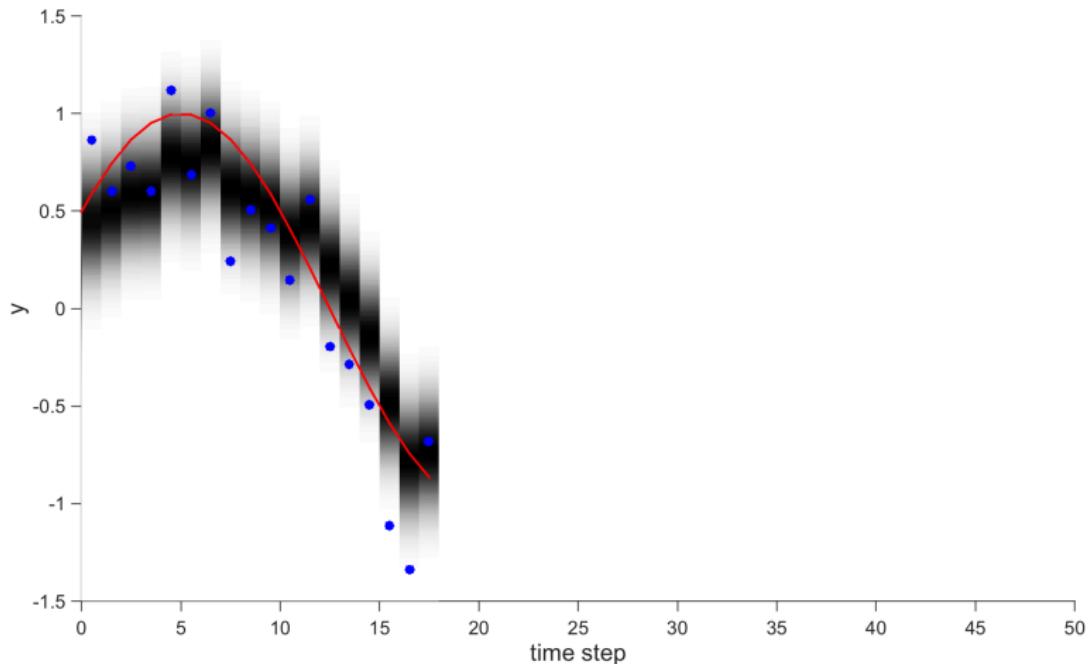
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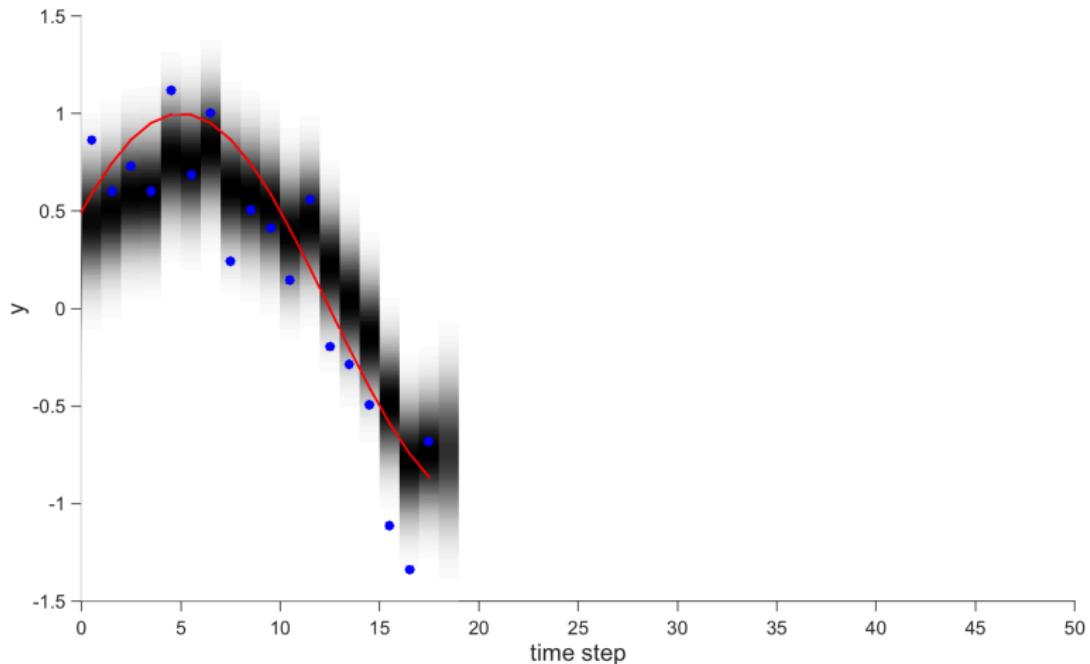
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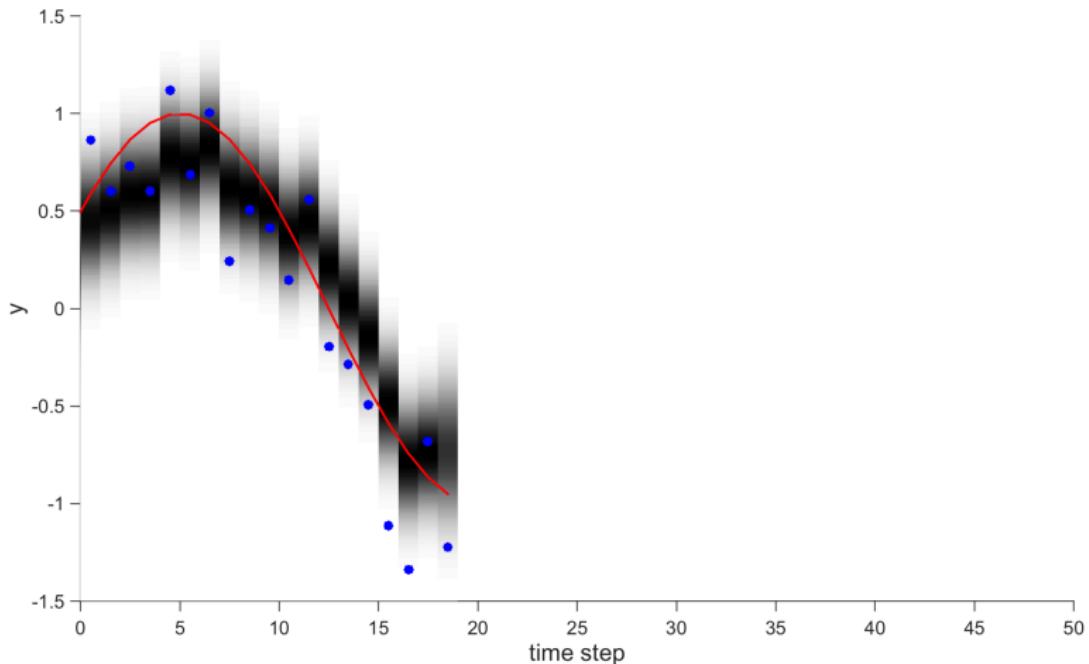
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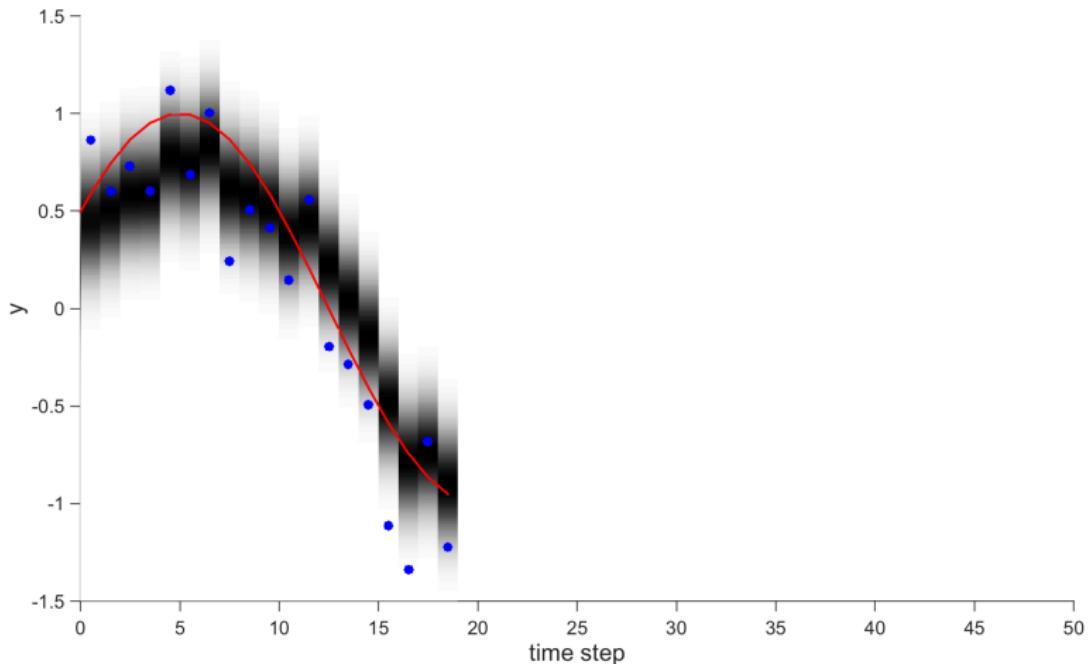
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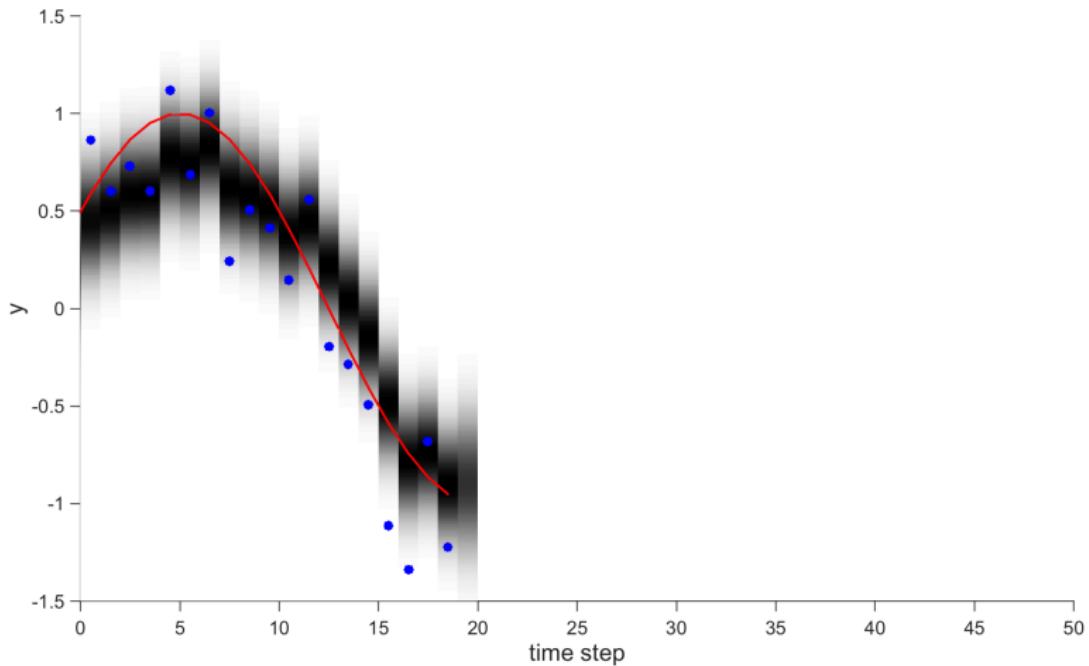
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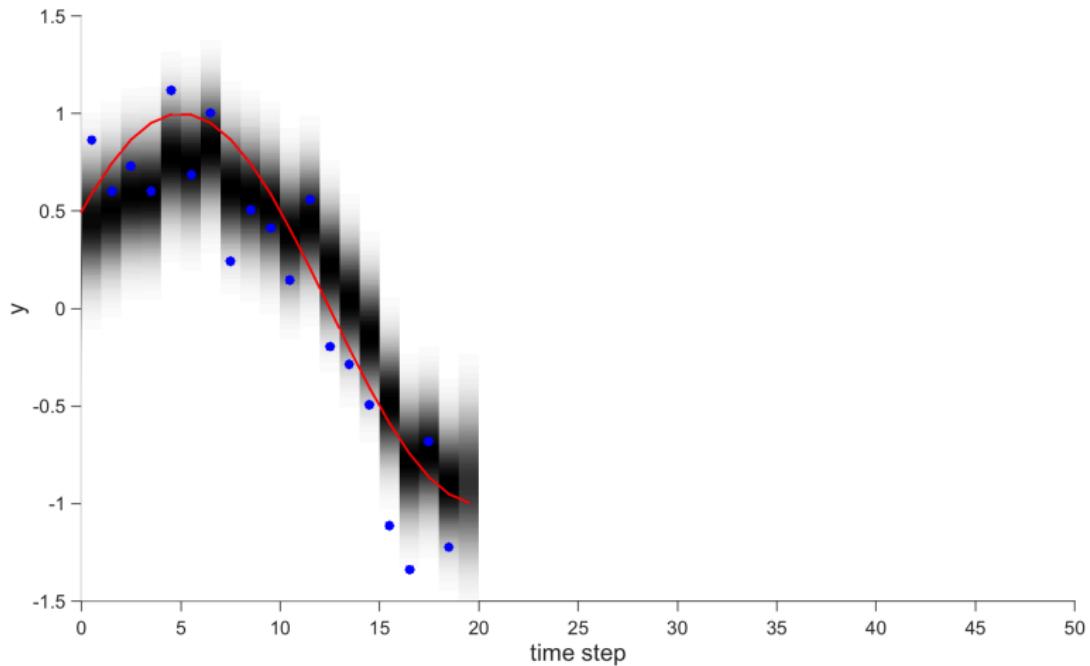
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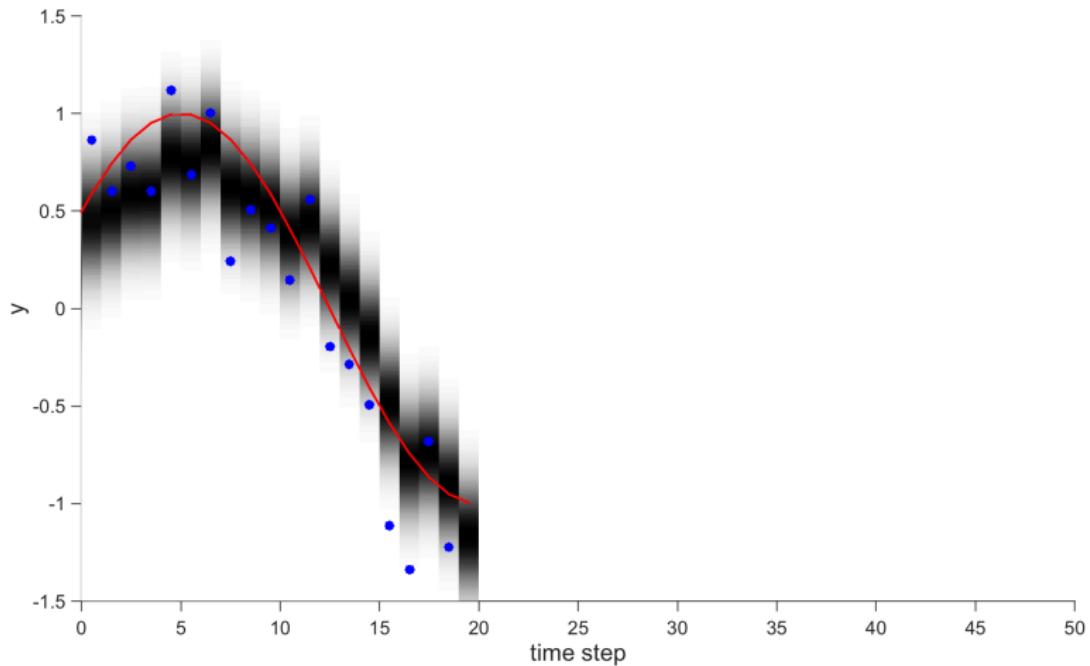
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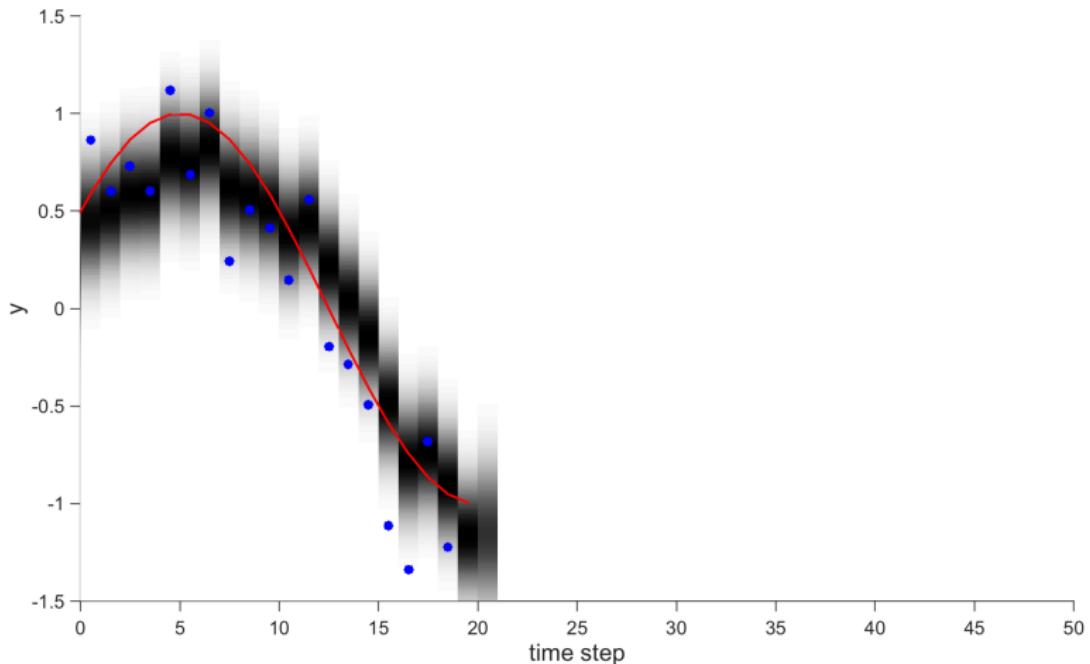
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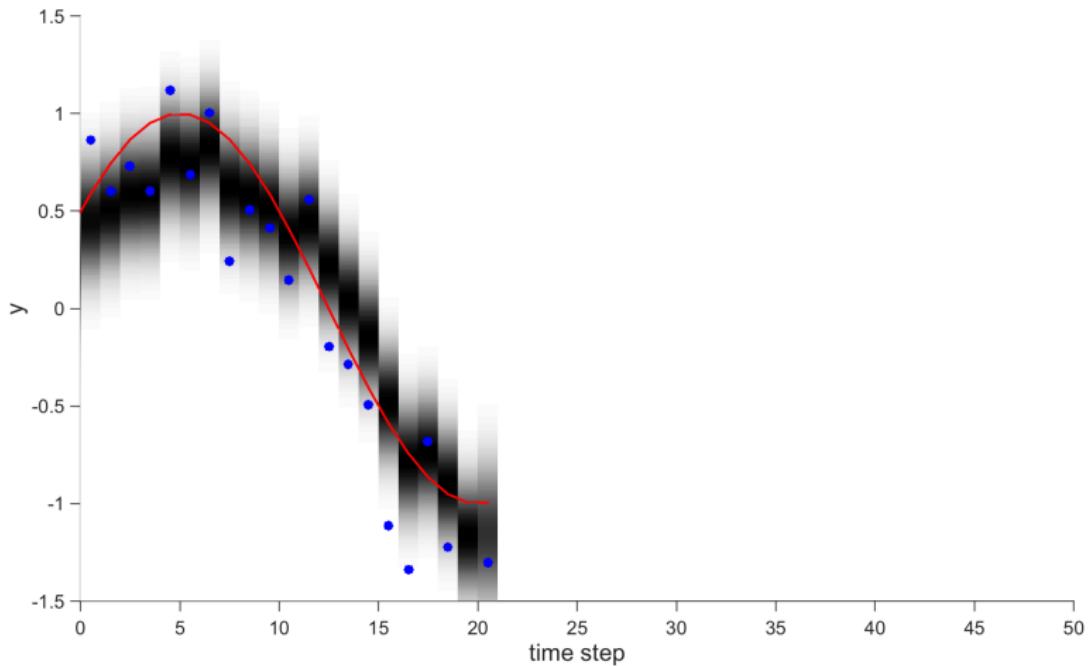
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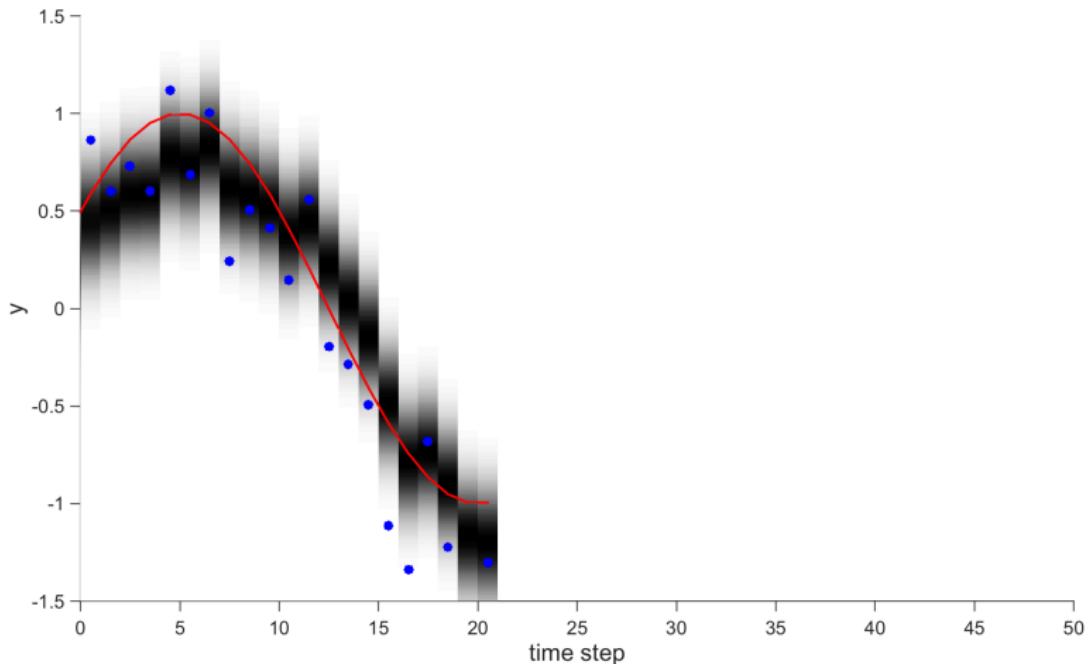
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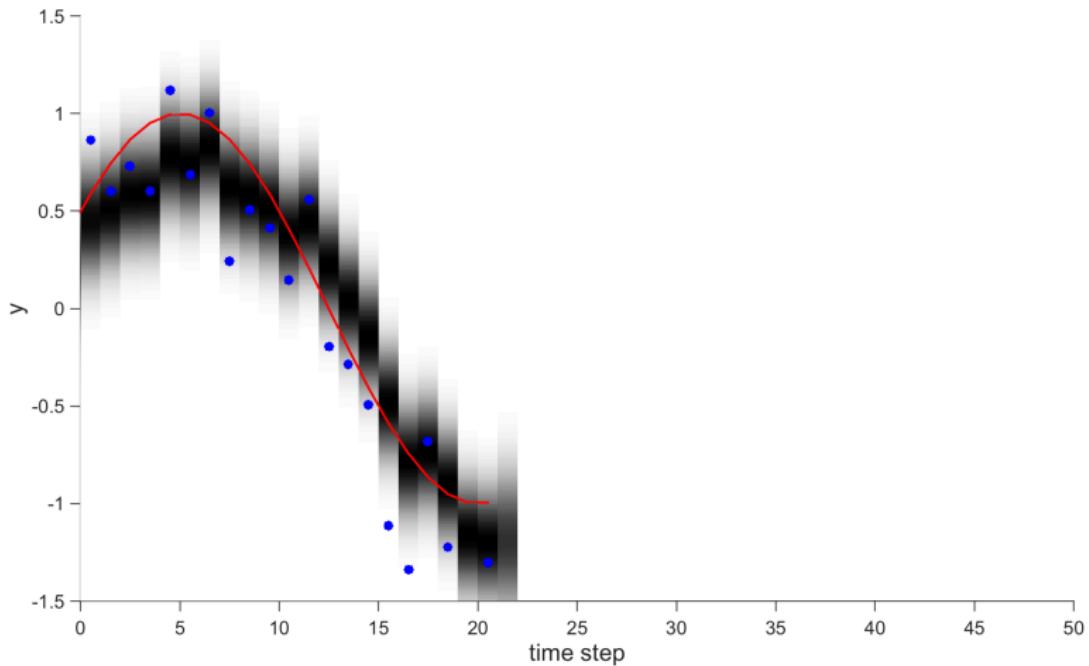
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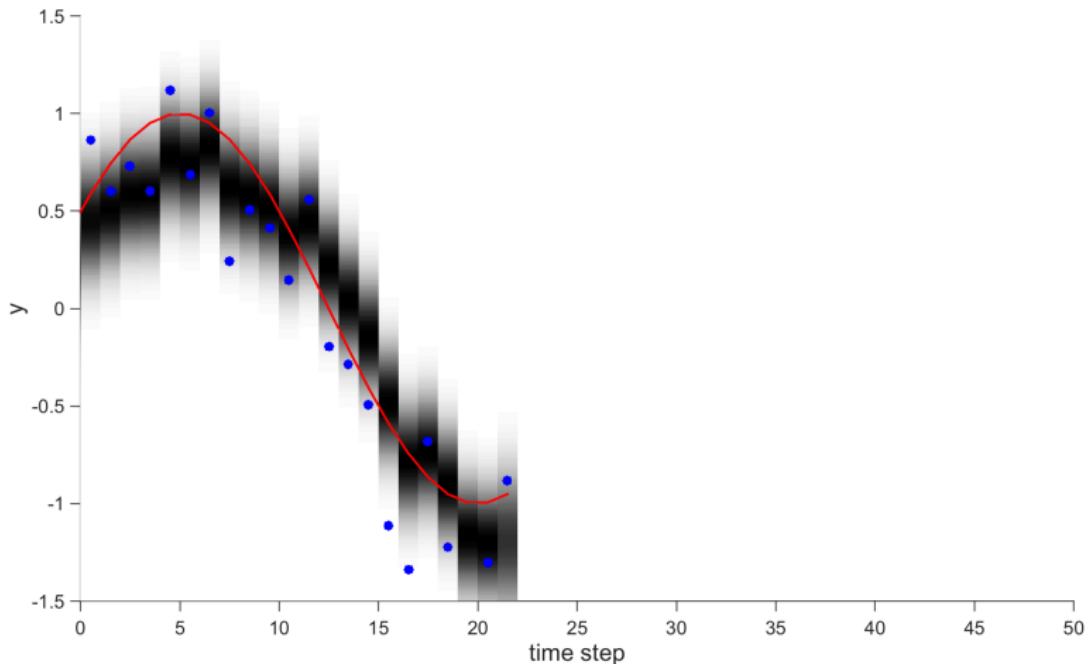
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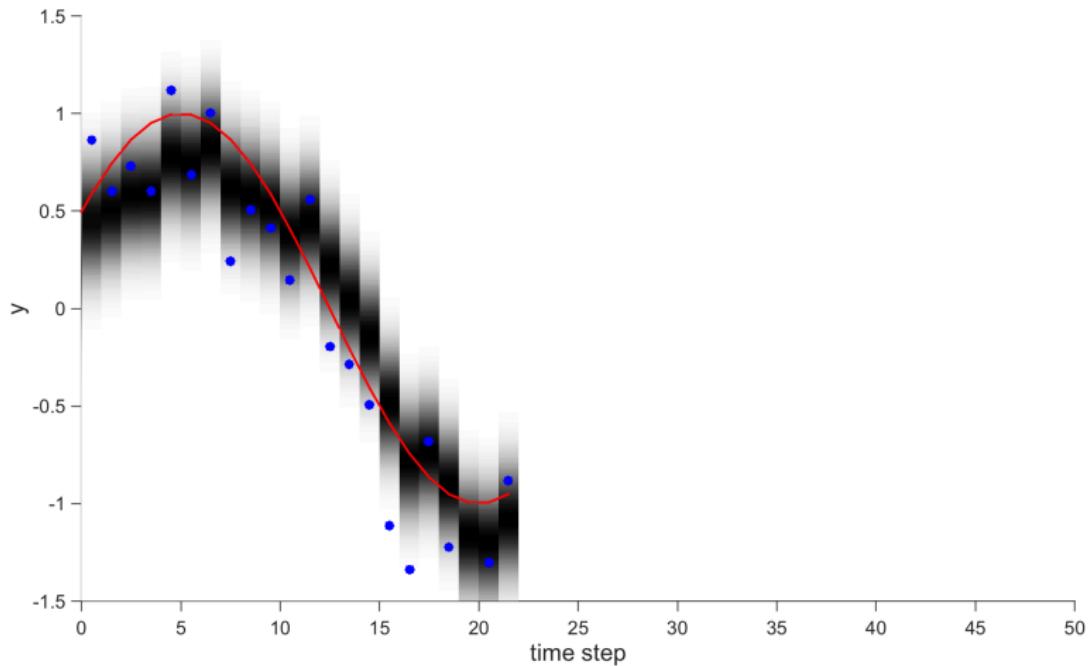
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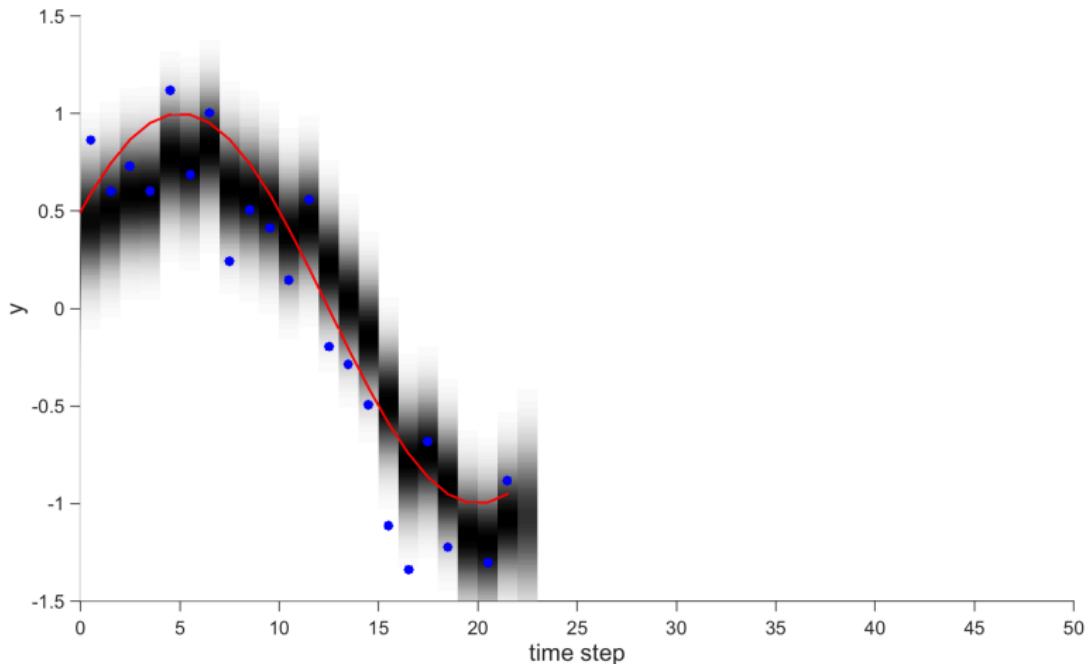
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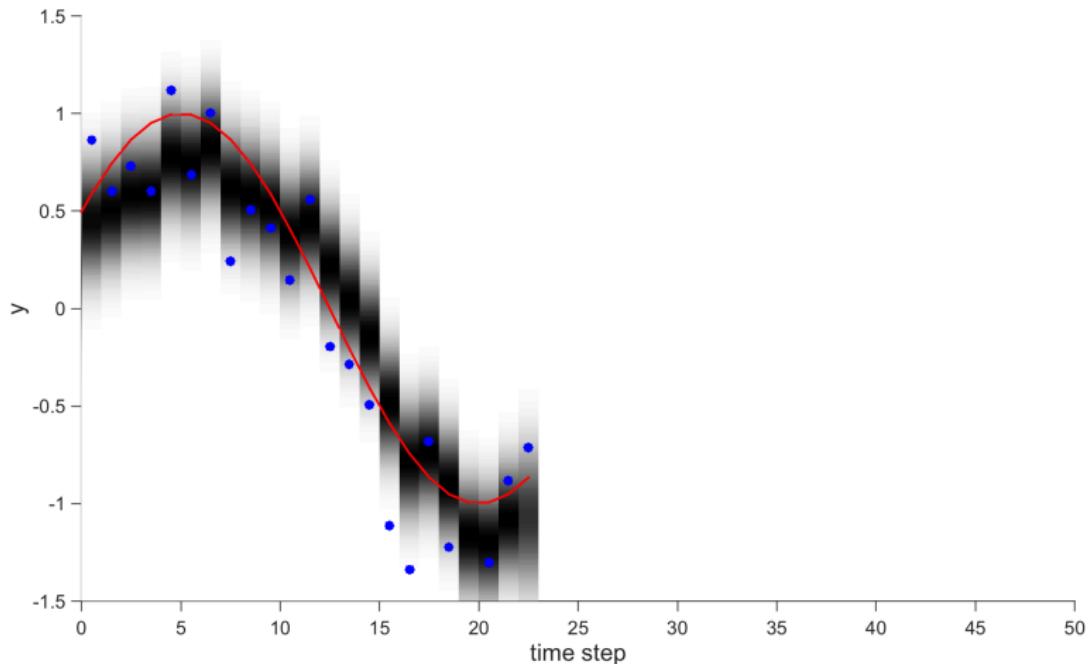
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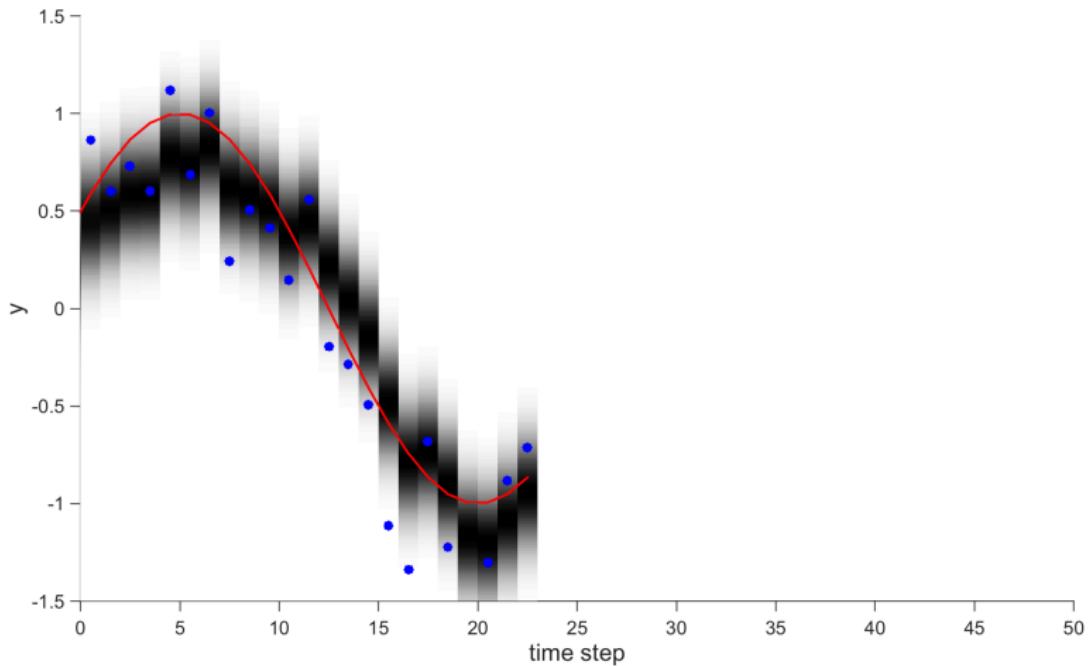
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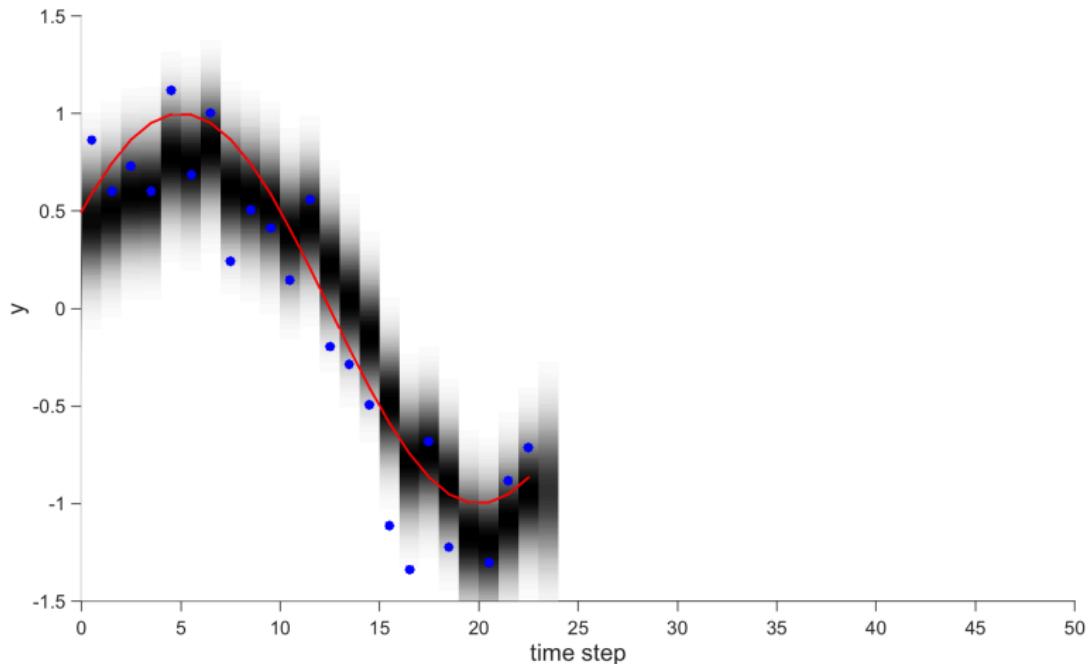
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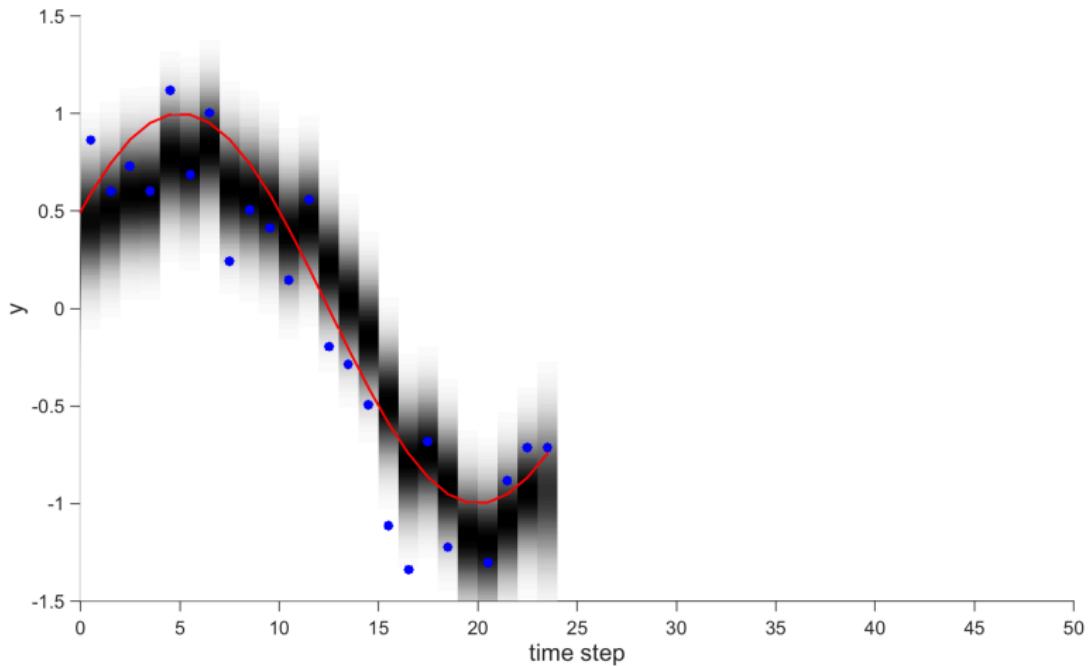
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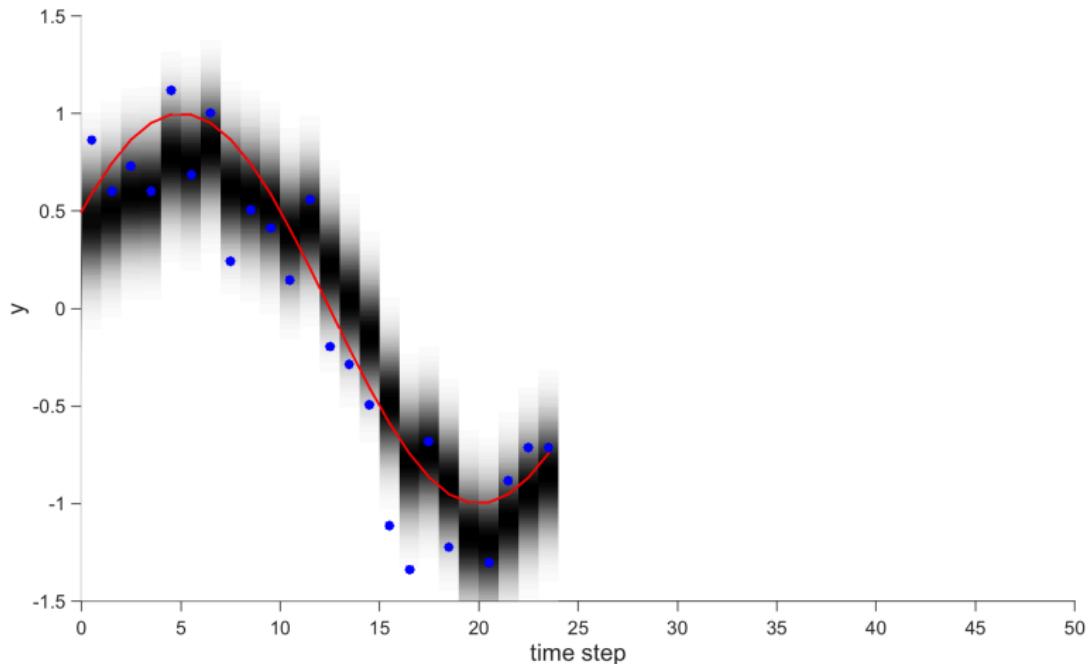
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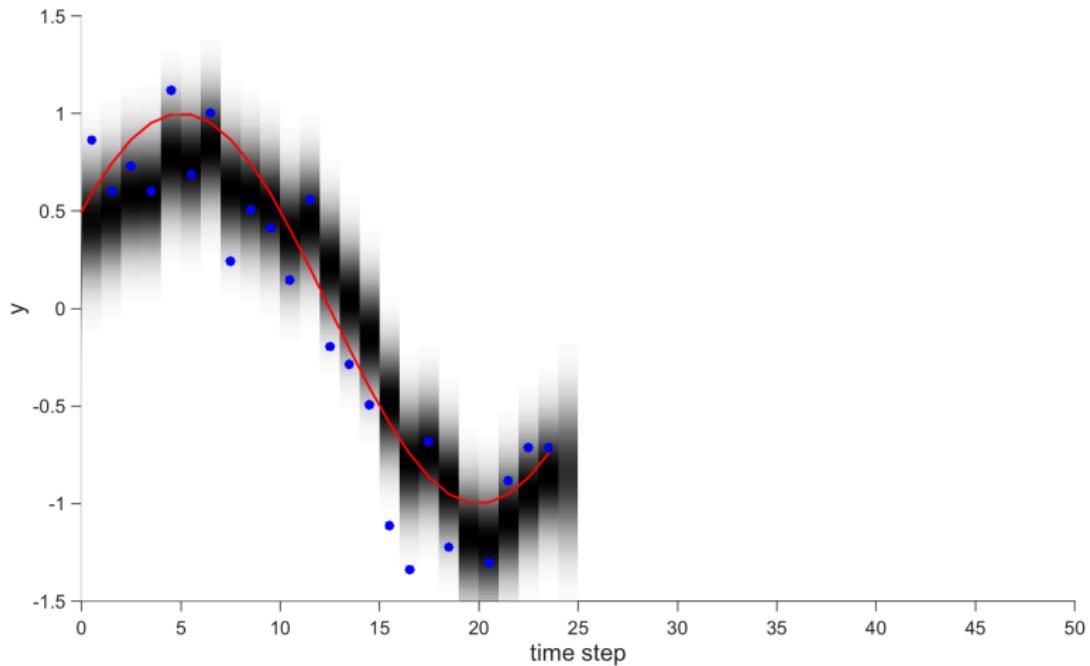
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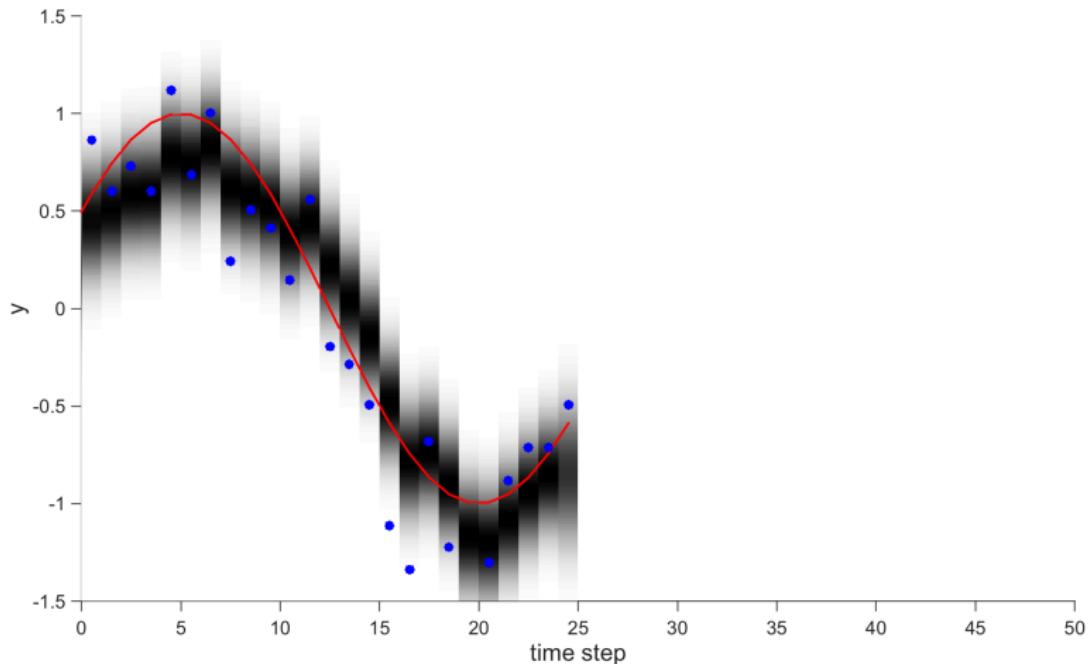
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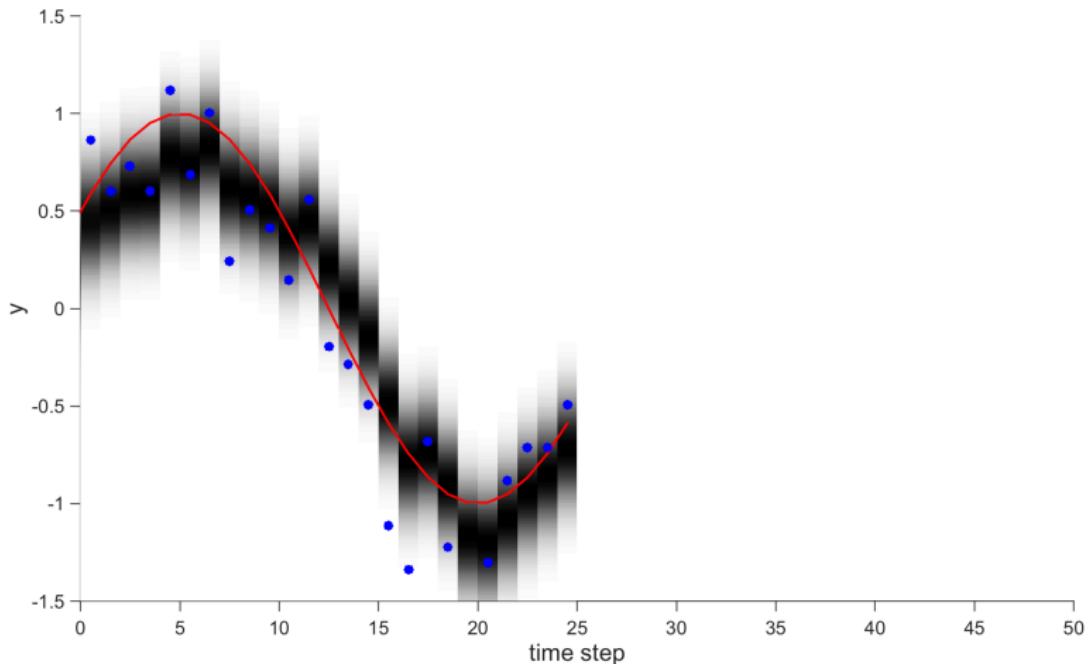
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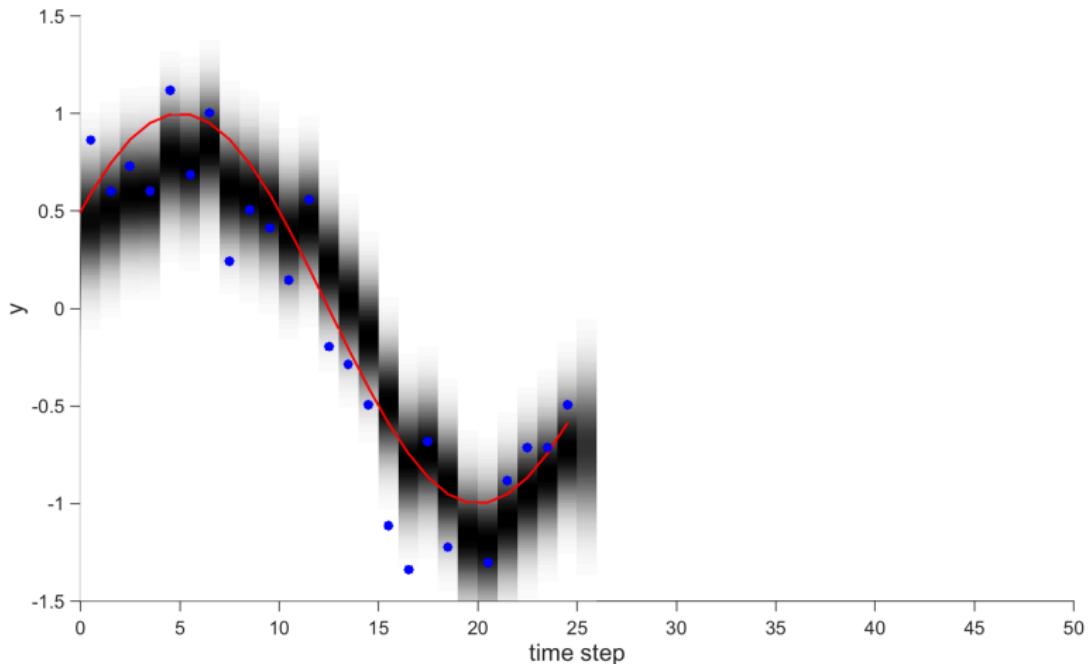
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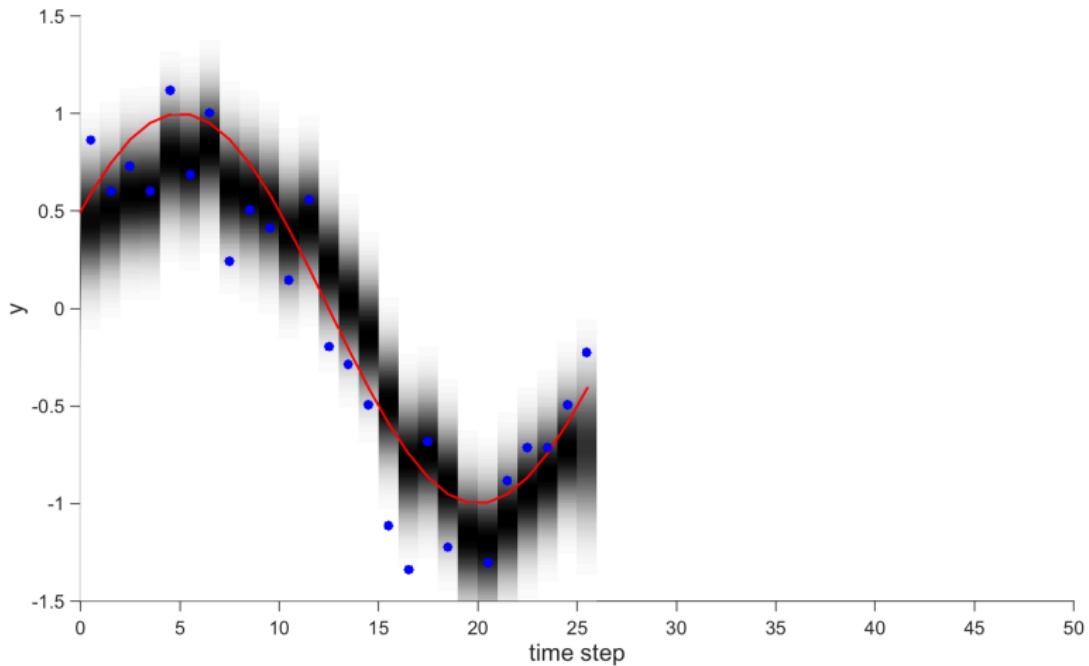
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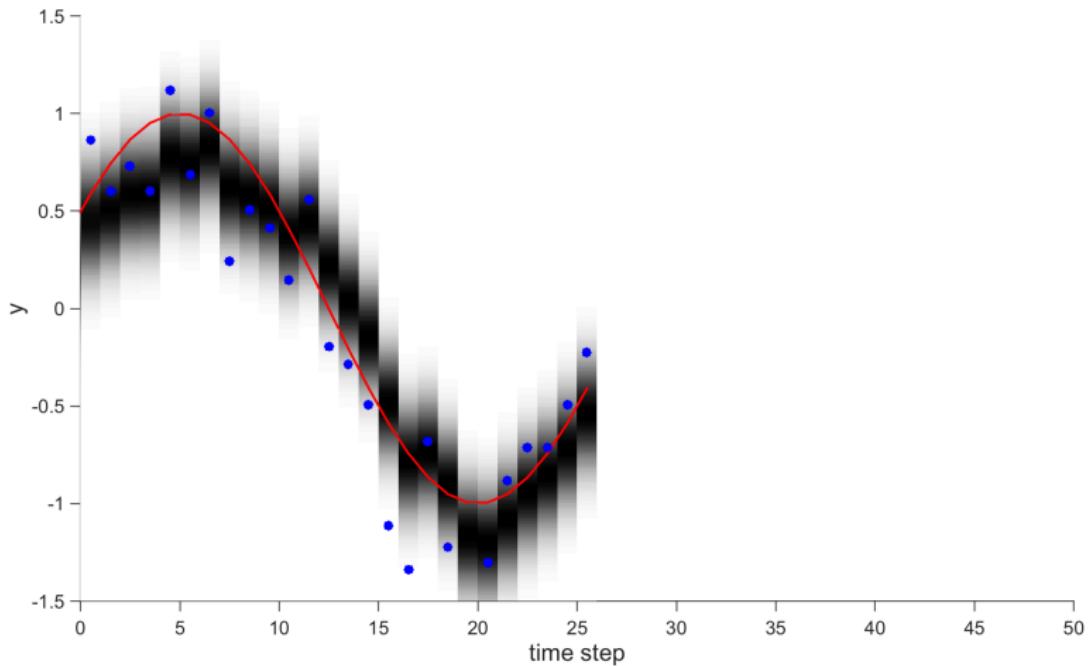
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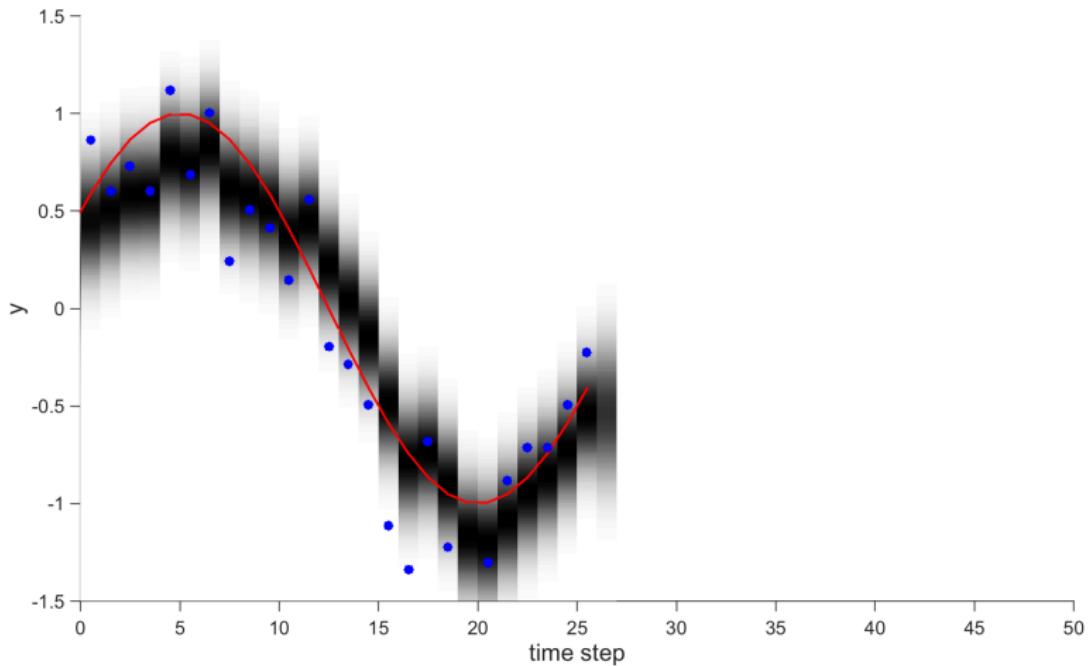
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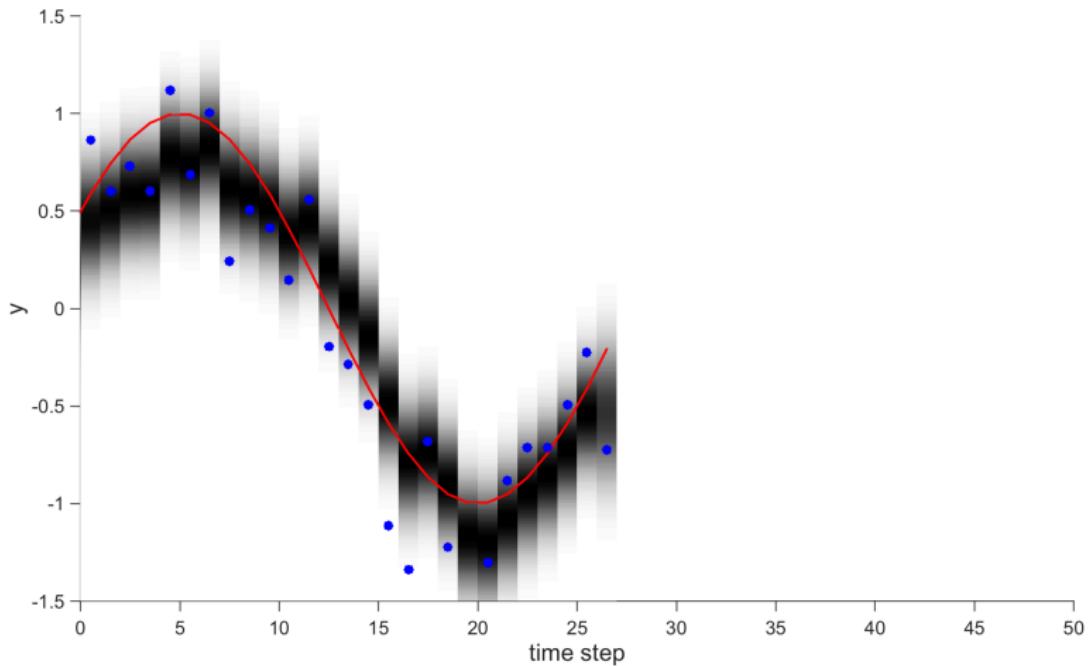
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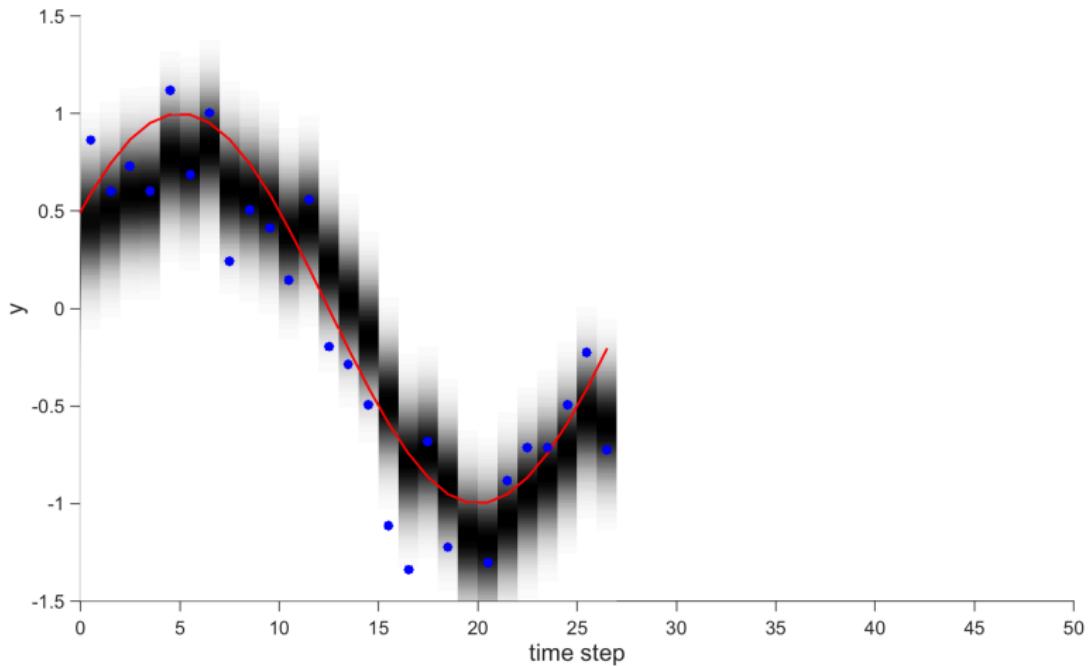
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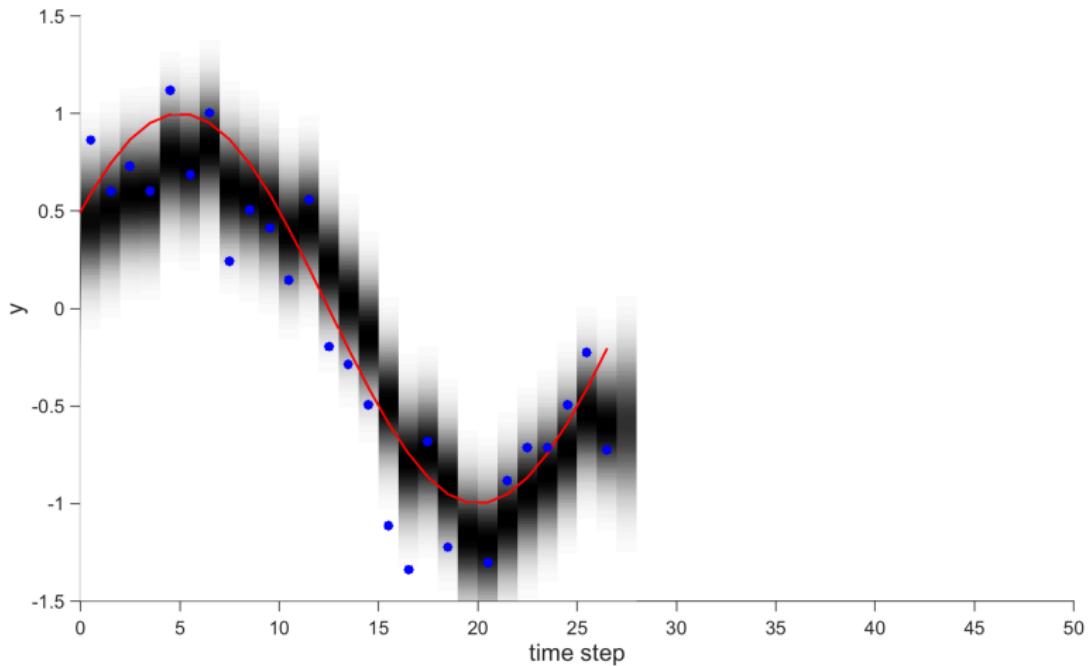
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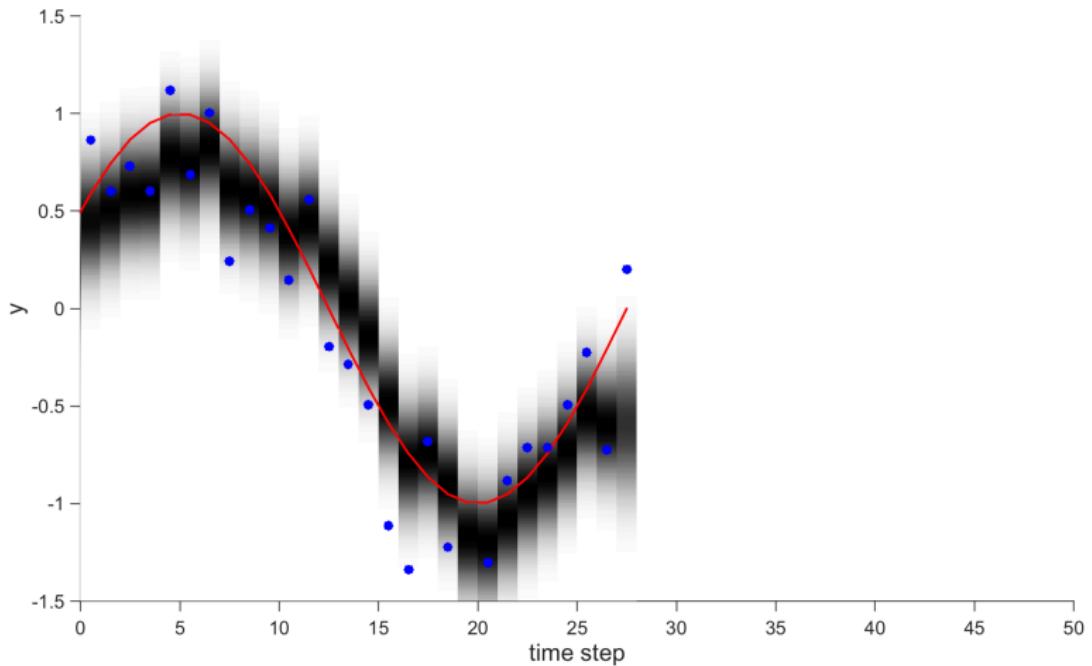
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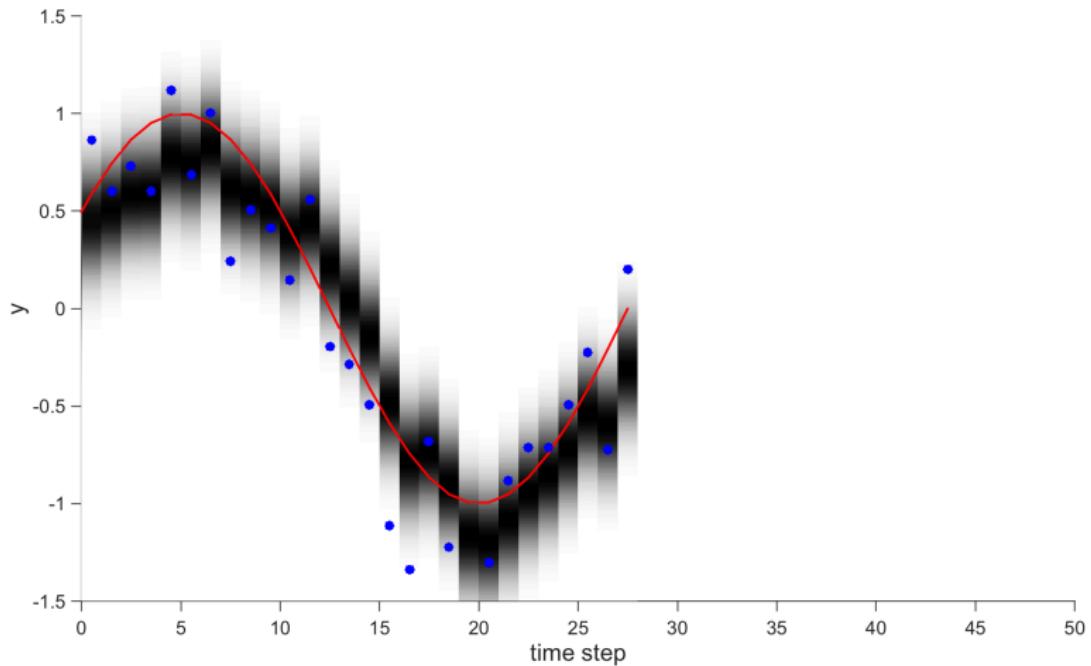
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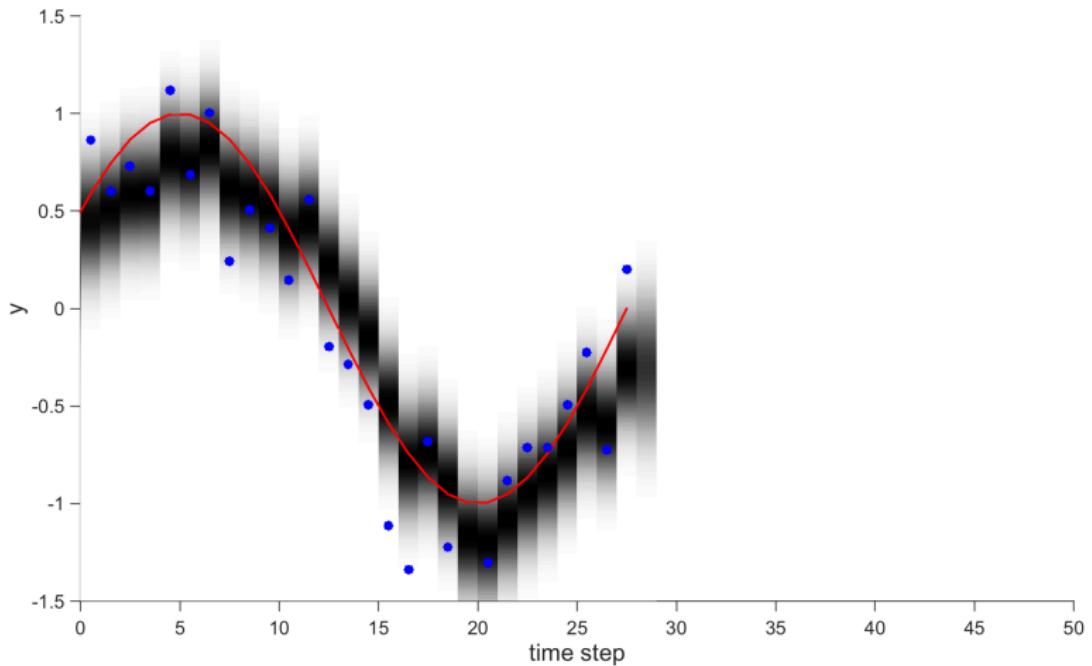
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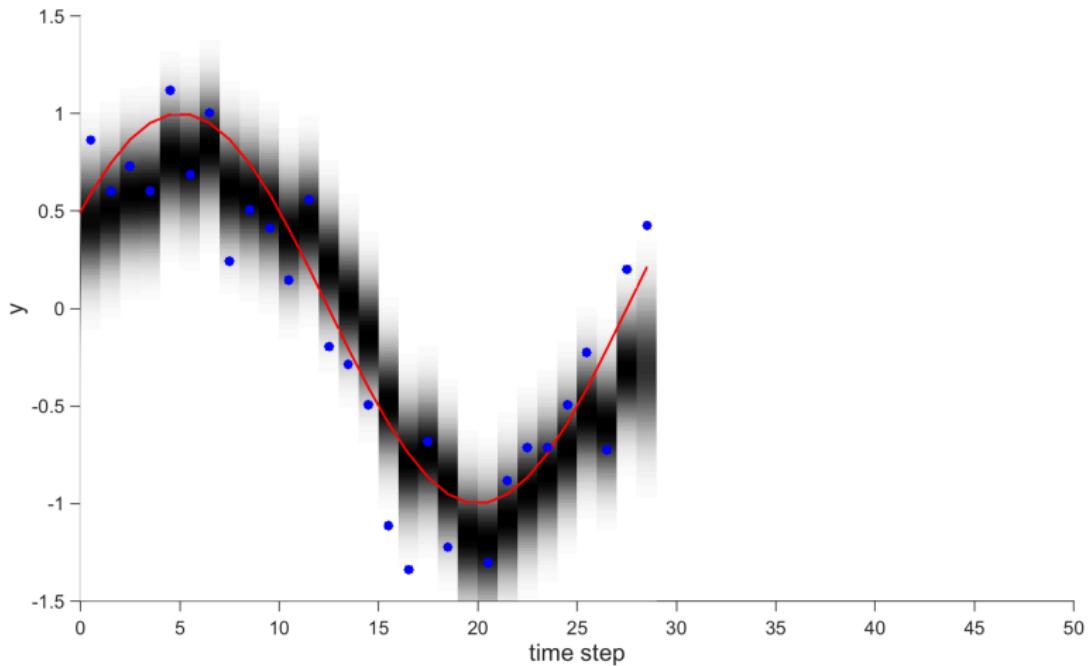
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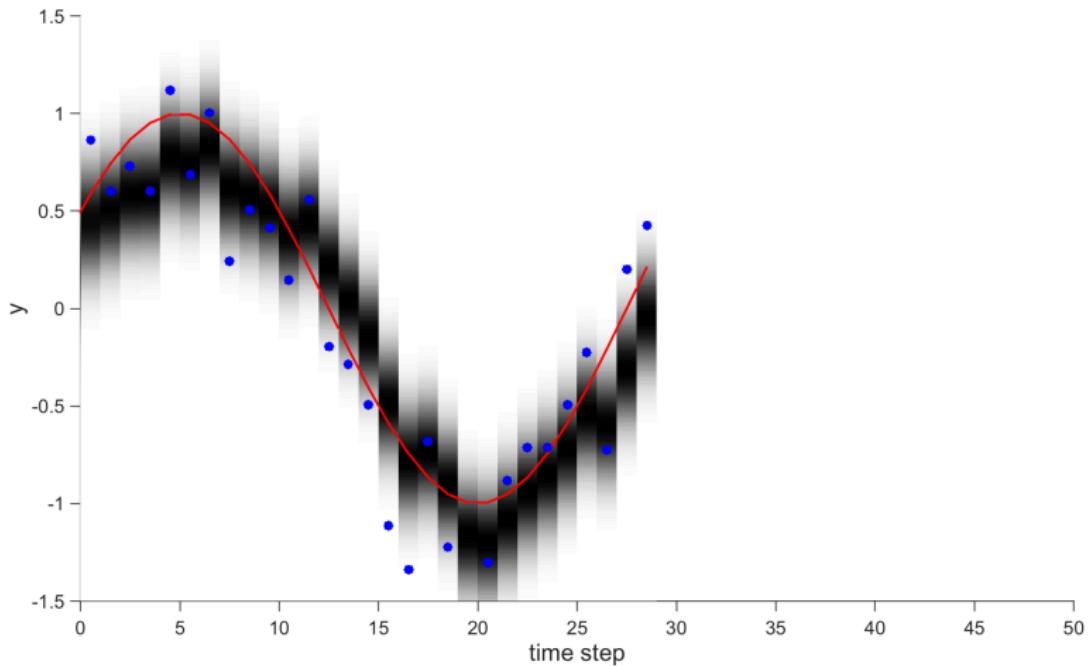
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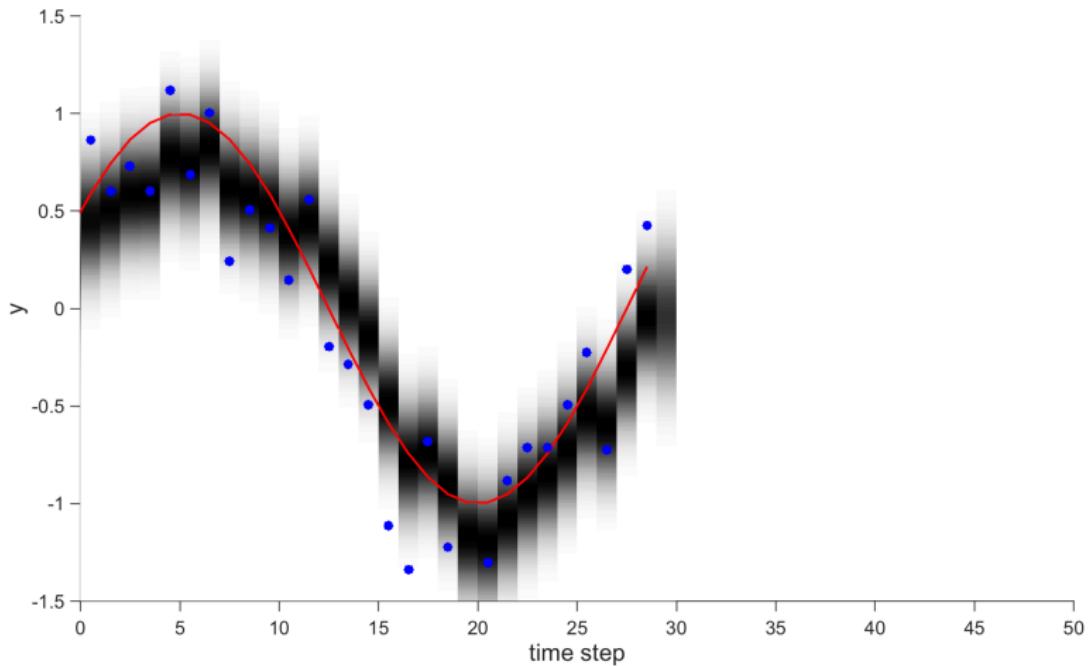
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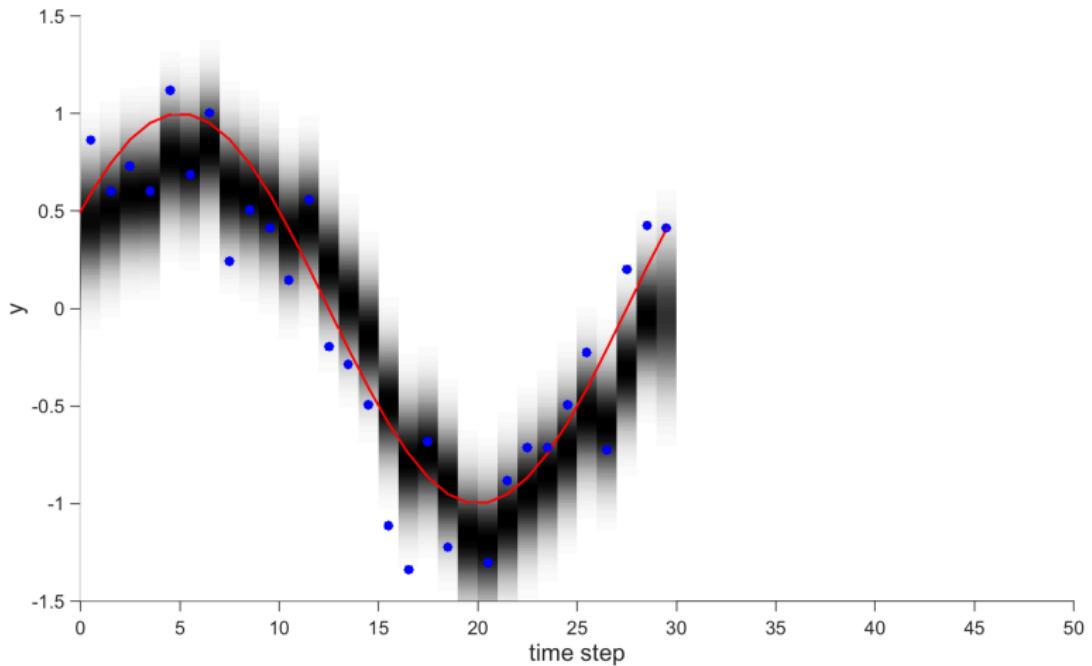
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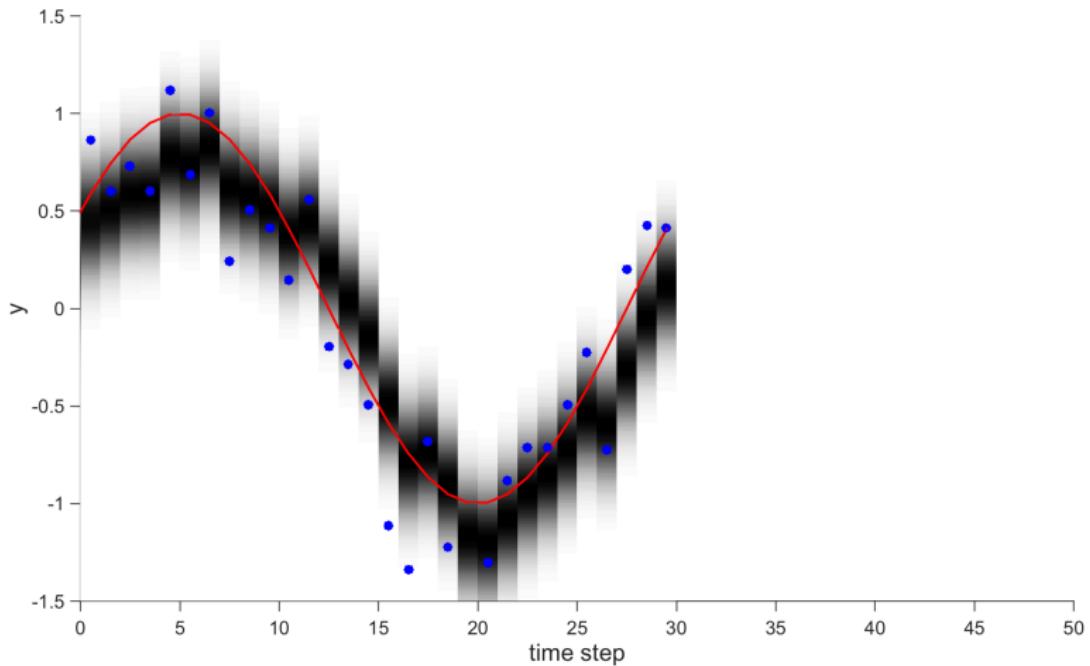
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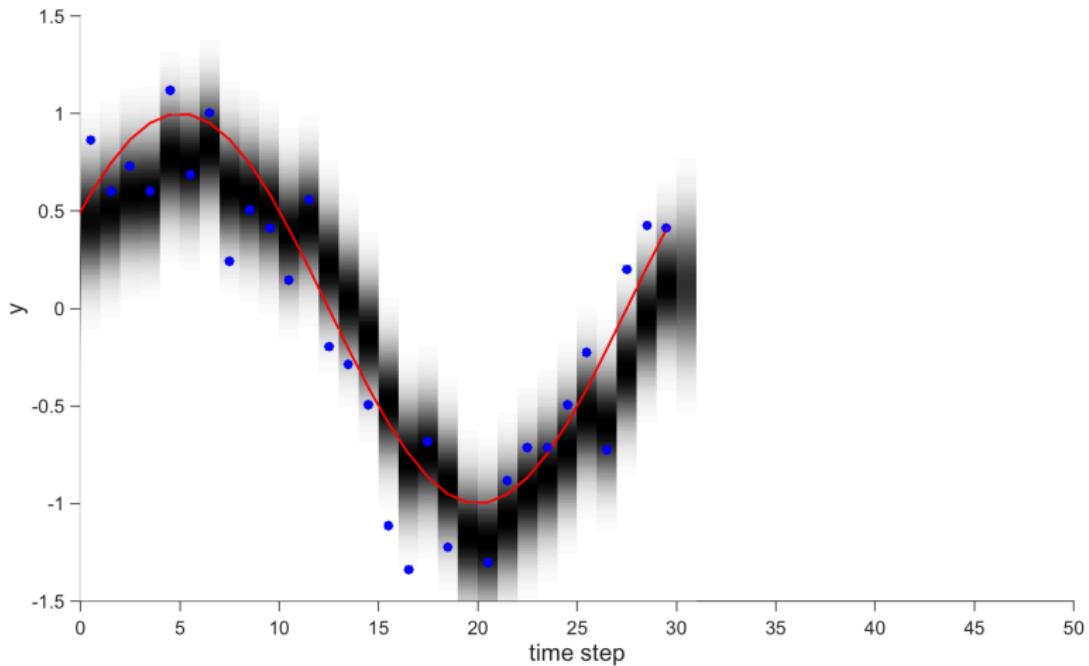
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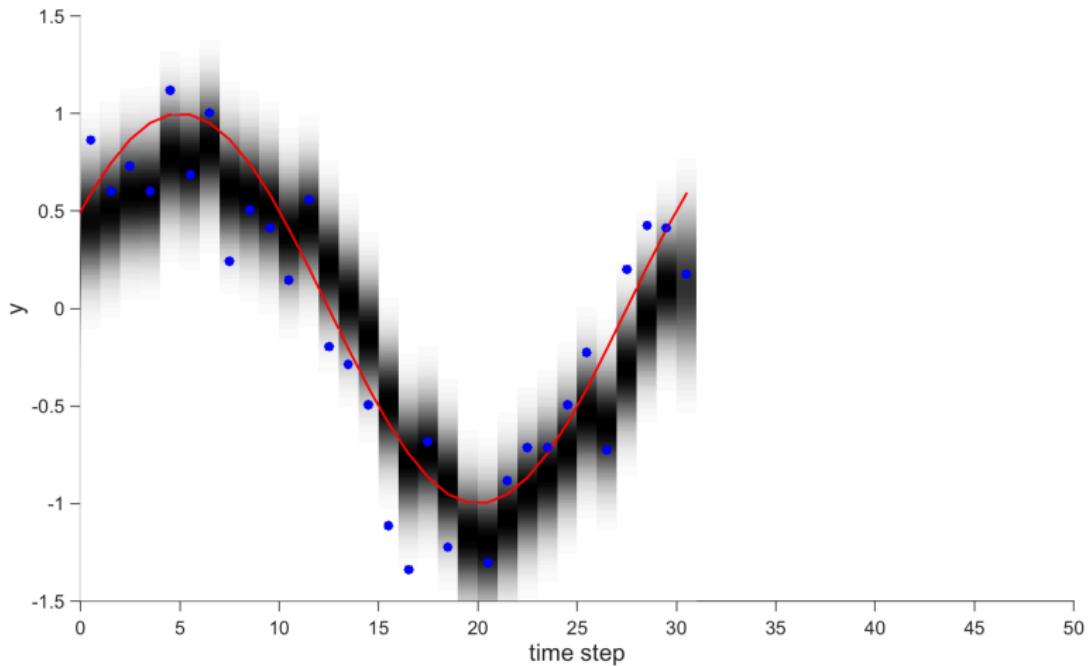
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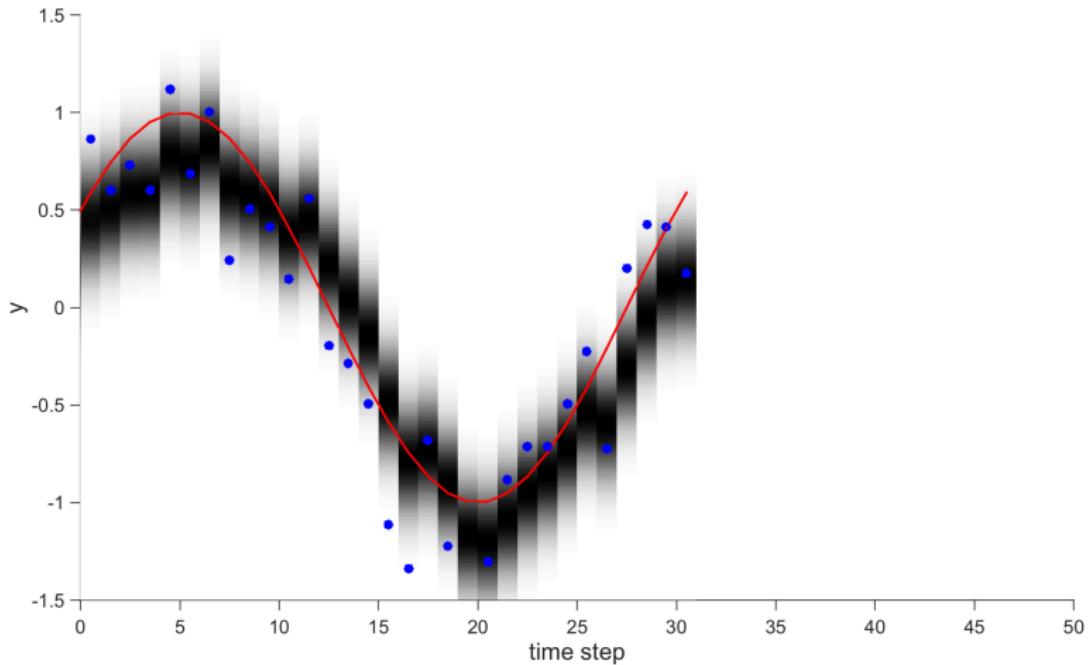
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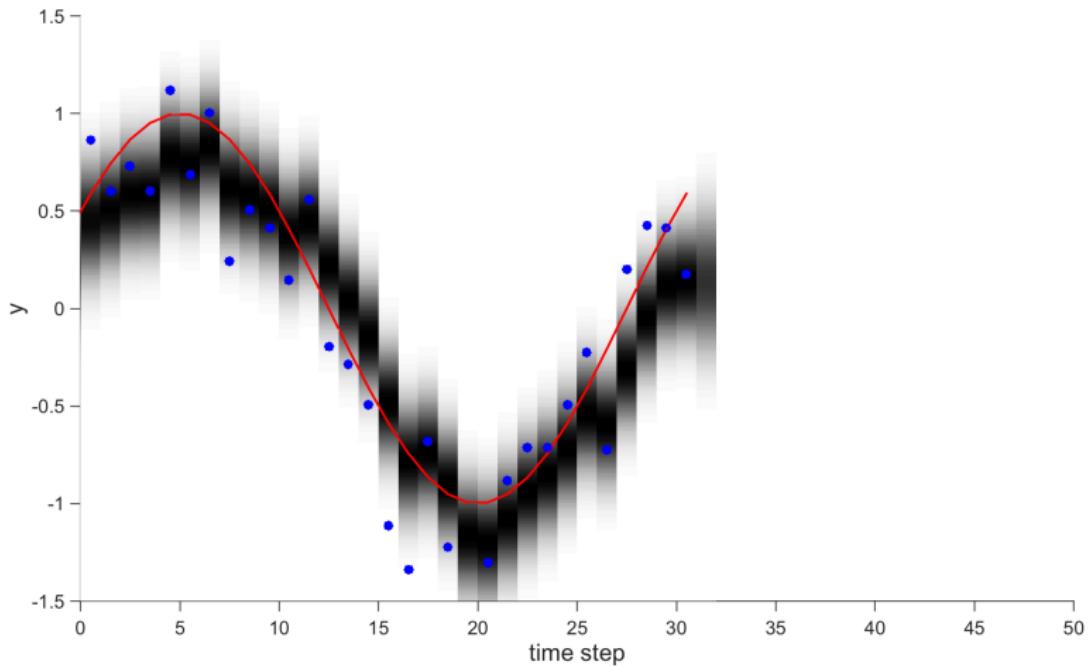
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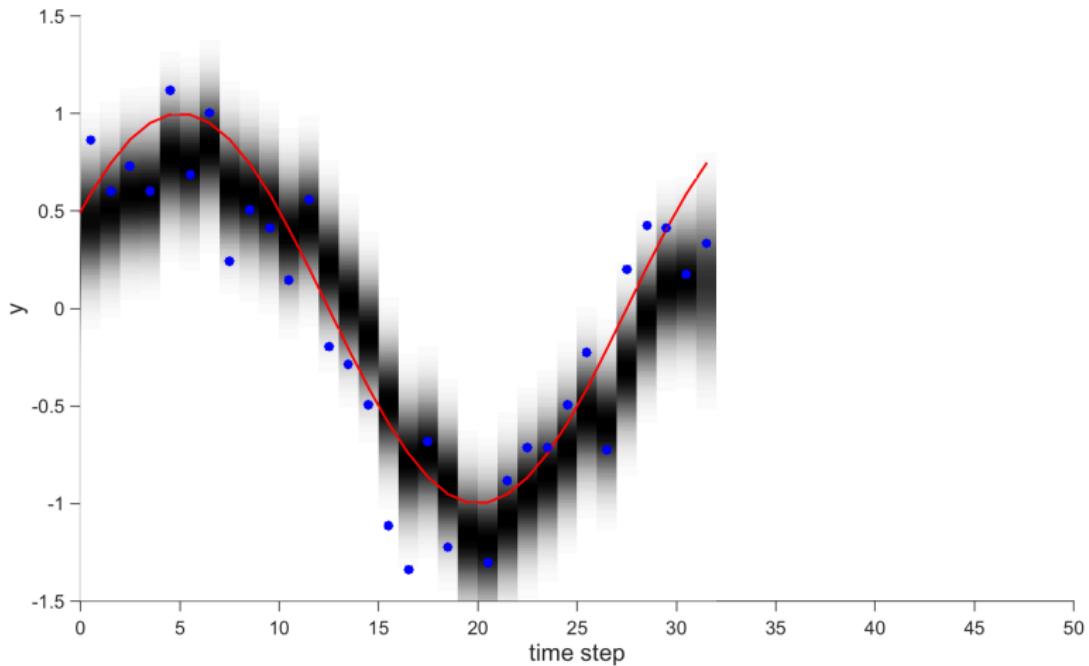
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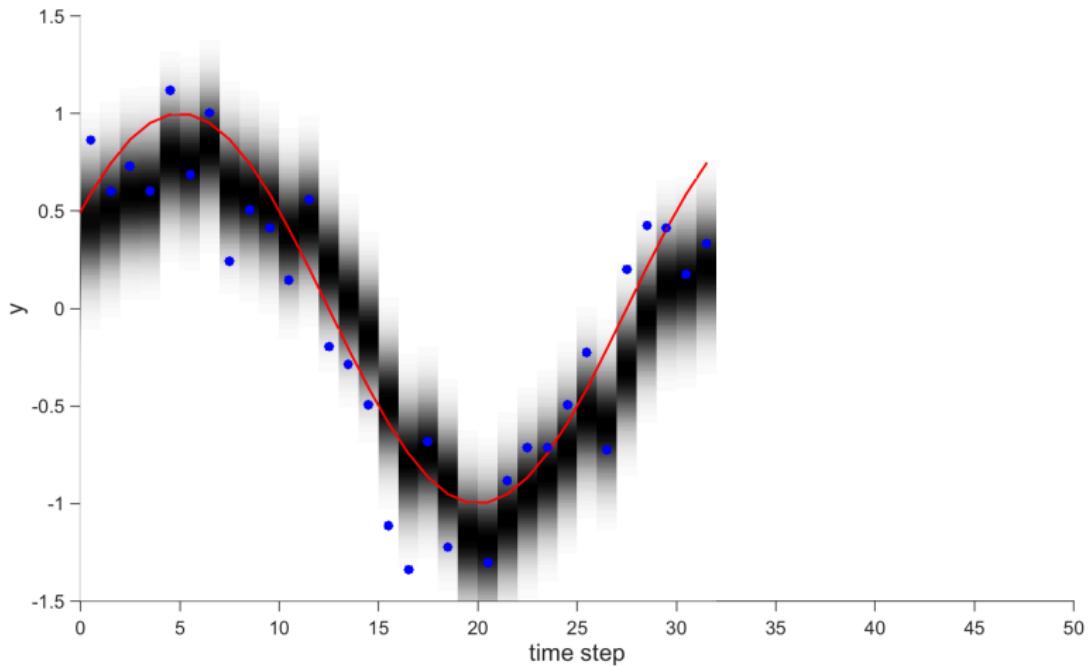
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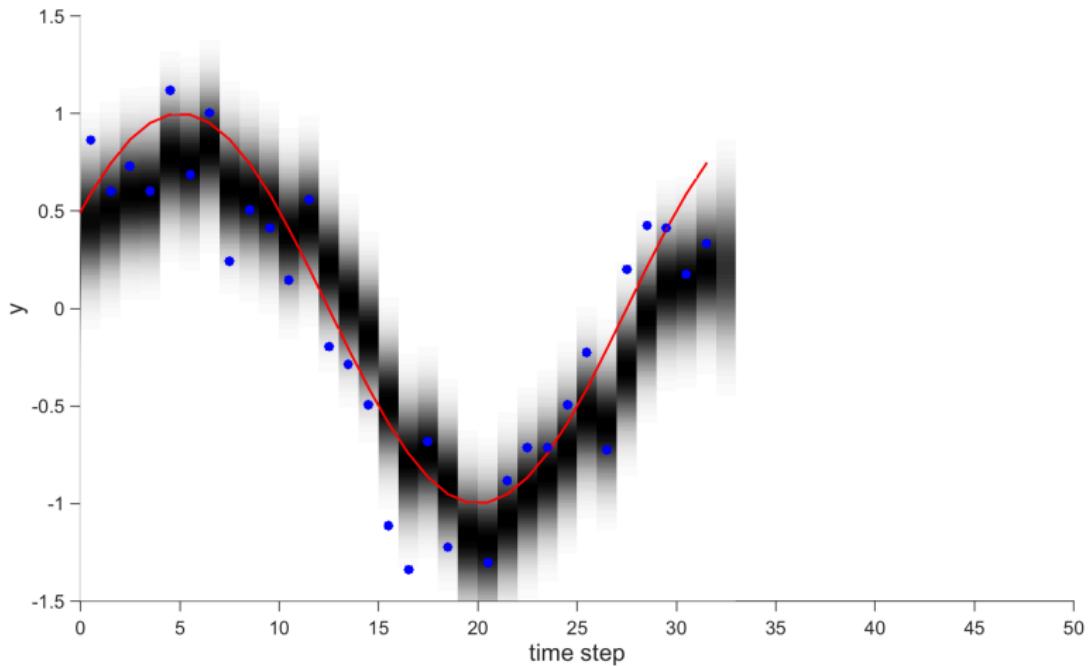
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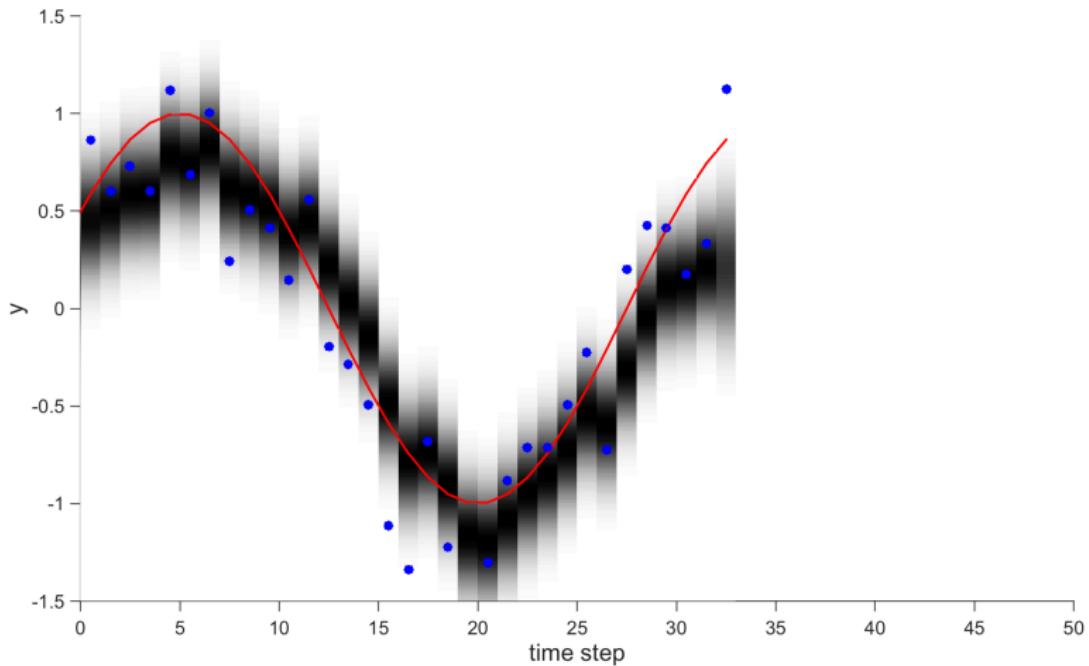
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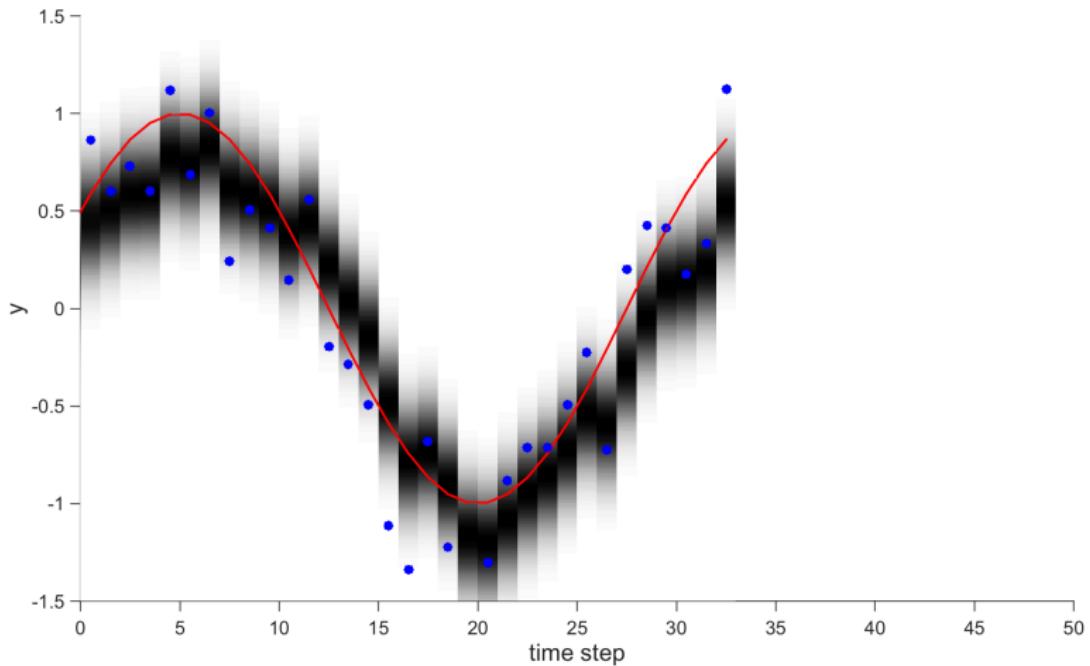
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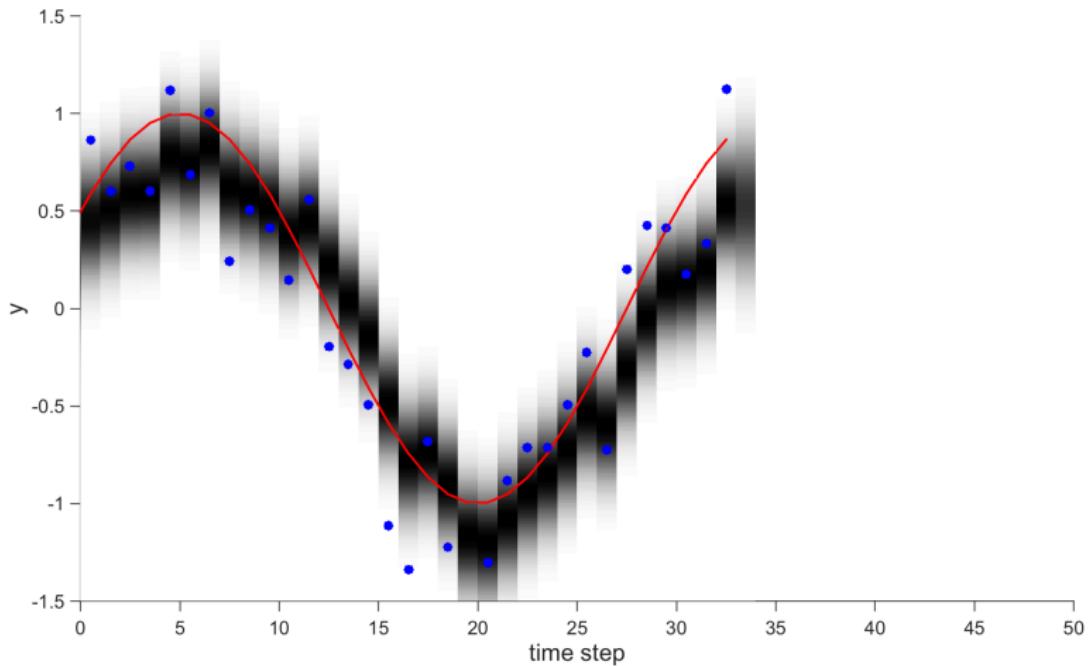
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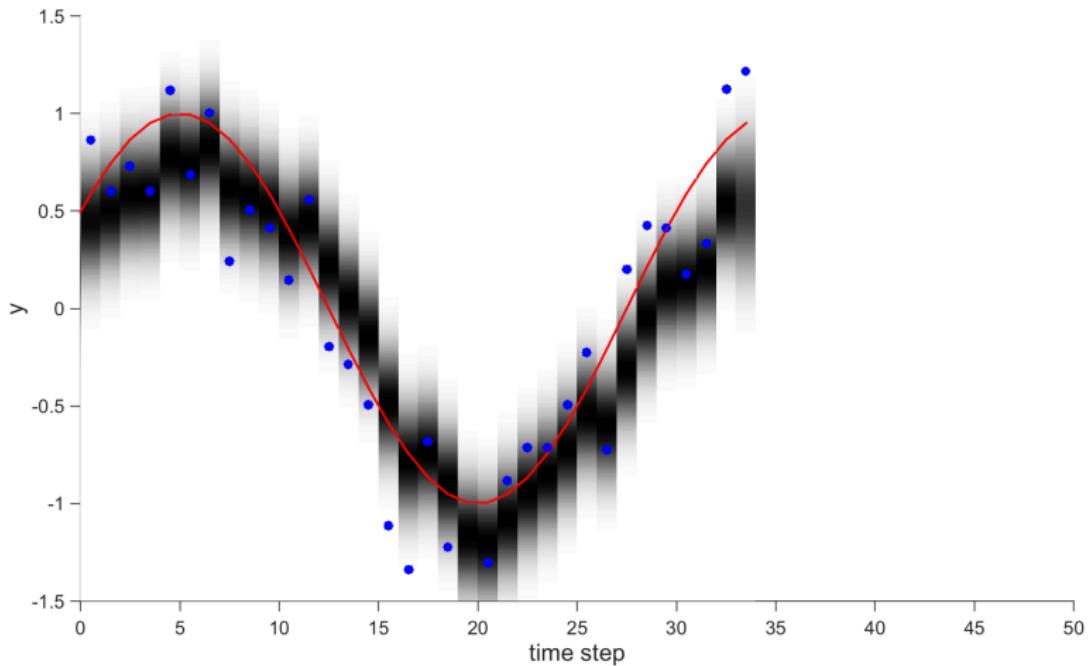
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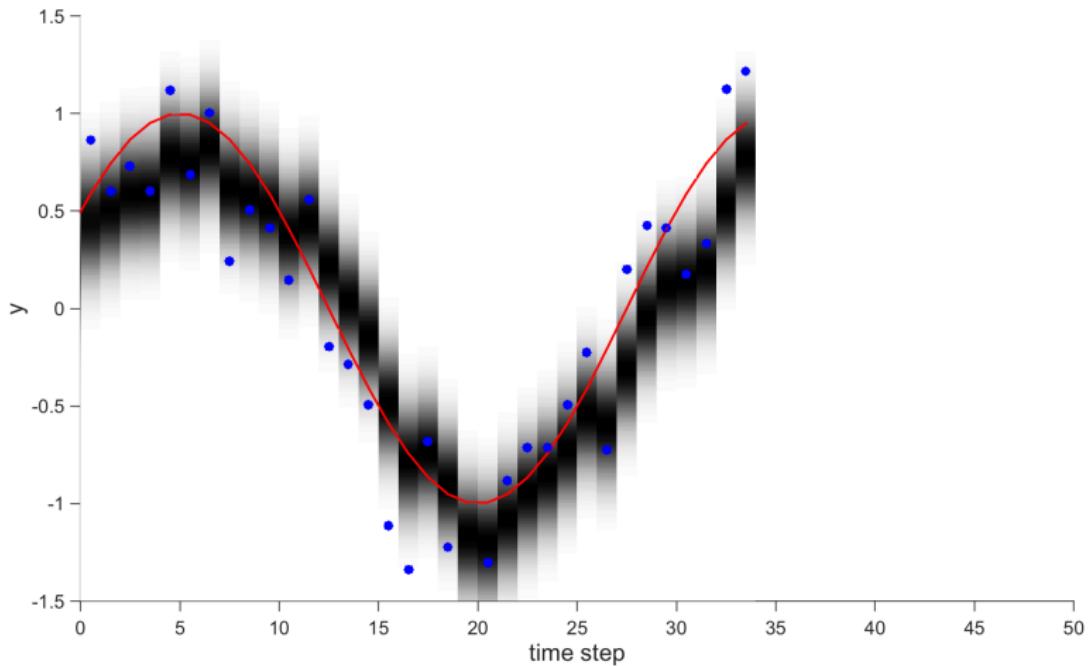
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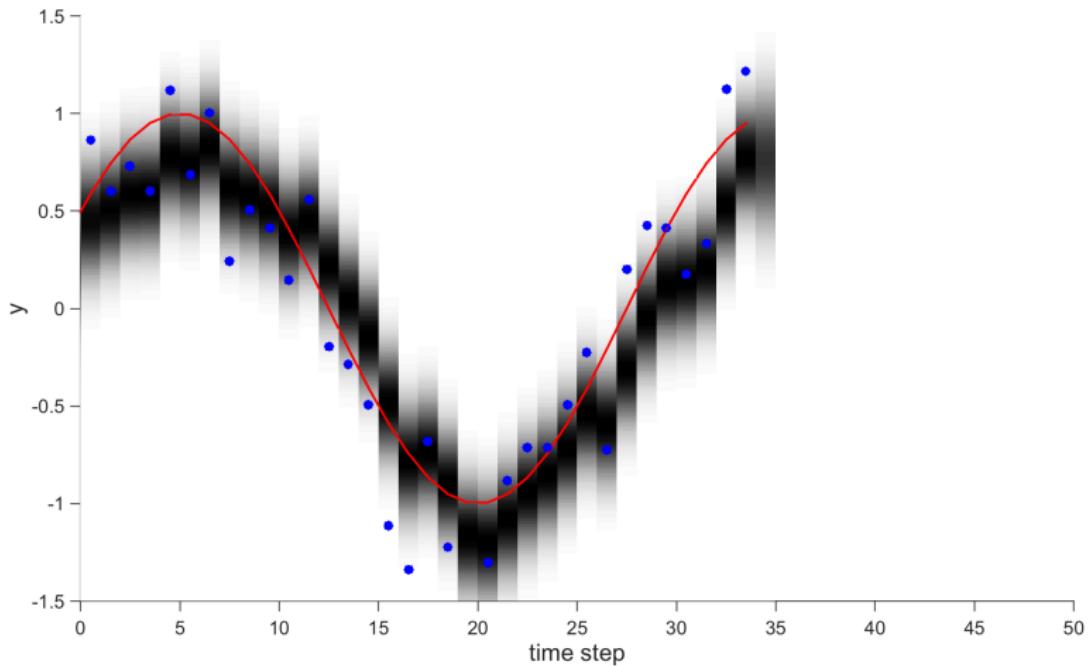
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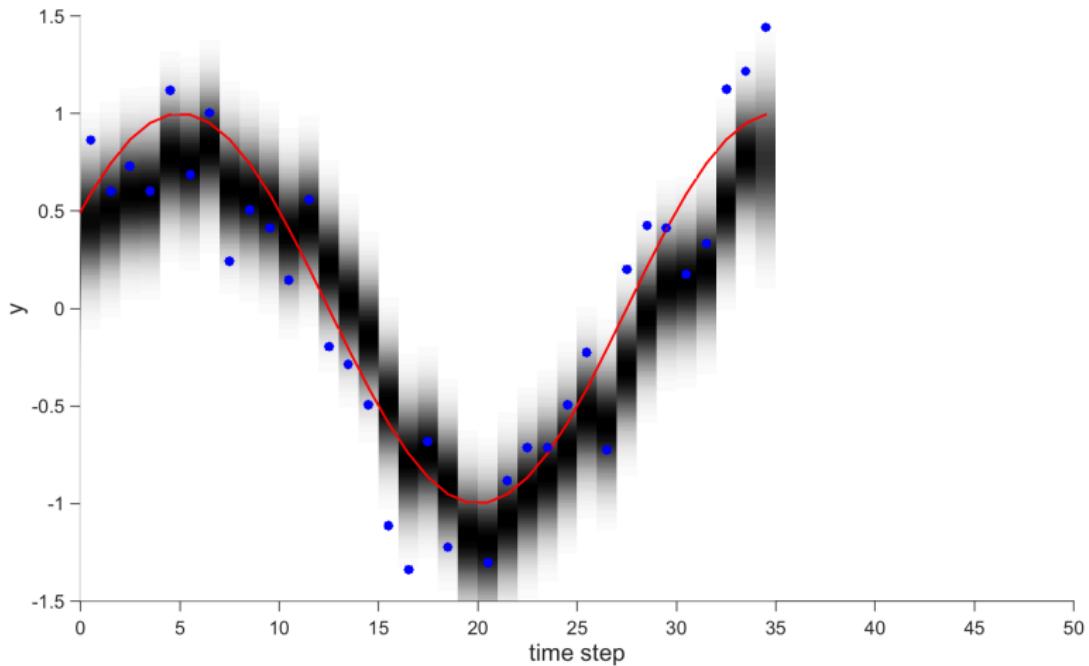
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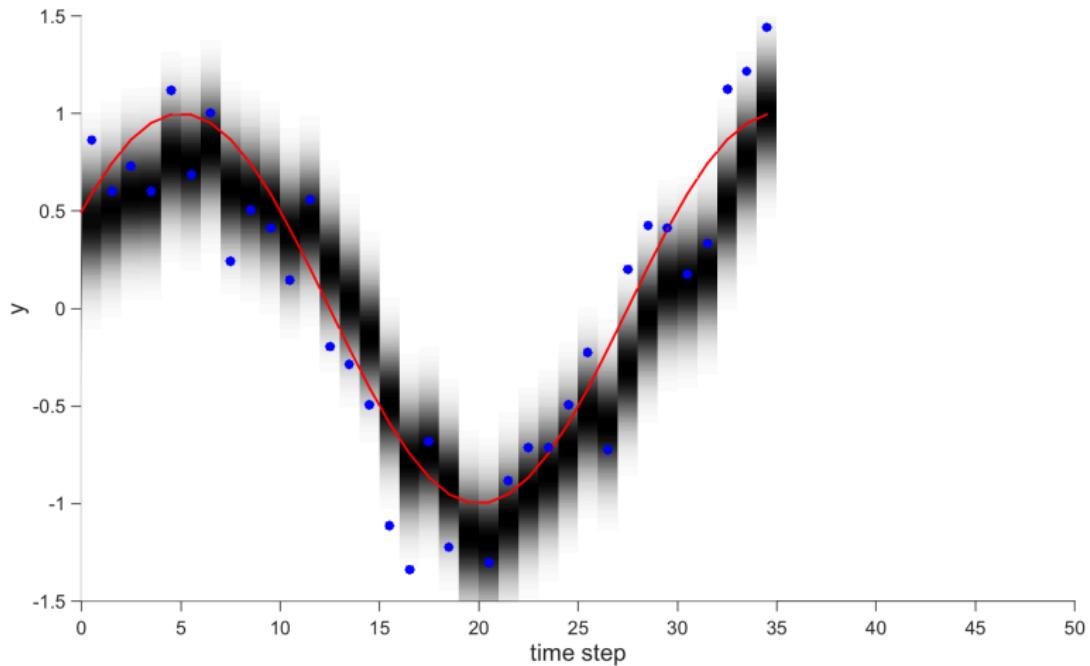
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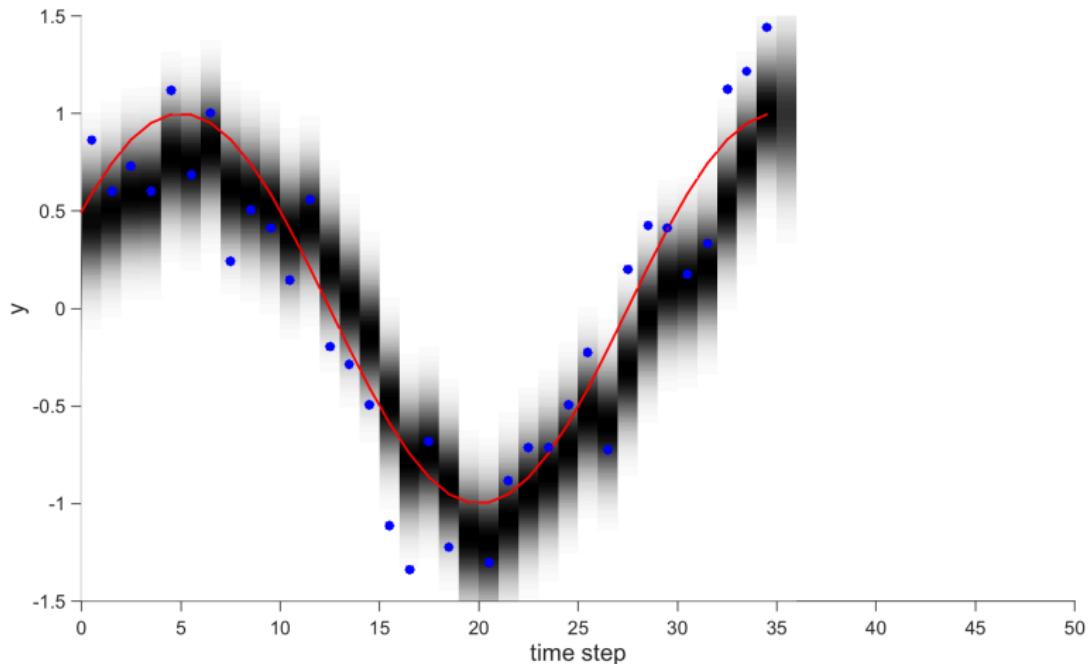
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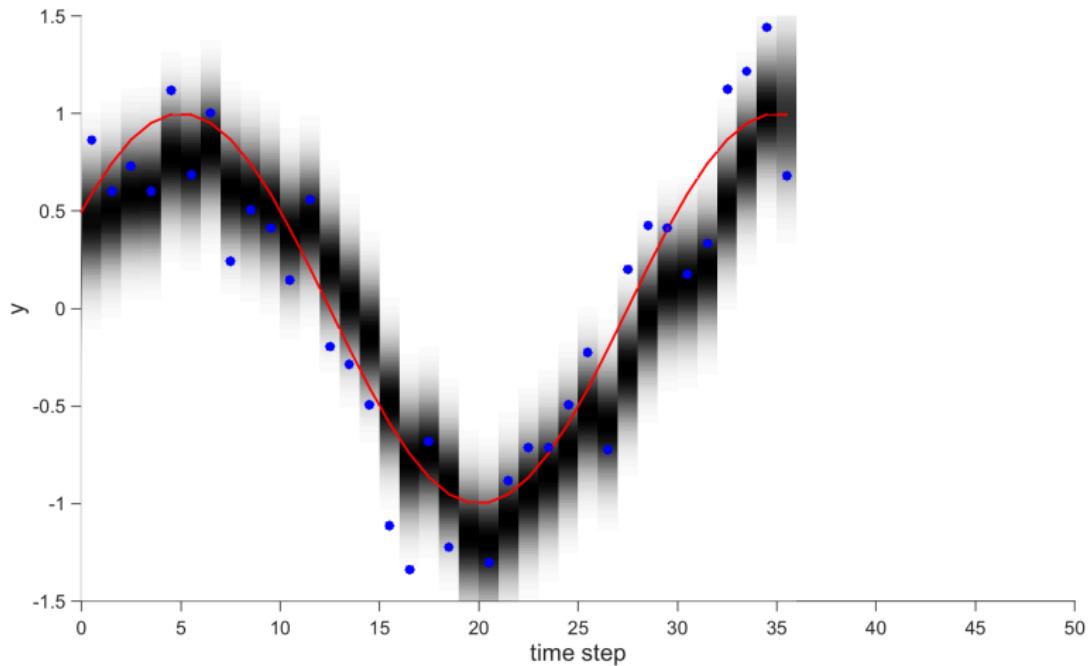
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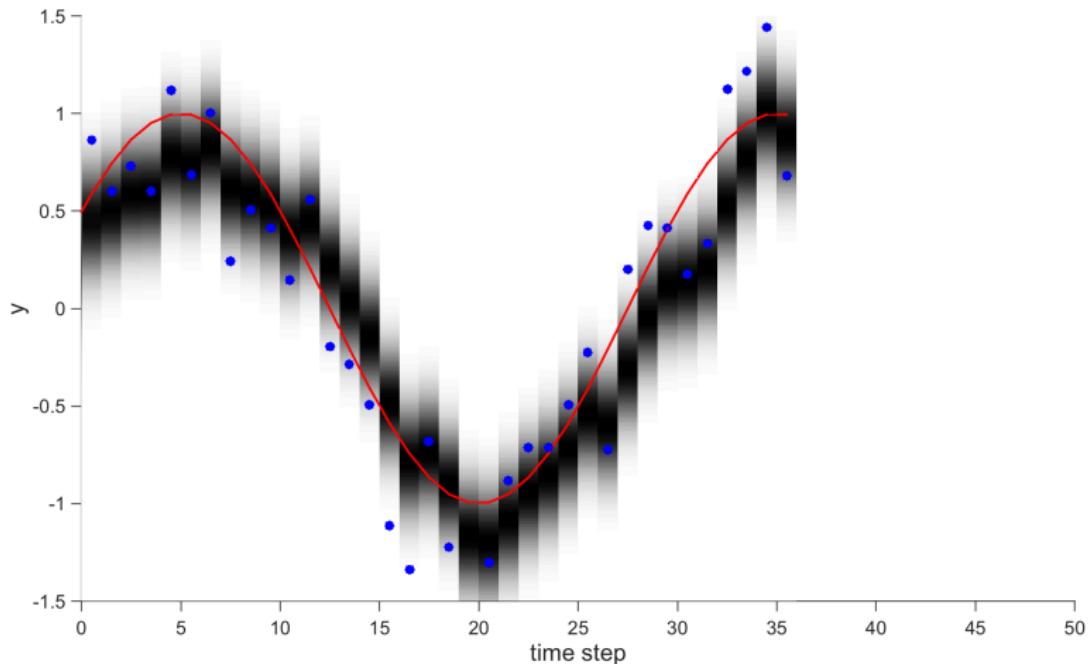
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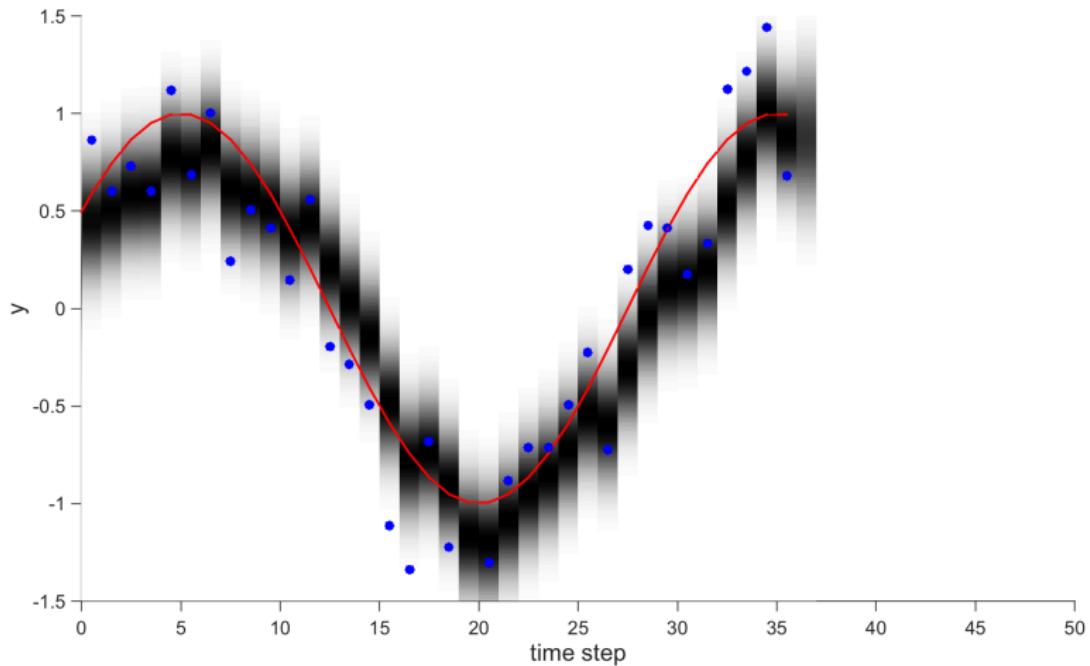
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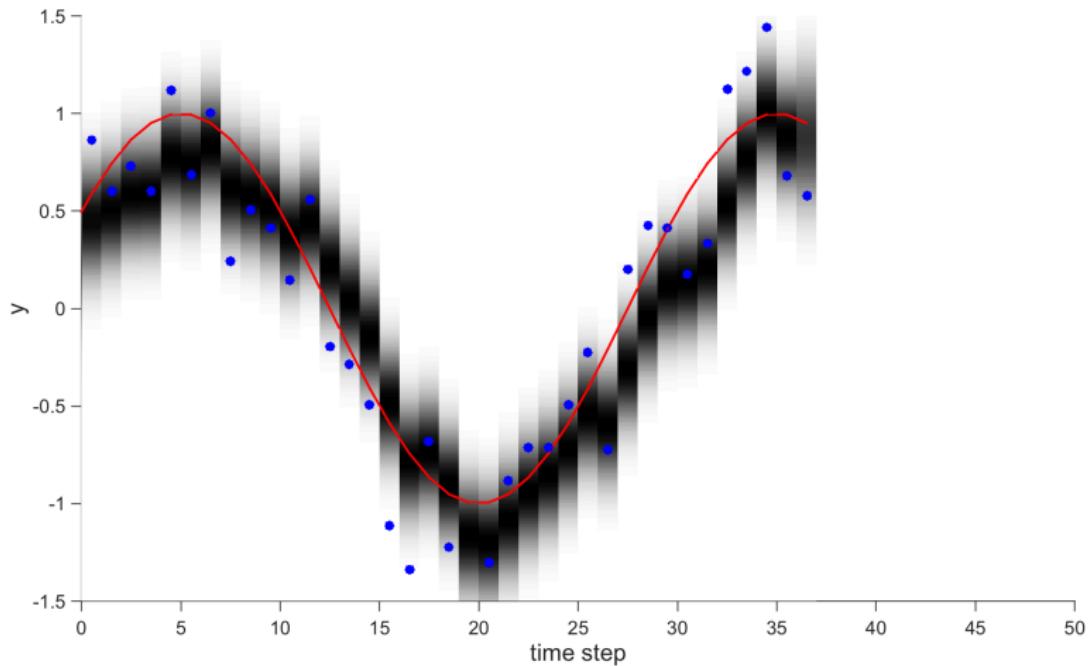
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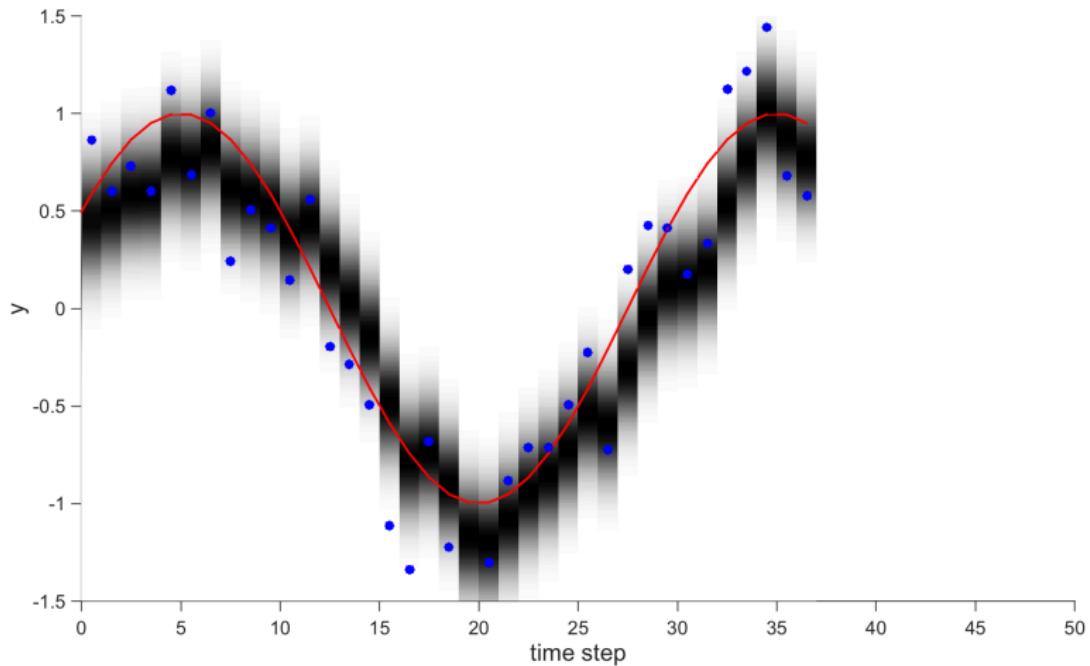
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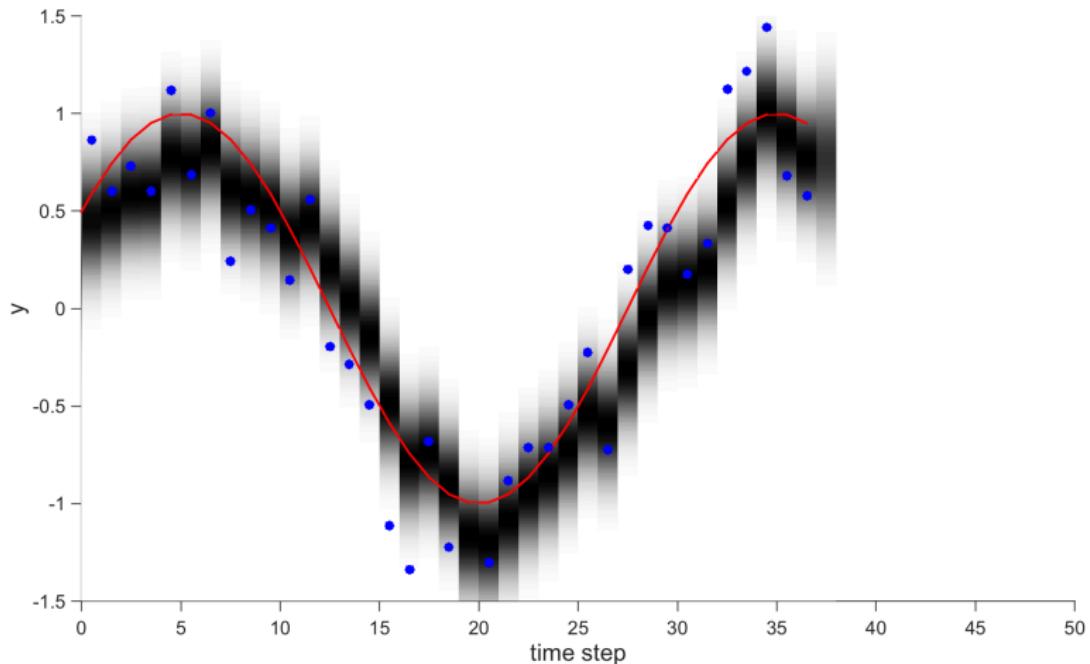
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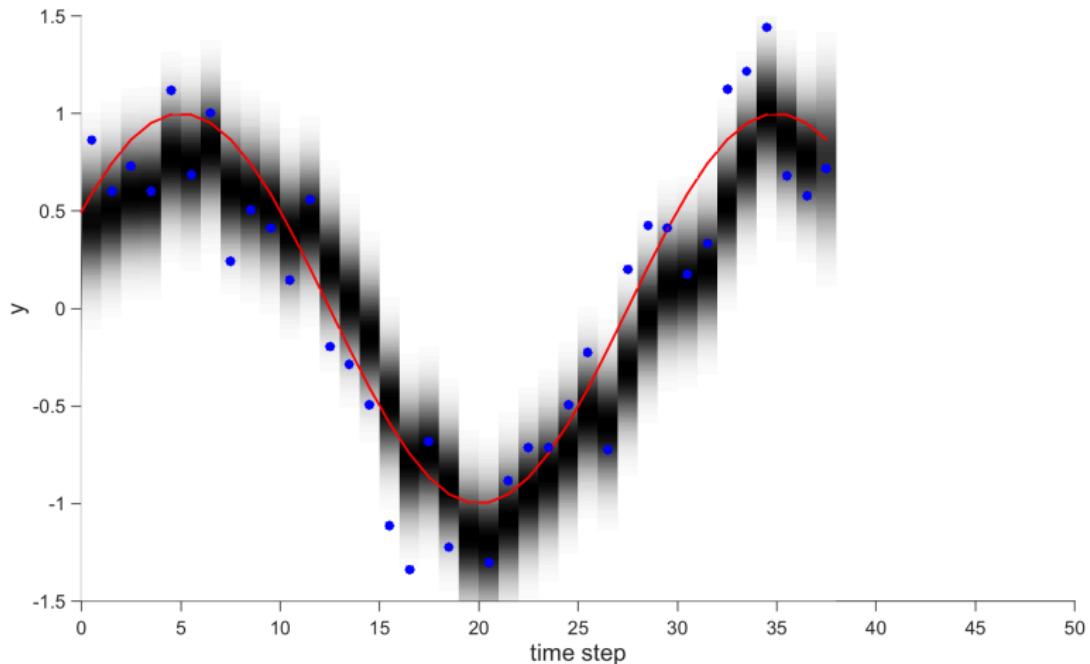
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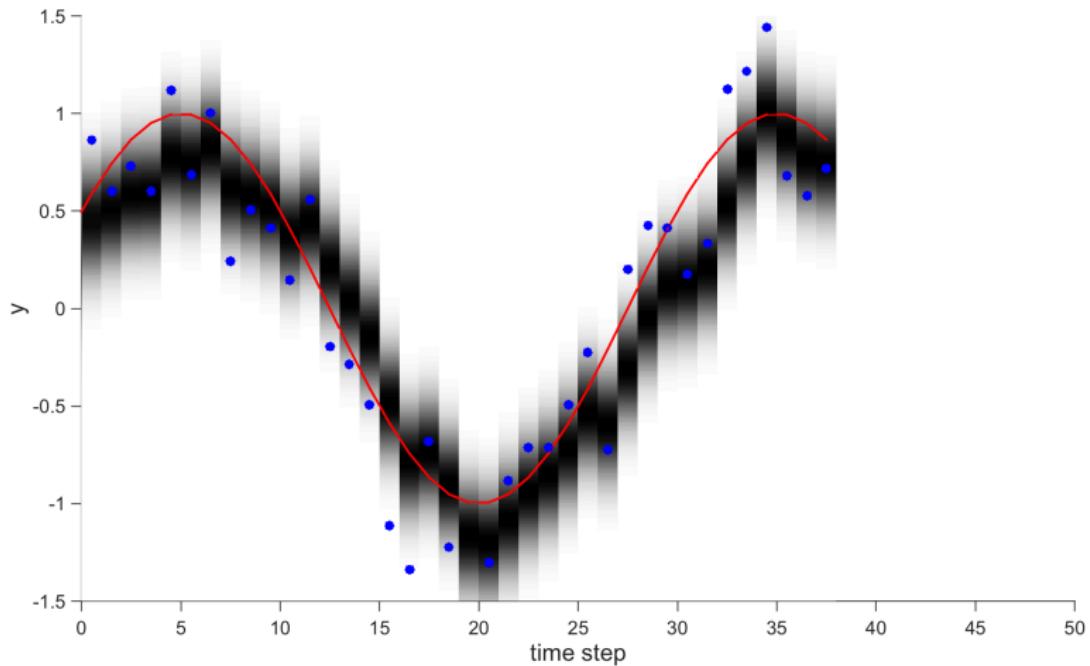
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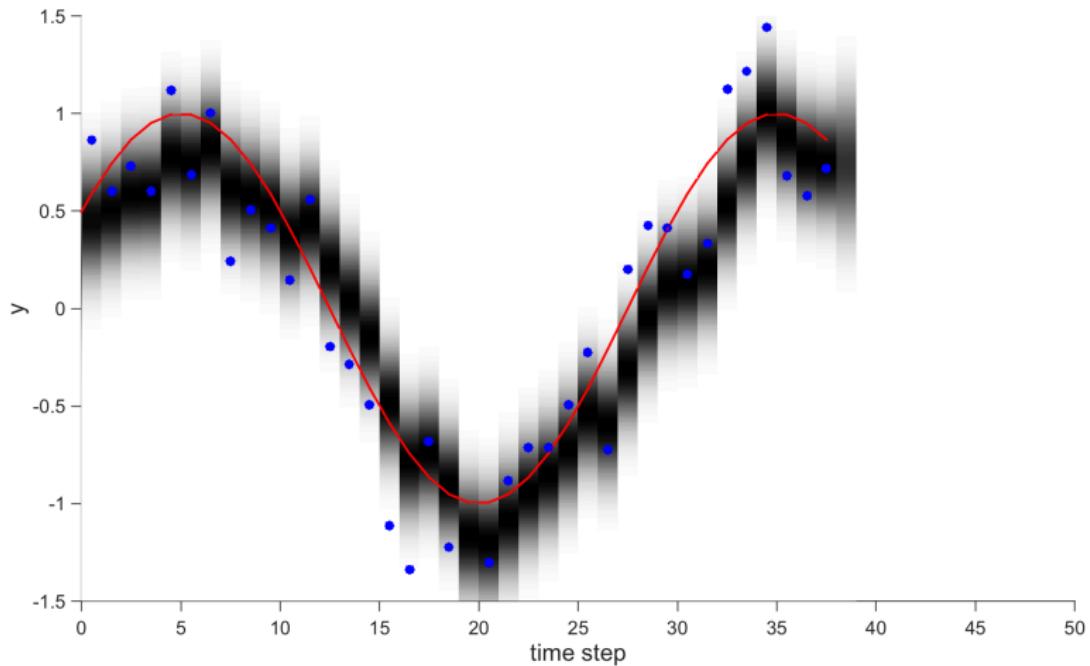
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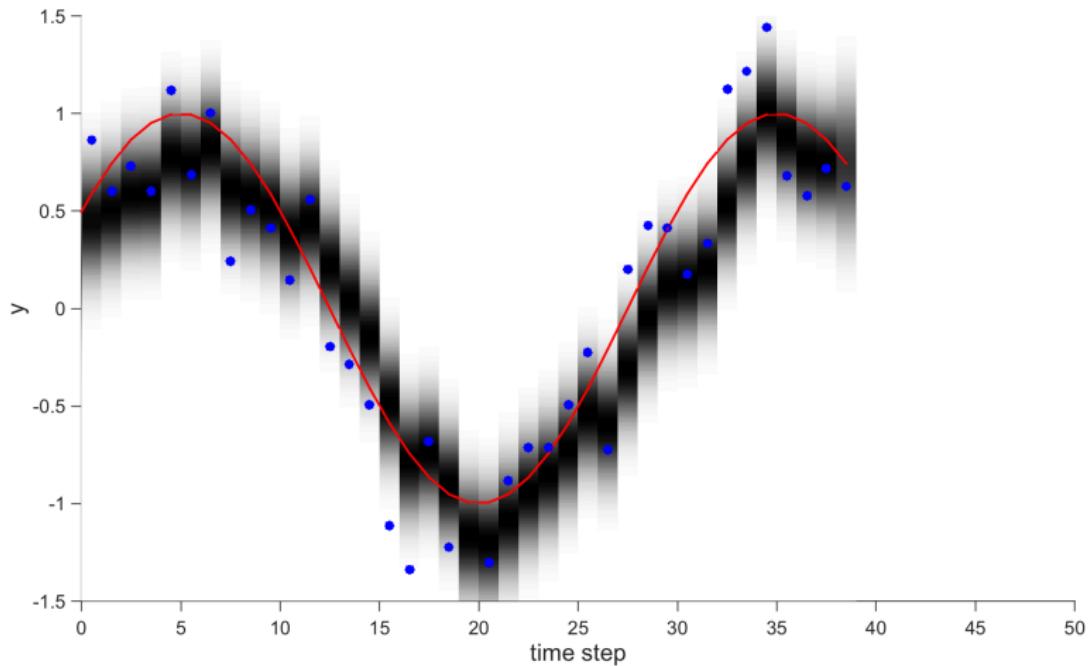
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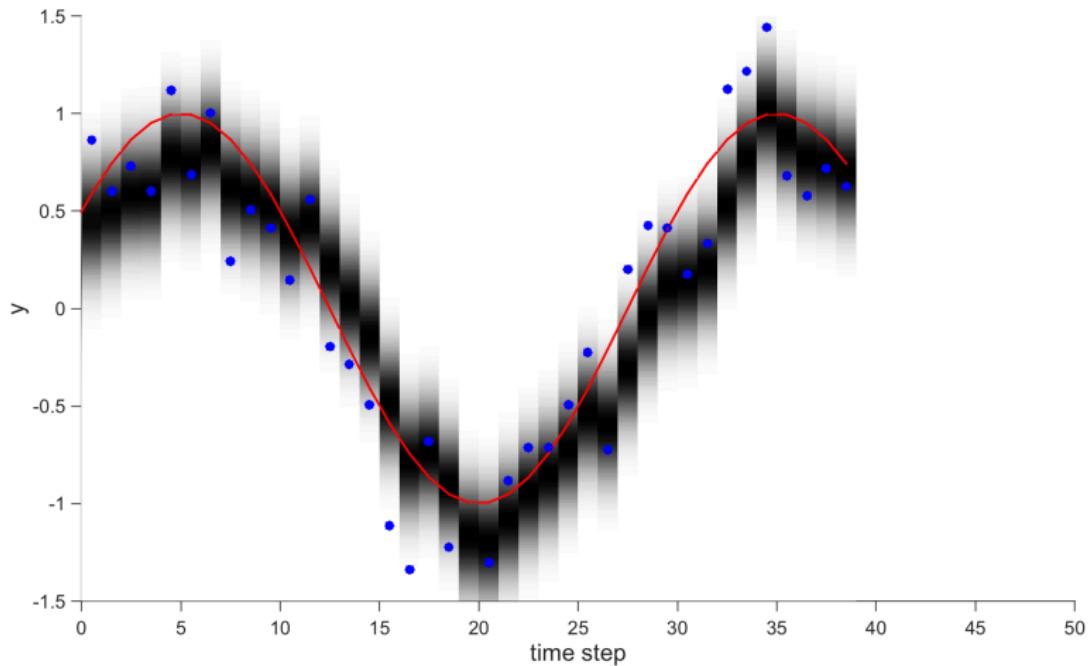
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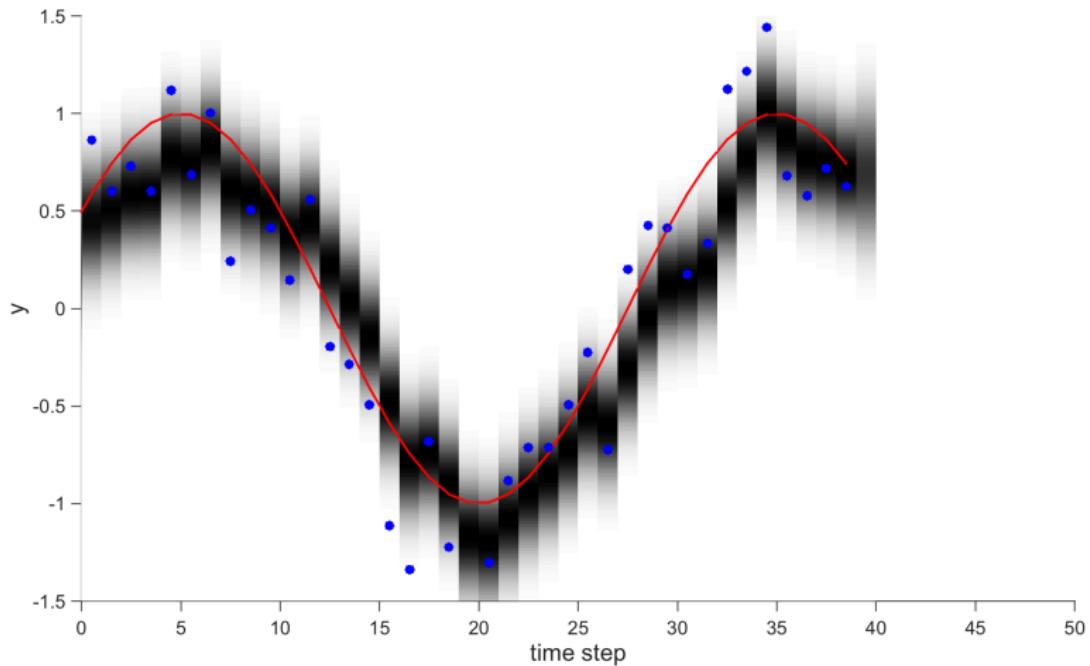
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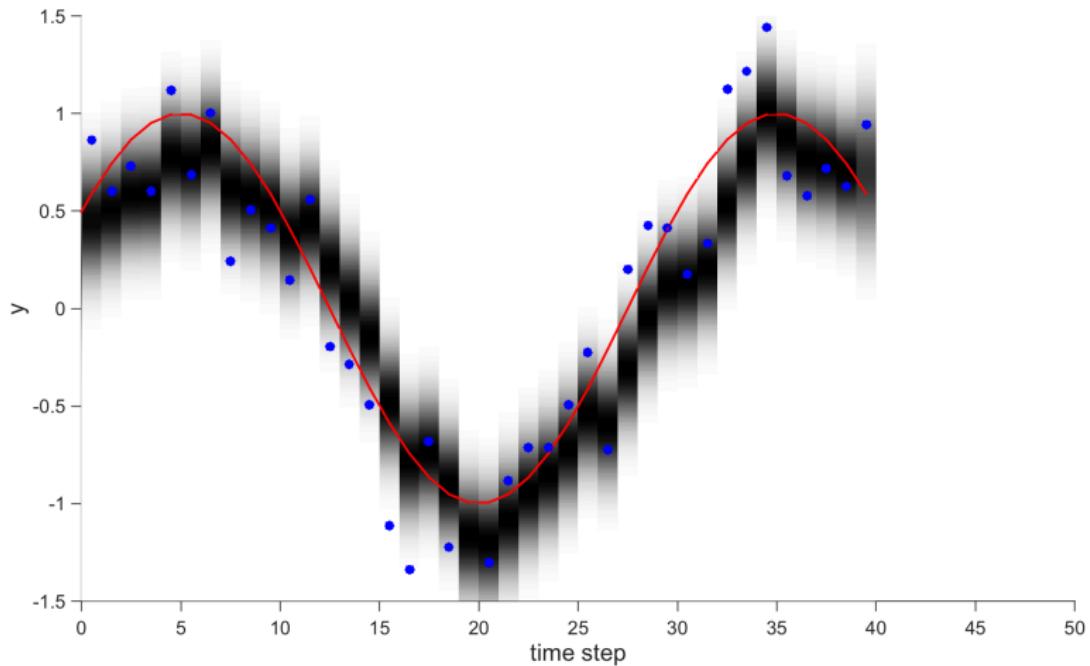
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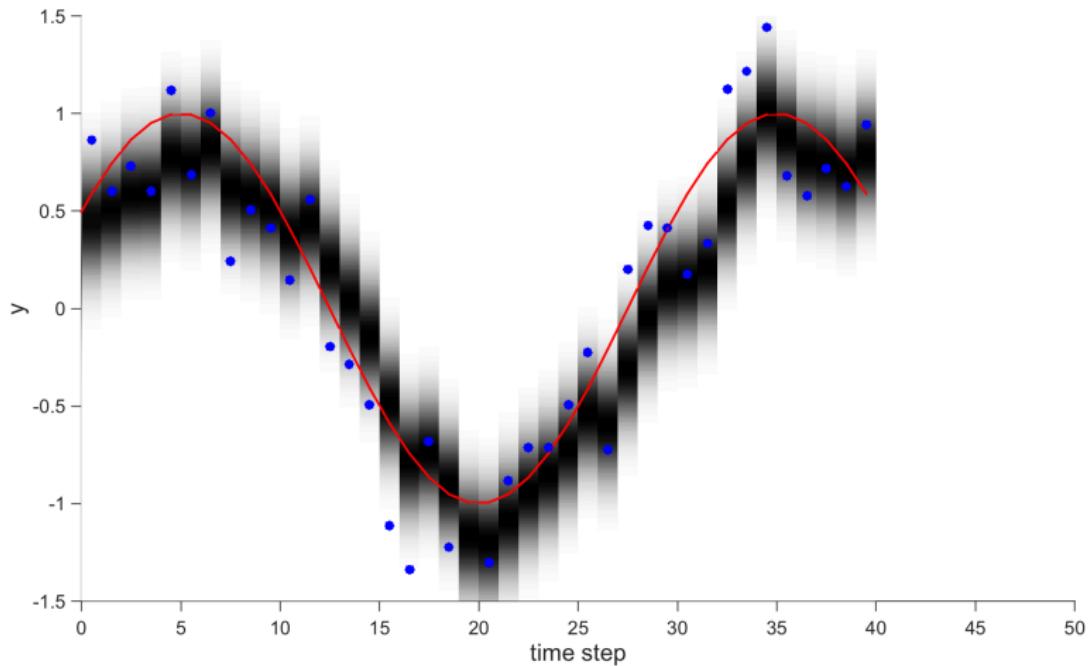
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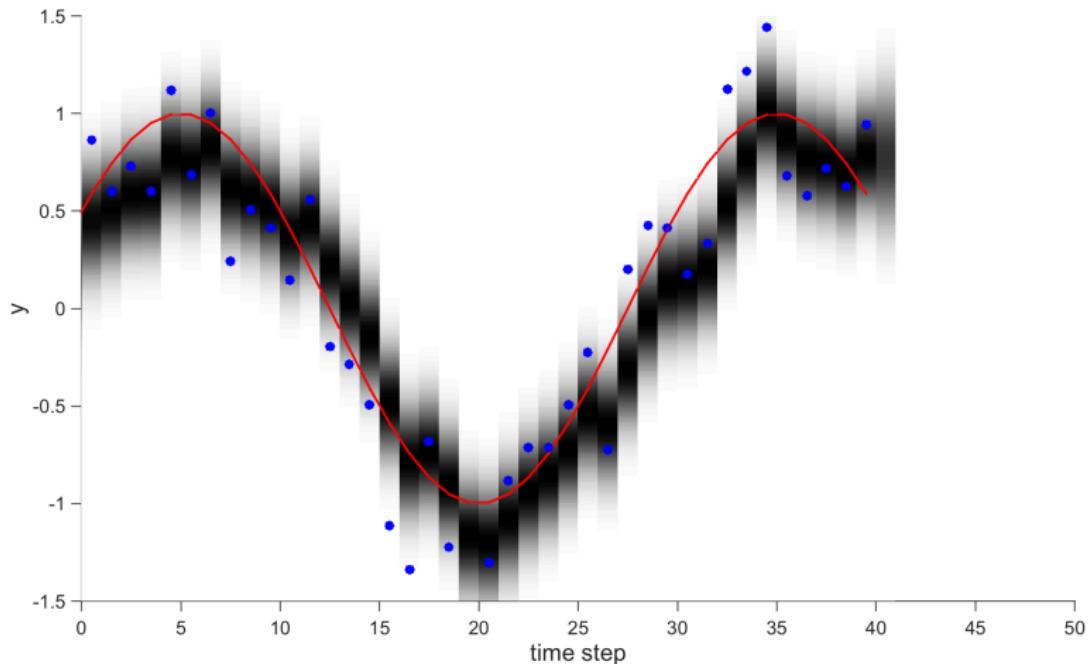
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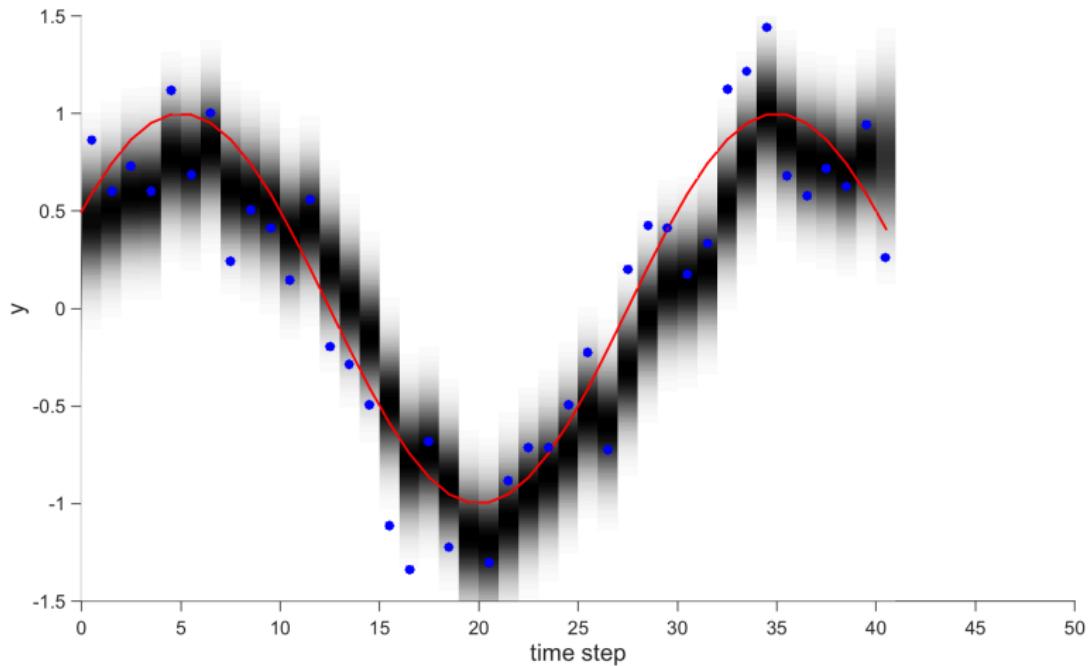
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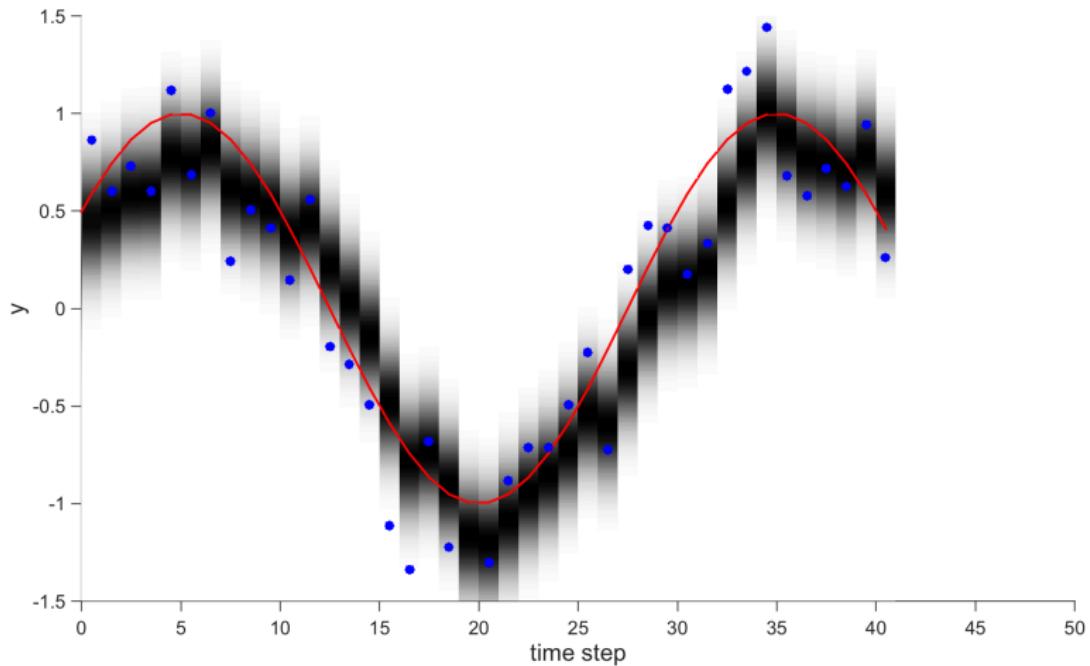
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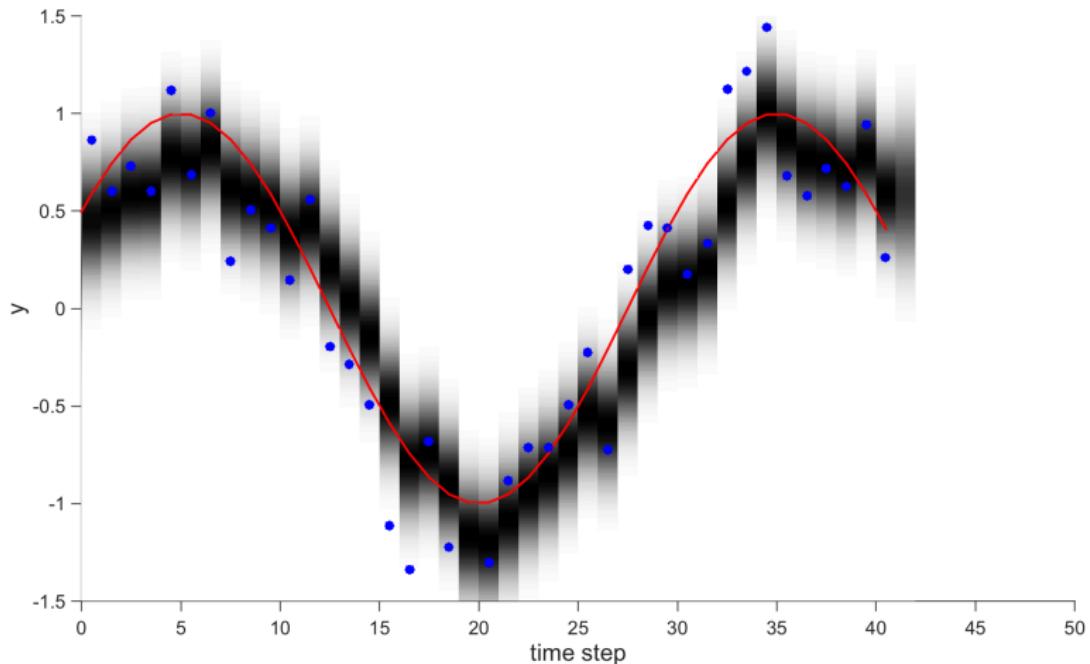
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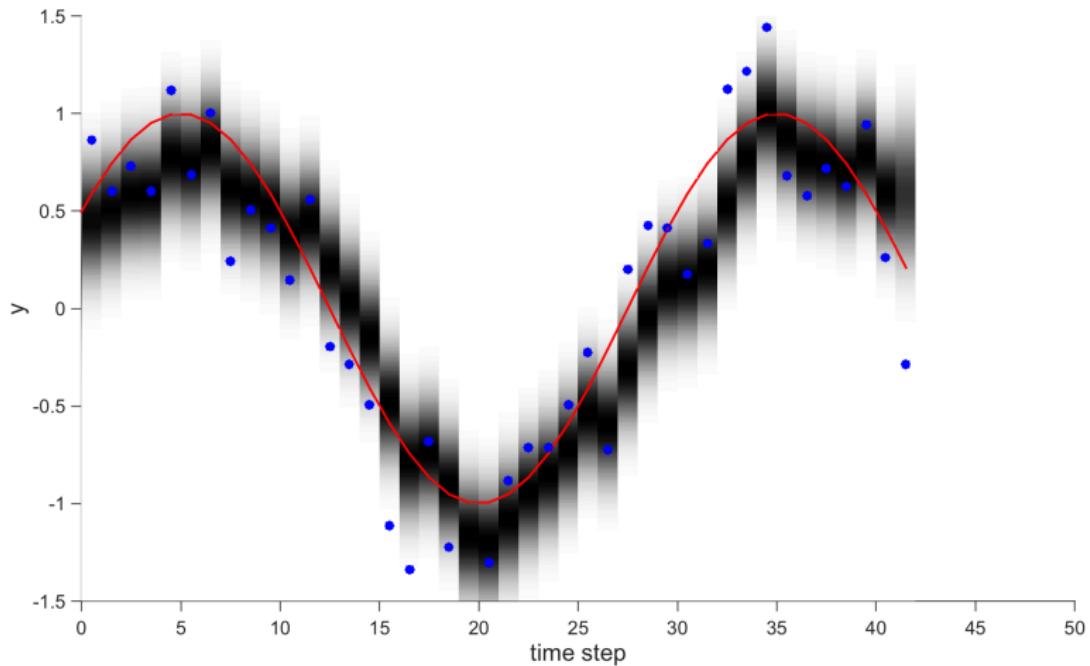
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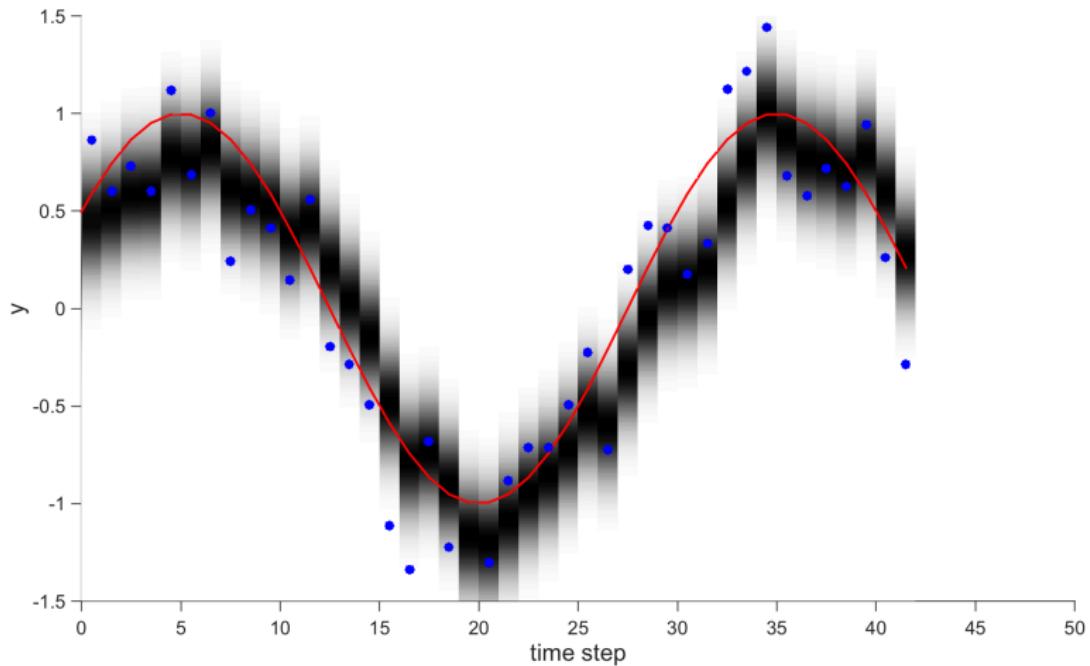
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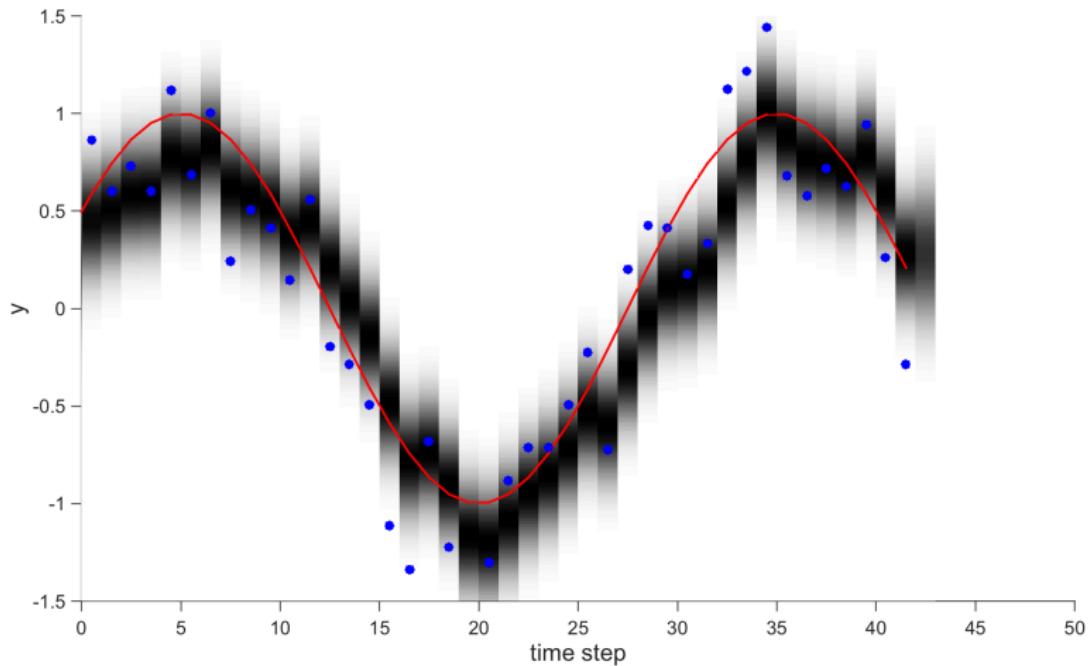
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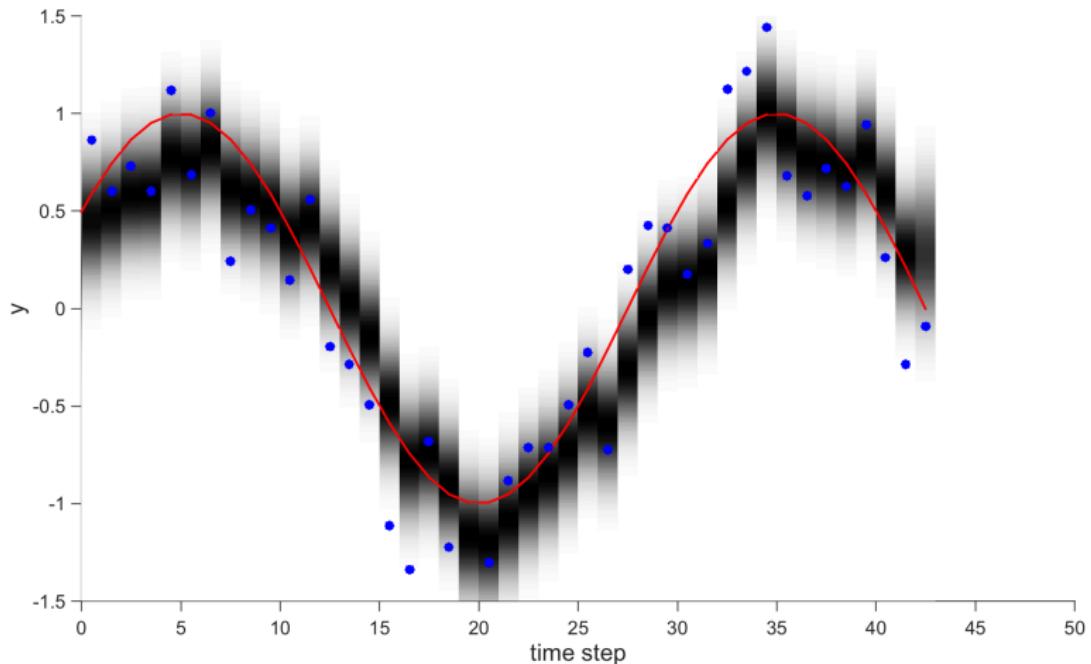
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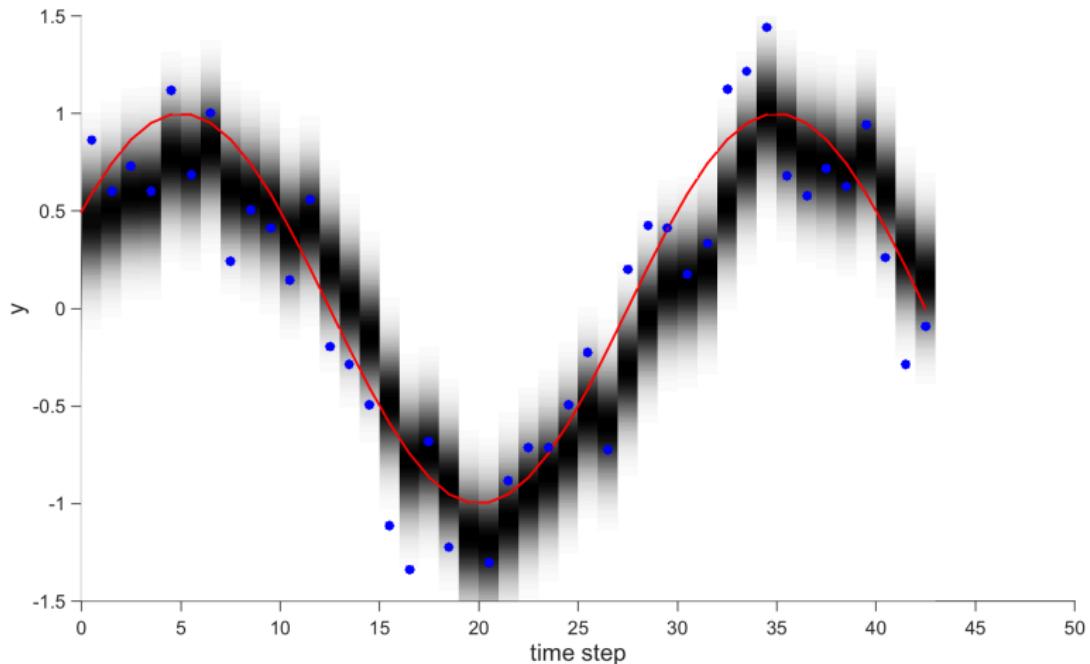
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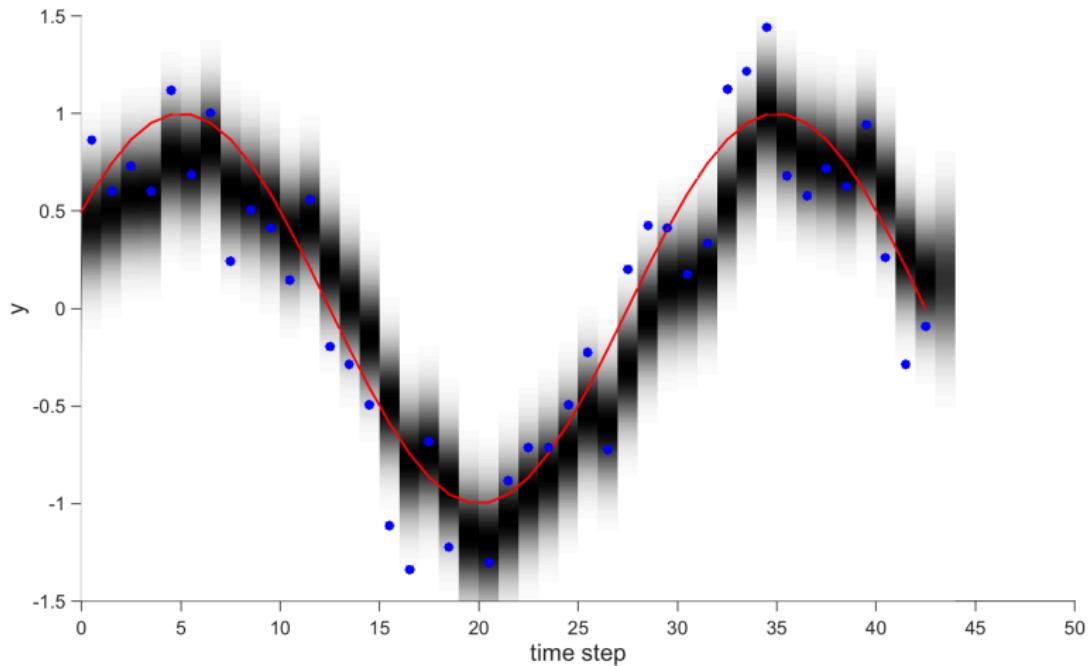
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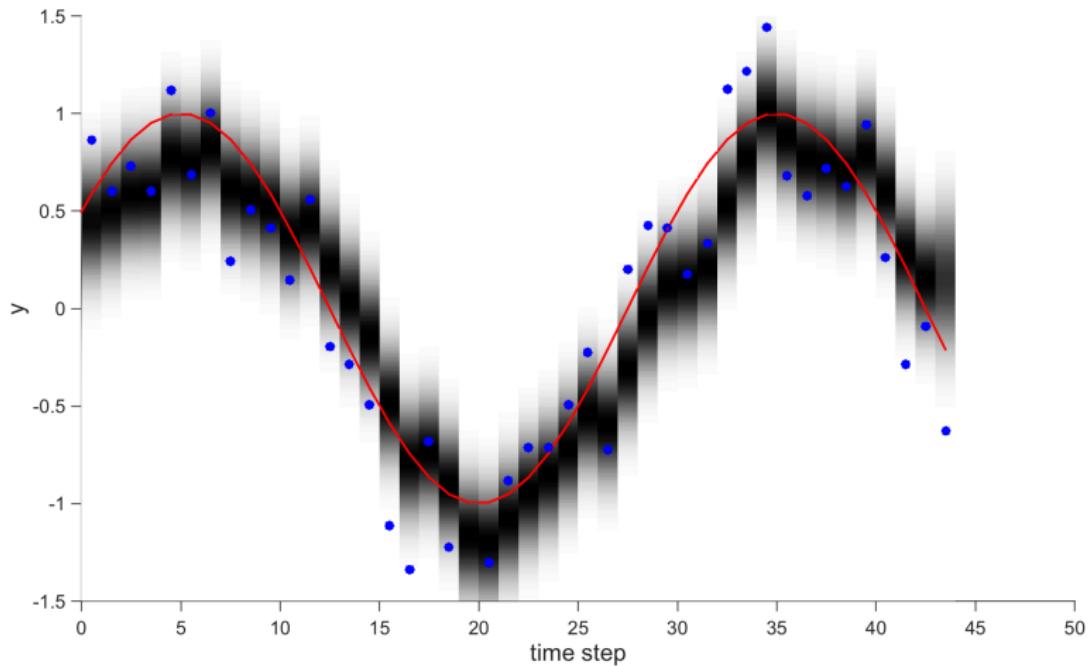
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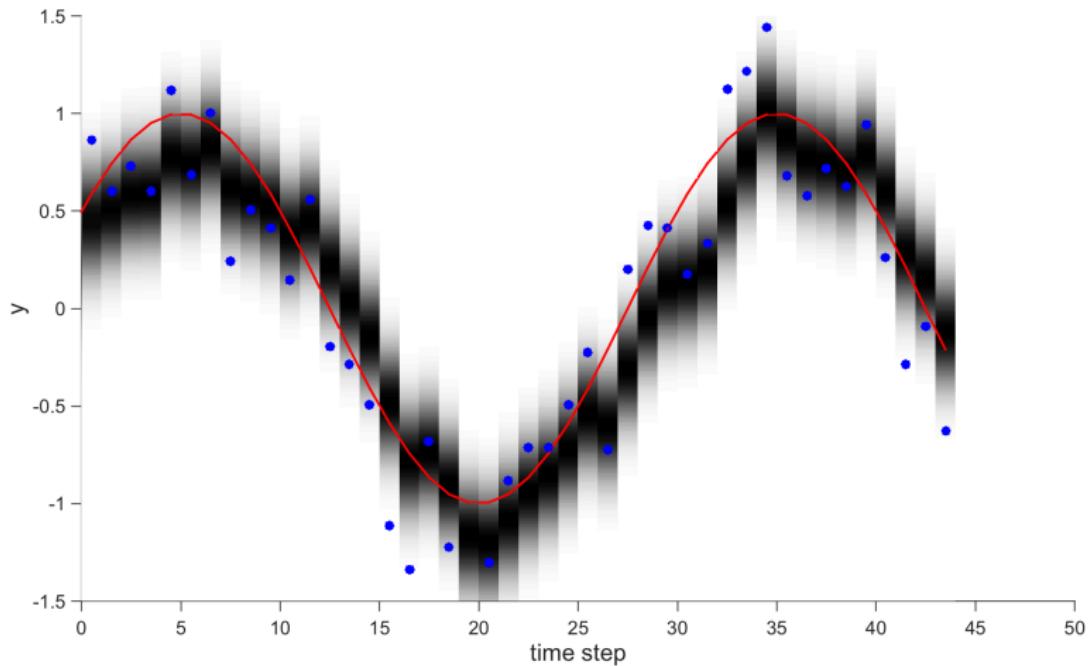
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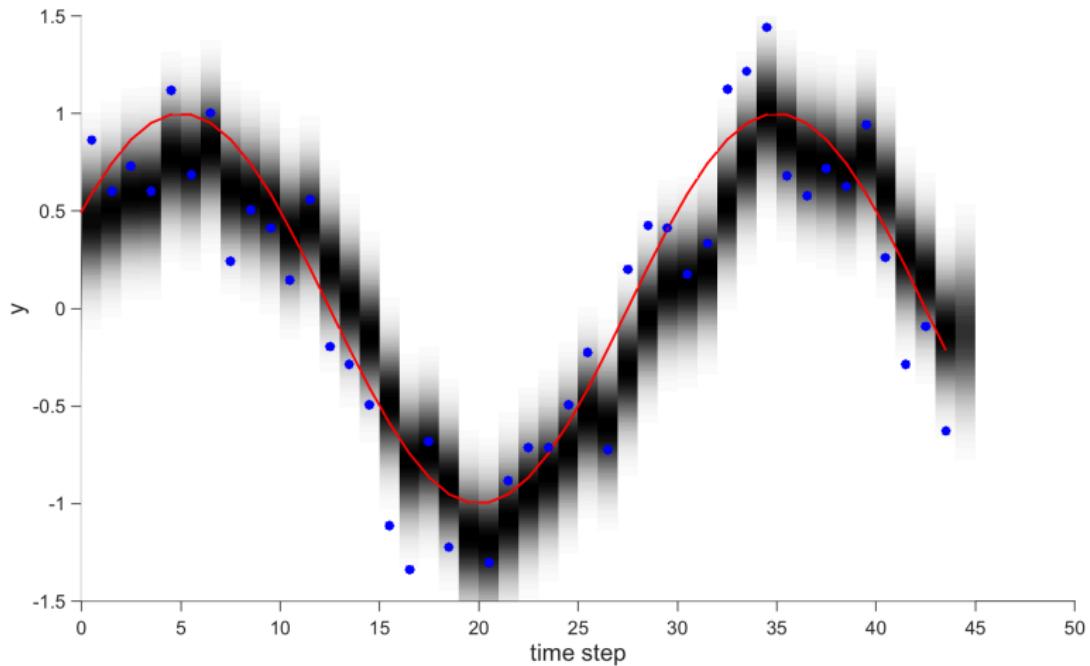
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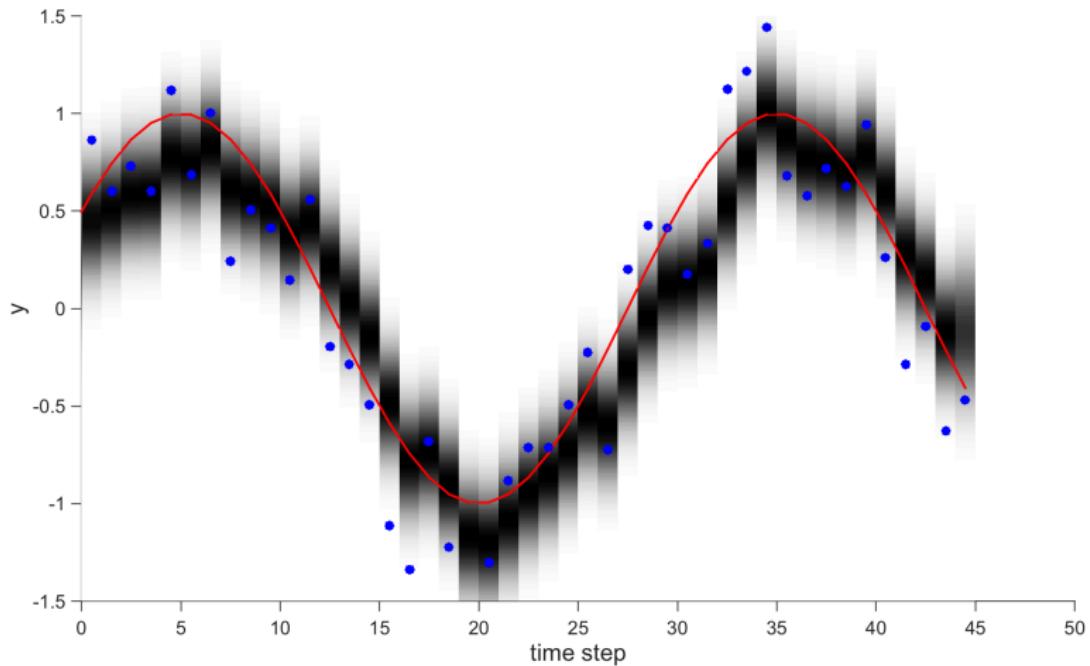
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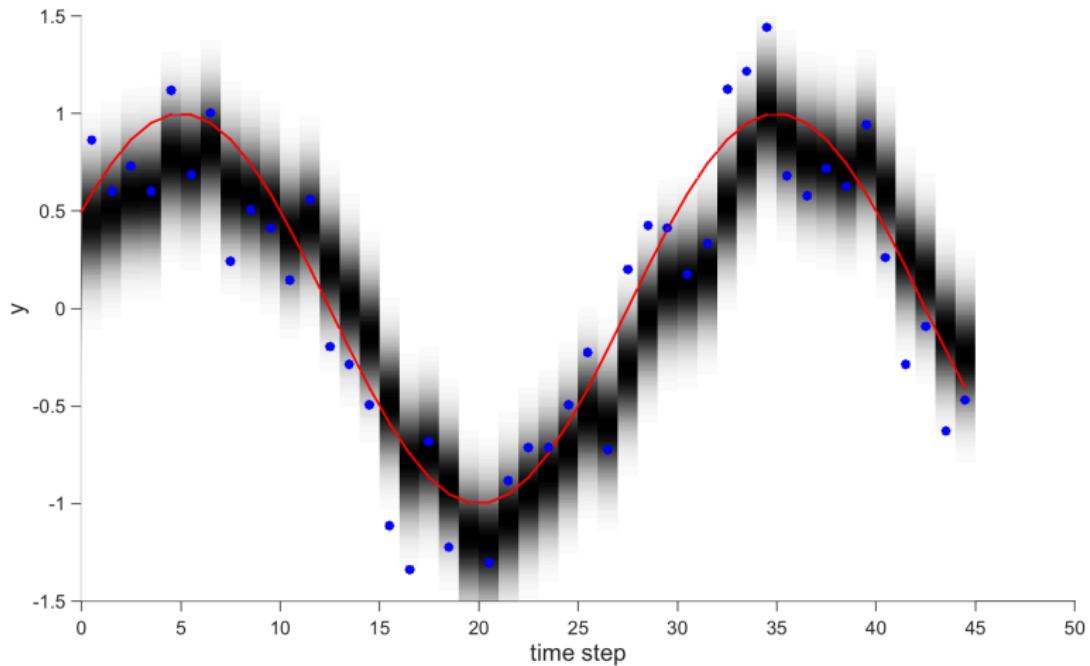
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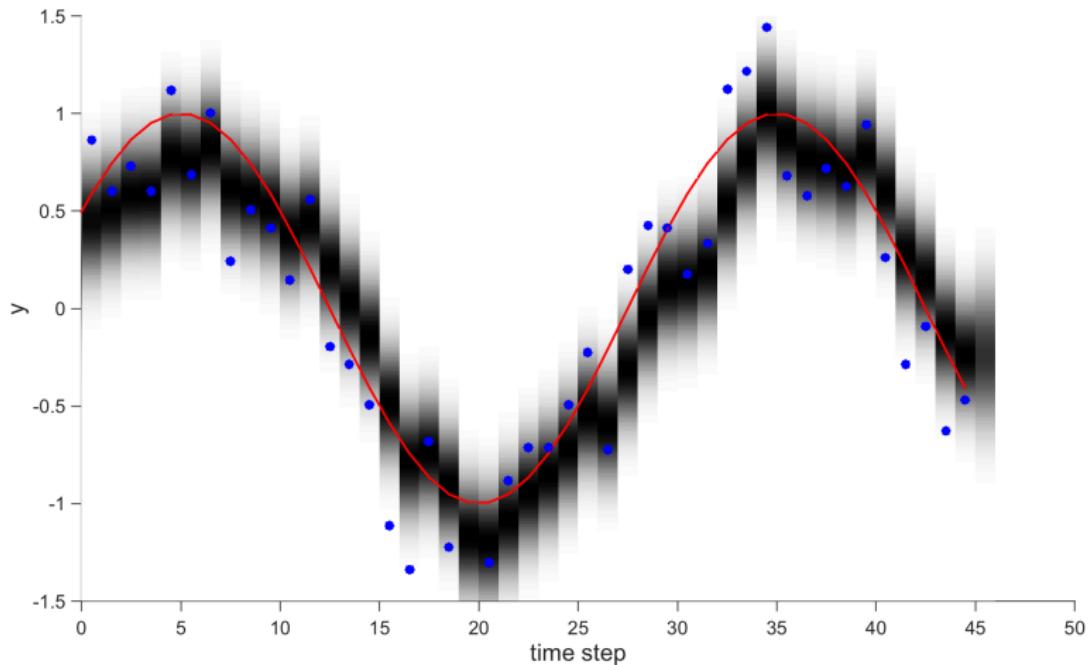
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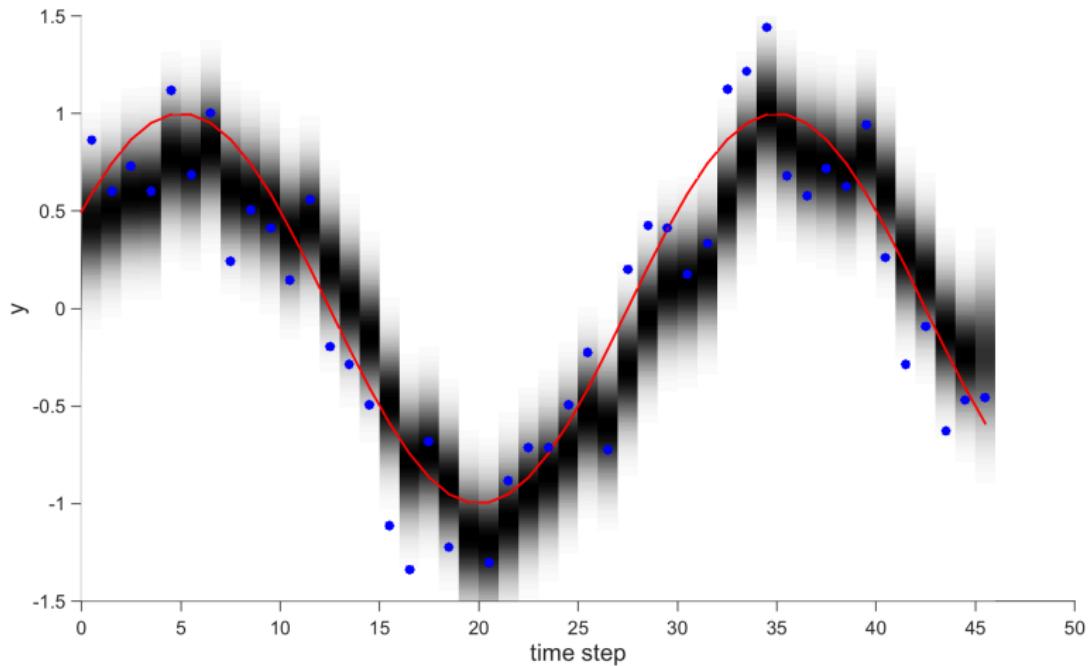
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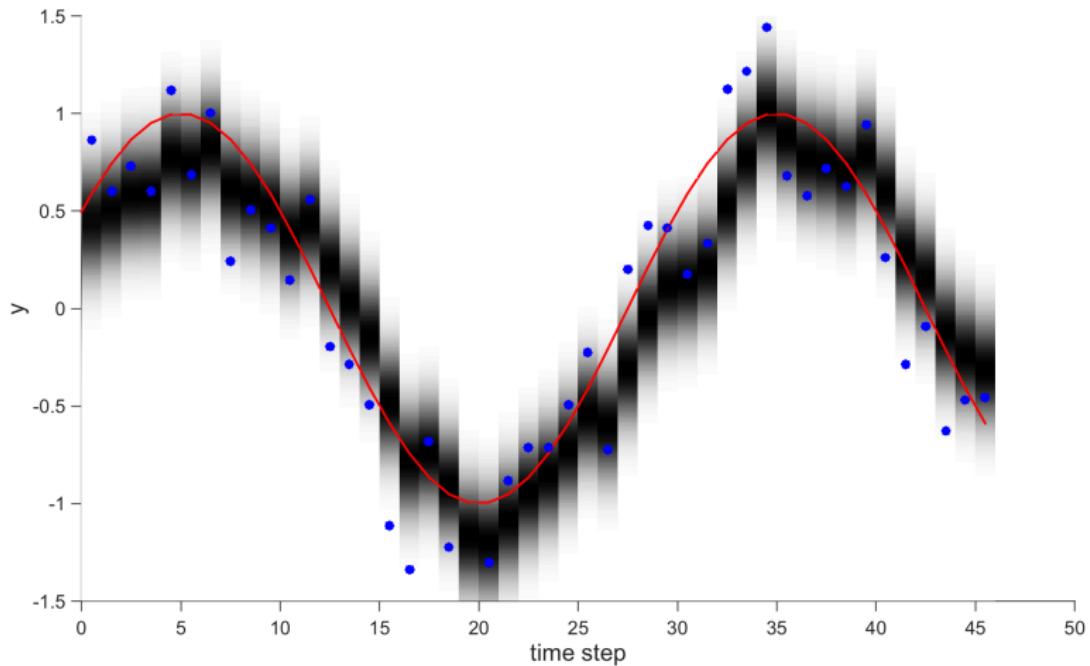
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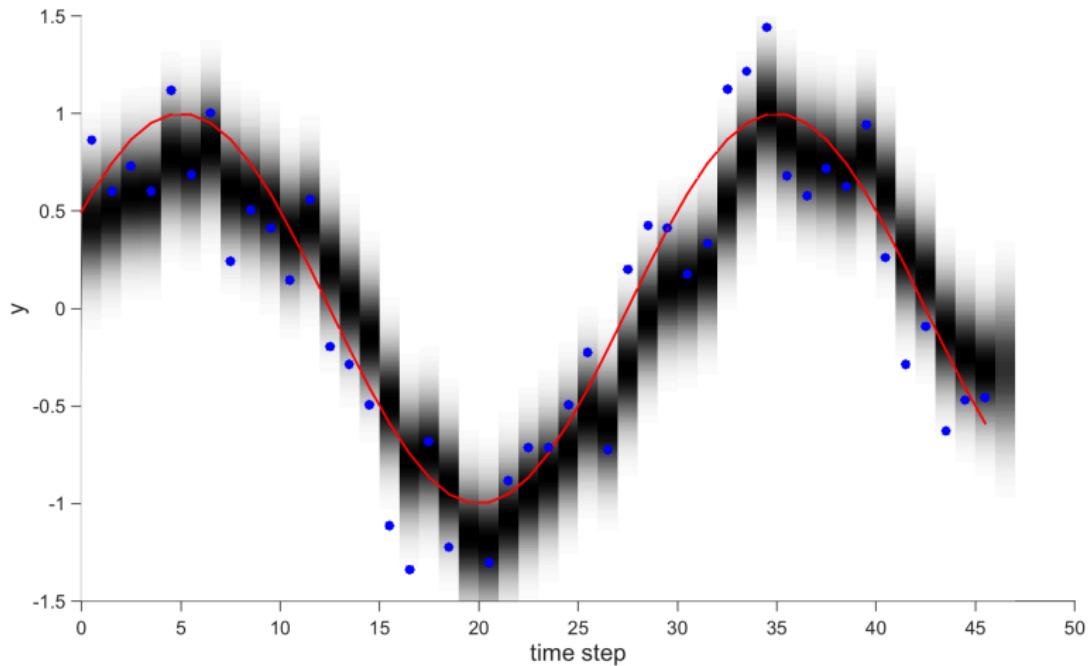
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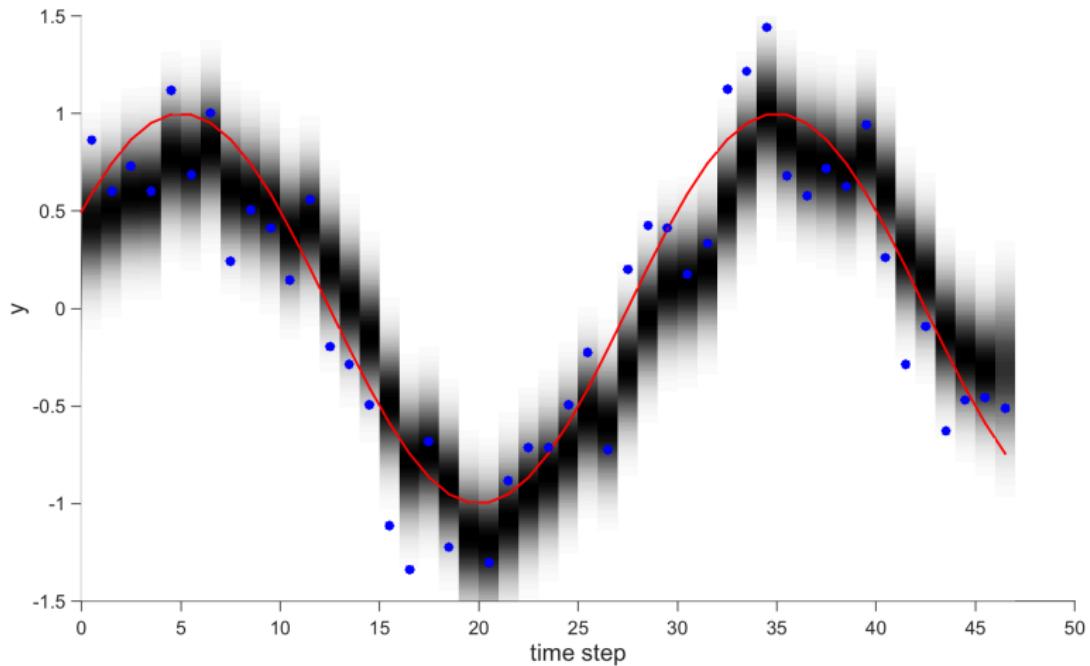
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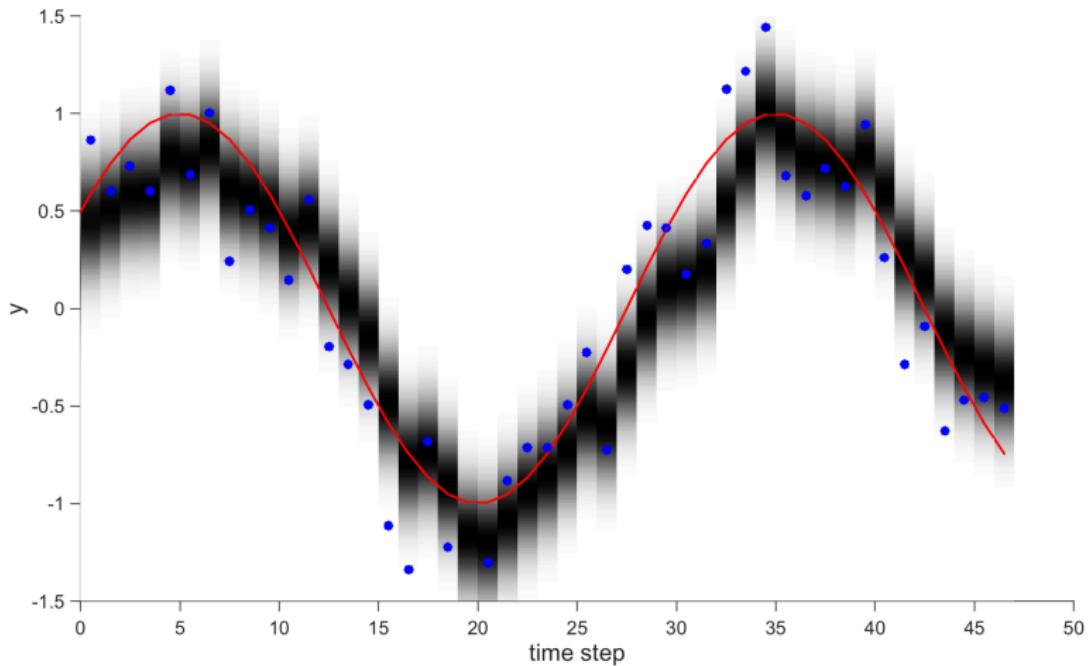
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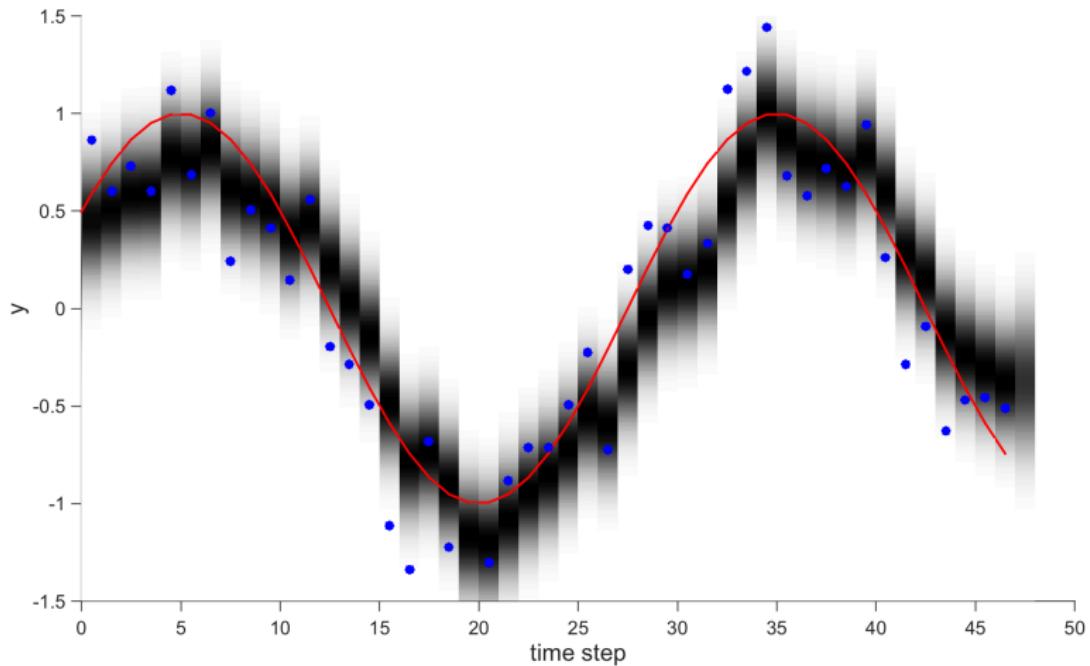
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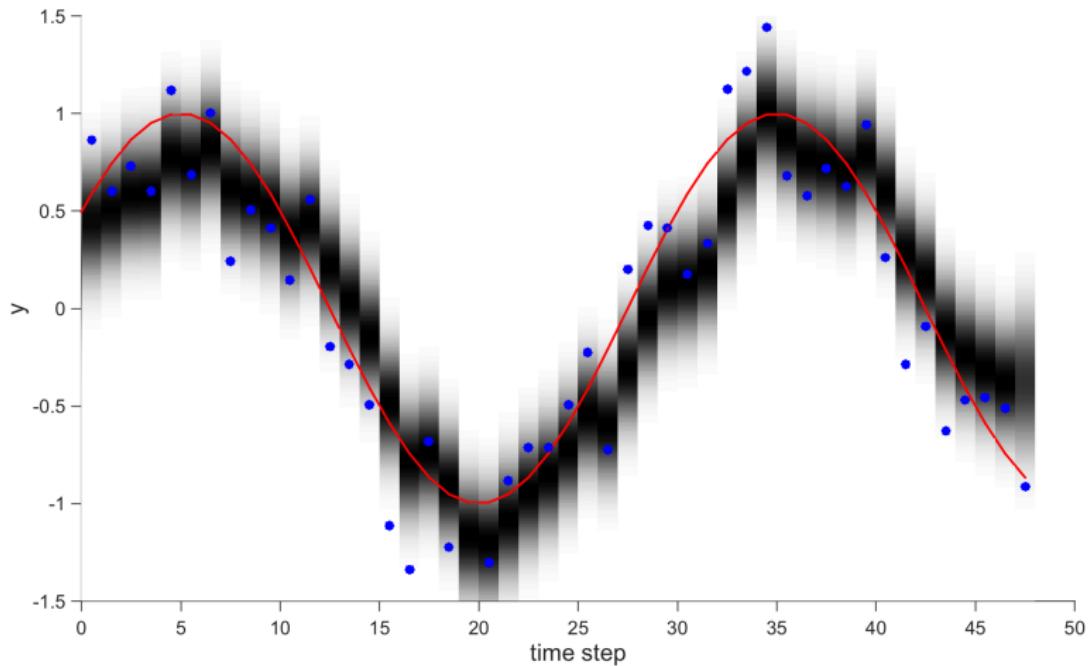
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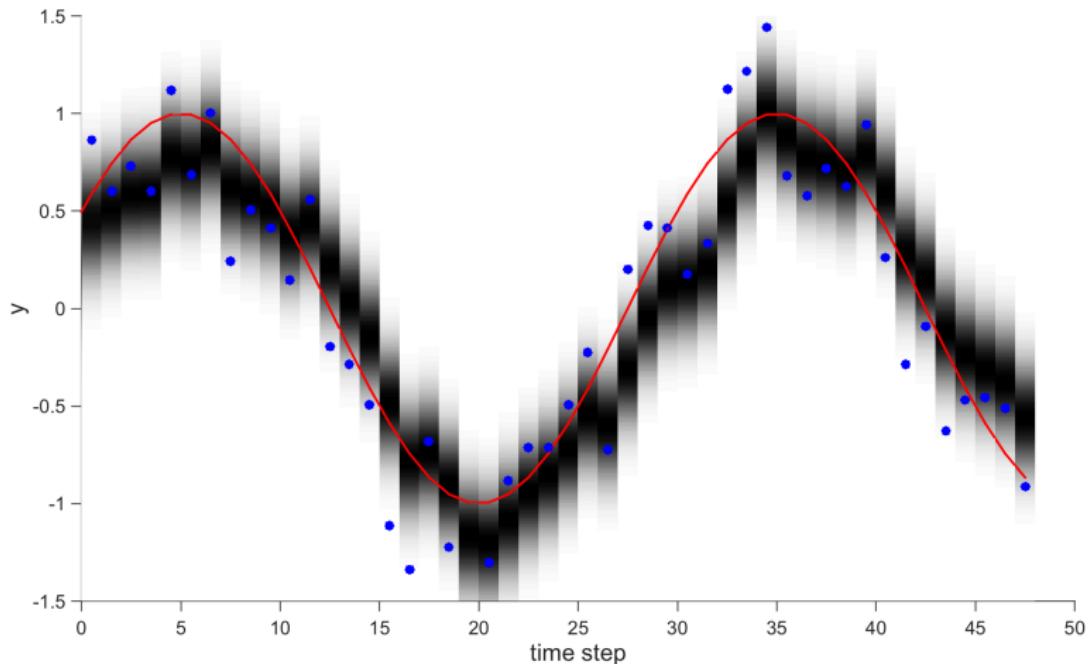
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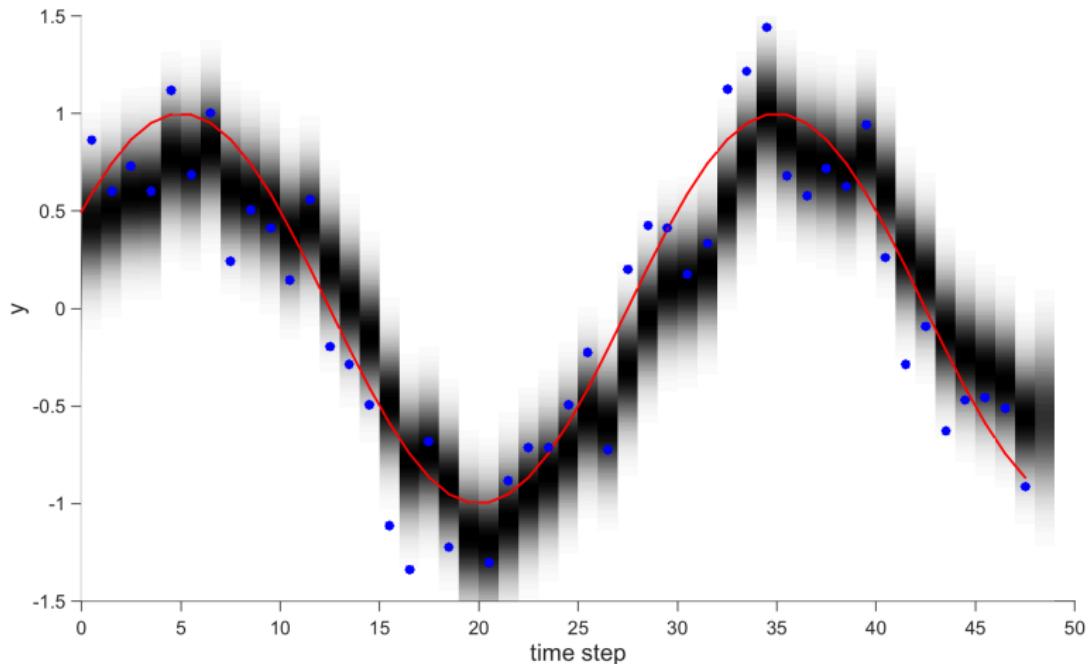
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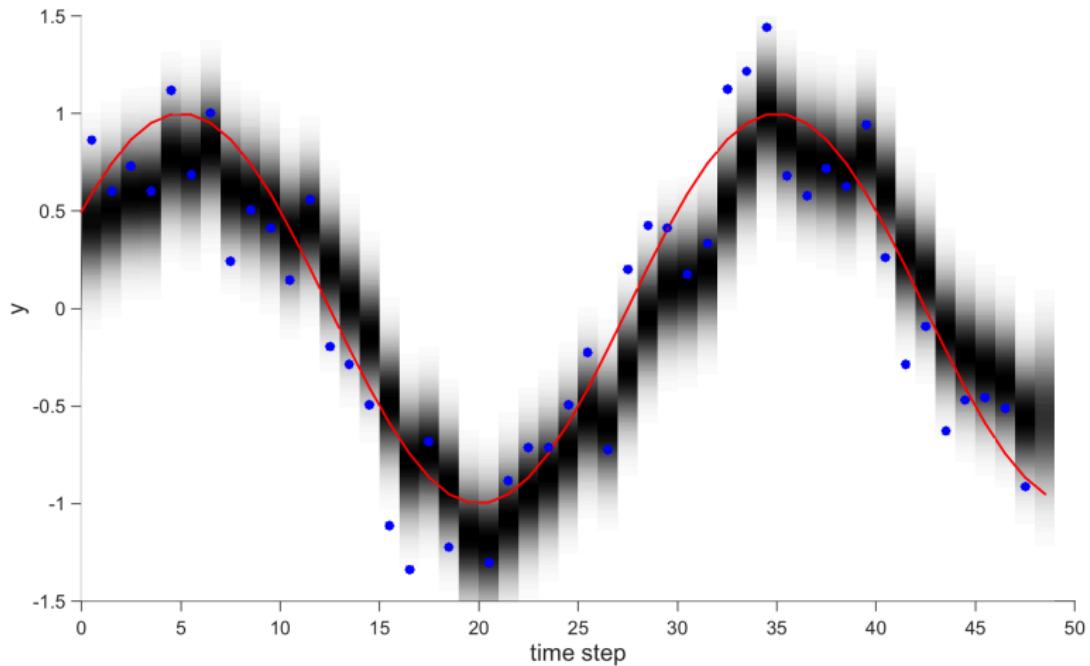
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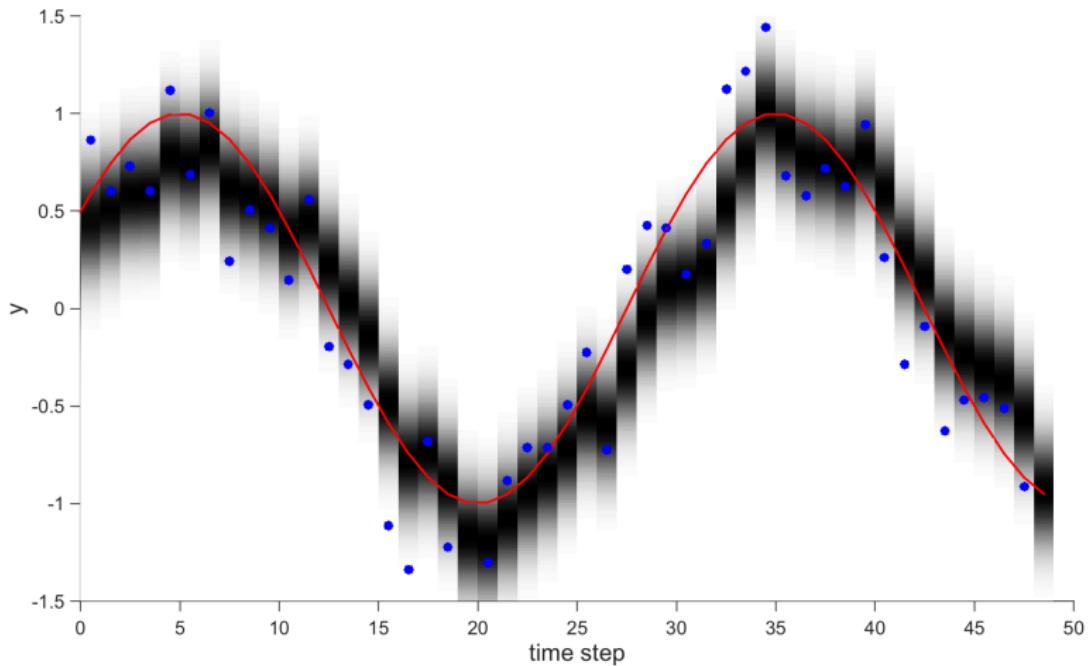
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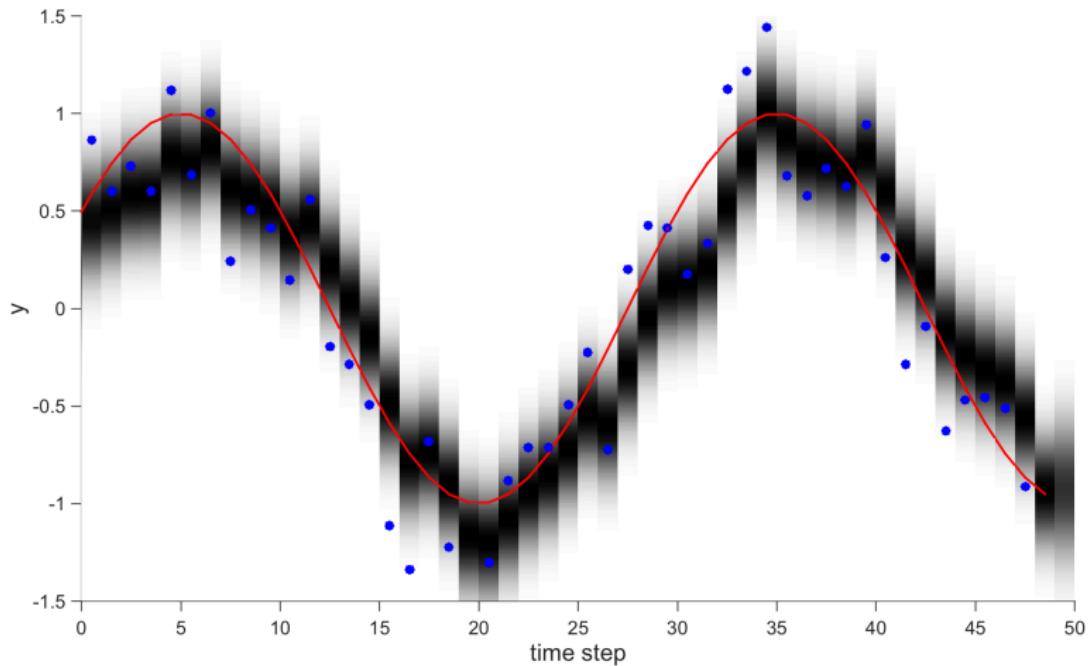
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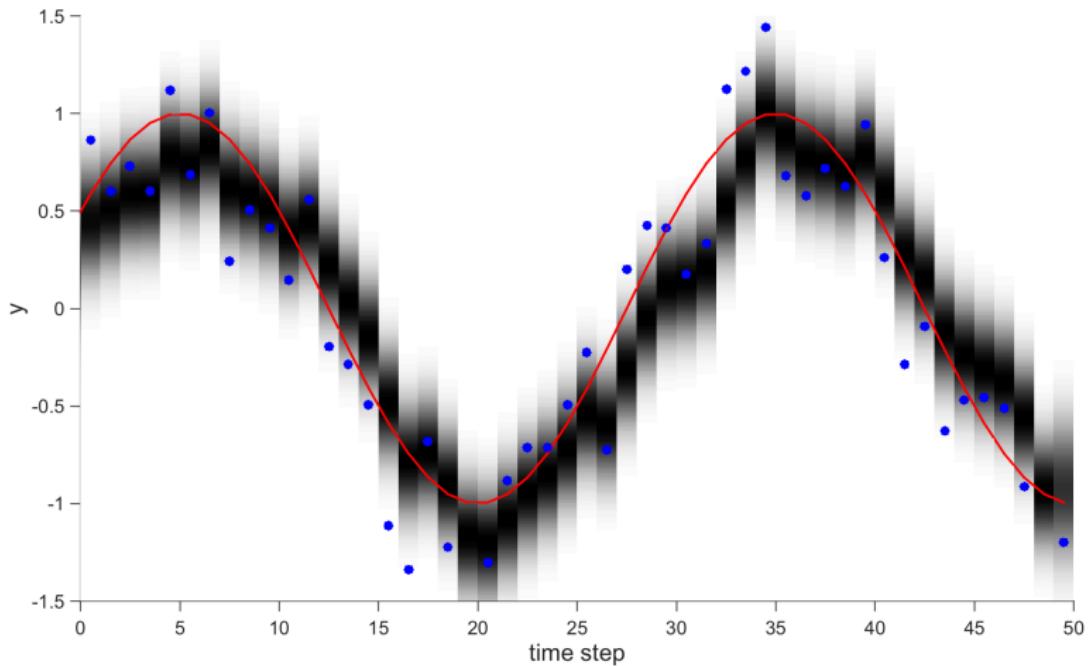
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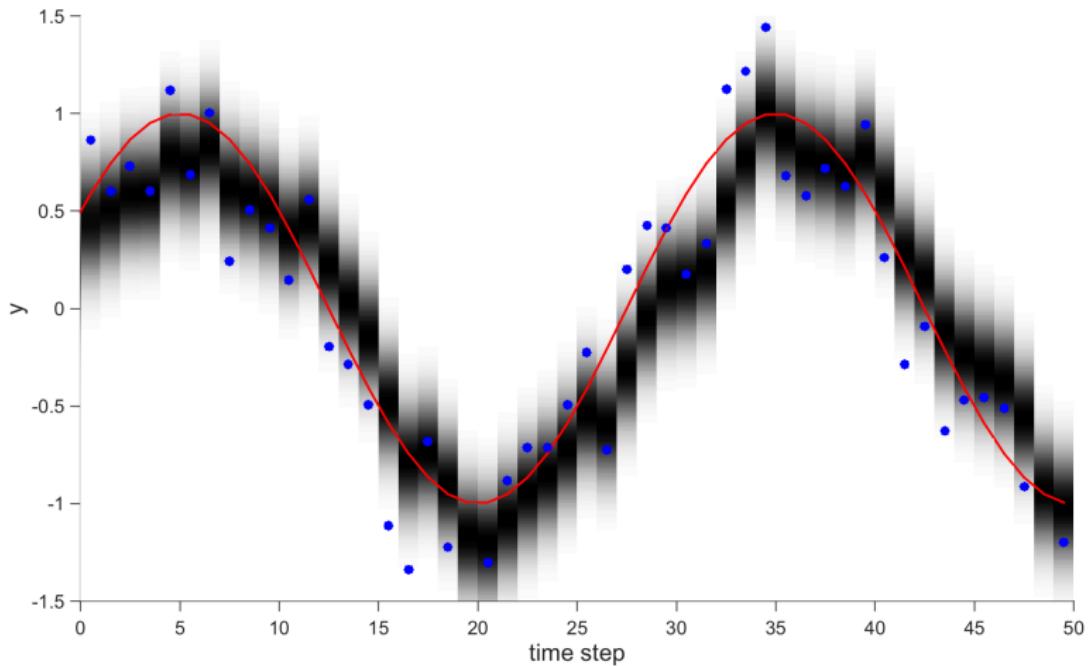
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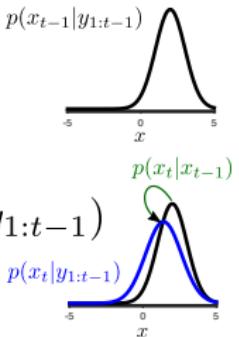


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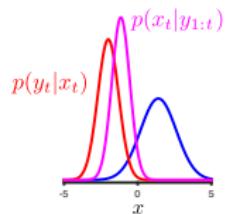
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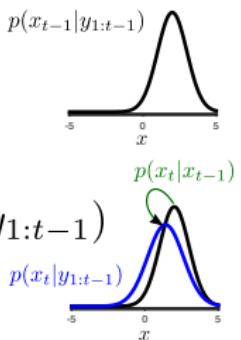


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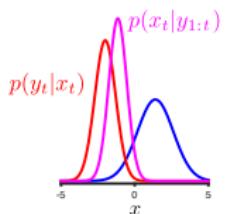


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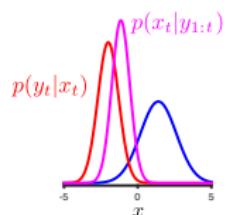
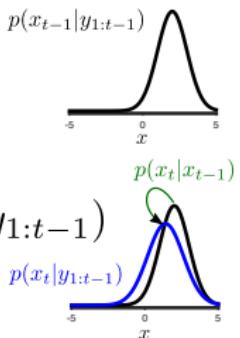
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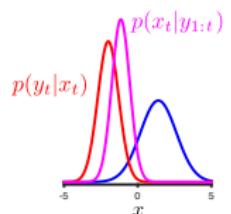
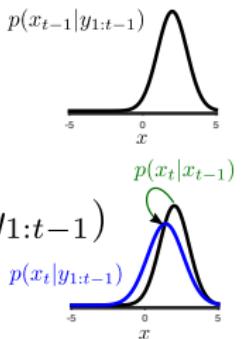
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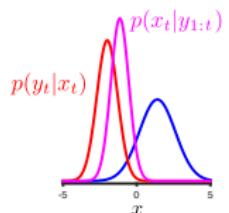
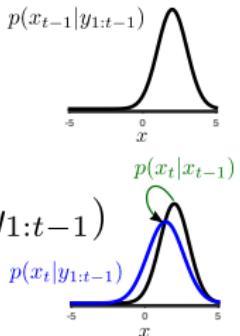
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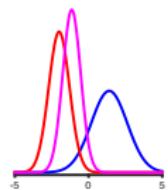
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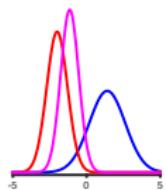
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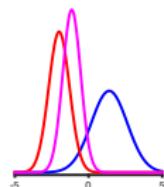
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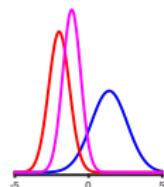
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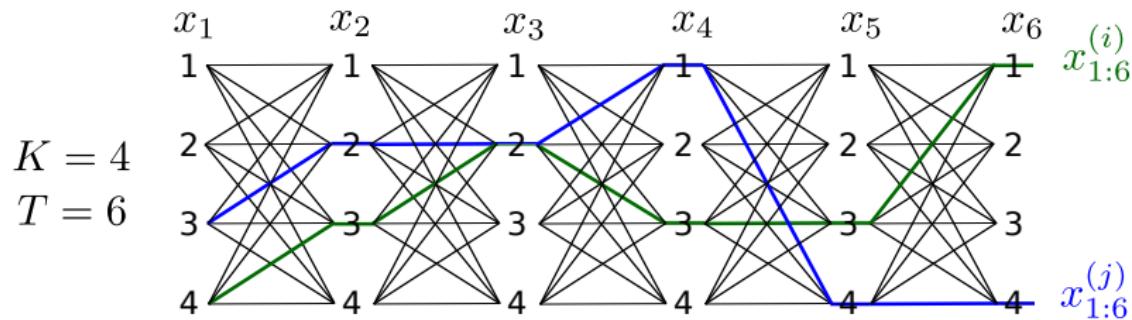
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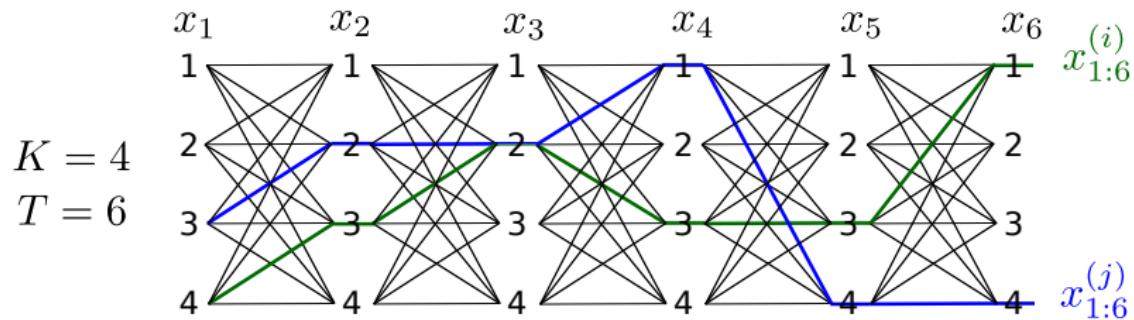
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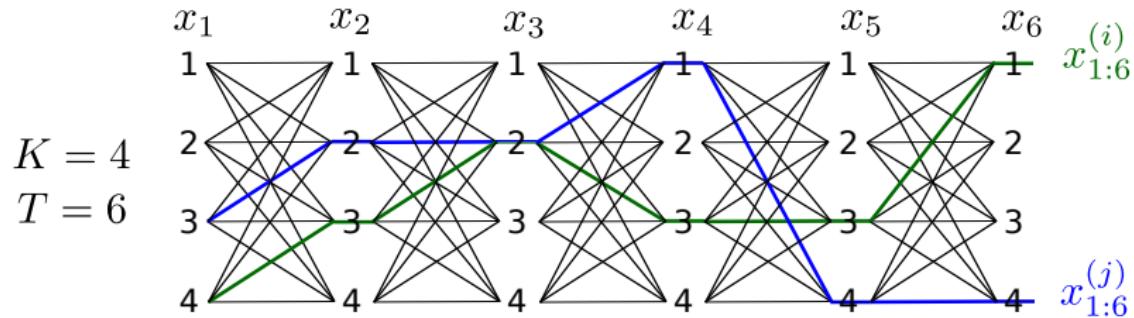
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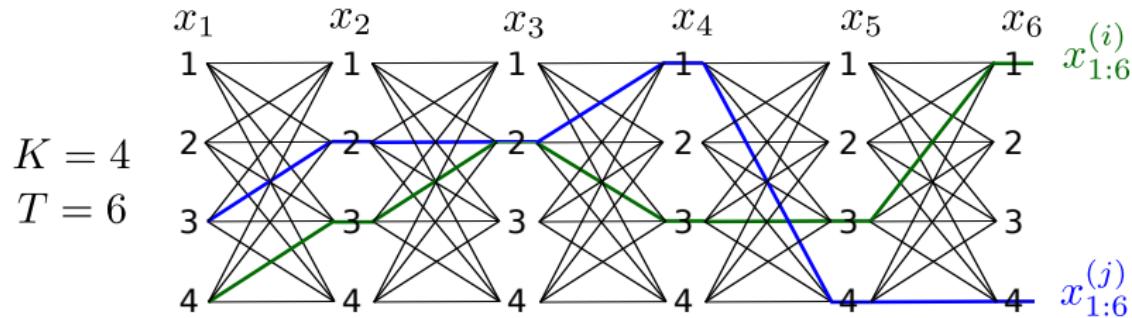
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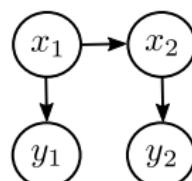
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