

# Uncertainty Quantification with Model Structural Error

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# Overview of the talk

- UQ in Computational Science
- Forward UQ with Polynomial Chaos
  - Uncertainty propagation, model surrogate, global sensitivity analysis
- Inverse UQ with Bayesian inference
  - Markov chain Monte Carlo with model surrogate
- Model Structural Error
  - Focus on *physical* models
  - Embedded model error quantification and propagation
  - Embedded, but non-intrusive
  - Toy cases
- Applications
  - Chemistry, Climate, Large Eddy Simulation
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# The Case for Uncertainty Quantification

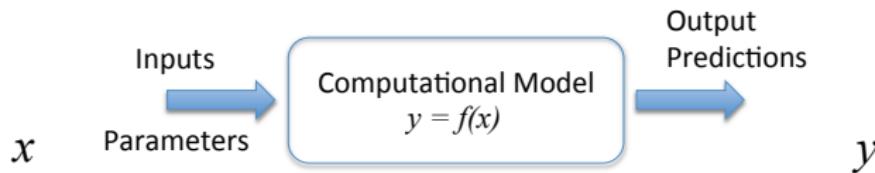
## Uncertainty Sources

- Model parameters
- Initial/boundary conditions
- Model geometry/structure
- Lack of knowledge
- Data noise
- Intrinsic stochasticity
- Numerical errors, too

## UQ needed for...

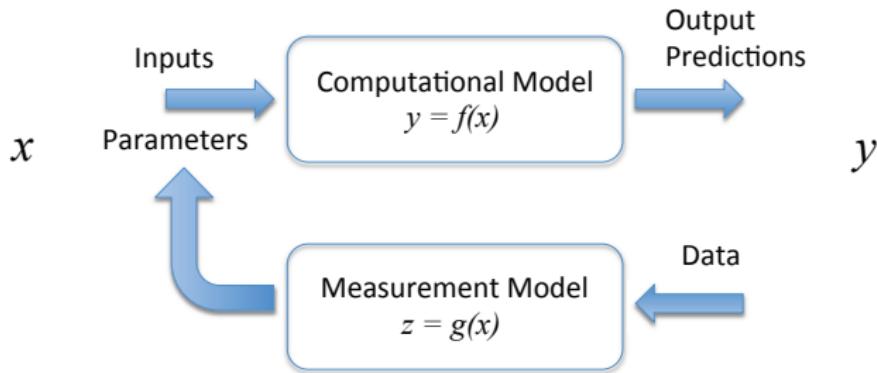
- Model predictions
- Model validation and comparison
- Confidence assessment
- Reliability analysis
- Dimensionality reduction
- Optimal design
- Decision support
- (Noisy) data assimilation

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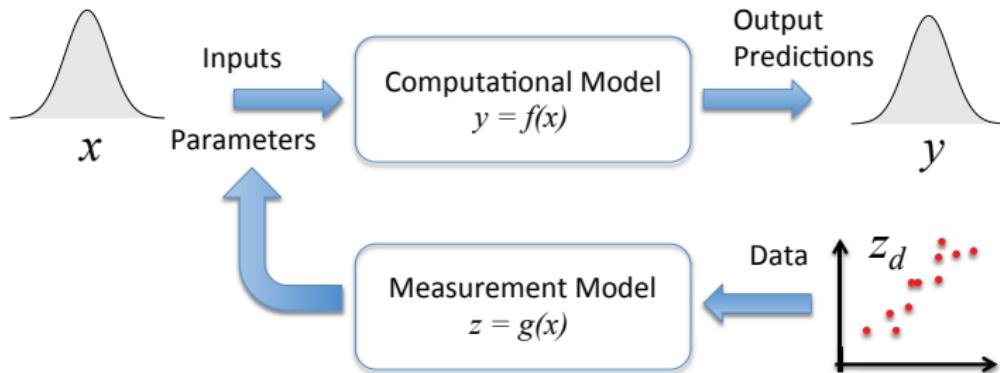
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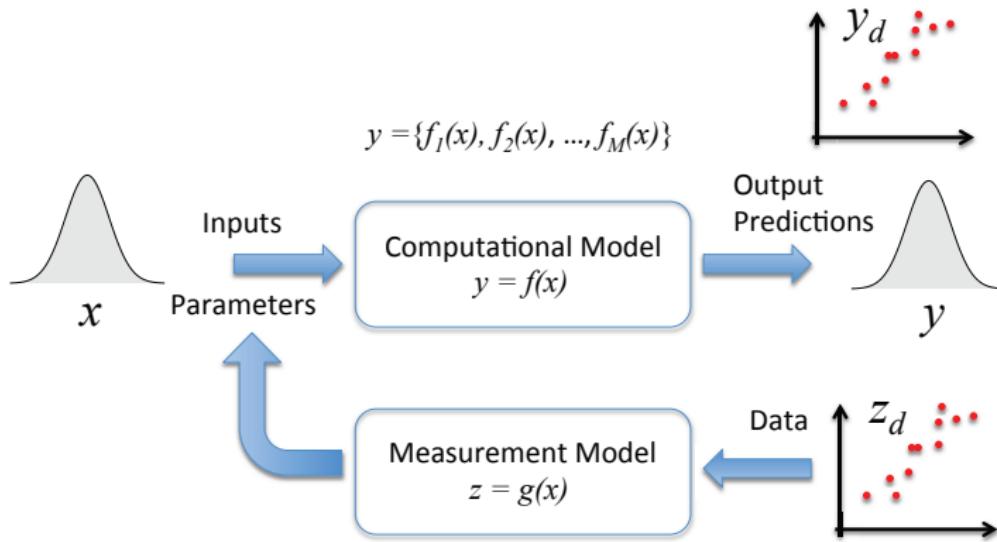
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Inverse & Forward UQ  
Model validation & comparison, Hypothesis testing

# UQ components

- Locate all sources of (manageable) uncertainties
- Parameter selection/estimation
  - Auxilliary data collection, submodel fitting/regression
  - Expert opinion, physical bounds, maximum entropy
- **Forward** propagation of uncertainties
  - Local SA (deterministic, error propagation)
  - Interval math, evidence theory
  - Global SA (stochastic, variance-based decomposition)
- Calibration/tuning given observations or a higher-fidelity model  
**(inverse UQ)**
- Model (in)validation
  - No model is perfect
  - Compare model prediction with uncertainties versus data on some QoI
  - Model comparison (Bayes Factors, Model Plausibility)
  - Representation, quantification and propagation of **model structural error**

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# Polynomial Chaos – functional representation for RVs

- First introduced by Wiener, 1938
- Revitalized by Ghanem and Spanos, 1991
- Convergent series if  $U$  has finite variance
- Selection of order  $p$  is a modeling choice
- Describes a r.v.  $U$  with a vector of *PC modes*  $(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_p)$
- Standard r.v.  $\xi$ , standard orthogonal polynomials  $\psi_k(\xi)$ , i.e.

$$U \simeq \sum_{k=0}^p u_k \psi_k(\xi)$$

$$\int \psi_i(\xi) \psi_j(\xi) \pi_\xi(\xi) d\xi = \delta_{ij} ||\psi_i||^2$$

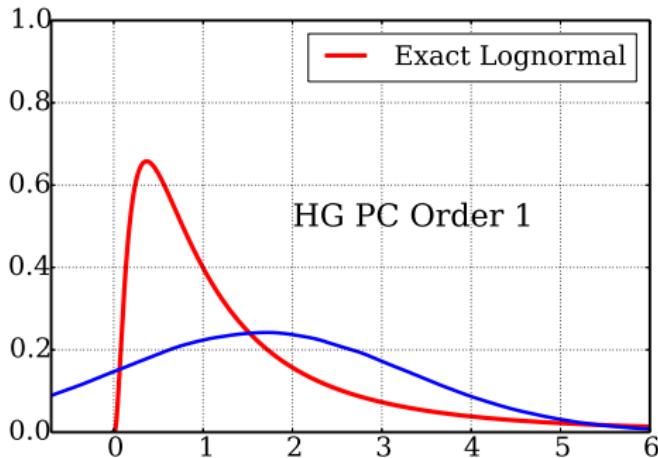
PC Type	Domain	Density $\pi_\xi(\xi)$	Polynomial	Free parameters
Gauss-Hermite	$(-\infty, +\infty)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$	Hermite	none
Legendre-Uniform	$[-1, 1]$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Legendre	none
Gamma-Laguerre	$[0, +\infty)$	$\frac{\xi^\alpha e^{-\xi}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$	Laguerre	$\alpha > -1$
Beta-Jacobi	$[-1, 1]$	$\frac{(1+\xi)^\alpha (1-\xi)^\beta}{2^{\alpha+\beta+1} B(\alpha+1, \beta+1)}$	Jacobi	$\alpha > -1, \beta > -1$

[Wiener, 1938; Ghanem & Spanos, 1991; Xiu & Karniadakis, 2002; Le Maître & Knio, 2010]

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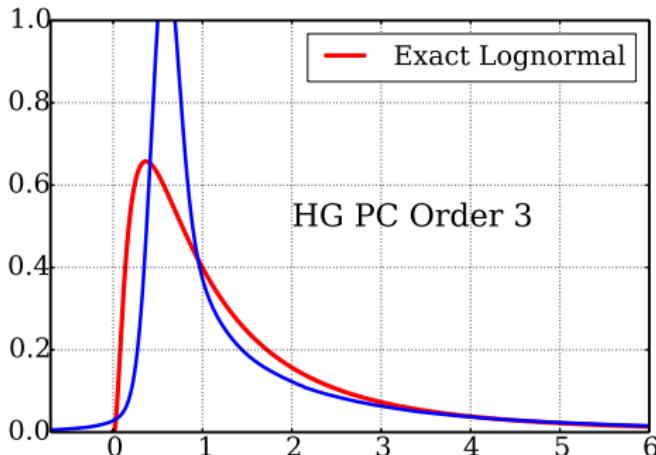
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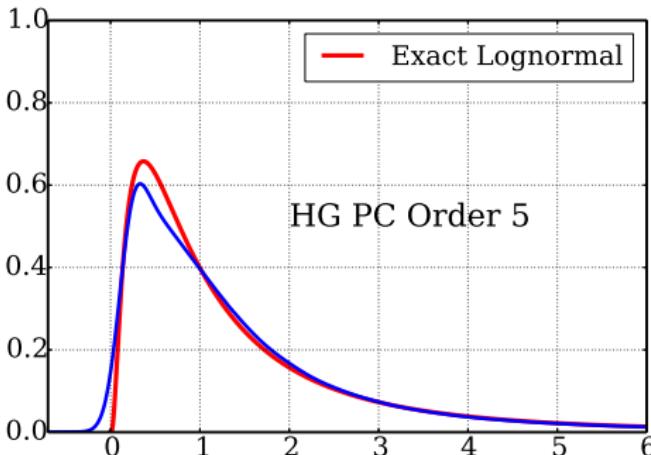
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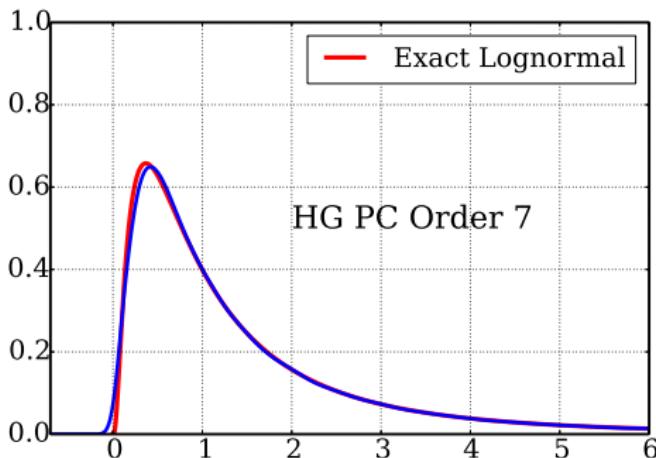
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- CDF transform helps:
  - $U = F_U^{-1}(\frac{\xi+1}{2})$  if  $\xi$  is Uniform, Legendre-Uniform PC
  - $U = F_U^{-1}(\Phi(\xi))$  if  $\xi$  is Normal, Gauss-Hermite PC

where  $F_U(\cdot)$  is the Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of  $U$ .  
 [and  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is CDF for standard normal]

# Essential use of PC in UQ

$$U \simeq \sum_{k=0}^K u_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$

Strategy:

- Represent model parameters/solution as random variables
- Construct PC for uncertain parameters
- Evaluate PC for model outputs

Advantages:

- Computational efficiency
- Utility
  - Moments:  $\mathbb{E}[u] = u_0, \mathbb{V}[u] = \sum_{k=1}^K u_k^2 ||\Psi_k||^2, \dots$
  - Global Sensitivities – fractional variances, Sobol' indices
  - Uncertainty propagation
  - Surrogate for forward model

Requirements:

- Finite variances (not a handicap in practice)
- Smooth forward functions

# PC features: uncertainty propagation

$$U \simeq \sum_{k=0}^K u_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

$$Z = f(U) \simeq \sum_{k=0}^K c_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

- Basic task: given PC for inputs, find PC for outputs.
- Input-output map can also be defined implicitly, via governing equations  $G(Z, U) = 0$ .
- Two approaches
  - Intrusive: project governing equations
    - Results in set of equations for the PC modes
    - Requires redesign of computer code
    - PCEs for all uncertain variables in system
  - Non-intrusive: project outputs of interest
    - Sampling to evaluate projection operator
    - Can use existing code as black box
    - Only computes PCEs for quantities of interest

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- Input parameters are represented via their cumulative distribution function (CDF)  $F(\cdot)$ , such that, with  $\xi_i \sim \text{Uniform}[-1, 1]$

$$U_i = F_{U_i}^{-1} \left( \frac{\xi_i + 1}{2} \right), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, d.$$

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- If input parameters are uniform  $U_i \sim \text{Uniform}[a_i, b_i]$ , then

$$U_i = \frac{a_i + b_i}{2} + \frac{b_i - a_i}{2} \xi_i.$$

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- Forward function  $f(\cdot)$ , output  $Z$

$$Z = f(U(\xi)) \qquad \qquad Z = \sum_{k=0}^K c_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

- Global sensitivity information for free
  - Sobol indices, variance-based decomposition.

# PC features: moment extraction

$$Z \simeq \sum_{k=0}^K z_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$

- Expectation:  $\langle Z \rangle = z_0$
- Variance  $\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= \langle (Z - \langle Z \rangle)^2 \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_{k=1}^K z_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \right)^2 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K z_j z_k \Psi_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K z_j z_k \langle \Psi_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2\end{aligned}$$

# PC features: Global Sensitivity Analysis

$$Z(\xi) \simeq \sum_{k=0}^K z_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

- Main effect sensitivity indices

$$S_i = \frac{Var[\mathbb{E}(Z(\xi|\xi_i)]}{Var[Z(\xi)]} = \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}_i} z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2}{\sum_{k>0} z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2}$$

- $\mathbb{I}_i$  is the set of bases with only  $\xi_i$  involved
- $S_i$  is the uncertainty contribution that is due to  $i$ -th parameter only
- Total effect sensitivity indices

$$T_i = 1 - \frac{Var[\mathbb{E}(Z(\xi|\xi_{-i})]}{Var[Z(\xi)]} = \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}_i^T} z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2}{\sum_{k>0} z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2}$$

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# Sensitivity indices are directly computable from PC

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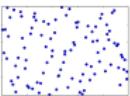
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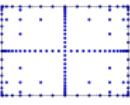
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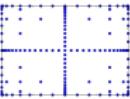
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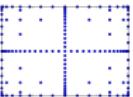
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# Inverse UQ – Estimation of Uncertain Parameters

- Require joint PDF on input space
  - Statistical inference – an inverse problem
- 
- Given Constraints: PDF on uncertain inputs can be estimated using the Maximum Entropy principle
    - MaxEnt Methods
  - Given Data: PDF on uncertain inputs can be estimated using Bayes formula
    - **Bayesian Inference**

# Bayes formula for Parameter Inference

- Collected data:  $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$
- Data model:  $y_i = f(x_i; \lambda) + \epsilon_i$
- Bayes formula:

$$p(\lambda|y) = \frac{p(y|\lambda) p(\lambda)}{p(y)}$$

Likelihood      Prior  
 Posterior      Evidence

- Prior: knowledge of  $\lambda$  prior to data
- Likelihood: forward model and measurement noise
- Posterior: combines information from prior and data
- Evidence: normalizing constant for present context

# The Prior

- Prior  $p(\lambda)$  comes from
  - Physical constraints
  - Prior data/knowledge
- Types of *uninformative* priors
  - Improper prior
  - Objective prior
  - Maxent prior
  - Reference prior
  - Jeffreys prior
- It can be chosen to impose *regularization*
- Unknown aspects of the prior can be added to the rest of the parameters as hyperparameters
- The choice of prior can be crucial if data is not informative
- When there is sufficient information in the data, the data can overrule the prior

$$p(\lambda|y) = \frac{\text{Posterior}}{\text{Evidence}} = \frac{p(y|\lambda) p(\lambda)}{p(y)}$$

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# Construction of the Likelihood $p(y|\lambda)$

- Requires a presumed error model
- Data model:  $y_i = f(x_i; \lambda) + \epsilon_i$

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Evidence

- Model this error as a random variable, e.g.
  - Error is due to instrument measurement noise
  - Instrument has Gaussian errors, with no bias
  - Measurements are independent

$$\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

- For any given  $\lambda$ , this implies

$$y_i | \lambda, \sigma \sim N(f(x_i; \lambda), \sigma^2)$$

or

$$p(y|\lambda, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_i - f(x_i; \lambda))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

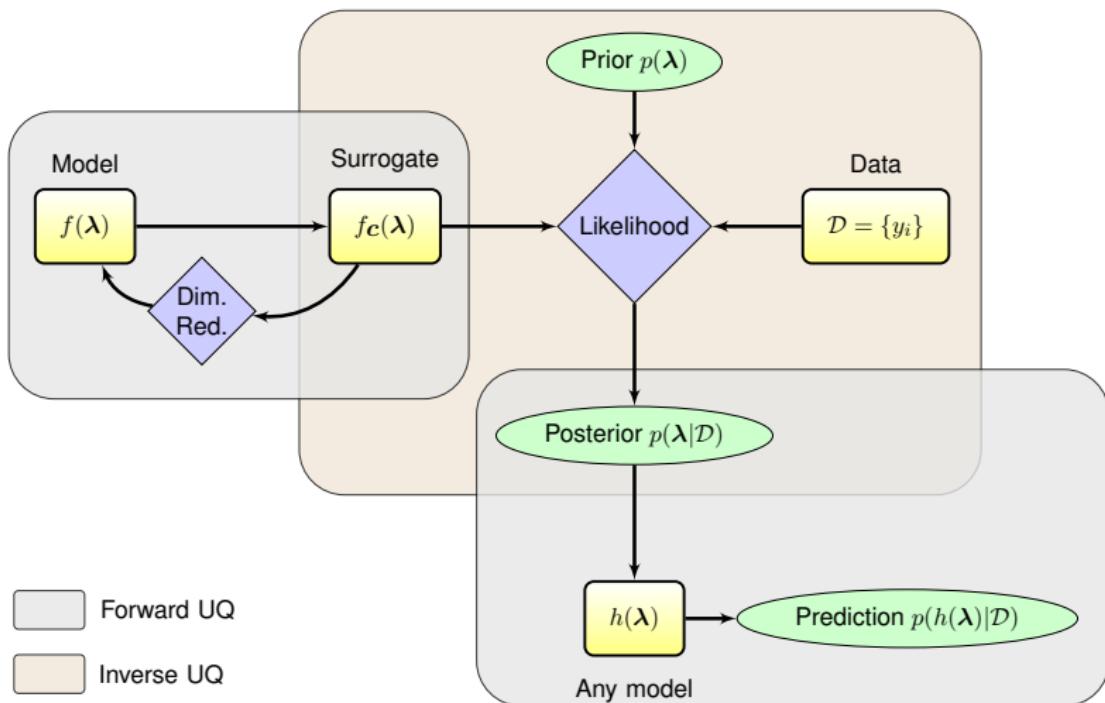
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- Given any sample  $\lambda$ , the un-normalized posterior probability can be easily computed

$$\text{Posterior} \quad p(\lambda|y) \propto \text{Likelihood} \quad p(y|\lambda) \quad \text{Prior} \quad p(\lambda)$$

- Explore posterior w/ Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
  - Metropolis-Hastings algorithm:
    - Random walk with proposal PDF & rejection rules
  - Computationally intensive,  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  samples
  - Each sample: evaluation of the forward model
    - Surrogate models [Marzouk et. al, 2009]
- Evaluate moments/marginals from the MCMC statistics

# Forward and Inverse UQ in a workflow



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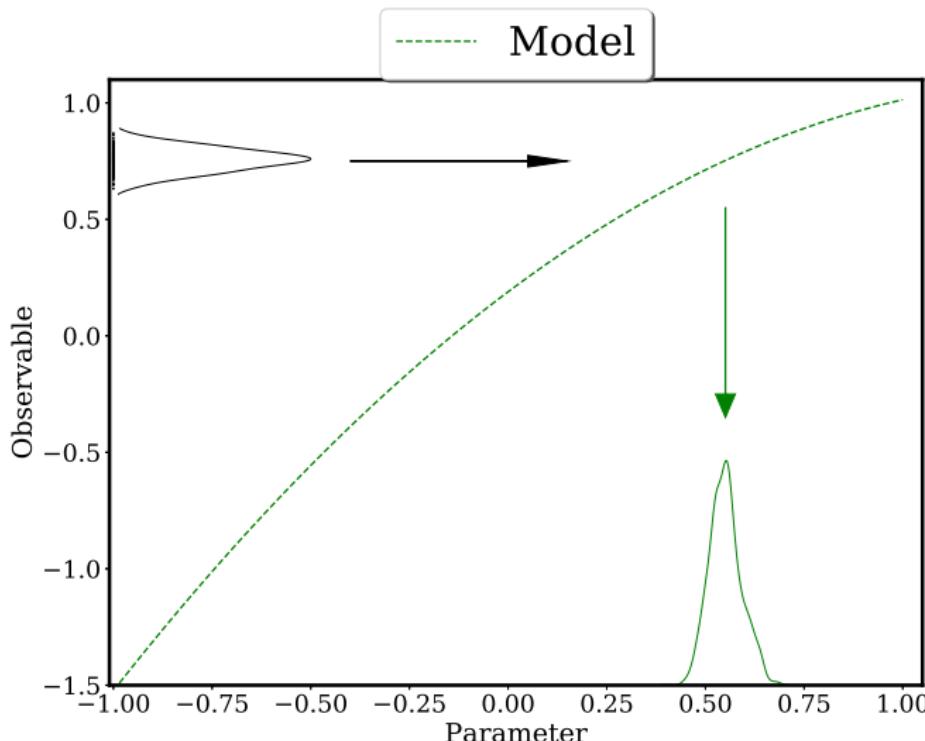
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deviation from ‘truth’ or from a higher-fidelity model

- ... otherwise called (with slightly altered meanings):  
model discrepancy, model structural error,  
model inadequacy, model misspecification,  
model form error, model uncertainty
- Inverse modeling context
  - Given experimental or higher-fidelity model data,  
estimate the model error
- Represent and estimate the error associated with
  - Simplifying assumptions, parameterizations
  - Mathematical formulation, theoretical framework
- ...will be useful for
  - Model validation and model comparison
  - Scientific discovery and model improvement
  - Reliable computational predictions

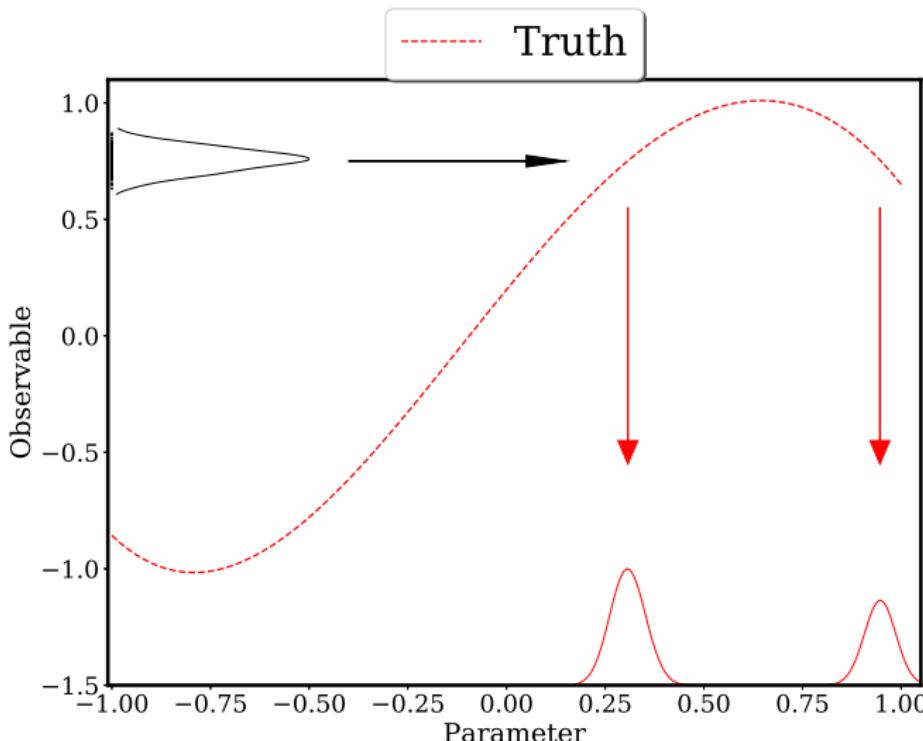
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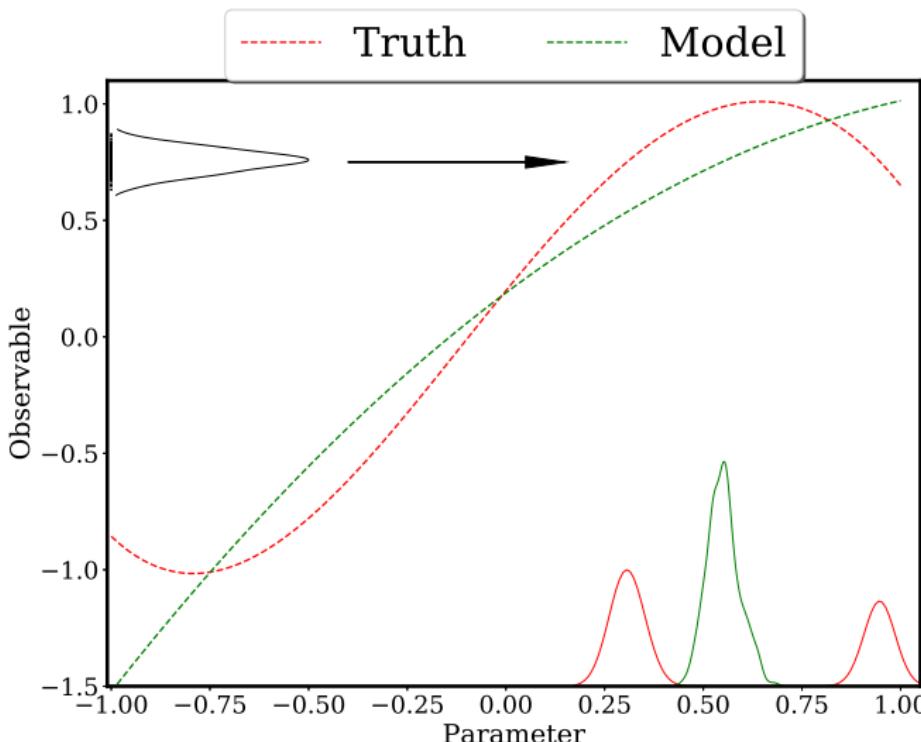
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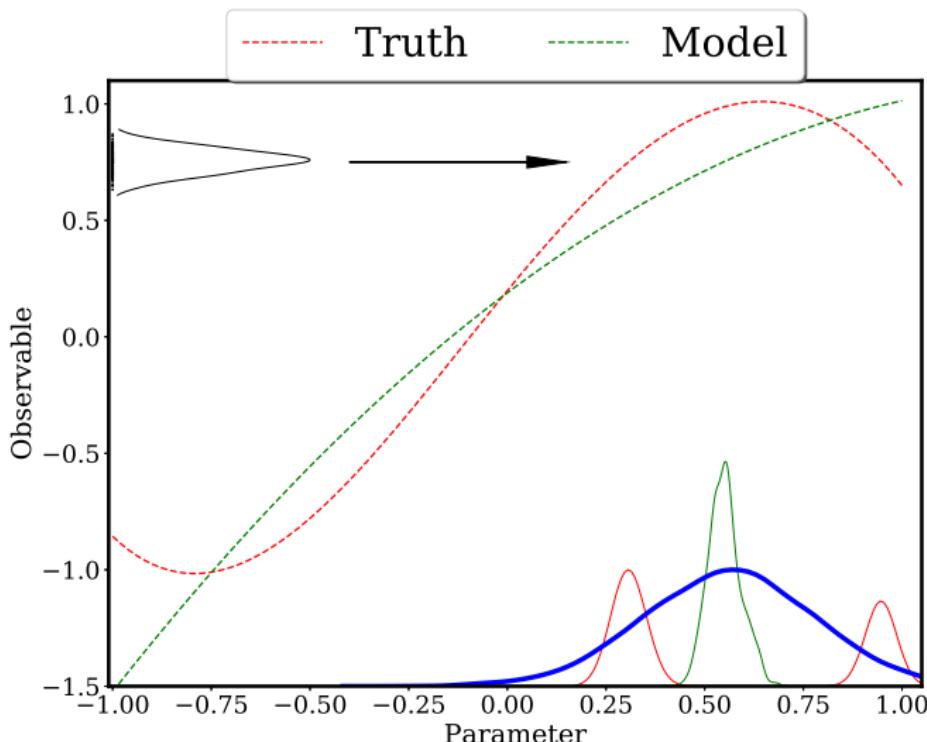
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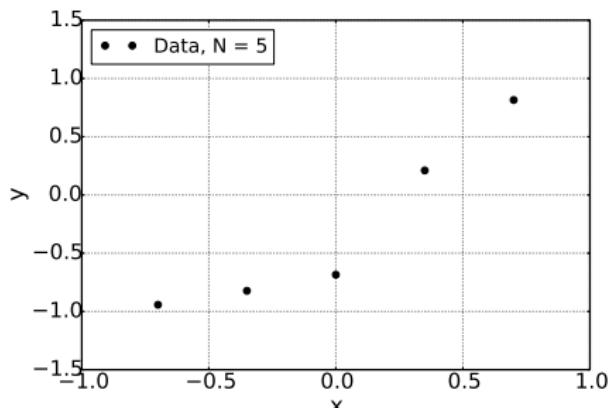


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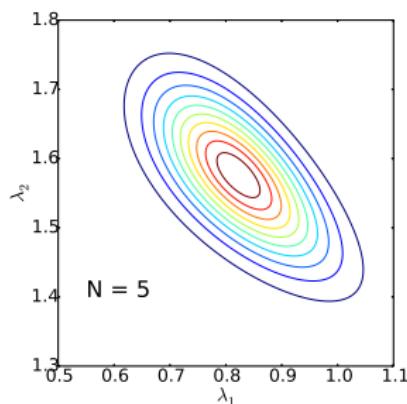
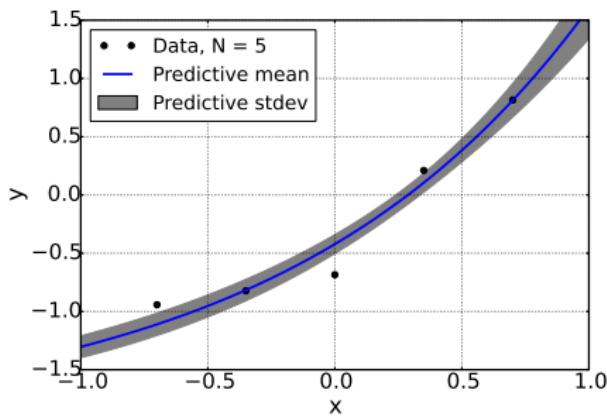
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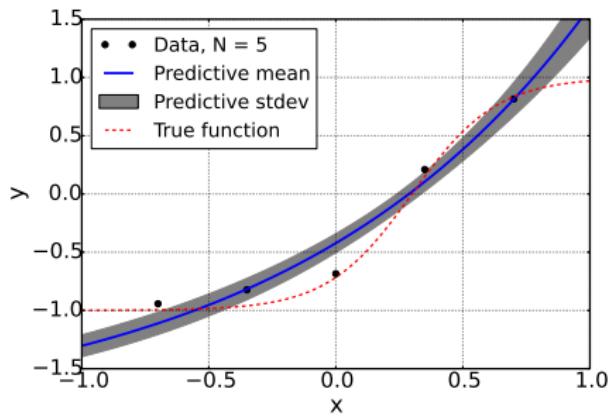
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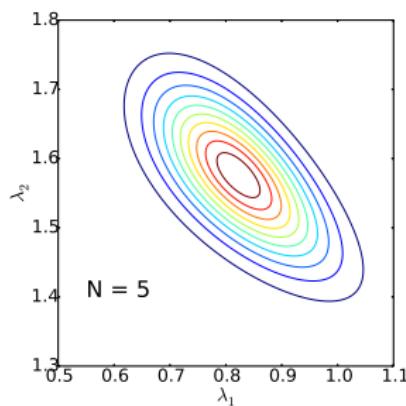


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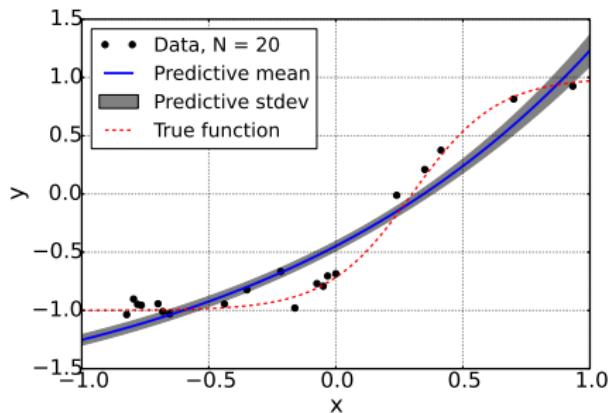
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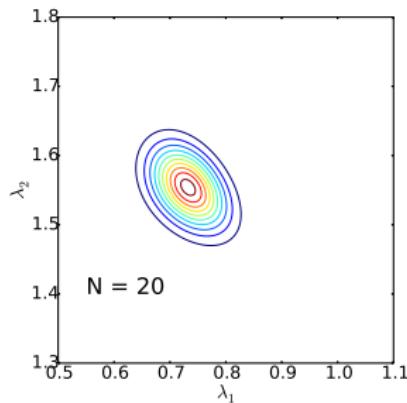
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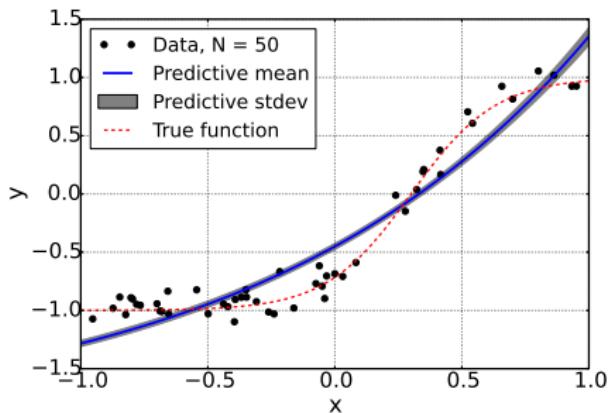
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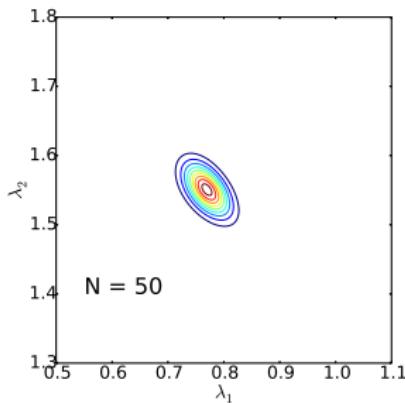
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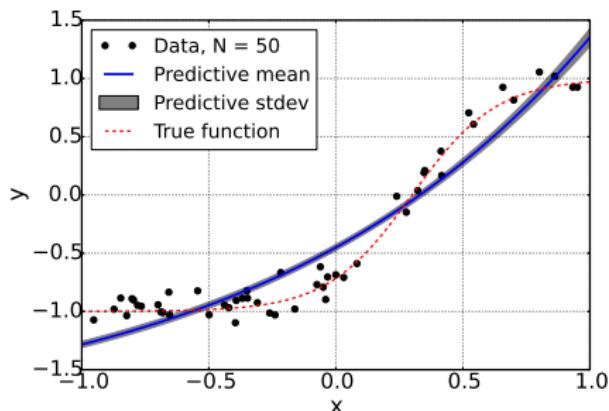
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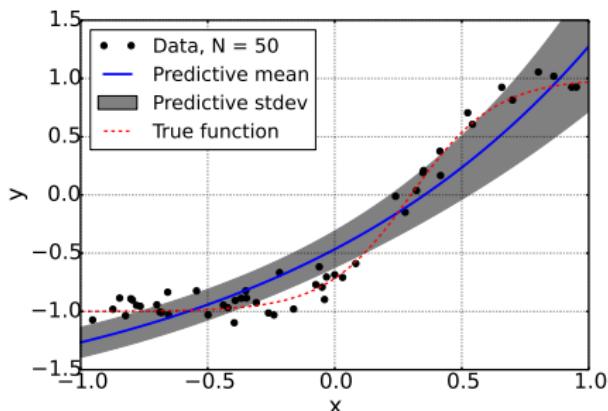
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No model error treatment



Model error accounted for

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

# Where to put model error?

- Outside:

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

- Explicit GP representation [Kennedy-O'Hagan, 2001]
- See also [Higdon et. al, 2004], [Bayarri et. al, 2007]
- Usage: too many to cite
- Issues: see next slide
- Variants exist: multiplicative noise, non-linear maps etc.

- Inside:

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

- Increased use, especially in physical models: [Emory et. al, 2011] [Oliver and Moser, 2011], [Morrison et. al, 2016], [Sondak et. al, 2017], [Huan et. al, 2017], [Rizzi et. al, 2018]...
- Engineering/statistical adjustment [Joseph and Melkote, 2009]
- Additive corrections to submodels [Strong et. al, 2011]
- Validation of extrapolative predictions [Oliver et. al, 2014]
- Field inversion and machine learning [Duraisamy et. al, 2015-]
- Hybrid correction [He and Xiu, 2016]
- Random field correction [Brown and Atamturktur, 2016]
- Hierarchical mixture model [Feng, 2017]
- Parameter inflation [Pernot et. al, 2017]
- Hierarchical stochastic model [Wu et. al, 2017]
- Dynamic discrepancy [Bhat et. al., 2017]

# External correction often not satisfactory for physical models

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

- Explicit additive statistical model for model error [KOH, 2001]
- Potential violation of physical constraints
- Disambiguation of model error  $\delta(x_i)$  and data error  $\epsilon_i$
- Yes, priors help: [Brynjarsdottir and O'Hagan, 2014], [Plumlee, 2017]
- Calibration of model error on measured observable does not impact the quality of model predictions on other Qols
- 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  $\delta(x)$

# Case for Model Error Embedding

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

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

- 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

# Embedded Model Error Options

- Explore different model forms,

*Intrusive*

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

- 
- Additive stochastic corrections to existing inputs

*Non-intrusive*

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

- ... even simpler,  $x$ -independent

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# Bayesian Framework for Model Error Estimation

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

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

# 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*  $\xi$  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  $\xi$

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

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

# Model Error – Likelihood construction

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

- Likelihood  $\mathcal{L}_g(\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\tilde{\alpha})$  challenging, but can compute moments

$$\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha}) = \mathbb{E}_\zeta[f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta)] \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_i^2(\tilde{\alpha}) = \mathbb{V}_\zeta[f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta)] + s_i^2$$

- Gauss-Marginal Approximate Likelihood compares data  $y_i$  and model predictions:

$$\mathcal{L}_g(\tilde{\alpha}) \approx \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\tilde{\alpha})} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu_i(\tilde{\alpha})}{\sigma_i(\tilde{\alpha})}\right)^2\right)$$

- Non-intrusive spectral projection (NISP) with Polynomial Chaos

$$f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta) \stackrel{\text{NISP}}{\simeq} \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\zeta)$$

- ... provides easy access to mean and variance

$$\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha}) = f_{i0}(\tilde{\alpha}) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_i^2(\tilde{\alpha}) = \sum_{k \neq 0} f_{ik}^2(\tilde{\alpha}) ||\Psi_k||^2 + s_i^2$$

# Model Error – Surrogate and Prediction

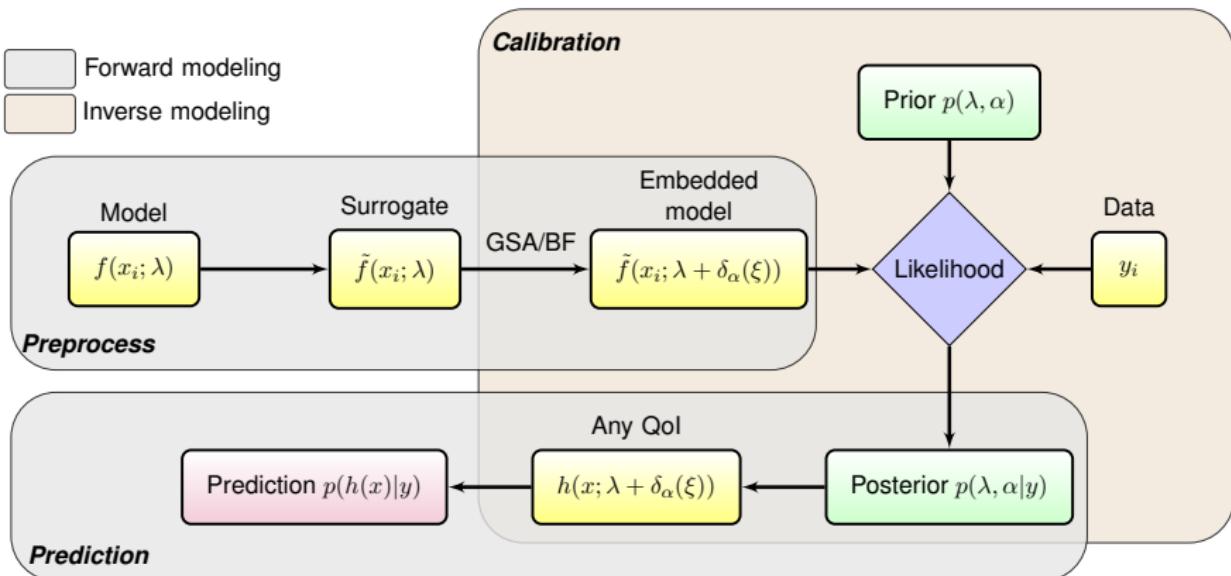
$$f_i(\lambda + \delta_\alpha(\zeta)) = f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta) \stackrel{\text{NISP}}{\simeq} \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\zeta)$$

- NISP is employed both for likelihood computation and for posterior/pushed-forward predictions in general
- In practice,  $f_i(\cdot)$  is replaced by a pre-constructed polynomial surrogate
- Note: NISP with finite truncation is exact,  
if one truncates NISP at the same order as the surrogate of  $f_i(\cdot)$
- Posterior predictive moments

$$\mu_i = \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\alpha}} [\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha})]$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\alpha}} [\sigma_i^2(\tilde{\alpha})]}_{\text{Model error}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{V}_{\tilde{\alpha}} [\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha})]}_{\text{Posterior uncertainty}} + \underbrace{(\sigma_i^{LOO})^2}_{\text{Surrogate error}} + \underbrace{s_i^2}_{\text{Data noise}}$$

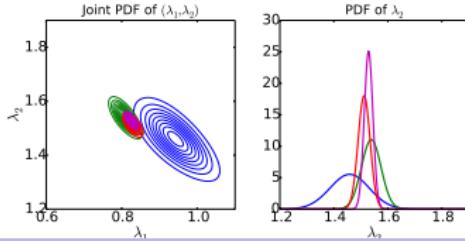
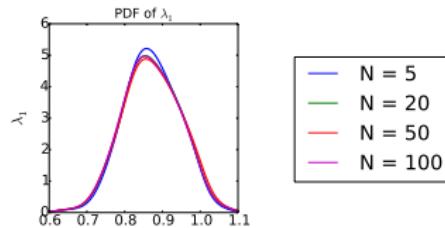
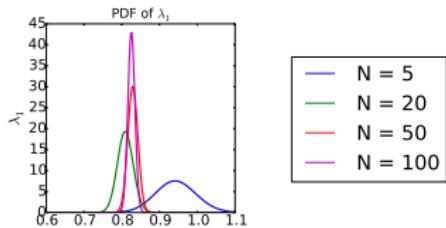
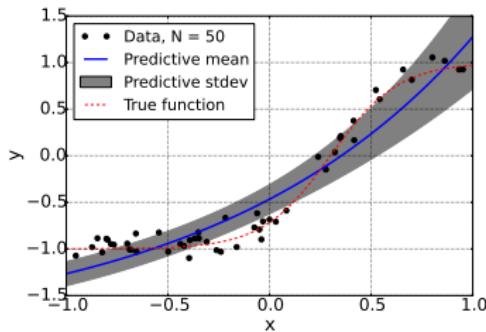
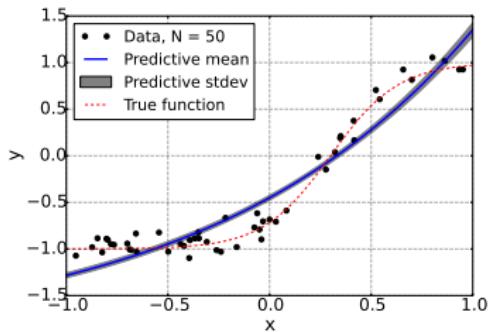
# Model error embedding – workflow



- Predictive uncertainty decomposition: Total Variance =

Posterior uncertainty + Data noise + Model error + Surrogate error

# .. back to toy example

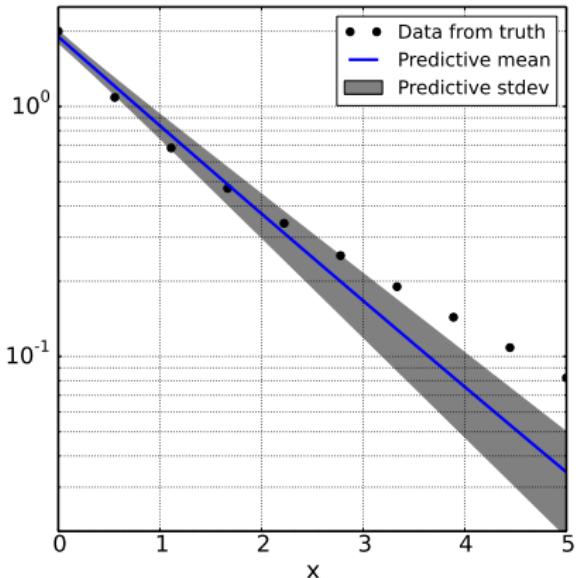


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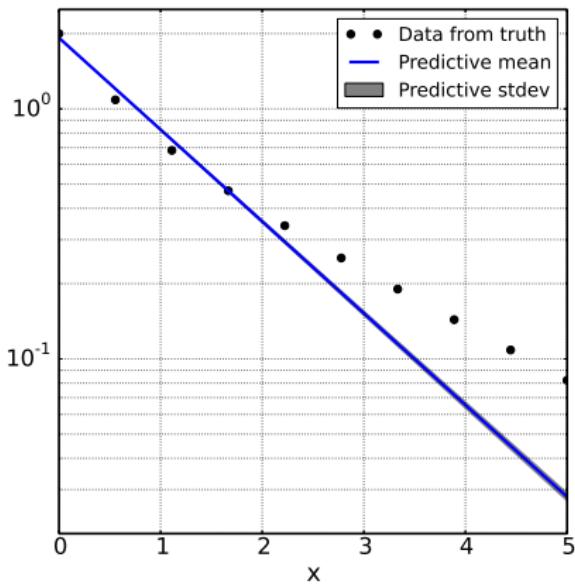
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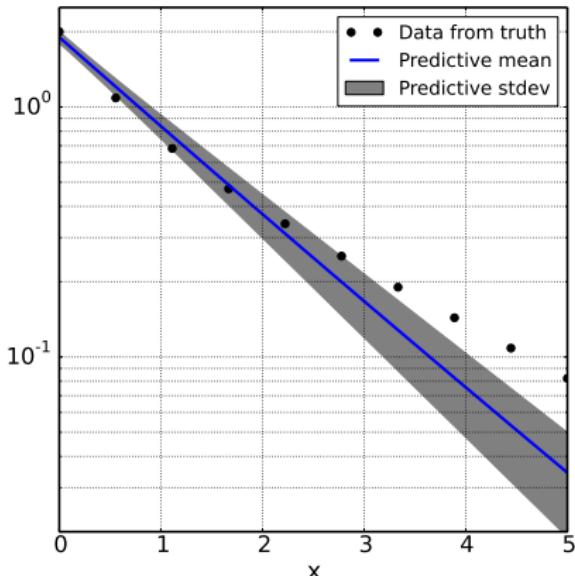


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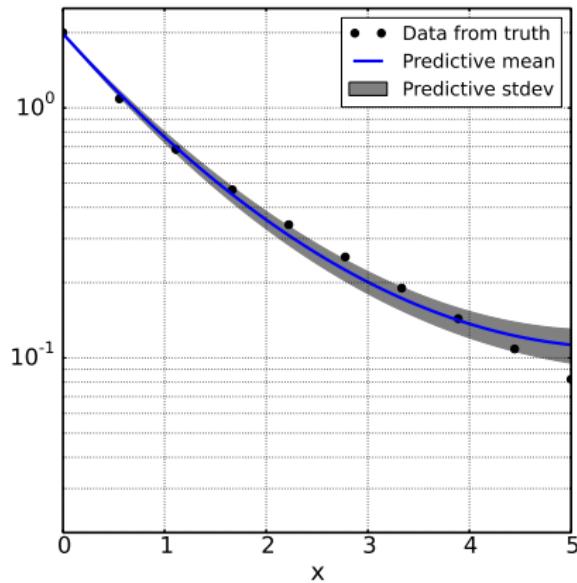
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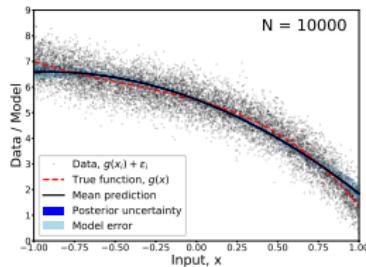
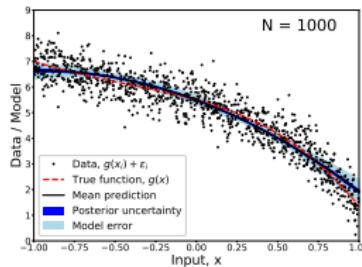
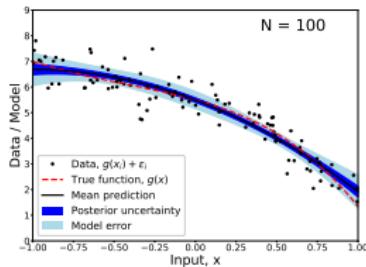
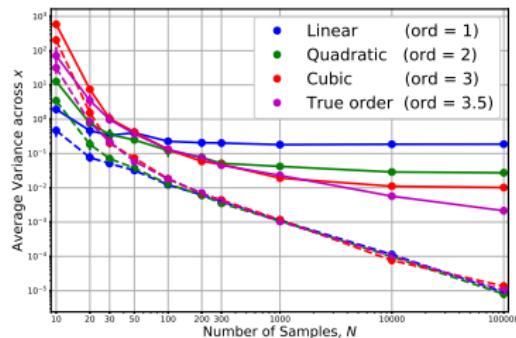
# More data leads to ‘leftover’ model error

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

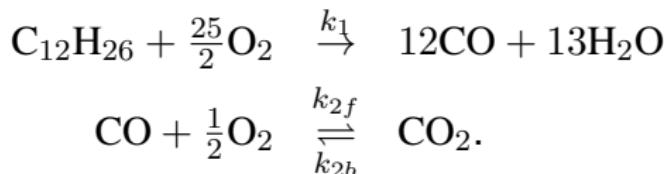


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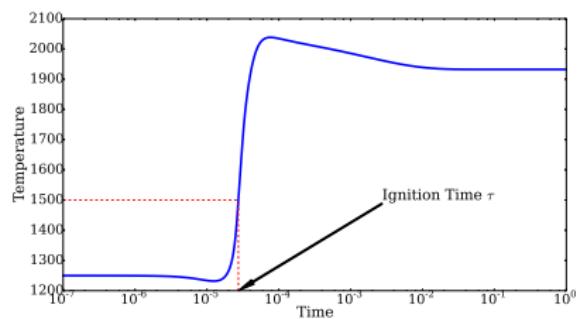
# Ignition time in chemical kinetics

- Two-step global reaction model calibrated against shock tube experimental data
- Operating conditions: pressure  $P$ , initial temperature  $T_0$  & equivalence ratio  $\phi$

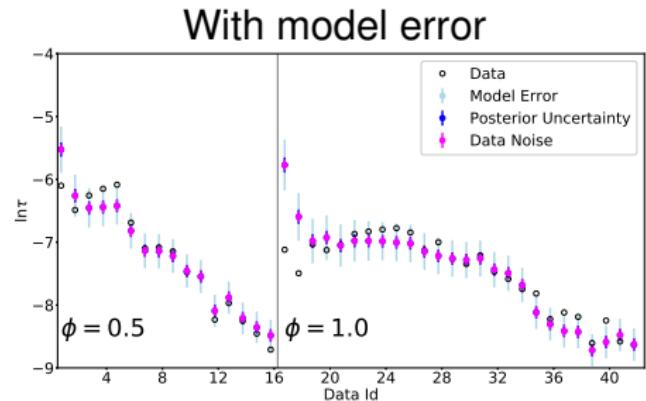
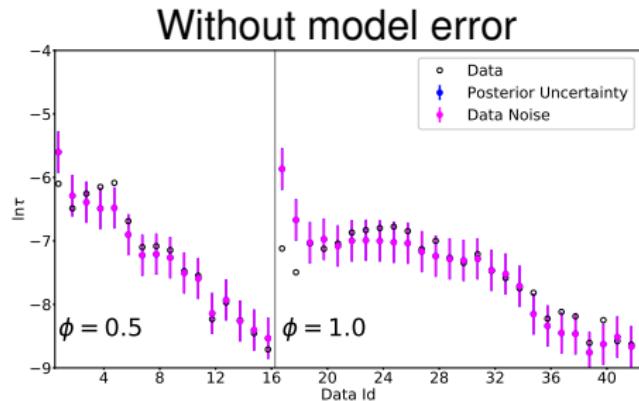


$$k_1 = A e^{-\frac{E}{RT}} [\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}]^{0.25} [\text{O}_2]^{1.25}$$

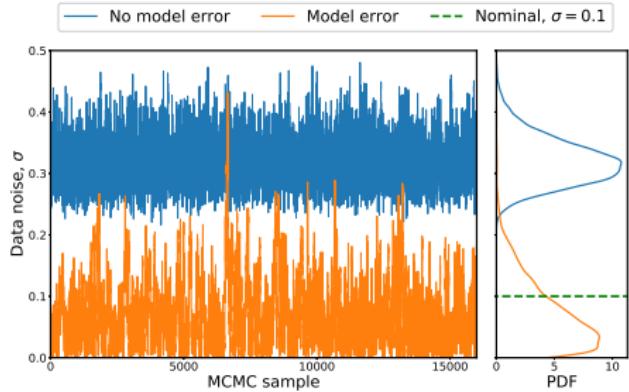
- Data: log(ignition time)
  - Embedding
- $$(\ln A, E) = \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$



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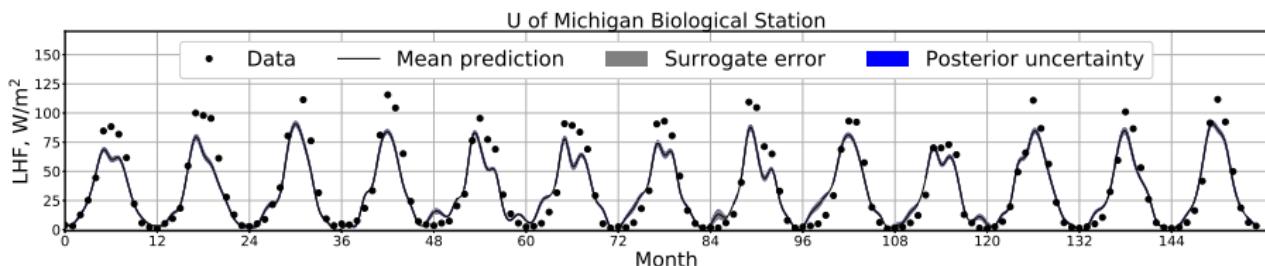


- Model error disambiguated from data error
- Data error correctly captured
- Meaningful extrapolative predictions



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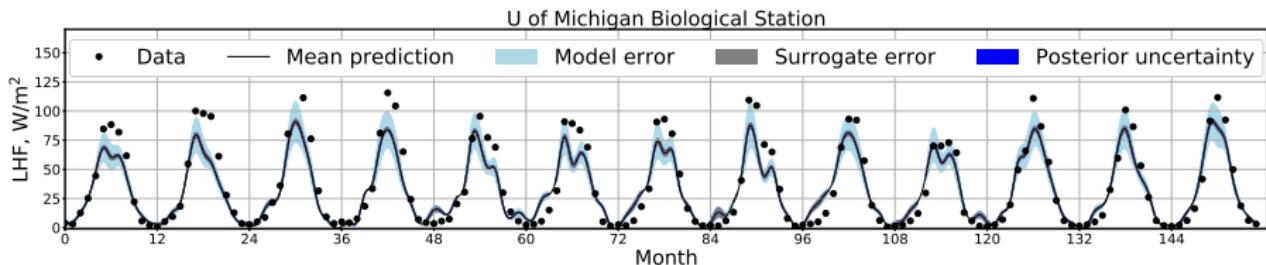
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- Conventional calibration without model error

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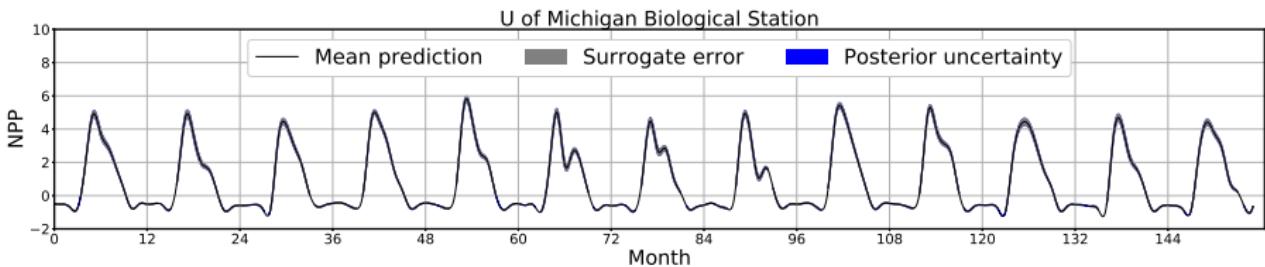
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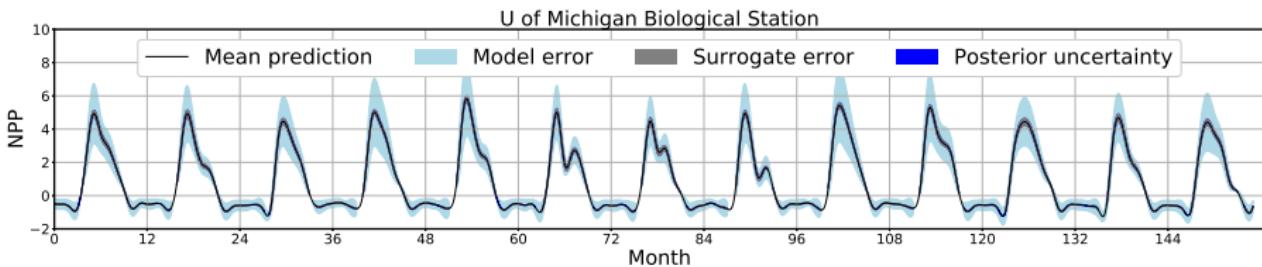
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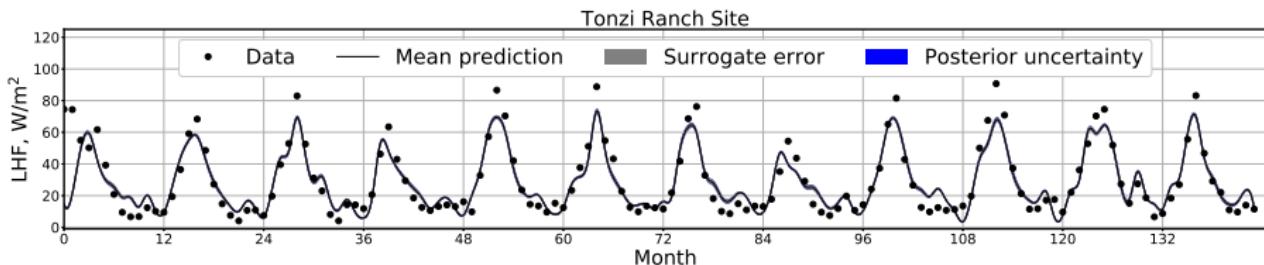
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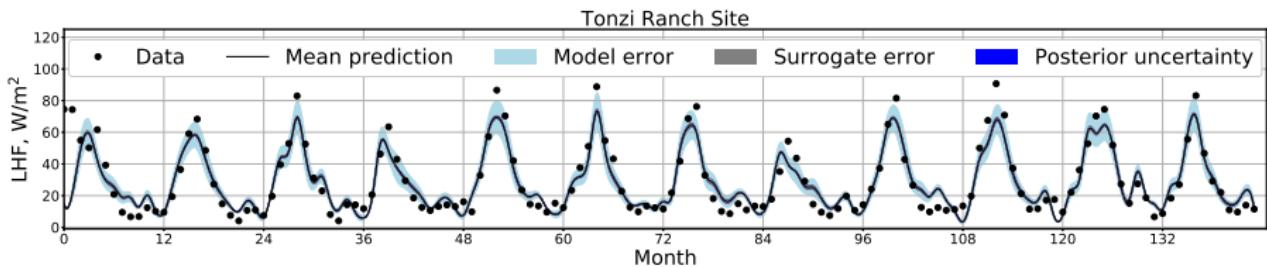
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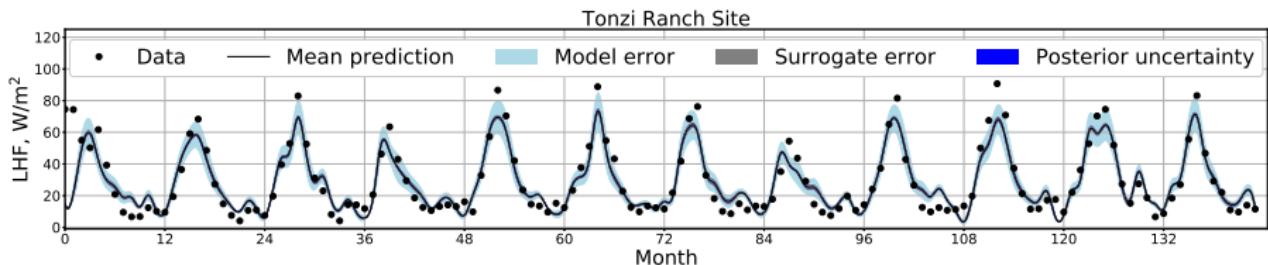
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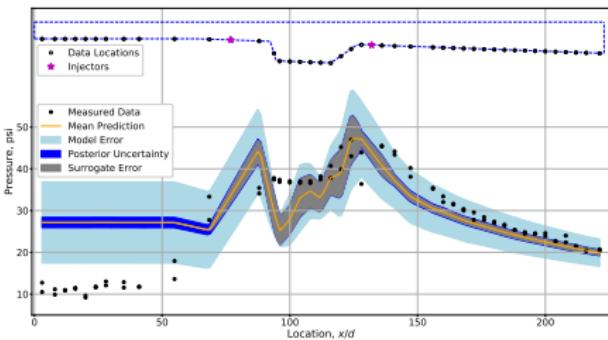
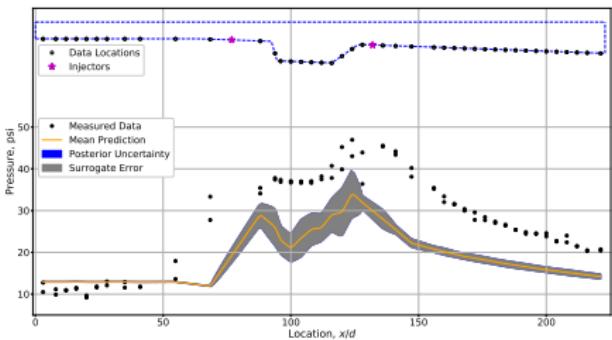
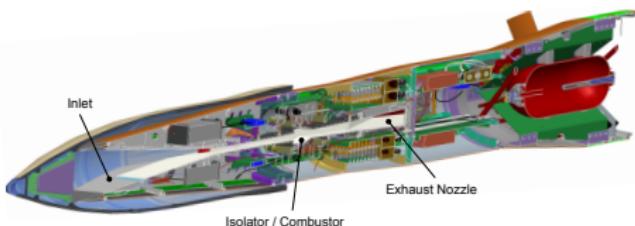
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# LES: Turbulent Combustion in Scramjet Engine

- HIFiRE (Hypersonic International Flight Research and Experimentation) scramjet
- Pressure data from NASA Langley Research Center
- Highly complex LES model



- Augmenting model error leads to more ‘physical’ likelihood

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- Embedded, *non-intrusive* model error quantification
- PC-based representation and propagation
- Bayesian framework for simultaneous estimation of model inputs and model error parameters
- Particularly useful for: model-to-model calibration, multimodel analysis, non-observable QoI prediction
- All developments done within UQTK, lightweight C++/Python library out of SNL-CA  
[github.com/sandialabs/UQTK](https://github.com/sandialabs/UQTK)
- Challenges:
  - High-d inference problem
  - Identifiability
  - Extrapolation/generalization
  - Where/how to embed
  - Likelihood degeneracy
  - Priors



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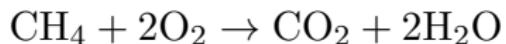
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# Additional Material

# Chemistry problem – ABC

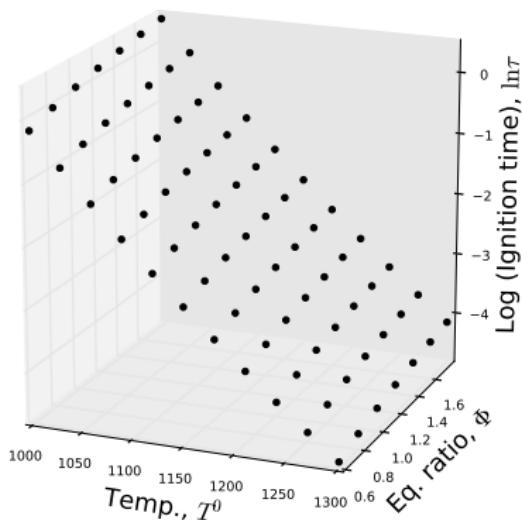
- Homogeneous ignition, methane-air mixture
- Single-step global reaction model calibrated against a detailed chemical kinetic model
- Data: ignition time; range of initial  $T$  & equivalence ratio
- Single-step model:



$$\mathfrak{R} = [\text{CH}_4][\text{O}_2]k_f$$

$$k_f = A \exp(-E/R^o T)$$

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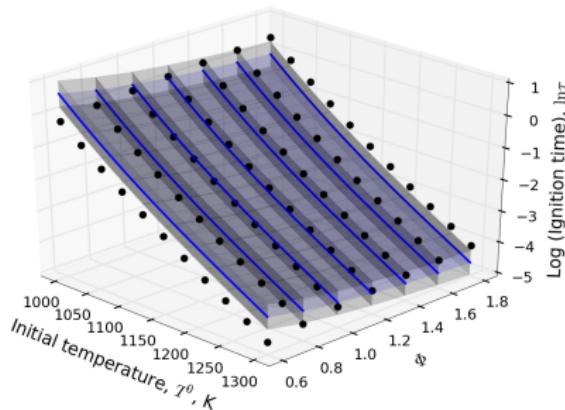


# Quality of Uncertain Calibrated Model Predictions

Calibrated uncertain fit model is consistent with the detailed-model data.

Over the range of  $(T^0, \Phi)$ :

- MAP predictive mean ignition-time is centered on the data
- MAP predictive stdv is consistent with the scatter of the data



# TransCom3 Experiment of $CO_2$ Flux Inversion

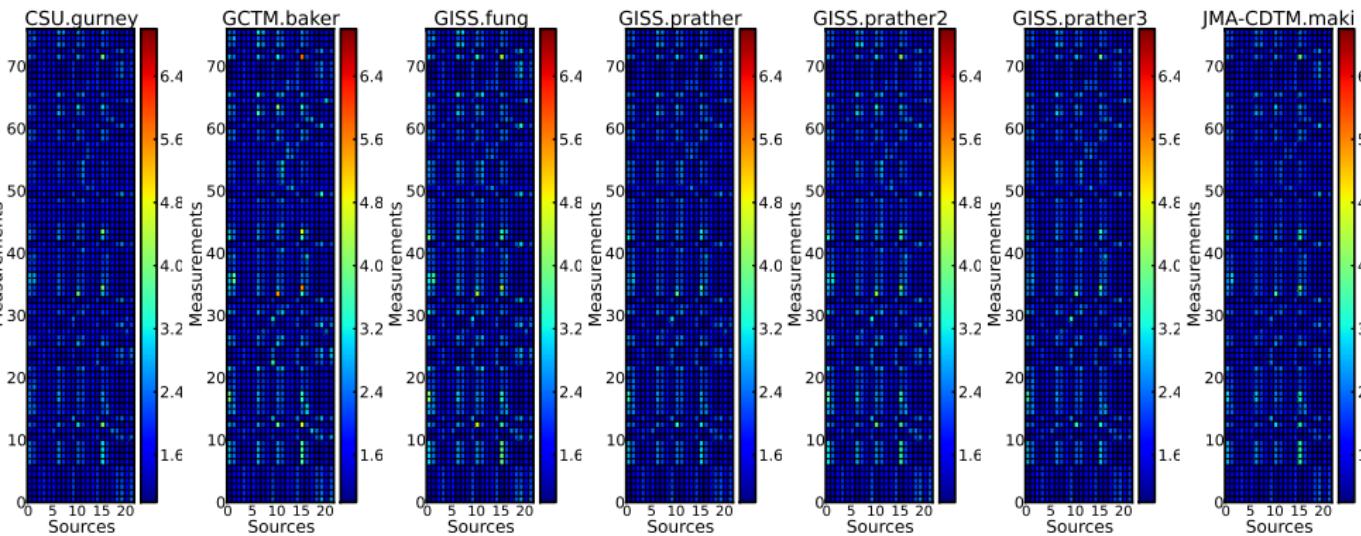
[Gurney *et al.*, Tellus B, 2003]

- Observations  $\mathbf{d}$  at  $N = 77$  sites around the world
- Inverse problem: find fluxes  $\mathbf{s}$  at  $M = 22$  locations
- Linearized ‘response’ model  $\mathbf{R}$ , such that  $\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{Rs}$

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{Rs} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\mathbf{d}$$

- Model  $\mathbf{R}$  is never perfect thus contaminating the inversion
- The inferred values of  $\mathbf{s}$  compensate for model deficiencies
- $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\mathbf{d}$  is meant to capture data errors, but is ‘entangled’ with model errors

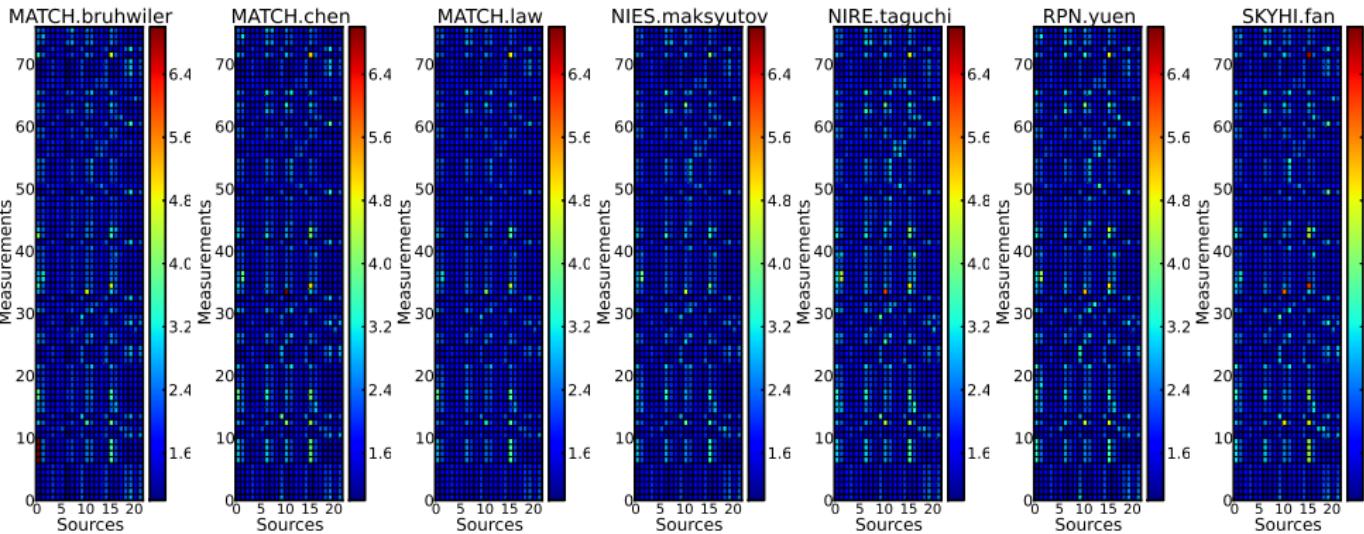
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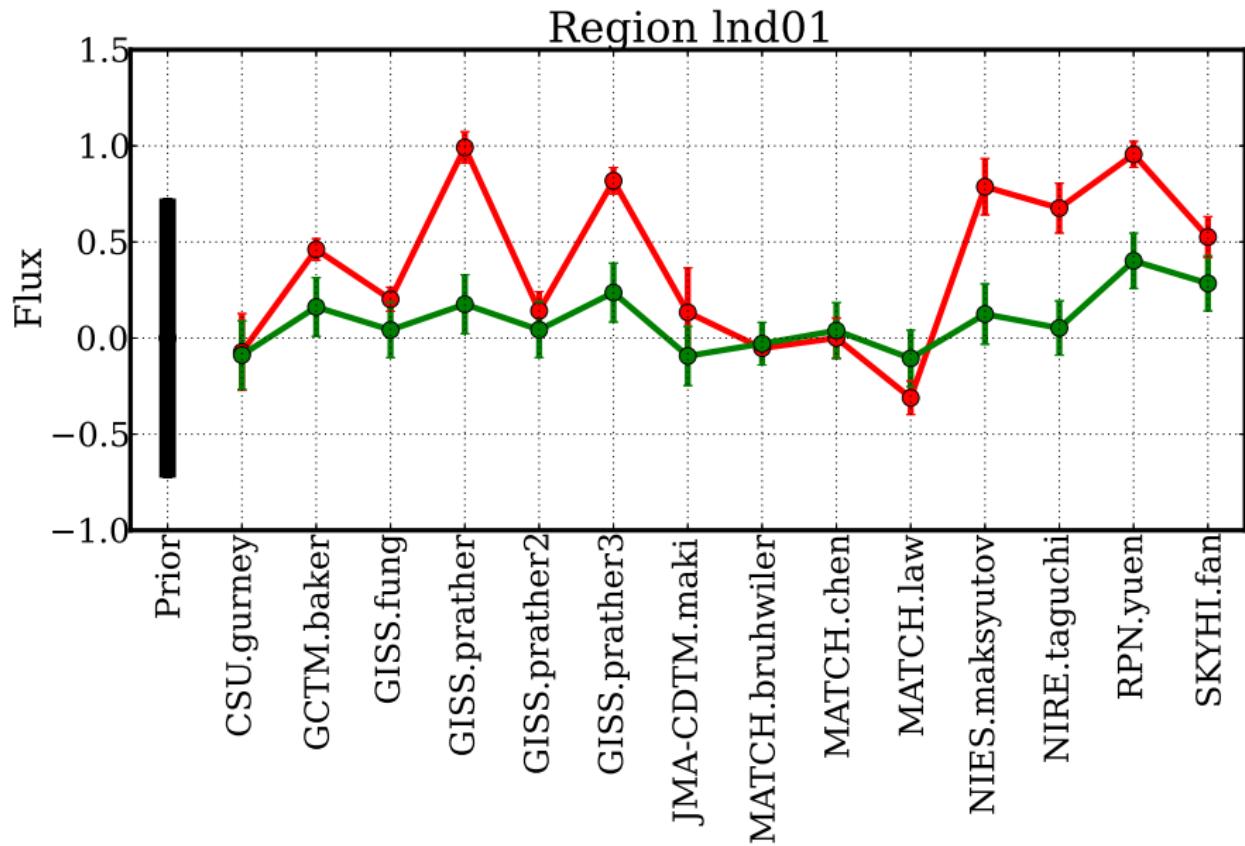
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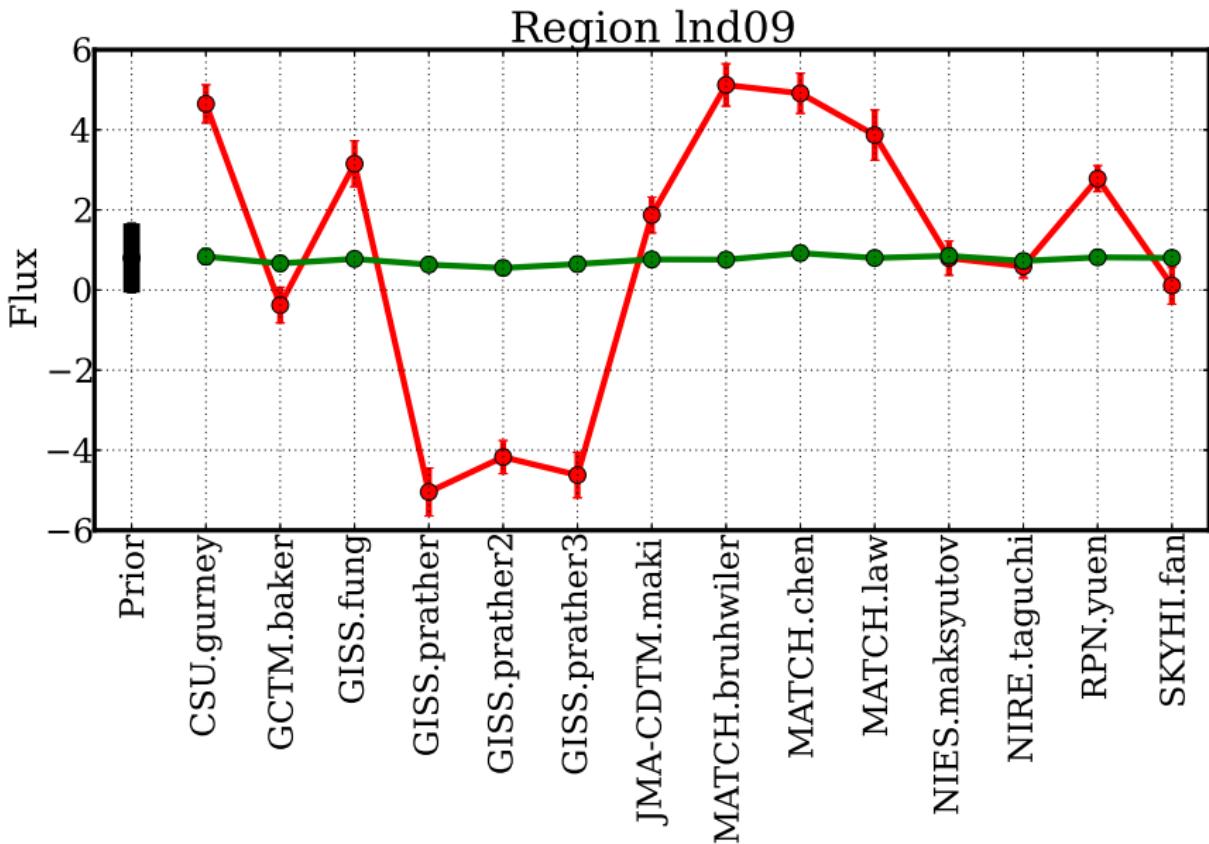
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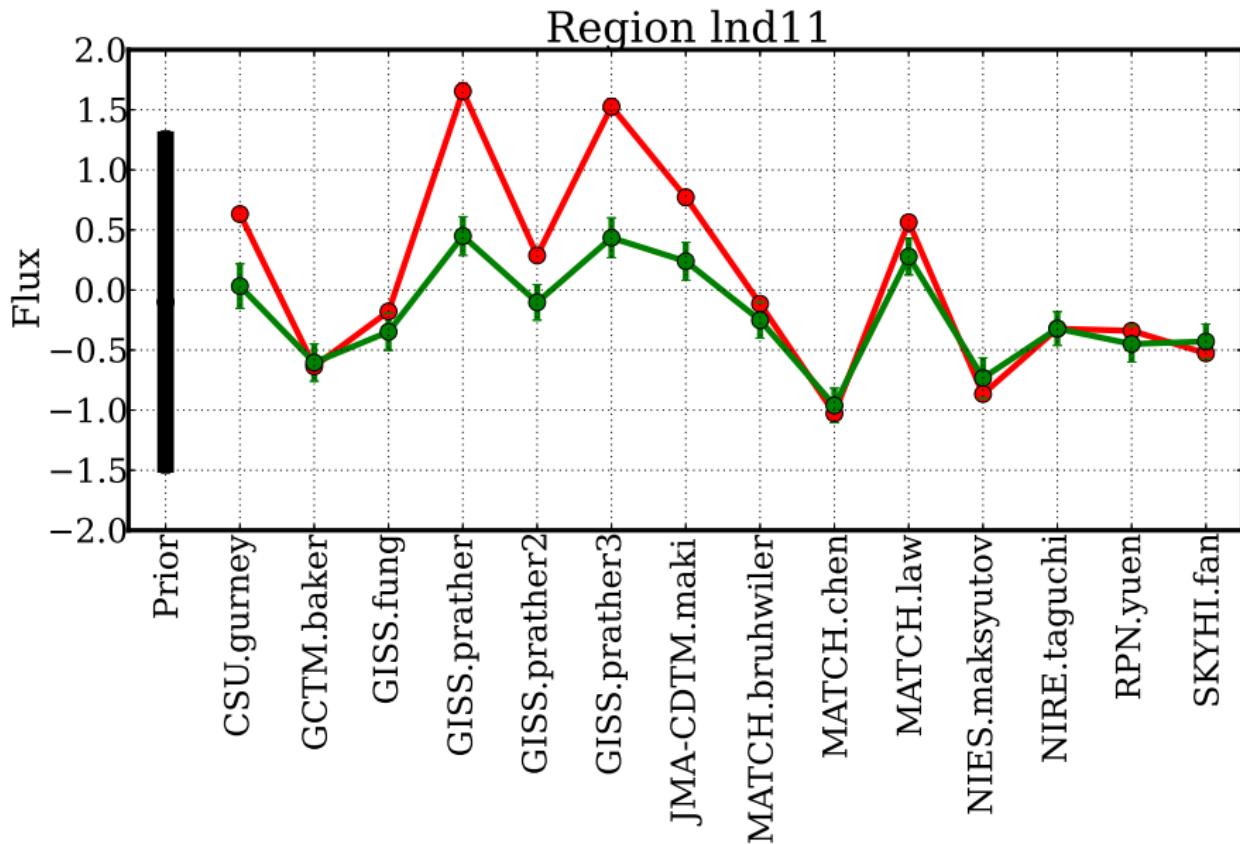
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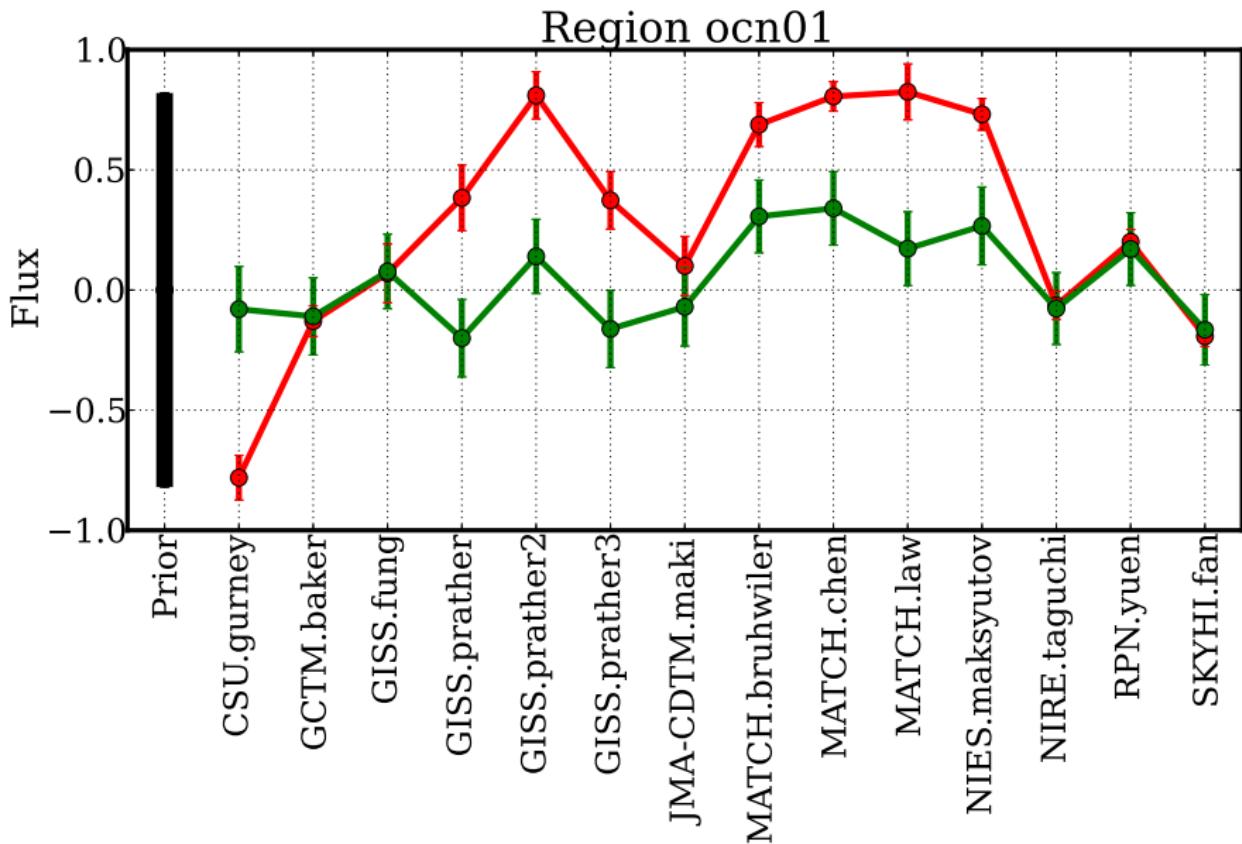
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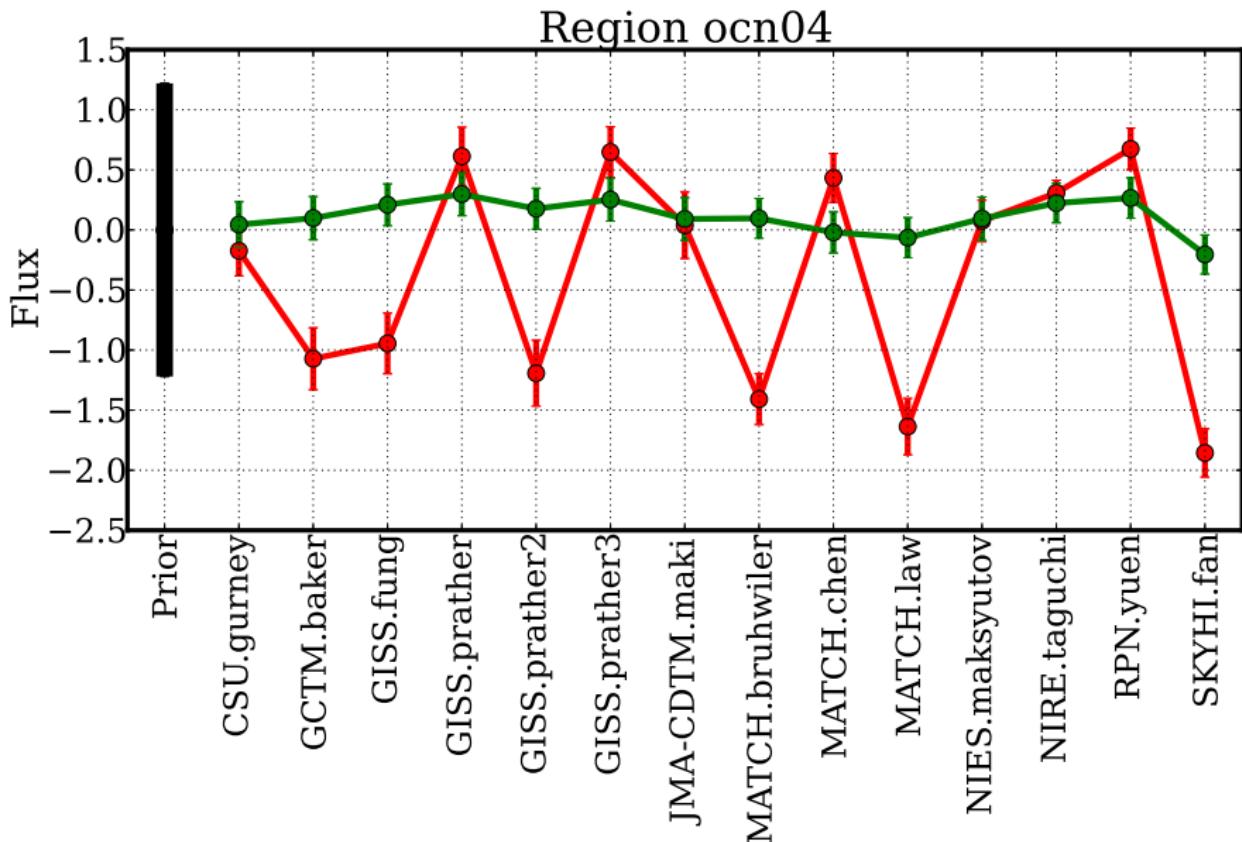
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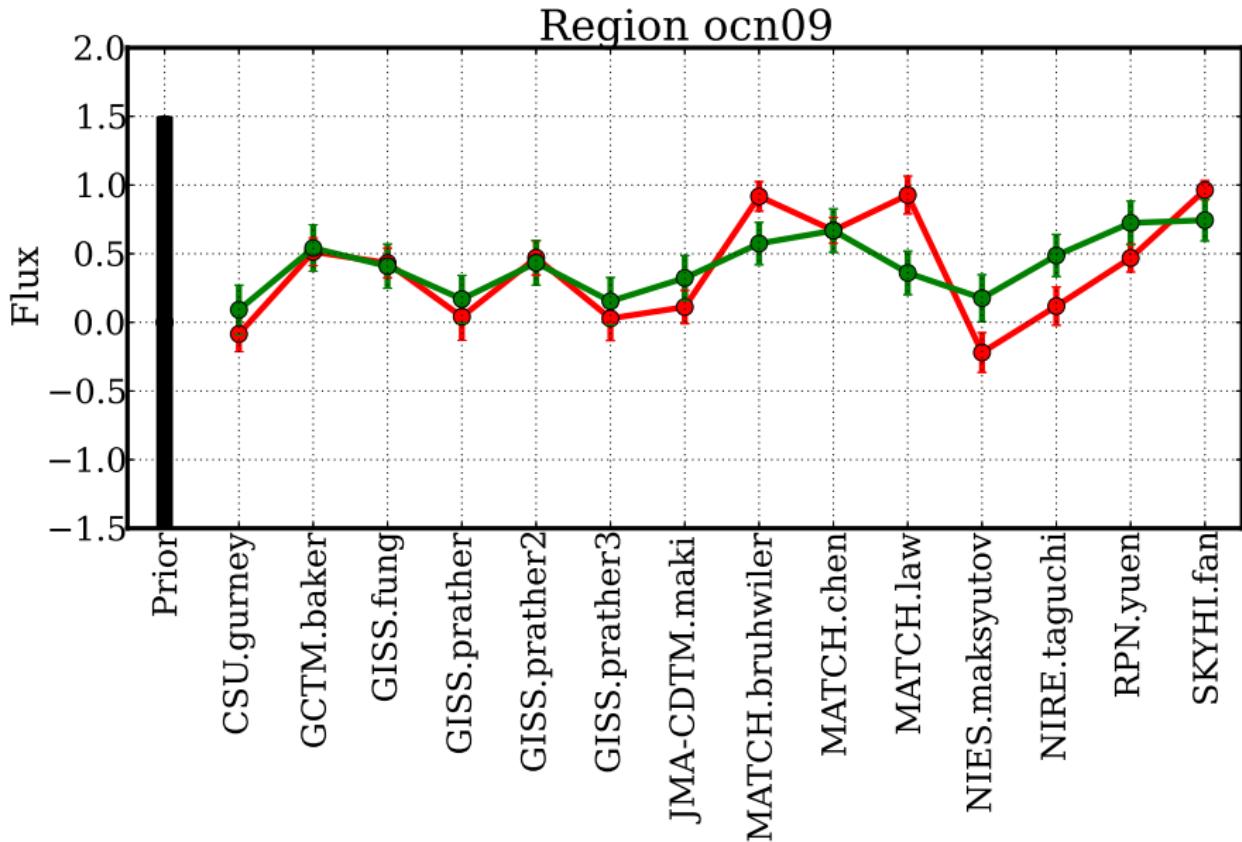
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