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Lecture 16b: Model Checking

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- Cross Validation of Estimates
- Cross Validation of Uncertainty Models

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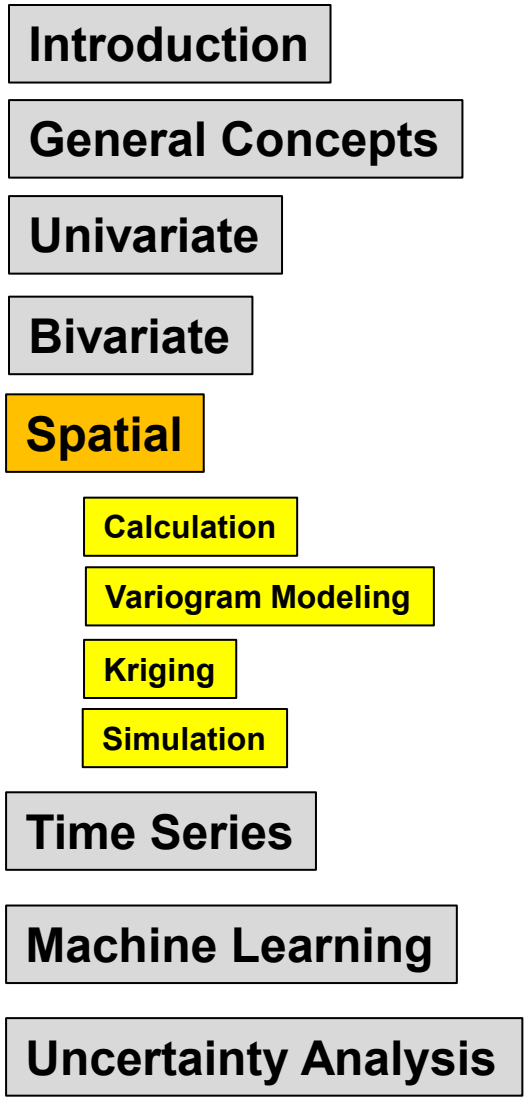

Motivation

- We must check the performance of our models
- Bad models will lead to bad decisions
- There are many modeling decisions, model inputs; therefore, opportunities for blunders!

We must check the final product.

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  - Calculation
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What is the Subsurface Model?

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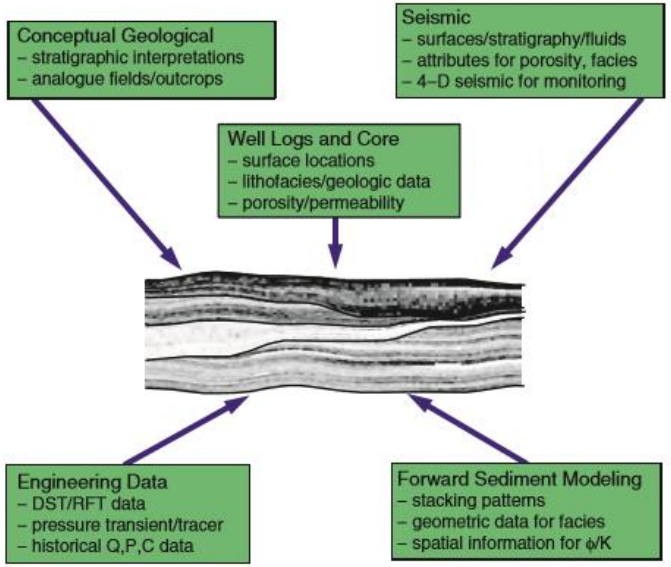
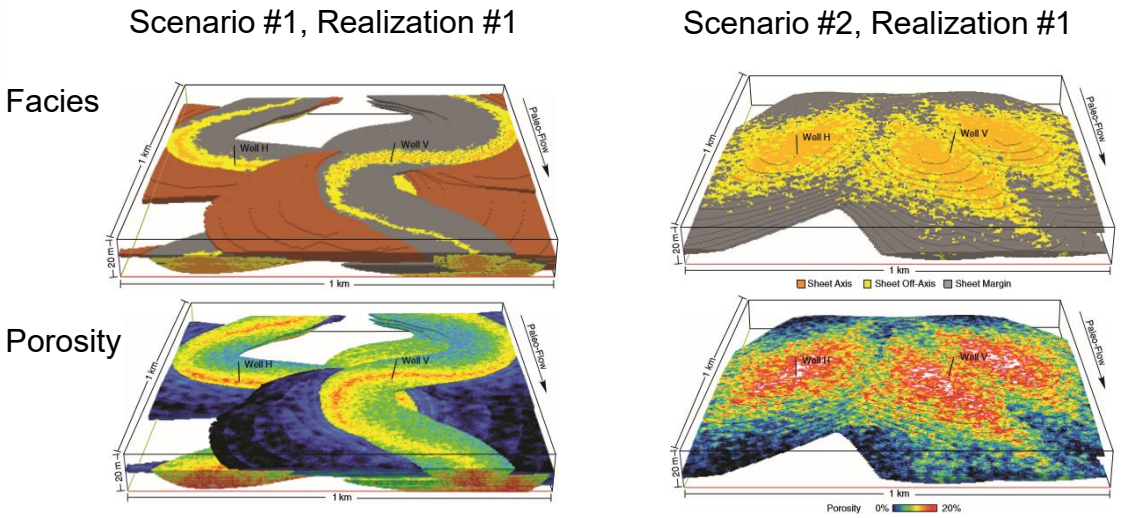
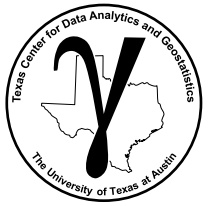
- Integration of all data sources
- Informed by statistics calculated from local data and analogs
- The results of many decisions, often result of complicated workflows
- Suite of models to represent uncertainty



Data Integration to build a spatial feature/realization.



Multiple spatial feature realizations/scenarios.



Spatial Model Checking

Model Inputs: Data and Statistics Integration

- Test the model to ensure the model inputs are honored in the models
- E.g. input histogram and output histogram

Accurate Spatial Estimates

- Check the ability of the model to accurately predict away from the available sample data, over a variety of configurations, with accuracy

Accurate Uncertainty Models

- The uncertainty model is fair given the amount of information available and various sources of uncertainty

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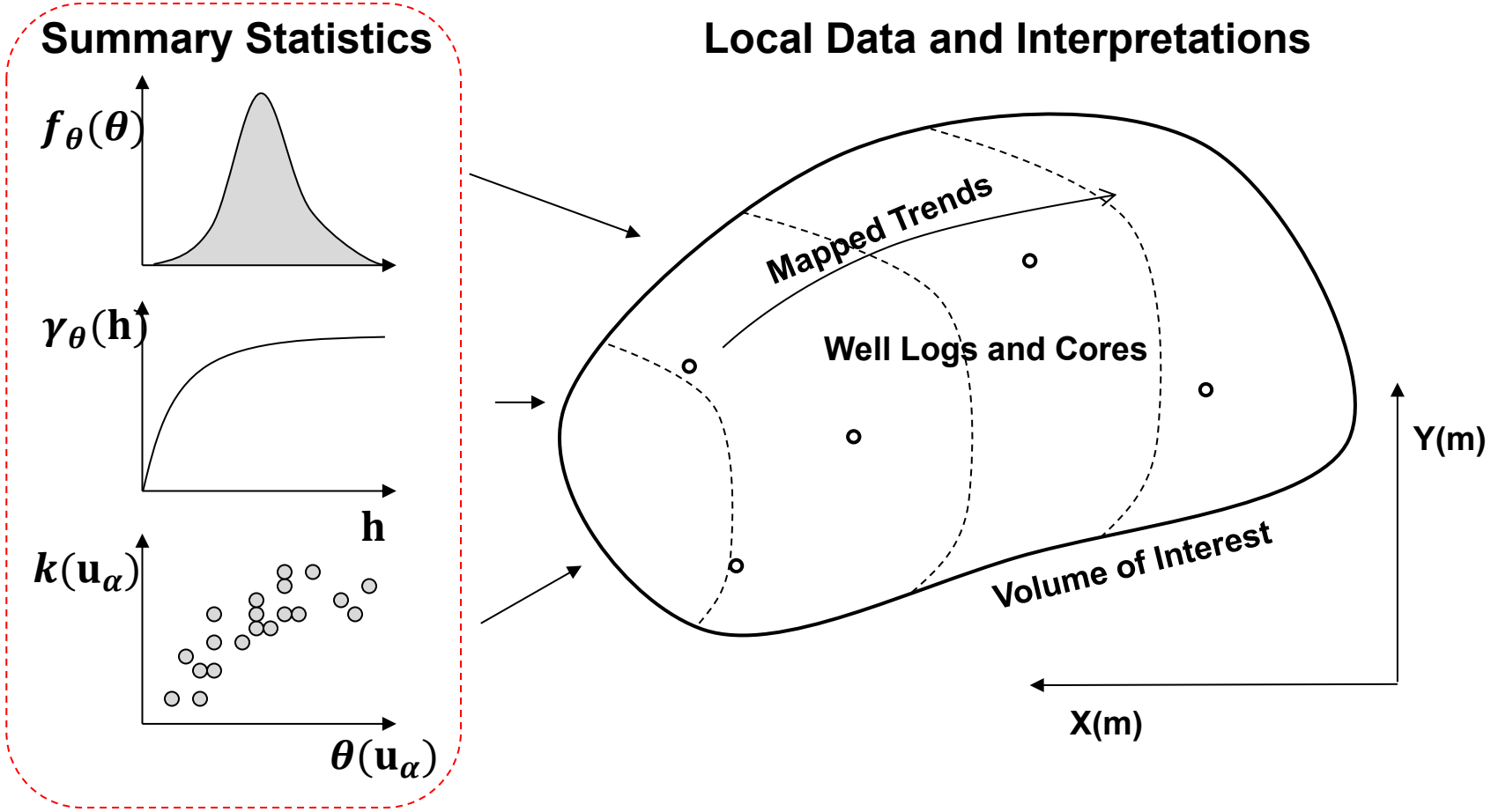
Subsurface Model Inputs

Model Inputs

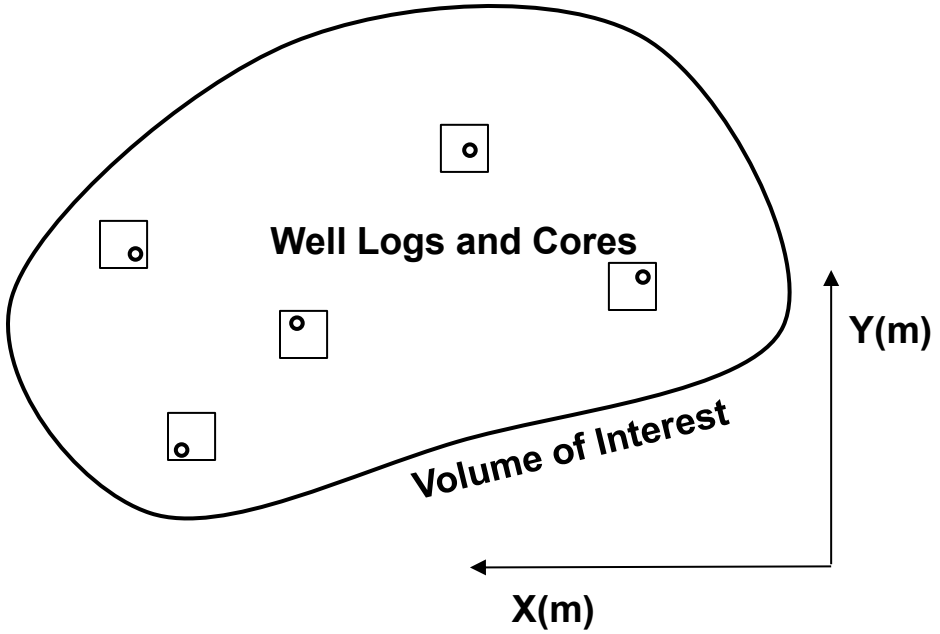
- Local data and interpretations and input (geo)statistics



Checking Model Input (Geo)Statistics

Check the data at the data locations!

- Subsurface data is expensive, model lose credibility and accuracy if wrong at the wells!



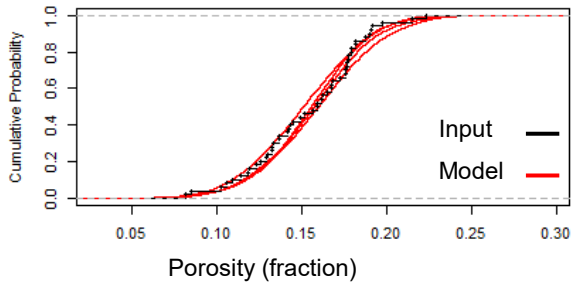
Spatial data and collocated model cells.

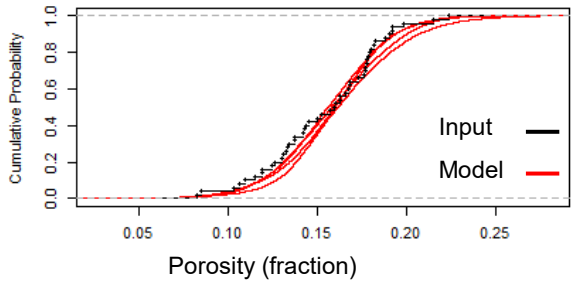
- Many geostatistical modeling methods enforce data reproduction, paint the sample data values on the collocated grid cells.
- Note, scale up to model cells [that we have not covered] will may result in mismatch, best practice is to compare the scaled-up well data to model cell

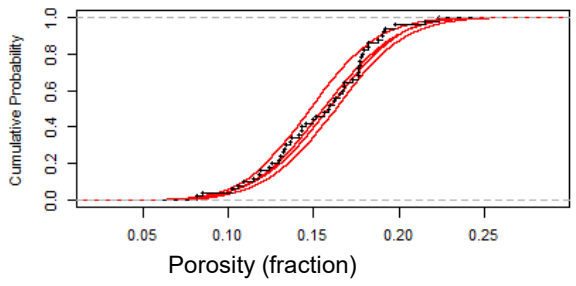
Checking Model Input (Geo)Statistics

Comparison of Input Statistics and Model Statistics

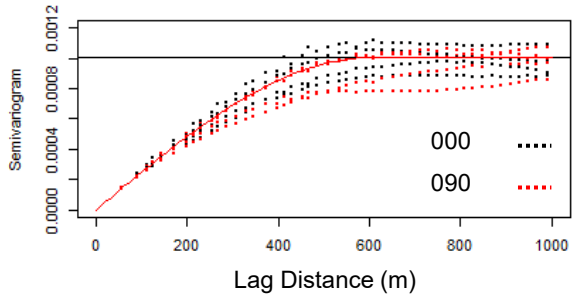
- It is straightforward to compare the model statistics vs. inputs statistics
- Some level of variation is expected, ergodic fluctuations, but should be unbiased

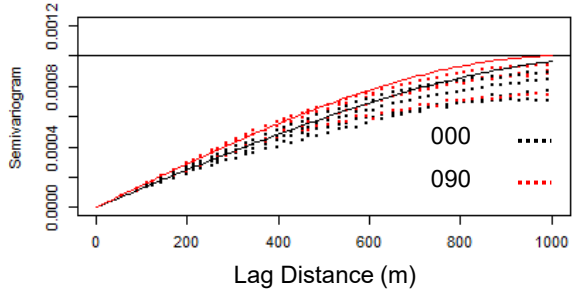


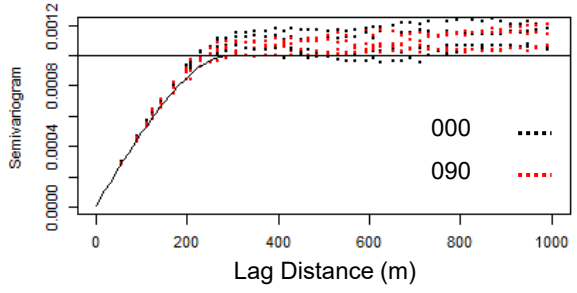




Input and model cumulative distribution function







Input and model empirical variograms (output is dashed)

Model Input Checking Demonstration

Here's a simple workflow to:

1. Load a dataset.

2. Calculate multiple realizations.

3. Perform the following checks:

- Visualize the models
- Check data reproduction
- Check global distribution reproduction
- Check variogram reproduction

Subsurface Data Analytics

Spatial Model Checking in Python

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Spatial Spatial Modeling

There are a variety of spatial data analytics / geostatistics methods for estimation and simulation of spatial phenomenon. I cover many of these methods in my courses, lectures and demonstration workflows available on YouTube and GitHub.For example:

- Kriging YouTube Lecture
- Simulation YouTube Lecture
- I provide a Python package, known as GeostatsPy (Pyrcz et al., 2021)

Yet, when we calculate these spatial deterministic estimates or stochastic realizations we must check these models. Here I provide a Python demonstration of spatial model checking inspired by the work of Leuangthong et al. (2004) known as Minimum Acceptance Criteria for Geostatistical Realizations.

I simulate a set of realizations for a publically available dataset from my GitHub account and include codes and good displays for each of the following checks:

1. Visualize the Spatial Models
2. Data Reproduction
3. Global Distributions - Summary Statistics
4. Global Distributions - PDFs and CDFs
5. Spatial Continuity - Variograms
6. Local Uncertainty Model - e-type and Conditional Standard Deviation

Basic spatial model checking, file is GeostatsPy_model_checking.ipynb.

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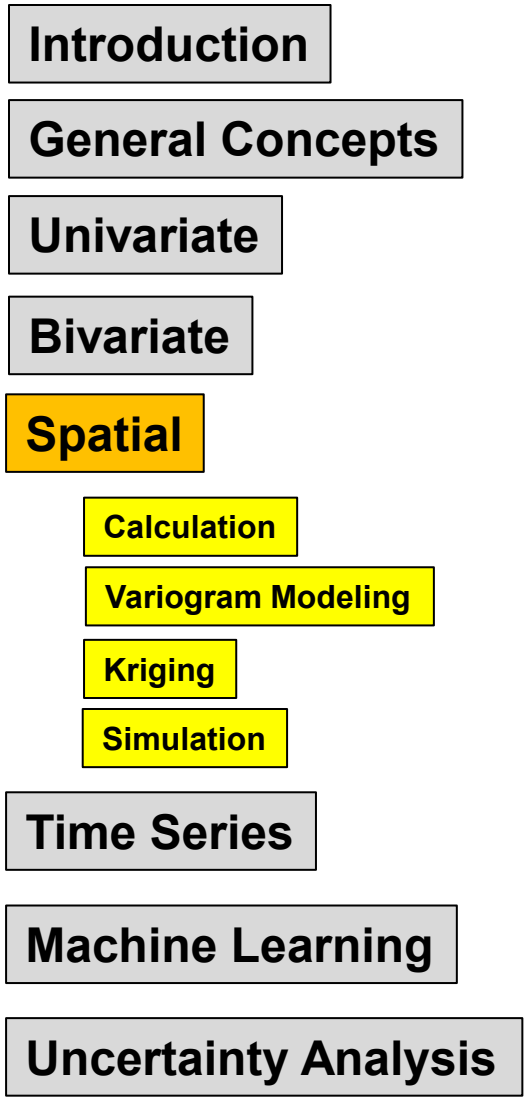
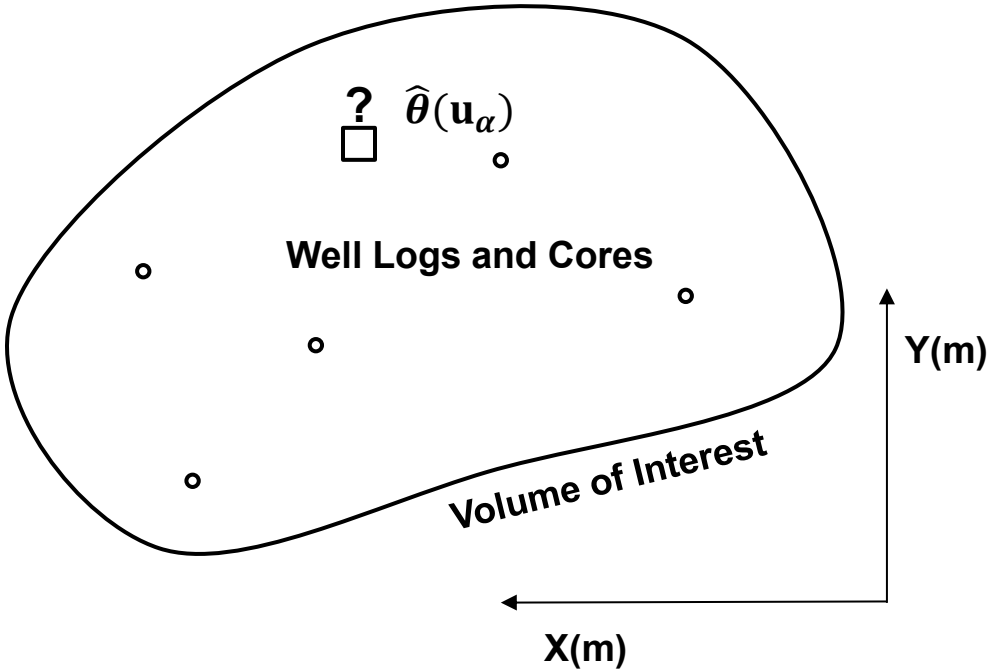


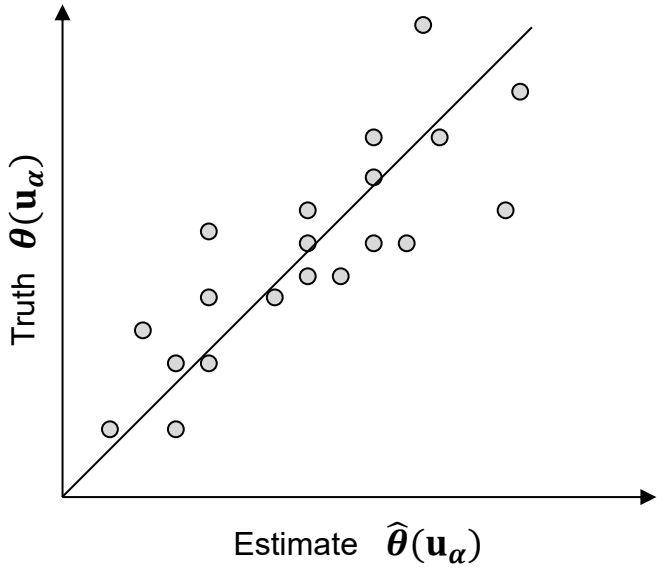
Checking Local Accuracy

Check the ability of the model to estimate away from data

- We need to assess the accuracy for estimates away from wells, sample data



Well data over the volume of interest and an estimate at an unsampled location.



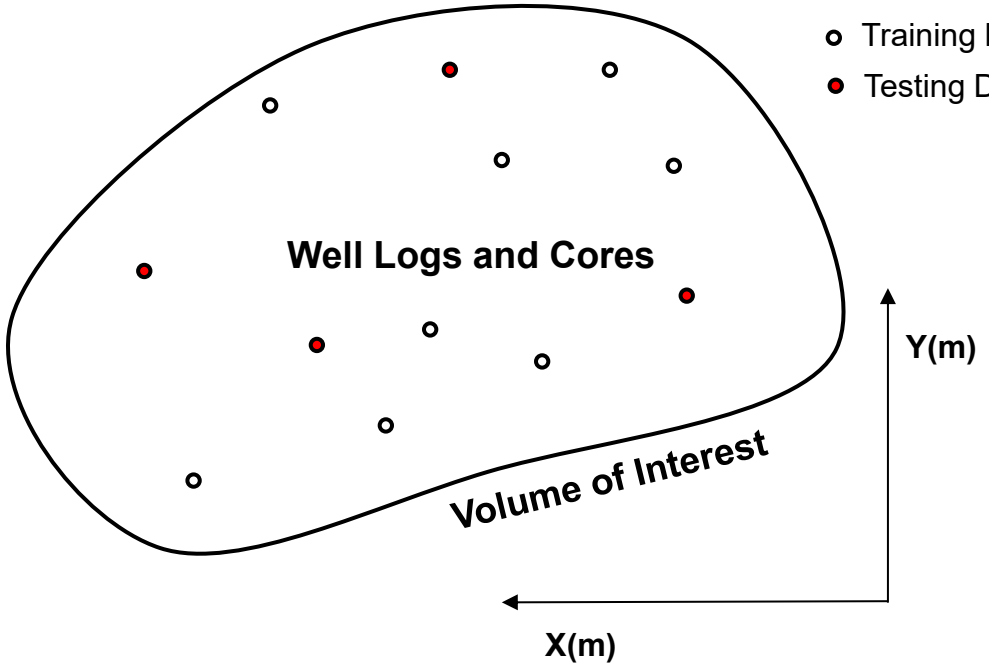
Withheld testing data vs. estimates.

- This is critical to our assessment of resource in place, and development decisions such as well locations and enhanced recovery methods
- But we don't have data away from the data! Cross validation methods.

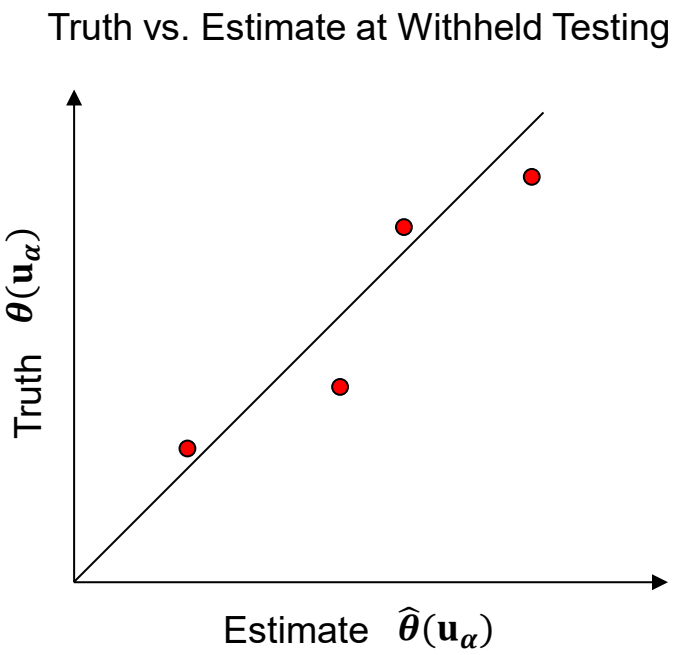
Cross Validation

Cross Validation Method

- Split the data into train and test (15-30%) subsets, mutually exclusive, exhaustive groups



Training and testing data for Jackknife cross validation



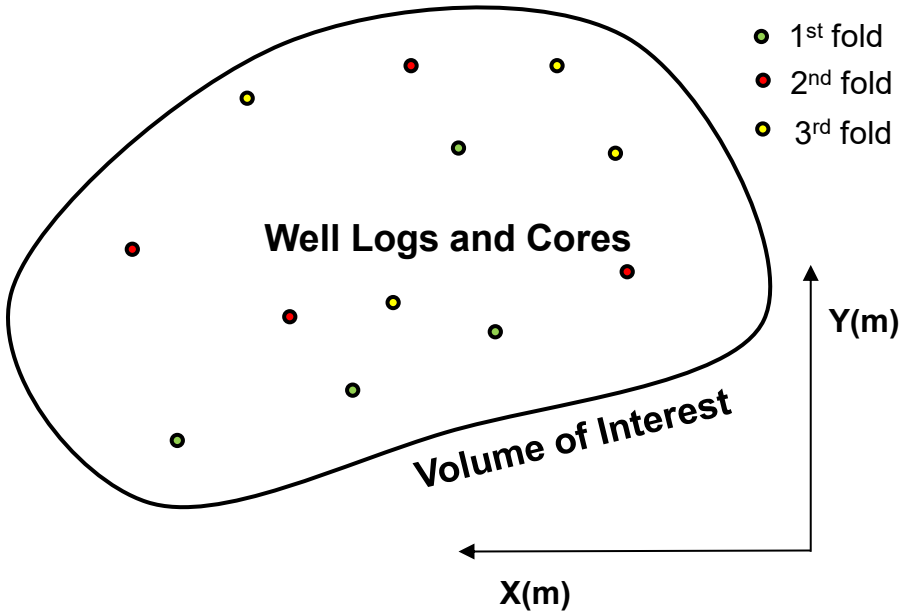
Estimated and truth values at testing data

- To be a fair test, the test data cannot inform any part of the model, e.g. variogram, distribution and trends.
- The difficulty of the estimates should be similar to the planned use of the model

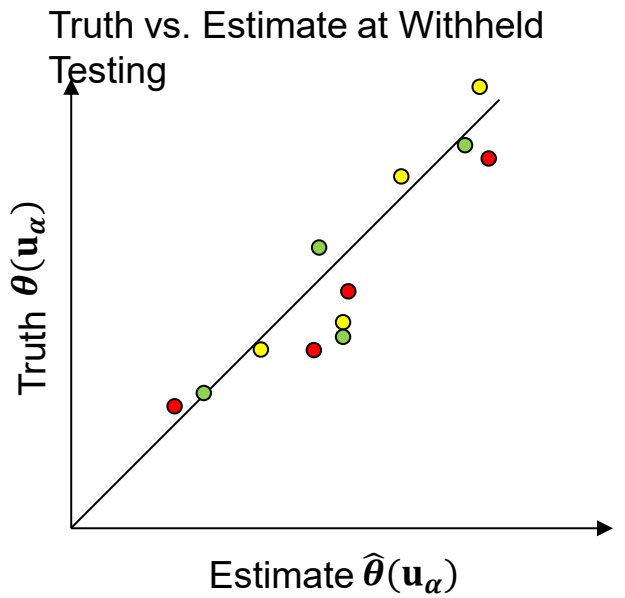
Cross Validation

Cross Validation Method: k-fold Cross Validation

- Like cross validation, but repeat over multiple folds/withheld subsets to test all data
- We get to test at all data, and an error score for each fold, that we average



Three data folds for k=3 fold Cross Validation.



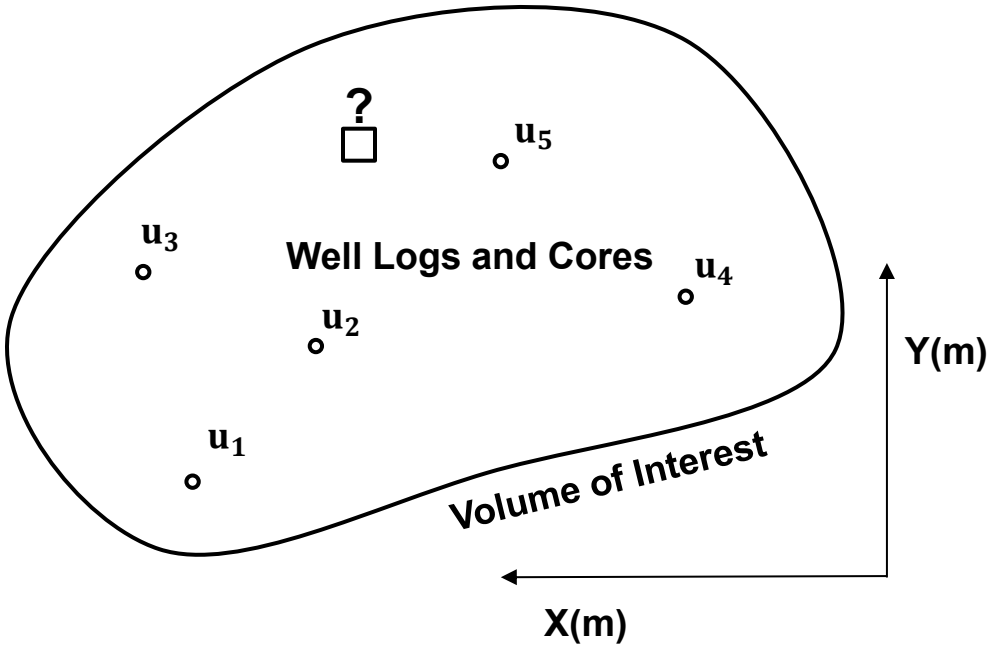
Estimated and truth values at testing data over 3 folds.

- To be a fair test, the test data cannot inform any part of the model, e.g. variogram, distribution and trends.
- This requires k models to be calculated, i.e. 1st fold as test, …, kth fold as test.

Summarizing Accuracy

We will need a measure to summarize the accuracy

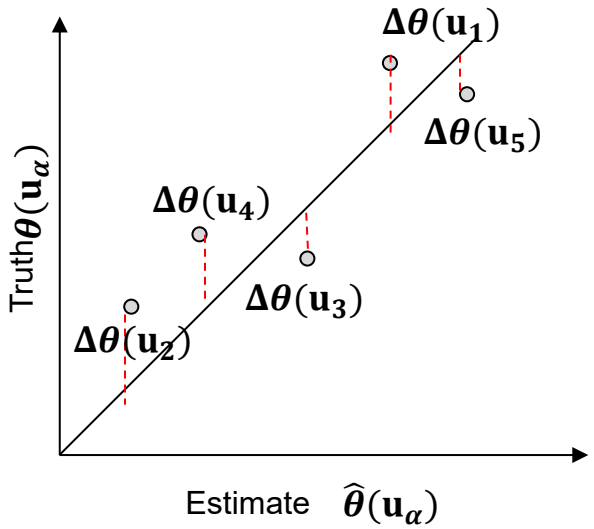
- We need to go beyond a scatter plot.

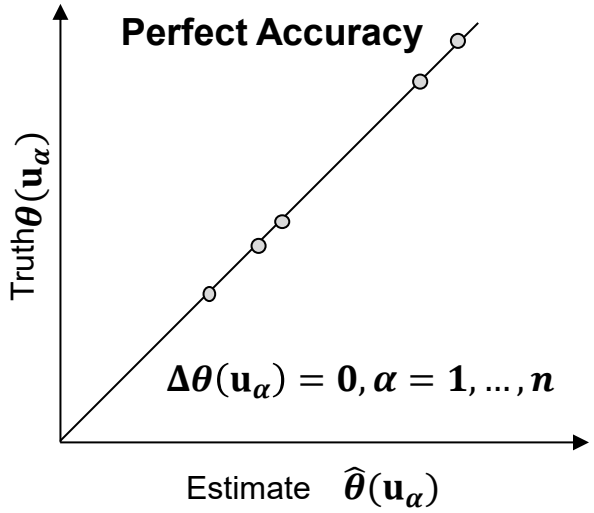


Well data over the volume of interest.

- A common measure is the Mean Square Error:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n} \Delta\theta(u_\alpha)^2$$



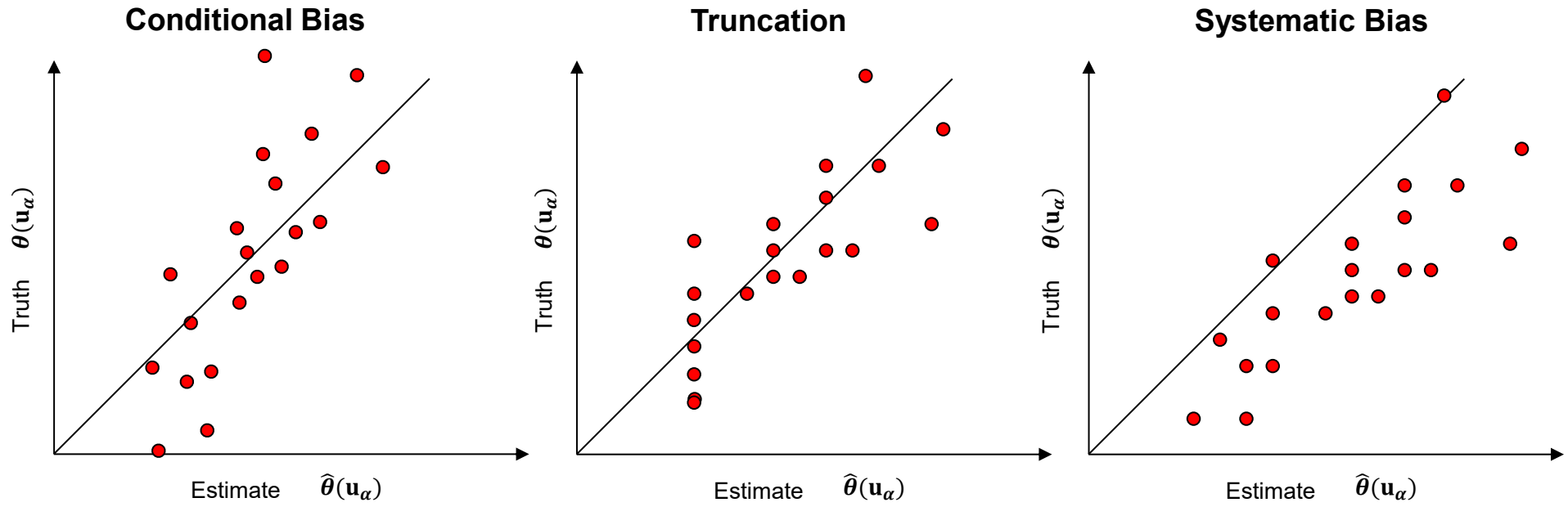


Cross validation plot, with error (upper) and error-free (lower).

Checking Local Accuracy

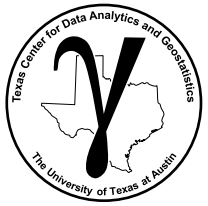
Some interpretations of cross validation plots

- Here are some examples of poor results from cross validation with interpretations.



Three examples of poor cross validation results with interpretation.

- **Conditional Bias** – systematic overestimation of lows and underestimation of highs
- **Truncation** – the range of estimates is artificially truncated
- **Systematic Bias** – mean of estimates is too low or too high over the entire model



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Our subsurface models provide the entire uncertainty distribution

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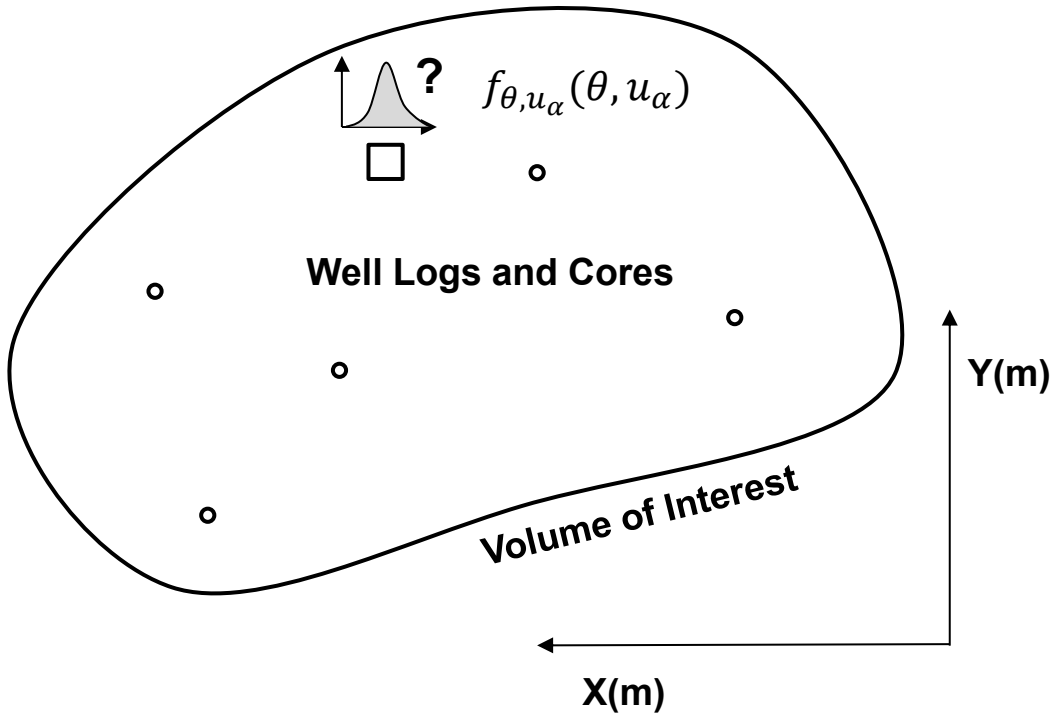


Well data over the volume of interest and an uncertainty model at an unsampled location.

- We need to determine if our uncertainty model performs well, fair uncertainty
- We use a modified form of cross validation (Deutsch, 1996, Pyrcz and Deutsch, 2014)

Checking Local Uncertainty

What can go wrong with our uncertainty model?

- We need to check the entire distribution, not just a single estimate at each testing location

Too Low Uncertainty

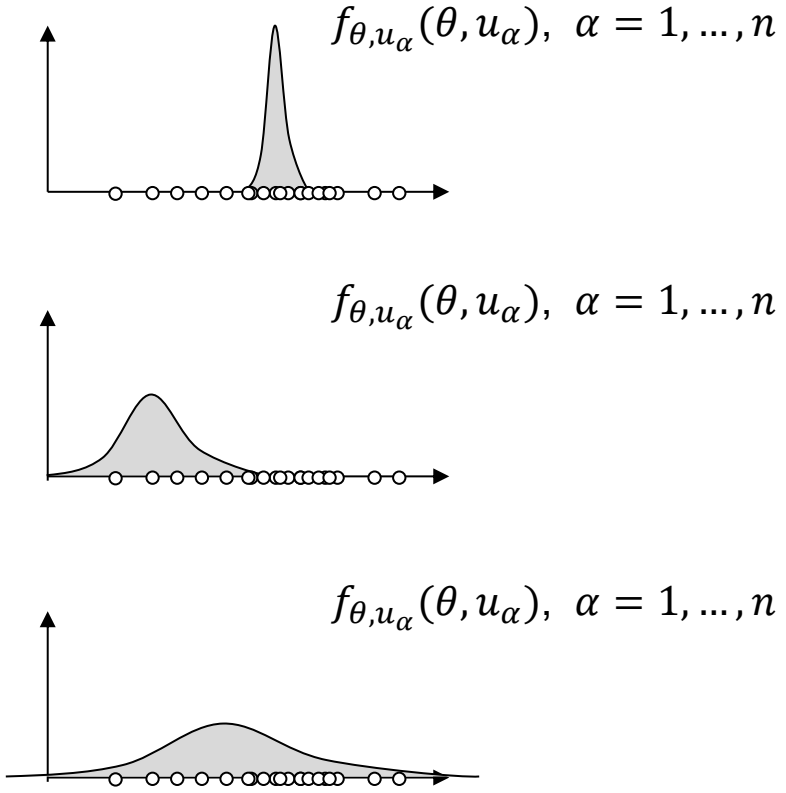
– Too many truth values outside our confidence intervals

Biased Estimates

– Too many truth values outside side our confidence intervals

Too High Uncertainty

– Too many truth values inside our confidence intervals



Uncertainty distribution vs. data examples.

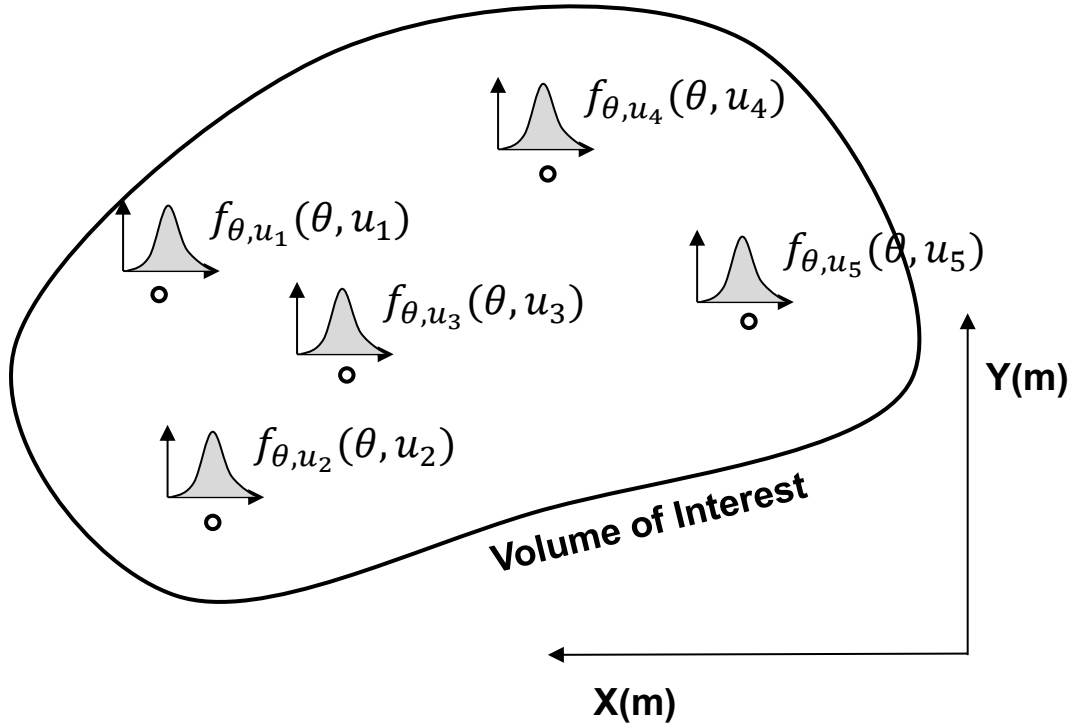
- We are comparing many locations for which out model would give the same distribution

Checking Local Uncertainty

The accuracy plot method to cross validate uncertainty

- The is the workflows to calculate an ‘accuracy plot’

1. Withhold testing data and estimate the uncertainty distributions at the testing data locations.
2. Calculate the cumulative probability of the withheld testing data.
3. For a set of symmetric probability intervals calculate the proportion of testing data in the interval.
4. Plot the proportion of data in the interval vs. the probability interval

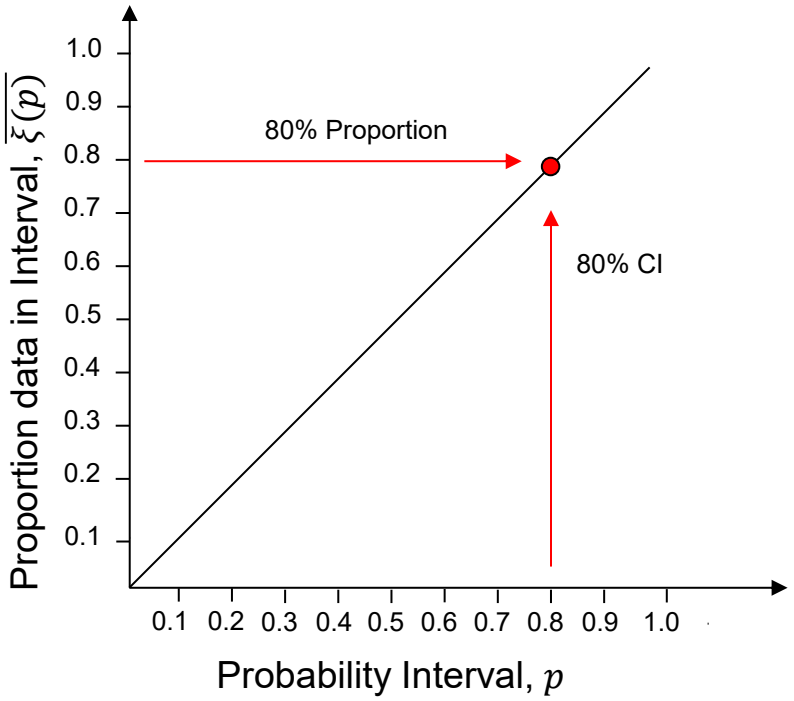


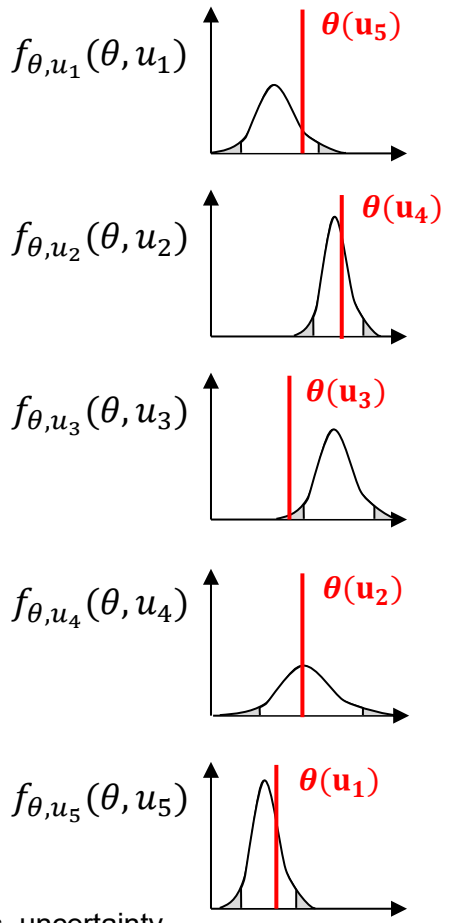
Testing data locations and estimated uncertainty distributions.

Checking Local Uncertainty Example

We have $n_{test} = 5$ and CI = 80%

- We plot the withheld data values on the uncertainty distributions, calculate cumulative p-values
- In 4 of the 5 locations the true value with within the 80% symmetric confidence interval of the data





5 locations, uncertainty distributions, 80% CI and true values.

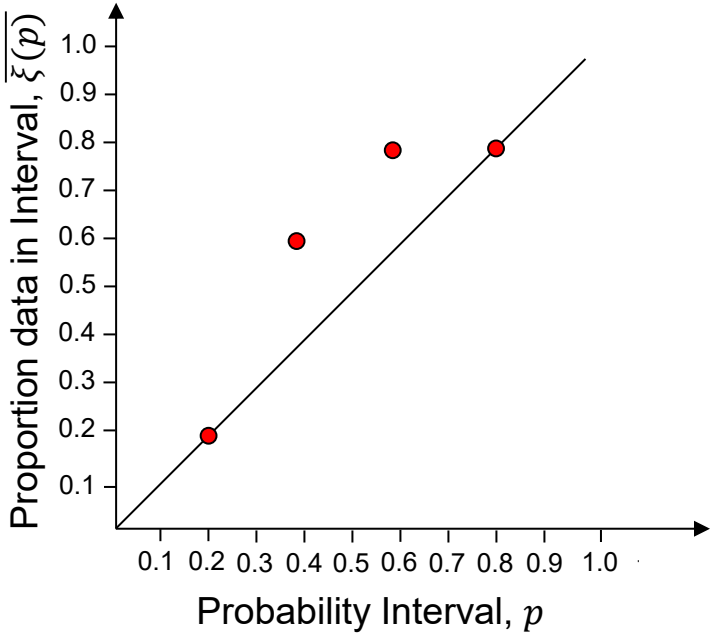
- We will have a lot more
- testing data for improved
- resolution

Accuracy plot with a single point plotted for 80% CI (left) and the uncertainty distributions and withheld truth values at $\boldsymbol{n_{test}}$ (right).

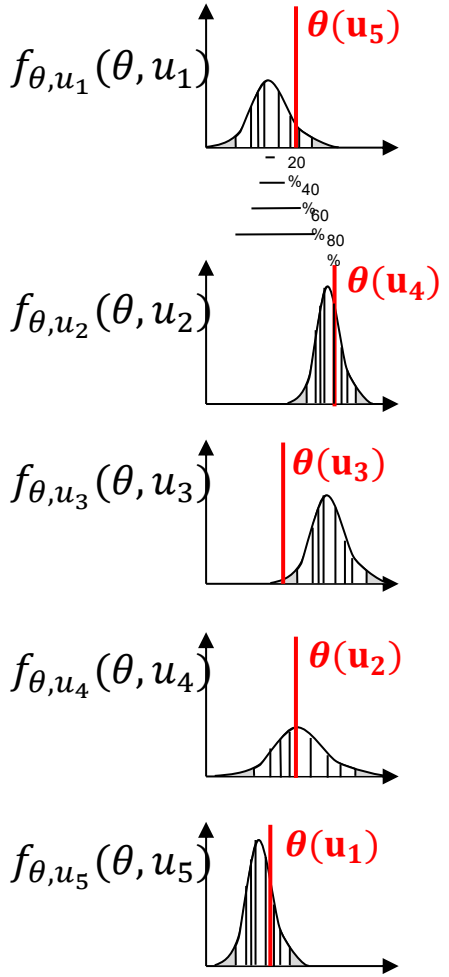
Checking Local Uncertainty Example

We have $n_{test} = 5$ and CI = 80%

- No we draw the 20%, 40% and 60% probability CI's
- We can add the proportion of true data within vs. the probability interval



Accuracy plot with a 20%, 40%,…, 80% CI's.



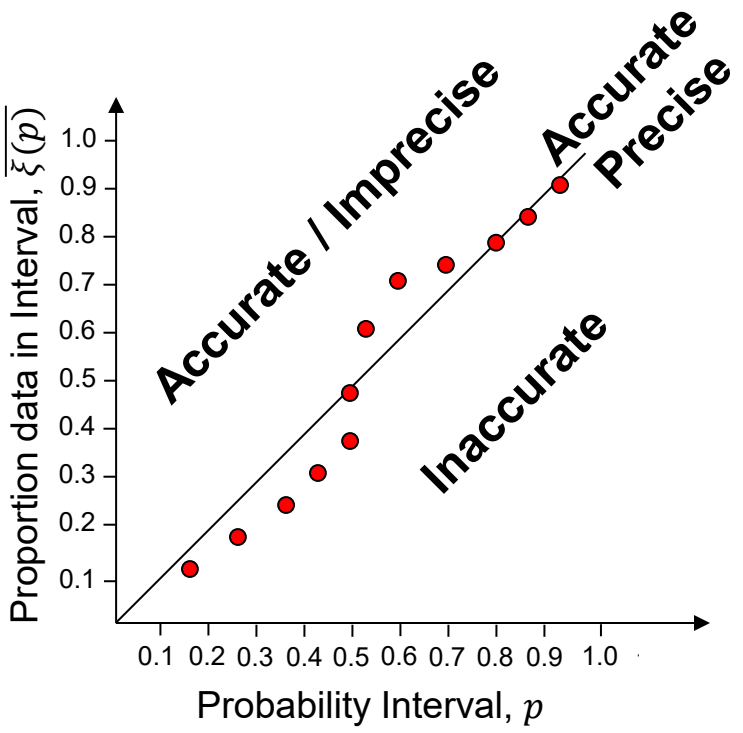
- We will have a lot more testing data for more resolution

- We have too many true data in the 40% and 60% probability intervals

Checking Local Uncertainty Example

Now we can add an interpretation to our plot

- Above the 45-degree line, **accurate, but imprecise**, uncertainty too wide
- On the 45-degree line, **accurate and precise**
- Below the 45-degree line, **inaccurate and imprecise**, uncertainty too narrow or biased



Accuracy plot with interpretations.

Uncertainty Model Checking Demonstration

Here's a simple workflow to:

1. Make a random dataset.

2. Withhold a fraction of the data for testing.

3. Simple kriging at the withheld data locations.

4. Build distributions of uncertainty with kriging mean and krigings variance assuming Gaussian.

5. Calculate the accuracy plots.

Uncertaint Model Checking Demonstration

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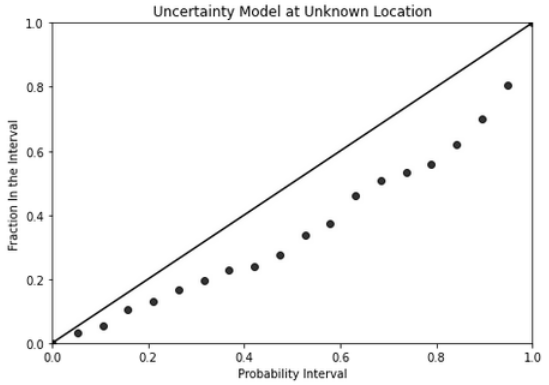
The Interactive Workflow

Here's a simple workflow for checking the uncertainty model from simple kriging estimates and the estimation variance

- we assume a Gaussian local uncertainty model

Uncertainty model checking workflow demonstration in Python with workflow, Interactive_Uncertainty_Checking.ipynb.



Accuracy plot to access uncertainty model goodness.

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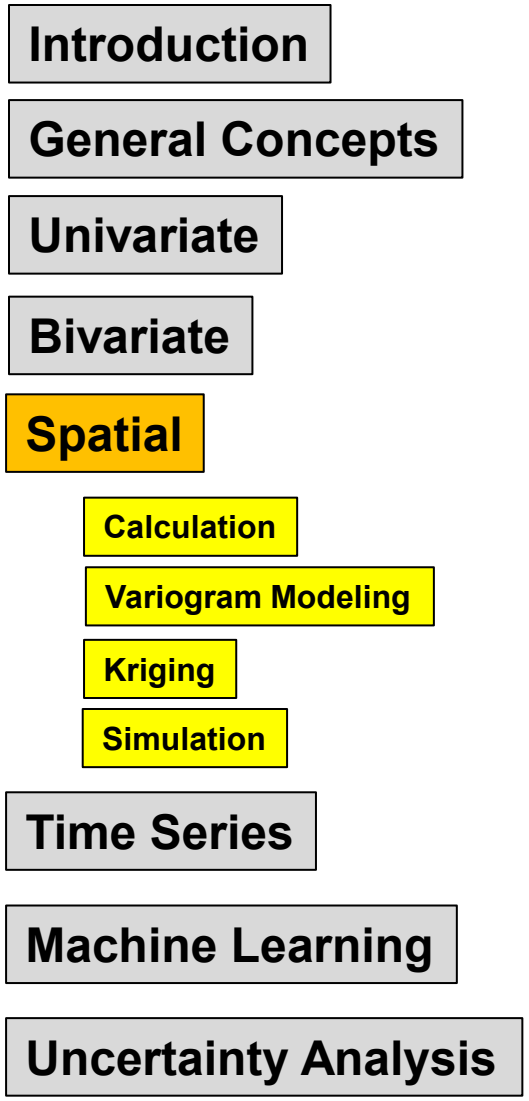
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