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# Hierarchical Models for Insightful Machine Learning

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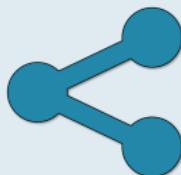
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### Properties of real-world ML

Uncertain models

Domain knowledge

Need for trust



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# The basic ML algorithm

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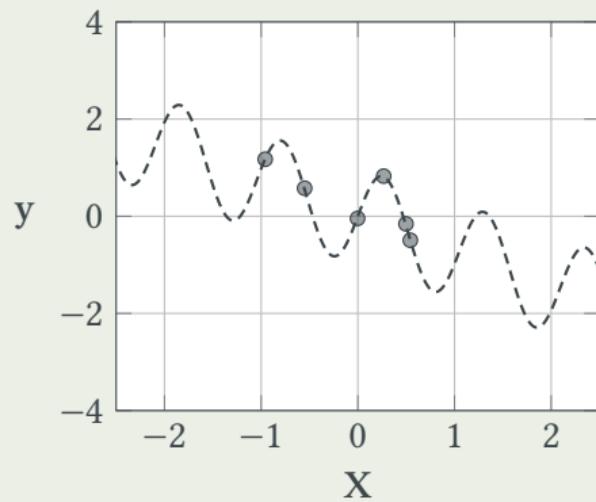
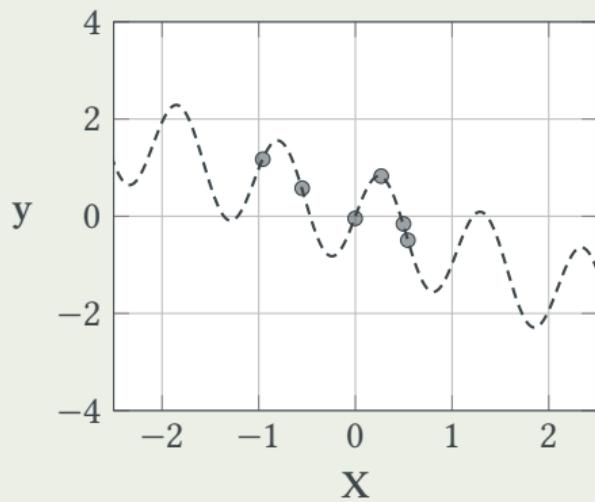
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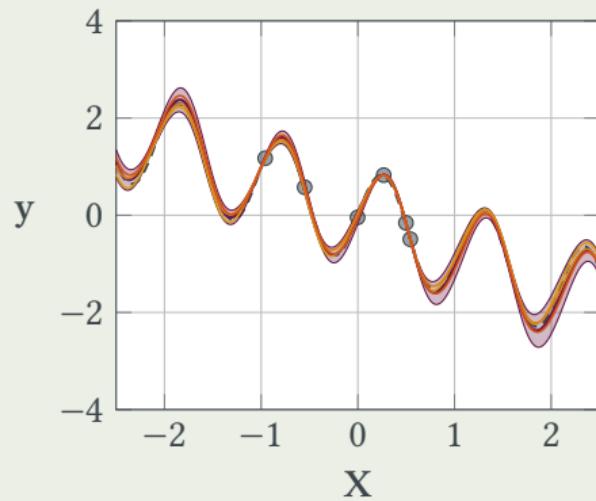
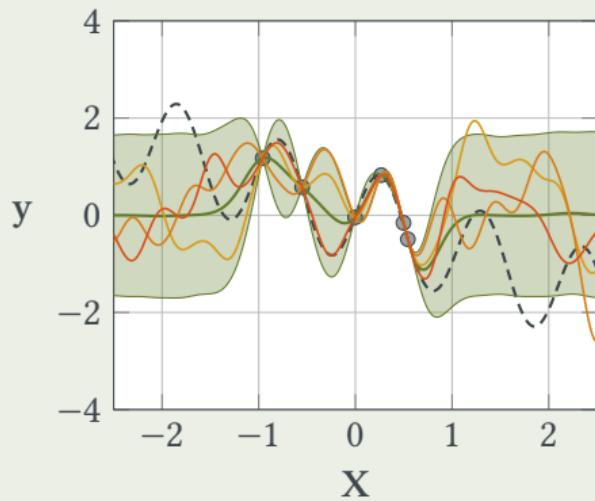
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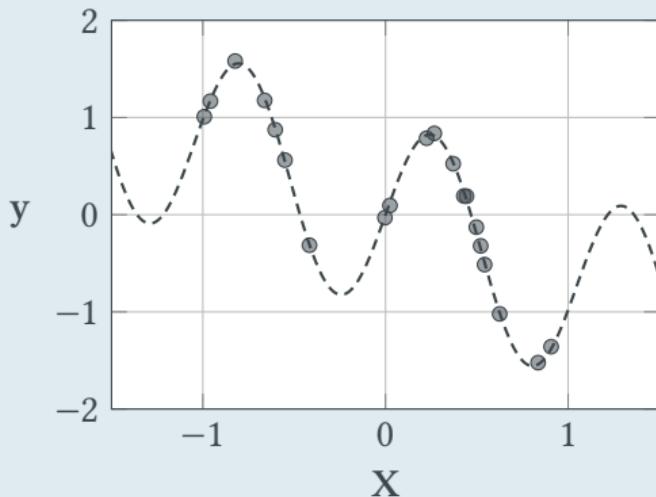
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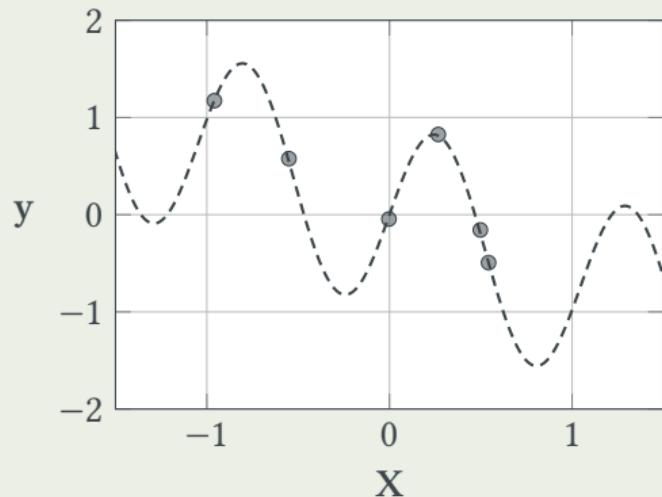
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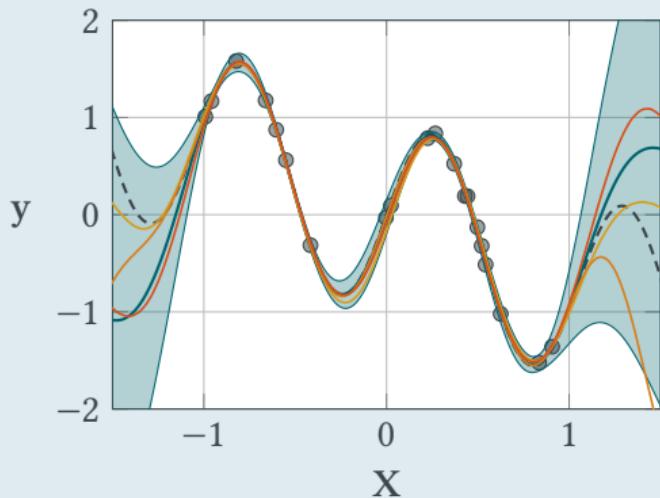
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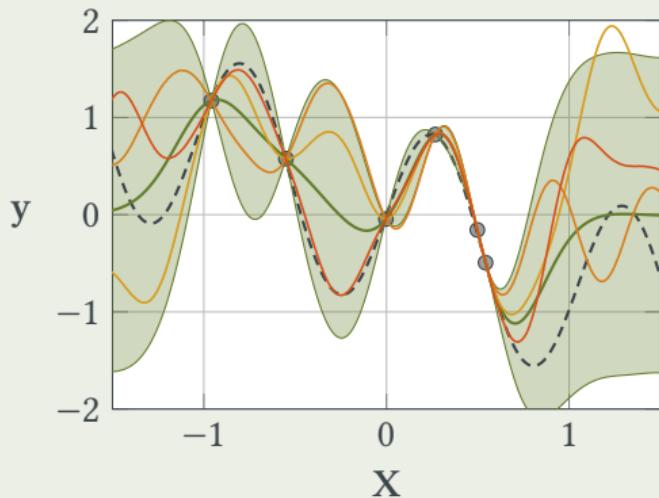
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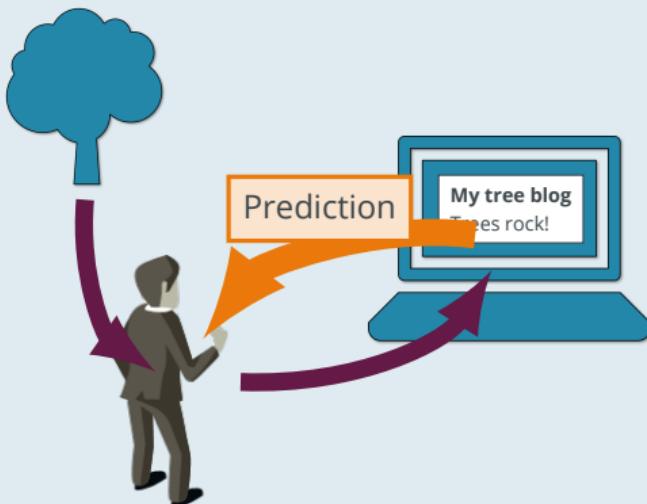
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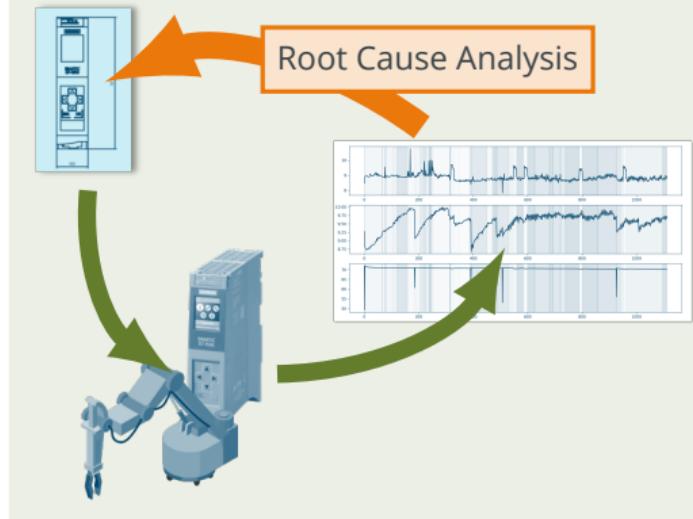
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- Inform or influence a person
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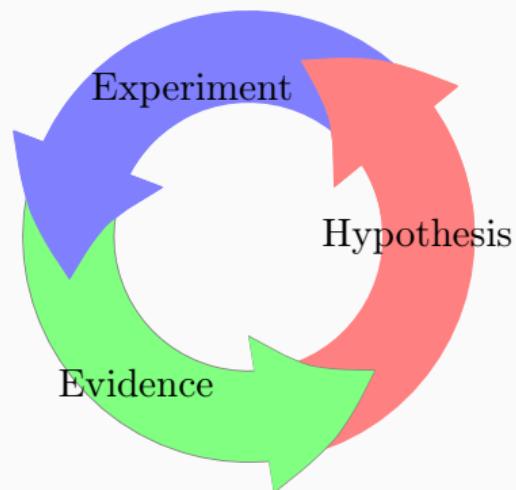


## Scientific and Industrial ML

- Create better or safer machines
- Understanding is key



## The Scientific Principle



Data + Model  $\overset{\text{Compute}}{\overbrace{\rightarrow}}$  Prediction

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# Knowledge in ML models

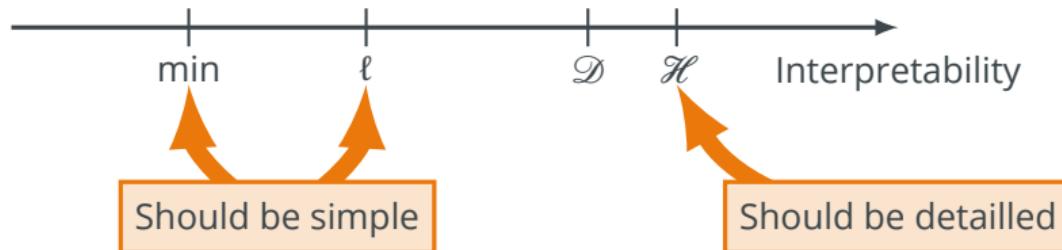
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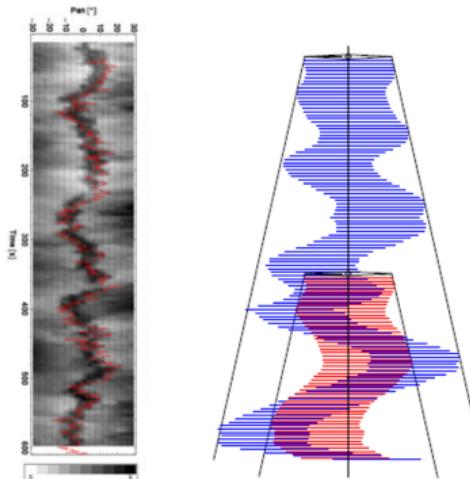
# Lillgrund wind farm



# Wind and wake propagation



T.J. Larsen et al.: Dynamic Wake Meander Model, Wind Energy (2012)



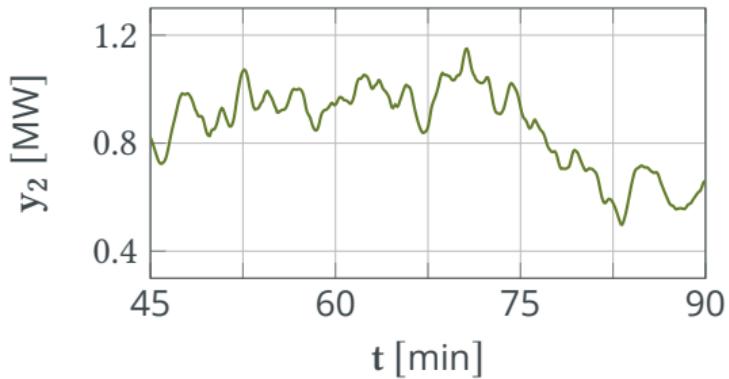
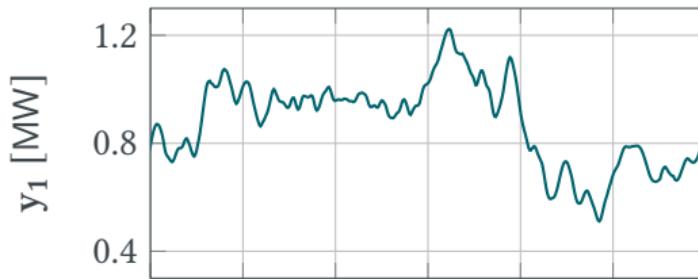
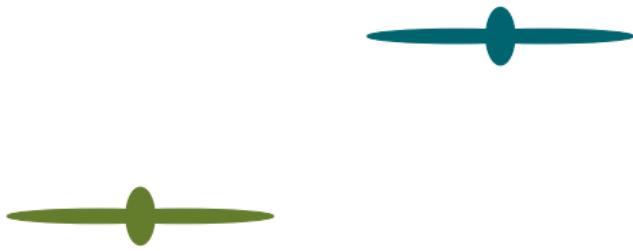
## Real-world data

Wind Direction

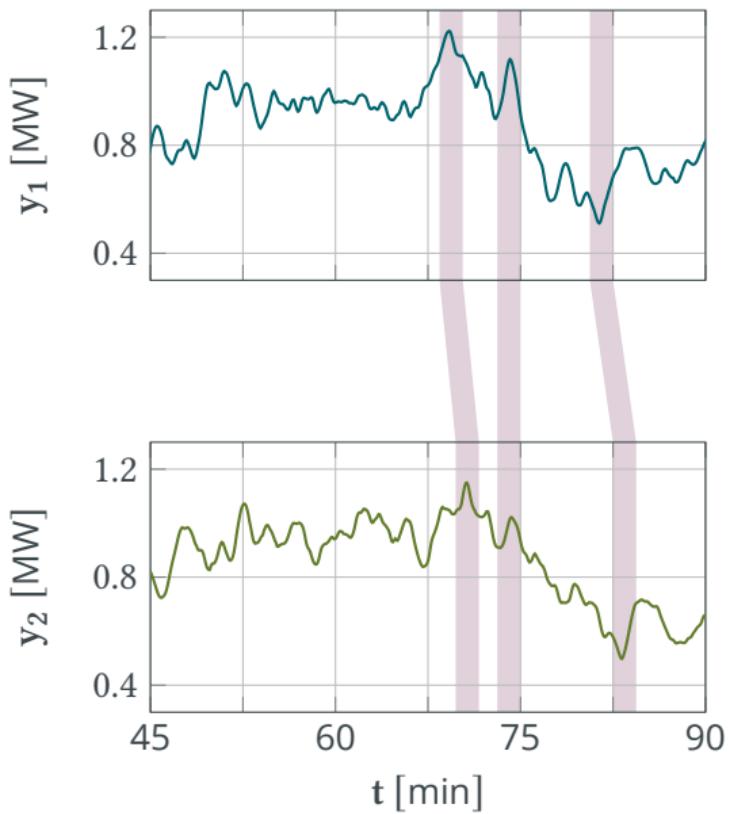
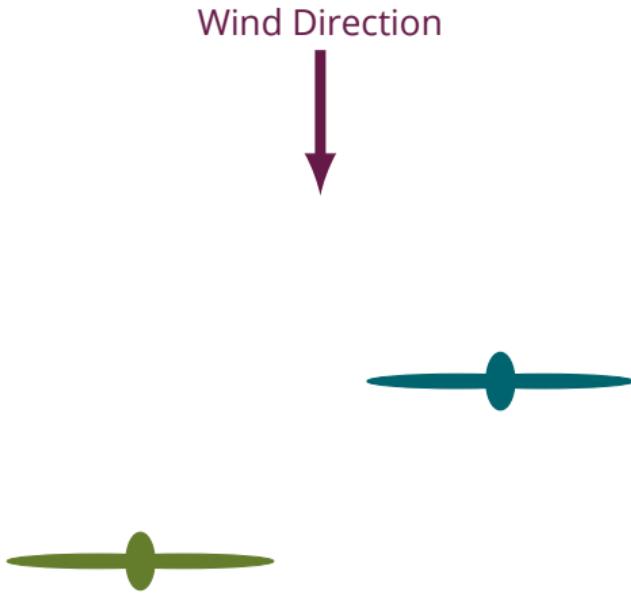


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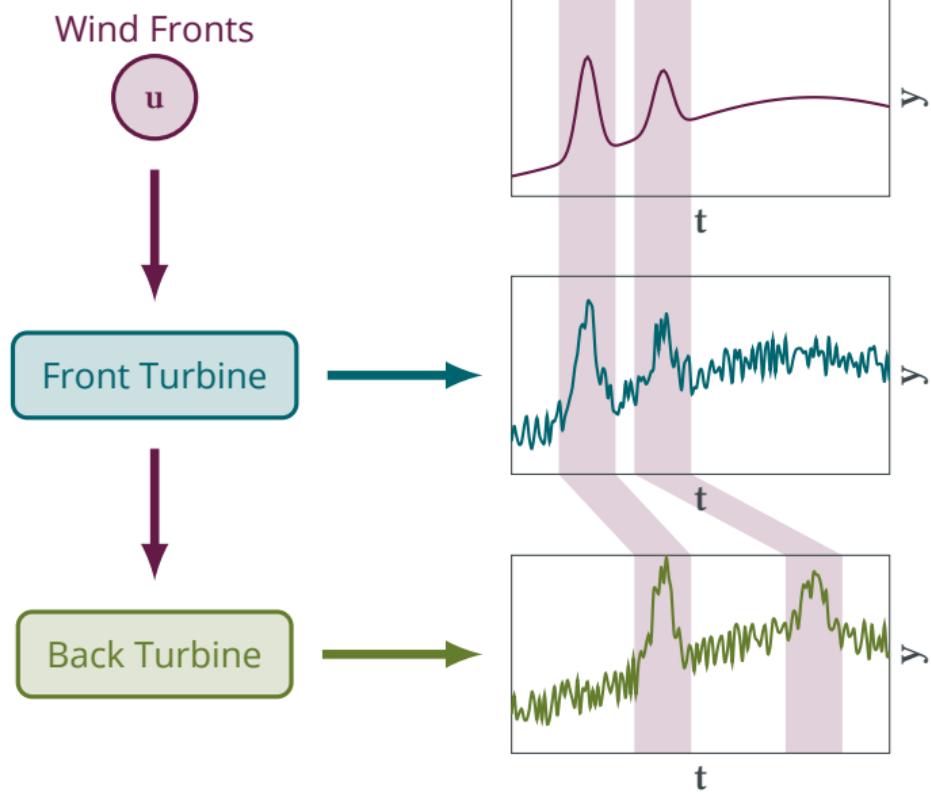
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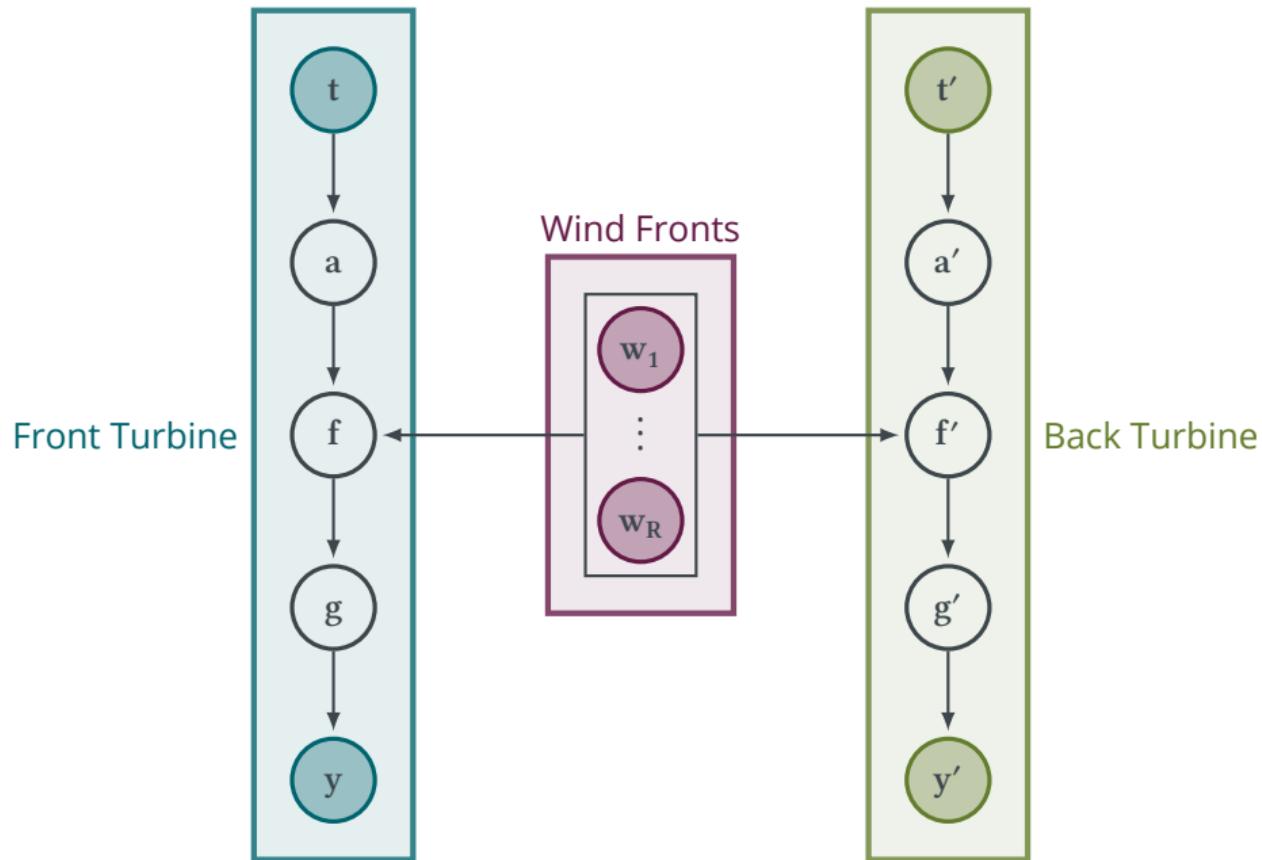
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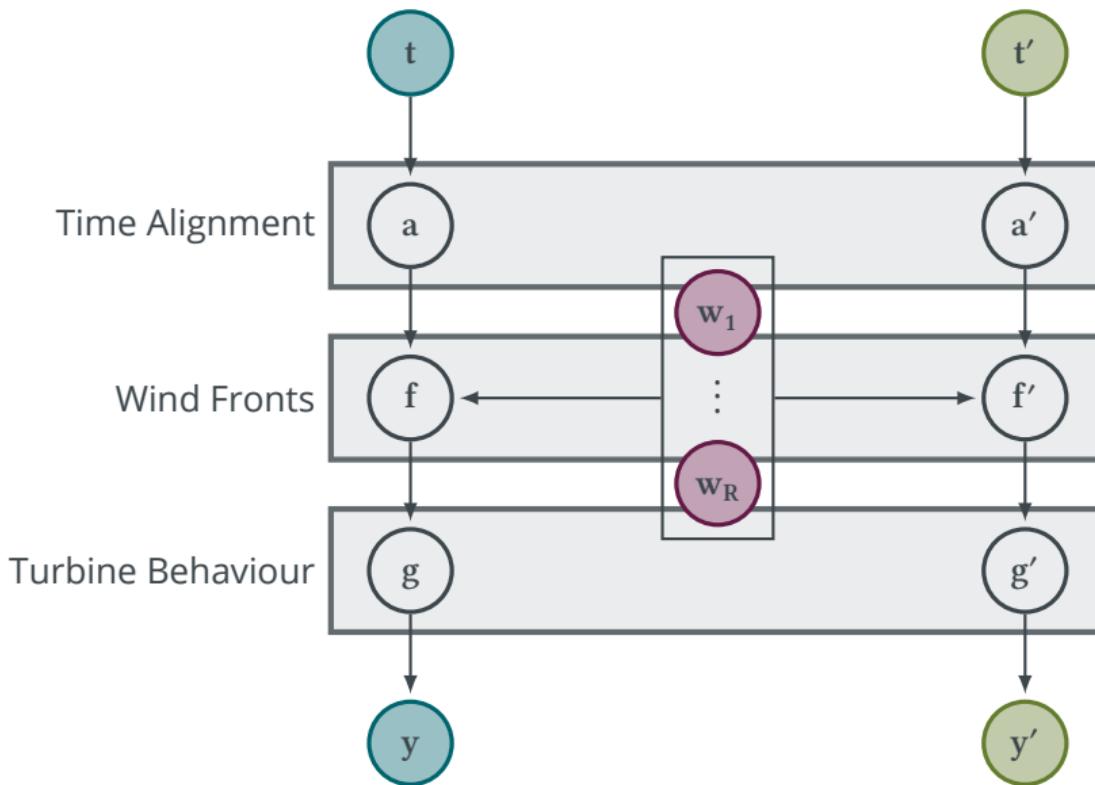
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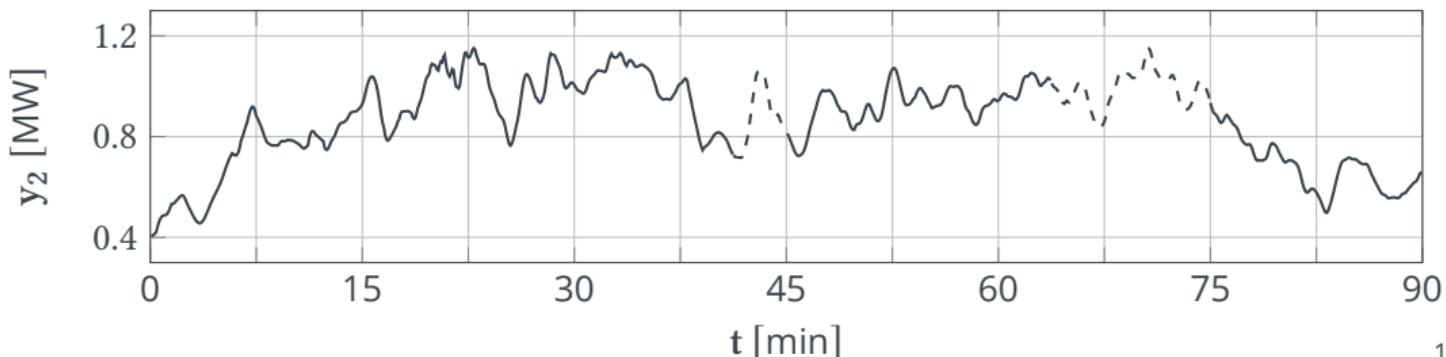
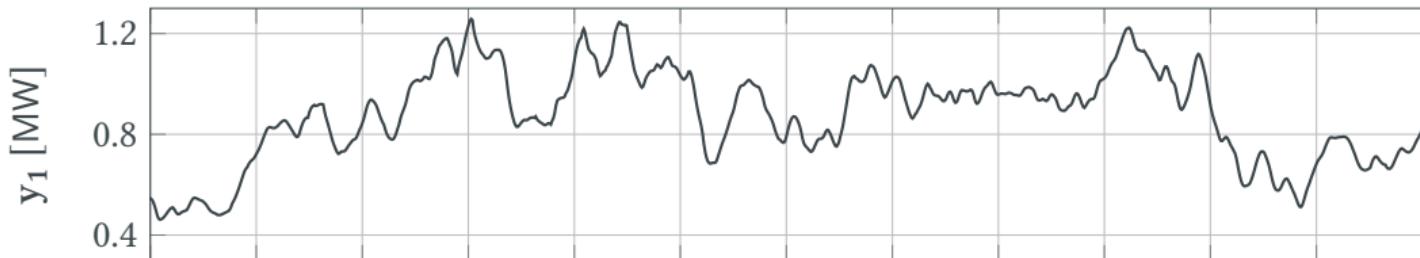
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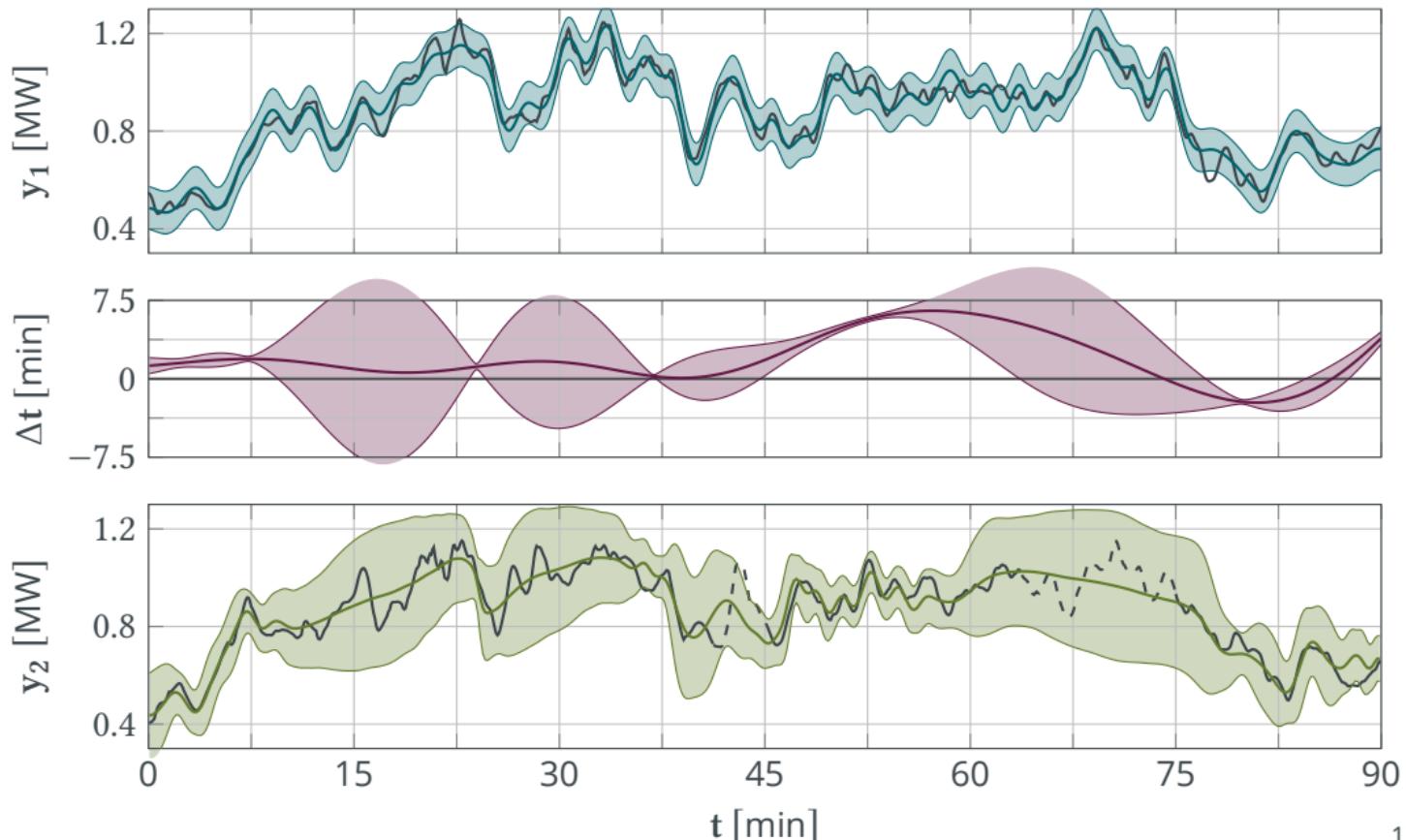
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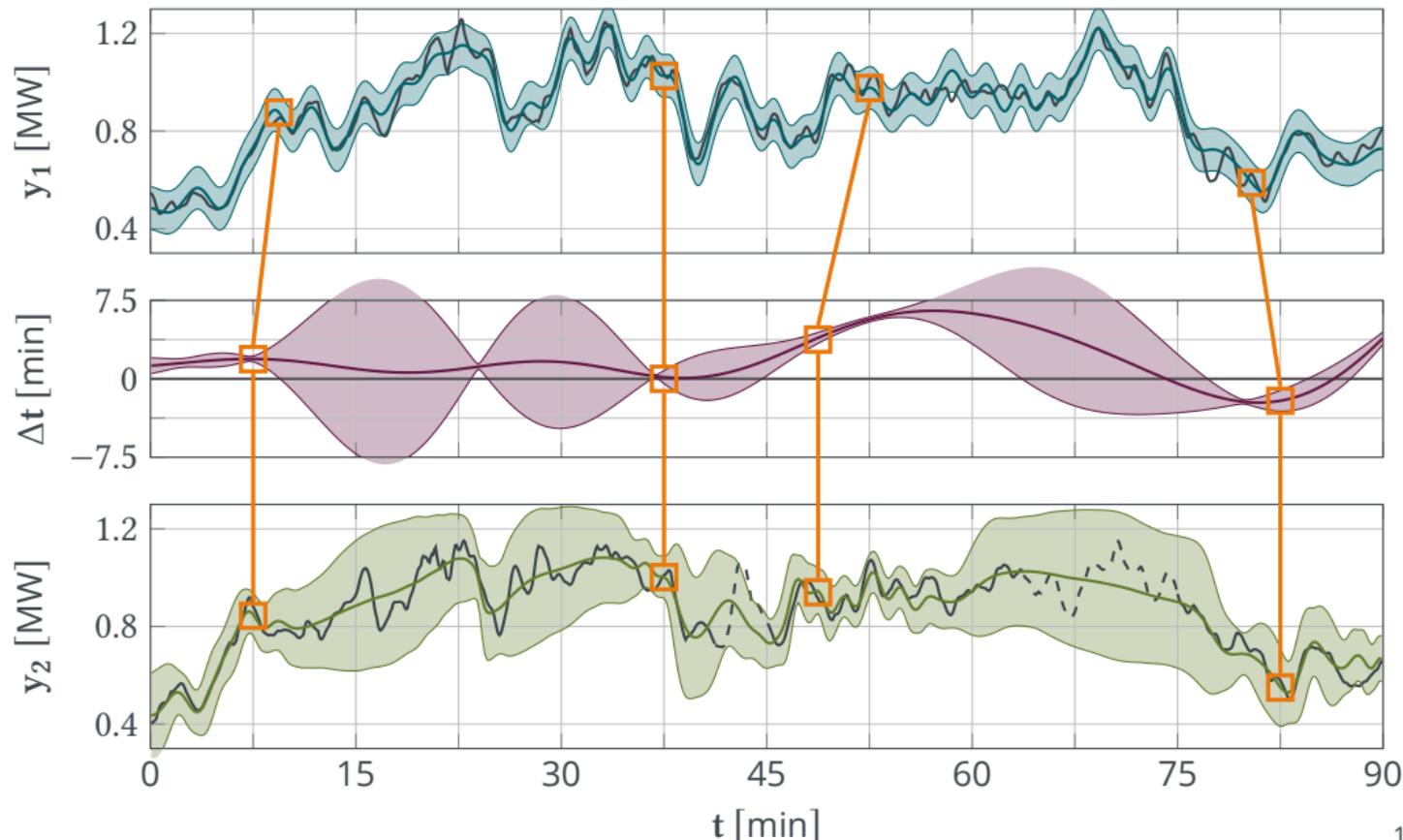
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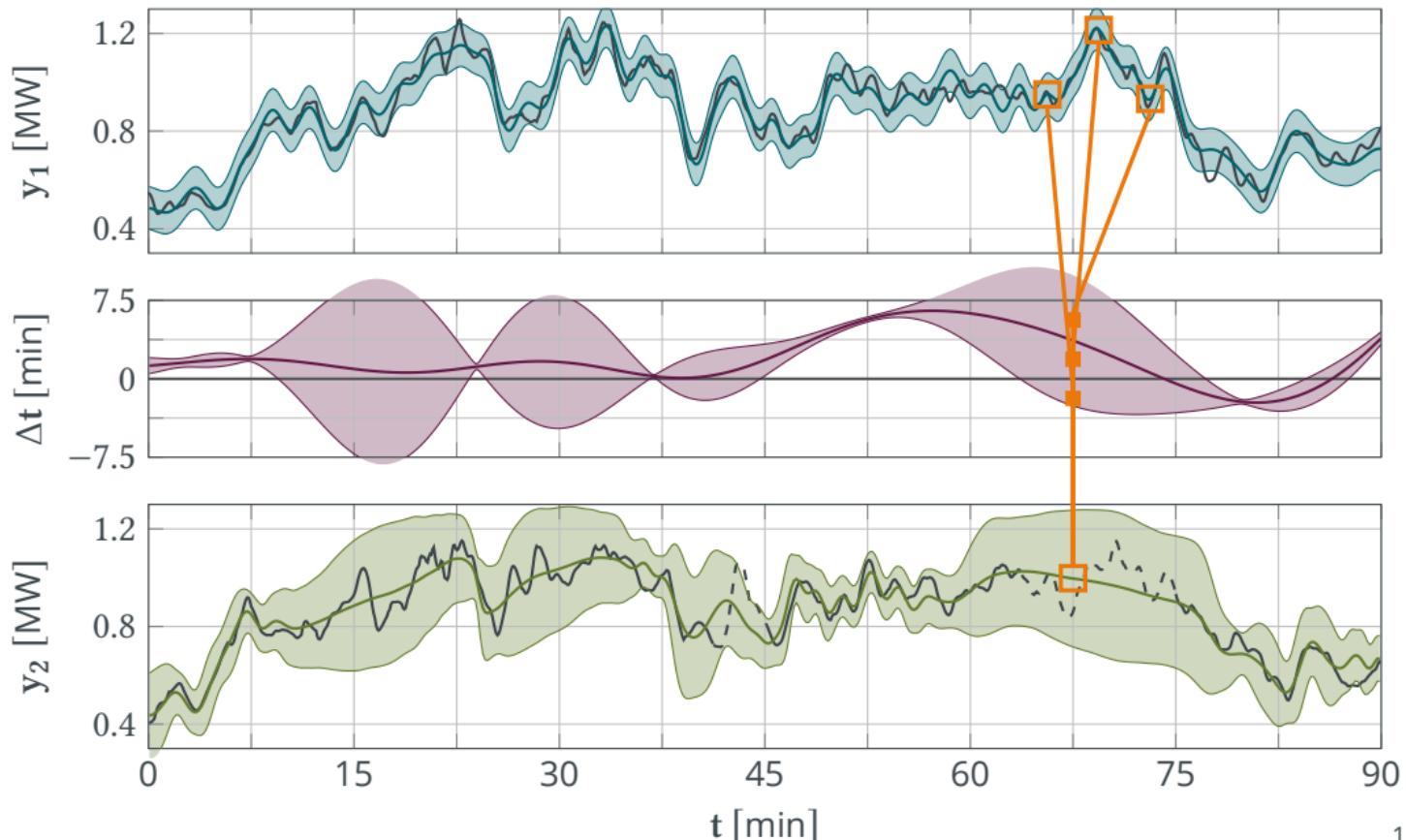
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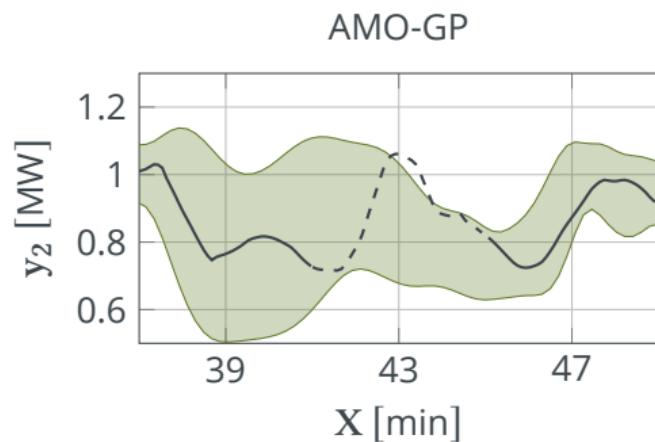
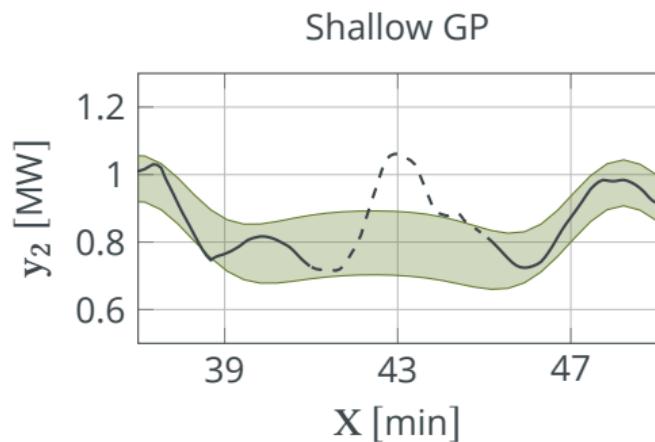
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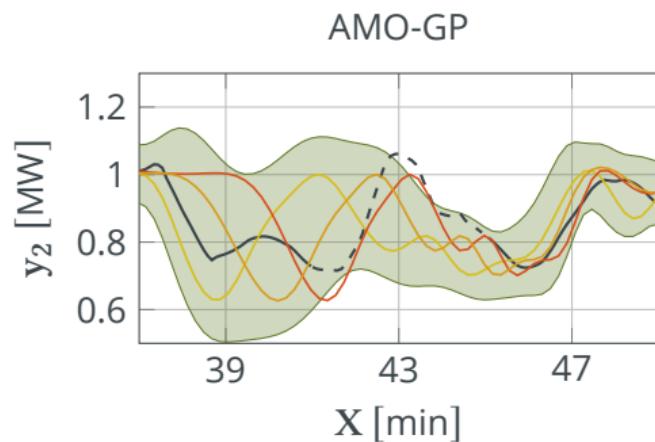
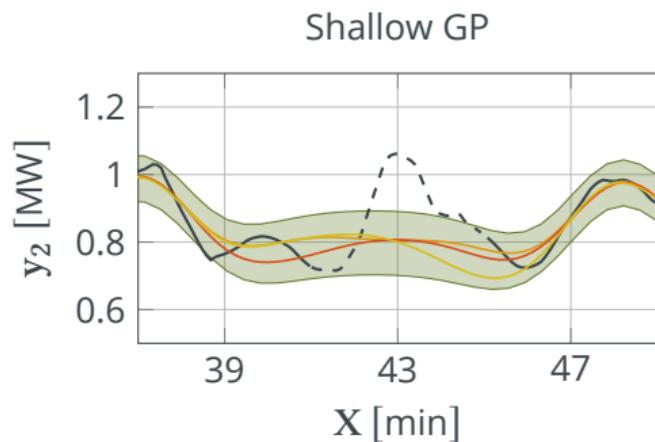
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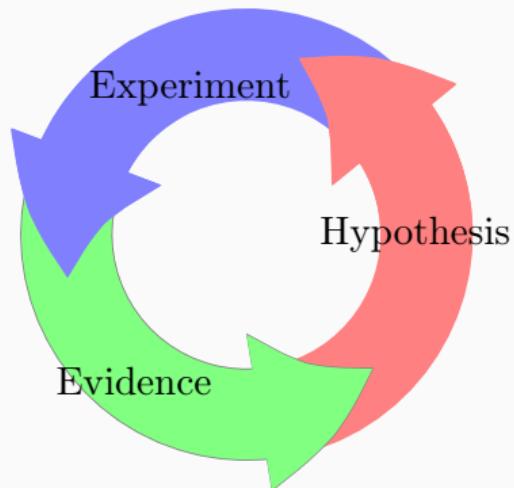
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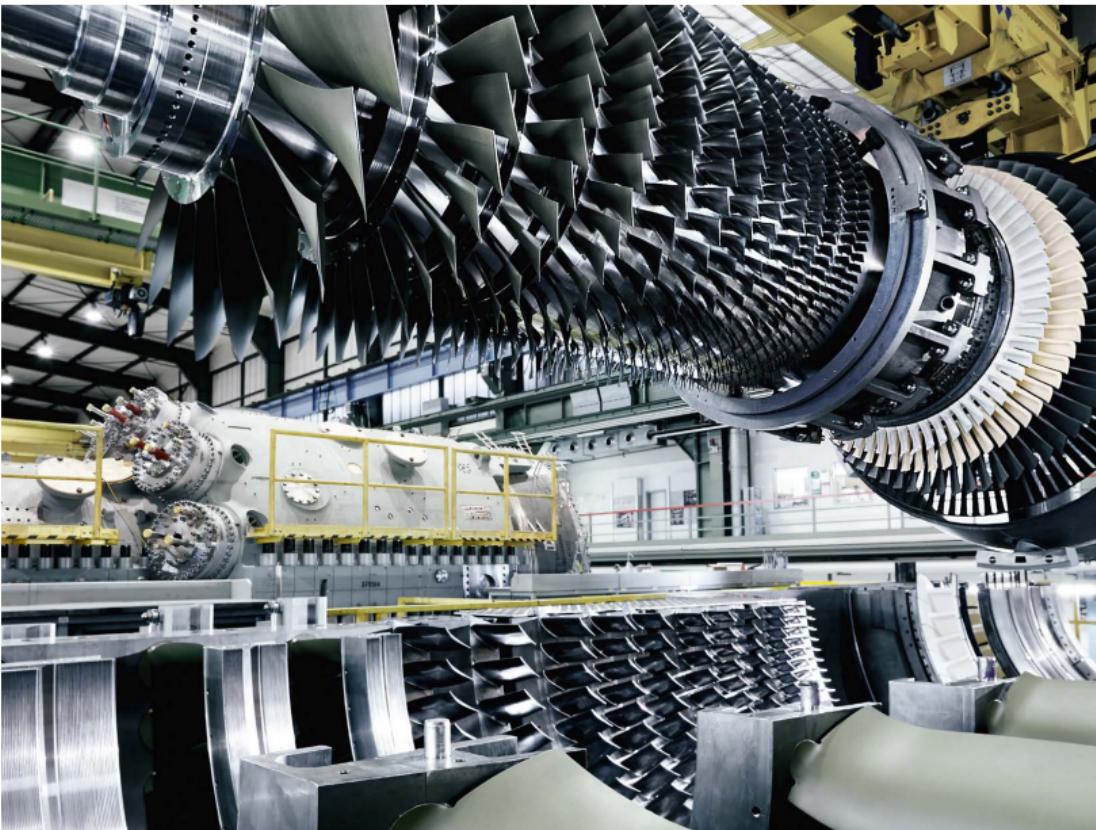


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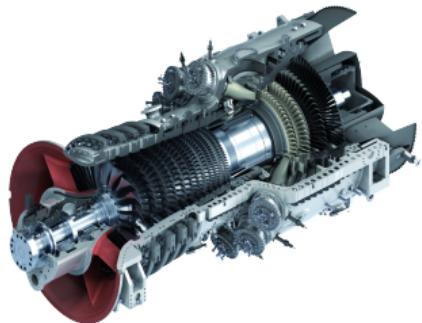


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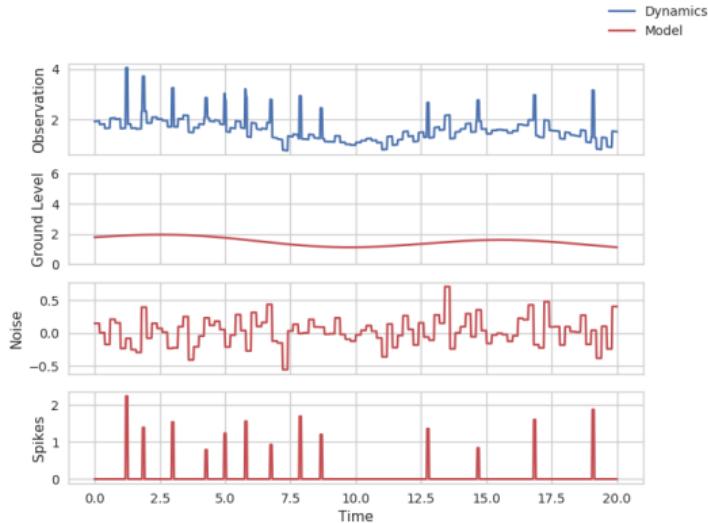
# Gas turbines for power production



# Data-Association model for gas turbines



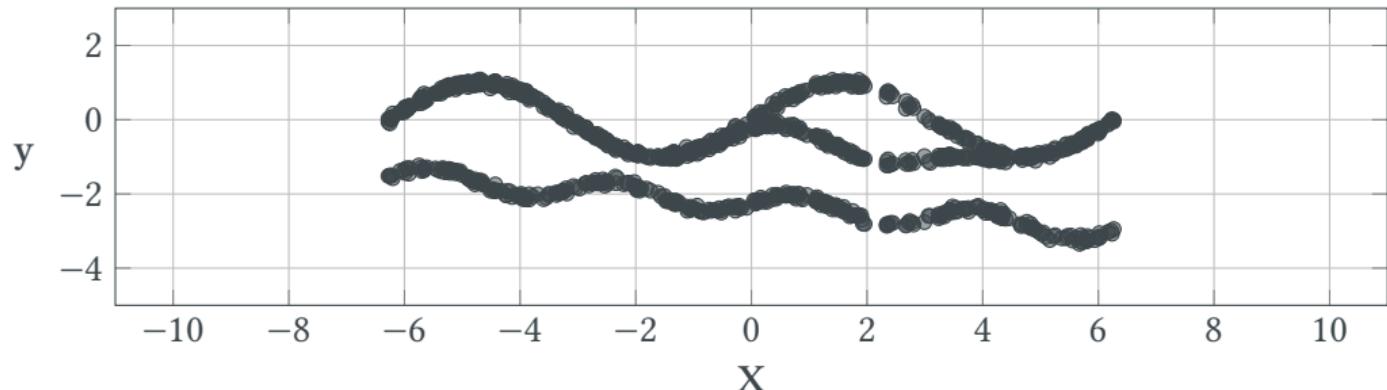
Siemens gas turbine



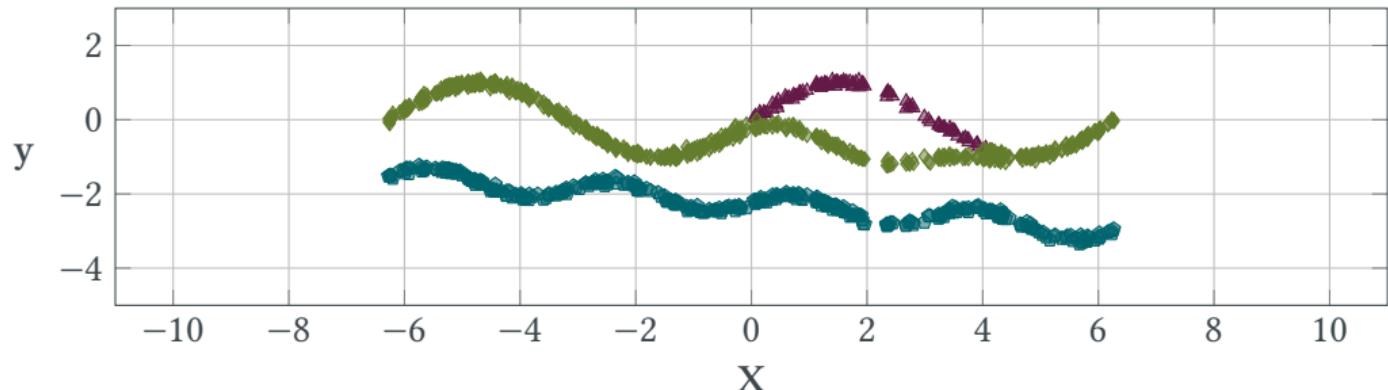
Combustion Dynamics

- Data from different operational regimes
- Robust inference for faulty sensors

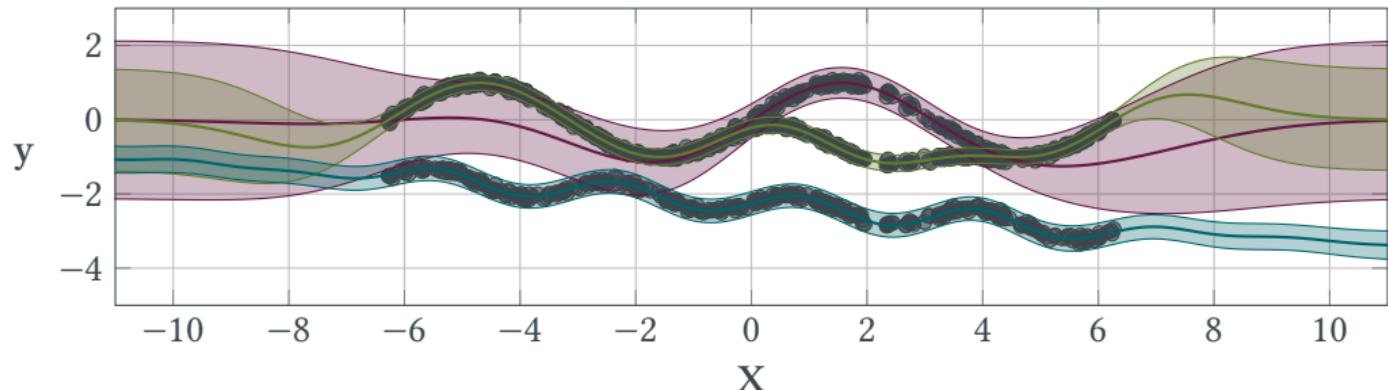
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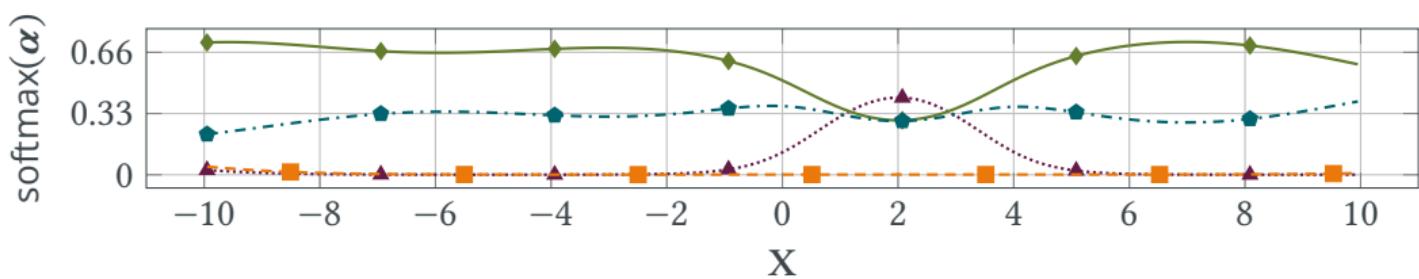
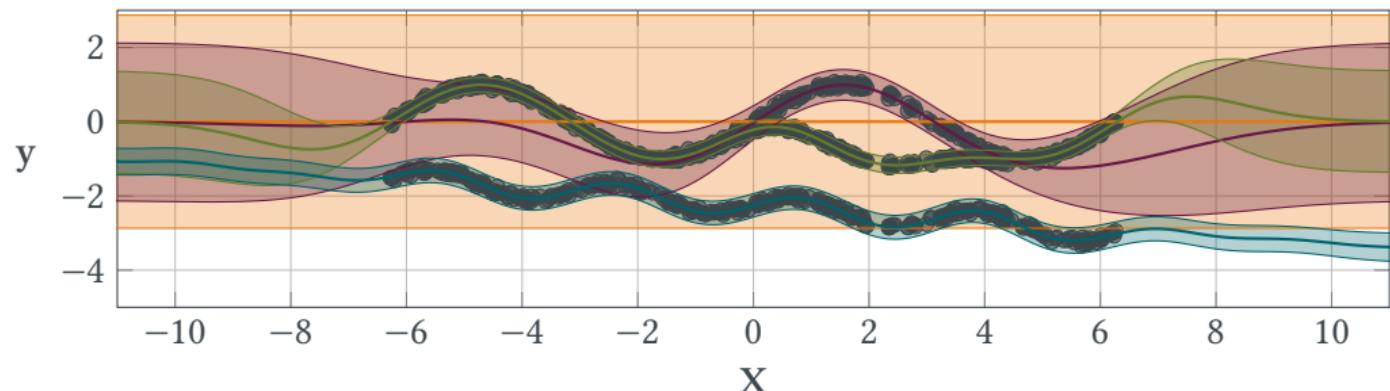
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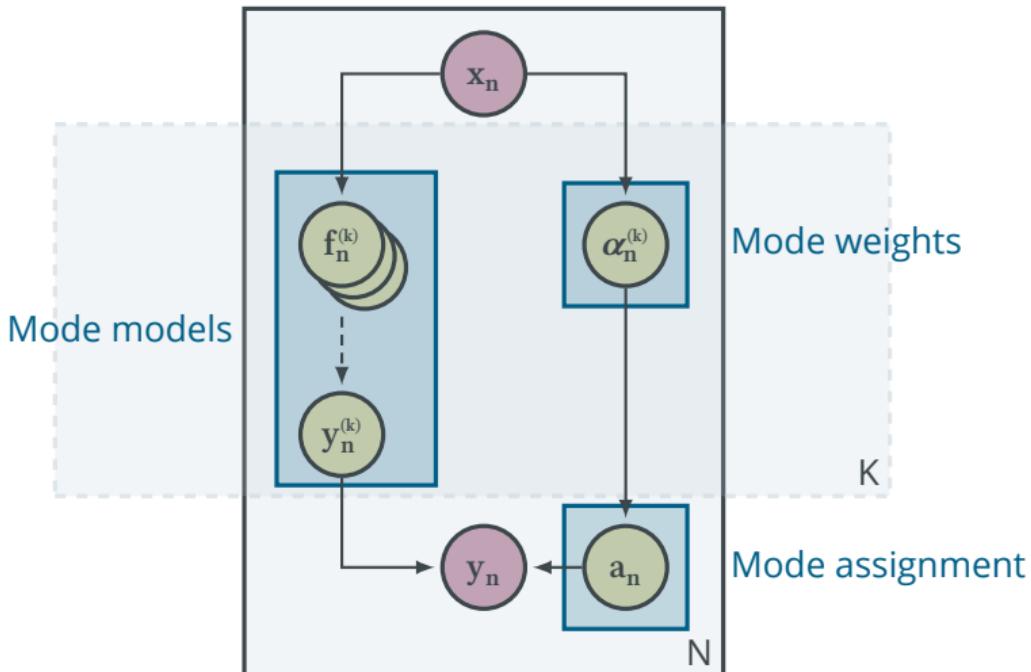
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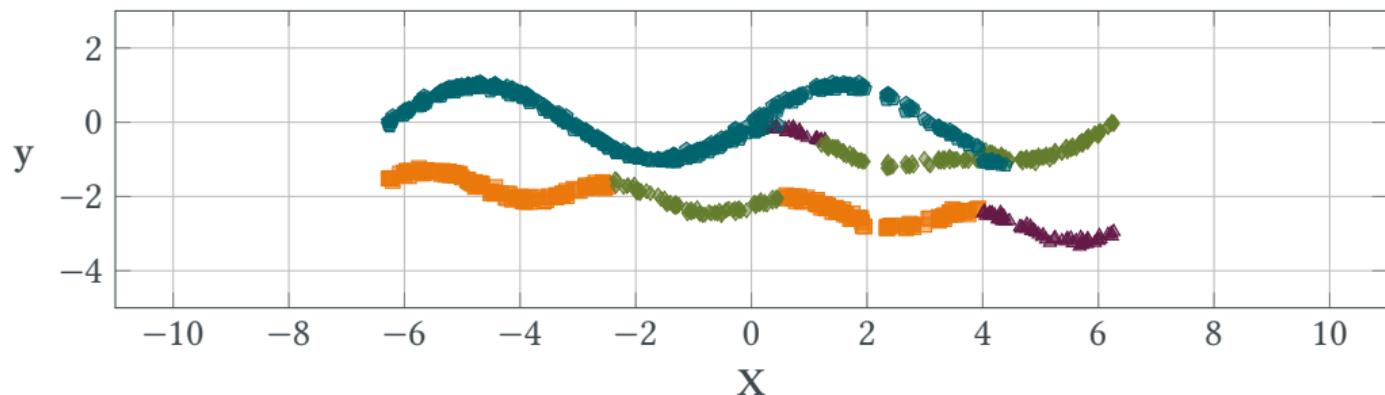
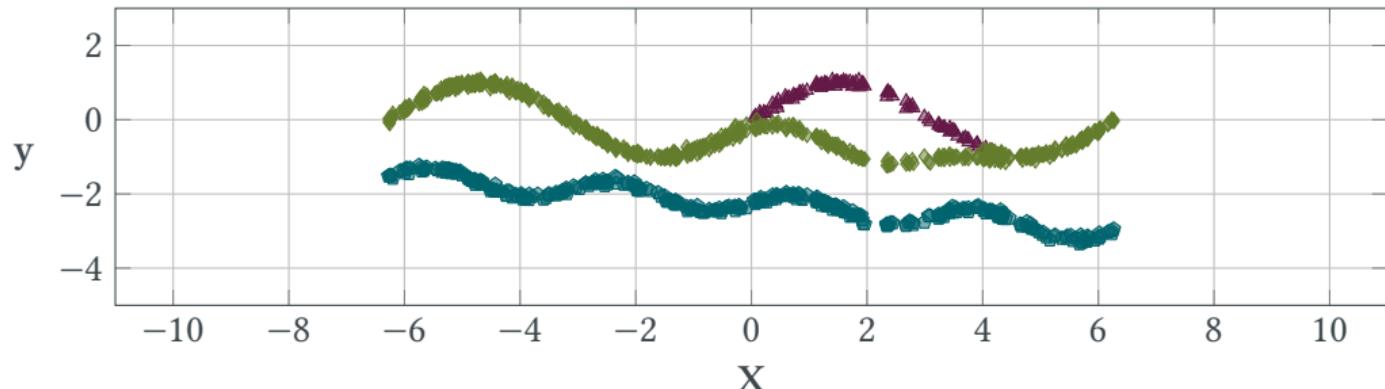
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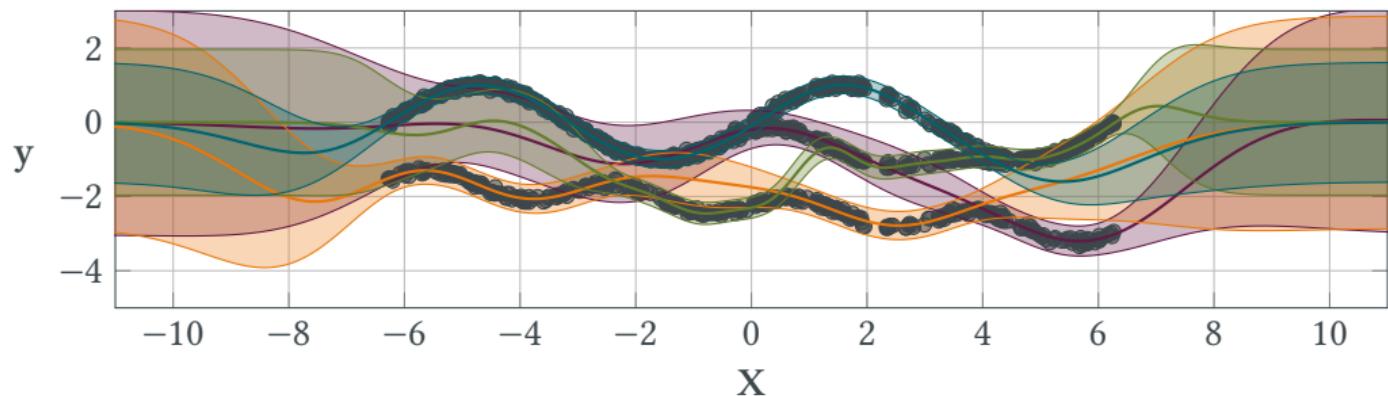
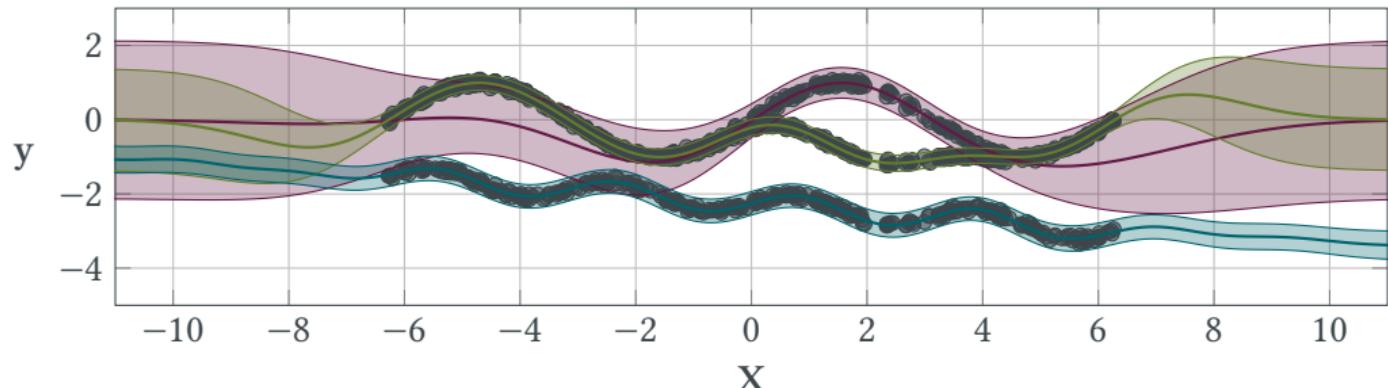
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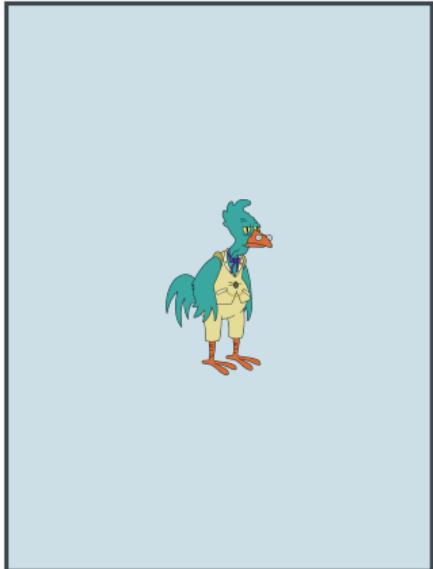


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# Wet-Chicken Benchmark

waterfall



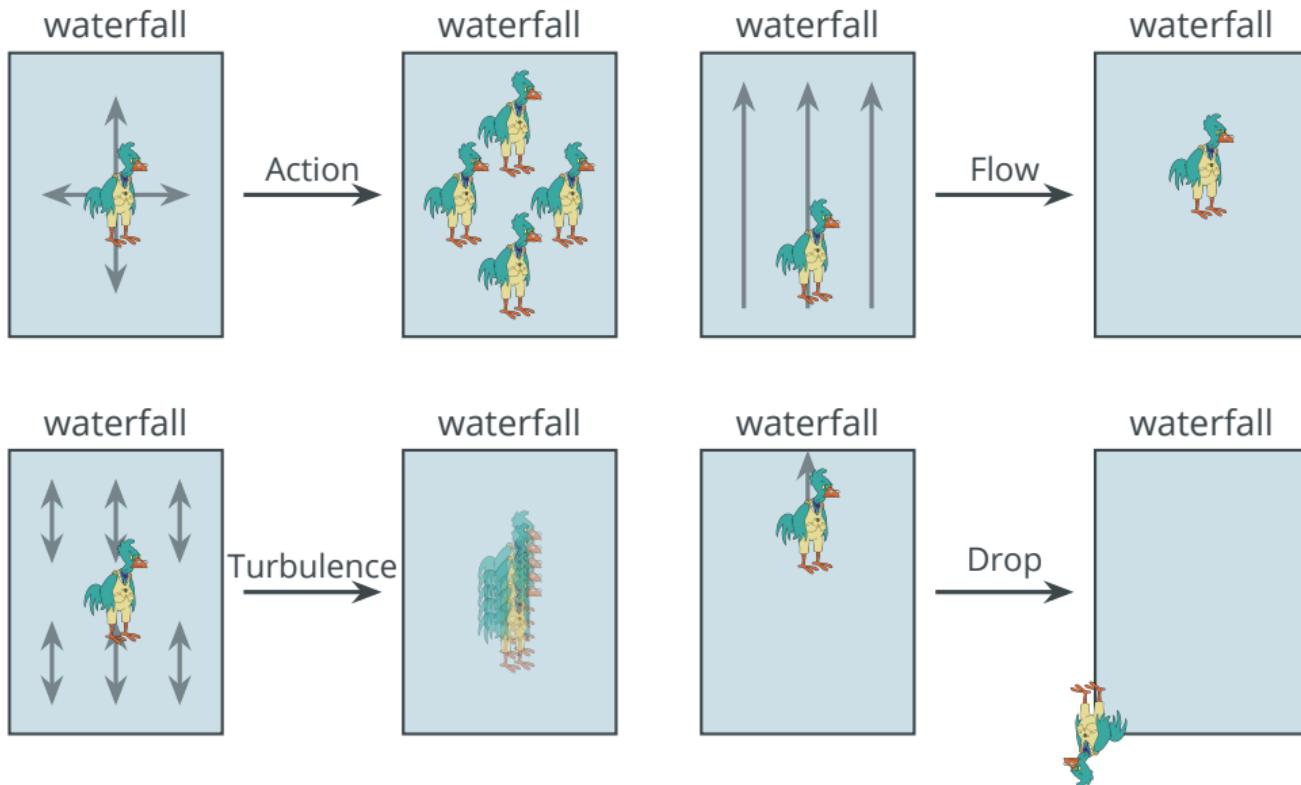
**Dynamics** Agent in a flowing river

**Goal** Get close to the waterfall

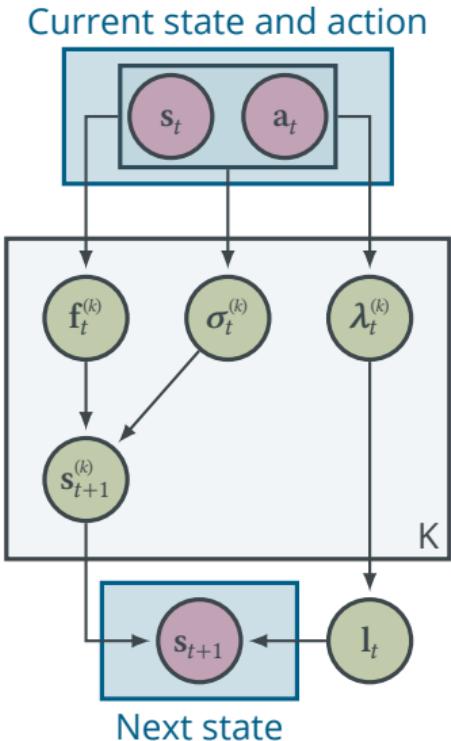
**State**  $(x, y)$ -position in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

**Action**  $(x, y)$ -movement in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

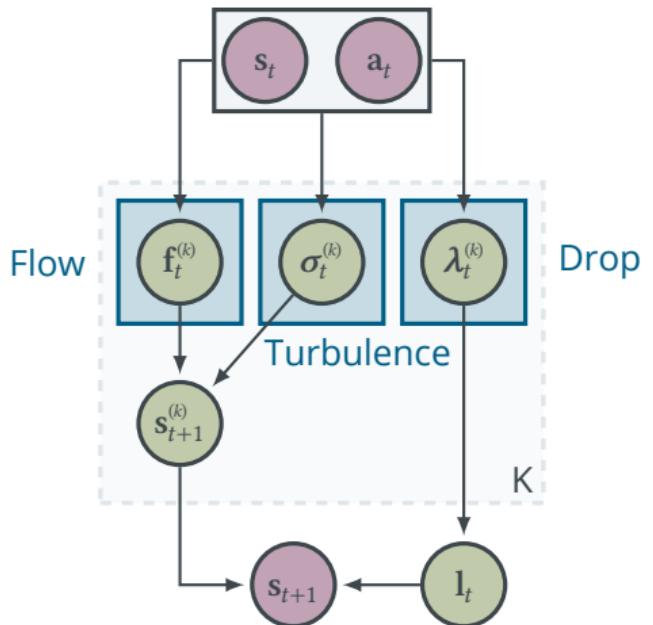
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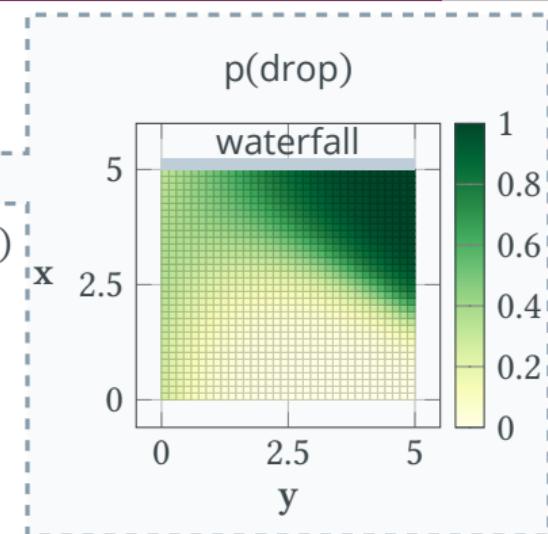
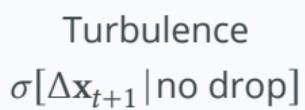
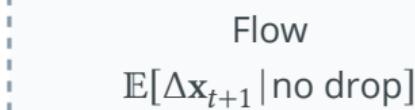


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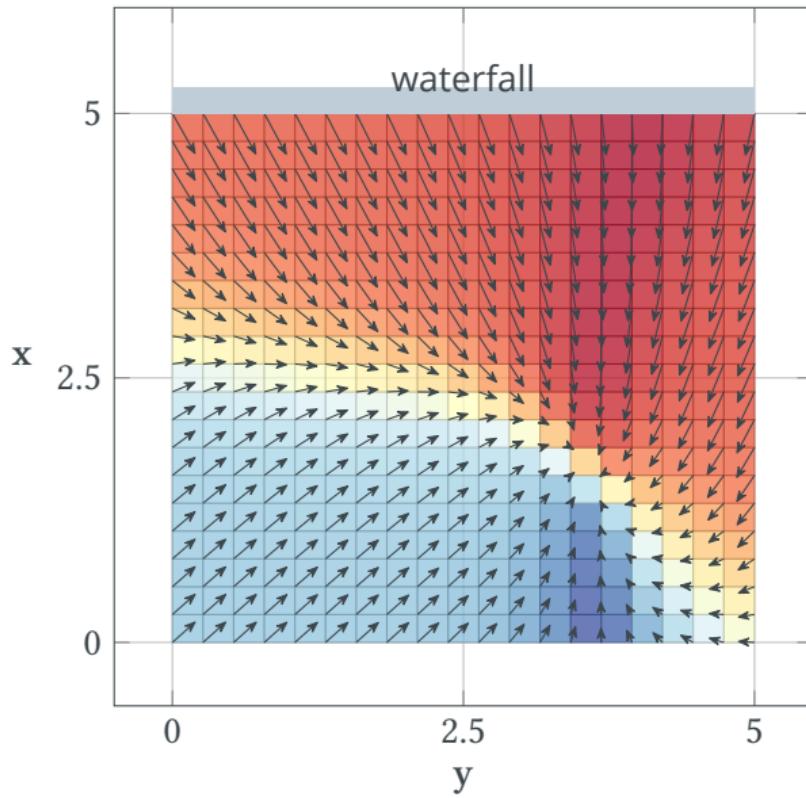


# Multimodal System Dynamics

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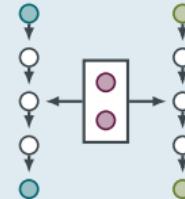
## Wet-Chicken Policy



# Summary

## Scientific and industrial AI

- Models must stand up to scrutiny
- Knowledge is often hierarchical
- Enforce scientific plausibility



## Subjectivity of models

- ML is great at explaining data
- But not all explanations are valid
- Beyond metrics, experts need to judge



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