

# Statistical model checking for ODE models: challenges and applications to Environment modeling

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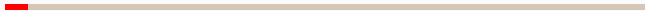
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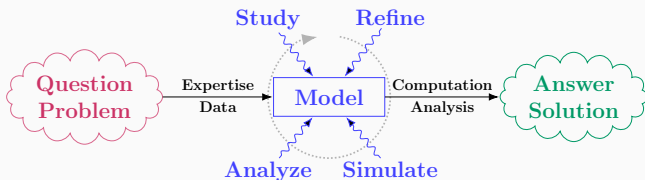
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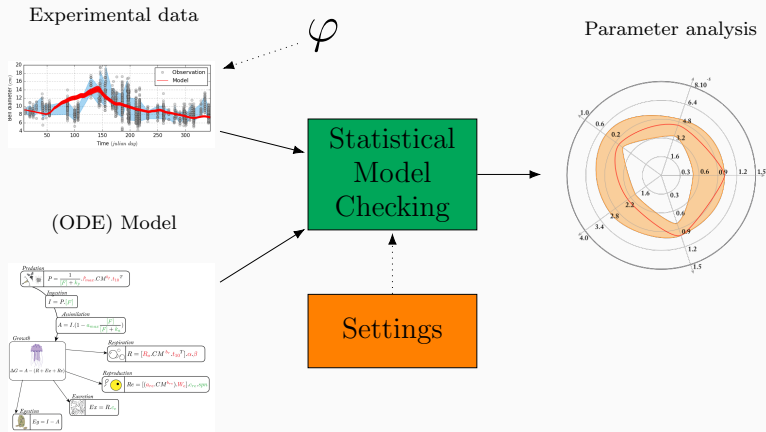


## Motivations

Provide mathematical **guarantees** and **tools** for building and analyzing models

- usable by any scientist;
- answering real-life questions.

# Example: Calibration of a jellyfish model<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>[Ramondec et al. 2020] Probabilistic modeling to estimate jellyfish ecophysiological properties and size distribution. *Scientific Reports*

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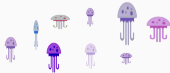


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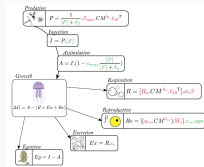
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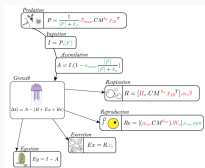
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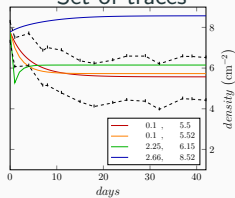
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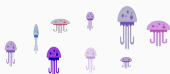


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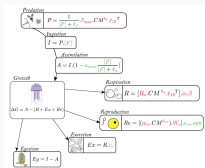
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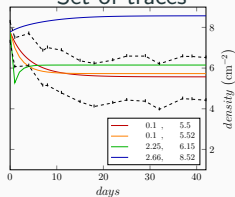
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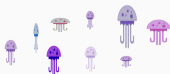
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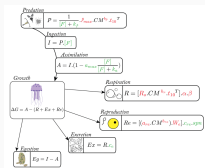
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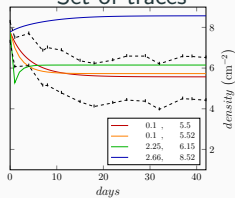
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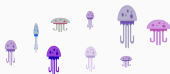
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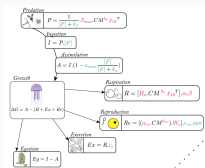


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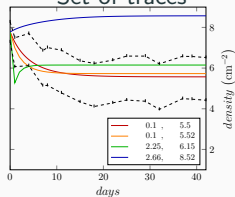
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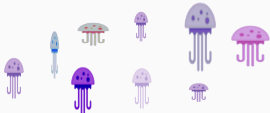
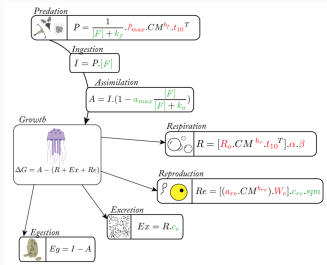


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# Why Probabilistic models?



## Uncertainty and variability

- Several experiments  
⇒ data uncertainty.
- Family of systems  
⇒ parameters variability.

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## Application to ODE models

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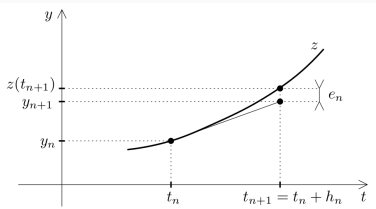
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Parameter analysis of ODE models with variability.

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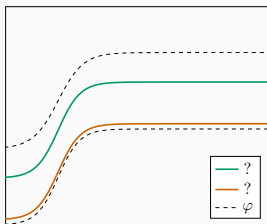
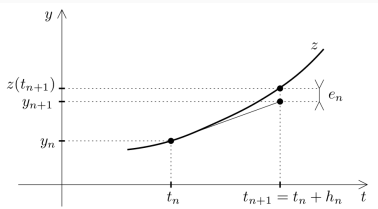




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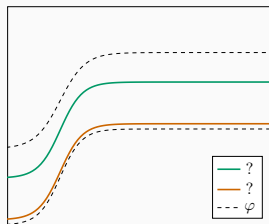
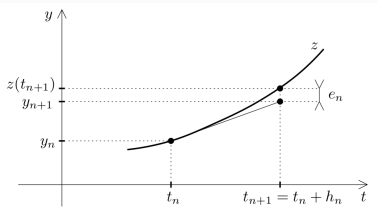
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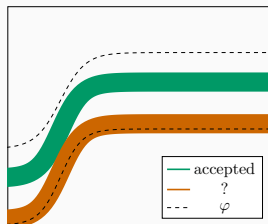
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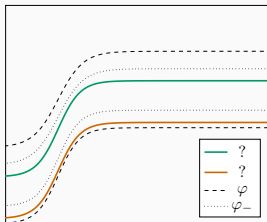
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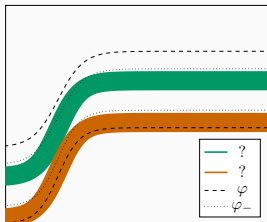
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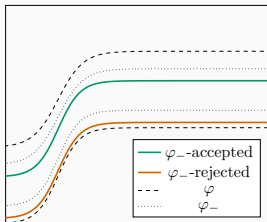
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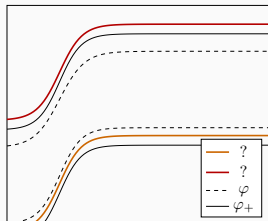
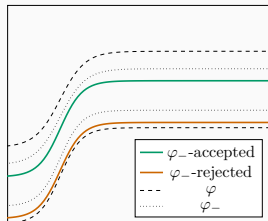
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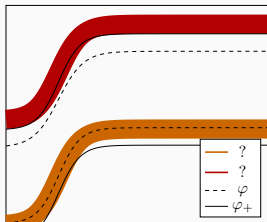
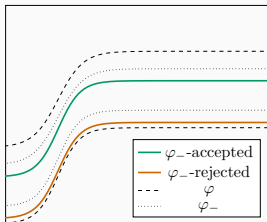
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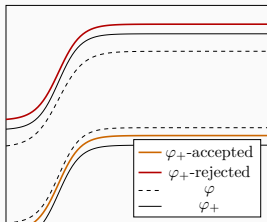
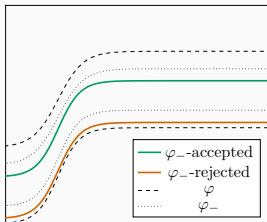
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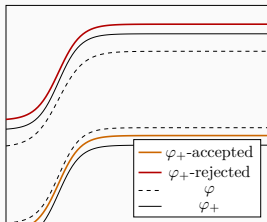
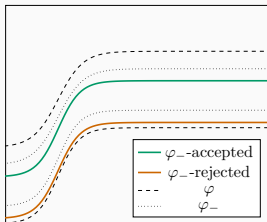
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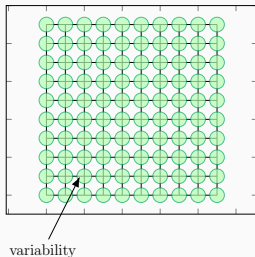


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- Parameterization: Find parameter values  $\lambda$  for a generic model.
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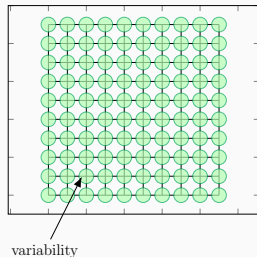


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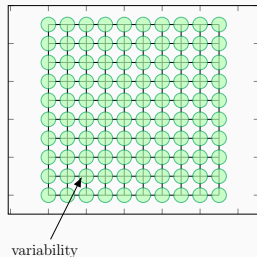


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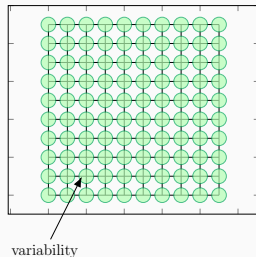
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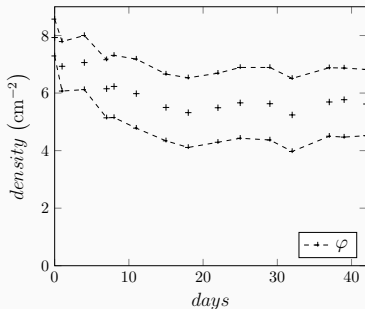
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# POC: Aurelia Aurita<sup>2</sup>

Jellyfish species from the Adriatic Sea.

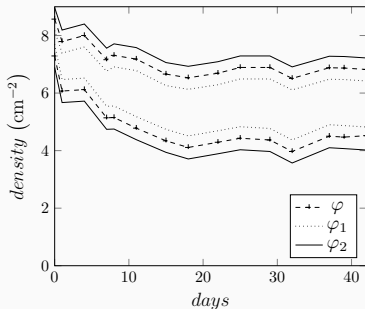
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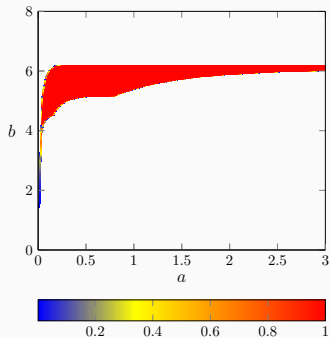
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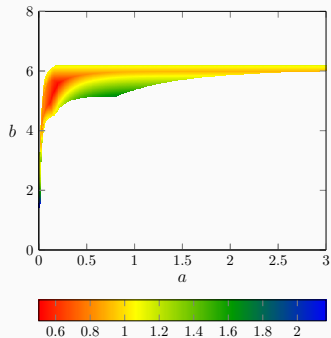


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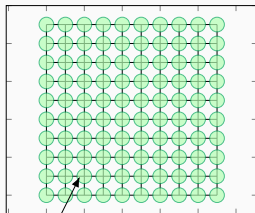


**Fig. 2:** Expected distance to data.

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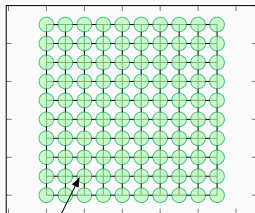
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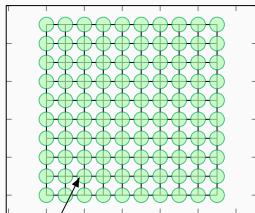


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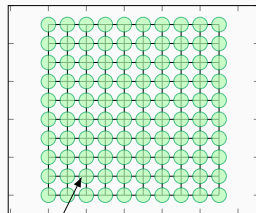
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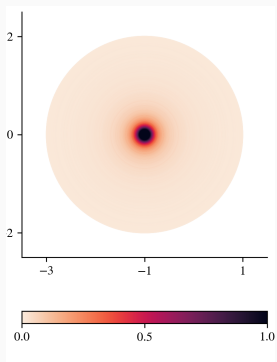
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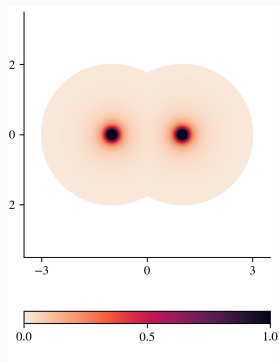
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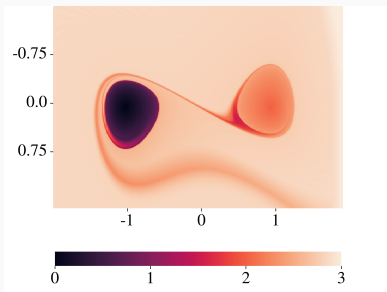


**Fig. 3:** Stability of  $x_e = (-1, 0)$ ,  $\delta = 0.5$ .

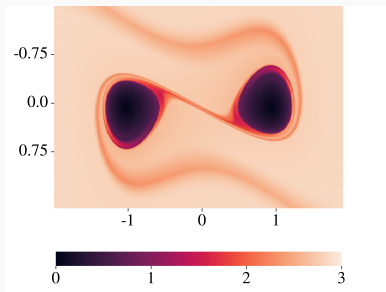


**Fig. 4:** Stability of  $x_{e,1} = (-1, 0)$  and  $x_{e,2} = (1, 0)$ .

# Basins of attraction



**Fig. 5:** Basin of attraction of  $x_{e,1}$ .



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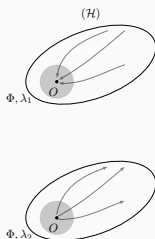
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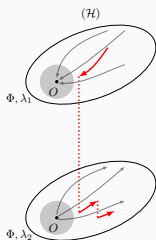


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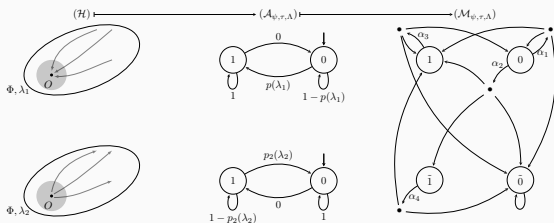
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  - invariance of a neighborhood of the persistence equilibrium,
  - reachability of a neighborhood of the persistence equilibrium,
  - oscillations between persistence and extinction,
  - emergent and chaotic behaviors.
  
- ▶ We construct an abstraction of the hybrid model as a discrete Markov decision process.

# Design and properties of the abstraction

- Abstraction ( $\mathcal{M}_{\psi, \tau, \Lambda}$ ) of the hybrid model as a Markov decision process  
Depends on property  $\psi$ , time step  $\tau$ , parameter space  $\Lambda$ .



**Fig. 8:** Abstraction of the hybrid model.

- We can use (S)MC on ( $\mathcal{M}_{\psi, \tau, \Lambda}$ ).
- Questions on the abstraction  $\mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathcal{M}_{\psi, \tau, \Lambda}$ : well-defined? computable? complexity? one-to-one? bisimulation? image of a property? invertible?

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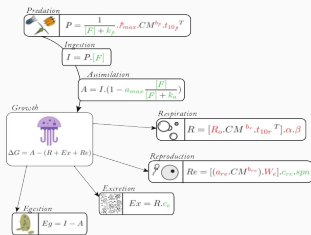
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# Applications

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# Pelagia Noctiluca 1/2

**Goal :** Parameterize a growth model of *Pelagia Noctiluca* that fits experimental data



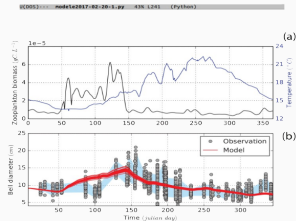
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Modèle

Propriété

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# Masse initiale en poids humide (en g)
cm0 = 0.001496
time = 0
for i in range(1, 365):
    score_degrowth[i] = degrowth
    # Application du modèle
    cm[i] = cm[i-1]
    (Clear, Ingest, Assim, Resp, Excre, prod, Egst, scope_grow)
    P = pelagia_feed[0].param[0].get(0)
    # Stockage des variables
    (Update, Scope, growthRate)
    vncm[i] = cm[i-1] * P
    pelagia[cm[i-1]](T)
    if not pelagia[0]:
        print(pelagia)
        (comp, append, cm, T)
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        (time, append, (time, pelagia))
        values[i] = (vncm[i])
        vncm[i] = 0
    if (vncm[i]):
        (score, append, (vncm[i]))
        del(i)
        (degrowth[i], i) = degrowth[i-1] * (vncm[i] / cm[i]) * degrowth
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        break
    break
    
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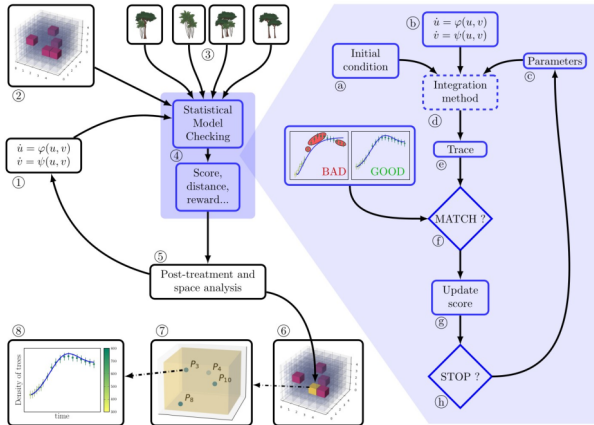




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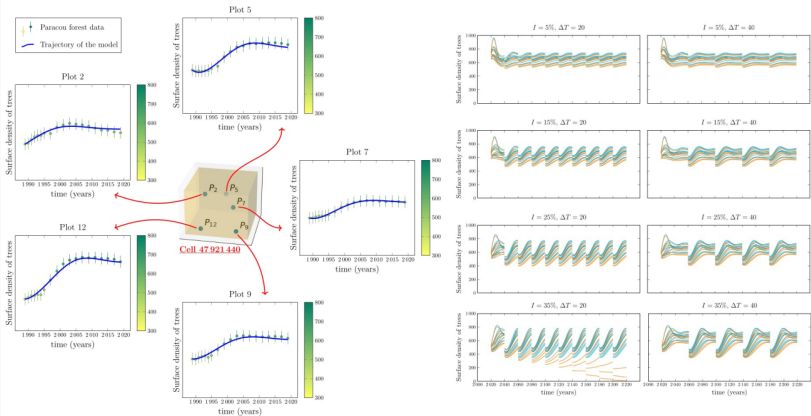
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## Perspectives and future work

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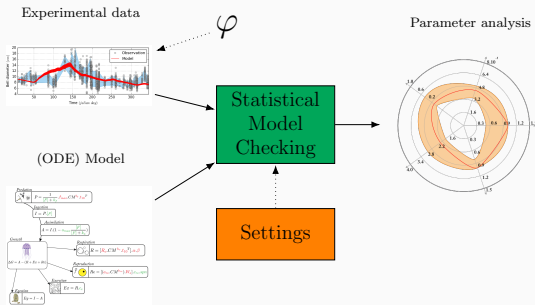
## Going further...

- Link/Combination with NN to speed up sampling
- Formal guarantees?
- Link/Combination with agent models
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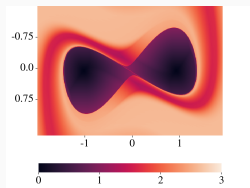


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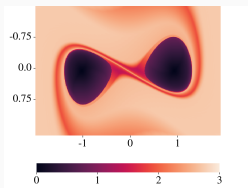


## **Supplementary materials**

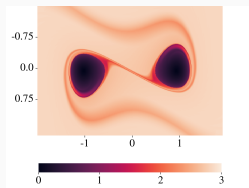
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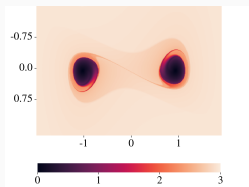
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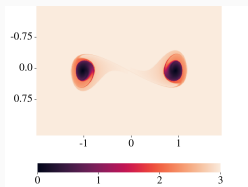
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