



Inflationary Flows: Calibrated Bayesian Inference with Diffusion-Based Models

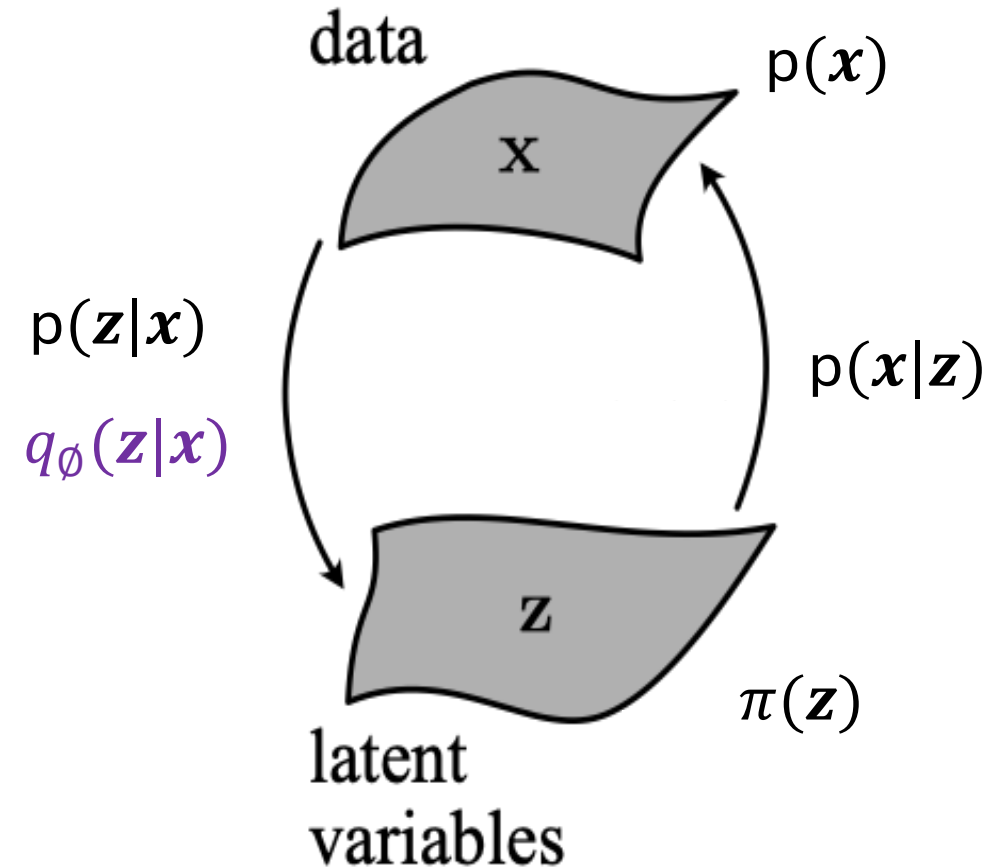
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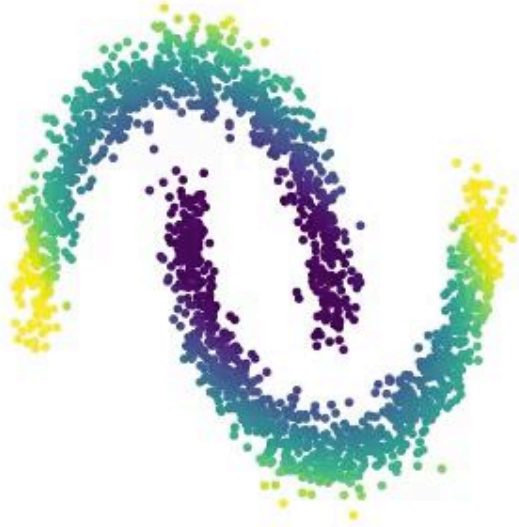
Bayesian Inference with Deep Generative Models: What's Wrong?

- Want to estimate uncertainty in deep generative model posterior inference.
- Existing methods either produce inaccurate posteriors (e.g., VAEs) or don't allow for dimensionality reduction without substantial added complexity (e.g., injective flows).
- Here, our goal is to combine the flexibility of deep generative models with principled inference.



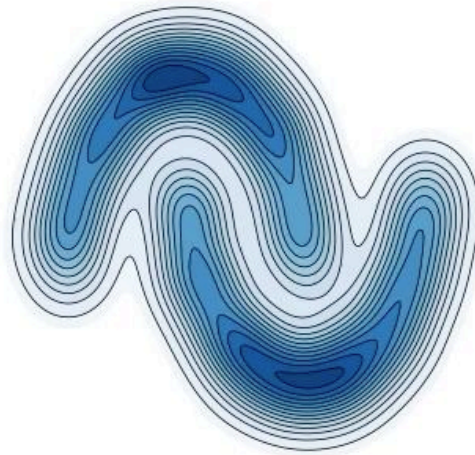
Three Views of Diffusion-Based Models

Diffusion (SDE)



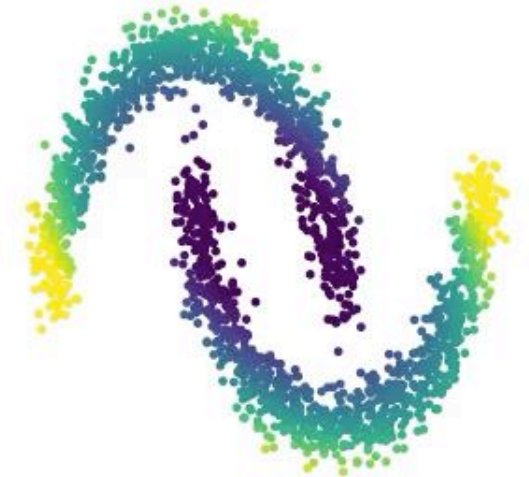
$$dx = f(x, t)dt + G(x, t) \cdot dW$$

Fokker-Planck
Equation (FPE)



$$\partial_t p = -\nabla \cdot [fp] + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \partial_j [(GG^T)_{ij} p]$$

Probability Flow
ODE (pfODE)

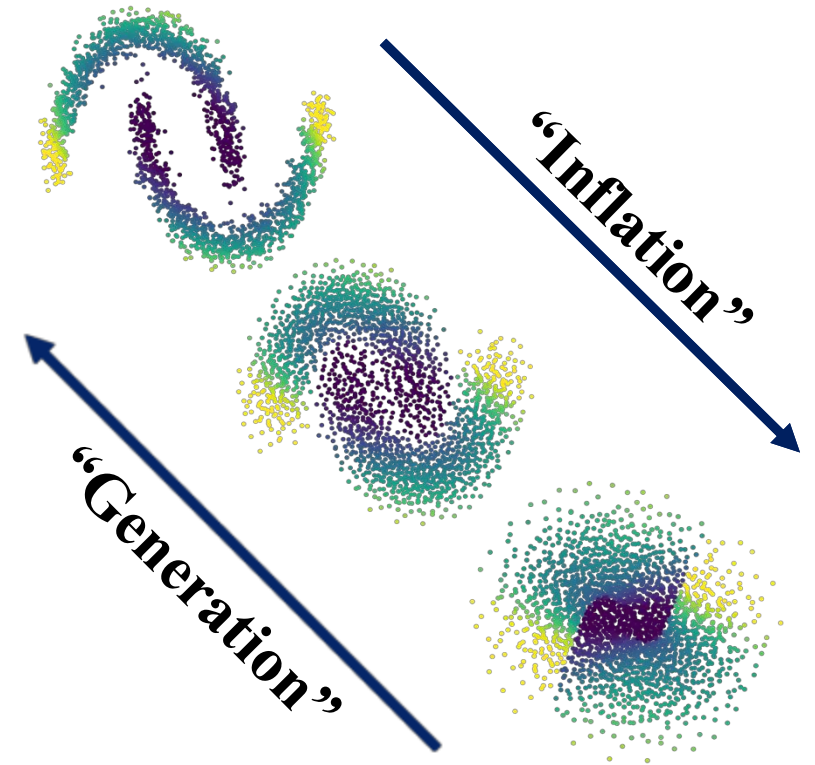


$$dx = \left\{ f - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot [GG^T] - \frac{1}{2} GG^T \nabla \log p_t(x) \right\} dt$$

Inflationary Probability Flow ODE

- Convolve data points with Gaussian kernels ($\mathcal{C}(t)$) that grow over time \rightarrow “inflation”.
- To keep bounds finite, adopt a coordinate rescaling $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t)$.
- This is equivalent to the original pfODE formulation (Song et al., 2021) for some specific choices of \mathbf{f} and \mathbf{G} .
- Need only to construct $\mathcal{C}(t)$ and $\mathbf{A}(t)$ to preserve (or reduce) “intrinsic dimensionality”.

Inflationary pfODE



A Measure of Intrinsic Dimensionality: Participation Ratio

- Gao et al., 2017 define the *participation ratio* (PR), in terms of the data covariance Σ :

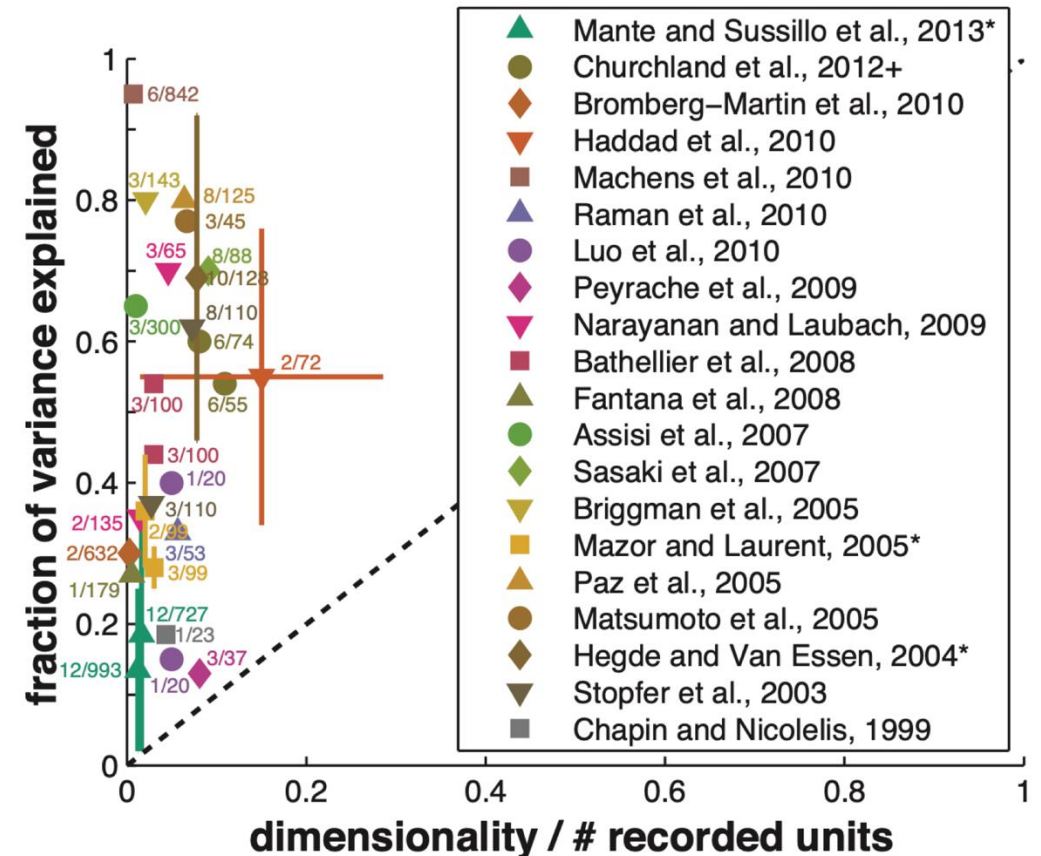
$$R(\Sigma) = \frac{\text{Tr}(\Sigma)^2}{\text{Tr}(\Sigma^2)}$$

- If Σ is rank 1, $R = 1$.

- If $\Sigma \propto \mathbb{I}_{d \times d}$, $R = d$.

- PR is invariant to linear transforms and only requires knowledge of second order statistics.

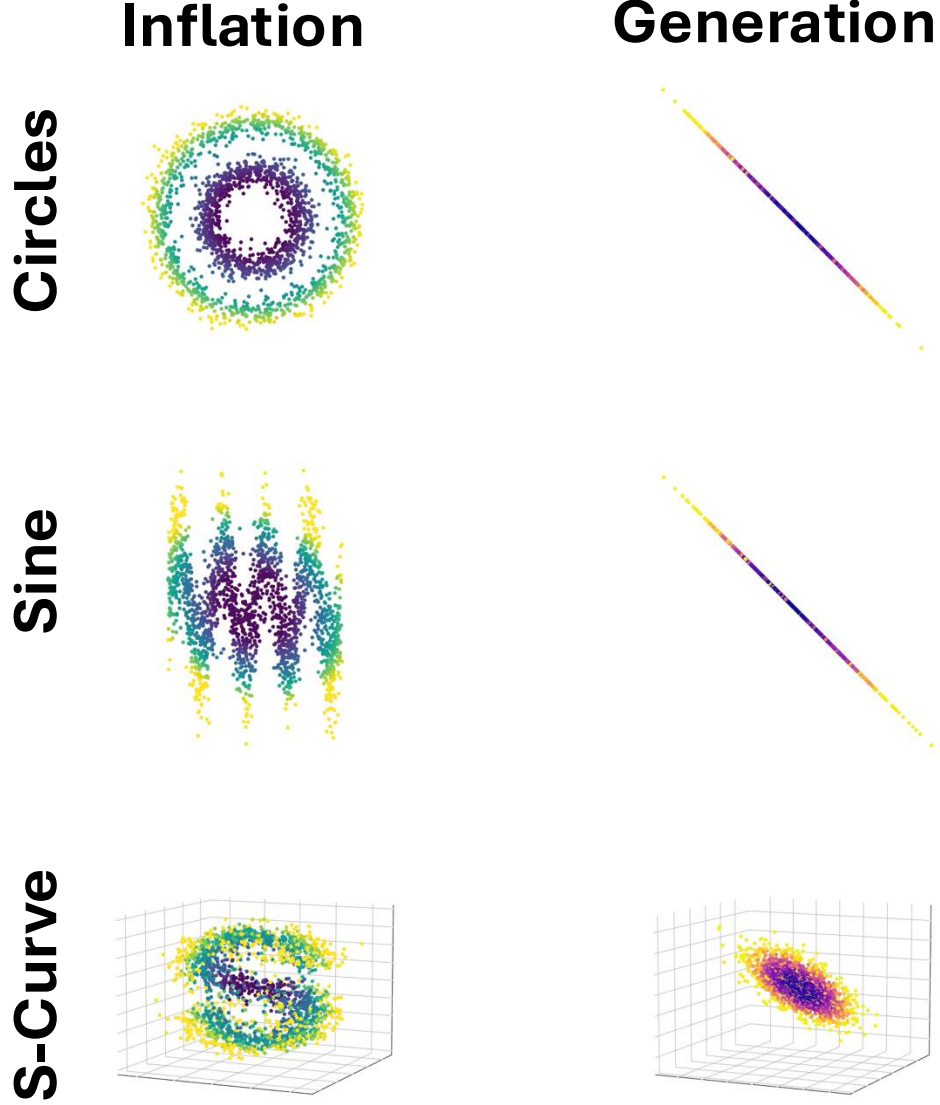
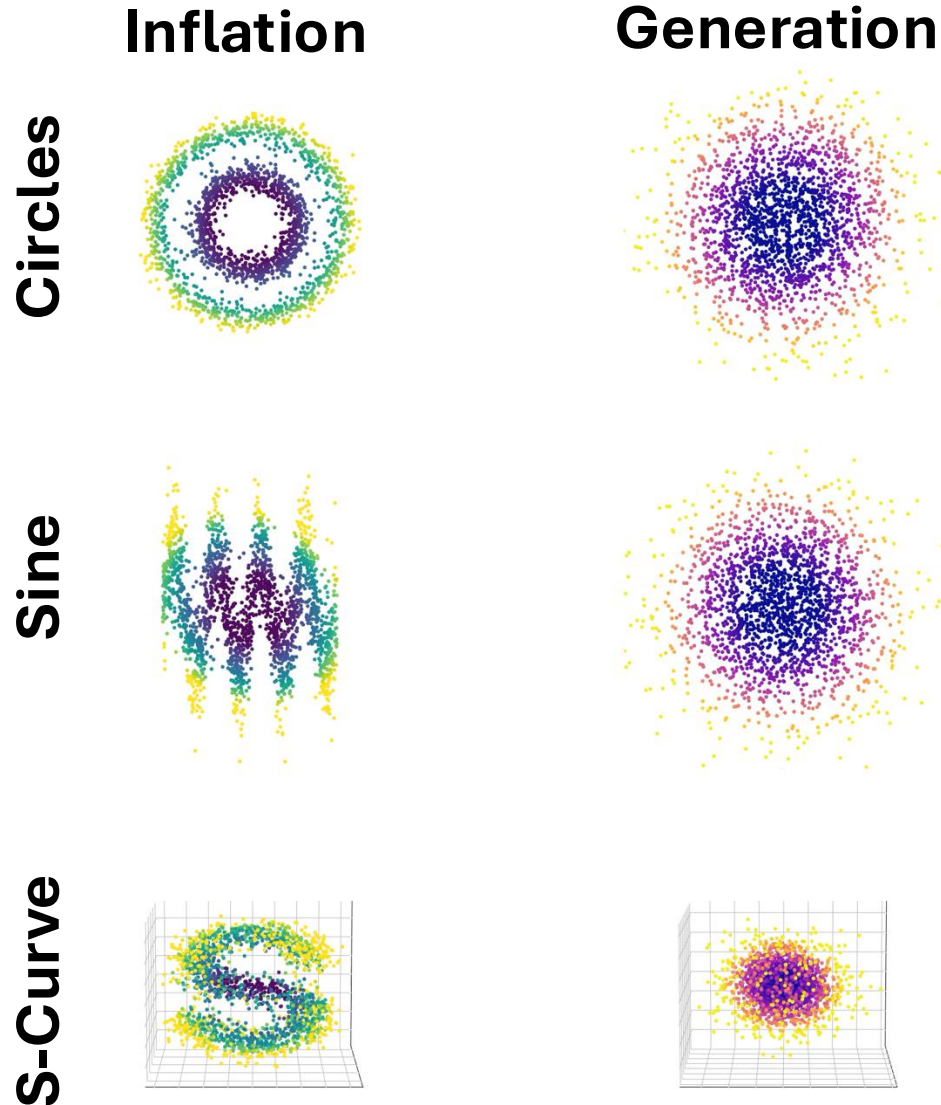
- This is the measure of dimensionality we will work with.



Gao et al., bioRxiv (2017)

Dimension-Preserving Flows

Dimension-Reducing Flows



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