

# PyTorch Based Implementation of Semi-Model-Based Reinforcement Learning with Uncertainty

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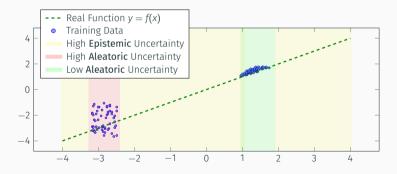
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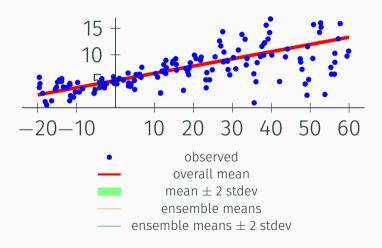
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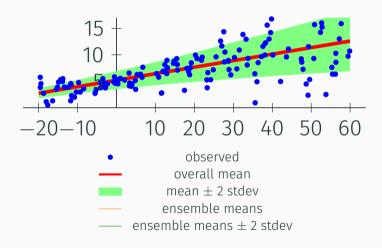


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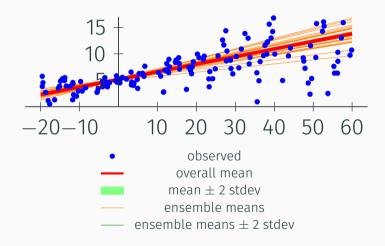
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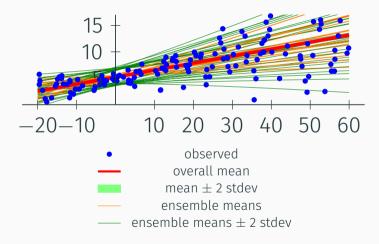
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#### Aleatoric and Epistemic Uncertainty



## Concept

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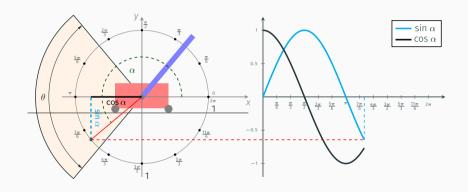
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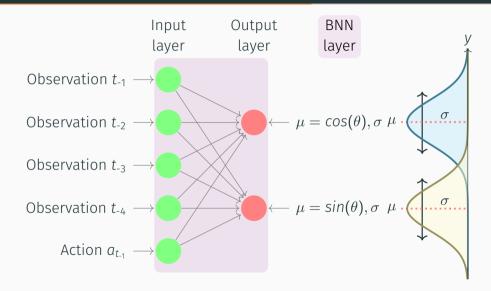
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### Data Sampling



#### **Neural Network Architecture**

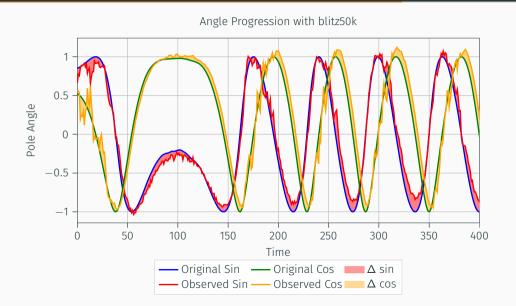


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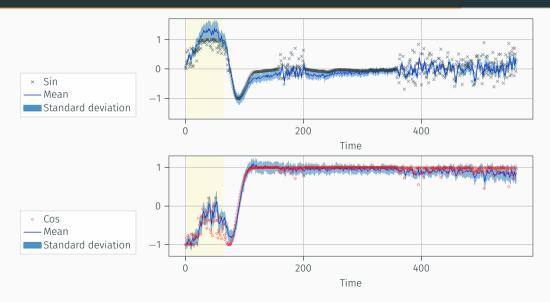
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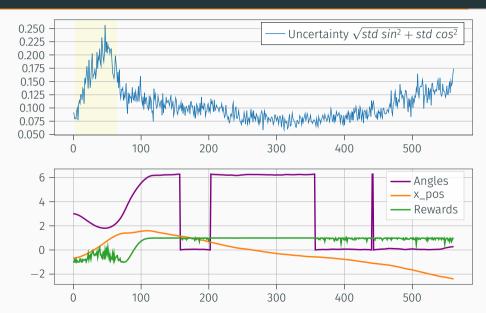
#### BNN predictions: 50k time series



#### BNN Uncertainty: 75k time series



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#### Video Demo Links

With Uncertainty

Without uncertainty





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**Questions?** 

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### Creating a variational regressor class

### Defining a confidence interval evaluating function

```
def evaluate_regression(regressor, x, y, samples=25, std_multiplier=2):
    preds = [regressor(x) for i in range(samples)]
    preds = torch.stack(preds)
    means = preds.mean(axis=0)
    stds = preds.std(axis=0)
    ci_upper = means + (std_multiplier * stds)
    ci_lower = means - (std_multiplier * stds)
    ic_acc = (ci_lower <= y) * (ci_upper >= y)
    ic_acc = ic_acc.float().mean()
    return ic_acc, (ci_upper >= y).float().mean(), (ci_lower <= y).float().mean()</pre>
```

### Creating our regressor and loading data

```
optimizer = optim.Adam(regressor.parameters(), lr=0.01)
criterion = torch.nn.MSELoss()
complexity_cost_weight = 1. / x_train.shape[0]
```

#### Main training and evaluating loop

```
losses = []
     for epoch in tgdm(range(100)):
         new epoch = True
         for i, (datapoints, labels) in enumerate(dataloader_train):
             optimizer.zero_grad()
             loss = regressor.sample elbo(
                 inputs=datapoints,
                 labels=labels,
                 criterion=criterion,
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             loss.backward()
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             optimizer.step()
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