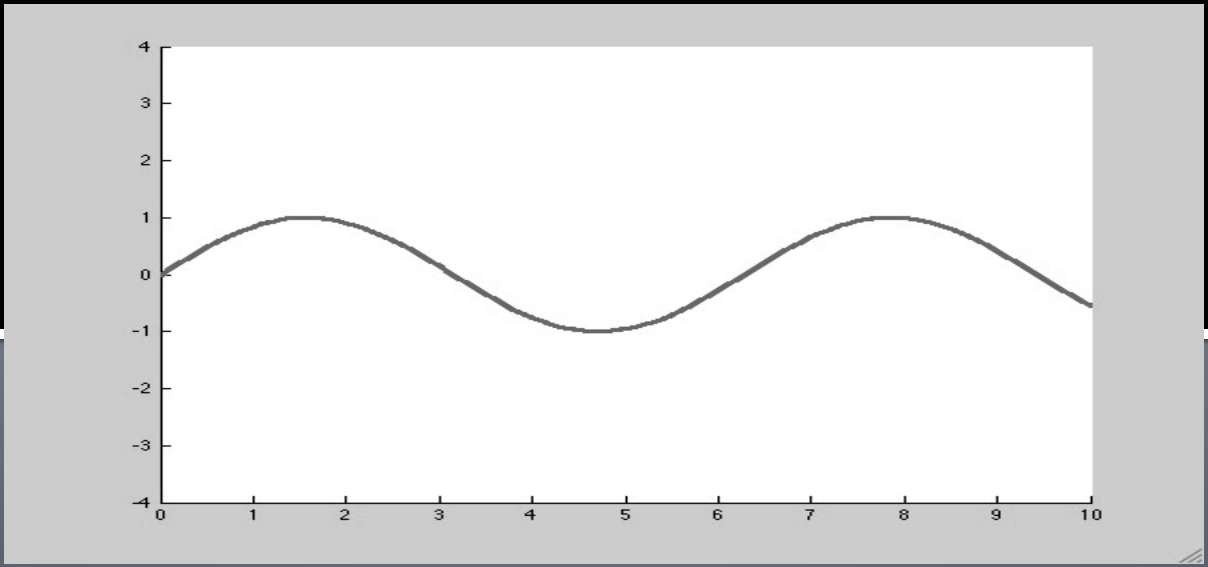
CSE-571:
Gaussian Processes for Bayesian Filtering

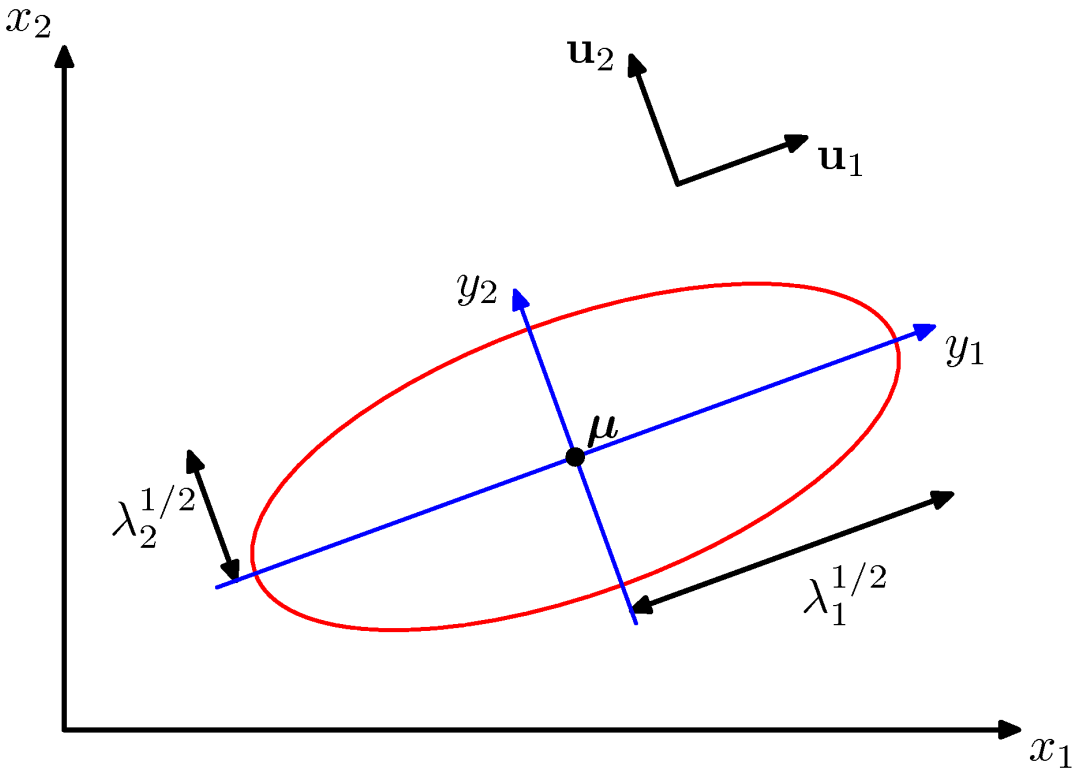


High-level Idea of GPs

- Non-parametric regression model
- Distribution over functions
- Fully specified by training data and kernel function
- Output variables are jointly Gaussian
- Covariance given by distance of inputs in kernel space

Picture from [Bishop: Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, 2006]

Gaussians



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathrm{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}\left|\Sigma\right|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)}$$

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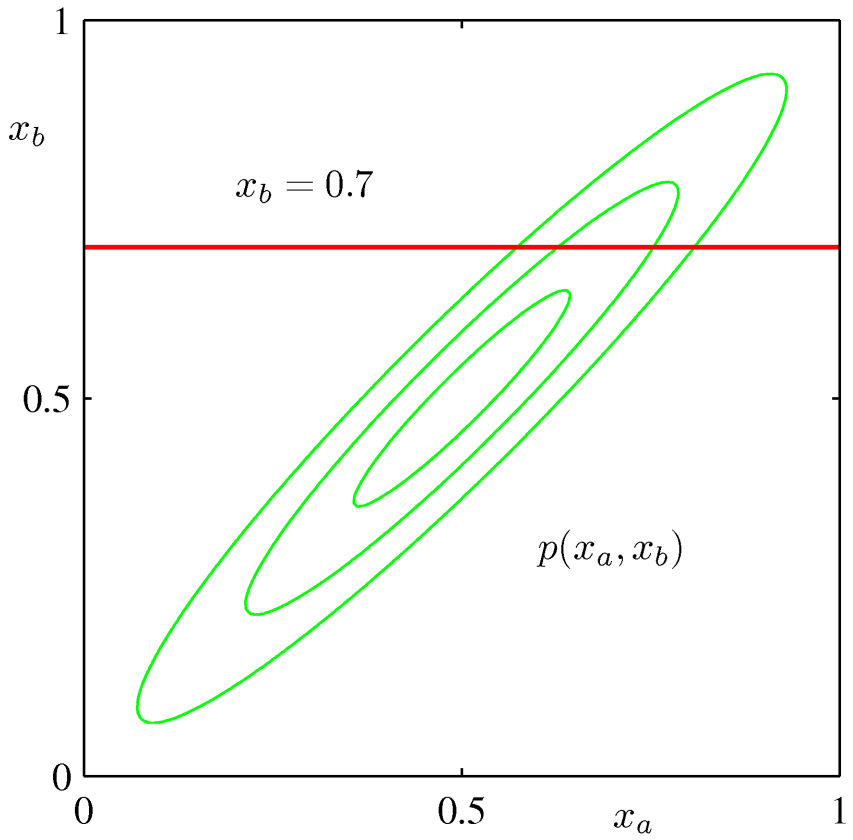
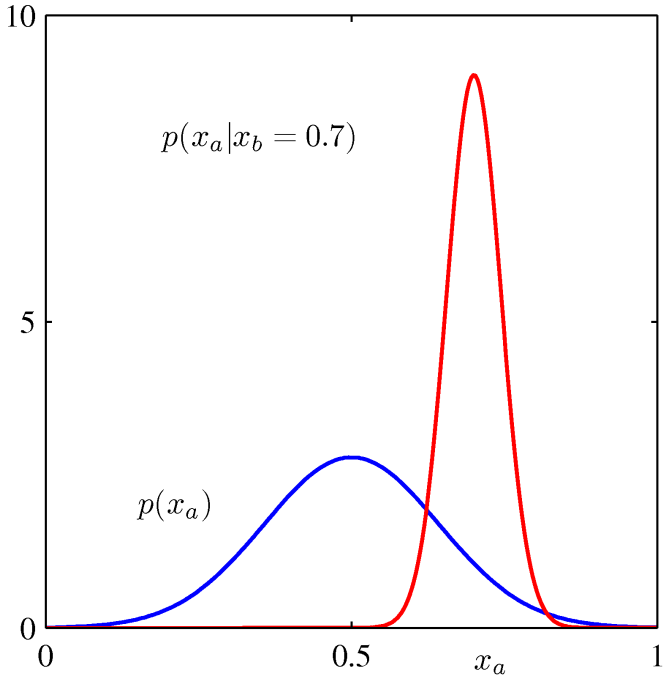
Marginalization / Conditioning



$$p(x_a) = \mathrm{N}\left(\mu_a, \Sigma_{aa}\right)$$



$$p(x_a \mid x_b) = \mathrm{N}\left(\mu_{a|b}, \Sigma_{a|b}\right)$$

$$\mu_{a|b} = \mu_a + \Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}(x_b - \mu_b)$$

$$\Sigma_{a|b} = \Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}\Sigma_{ba}$$

GP Setting

- Outputs are noisy function of inputs:
  $$y_i = f(\mathbf{x}_i) + \varepsilon$$
- GP prior: Outputs jointly zero-mean Gaussian:

$$p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{X}) = \mathrm{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I})$$

- Covariance given by kernel matrix over inputs:

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} k(x_1,x_1) & \cdots & k(x_1,x_n) \\ k(x_2,x_1) & & \\ \vdots & k(x_i,x_i) & \vdots \\ & & \\ k(x_n,x_1) & \cdots & k(x_n,x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$k(x,x') = \sigma_f^2 \, e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-x')W(x-x')^T}$$

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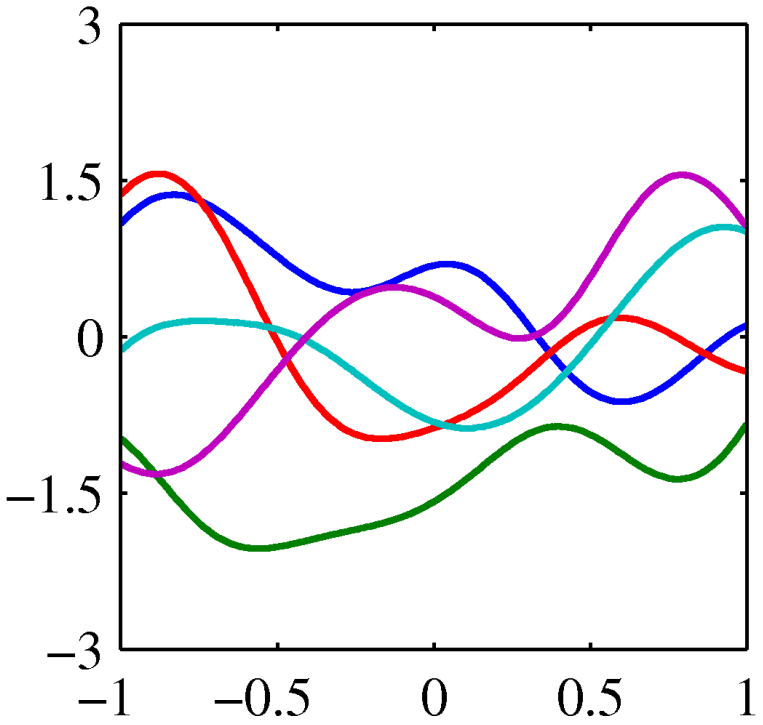
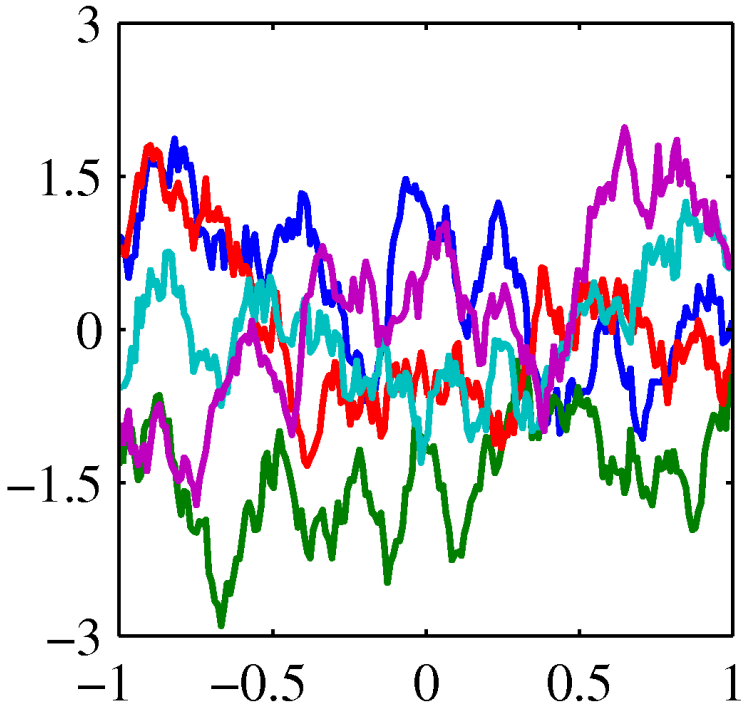
Functions Sampled from Prior





GP Prediction

- Training data:

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \ldots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} = (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y})$$

- Prediction given training samples:

$$p(y^* \mid \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = N\left(\mu, \sigma^2\right)$$

$$\mu = \mathbf{k}^{*T}\left(\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{k}^*[i] = k(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\sigma^2 = k(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{k}^{*T}\left(\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{k}^*$$

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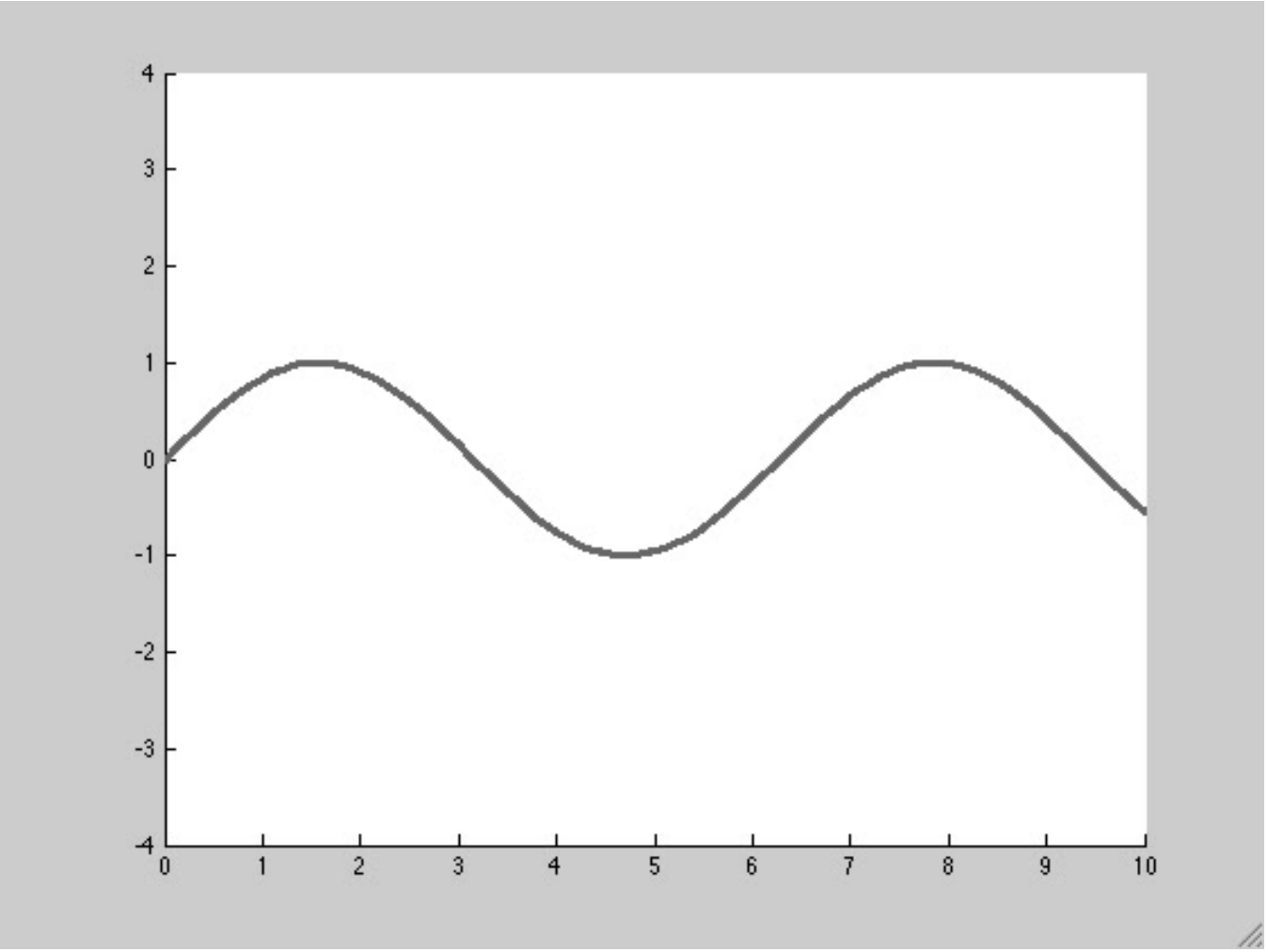
Recall conditional

GP Prediction



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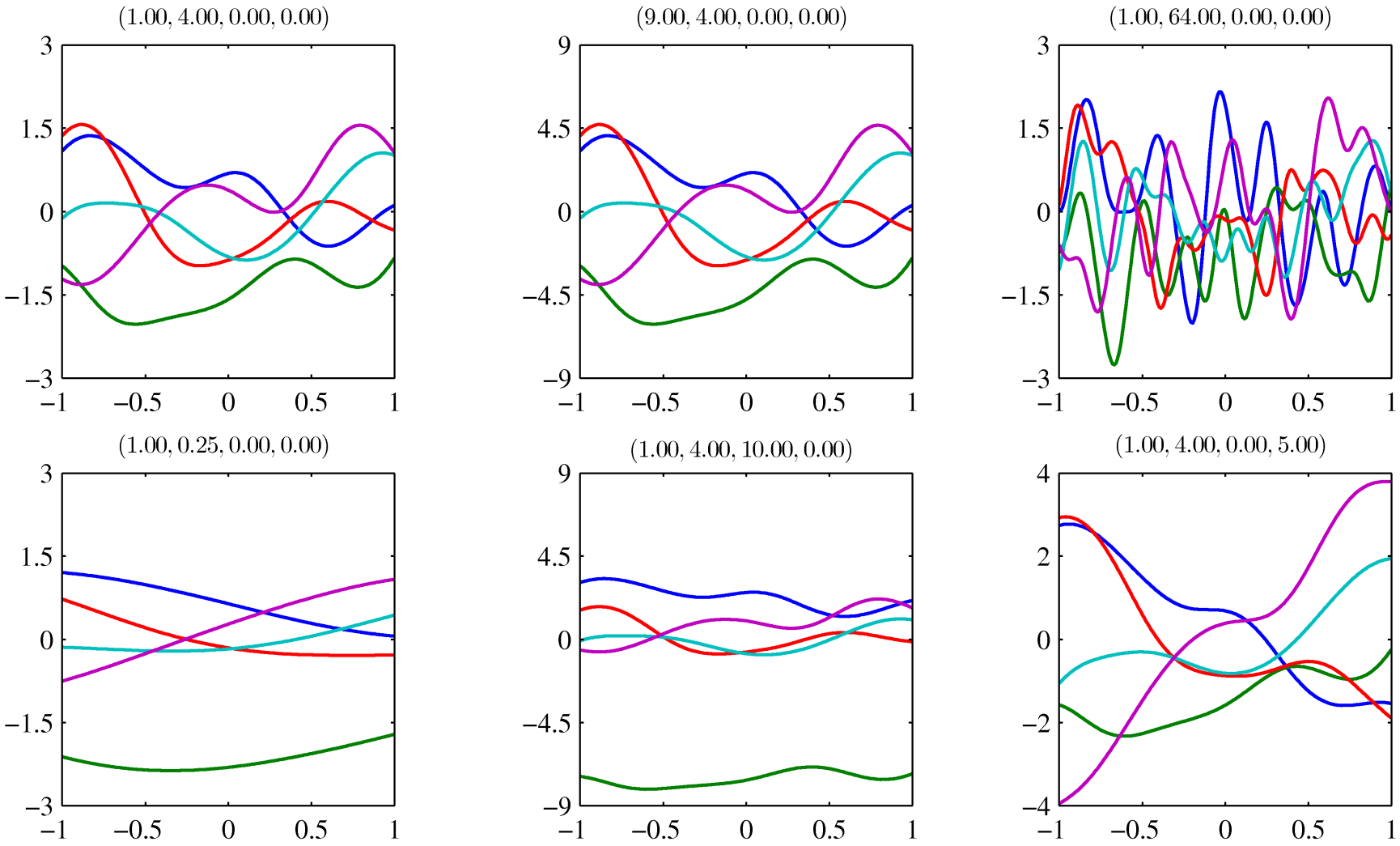
Hyperparameters

$$k(x,x') = \sigma_f^2 \, e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-x')W(x-x')^T}$$



Hyperparameter Estimation

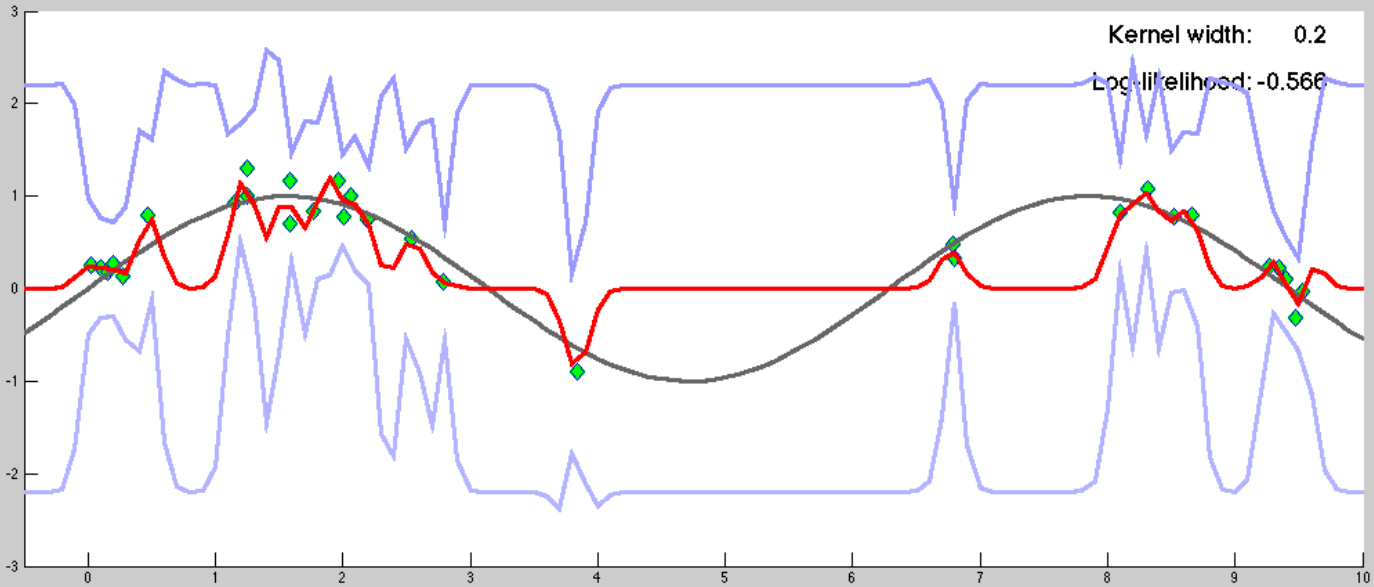
- Maximize data log likelihood:

$$\theta_* = \arg\max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \theta)$$

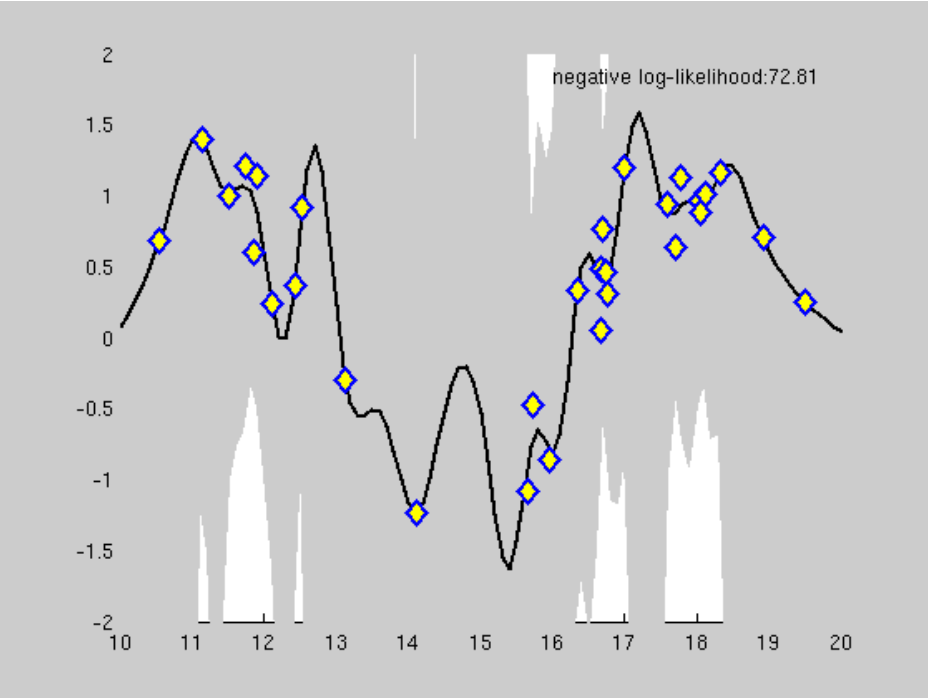
$$\log p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \theta) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T \left(\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{2}\log\left(\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}\right) - \frac{n}{2}\log 2\pi$$

- Compute derivatives wrt. params $\theta = \langle \sigma_n^2, l, \sigma_f^2 \rangle$
- Optimize using conjugate gradient descent

Kernel Width



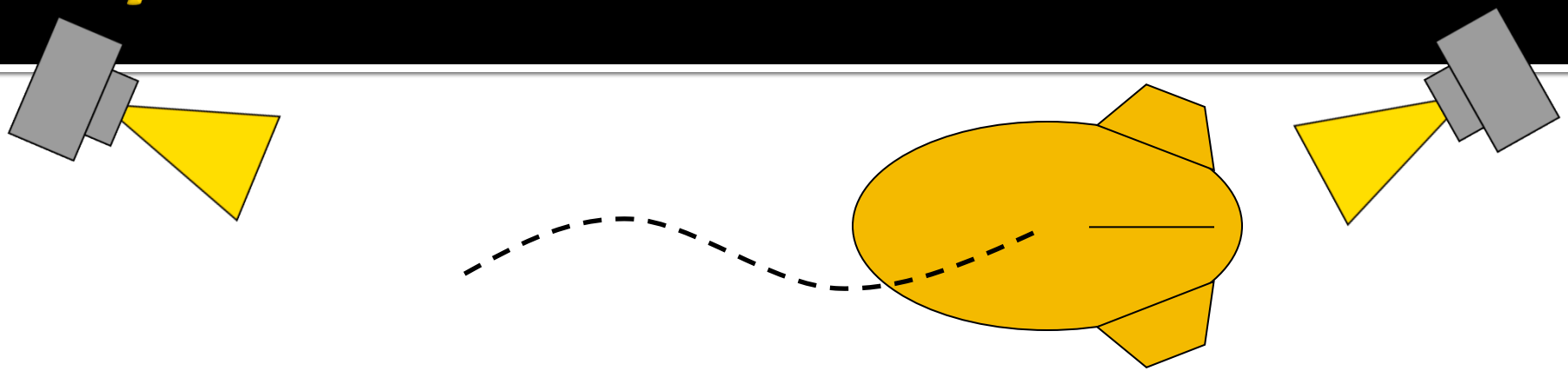
GP Optimization



- Learn hyperparameters via numerical methods
- Learn noise model at the same time

Bayesian Filtering with GPs

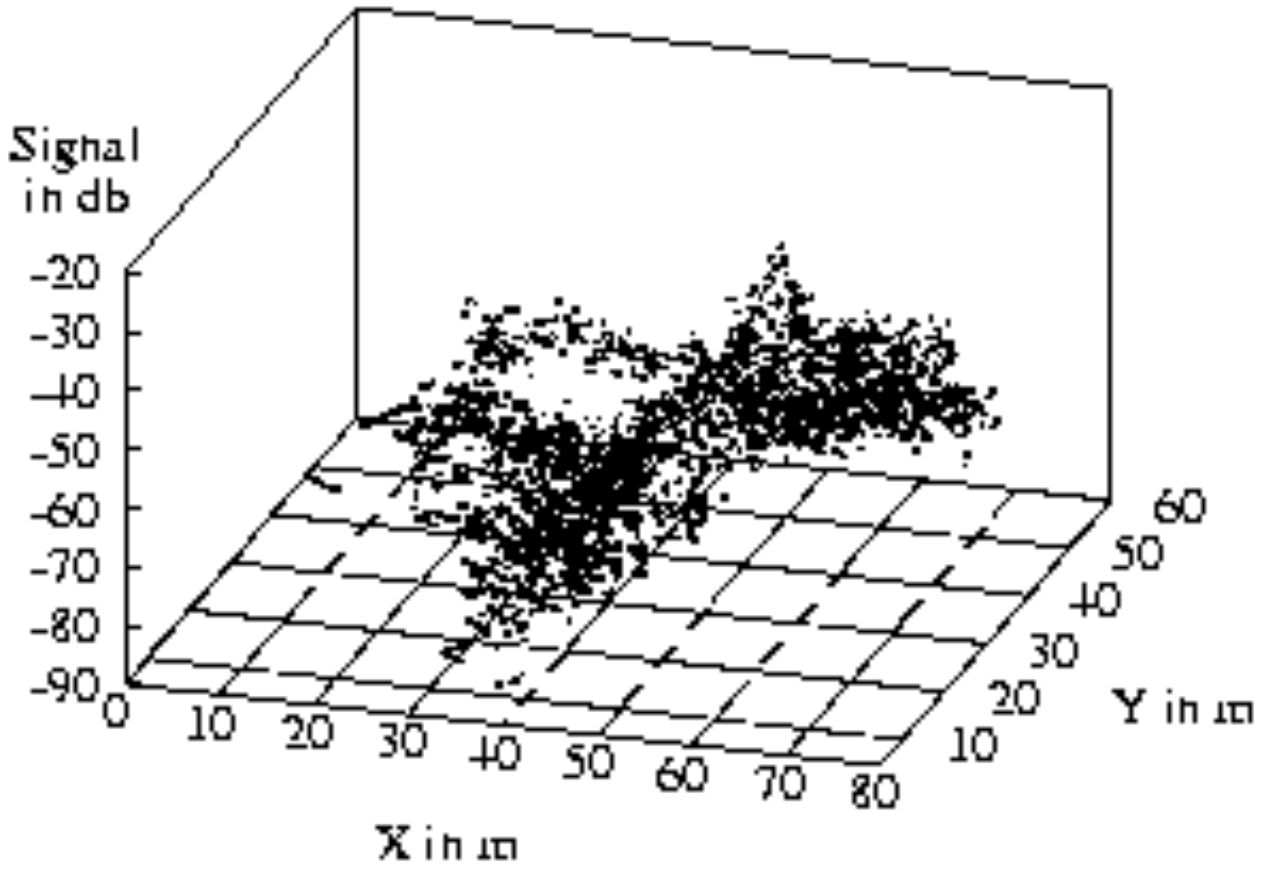
Dynamics and Observation Models



- System modeling
  - Learn behavior of the system given ground truth states
- Dynamics model
  - Discrete-time model of change over time
- Observation model
  - Mapping between states and observations
- Traditionally use parametric models
  - Derive system equations then learn parameters

[Ferris-Haehnel-Fox: RSS-06]

WiFi Sensor Model



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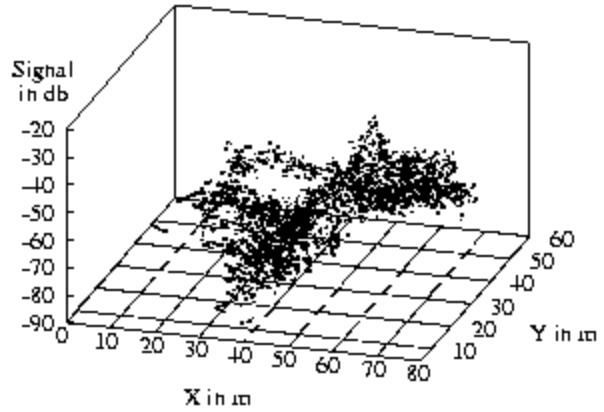
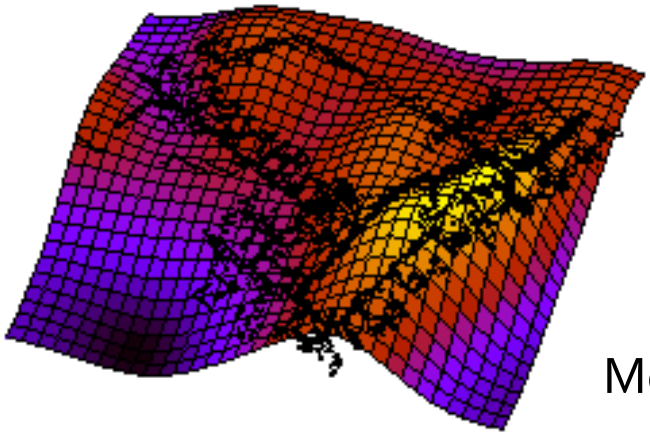
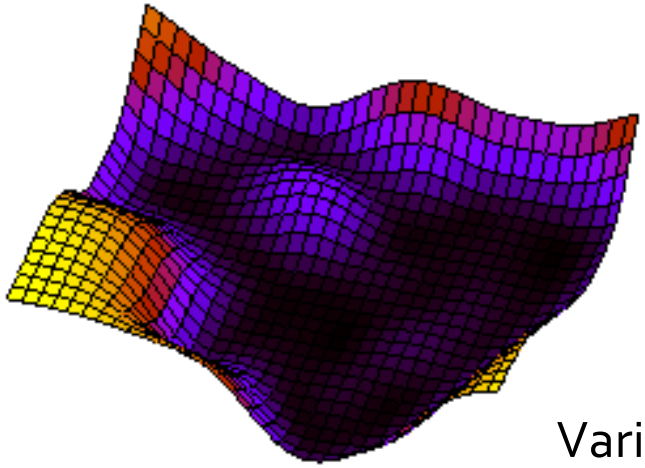


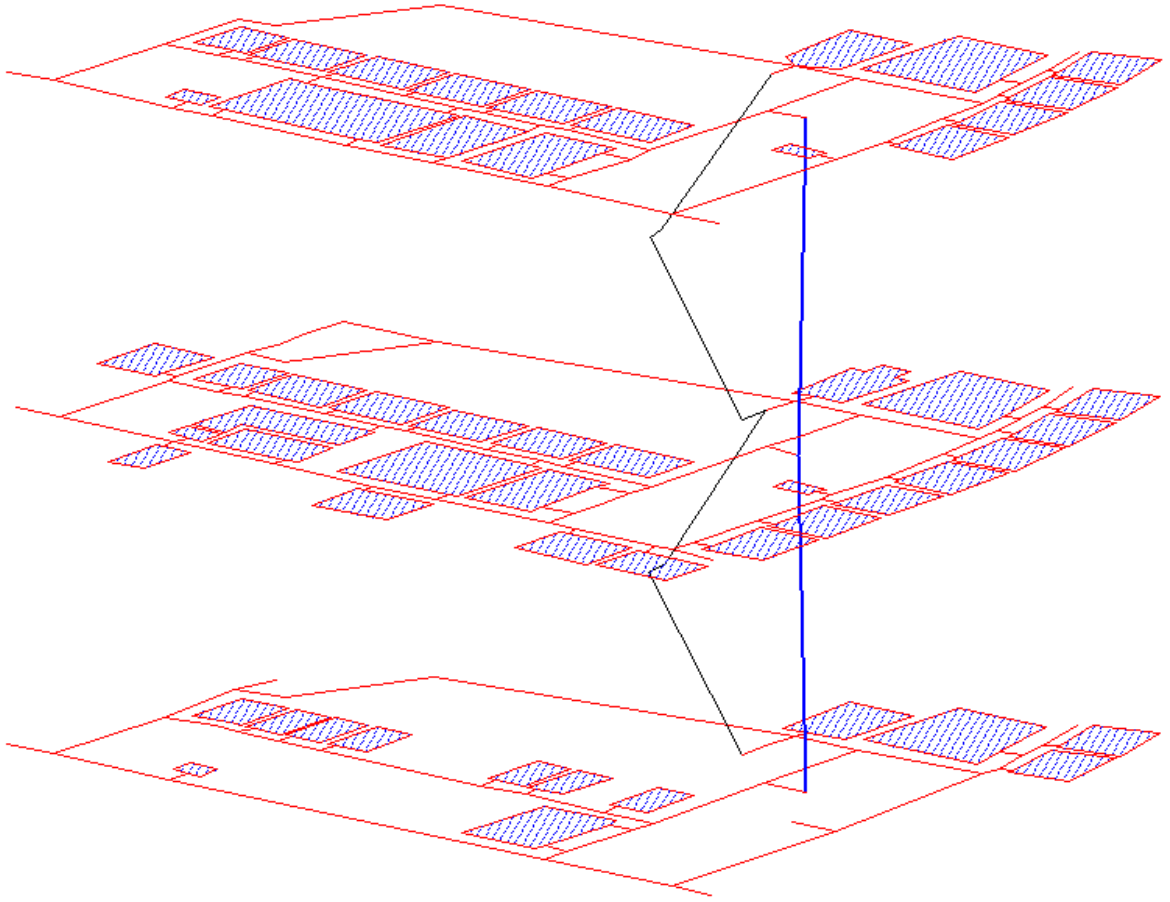


Mean



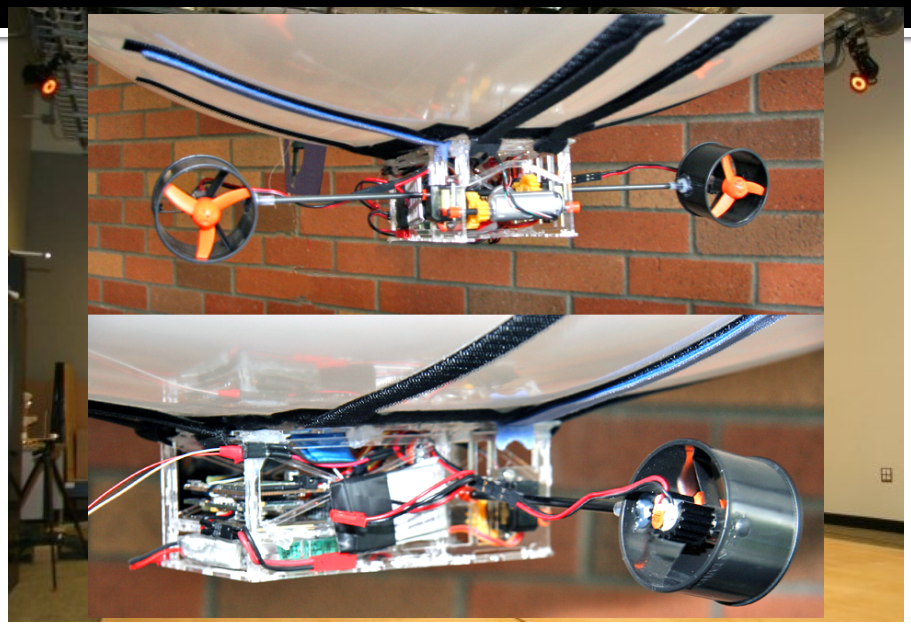
Variance

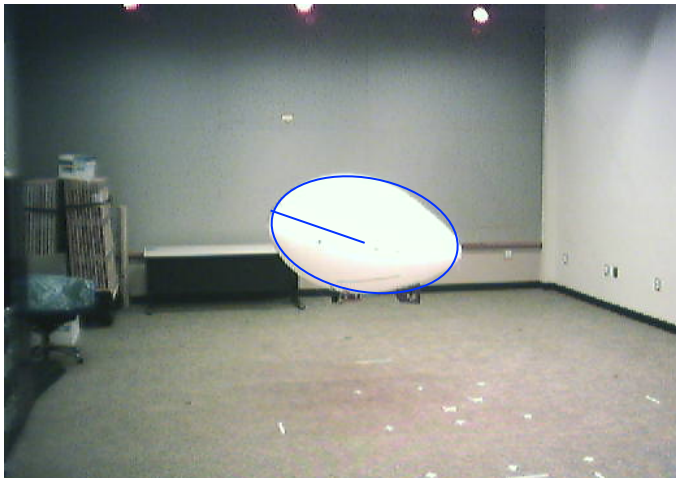
Mixed Representation



Tracking Example

Blimp Test Platform

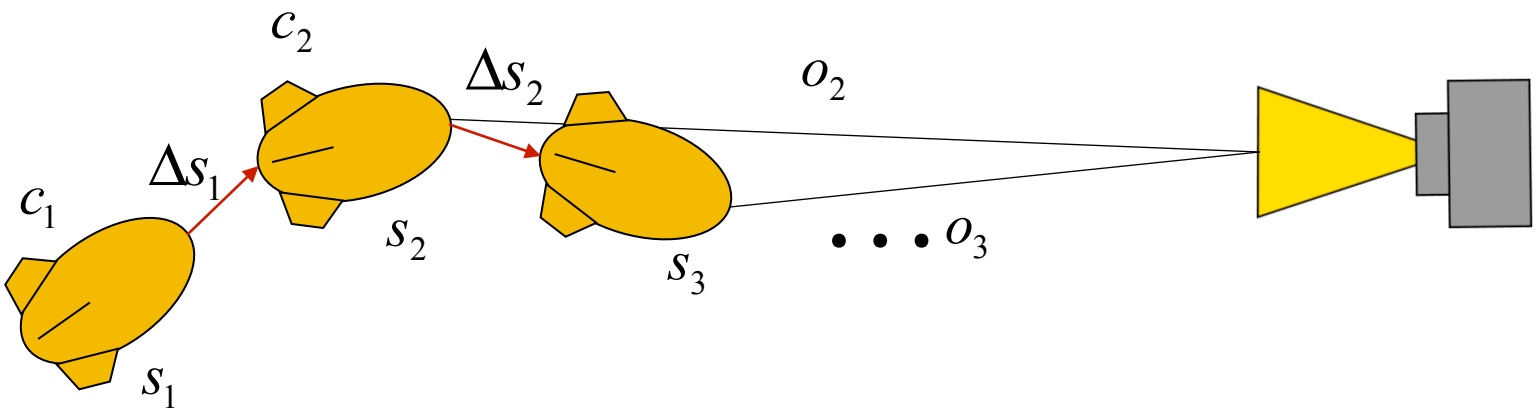




observation

- System:
  - Commercial blimp envelope with custom gondola
  - XScale based computer with Bluetooth connectivity
  - Two main motors with tail motor (3D control)
- Observations:
  - Two cameras each operating at 1Hz
  - Extract ellipse using computer vision (5D observations)
- Ground truth obtained via VICON motion capture system

Learning GP Dynamics and Observation Models



- Use ground truth state to extract:
  - Dynamics data

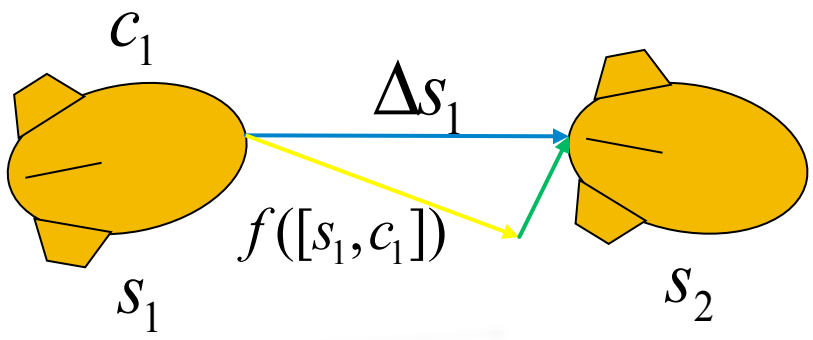
$$D_S = \langle [s_1, c_1], \Delta s_1 \rangle, \langle [s_2, c_2], \Delta s_2 \rangle \quad \ldots$$

  - Observation data

$$D_O = \langle s_2, o_2 \rangle, \langle s_3, o_3 \rangle \quad \ldots$$

- Learn models using Gaüssian process regression
  - Learn process noise inherent in system

Learning Enhanced-GP Models



- Combine GP model with parametric model

$$D_X = \langle [s_1, c_1], \Delta s_1 - f([s_1, c_1]) \rangle$$

- Advantages
  - Captures aspects of system not considered by parametric model
  - Learns noise model in same way as GP-only models
  - Higher accuracy for same amount of training data

GP Modeling Accuracy

Dynamic model error

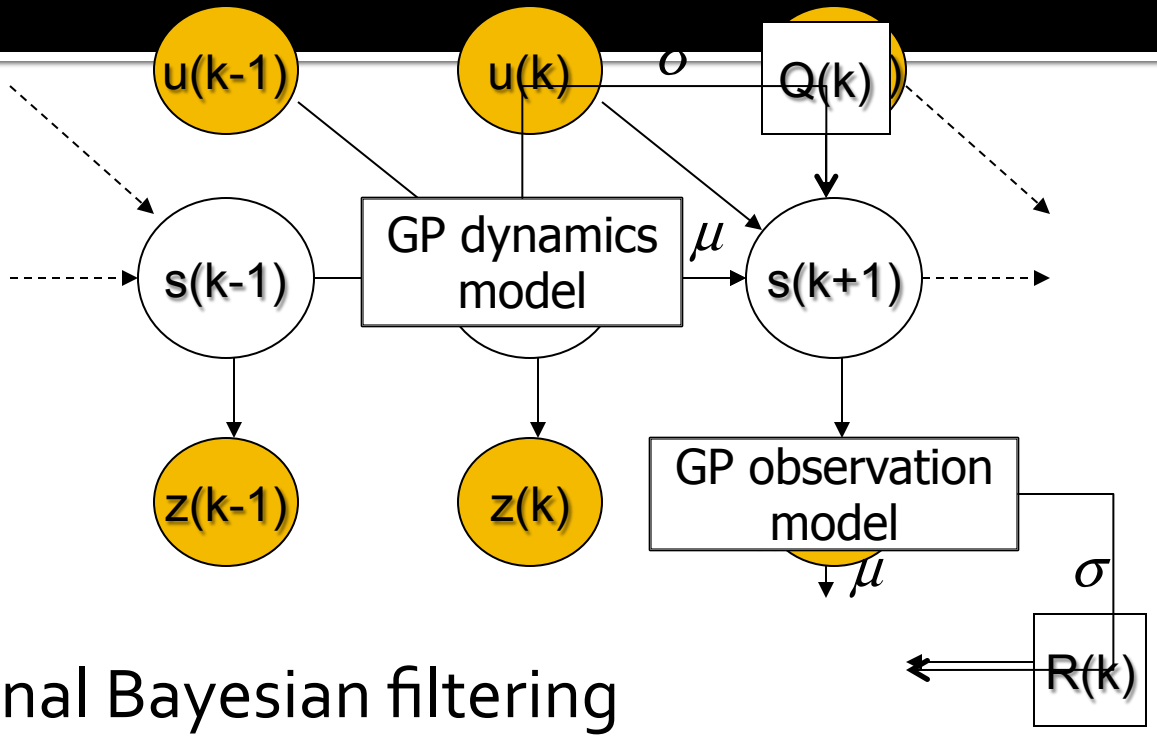
Propagation method	pos(mm)	rot(deg)	vel(mm/s)	rotvel(deg/s)
Param	3.3	0.5	14.6	1.5
GPonly	1.8	**0.2**	9.8	**1.1**
EGP	**1.6**	**0.2**	**9.6**	1.3

Observation model error

Modeling method	pos(pix)	Major axis(pix)	Minor axis(pix)	Theta(deg)
Param	7.1	2.9	5.7	9.2
GPonly	4.7	3.2	**1.9**	**9.1**
EGP	**3.9**	**2.4**	**1.9**	9.4

- 1800 training points, mean error over 900 test points
- For dynamic model, 0.25 sec predictions

GP-BayesFilters

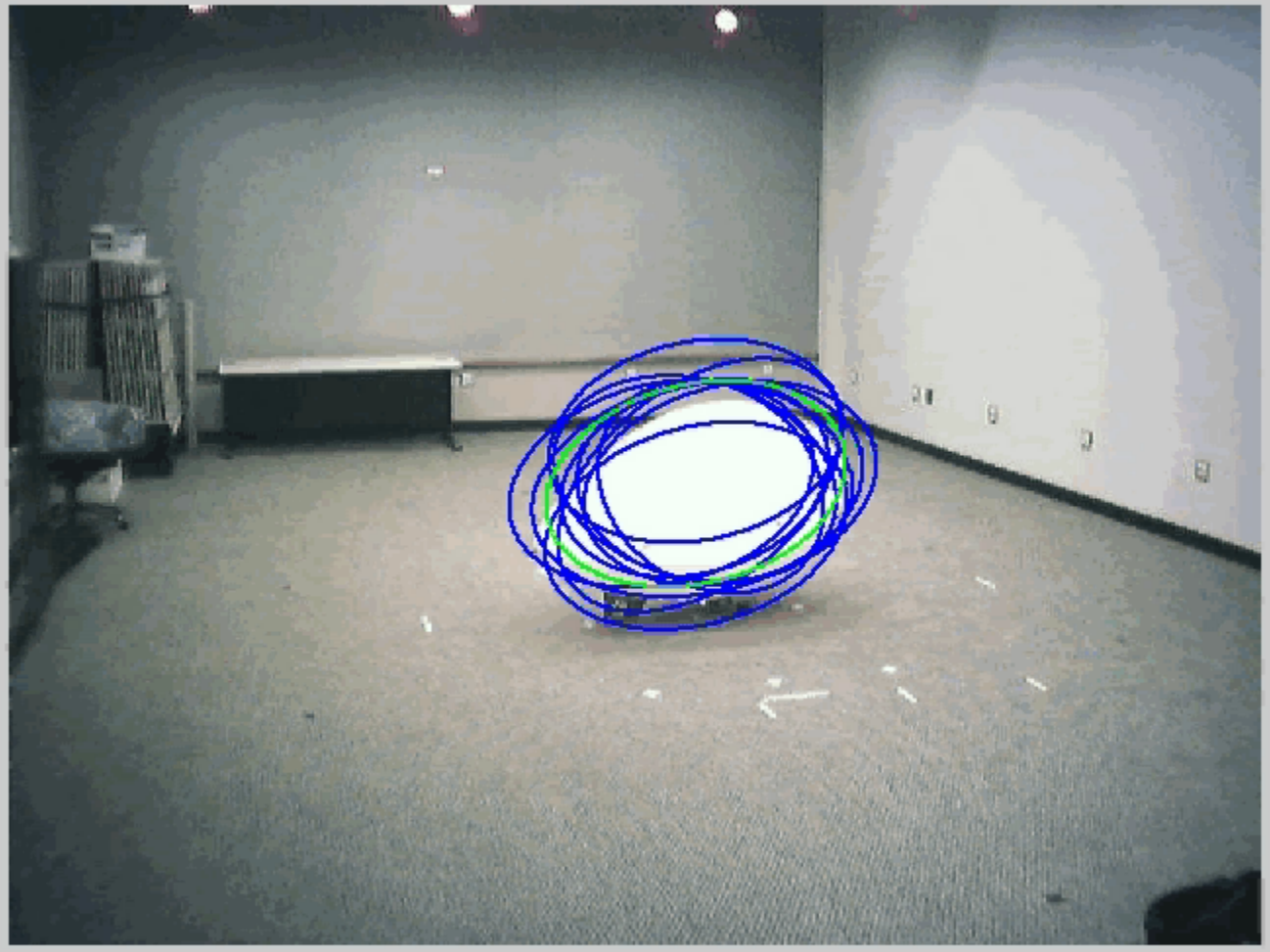


- Traditional Bayesian filtering
  - Parametric dynamics and observation models
- GP-BayesFilters
  - GP dynamics and observation models
  - Noise derived from GP prediction uncertainty
  - Can be integrated into to Bayes filters: EKF, UKF, PF, ADF

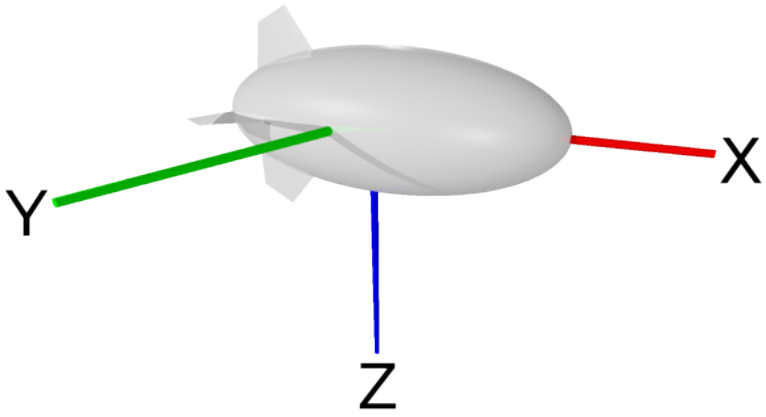
GP-BayesFilters

- Learn GP:
  - Input: Sequence of ground truth states along with controls and observations: <s, u, z>
  - Learn GPs for dynamics and observation models
- Filters
  - Particle filter: sample from dynamics GP, weigh by Gaussian GP observation function
  - EKF: GP for mean state, GP derivative for linearization
  - UKF: GP for sigma points

GP-UKF Tracking Example



Non-linear Parametric Model



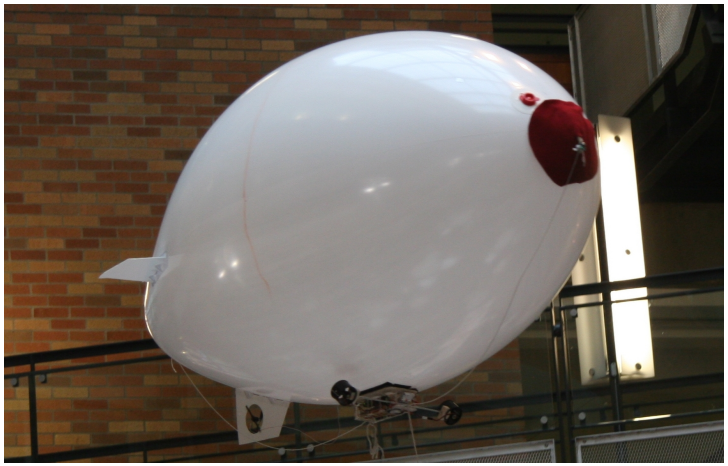
$$\dot{s} = \frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix} p \\ \xi \\ v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_b^e v \\ H(\xi) \\ M^{-1}(\sum Forces - \omega * Mv) \\ J^{-1}(\sum Torques - \omega * J\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

- 12-D state=[pos,rot,transvel,rotvel]
- Describes evolution of state as ODE
- Forces / torques considered: buoyancy, gravity, drag, thrust
- 16 parameters are learned by optimization on ground truth motion capture data

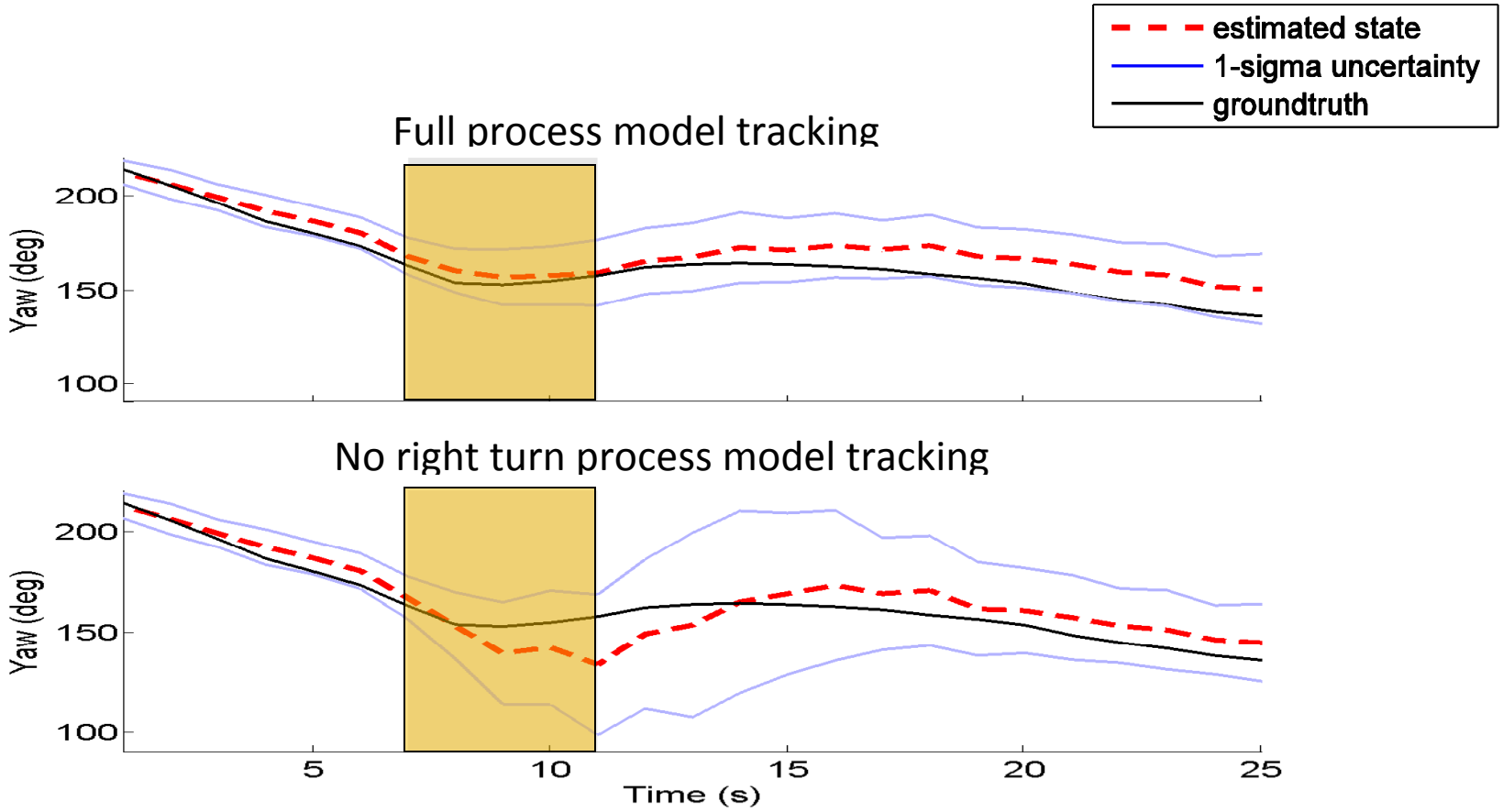
Blimp Results

Tracking algorithm	pos(mm)	rot(deg)	vel(mm/s)	rotvel(deg/s)	MLL	time(sec)
GP-PF	91+/-7	6.4+/-1.6	52+/-3.7	5.0+/-.2	9.4+/-1.9	449.4+/-21
GP-EKF	93+/-1	5.2+/-.1	52+/-.5	4.6+/-.1	13.0+/-.2	.29+/-.1
GP-UKF	89+/-1	4.7+/-.2	50+/-.4	4.5+/-.1	14.9+/-.5	1.28+/-.3
ParaPF	115+/-5	7.9+/-.1	64+/-1.2	7.6+/-.1	-4.5+/-4.2	30.7+/-5.8
ParaEKF	112+/-4	8.0+/-.2	65+/-2	7.5+/-.2	8.4+/-1	.21+/-.1
ParaUKF	111+/-4	7.9+/-.1	64+/-1	7.6+/-.1	10.1+/-1	.33+/-.1

- Blimp tracking using multiple cameras
- Ground truth obtained via Vicon motion tracking system
- Average tracking error
- Trajectory ~12 min long
- 0.5 sec timesteps



Dealing With Training Data Sparsity



- Training data for right turns removed

[Lawrence: NIPS-03,JMLR-05]

Going Latent

- Sometimes ground truth states are not or only partially available.
- Instead of optimizing over hyperparameters only

$$\theta_* = \arg\max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \theta)$$

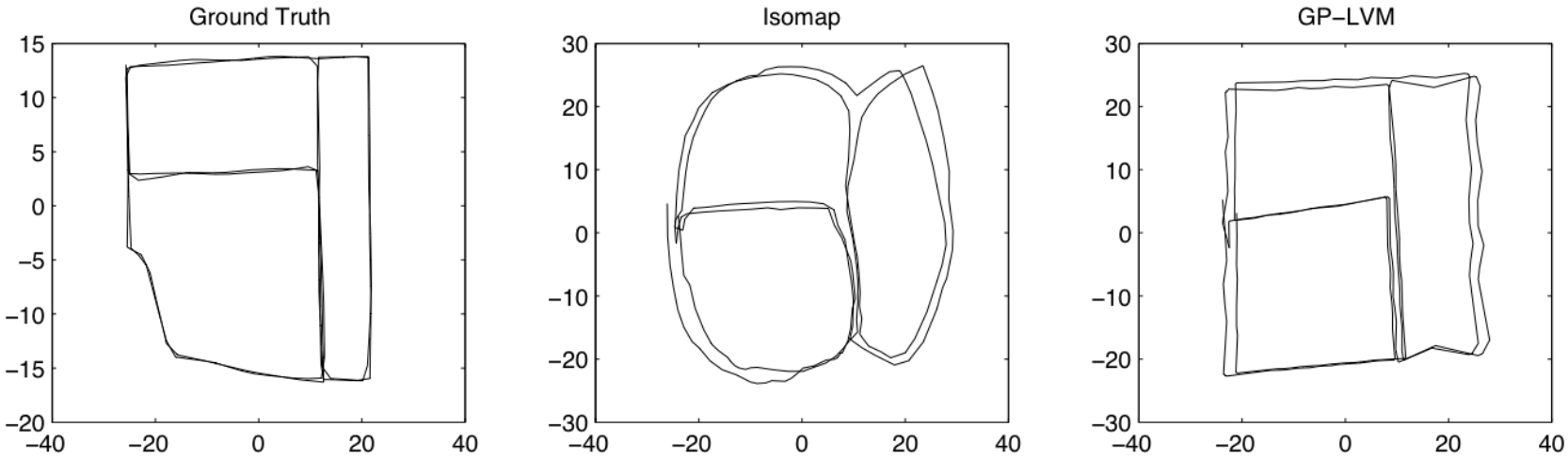
optimize over latent states *X* as well

$$\left\langle \mathbf{X}_*, \theta_* \right\rangle = \arg\max_{\mathbf{X}, \theta} p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \theta)$$

- GPLVM: non-linear probabilistic dimensionality reduction

WiFi-SLAM: Mapping without Ground Truth

[Ferris-Fox-Lawrence: IJCAI-07]



[Wang-Fleet-Hertzmann: PAMI-08]

GPDM: Latent Variable Models for Dynamical Systems

- GPLVM with additional constraints on latent variables to model dynamical system

$$p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \theta) = p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \theta)\, p(\mathbf{X} \mid \theta)\, p(\theta)$$

$$\left\langle \mathbf{X}_*, \theta_* \right\rangle = \arg\max_{\mathbf{X}, \theta} p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \theta)$$

- Dynamics are modeled via another GP

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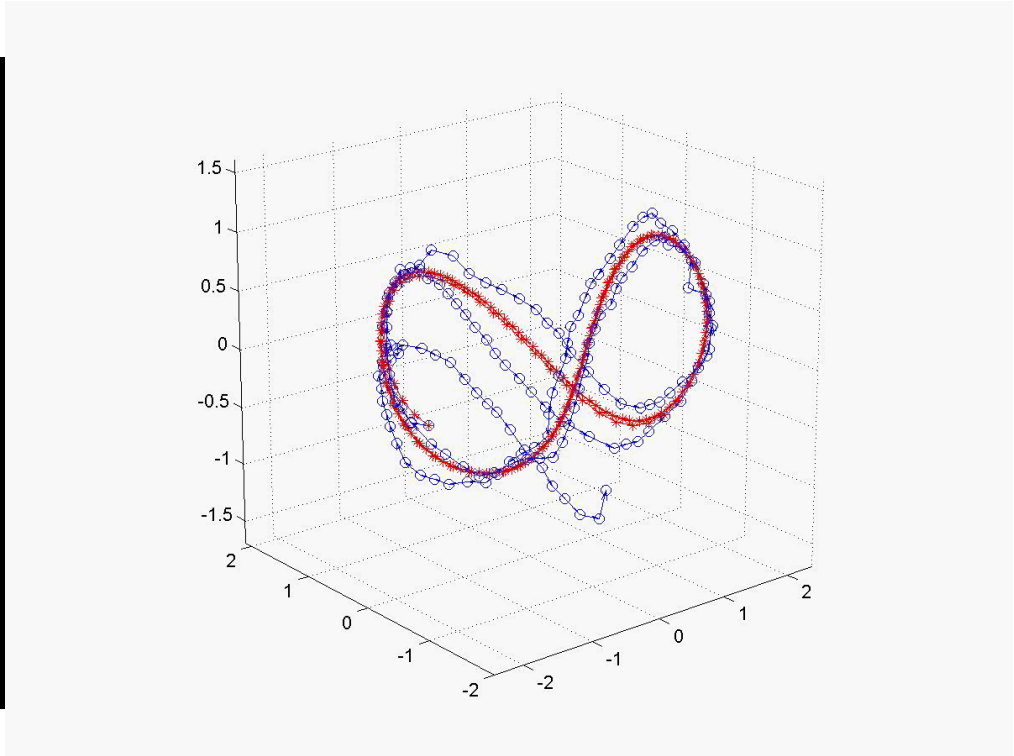
GPDM Application



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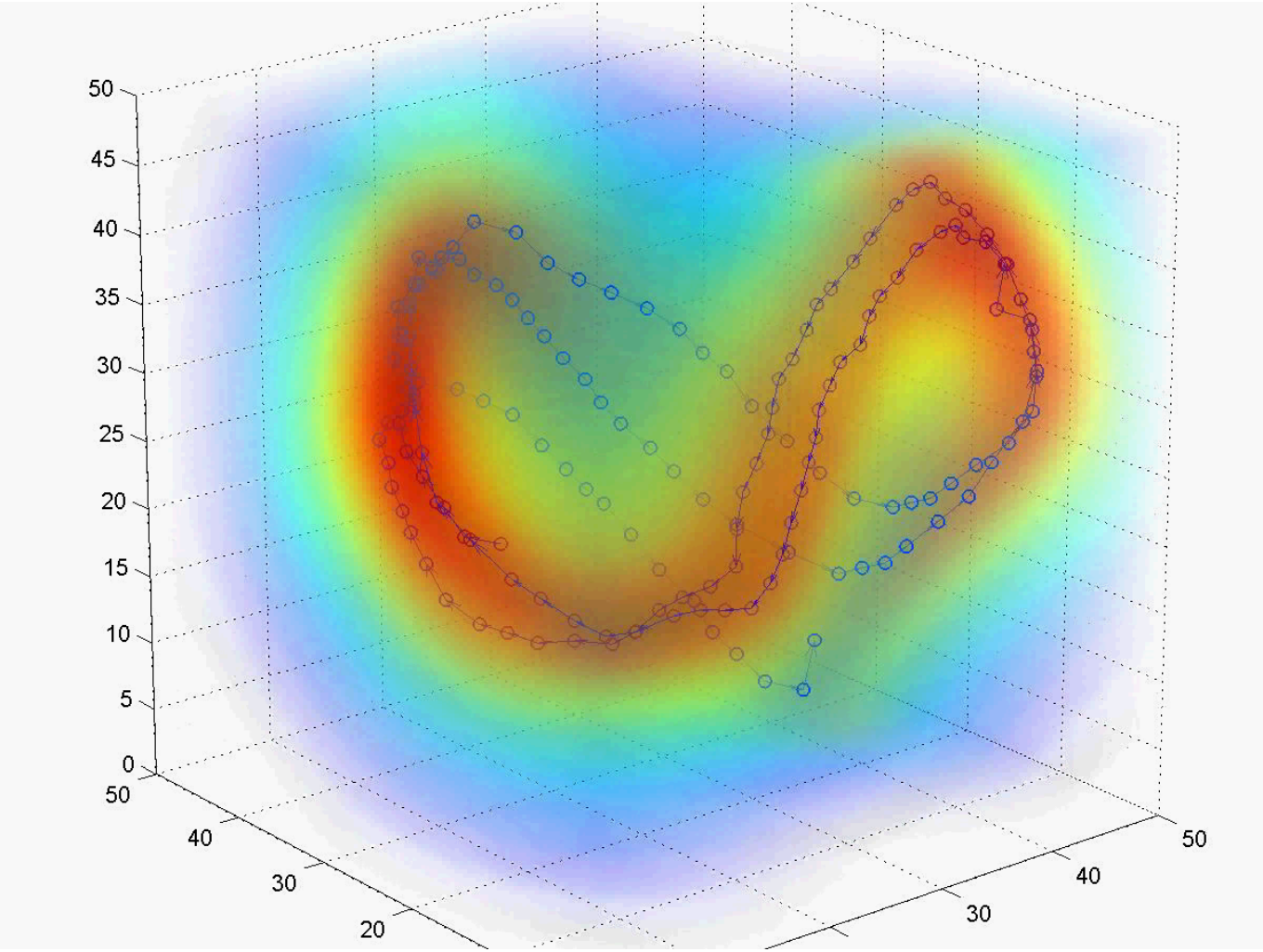
GPDM Volume



GPBF-Learning

- Extend GPDMs to
  - incorporate control
  - incorporate sparse labels on latent states
- Steps:
  - Learn GPLVM
  - Extract GP-BayesFilter for tracking

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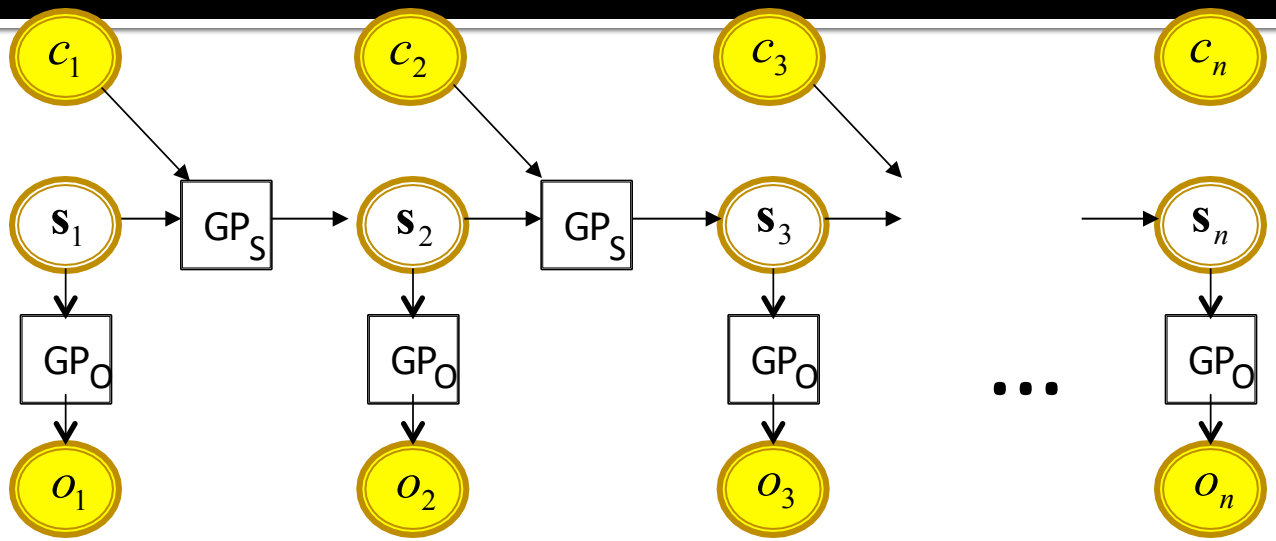
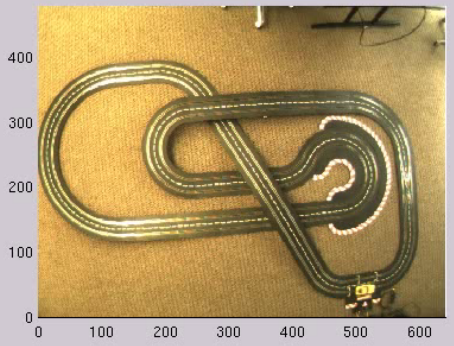
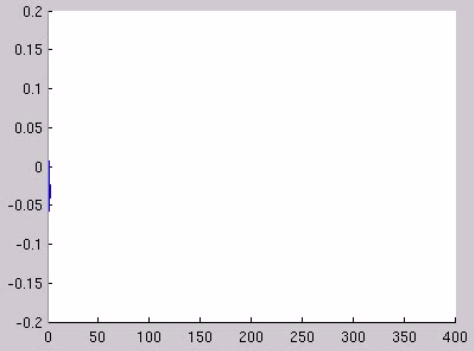
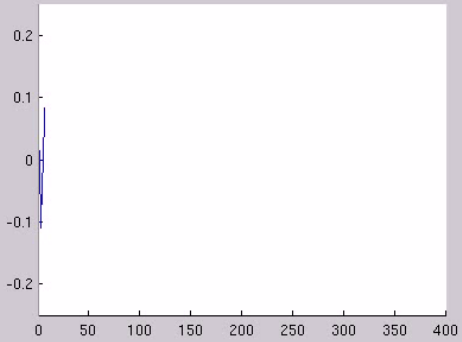


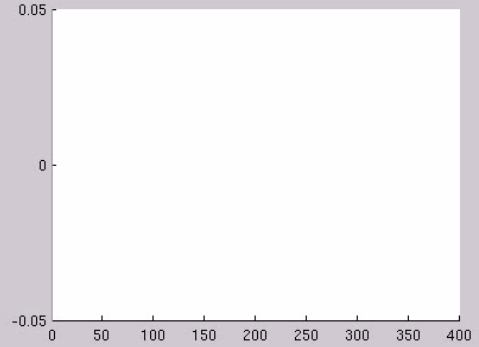
- GPBF-Learn follows same structure as Bayes filter
- Learns latent states and GPs in one optimization
  - GP_S for system dynamics
  - GP_O for observation model
- Can perform system identification

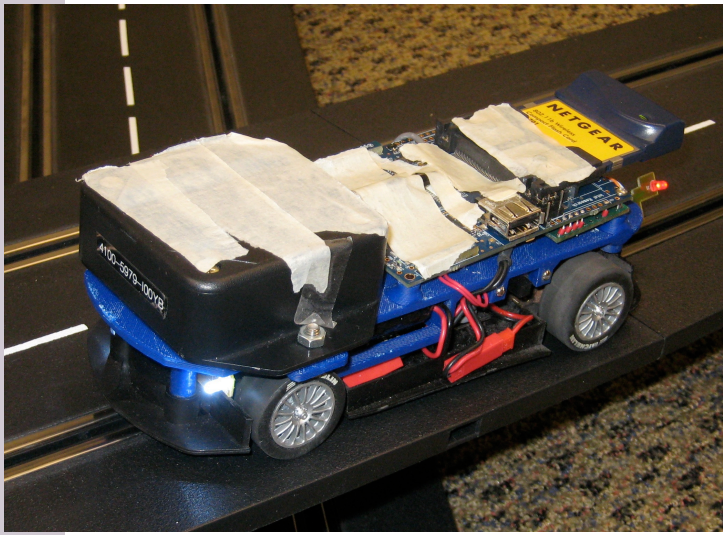
Evaluation System: Slotcar





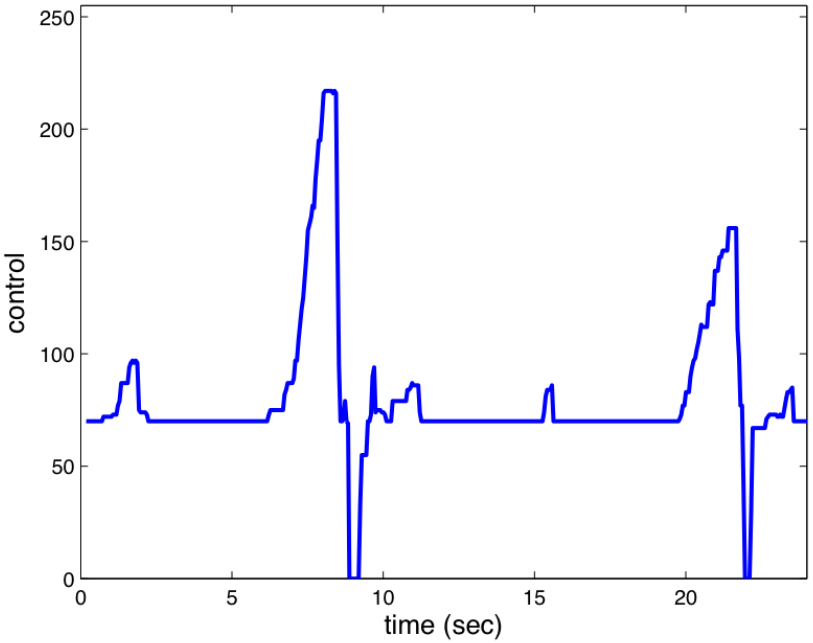




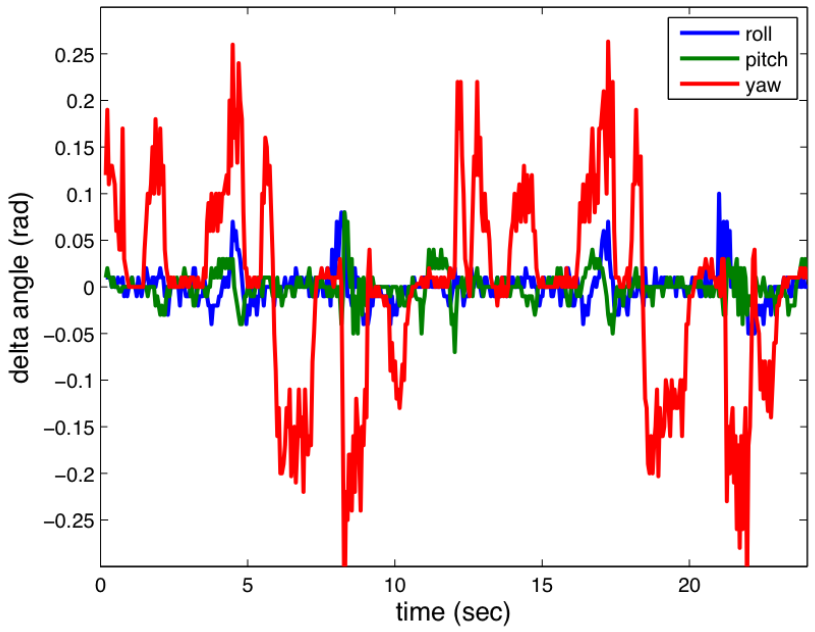


- Track contains banked curves, elevation changes
- Custom IMU with gyros and accelerometers
- Observations very noisy, perceptual aliasing

Data

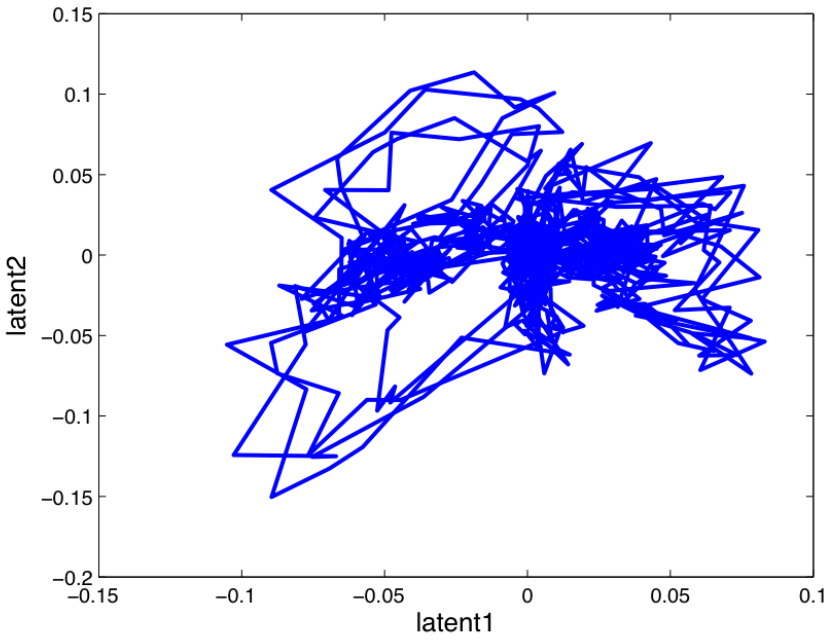


Controls



IMU: angle change rate

Learned 2D Embedding



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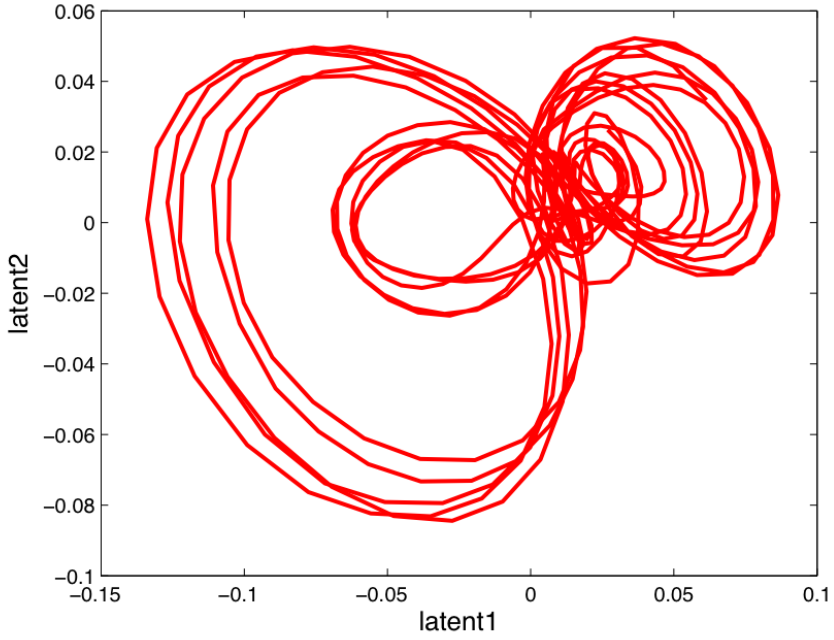
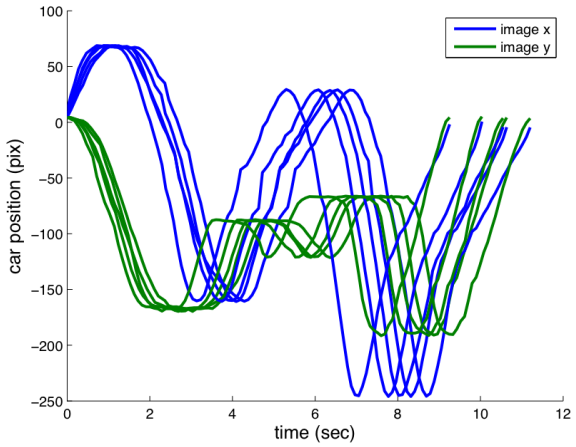
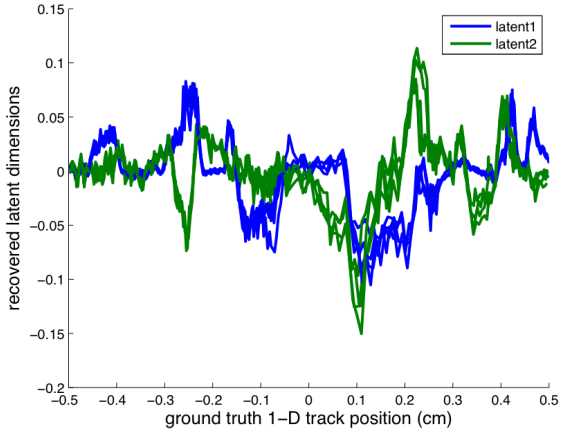
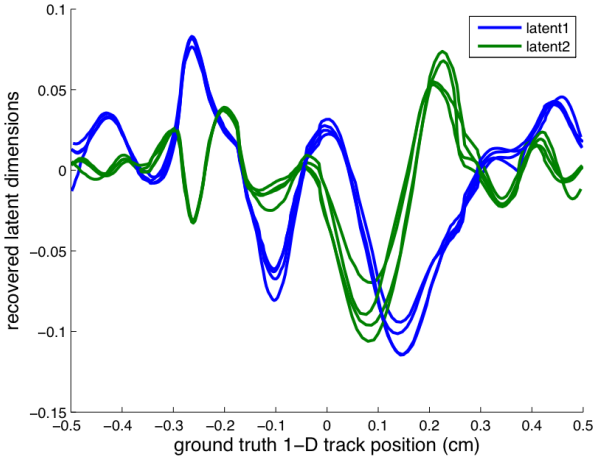


GPBF-Learn

Time Alignment







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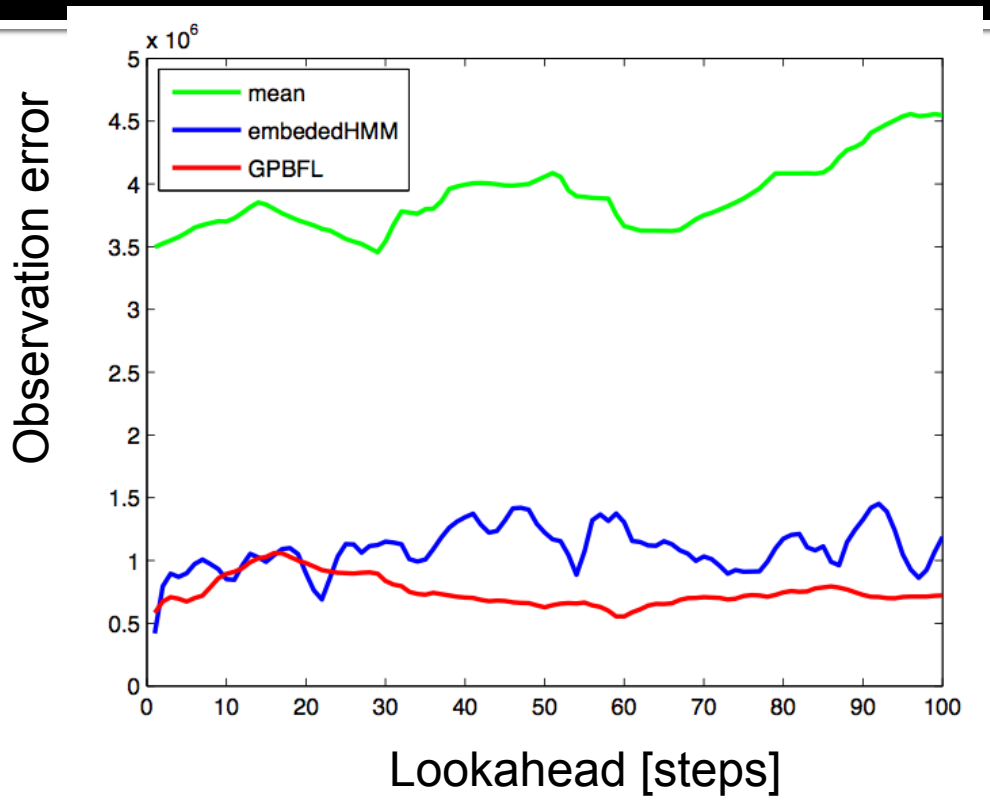
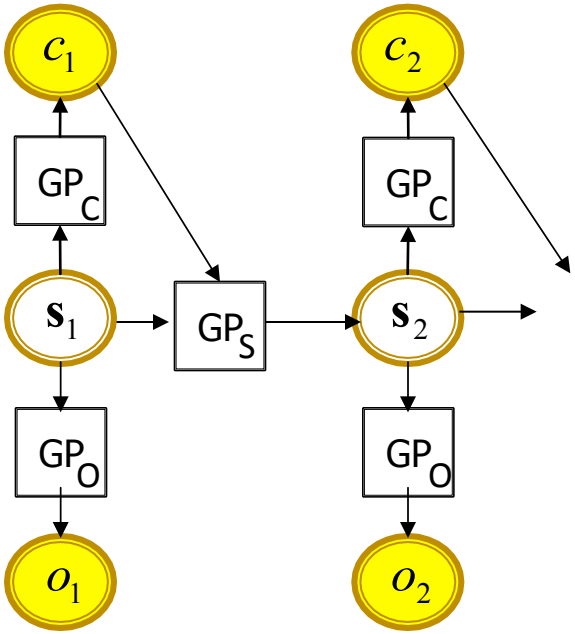
GPBFL and HSE-HMMs



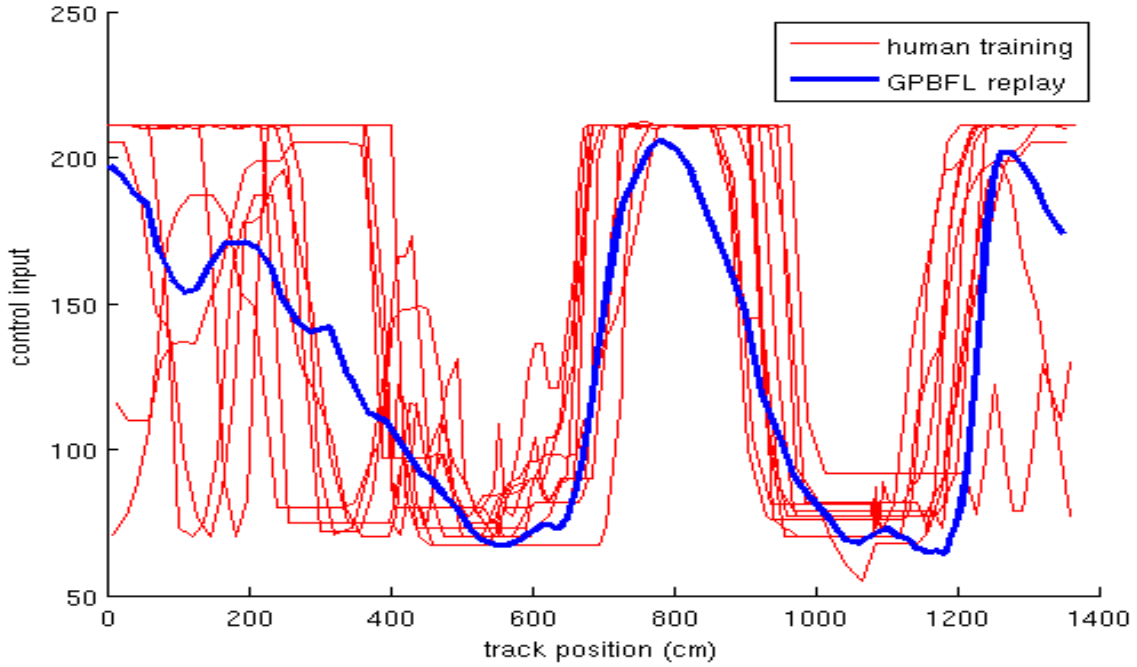
- Superior to Kernel CCA [Kawahara et al., NIPS-07]
- Latent space dimensionality: GPBFL 3D, HSE-HMM 20D
- HSE-HMM much more efficient!

Learning by Demonstration with GPBF-Learn



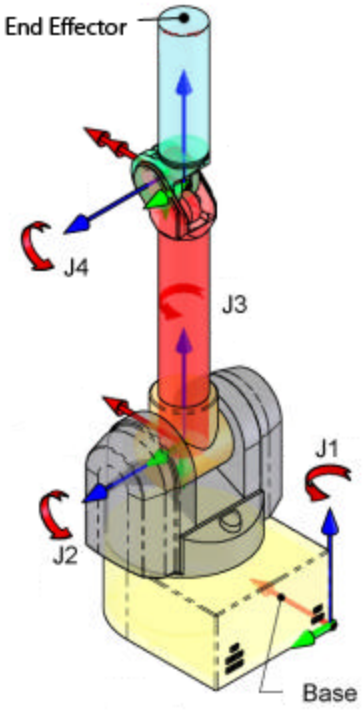
- Learning strategy
  - Learn latent states using GPBF-Learn
  - Learn mapping from state to control
- Replay strategy
  - track state using GP-BayesFilter
  - use control given by control model
- Requires only observations and user demonstrated control

Simple Control Experiment



- Learn control for slot car given human demonstrations
- Replay interpolates human examples
- Fails for more complicated systems

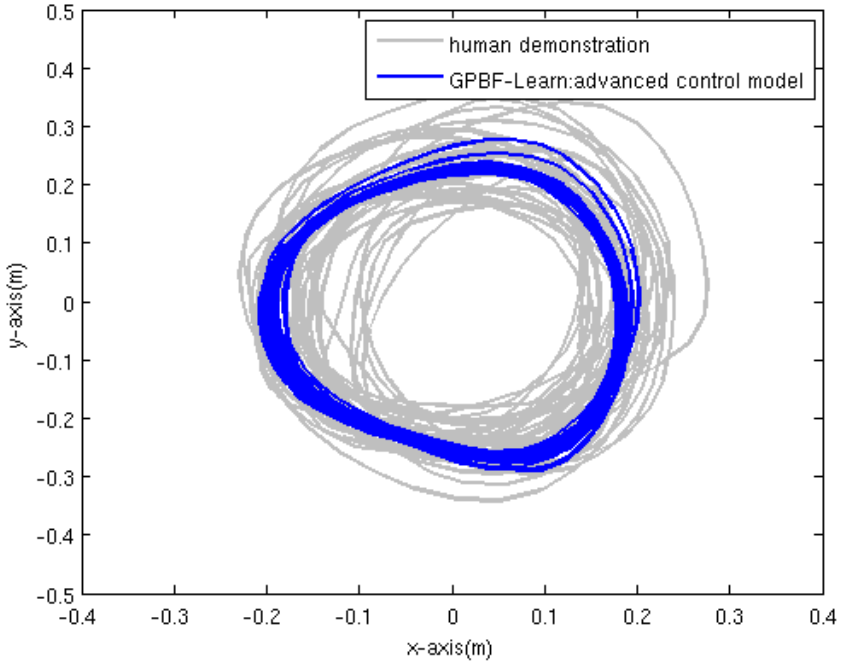
WAM Test Platform



- System:
- Barrett Whole Arm Manipulator
  - Four joints/degrees of freedom
  - 4D control (change in joint angles)
  - Significant control noise
- Observations:
  - 3D position of end effector
- User demonstration:
  - Manipulate to trace out circular trajectory for end effector

Advanced Control Experiment

Top down view of end effector position



- Learn 3D latent states for system
- Time-based replay fails
- Advanced control model achieves proper replay

Beyond Plain GP Regression

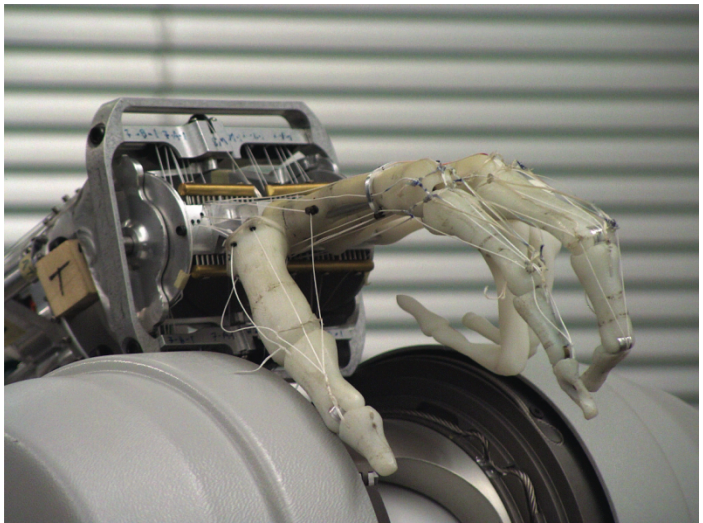
- Heteroscedastic (state dependent) noise
  [Quoc-etal: ICML-05; Kersting-etal: IMCL-07]
- Efficiency: Sparse GPs
  [Snelson and Ghahramani: NIPS-06; Smola and Bartlett: NIPS-01]
- Discrete state components: GP classification
  [Plagemann etal: IJCAI-07]

Other Issues

- Heteroscedastic (state dependent) noise
- Non-stationary GPs
- Coupled outputs
- Sparse GPs
  - Online: Decide whether or not to accept new point
  - Remove points
  - Optimize small set of points
- Classification
  - Laplace approximation
  - No closed-form solution, sampling

Summary

- GPs provide flexible modeling framework
- Take data noise and uncertainty due to data sparsity into account
- Combination with parametric models increases accuracy and reduces need for training data
- Computational complexity is a key problem



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