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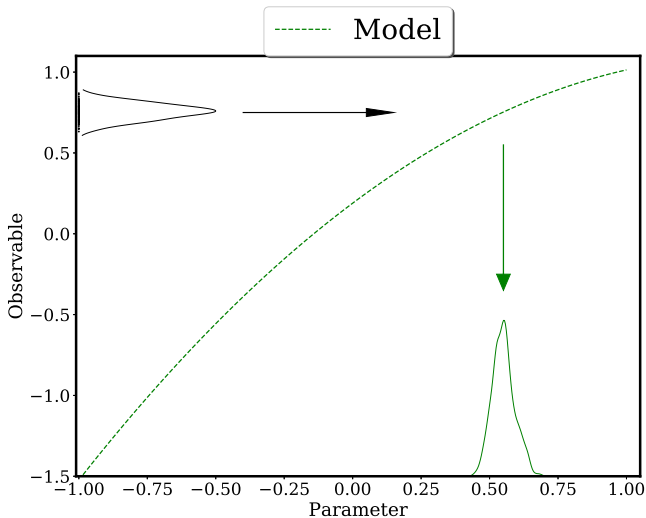
Main target: model *structural* error

deviation from 'truth' or from a higher-fidelity model

- Inverse modeling context
 - Given experimental or higher-fidelity model data, estimate the model error
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- Represent and estimate the error associated with
 - Simplifying assumptions, parameterizations
 - Mathematical formulation, theoretical framework
 - Numerical discretization
 - ...will be useful for
 - Model validation
 - Model comparison
 - Scientific discovery and model improvement
 - Reliable computational predictions

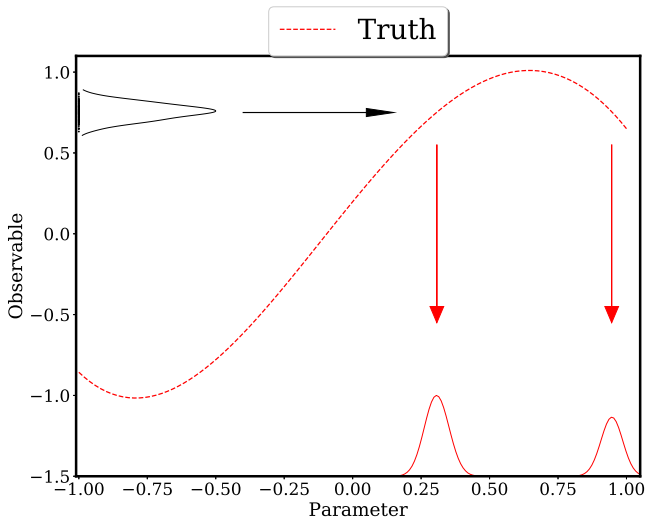
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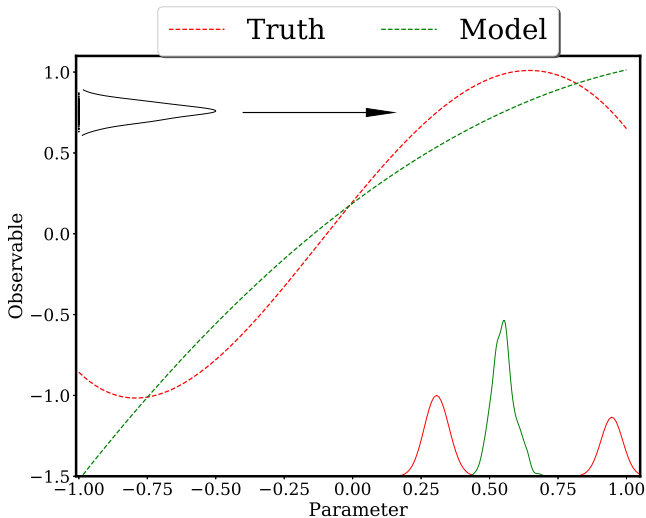
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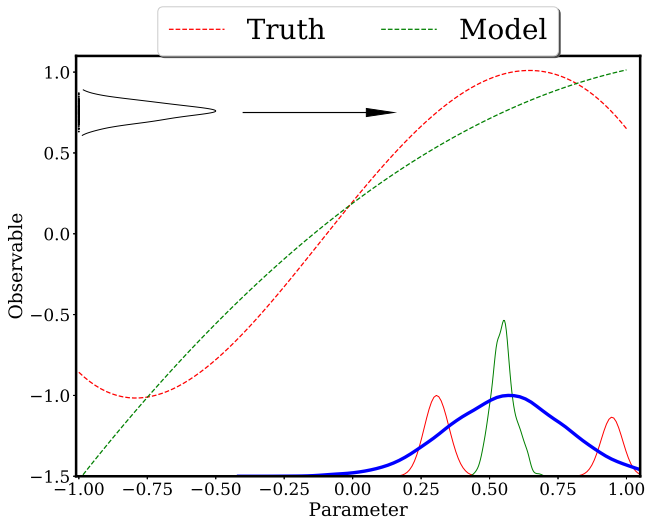
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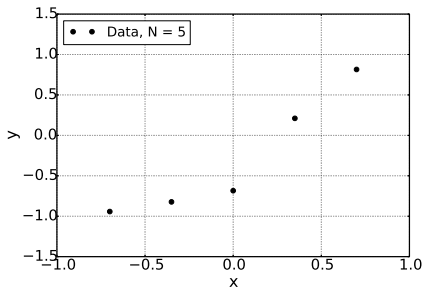


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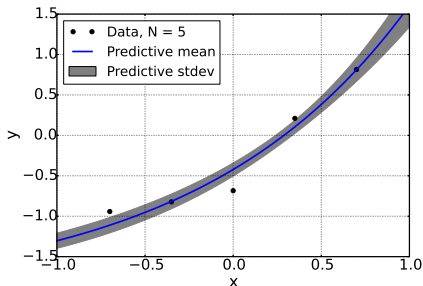
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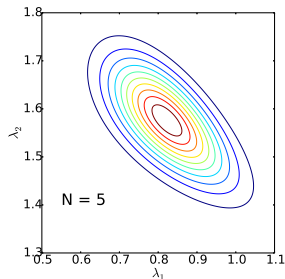
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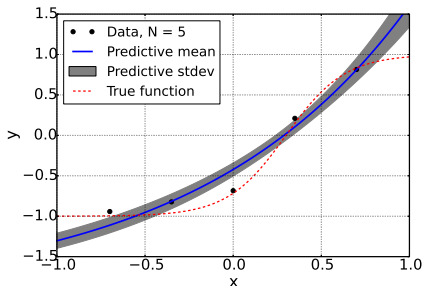
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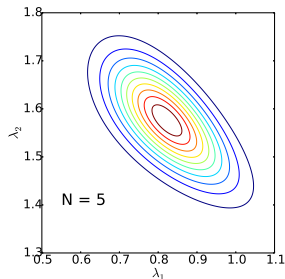
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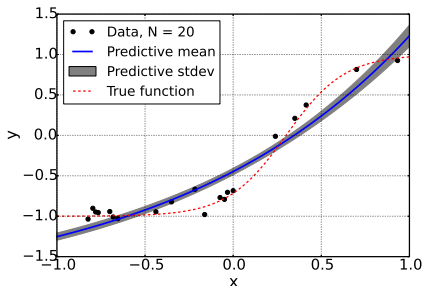
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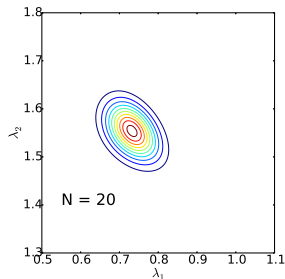
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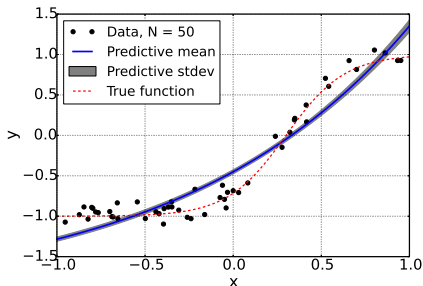
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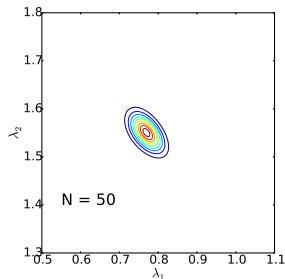
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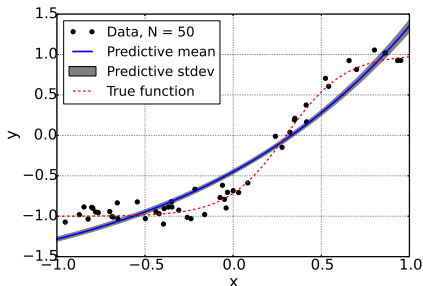
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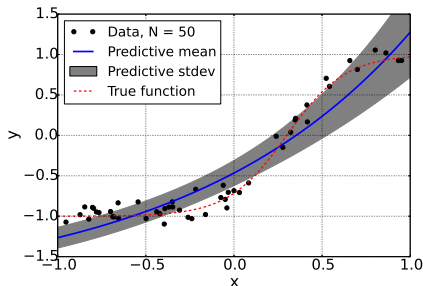
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No model error treatment



Model error accounted for

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- Accounting for model error allows extra uncertainty component to propagate through predictions

Explicit model discrepancy: issues for physical models

$$y_i = \underbrace{f(x_i; \lambda)}_{\text{truth } g(x_i)} + \delta(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

- Explicit additive statistical model for model error $\delta(x)$ [Kennedy-O'Hagan, 2001]
- Potential violation of physical constraints
- Disambiguation of model error $\delta(x_i)$ and data error ϵ_i
- Calibration of model error on measured observable does not impact the quality of model predictions on other QoIs
- Physical scientists are unlikely to augment their model with a statistical model error term on select outputs
 - Calibrated predictive model: $f(x; \lambda) + \delta(x)$ or $f(x; \lambda)$?
- Problem is highlighted in model-to-model calibration ($\epsilon_i = 0$)
 - no a priori knowledge of the statistical structure of $\delta(x)$

Key Idea: Model Error Embedding

Ideally, modelers want predictive *errorbars*:
inserting randomness on the outputs has issues, so...

- Augment input parameters λ with a stochastic term δ_α

x-independent

$$y_i = f(x_i; \lambda + \delta_\alpha) + \epsilon_i$$

- Generalize parameter forms,

Random field

$$y_i = f(x_i; \lambda + \delta_\alpha(x_i)) + \epsilon_i$$

- More generally, explore additional parameterizations,

Intrusive

$$y_i = \tilde{f}(x_i; \lambda, \delta_\alpha(x_i)) + \epsilon_i$$

Non-Intrusive Probabilistic Embedding

Additive corrections δ_α for input parameters λ

$$y_i = f(x_i; \lambda + \delta_\alpha) + \epsilon_i$$

- Embed model error in specific submodel phenomenology
 - a modified transport or constitutive law
 - a modified formulation for a material property
 - turbulent model constants
- Allows placement of model error term in locations where key modeling assumptions and approximations are made
 - as a correction or high-order term
 - as a possible alternate phenomenology
- Naturally preserves model structure and physical constraints
- Disambiguates model/data errors

Bayesian Framework for Model Error Estimation

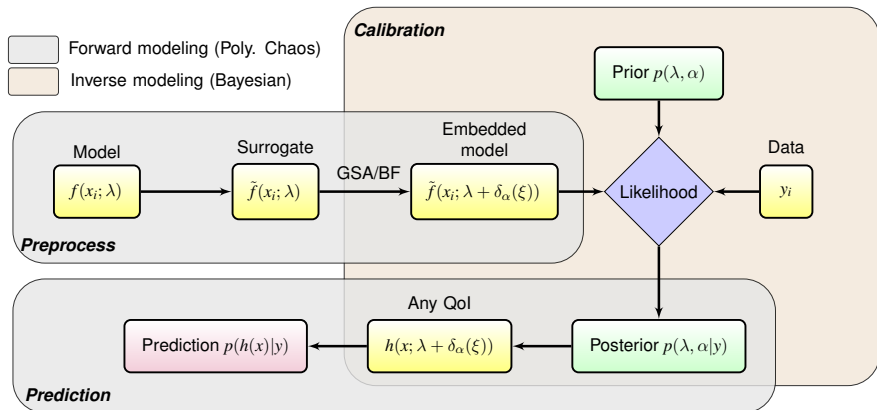
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- Given data y_i , perform *simultaneous* estimation of $\tilde{\alpha} = (\lambda, \alpha)$, i.e. model parameters λ and model-error parameters α .
- Bayes' theorem

$$\underbrace{p(\tilde{\alpha}|y)}_{\text{Posterior}} = \frac{\underbrace{p(y|\tilde{\alpha})}_{\text{Likelihood}} \underbrace{p(\tilde{\alpha})}_{\text{Prior}}}{\underbrace{p(y)}_{\text{Evidence}}}$$

- In order to estimate the likelihood $L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\lambda, \alpha)$, one needs uncertainty propagation through $f(x_i; \underbrace{\lambda + \delta_\alpha}_{\text{stochastic}})$,
- ... hence, we employ Polynomial Chaos (PC) representation for δ_α .

Model error embedding – workflow



- Predictive uncertainty decomposition: Total Variance =

Parametric uncertainty + Data noise + Model error + Surrogate error

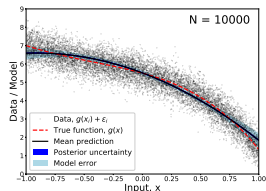
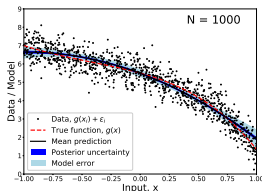
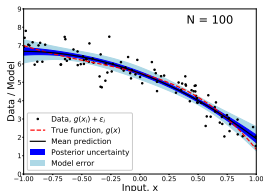
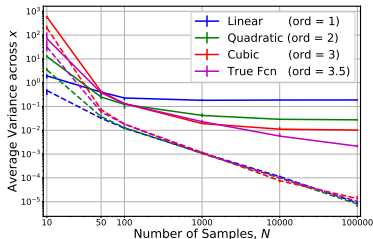
More data leads to 'leftover' model error

Calibrating a quadratic $f(x) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 x^2$

w.r.t. 'truth' $g(x) = 6 + x^2 - 0.5(x + 1)^{3.5}$ measured with noise $\sigma = 0.1$.

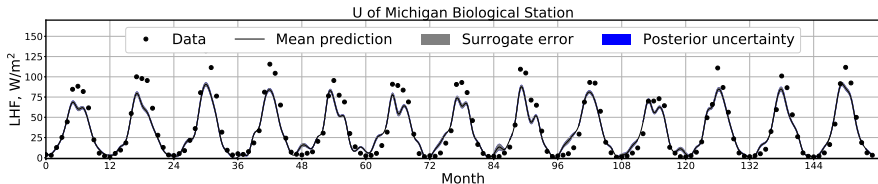
Summary of features:

- Well-defined model-to-model calibration
- Model-driven discrepancy correlations
- Respects physical constraints
- Disambiguates model and data errors
- Calibrated predictions of multiple QoIs



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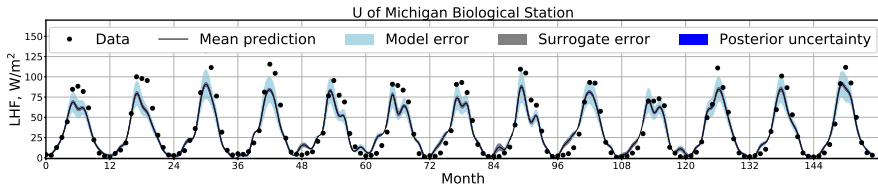
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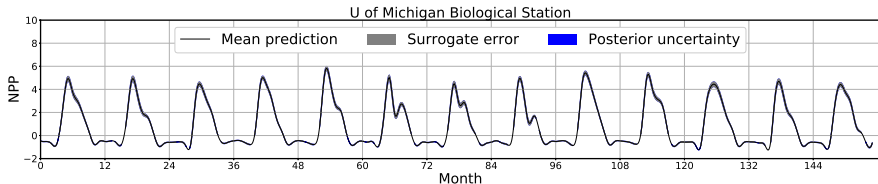
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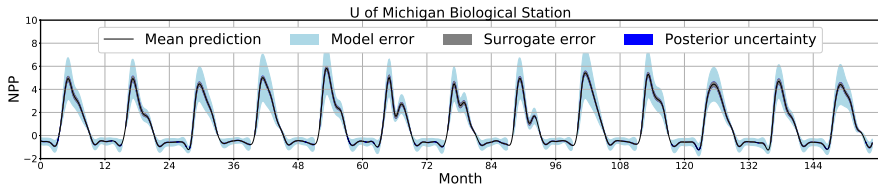
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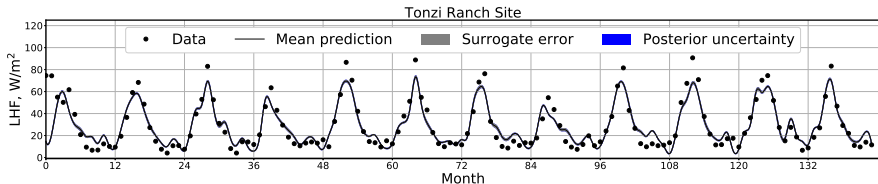
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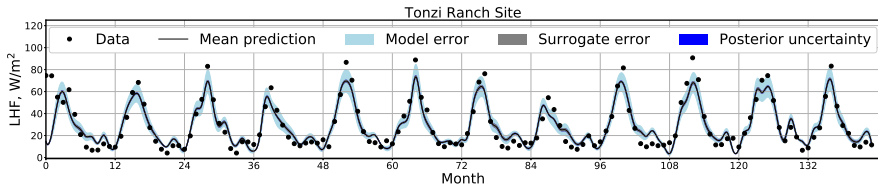
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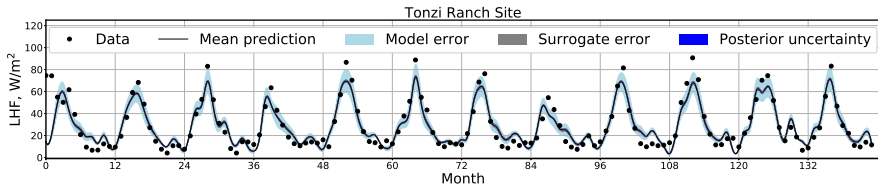
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- Predictive variance decomposition with model-error component
- For surrogate construction (forward UQ) under the hood, see poster by C. Safta [NG33A-0190: Machine Learning Techniques for Global Sensitivity Analysis in Climate Models] Wednesday afternoon.

Inference library in UQTK v3.0 (www.sandia.gov/uqtoolkit)

- Workflow for model error representation, quantification and propagation
- Custom components: forward model, likelihood and prior
- A range of common forward models, including polynomial surrogates
- Various likelihood options, including classical, Kennedy-O'Hagan, model-error-embedding and its approximations
- Several prior options for embedded parameters α , including Wishart, Jeffreys, range-constrained
- All pieces – forward model, likelihood and prior – can be made custom

- **Represent, quantify and propagate model structural errors**
- Bayesian machinery for simultaneous estimation of physical parameters and model error
- A principled guide for model exploration (embedded representation, but can be performed *non-intrusively!*)
- Differentiates from data noise; allows model-to-model calibration
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Additional Material

Calibrate $f(x; \lambda)$, given data $g(x)$

x are operating conditions, design parameters, various QoIs

λ are model parameters to be inferred/calibrated

- **Default:** Ignore model errors:

$$g(x) = f(x; \lambda) + \epsilon$$

- Biased or overconfident physical parameters
 - Wrong model predictions
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- **Conventional:** Correct for model errors:

$$g(x) = f(x; \lambda) + \delta(x) + \epsilon$$

- Physical parameters are ok
 - Wrong model predictions (data-specific corrections)
 - Model and data errors mixed up
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- **What we do:** Correct *inside* the model:

$$g(x) = f(x; \lambda + \delta(x)) + \epsilon$$

- Embedded model error
- Preserves model structure and physical constraints
- Disambiguates model and data errors
- Allows meaningful extrapolation

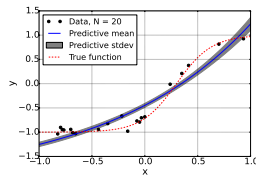
Data-Model-Truth

- Measurements

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{data} & & \text{truth} & & \text{data error} \\ y_i & = & g(x_i) & + & \epsilon_i^d \end{array}$$

- Model

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{truth} & & \text{model} & & \text{model error} \\ g(x_i) & = & f(x_i; \lambda) & + & \delta(x_i) \end{array}$$



- Total error budget

$$y_i = \underbrace{f(x_i; \lambda) + \delta(x_i)}_{\text{truth } g(x_i)} + \epsilon_i^d$$

Explicit statistical modeling of model discrepancy/error $\delta(x)$

$$\text{Model Error:} \quad \delta(x) \sim \text{GP}(\mu(x), C(x, x'))$$

$$\text{Data Error:} \quad \epsilon_i^d \sim \text{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Estimate model parameters λ along with those of $\delta(x)$, ϵ_i^d

Polynomial Chaos Representation of Augmented Input

$$y_i = f(x_i; \lambda + \delta_\alpha) + \epsilon_i$$

- Zero-mean PC form $\delta_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi)$
- Functional representation of a large class of random variables
- The PC *germ* ξ is a standard random variable
 - e.g. Uniform($-1, 1$) or Normal($0, 1$)
- The PC bases (e.g. Legendre or Hermite polynomials) are orthogonal w.r.t. PDF of ξ

$$\int \Psi_m(\xi) \Psi_k(\xi) \pi_\xi(\xi) d\xi = 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq k.$$

- PC representation allows efficient
 - Sampling
 - Moment estimation
 - Variance-based decomposition
 - Uncertainty propagation (via NISP, see next slide)

Non-intrusive Spectral Projection (NISP) for Uncertainty Propagation

- Input random variable represented as PC

$$\Lambda(\xi) = \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

- Black-box forward model $Z = f(\Lambda)$
- Seeking PC representation of output random variable

$$Z(\xi) = \sum_k z_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

- Use orthogonality property and quadrature integration to find PC coefficients

$$z_k = \frac{1}{\|\Psi_k\|^2} \int f(\Lambda(\xi)) \Psi_k(\xi) \pi_\xi(\xi) d\xi \approx \frac{1}{\|\Psi_k\|^2} \sum_q f(\Lambda(\xi^{(q)})) \Psi_k(\xi^{(q)}) w^{(q)}$$

Likelihood construction: data model

- Data $y_i = g(x_i) + \epsilon_i$
 - Model $f(x_i; \Lambda)$
 - Model input as a PC $\Lambda = \lambda + \delta_\alpha = \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d)$
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- Data generation model

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= f(x_i, \lambda + \delta_\alpha) + \epsilon_i = \\ &= f\left(x_i, \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d)\right) + \sigma \xi_{d+i} = \\ &\stackrel{NISP}{\approx} \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d) + \sigma \xi_{d+i} \end{aligned}$$

- Likelihood $L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\tilde{\alpha})$ for $\tilde{\alpha} = (\lambda, \alpha)$ and its construction directly follows, via sampling or moment extraction.

Model Error – Likelihood options

$$y_i = \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d) + \sigma \xi_{d+i}$$

- True Likelihood:

$$L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y_1, \dots, y_N|\tilde{\alpha}) = \pi(y)$$

- Degenerate if no data noise
- Requires multivariate kernel density estimation (KDE) or high-d integration

- Gaussian approximation:

$$L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (y - \mu(\tilde{\alpha}))^T \Sigma^{-1}(\tilde{\alpha}) (y - \mu(\tilde{\alpha})) \right)$$

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- Marginalized Likelihood:

$$L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\tilde{\alpha}) \approx \prod_{i=1}^N p(y_i|\tilde{\alpha}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \pi(y_i)$$

- Requires univariate KDE
- Neglects built-in correlations - looks for a pointwise match
- Gaussian approximation:

$$L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \Sigma_{ii}^{-1}(\tilde{\alpha}) (y_i - \mu_i(\tilde{\alpha}))^2 \right)$$

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Model Error – Likelihood options

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- Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC):

$$L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} K \left(\frac{\rho(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}})}{\epsilon} \right)$$

- Mean of $f(x_i; \Lambda)$ is “centered” on the data
- The width of the distribution of $f(x_i; \Lambda)$ is consistent with the spread of the data around the nominal model prediction

$$L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[(\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha}) - y_i)^2 + (\sqrt{\Sigma_{ii}(\tilde{\alpha})} - \gamma |\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha}) - y_i|)^2 \right] \right)$$

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Optimal Embedding via Bayes Factors

- **Question:** which parameters should be augmented with stochastic structure to capture model error?
 - Initially, we base the decision on GSA (heuristic)
 - Implementing formal model comparison via Bayes Factor
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Bayes' formula for a given model M_k

$$\overbrace{p(\tilde{\alpha}|y, M_k)}^{\text{Posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{p(y|\tilde{\alpha}, M_k)}^{\text{Likelihood}} \overbrace{p(\tilde{\alpha}|M_k)}^{\text{Prior}}}{\underbrace{p(y|M_k)}_{\text{Evidence}}}$$

Bayes factor between two models is the ratio of two evidence terms:

$$\text{BF}(M_1, M_2) = \frac{p(y|M_1)}{p(y|M_2)}$$

Computing log-evidence $\log p(y|M_k)$ is key for model selection.

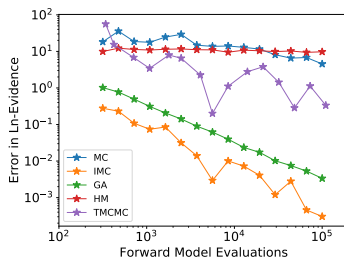
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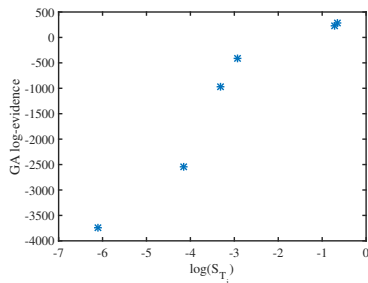
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Model Selection: Model Evidence Computation

- Model evidence is a high-dimensional integral, requiring many model evaluations – challenging to compute
 - We investigated five methods
 - GA (Gaussian approximation to posterior)
 - HM (Harmonic Mean estimator)
 - MC (Plain Monte-Carlo)
 - IMC (Importance sampling Monte-Carlo)
 - TMCMC (Transitional Markov chain Monte-Carlo)
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Embedded Model: Predictions

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- Non-intrusive spectral projection (NISP) will allow
 - Posterior/pushed-forward predictions
 - Easy access to first two moments:

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- Predictive mean

$$\mathbb{E}[y(x)] = \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\alpha}}[\mu(x; \tilde{\alpha})]$$

- Decomposition of predictive variance

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Embedded Model: Predictions at Data Locations

$$f(x_i; \Lambda) = f(x_i; \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi_{1:d})) + \sigma_{\xi_{i+d}} = \sum_k f_k(x_i; \tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\xi_{1:d}) + \sigma_{\xi_{i+d}}$$

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Two common embedding forms

$$y_i = f(x_i; \Lambda = \lambda + \delta_\alpha) + \epsilon_i$$

- Unconstrained inputs:

- First-order Gauss-Hermite PC (Multivariate Normal):

$$\begin{cases} \Lambda_1 = \lambda_1 + \alpha_{11}\xi_1 \\ \Lambda_2 = \lambda_2 + \alpha_{21}\xi_1 + \alpha_{22}\xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_d = \lambda_d + \alpha_{d1}\xi_1 + \alpha_{d2}\xi_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{dd}\xi_d \end{cases}$$

- Constrained inputs:

- First-order Legendre-Uniform PC (Independent Uniform):

$$\begin{cases} \Lambda_1 = \lambda_1 + \alpha_1\xi_1 \\ \Lambda_2 = \lambda_2 + \alpha_2\xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_d = \lambda_d + \alpha_d\xi_d \end{cases}$$

Surrogate construction is necessary

Remember output PC construction

$$z_k = \frac{1}{||\Psi_k||^2} \int f(\Lambda(\xi)) \Psi_k(\xi) \pi_\xi(\xi) d\xi \approx \frac{1}{||\Psi_k||^2} \sum_q f(\Lambda(\xi^{(q)})) \Psi_k(\xi^{(q)}) w^{(q)}$$

requires multiple model evaluations, hence...

- We pre-construct a surrogate or a response surface to $f(\Lambda)$ via standard polynomial regression
- Subsequent NISP can be made exact if the bases of surrogate and PC match
- Access to leave-one-out (LOO) surrogate error as yet another component of the predictive uncertainty

Attribution of error components

$$y_i = \underbrace{\sum_k f_{ik}(\alpha) \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d)}_{h_i(\hat{\xi}; \hat{\alpha})} + \sigma_{\mathcal{D}} \xi_{d+i}$$

Stochastic dimensions:

- Model error ξ_1, \dots, ξ_d
- Measurement error $\xi_{d+1}, \dots, \xi_{d+N}$
- Posterior uncertainty (α): can be represented via its own PC expansion (using MCMC samples and Rosenblatt transformation)

Full PC expansion: $y_i = \sum f_j \Psi_j(\hat{\xi})$

Full stochastic *germ*:

$$\hat{\xi} = (\underbrace{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d}_{\text{Model error}}, \underbrace{\xi_{d+1}, \dots, \xi_{d+N}}_{\text{Measurement error}}, \underbrace{\xi_{d+N+1}, \dots, \xi_{d+N+N_\alpha}}_{\text{Posterior uncertainty}})$$

Posterior predictive variance:

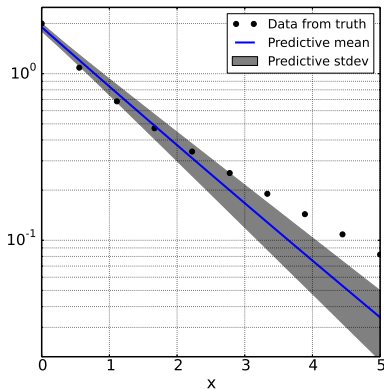
$$\sigma_{\text{PP}}^2(x_i) = \mathbb{E}_\alpha[\sigma^2(x_i, \alpha)] + \mathbb{E}_{\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}}[\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}^2] + \mathbb{V}_\alpha[\mu(x_i, \alpha)]$$

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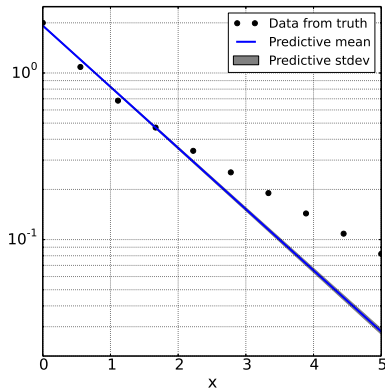
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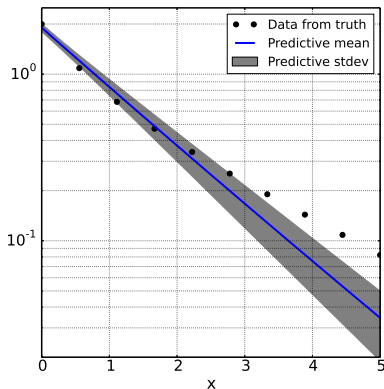


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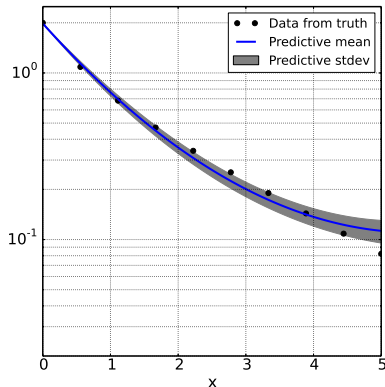
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Key Steps

- **Formulation:** Identify a pair of models with different degree of fidelity
 - e.g., low-vs-high grid resolution, simplified-vs-detailed geometry, or data-vs-model.
- **Representation:** Embed model error a few parameters at a time
 - Build surrogate, perform GSA for initial screening
- **Quantification:** Calibrate for embedded PC coefficients
 - Challenging Bayesian formulation: adaptive MCMC sampling.
- **Prediction:** Embedded model error propagation via PC NISP
 - Posterior predictive checks
- **Attribution:** Attribute model errors to specific components
 - Variance-based decomposition into contributions from model error, surrogate error, data noise, posterior uncertainty.

Treatment of Discrete or Categorical Parameters

- We have developed an approach to incorporate discrete parameters in the embedded model error framework.
 - Augment discrete parameters with a probability mass function (PMF) and infer the mass weights (just like the continuous case of inferring PDF).
 - Allows MCMC on continuous parameters.
 - Connections to Bayesian model averaging and model selection.
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The overall mean for a given (α, a, x) is

$$\mu(\alpha, a; x) = \mathbb{E}_{\Lambda, L} [f(\Lambda(\alpha), L(a); x)] = \sum_{r=1}^R a_r \mu_r(\alpha; x),$$

and the variance is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2(\alpha, a; x) &= \mathbb{V}_{\Lambda, L} [f(\Lambda(\alpha), L(a); x)] \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{r=1}^R a_r \sigma_r^2(\alpha; x)}_{\text{due to cont. param.}} + \underbrace{\sum_{r=1}^R a_r \mu_r^2(\alpha; x) - \mu(\alpha, a; x)^2}_{\text{due to categorical param.}}. \end{aligned}$$