

# Parallel reproducibility of the SHYFEM-MPI model

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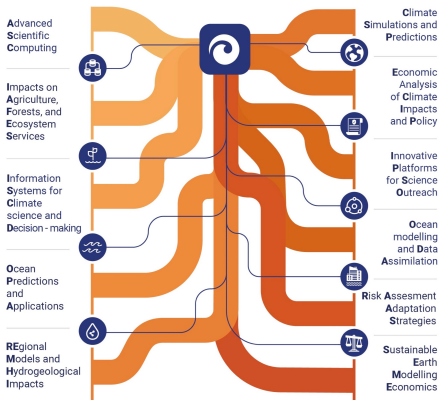
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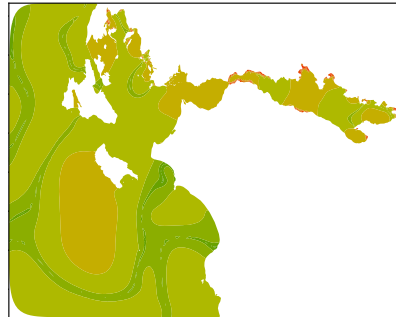
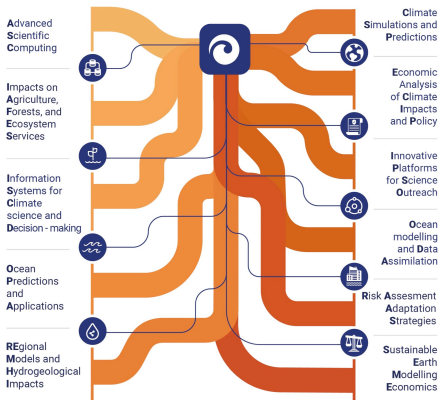
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- Non-bitwise reproducible (non-BR)



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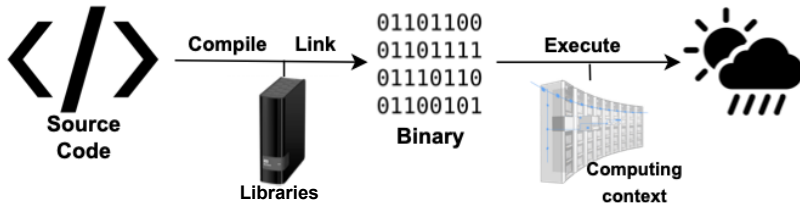


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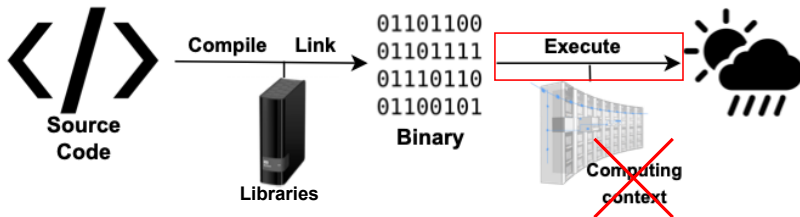


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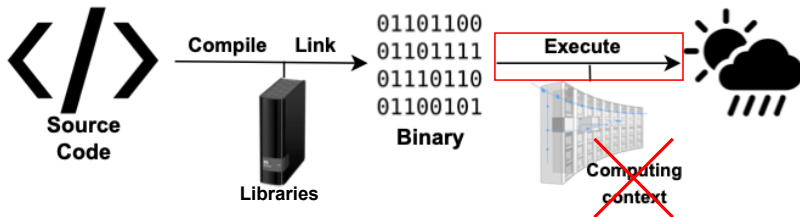


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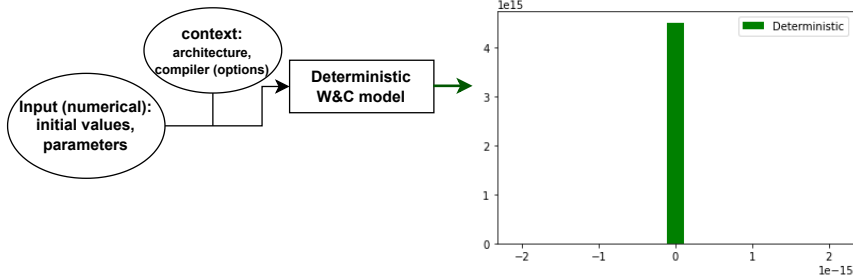
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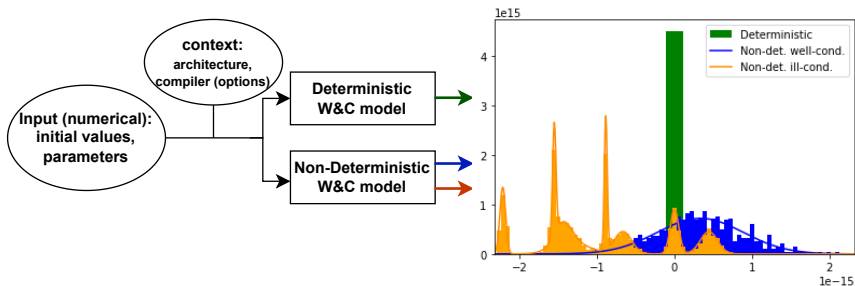
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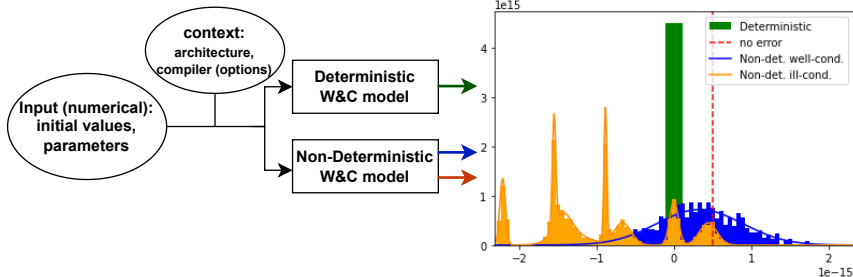
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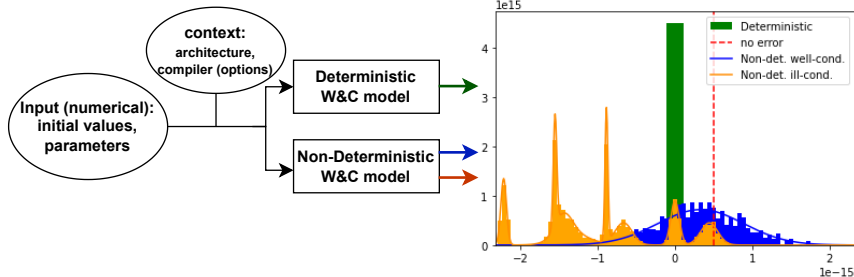
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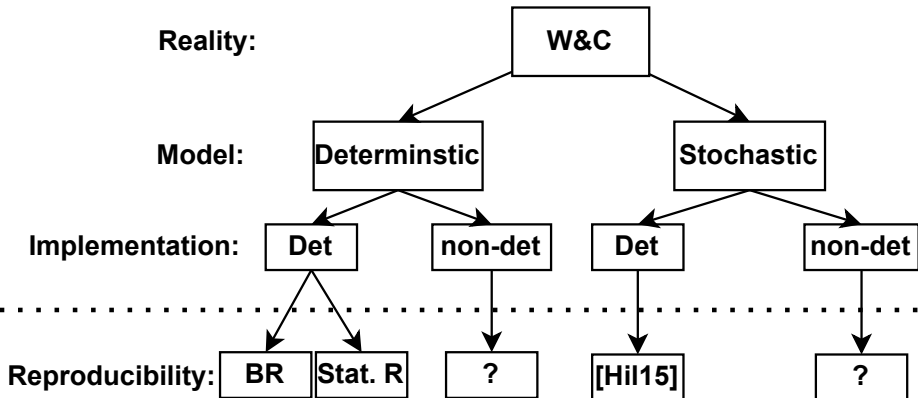
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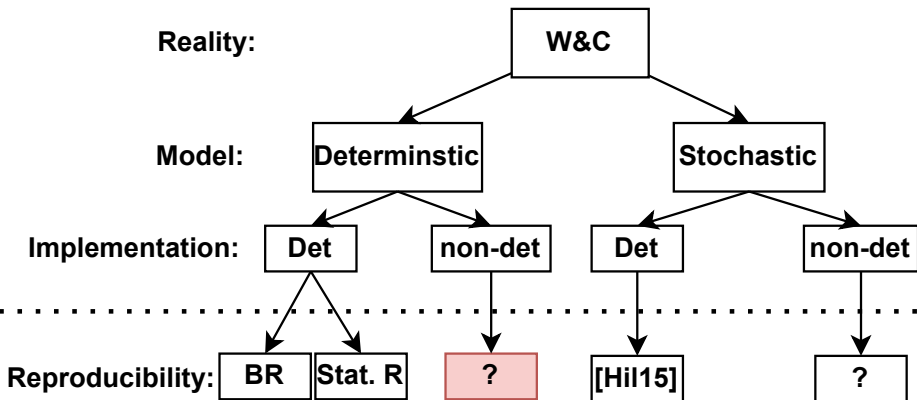
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Statistical reproducibility exists [Mah+19] (as for stoch. det. [Hil15])



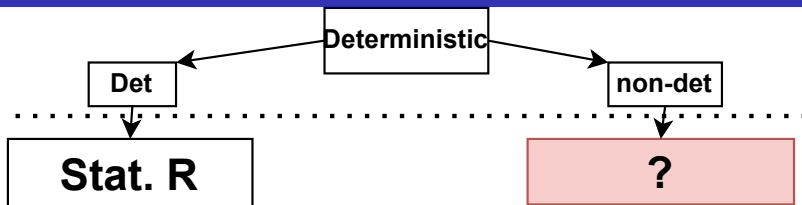
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**Problem:** reproducibility for non-det. implementations of det. models



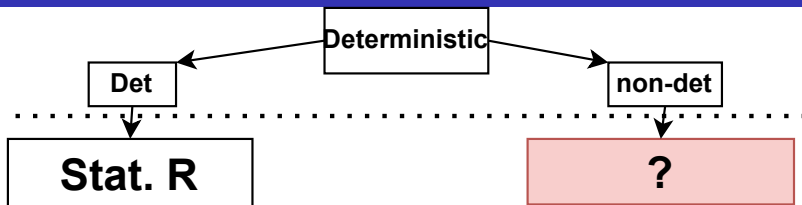
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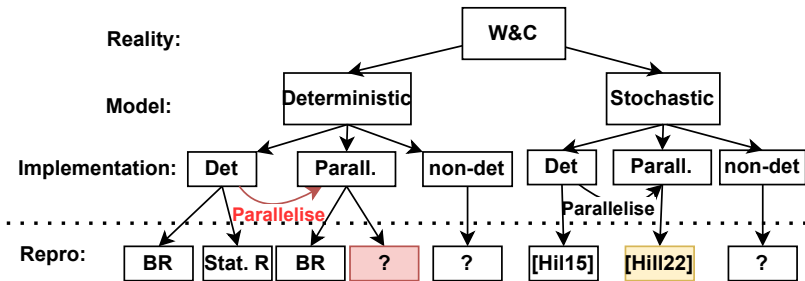


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# Statistical framework: **parallel** reproducibility



- Goal: **parallel reproducibility** for parallelised model
- [Hil22] defined/treated it in stochastic case



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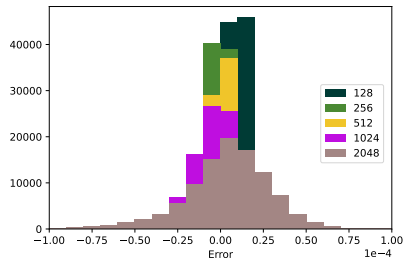
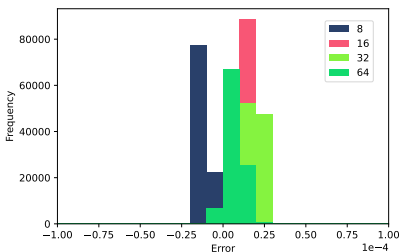
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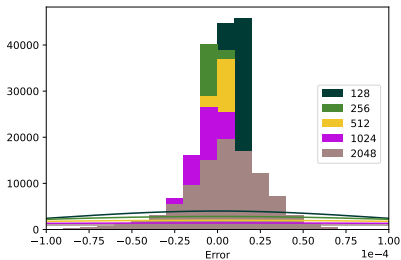
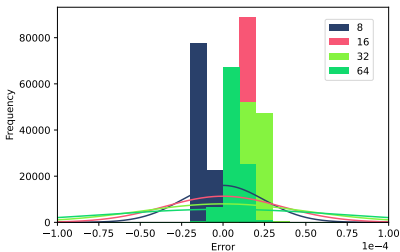
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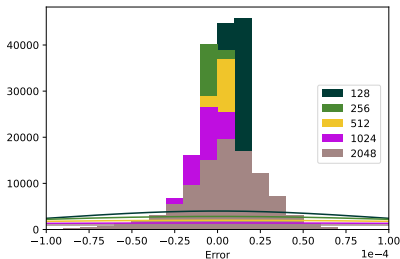
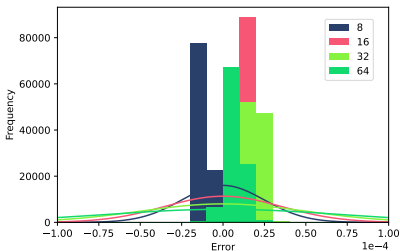
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**Kolmogorov-Smirnov test:** negative outcome. Not drawn from the same distribution



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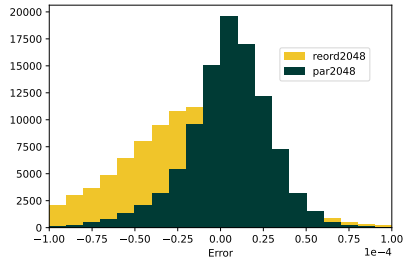
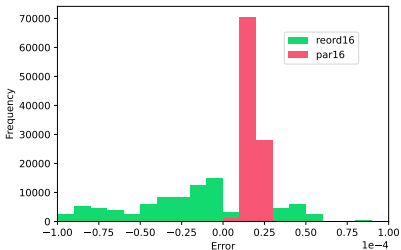
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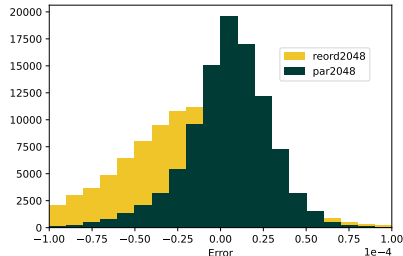
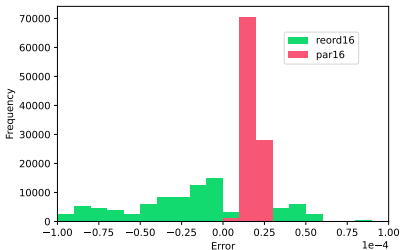


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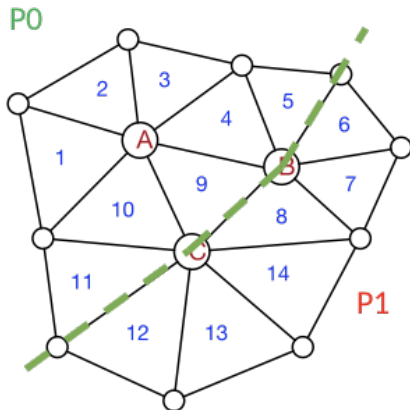
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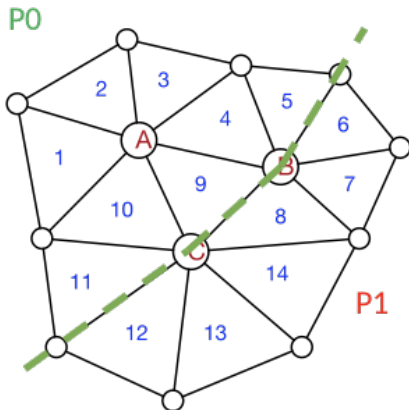
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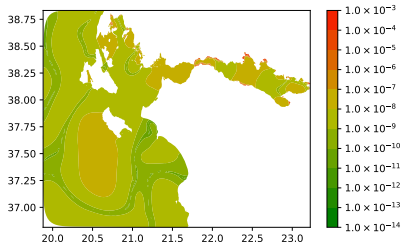
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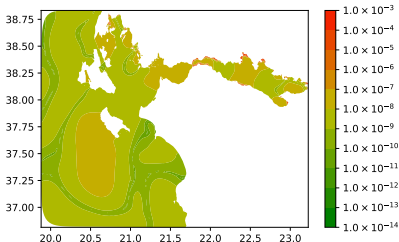


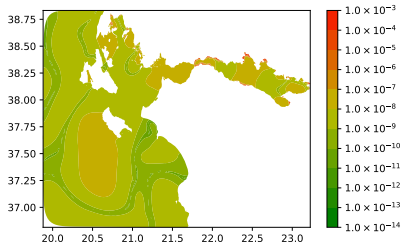
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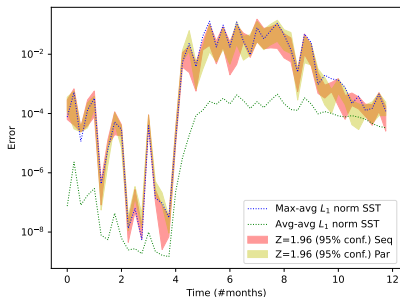
### Pointwise version & reduce:

**two-sample test** and **confidence interval** as above. Then reduce to one-dimension

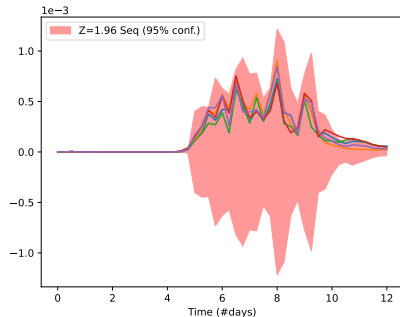


# Parallel reproducibility: Confidence interval

For every point have  $2\sigma$  confidence interval of the mean



**Figure:**  $L_1$  norm between ensemble and ensemble-mean. (Maximum and average over grid)



**Figure:** 90<sup>th</sup> percentile largest (over grid)  $2\sigma$  confidence interval (over ensemble), and  $L_1$  error of ensemble runs

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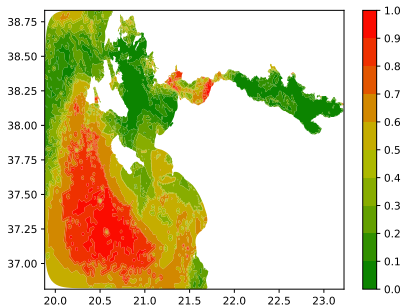


Figure: Kolmogorov-Smirnov test at final time

Define reproducibility using grid?



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