

**Keywords** — Gaussian Processes, Statistics, Velocity Fields

## I. Overview of Gaussian Processes

Gaussian processes generalize the multivariate Gaussian dist. and can describe probability distributions over functions. [1]

### i. Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$z \in \mathbb{R}^N \sim \mathcal{N}_N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \quad z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma_{ii})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^N = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_N)^\top = (\mathbb{E}(z_1), \mathbb{E}(z_2), \dots, \mathbb{E}(z_N))^\top \quad (1)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N} = \mathbb{E}((z - \boldsymbol{\mu})(z - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top) = [\text{cov}(z_i, z_j)]_{i,j=1}^N$$

### ii. Gaussian Processes (GPs)

- GP: an uncountably infinite collection of random variables; any finite sample is a draw from a MV Gaussian distribution.
- GPs fully specified by *mean* and *covariance (kernel)* functions.
- The covariance function  $k$  must produce a positive semi-definite matrix.
- Squared exponential kernel,  $k : \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$k(x, x') = \alpha^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\rho^2} \|x - x'\|^2\right). \quad (2)$$

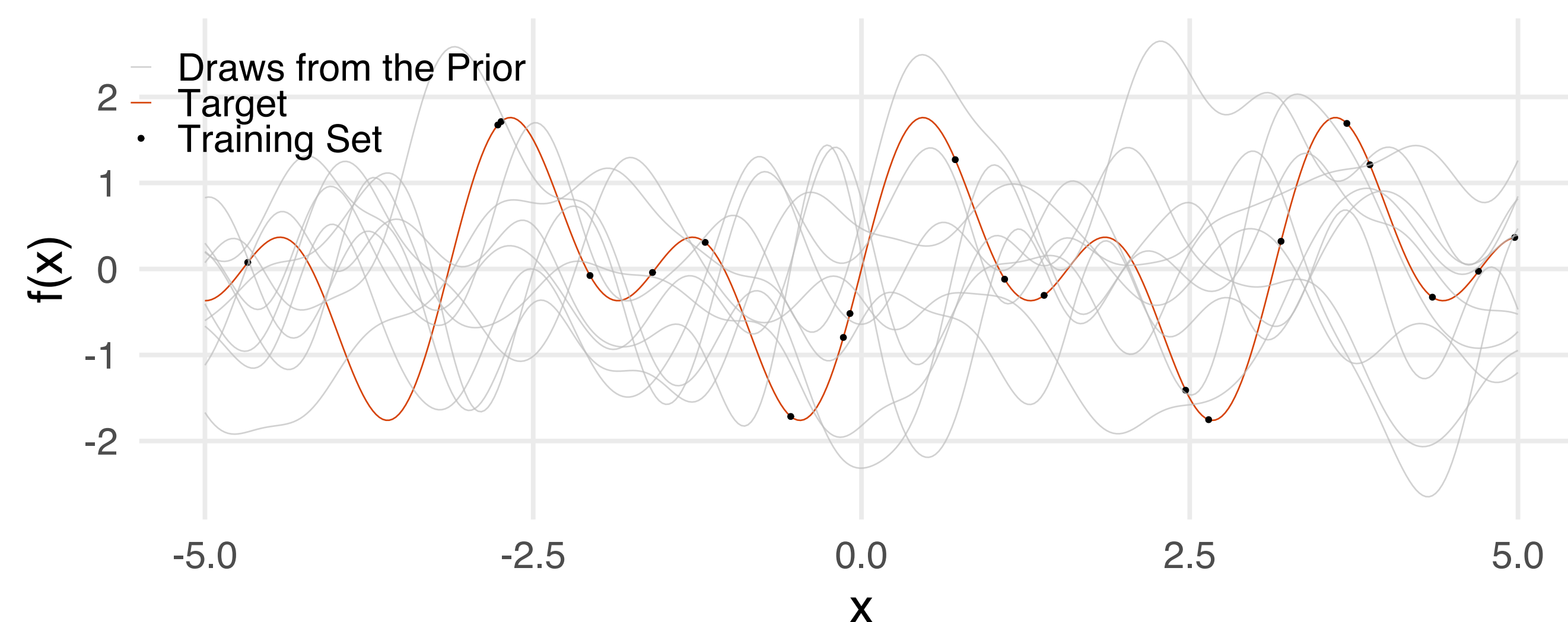
- $\alpha$  and  $\rho$  are *hyperparameters* (chosen, or estimated from data)

## II. Gaussian Process Regression – Univariate $y$

Have:  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N, x_* \in \mathbb{R}^M$  Want:  $y = f(x)$

Prior:  $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mathbf{0}, k) \quad y_* \sim \mathcal{N}_M(\mathbf{0}, k(x_*, x_*))$  (3)

$$k(x_*, x_*) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M} = [k(x_{*i}, x_{*j})]_{i,j=1}^M$$



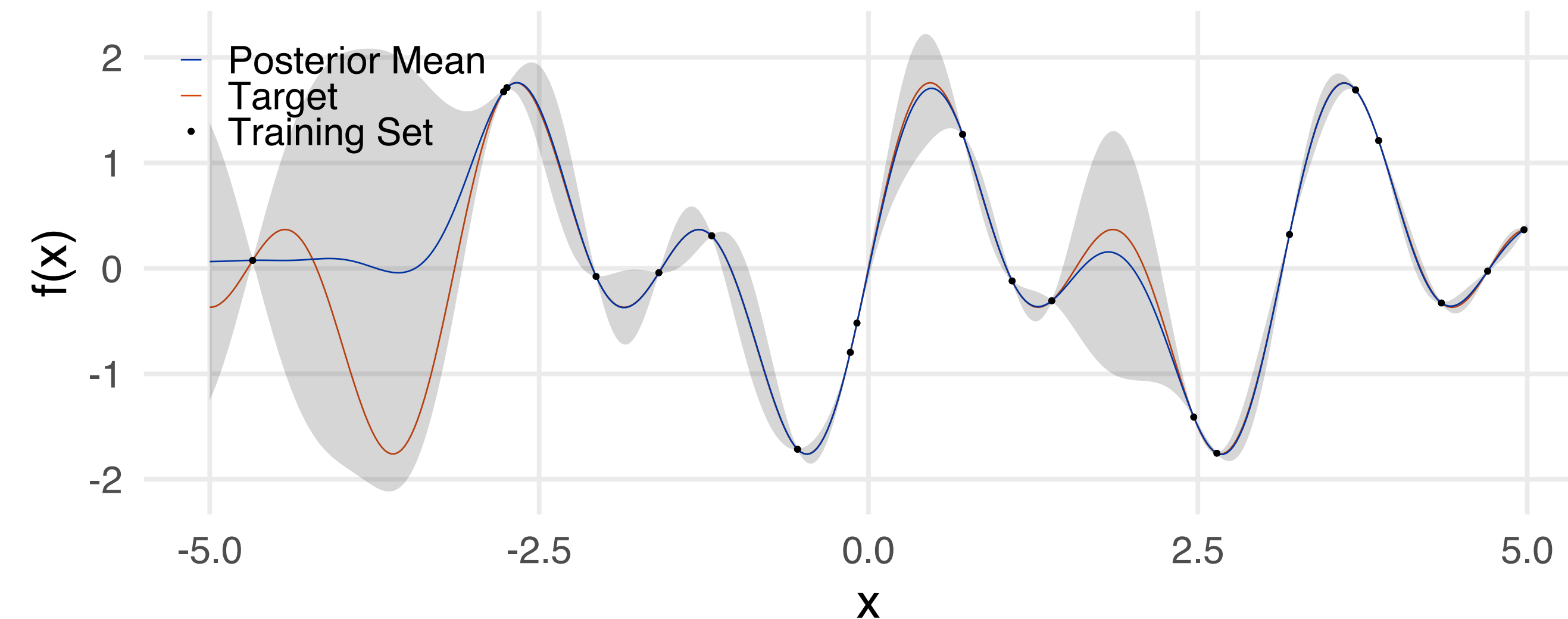
Posterior:  $y_* | x, y, x_* \sim \mathcal{N}_M(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \in \mathbb{R}^M = k(x_*, x) k(x, x)^{-1} y \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M} = k(x_*, x_*) - k(x_*, x) k(x, x)^{-1} k(x, x_*)^\top$$

$$k(x, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N} = [k(x_i, x_j)]_{i,j=1}^N$$

$$k(x_*, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} = [k(x_{*i}, x_j)]_{i,j=1}^{M,N} \quad (5)$$



## III. Multioutput GPR – Vector-valued $y$

- Velocity fields:  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 2}, y \in \mathbb{R}^{2N} = \text{vec}(Y), X_* \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 2}$
- Intrinsic Coregionalization Model (ICM) [2], [3]

$$y_* | X, y, X_* \sim \mathcal{N}_{2M}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2M} = K_{X_* X} K_{XX}^{-1} y$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2M \times 2M} = K_{X_* X_*} - K_{X_* X} K_{XX}^{-1} K_{X X_*}^\top$$

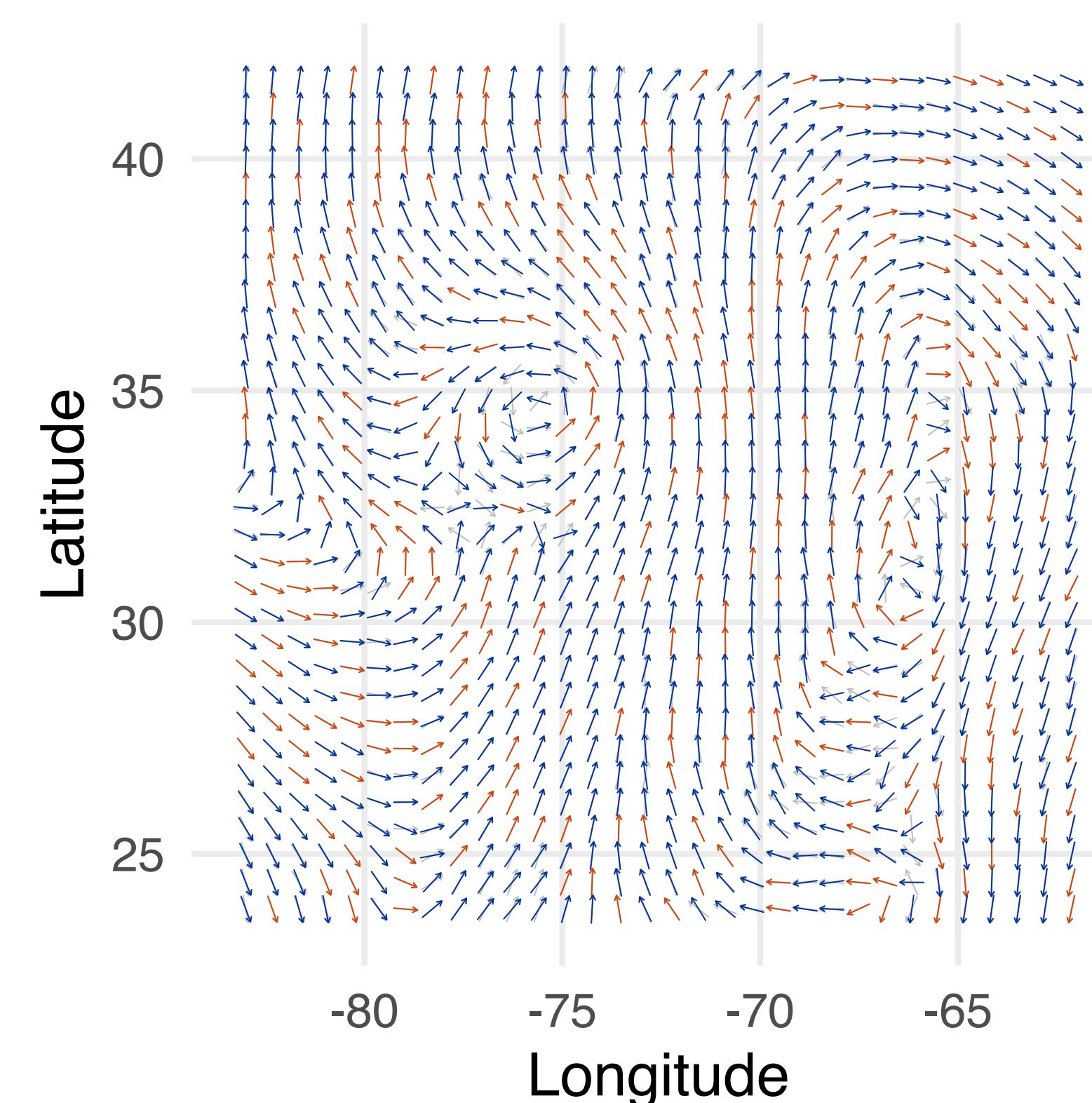
$$K_{XX} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N \times 2N} = B \otimes k(X, X)$$

$$K_{X_* X} \in \mathbb{R}^{2M \times 2N} = B \otimes k(X_*, X)$$

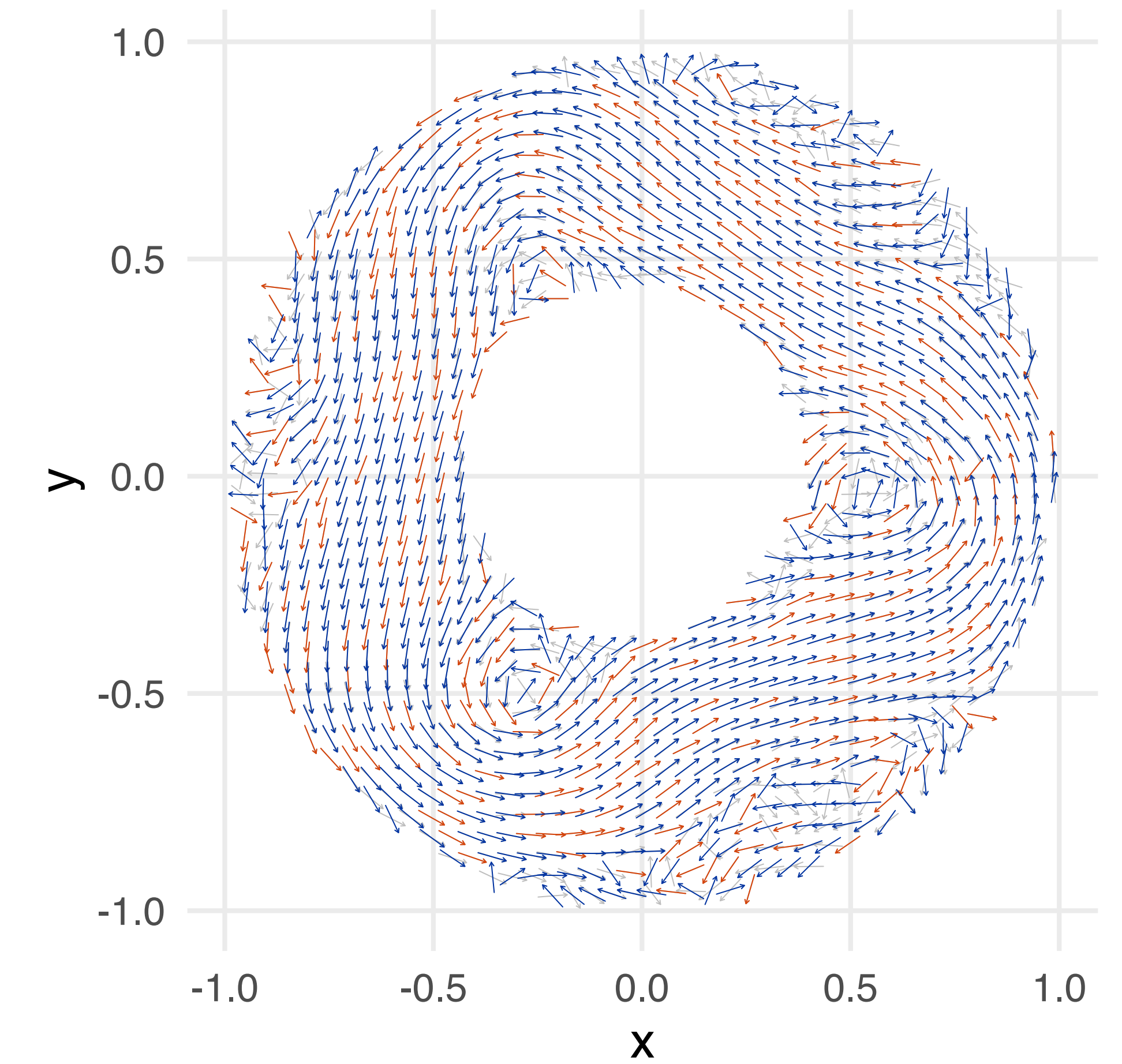
$$K_{X_* X_*} \in \mathbb{R}^{2M \times 2M} = B \otimes k(X_*, X_*)$$

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} = \text{corr}(Y) = \left( \frac{\langle y_i - \bar{y}_i, y_j - \bar{y}_j \rangle}{\|y_i - \bar{y}_i\| \|y_j - \bar{y}_j\|} \right)_{i,j=1}^2 \quad (6)$$

**Case study:** Hurricane Isabel Simulation [4]



**Case study:** Particle Image Velocimetry [5]



Note: colors reflect **sample data**, **posterior mean**, and **test points**.

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