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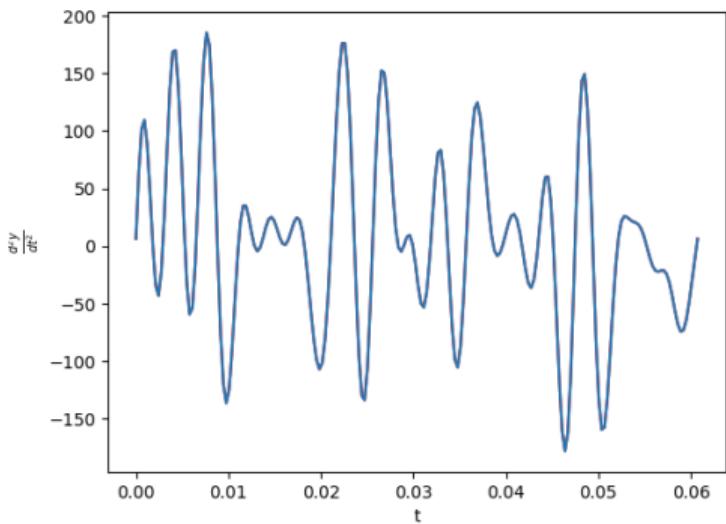


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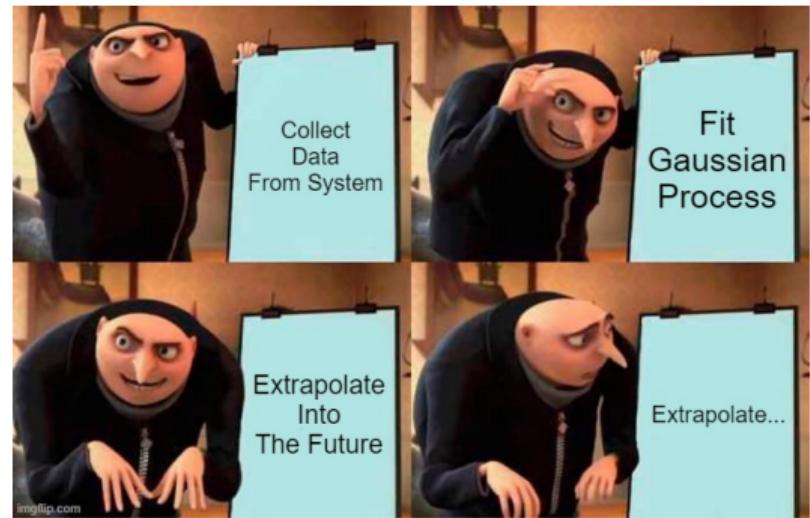
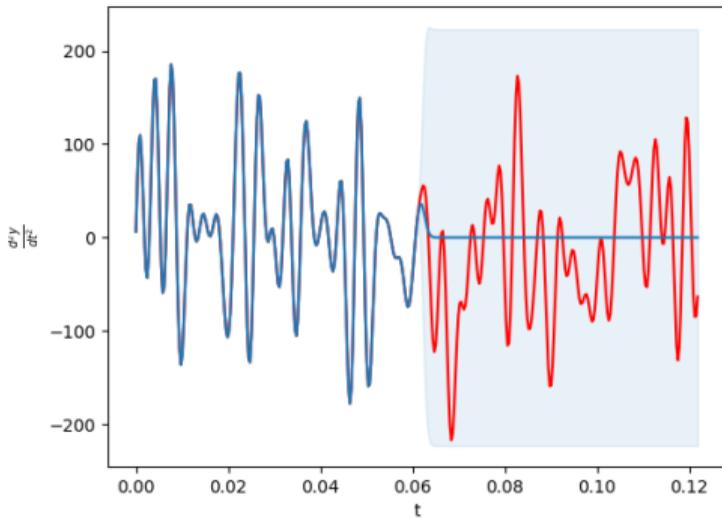
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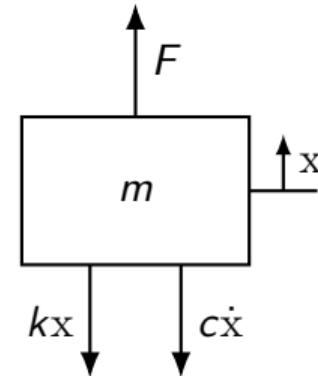
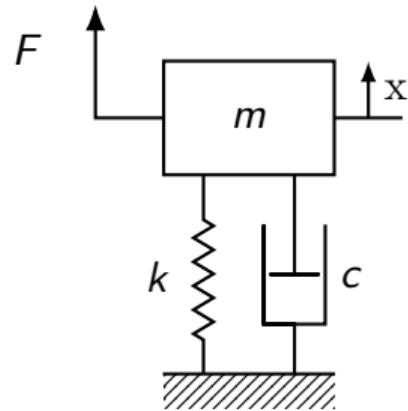
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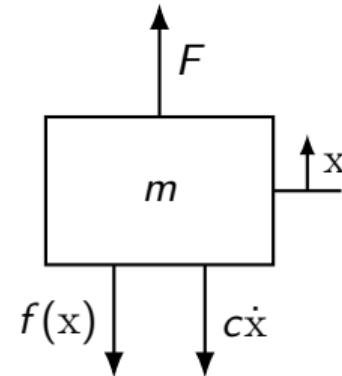
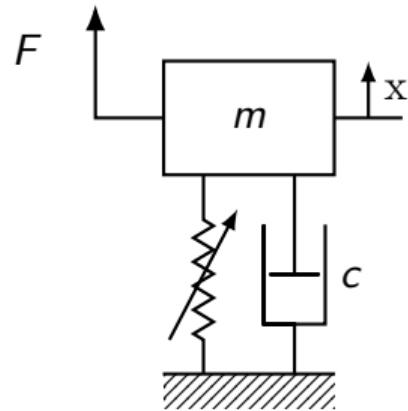
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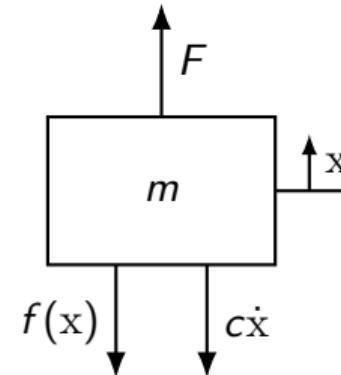
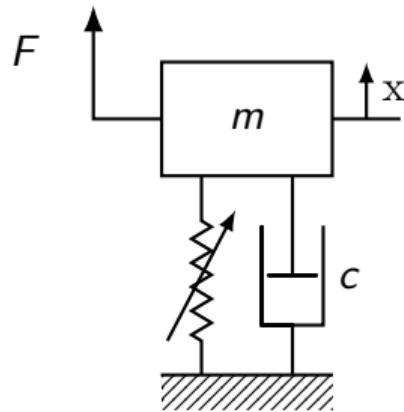
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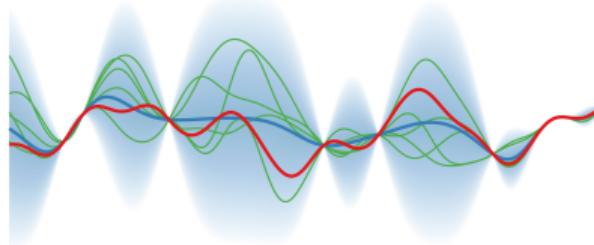
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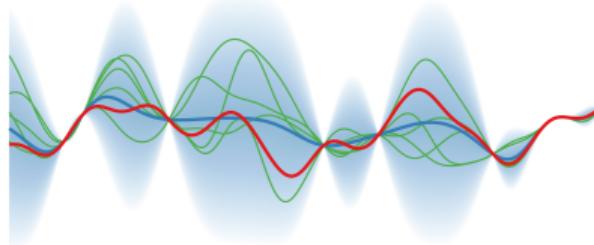
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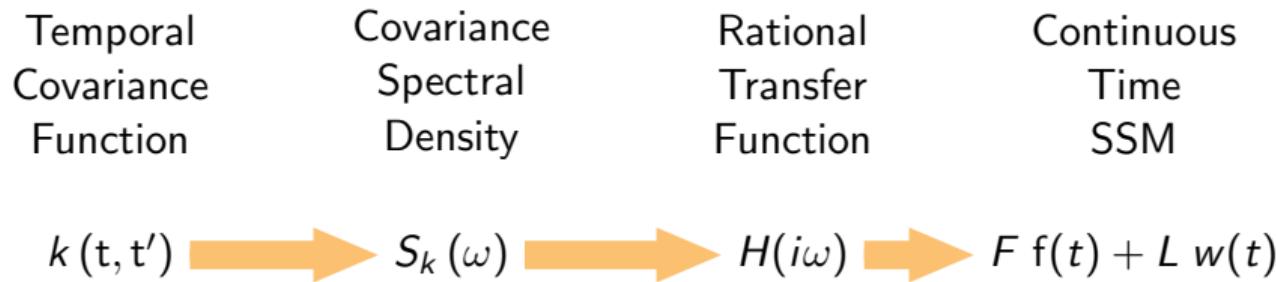
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Hartikainen, Jouni, and Simo Särkkä. "Kalman filtering and smoothing solutions to temporal Gaussian process regression models." 2010 *IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing*. IEEE.



THREE USES AND EXTENSIONS

Three applications:

1. Recovering Unknown Forces
2. Extracting nonlinear components of SDOF ODEs
3. Some promising extensions for more interesting scenarios



Problem 1: Unknown Loads



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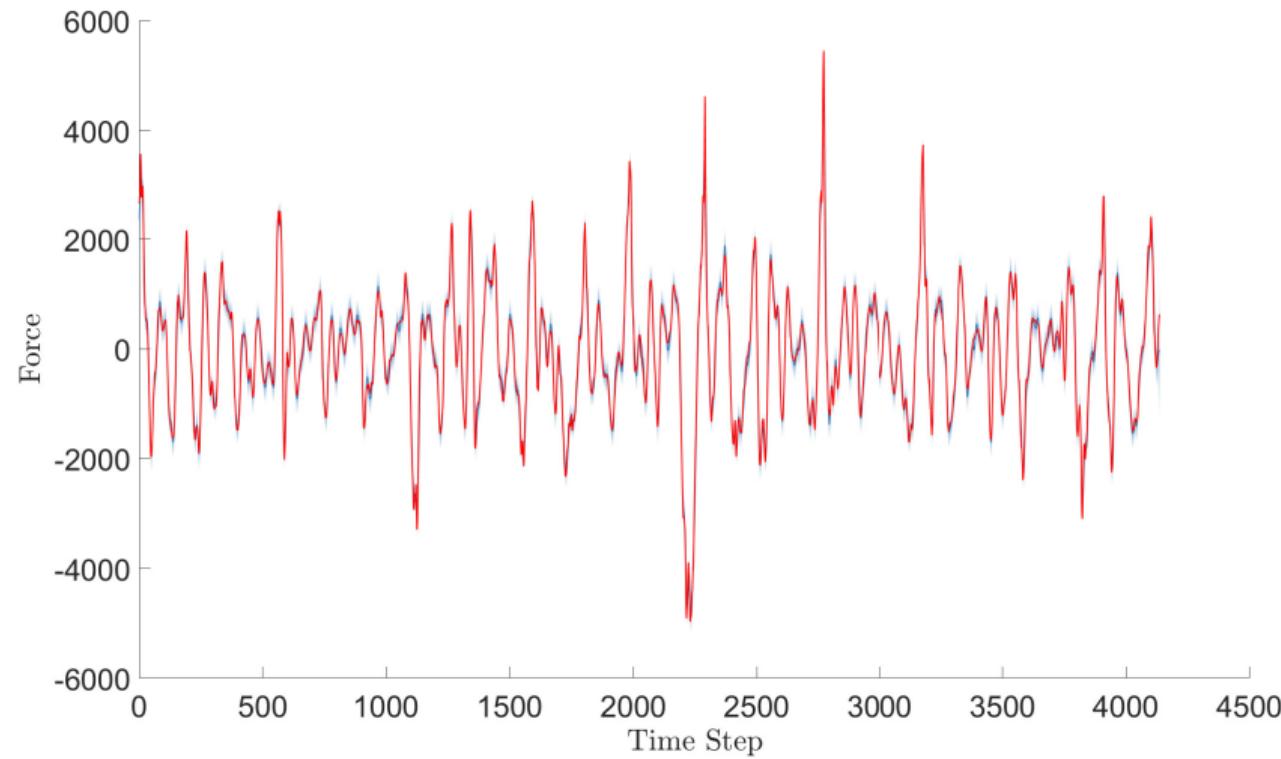


$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \ddot{x} \\ \dot{f} \\ \ddot{f} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -M^{-1}K & -M^{-1}C & M^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda^2 & -2\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \\ u \\ \dot{u} \end{bmatrix} + Lw(t)$$

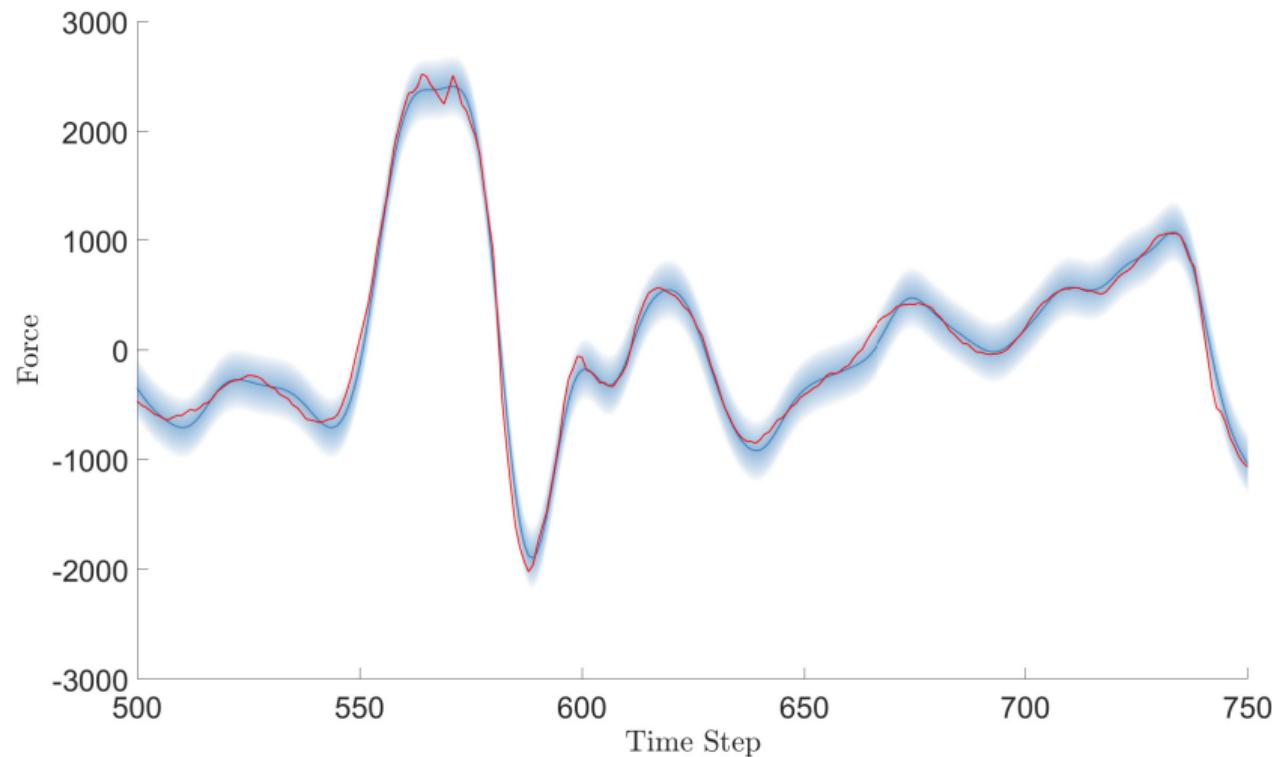


MDOF EXAMPLE

NMSE=1.05%



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Problem 2: Learning Nonlinear SDOF ODEs



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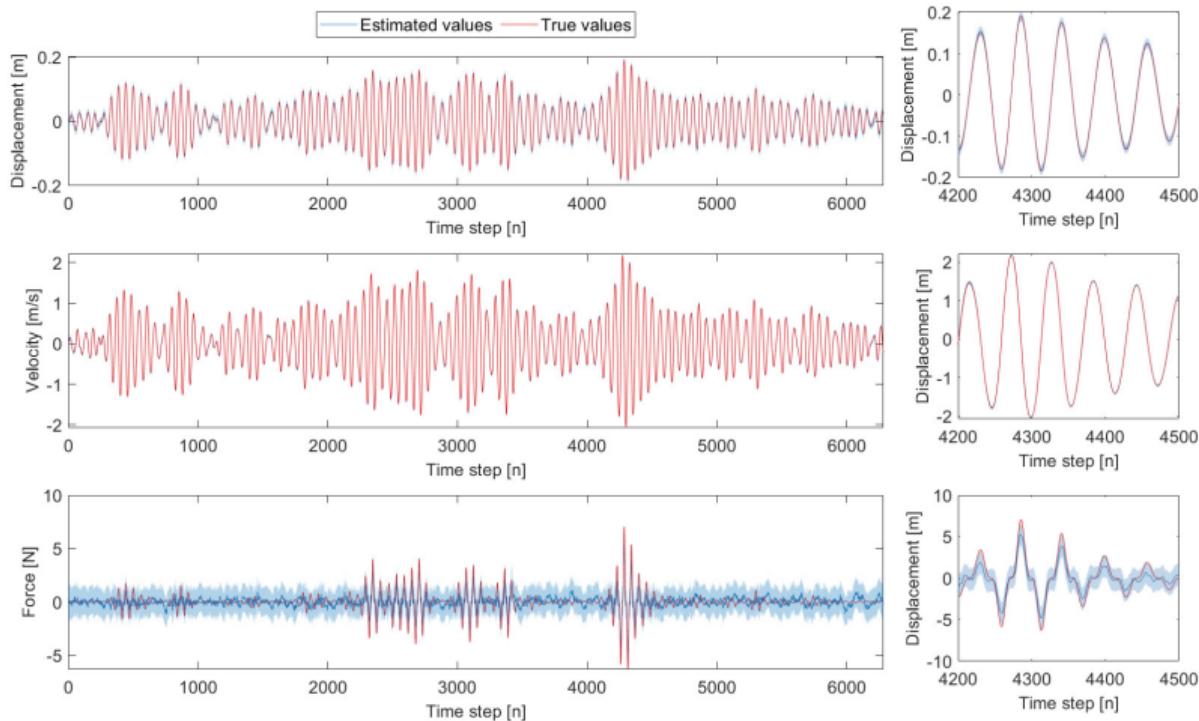
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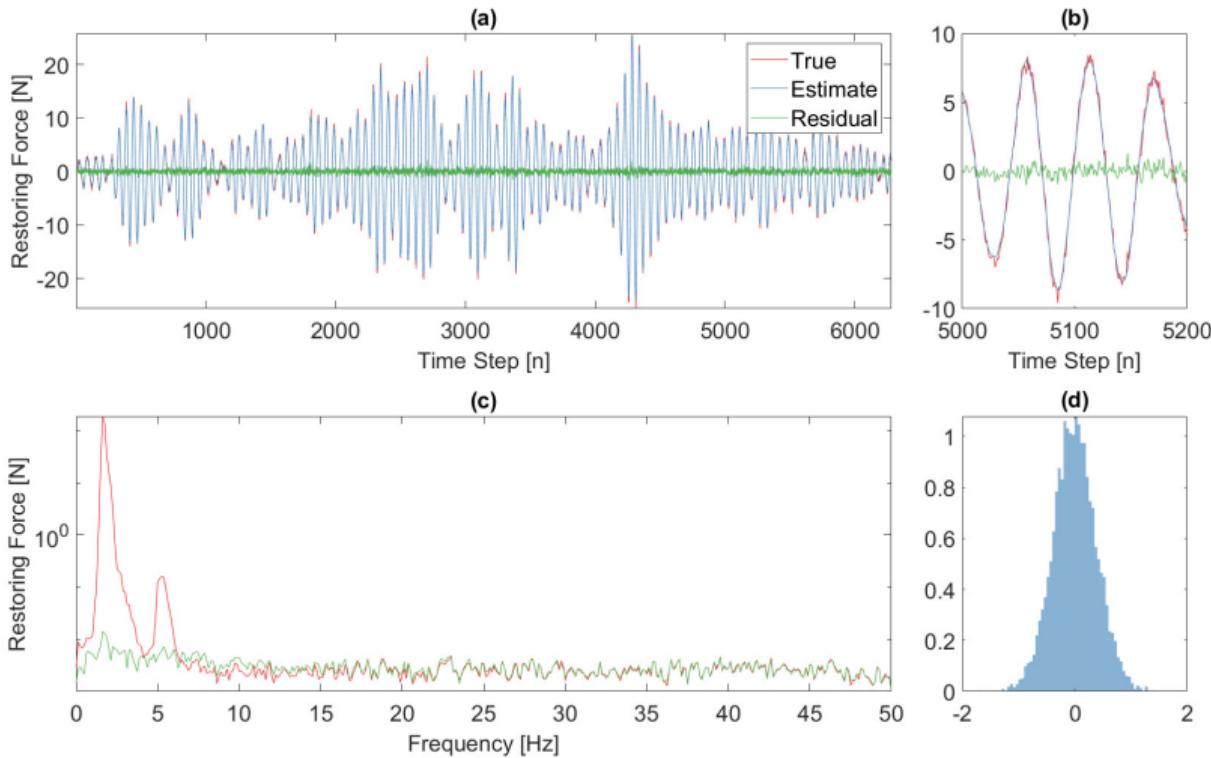
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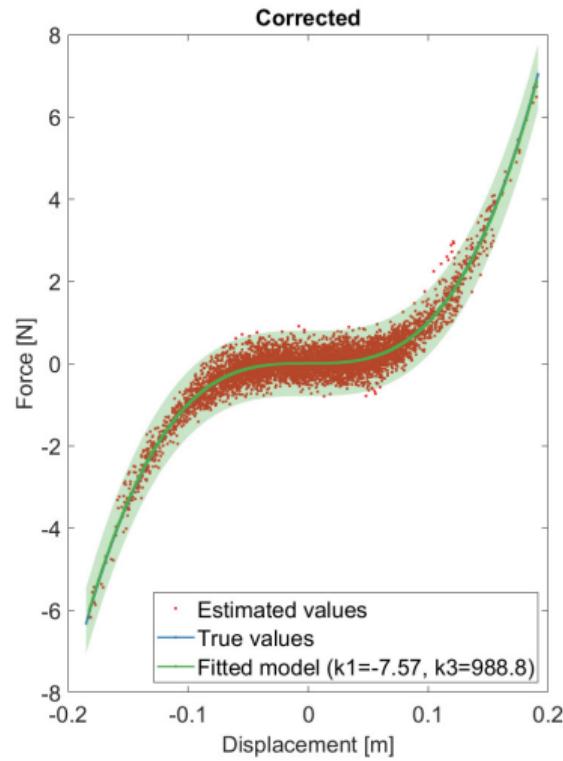
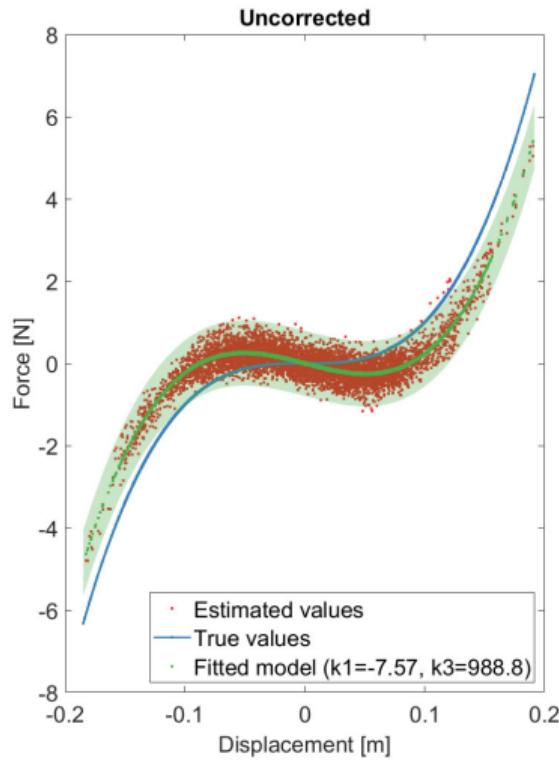
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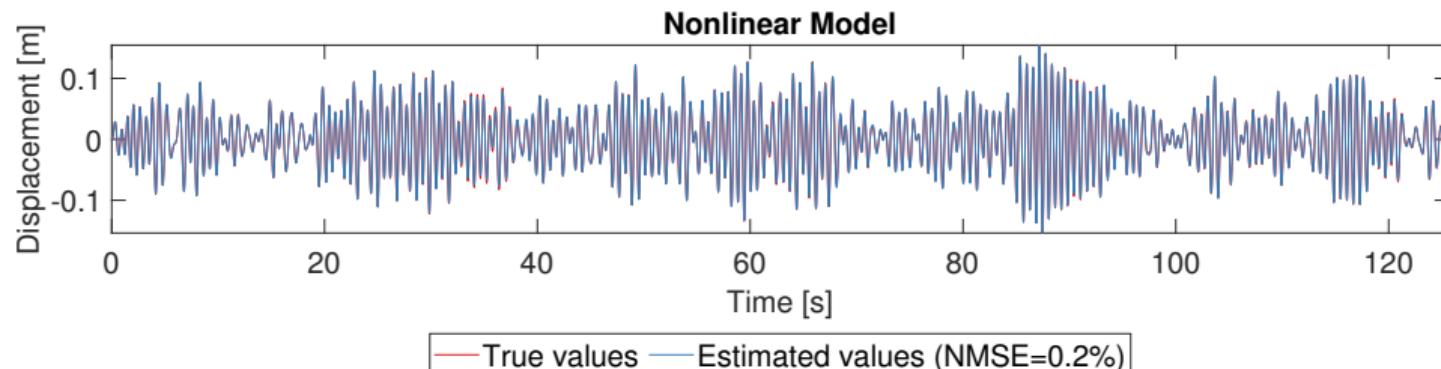
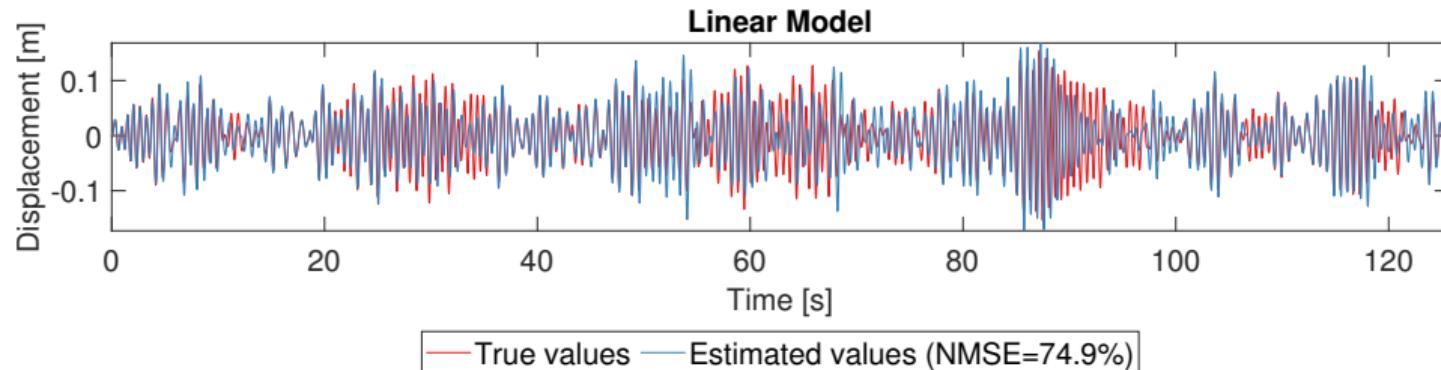
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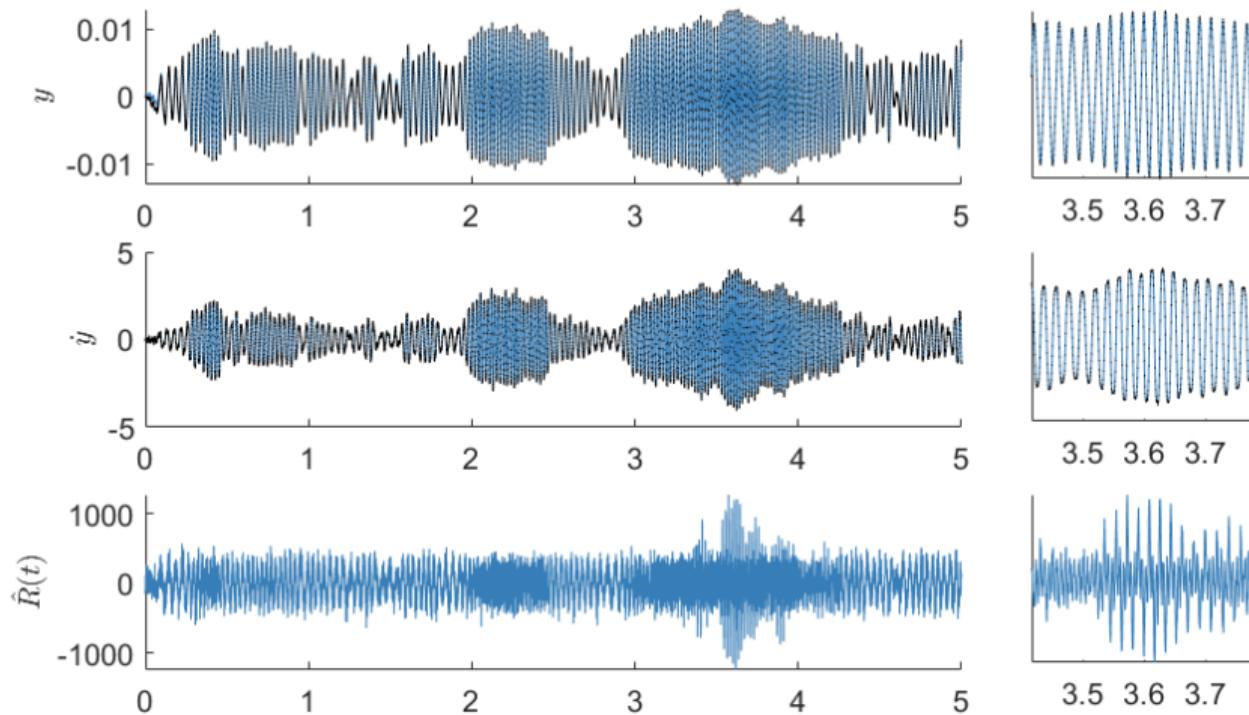
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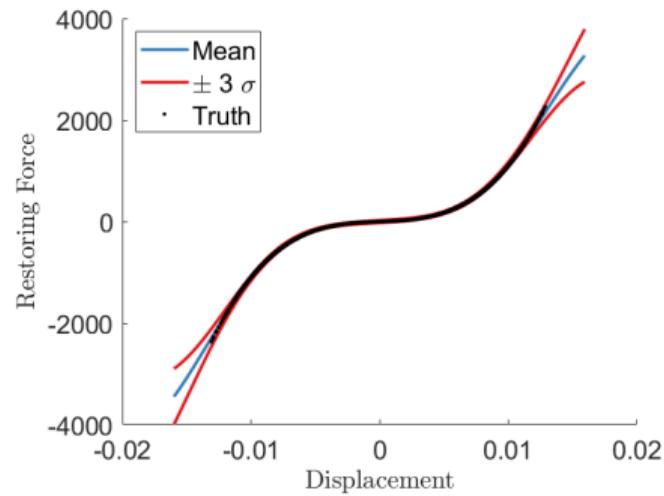
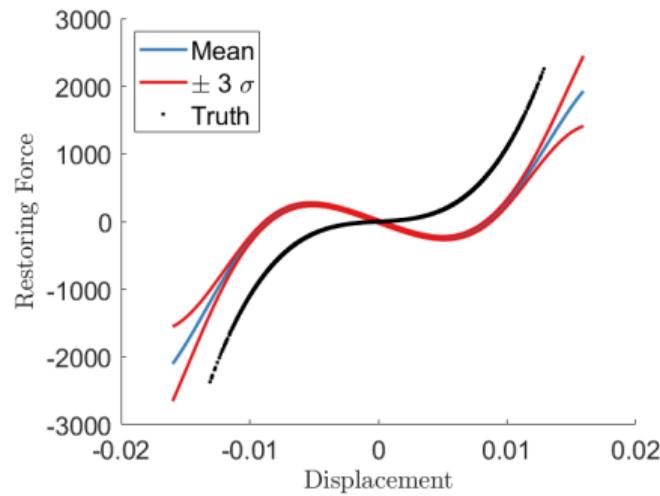
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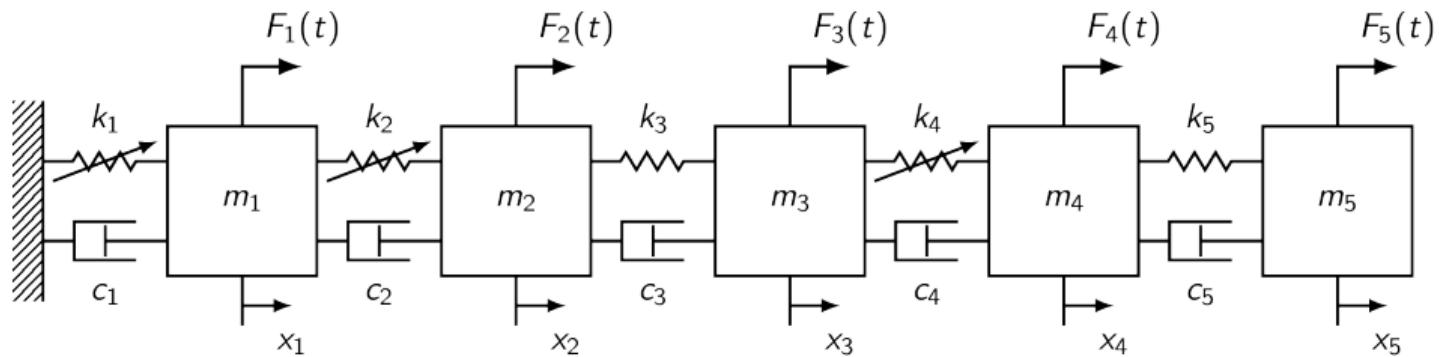
STATE ESTIMATION FOR OUTPUT-ONLY NONLINEAR SYSTEM



ACCESSING THE NONLINEARITY



EXTENSIONS TO MORE DEGREES OF FREEDOM



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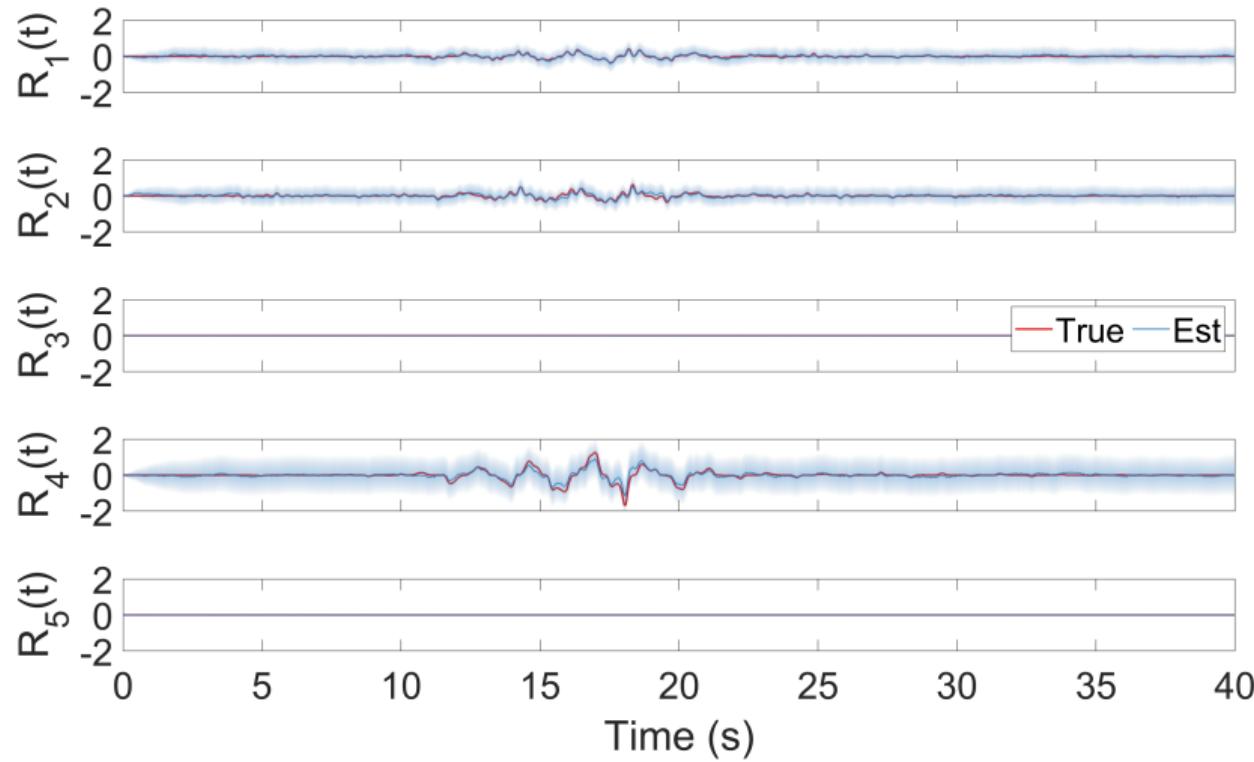
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Use Newton's third law to impose structure in B_{sys} .

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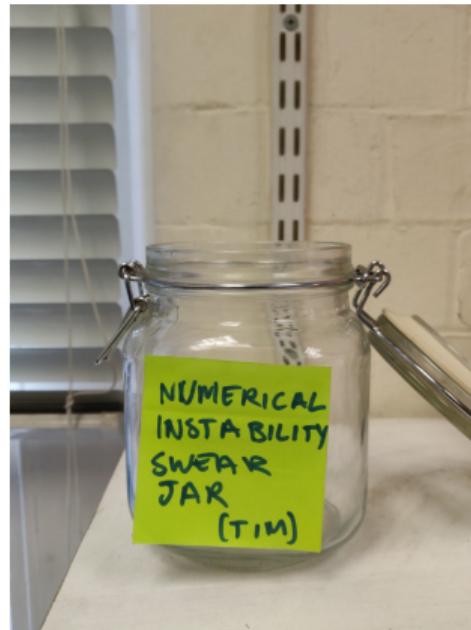


DETECTION AND LOCALISATION



WHAT SHOULD BE A CONCLUSION

A word of warning...



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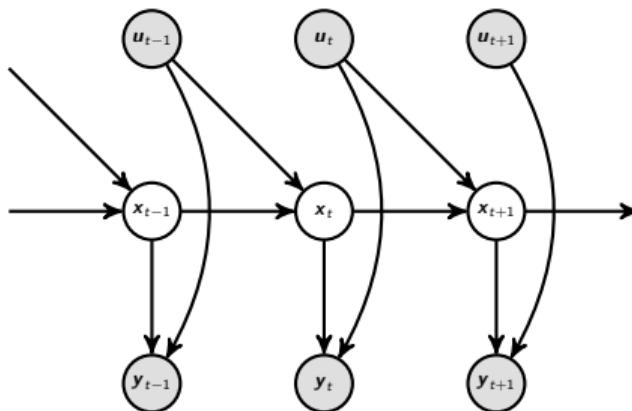
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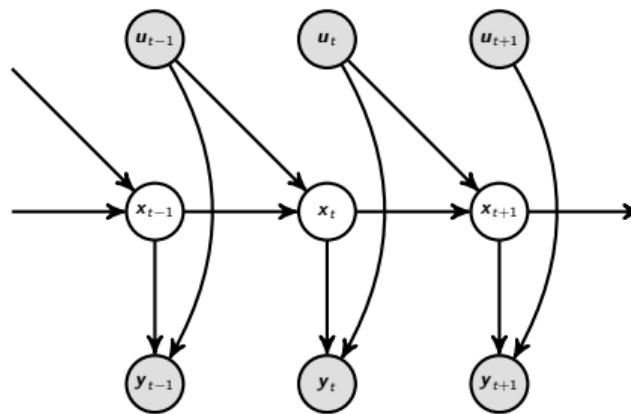
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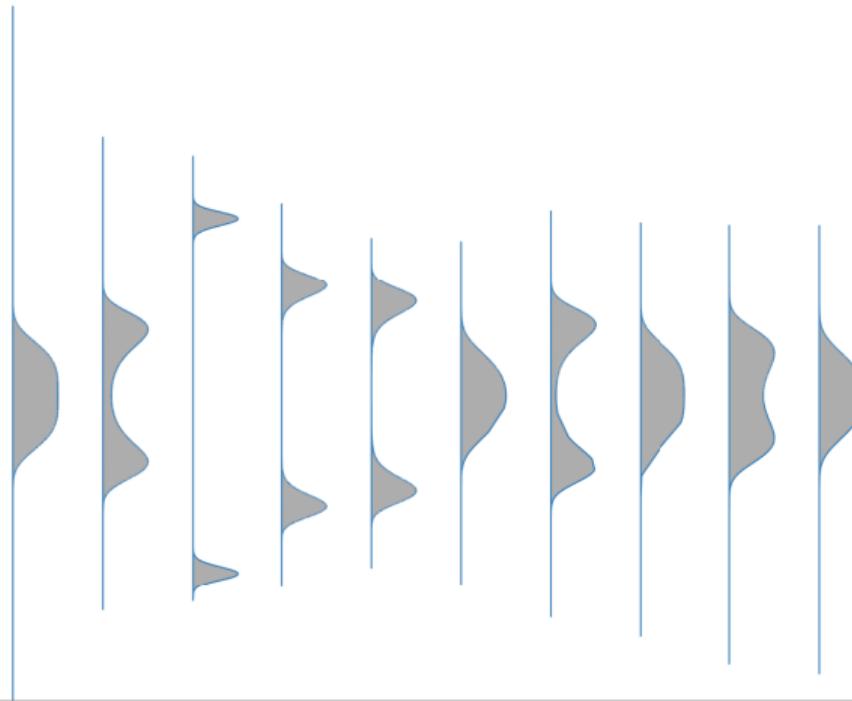
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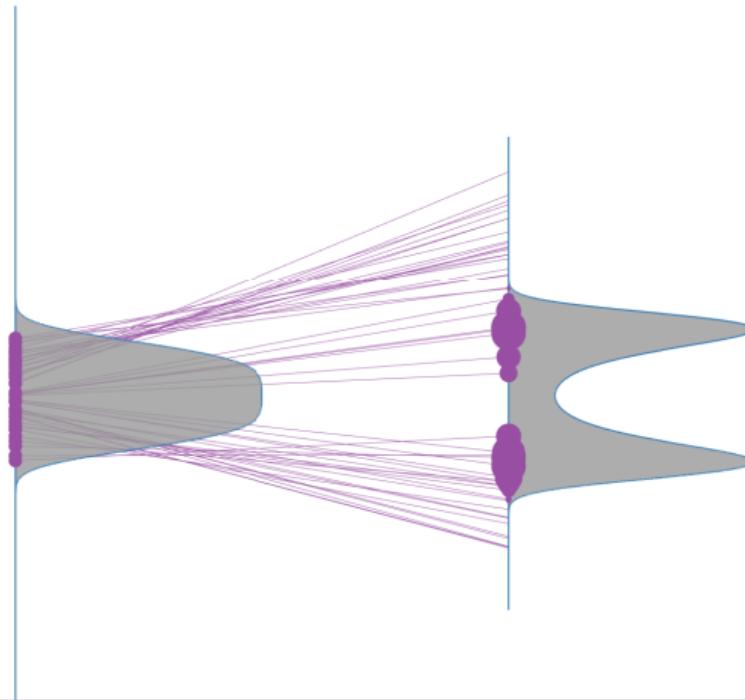
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Estimating sequences of probability distributions:



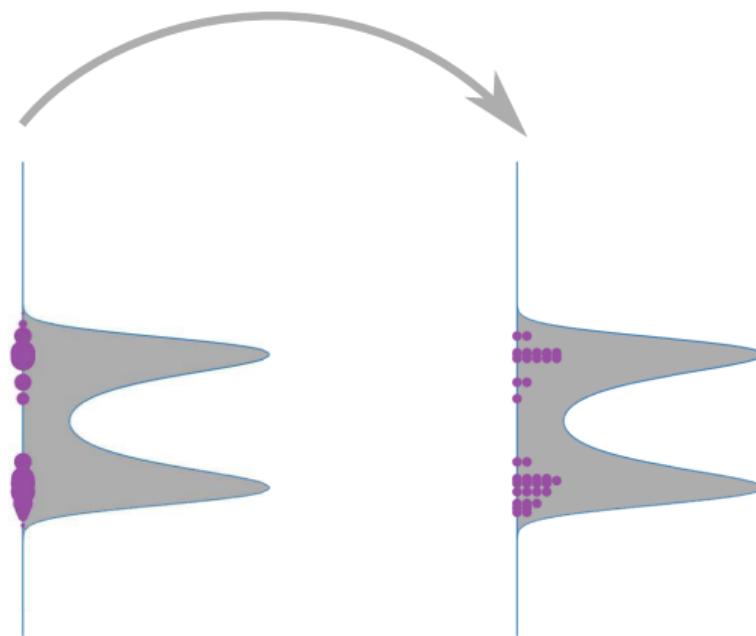
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Particle Propagation and Weighting:



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We will use an MCMC scheme to sample from this using the particle filter.

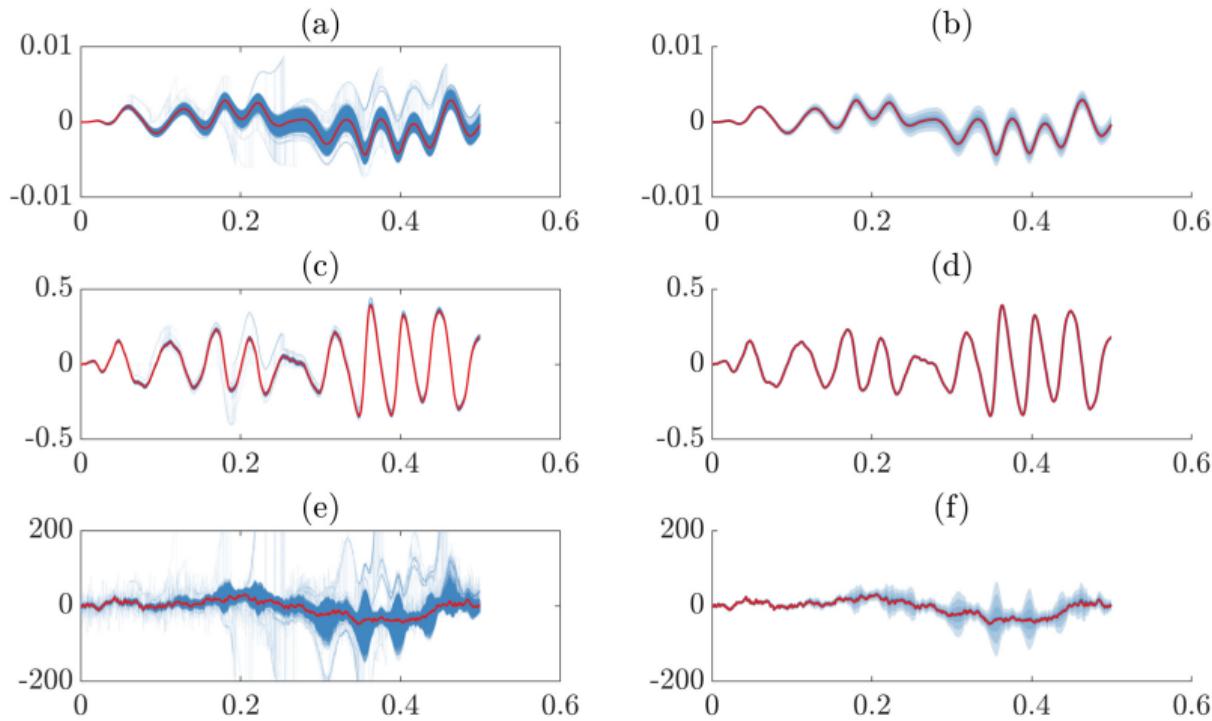
In particular we use a Particle Gibbs with Ancestor Sampling approach (Lindsten 2014) to sample from $p(x_{1:T} | y_{1:T})$.

Details:

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