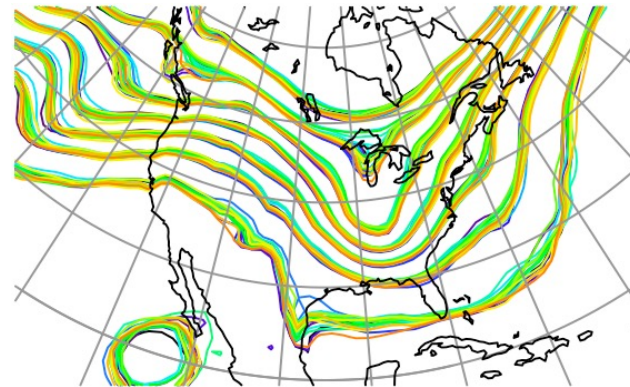


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# DART Tutorial Section 1: Filtering For a One Variable System



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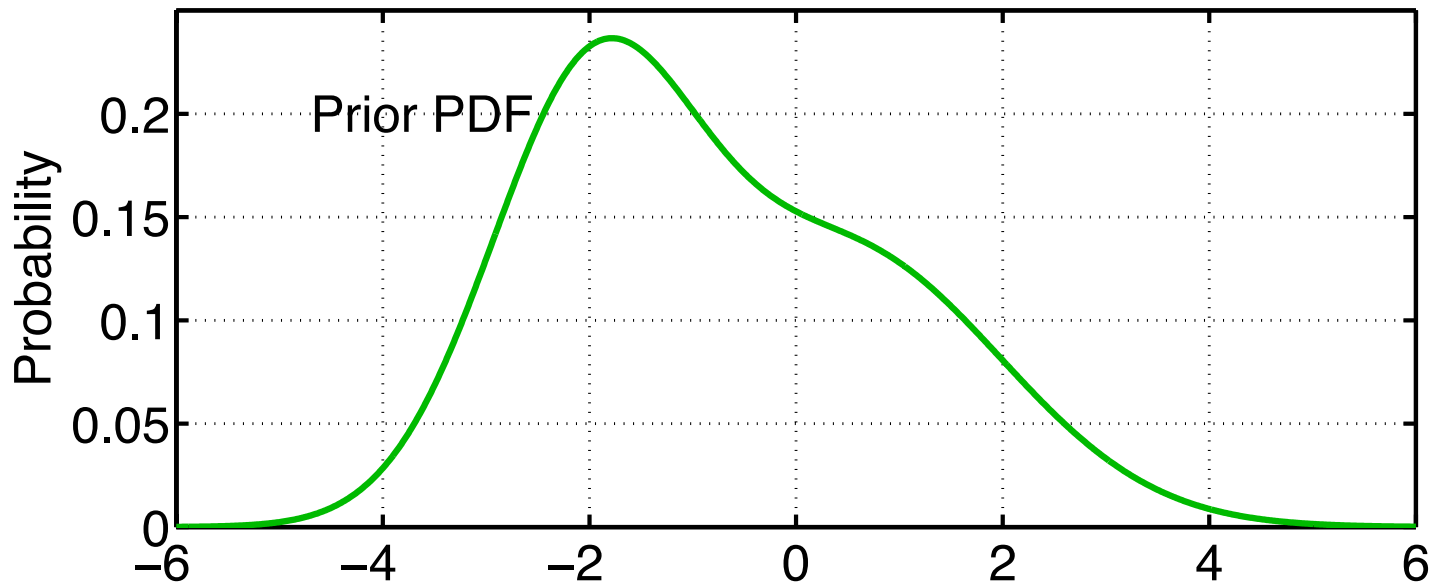
# Introduction

This series of tutorial presentations is designed to introduce both basic Ensemble Kalman filter theory and the Data Assimilation Research Testbed Community Facility for Ensemble Data Assimilation.

There is significant overlap with the DART\_LAB tutorial that is also part of the DART subversion checkout. If you have already studied DART\_LAB, feel free to skip through the redundant theory slides. However, doing the exercises in all sections of this tutorial is recommended in order to learn the best ways to use the DART system.

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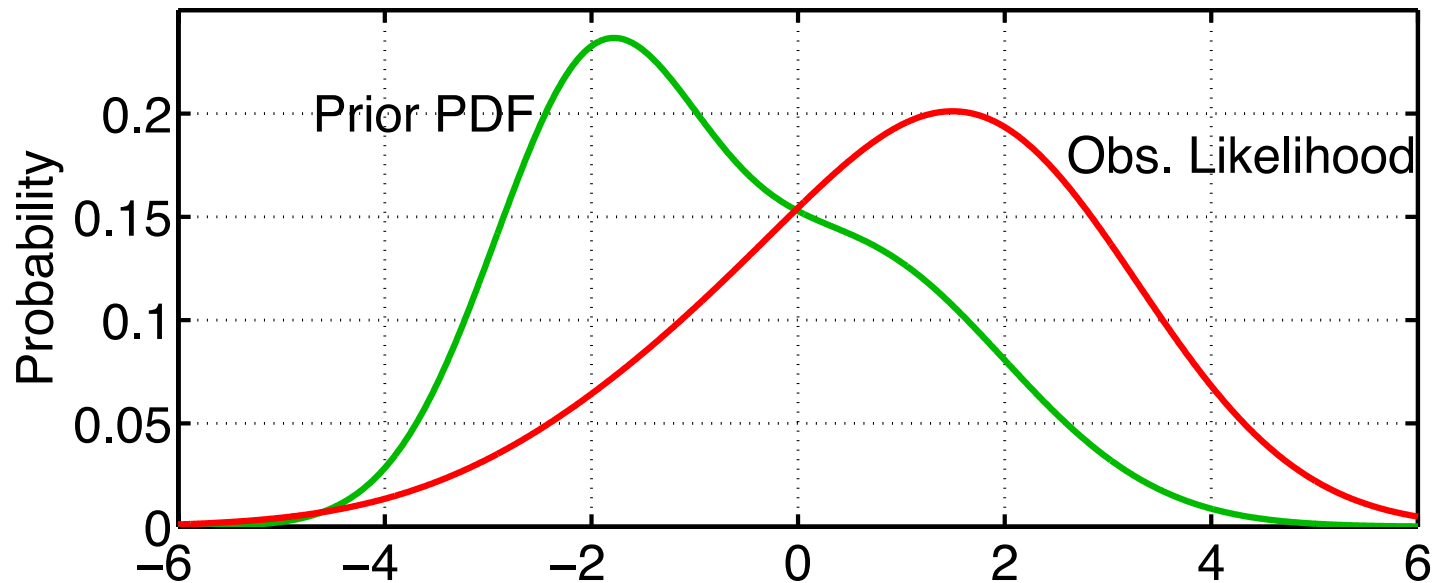
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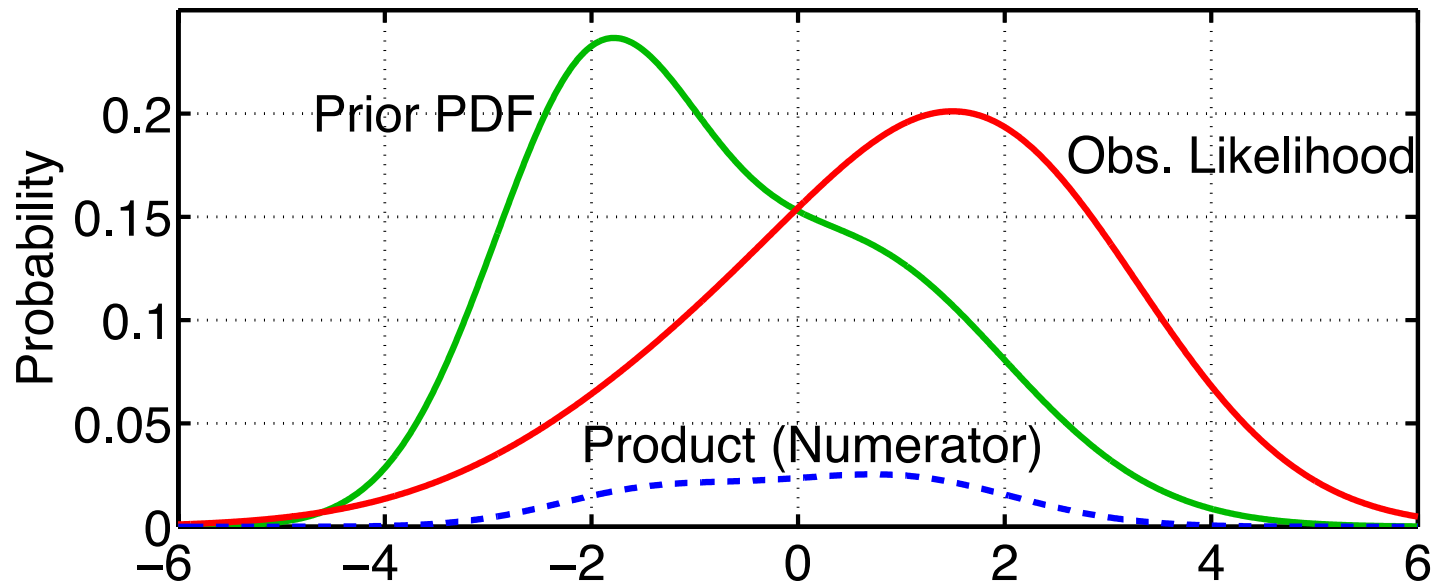
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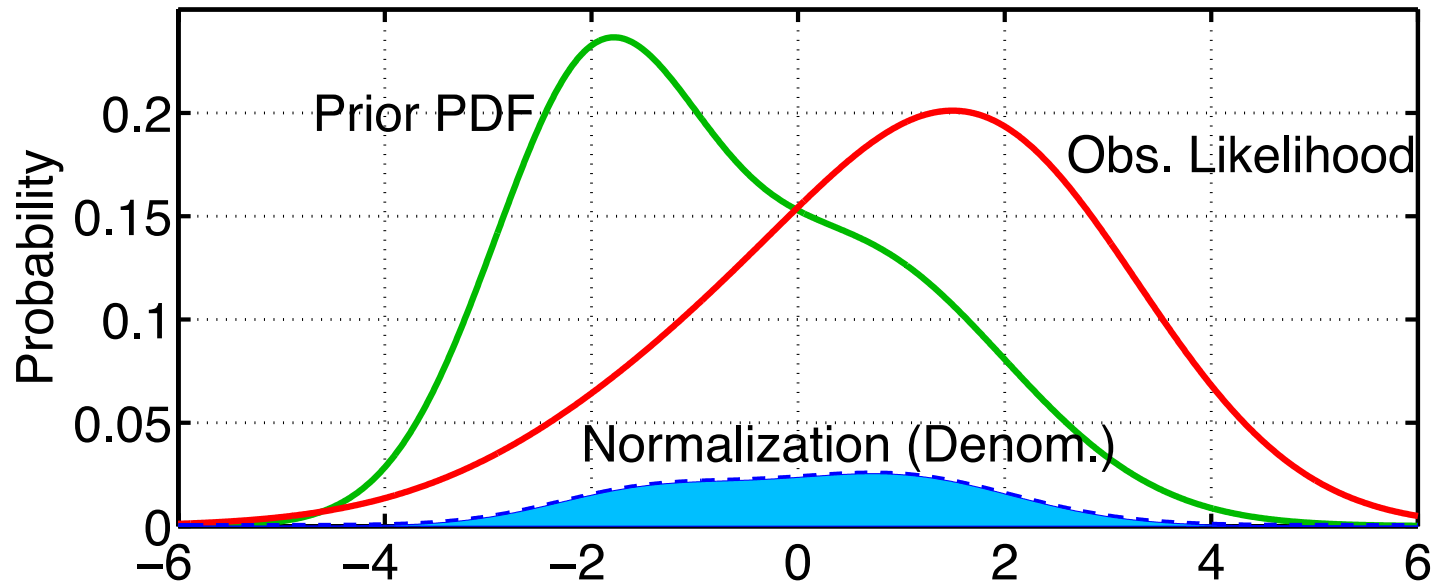
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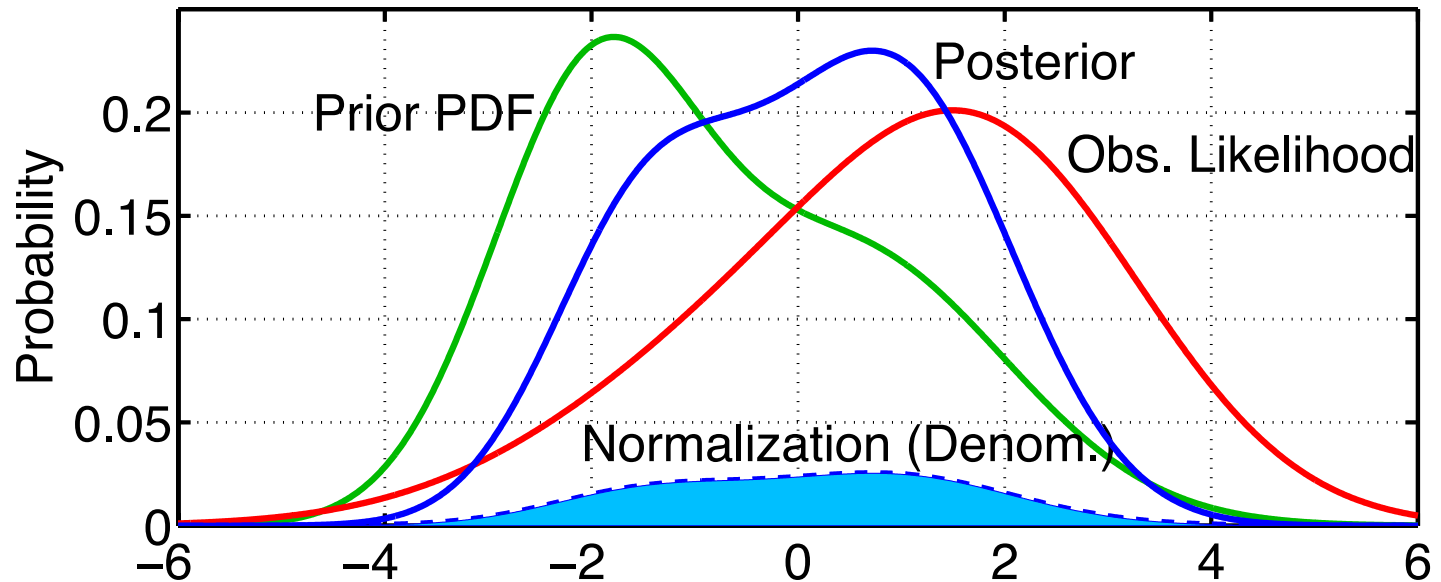
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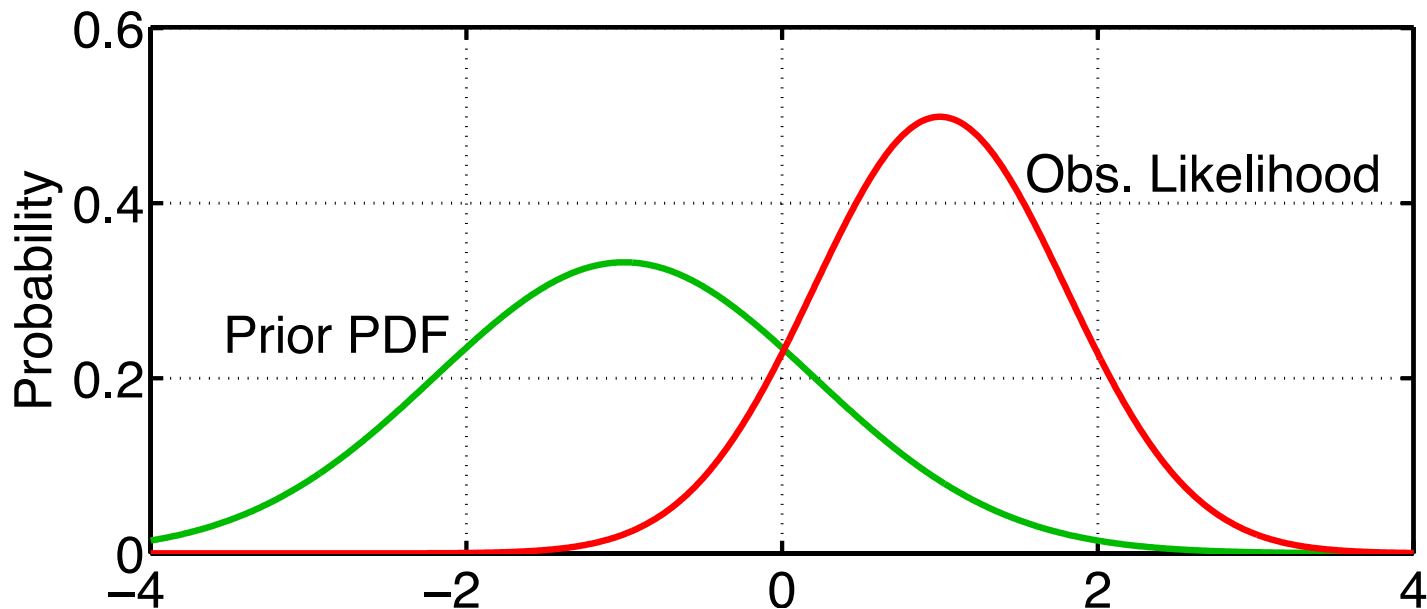
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The same color scheme is used throughout ALL Tutorial materials.



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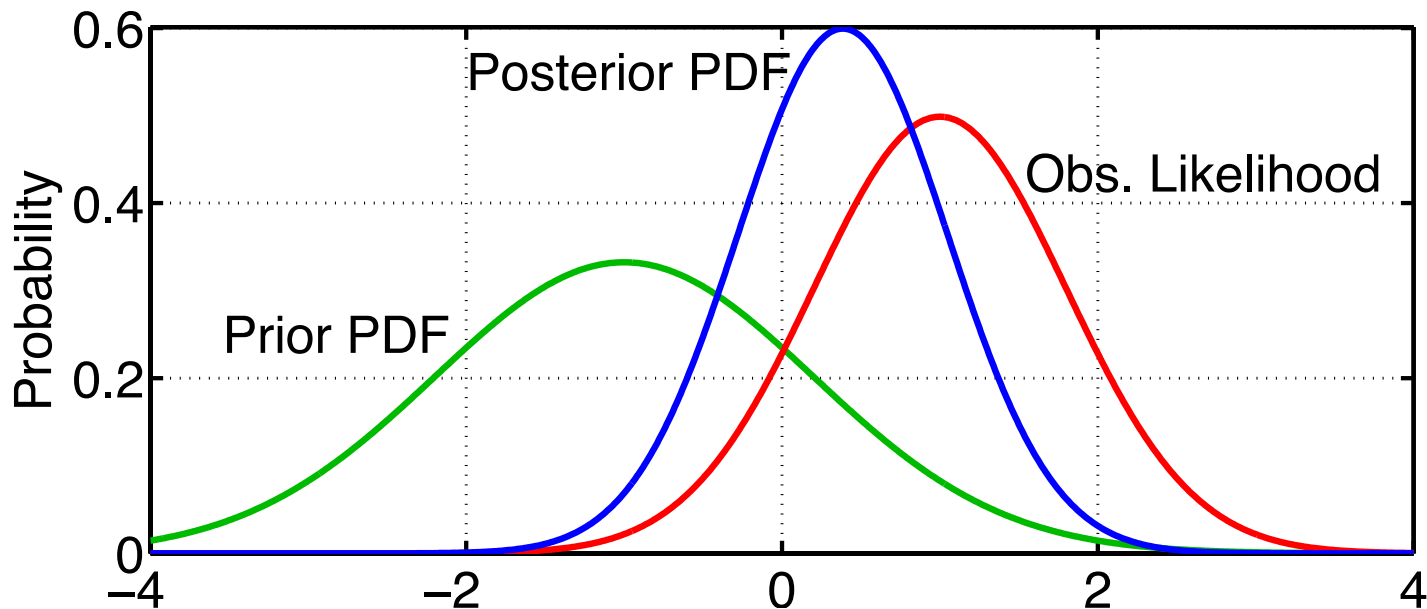
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We'll ignore the weight unless noted since we immediately normalize products to be PDFs.

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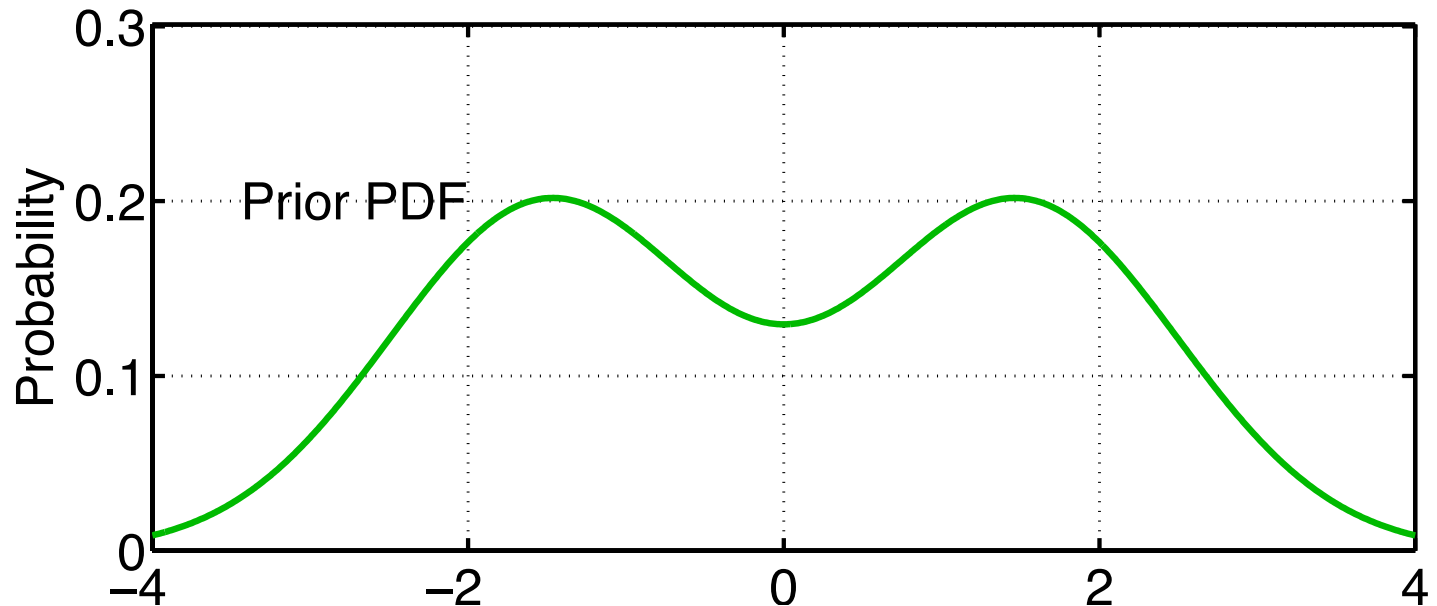
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Easy to derive for 1-D Gaussians; just do products of exponentials.

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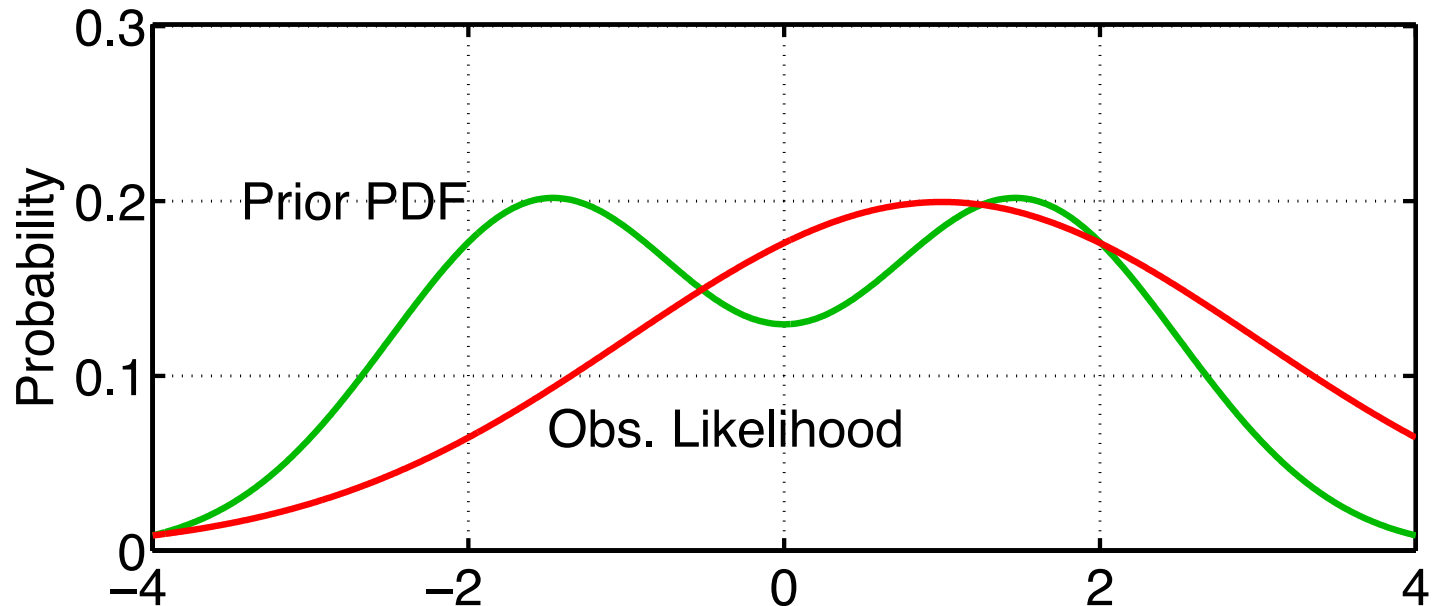


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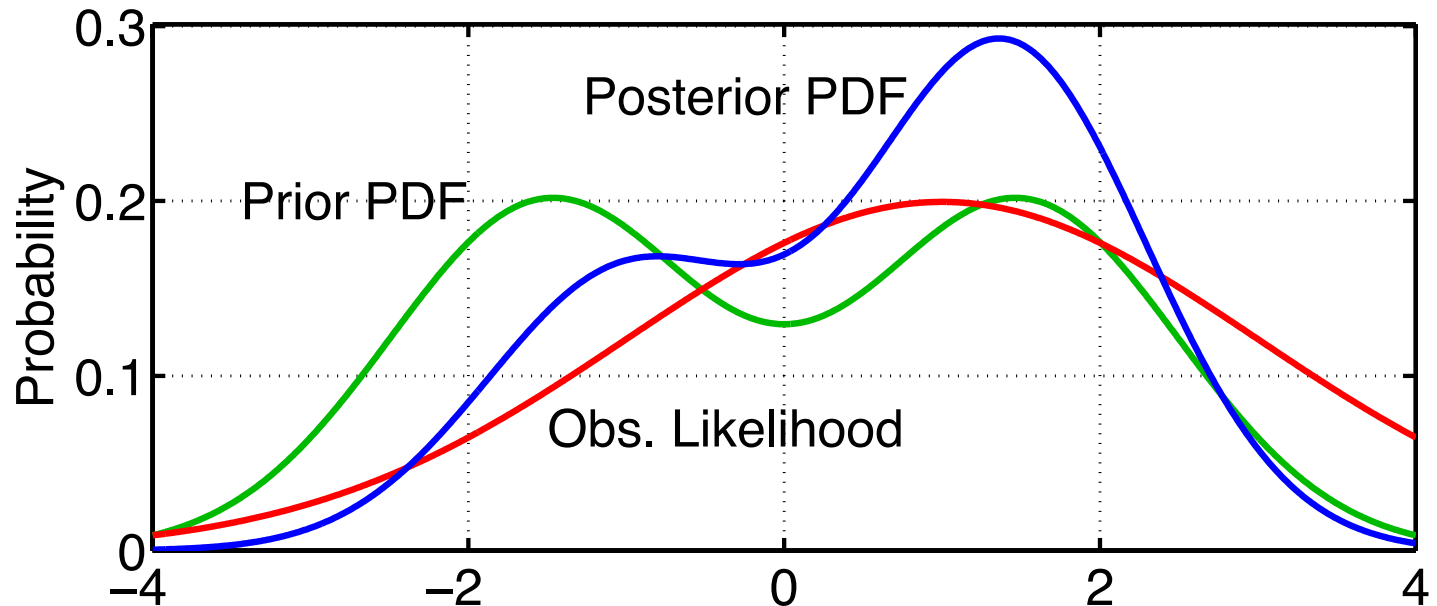
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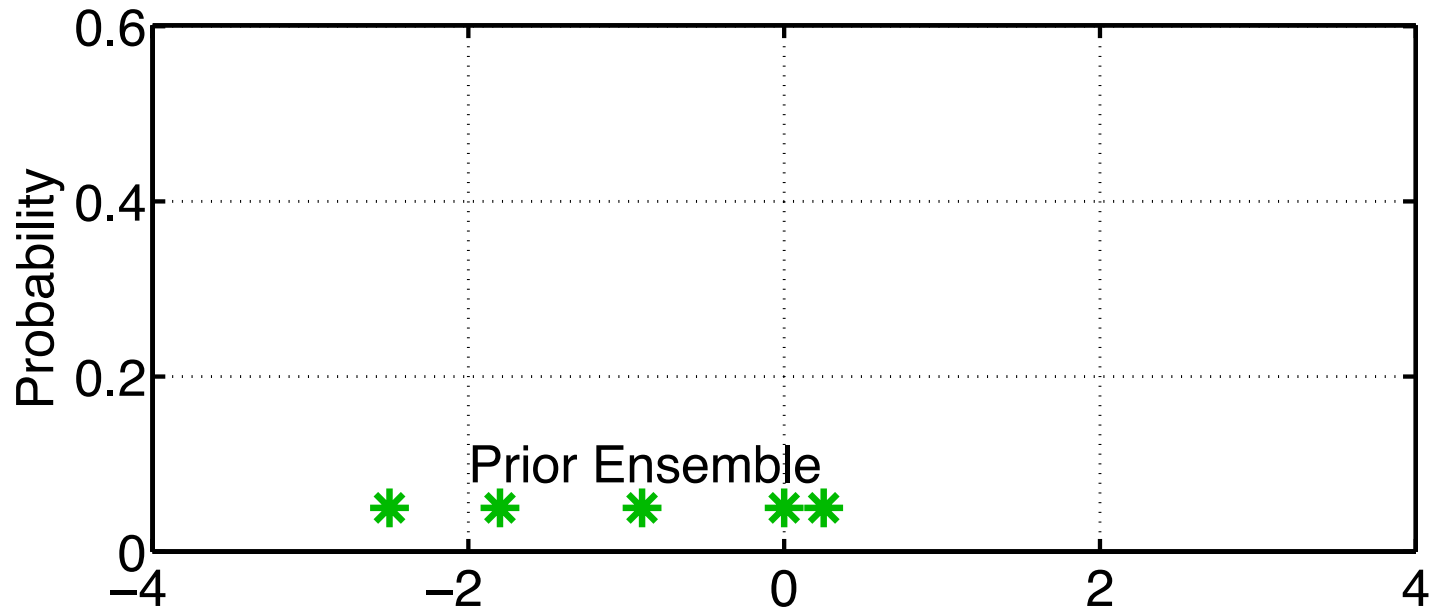


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Ensemble filters: Prior is available as finite sample.

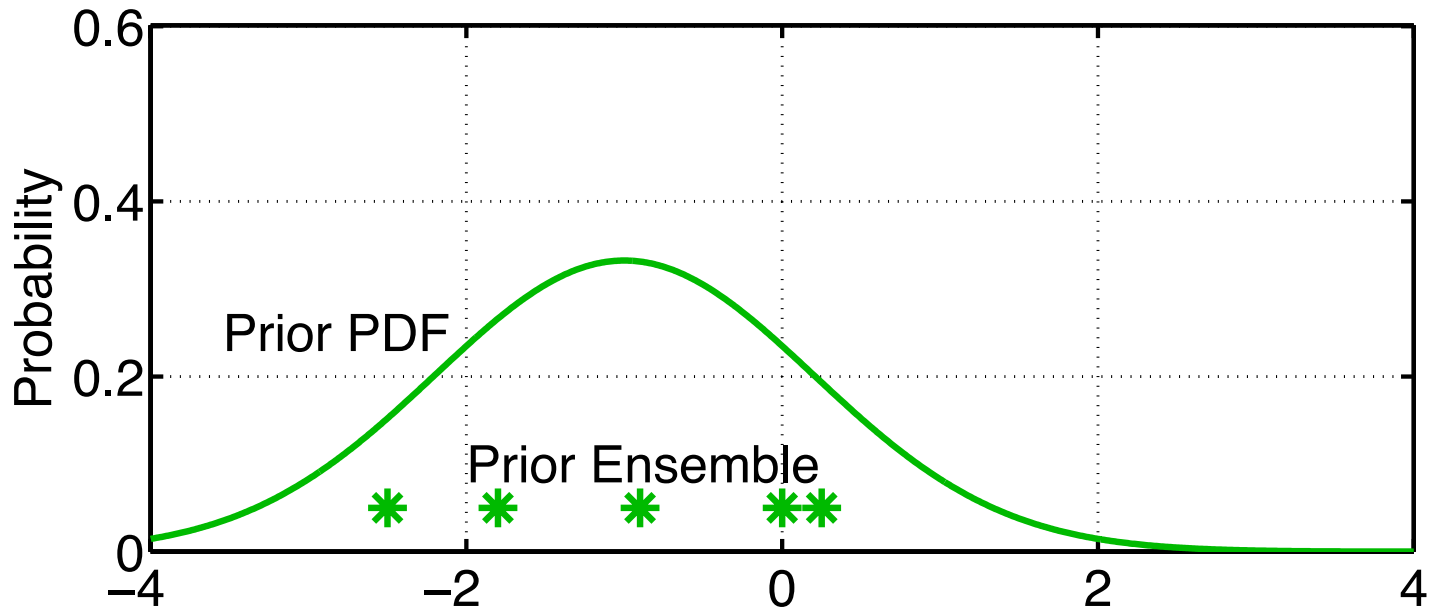


Don't know much about properties of this sample.  
May naively assume it is random draw from 'truth'.

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How can we take product of sample with continuous likelihood?

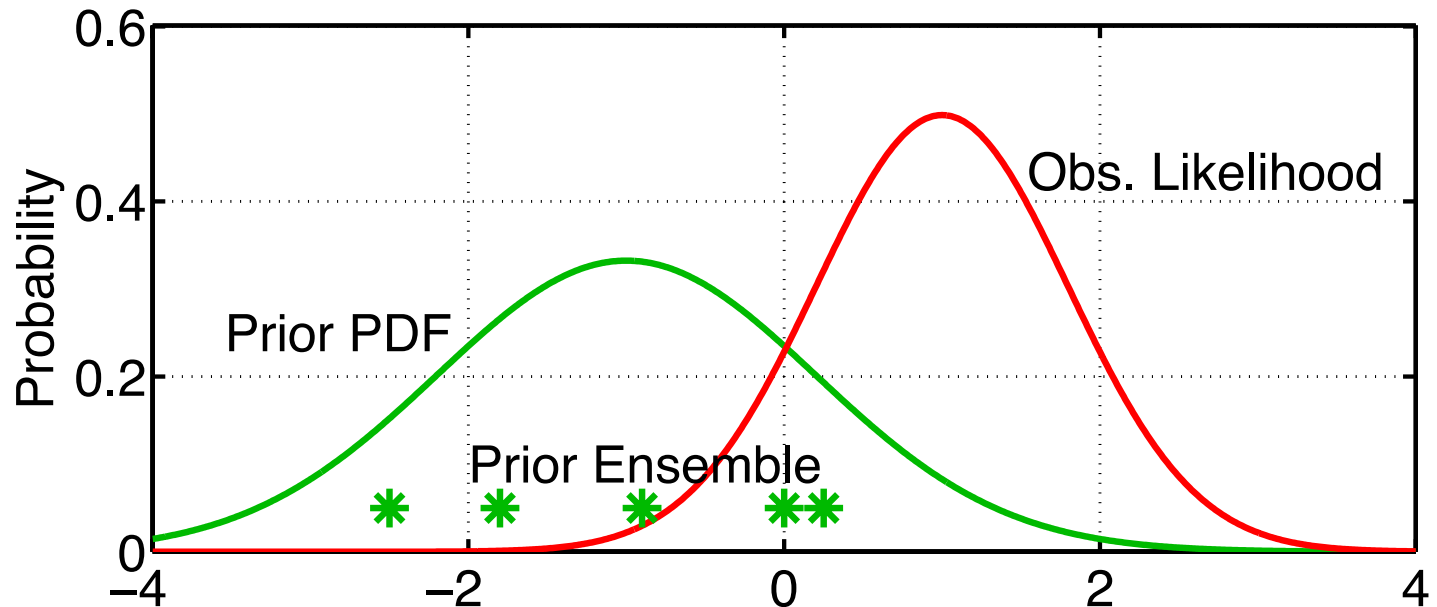


Fit a continuous (Gaussian for now) distribution to sample.

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Observation likelihood usually continuous (nearly always Gaussian).

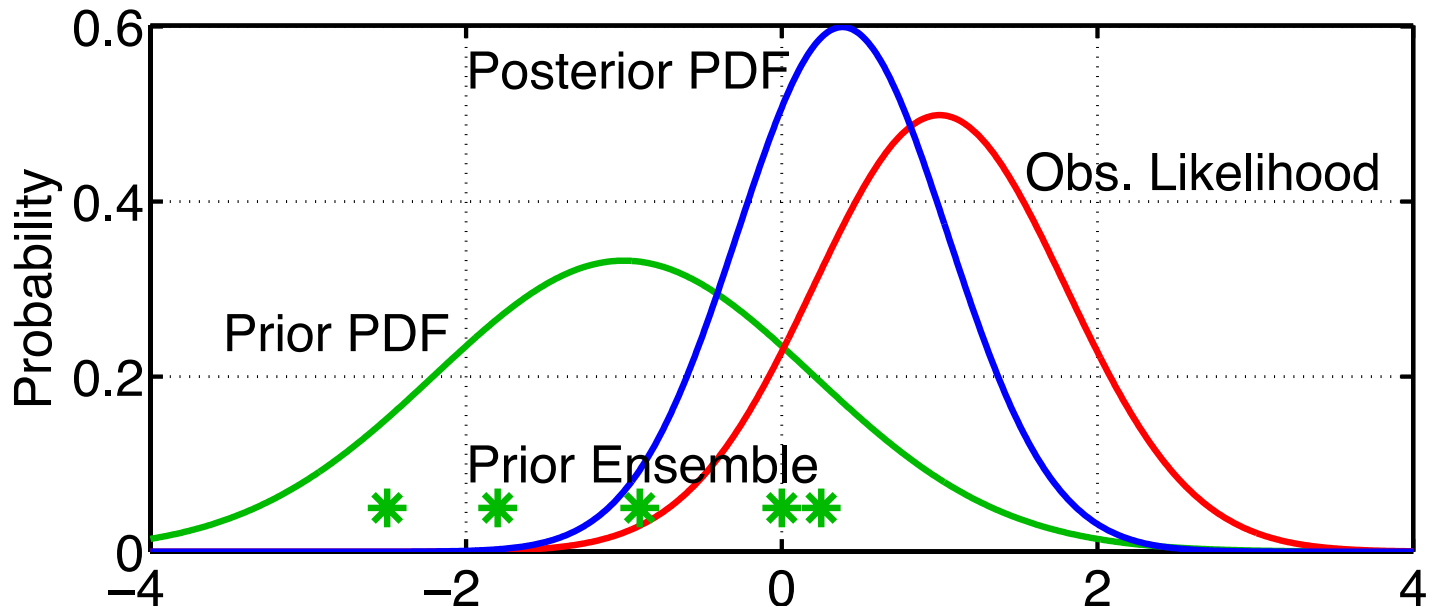


If Obs. Likelihood isn't Gaussian, can generalize methods below.  
For instance, can fit set of Gaussian kernels to obs. likelihood.

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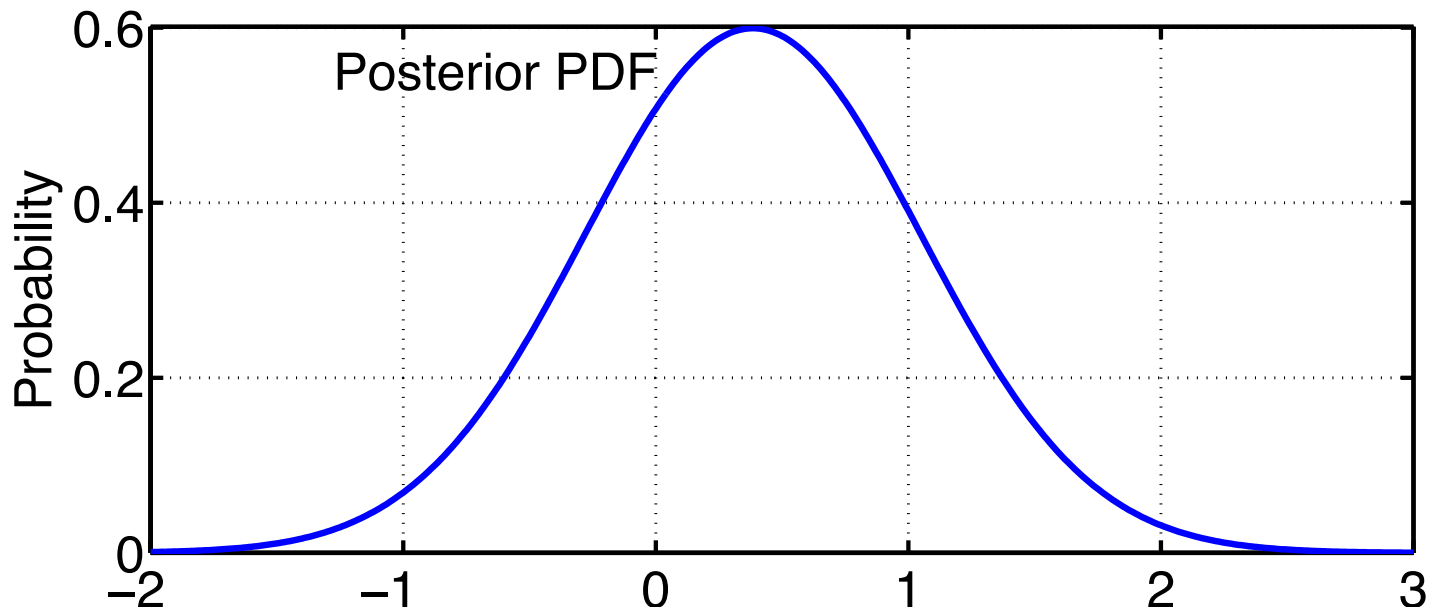
Product of prior Gaussian fit and Obs. likelihood is Gaussian.



Computing continuous posterior is simple. BUT,  
need to have a SAMPLE of this PDF.

# Sampling Posterior PDF

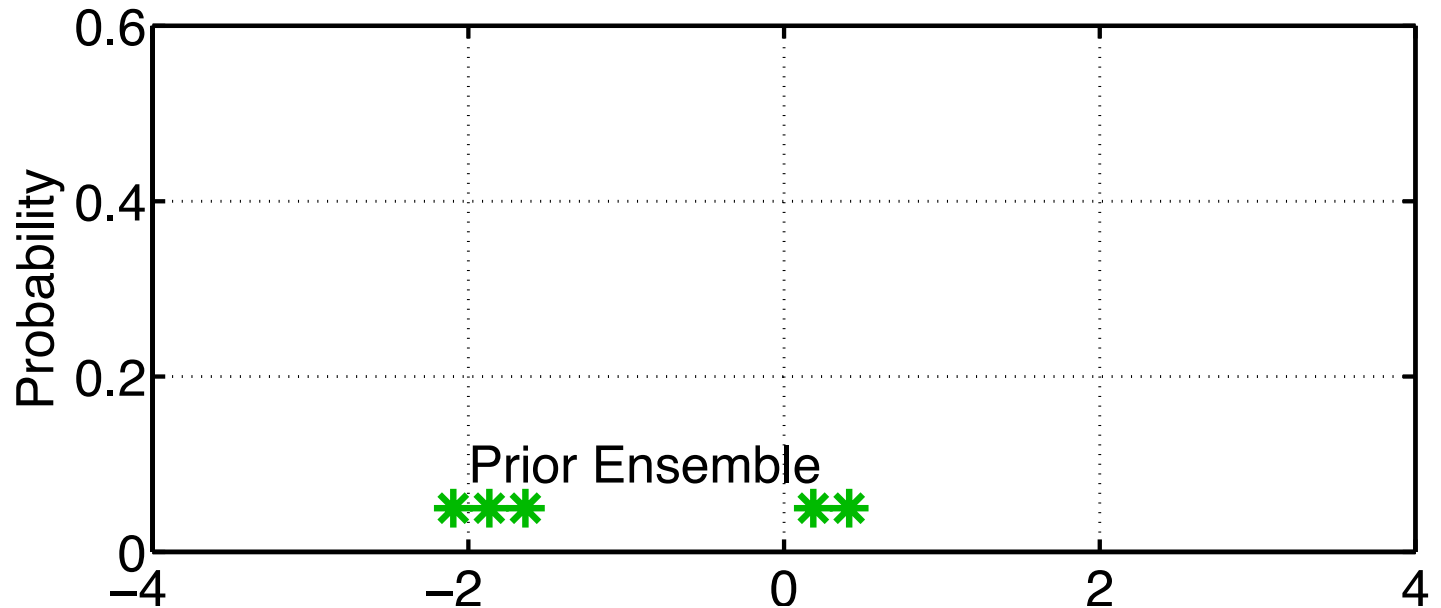
There are many ways to do this.



Exact properties of different methods may be unclear.  
Trial and error still best way to see how they perform.  
Will interact with properties of prediction models, etc.

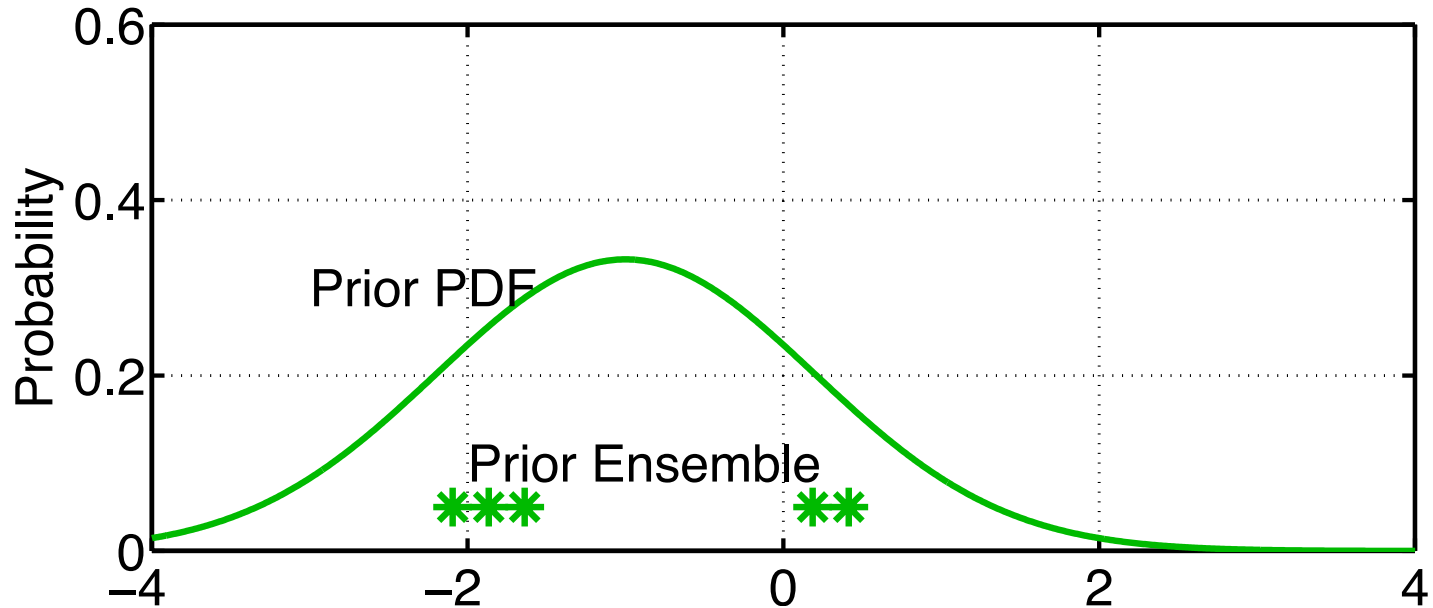
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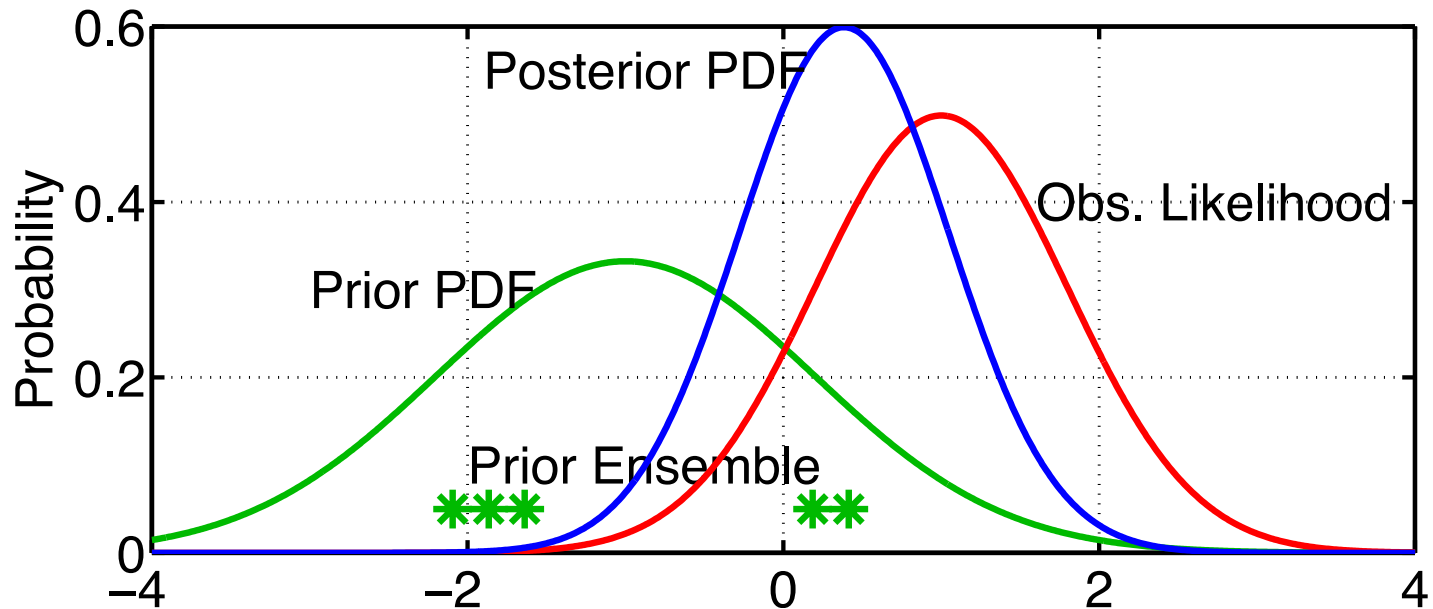


Again, fit a Gaussian to sample.



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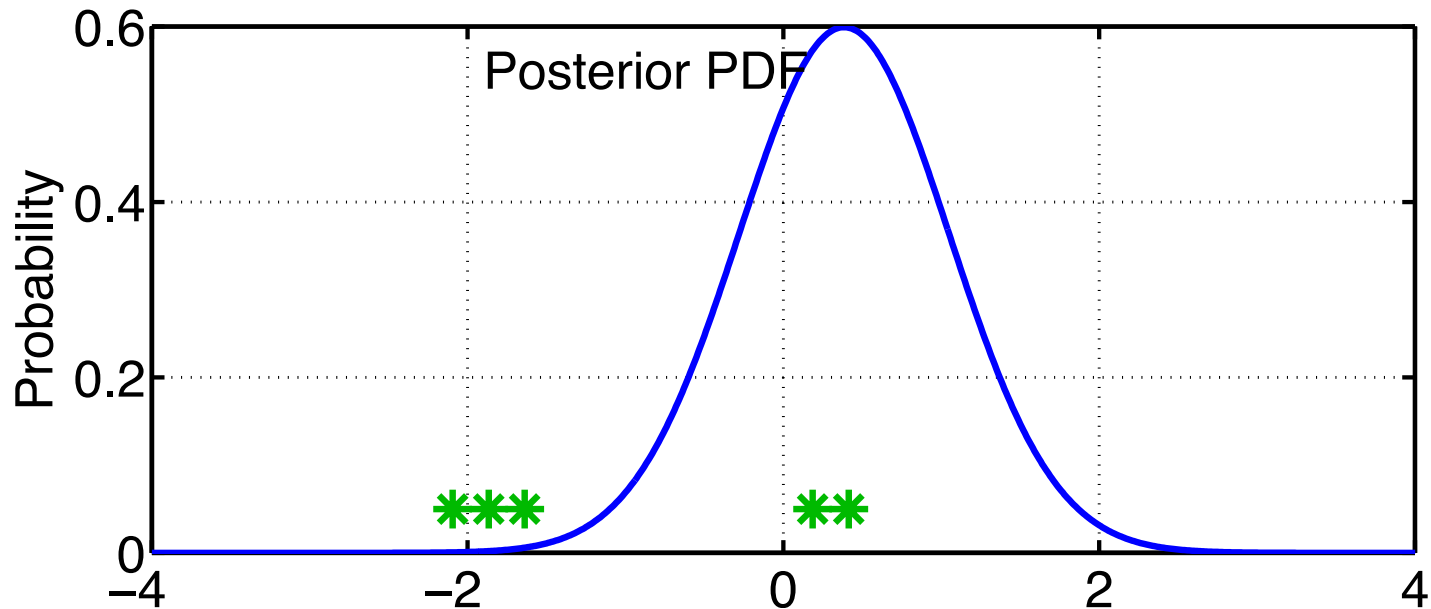
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Compute posterior PDF (same as previous algorithms).

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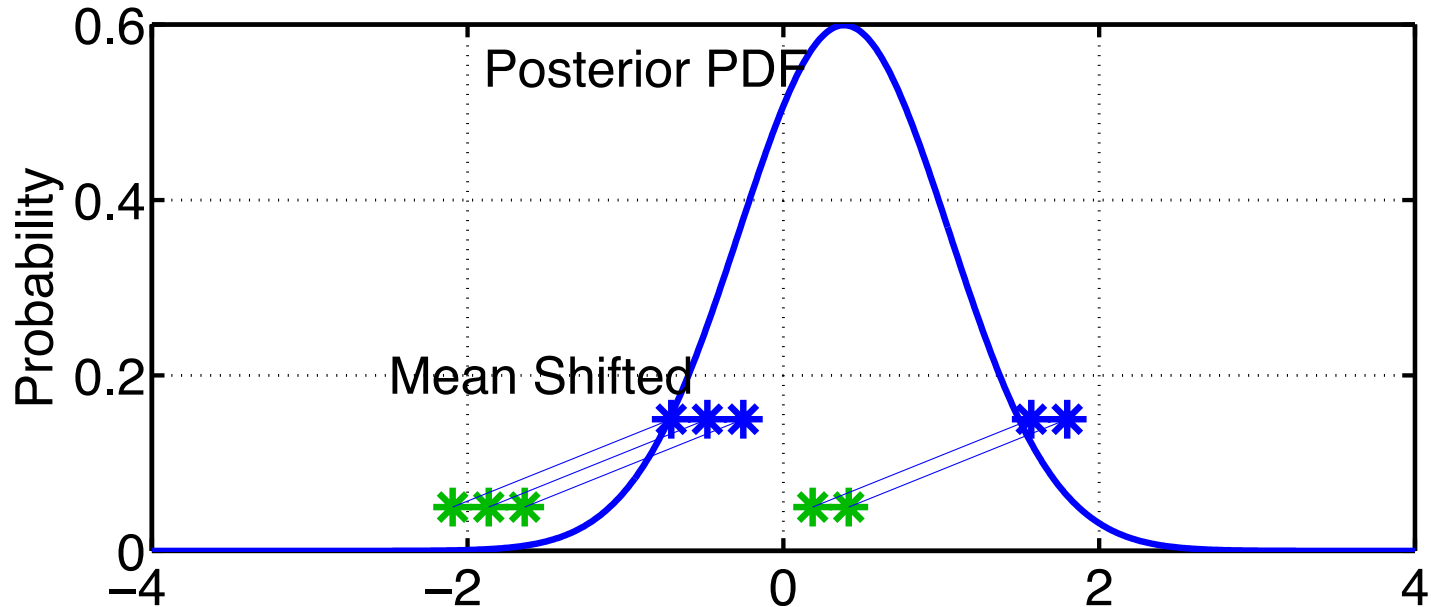
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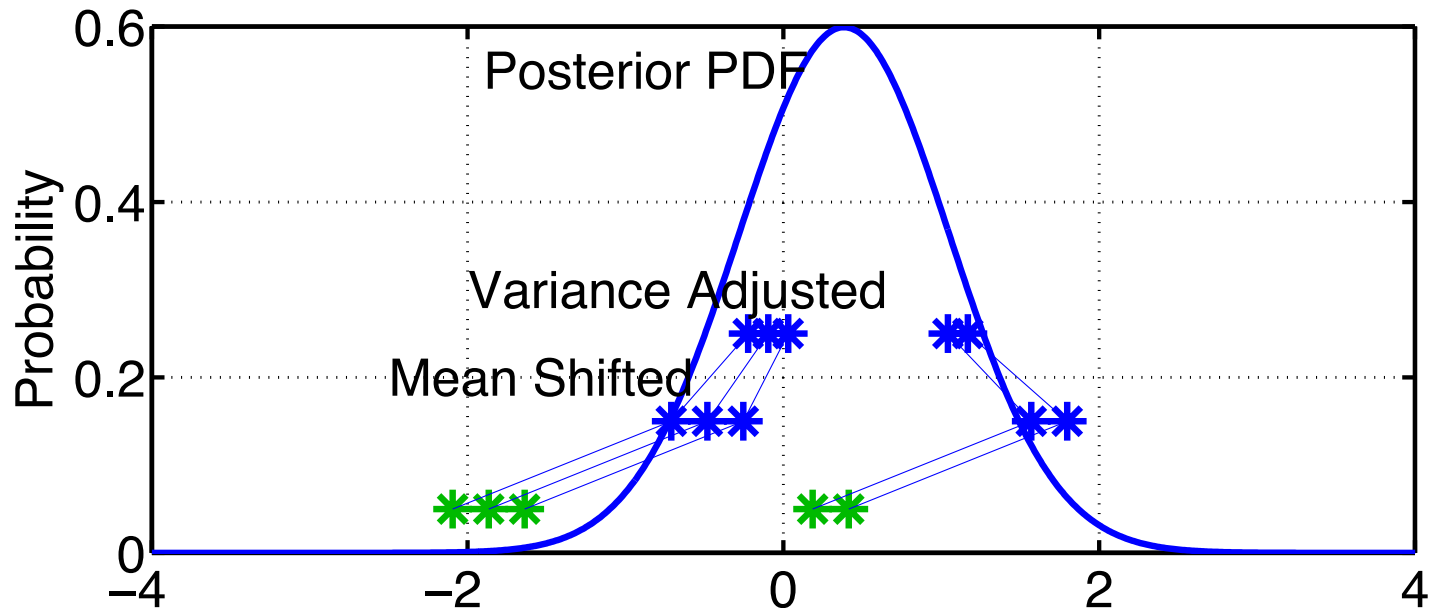


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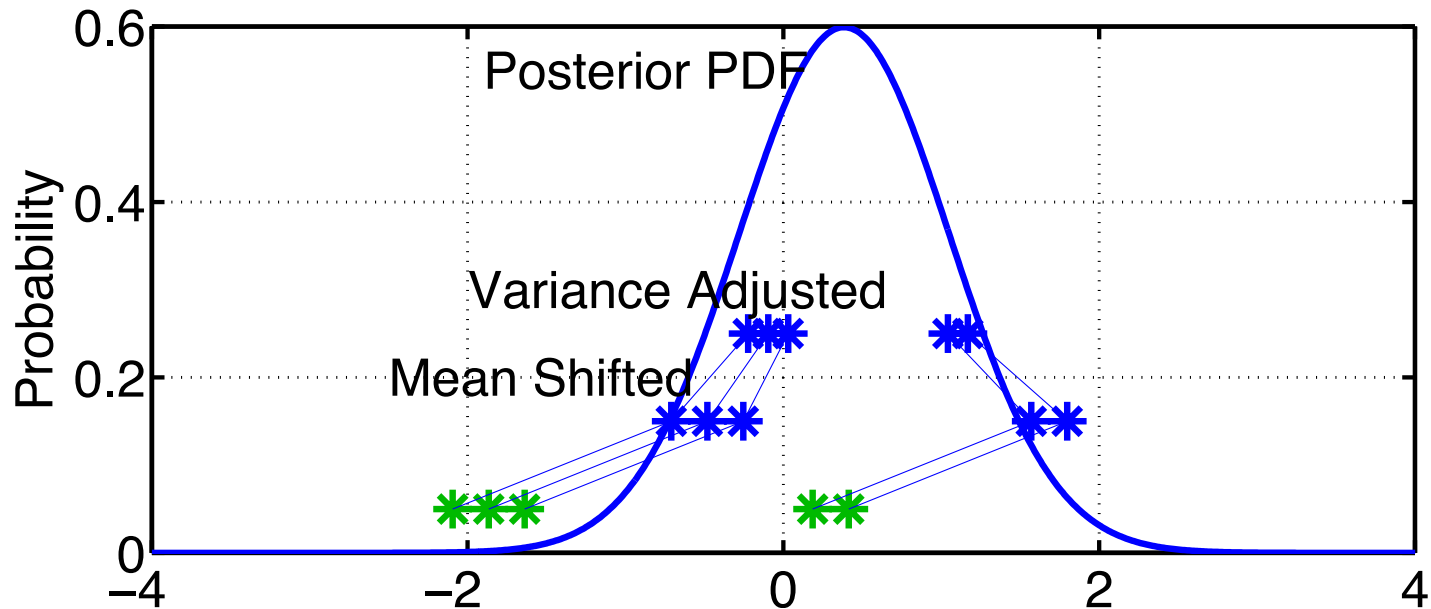


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2. Use linear contraction to have exact variance of posterior.

# Sampling Posterior PDF

## Ensemble Adjustment (Kalman) Filter



$$x_i^u = \left( x_i^p - \bar{x}^p \right) \cdot \left( \sigma^u / \sigma^p \right) + \bar{x}^u$$

$i = 1, \dots$ , ensemble size.

$p$  is prior,

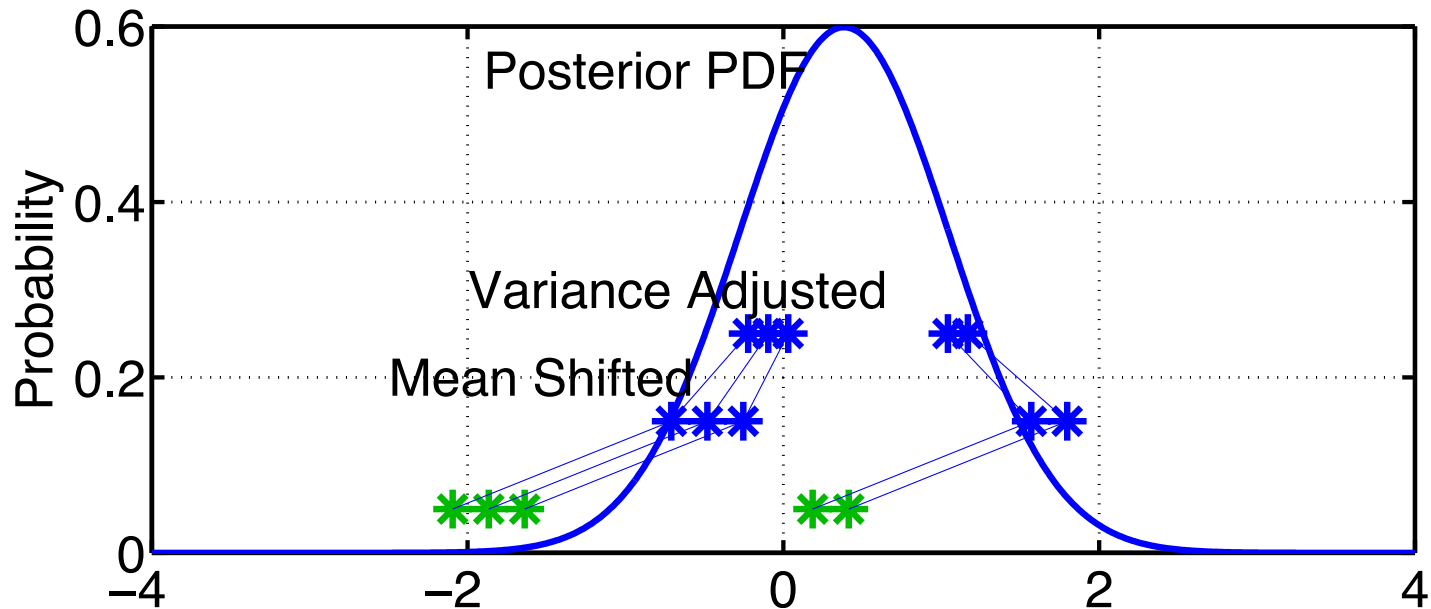
$u$  is update (posterior),

$\sigma$  is standard deviation,

overbar is ensemble mean.

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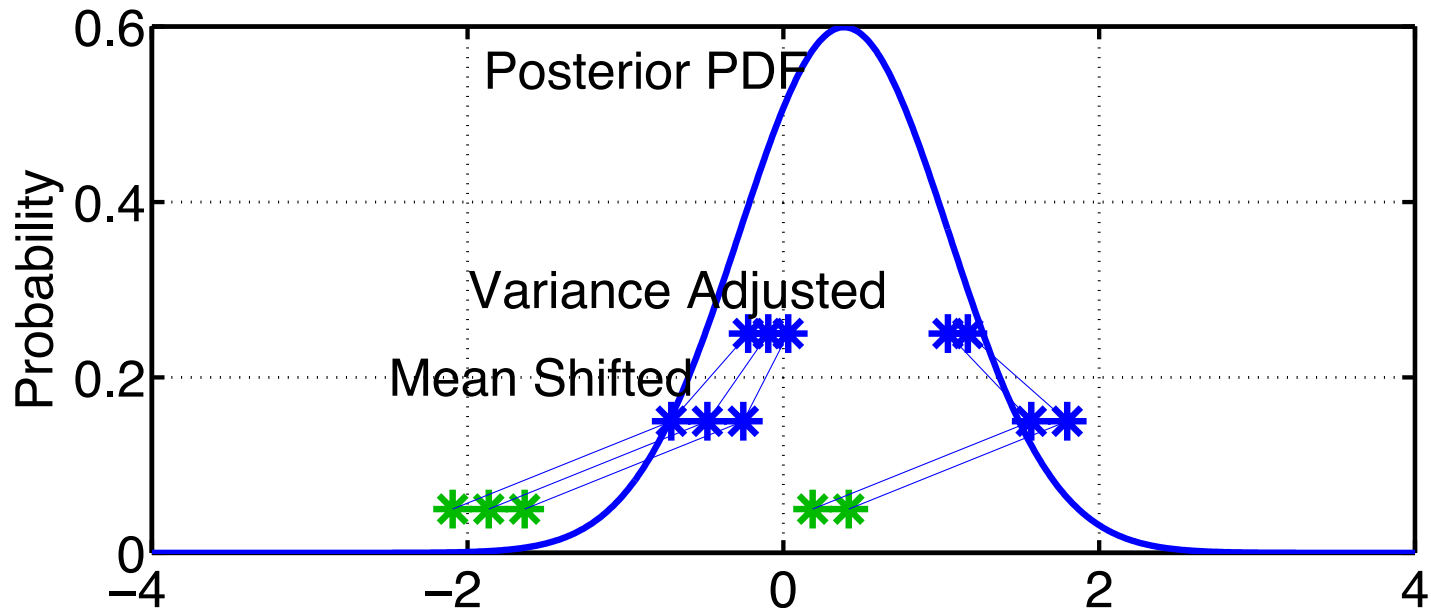
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Bimodality maintained, but not appropriately positioned or weighted. No problem with random outliers.

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There are a variety of other ways to deterministically adjust ensemble. Class of algorithms sometimes called deterministic square root filters.

# 1<sup>st</sup> look at DART Diagnostics

```
cd models/lorenz_63/work  
./workshop_setup.sh  
matlab -nodesktop
```

in your DART sandbox.

Does stuff you'll learn to do later.

Output from a DART assimilation in 3-variable model.

20 member ensemble.

Observations of each variable once every '6 hours'; error variance 8.

Observation ONLY impacts its own state variable.

For assimilation, looks like 3 independent single variable problems.

Model advance between assimilations isn't independent.

Initial ensemble members are random selection from long model run.

Initial error should be an upper bound (random guess).



# 1<sup>st</sup> look at DART Diagnostics

Try the following Matlab commands. Each will ask you to:

*Input name of ensemble trajectory file:*

*<cr> for preassim.nc*

Just select the default file by hitting carriage return for all Matlab exercises for now.

***plot\_total\_err***

time series of distance between prior ensemble mean and truth in blue; spread, average prior distance between ensemble members and mean, in red.

**(Record total values of total error and spread for later.)**

***plot\_ens\_mean\_time\_series***

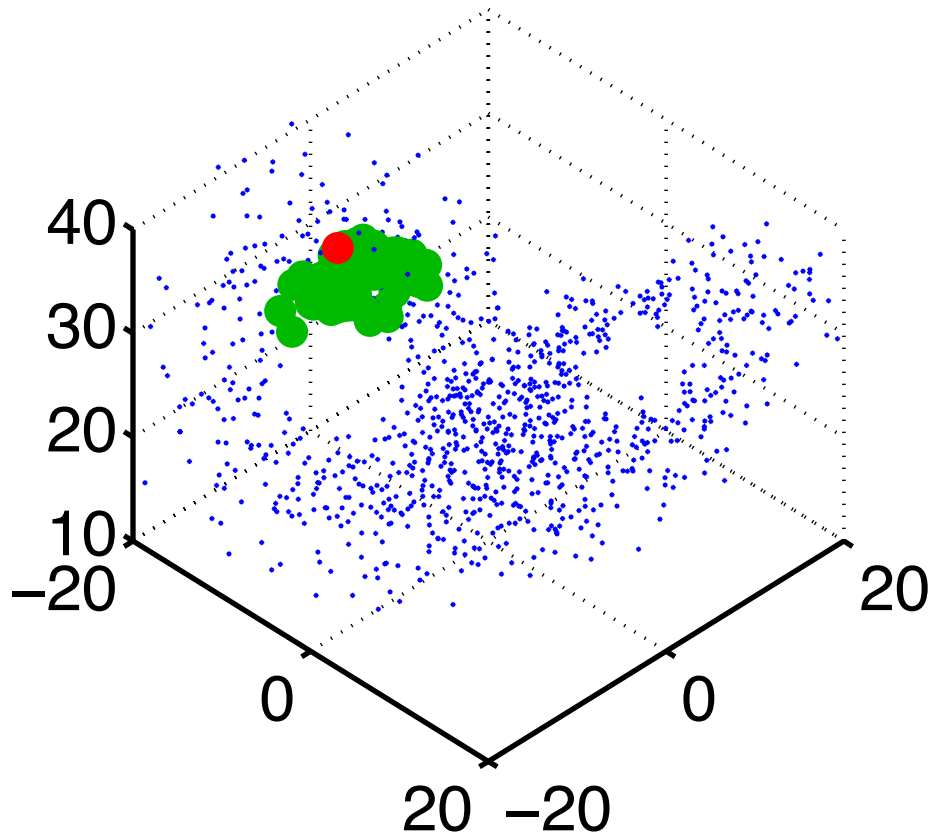
time series of truth in blue; ensemble mean prior in red. Figure 1 is separate panel for each state variable. Figure 2 is three-dimensional plot.

***plot\_ens\_time\_series***

also includes prior ensemble members in green for Figure 1.

# Simple Example: Lorenz 63

## 3-variable chaotic model



Observation in red.

Prior ensemble in green.

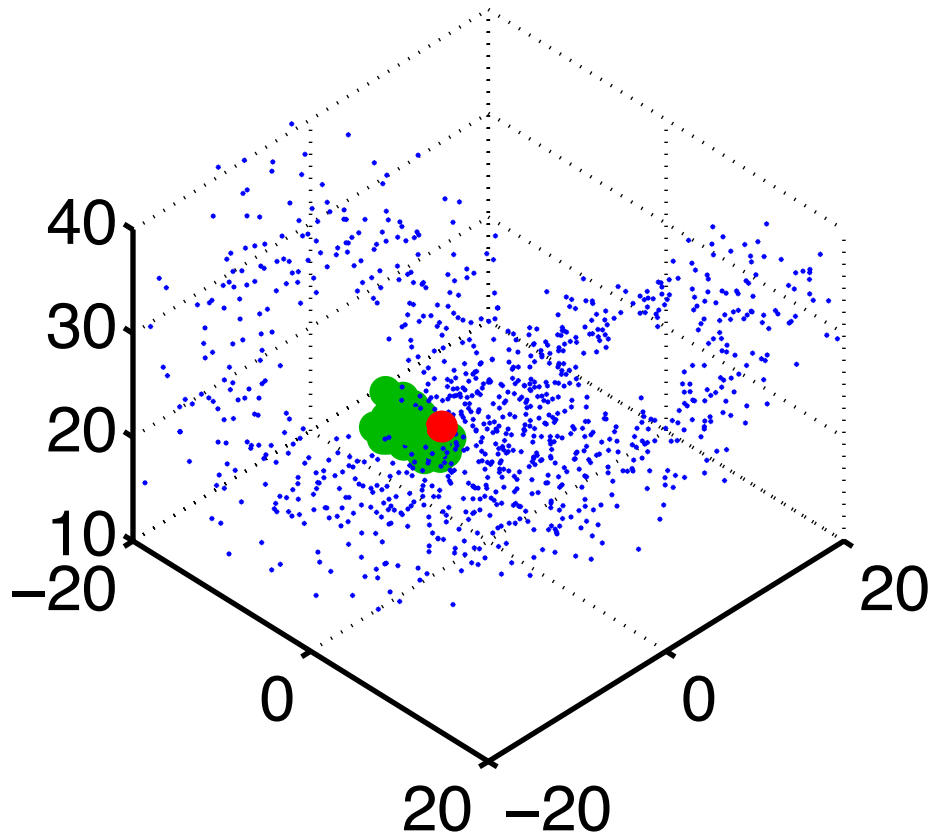
Observing all three state variables.

Obs. Error variance = 4.0.

Four 20-member ensembles.

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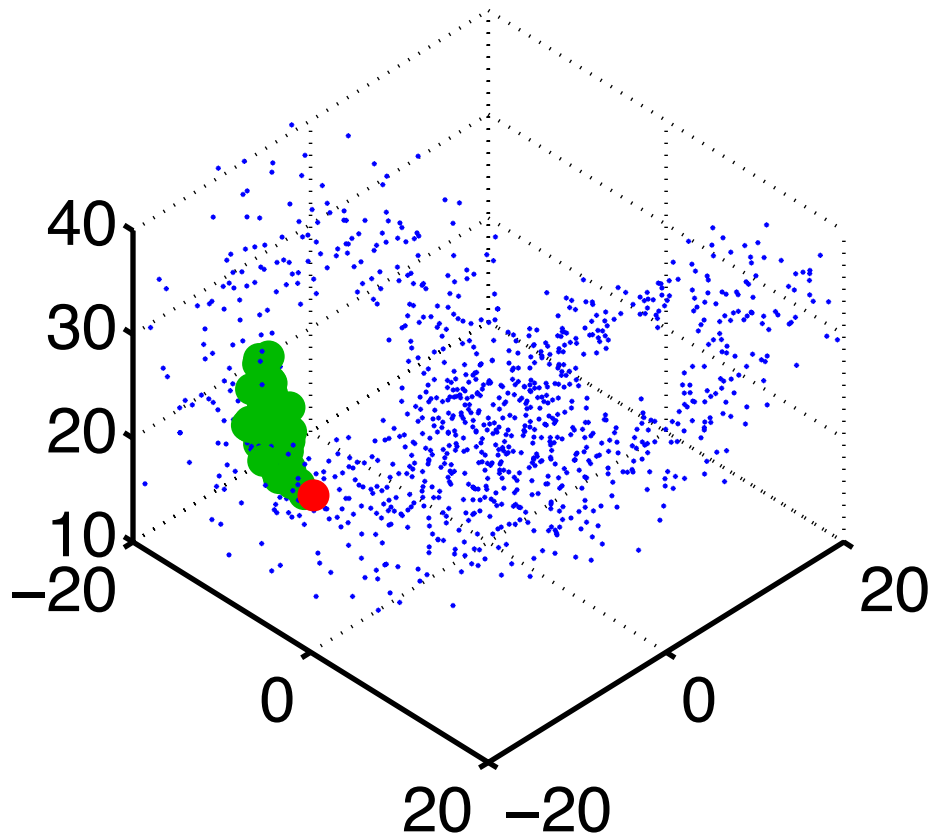


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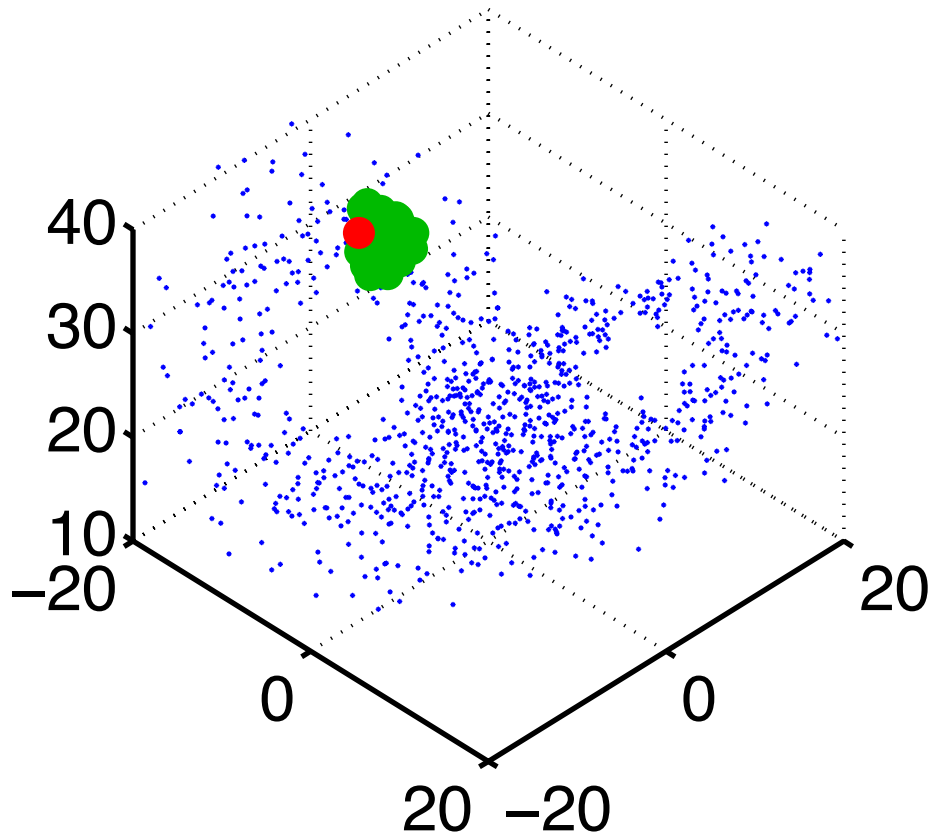


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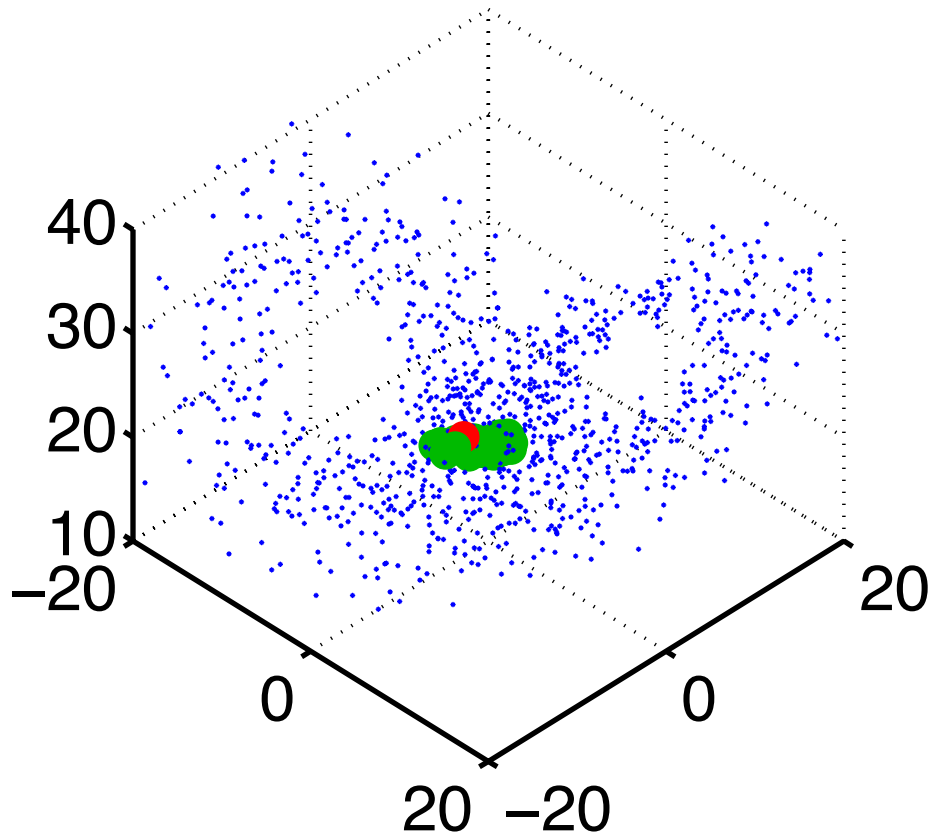


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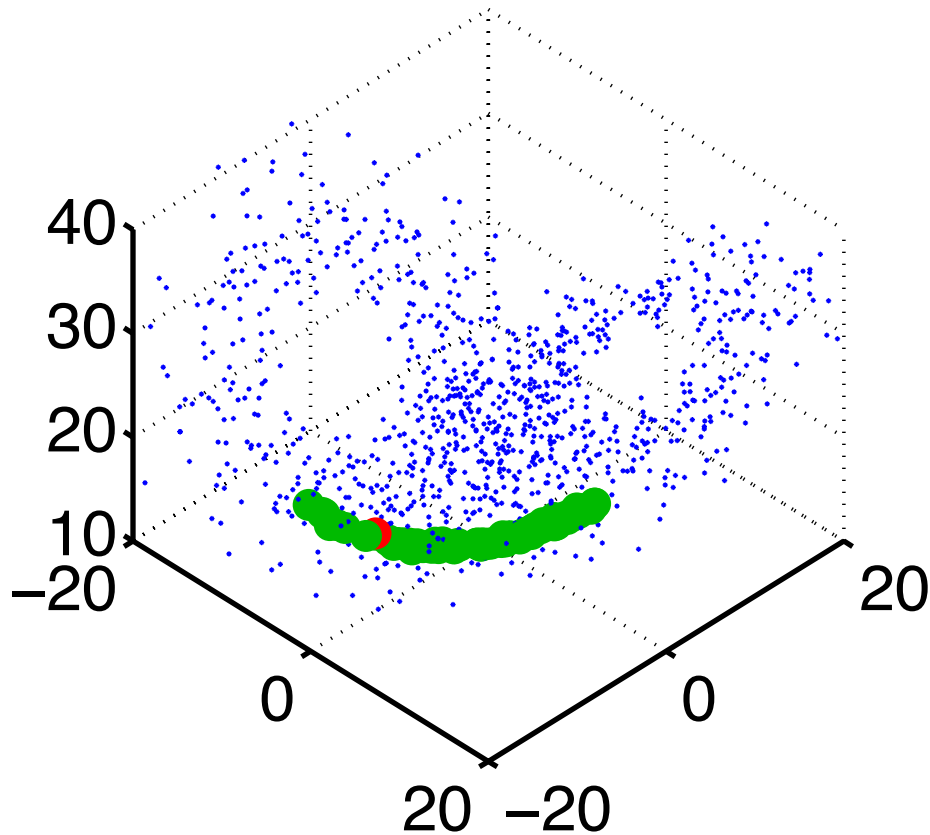
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Ensemble is passing through an unpredictable region.

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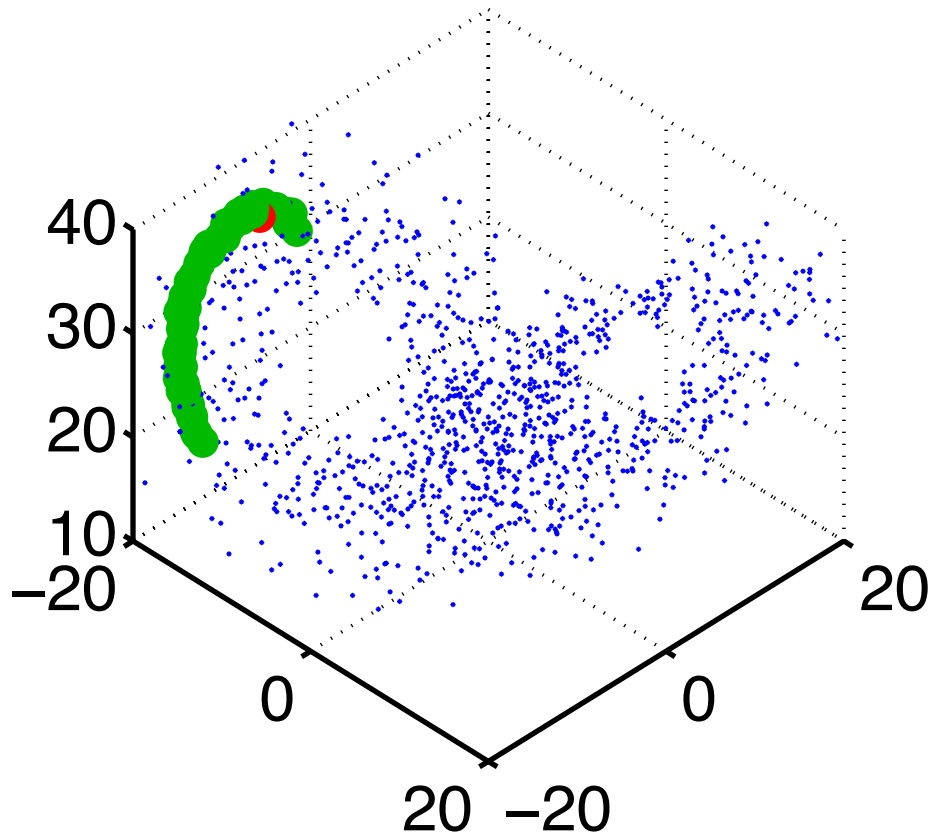


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Part of the ensemble heads for one lobe, the rest for the other..

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# Using DART Diagnostics

Using DART diagnostics from the simple Lorenz 63 assimilation:

Can you see evidence of enhanced uncertainty?

Where does this occur?

Does the ensemble appear to be consistent with the truth?  
(Is the truth normally inside the ensemble range?)

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