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Introduction à l'intelligence artificielle dans l'assimilation des  
données géophysiques

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# Outline

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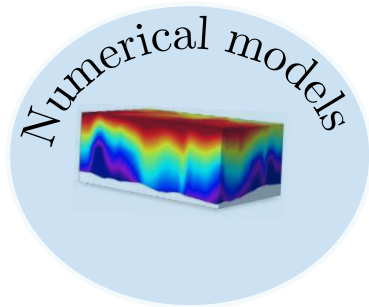
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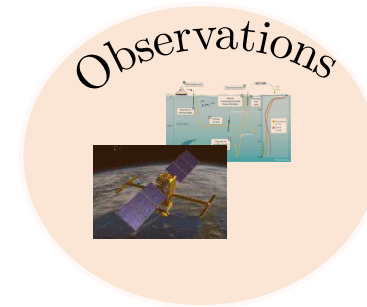
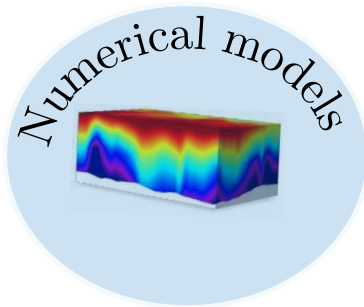
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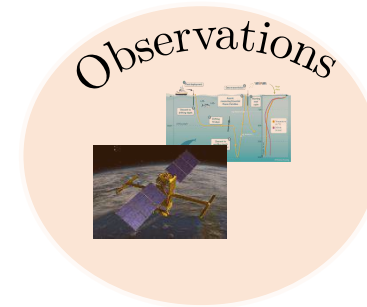
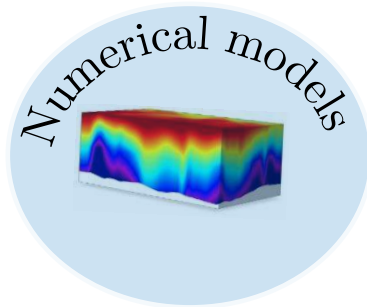
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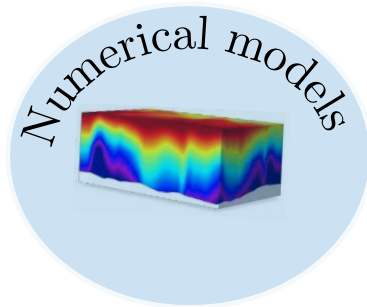
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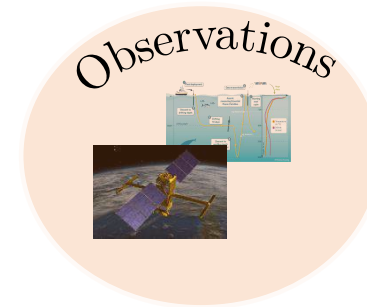
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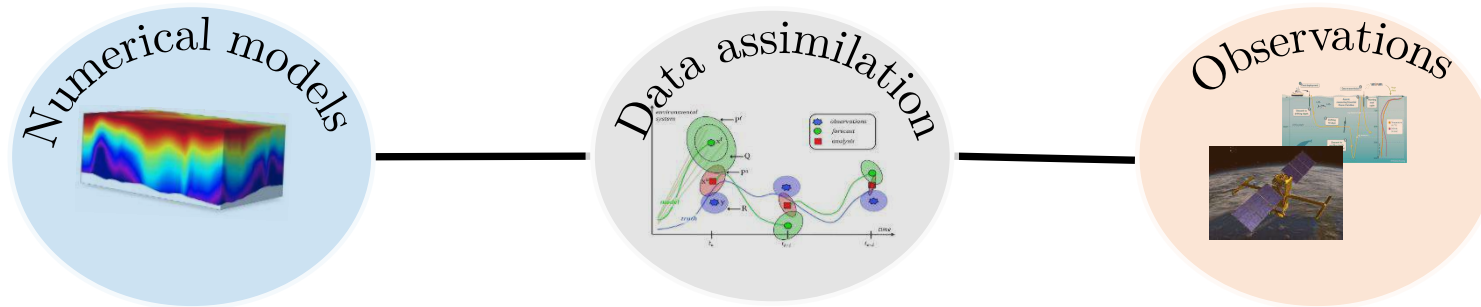
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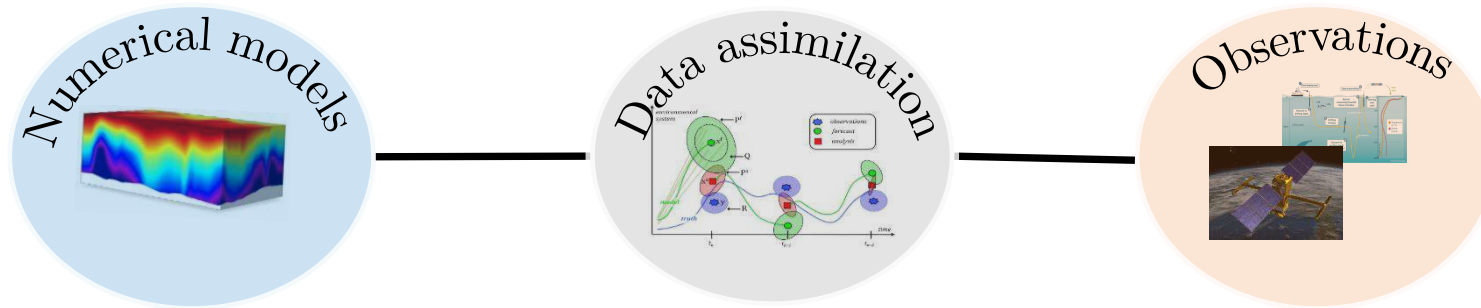
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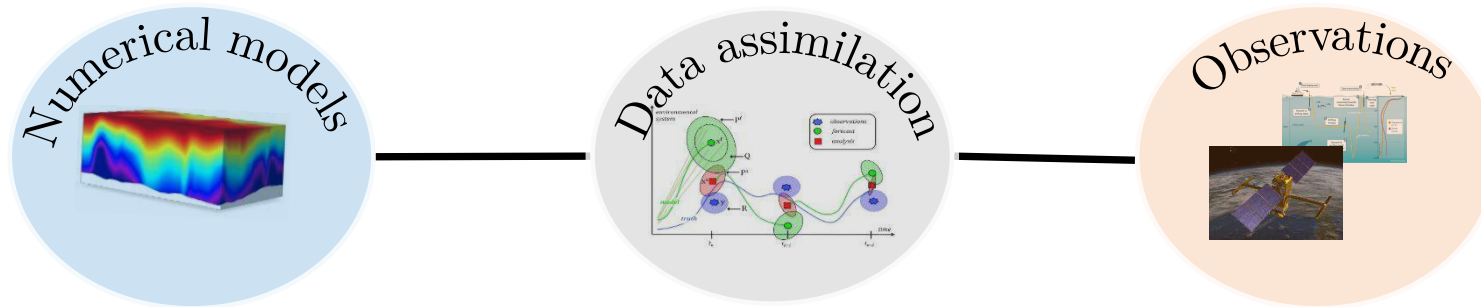
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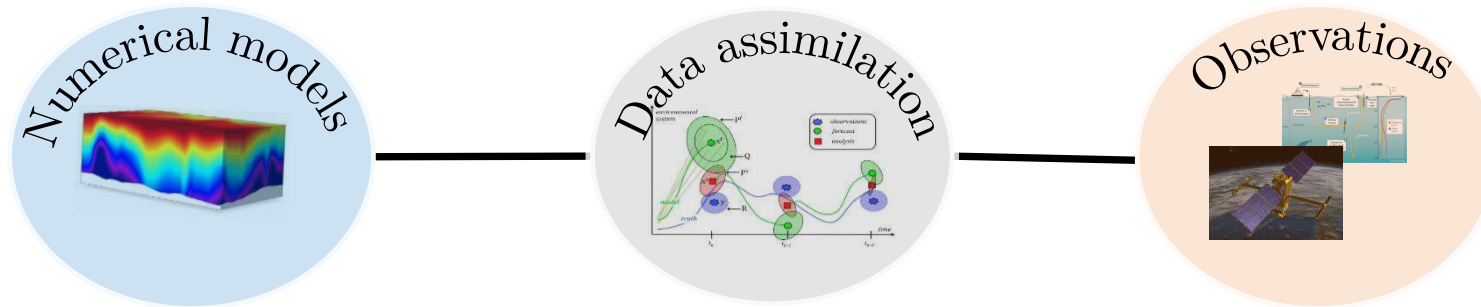


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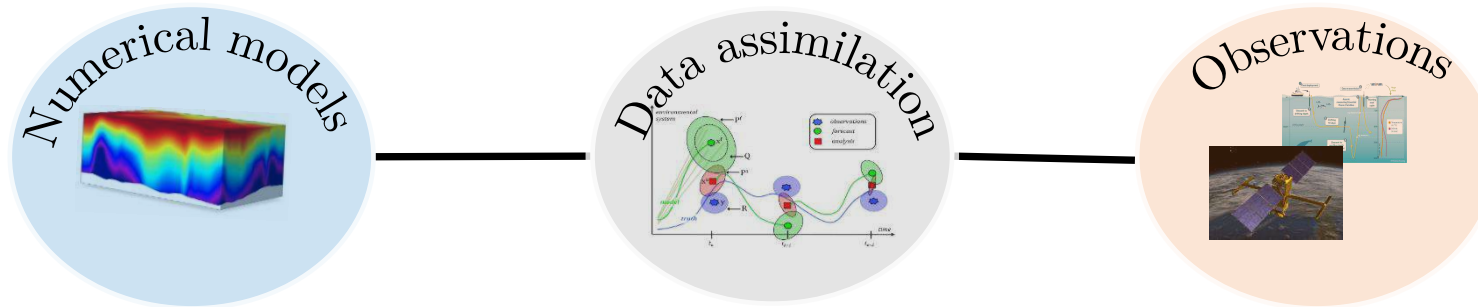
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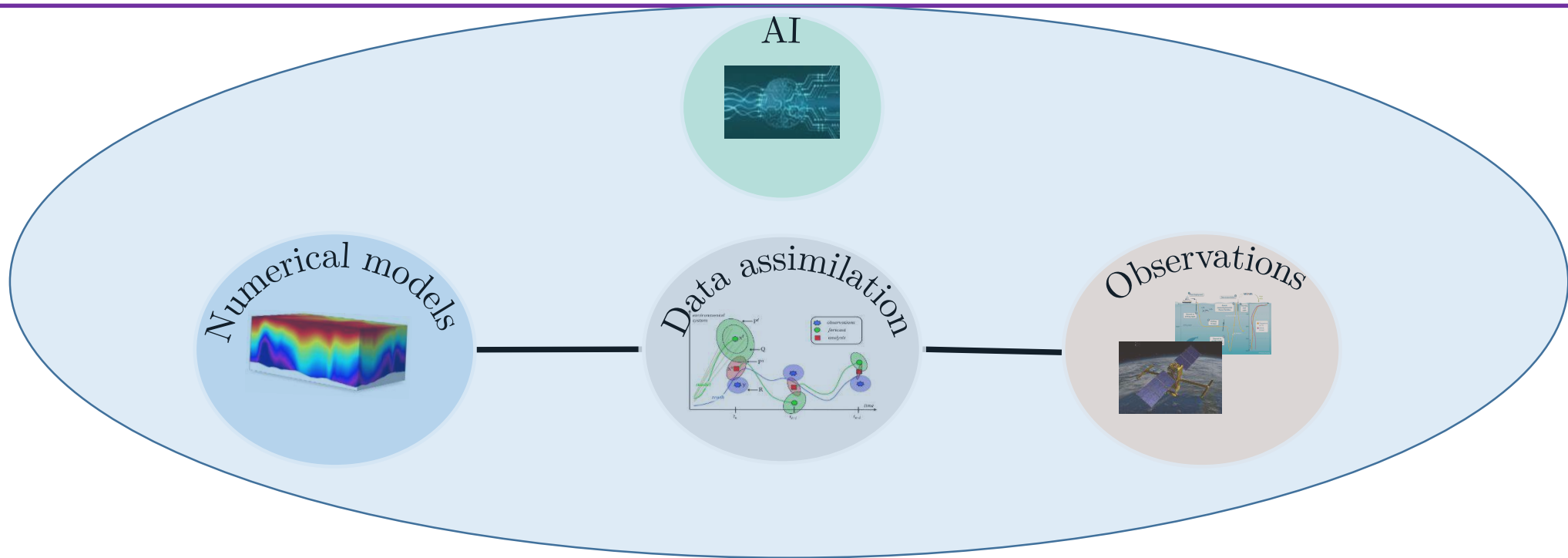
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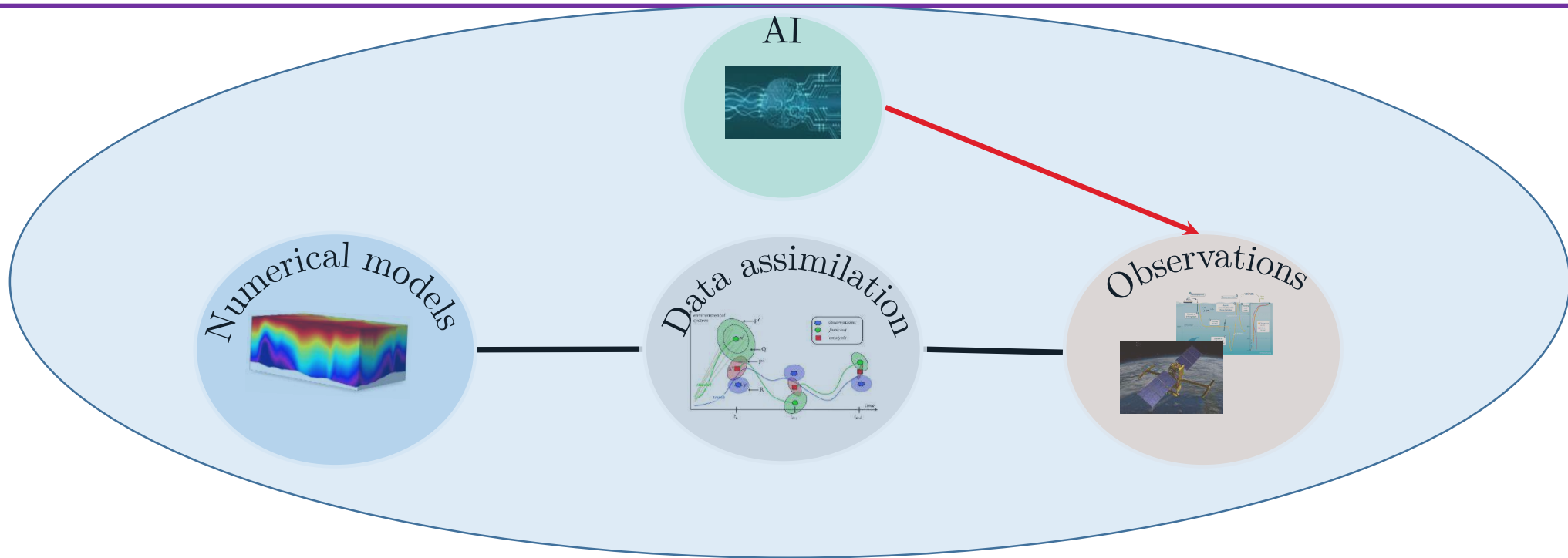
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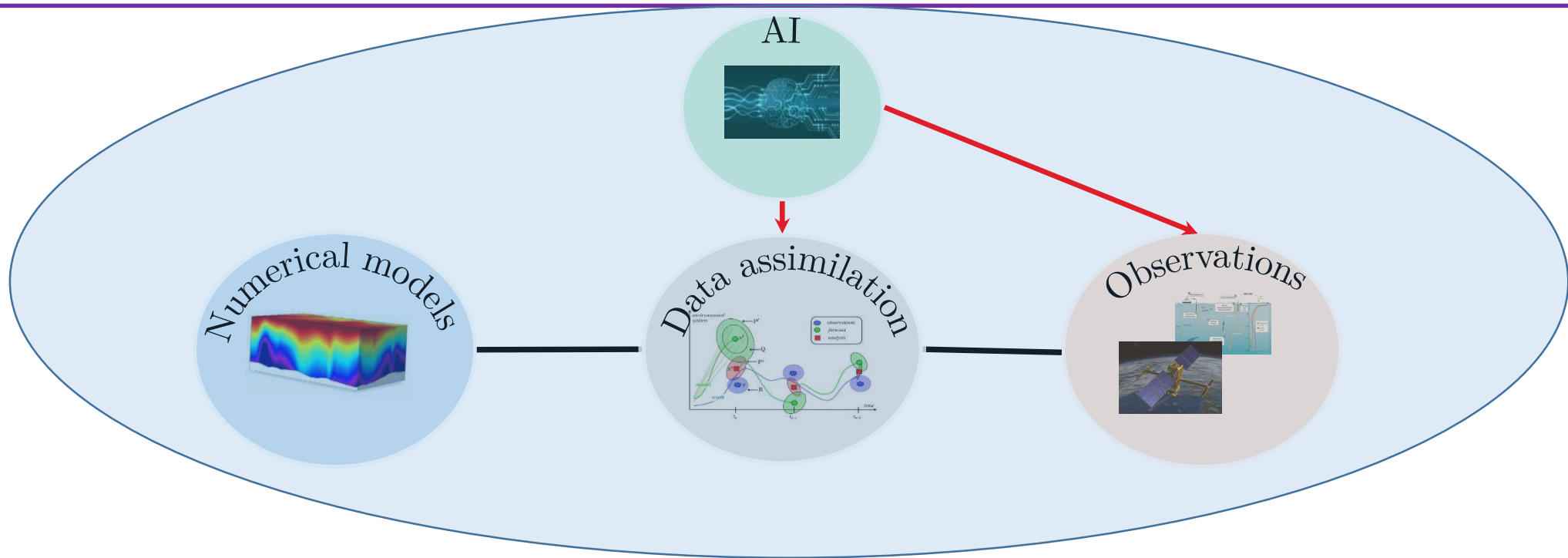
Improving geophysical state estimation using  
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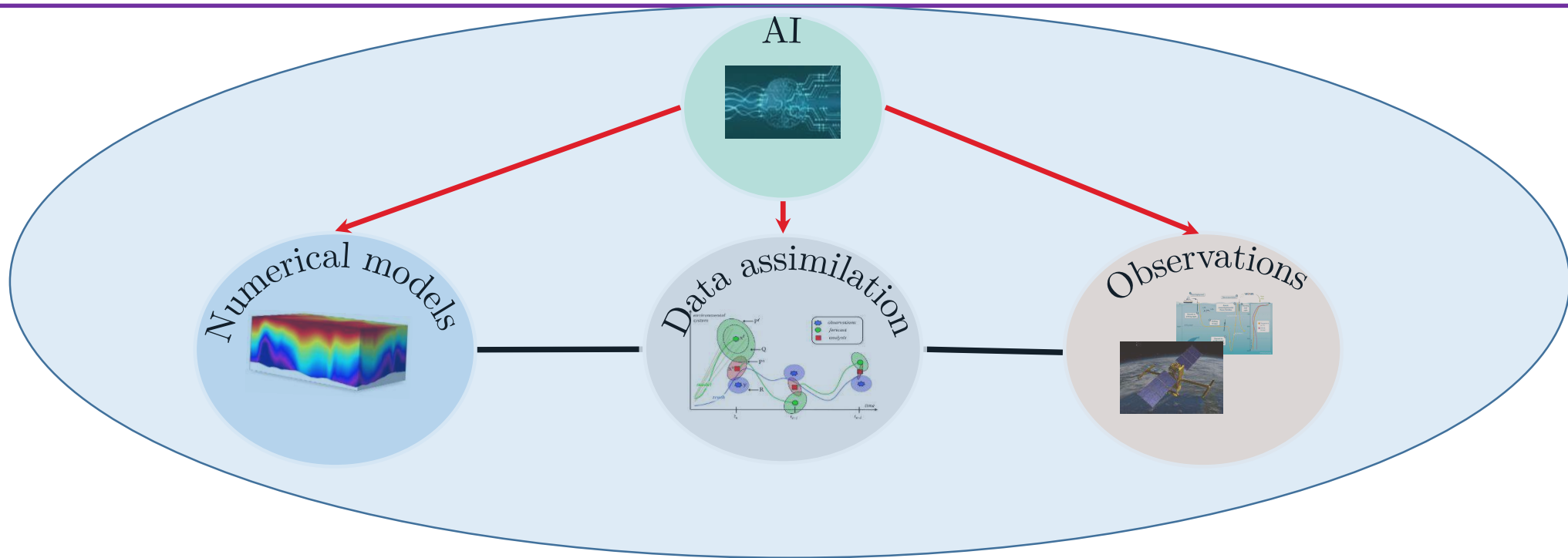
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- Point of view from both AI generative models/standard DA schemes for surrogate modeling  
Machine learning, data assimilation and uncertainty quantification

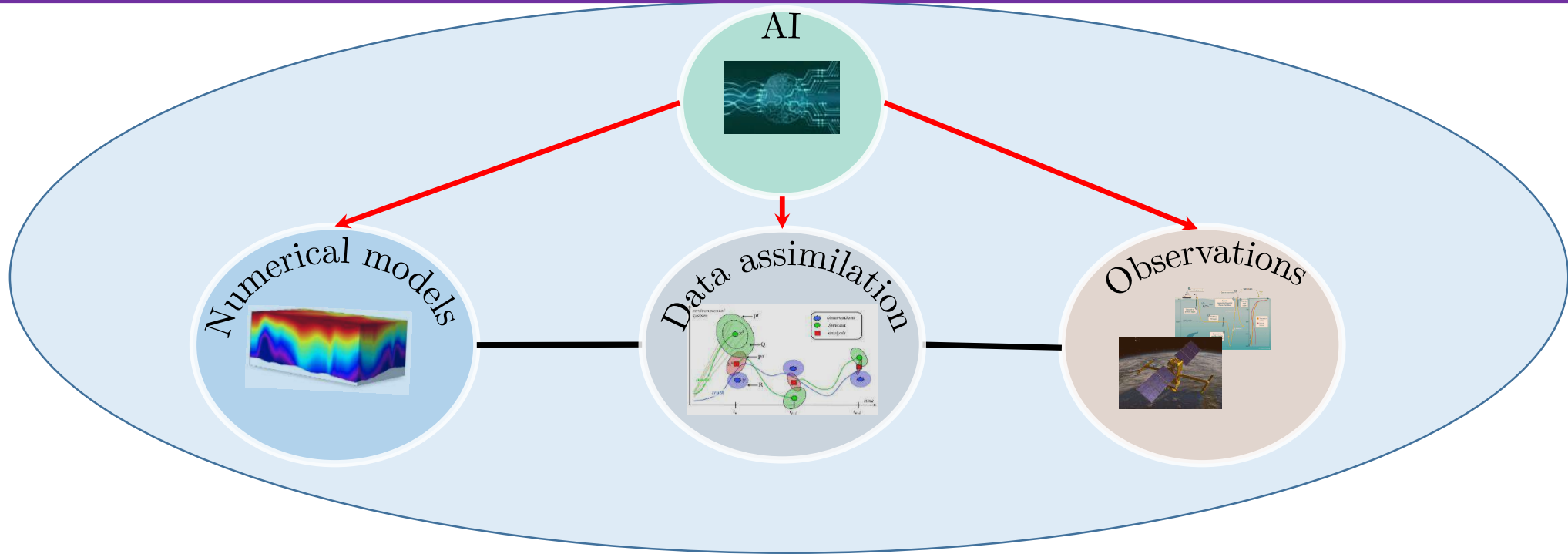
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- Accelerating model resolution
- Model tuning and parameterization, hybrid models



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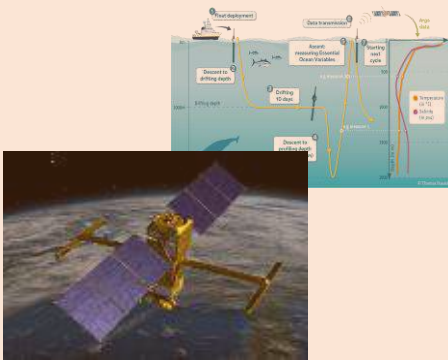
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# AI for observations

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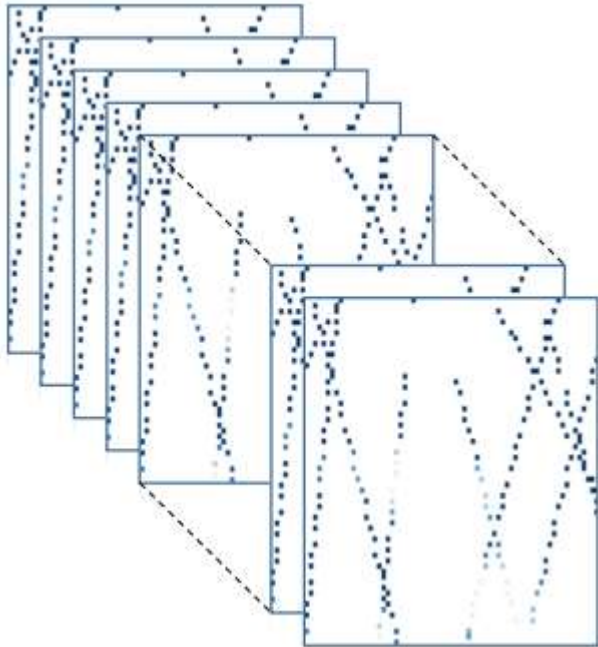
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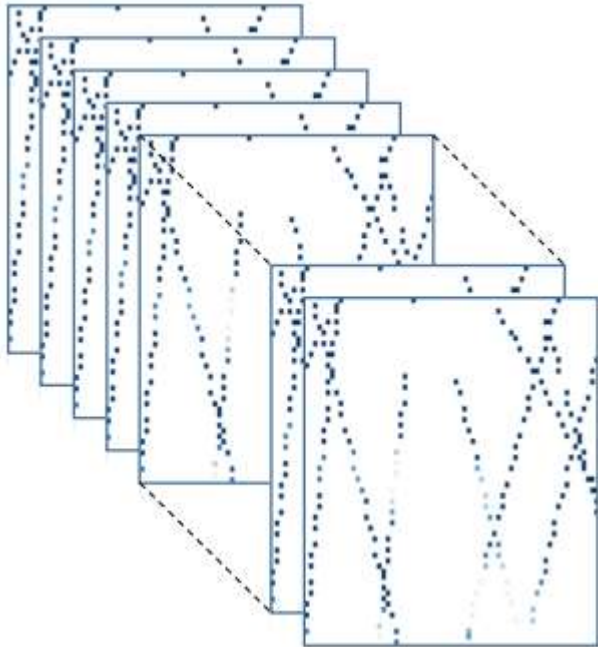
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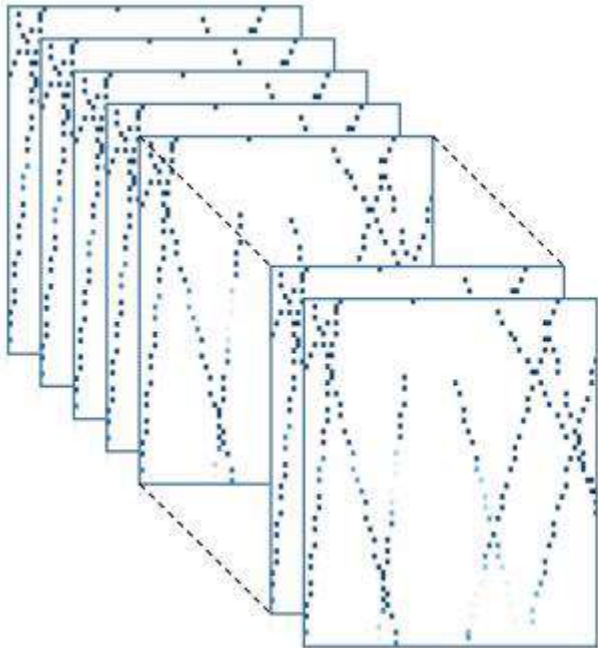
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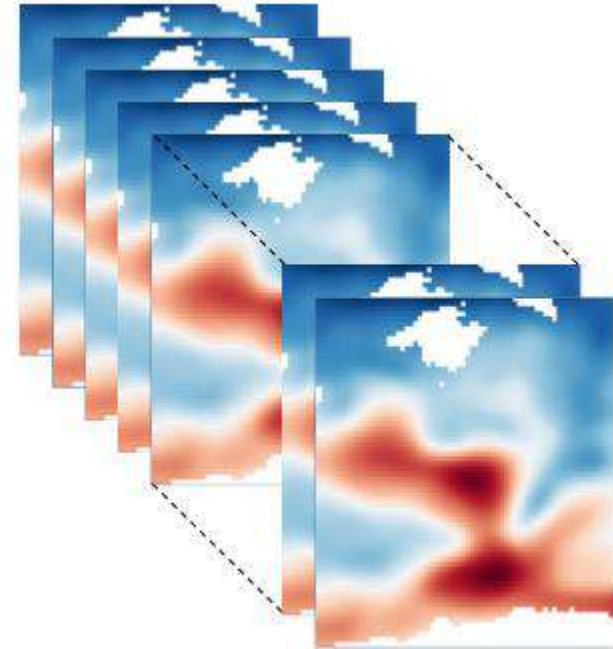
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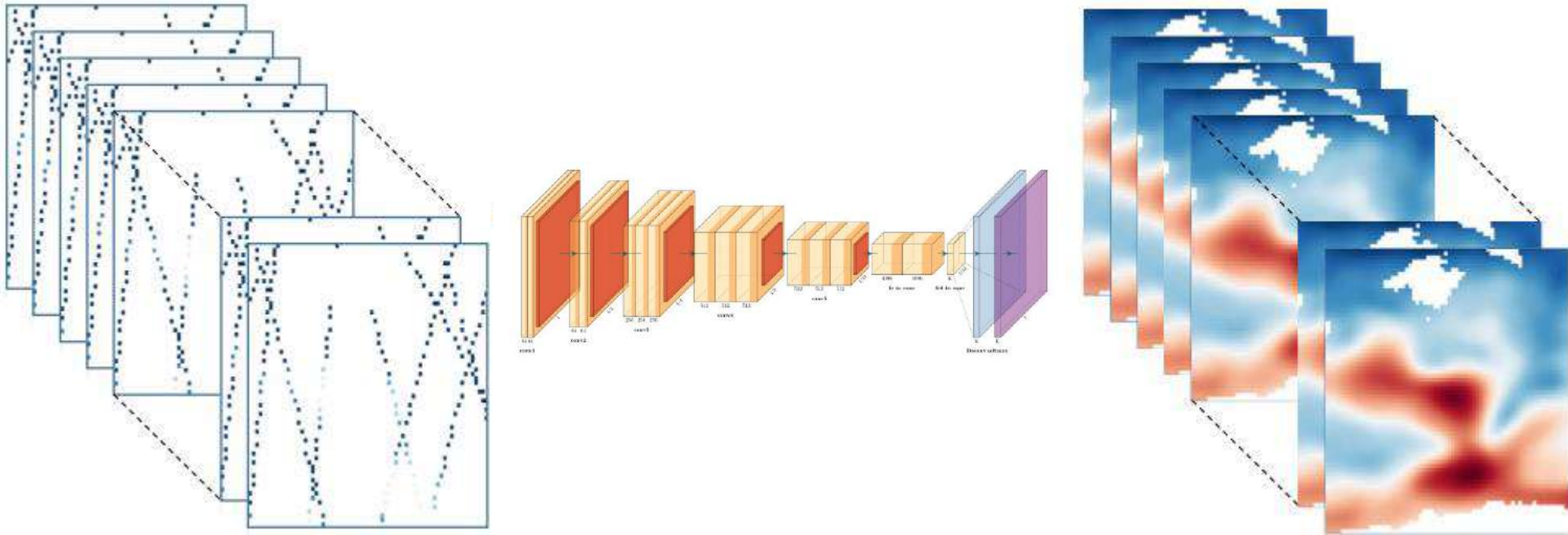


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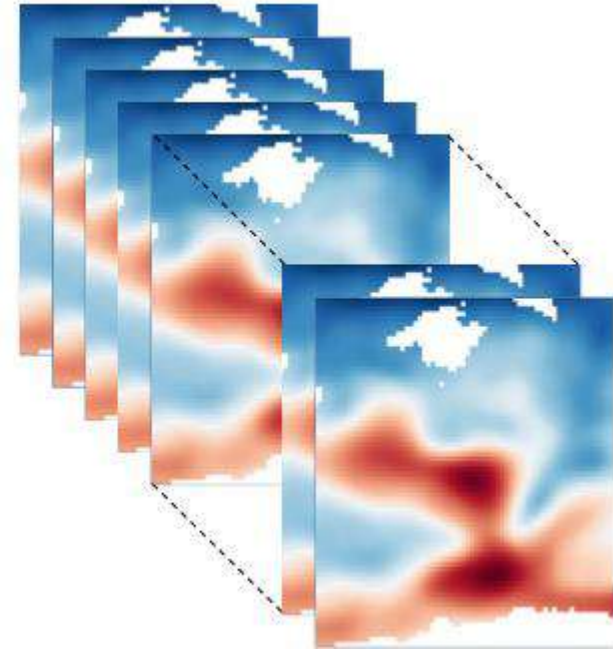
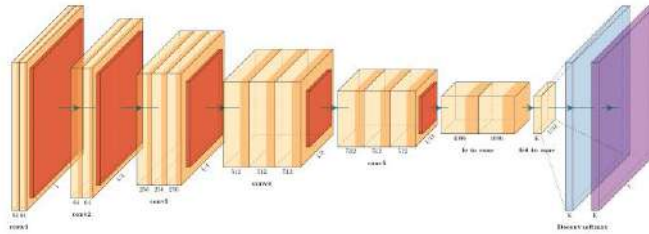
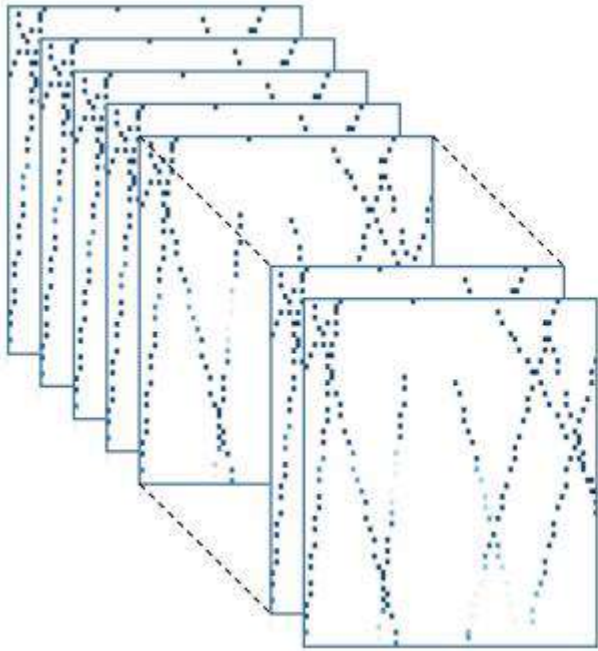
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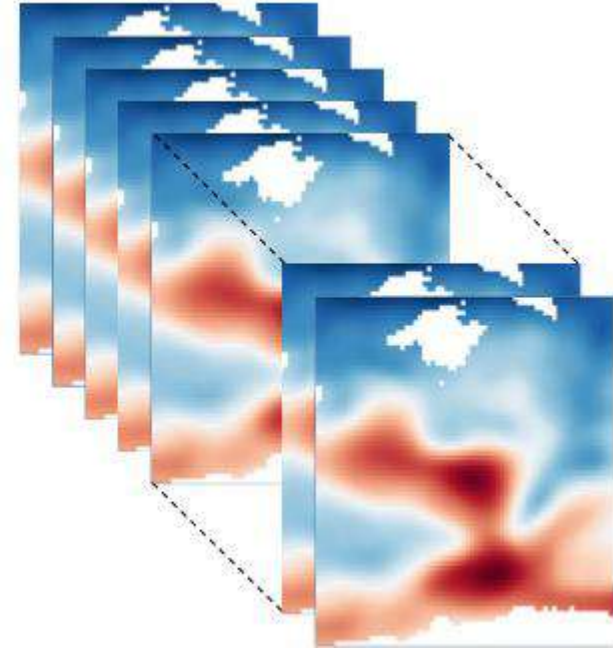
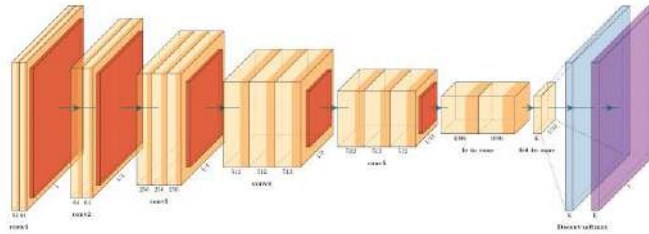
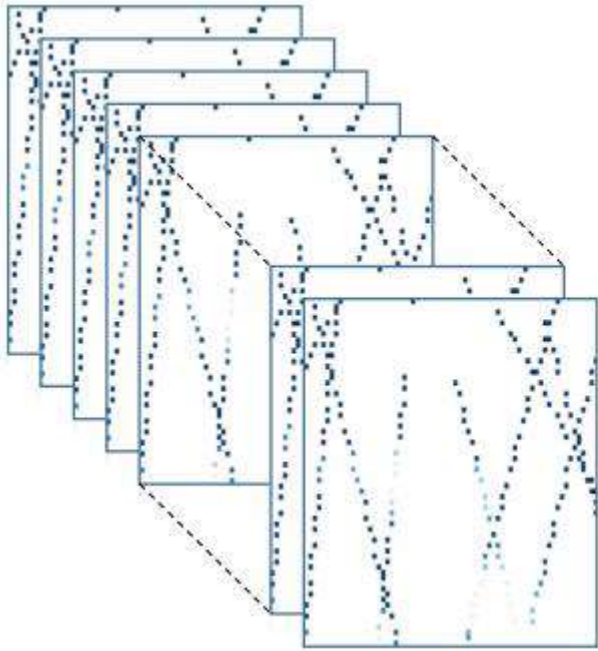


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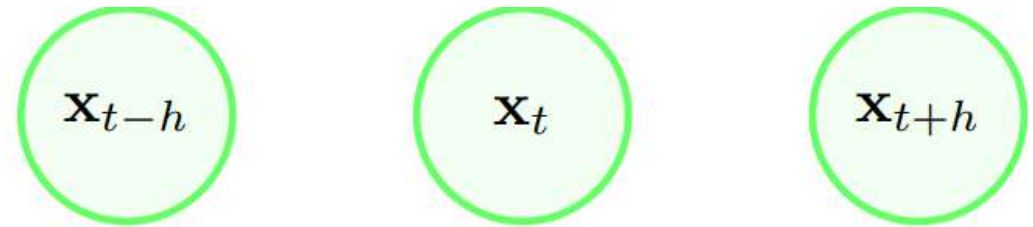
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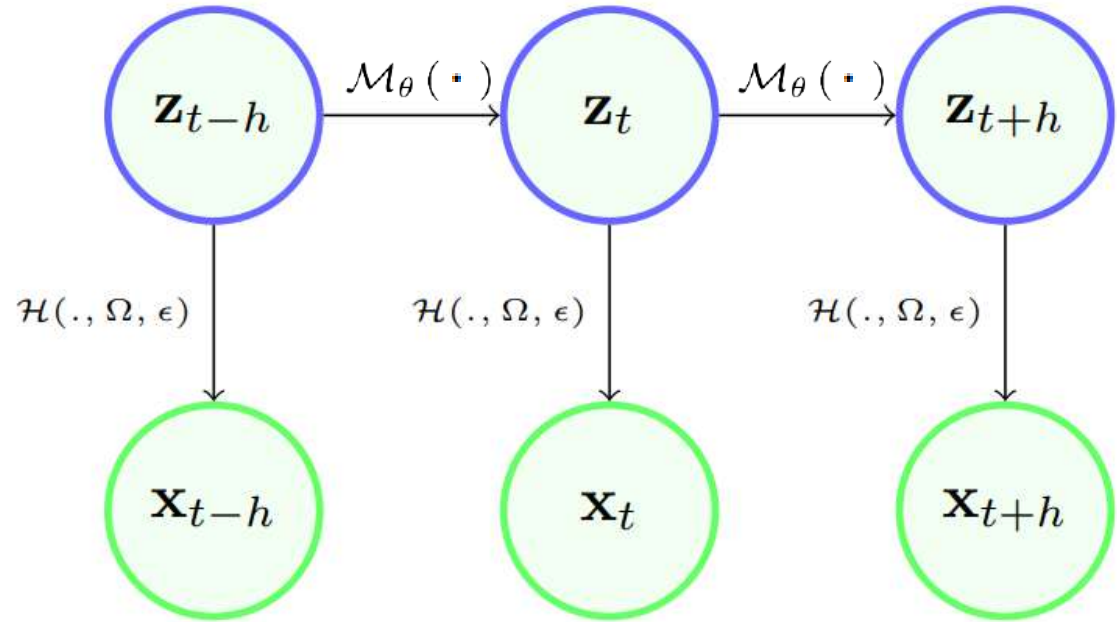
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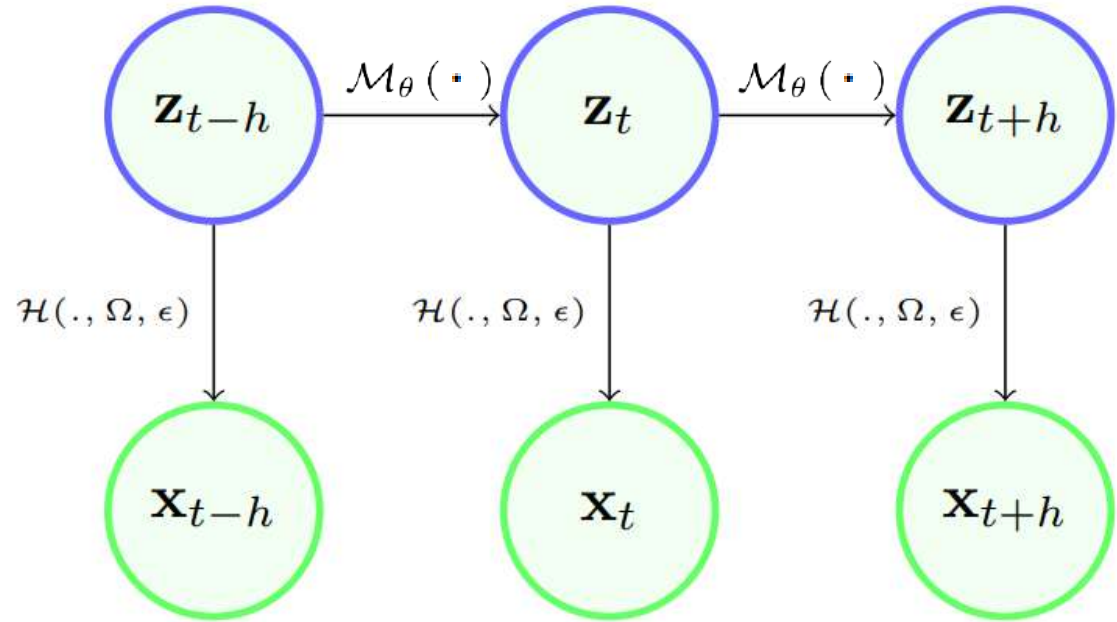
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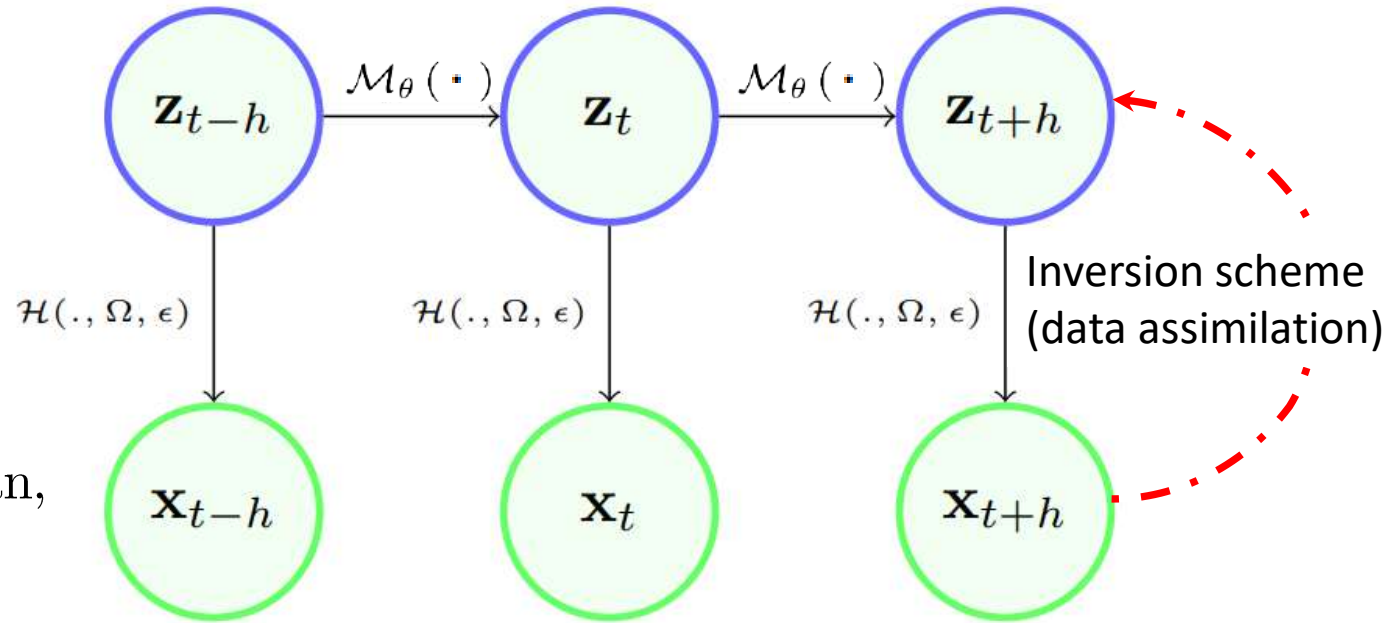
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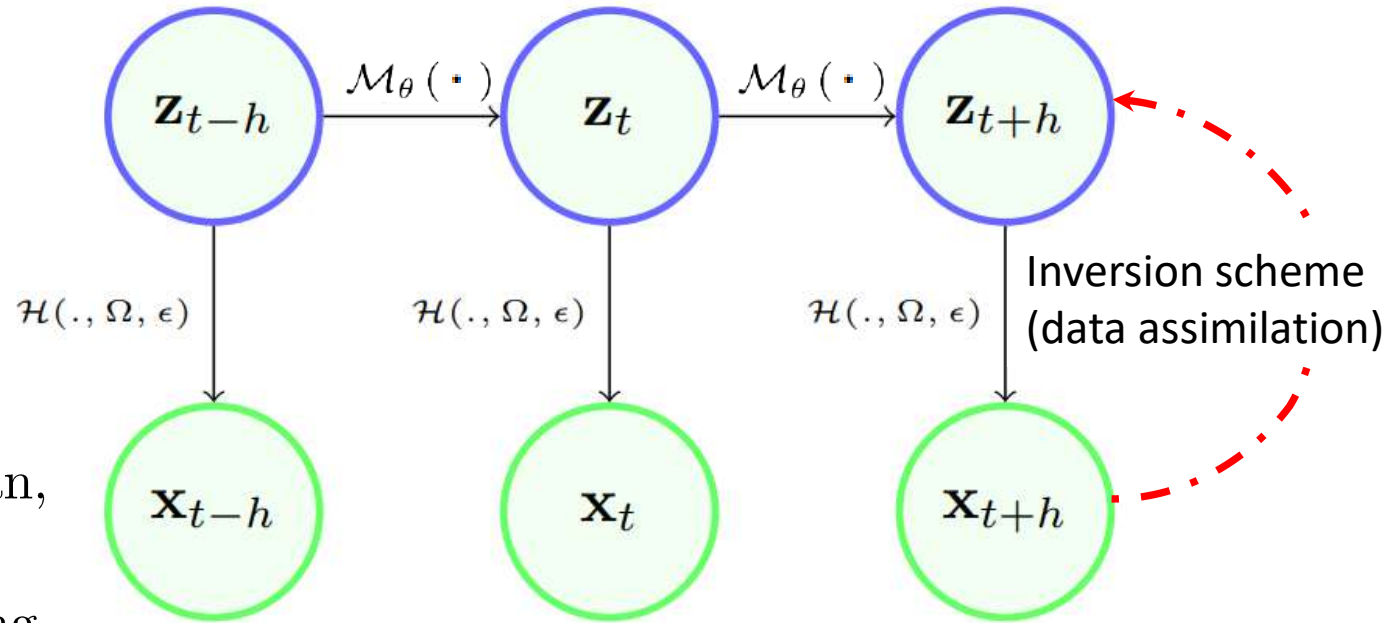
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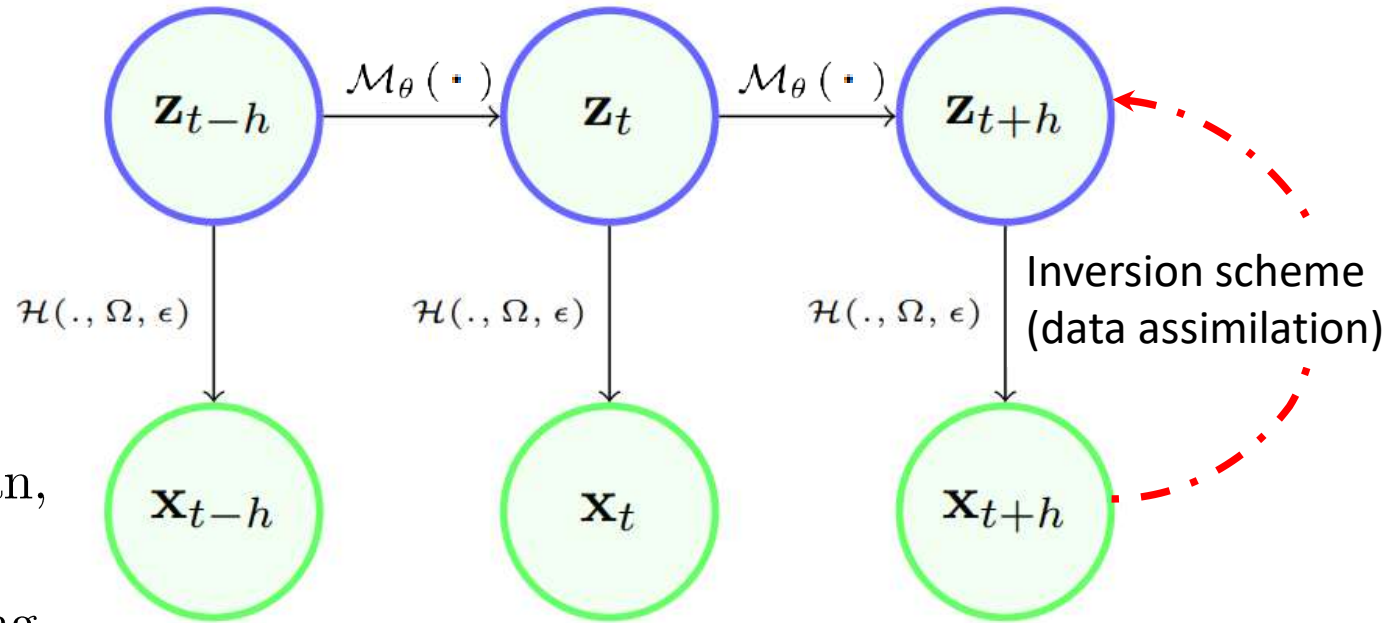
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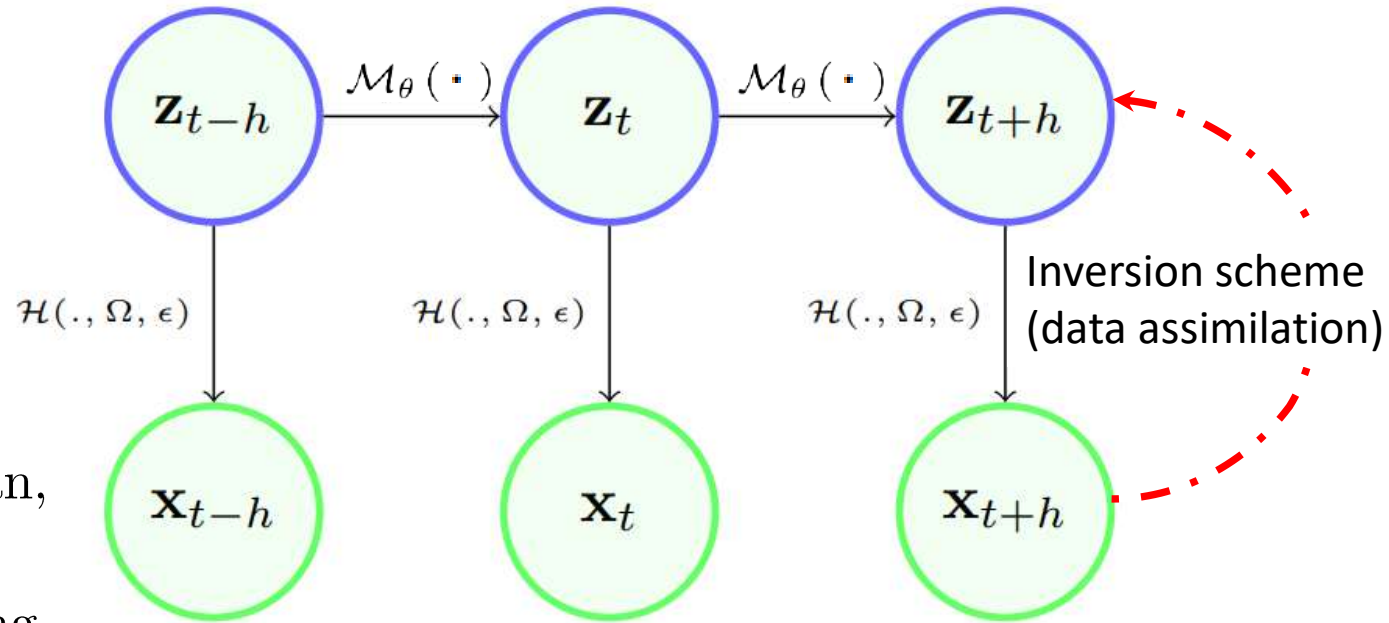
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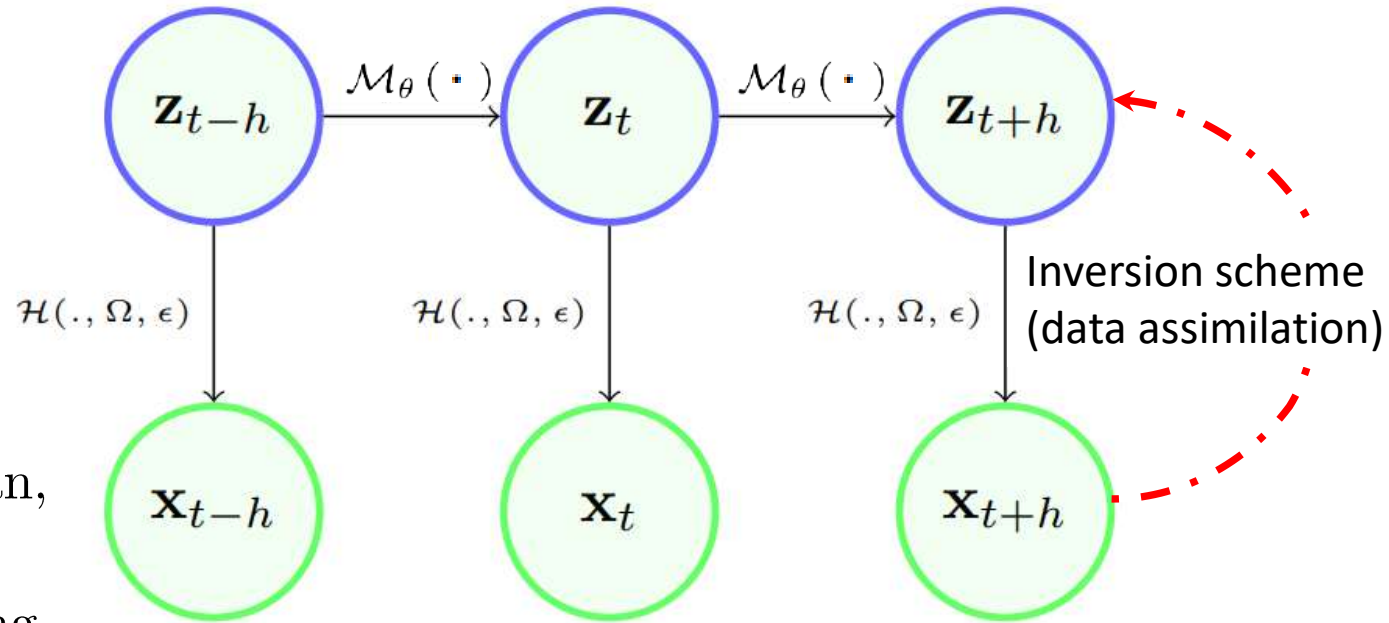
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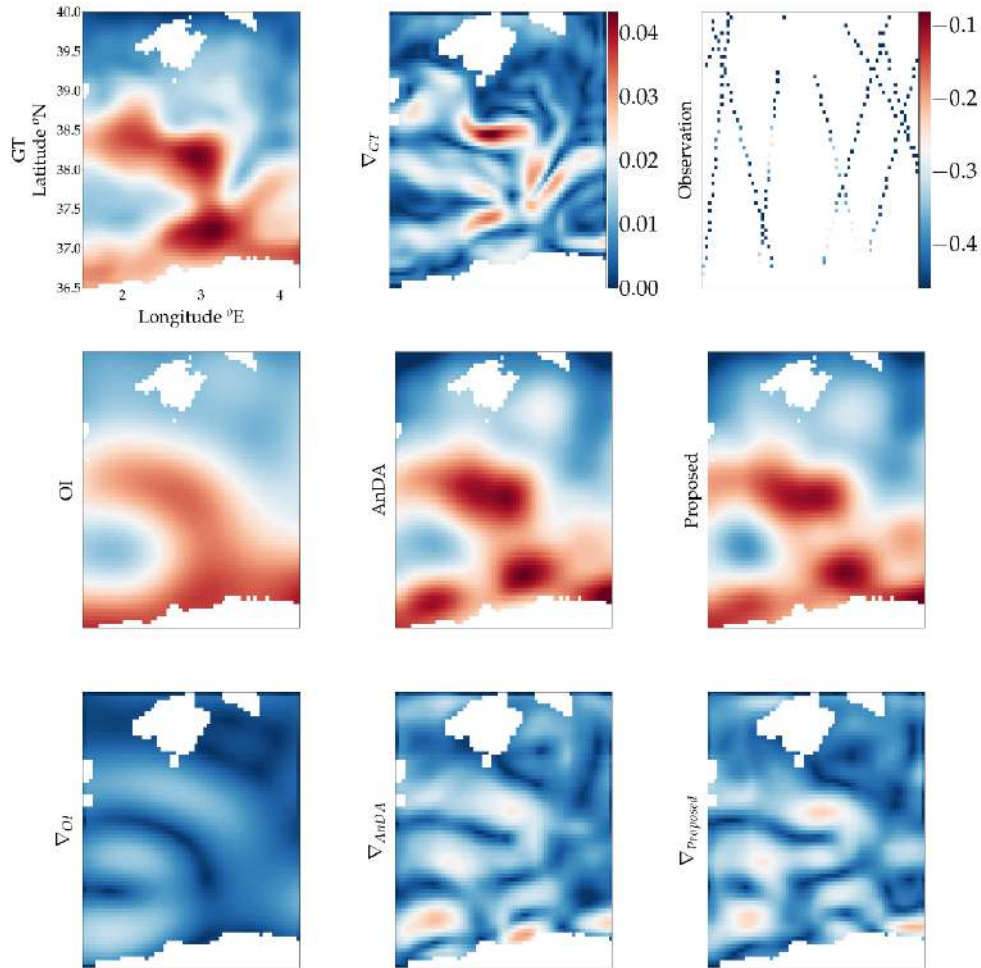
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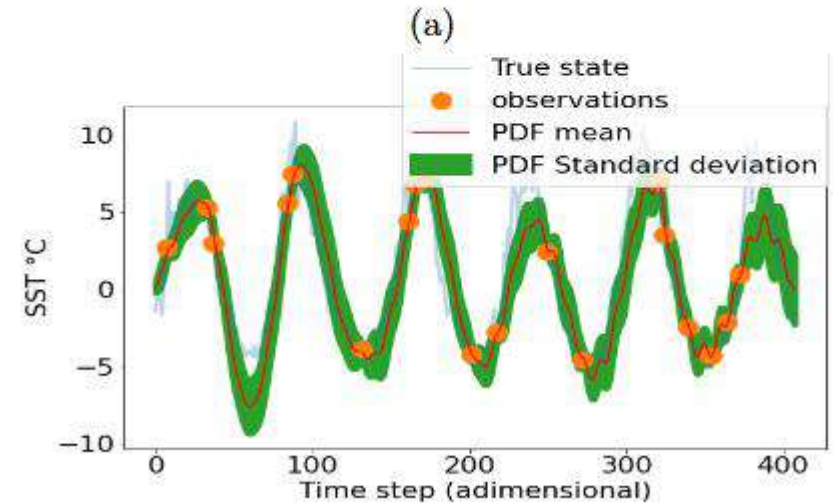
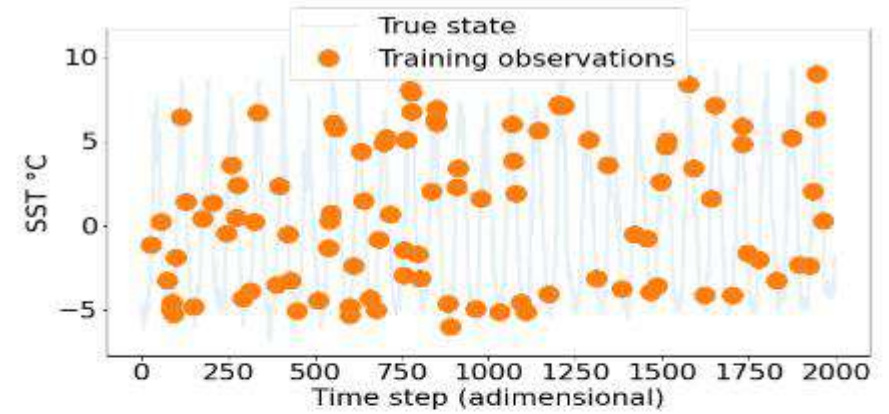
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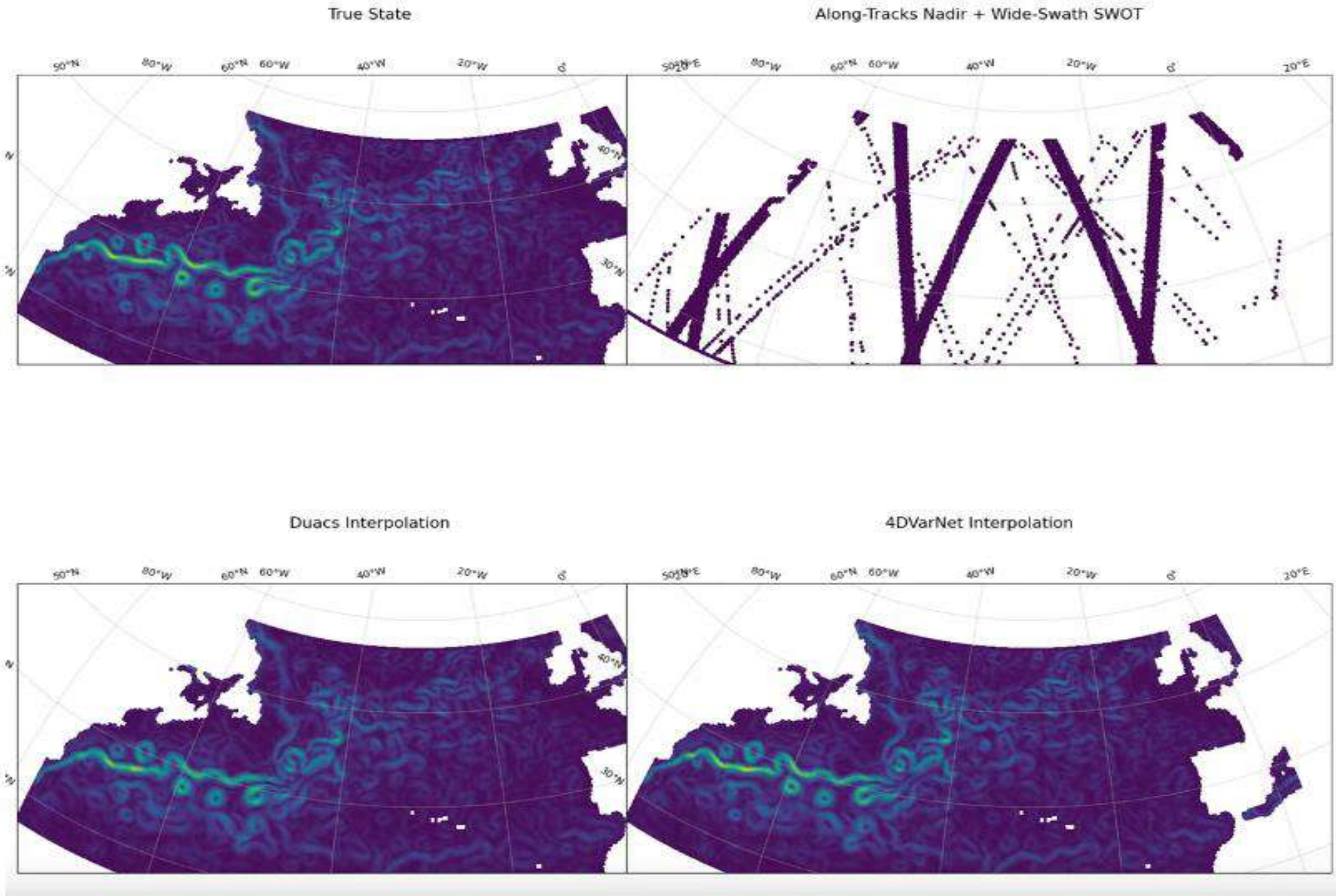


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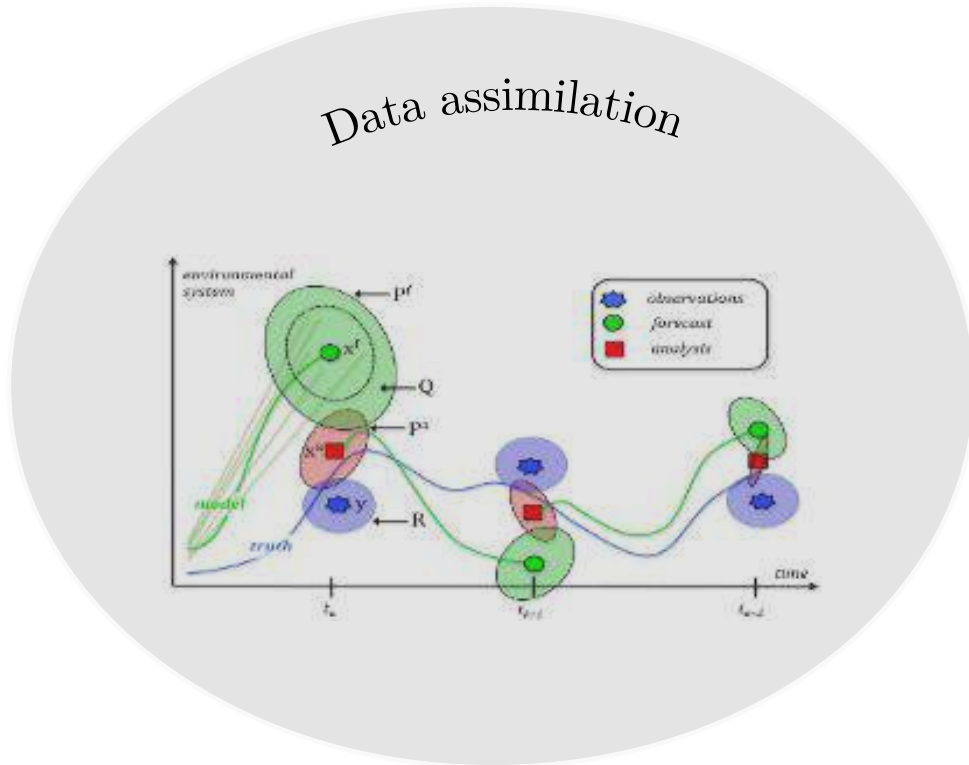
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# AI for Data Assimilation

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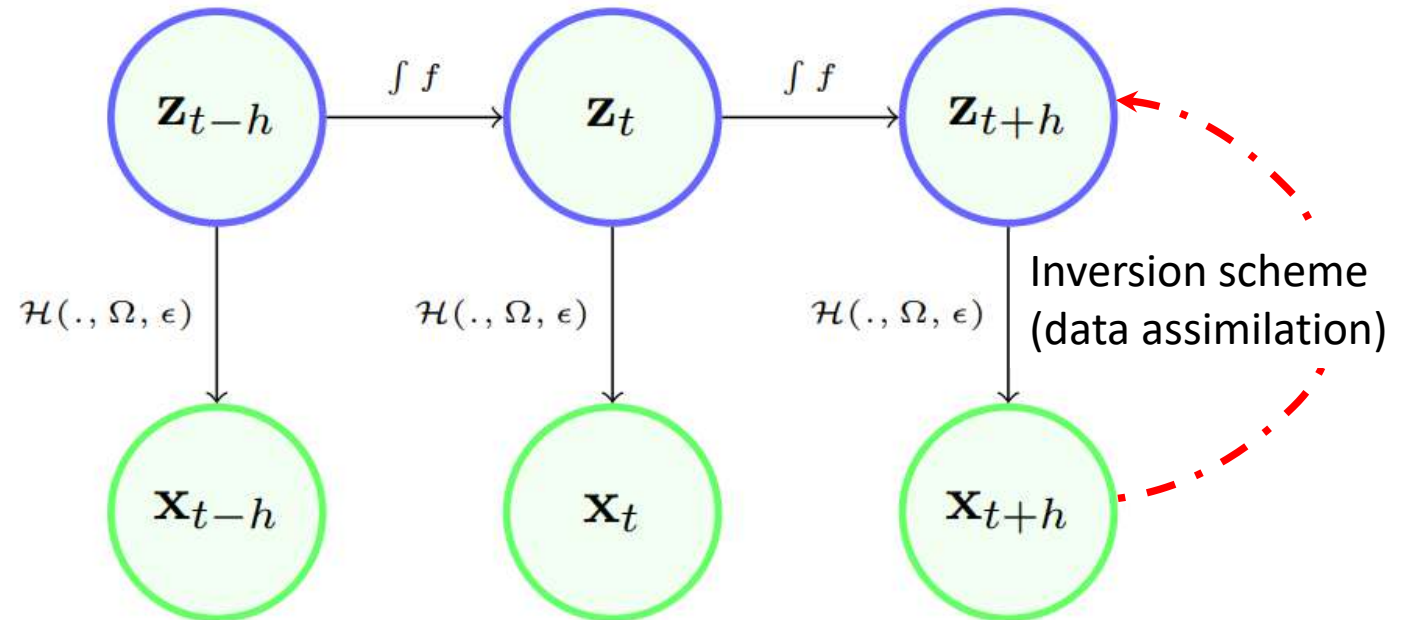
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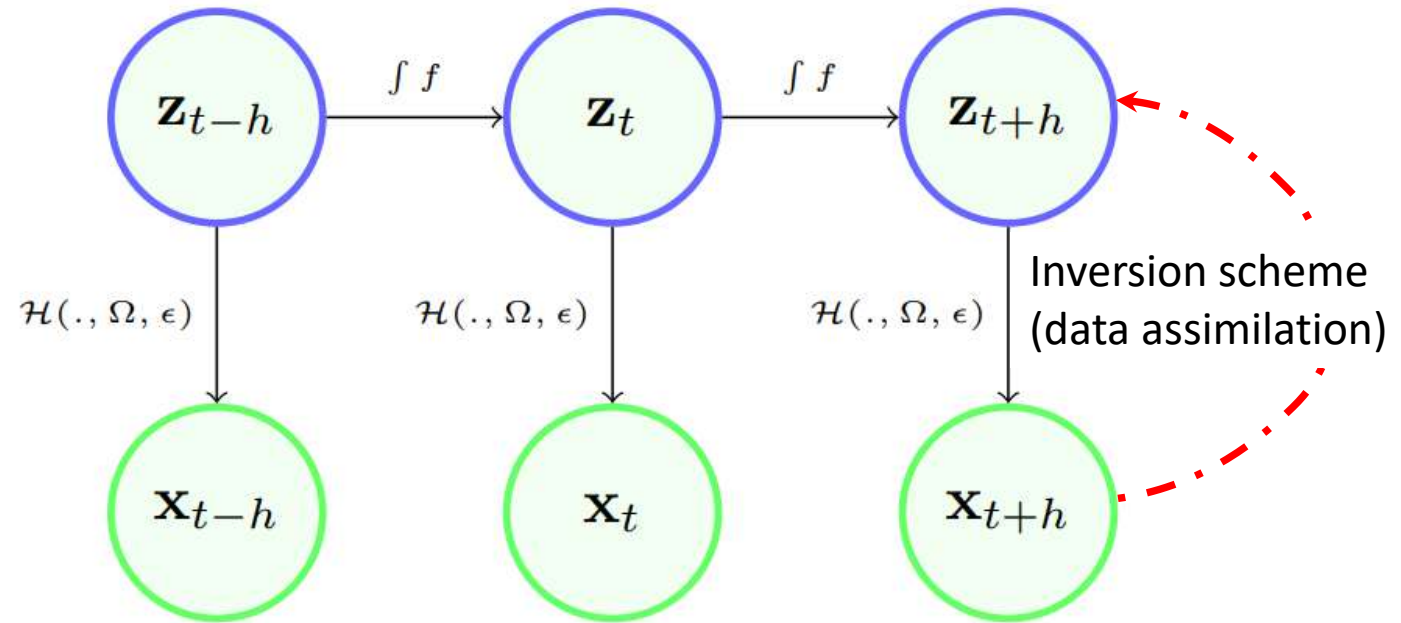
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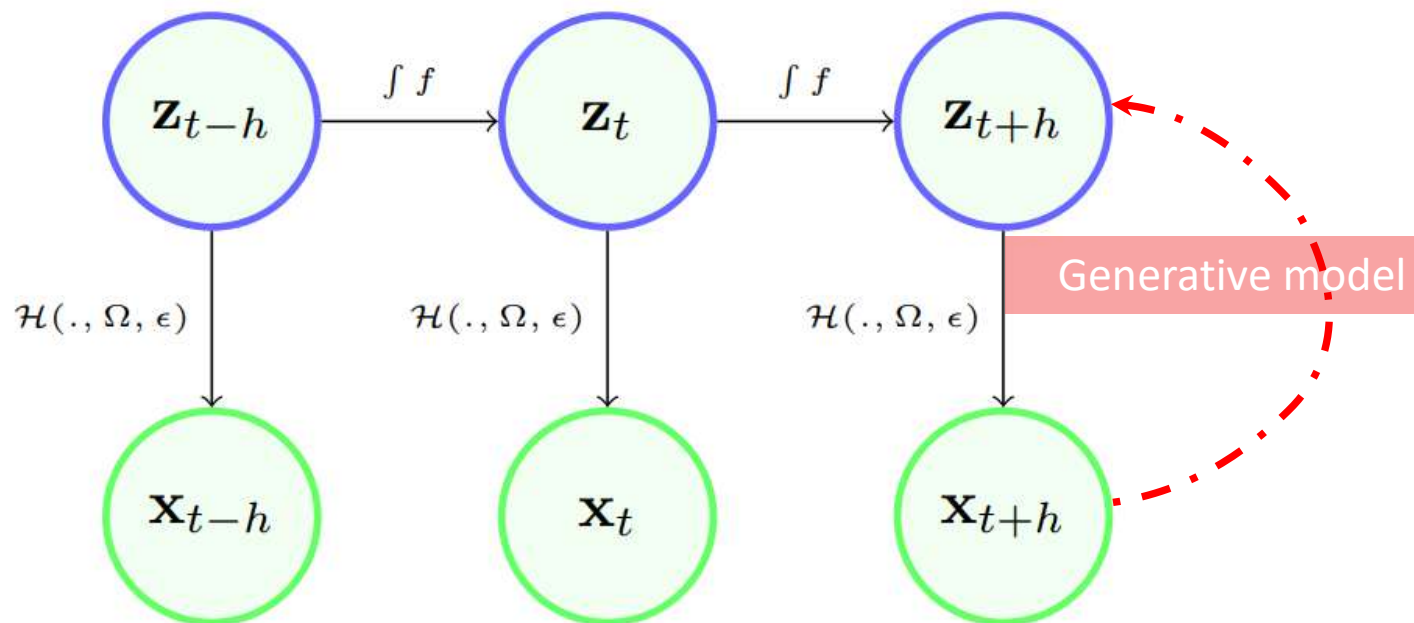
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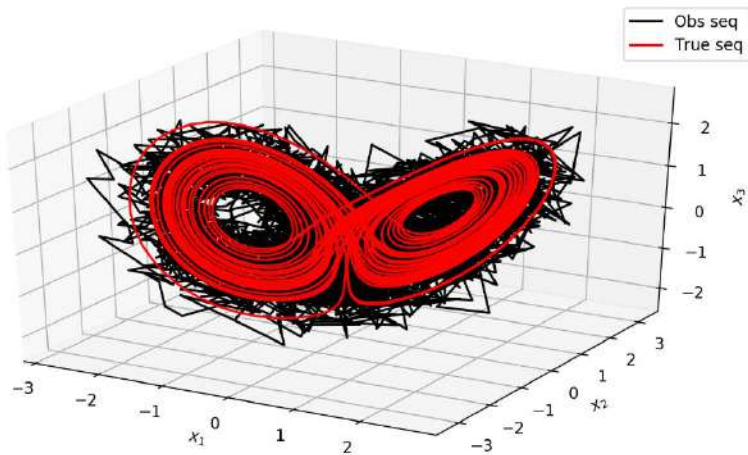
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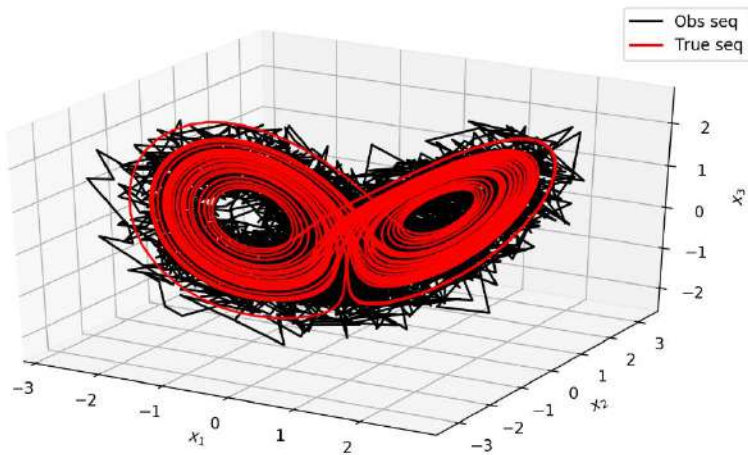
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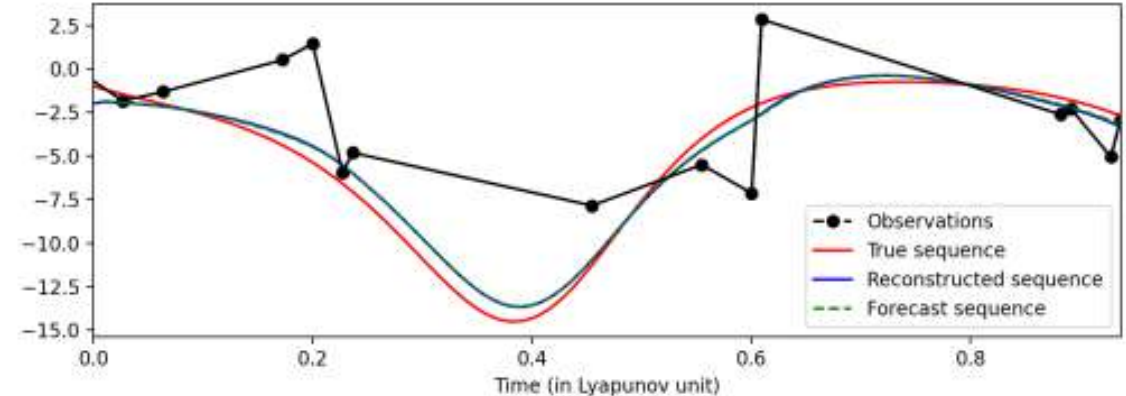
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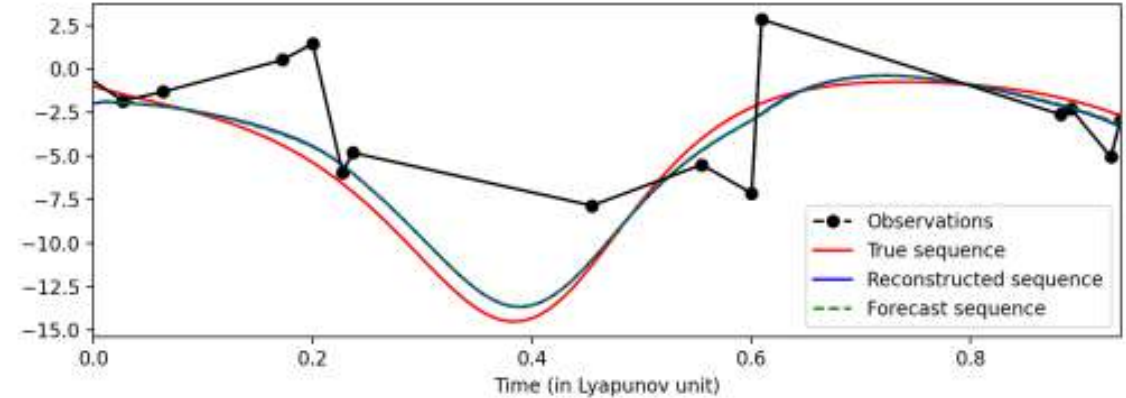
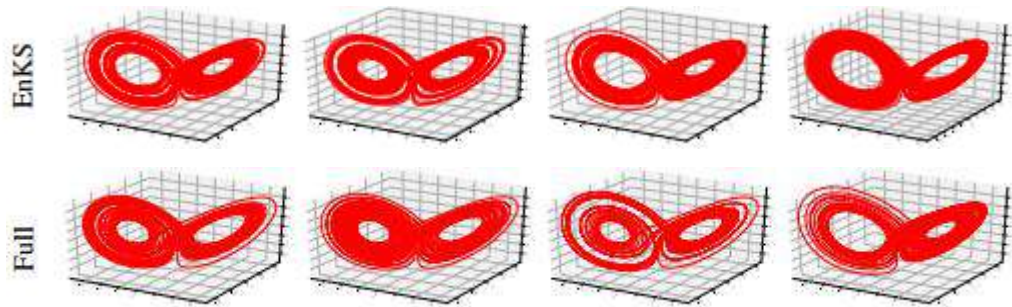
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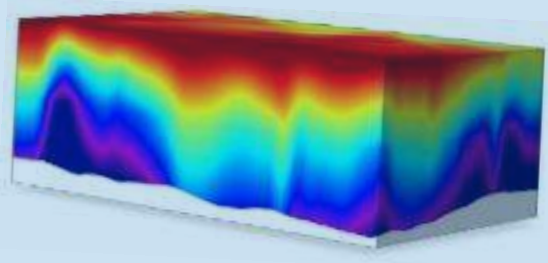
- Given the parameters of the SSM, than maximizing the ELBO gives us a filter
- If the filter converges, we even have an estimate of the model evidence (can be used for model selection)
- Benchmark this framework against standard DA for applications such as filtering, smoothing, and parameters/evidence estimation

# AI for Numerical Models

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## End-to-end Learning of sub-models in Hybrid Modeling Systems

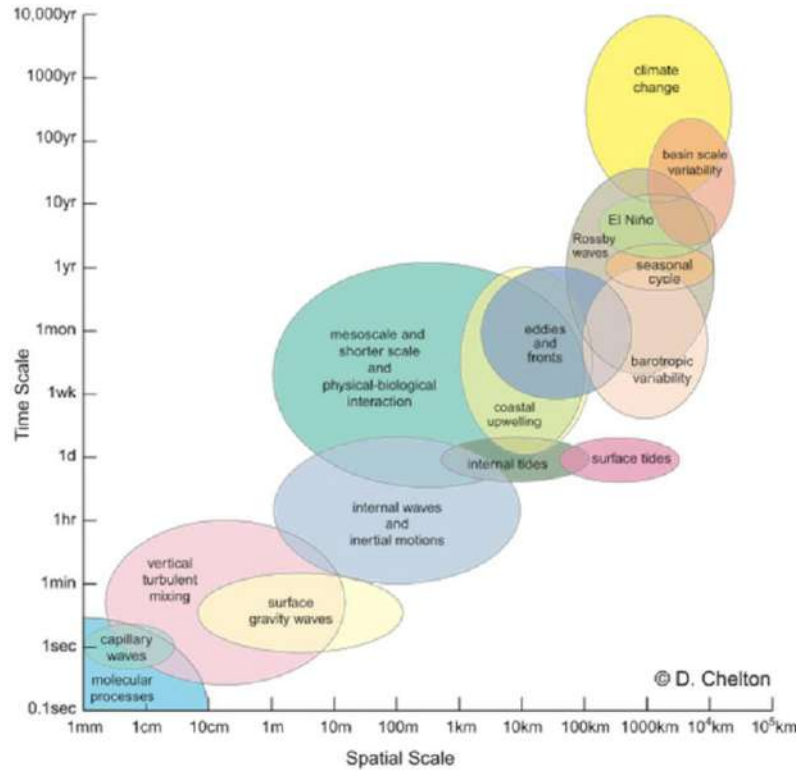
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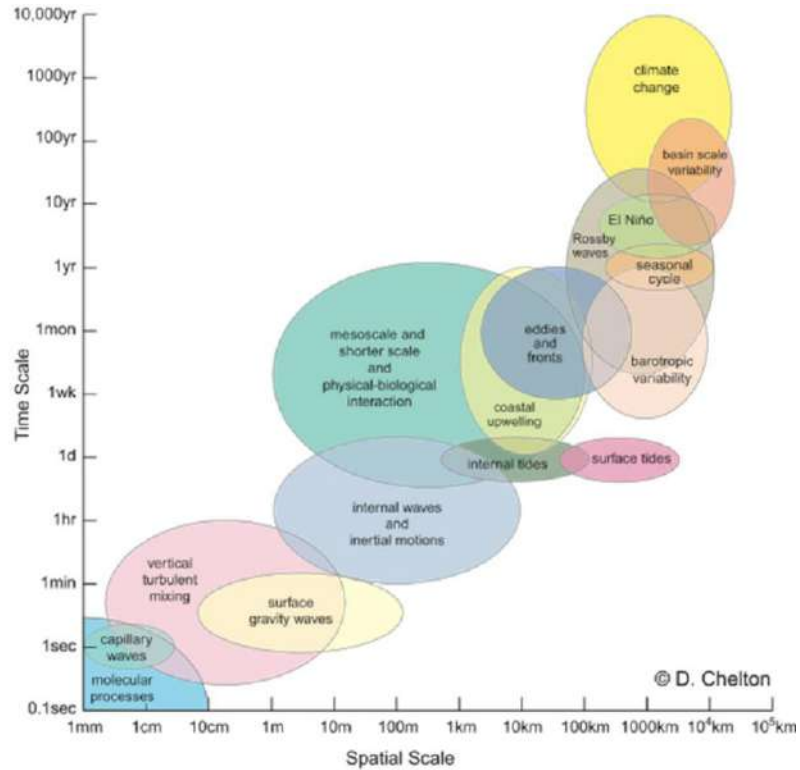


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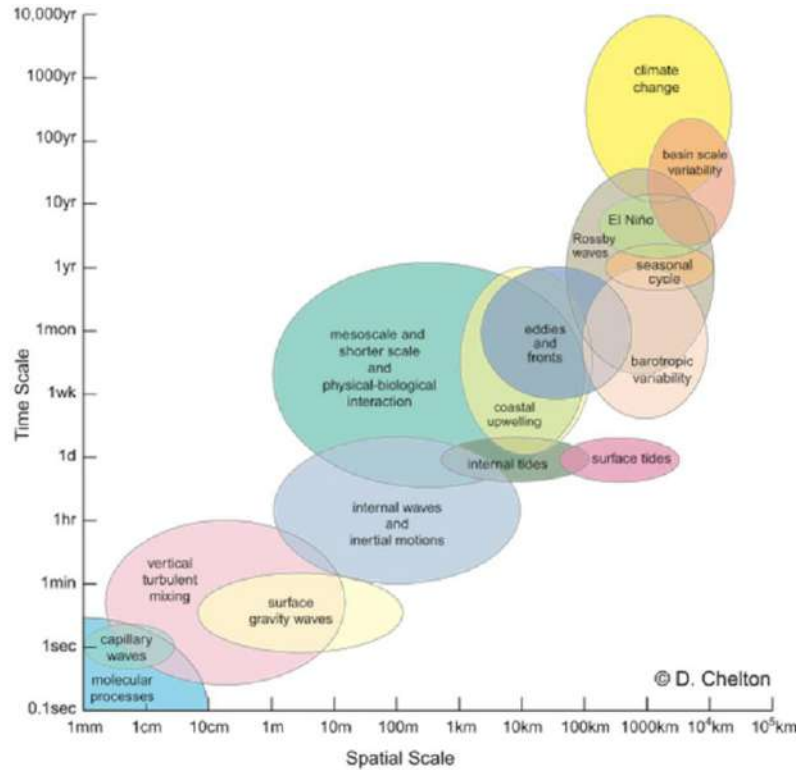


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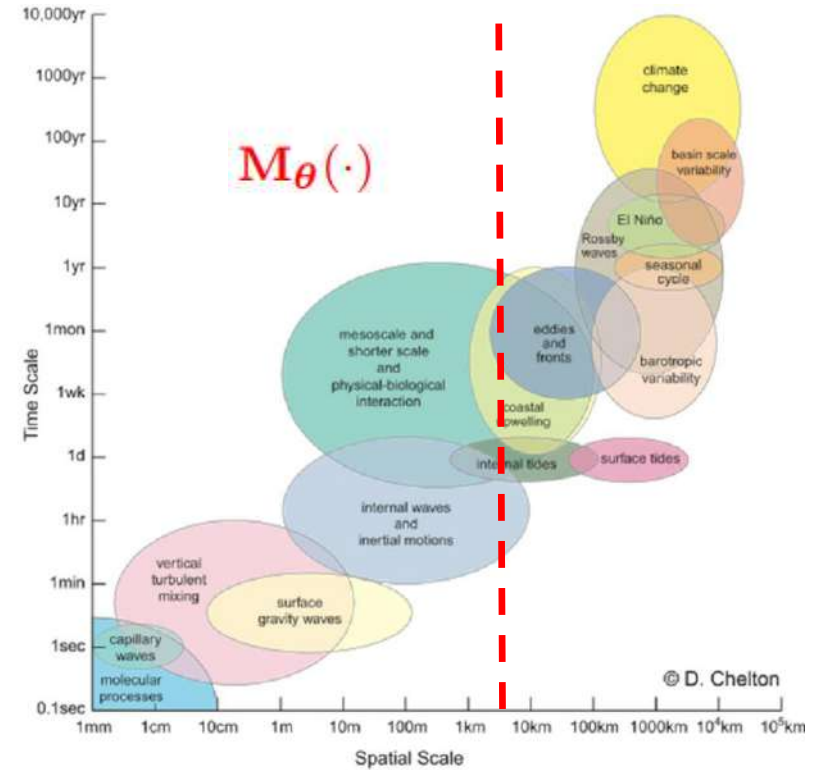
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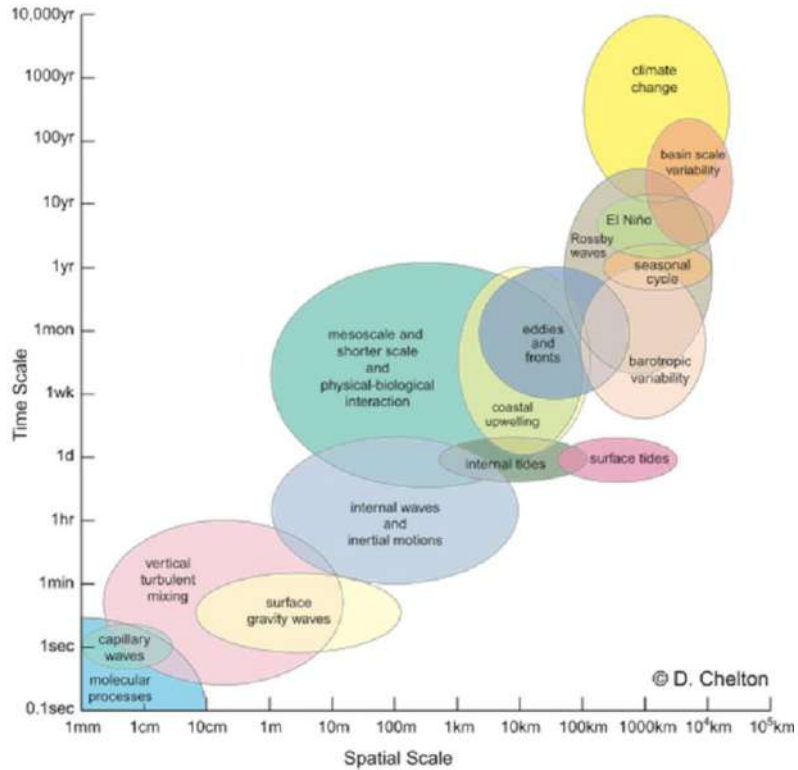
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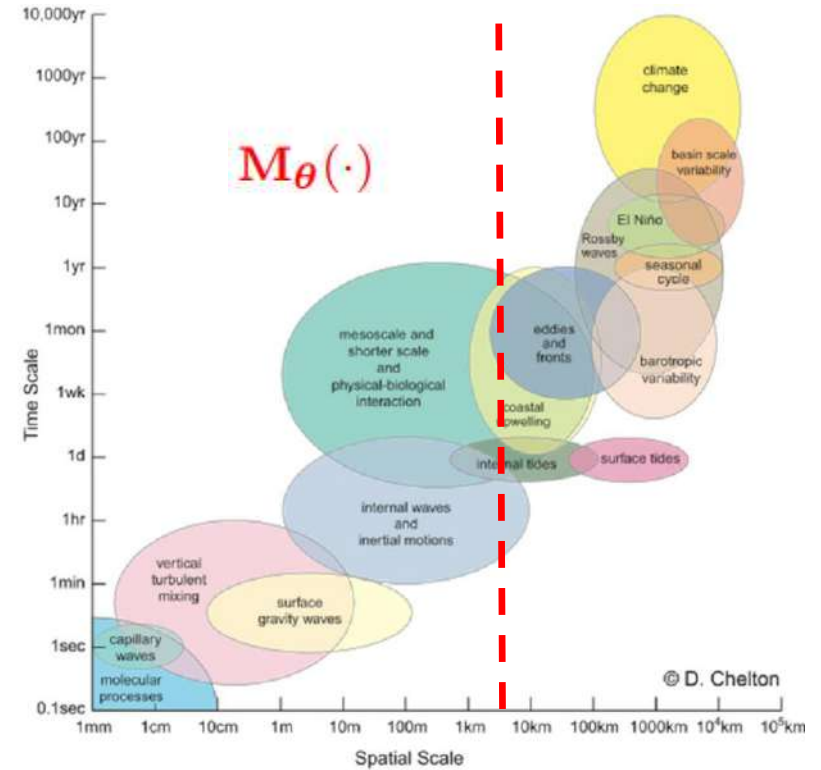
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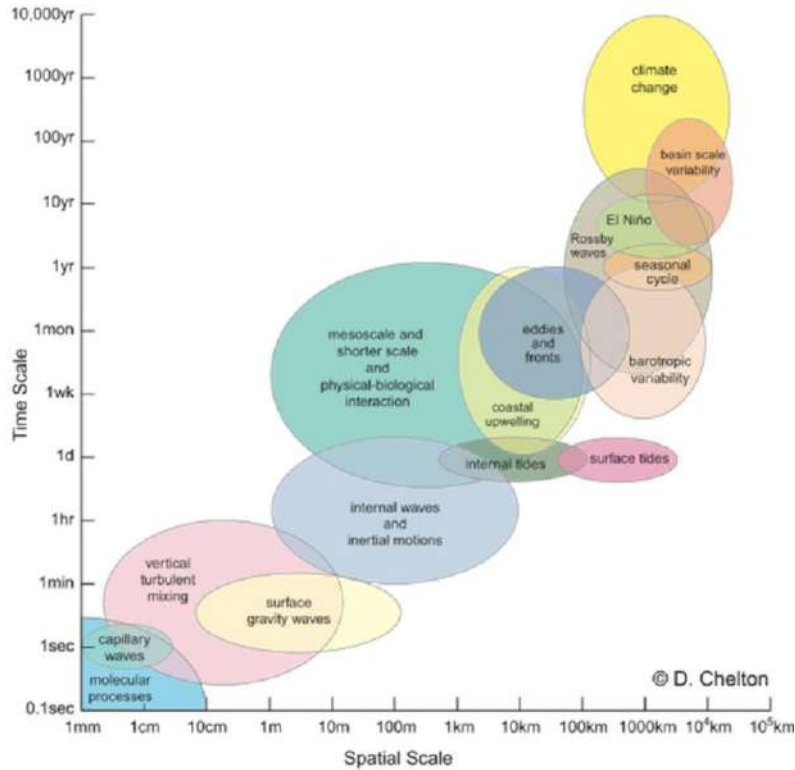
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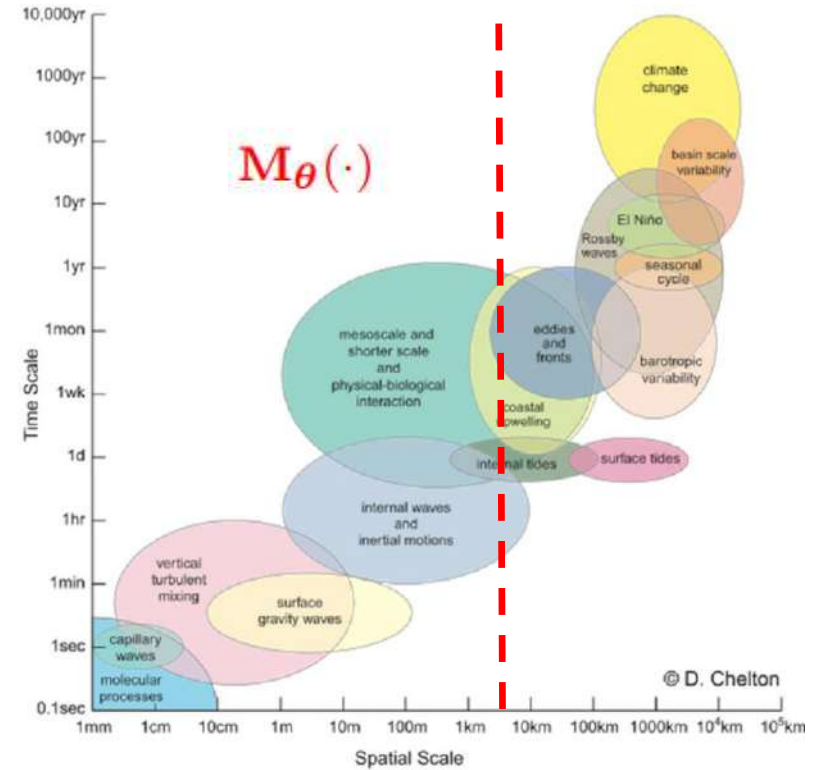
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where

$$\Psi_E(\mathbf{u}_t) = \mathbf{u}_t + h(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}_t) + \mathbf{M}_\theta(\mathbf{u}_t))$$

- Assuming that the solver  $\Psi$  has order  $p \geq 1$ , we can write for any initial condition:

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- By using this approximation, we can show that the gradient of the solver can be decomposed as (for a fixed  $n$ ):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \Psi^n(\mathbf{u}_t) = \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{i=n-j} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \Psi(\Psi^{n-i}(\mathbf{u}_t))}{\partial \Psi^{n-i}(\mathbf{u}_t)}}_{\text{Jacobian of the flow}} \right) h \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{M}_\theta(\Psi^{j-1}(\mathbf{u}_t))}_{\text{Gradient of the sub-model}} + h \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{M}_\theta(\Psi^{n-1}(\mathbf{u}_t)) + O(h^2)$$

- If we approximate the Jacobian (we can use a static/ensemble approximation, a TLM if any), we can compute the gradients only using the gradient of the sub-model;
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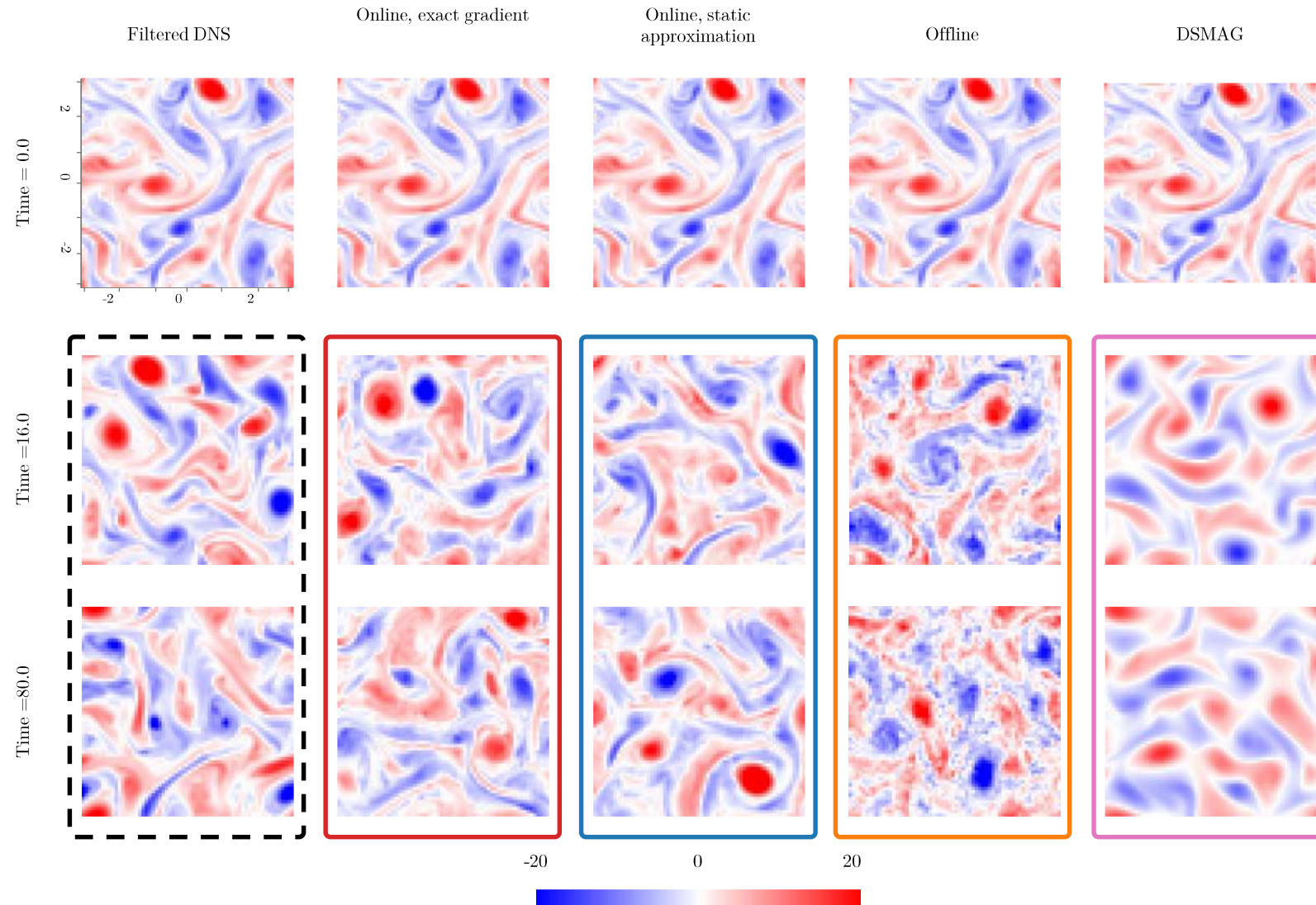
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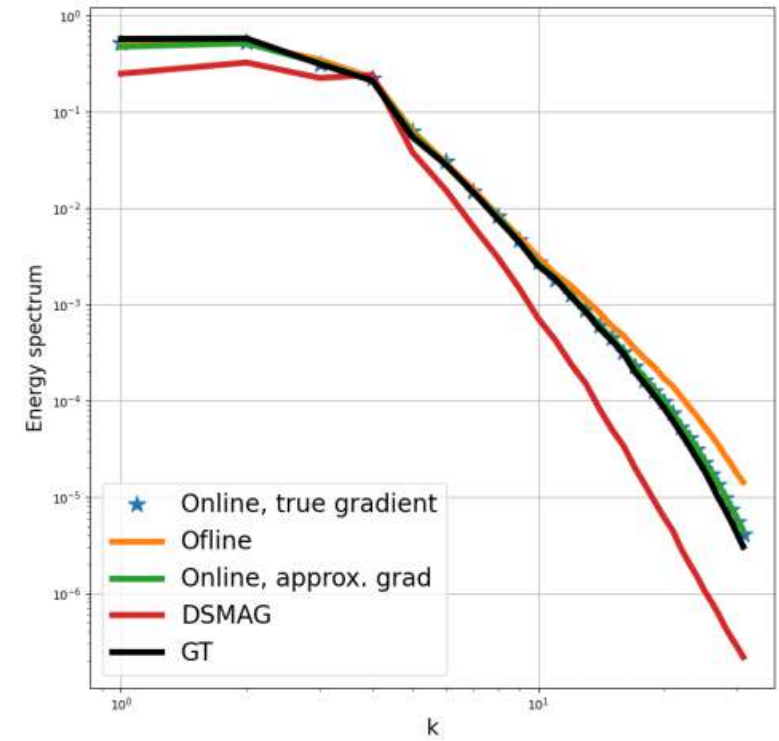
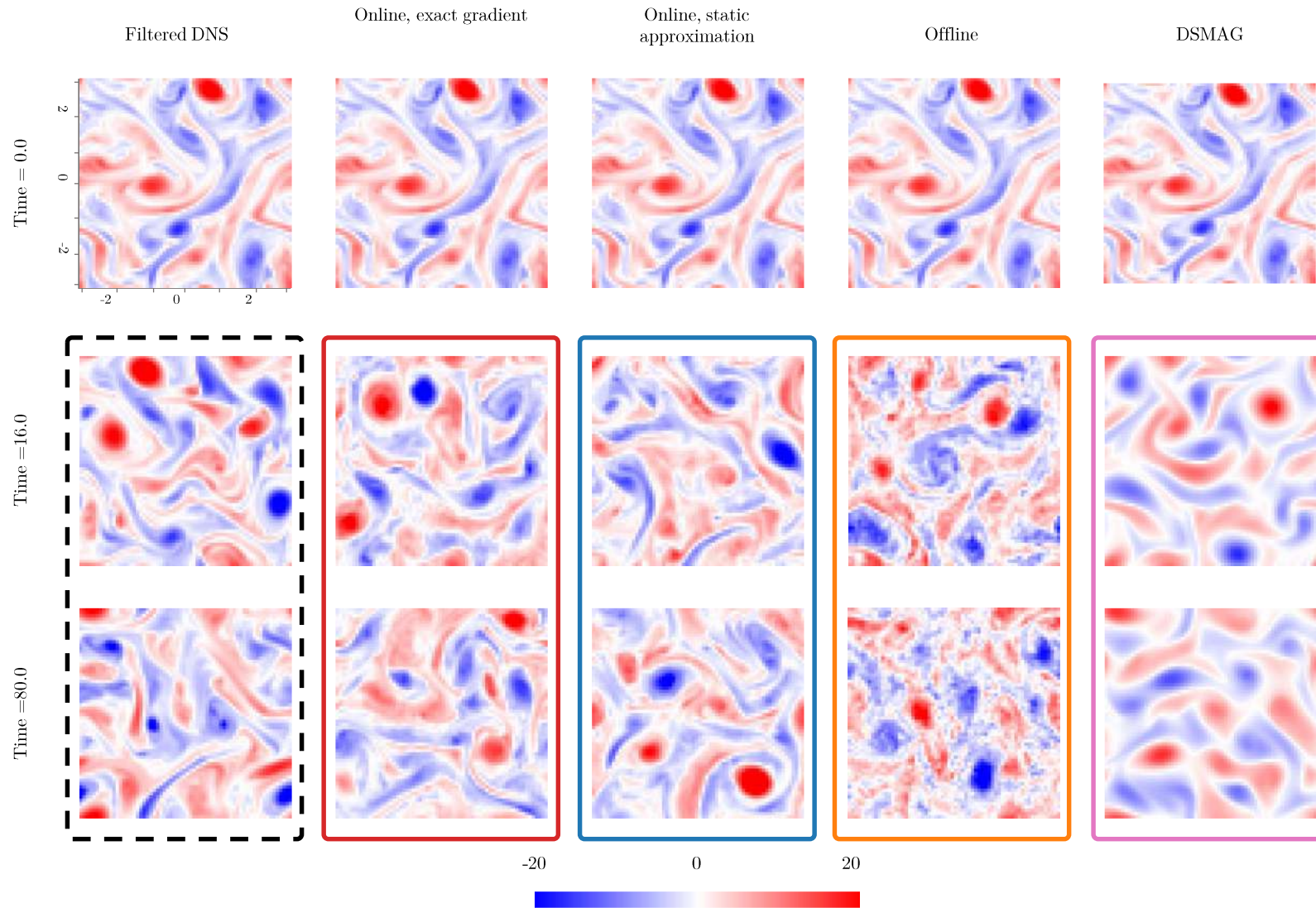
Tested models:

- Online learning with exact gradient;
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- Offline learning;
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- We proposed a simple gradient estimator for learning online hybrid models;
- Proposed methodology does not rely on a differentiable physical model, and can (in theory) be applied on non-differentiable CFD/GFD codes;
- Can use better Jacobian approximation and can be extended to definition of non additive correction terms;
- Interpretability/constraining the sub-model ?
- Multiple (stochastic) sub-models ?

# Key points and perspectives

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- IA can be used to improve models/data
- One of the key points is to formulate the problem we want to solve
- Towards problem standardization, benchmarks based on ocean data ?