

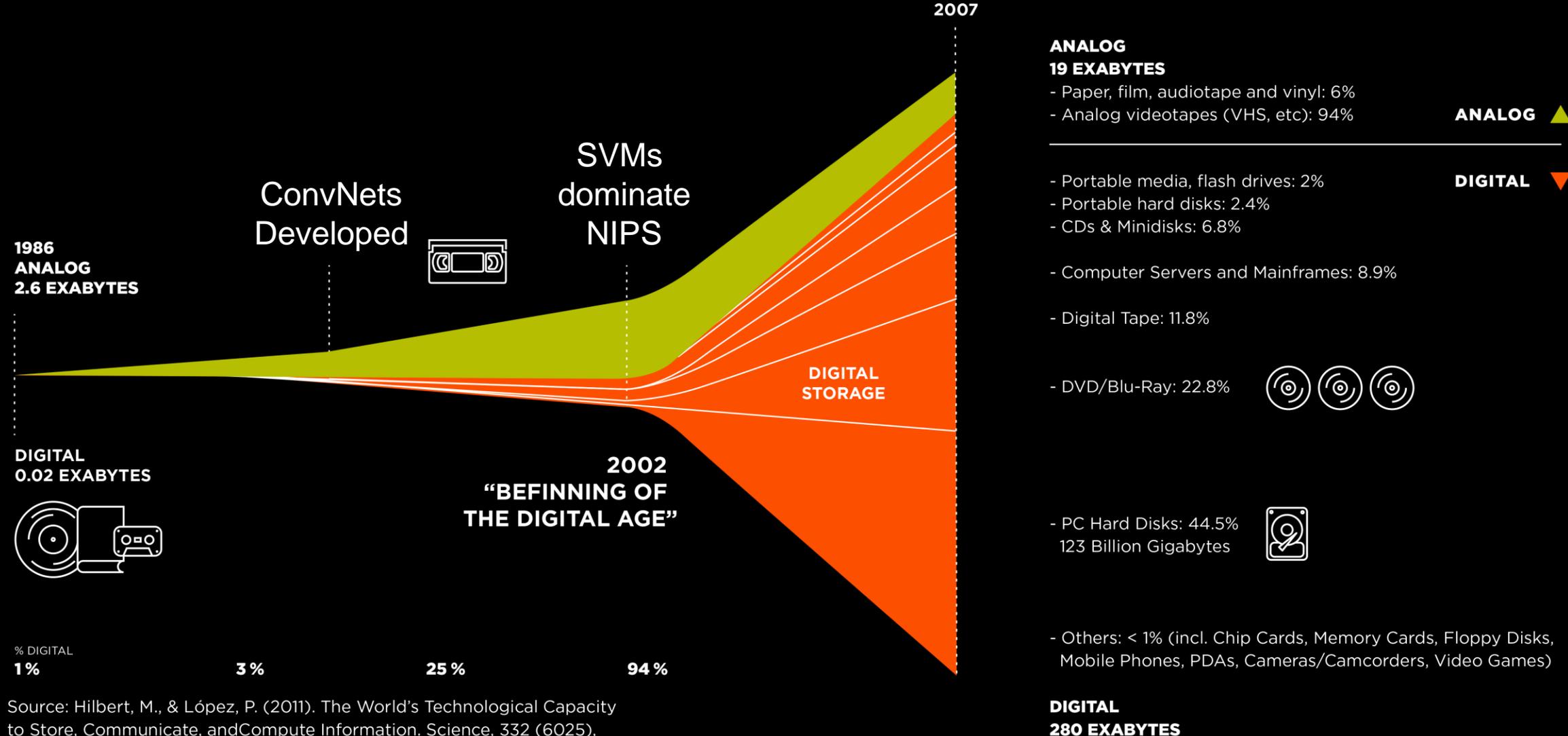
Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning

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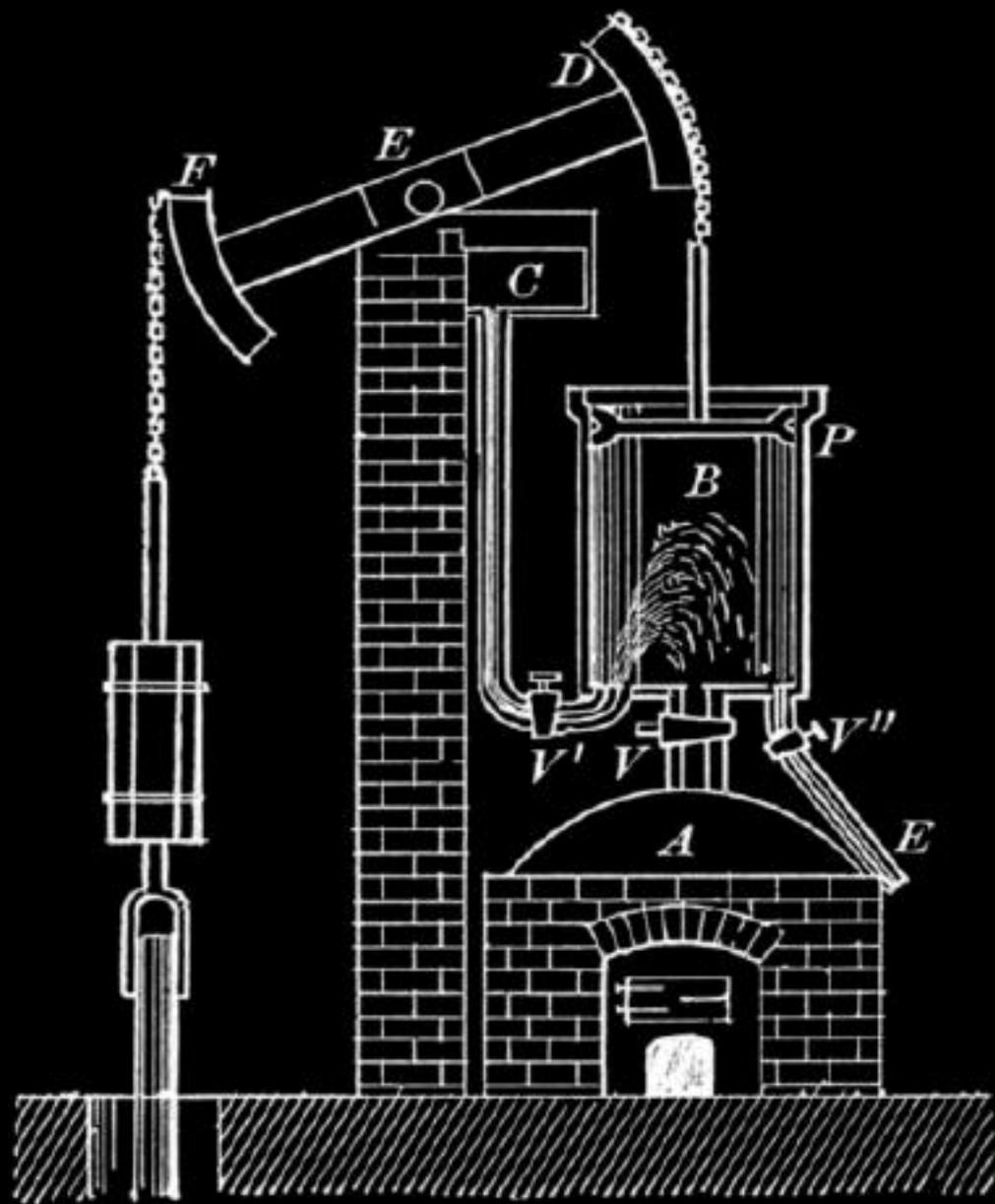
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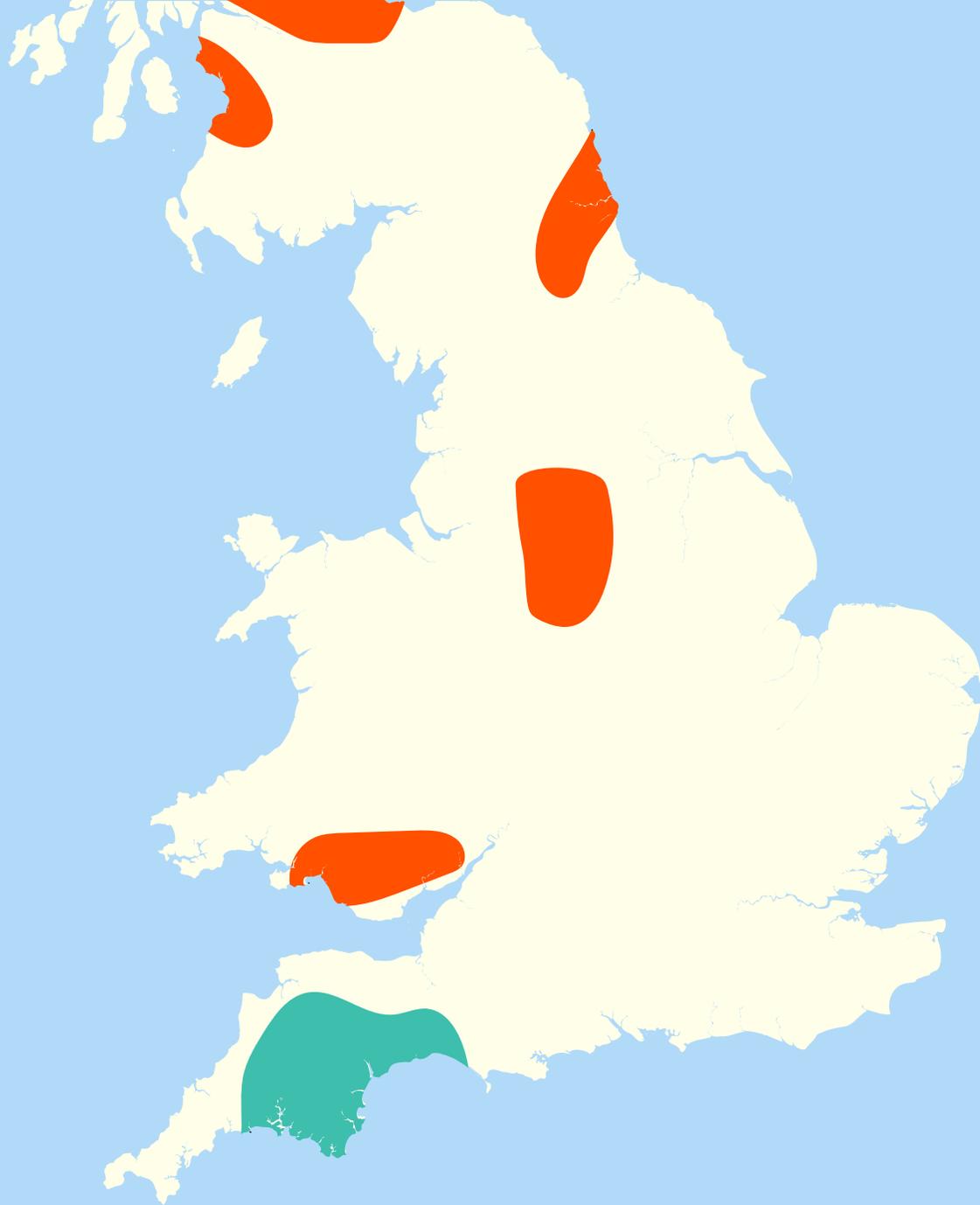
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GLOBAL INFORMATION STORAGE CAPACITY IN OPTIMALLY COMPRESSED BYTES



Source: Hilbert, M., & López, P. (2011). The World's Technological Capacity to Store, Communicate, and Compute Information. Science, 332 (6025), 60-65. martinhilbert.net/worldinfocapacity.html

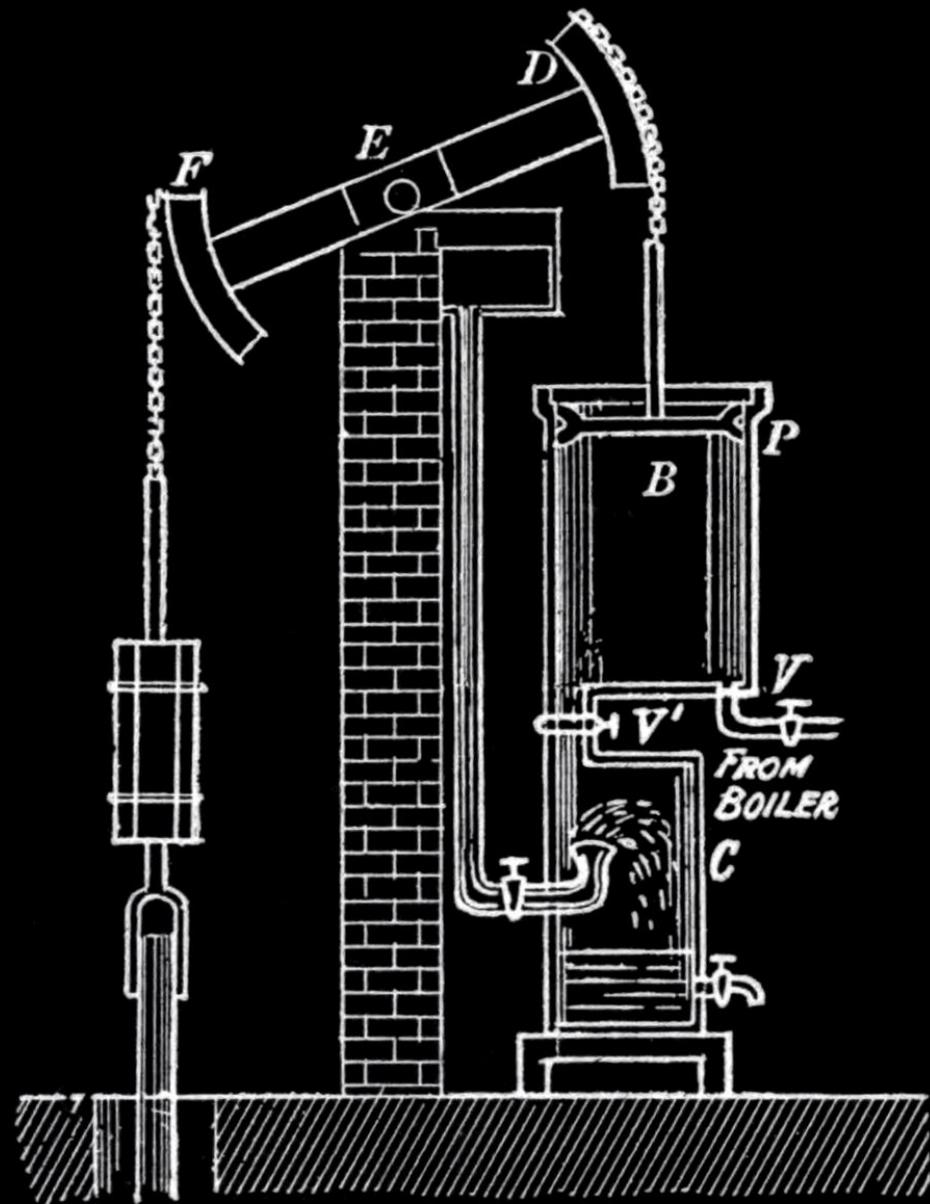




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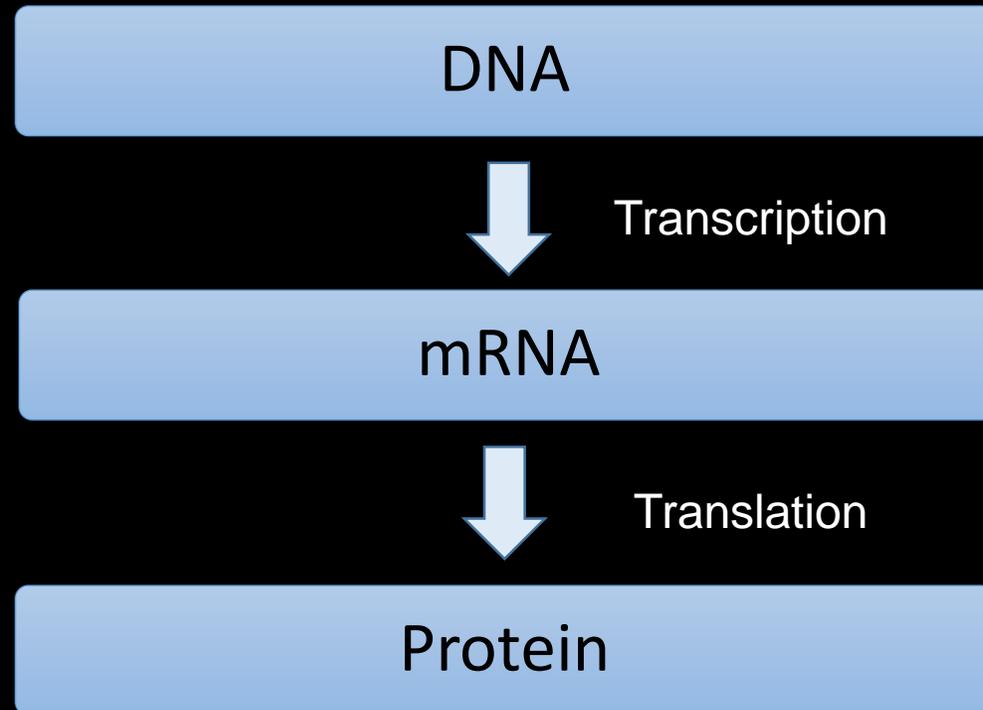
Startups



The Data are Not Enough

- Four pillars:
 - Deterministic/Stochastic
 - Mechanistic/Empirical
- **Goal:** *model complex phenomena over time*
- **Problem:**
 - *Mechanistic* models are often inaccurate
 - Data is often not rich enough for an *empirical* approach
- **Question 1:** How do we combine *inaccurate physical model* with machine learning?

Central Dogma



Decision: Transcription Factors

Measured using Microarray since 1998

mRNA



Translation

Difficult to measure

TF Protein



Transcription

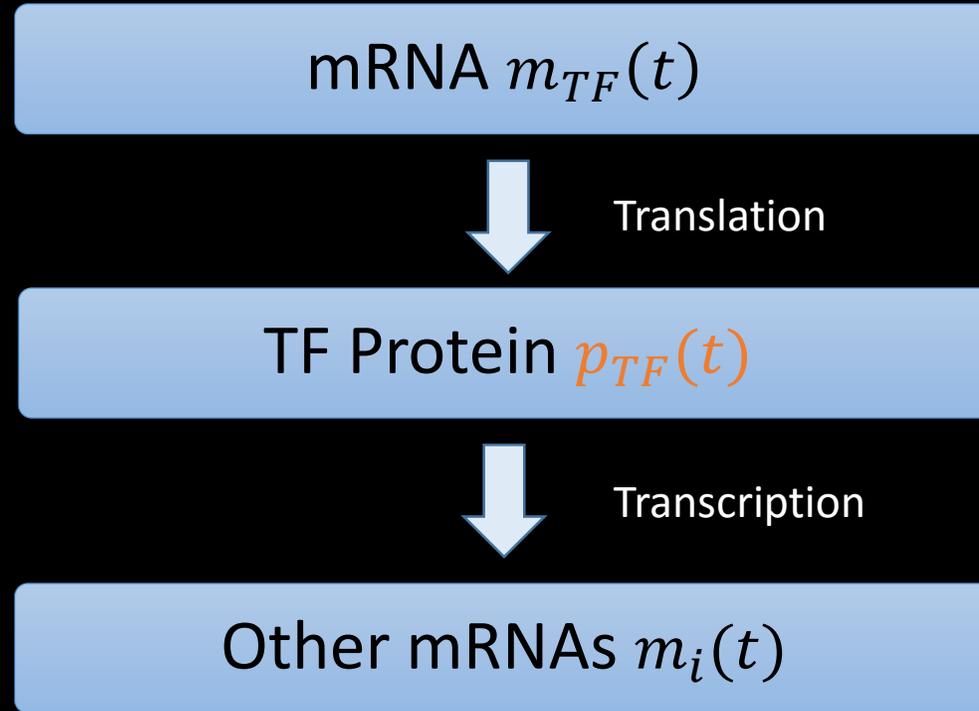
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Other mRNAs

Mechanistic Model

$$\frac{dp_{TF}(t)}{dt} = s_f m_{TF}(t) - d_f p_{TF}(t)$$

$$\frac{dm_i(t)}{dt} = s_i p_{TF}(t) - d_i m_i(t)$$



Need to Model $p_{TF}(t)$

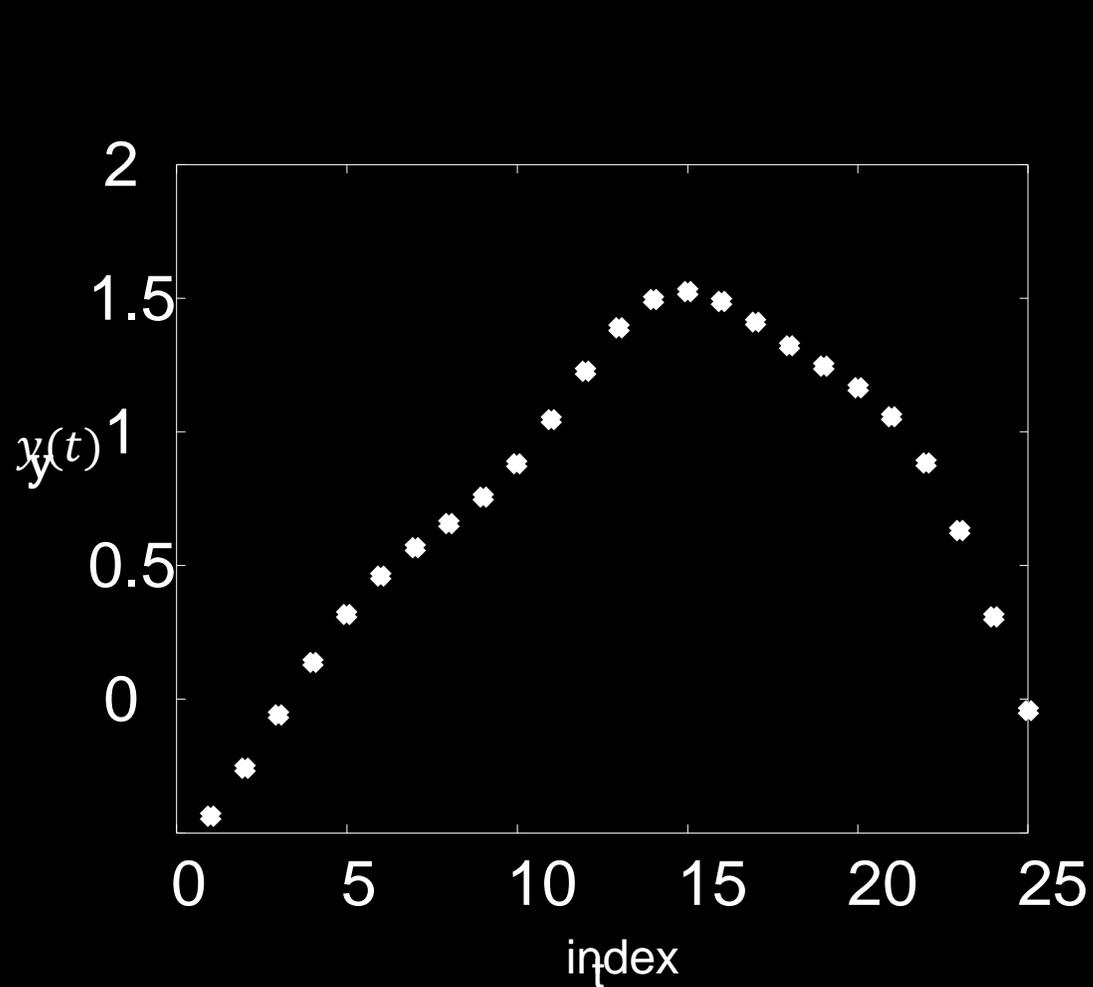
- Gaussian process: a *probabilistic* model for functions.
- Formally known as a *stochastic process*.
- Multivariate Gaussian is normally defined by a *mean vector*, μ , and a *covariance matrix*, C .

$$y \sim N(\mu, C)$$

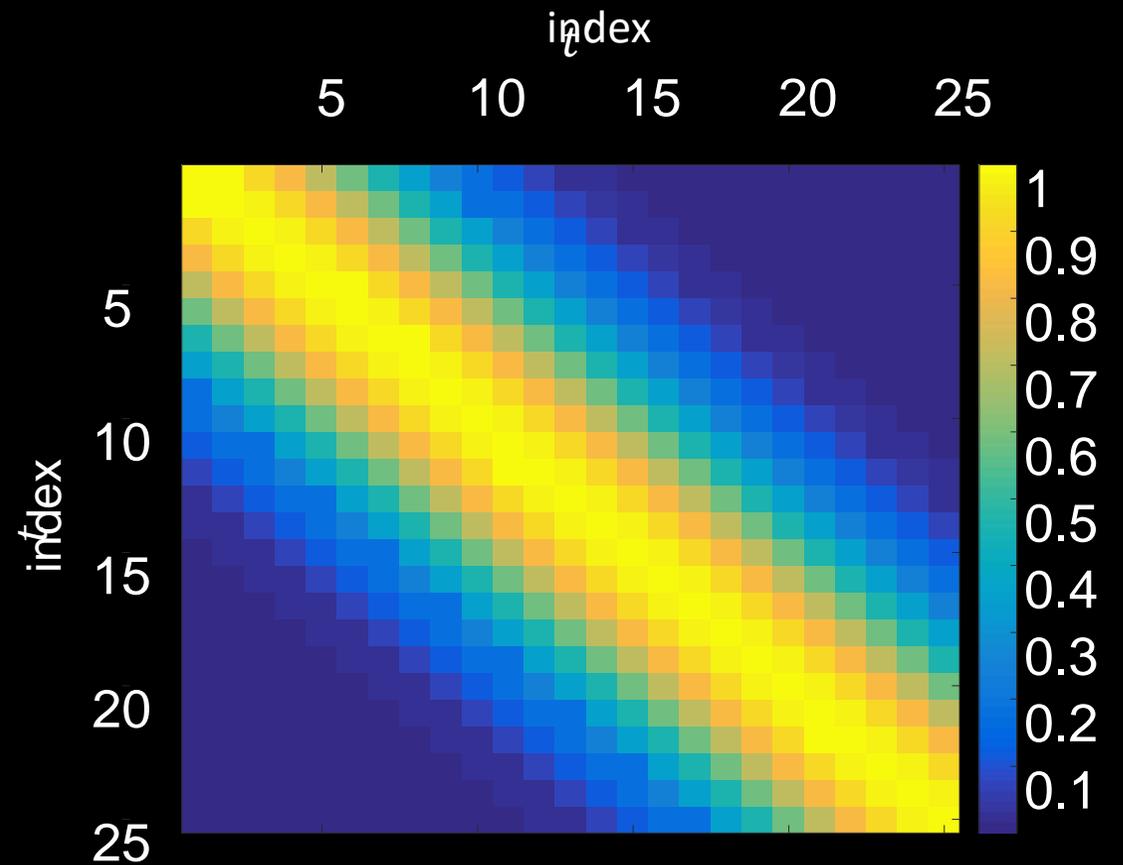
- Gaussian process defined by a *mean function*, $\mu(t)$, and a *covariance function*, $c(t, t')$.

$$y(t) \sim N(\mu(t), c(t, t'))$$

Zero Mean Gaussian Process Sample

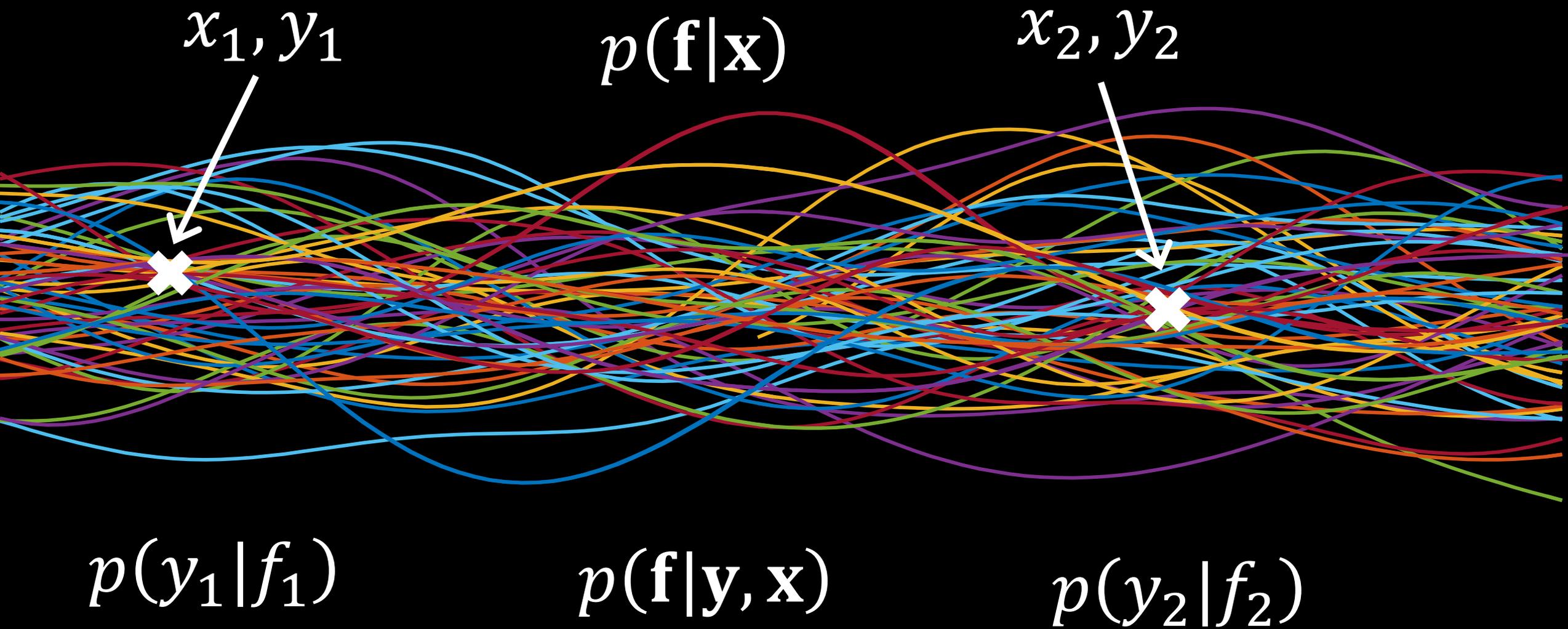


samples from Gaussian process



covariance function $c(t, t')$

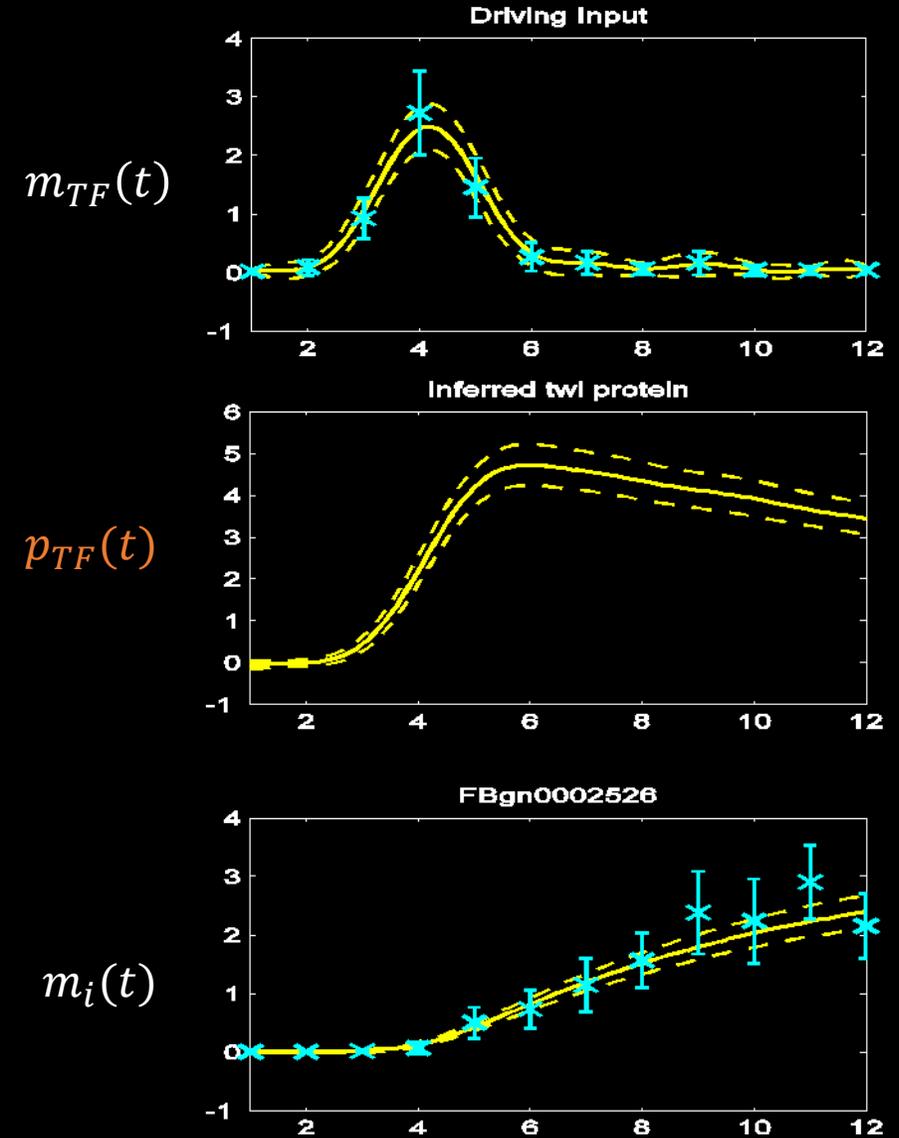
Gaussian Processes

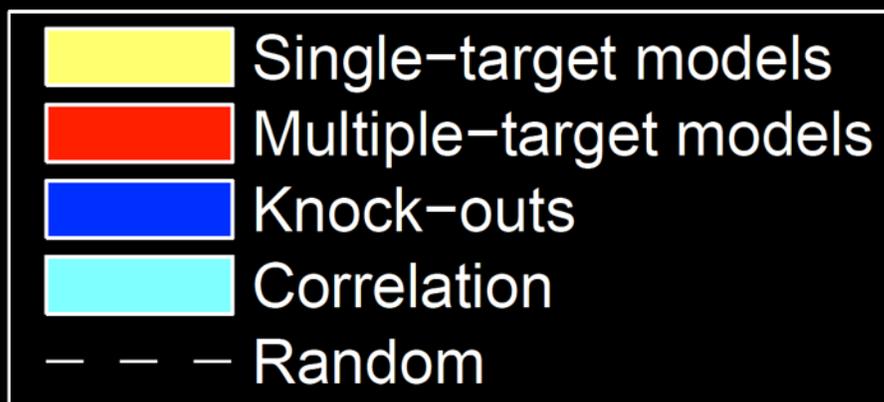
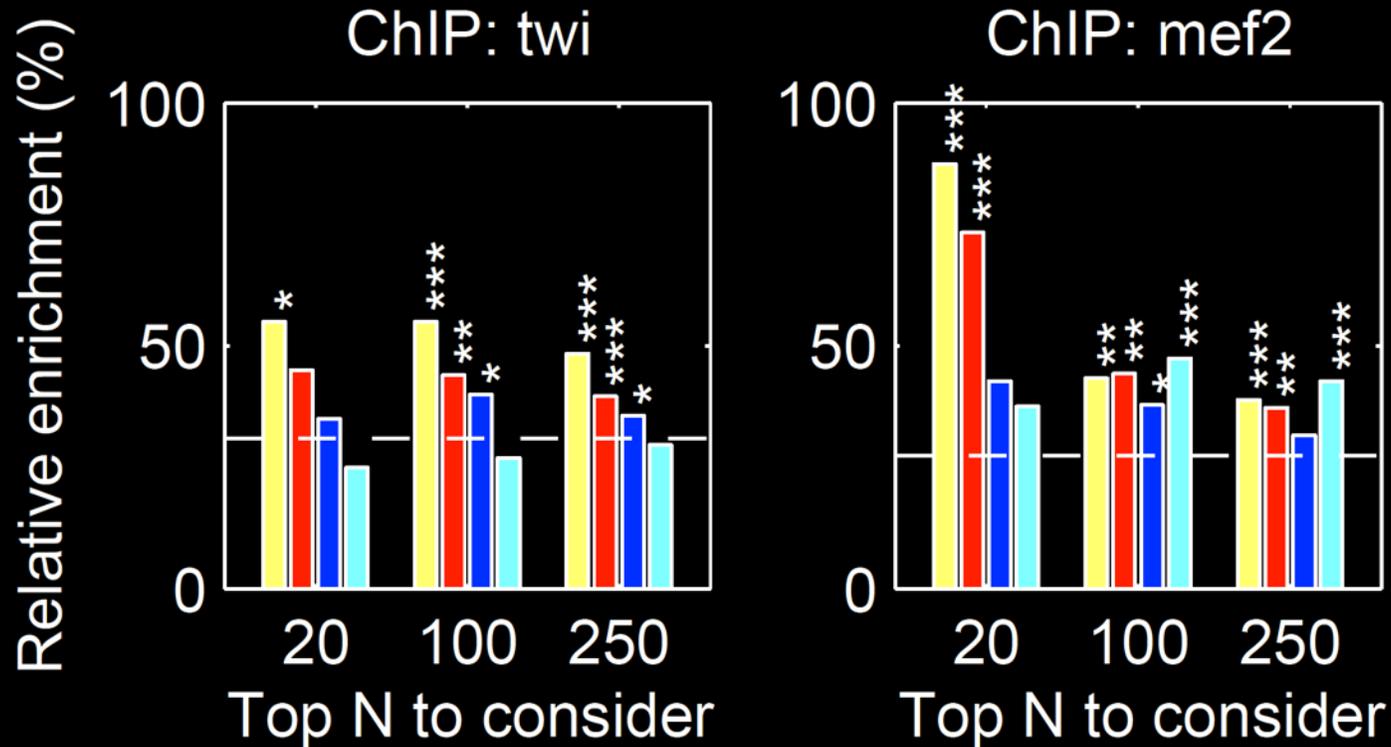


Results

$$\frac{dp_{TF}(t)}{dt} = s_f m_{TF}(t) - d_f p_{TF}(t)$$

$$\frac{dm_i(t)}{dt} = s_i p_{TF}(t) - d_i m_i(t)$$





MATLAB Demo

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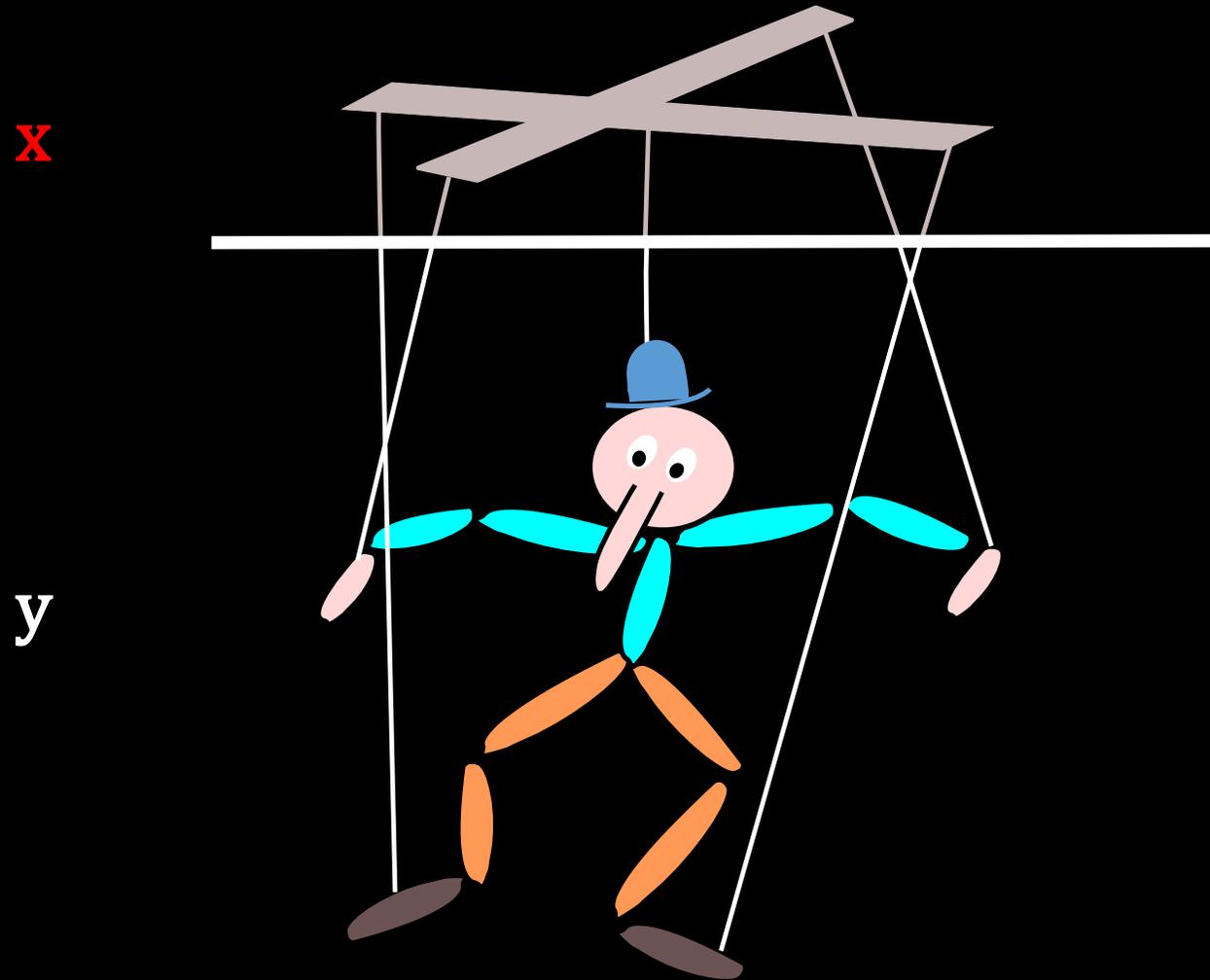
Further Challenge

- This model inter-relates different functions with mechanistic understanding.
- What if you need to inter-relate across different modalities of data at different scales.
- *E.g.* biopsy images + genetic test + mammogram for breast cancer diagnostics.

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- **Question 2:** How do we formulate the right representations to integrate different data modalities?

Classical Latent Variables



Classical Treatment

- Assume *a priori* that

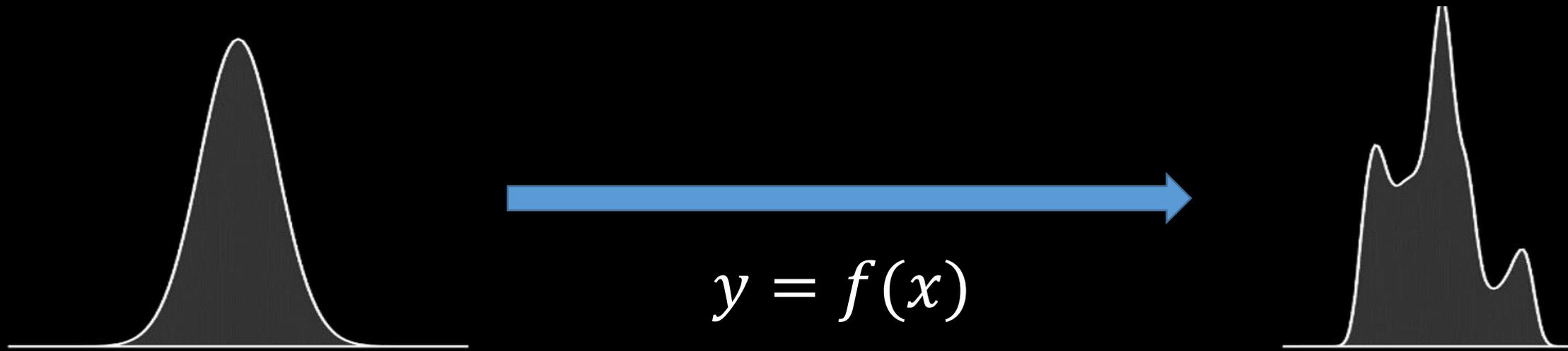
$$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

- Relate \mathbf{x} linearly to \mathbf{y}

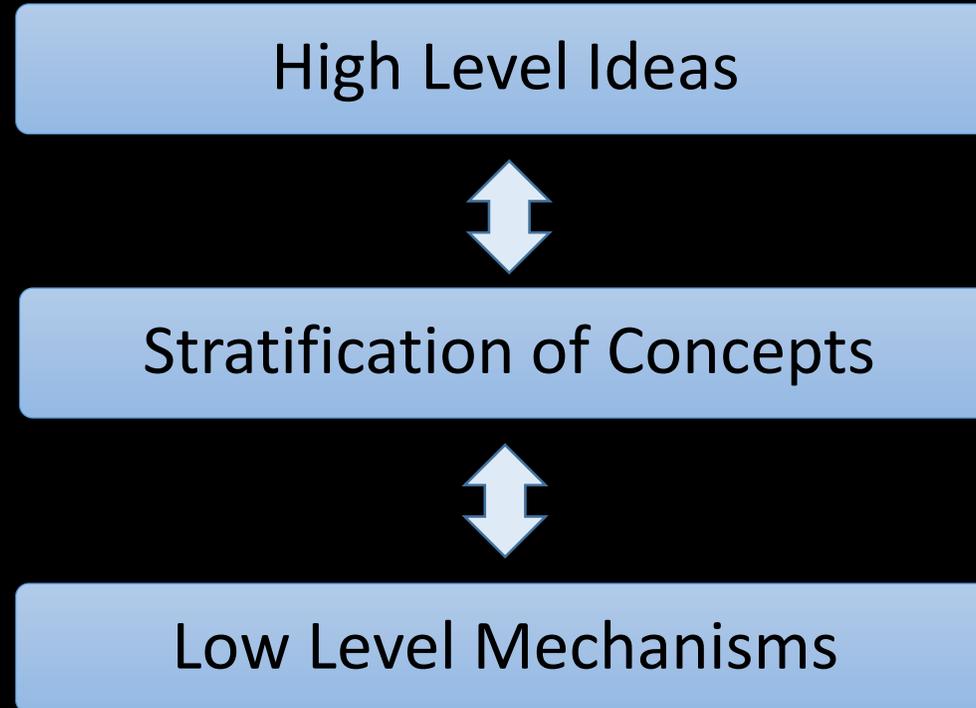
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

- Framework covers many classical models PCA, Factor Analysis, ICA

Render Gaussian Non Gaussian

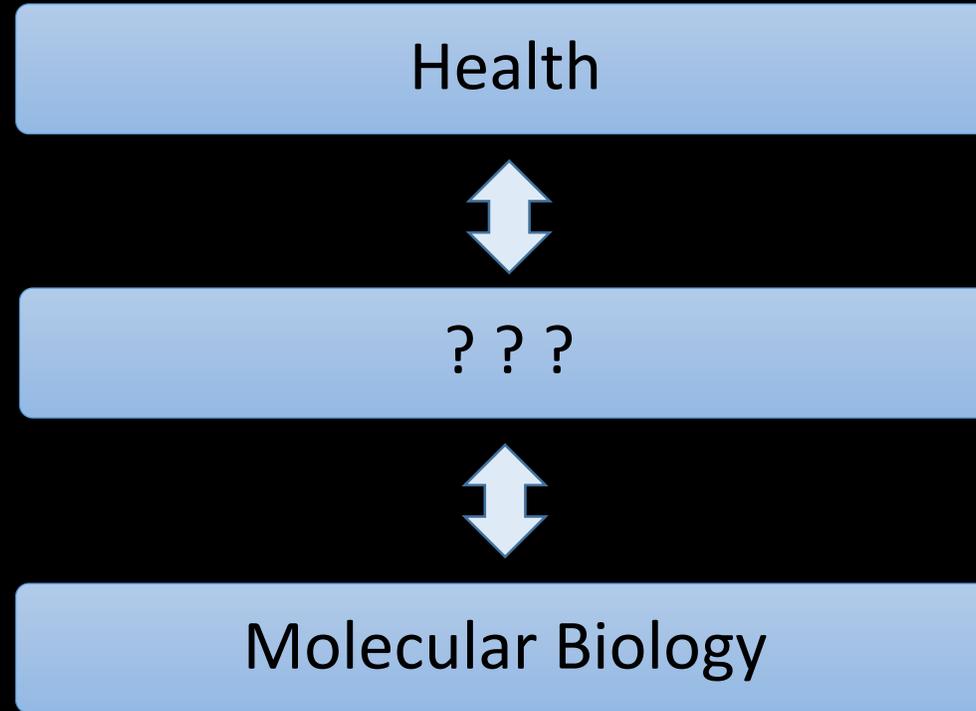


Use Abstraction for Complex Systems

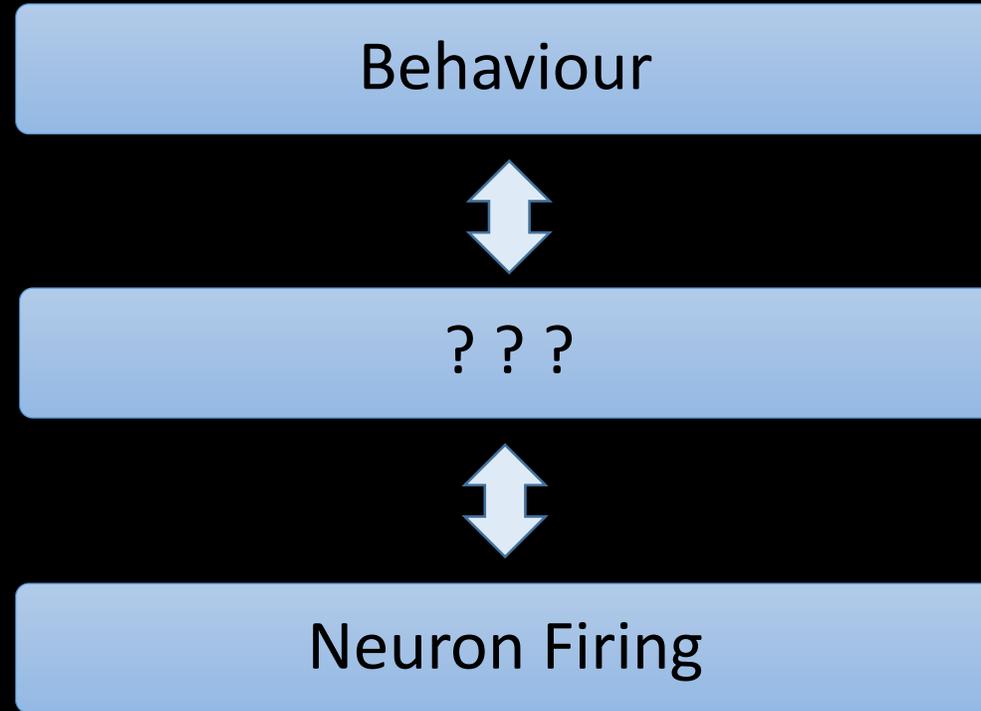


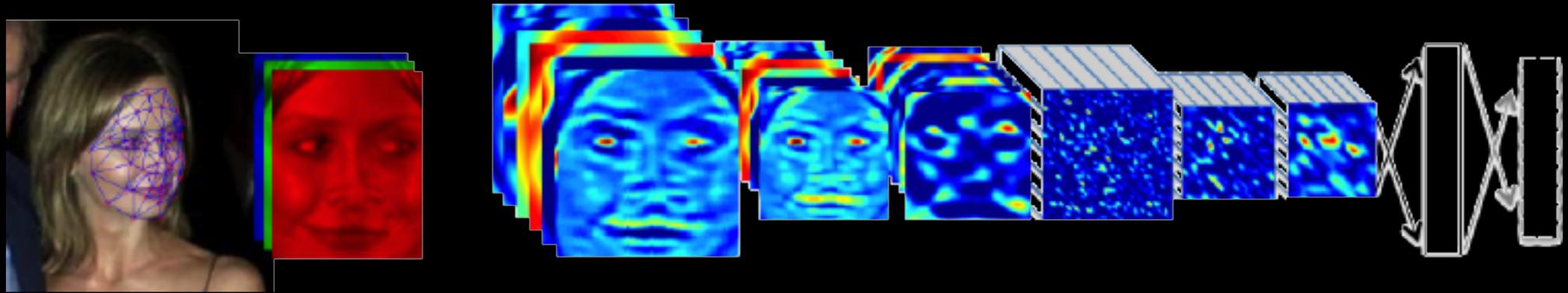


Biology and Health



Neuroscience



$g(x)$  $f_1(x) \quad f_2(\cdot) \quad f_3(\cdot) \quad f_4(\cdot) \quad f_5(\cdot) \quad f_6(\cdot) \quad f_7(\cdot) \quad f_8(\cdot) \quad f_9(\cdot)$

$$g(x) = f_9 \left(f_8 \left(f_7 \left(f_6 (\dots) \right) \right) \right)$$

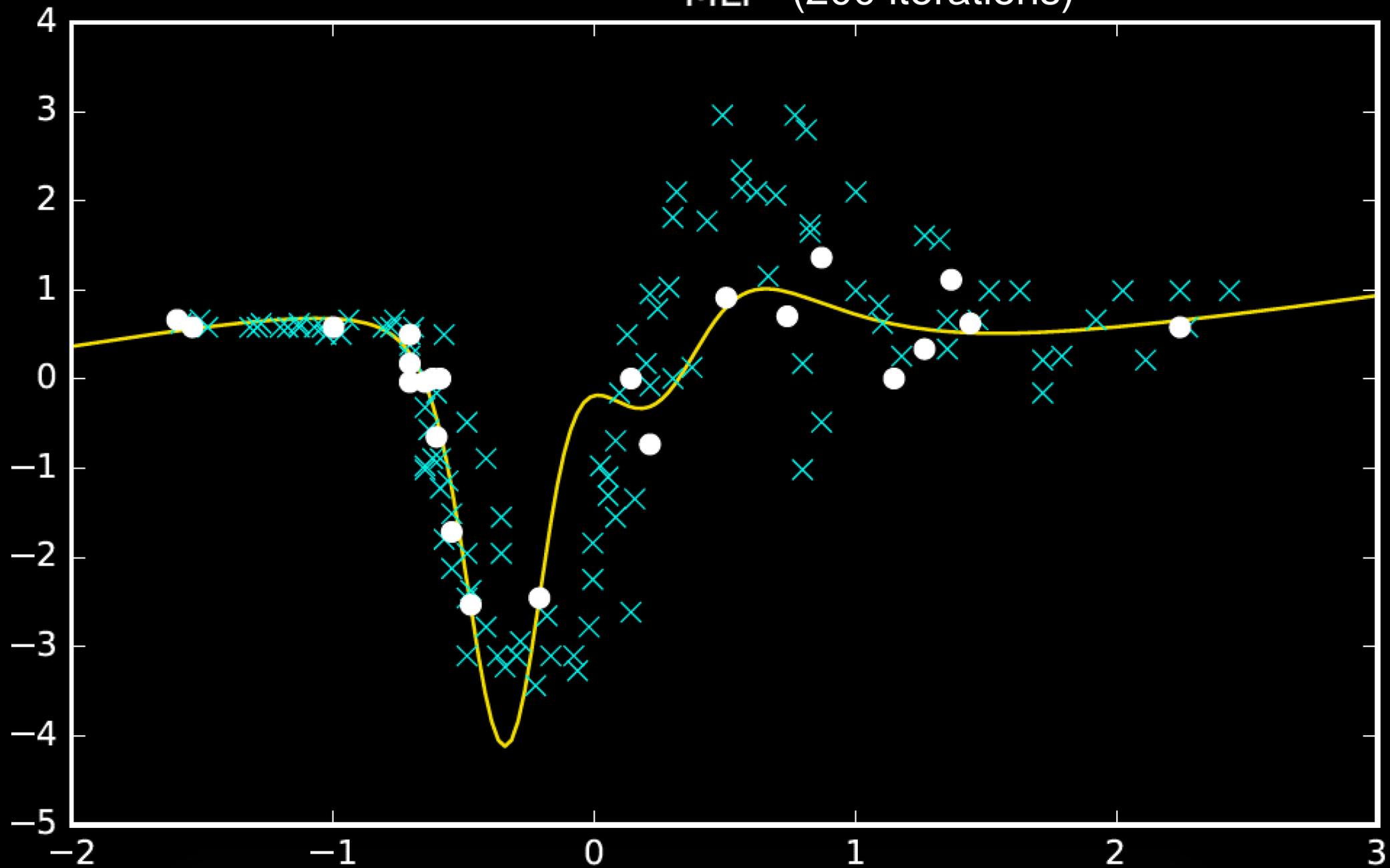
Stochastic Process Composition

- A new approach to forming stochastic processes
- Mathematical composition:

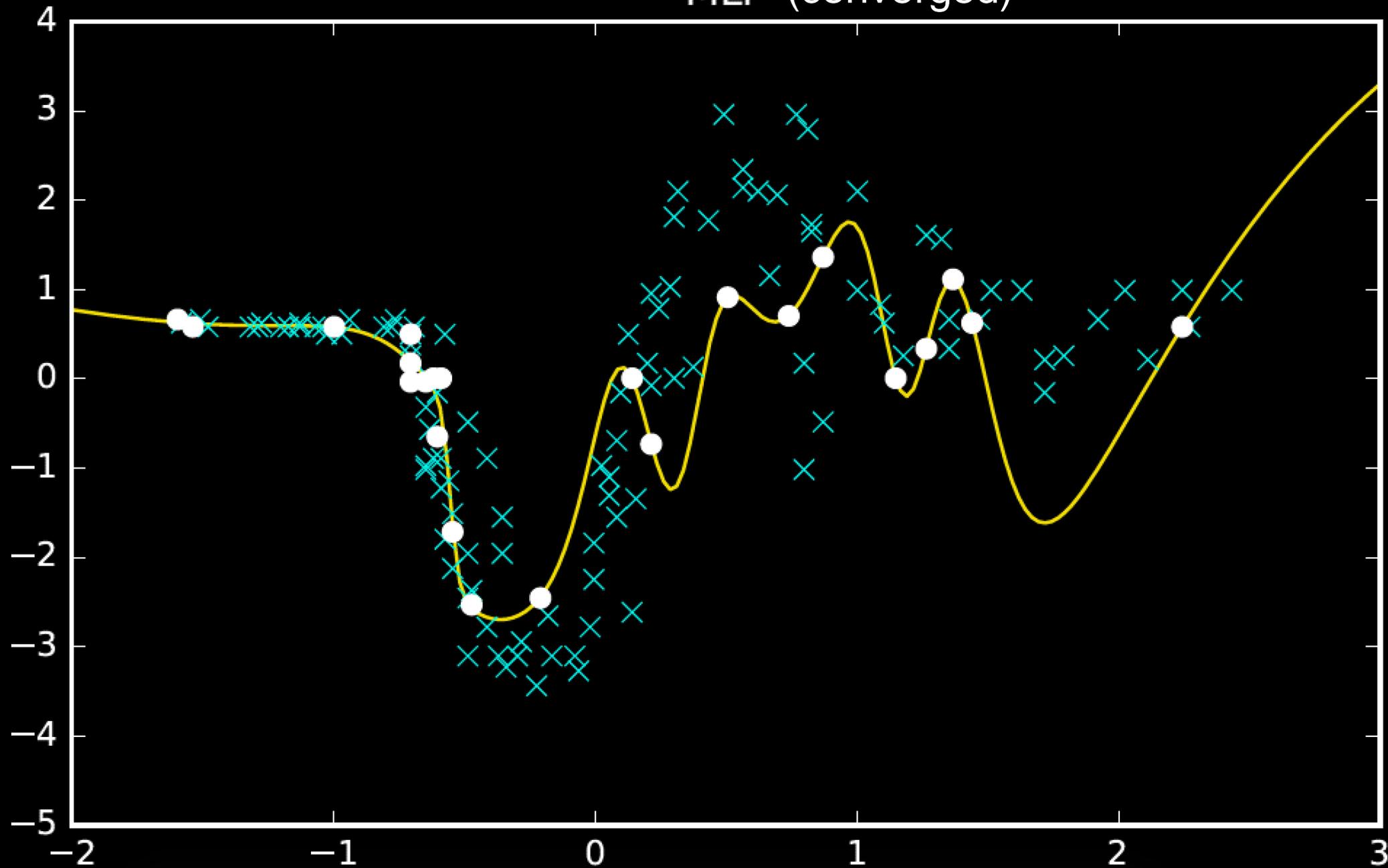
$$y(x) = f_1 \left(f_2 \left(f_3(x) \right) \right)$$

- Properties of resulting process highly non-Gaussian
- Allows for hierarchical structured form of model.
- Learning in models of this type has become known as: **deep learning**.

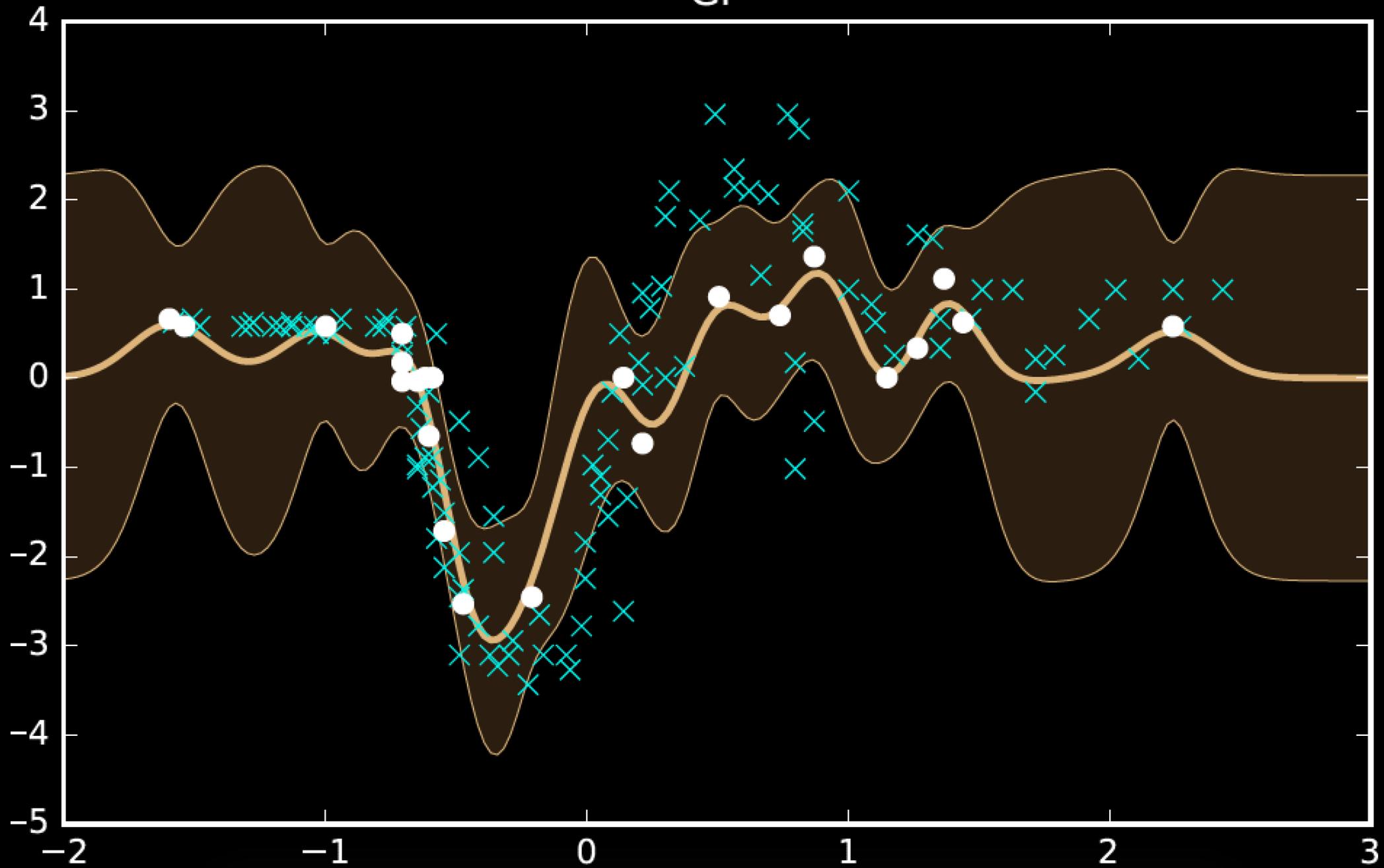
MLP (200 iterations)



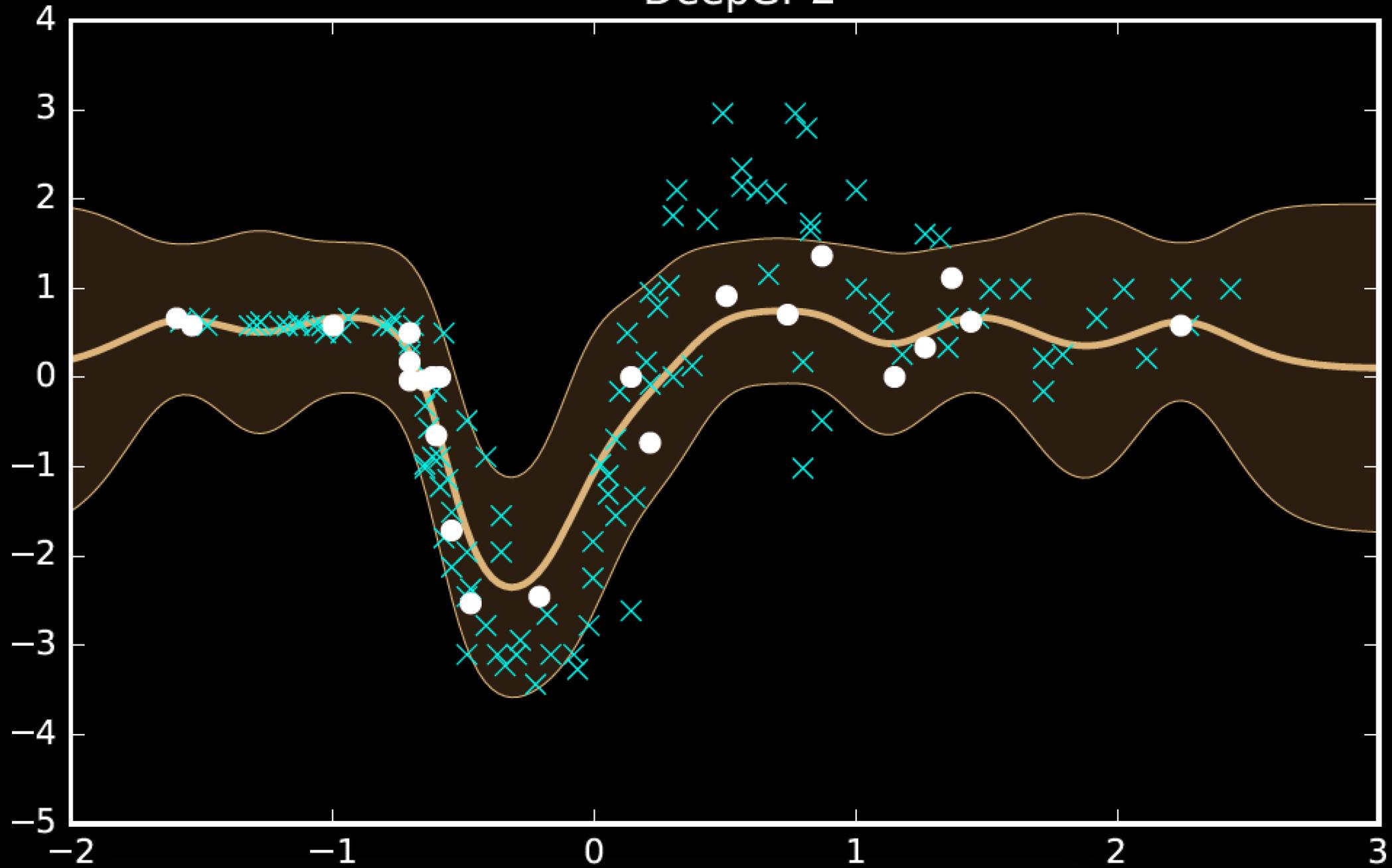
MLP (converged)



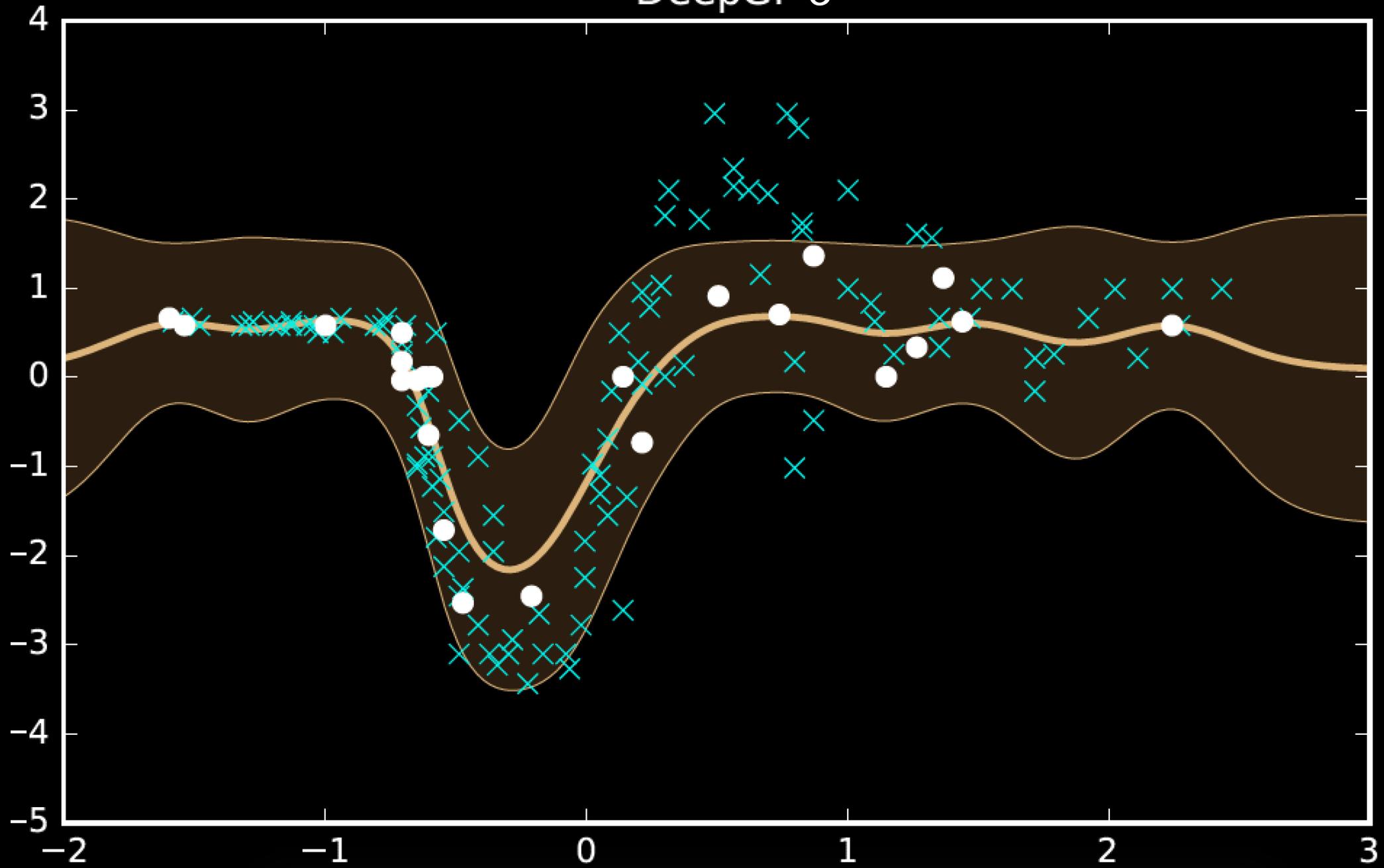
GP



DeepGP 2



DeepGP 3



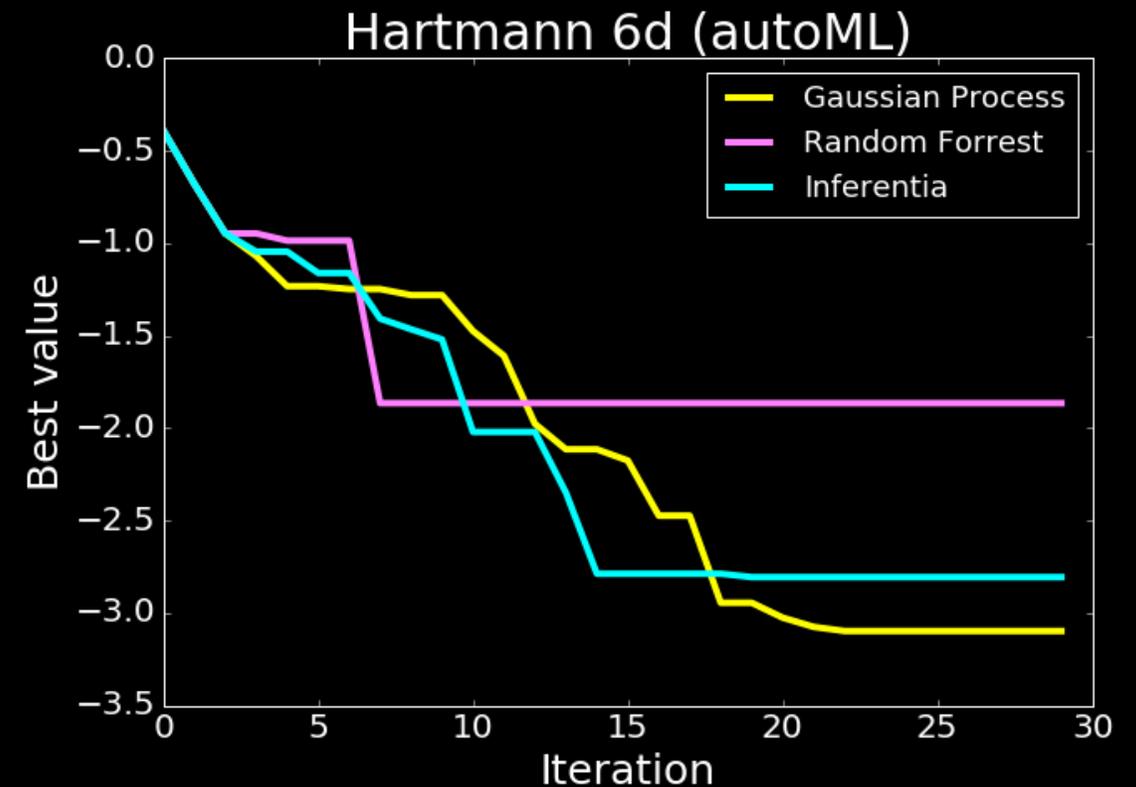
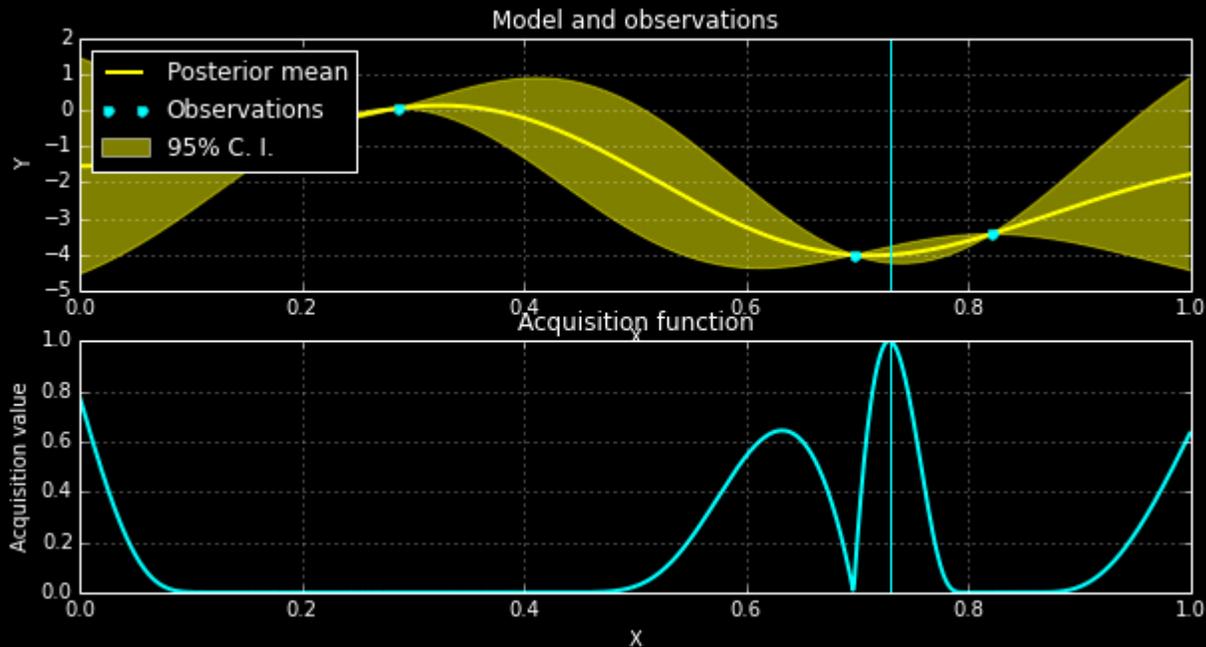
model	MSE (train)	MSE (test)
mlp (200 iters)	108.5	1185.1
mlp (converged)	24.0	1338.2
gp	59.2	1095.4
deep gp (2)	146.2	833.7
deep gp (3)	182.5	843.6

One hundred hidden nodes, one hundred inducing points

Regression

data set	n	p	GP	Sparse GP	Deep GP
housing	506	13	2.78±0.54	2.77±0.60	2.69±0.49
redwine	588	11	0.72±0.06	0.62±0.04	0.62±0.04
energy1	768	8	0.48±0.07	0.50±0.07	0.49±0.07
energy2	768	8	0.59±0.08	1.66±0.21	1.39±0.49
concrete	1030	8	5.26±0.67	5.81±0.62	5.66±0.62

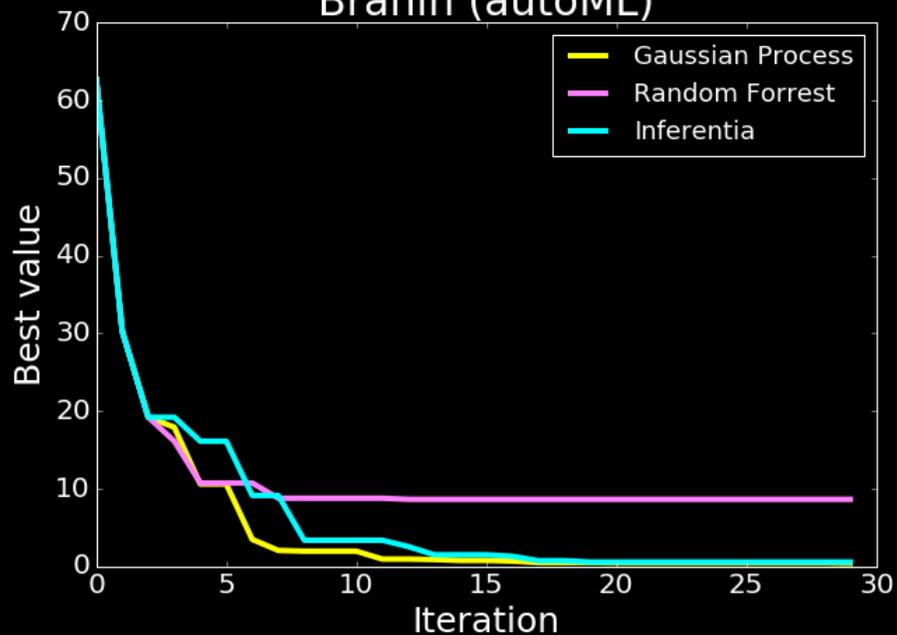
Bayesian Optimization



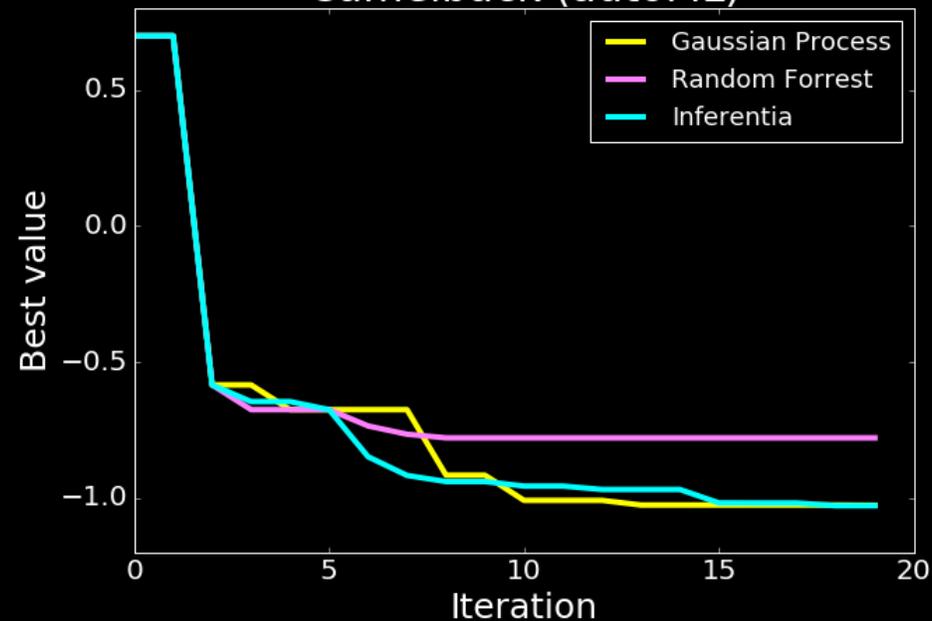
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<http://sheffieldml.github.io/GPyOpt/>

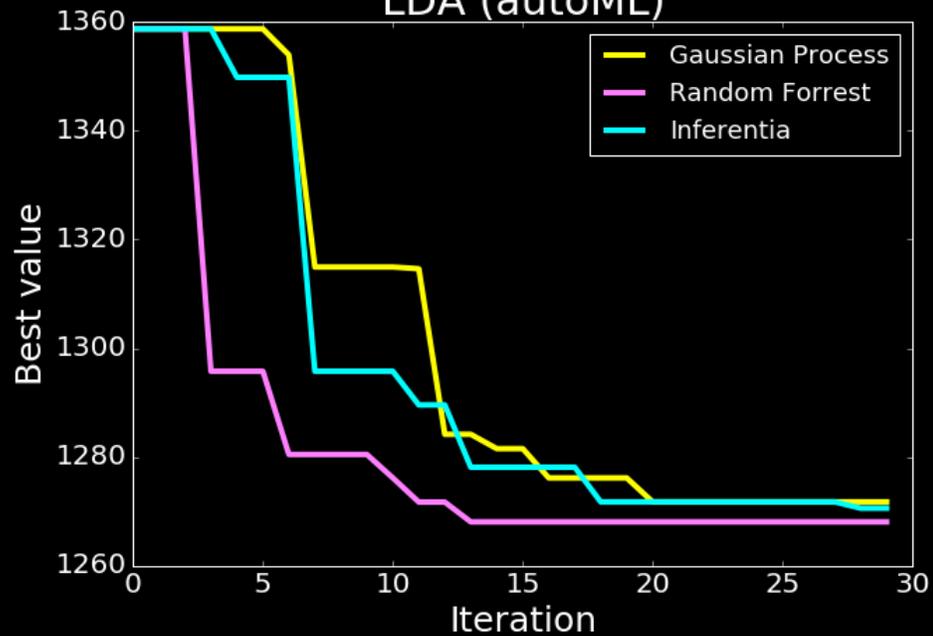
Branin (autoML)



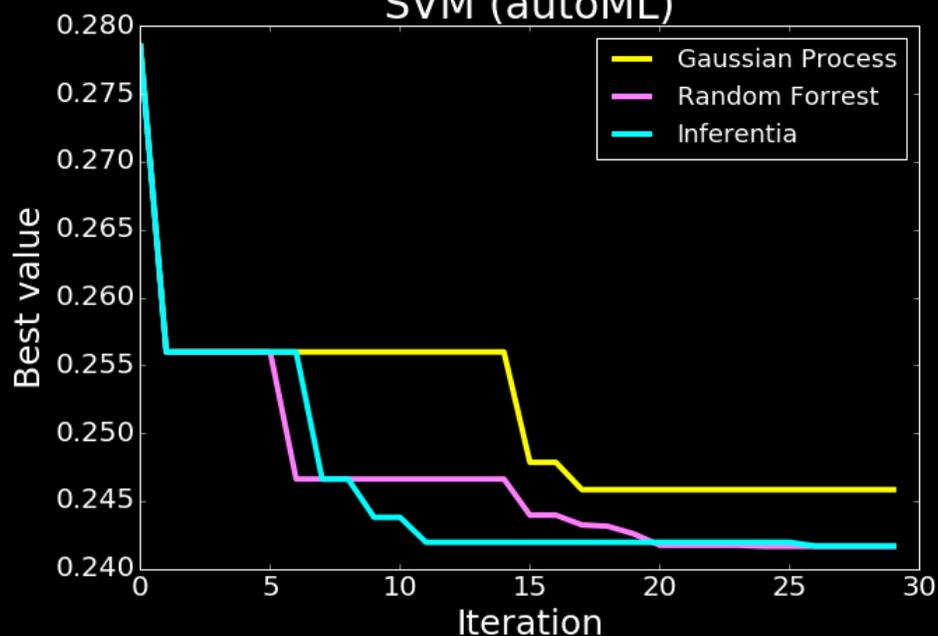
Camelback (autoML)



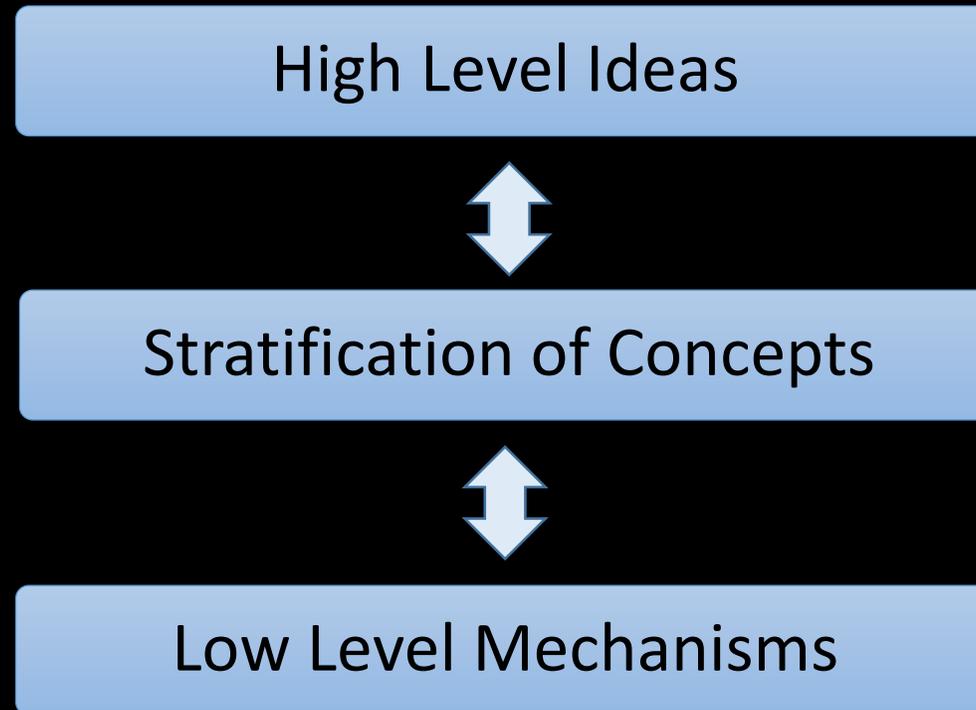
LDA (autoML)



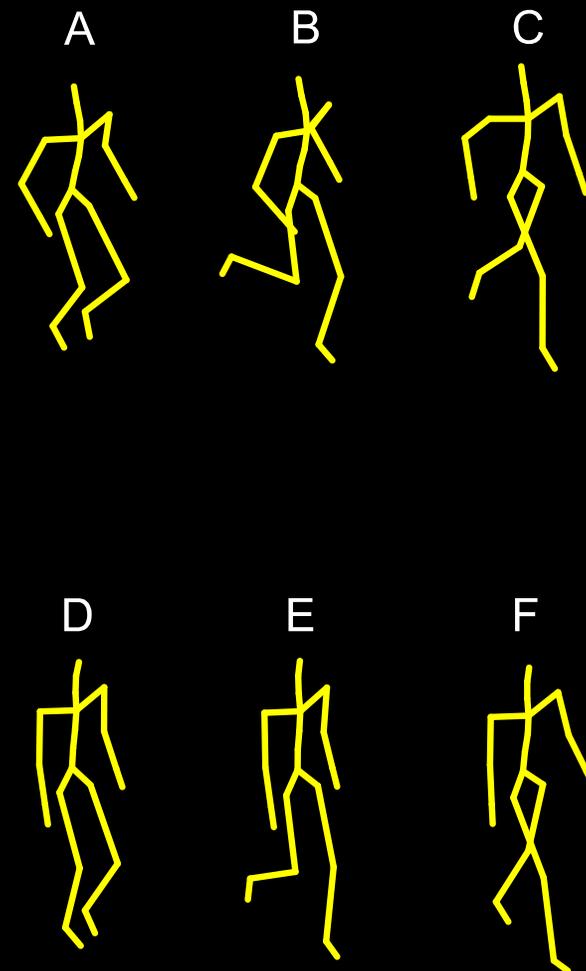
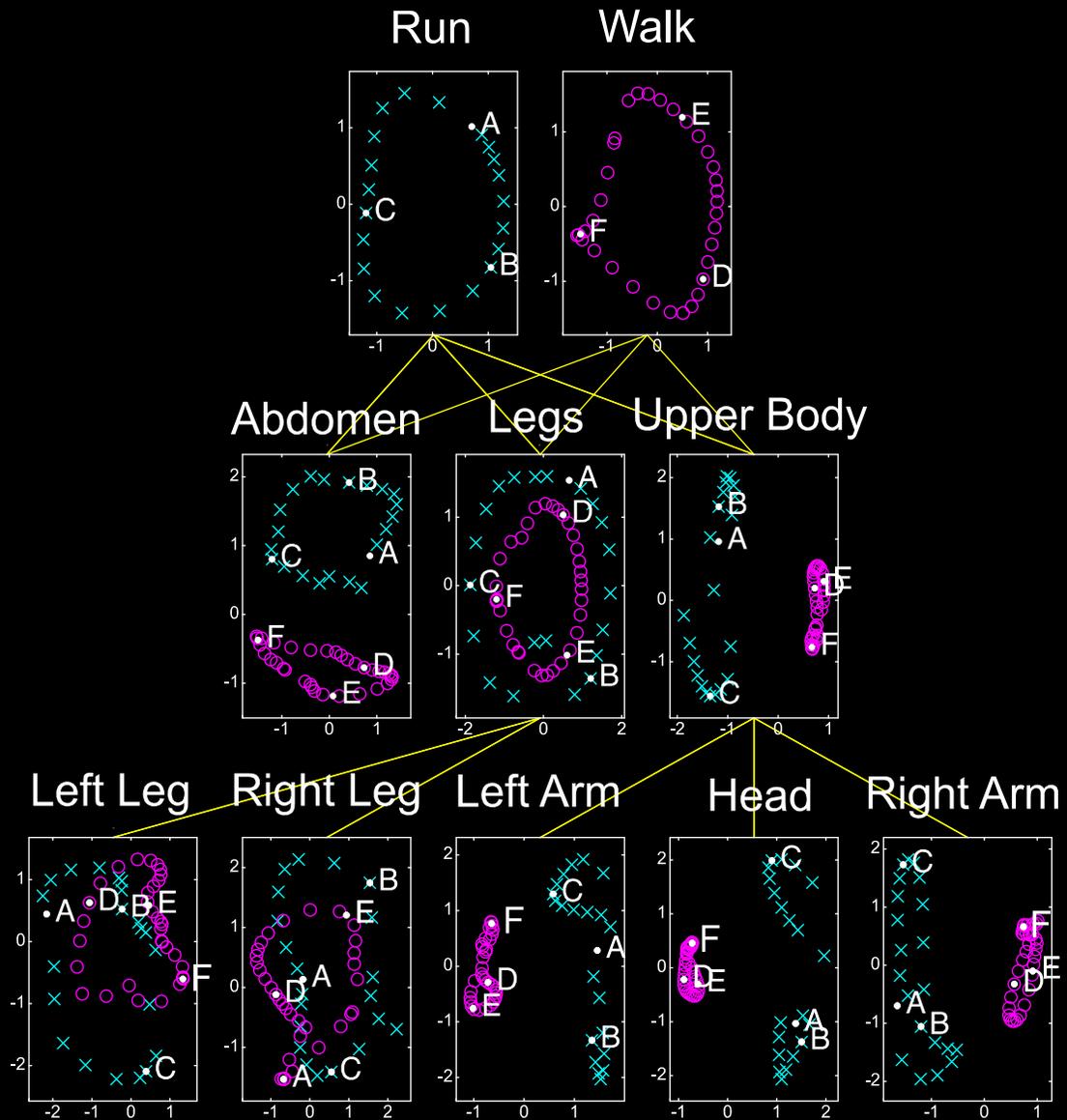
SVM (autoML)



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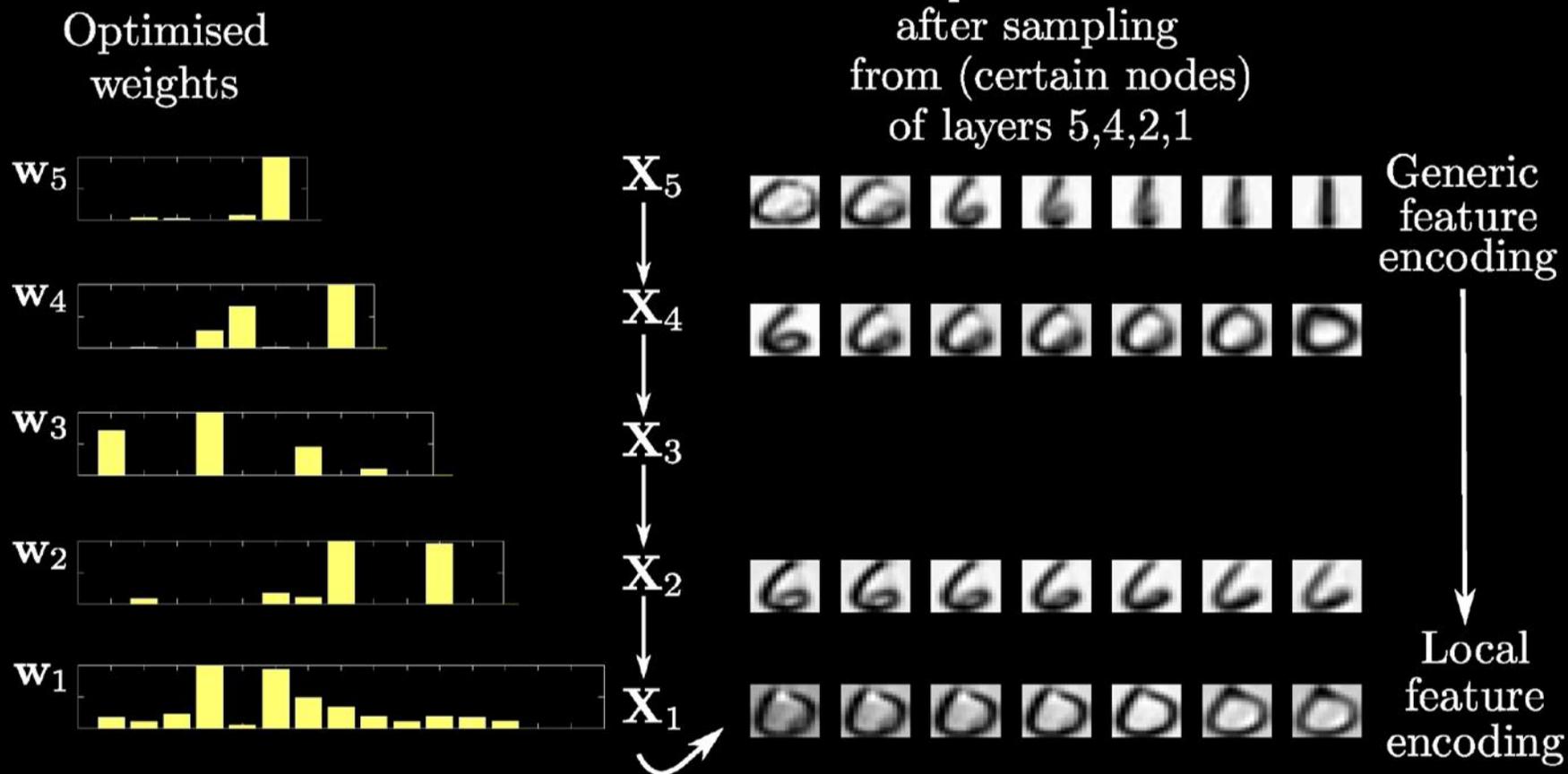
Example: Motion Capture Modelling



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Modelling Digits



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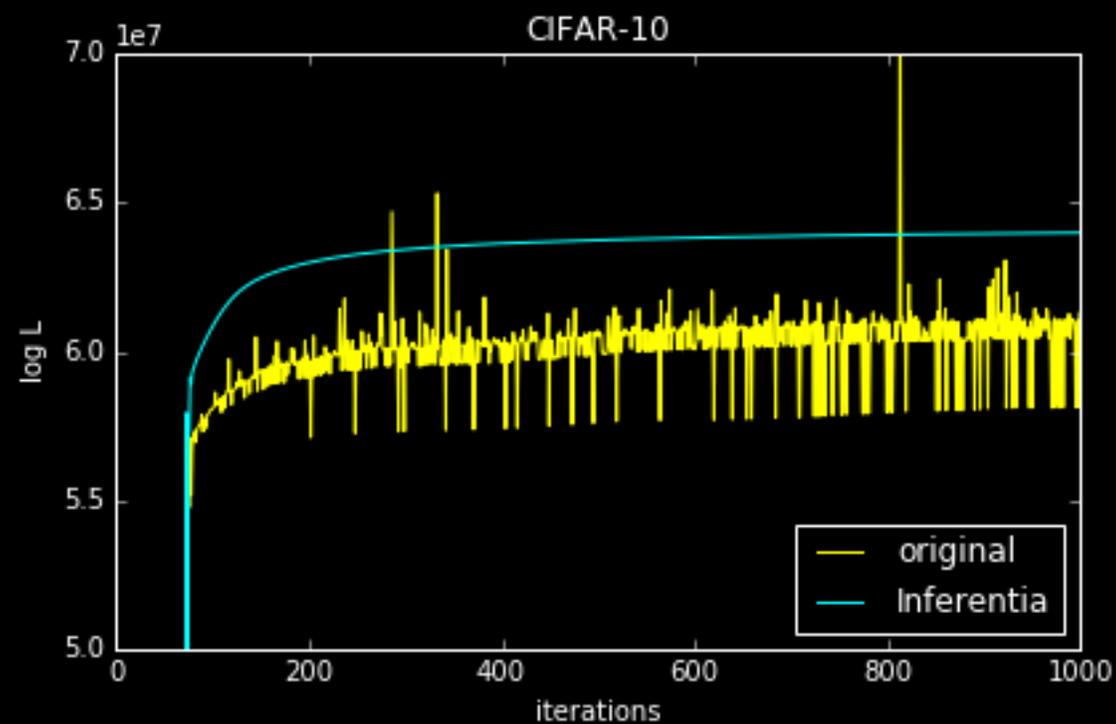
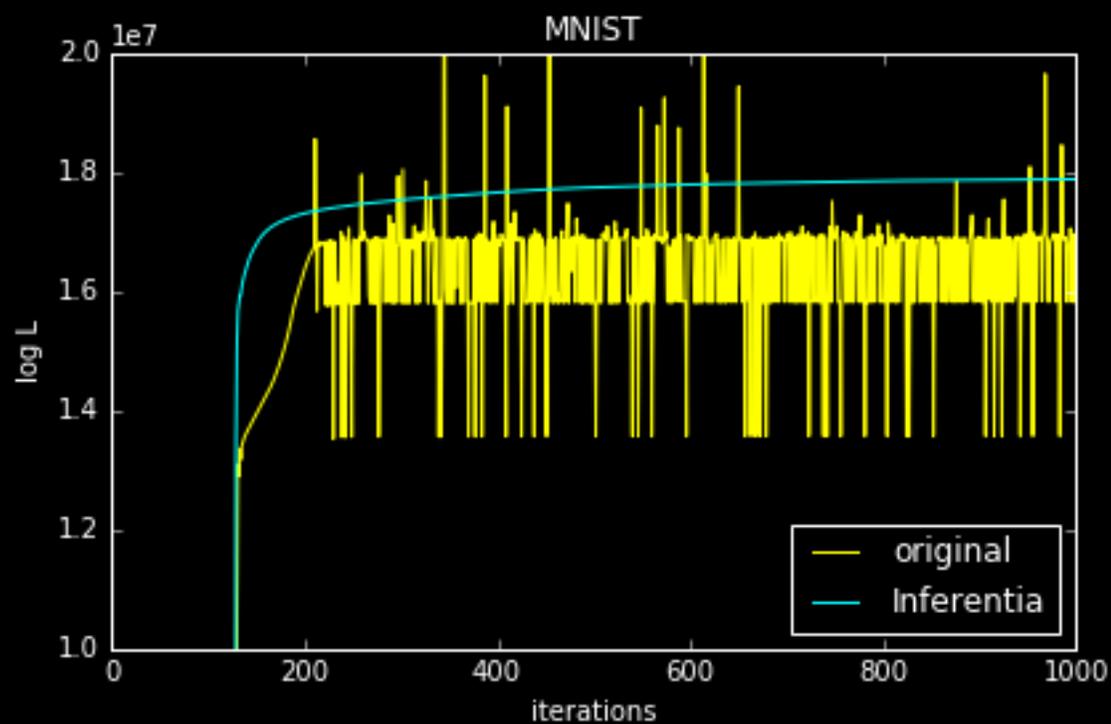
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Challenging Uncertainty

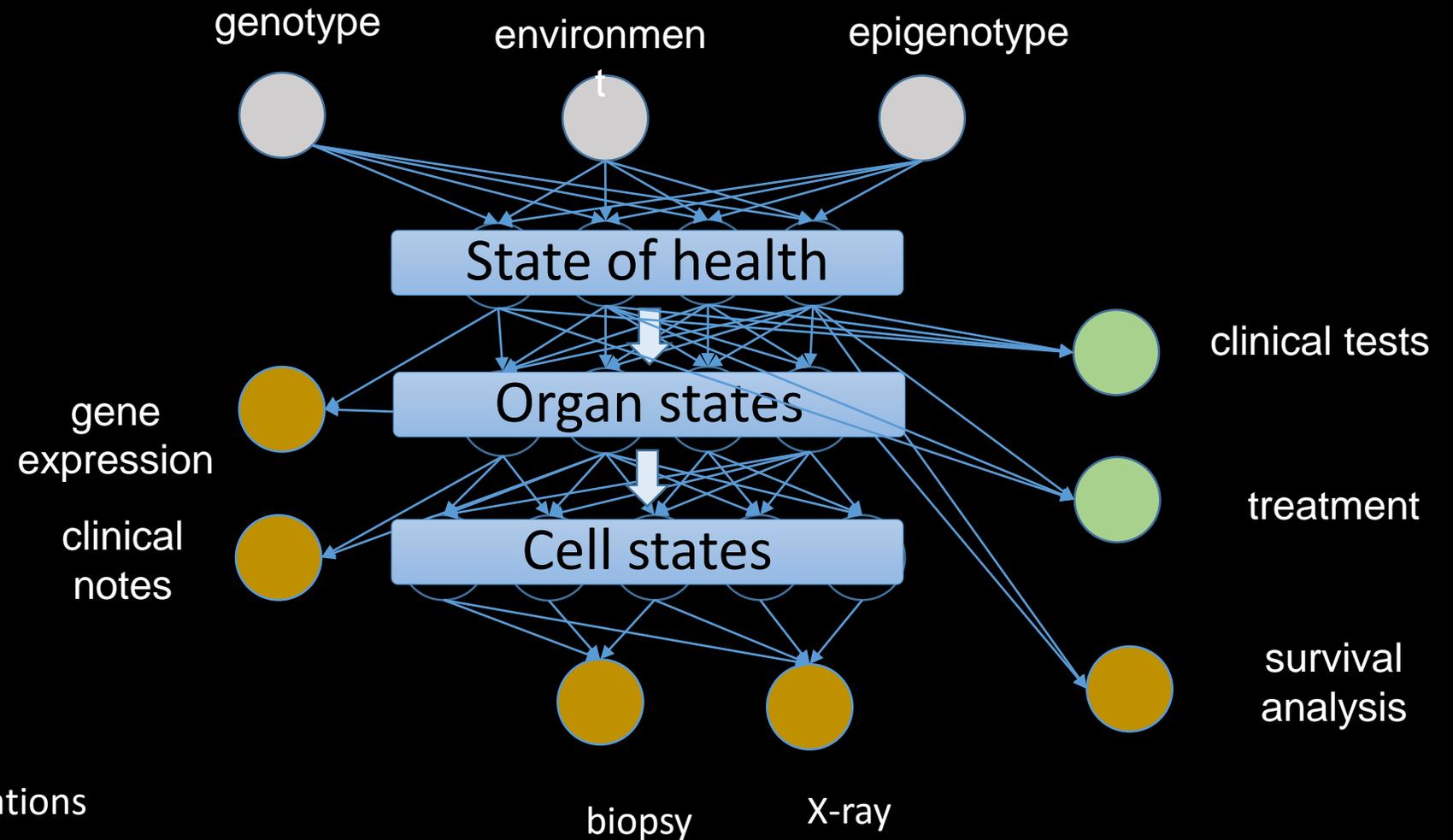
Numerical Issues



Health



- Complex system
- Scarce data
- Different modalities
- Poor understanding of mechanism
- Large scale



To Find Out More

- Gaussian Process Summer School
 - 12th-15th September 2016 in Sheffield
 - This year in parallel with/themed as a UQ orientated school (co-organisation with Rich Wilkinson)
 - Occurring alongside ENBIS Meeting
 - <http://gpss.cc/>

Future

- Methodology
 - Deep GPs (also current)
 - Latent Force Models (current but dormant)
 - Latent Action Models and Stochastic Optimal Control (new)
 - Probabilistic Geometries (starting)
- Exemplar Applications
 - Health and Biology (existing)
 - Developing world (existing)
 - Robotics at different scales (starting)
 - Perception: vision (dormant) haptic (new)

Summary

- Complex systems:
 - 'big data' is too 'small'.
 - The data are not enough.
 - Need data efficient methods
 - <http://www.theguardian.com/media-network/2016/jan/28/google-ai-go-grandmaster-real-winner-deepmind>
- Solutions:
 - Hybrid mechanistic-empirical models
 - Structured models for automated data assimilation

Thank you

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The Digital Oligarchy

- Response to concentration of power with data
- CitizenMe
 - London based start up
 - User-centric data modelling
- New challenges in ML
 - Integration of ML, systems, cryptography.



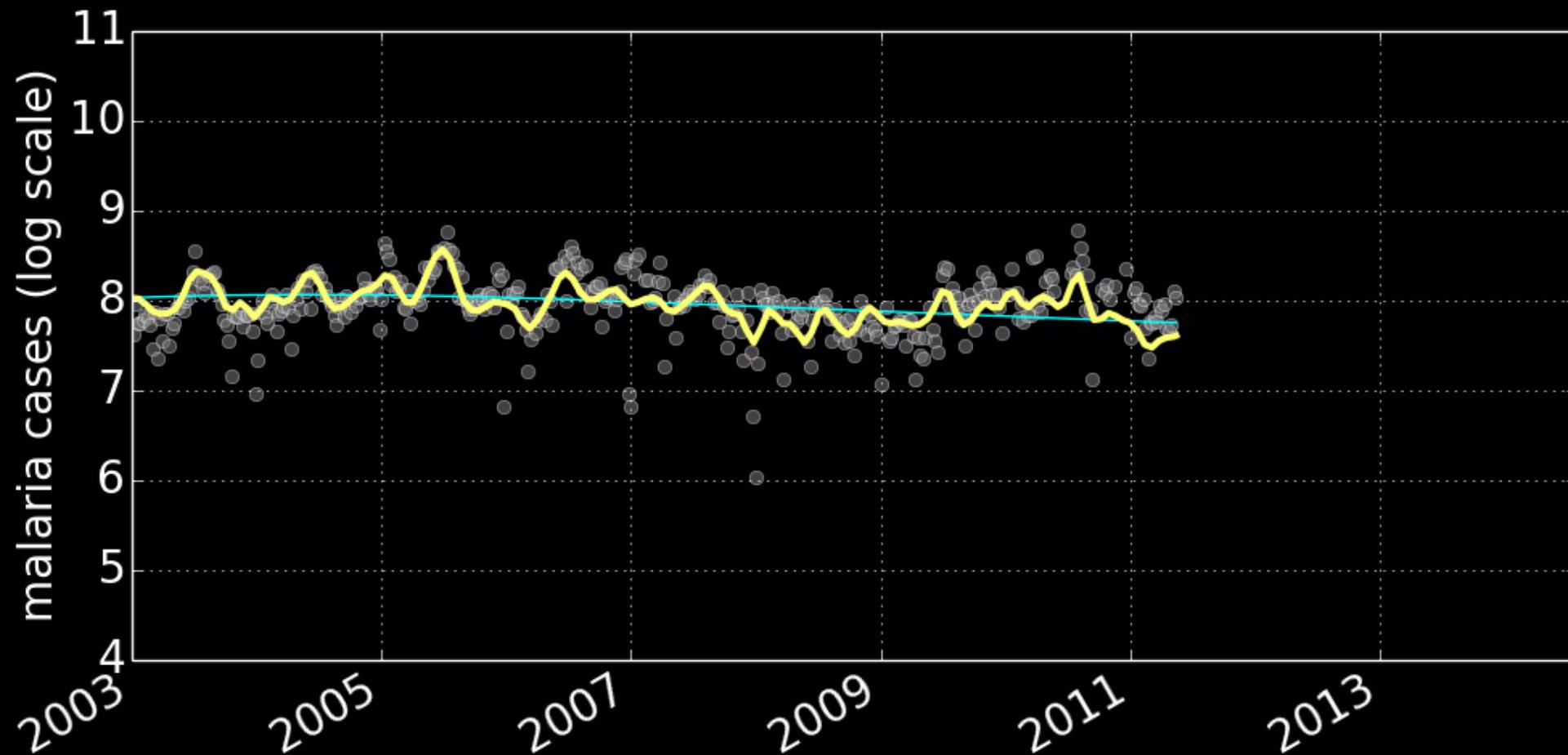
Open Data Science and Africa

Challenge

- “Whole pipeline challenge”
- [Make software available](#)
- [Teach summer schools](#)
- [Support local meetings](#)
 - Publicity in [the Guardian](#)
- Opportunities to deploy pipeline solution



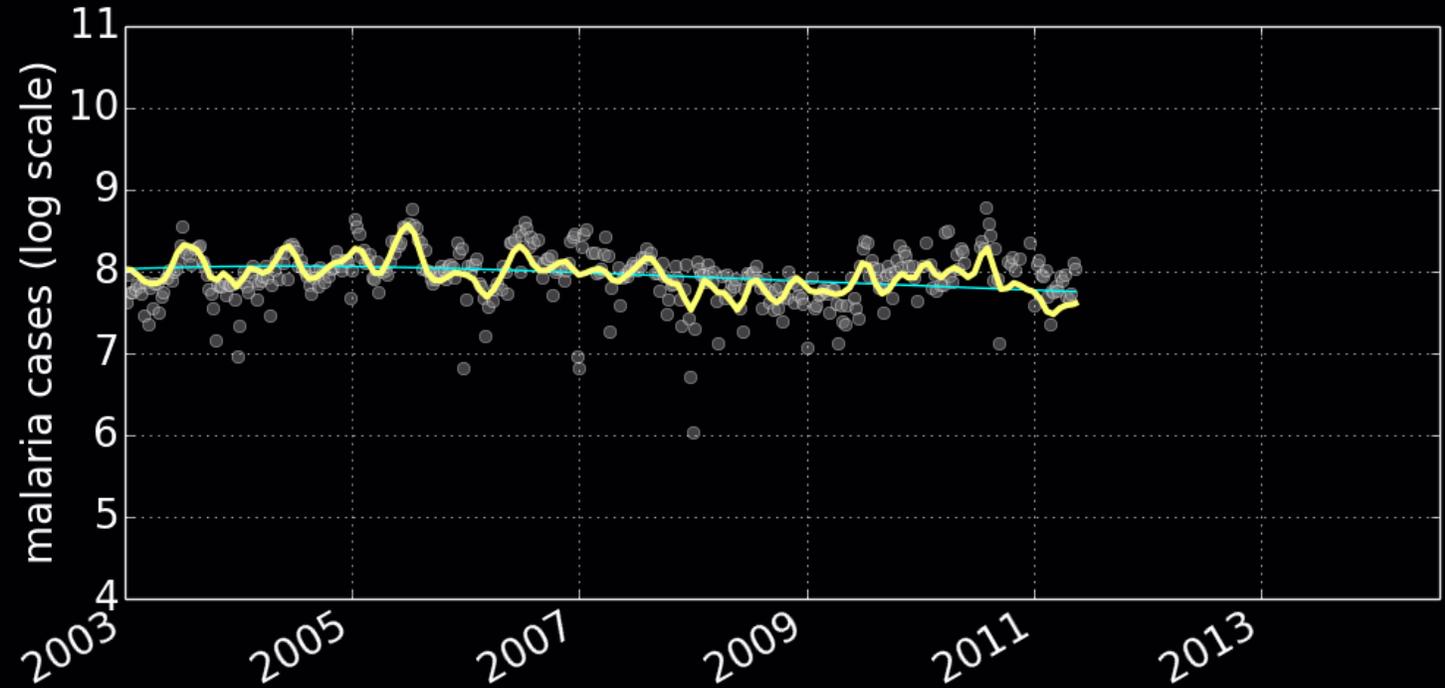
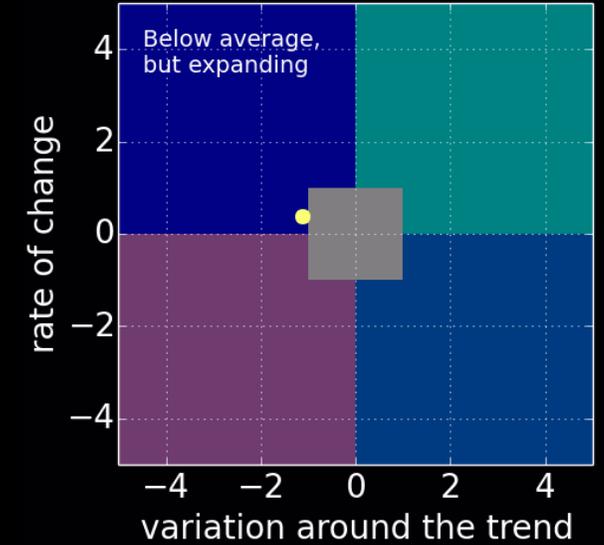
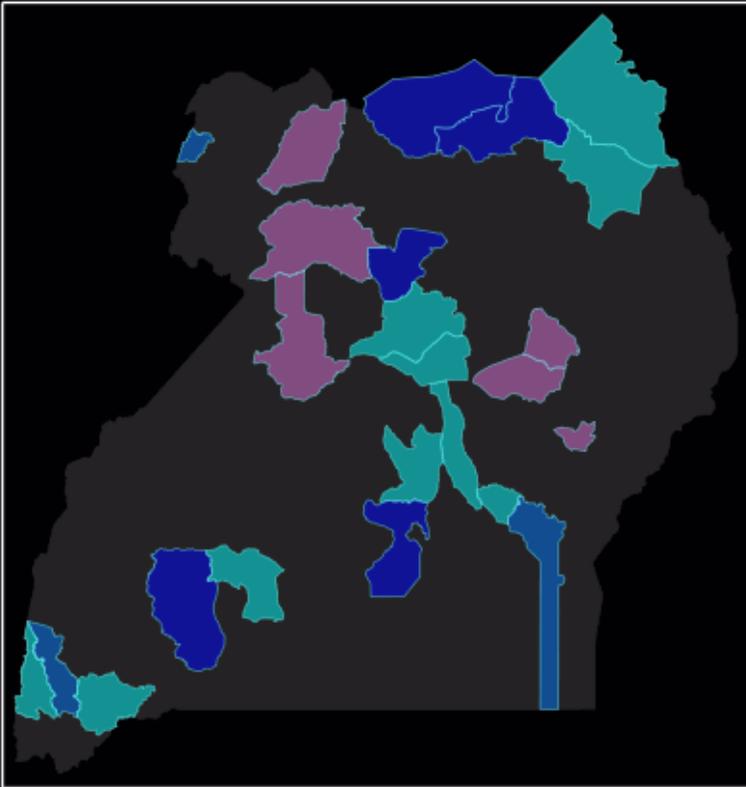
Disease Incidence for Malaria



Uganda

- Spatial models of disease

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