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# Uncertainty Quantification and Sensitivity Analysis in Dynamical Systems

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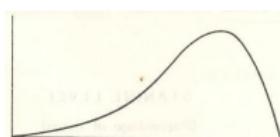
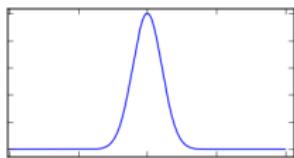
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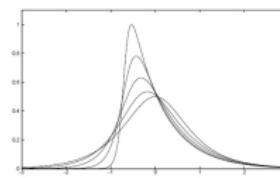


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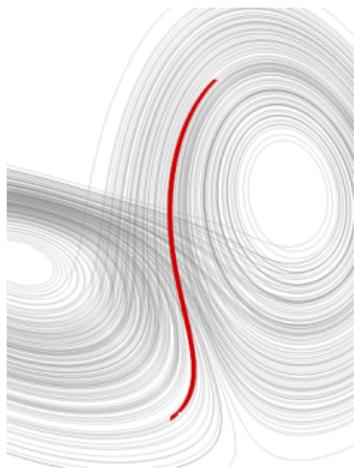
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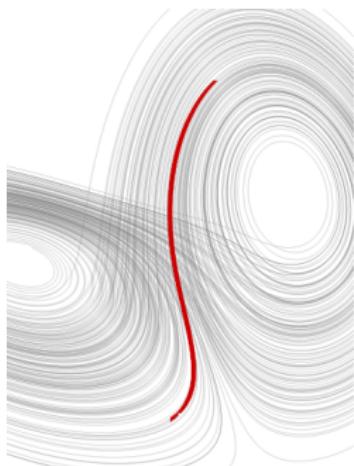


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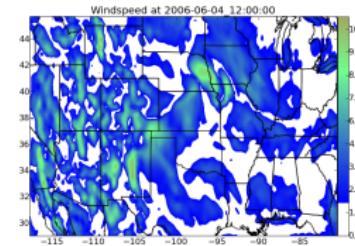
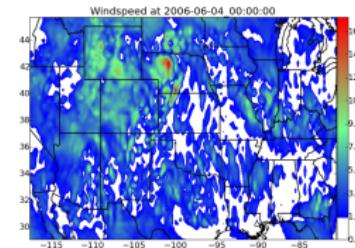
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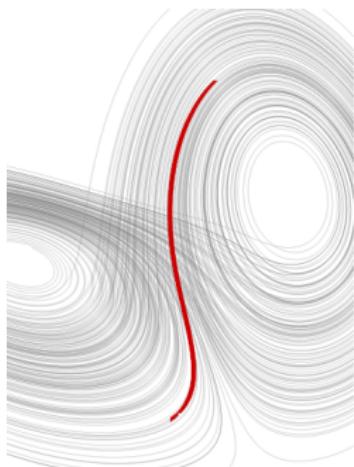
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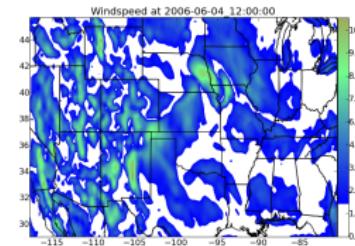
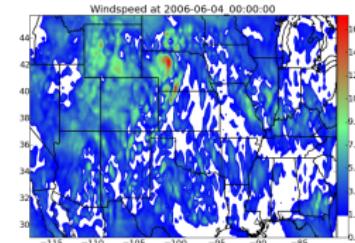
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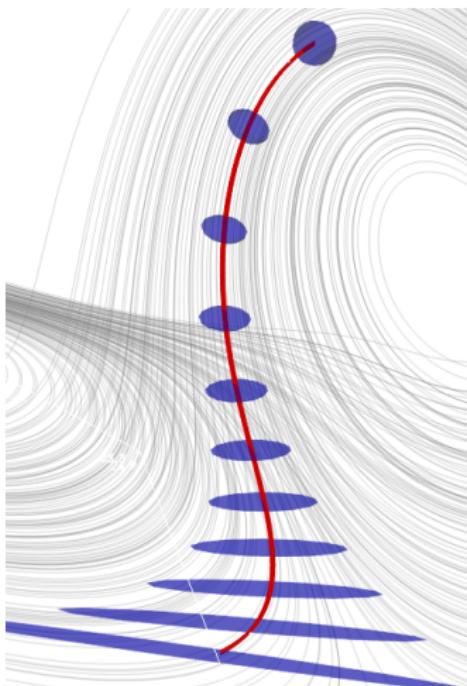
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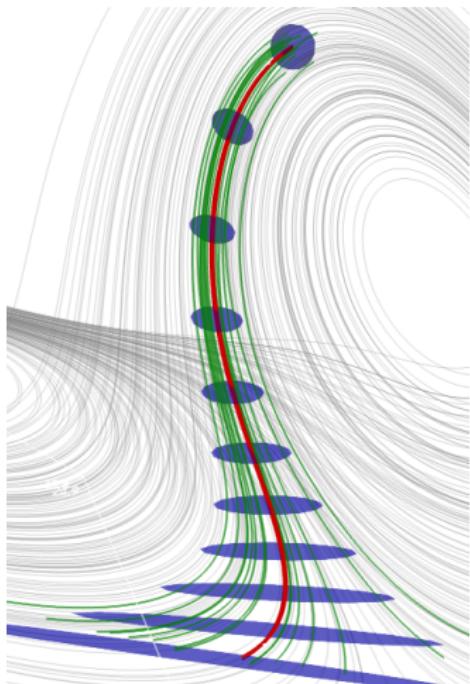


Evolving distributions is challenging.

What can we do without looking at the code?

- Evolve a Sample
  - Evolve a Gradient
- From automatic differentiation

# Introduction to Sampling



- Draw samples from the initial conditions  $\{x_0^1, x_0^2, \dots, x_0^k\} \sim X_0$
- Evolve sample forward to time  $t$ ,  
 $\{x_t^1, x_t^2, \dots, x_t^k\} = \{M_t(x_0^1), M_t(x_0^2), \dots, M_t(x_0^k)\}$
- Approximate  $X_t$  by sample mean  
 $\mu = \frac{1}{k} \sum_i x_t^i$   
and covariance  
 $\Sigma = \frac{1}{k-1} \sum_{i,j} (x_t^i - \mu) \wedge (x_t^j - \mu)^T$
- How many samples are necessary?  
Only 5-10 for local weather[PHK<sup>+</sup>01]

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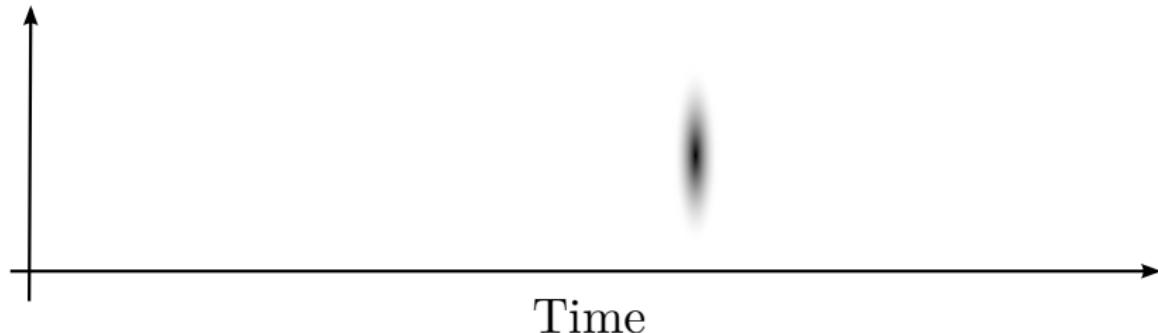
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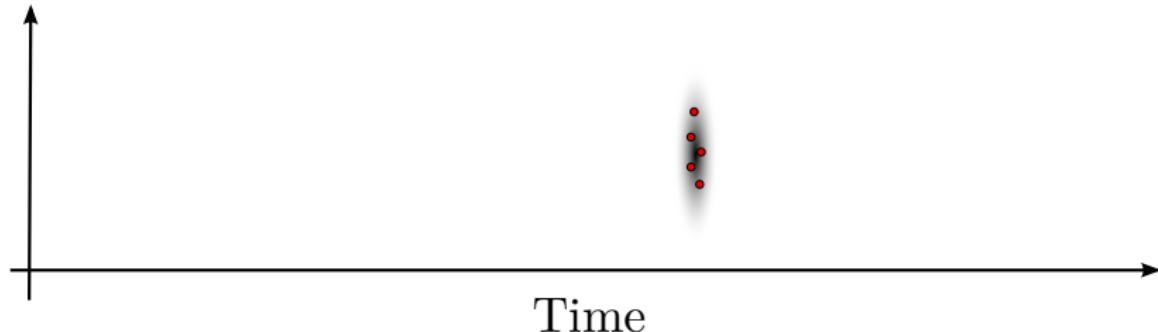
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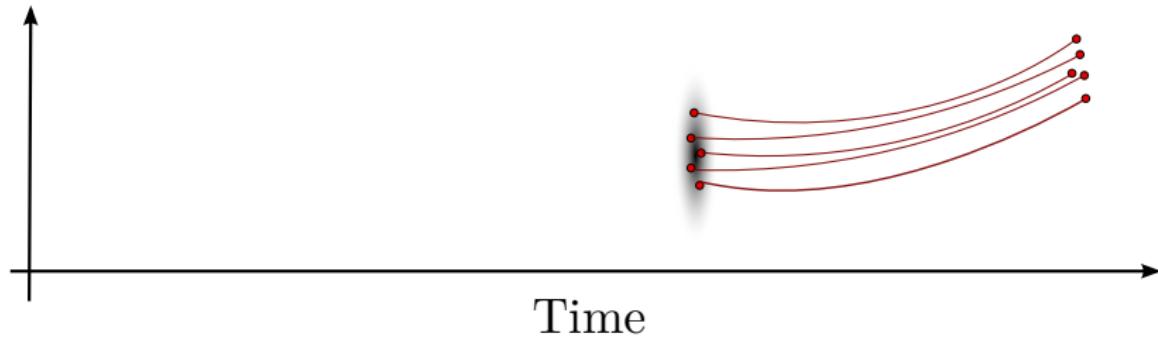
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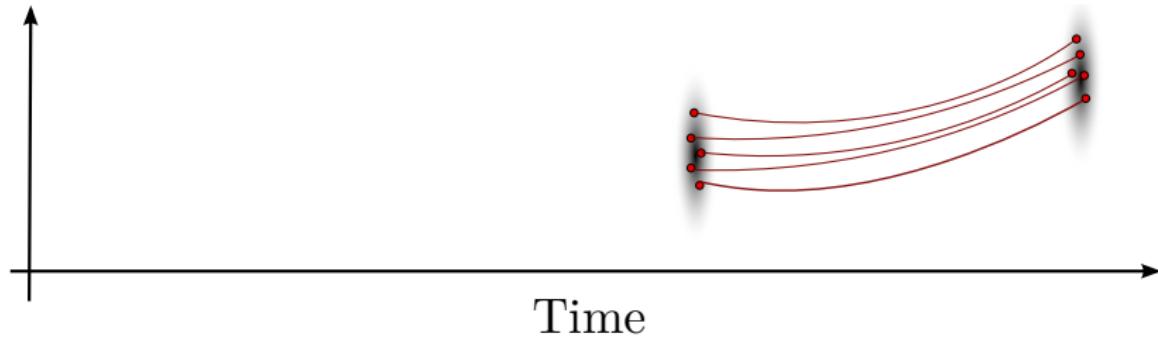
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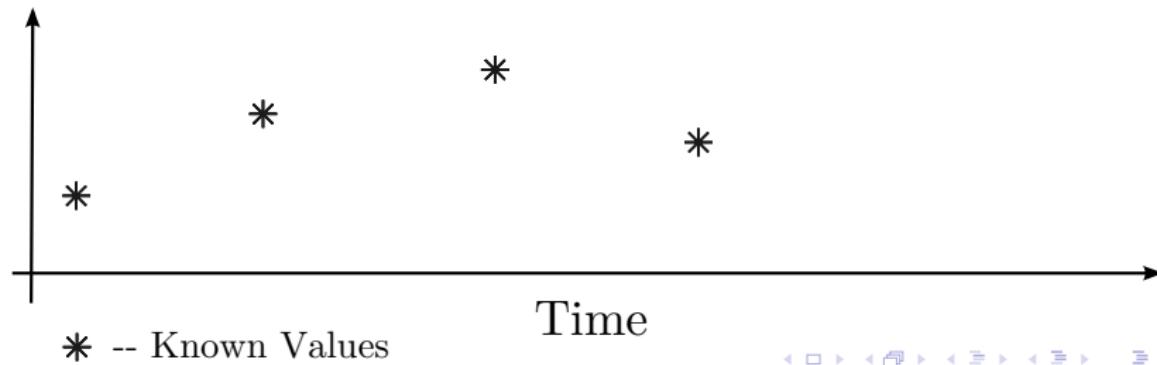
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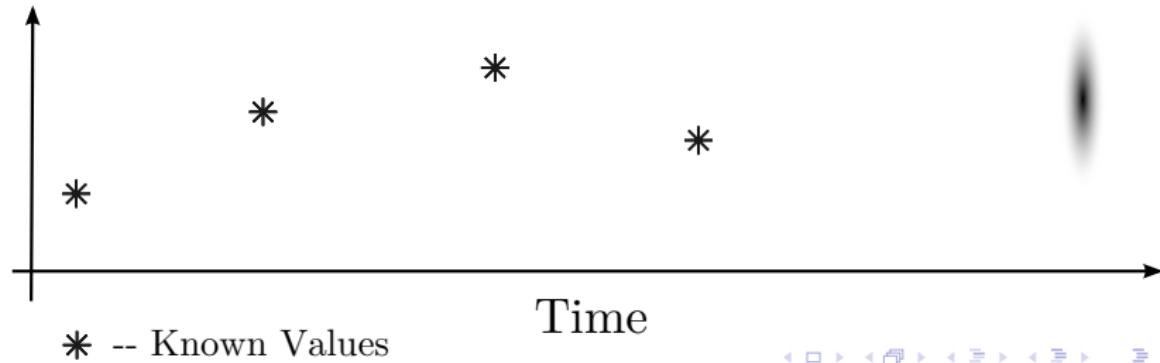
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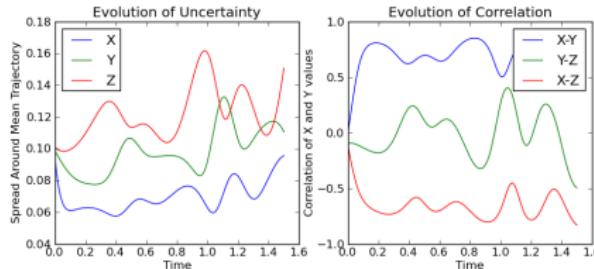
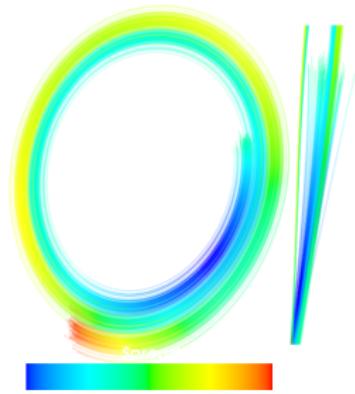
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# Naive Distributions

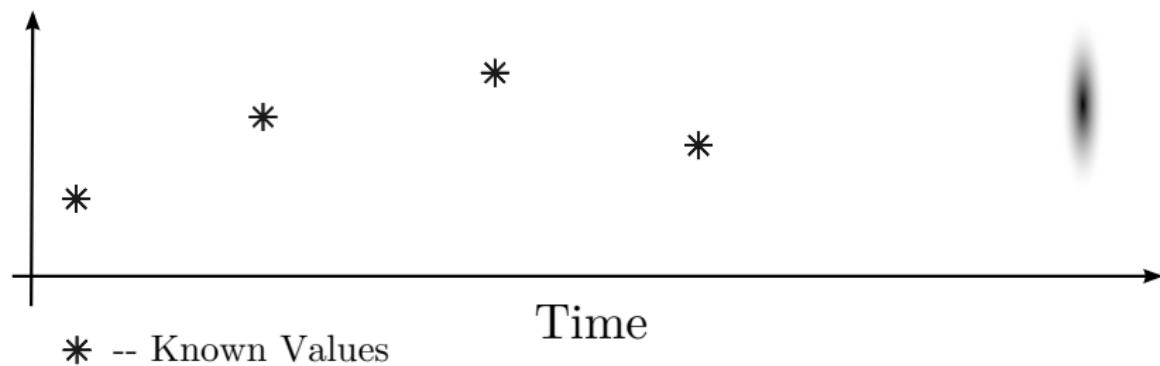
Issue with not having an initial distribution  
Lorenz collapse images



- Start with isotropic distribution  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \alpha I)$
- After brief evolution we see low-dimensionality and strong correlations.
- Model has intrinsic distribution at this state "Errors of the Day" [Kal02, CKP<sup>+</sup>03] .

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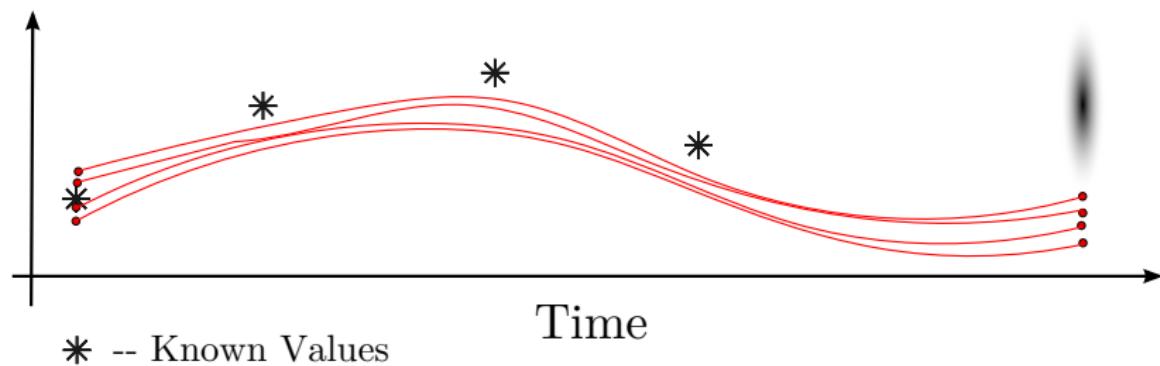
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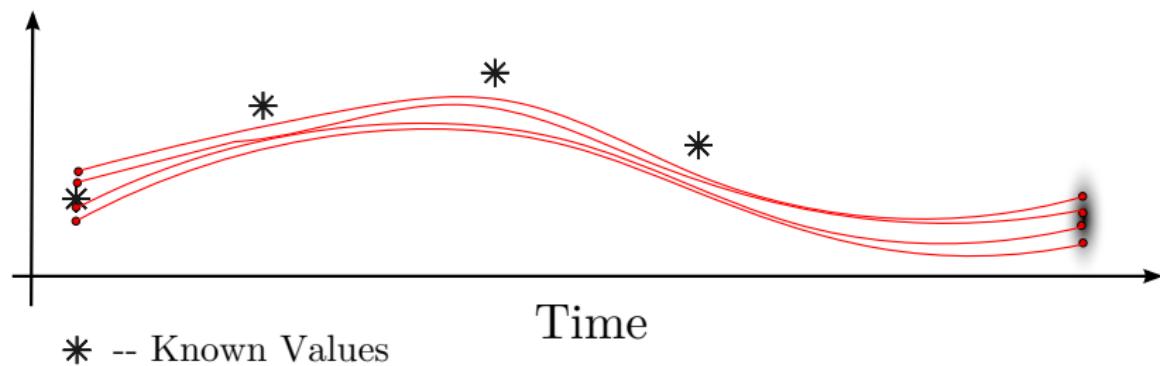
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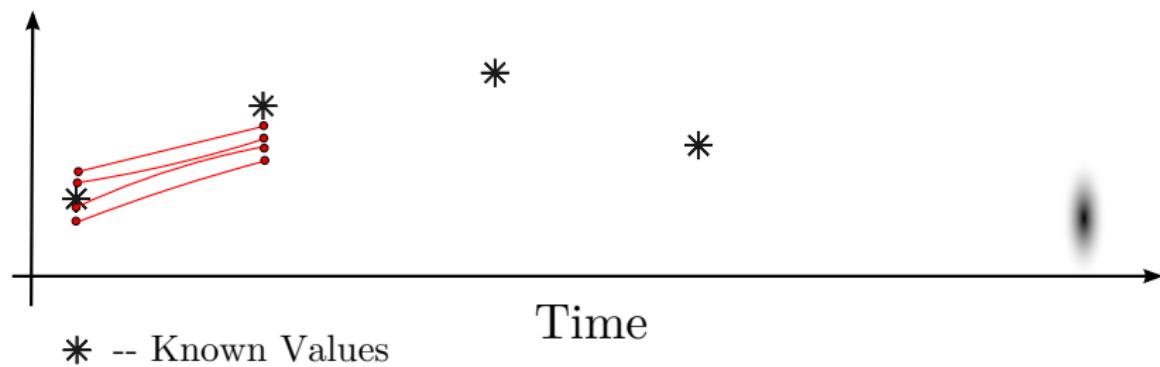
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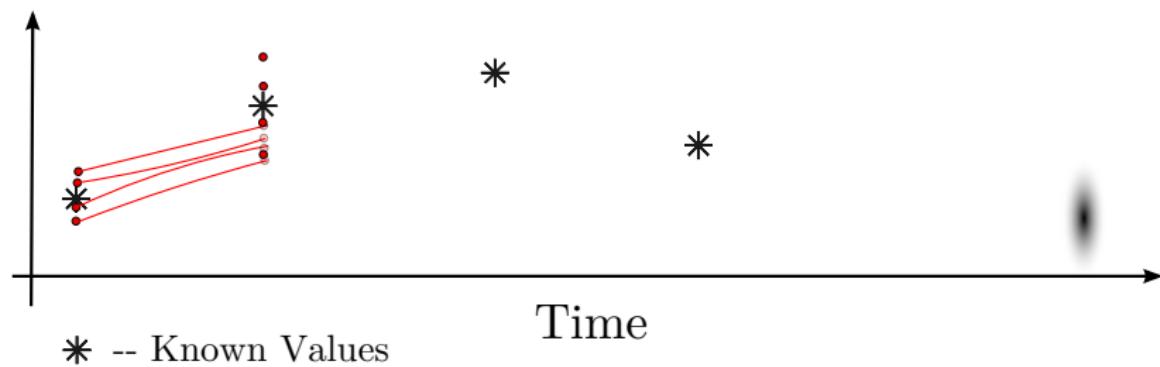


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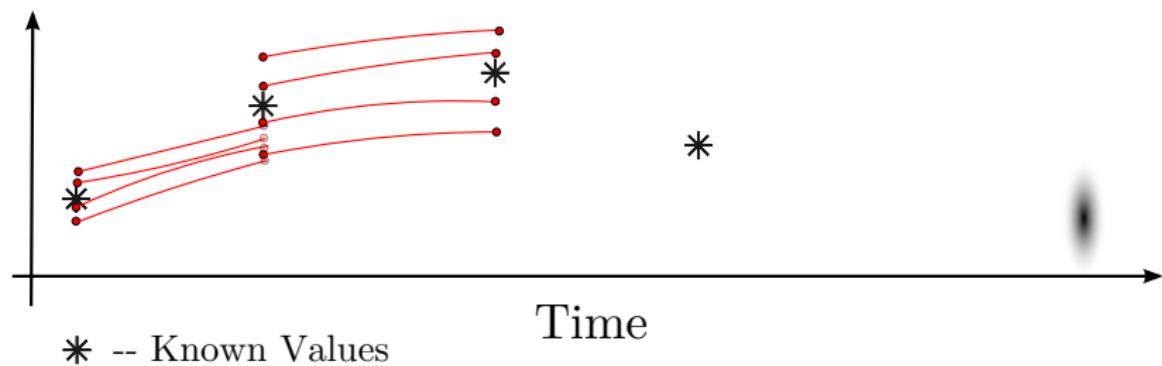
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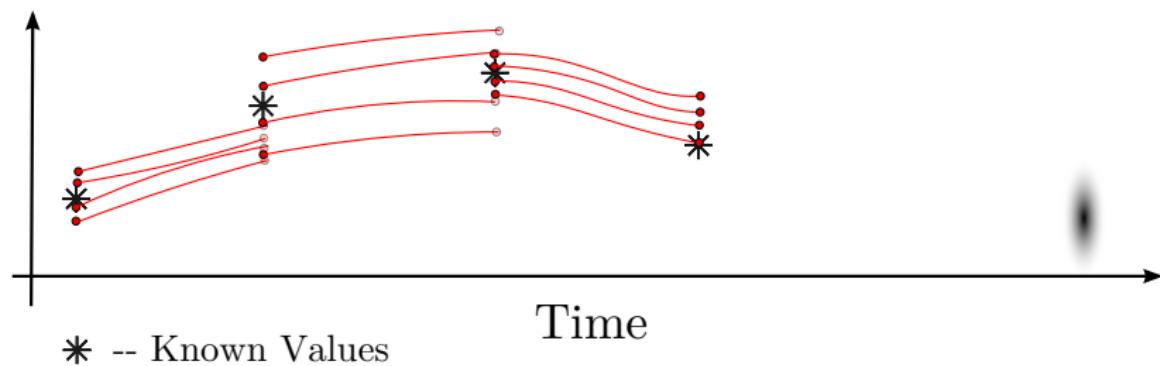
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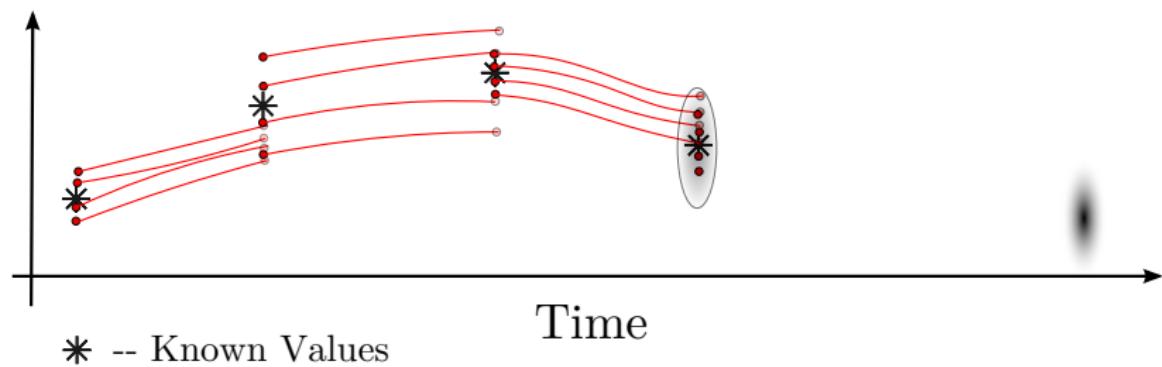
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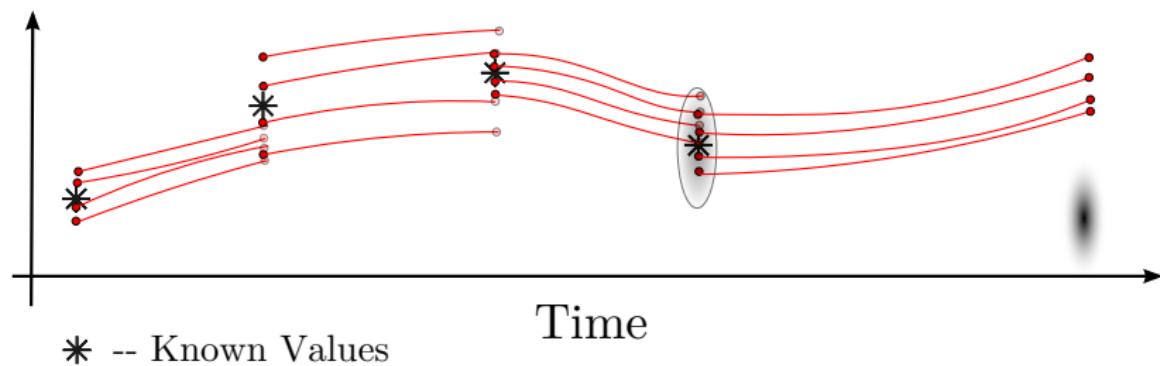
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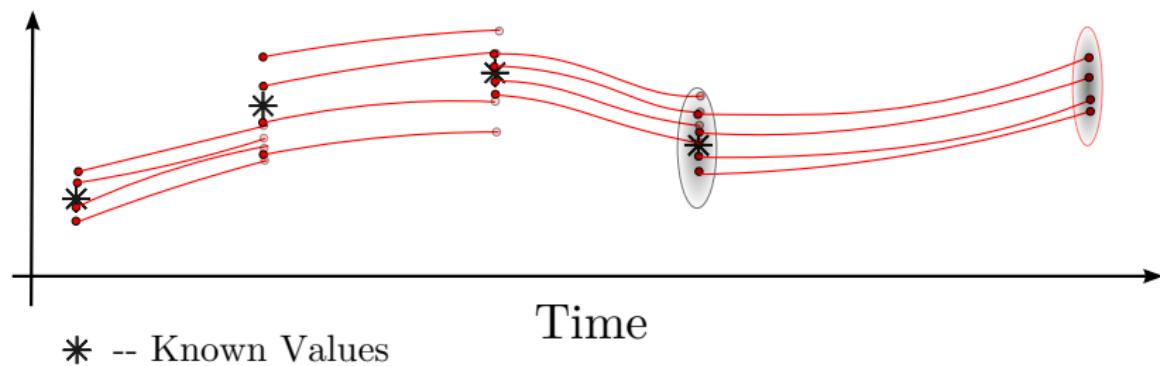
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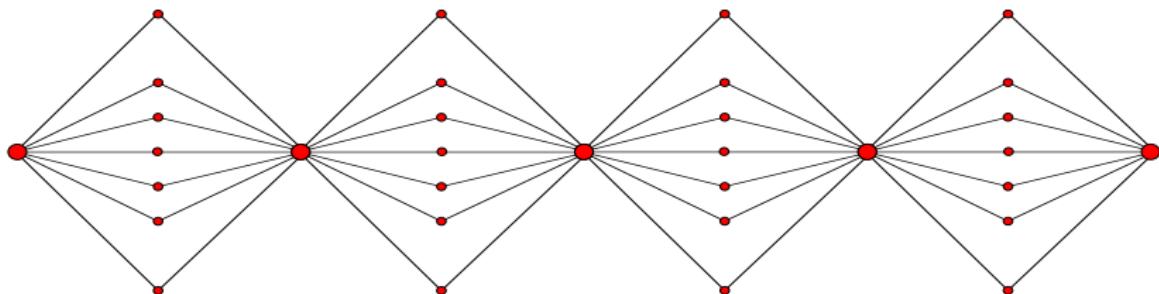
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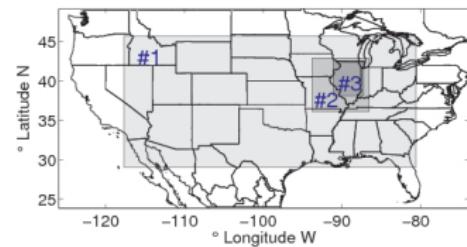
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# Computation



- Sampling is Embarrassingly Parallel - Breeding process requires periodic communication at a central node
- Condor - Mostly harvested free cycles on departmental workstations
- Multi-CPU jobs for larger simulations



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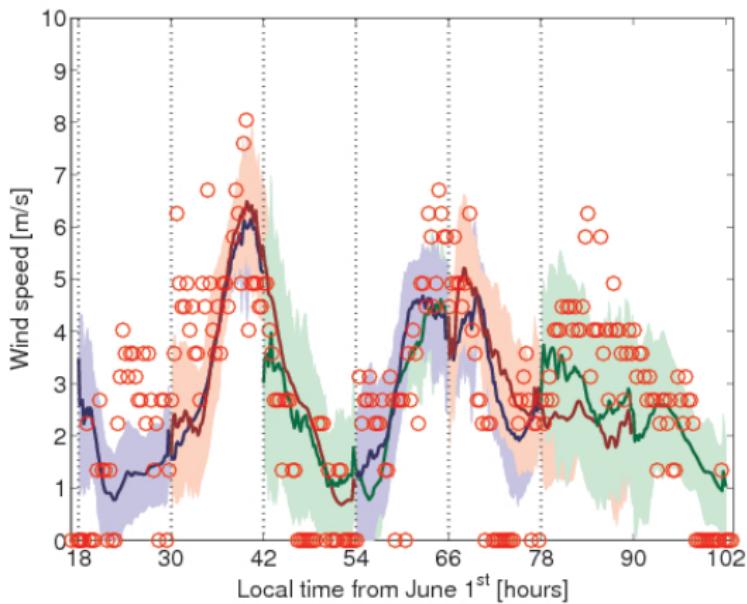
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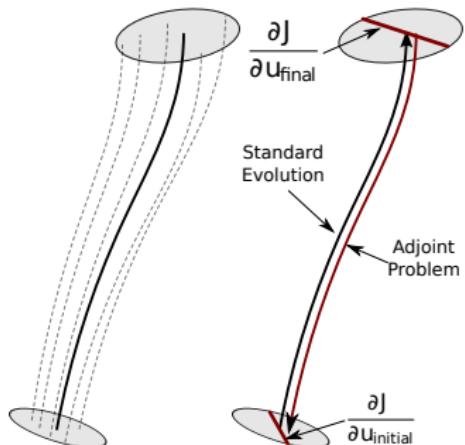
# Results



- Solid Line - Mean
- Colored Bands -  $2\sigma$  spread
- Circles - Observed values
- Taken from [CZR<sup>+</sup>11]

# Wasteful Computation

Computed uncertainty everywhere to determine uncertainty in one location



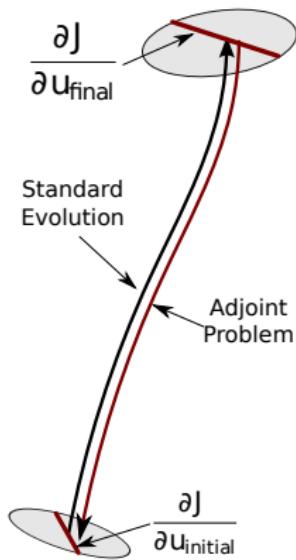
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Can we efficiently focus our computation around a single question?

## Adaptive Observation

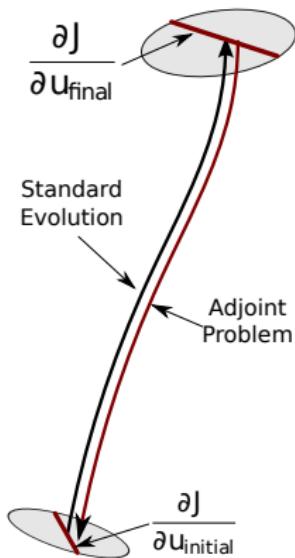
What should we observe now to reduce this specific uncertainty?  
To what variables is this question sensitive?

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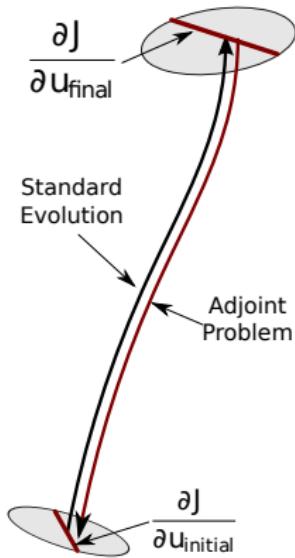
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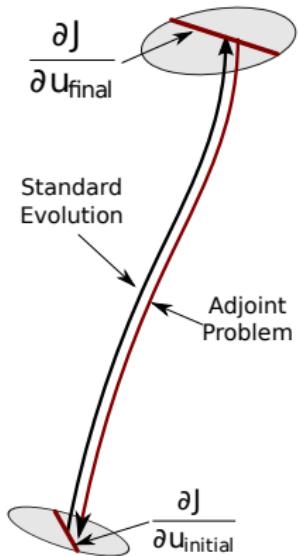
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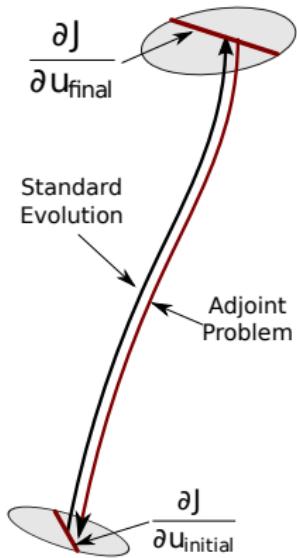
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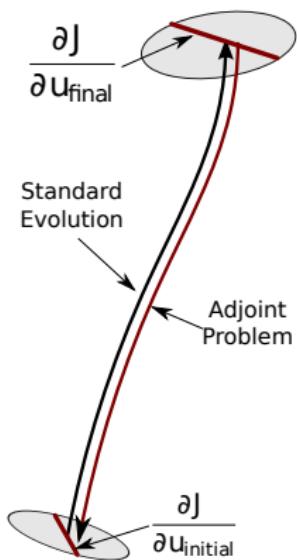
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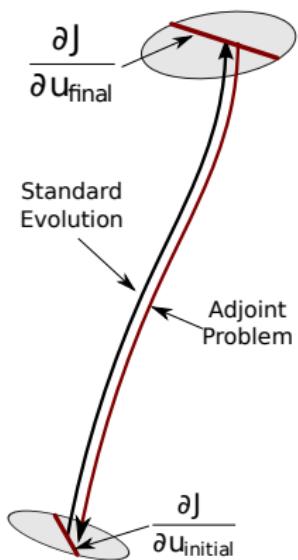
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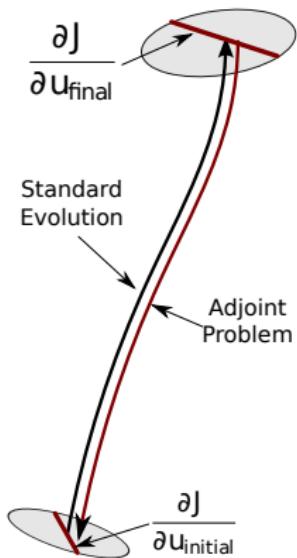
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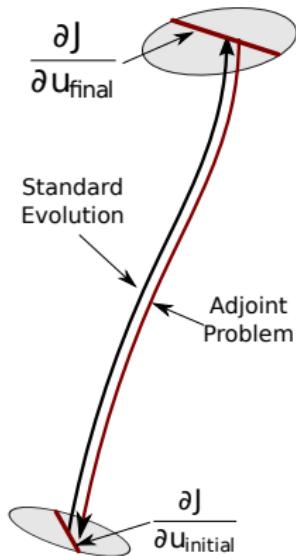
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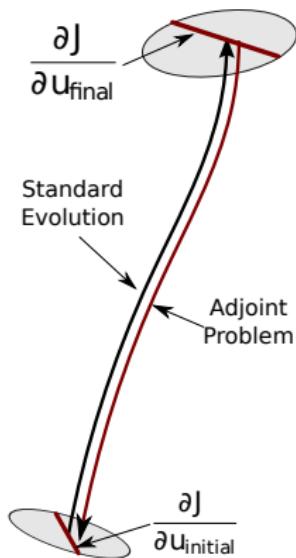
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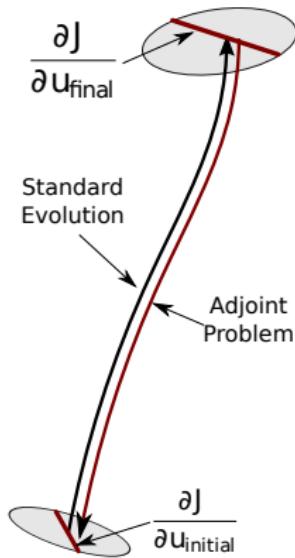
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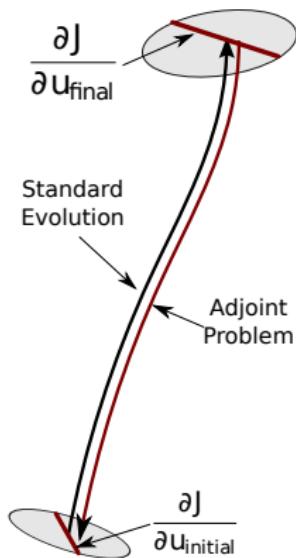
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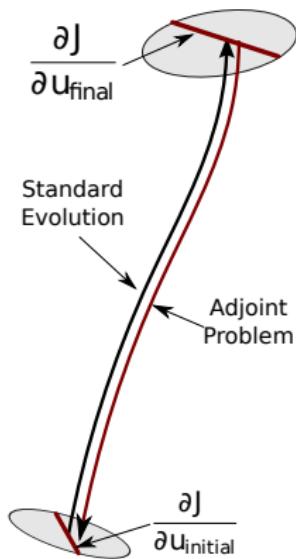
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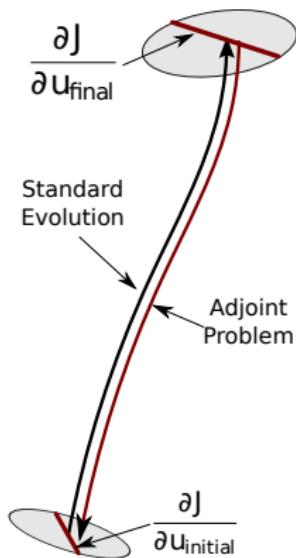
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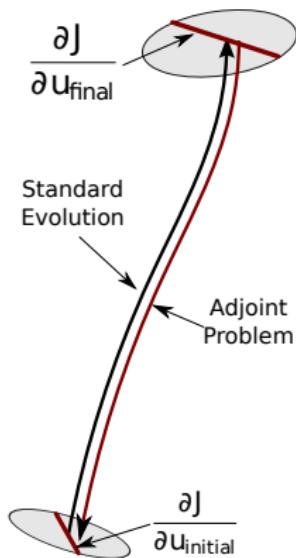
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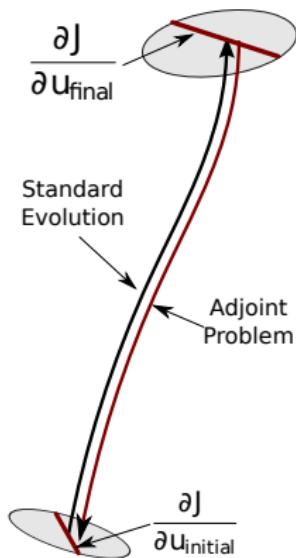
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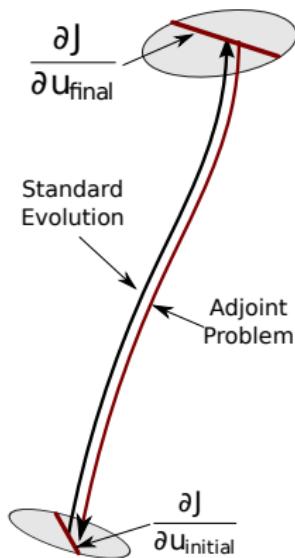


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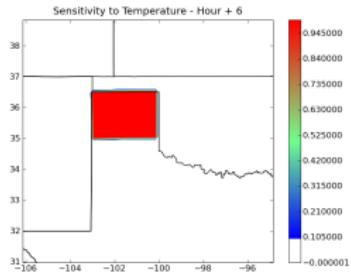
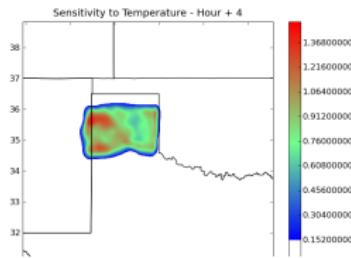
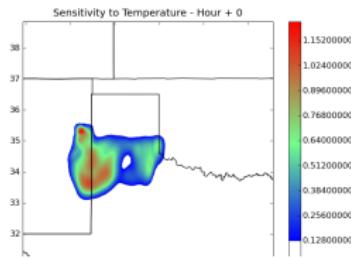
## Advantages

- Efficiency : Before we evolved 30-100 samples forward. Now we evolve one state and back-evolve one sensitivity. No sampling mess.
- Statistics-Free : This process is independent of the initial distribution. Can swap alternative distributions in and out.
- Adaptive Observation : We can more easily ask questions about the effects of the initial distribution

## Drawbacks

- Linearity assumption : Only works for distributions tightly clustered around the mean
- Automatic Differentiation : Easy in theory, often challenging in practice.

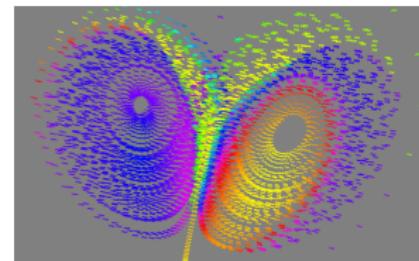
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Sensitivities  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}_t}$  restricted to ground temperature.

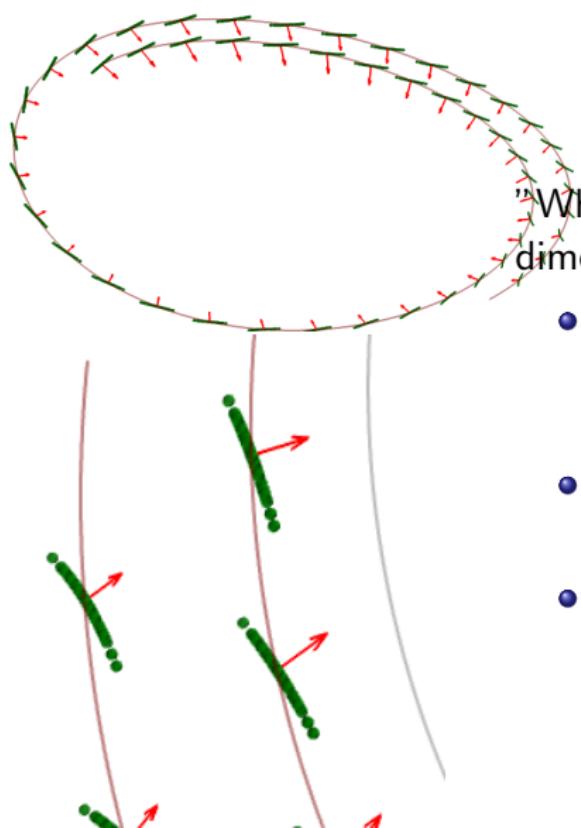
Bright areas highlight desirable observation.

Specific to this day's weather.



Adaptive Observation, Berliner [BLS99].

# Comparison



"What is the uncertainty along red dimension at forecast time"

- First order: Evaluates to zero regardless of when the computation occurs.
- Sampling: Observed nonlinear effects
- Adjoint: More efficient but strictly linear

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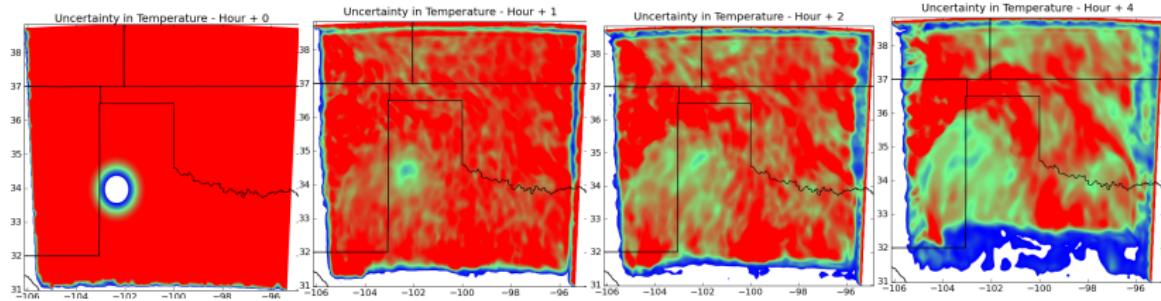
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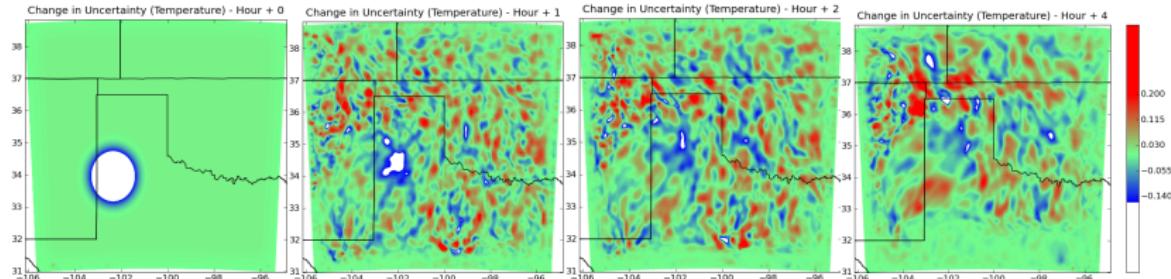
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# Adaptive Observation Demonstration

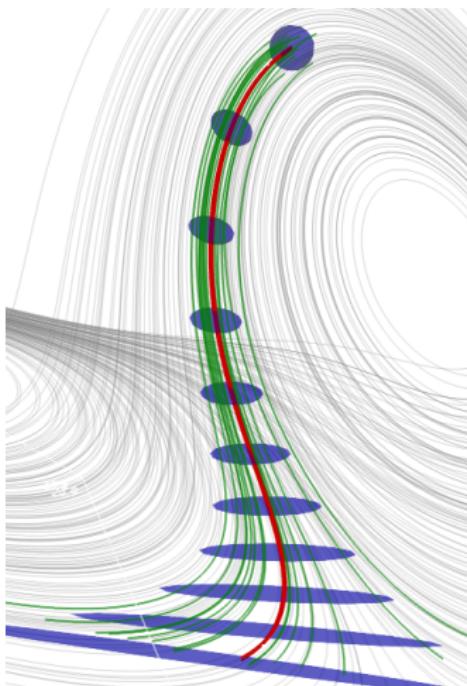
## Standard deviation of temperature with an observation



## Standard deviation of temperature controlled with non-observed experiment



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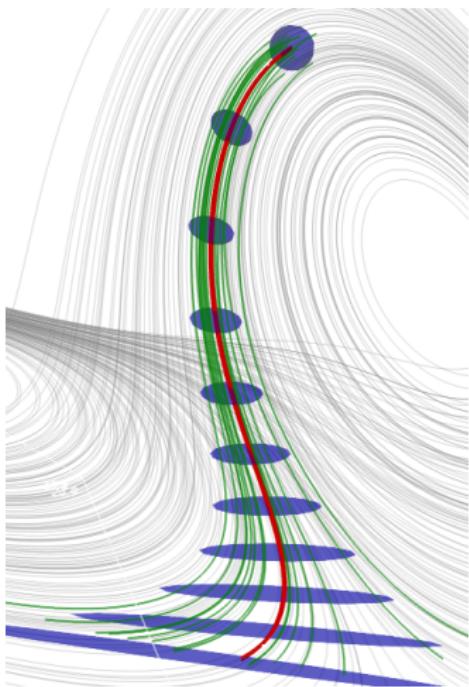


Derivatives provide lots of information cheaply. How can we use this?

$$X = \mu + \delta x, \text{ Random Variable}$$

- Mean  $\mu_i = E(X_i)$  is the simplest representation of  $X$ .  
Evolve using the model
- Covariance matrix  
 $\Sigma_{ij} = E(\delta \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}_j)$  is the next higher order term  
Evolve using the derivative

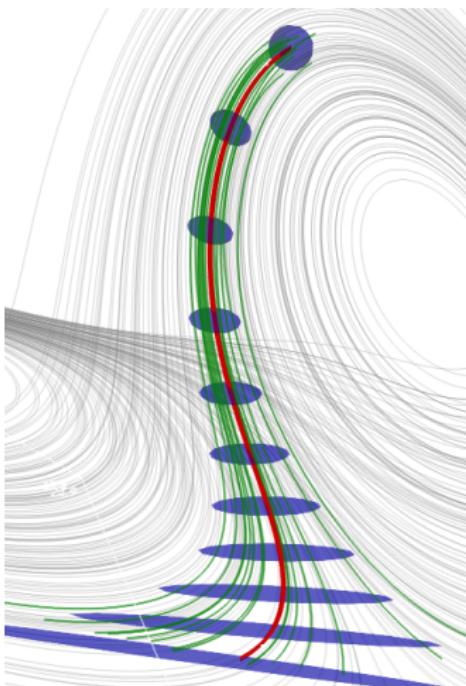
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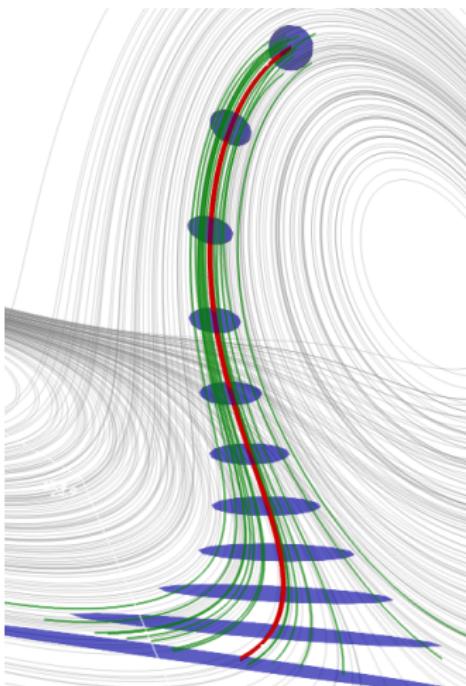
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# Questions?

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