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Parameters estimation using Kalman filtering for predictive simulation

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Data assimilation

- DA is a method to combine observations with a model to improve the model accuracy [M. Asch 2016]
- We need DA to predict the state of the system and its future in a best possible way [M. Asch 2016]
- For prediction we rely on models, but when they are not periodically corrected they have a little value (inverse problem) [M. Asch 2016]

Well- and ill-posed problems

- **A problem is well-posed if:**
 - **Solution exists**
 - **Solution is unique**
 - **Solution depends continuously on the data**
- **Inverse problems are usually ill-posed !!!**

Methods

- **Statistical (Kalman filtering family)**
- **Variational (3Dvar, 4Dvar)**
- **Hybrid and others ...**

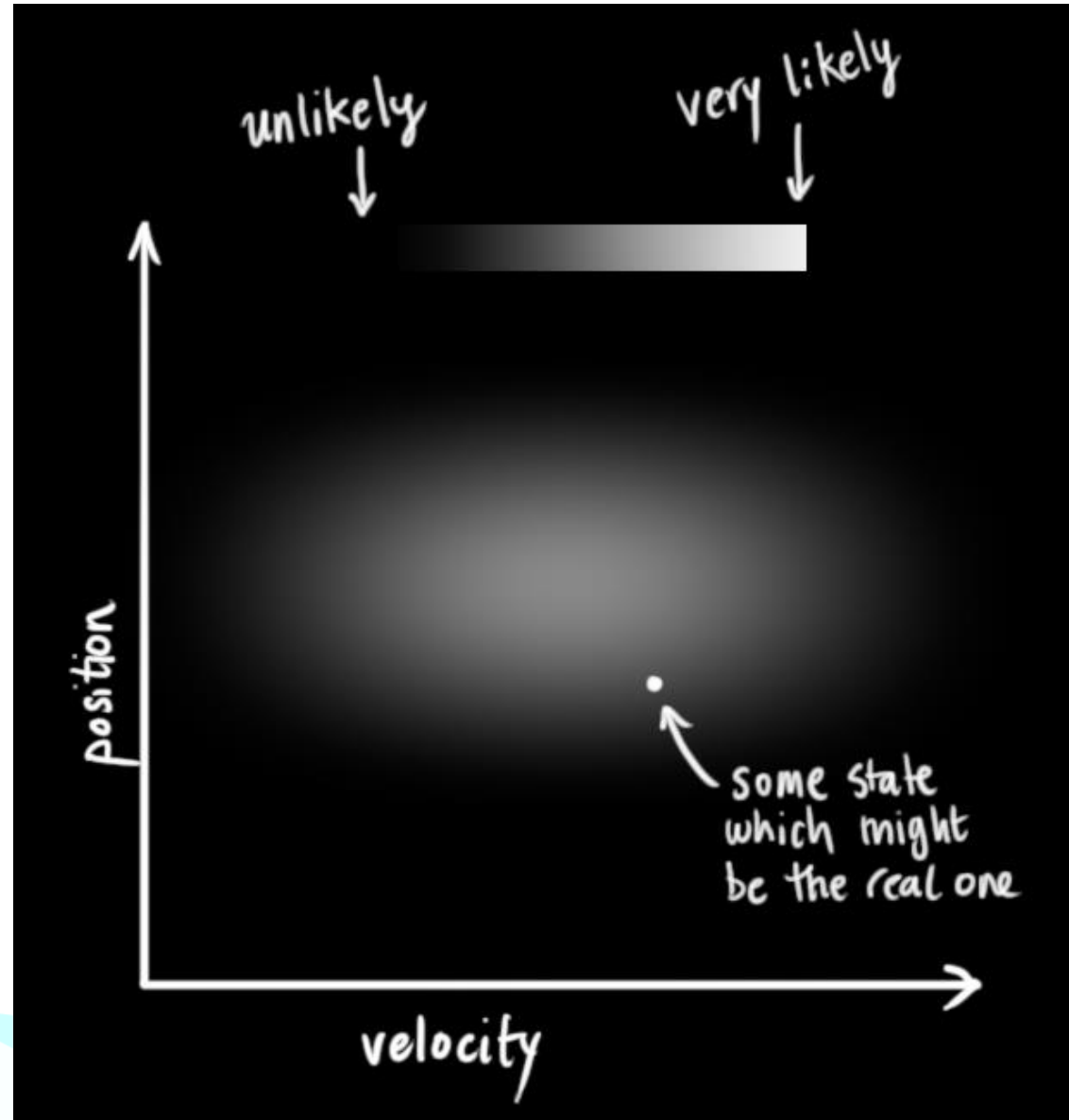
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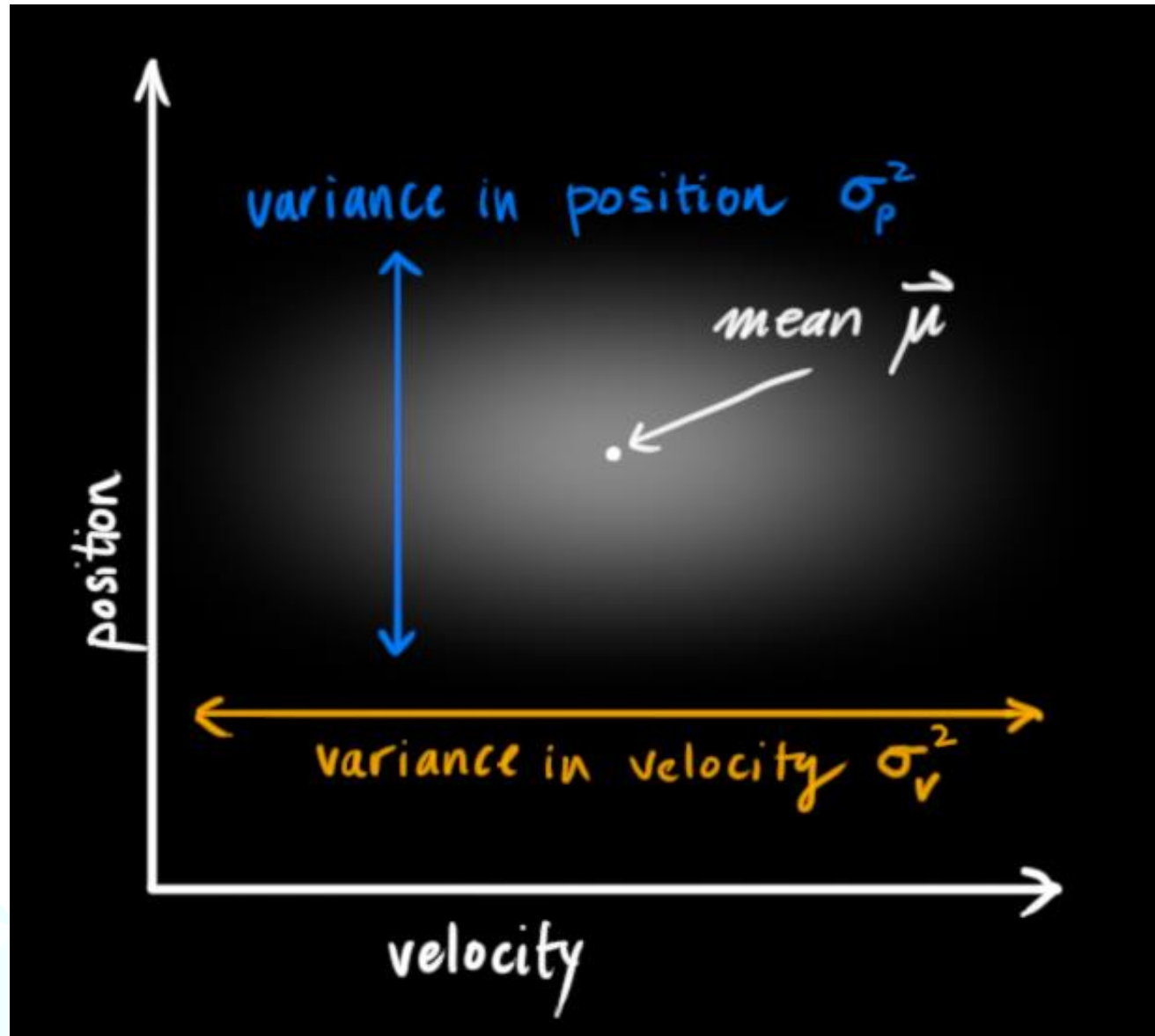
- Robot, estimate positions and velocity
- Photo and speed tracking elements to get information from real world

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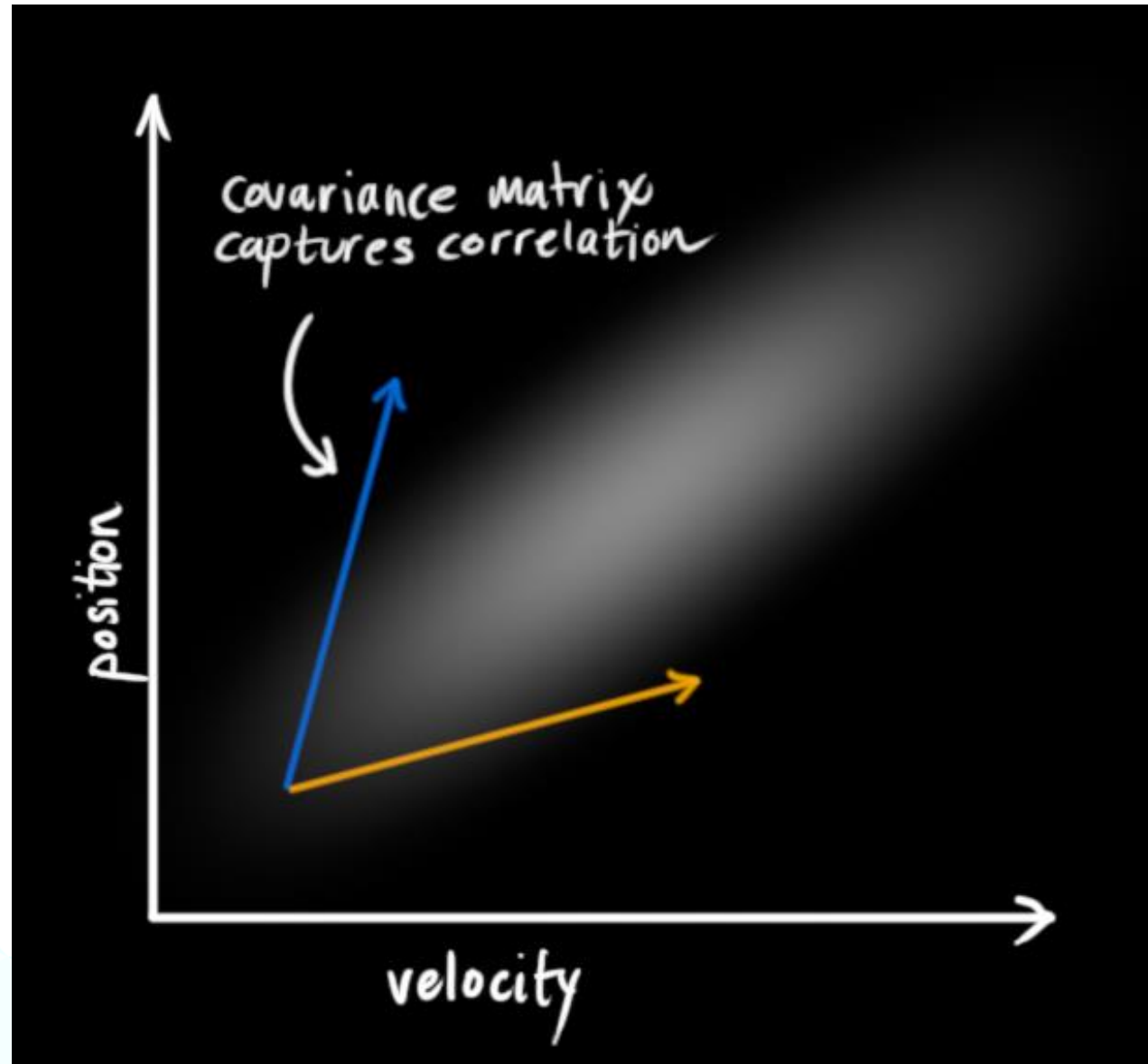
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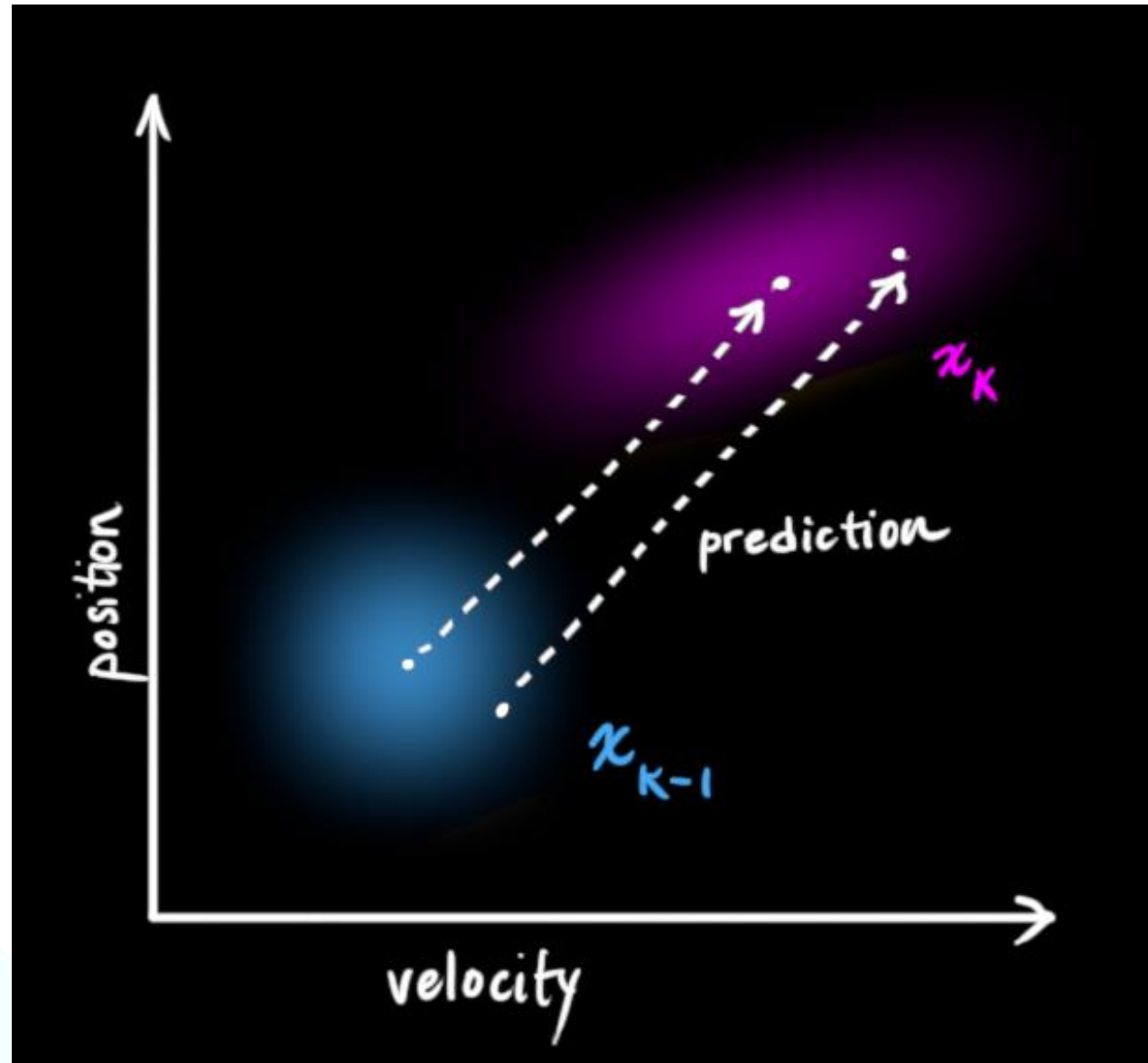
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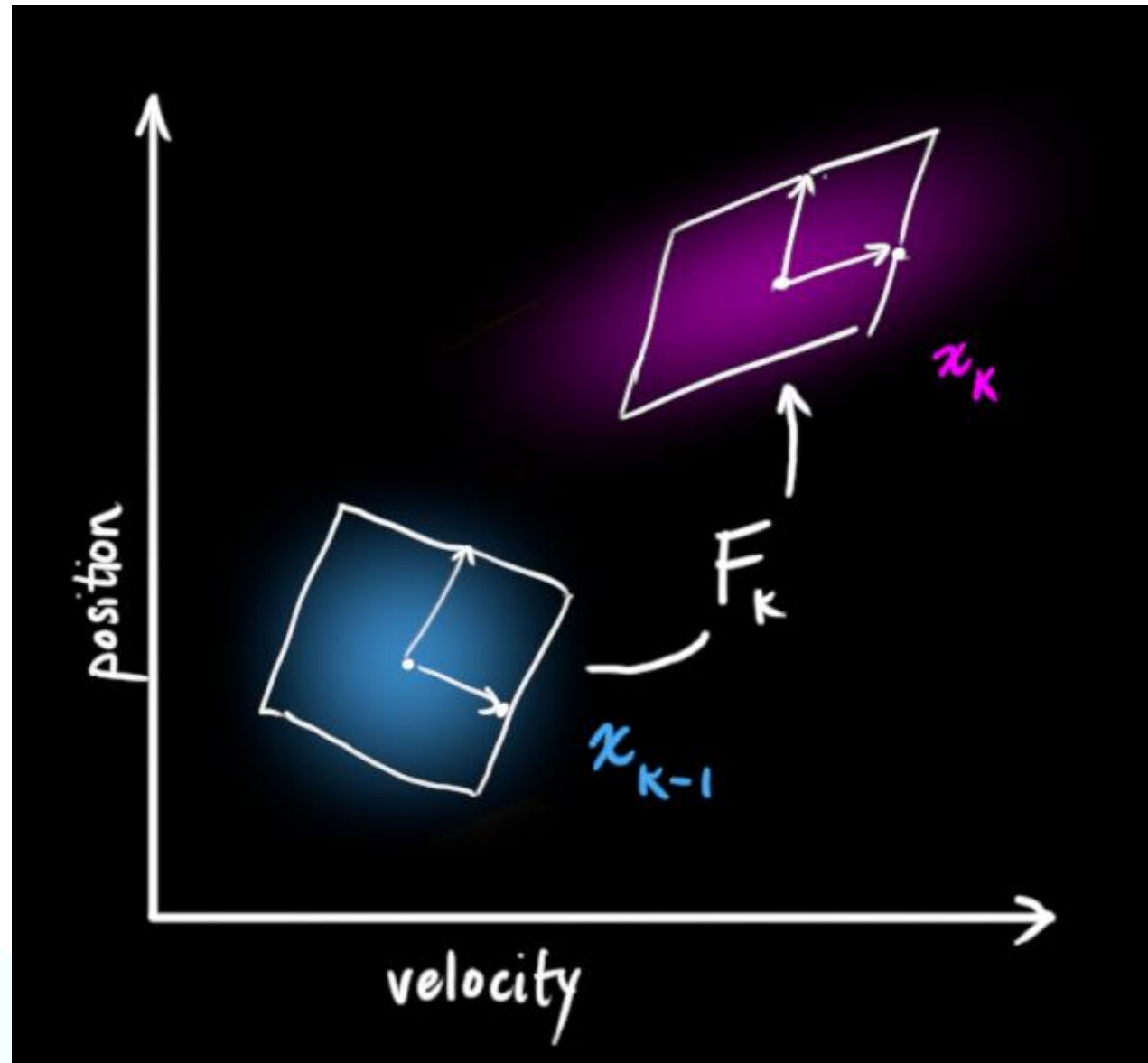
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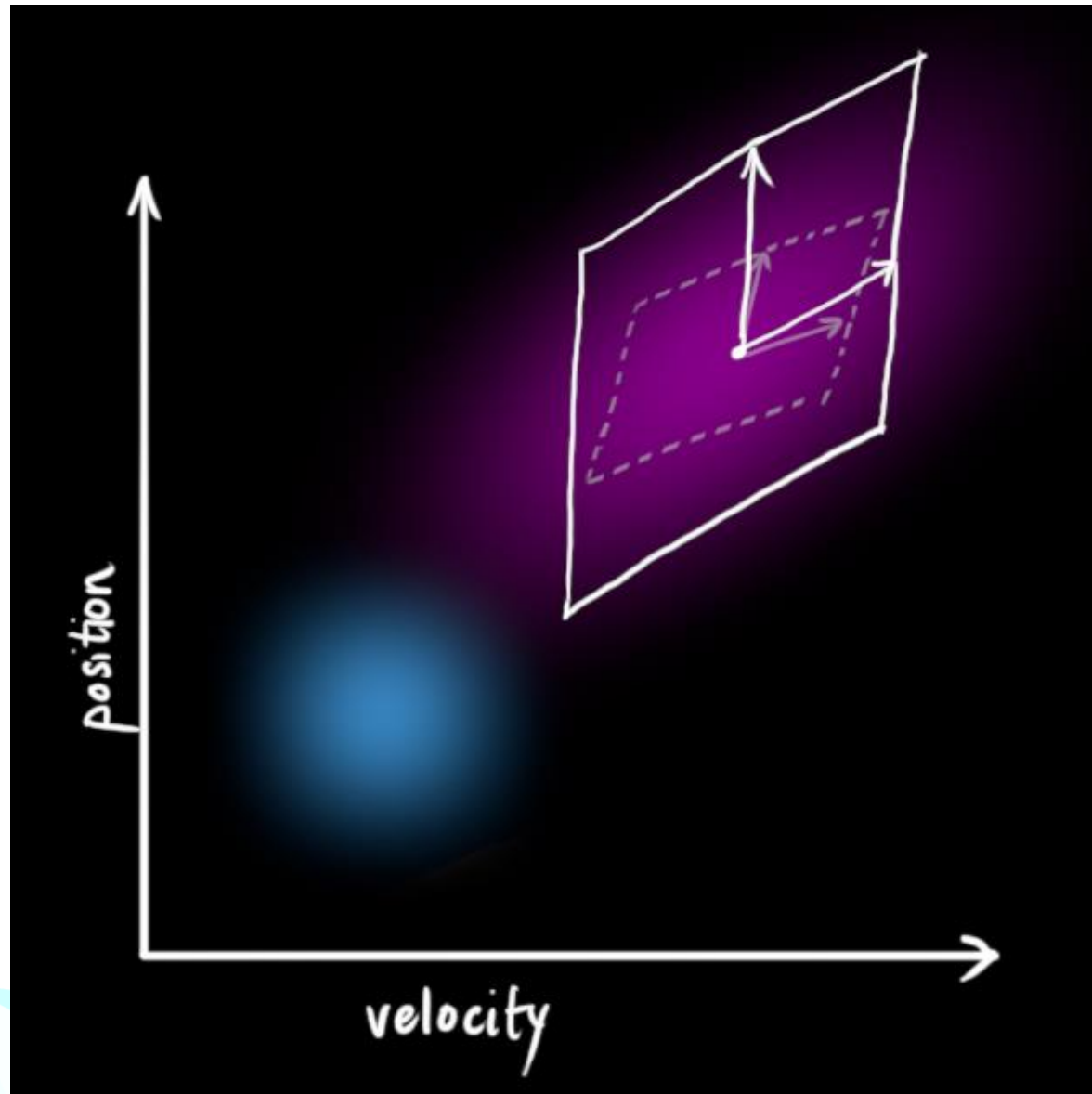
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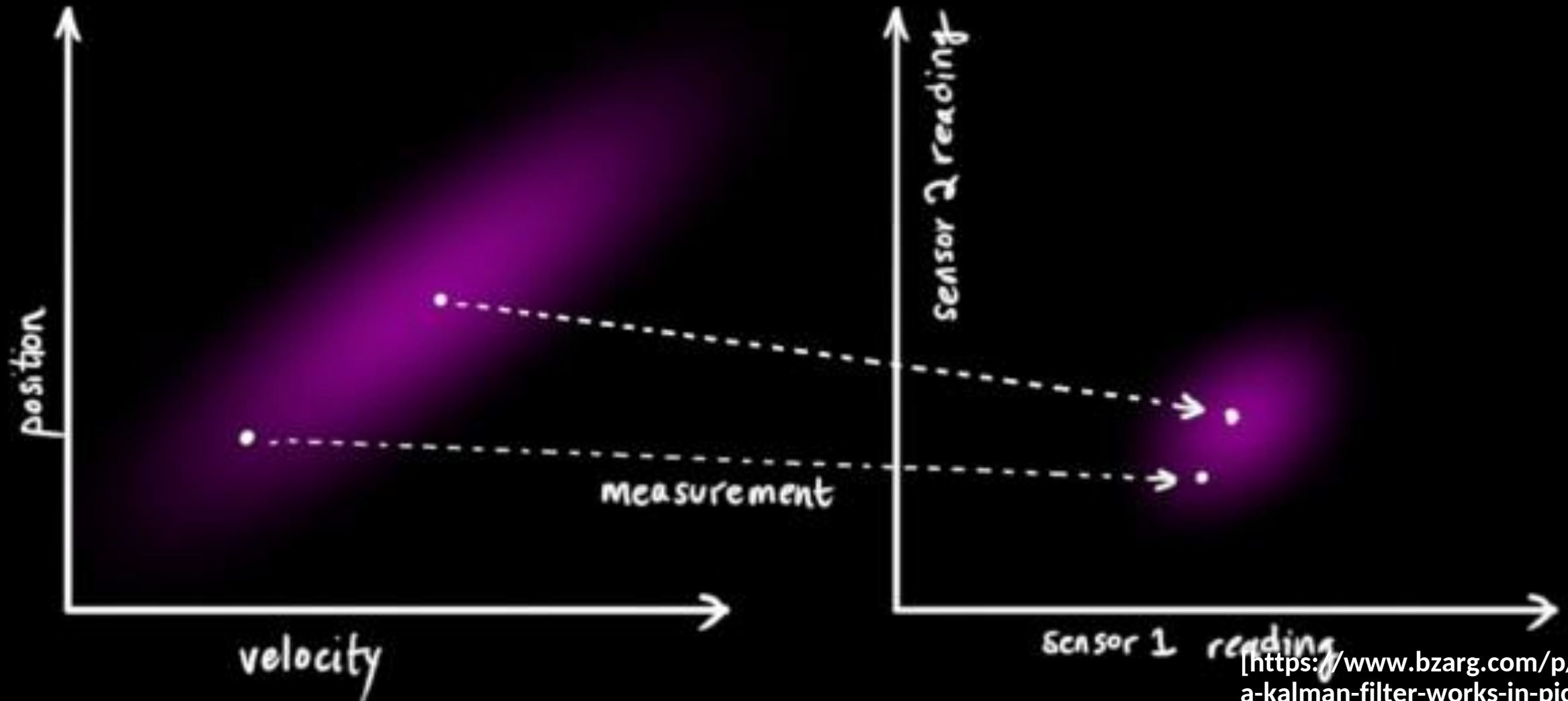
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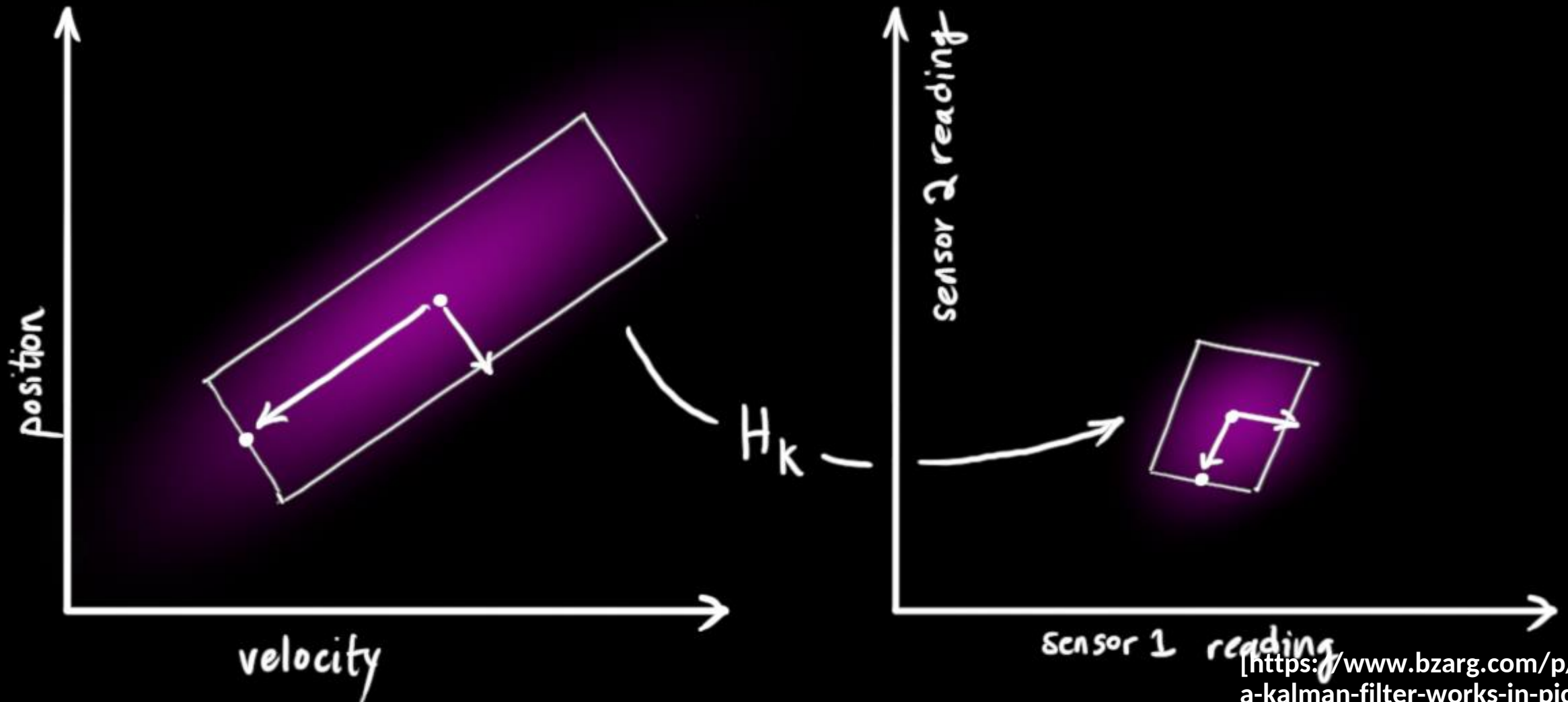
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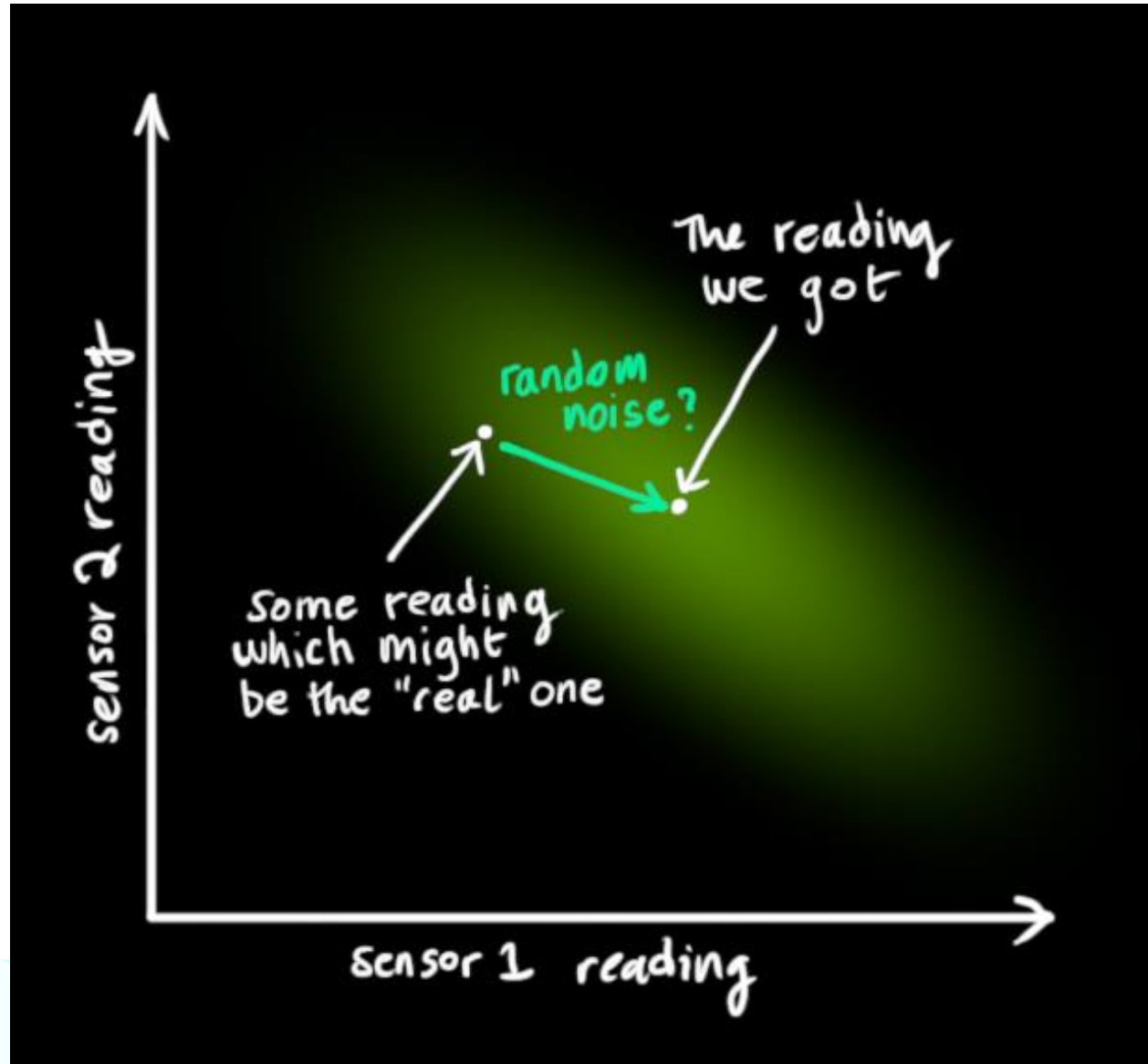
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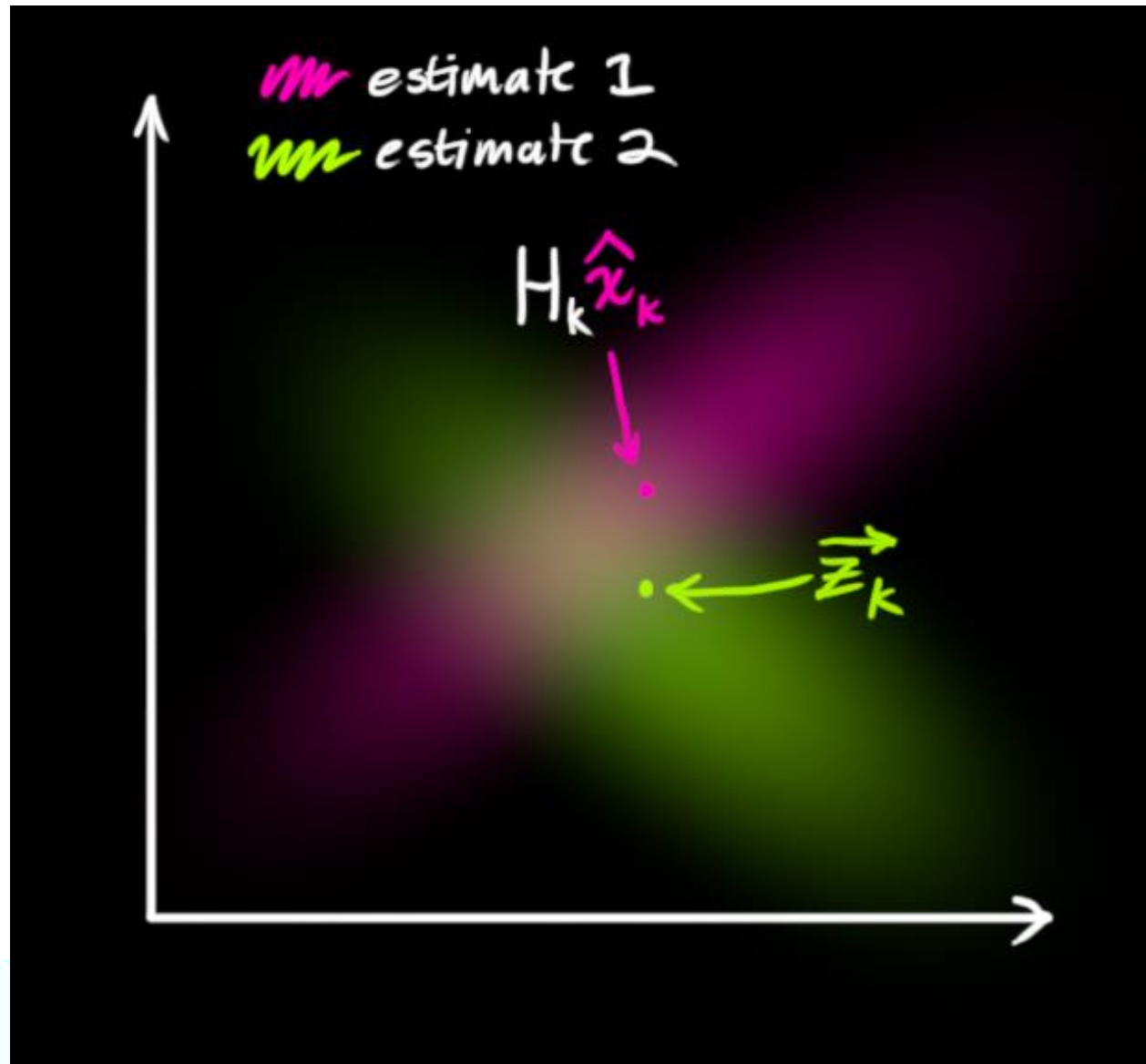
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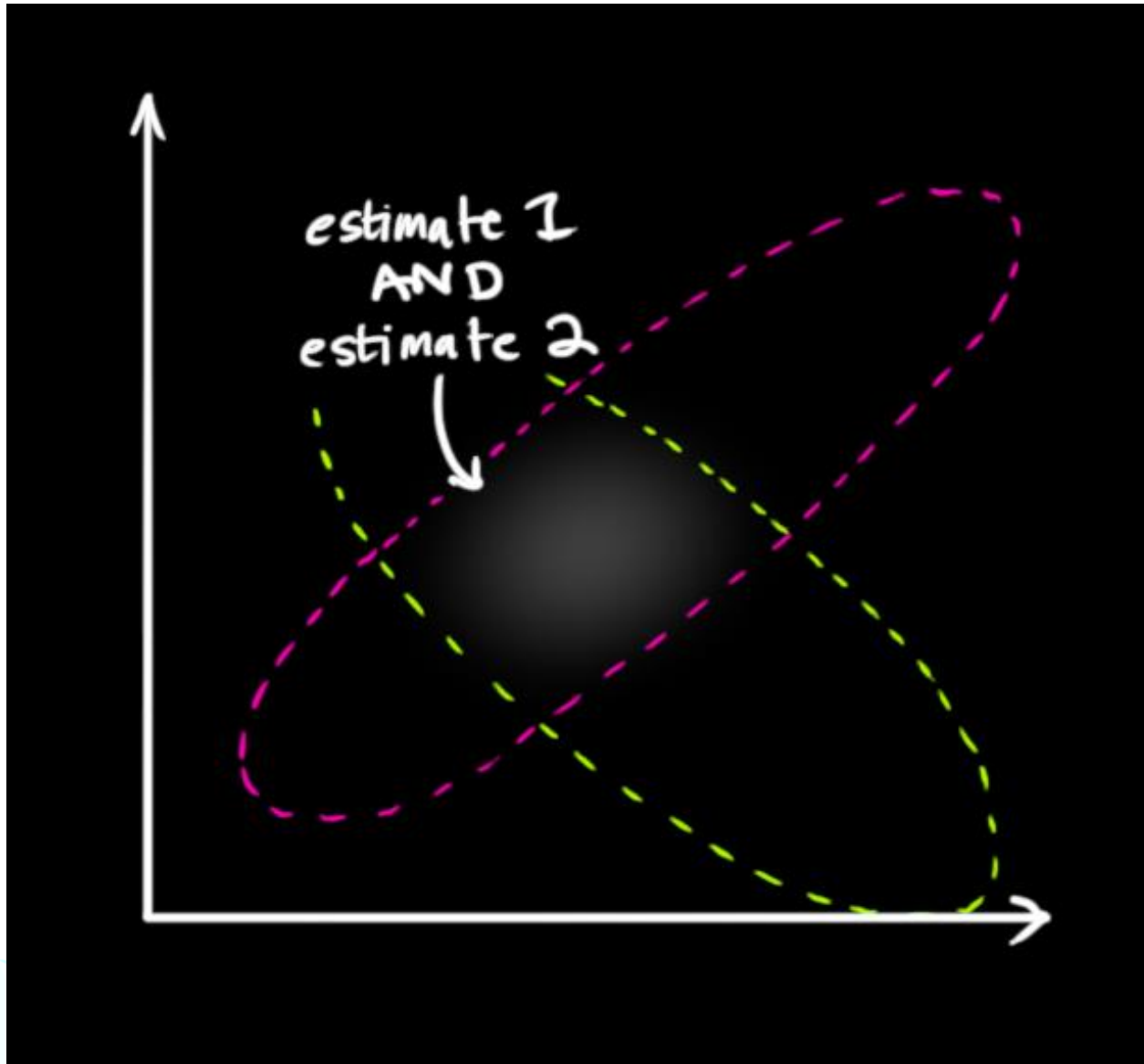
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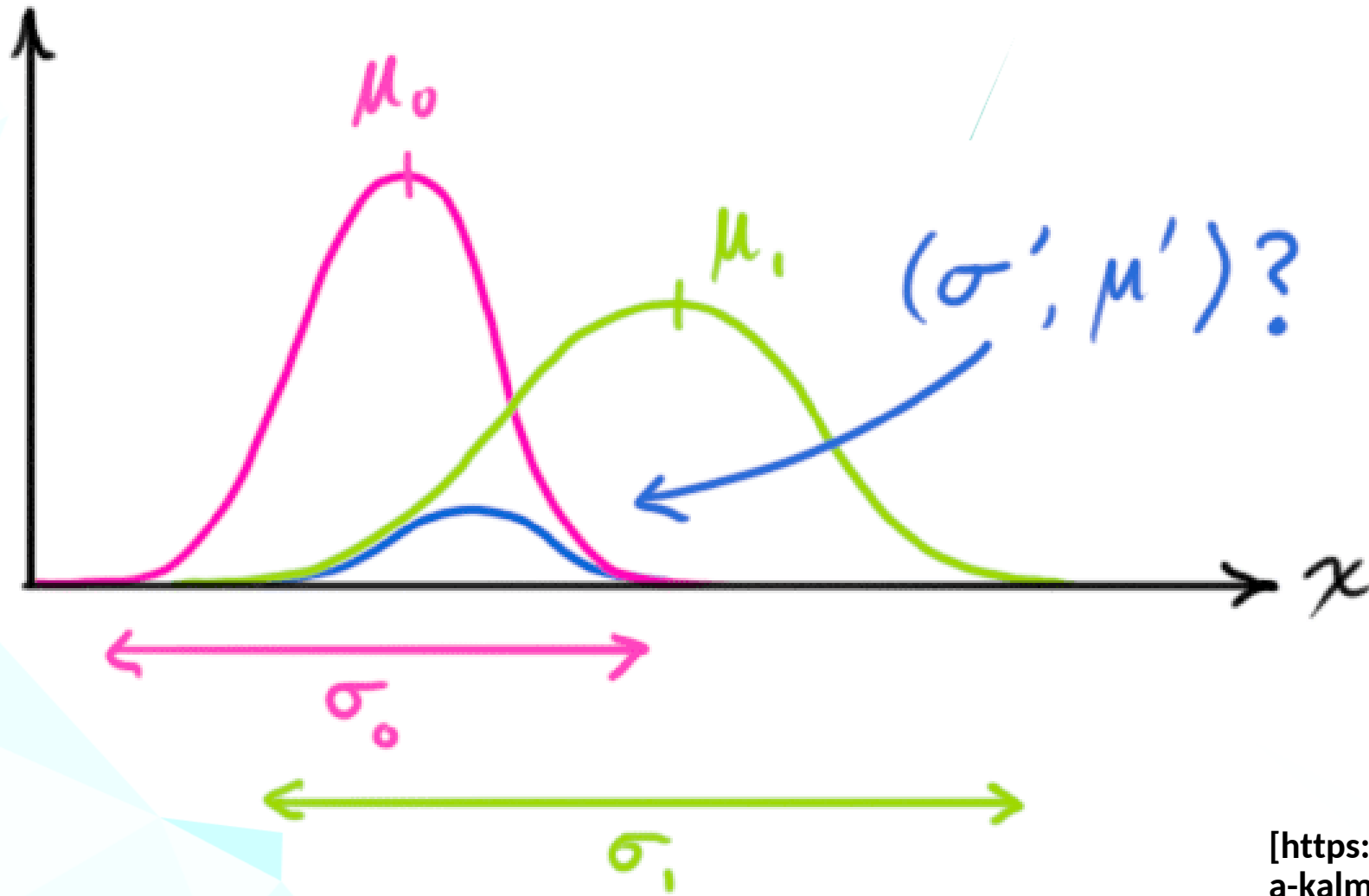
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Formalization

Linear

Suppose we have iterative process

$$x_k = A * x_{k-1} + B * u_k + w \quad p(w) \sim N(0, Q)$$

$$z_k = H * x_k + v \quad p(v) \sim N(0, R)$$

where

- x - unknown state of size n
- u - input sequence
- z - observations data of size m
- w - process noise
- v - observation noise

Nonlinear

The iterative process is

$$x_k = f(x_{k-1}, u_k, w) \quad p(w) \sim N(0, Q)$$

$$z_k = h(x_k, v) \quad p(v) \sim N(0, R)$$

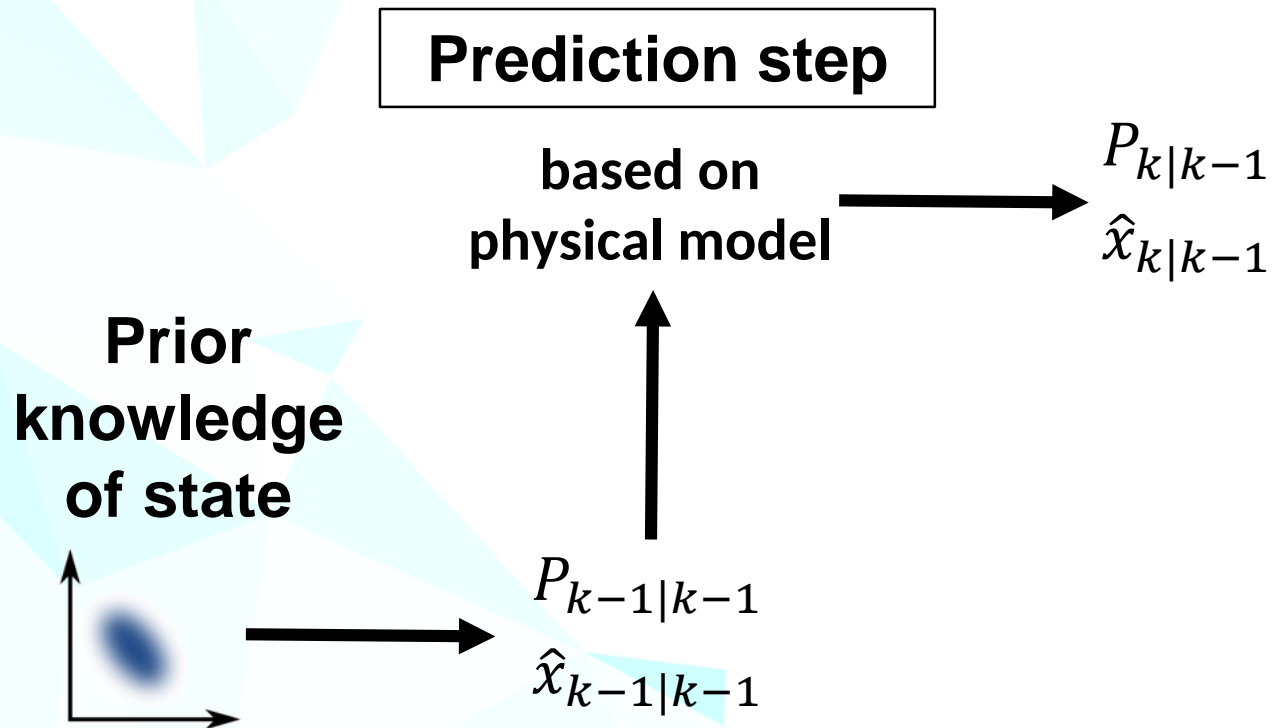
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Kalman filtering process

linear-quadratic estimation (linear system, quadratic cost)

- estimates unknown variables based on noisy observations which are sequentially acquired



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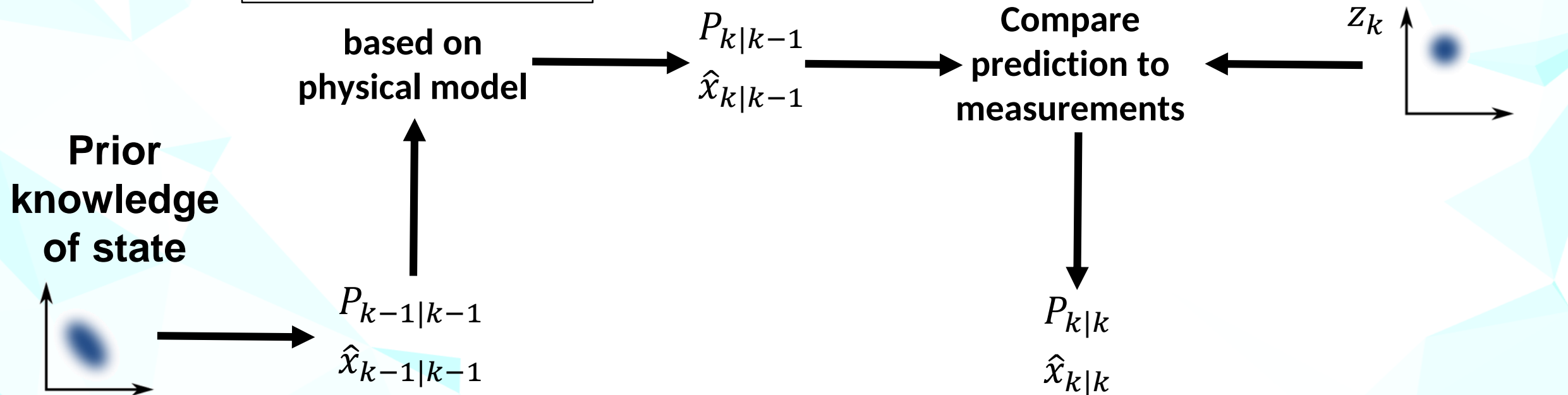
Minimizing cost function:

$$\min_x J = \frac{1}{2} (z_k - Hx)^T R^{-1} (z_k - Hx) + \frac{1}{2} (x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})^T P_{k|k-1}^{-1} (x - \hat{x}_{k|k-1})$$

Prediction step

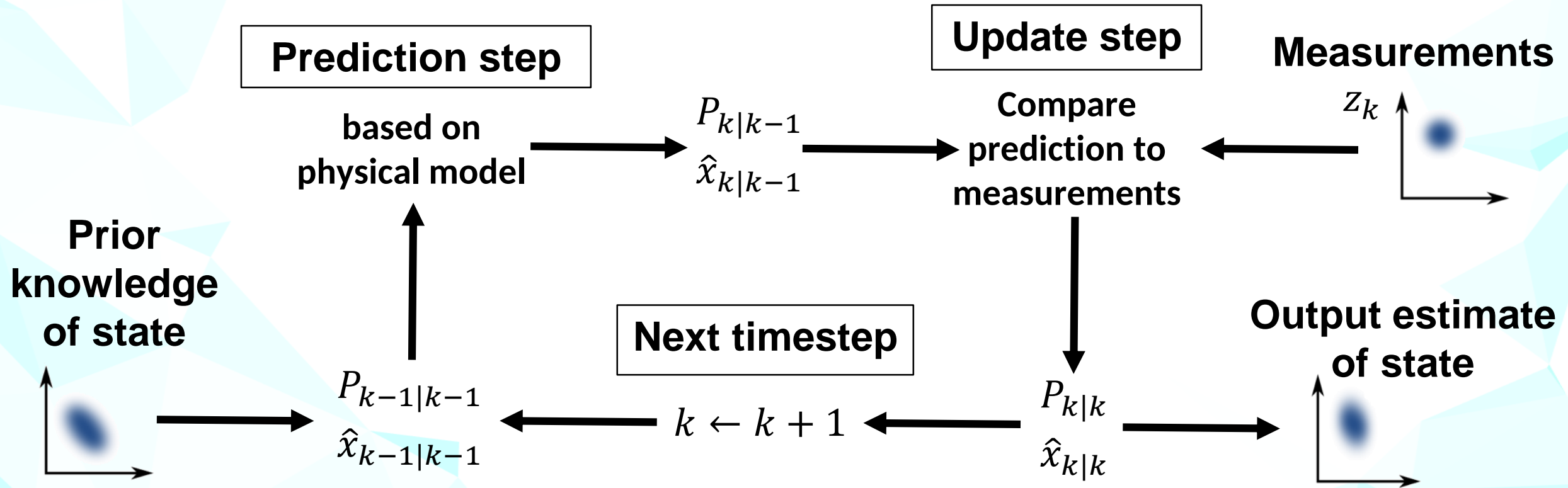
Update step

Measurements



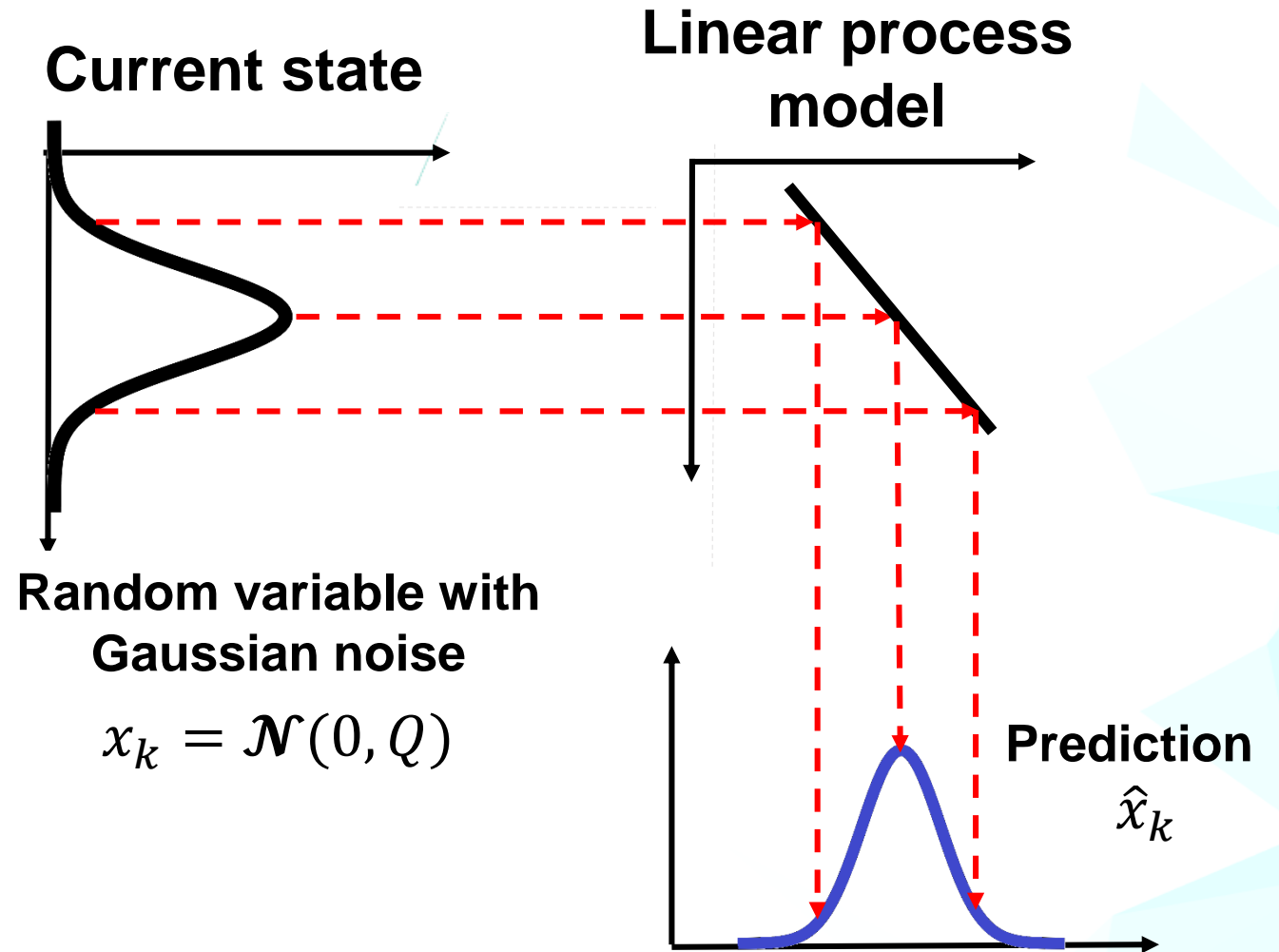
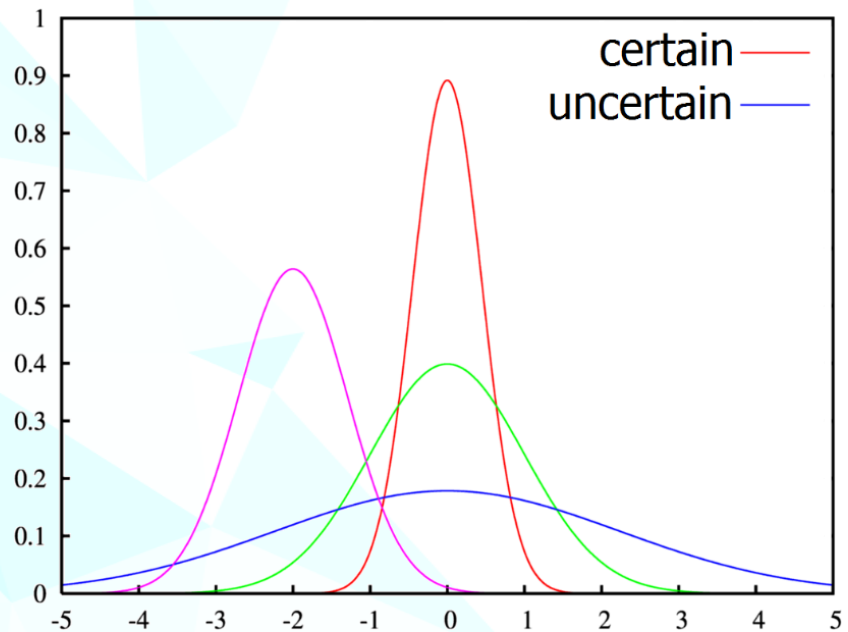
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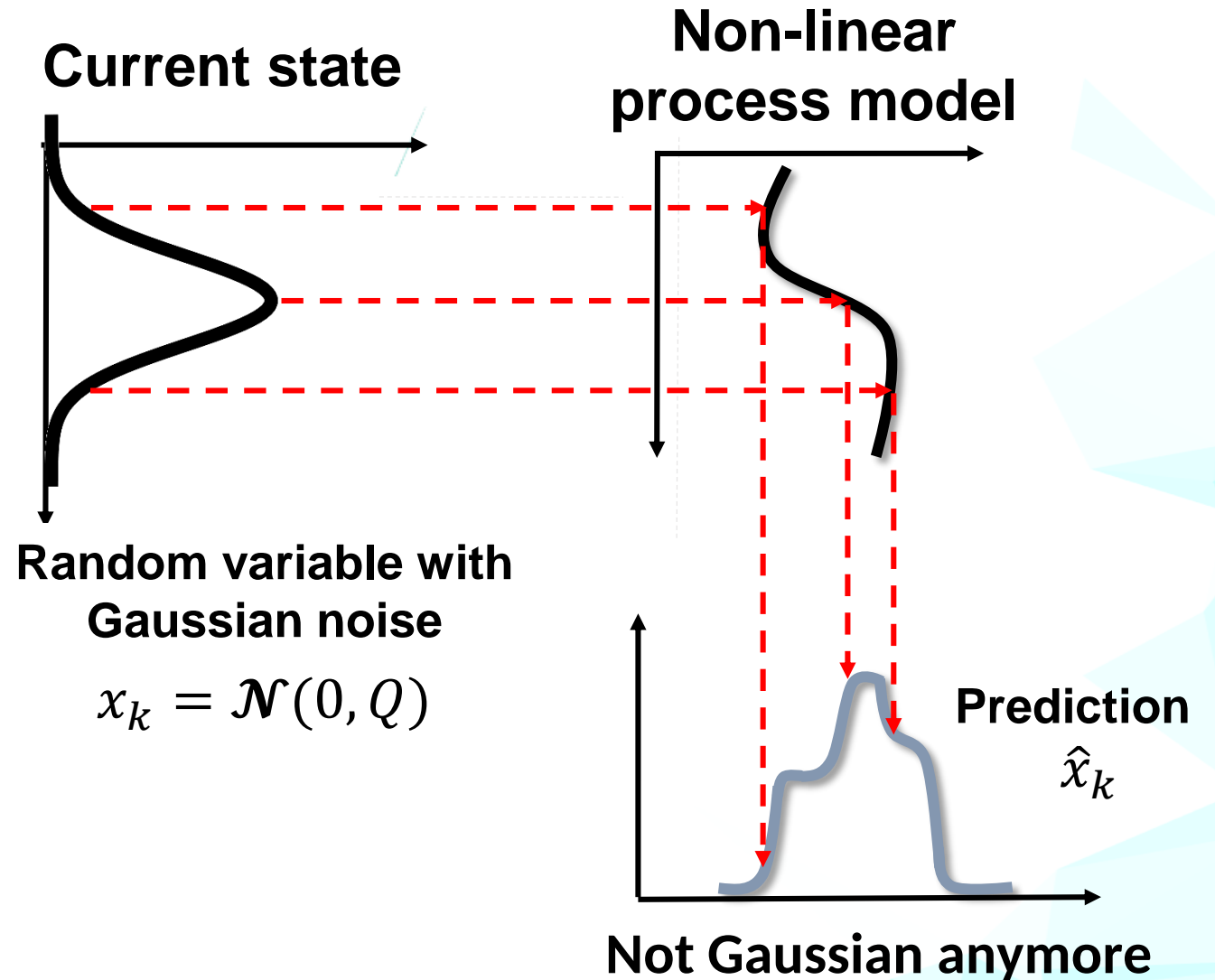
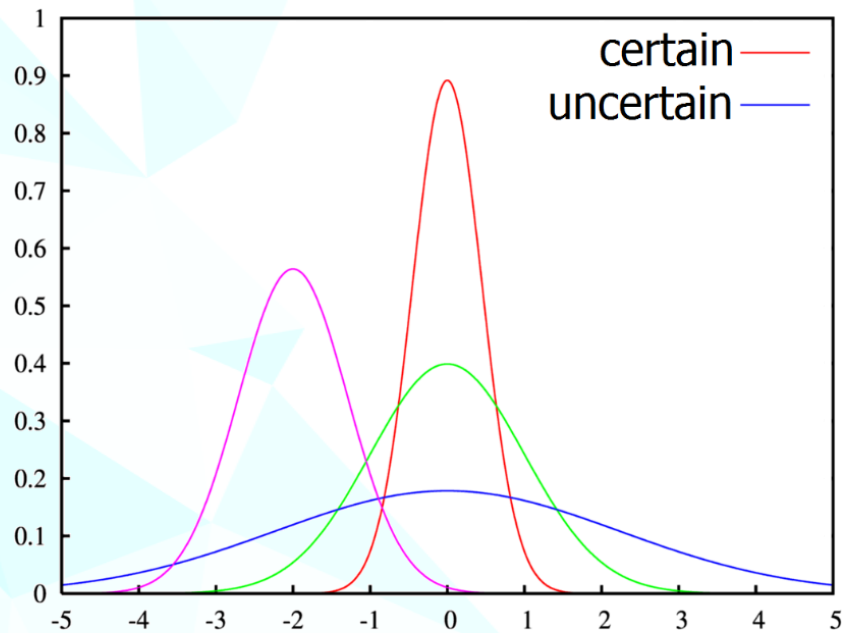
Distribution Transformation

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Nonlinear Kalman filters

- **Transformation (simulation step) system linearization (EKF)**

- **Main issue – system complexity**

1. Multidimensional derivative (positions, {velocities}, material parameters, spring stiffness, {contact parameters})
2. Iterative solvers processing
3. Approximation accuracy (second order derivative)

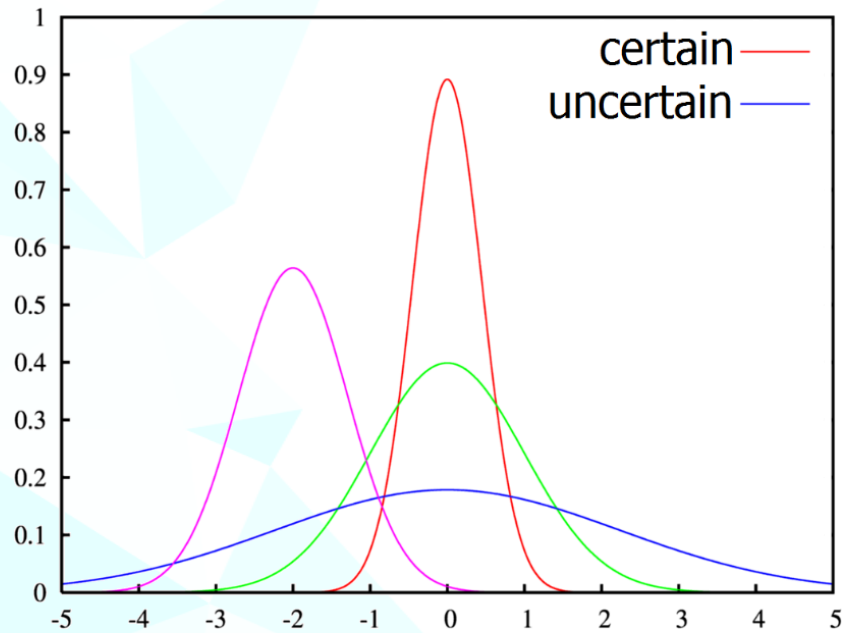
- **Probabilistic distribution discretization (UKF, EnKF)**

- It is easier to approximate a known Gaussian distribution than an arbitrary nonlinear function/transformation

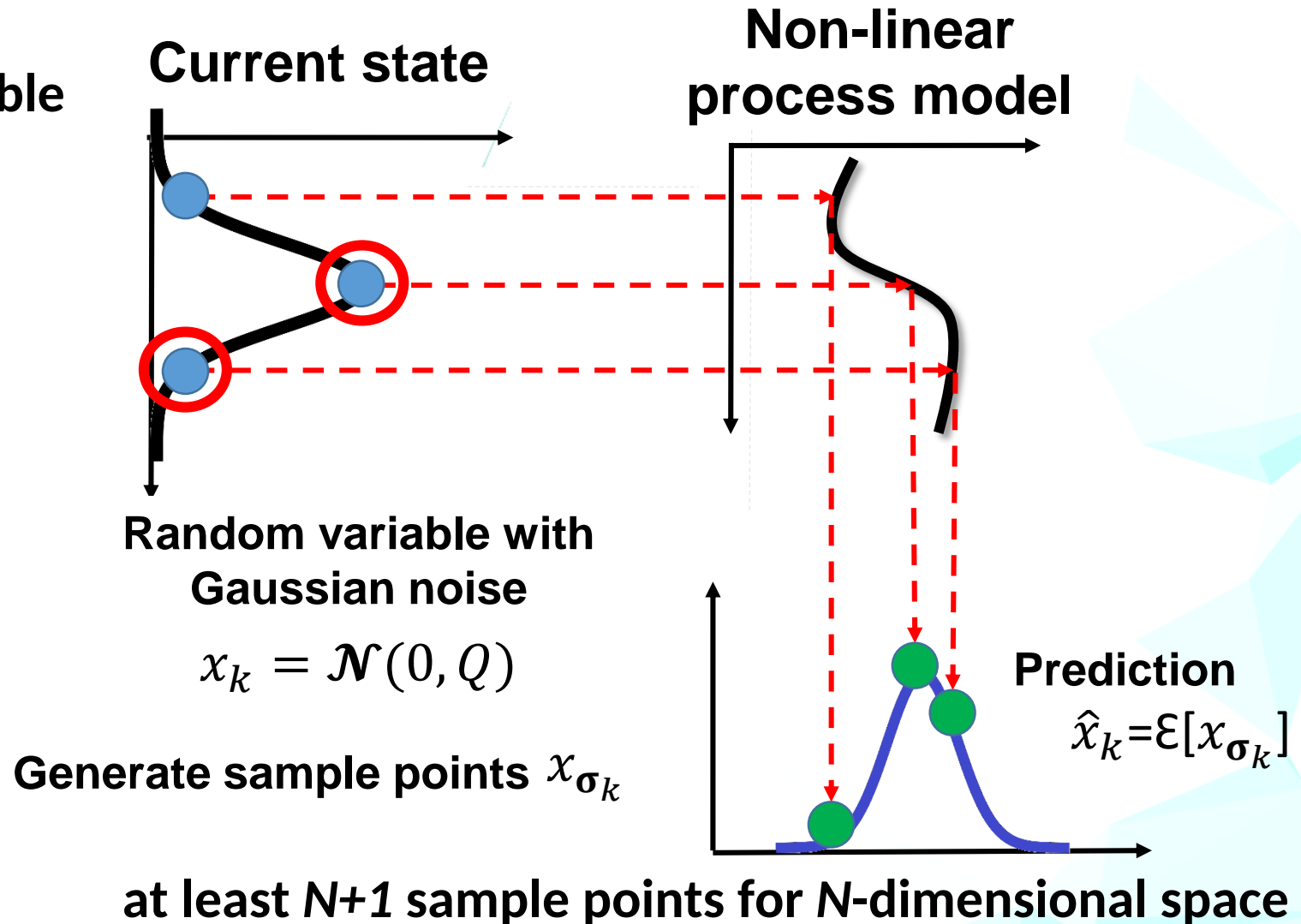
- **Main issue – computation time**

Transformation of Uncertainty

- every unknown is random variable with Gaussian distribution



Prediction step takes 85-95 % of the whole time



Order reduction

1. System model reduction

- + simple model (coarse mesh),
- POD, wavelets, ...

2. Covariance matrix reduction

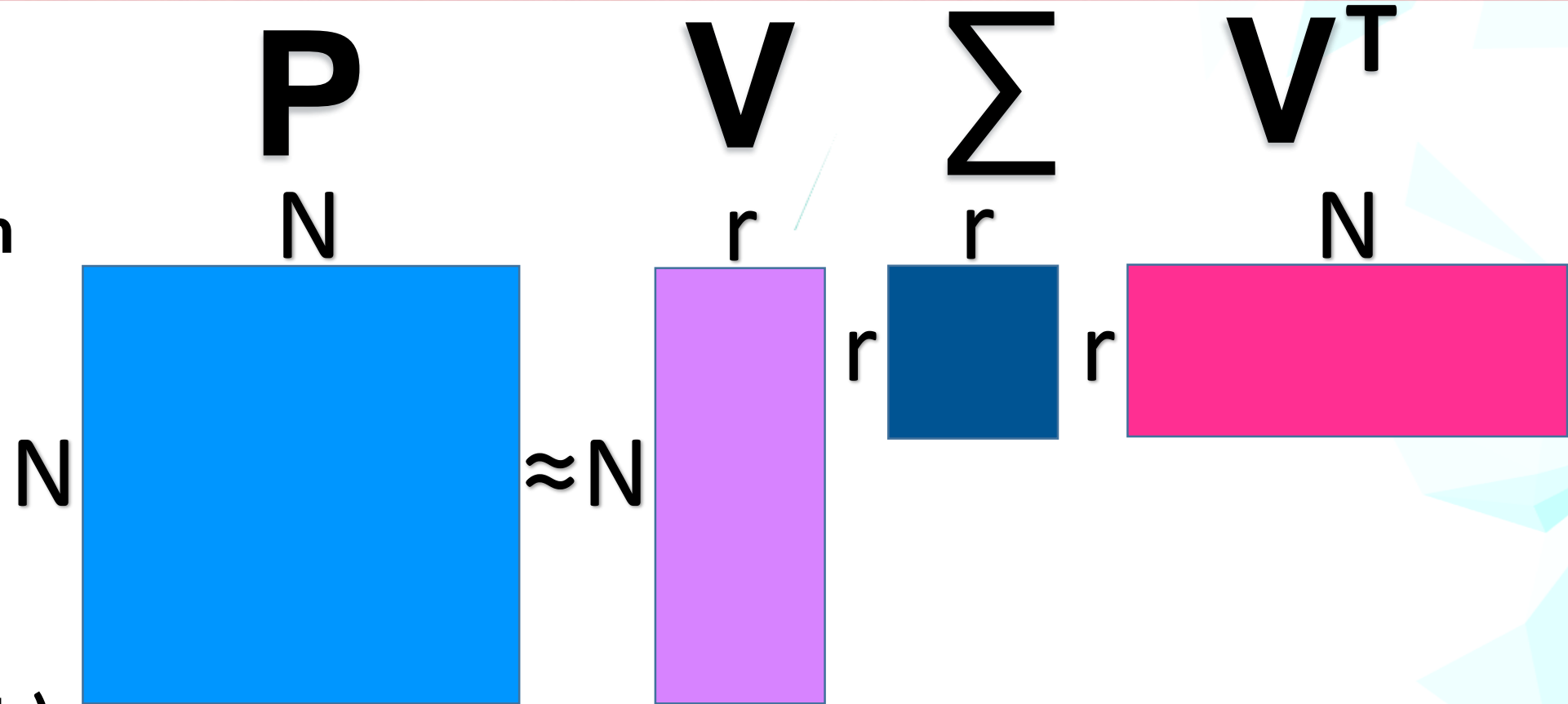
- + simple model (coarse mesh), SVD, EOF, Monte-Carlo estimation
- factorization, multiscale analysis,

3. Filtering loop improvement

- + EnTKF
- wavelet rank reduction, Singular Evolutive Extended Kalman Filter -
replace analysis matrix by a lower rank approximation

Covariance matrix reduction

- Singular value decomposition (SVD)



- Empirical orthogonal functions (EOFs)

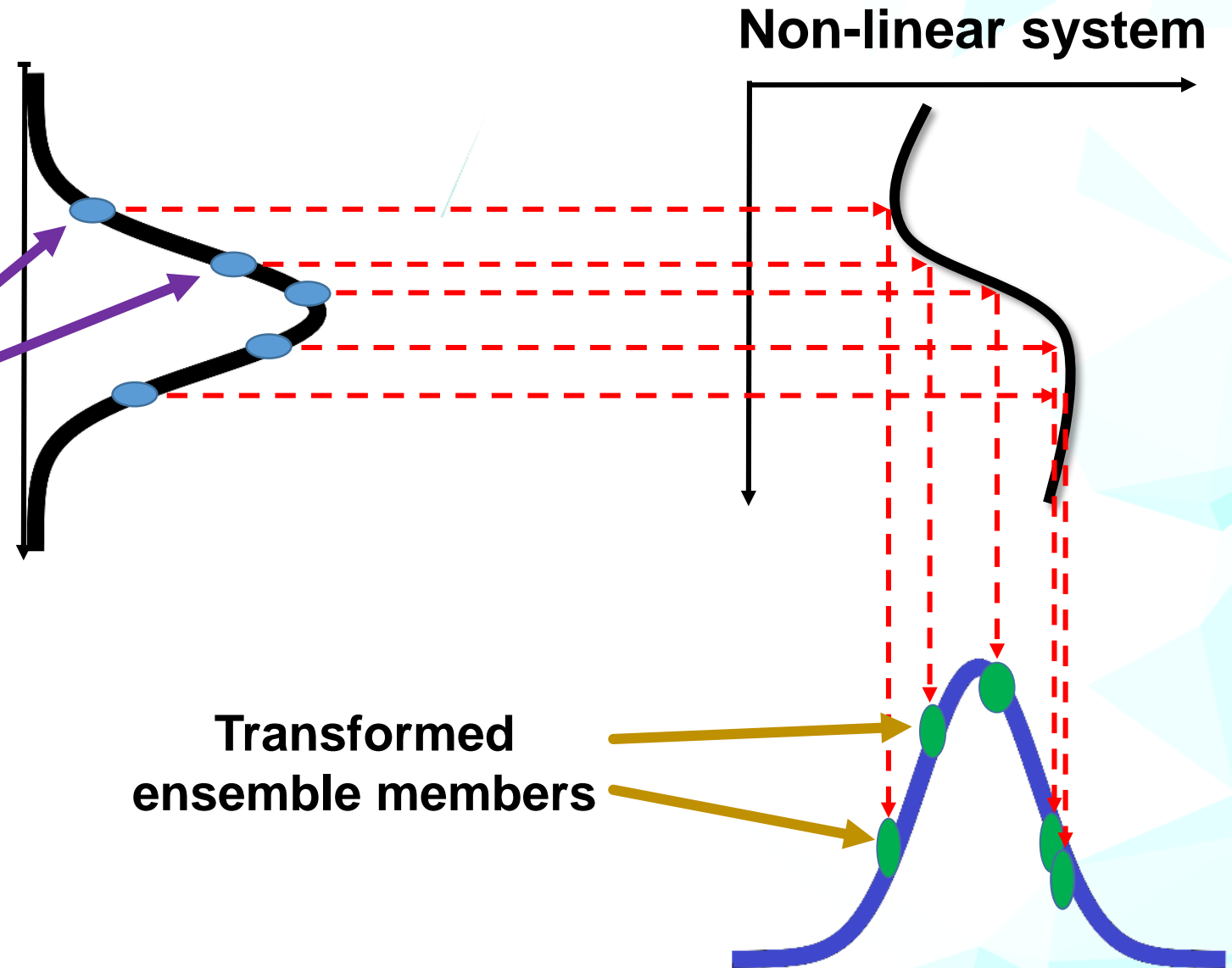
– The basic functions are chosen to be different from each other and to account for as much variance as possible

Ensemble Transform Kalman filter (Idea)

- Monte-Karlo estimator (integration) for covariance matrix

Ensemble members

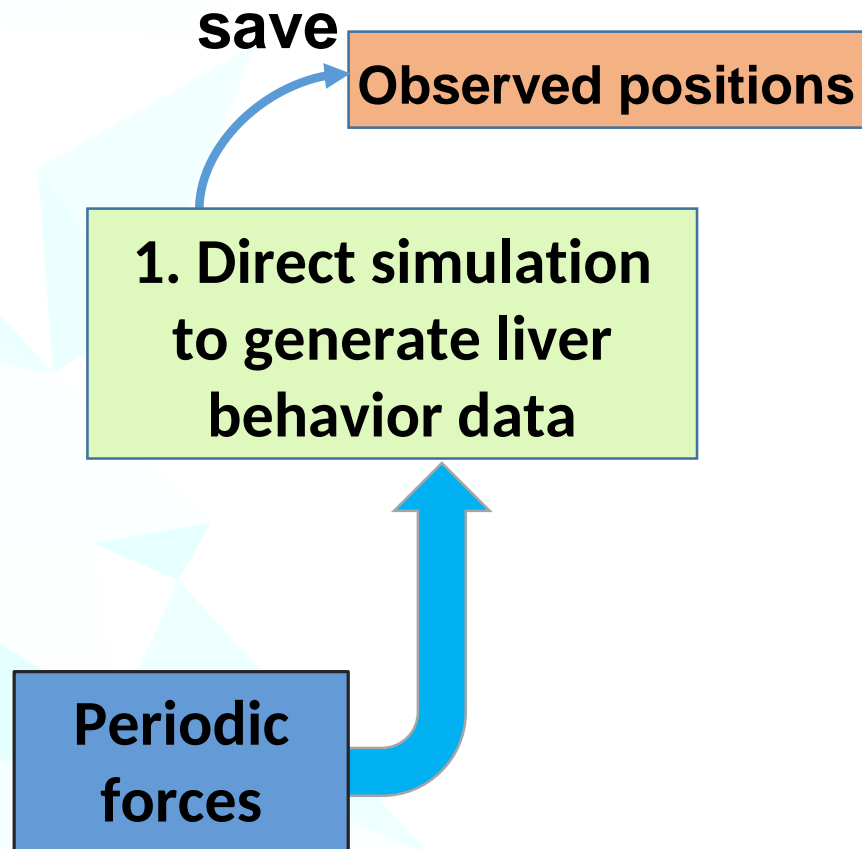
- The cost function is reformulated and Correction (analysis) is performed in ensemble subspace



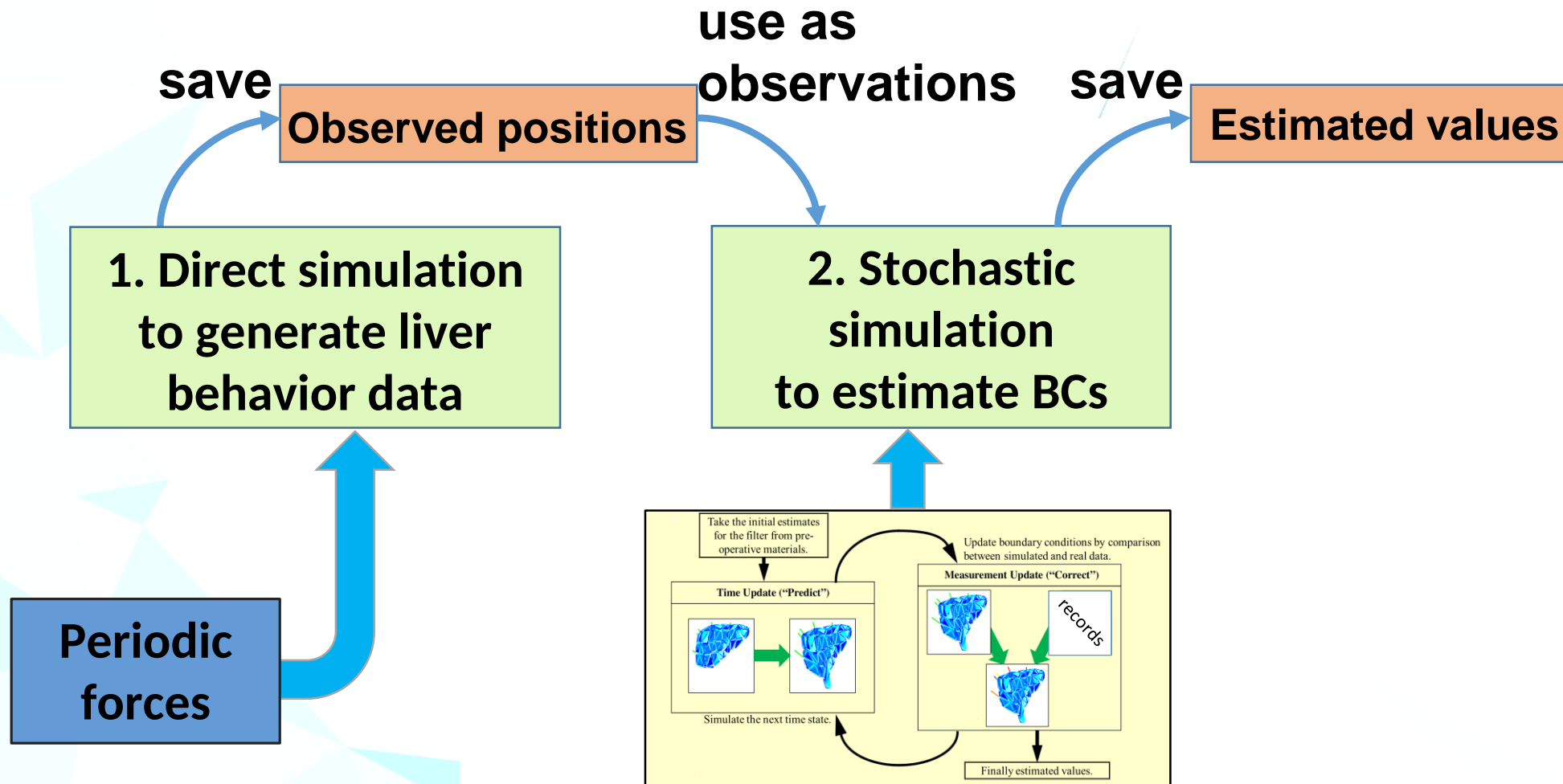
Ensemble Transform Kalman filter (Tips and tricks)

- **Localization** – to approximate covariance more precisely
 - Take observations close to estimated unknowns
 - All observations are local ??
- **Inflation** – to prevent filter divergence
 - Equivalent to process noise addition to increase uncertainty

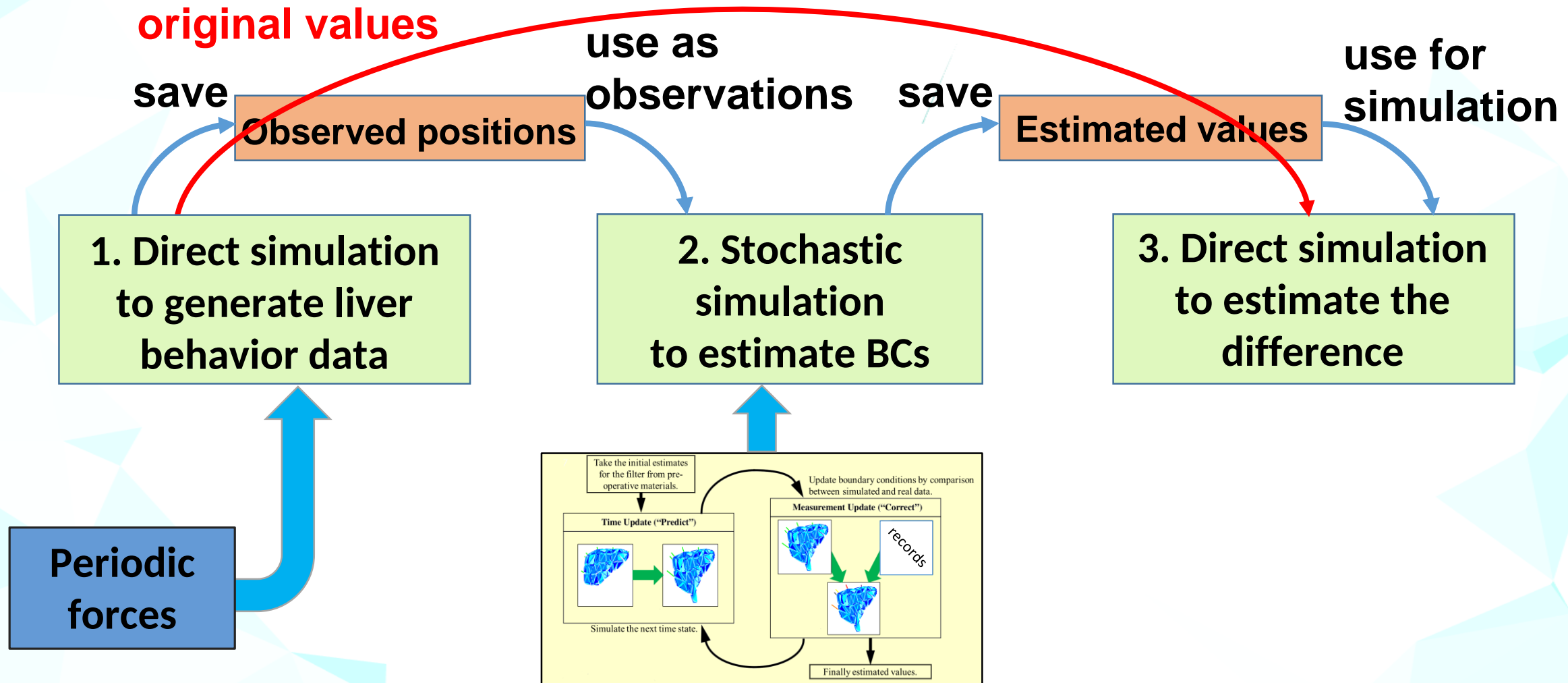
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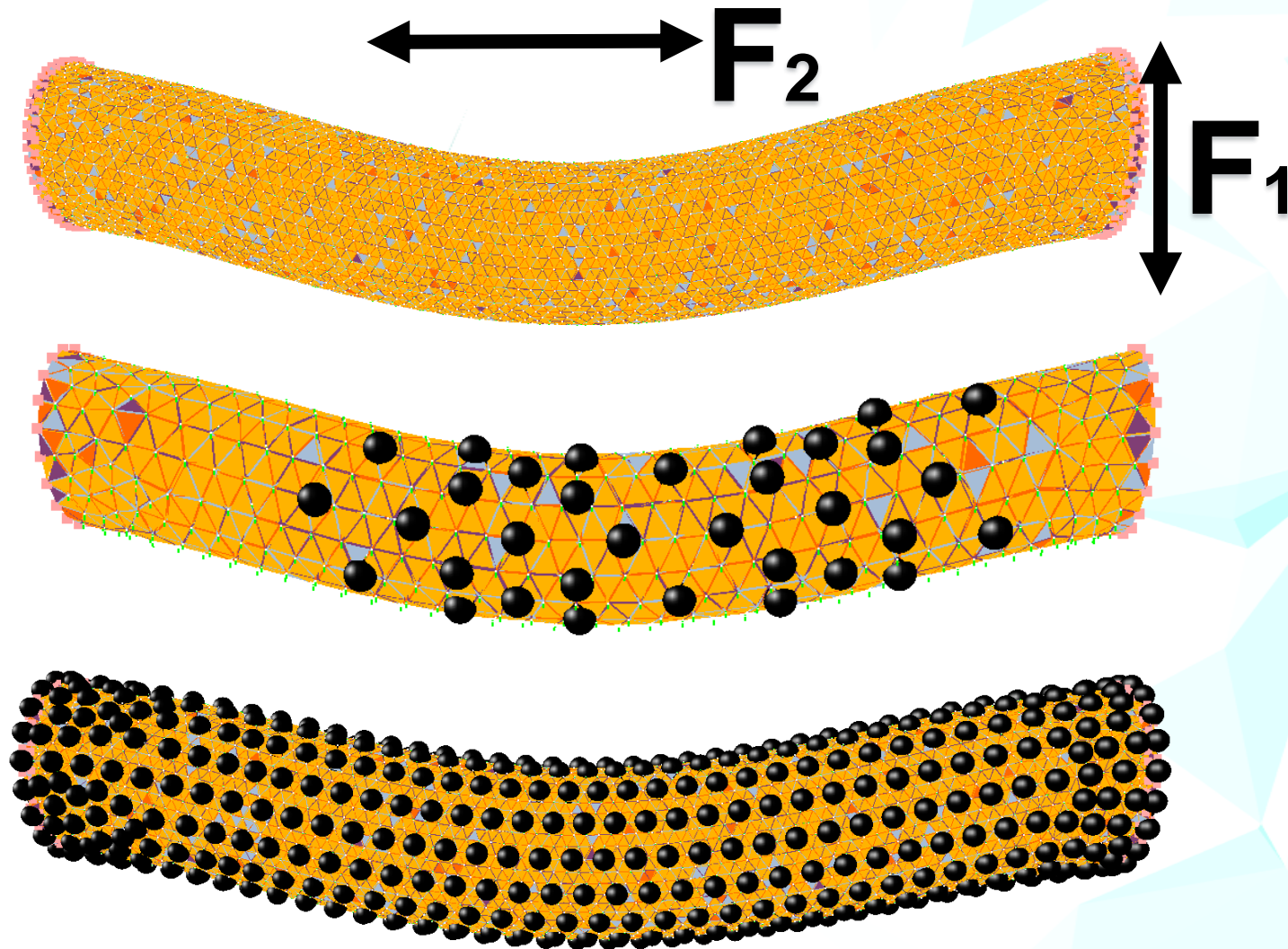


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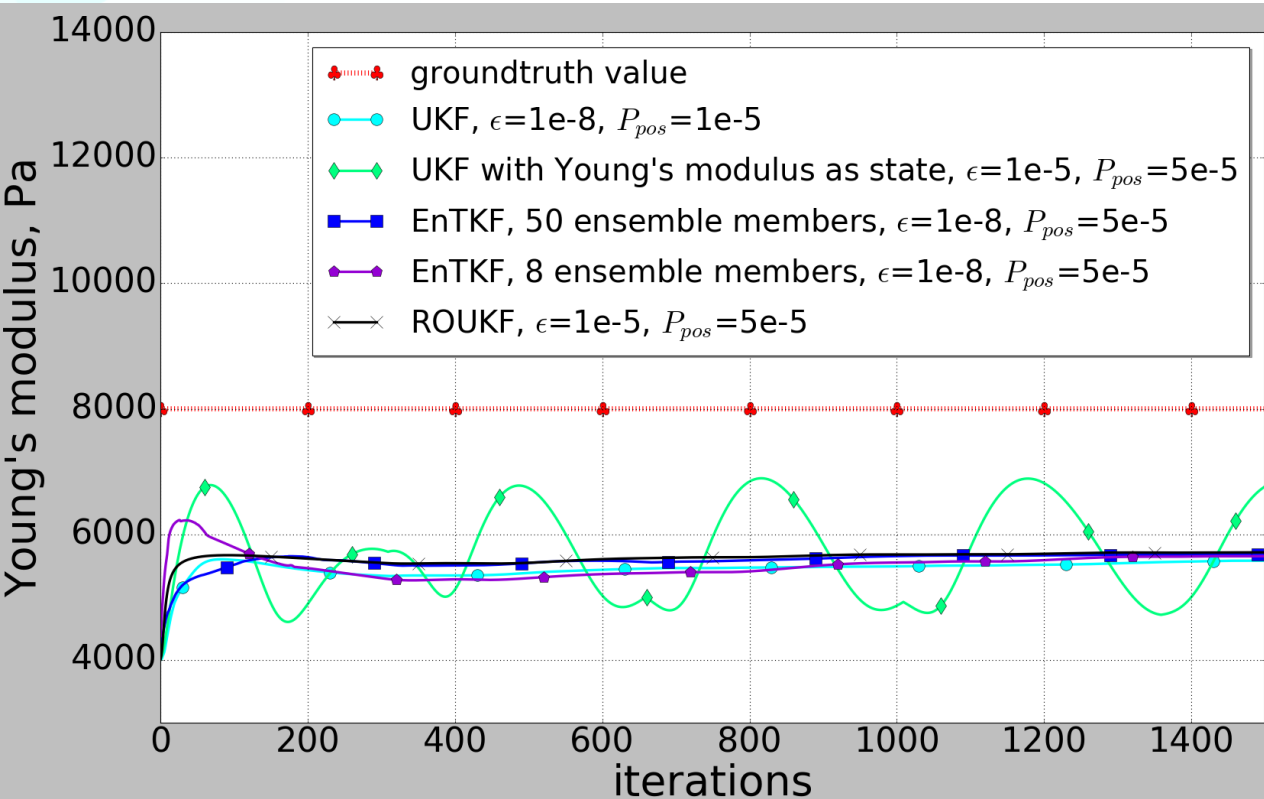
Cylinder Experiment Description

- Groundtruth model: 3cm diam. by 18 cm approx. 52000 el., NeoHookean material 8000 Pa, Poisson 0.49
- Periodic forces to simulate impact. First scenario bending, second scenario stretching
- Observed data - 33 surface markers
- DA model: 3cm diam. by 18 cm approx. 3000 el., StVK material
- Init modulus 4000 Pa, std 350
- Compare points of coarse mesh

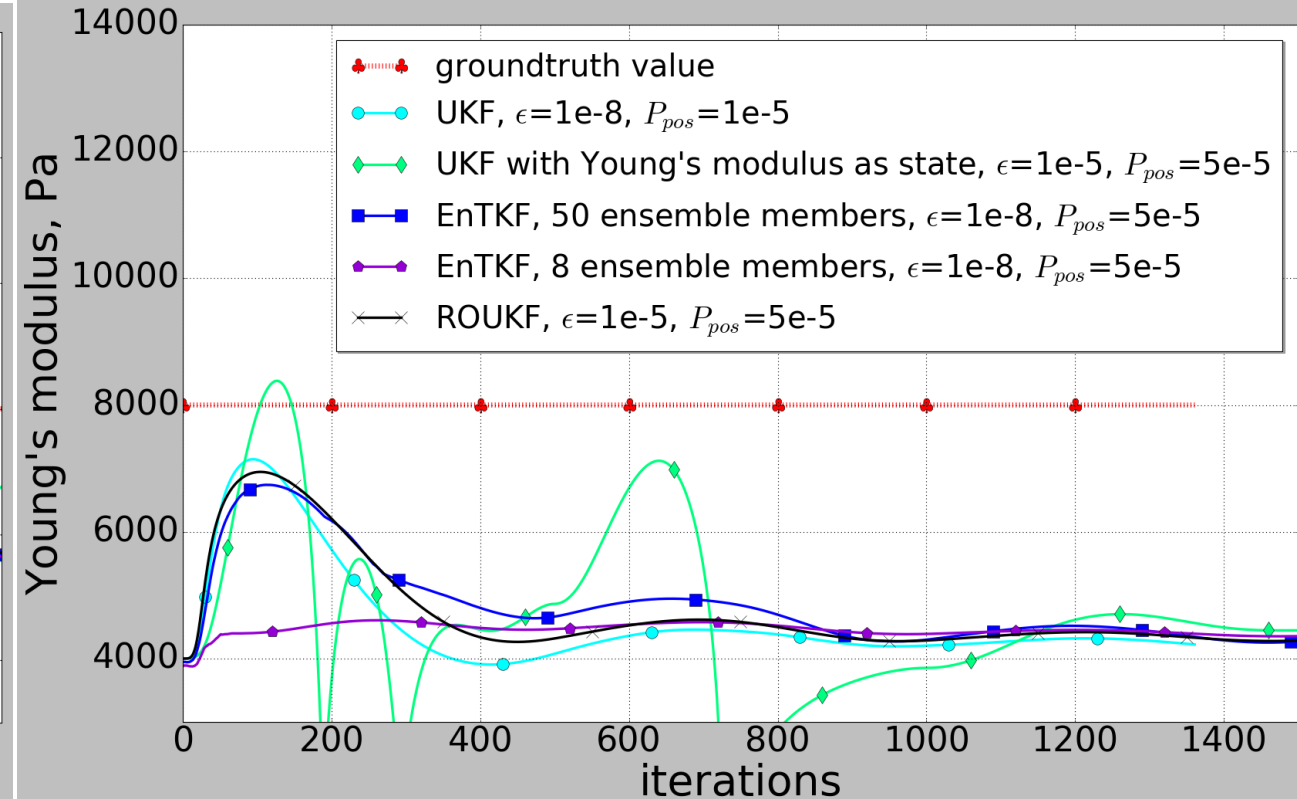


Cylinder Experiment Results

Bending

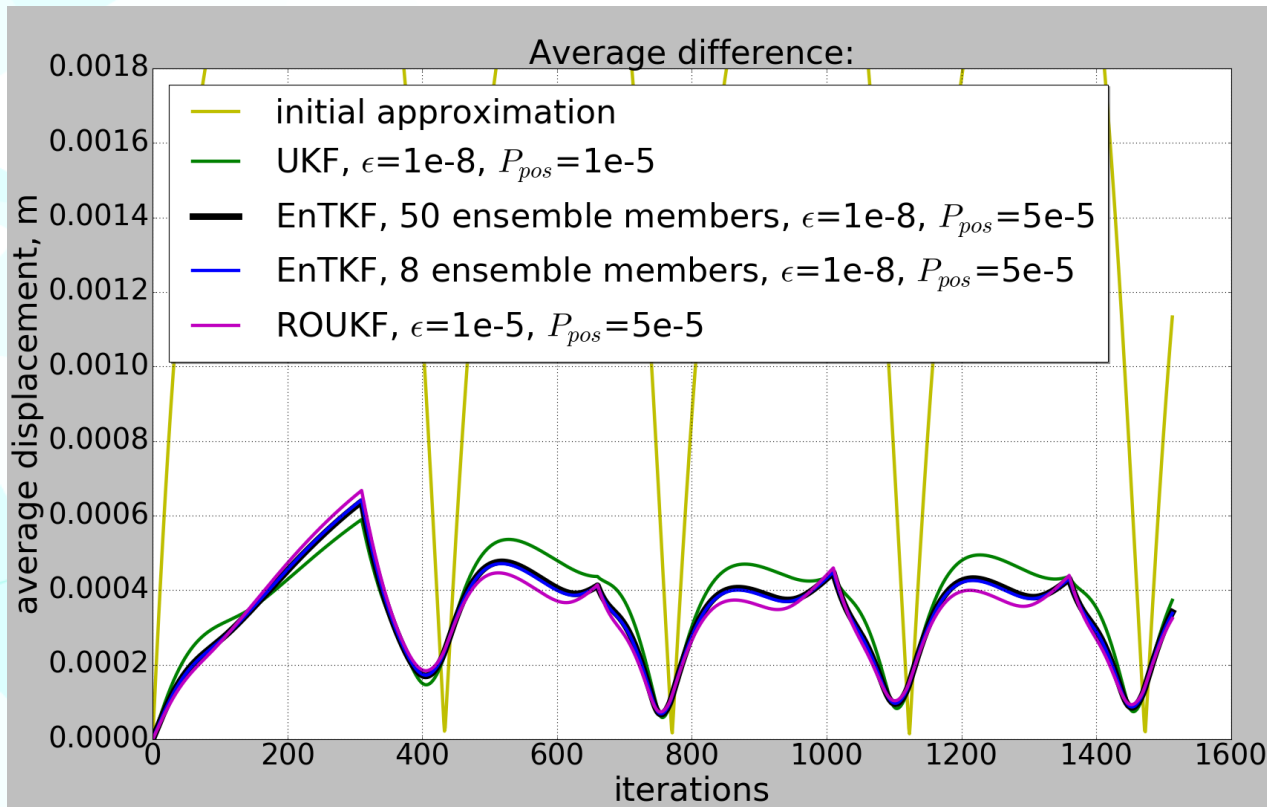


Stretching

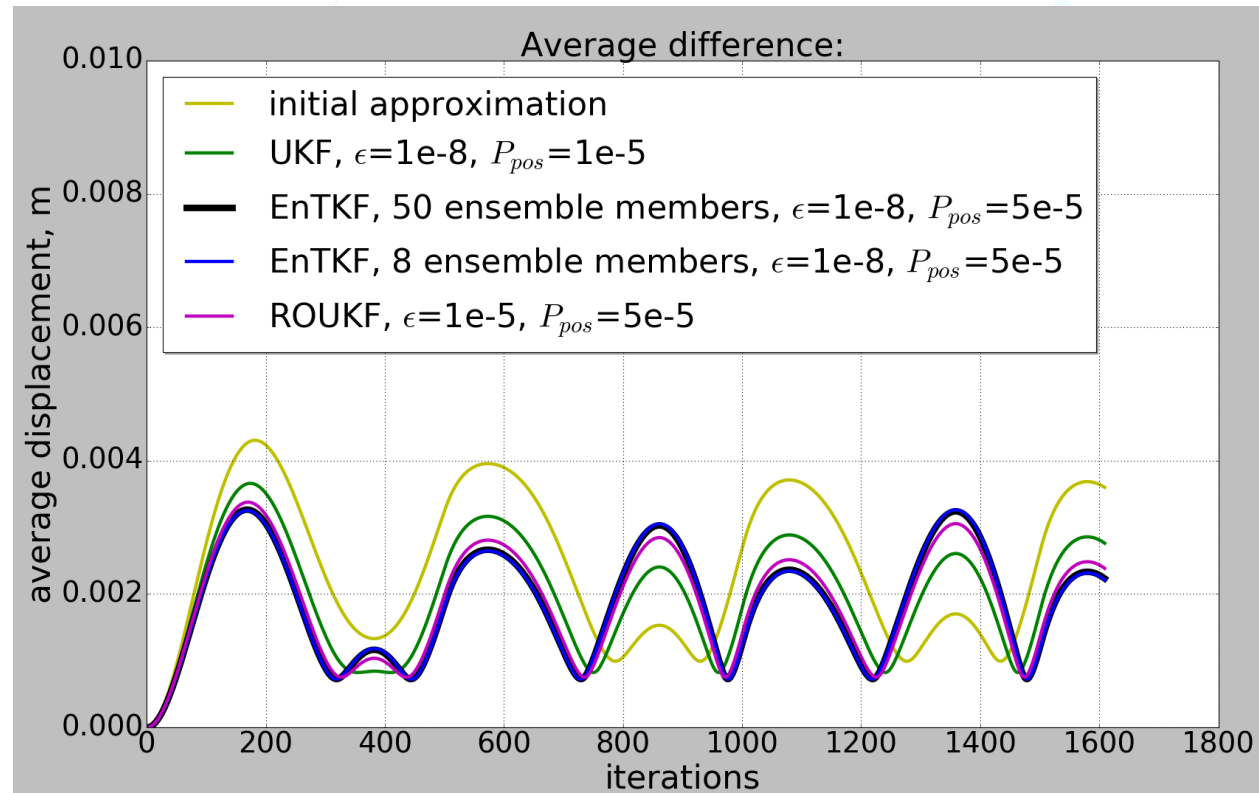


Cylinder Experiment Validation Results (1)

Bending

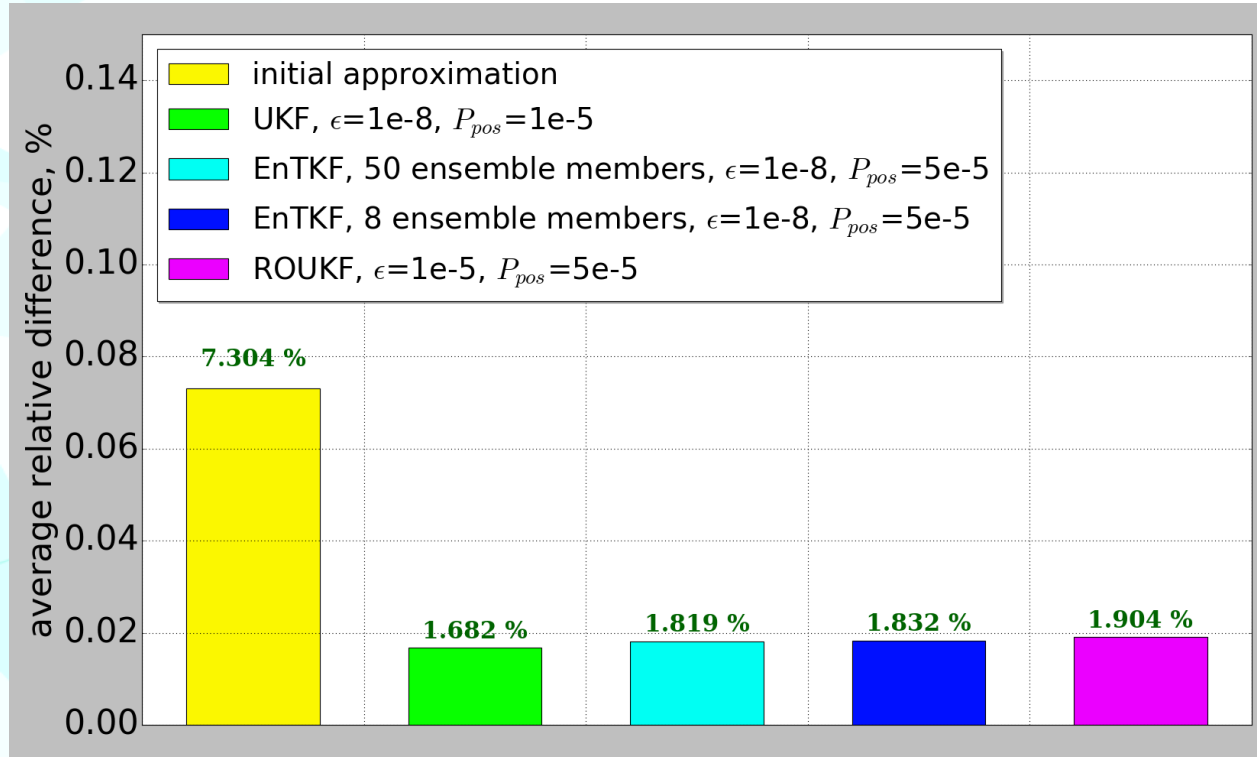


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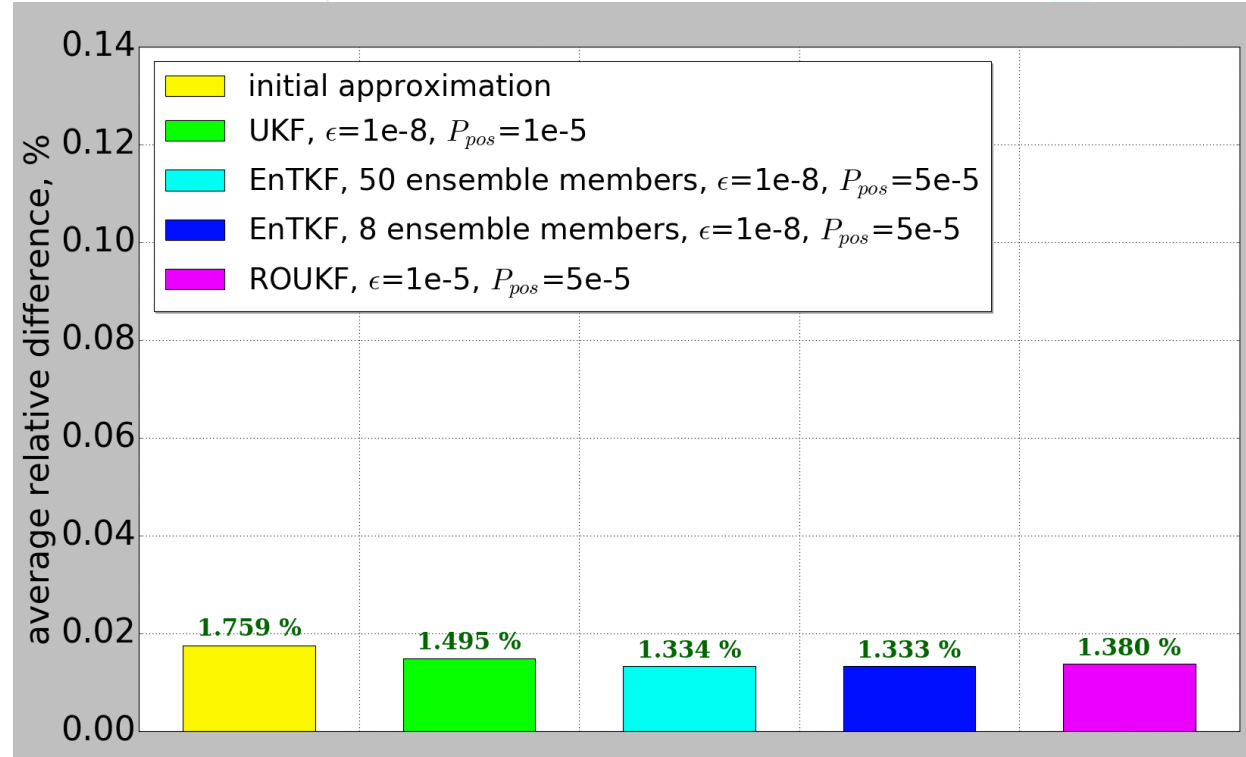


Cylinder Experiment Validation Results (2)

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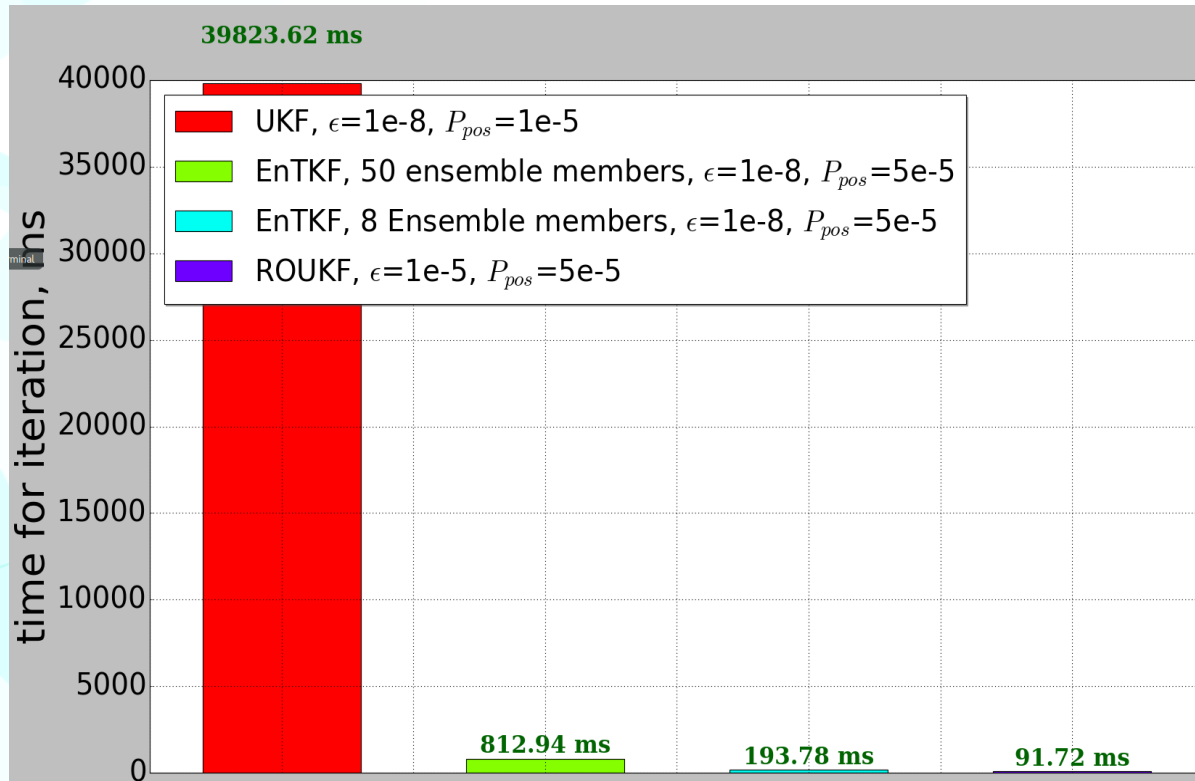


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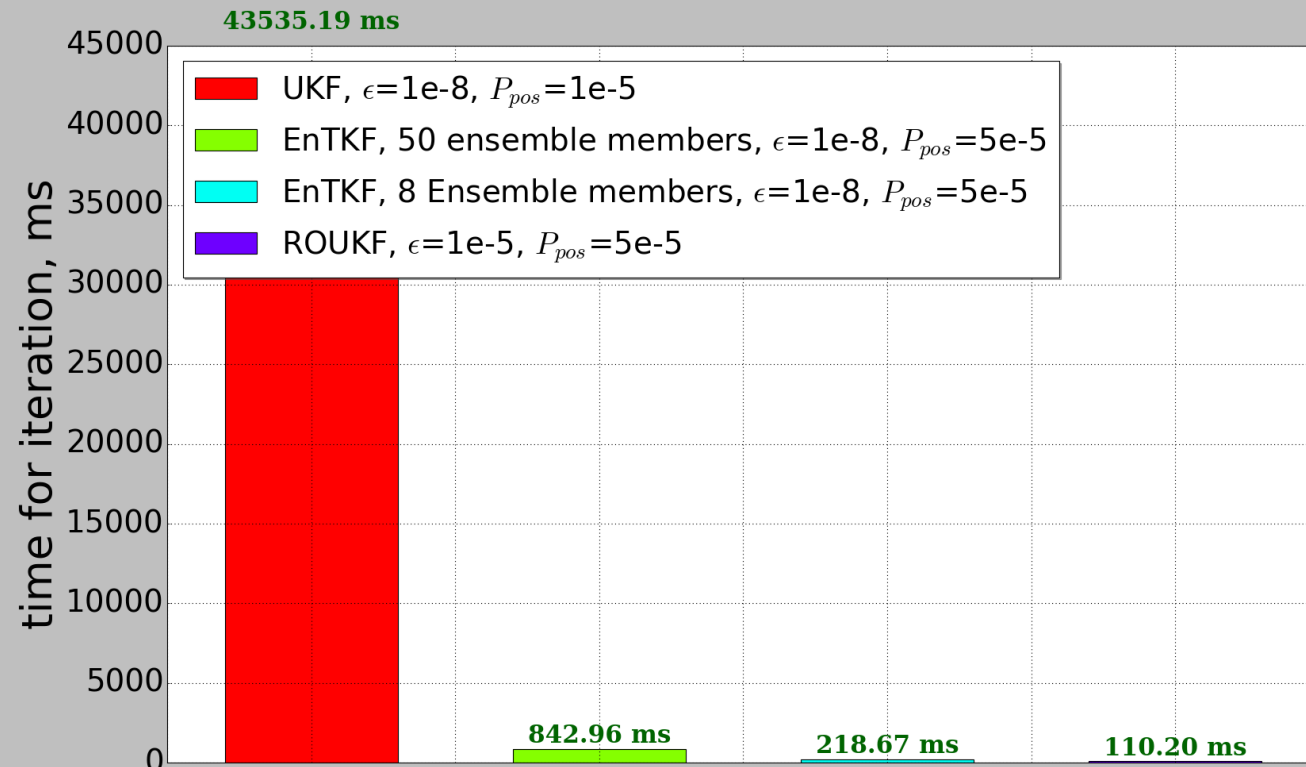


Cylinder Experiment Performance Results

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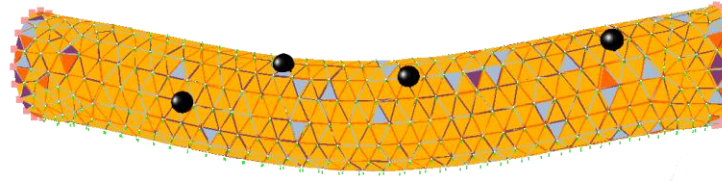


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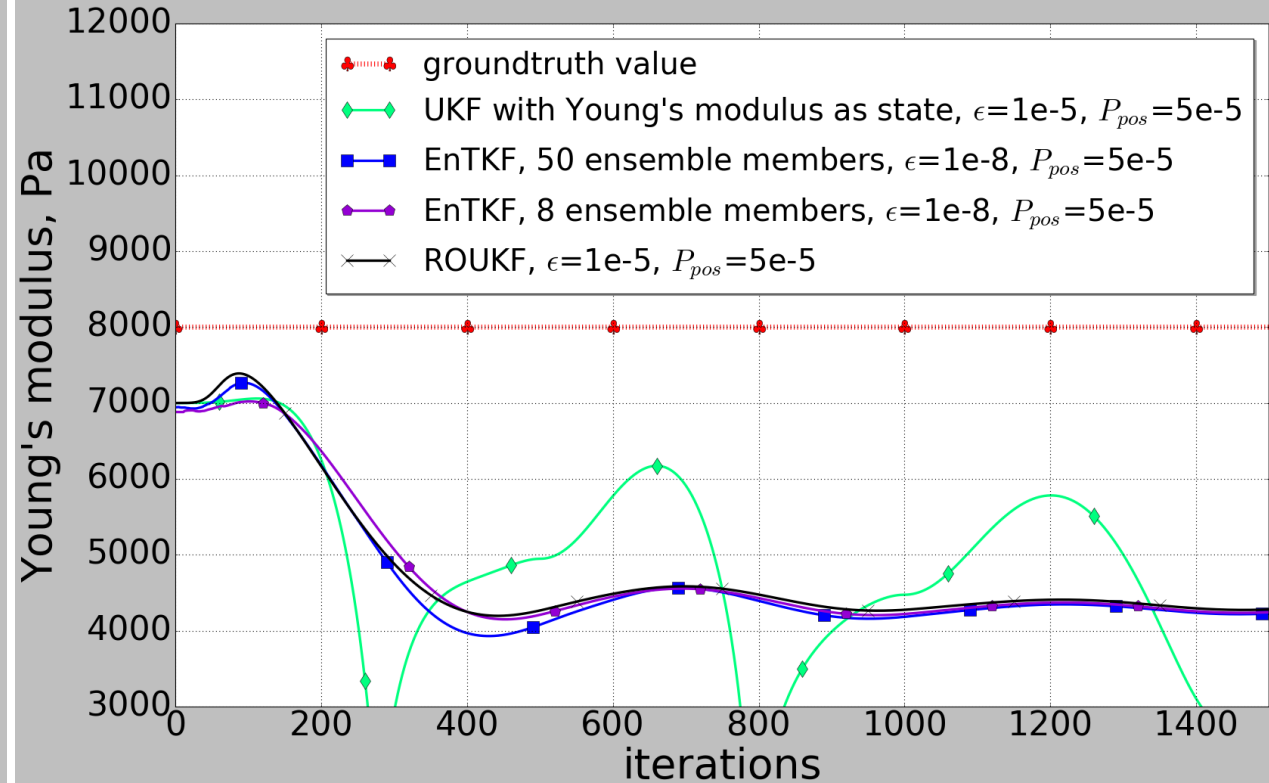
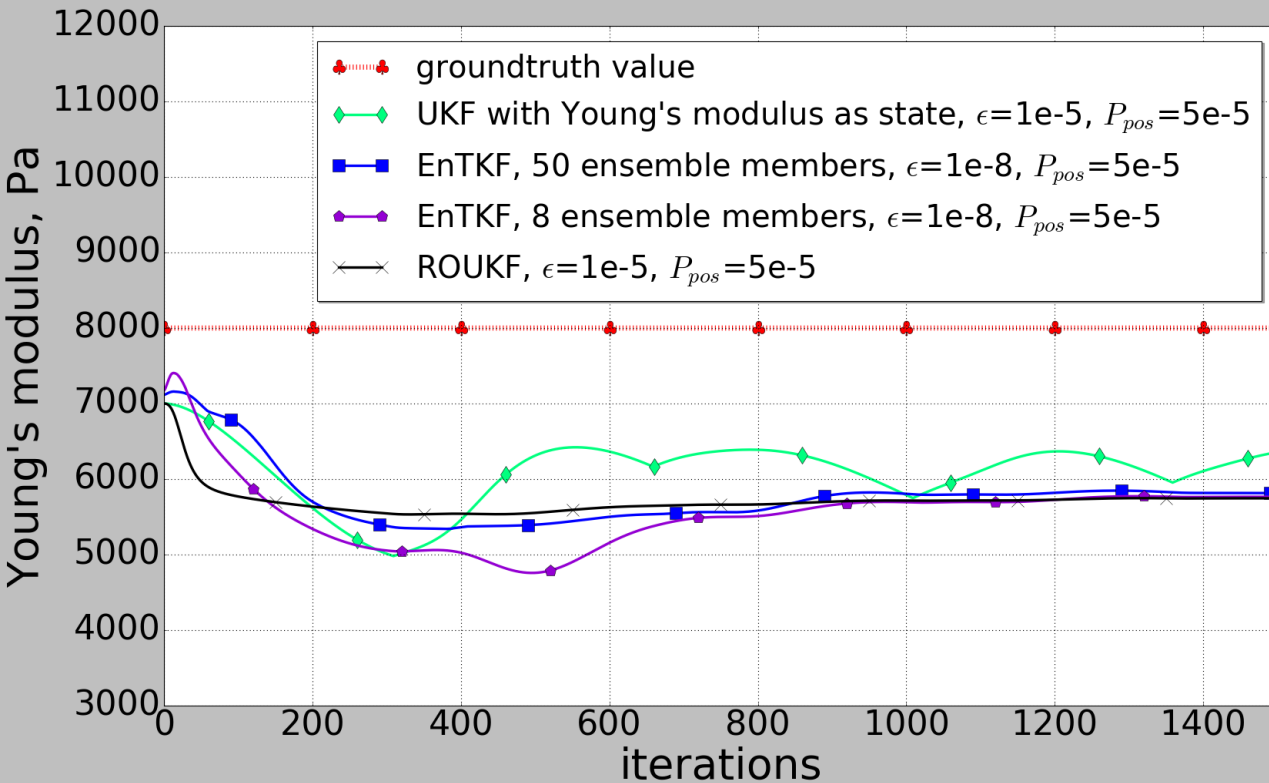


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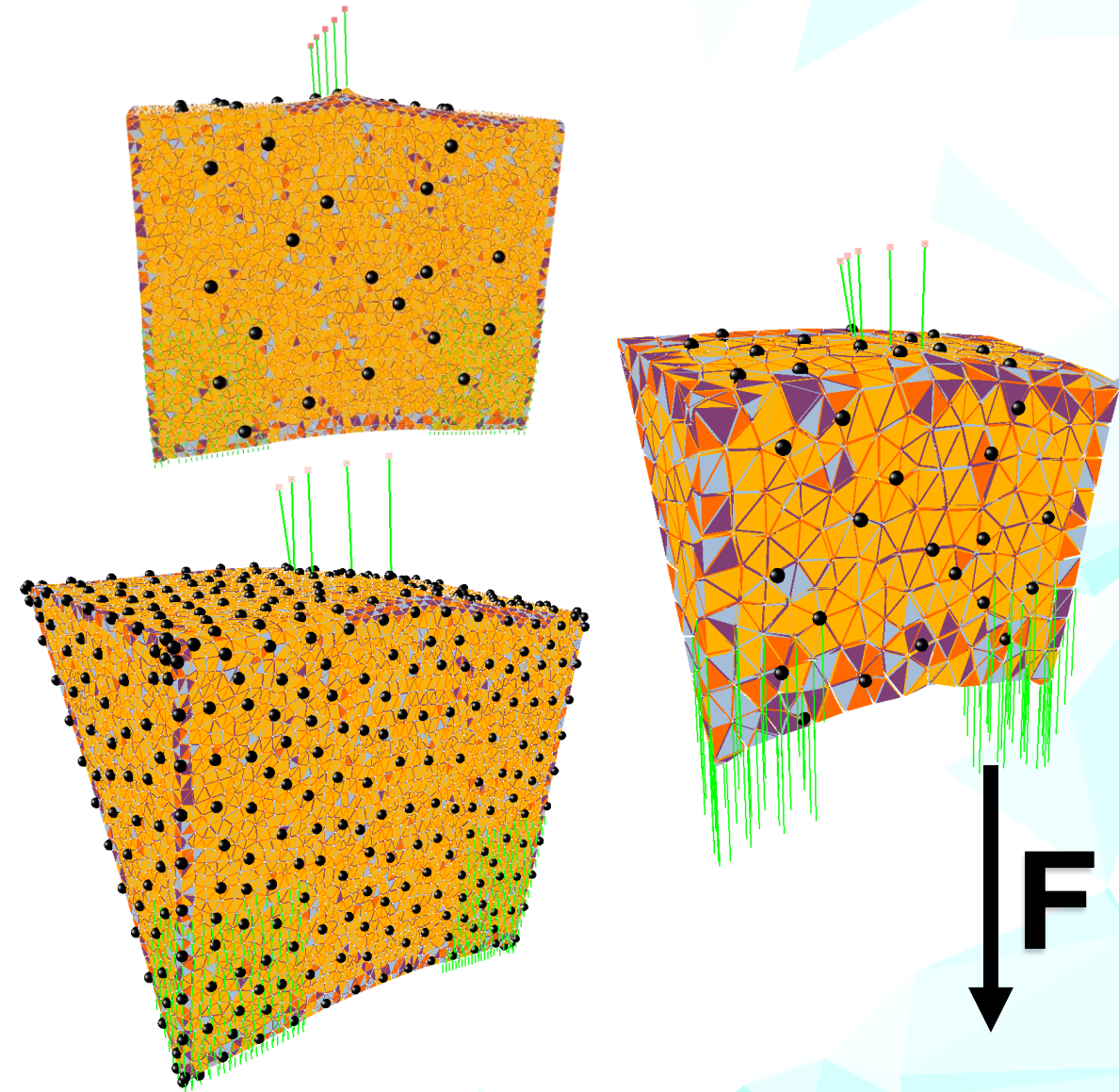
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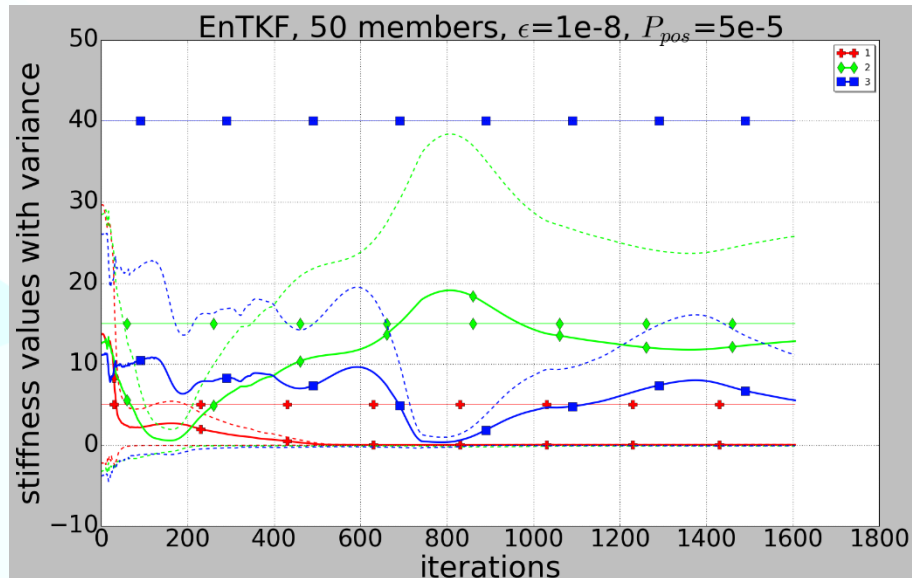
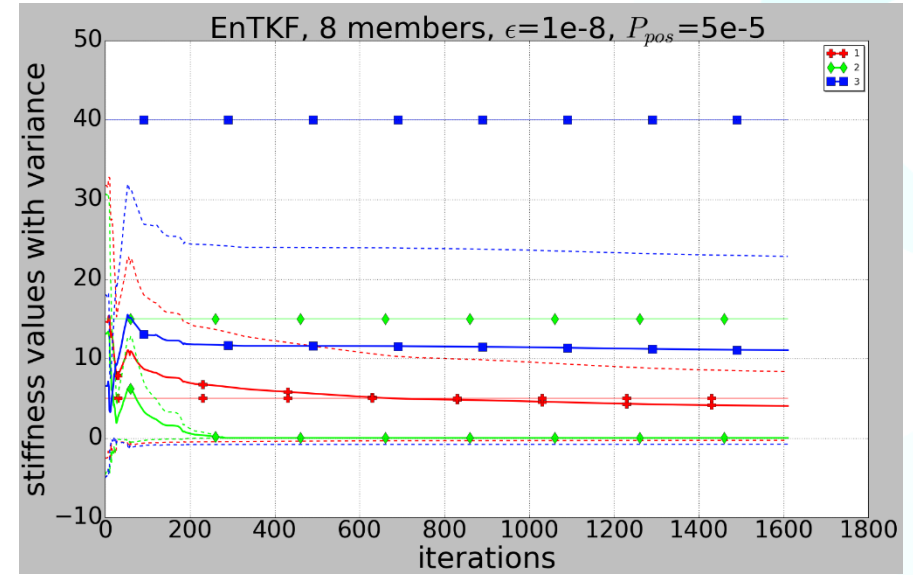
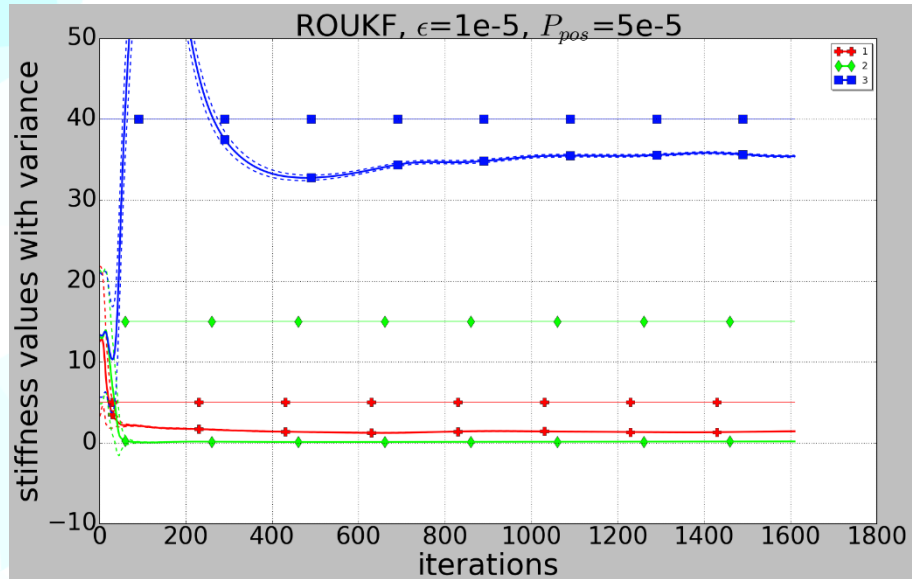
- Observed data - 4 surface markers
- Another Init modulus 7000 Pa

Boundary conditions Experiment Description

- Groundtruth model: triangular prism 10cm by 14 cm by 18 cm, approx. 55000 el., StVK material 8000 Pa, Poisson 0.49
- Periodic forces to simulate impact.
- Several springs with shared parameters to simulate BCs
- Observed data - observe anterior and superior surfaces in first scenario and only superior in the second one
- DA model 10cm by 14 cm by 18 cm, approx. 2200 el., StVK material
- Compare points of coarse mesh

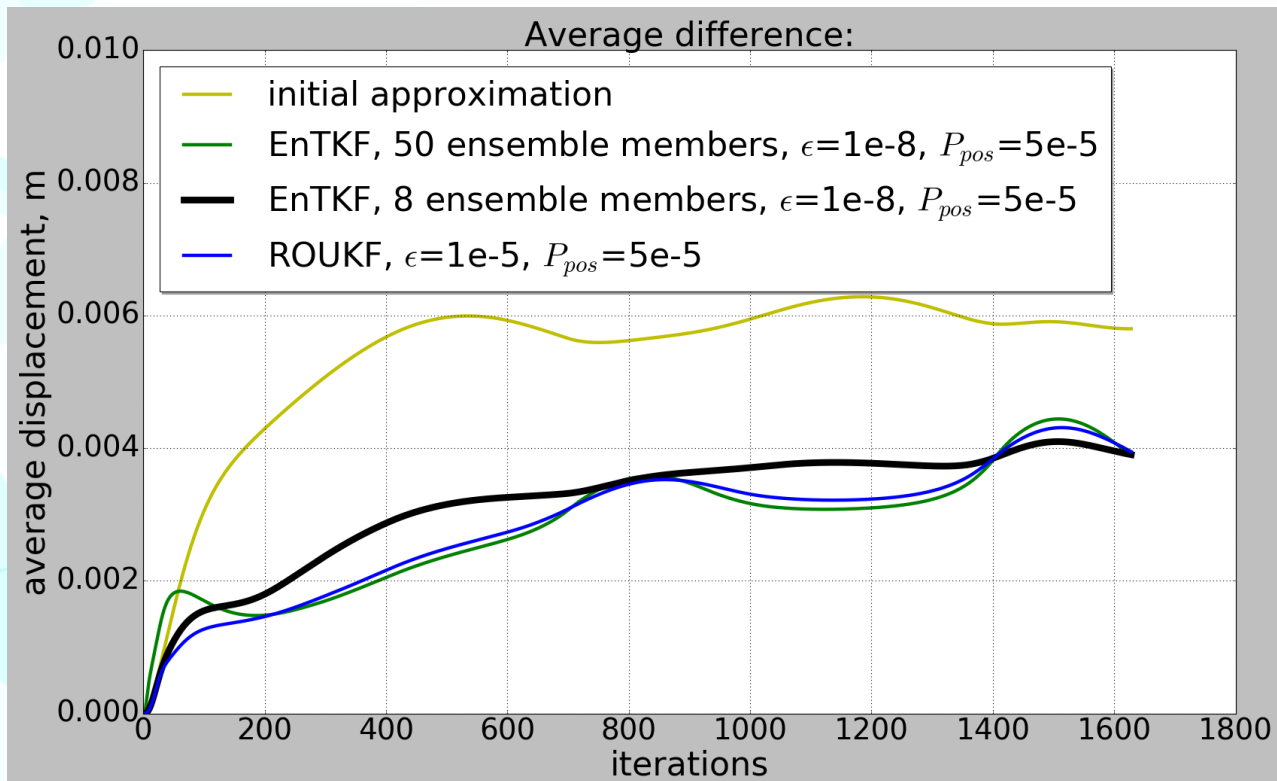


BCs Experiment Results

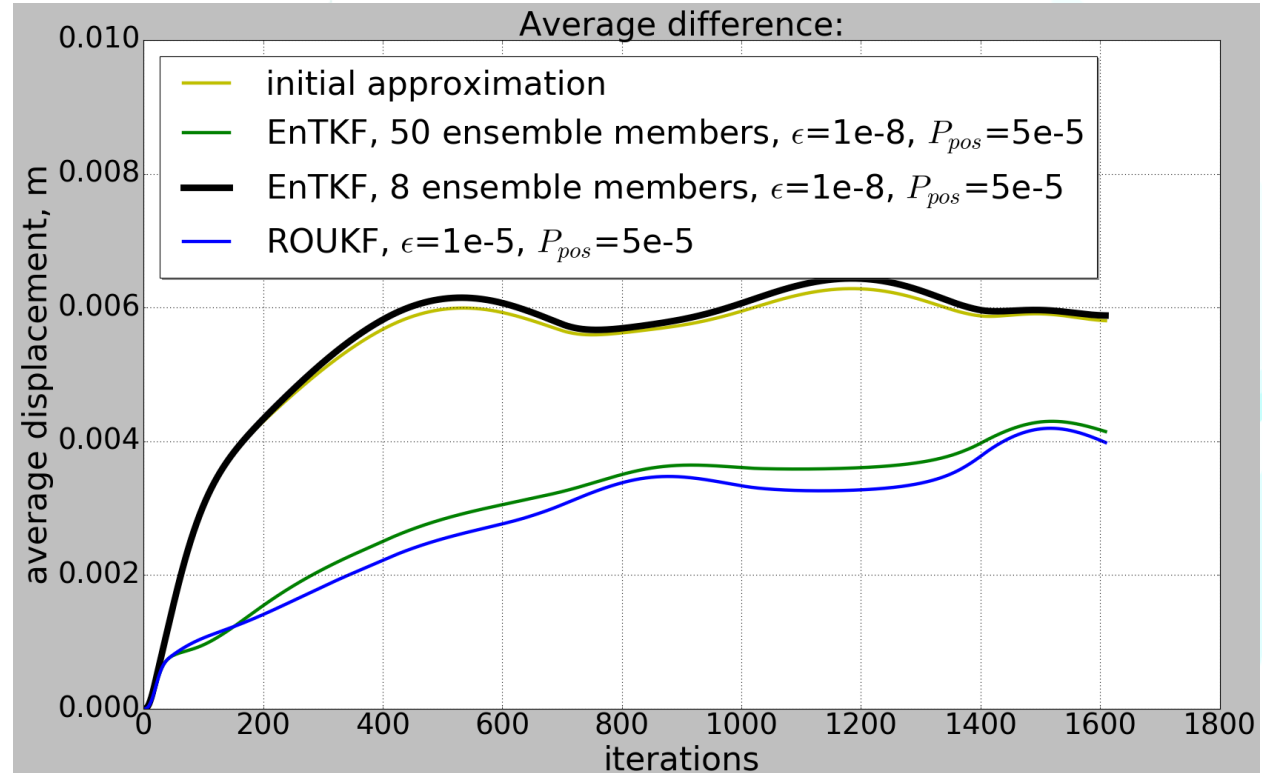


BCs Experiment Validation Results (1)

Anterior and superior

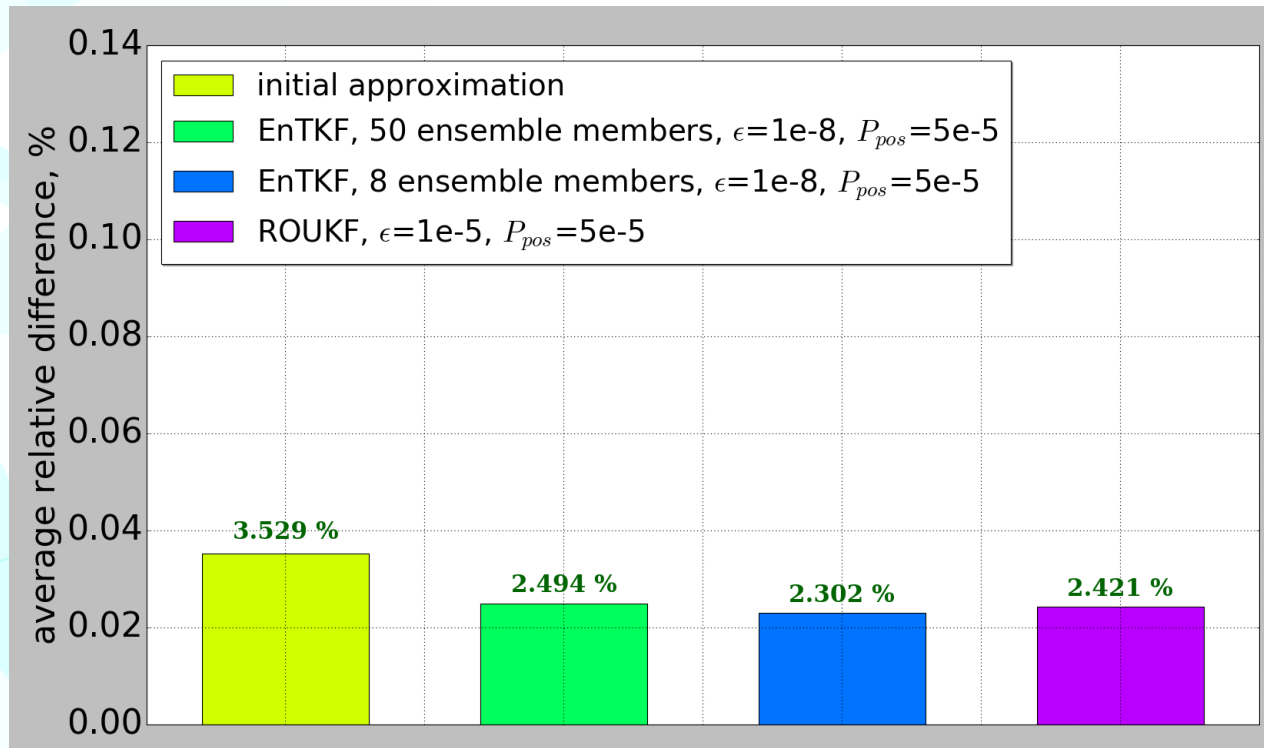


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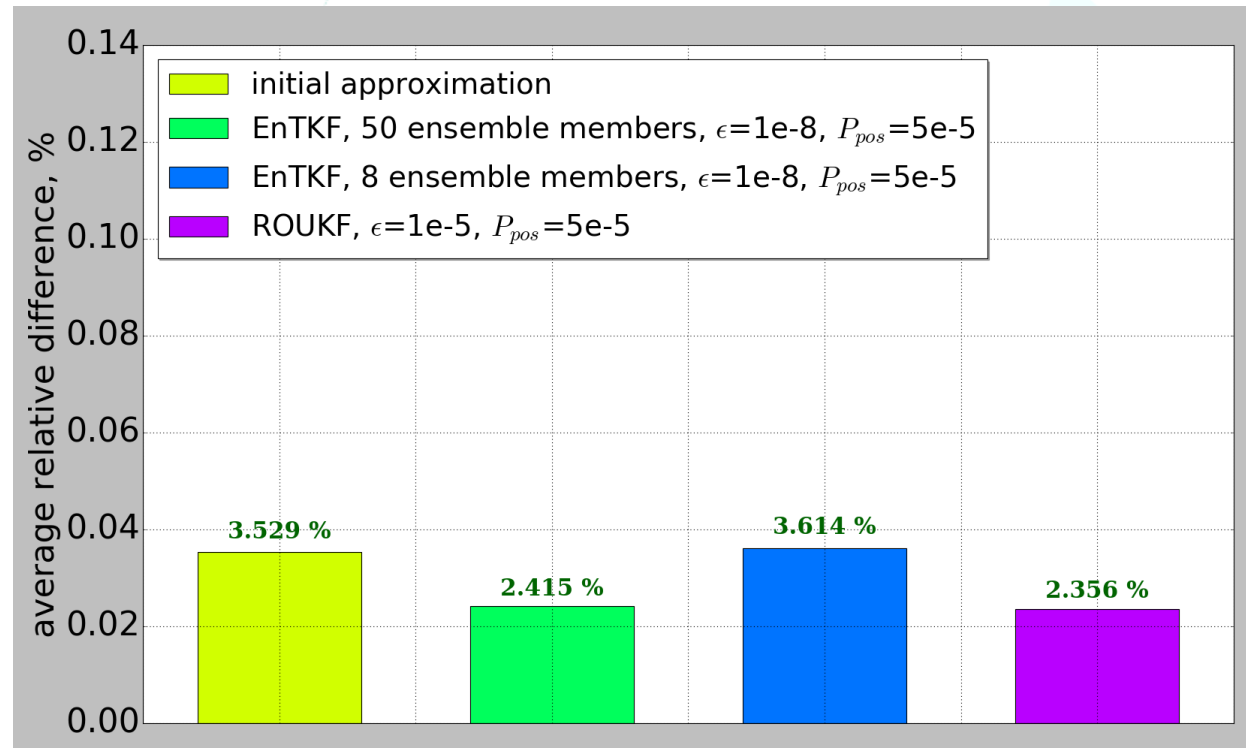


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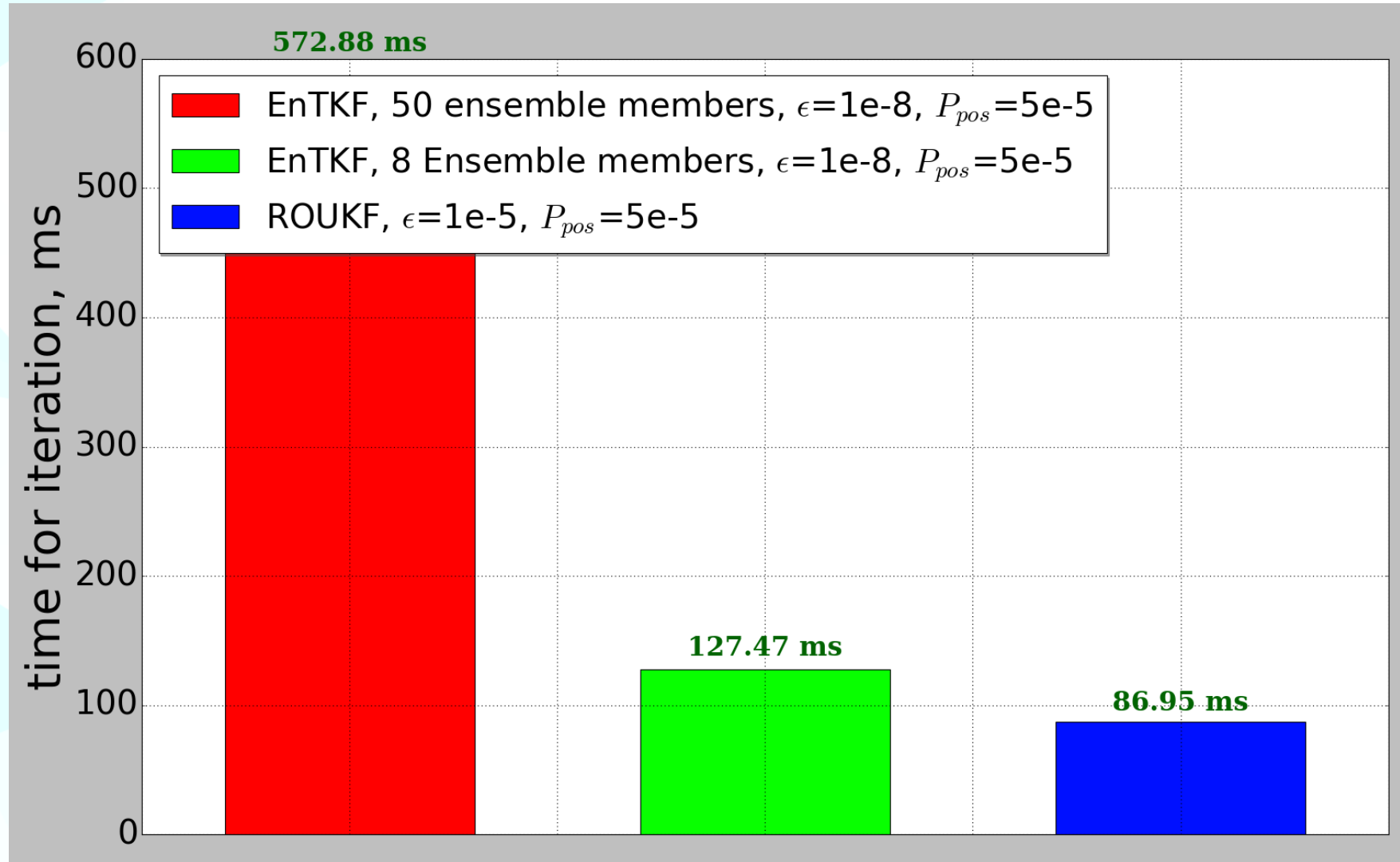
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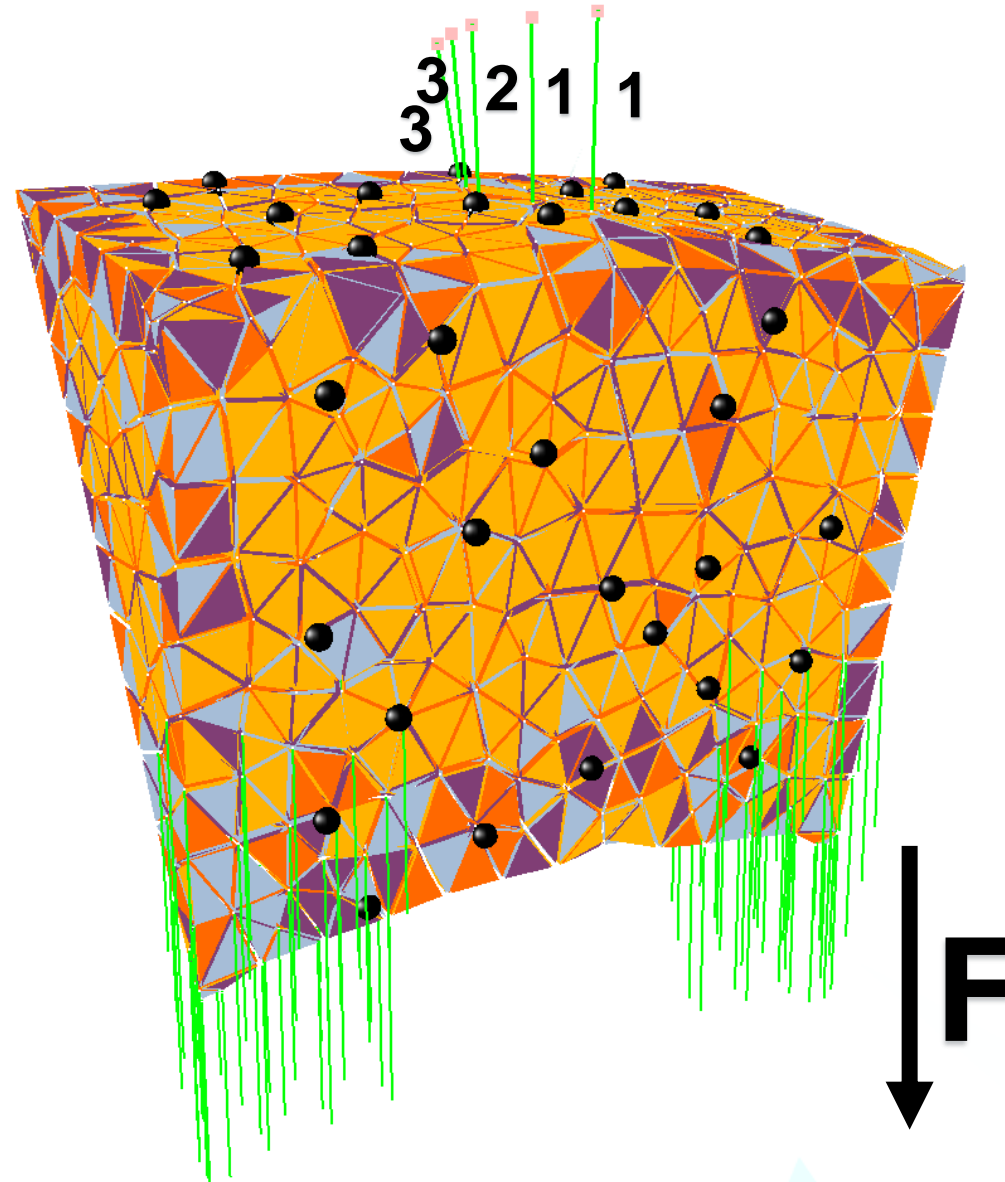


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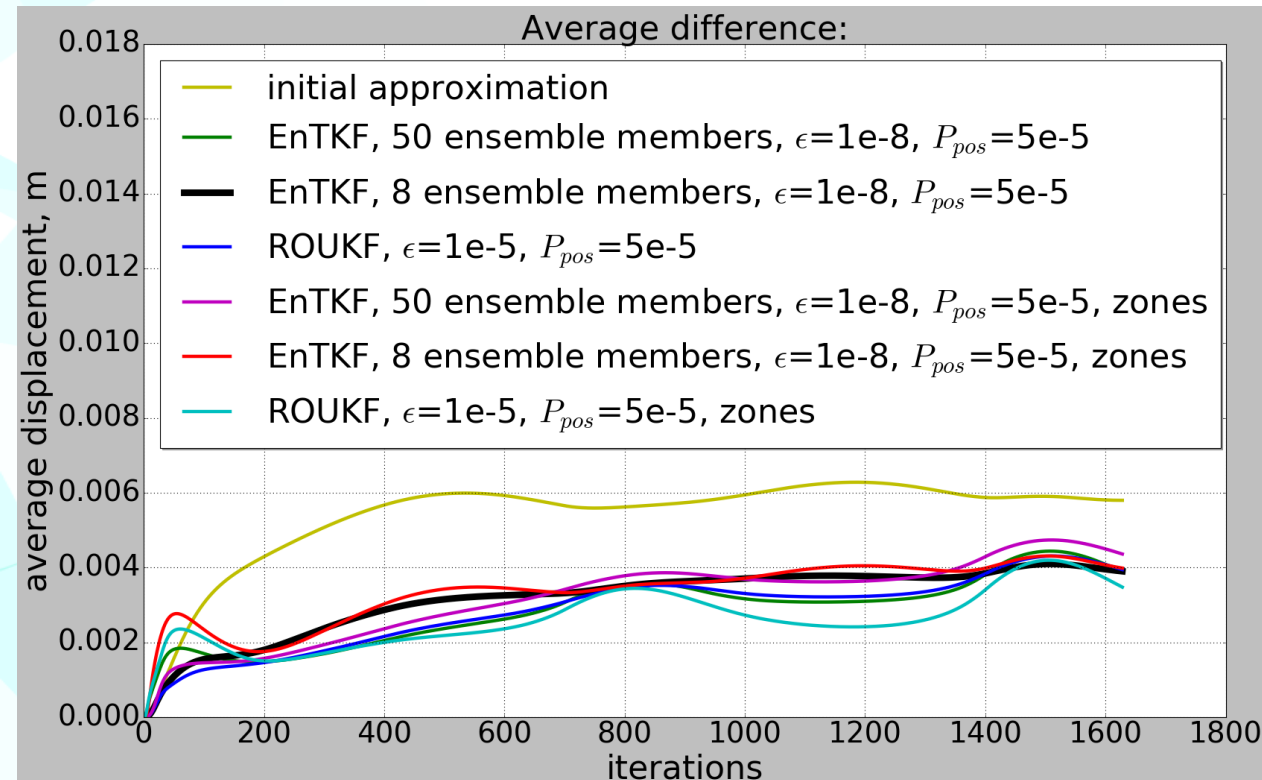
BCs Second Experiment Description

- Compared with previous one the idea is to split springs on regions

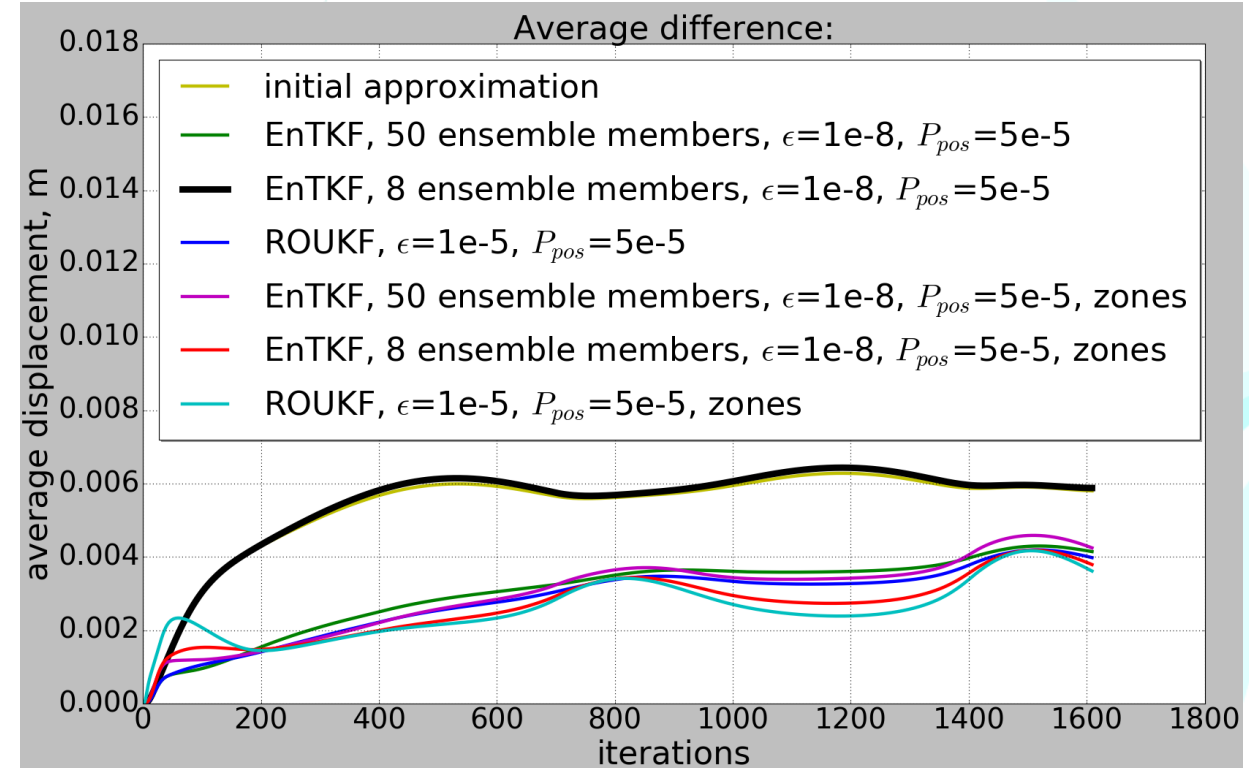


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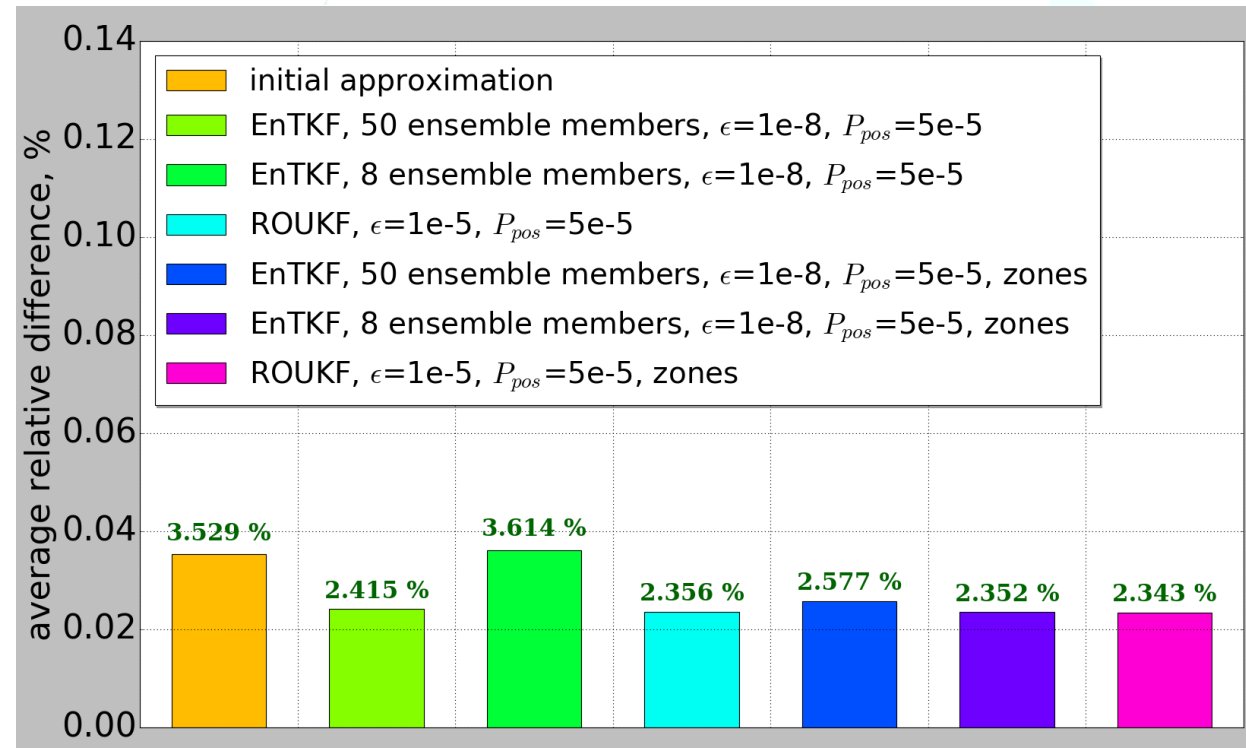
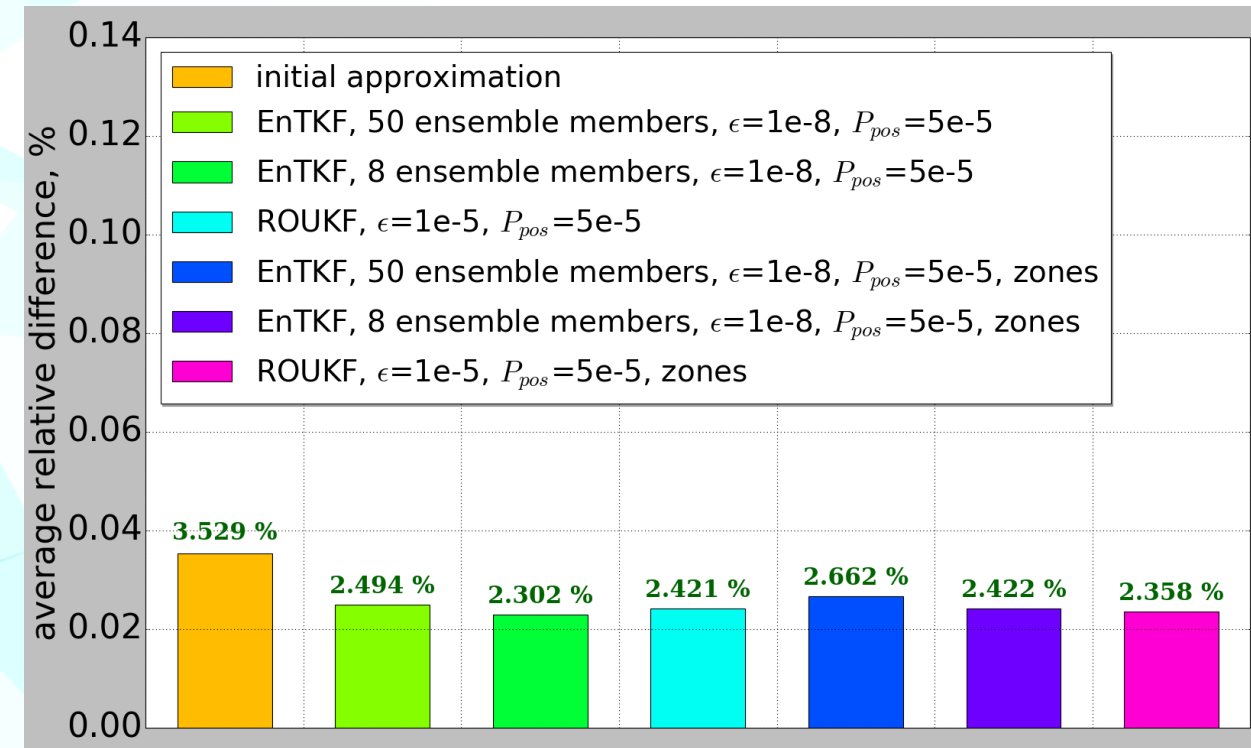
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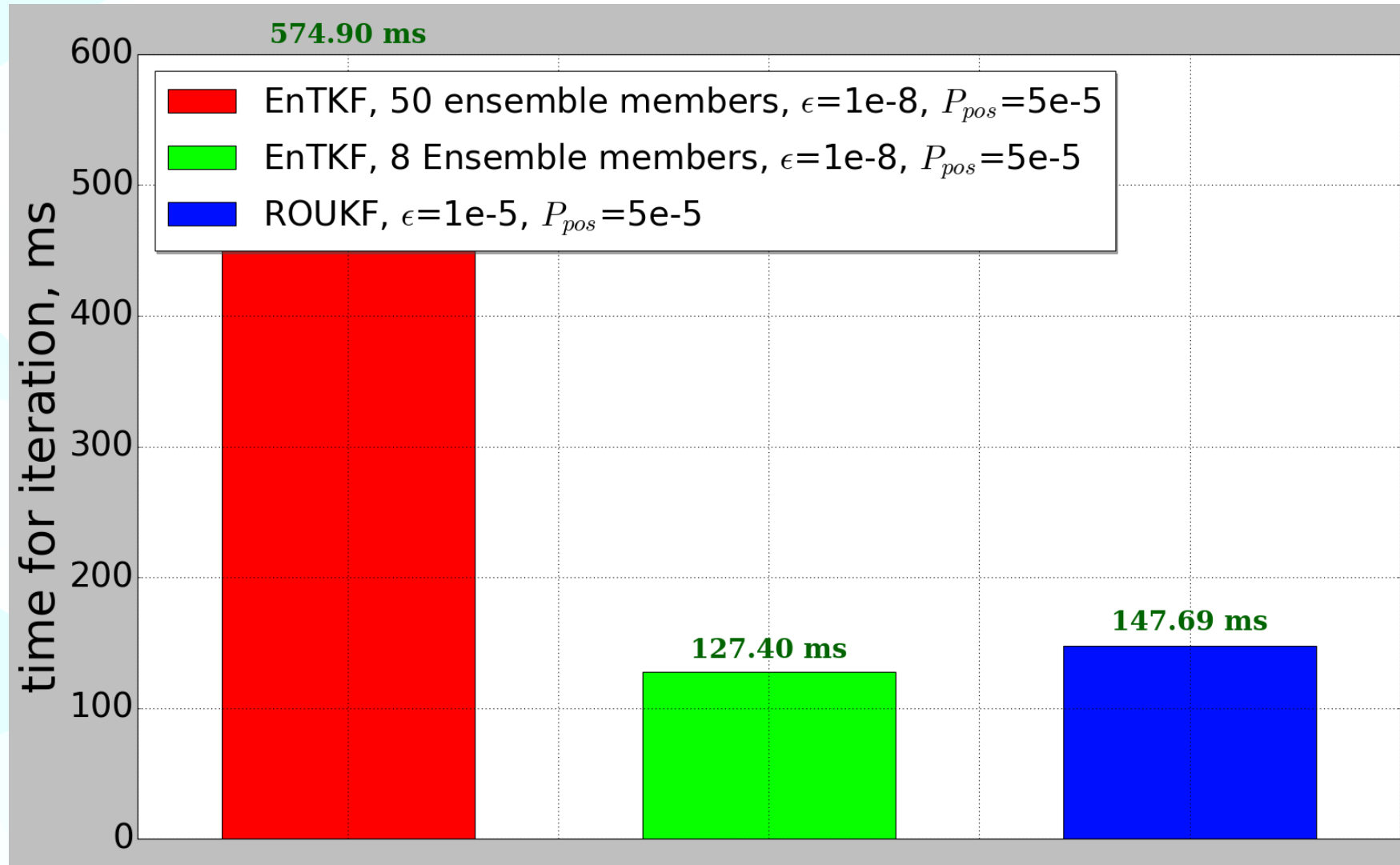
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BCs Second Experiment Performance Results



Performance improvement

Data assimilation process is still not real-time but ...

Improving computational performance:

- **Parallel computation of sigma points/ensemble members**
- **Preconditioning**
- **GPU implementation of data assimilation**
- **Delayed estimation**

Delayed estimation

Update estimated parameters after prediction-correction (analysis) iteration

Real-time simulation

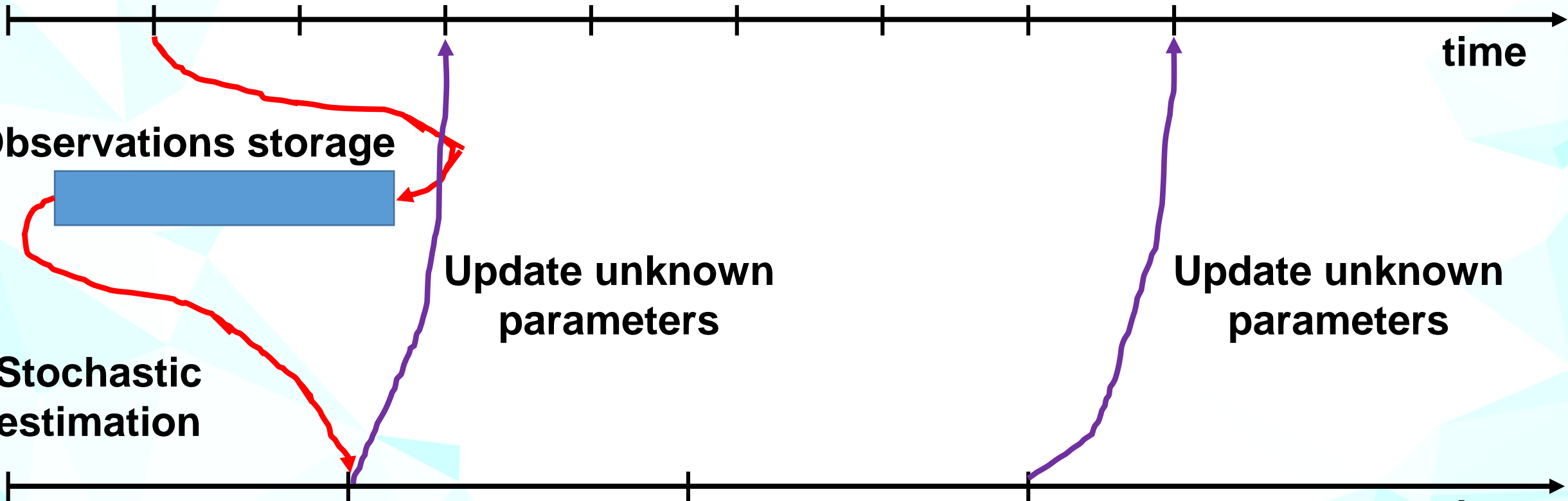
Observations storage

Stochastic estimation

Update unknown parameters

Update unknown parameters

Estimation using Kalman filtering



Future steps

- **Additional experiments before moving to real data**
- **More complex analysis of the corrected model**
- **Preconditioning**

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