

# Data assimilation for chaotic dynamics

From model-driven to data-driven

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## DA from model-driven to *(a bit more)* data-driven

- ▶ In geosciences we possess a “good knowledge” of the laws governing the system.
- ▶ The DA ability to combine model and data has been pivotal to the success of DA from the early time.
- ▶ Using the model, information propagates from observed to unobserved regions.

### Part I

#### Model-driven DA *or* How shaping the DA algorithm to the model in hands

- ▶ But models are not perfect and neither complete.
- ▶ Recently, machine learning tools have shown formidable in retrieving hidden dynamics only from data.

### Part II

#### Data-driven DA *or* How making DA and ML joining forces

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## DA for chaotic models: *key challenges*

- ▶ Atmosphere and ocean, are examples of chaotic dissipative dynamics  $\implies$  Highly state-dependent error growth.
- ▶ DA must track and incorporate this flow-dependency in the quantification of the uncertainty (*i.e.* error covariance).
- ▶ Dissipation induces an “effective” dimensional reduction  $\implies$  The error dynamics is confined to a subspace of much smaller dimension,  $n_0 \ll m$ : the **unstable subspace**
- ▶ The existence of the underlying *unstable-stable splitting of the phase space* expected to have enormous impact on DA.

### Questions

- 1 Is there any fingerprint of the unstable subspace on the fate of (En)KF and (En)KS?
- 2 Can dynamical properties be used to design computationally cheap DA strategies?

## Deterministic linear case: behaviour of the KF and KS

(Some) key **analytic results** (without controllability):

► **Collapse of the uncertainty:** KF error covariance asymptotically in the span of the unstable-neutral backward Lyapunov vectors (BLVs<sup>u</sup>) [Gurumoorthy *et al* 2017]

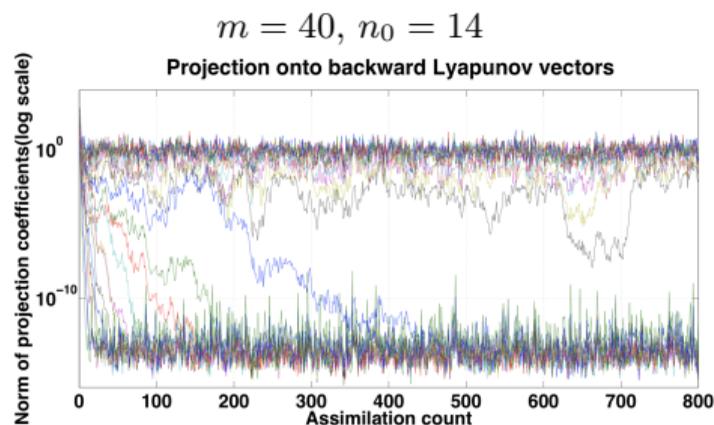
► **Convergence of the covariance:** Low rank,  $n_0$ , KF covariance, initialized in the span of BLVs<sup>u</sup>, converges to the true KF one

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{P}_k - \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k\| = 0$$

if the unstable-neutral subspace is observed [Bocquet *et al* 2017]. **Warning:** *neutral modes are tricky!*

► Likewise demonstrated for Kalman smoother [Bocquet & Carrassi 2017].

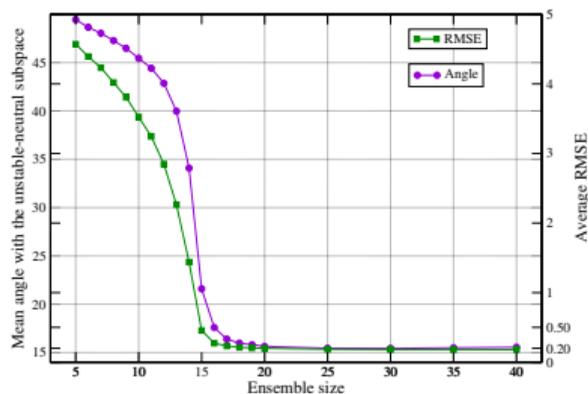
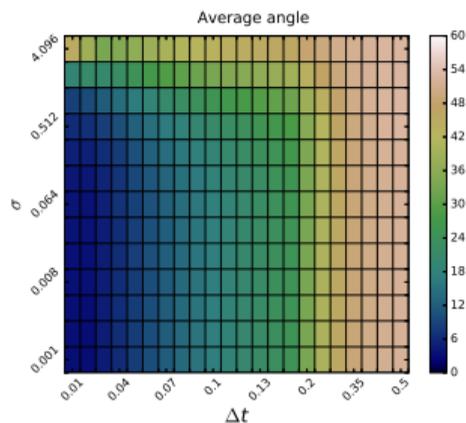
KF/KS reduced rank surrogates based on BLVs are possible.



## Deterministic nonlinear case: *behaviour of the EnKF and EnKS*

- ▶ Asymptotic rank of EnKF covariances related to multiplicity and strength of unstable Lyapunov exponents (LEs) [Carrassi *et al* 2009; Gonzalez-Tokman & Hunt 2013].
- ▶ When the EnKF/EnKS ensemble subspace recovers the unstable subspace the unknown system state is estimated with high accuracy (sudden drop of RMSE) [Bocquet & Carrassi, 2017].

- Lorenz 96 model,  $m = 40$ ,  $n_0 = 14$
- **Left** - Angle Unstable/Ensemble subspaces *vs*  $(\Delta t^{obs}, \sigma^{obs})$ .
- **Right** - EnKF RMSE (green) and Angle (purple) *vs*  $N$ .



Nonlinear systems, with “weakly nonlinear” error dynamics, need only  $n_0$  members!

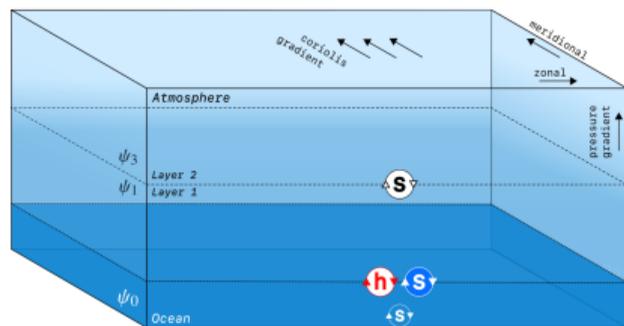
# What is the picture in multiscale systems with coupled DA?

- ▶ **MAOOAM**: Modular arbitrary-order ocean-atmosphere model [Vannitsem *et al*, 2016]
- ▶ A two-layer QG atmosphere coupled, thermally and mechanically, to a QG shallow-water ocean layer in the  $\beta$ -plane.
- ▶ MAOOAM is resolved in spectral space, for streamfunction and potential temperature, with adjustable resolution.

## Selected model configurations

	Coupling	$k$ [adim]	$kp$ [adim]	$\lambda$ [ $\frac{W}{m^2K}$ ]	$d$ [ $s^{-1}$ ]	$T_0^{atm}$ [K]	$T_0^{oc}$ [K]	$m^{atm}$	$m^{oc}$
36wk								20	16
52wk	Weak	0.010	0.020	10	$6 \times 10^{-8}$	289	301	20	32
56wk								24	32
36st								20	16
52st	Strong	0.0145	0.029	15.06	$9 \times 10^{-8}$	290.20	299.35	20	32
56st								14	32

- a) 2-layer atmosphere coupled to 1-layer ocean configuration
- b) includes friction at boundaries for atmosphere and wind stress at A-O boundary



MAOOAM

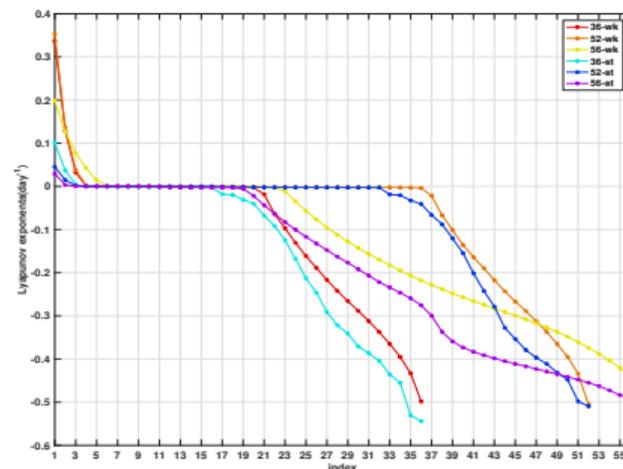
- $S$  mechanical coupling
- $h$  thermal + radiative coupling

- a) includes thermal and radiative heat transport between atmosphere and ocean as function of  $T_a$  and  $T_o$ .

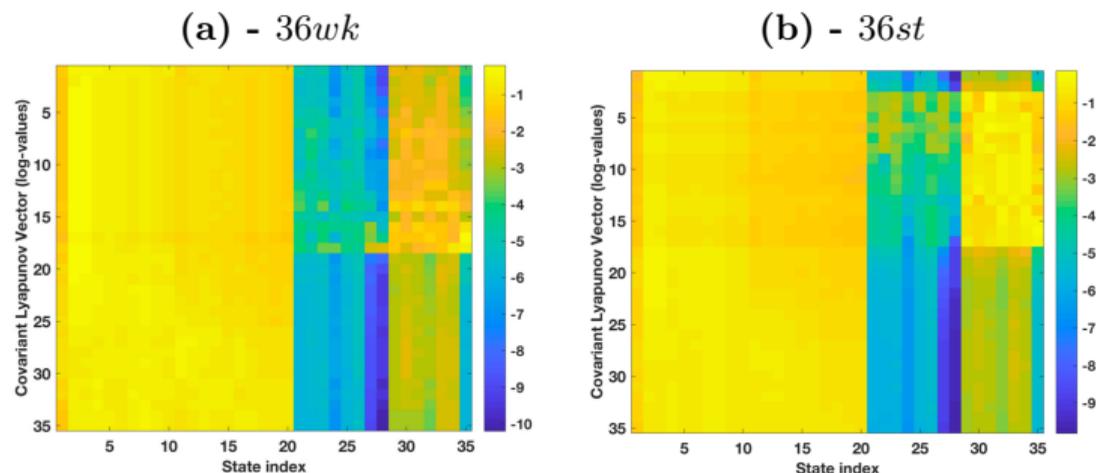
## Stability analysis and the effect of the coupling

Model configuration	36wk	52wk	56wk	36st	52st	56st
# Positive $\lambda_i \in [10^{-2}, 1]$	3	3	4	2	2	1
# Near-neutral <sup>+</sup> $\lambda_i \in [10^{-5}, 10^{-2}]$	3	7	3	2	4	4
# Neutral $\lambda_i \in [-10^{-5}, 10^{-5}]$	1	1	2	1	1	1
# Near-neutral <sup>-</sup> $\lambda_i \in [-10^{-2}, -10^{-5}]$	13	25	12	11	25	13
# Negative $\lambda_i \in [-1, -10^{-2}]$	16	16	34	20	20	37
Kolmogorov entropy	0.498	0.528	0.459	0.139	0.060	0.029
Kaplan–Yorke dimension	25.06	41.03	28.42	20.29	33.35	19.32

- ▶ Many “quasi-neutral” LEs.
- ▶ The strongly coupled configurations are “less chaotic”.
- ▶ The addition of 16 ocean modes from  $m = 36$  to  $m = 52$  and  $56$  acts primarily on the “quasi-neutral” LEs  $\Rightarrow$  **Are they related to the coupling?**



## Covariant Lyapunov vectors reveal the coupling



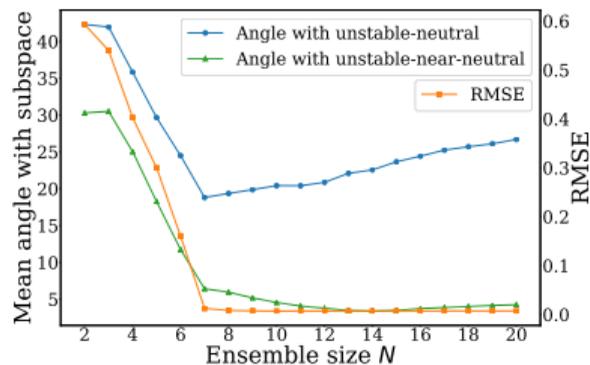
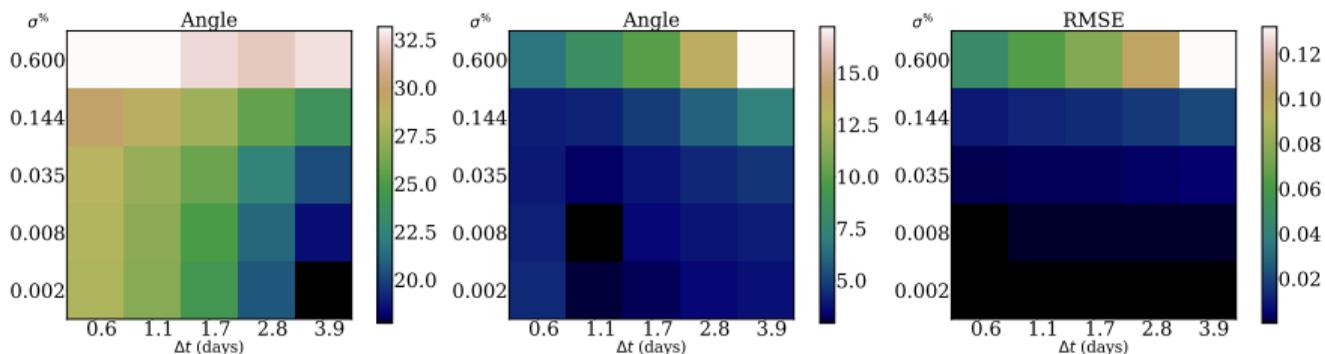
Tondeur, *et al*, 2020

- ▶ Unstable and Stable CLVs show a transition in projections  $\implies$  Instabilities are either originated in the atmosphere or in the ocean.
- ▶ However, the “almost neutral” CLVs show comparable projections on both atmosphere and ocean  $\implies$  **They are a manifestation of the coupling.**

Coupled DA should rely on CLVs to propagate information across model components

## Strongly coupled EnKF: instabilities tracking & minimum ensemble

- Angle ensemble span with unstable-neutral (left) and unstable plus quasi-neutral modes (center).

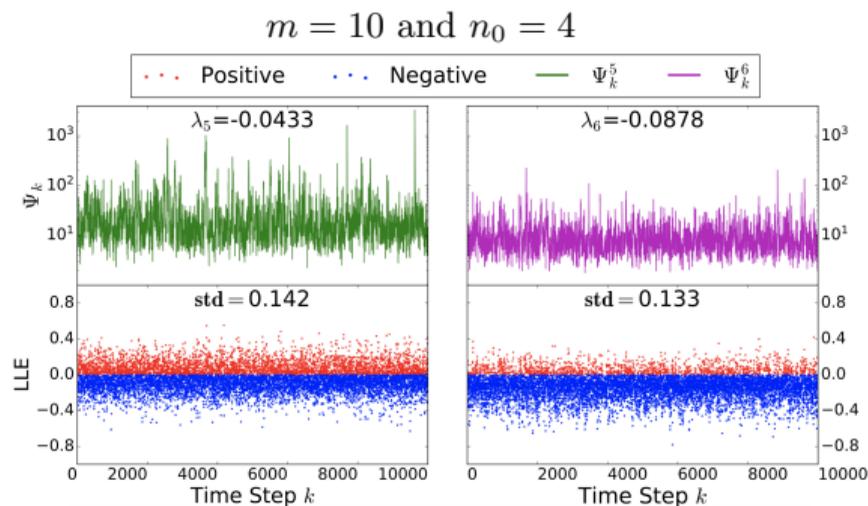


In coupled DA, all “quasi-neutral” modes – related to the coupling – must be taken into account

## From deterministic to stochastic models

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathcal{M}_{k:k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) + \boldsymbol{\eta}_k, \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}_k \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$$

- ▶ Model error injects uncertainties in all directions ( $\mathbf{Q}_k$  is usually full rank).
- ▶ Uncertainty in the stable LVs **no longer zero, but still bounded.**  $\Rightarrow$  How large?
- ▶ The bounds,  $\Psi_k^i$ , depend directly on the variance of the local instabilities [Grudzien *et al* 2018a].
- ▶ For systems with high temporal variability (LLEs with high variance) the error in some stable modes can be bound to impractically large values.



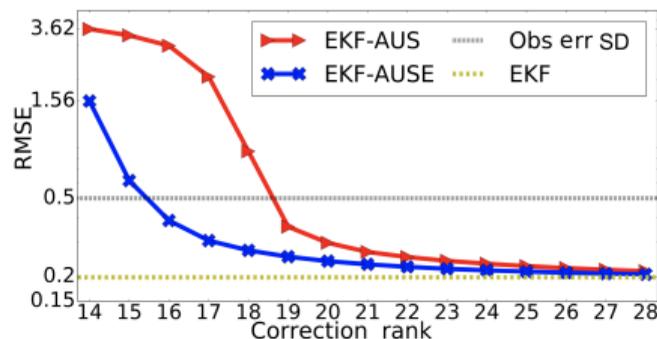
In stochastic systems it is *necessary* to include weakly stable BLVs of high variance

## The interplay among nonlinearity, sampling and model error: The upwelling effect

- ▶ The error in the filtered space (“seen” by DA) is given recursively by [Grudzien *et al* 2018b]

$$\epsilon_{k+1}^f = (\mathbf{U}_{k+1}^{ff} - \mathbf{U}_{k+1}^{ff} \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{E}_k^f) \epsilon_k^f - \mathbf{U}_{k+1}^{ff} \mathbf{K}_k \epsilon_k^{\text{obs}} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_k^f + (\mathbf{U}_{k+1}^{fu} - \mathbf{U}_{k+1}^{ff} \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{E}_k^u) \epsilon_k^u$$

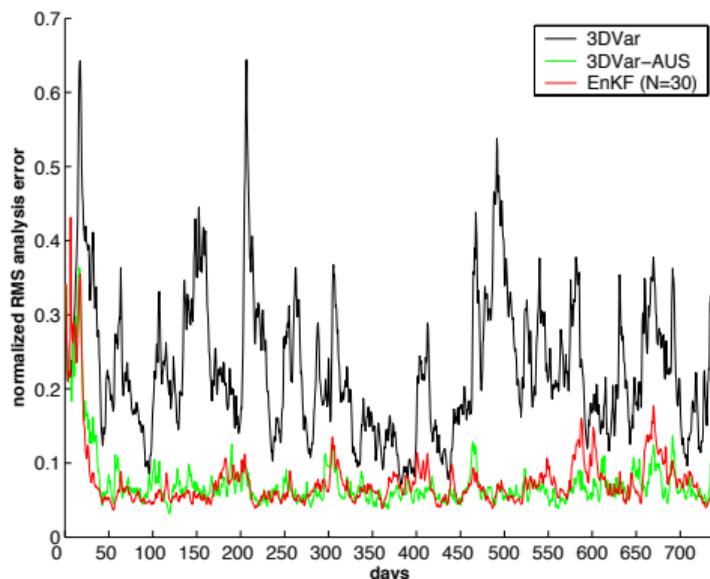
- ▶ The terms in black highlight the stabilising effect of the DA . [Carrassi *et al* 2008b].
- ▶ The terms in red describe the **dynamical upwelling** of the unfiltered to the filtered variables.
- ▶ It causes the filter to underestimate the error and implies the need for inflation.
- ▶ It is **driven by sampling error**,  $n < m$ , but is **exacerbated by stochastic noise**.



- **EKF** solves the *full-rank* recursion.
- **EKF-AUS** solves the *low-rank* recursion without upwelling (black terms only).
- **EKF-AUSE** solves the *low-rank* recursion with upwelling (black+red terms).

## How to make use of instabilities in DA - Assimilation in the unstable subspace

- ▶ The **Assimilation in the Unstable Subspace** uses it to perform the assimilation
  - Reduce problem size to that of the unstable directions.
  - Accurate and computationally efficient.



Carrassi *et al*, 2008

▶ Atm QG model of  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  degrees of freedom and  $n_0 = 24$  non-negatives LEs.

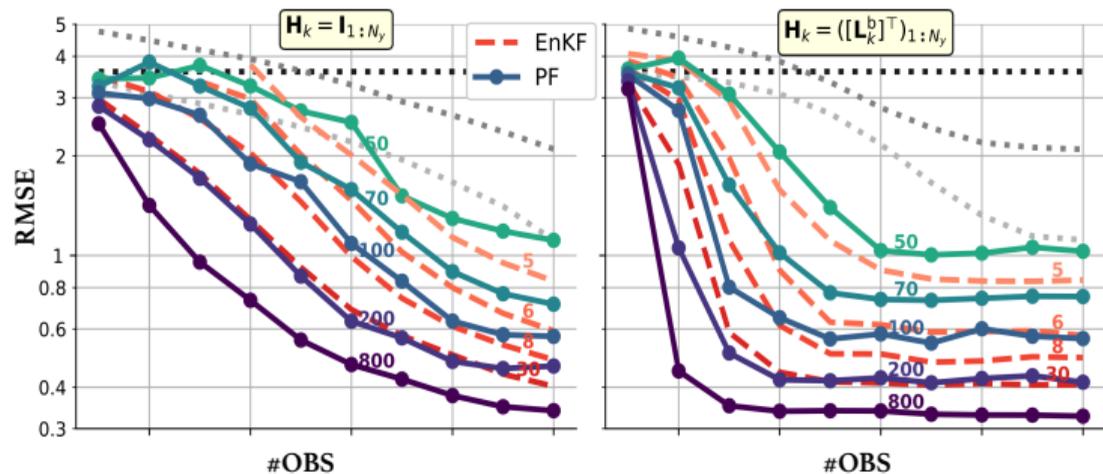
▶ **3DVar-AUS**: 1 unstable mode used to assimilate observations in its proximity.

The information in a single unstable direction sufficient to reduce error as much as a 30 members EnKF

## The roles of instabilities in Bayesian DA: A look at particle filters

- ▶ Can we use in a PF as few data as the number of error growth directions?
- ▶ Revisiting the curse of dimensionality for chaotic dynamics?

- RMSE of EnKF and Particle filter (bootstrap filter) vs #Obs ( $N_y$ )
- Observe the first  $N_y$  system's components (left) or along the first  $N_y$  Lyapunov vectors (right).
- Experiments and figure from *P. Raanes*.



Carrassi *et al* 2021

Targeting observations to the directions of dynamical growth of the uncertainty is very efficacious

The RMSE never degrades with the inclusion of more observations beyond  $N_y > n_0 \implies$  the required #particles depends on the rank of the unstable-neutral subspace.

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## DA for adaptive mesh models

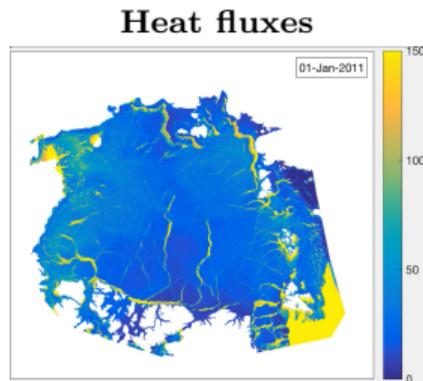
- ▶ Numerical models using adaptive moving meshes have become increasingly prevalent in recent years.
- ▶ Applications for systems displaying highly localised structures such as shock waves or interfaces  $\implies$  Mesh resolution is increased in the proximity of the localised structure.
- ▶ Or fluids in a Lagrangian frame  $\implies$  Move the nodes of the mesh with the dynamical flow.
- ▶ Mesh adaptation can include **remeshing**: a procedure that adds or removes mesh nodes according to rules reflecting constraints in the numerical solver  $\implies$  Mesh size is not longer conserved.

### Challenges for DA

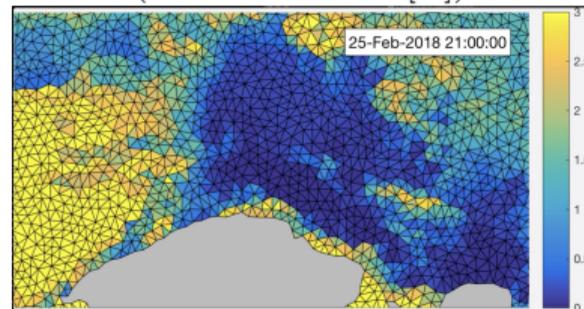
- 1 Position of nodes change in time  $\implies$  Difficult to compute gradients.
- 2 Number of nodes and element of the mesh changes too  $\implies$  Difficult to compute gradients and to connect to couplers.
- 3 Different state space's size for each ensemble members  $\implies$  How do we compute ensemble-based statistics in ensemble-DA?

## An example of adaptive mesh model: The sea-ice model neXtSIM Rampal *et al*, 2016

- For navigation purposes  $\implies$  Needs for detailed short-term predictions of sea-ice leaks and opening
  - On longer timescales  $\implies$  Spatio-temporal characteristics of sea ice control locations and intensity of energy gas & momentum exchange between ocean, ice and atmosphere
- ▶ **neXtSIM** treats sea-ice as an elastic solid that can break following a *cohesion parameter*
  - ▶ **neXtSIM** is solved on a 2D unstructured triangular **Lagrangian adaptive moving mesh**.
  - ▶ It uses **remeshing**  $\Leftrightarrow$  Insert/Remove nodes for computational accuracy/economy.

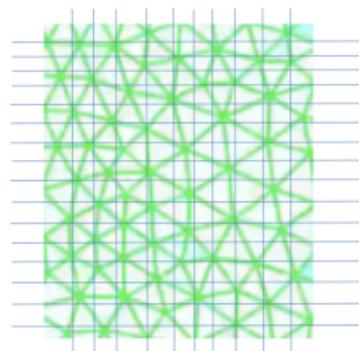


**Opening on a polynya north of Greenland**  
(Sea ice thickness [m])



## Proposed strategy: Projected EnKF

- ▶ Introduce a **reference mesh** with given properties (*e.g.* uniformity, regularity) onto which project each members.
- ▶ Perform the analysis update on the reference mesh.
- ▶ Methodology and results in *Aydogdu et al, 2019*.

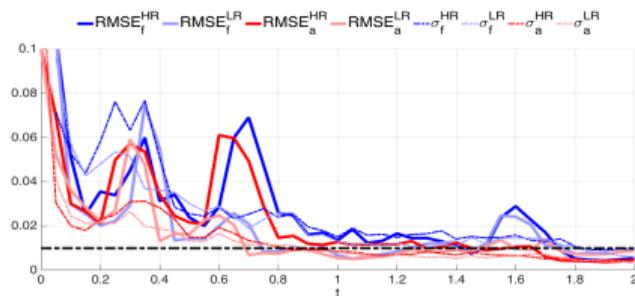
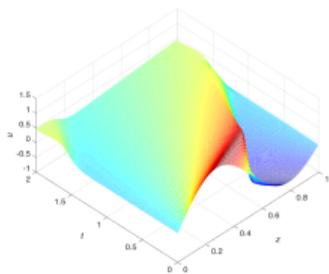


### How to choose the reference mesh? Can we do it based on the model?

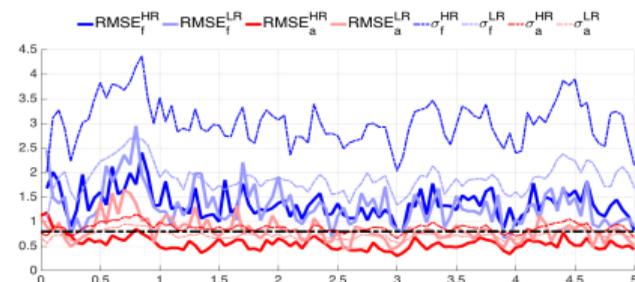
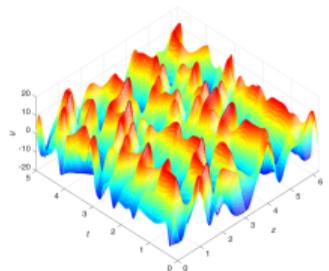
- ▶ The resolution range in the adaptive moving mesh reflects the computational constraints of the physics
- ▶ We use these constraints to define the resolution of the *reference mesh* based on the maximum/minimum possible resolution of the individual adaptive moving meshes in the ensemble. We consider two cases:
  - 1 **High resolution** reference mesh (HR): at most one node of an adaptive mesh in each of its cells
  - 2 **Low resolution** reference mesh (LR): at least one node in each cell of the fixed reference mesh.

## Projected EnKF: numerical results in 1D

$$\text{Burgers' equation } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}, z \in [0, 1)$$

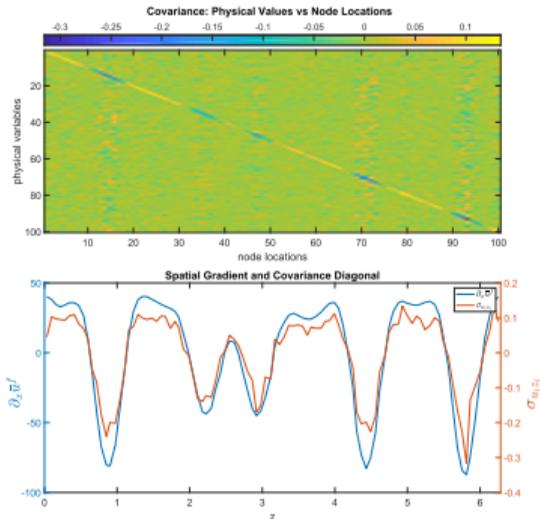
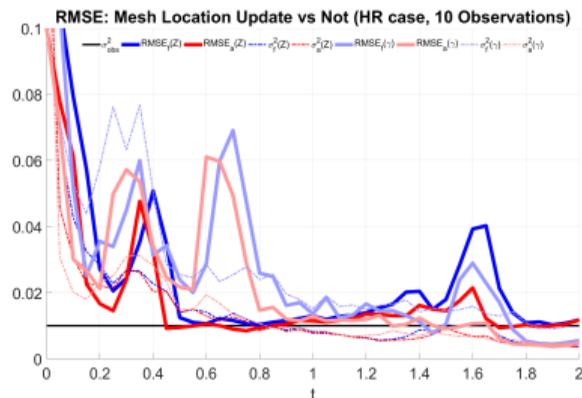


$$\text{Kuramoto-Shivaskinsky } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nu \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial z^4} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0, z \in [0, 2\pi)$$



## Joint physics and mesh update

- ▶ If the mesh is dynamic and dependent on the physics, can we update the mesh as well?
- ▶ Can we do it from just the physical observations?



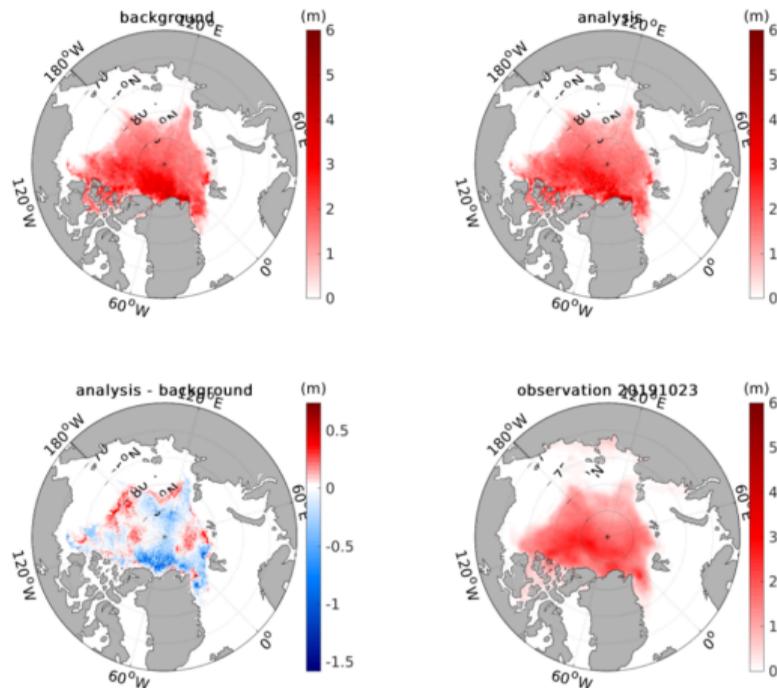
▶ We develop a DA method updating **both** physical variables and the mesh.

▶ This leverages the **information carried in the mesh structures** that drive their locations  $\Rightarrow$  Better gradients.

▶ The shape of ensemble-based variance closely matches that of the gradient  $\Rightarrow$  including the node locations in the state vector encodes a deeper level of information into the DA process.

# neXtSIM : Preliminary results - Cheng, Chen, Aydogdu *et al*,

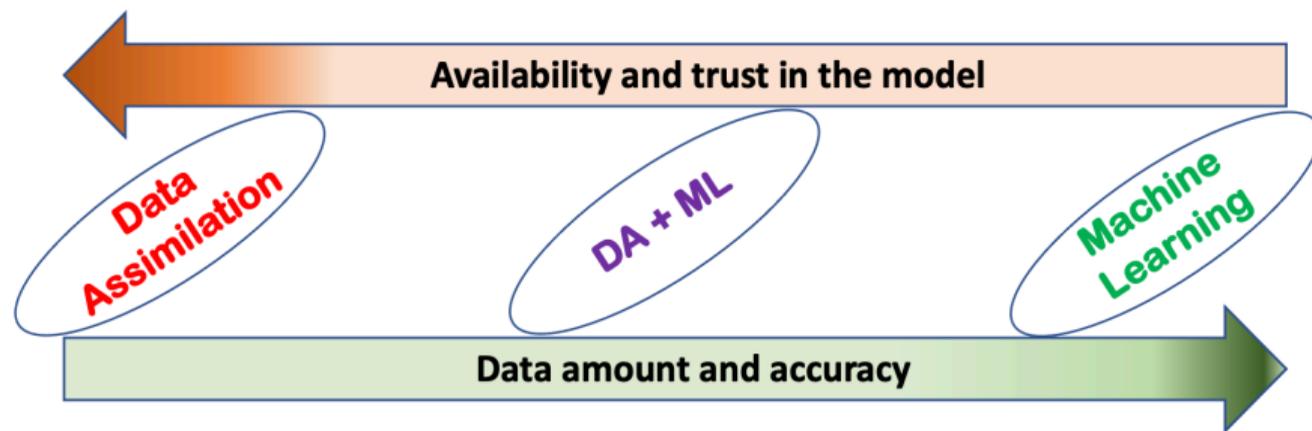
PEnKF analysis for 22 Oct 2019  
*N=40 members*  
*Obs = CS2MOS (weekly)*



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## Part II - Combining DA and ML



► Many works on data-driven reconstruction of the dynamics in DA and ML: [Park and Zhu 1994](#); [Wang and Lin 1998](#); [Paduart et al. 2010](#); [Brunton et al. 2016](#); [Lguensat et al. 2017](#); [Pathak, Lu, et al. 2017](#); [Harlim 2018](#); [Dueben and Bauer 2018](#); [Long et al. 2018](#); [Fablet et al. 2018](#); [Bocquet et al., 2019](#); [Bonavita and Laloyaux, 2020](#); [Vlachas et al. 2020](#); [Brunton et al. 2016](#); [Farchi et al. 2021](#) and many more...;

## Objectives of this work

- Given the dataset  $\mathbf{y}_k^{\text{obs}}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq K$ )

$$\mathbf{y}_k^{\text{obs}} = \mathcal{H}_k(\mathbf{x}_k) + \epsilon_k^o \quad \epsilon_k^o \in \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R})$$

observed from an **underlying dynamical model**:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \phi(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with resolvent} \quad \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{x}_k + \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \phi(\mathbf{x}) dt$$

### DA+ML for two complementary goals

- ① Emulate the full model  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- ② Infer the unresolved scale effect and build an hybrid physical/data-driven model.

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# Emulating a model by combining DA and ML [Brajard *et al*, 2020]

Emulation of the resolvent combining DA and ML:

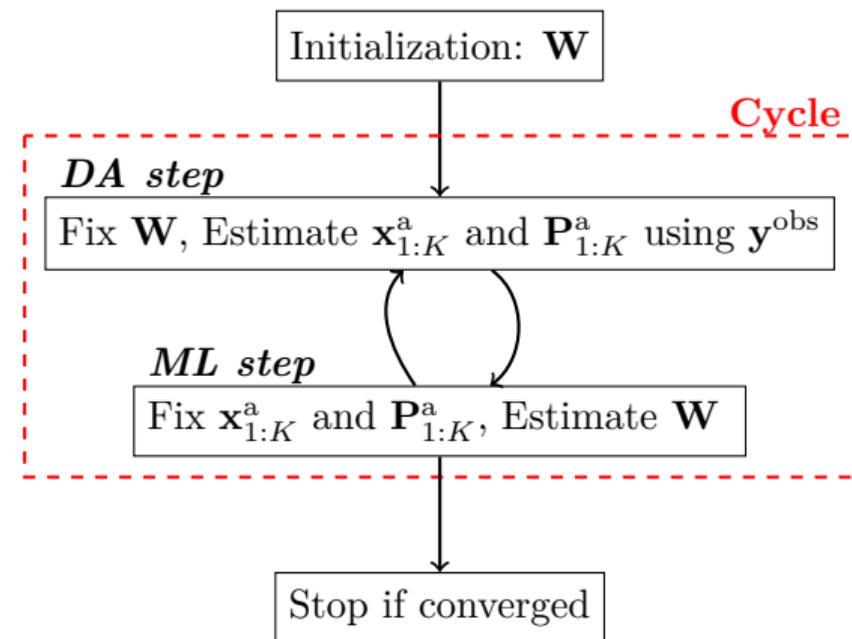
$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_k) \approx \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}_k) + \epsilon_k^m,$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{W}}$  is a neural network parameterised by  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\epsilon_k^m$  is a stochastic noise.

► For the DA part we use the **Finite-Size Ensemble Kalman Filter (EnKF-N)**.

► For the ML part we train a **neural net**

## Proposed DA+ML algorithm



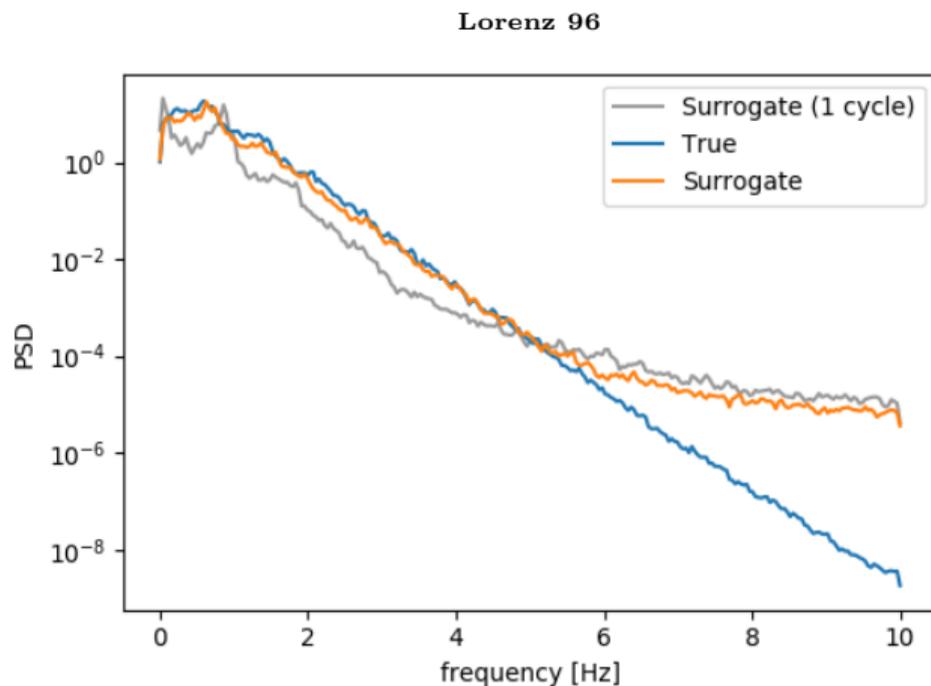
## Proposed DA+ML algorithm

- ▶ Step 1 - Data Assimilation: estimate the state field  $\mathbf{x}_{1:K}$  (the analysis) and associated (analysis) error covariance,  $\mathbf{P}_k$ , based on the fixed model parameters  $\mathbf{W}$  and using sparse and noisy data,  $\mathbf{y}$ .
- ▶ Step 2 - Machine learning: using  $\mathbf{x}_{1:K}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_k$  from DA estimate  $\mathbf{W}$ 
  - The neural network can be expressed as a parametric function  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{x}_k + f_{\text{nn}}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{W})$  where  $f_{\text{nn}}$  is a neural network and  $\mathbf{W}$  its weights;  $f_{\text{nn}}$  is composed of convolutive layers.
  - The determination of the optimal  $\mathbf{W}$  is done in the *training phase* by minimising the loss function:

$$L(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-N_f-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left\| \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{W}}^{(i)}(\mathbf{x}_k) - \mathbf{x}_{k+i} \right\|_{\mathbf{P}_k^{-1}}^2,$$

where  $N_f$  is the number of time steps corresponding to the forecast lead time on which the error between the simulation and the target is minimised (with “coordinate descent” *Bocquet et al. (2020)*).

- $\mathbf{P}_k$  is a symmetric, semi-definite positive matrix estimated using the *analysis error covariances* from the DA step.
- This time-dependent matrix,  $\mathbf{P}_k$ , plays the role of the surrogate model error covariance matrix and gives different weights to each state during the optimisation process.

Emulating the underlying dynamics: Power spectrum density

► After one cycle, some frequencies are favoured (see the peak at  $\sim 0.8$ Hz) and indicate that the **periodic signals are learnt first**.

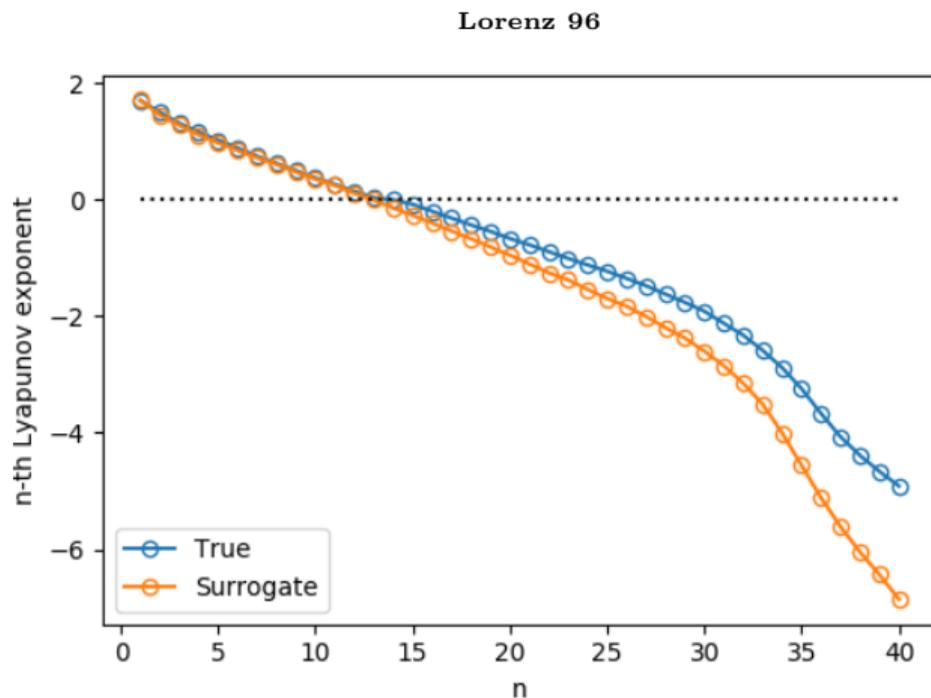
► At convergence, the surrogate model reproduces the spectrum up to 5 Hz but then **adds high-frequency noise**.

► **Low frequencies are better observed** and better reproduced after the DA step.

► The PSD has been computed using a long simulation (16,000 time steps), which means that **the surrogate model is very stable**.

Brajard *et al.*, 2020

## Emulating the underlying dynamics: Lyapunov spectrum



► **Accurate unstable spectrum**  $\Rightarrow$  Same **error growth rate** and **Kolmogorov entropy**, as the true model.

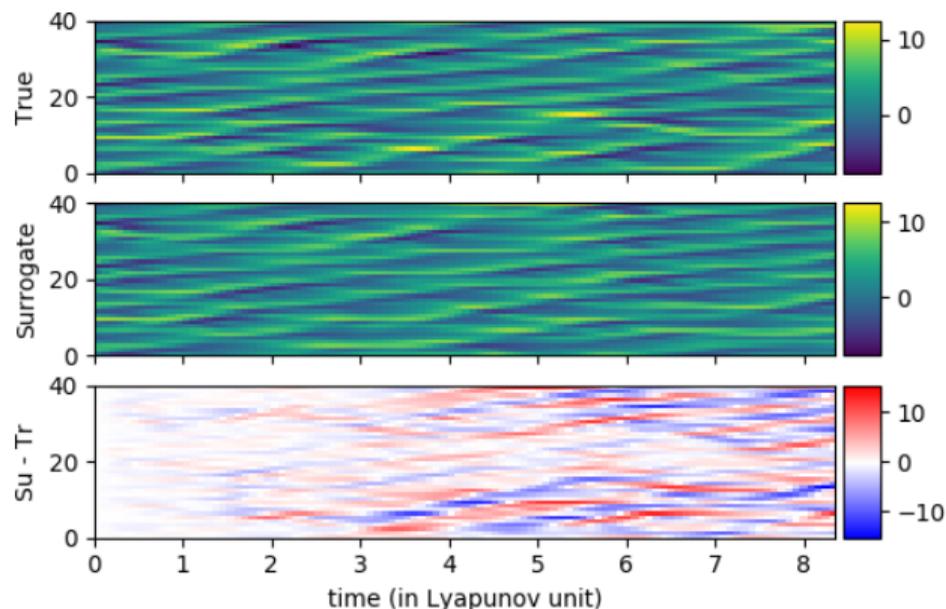
► **Less accurate reconstruction of the neutral and quasi-neutral part** of the spectrum.

► This is similar to what found in *Pathak et al. (2017)*. Maybe due to the slower convergence (linear vs exponential) of the neutral exponents *Bocquet et al. (2017)*.

► The stable part of the spectrum is shifted toward smaller values  $\Rightarrow$  PDFs contracts faster than in the true model, *i.e.* **surrogate model more dissipative than the truth**.

## Forecast skill

Hovmøller plot of the true and surrogate models (in Lyapunov time\*, LT)



- ▶ The simulations start from the same initial conditions.
- ▶ Good prediction until 2 LTs. Error saturation at 4-5 LTs.
- ▶ (\*): the time for the error to grow by a factor  $e$ .

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## Combined DA-ML to infer unresolved scales parametrizations

The objective is to produce a hybrid (physical/data-driven) model

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \delta t) = \mathcal{M}^\varphi[\mathbf{x}(t)] + \mathcal{M}^{\text{UN}}[\mathbf{x}(t)],$$

where:

- $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is the state of the dynamical system
- $\mathcal{M}^\varphi$  is the physical model (assumed to be known a priori)
- $\mathcal{M}^{\text{UN}}$  is the unresolved component of the dynamics to be inferred from data
- $\delta t$  is the integration time step

$\mathcal{M}^{\text{UN}}$  is approximated by a **data-driven model** represented under the form of a neural network whose parameters are  $\theta$ :  $\mathcal{M}_\theta[\mathbf{x}(t)]$

## Proposed approach

Simplified description of the algorithm:

- 1 Estimating the state  $\mathbf{x}_{1:K}^a$ . At each time  $t_k$ , we calculate a forecast  $\mathbf{x}^f$ :

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1}^f = \mathbf{x}^f(t_k + \Delta t) = (\mathcal{M}^\varphi)^{N_c}(\mathbf{x}_k^a)$$

An observation  $\mathbf{y}_{k+1}$  is assimilated with strongly coupled EnKF to produce an analysis  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}^a$

- 2 Determining an estimation of the unknown part of the model. We assume that:

- $\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) \approx (\mathcal{M}^\varphi)^{N_c}(\mathbf{x}(t)) + N_c \cdot \mathcal{M}^{\text{UN}}[\mathbf{x}(t)]$
- $\mathbf{x}(t) \approx \mathbf{x}^a(t)$

We consider that  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{UN}}(\mathbf{x}_k) \approx \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = 1/N_c \cdot (\mathbf{x}_{k+1}^a - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^f) \implies$  The “target” (*i.e.* the model error) is estimated using the *analysis increments* (?).

- 3 Training a neural network  $\mathcal{M}_\theta$  by minimising the loss  $L(\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \|\mathcal{M}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_k^a) - \mathbf{z}_{k+1}\|^2$
- 4 Using the hybrid model  $\mathcal{M}^\varphi + \mathcal{M}_\theta$  to produce new simulations (*e.g.* to make forecasts).

## Experiments with MAOOAM

- ① **Truth:**  $n_a = 20$  and  $n_o = 8$  modes for atmosphere and ocean. **Total dimension**  $N_x = 56$ .
  - ② **Truncated:**  $n_a = 10$  and  $n_o = 8$  modes for atmosphere and ocean. **Total dimension**  $N_x = 36$ .
- ▶ The truncated model is **missing 20 high-order atmospheric variables**
  - ▶ There is not locality in spectral space so the NN is made of 3 layers multi-layer perceptrons

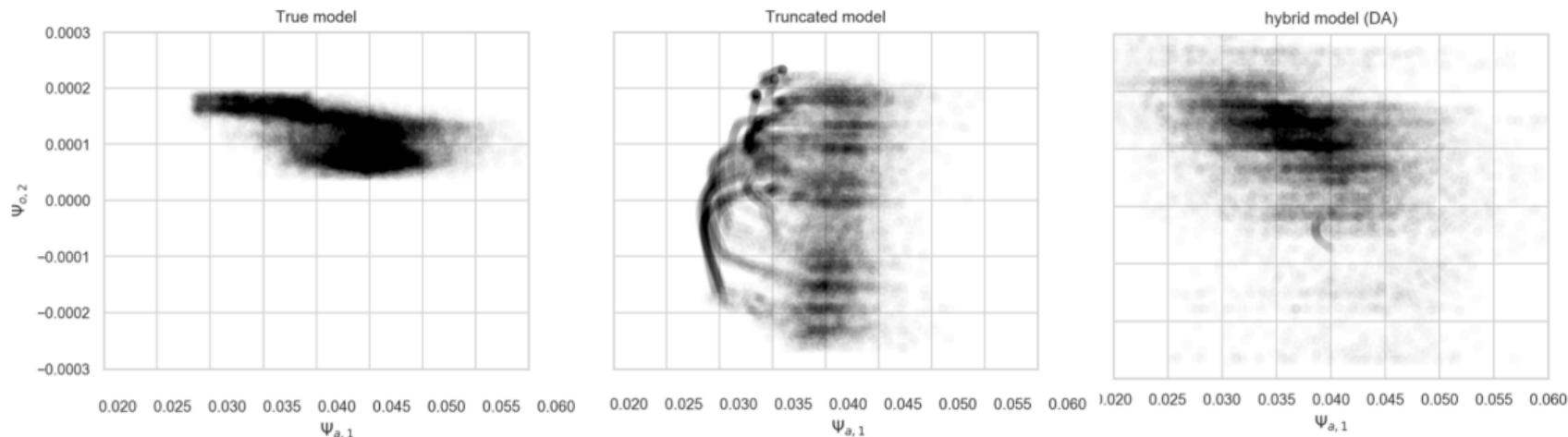
**RMSE-f of hybrid and truncated MAOOAM models**

RMSE-f(lead time $\tau$ )	$\psi_{o,2}$ (2 years)	$\theta_{o,2}$ (2 years)	$\psi_{a,1}$ (1 day)
Truncated	0.23	0.21	0.36
<b>Coupled DA-ML hybrid</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.28</b>

- The hybrid models have superior skill to the truncated model.
- The improvement is larger for the ocean that is fully resolved  $\implies$  **Enhanced representation of the atmosphere-ocean coupling processes thanks to coupled DA.**
- The atmosphere is improved less: the hybrid is not very good in representing the fast processes.

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## Reconstruction of the model attractor



- ▶ The truncated model visits areas of the phase space that are not admitted in the real dynamics.
- ▶ Discrepancies are reduced by the hybrid models.

## Forward looking - Some open interesting (to me only?) questions

- ▶ Theory of **DA for multi-scale random and/or non-autonomous climate dynamics** (in relation to random attractor and/or pull-back attractor) (*discussion ongoing with C. Grudzien & others*)
- ▶ Can we use **CLVs to guide strongly coupled DA?**
- ▶ We have used the underlying system's unstable properties to design DA. Can we do the opposite: **use DA to infer key invariant quantities**, e.g. KS, LEs (*ongoing work with Y. Chen & others*).
- ▶ Computing instabilities on-the-fly is too expensive. Can **ML providing a state-dependent map of LLEs/LLVs to be used in DA or in ensemble generation?** (*ongoing work with D. Ayers & others*).
- ▶ Moving mesh models have trouble to be coupled and discontinuous Galerkin methods is becoming an alternative to keep fine features description in an Eulerian mesh. Can we **adapt DA to the node-dependency of the DGM?** (*ongoing work with C. Jones & others*).
- ▶ Sea-ice models calibration is challenging, especially in the Marginal Ice Zone. Can we use combined **DA+ML to infer sub-grid scales parametrization of the sea-ice or to emulate some physical processes?** (*ongoing work with L. Bertino, M. Bocquet, J. Brajard & others*)

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