

# A non-Gaussian ensemble analysis scheme based on rank histograms

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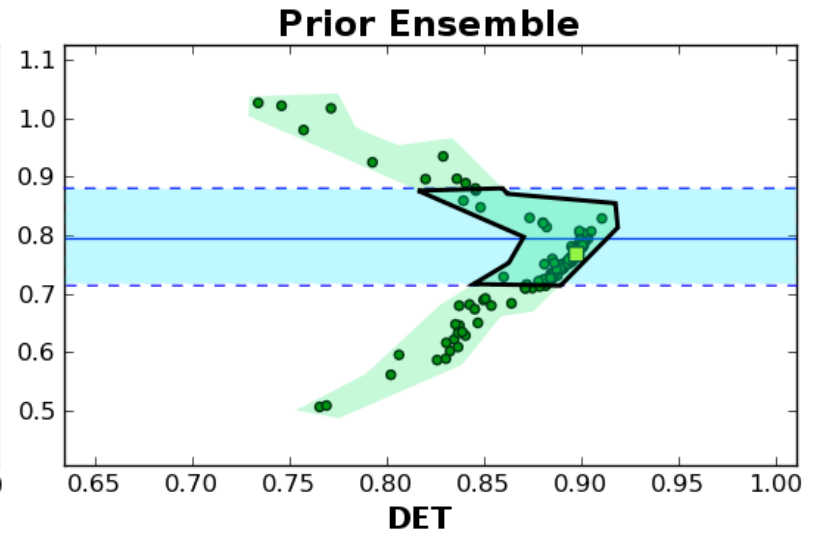
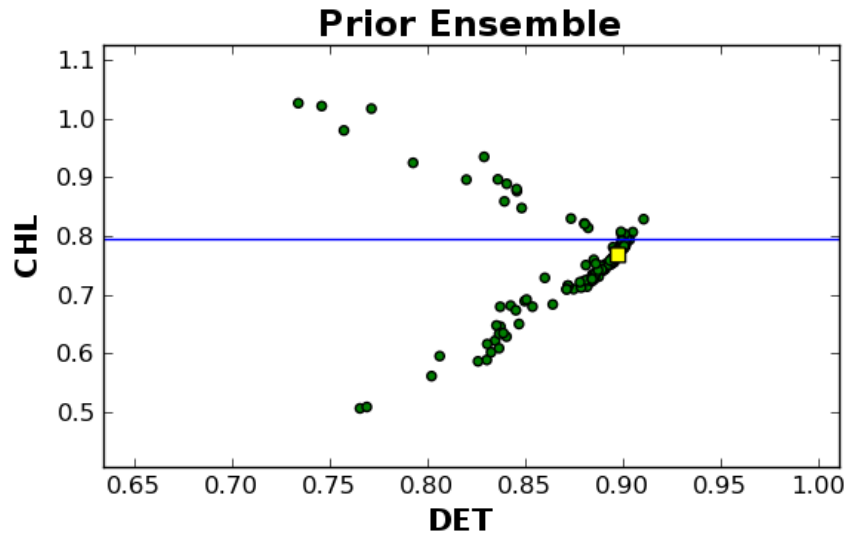
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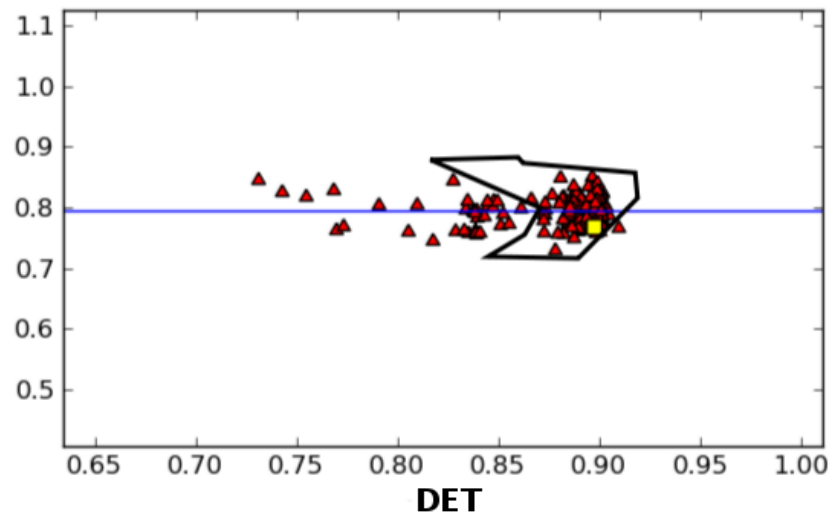
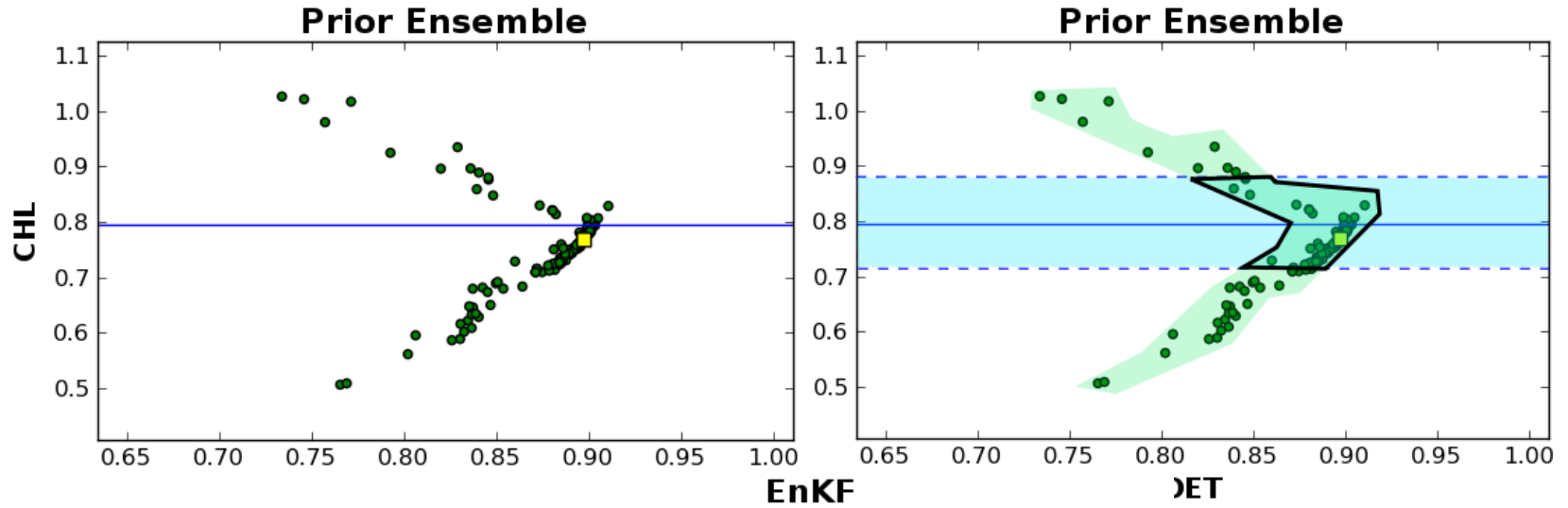


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Ensemble of NATL0.25+BGC simulations (Beal et al., 2010), Gulf Stream station (47W/ 40N). chlorophyll (CHL) / detritus (DET).

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- The analysis step of the serial EnKF can be decomposed in 2 successive operations (Anderson, 2003):
  - Correction of **observed** variable  $z$ :

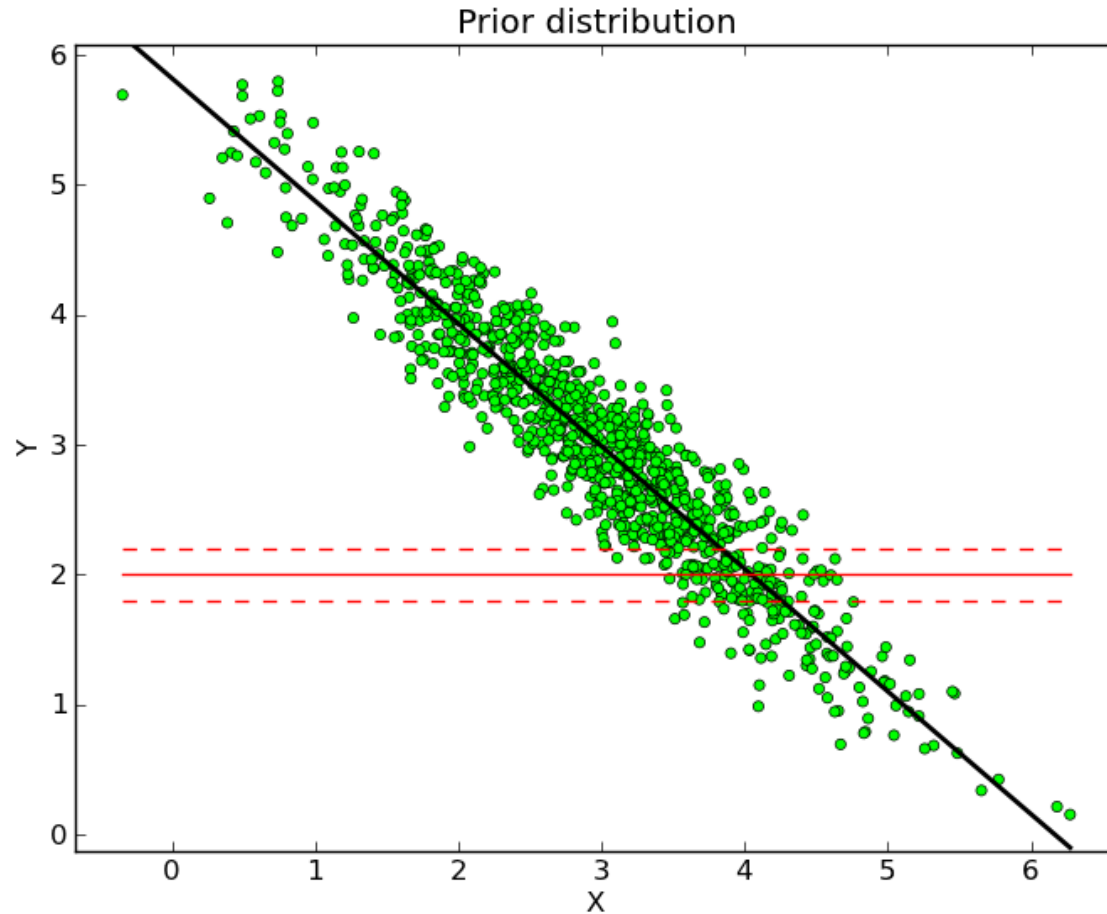
$$\delta z = \frac{\text{Var}(z)}{\text{Var}(z) + \text{Var}(z^o)} (z^o - z);$$

- Corrections of **unobserved** variables  $x$  and  $y$ :

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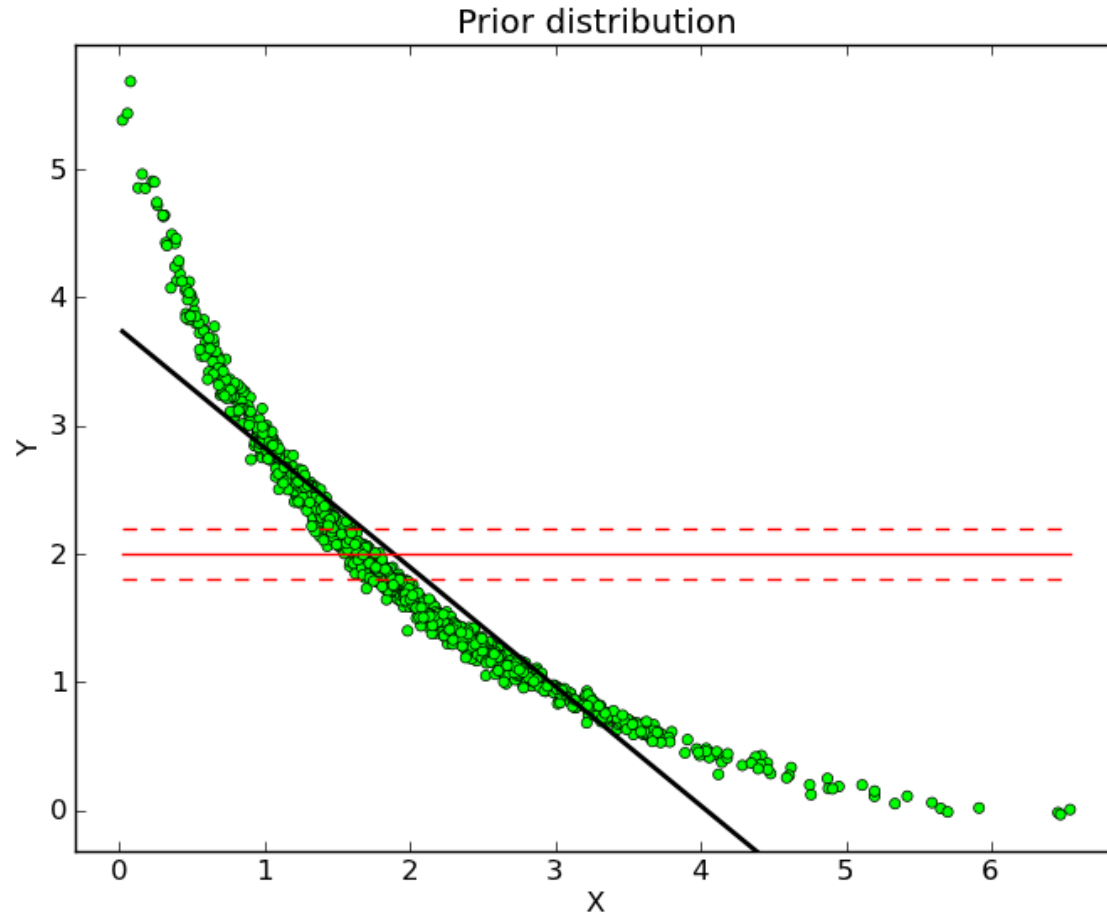
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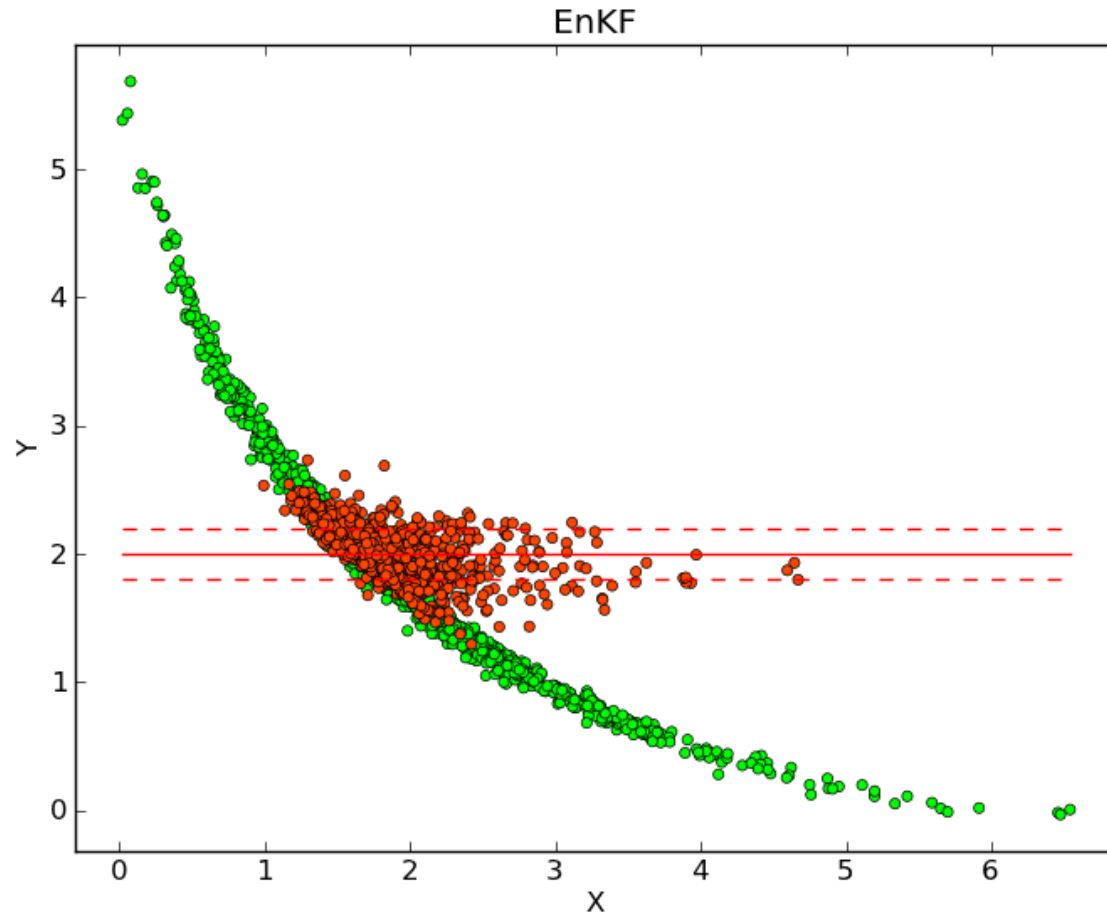


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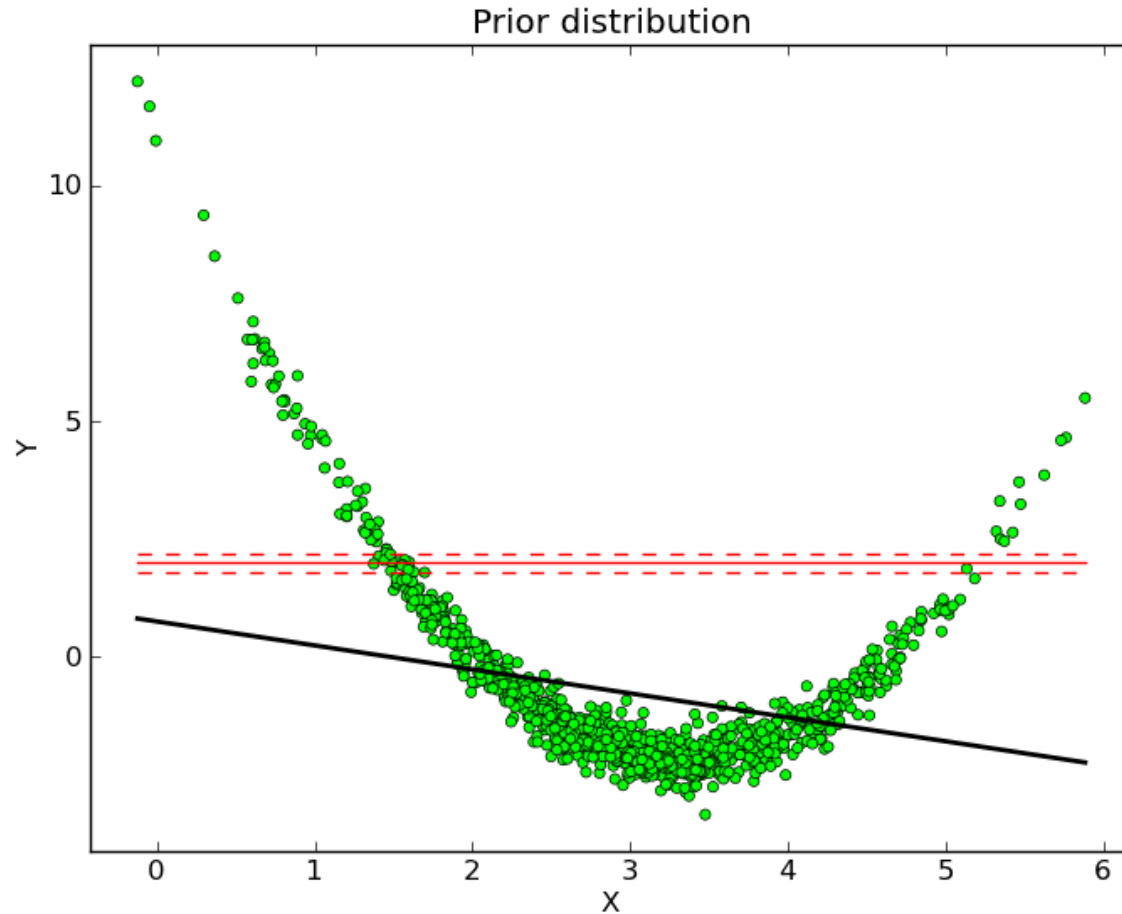


Weakly non-Gaussian distribution

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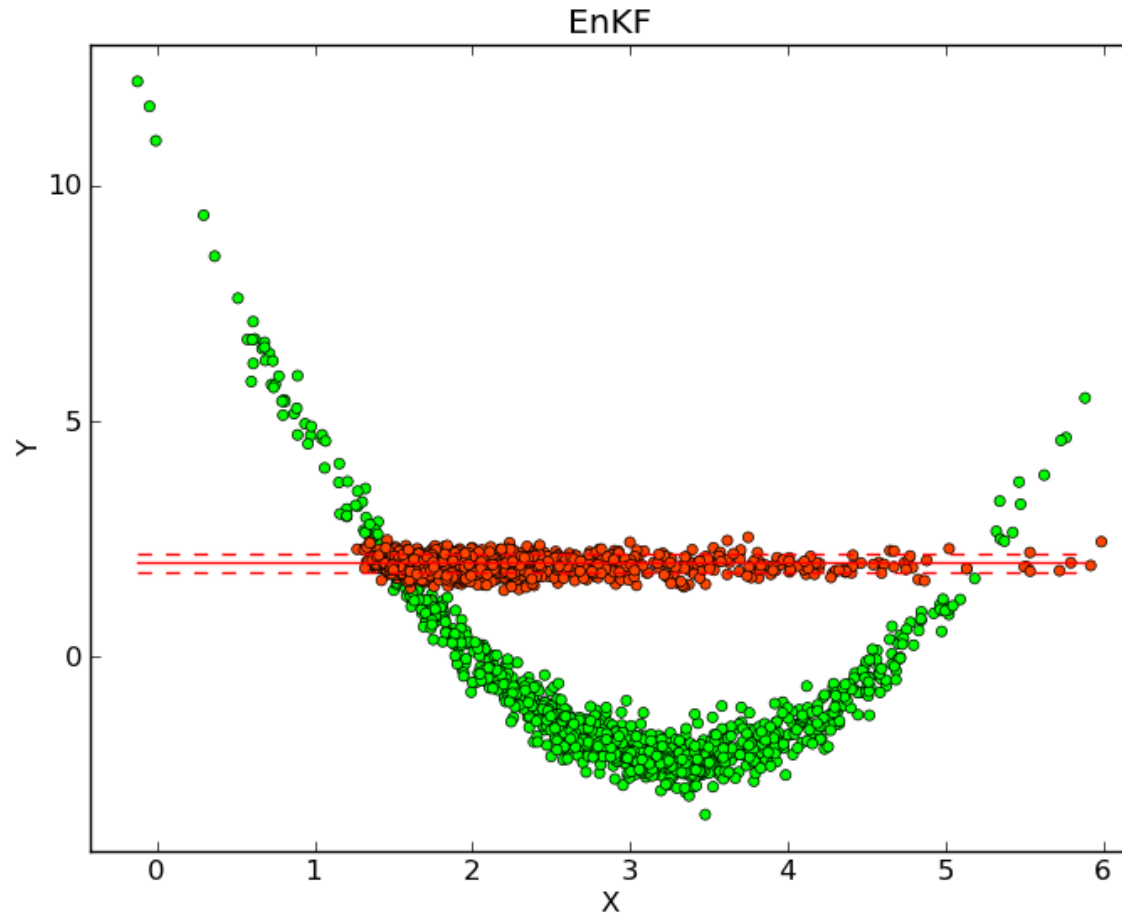


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Semi-parametric	EnKF with Gaussian anamorphosis (2)	
Non-parametric	ETPF (4)	Particle filters (3)

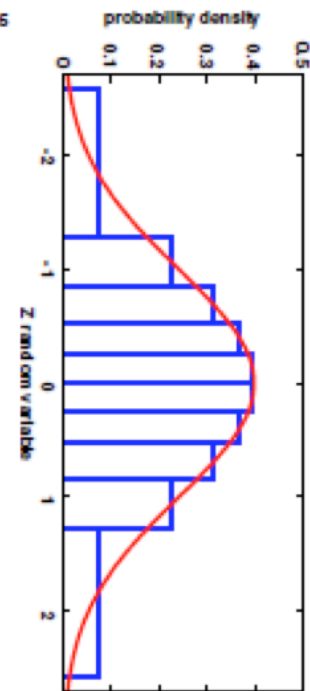
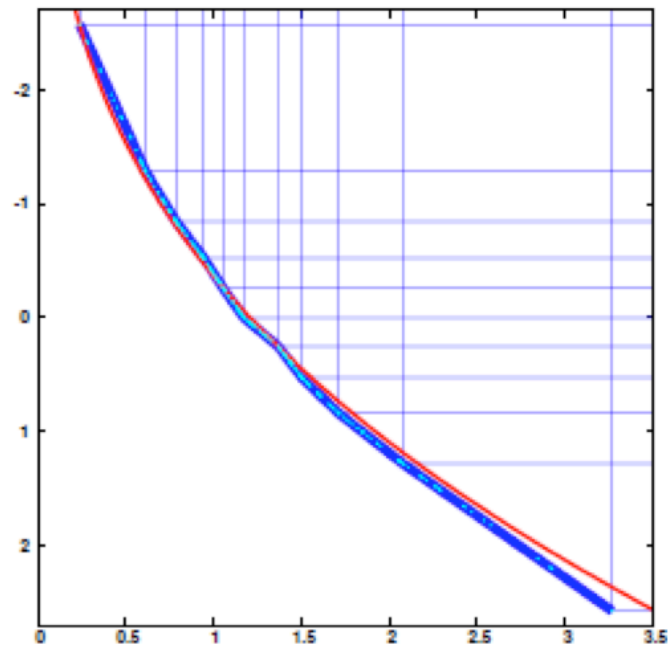
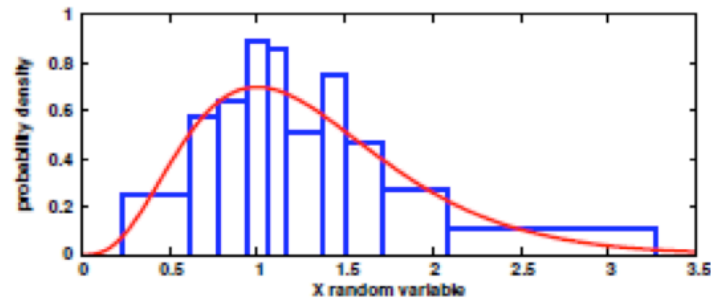
(1) Lauvernet et al (2009)

(2) Holm et al (2002), Bertino et al (2003); Simon and Bertino (2009); Béal et al (2010); Brankart et al (2012)

(3) Gordon et al (1993); Van Leeuwen et al (2009, 2010), Snyder et al (2008)

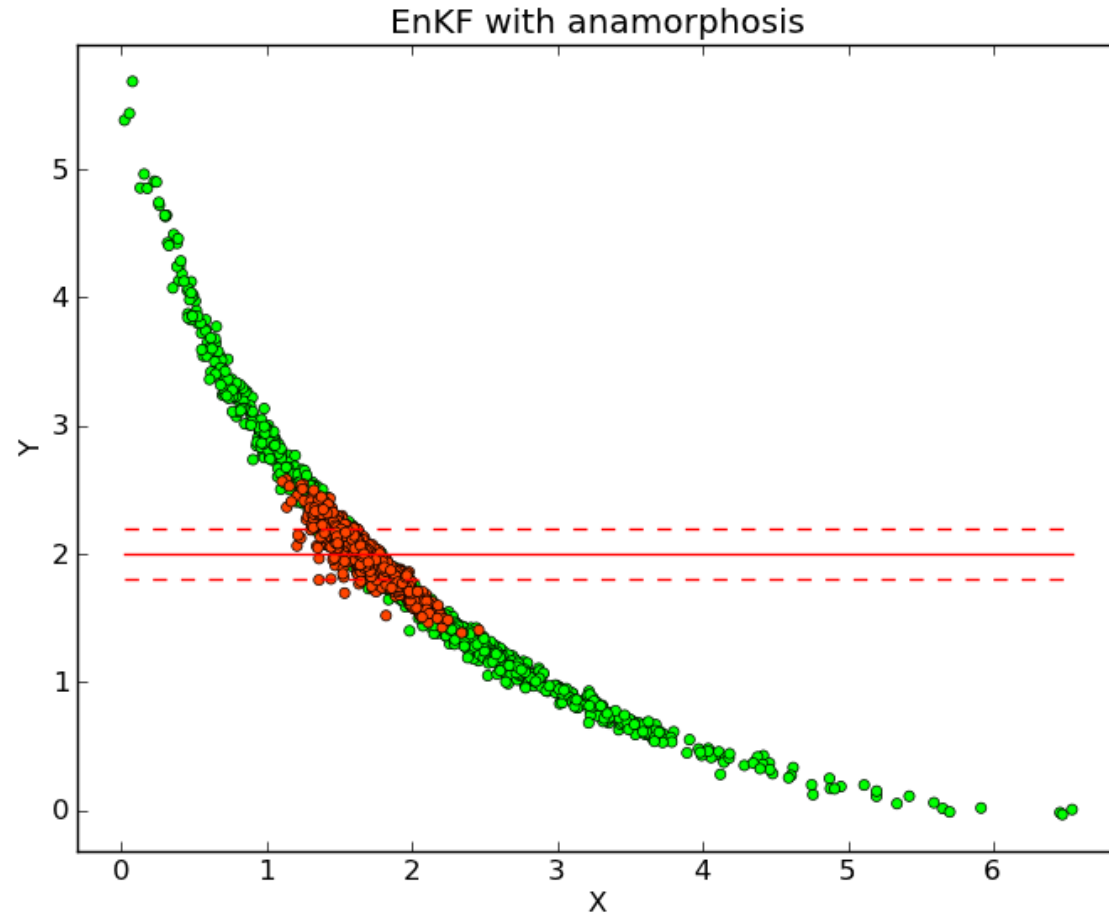
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# EnKF with Gaussian anamorphosis

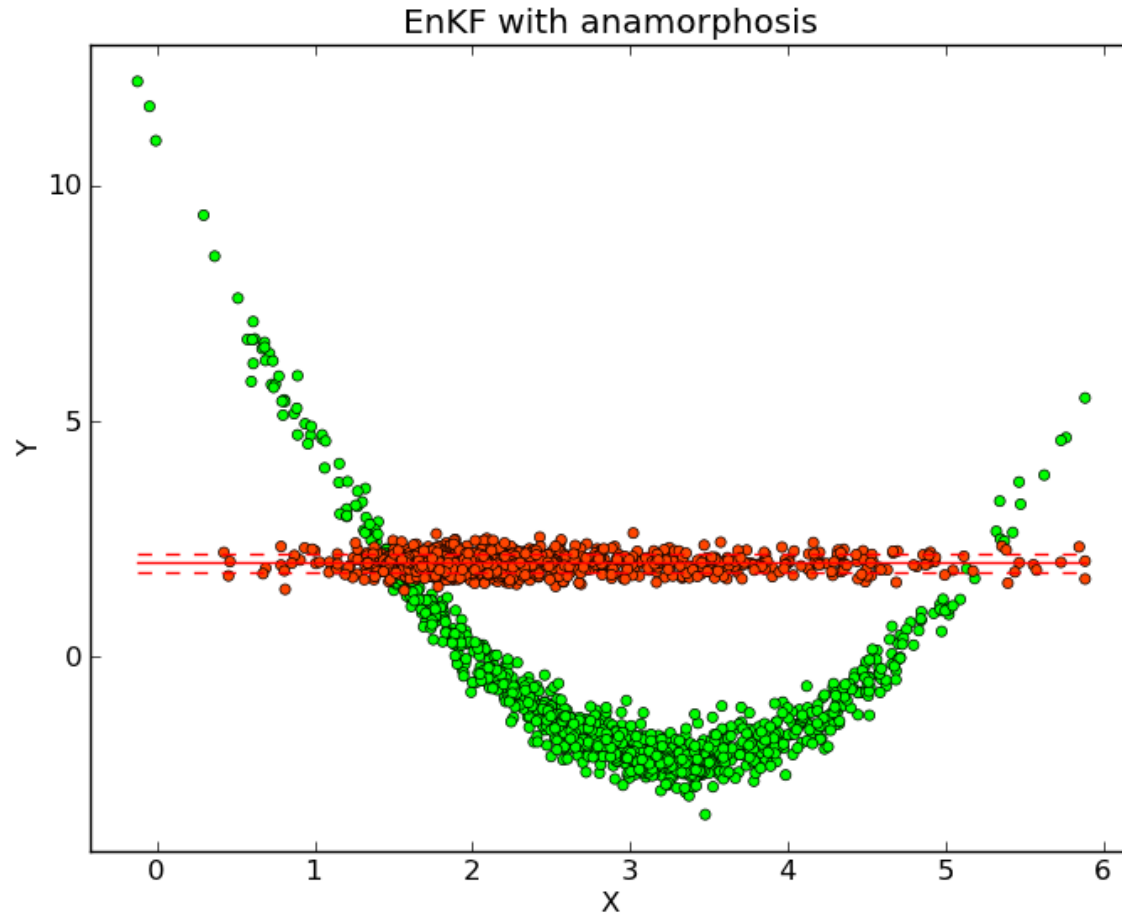




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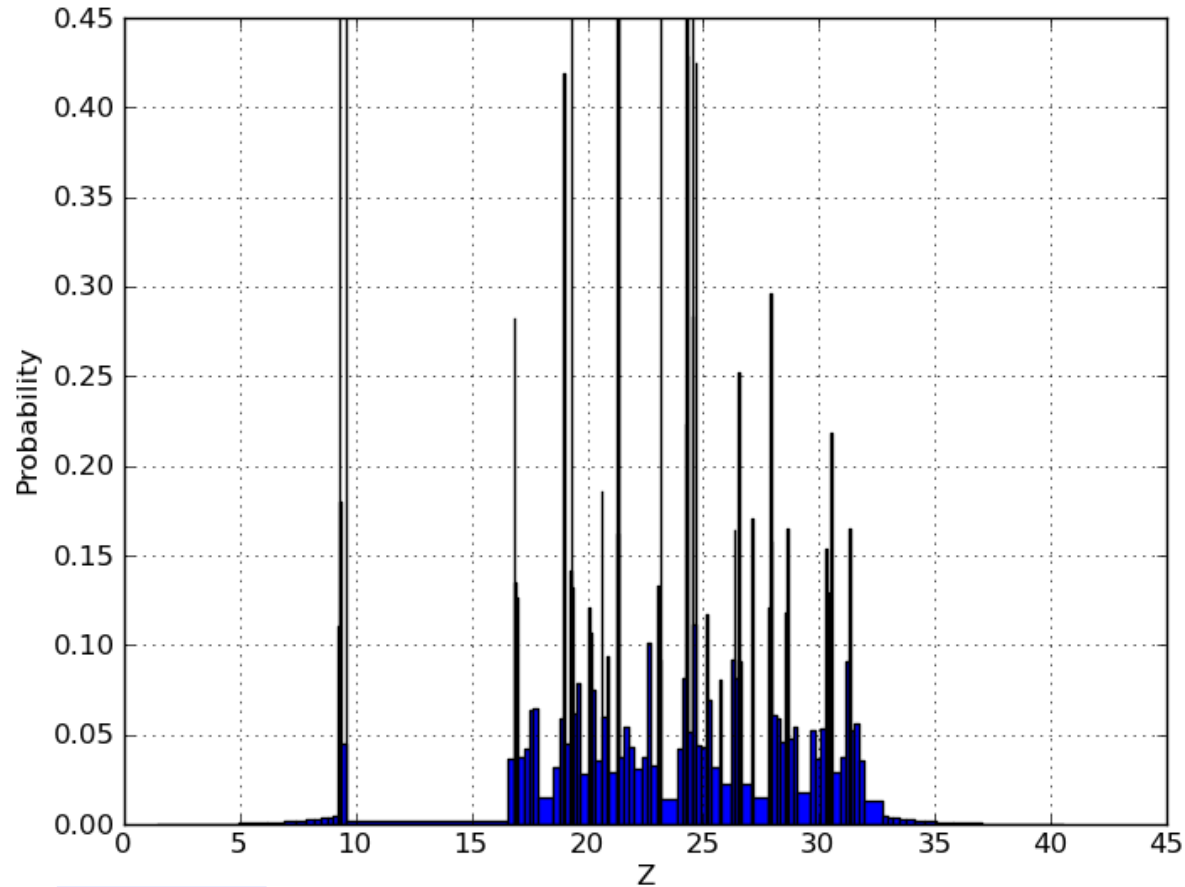
$$p(x, y, z|z^o) = p(z|z^o)p(x|z, z^o)p(y|x, z, z^o).$$

- Anderson (2010) replaces the linear update for  $z$  with an implementation of Bayes' rule,

$$p(z|z^o) = p(z)p(z^o|z),$$

based on rank histograms.

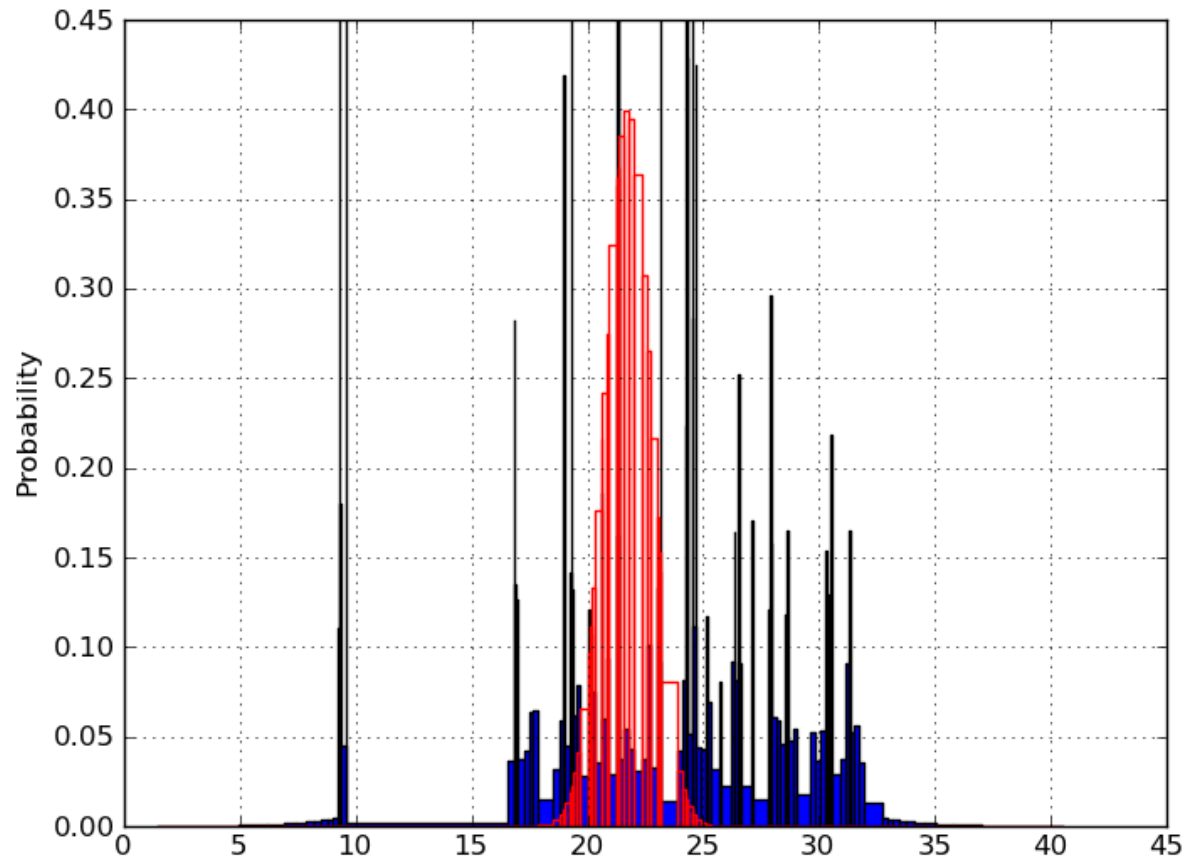
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$$p(z)$$

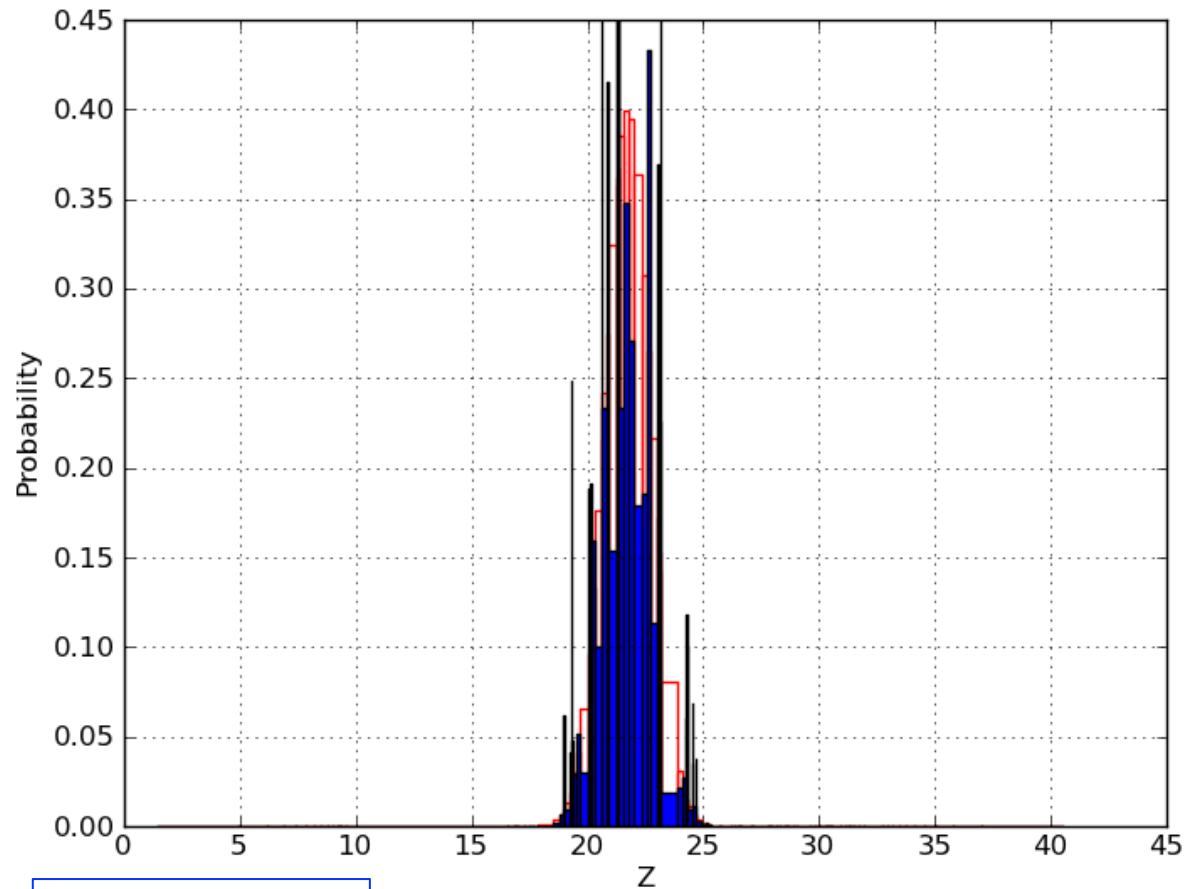
(mass =  $1/(N + 1)$ ) between 2 consecutive particles)

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$$p(z^o | z)$$

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$$p(z|z^o)$$

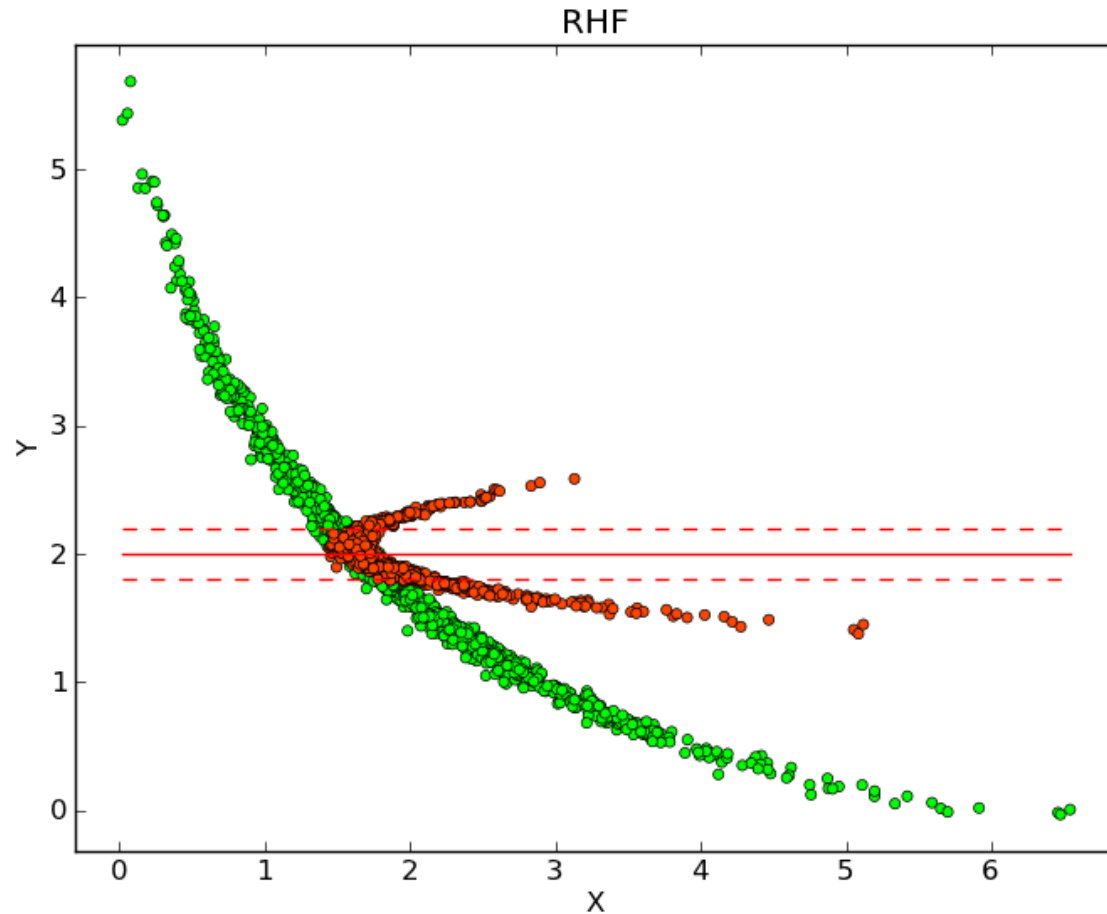
point-wise product of the previous 2. The analysis  
z values are sampled by inversion of CDF.

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- And unobserved variables are corrected using linear regressions, as in the EnKF.



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- Fully non-Gaussian method...
- Robust...
- ... for observed variables

# Basic idea of the Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter

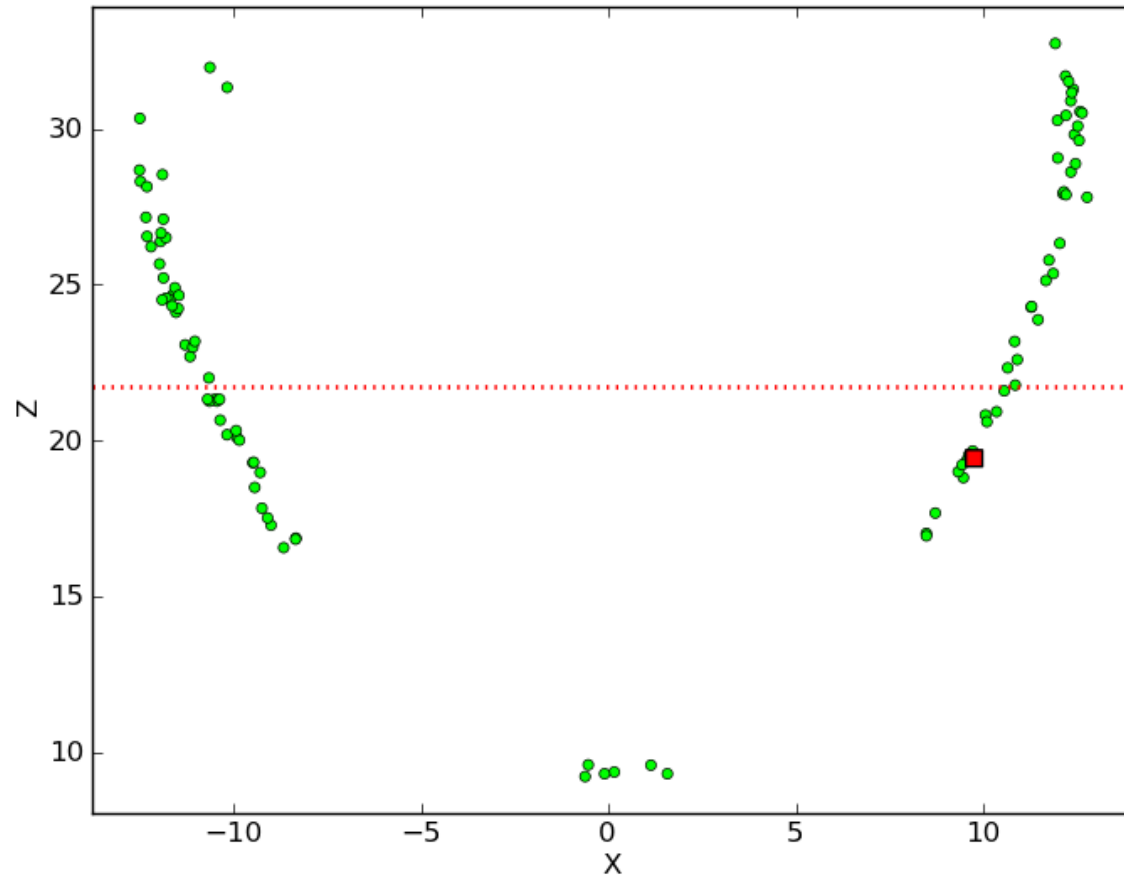
For 2 variables  $x$  and  $z$ ,  $z$  is observed by  $z^o$ .

Knothe-Rosenblatt rearrangement of the joint pdf

$$p(x, z | z^o) = p(z | z^o) p(x | z, z^o)$$

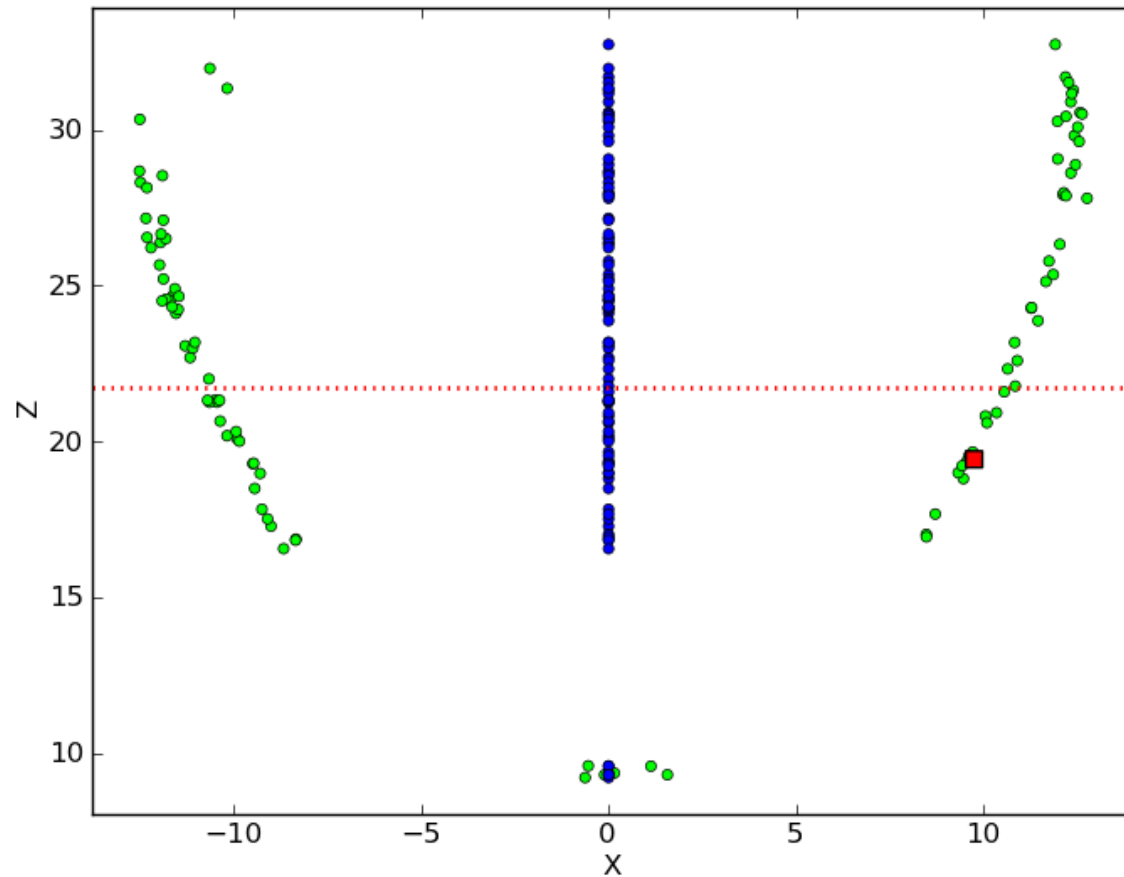
→ Sequential computation for  $z$  and  $x$  (as in the EnKF).

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter



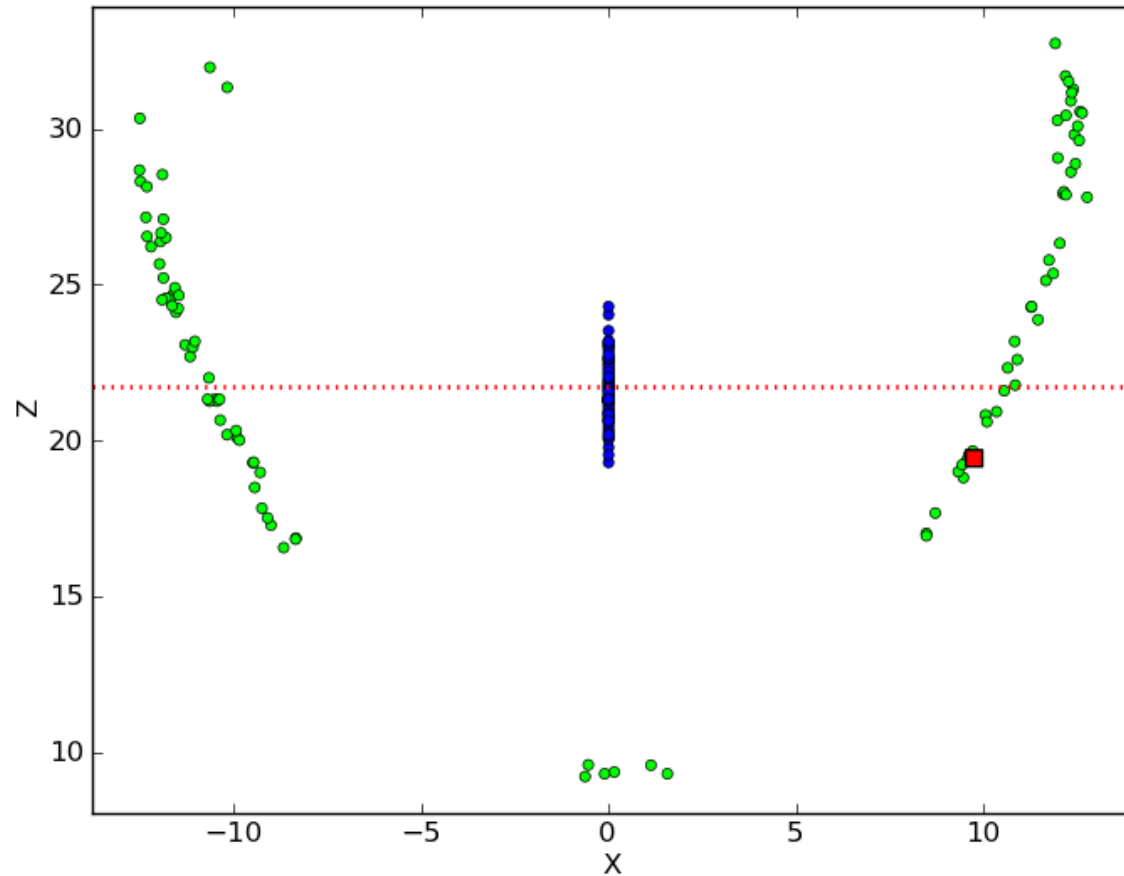
Background ensemble in  $X - Z$  plane.  
Red dotted line:  $Z$  obs. Red square: truth.

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter



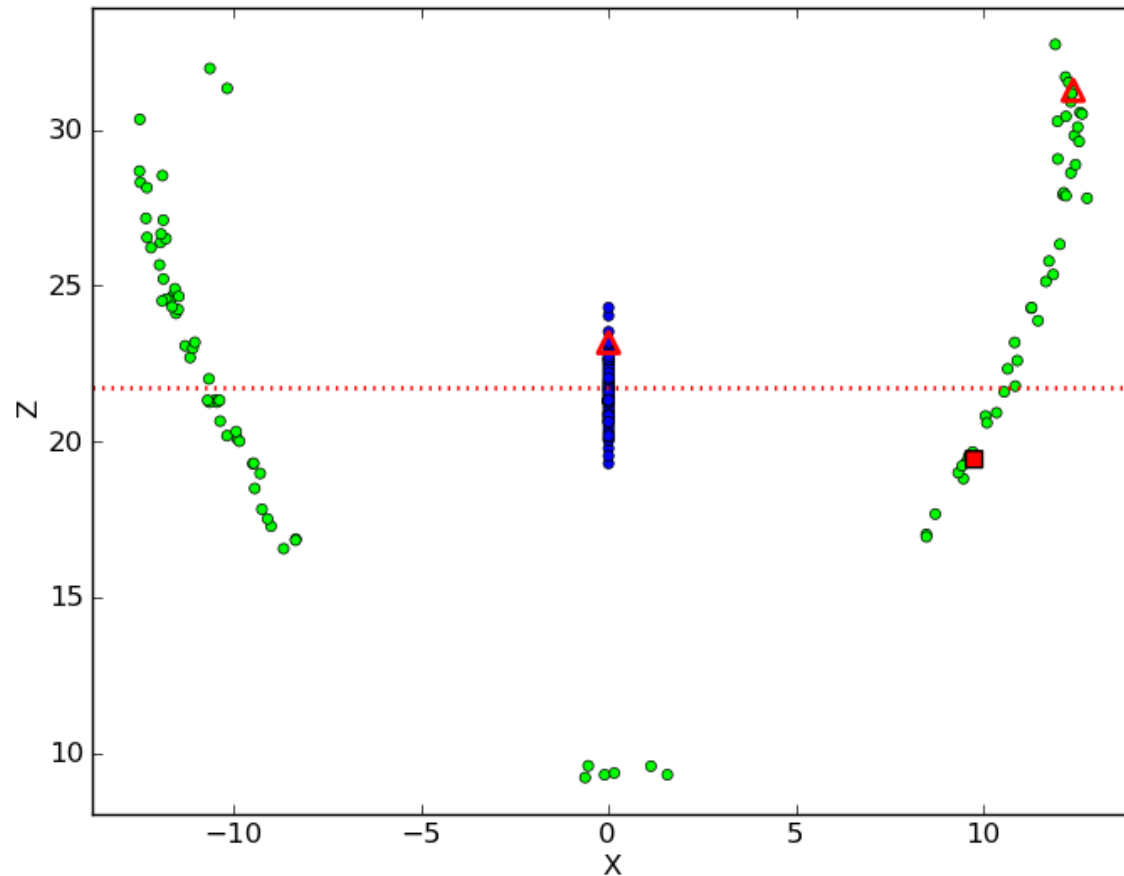
Background Z ensemble for RHF analysis.

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter



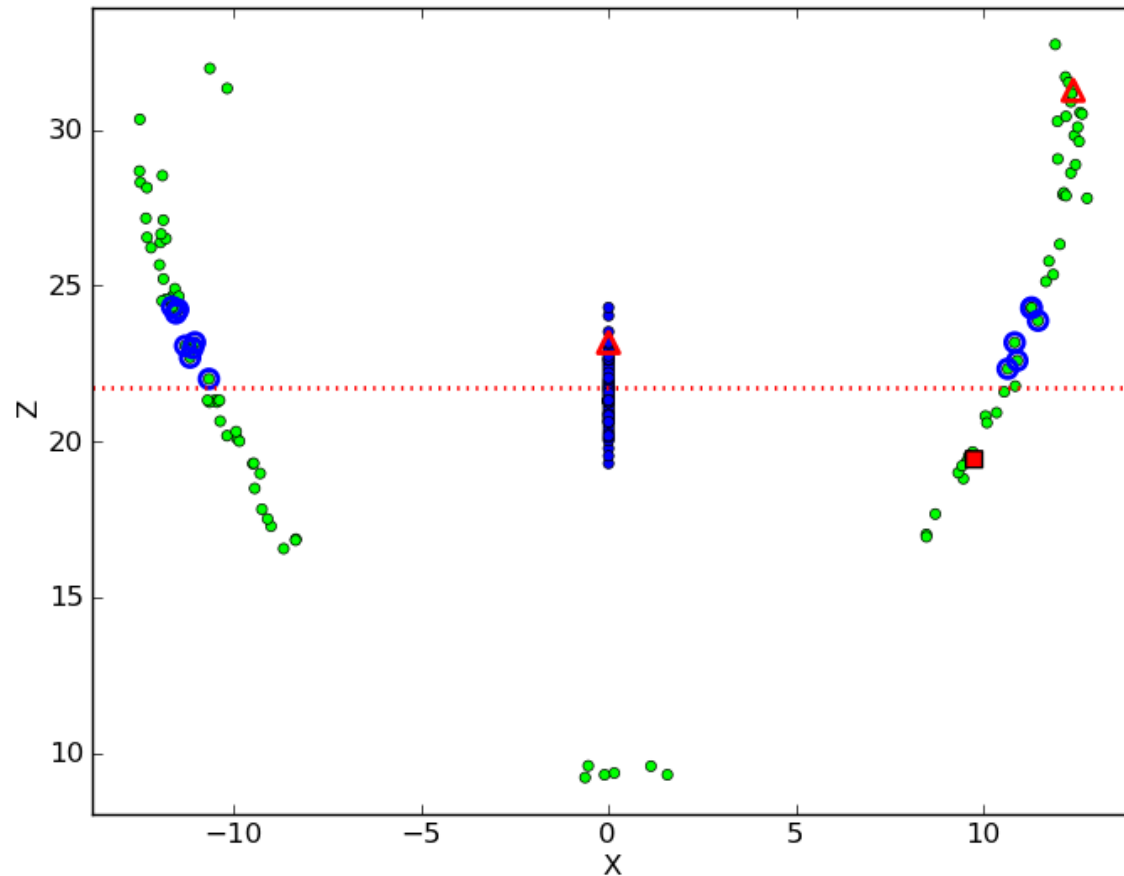
RHF analysis ensemble on Z line.

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter



For each particle  $i$ , an analyzed value for  $X$  must be calculated.

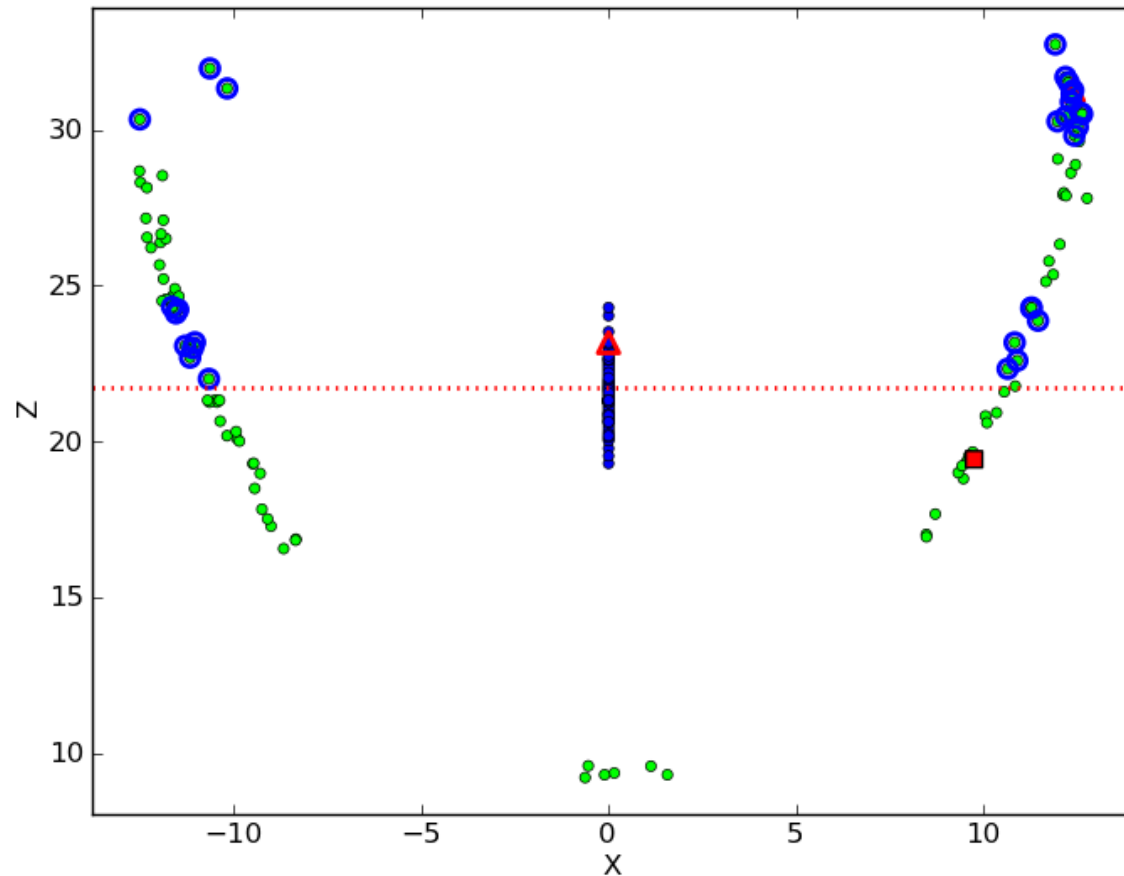
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To form  $p(X|Z = Z_i^a)$ , select particles in the background ensemble.  $X$  analysis could be randomly drawn from  $p(X|Z = Z_i^a)$ .

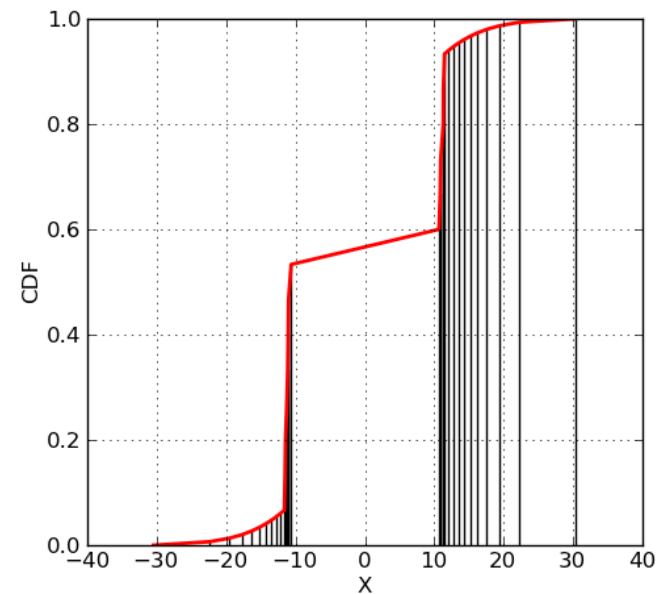
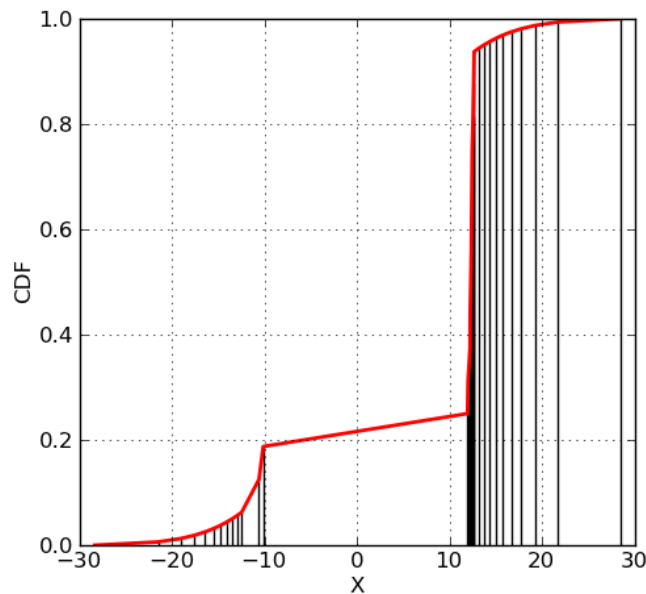


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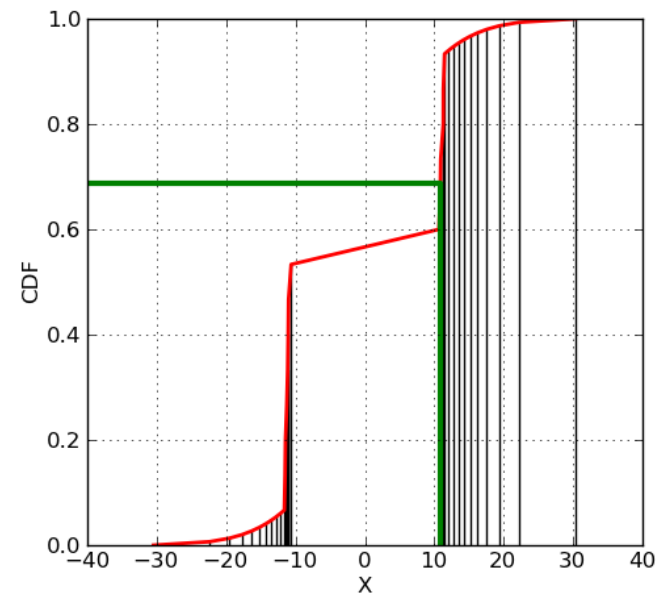
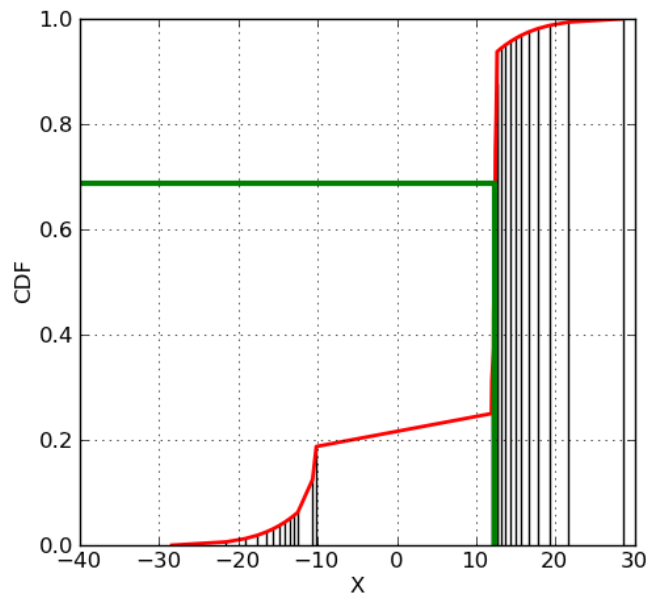
Instead, we select particles to estimate  $p(X|Z = Z_i^b)$ .

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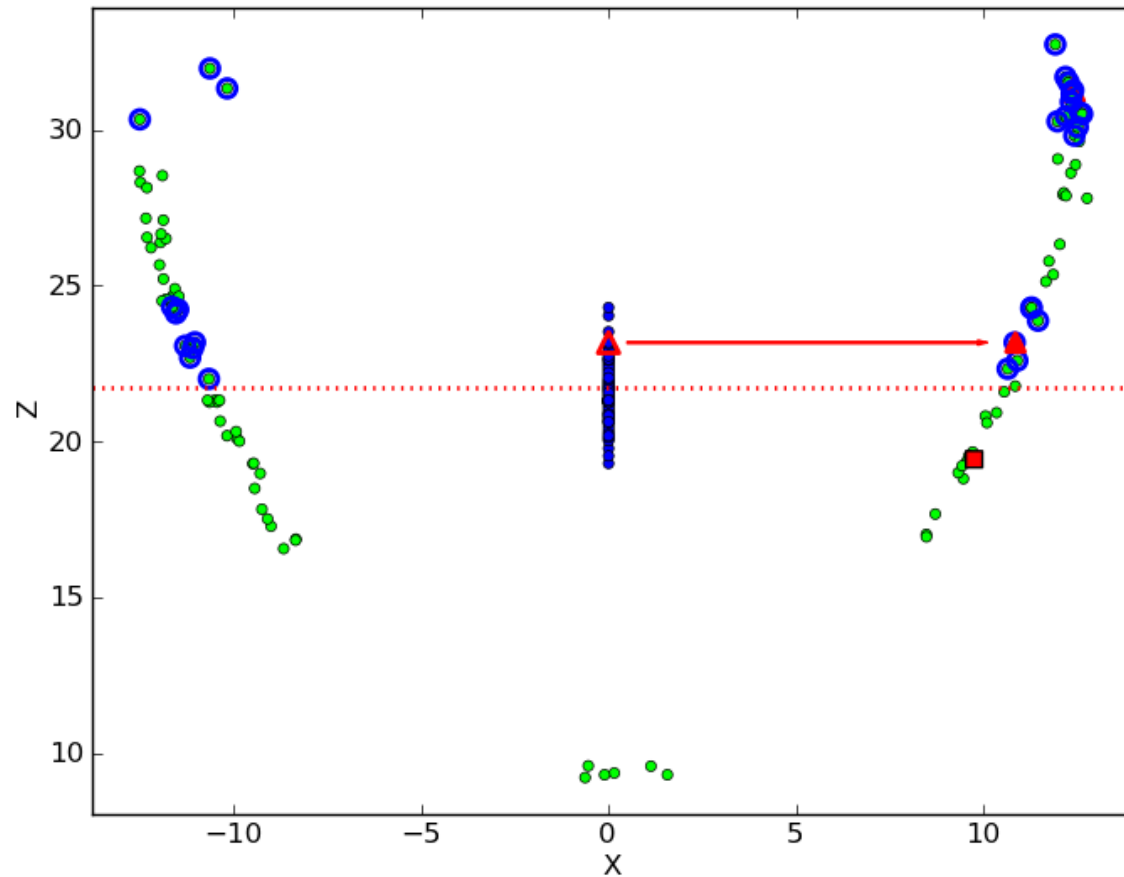
The marginal CDF of  $X | Z = Z_i^b$  and  $X | Z = Z_i^a$  are formed.

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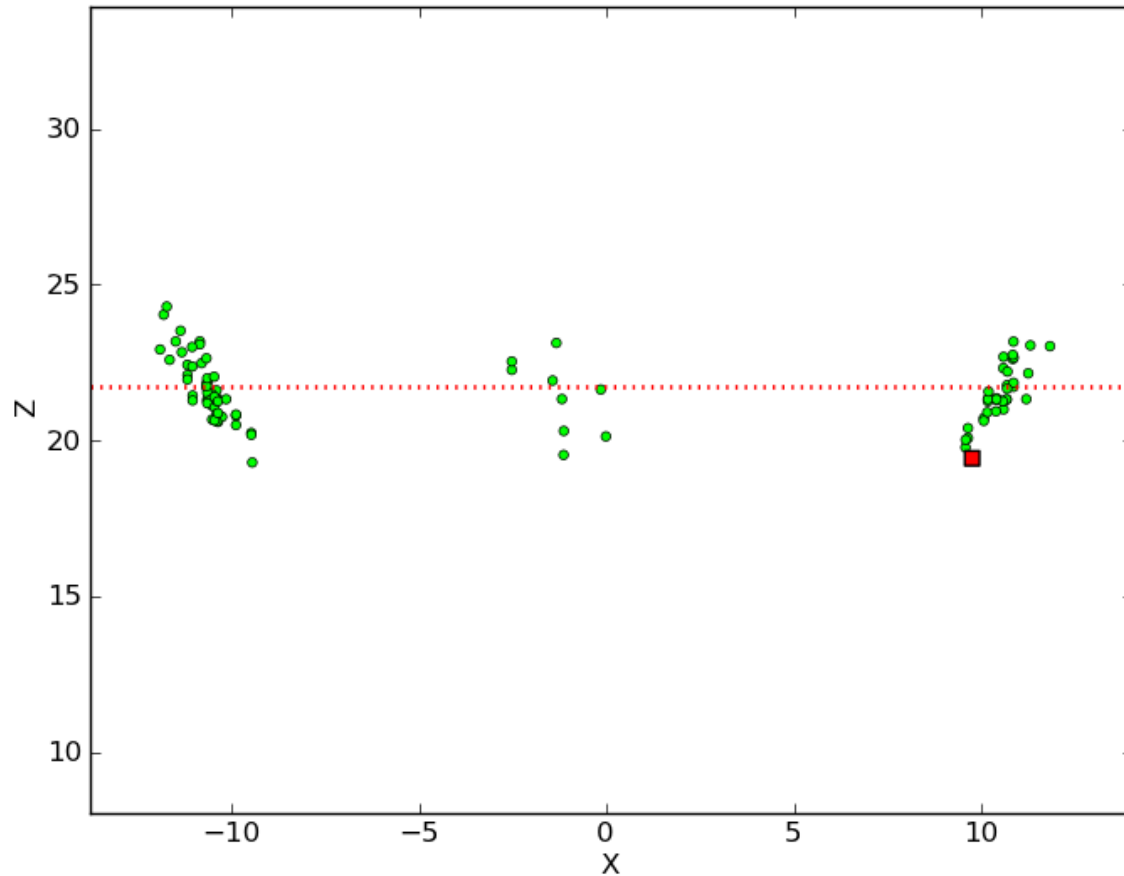
The analysis value for  $X$  is obtained by preserving the particle position in the marginal CDFs.

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter



This is done for each particle.

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter



Analysis ensemble.

# The Multivariate Rank Histogram Filter

With 3 variables:

$$p(x, y, z | z^o) = p(z | z^o) p(x | z, z^o) p(y | x, z, z^o)$$

To sample  $p(x | z = z_i^a)$ , particles are selected based on their distance to  $z_i^a$  along  $z$  axis.

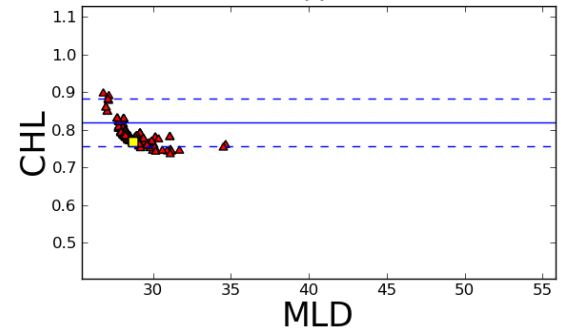
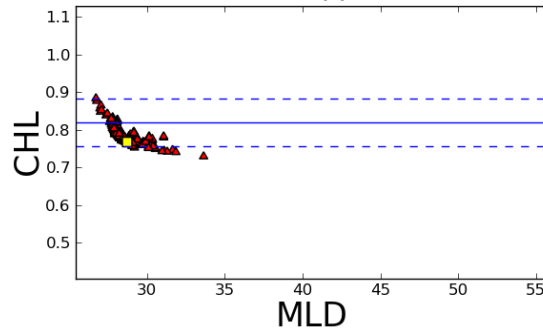
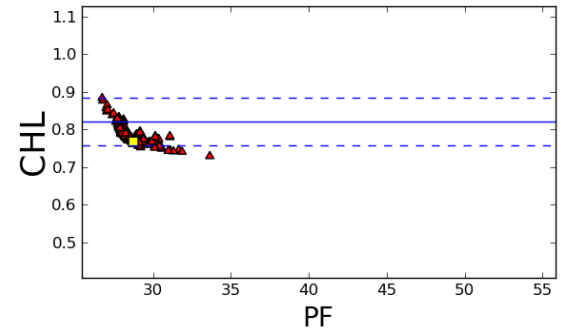
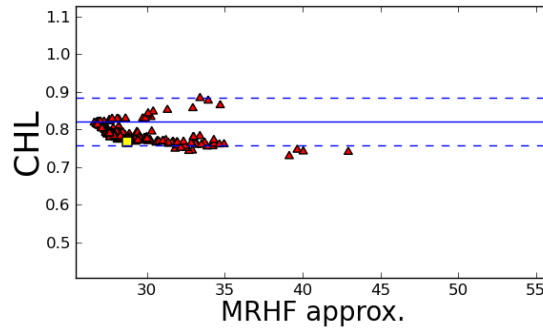
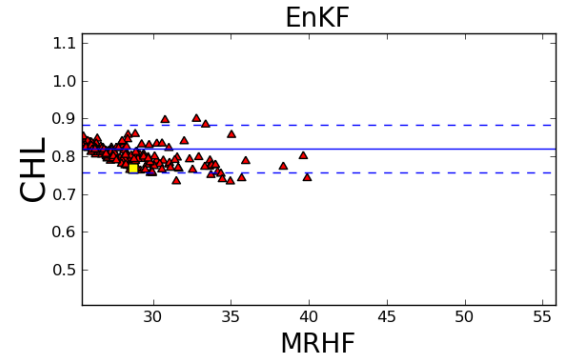
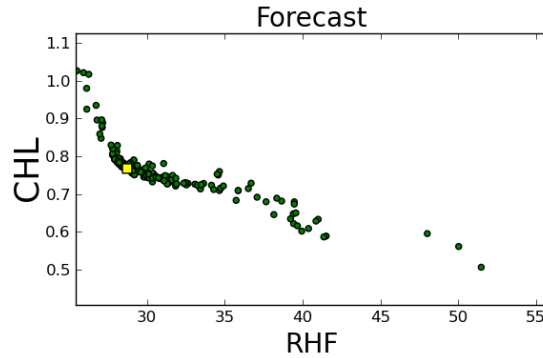
To sample  $p(y | x = x_i^a, z = z_i^a)$ , particles are selected based on their distance to  $(x_i^a, z_i^a)$  in the  $(x, z)$  plane.

# Analysis illustration

NATL0.25+BGC

Observed: CHL

Unobserved: MLD  
and DET

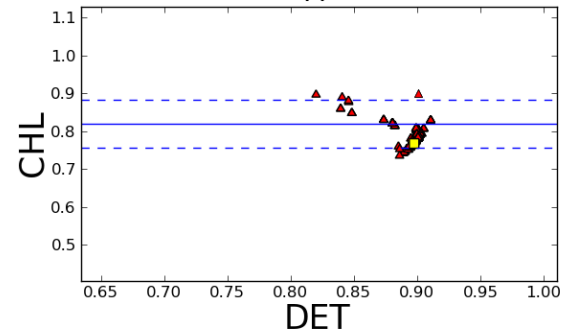
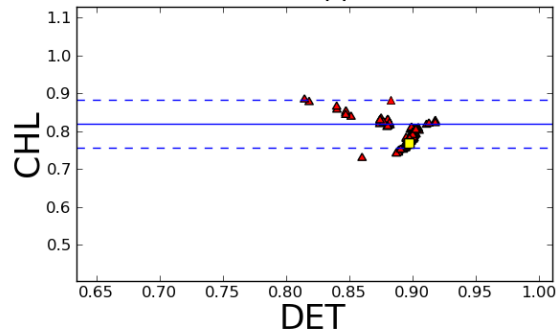
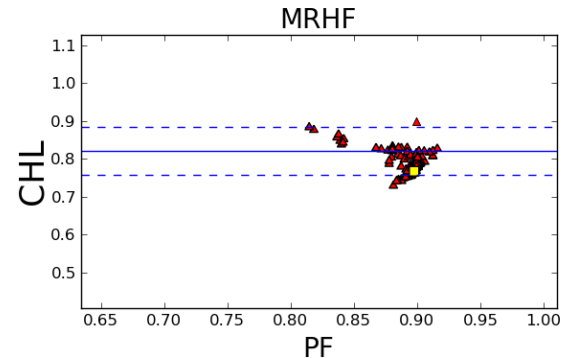
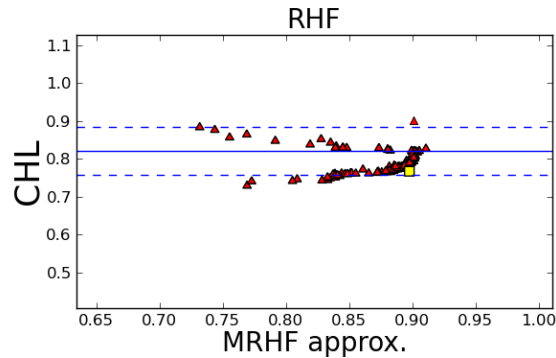
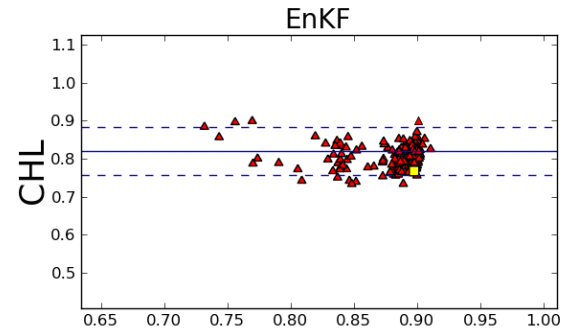
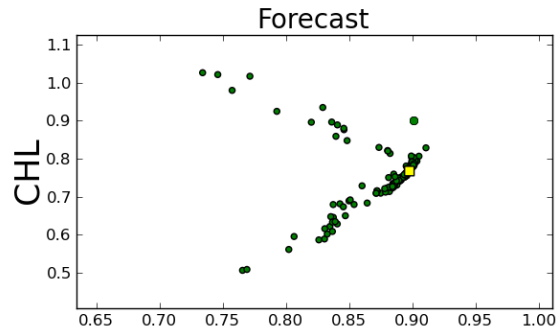


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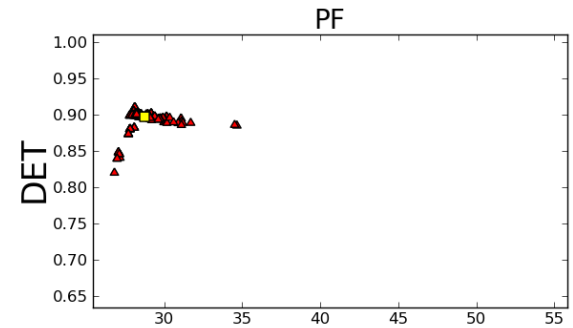
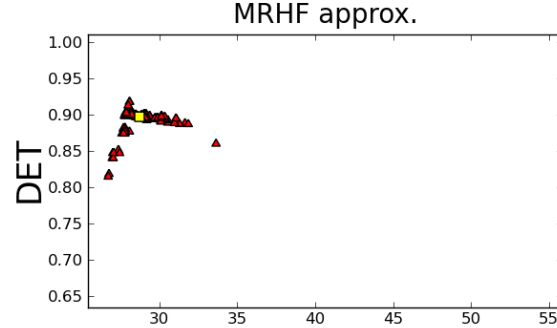
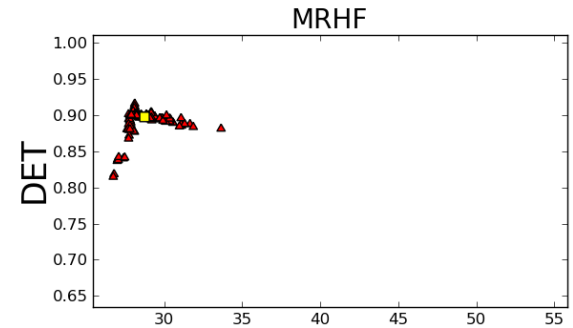
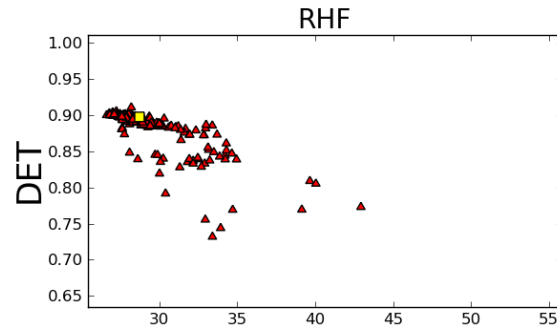
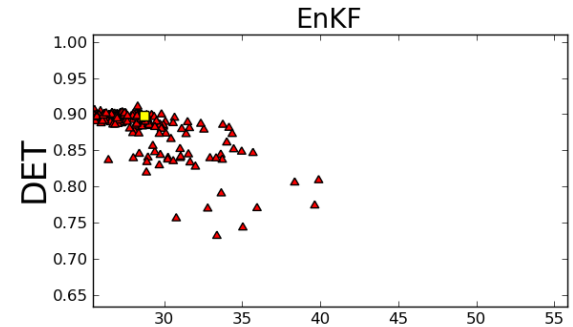
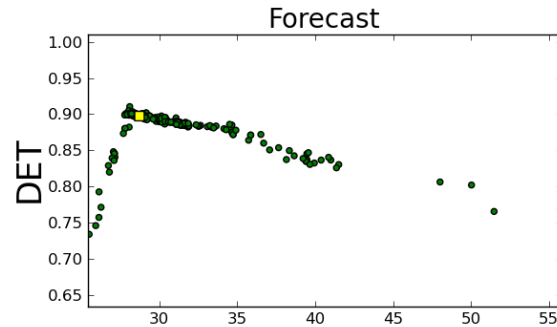


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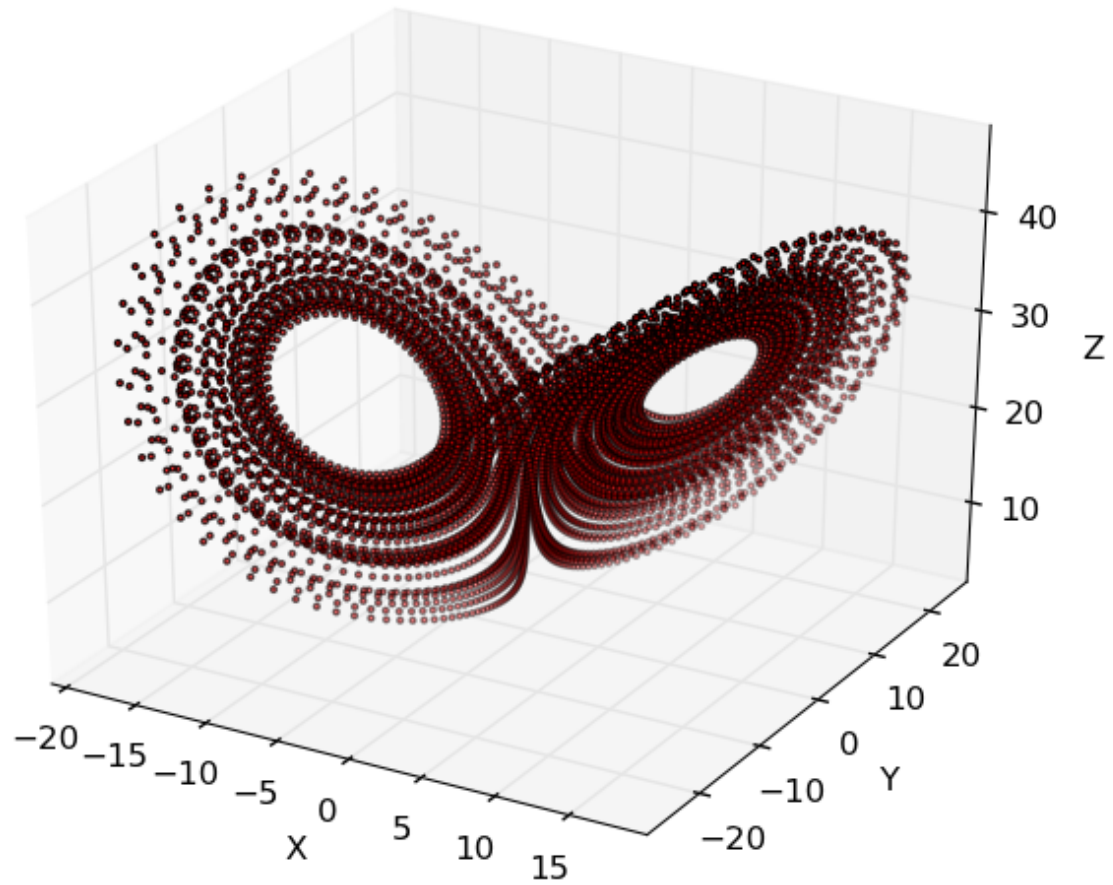
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# Experiments with Lorenz 63 system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} &= 10(y - x) \\ \dot{y} &= 28x - y - xz \\ \dot{z} &= xy - \frac{8}{3}z \end{cases}$$

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- Experiment 1:
  - X, Y, Z observed (error std=2);
  - Analysis every 10 (weakly), 25 (moderately), and 50 (strongly nonlinear case) time steps.
- Experiment 2:
  - Only Z observed (error std=1);
  - Analysis every 40 time steps.

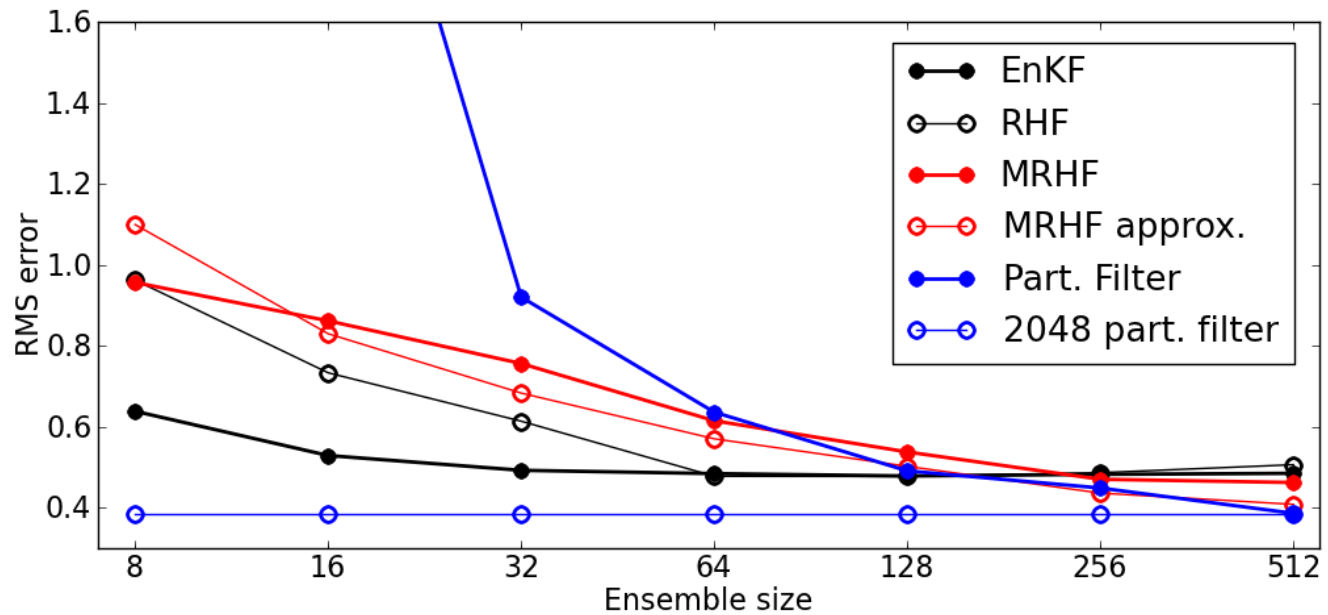
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- $10^5$  analysis steps;
- Diagnostics: RMS error and Kullback-Leibler divergence (ref: large ensemble SIR filter).

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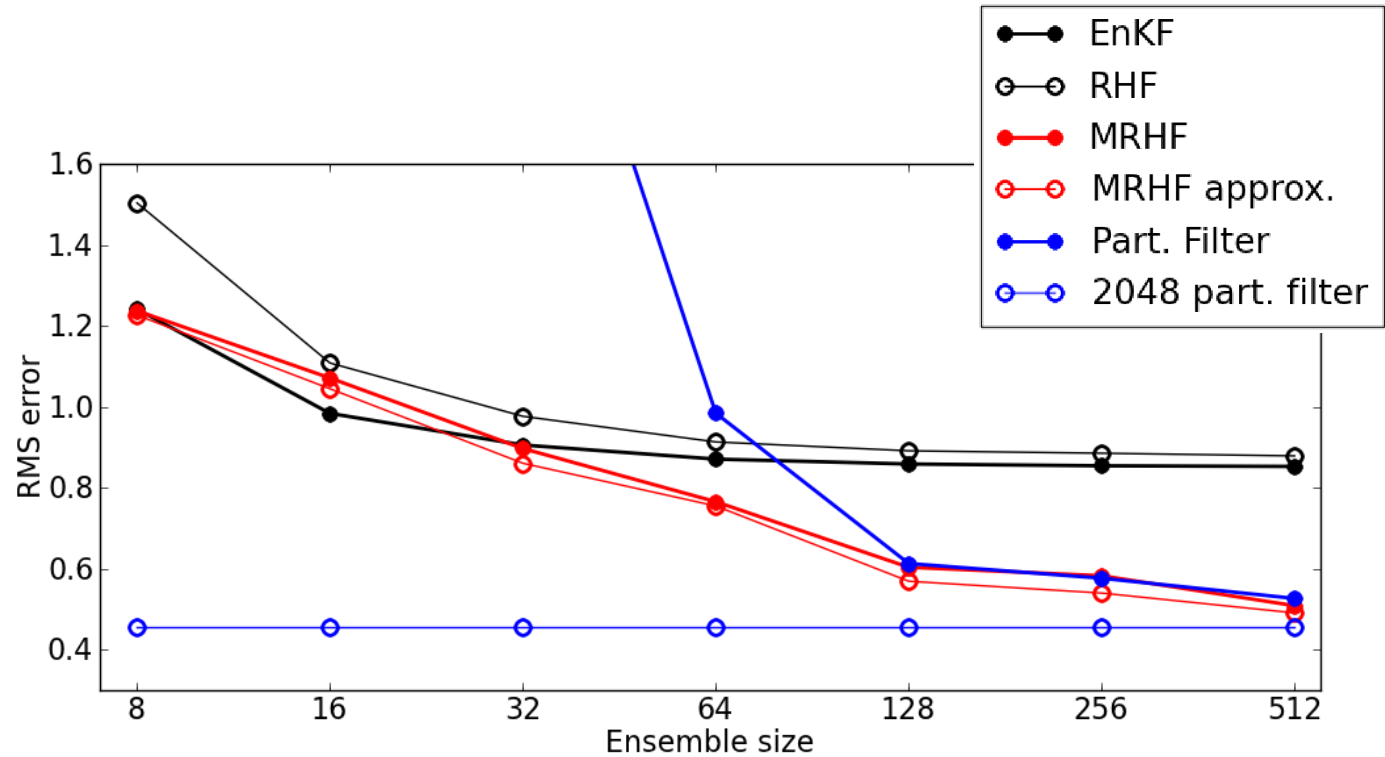
# L63, XYZ observed, dt=10

## RMS error



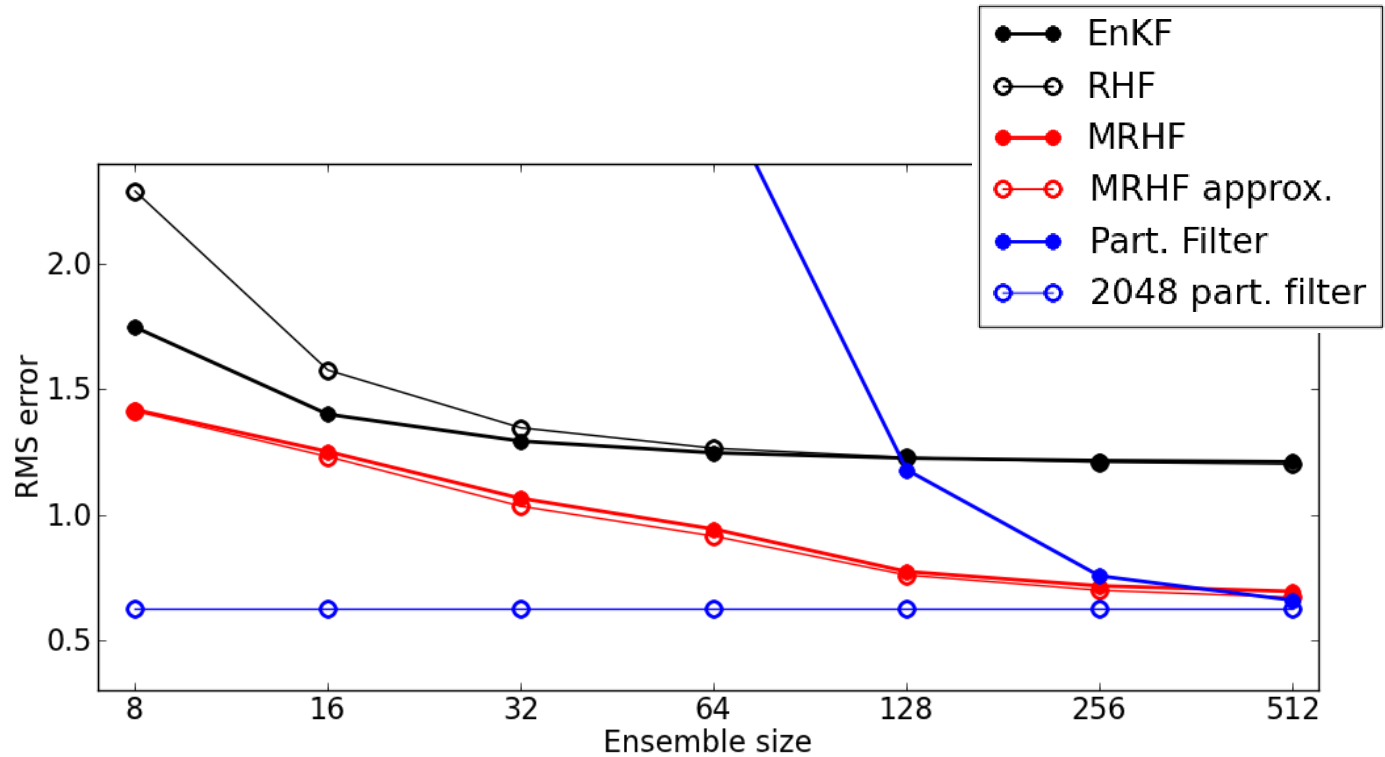
# L63, XYZ observed, dt=25

## RMS error



# L63, XYZ observed, dt=50

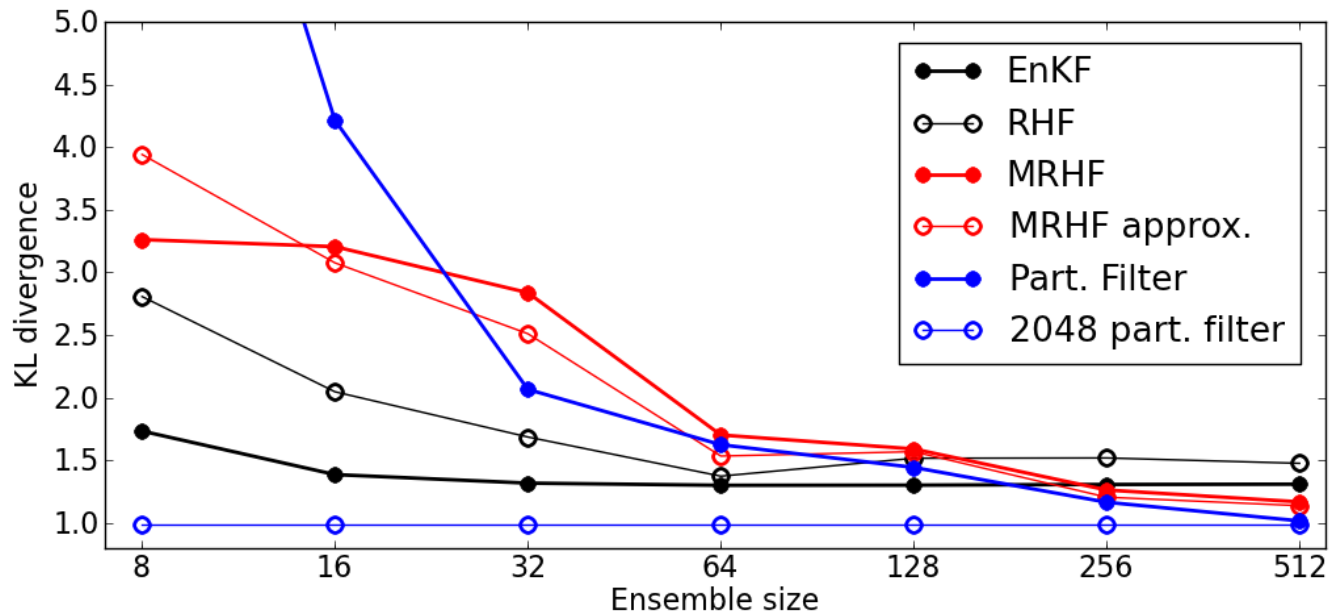
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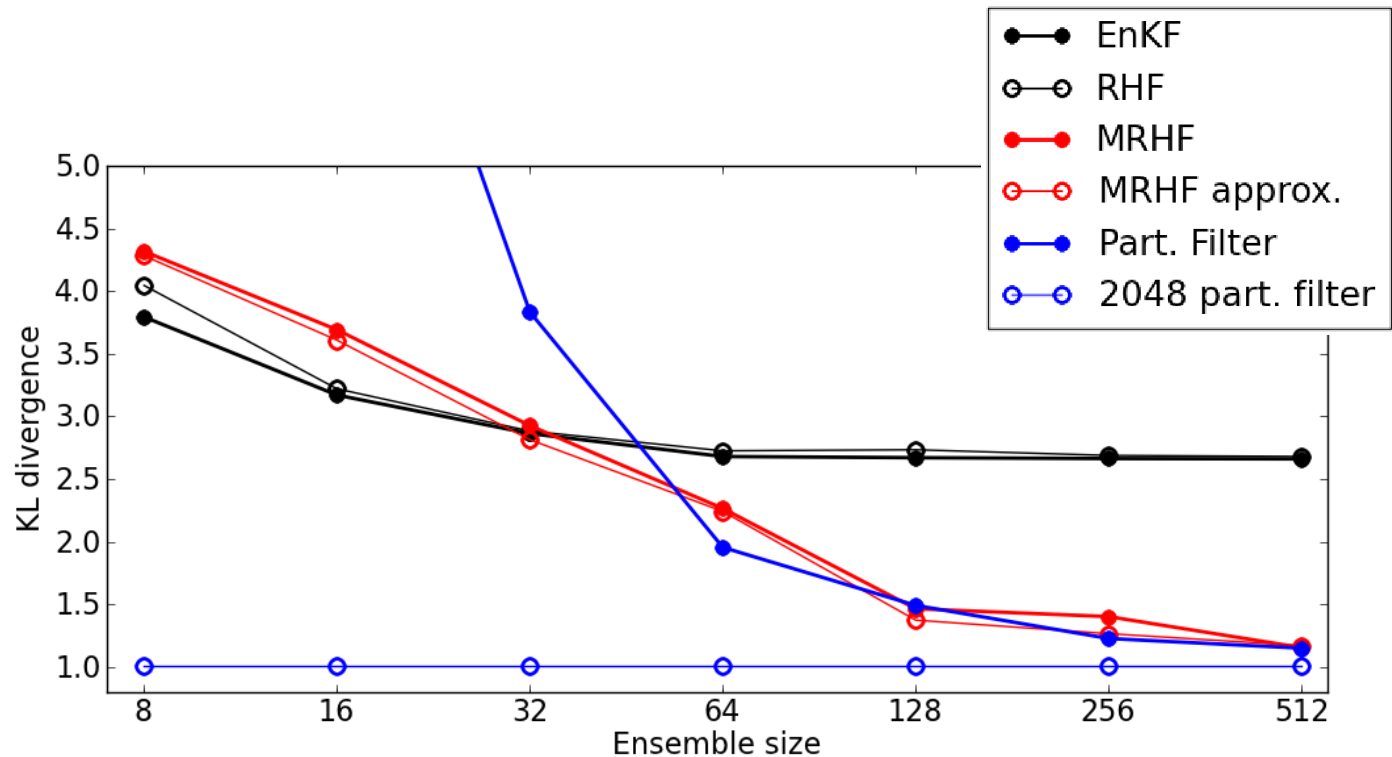
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## Kullback-Leibler divergence



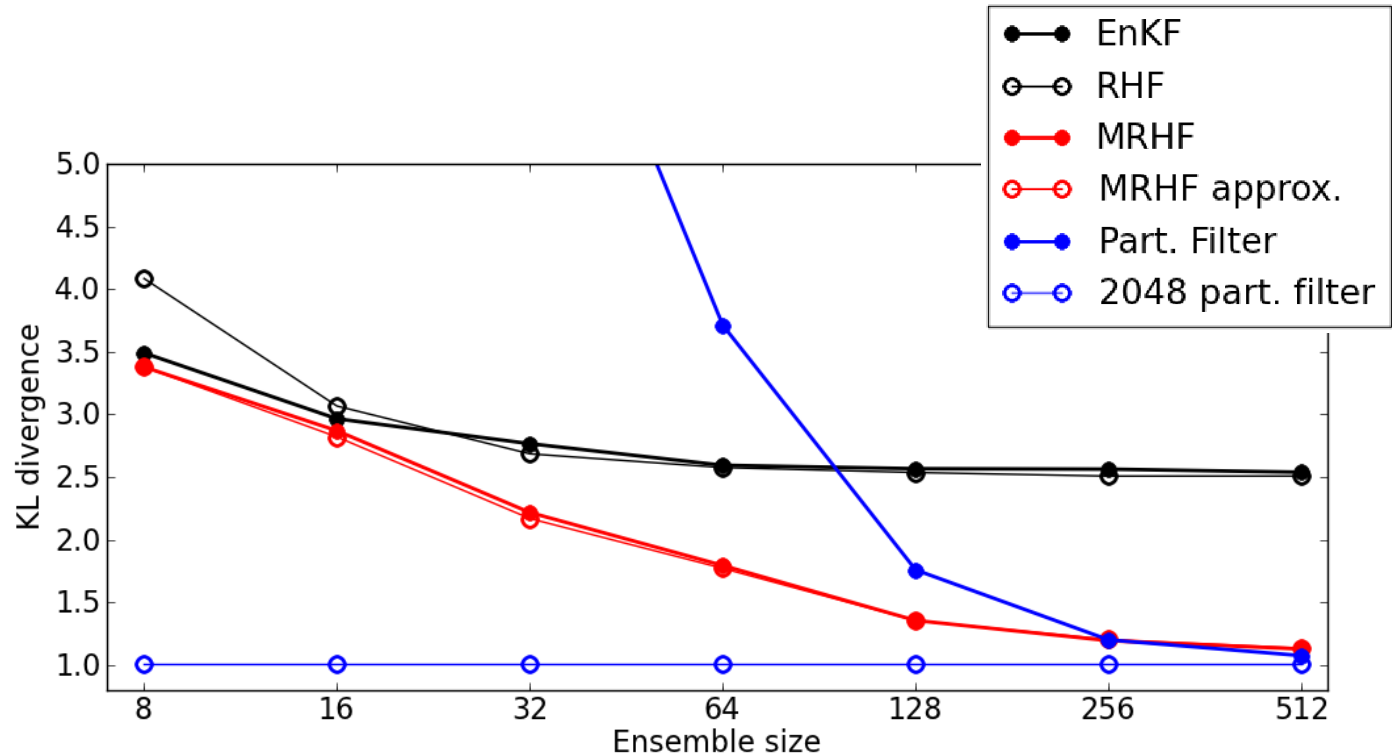
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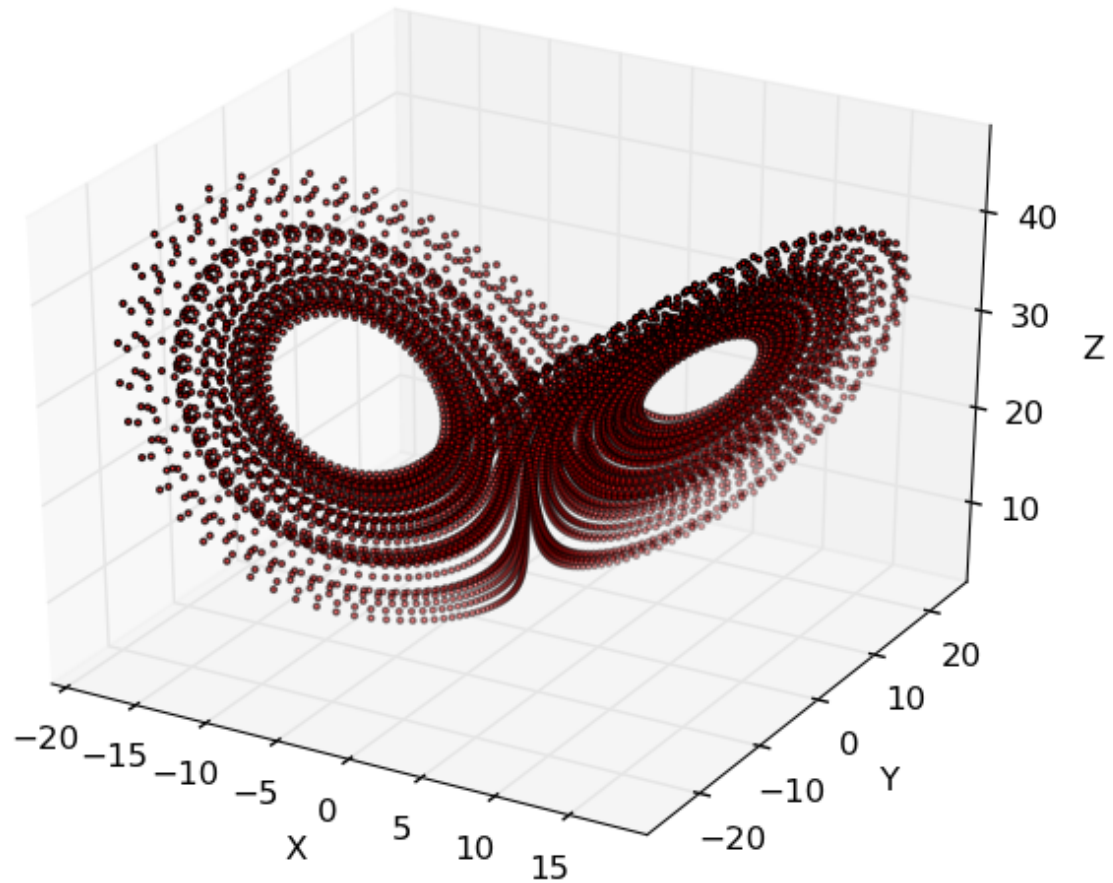


# L63, XYZ observed, dt=50

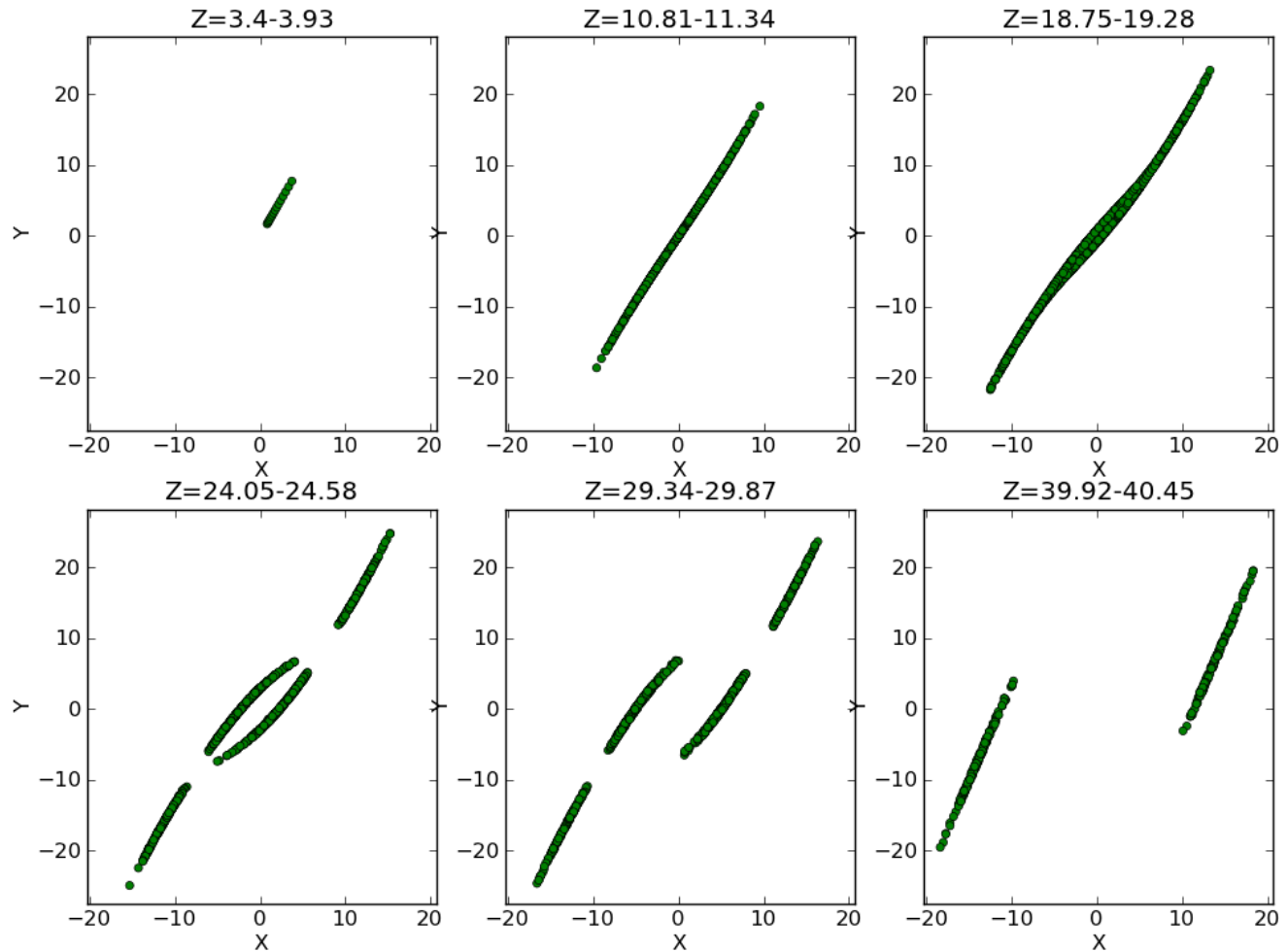
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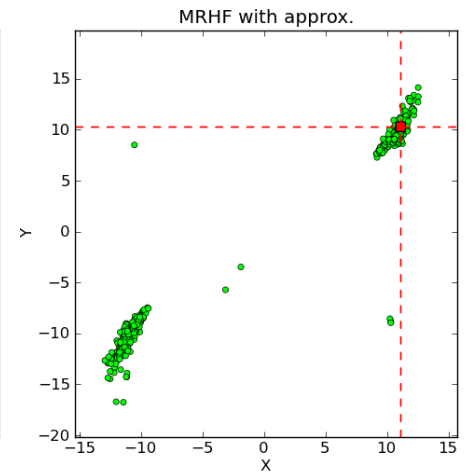
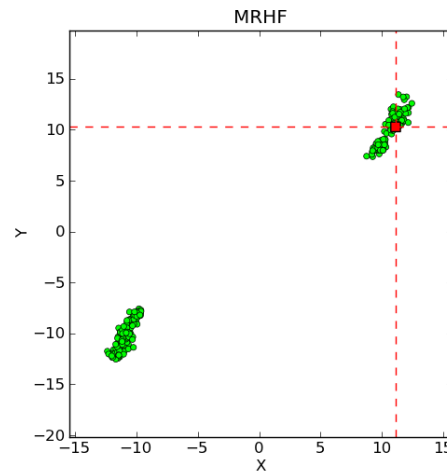
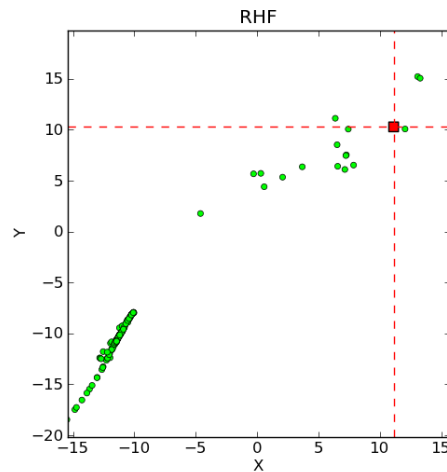
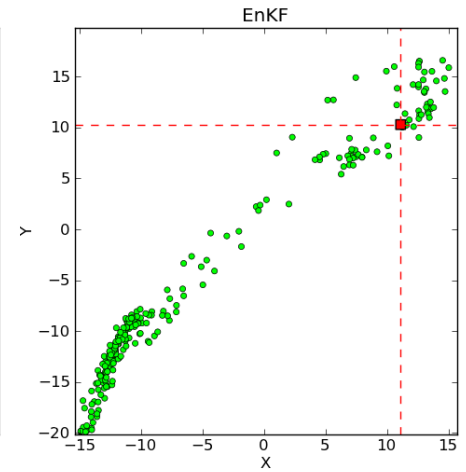
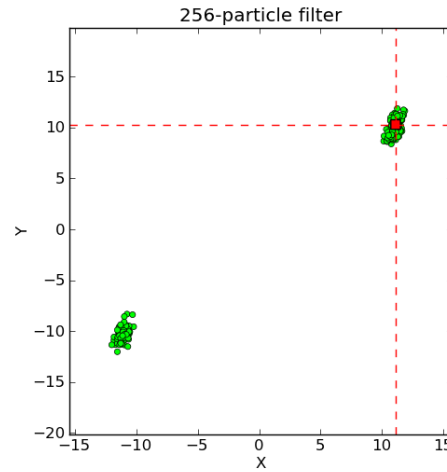
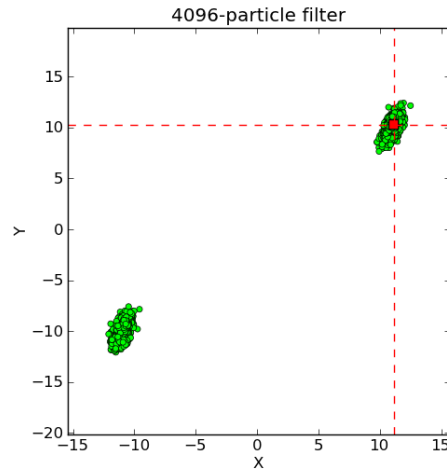
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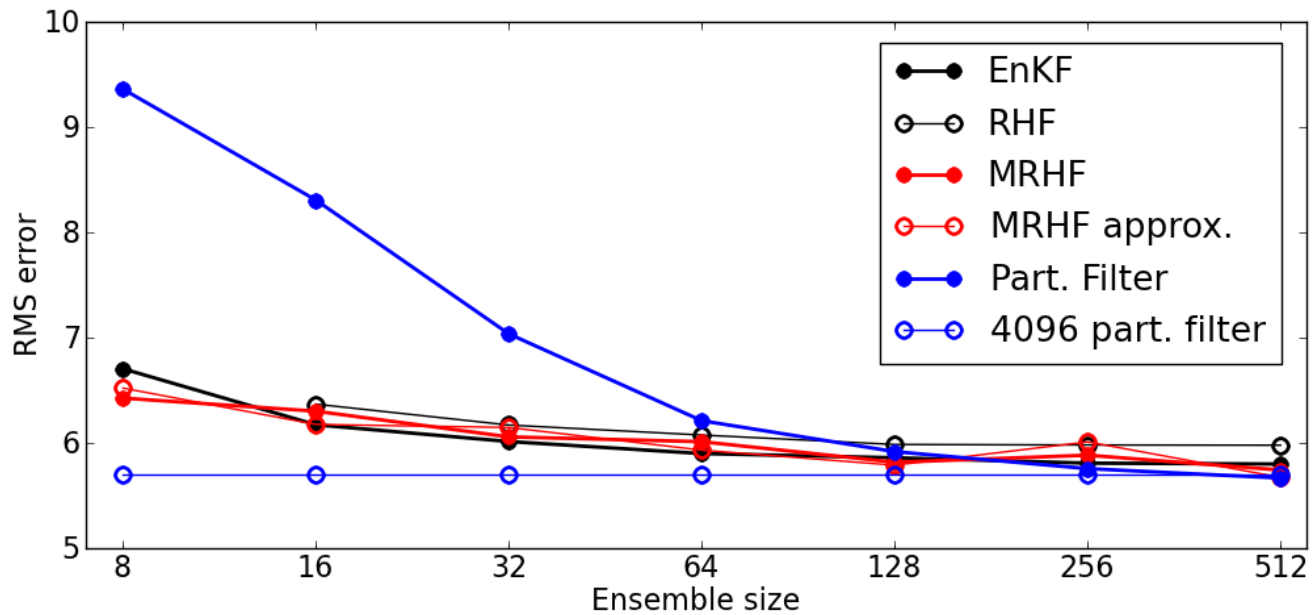


# L63, only Z observed Analyses at cycle 364



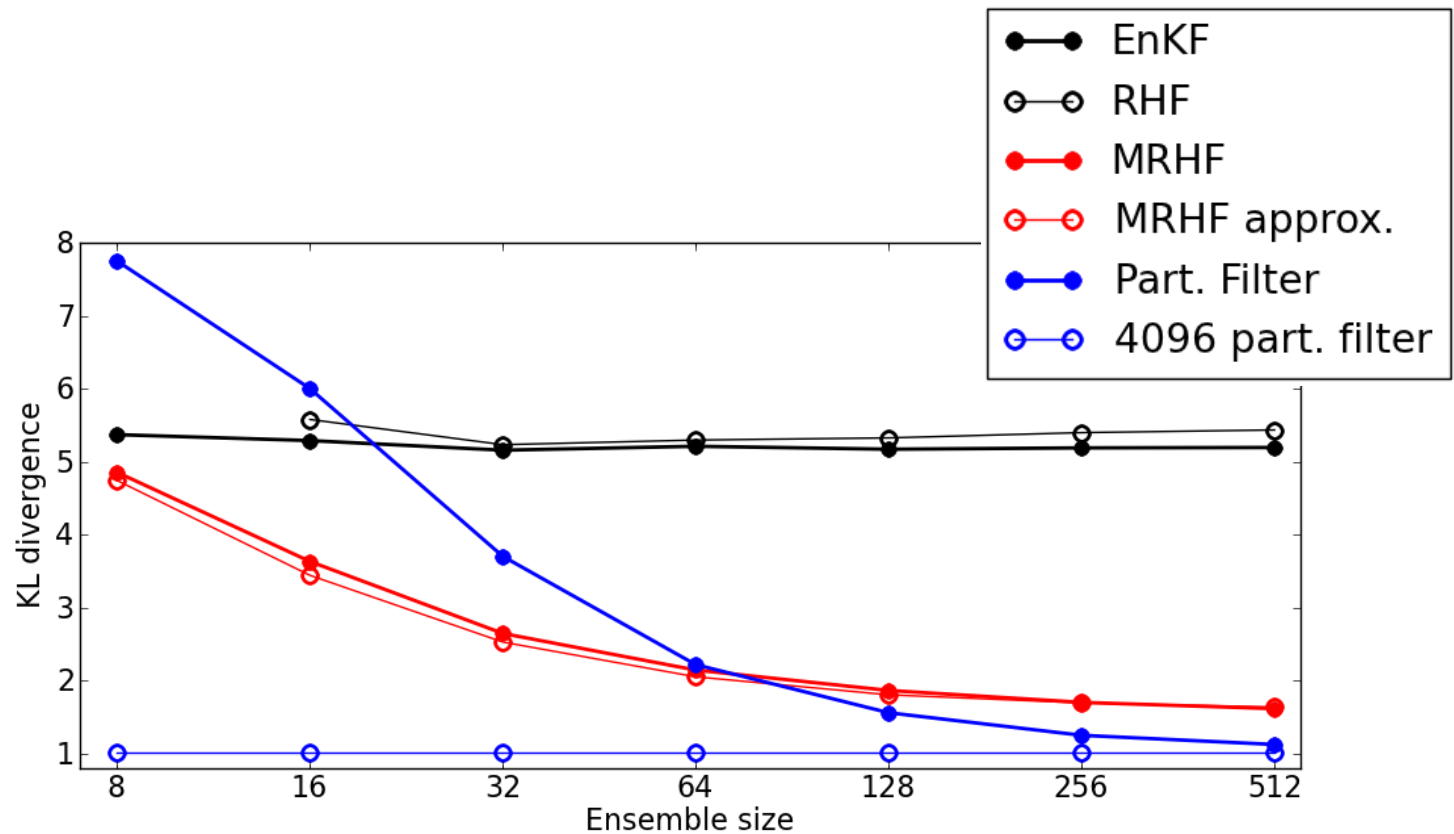
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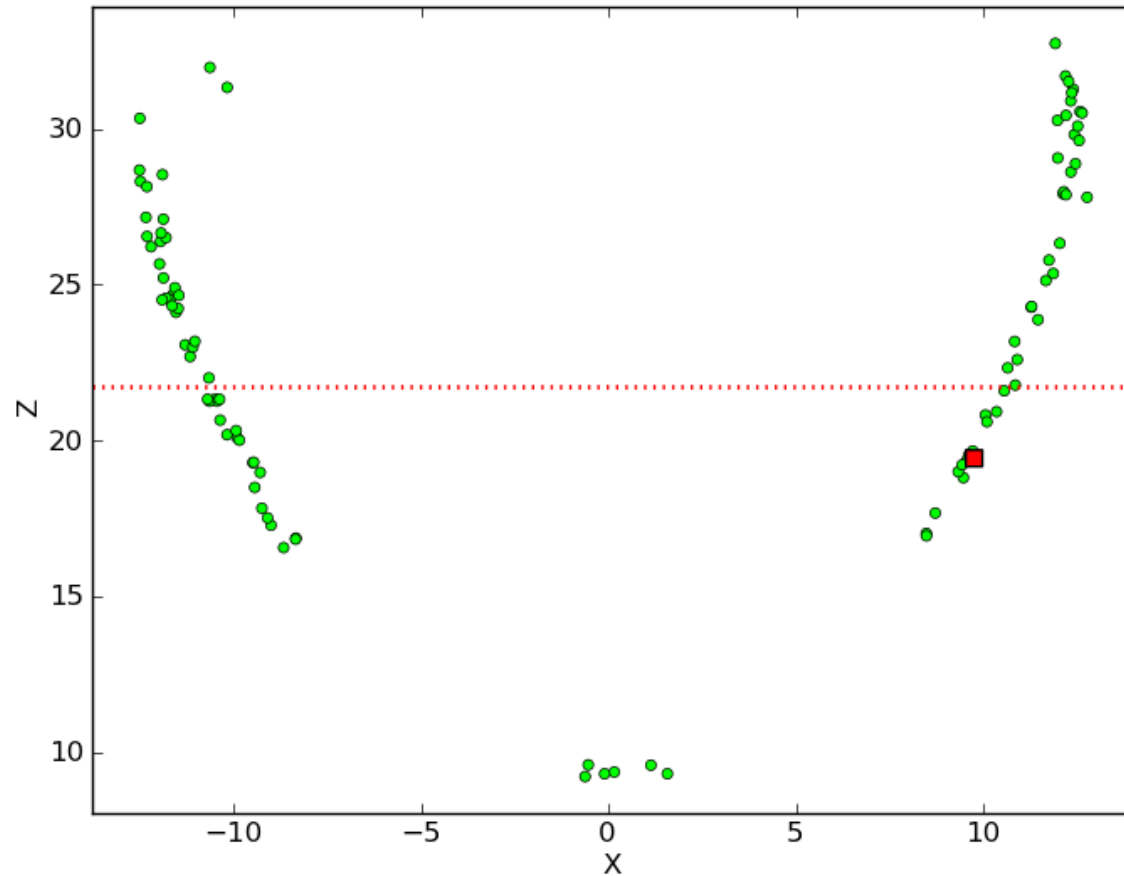




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- Need for the mean-field approximation;
- Extremely expensive in the present form (work in progress)

# Last remarks

- The MRHF is one implementation of EnDA based on Optimal transport theory (see S. Reich's papers)
- The MRHF follows the logic of the stochastic EnKF (coupling possible)
- Easy localization of the analysis
- Smoothing straightforward

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(1) Lauvernet et al (2009)

(2) Holm et al (2002), Bertino et al (2003); Simon and Bertino (2009); Béal et al (2010); Brankart et al (2012)

(3) Gordon et al (1993); Van Leeuwen et al (2009, 2010), Snyder et al (2008)

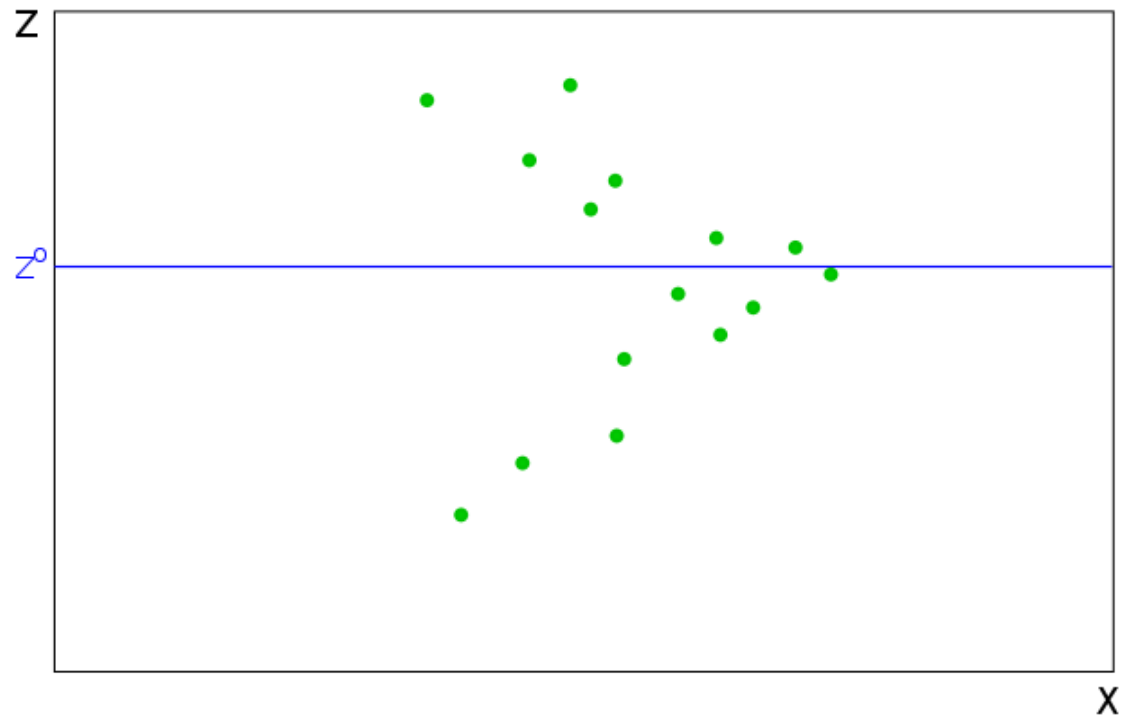
(4) Reich (2013)

(5) Metref et al (in revision)

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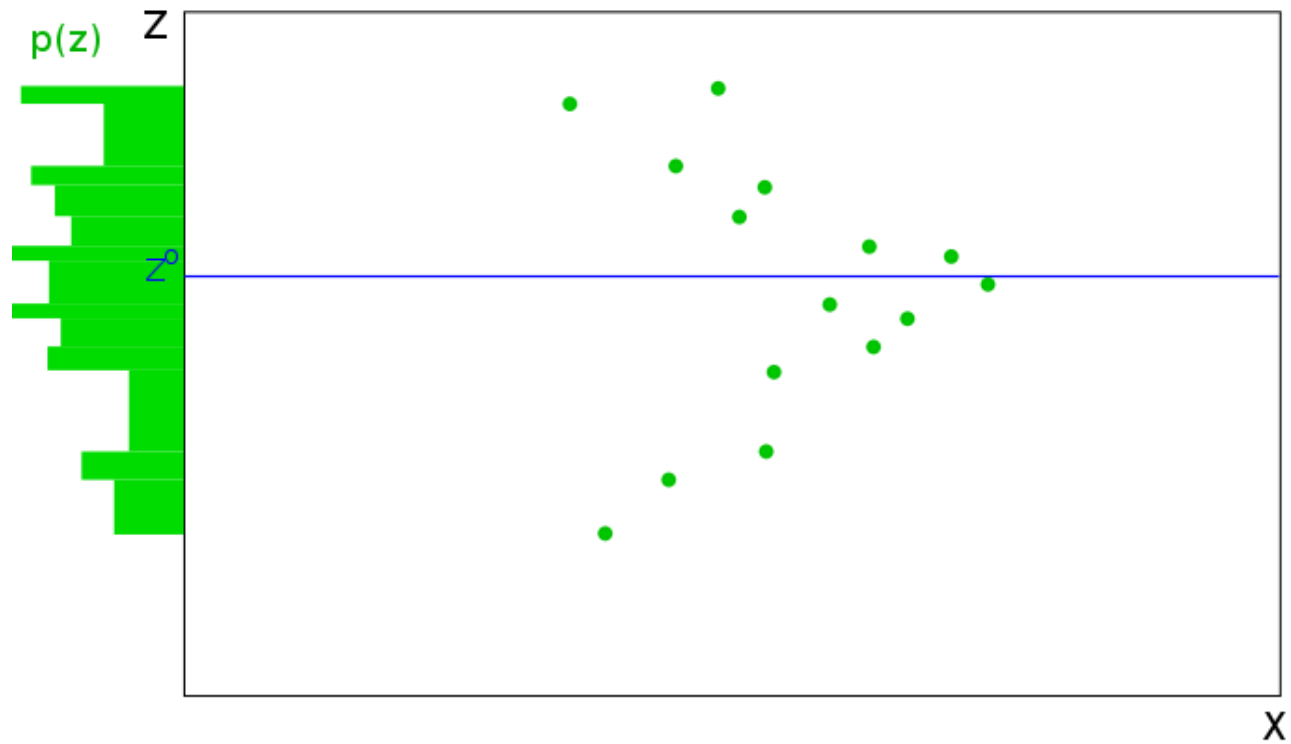
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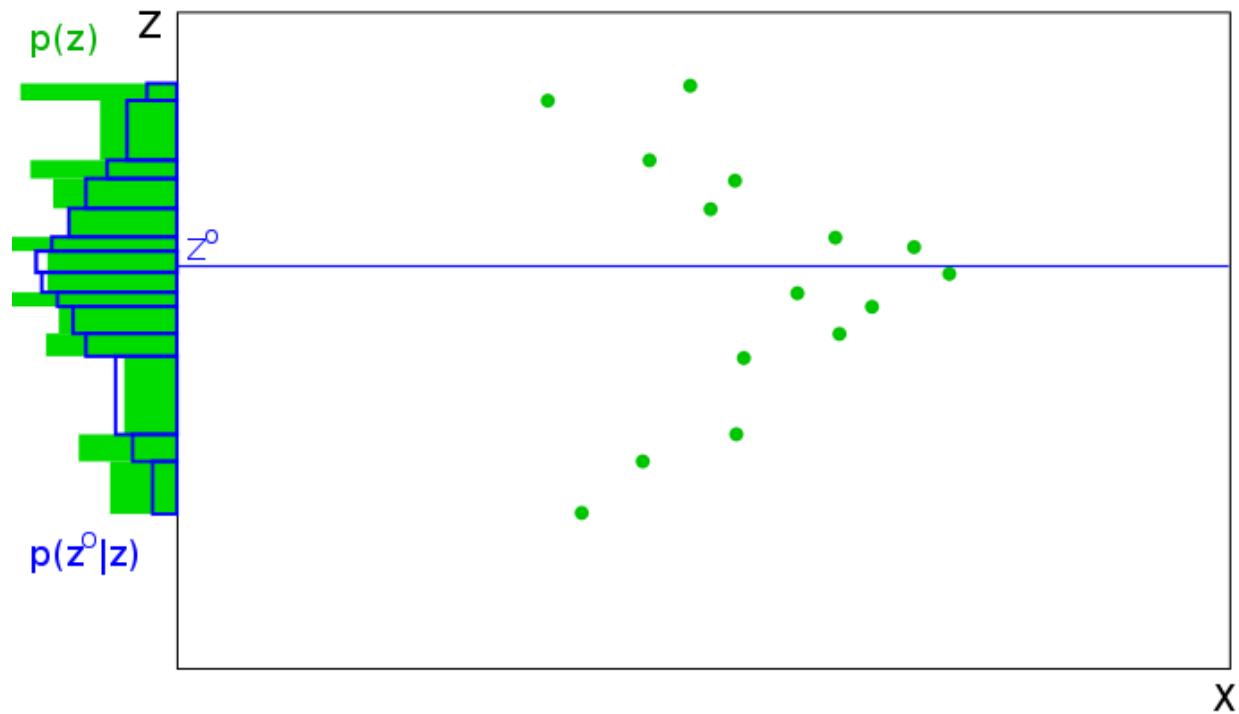




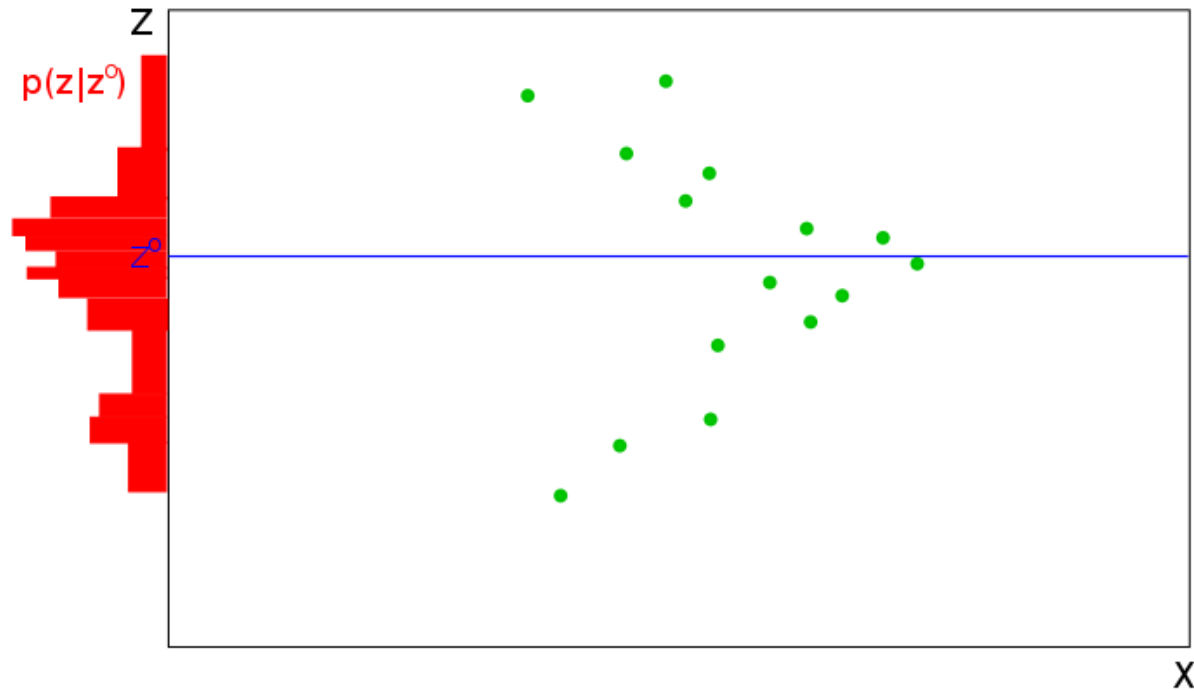
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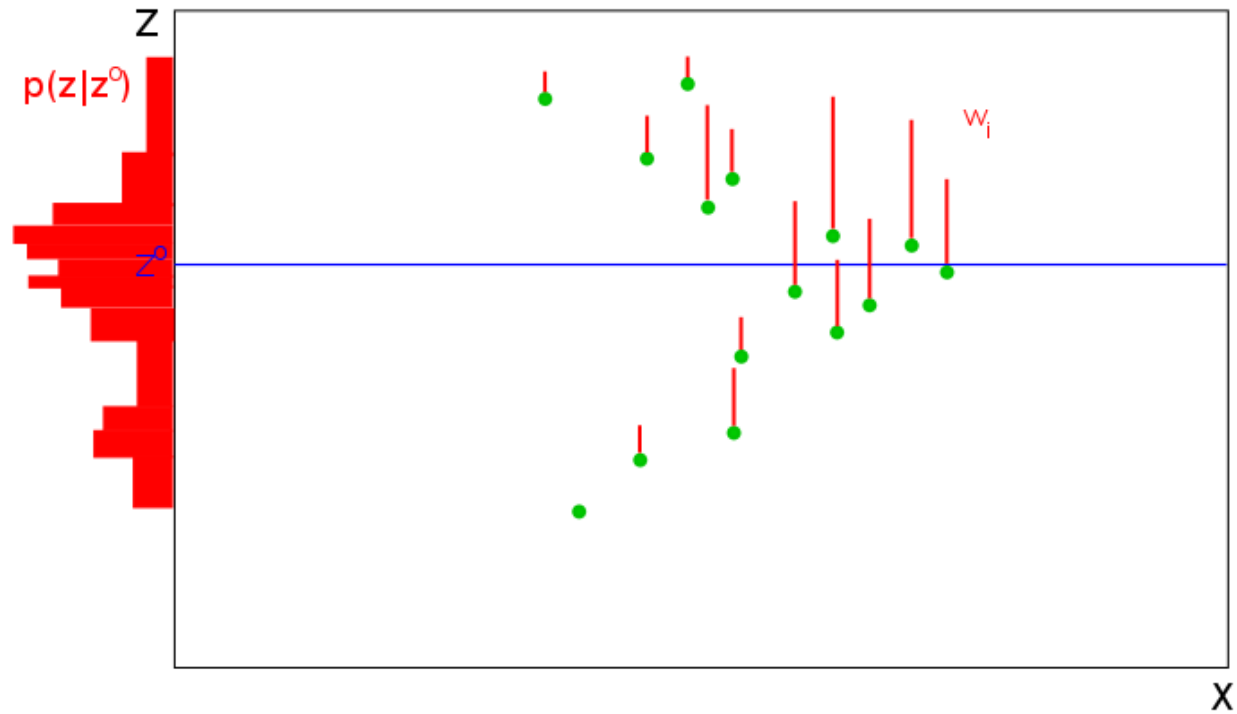
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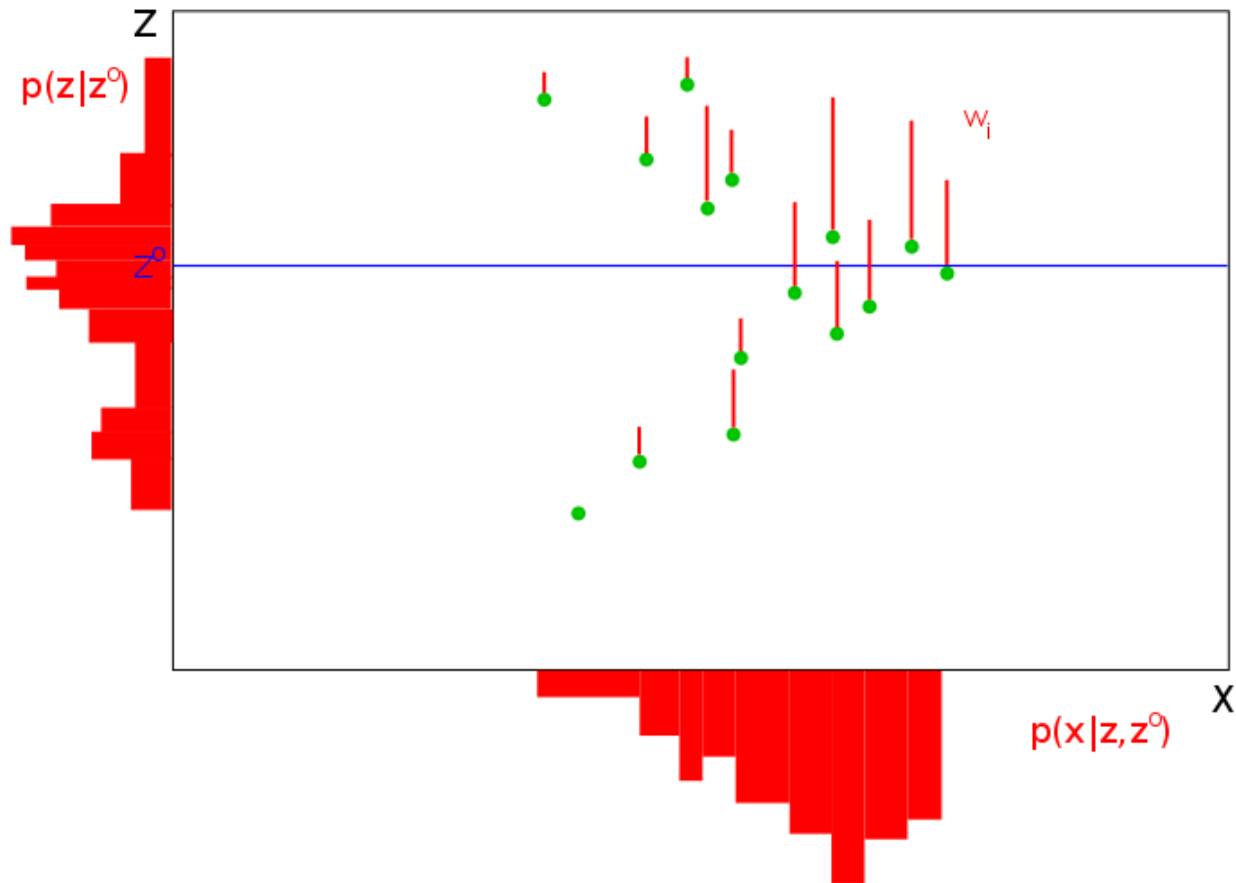
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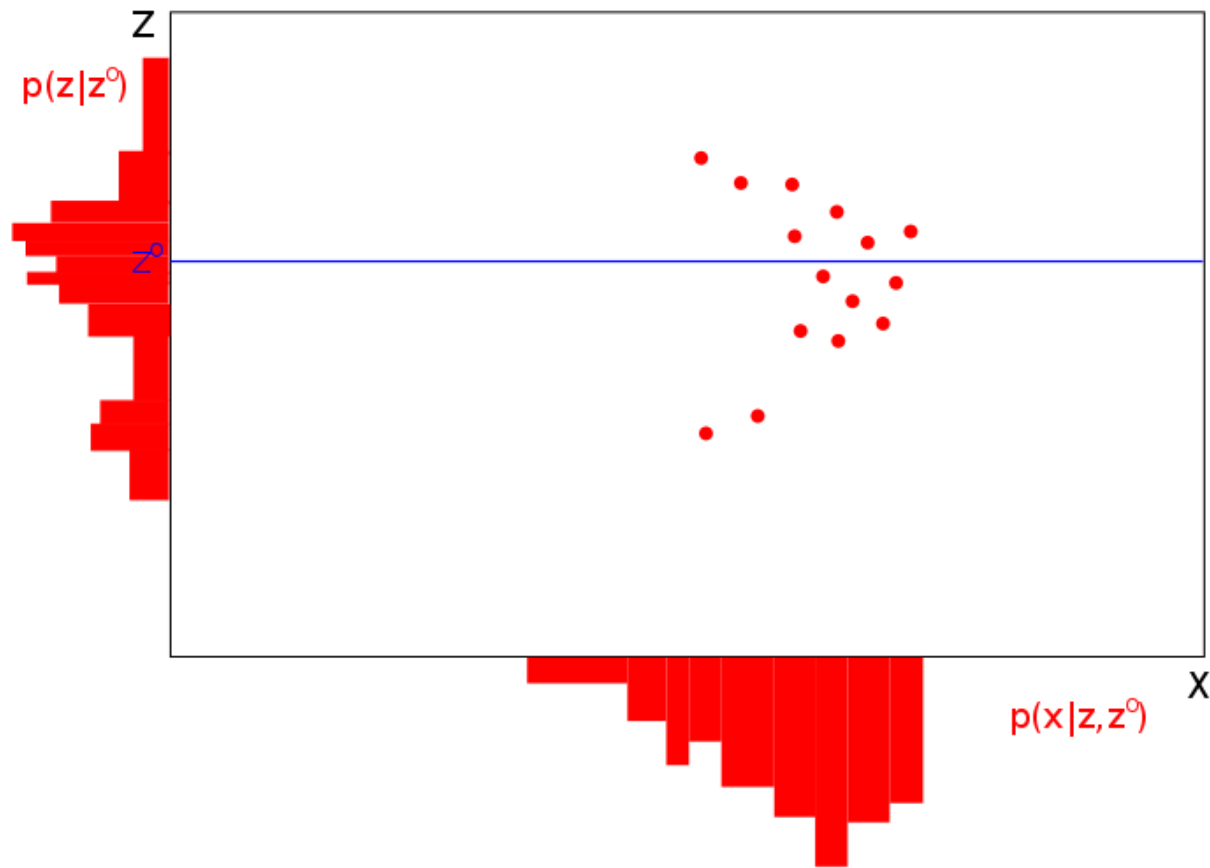
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# Local least square fit (Anderson, 2003)

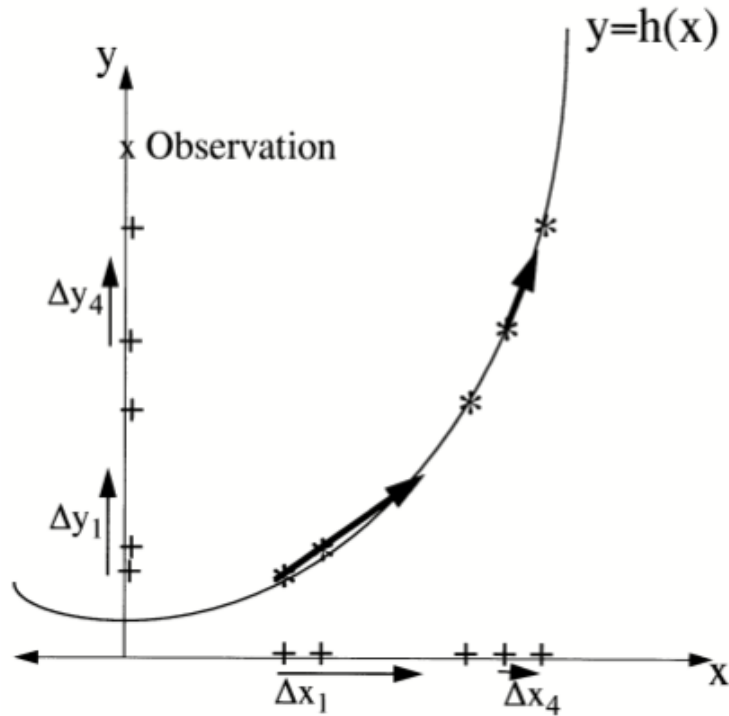


FIG. 2. As in Fig. 1 but showing the application of local least squares fits, in this case using only the nearest neighbor in  $y$ , to compute the updates for  $x$  given the updates for  $y$ . The local updates for the first and fourth ensemble members are shown by the black vectors.

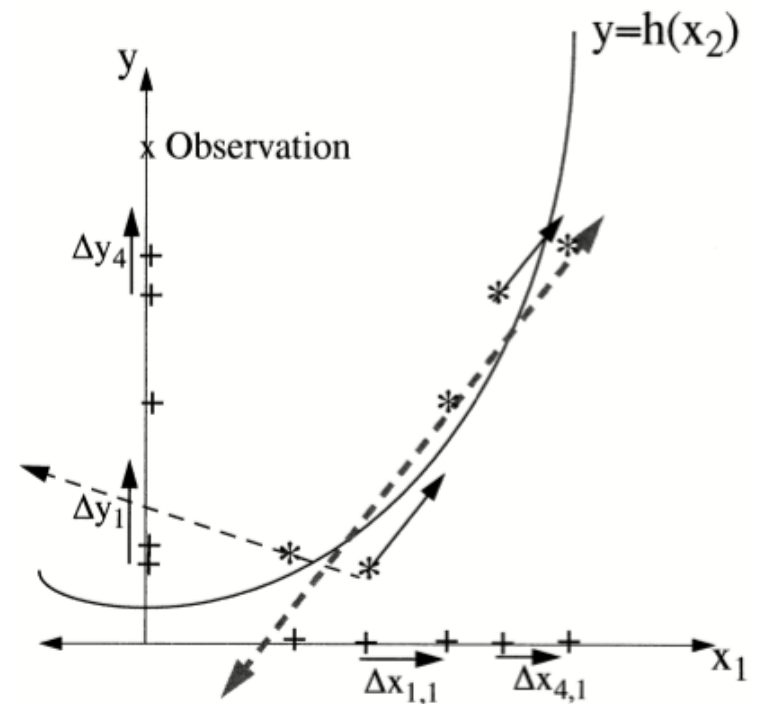


FIG. 3. As in Fig. 1 but now  $y = h(x_2)$ , where  $x_2$  is a second state variable that is moderately correlated with  $x_1$ . The thin dashed vector demonstrates the hazard of using local least squares fits when the observation variable  $y$  and the state variable  $x_1$  are not functionally related.