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Outline: model error quantification

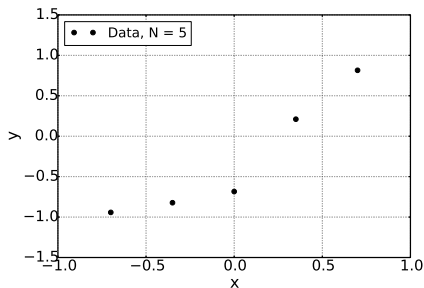
- Motivation
- Current issues
- Method
- Toy demos
- Applications
 - Chemical reaction model
 - Atmospheric transport
 - LES computation

Main target

Model error = deviation from 'truth', or from a higher-fidelity model

- 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
- Inverse modeling context
 - Given experimental or higher-fidelity model data, estimate the model error

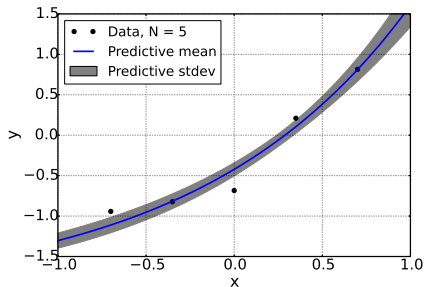
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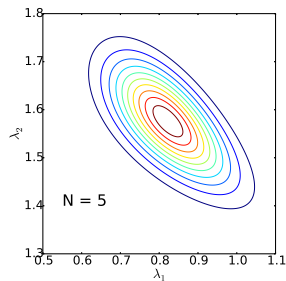
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- Given noisy data – Gaussian noise
- $y = g_{\text{true}}(x) + \epsilon$

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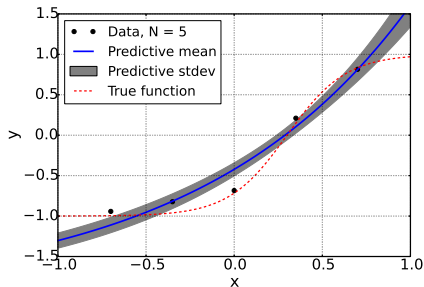
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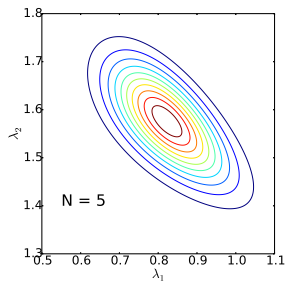
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- Employ Bayesian inference to fit an exponential model – $y_m = f(x, \lambda)$
- Discrepancy between data and prediction presumed exclusively due to *i.i.d.* Gaussian data noise – $y = f(x, \lambda) + \epsilon_d$
- Plotted:
 - Posterior density on the parameters
 - Predictive mean and standard deviation

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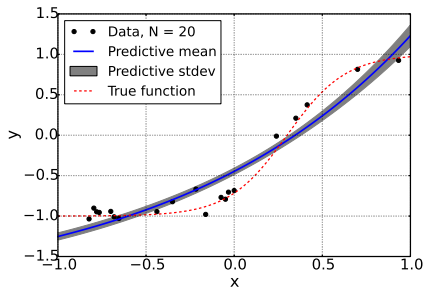
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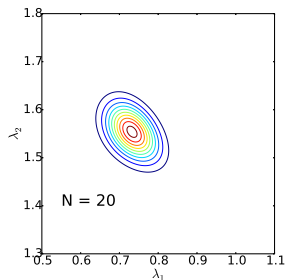
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- True model $g(x)$ – dashed-red – differs from fit model $f(x, \lambda)$
- Actual discrepancy includes both data and model errors

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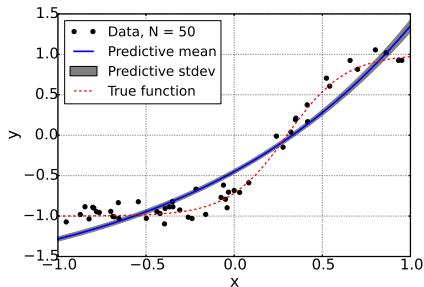
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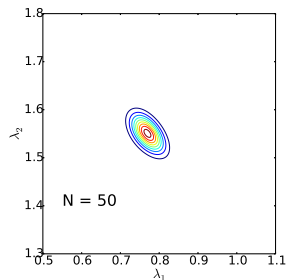
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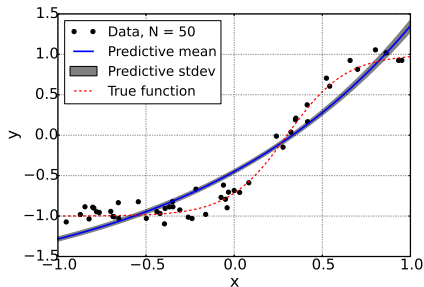
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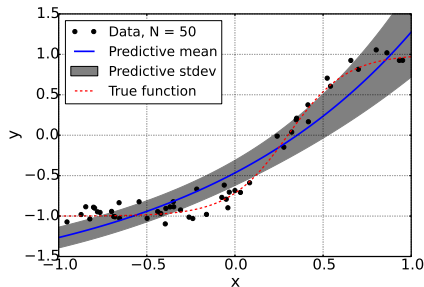
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Model-data fit



What we want

- If the model has structural uncertainty, more data leads to biased and overconfident results
- We want to quantify model-vs-truth discrepancy in a rigorous and systematic way
 - Cannot ignore model error

Explicit model discrepancy: issues for physical models

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

- 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 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 $\delta(x)$

Model error embedding: key idea

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

- Cast input parameters λ as a random variable Λ

Black-box

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

- Generalize parameter forms,

Random field

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

- More generally, explore additional parameterizations,

Extra 'physics'

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

Model error embedding: key idea

Cast input parameters λ as a random variable Λ

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

- Embed model error in specific submodel phenomenology
 - a modified transport or constitutive law
 - a modified formulation for a material property
- 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

Model error embedding – Bayesian density estimation

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

- Parametrize embedded random variable Λ :

- PDF form $\pi_{\Lambda}(\cdot; \alpha)$
- Polynomial Chaos (PC): $\Lambda = \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi)$
- Multivariate Normal (MVN):

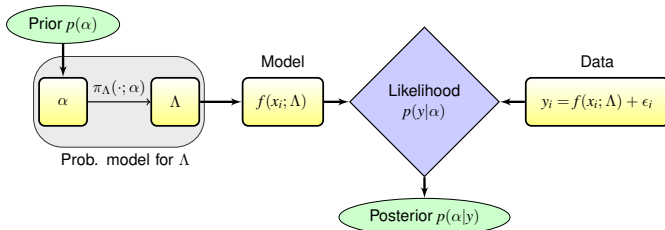
$$\begin{cases} \Lambda_1 = \alpha_{10} + \alpha_{11}\xi_1 \\ \Lambda_2 = \alpha_{20} + \alpha_{21}\xi_1 + \alpha_{22}\xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_d = \alpha_{d0} + \alpha_{d1}\xi_1 + \alpha_{d2}\xi_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{dd}\xi_d \end{cases}$$

- Inverse modeling context

- Parameter estimation of $\lambda \Rightarrow$ PDF estimation of $\Lambda \Rightarrow$
 \Rightarrow parameter estimation of α
- Bayesian formulation

$$\underbrace{p(\alpha|y)}_{\text{Posterior}} \propto \underbrace{L_y(\alpha)}_{\text{Likelihood}} \underbrace{p(\alpha)}_{\text{Prior}}$$

Model error embedding – likelihood options



- Infer $\hat{\alpha} = (\alpha, \sigma_{\mathcal{D}})$
- Data generation model; to aid likelihood $p(y|\hat{\alpha})$ construction

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_i &= f(x_i, \Lambda) + \epsilon_i = \\
 &= f\left(x_i, \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d)\right) + \sigma_{\mathcal{D}} \xi_{d+i} = \\
 [\text{NISP}] &\approx \sum_k f_{ik}(\alpha) \Psi_k(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d) + \sigma_{\mathcal{D}} \xi_{d+i} = h_i(\hat{\xi}; \hat{\alpha})
 \end{aligned}$$

- Full PC germ $\hat{\xi} = (\underbrace{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d}_{\text{Model error}}, \underbrace{\xi_{d+1}, \dots, \xi_{d+N}}_{\text{Data noise}})$

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- Full Likelihood: $L(\alpha) = p(y|\alpha) = p(y_1, \dots, y_N|\alpha) = \pi(y)$
 - Degenerate if no data noise
 - Requires multivariate KDE or high-d integration
 - Gaussian approximation:
 $L(\alpha) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y - \mu(\alpha))^T \Sigma^{-1}(\alpha)(y - \mu(\alpha))\right)$
 - Non-intrusive spectral projection (NISP) relieves the expense and provides easy access to mean $\mu(\alpha)$ and covariance $\Sigma(\alpha)$

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- Marginalized Likelihood:

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

- Requires univariate KDE
- Neglects built-in correlations
- Gaussian approximation:

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

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- Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC): $L(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} K\left(\frac{\rho(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}})}{\epsilon}\right)$
 - 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

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

Model Error – Predictions

$$f(x; \Lambda) = f(x; \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi_{1:d})) = \sum_k f_k(x; \alpha) \Psi_k(\xi_{1:d})$$

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

$$\mu(x; \alpha) = f_0(x; \alpha), \quad \sigma^2(x; \alpha) = \sum_{k>0} f_k^2(x; \alpha) \|\Psi_k\|^2$$

- Predictive mean

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

- Decomposition of predictive variance

$$\mathbb{V}[y(x)] = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_\alpha[\sigma^2(x; \alpha)]}_{\text{Model error}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{V}_\alpha[\mu(x; \alpha)]}_{\text{Posterior error}}$$

Model Error – Predictions at data locations

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

- Non-intrusive spectral projection (NISP) will allow
 - Likelihood computation
 - Easy access to first two moments:

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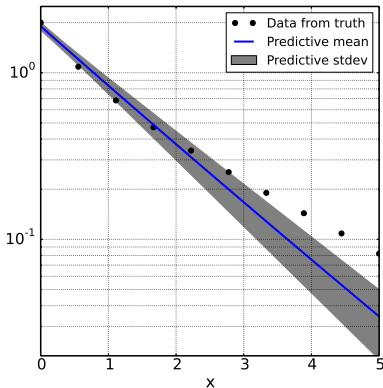
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Predictions account for model error

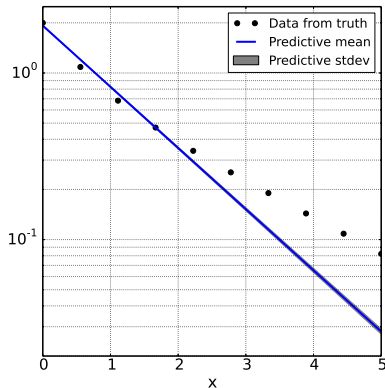
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with data from a double exponential model $g(x) = e^{-0.5x} + e^{-2x}$

Linear-exponential $f(x, \lambda) = e^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 x}$



Additive Gaussian error

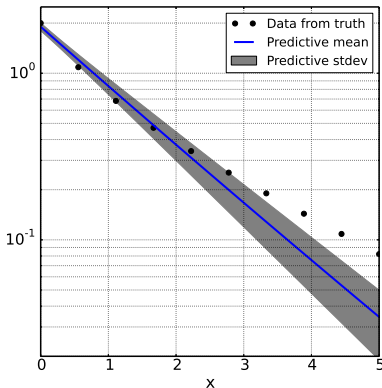


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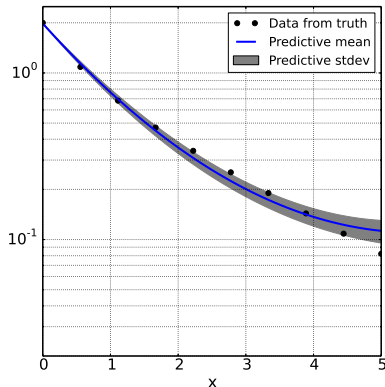
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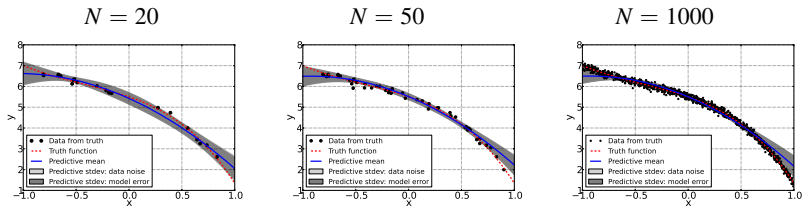


Quadratic-exponential $f_2(x, \lambda) = e^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 x^2}$



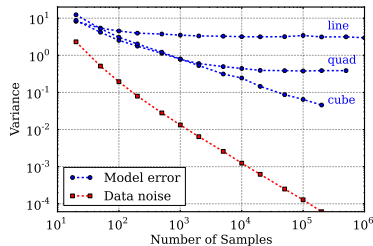
More data leads to 'leftover' model error

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

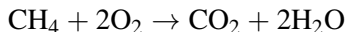


Scenarios of interest

- Model-to-model calibration
 - Chemical reaction model
- Multi-model analysis
 - Atmospheric transport
- Prediction of other Qols
 - LES computation

Model-to-model calibration: ignition model

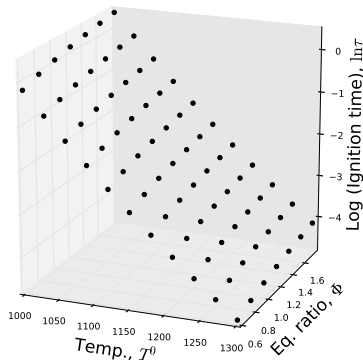
- Homogeneous ignition, methane-air mixture
- Single-step global reaction model calibrated against a detailed chemical kinetic model
- Data: ignition time; range of initial T & equivalence ratio
- Single-step model:



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

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

- $(\ln A, E) = \sum_k \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi)$

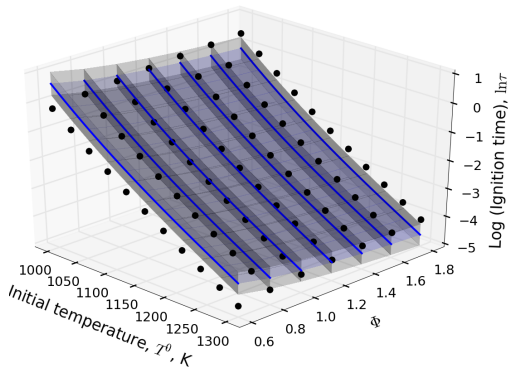


Model-to-model calibration: ignition model

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

Over the range of (T^0, Φ) :

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



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TransCom3 Experiment of CO_2 Flux Inversion

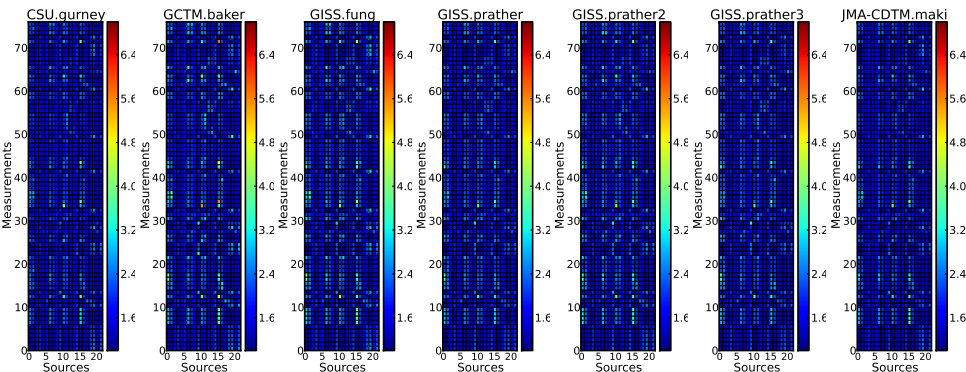
[Gurney *et al.*, Tellus B, 2003]

- 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 $\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s}$

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s} + \epsilon_{\mathbf{d}}$$

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

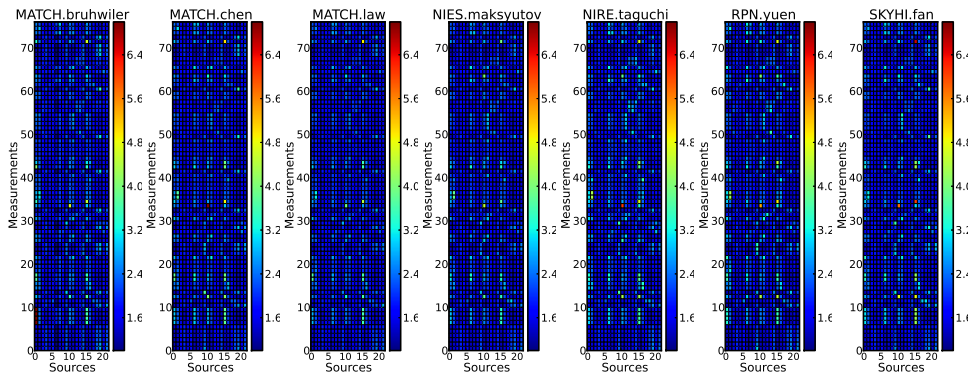
Consider 14 different response models \mathbf{R}



Infer fluxes \mathbf{s} , given measurements \mathbf{d} to satisfy $\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s}$

- Conventional additive Gaussian error (least-squares): $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s} + \xi$
- Embed probabilistic model for fluxes \mathbf{s} : $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{R}(\mu_{\mathbf{s}} + \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}}\xi)$

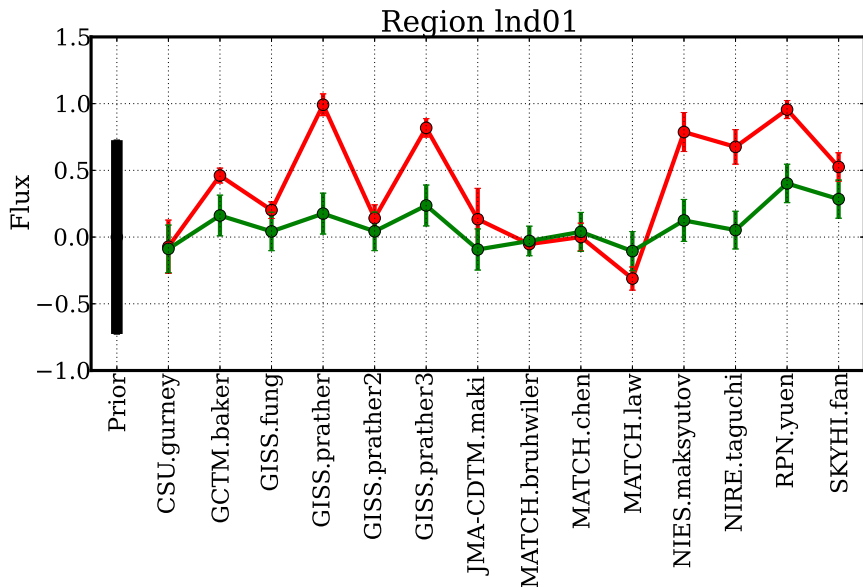
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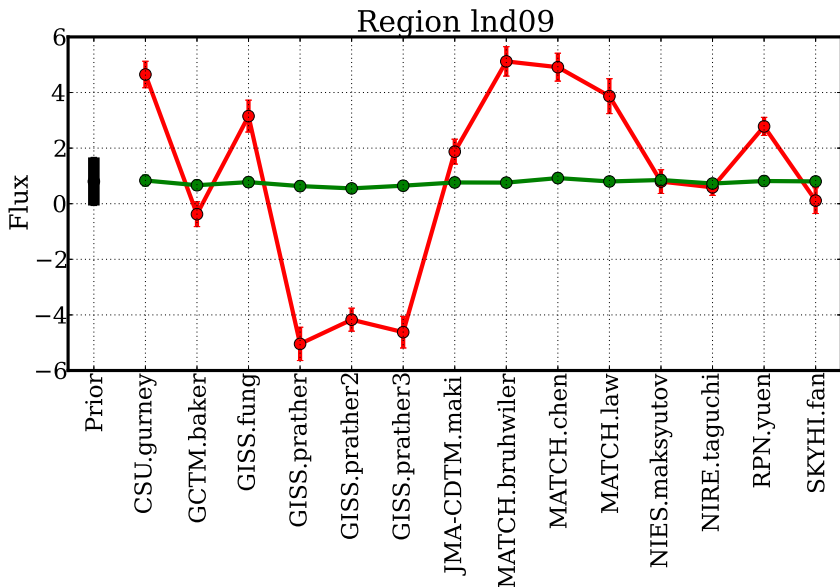
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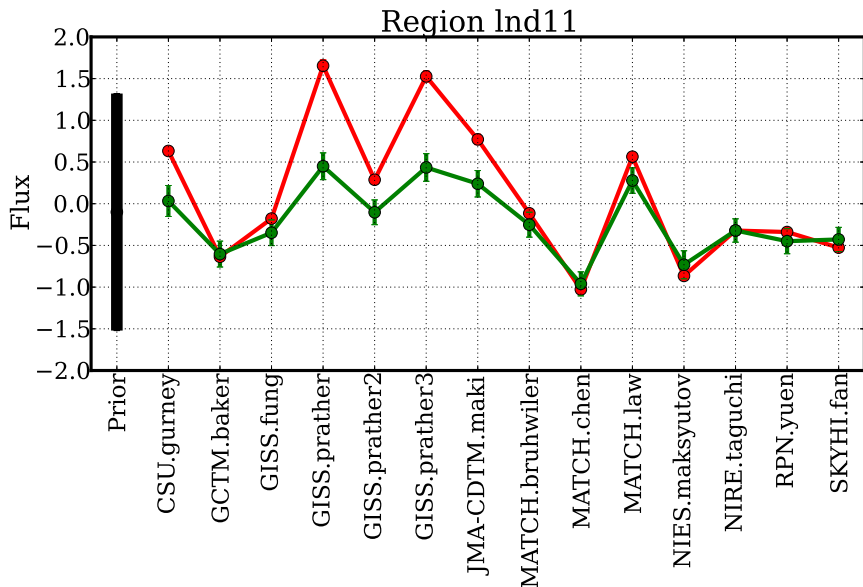
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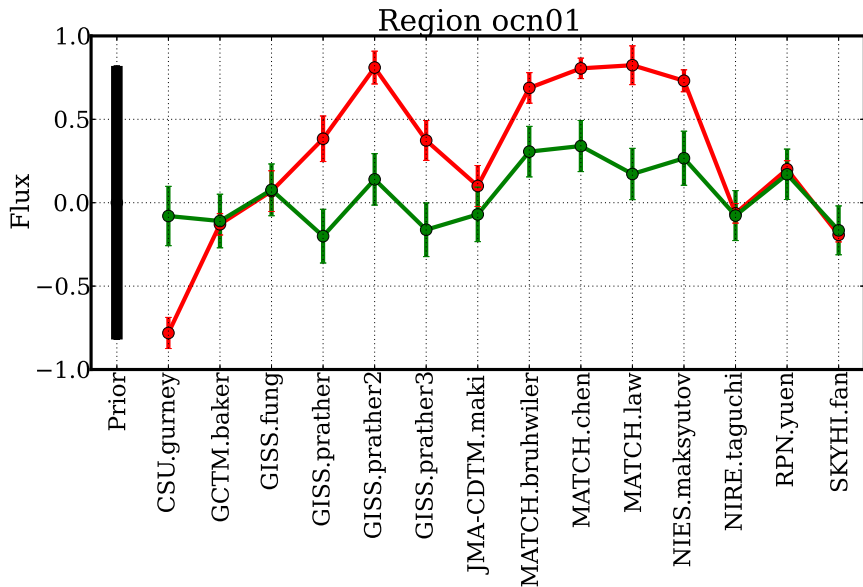
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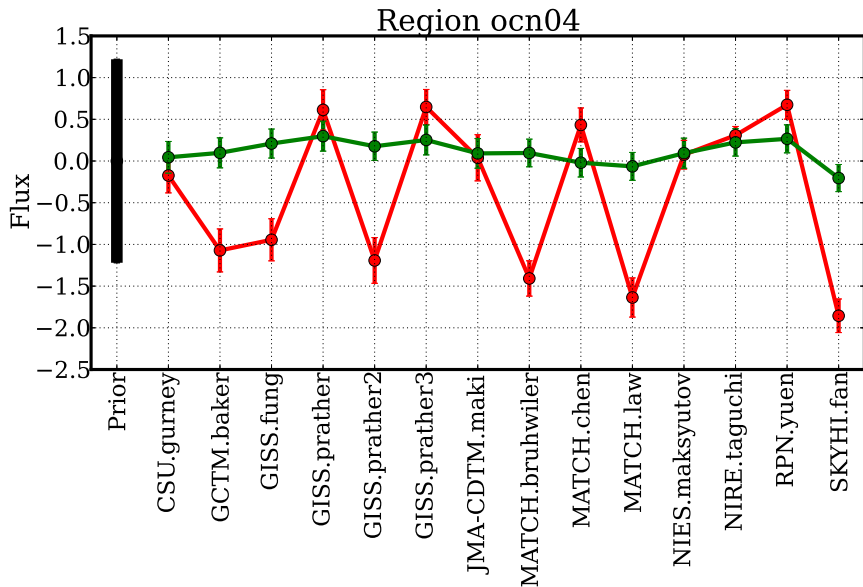
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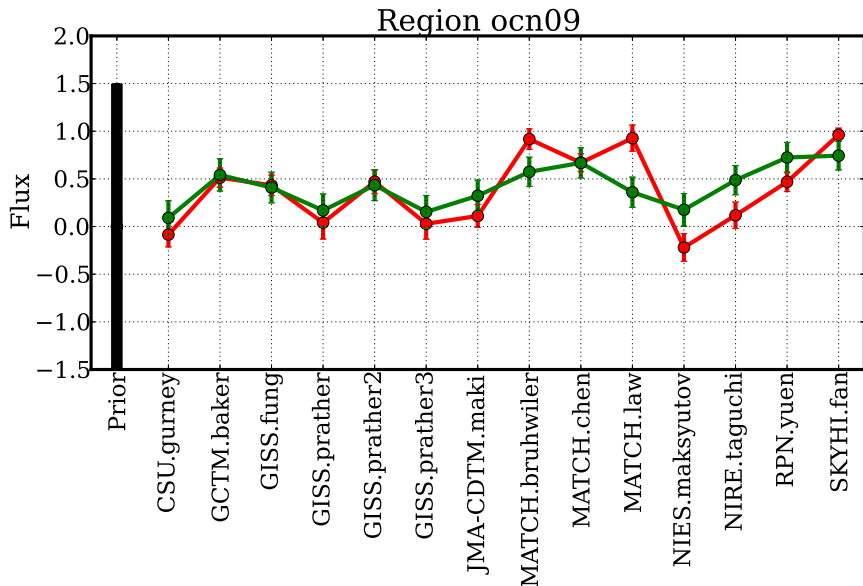
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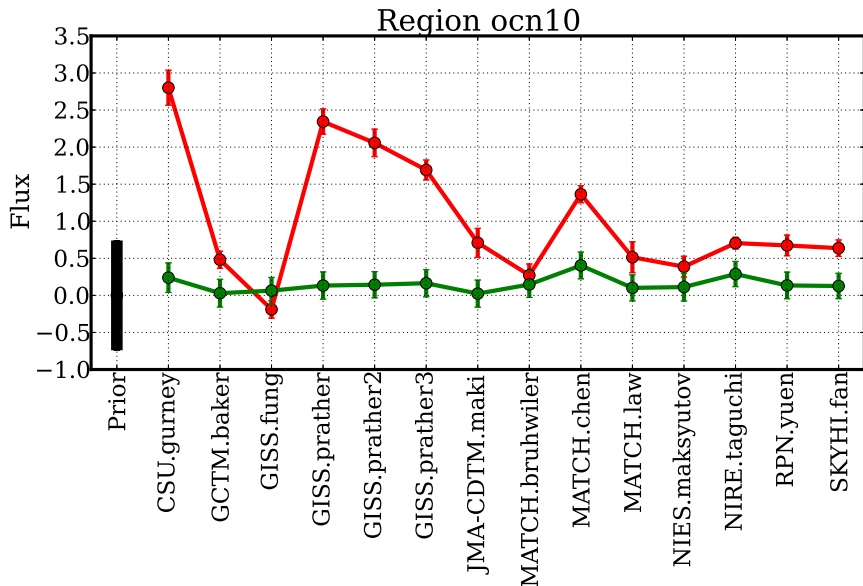
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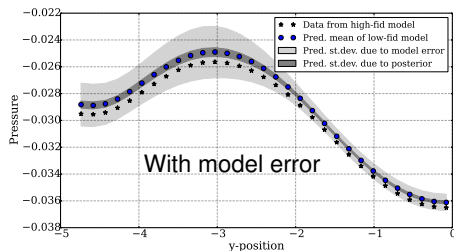
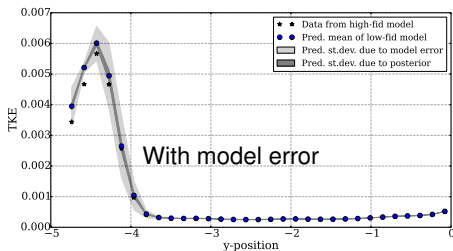
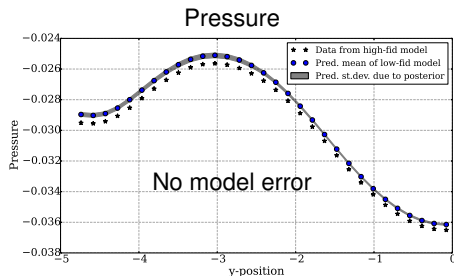
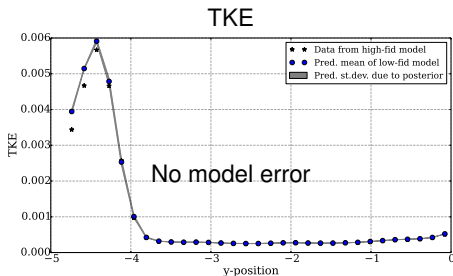


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LES computation in Scramjet engine: static-vs-dynamic SGS model calibration

Calibrate with Turbulent Kinetic Energy (TKE) data, predict both TKE and Pressure



Challenges and Mitigation

- Density estimation is more challenging than parameter estimation
 - Inverse problem is ill-posed or intractable
 - ⇒ Employ approximate or empirical likelihoods
- Potentially a high-dimensional Bayesian problem
 - Full posterior may be inaccessible...
 - ⇒ Resort to optimization algorithms in no-noise case
 - ... or hard to sample from
 - ⇒ Adaptive MCMC algorithms, Likelihood-informed subspaces
- Sparse data or expensive high-fidelity simulations
 - With low information content, calibration may struggle
 - ⇒ More informative priors/regularization

- Represent, quantify and propagate physical model errors
 - Parameter estimation \Rightarrow density estimation
 - Bayesian machinery to find parameters of the PDFs
 - Approximate/empirical likelihoods impose constraints of interest
 - Differentiates from data noise; allows model-to-model calibration
 - Implemented in UQTk (www.sandia.gov/UQToolkit)
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- Optimal design for maximum information
 - Bayesian problem still hard; MCMC, priors, ...
 - Hierarchical Bayesian viewpoint
 - More intrusive embedding; problem specific

Additional Material

Likelihood construction – variants

- Full Likelihood

$$L(\alpha) = p(D|\alpha) = p(y_{\text{data},1}, \dots, y_{\text{data},N}|\alpha)$$

- Marginalized Likelihood

$$L(\alpha) = p(D|\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(y_{\text{data},i}|\alpha)$$

- Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)

- seek to satisfy the constraints:

- $p(y|D)$ is “centered” on the data
 - The width of the distribution $p(y|D)$ is “consistent” with the spread of the data around the nominal model prediction

Full Likelihood

$$L(\alpha) = p(D|\alpha) = \pi_f(y_{\text{data},1}, \dots, y_{\text{data},N}|\alpha)$$

where:

$\pi_f(\cdot, \alpha)$: N -variate density of the random variable (f_1, \dots, f_N)

with $f_i = f(x_i, \lambda(\alpha))$

Problem: $\pi_f(\cdot)$ is degenerate in general when $N > M$

Consider a case with $M = 1$, $\lambda \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, and $f = \lambda x$

Let $N = 2$, hence $(f_1, f_2) = (\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2)$ for any λ sample

With $f_1/x_1 = f_2/x_2 = \lambda$, (f_1, f_2) are dependent and

$\pi_f(\cdot|\mu, \sigma)$ is non-zero only along the line $f_2 = (x_2/x_1)f_1$

hence $\pi_f(y_{\text{data},1}, y_{\text{data},2}|\mu, \sigma)$ is non-zero only along the line

$y_{\text{data},2}/x_2 = y_{\text{data},1}/x_1$

Marginalized Likelihood

$$L(\alpha) = p(D|\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^N \pi_{f_i}(y_{\text{data},i}|\alpha)$$

where $\pi_{f_i}(\cdot, \alpha)$ is the univariate density of the RV $f_i = f(x_i, \lambda(\alpha))$

Problem: the likelihood has multiple singularities corresponding to α values leading to vanishing marginal variances at each x_i

Gaussian example: Let $f_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i(\alpha), \sigma_i(\alpha)^2)$, then

$$L(\alpha) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\alpha)} \exp\left(-\frac{(\mu_i(\alpha) - y_{\text{data},i})^2}{2\sigma_i(\alpha)^2}\right)$$

Multiple singularities, $\sigma_i(\alpha) = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, N$

Posterior maximization always finds one of these singularities, fitting one point perfectly, while misfitting the rest (\Rightarrow priors)

Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)

Employ a kernel density as a pseudo-likelihood to enforce select constraints:

- Uncertain prediction $p(y|D)$ is centered on the data
 - With $\mu_i(\alpha) = E_{\xi}[f(x_i, \lambda(\xi; \alpha))]$: minimize $\|\mu_i(\alpha) - y_{\text{data},i}\|_2^2$
- The width of the distribution $p(y|D)$ is consistent with the spread of the data around the nominal model prediction
 - With $\sigma_i(\alpha)^2 = V_{\xi}[f(x_i, \lambda(\xi, \alpha))]$:
minimize $\|(\sigma_i(\alpha) - \gamma|\mu_i(\alpha) - y_{\text{data},i}|)\|_2^2$
 - γ is a factor that specifies the desired match between σ_i and the discrepancy $|\mu_i(\alpha) - y_{\text{data},i}|$, on average

ABC Likelihood

With $\rho(\mathcal{S})$ being a metric of the statistic \mathcal{S} , use the kernel function as an ABC likelihood:

$$L_{\text{ABC}}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} K \left(\frac{\rho(\mathcal{S})}{\epsilon} \right)$$

where ϵ controls the severity of the consistency control

Propose the Gaussian kernel density:

$$L_{\epsilon}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\epsilon \sqrt{2\pi}} \prod_{i=1}^N \exp \left(-\frac{(\mu_i(\alpha) - y_{d,i})^2 + (\sigma_i(\alpha) - \gamma |\mu_i(\alpha) - y_{d,i}|)^2}{2\epsilon^2} \right)$$