

1. Computational environment for Parallel Tempering Bayeslands Experiments

All parallel tempering Bayeslands simulations were run on The University of Sydney HPC, Artemis. We utilised nodes built from Dell EMC Powedge C6420, with 48 cores and 192 GB per node. Our parallel tempering algorithm cannot communicate across nodes so were run on a maximum of 48 cores. The design of the algorithm means it will only be as fast as its slowest chain, so we see a plateau in speed improvement after around 20 replicas/cpus. As each node has 48 cores, we chose to run our primary experiments on 24 cores to fit within the node. RAM usage fluctuates depending on experiment, number of samples, replicas, etc, but is on the order of 2–60 GB. Model variables were systematically explored to determine optimal and robust parameter choices for each experiment. The full set of successful experiments can be found in the accompanying spreadsheet *BayeslandsRuns.xlsx*.

2. Expanded results

Summary of results for each problem, with optimal model parameters, replicated from the main paper, is shown here in Figure 1. The optimal model parameters, based on a balance of computational time and experimental accuracy across all four problems, were drawn from the complete set of experiments. Several of the insights, and the evolution of the models, for these results are shown in Figures 1–13.

Topography	Time (minutes)	Sed. RMSE	Elev. RMSE	Pred. RMSE	Accepted %
Crater-short	102	4.3	1.1	5.4	19.17
Crater	275	0.9	1.3	2.2	8.56
Etopo-short	68	60.0	587.9	11.0	4.62
Etopo	325	55.3	46.1	101.4	1.42

Table 1: Results for respective problems (24 replicas/cores and 100 000 samples).

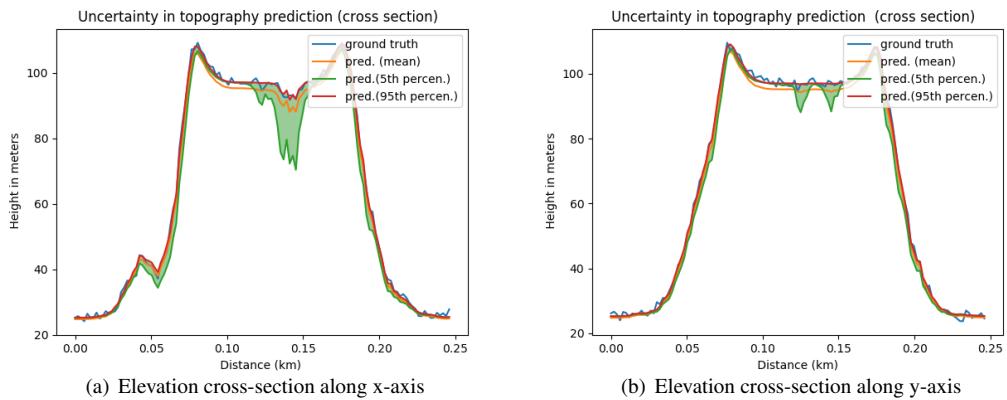


Figure 1: Crater-short: Elevation cross-section taken at mid-point along x-axis and y-axis

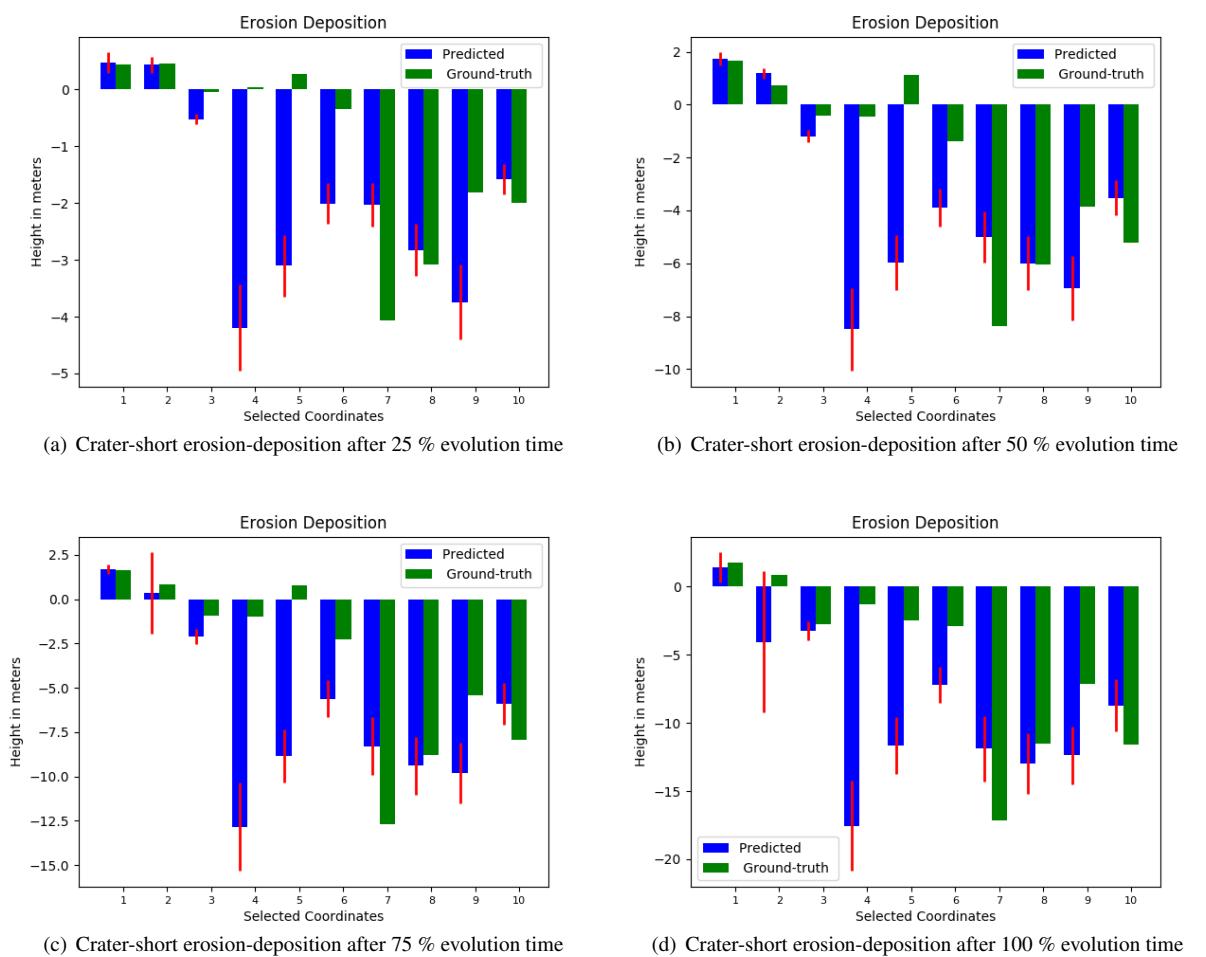


Figure 2: Crater-short erosion-deposition

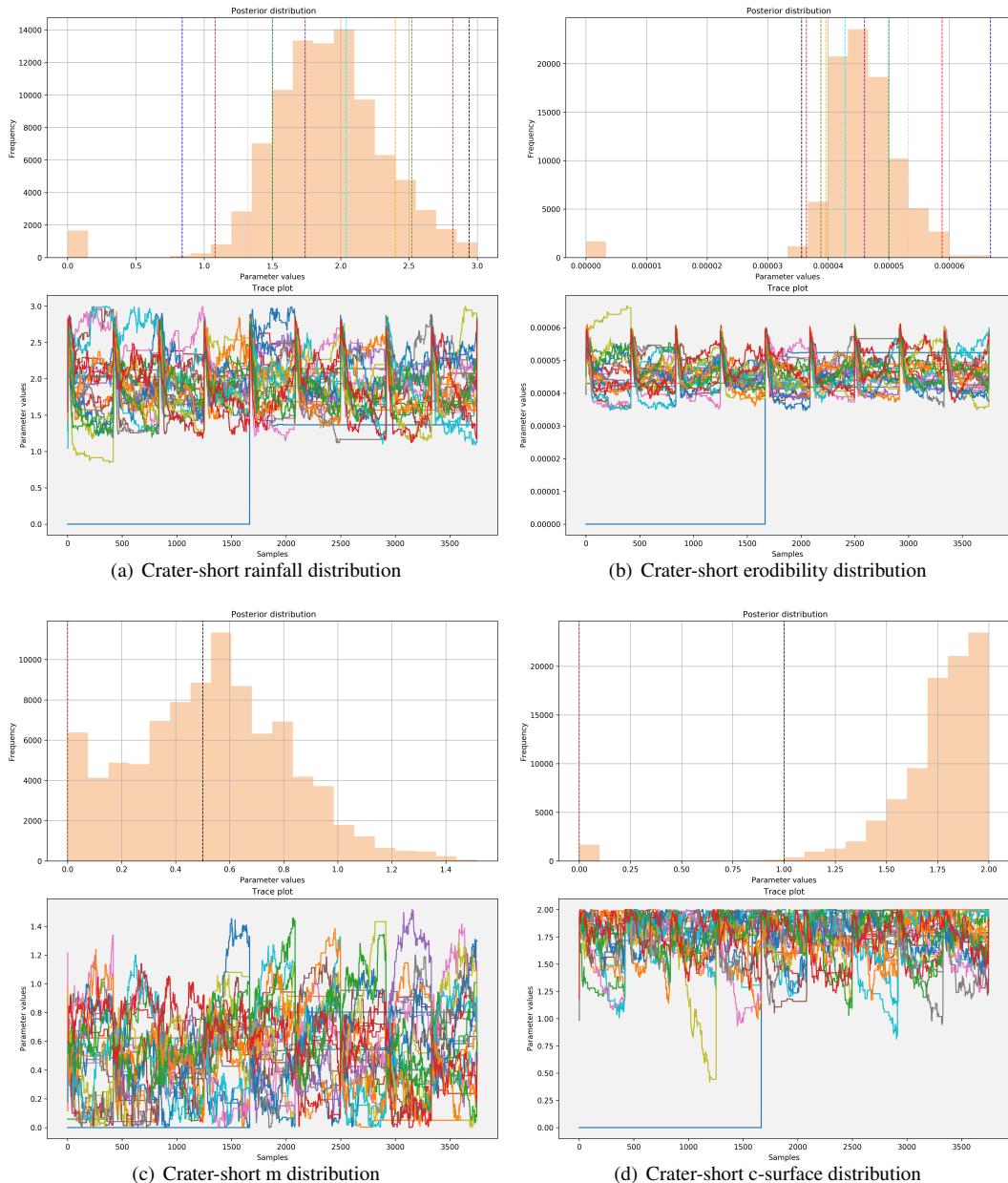


Figure 3: Crater-short: Posterior distribution of rainfall, erodibility, m and c-surface

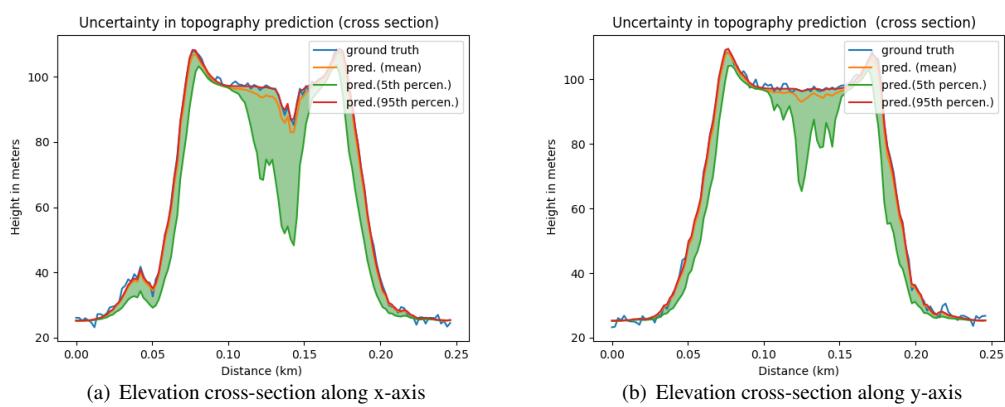


Figure 4: crater: Elevation cross-section taken at mid-point along x-axis and y-axis

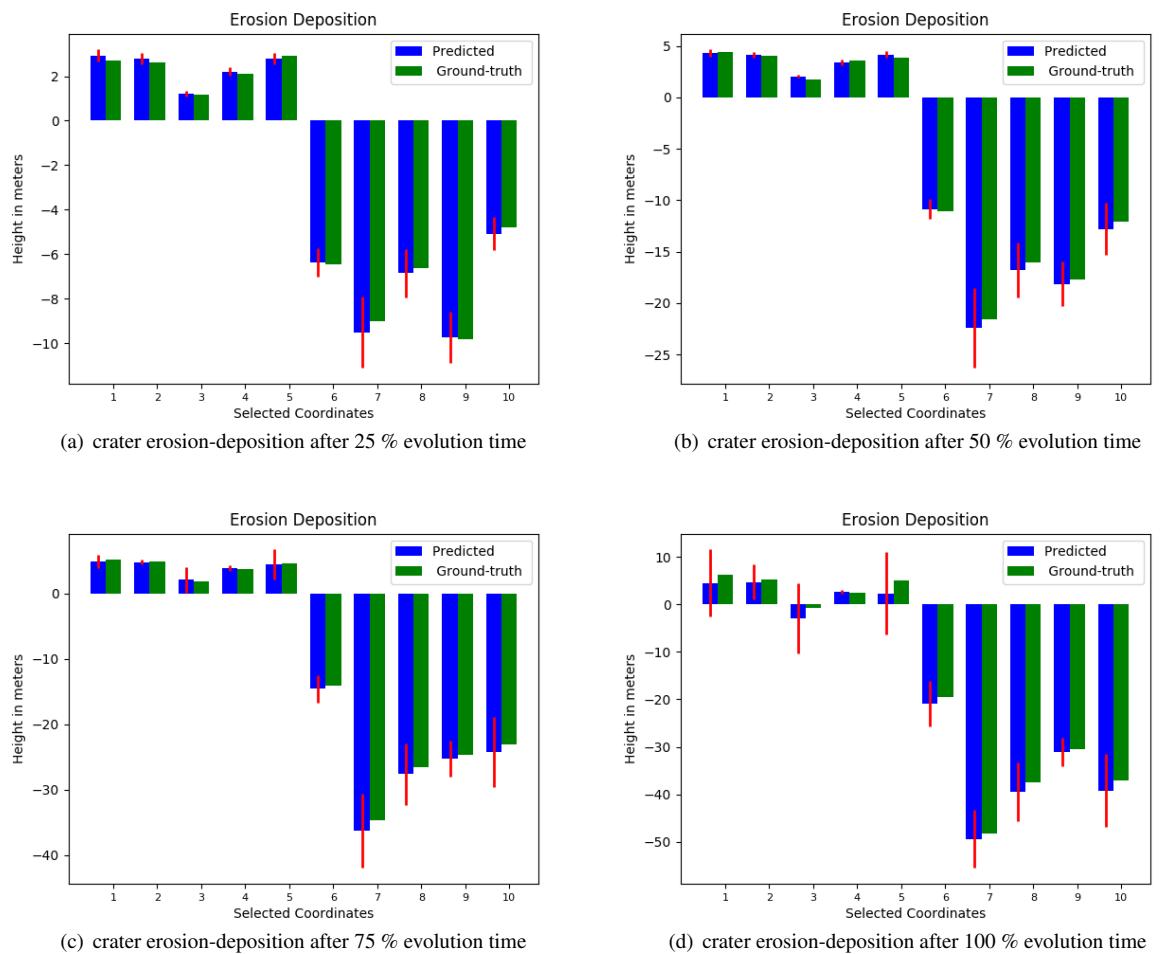


Figure 5: crater erosion-deposition

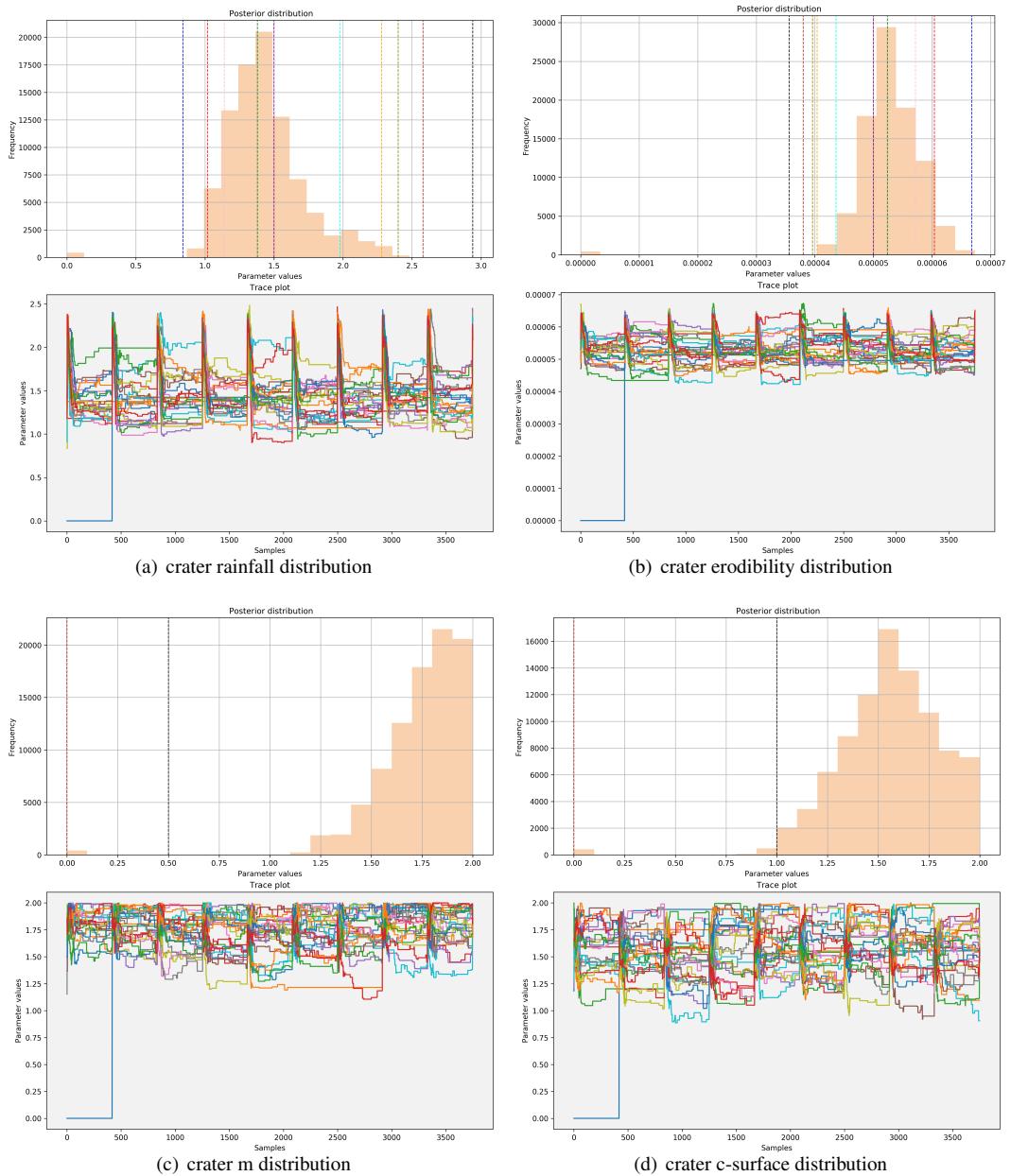


Figure 6: crater: Posterior distribution of rainfall, erodibility, m and c-surface

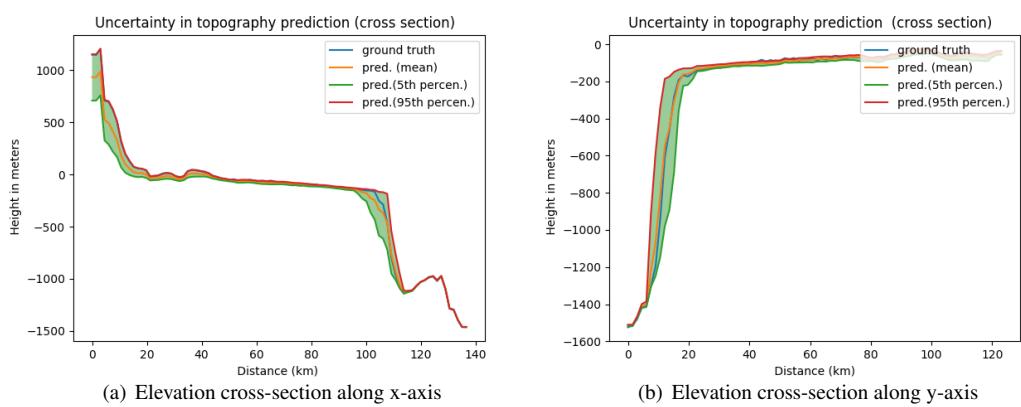


Figure 7: eTopo_short: Elevation cross-section taken at mid-point along x-axis and y-axis

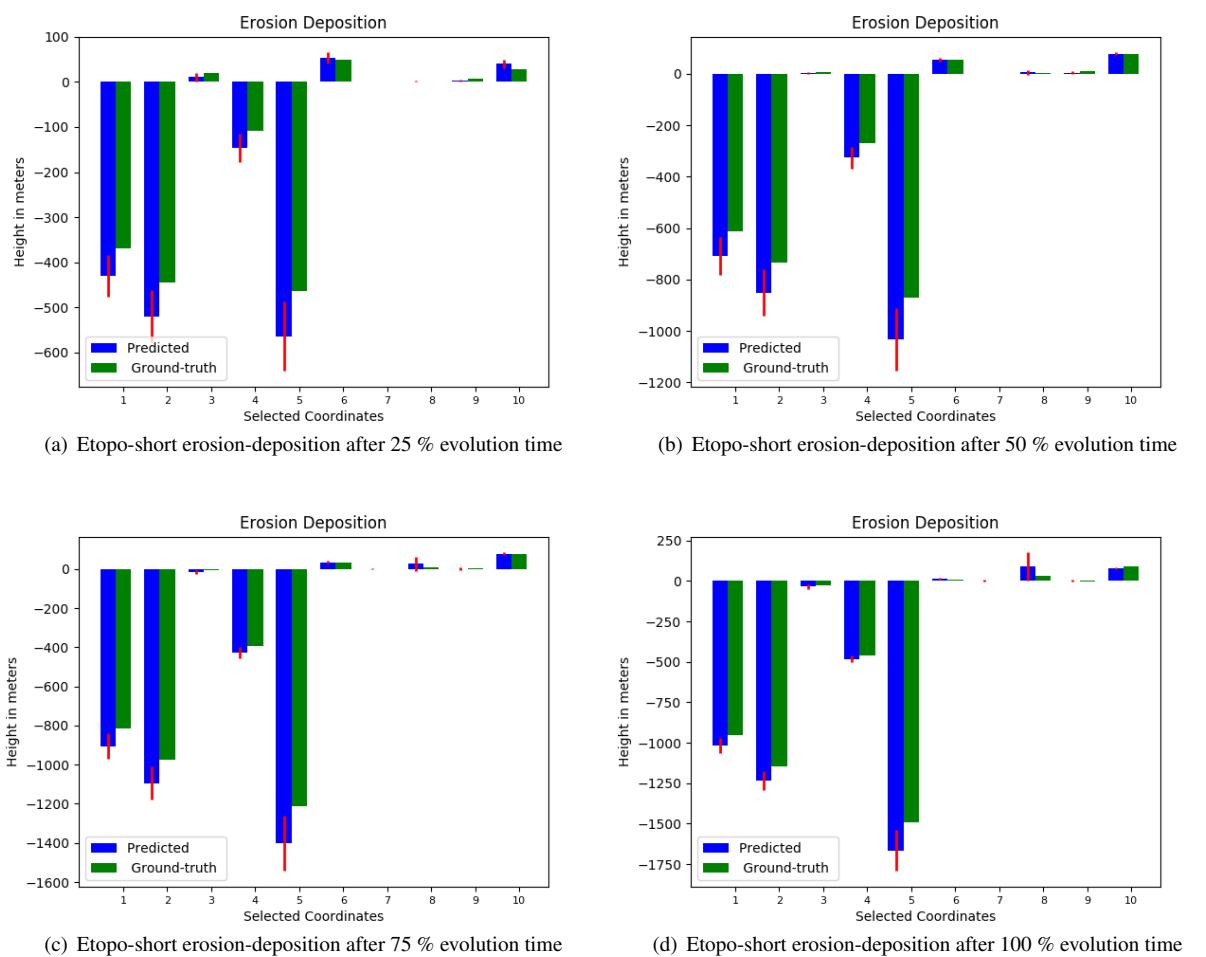


Figure 8: Etopo-short erosion-deposition

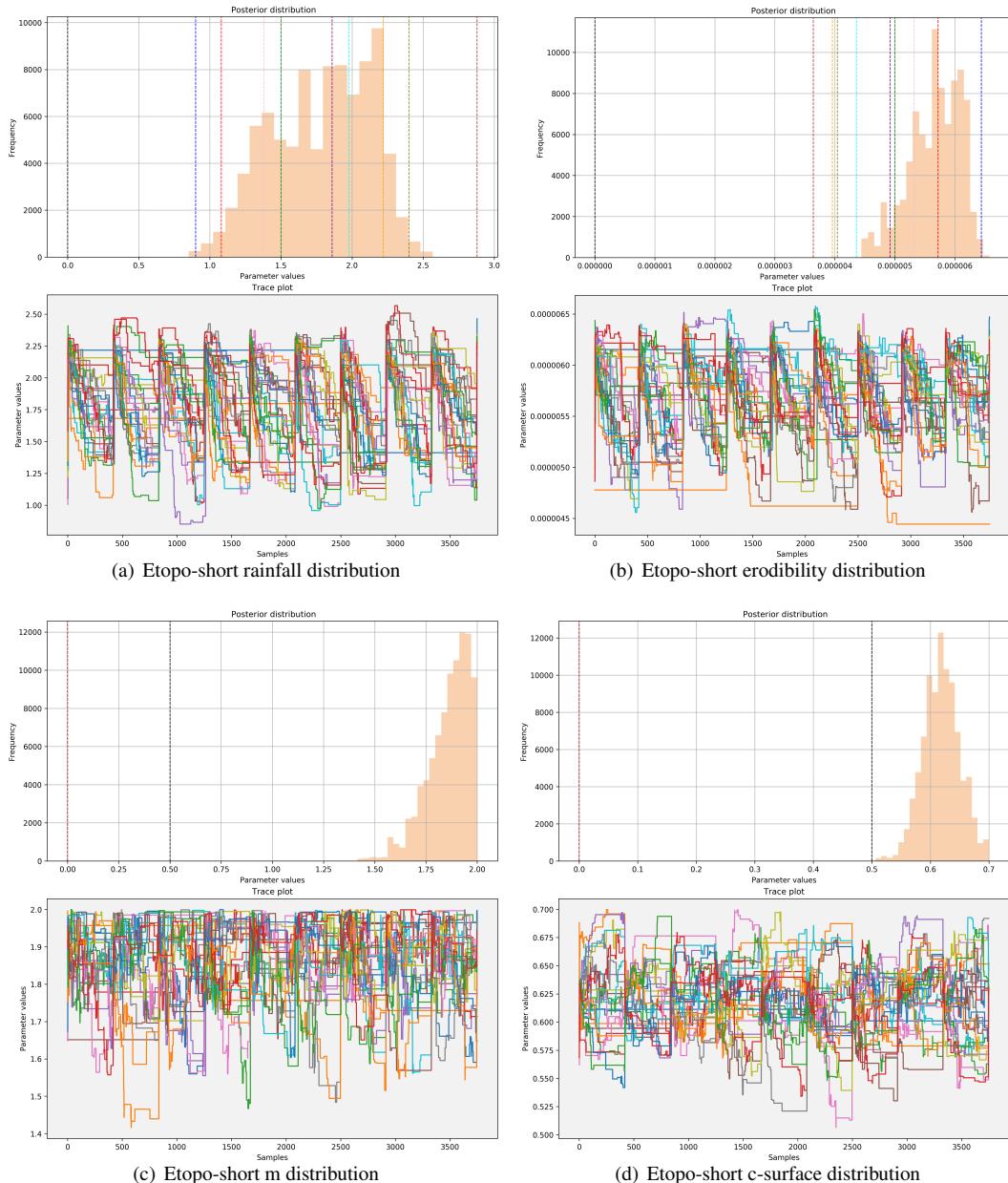


Figure 9: Etopo-short: Posterior distribution of rainfall, erodibility, m and c-surface

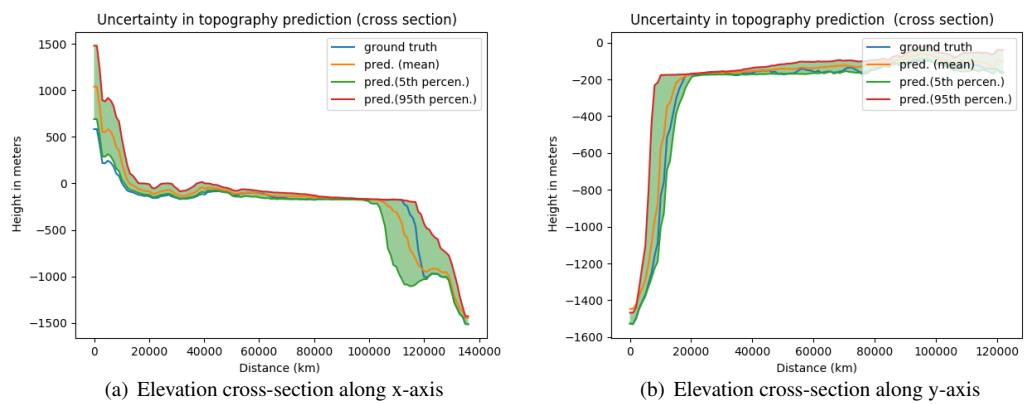


Figure 10: eTopo: Elevation cross-section taken at mid-point along x-axis and y-axis

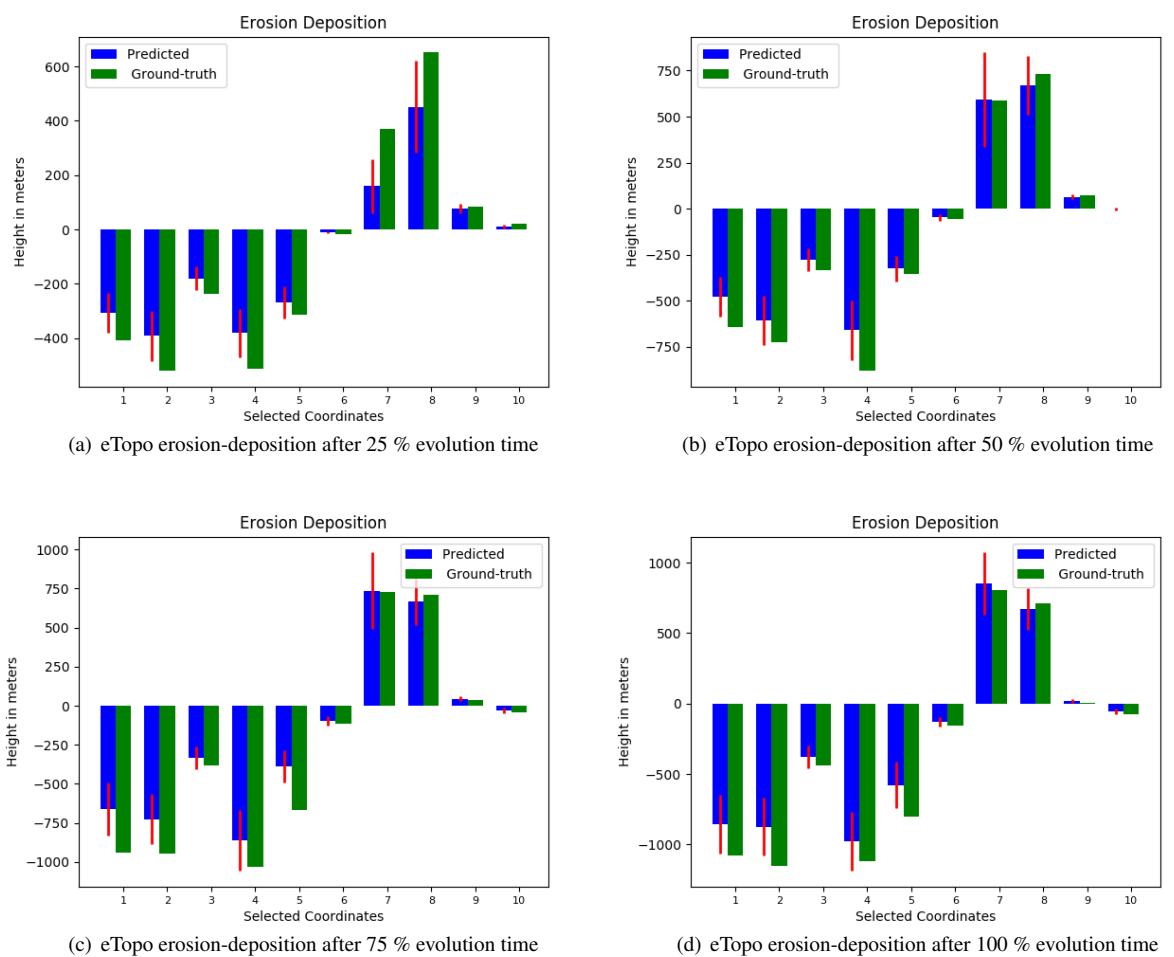


Figure 11: eTopo erosion-deposition

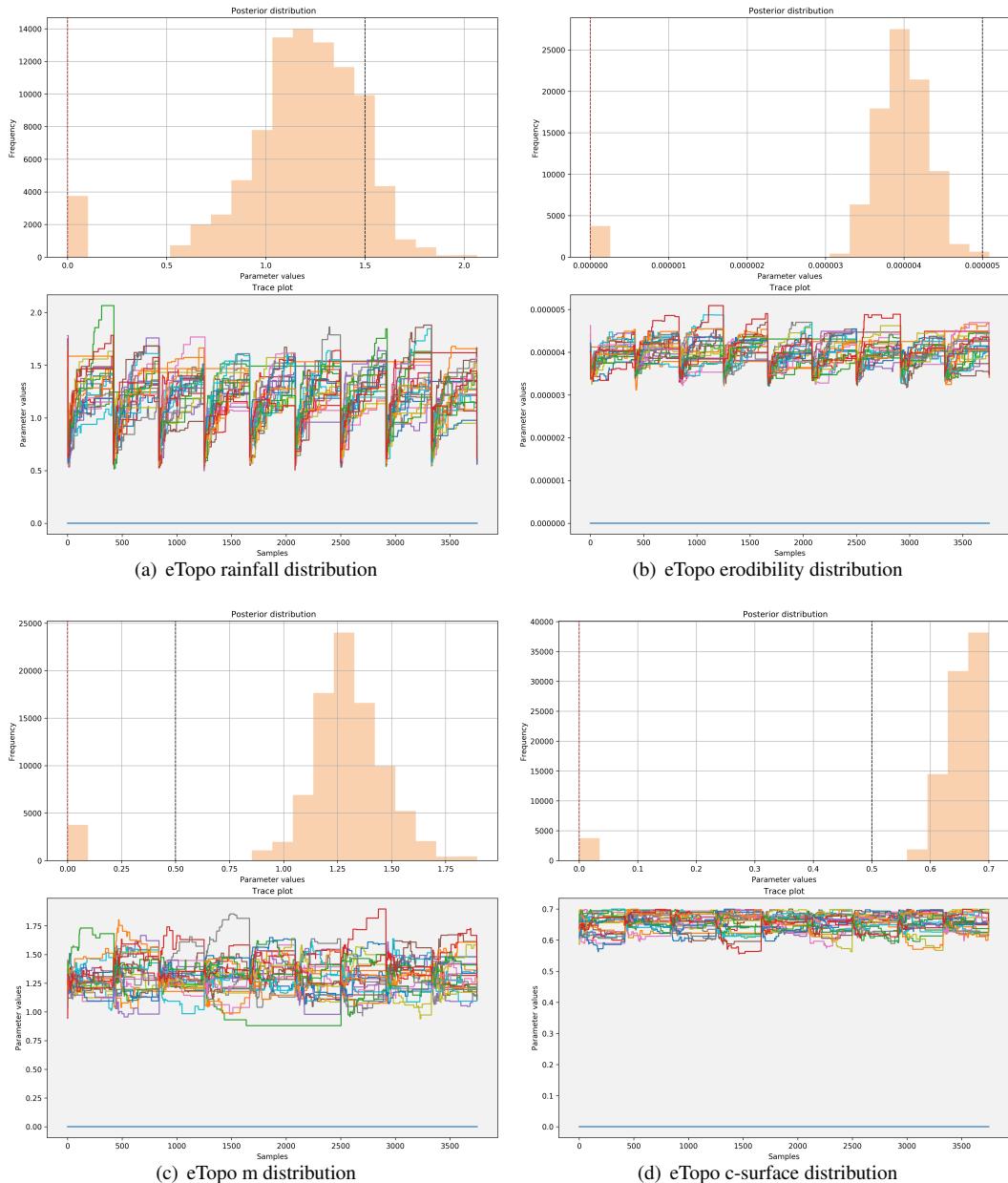


Figure 12: eTopo: Posterior distribution of rainfall, erodibility, m and c-surface

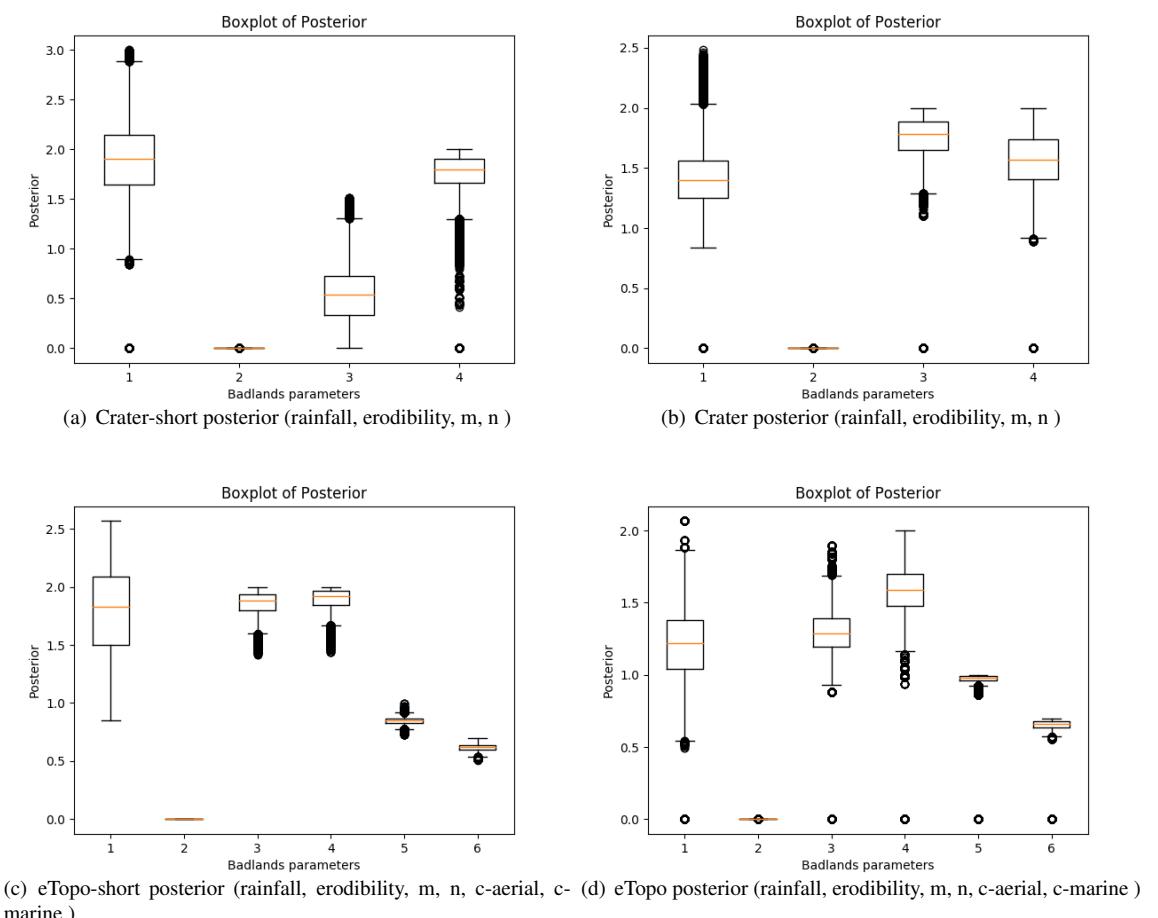


Figure 13: Posterior distribution given as Boxplot