

Probabilistic Methods for Forward and Inverse Uncertainty Quantification

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Overview of the talk

- UQ in Computational Science
- Forward UQ with Polynomial Chaos
 - Uncertainty propagation
 - Model surrogate
 - Global sensitivity analysis
 - High-dimensionality challenge
- Inverse UQ with Bayesian inference
 - Markov chain Monte Carlo with model surrogate
 - Embedded model structural error
- Applications
 - Chemistry, Climate, Large Eddy Simulation
- Summary

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The Case for Uncertainty Quantification

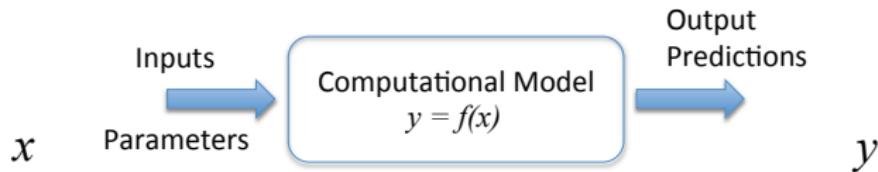
Uncertainty Sources

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

UQ needed for...

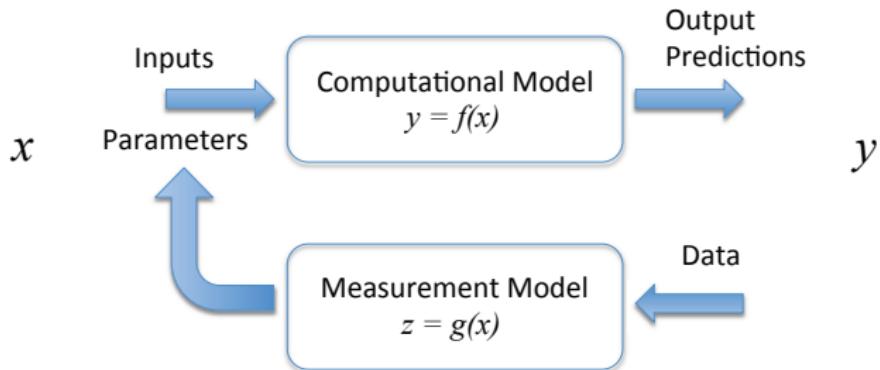
- Model predictions
- Model validation and comparison
- Confidence assessment
- Reliability analysis
- Dimensionality reduction
- Optimal design
- Decision support
- (Noisy) data assimilation

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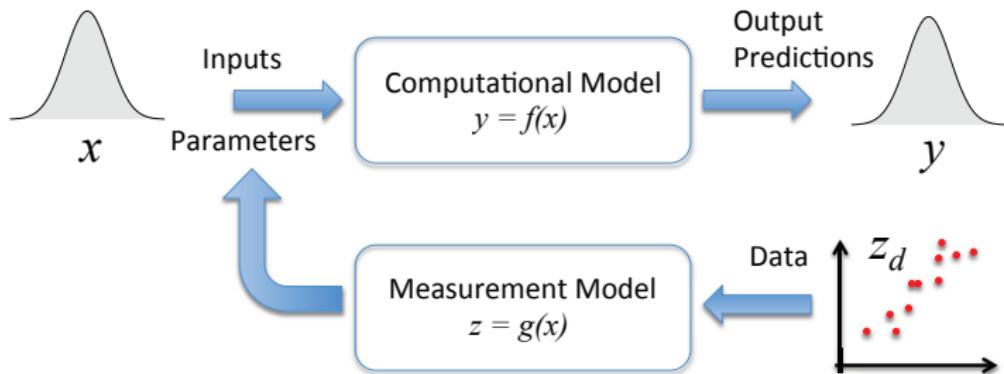
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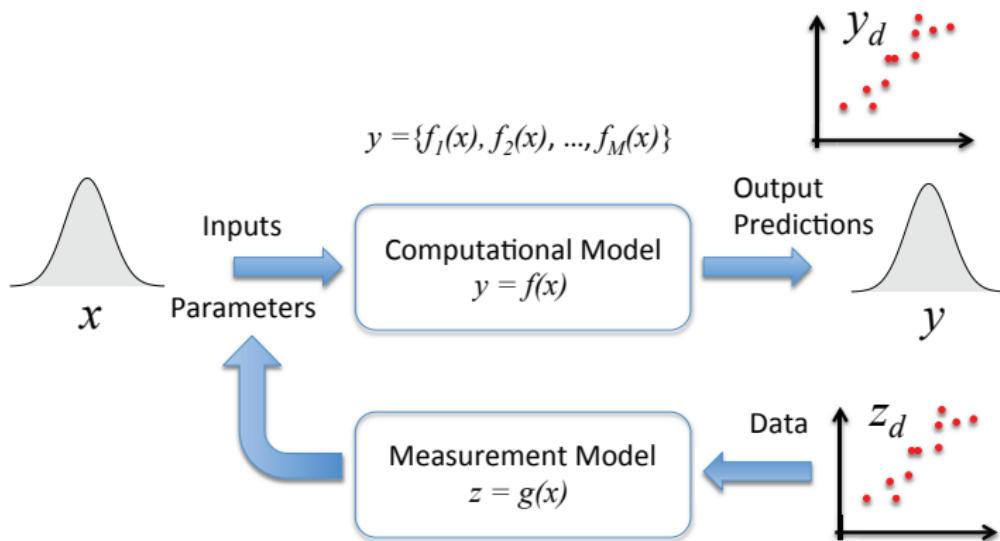
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Inverse & Forward UQ
Model validation & comparison, Hypothesis testing

UQ components

- Locate all sources of (manageable) uncertainties
- Parameter selection/estimation
 - Auxiliary 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
 - Compare model prediction with uncertainties versus data on some QoI
 - Model comparison (Bayes Factors, Model Plausibility)
 - Representation, quantification and propagation of model structural error (no model is perfect)

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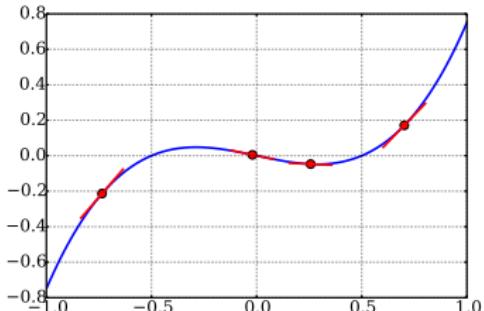
Forward UQ

- Local sensitivity analysis and error propagation

$$\Delta y = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_0} \Delta x$$

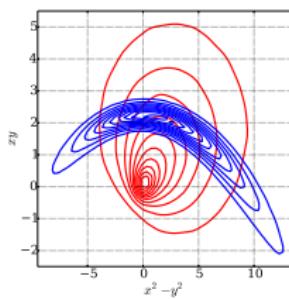
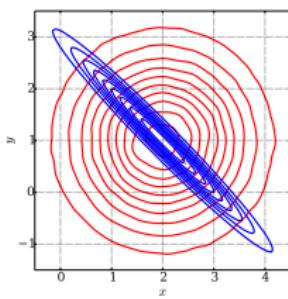
This is ok for:

- small uncertainty
- low degree of non-linearity



- Non-probabilistic methods

- Evidence theory
- Fuzzy logic
- Interval math
- Misses correlations



- Probabilistic methods – our focus

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. ξ , standard orthogonal polynomials $\psi_k(\xi)$, i.e.

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

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

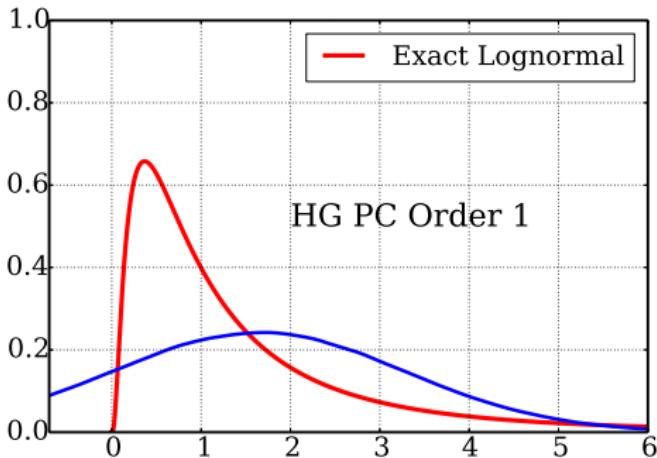
PC Type	Domain	Density $\pi_\xi(\xi)$	Polynomial	Free parameters
Gauss-Hermite	$(-\infty, +\infty)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$	Hermite	none
Legendre-Uniform	$[-1, 1]$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Legendre	none
Gamma-Laguerre	$[0, +\infty)$	$\frac{\xi^\alpha e^{-\xi}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$	Laguerre	$\alpha > -1$
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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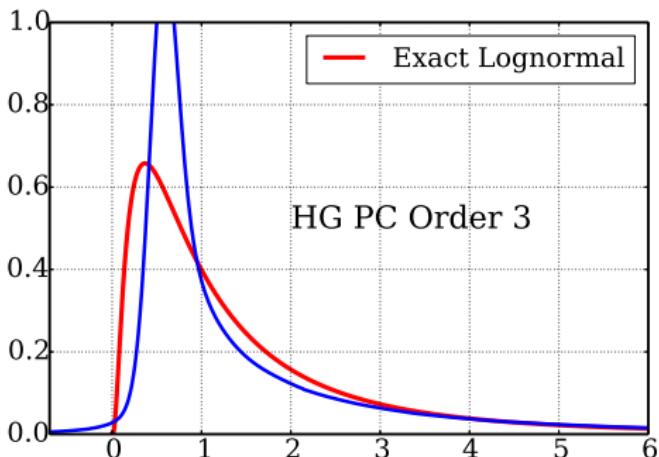
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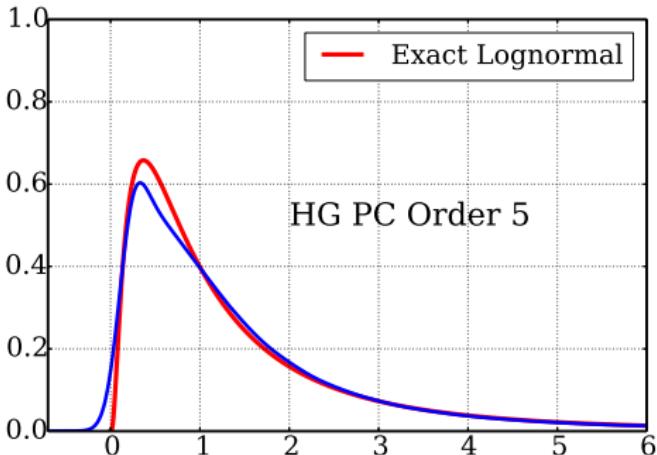
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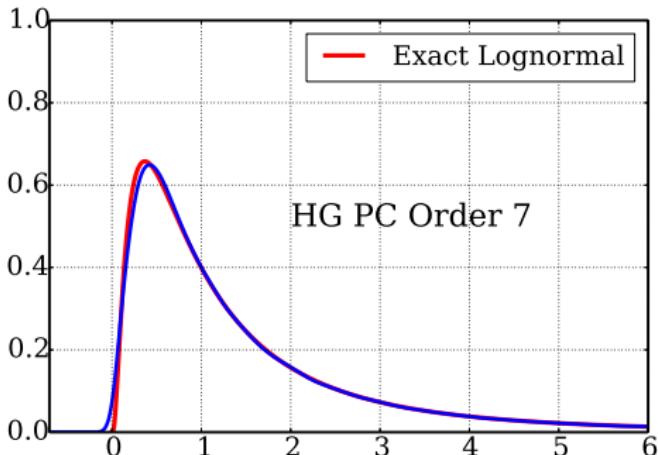
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- CDF transform helps:
 - $U = F_U^{-1}(\frac{\xi+1}{2})$ if ξ is Uniform, Legendre-Uniform PC
 - $U = F_U^{-1}(\Phi(\xi))$ if ξ is Normal, Gauss-Hermite PC

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

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

- 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 σ^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 ξ_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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- Joint sensitivity indices

$$S_{ij} = \frac{Var[\mathbb{E}(Z(\boldsymbol{\xi}|\xi_i, \xi_j))]}{Var[Z(\boldsymbol{\xi})]} - S_i - S_j = \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}_{ij}} z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2}{\sum_{k>0} z_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2}$$

- \mathbb{I}_{ij} is the set of bases with only ξ_i and ξ_j involved
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Alternative methods to obtain PC coefficients

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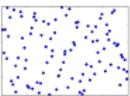
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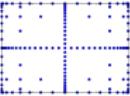
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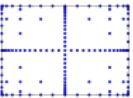
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- Bayesian regression

$$P(z_k | f(\xi_j)) \propto P(f(\xi_j) | z_k) P(z_k)$$



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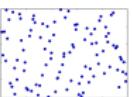
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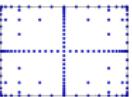
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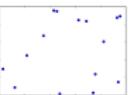
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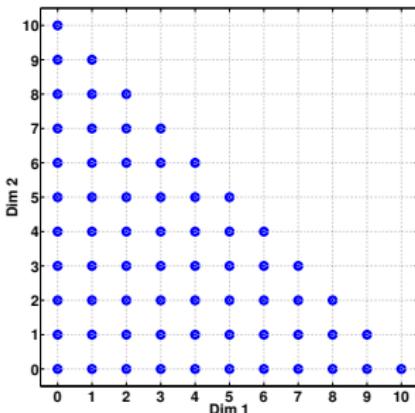
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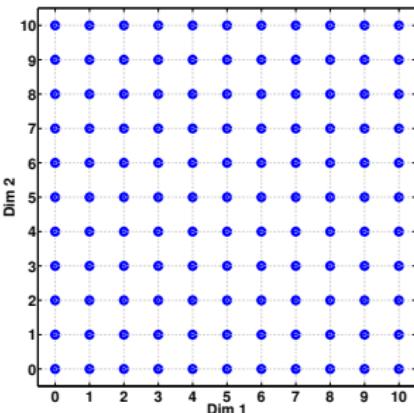
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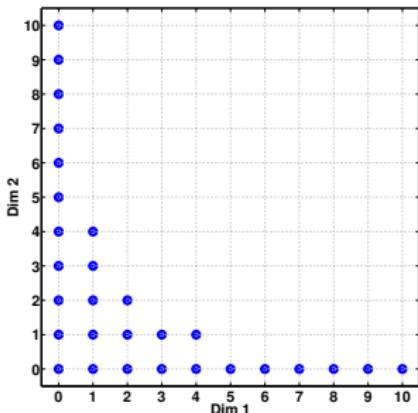
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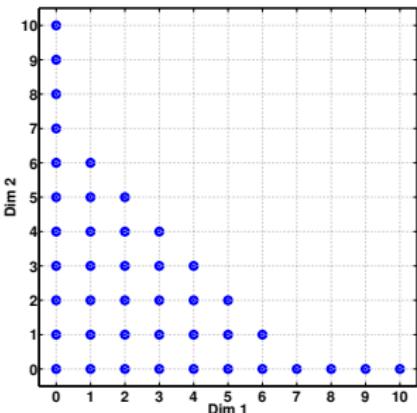
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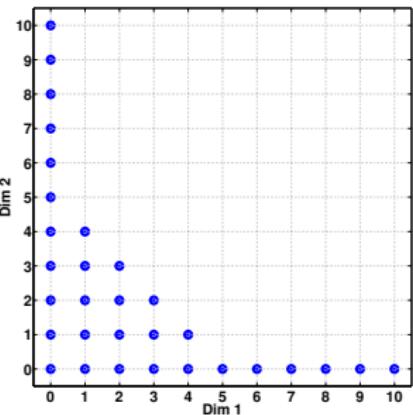
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Regularization/Sparsity

- N training data points (ξ_i, Z_i) and $K + 1$ basis terms $\Psi_k(\cdot)$
- ‘Measurement’ matrix $P^{N \times (K+1)}$ with $P_{ik} = \Psi_k(\xi_i)$
- Find regression weights $c = (c_0, \dots, c_K)$ so that

$$\mathbf{Z} \approx \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}$$

or

$$Z_i \approx \sum_{k=0}^K c_k \Psi_k(\xi_i)$$

- The number of polynomial basis terms grows fast; a p -th order, d -dimensional basis has a total of $K + 1 = (p + d)!/(p!d!)$ terms.
- For limited data and large basis set ($N \leq K$) this is a sparse signal recovery problem \Rightarrow need some regularization/constraints.
- Least-squares $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \{ \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 \}$
- The ‘sparsest’ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \{ \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{c}\|_0 \}$
- Compressive sensing $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \{ \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \}$

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Inverse UQ – Estimation of Uncertain Parameters

- Require joint PDF on input space
 - Statistical inference – an inverse problem
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- 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 λ 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

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

Likelihood Prior
Posterior Evidence

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

- Requires a presumed error model

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

- 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 λ , this implies

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

or

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

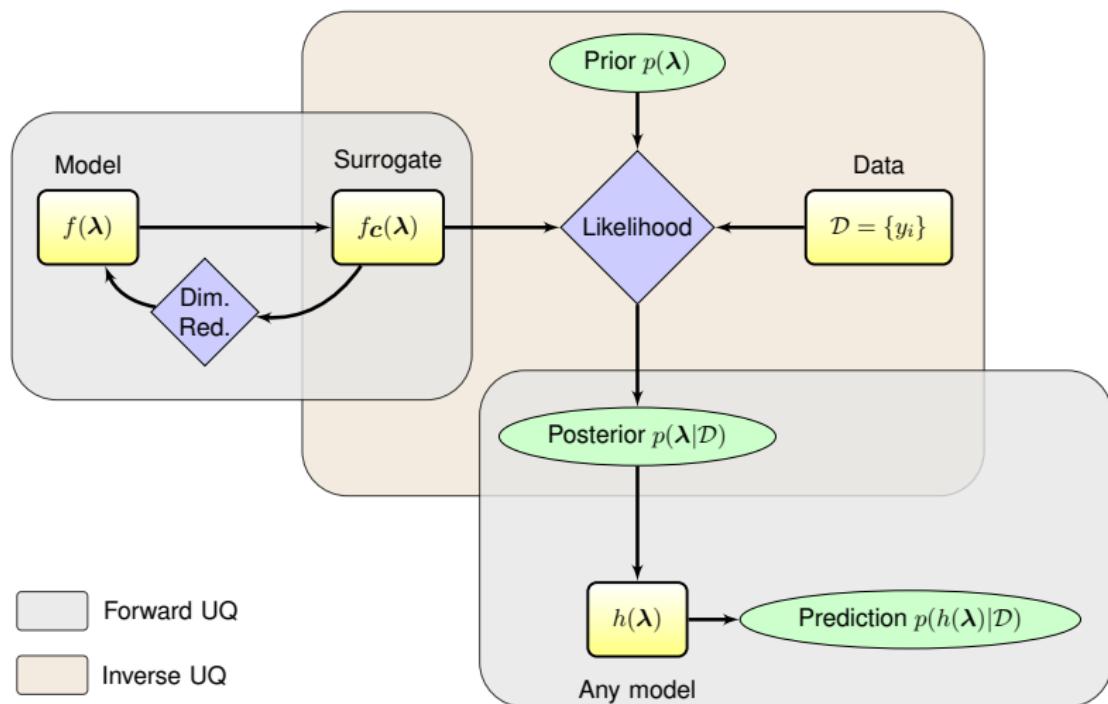
Exploring the Posterior

- Given any sample λ , 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



Model Evidence and Complexity

Let $\mathcal{M} = \{M_1, M_2, \dots\}$ be a set of models of interest

- Parameter estimation from data is conditioned on the model

$$p(\theta|D, M_k) = \frac{p(D|\theta, M_k)\pi(\theta|M_k)}{p(D|M_k)}$$

Evidence (marginal likelihood) for M_k :

$$p(D|M_k) = \int p(D|\theta, M_k)\pi(\theta|M_k)d\theta$$

Model evidence is useful for model selection

- Choose model with maximum evidence
- Compromise between fitting data and model complexity
 - Optimal complexity – Occam's razor principle
 - Avoid overfitting

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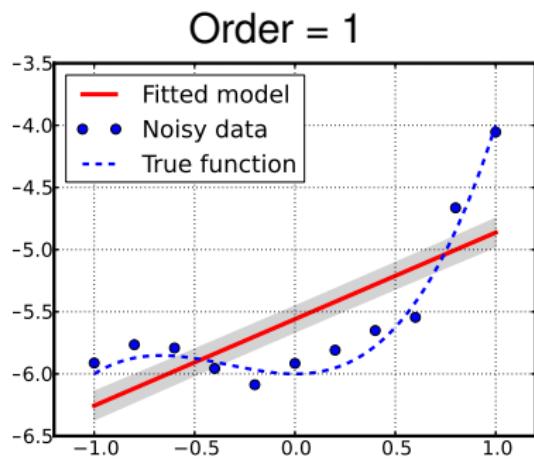
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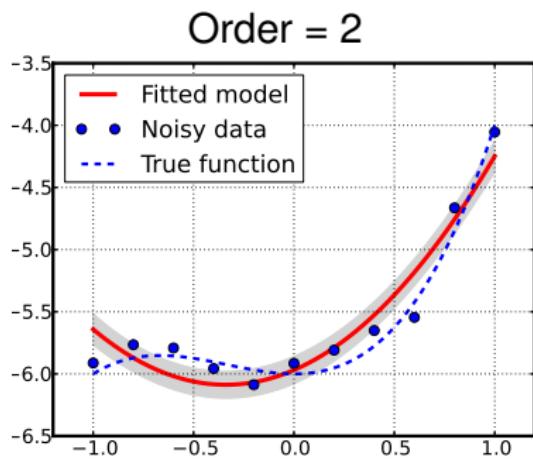
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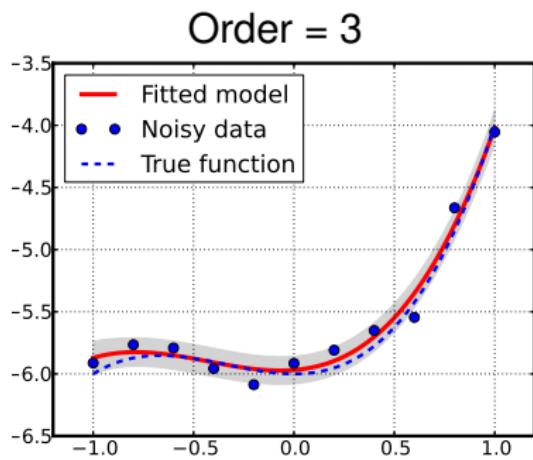
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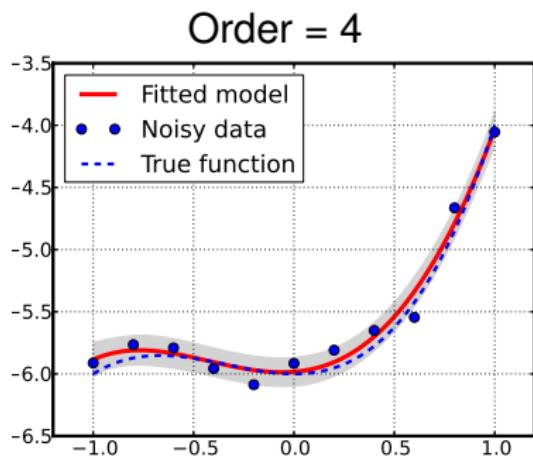
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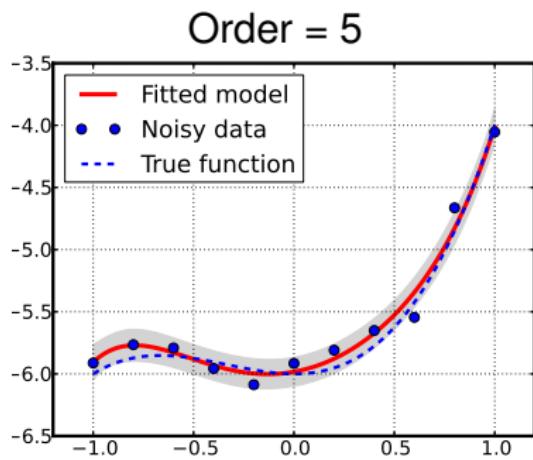
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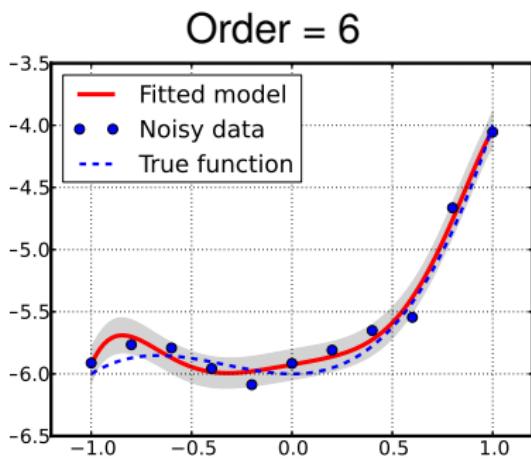
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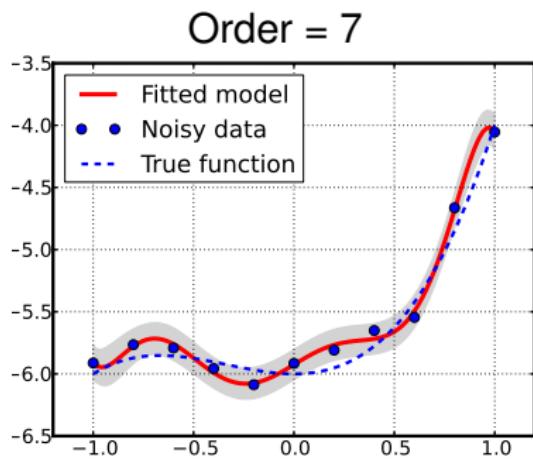
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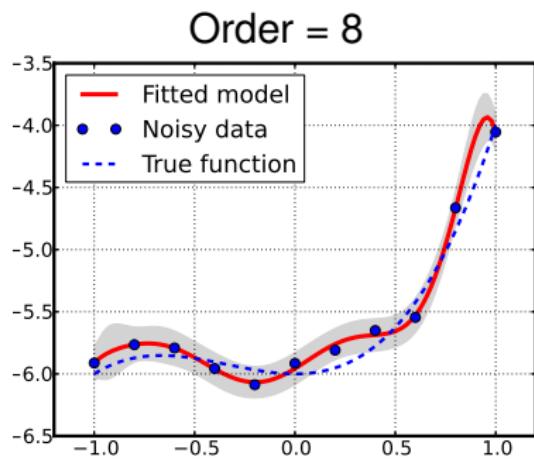
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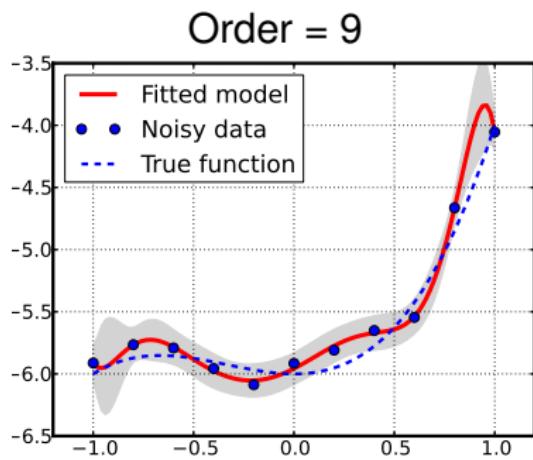
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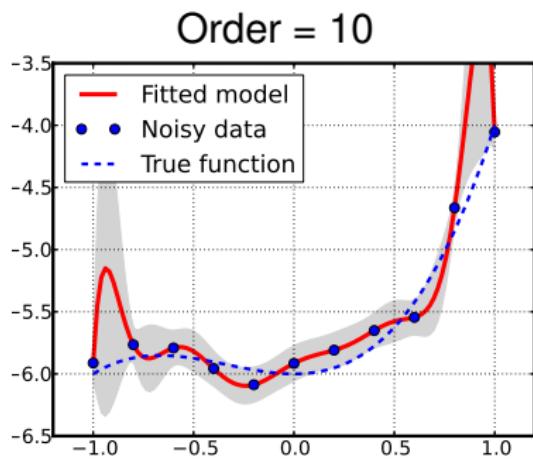
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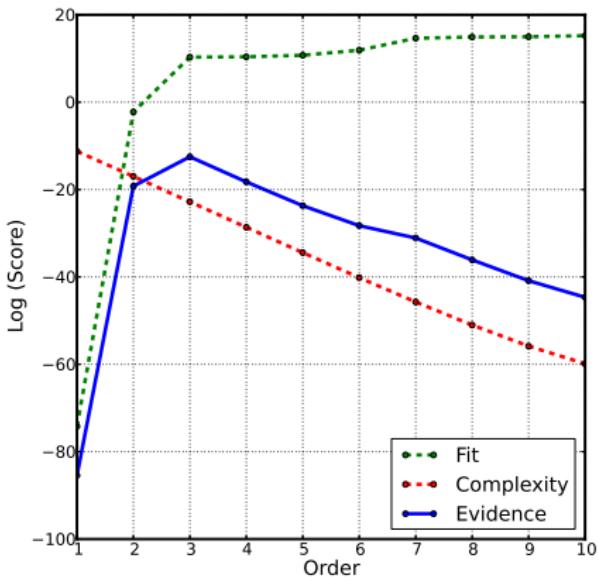
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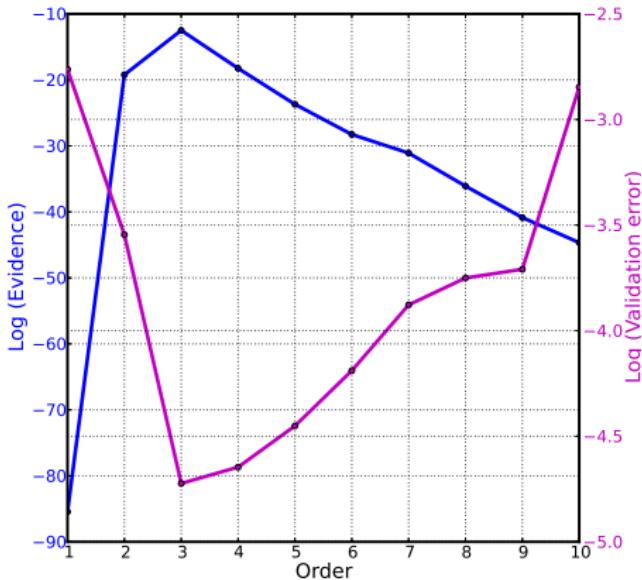
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Log evidence: sum of two scores, balances complexity & fit

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Cross validation error and model evidence versus order

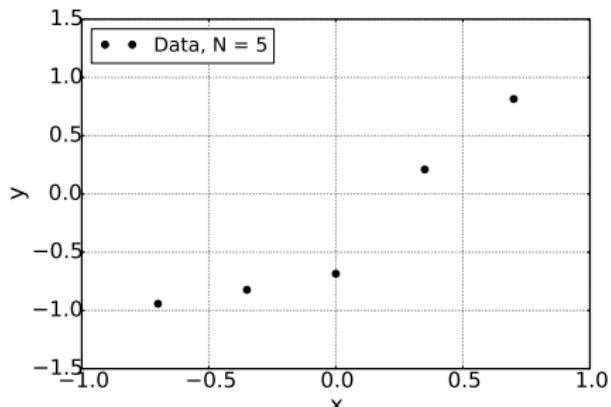
Main target: model error

$$g(x) \approx f(x; \lambda)$$

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

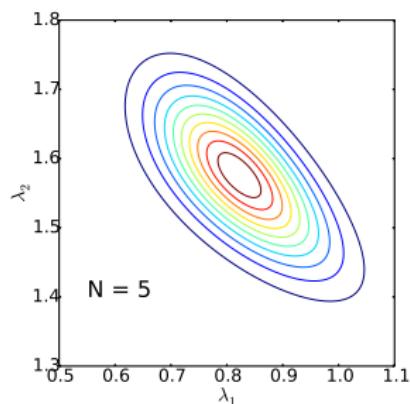
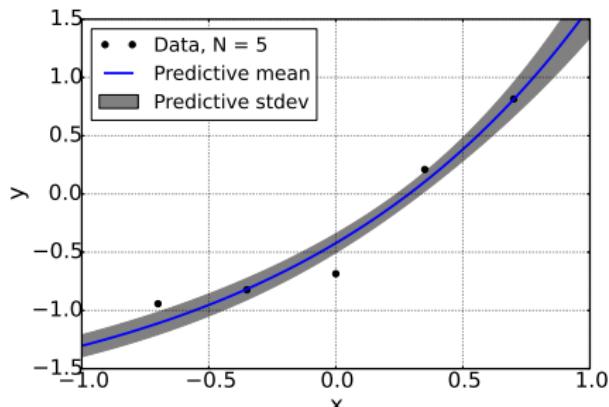
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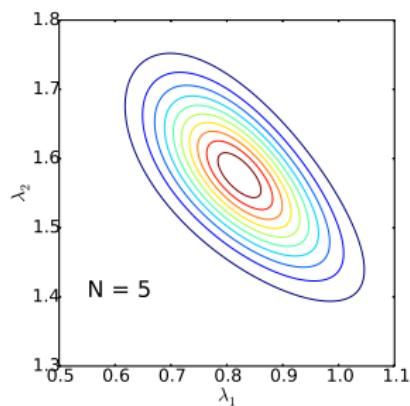
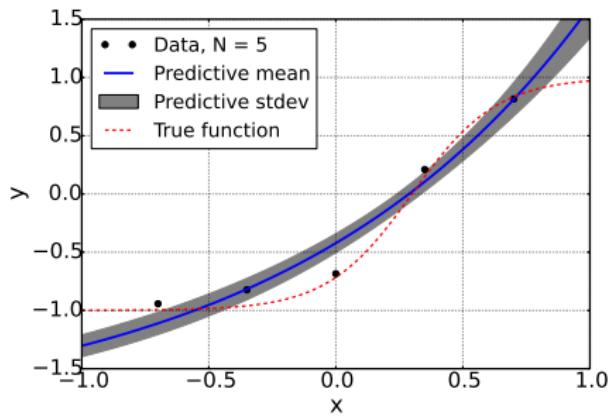
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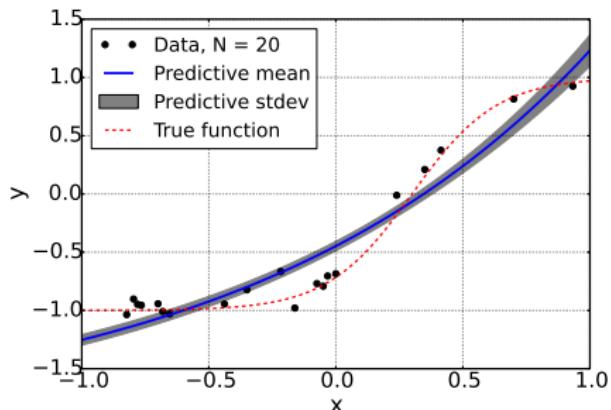
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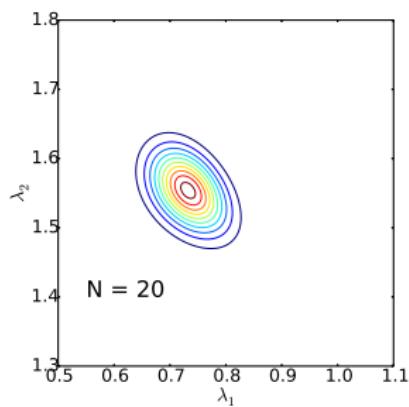


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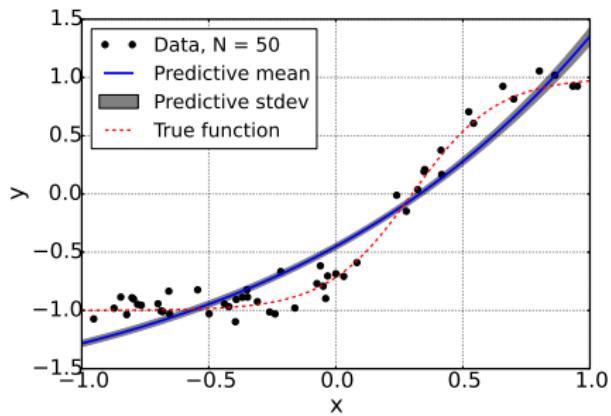
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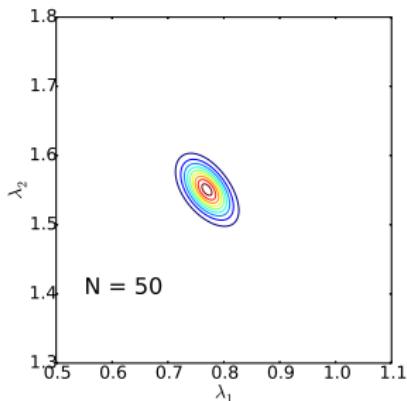
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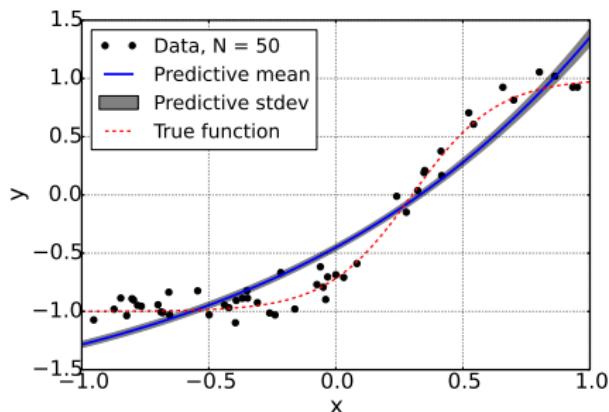
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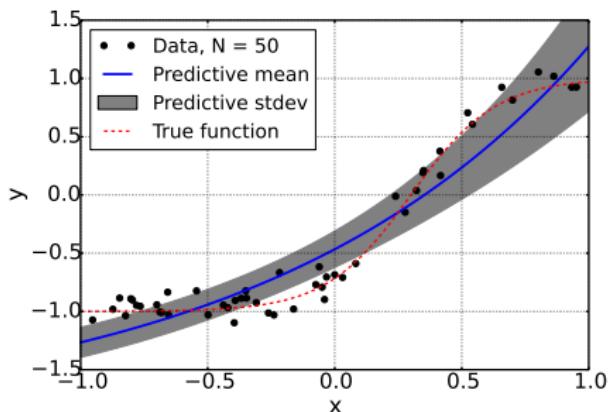
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No model error treatment



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 ϵ_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 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 $\delta(x)$

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 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 .

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)

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

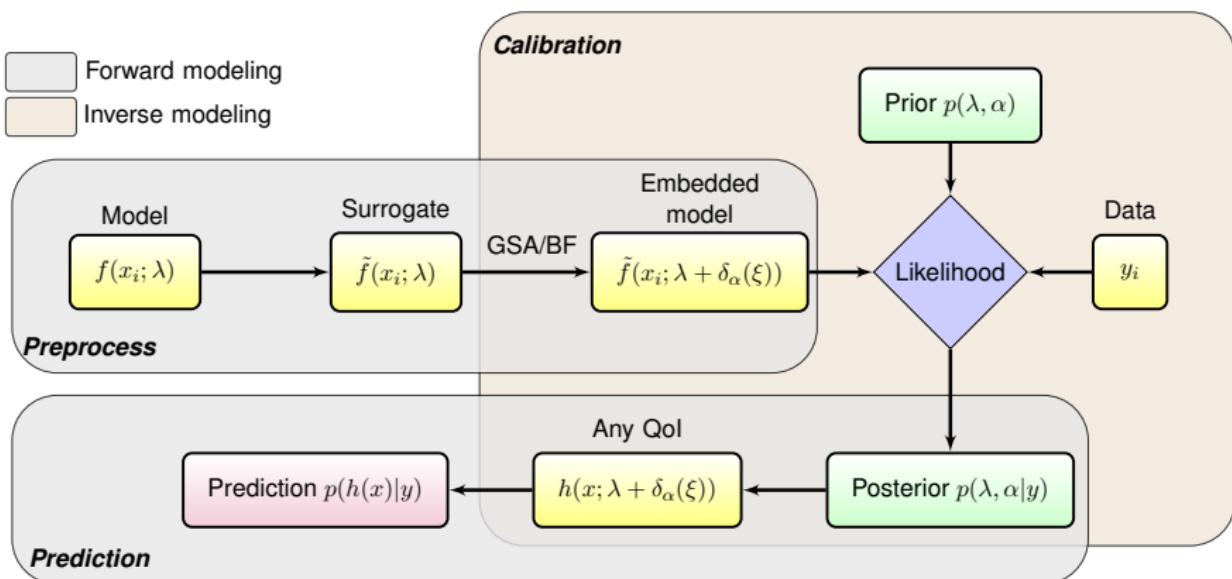
$$f_i(\lambda + \delta_\alpha(\zeta)) = f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta) \stackrel{\text{NISP}}{\simeq} \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\zeta)$$

- 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

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

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

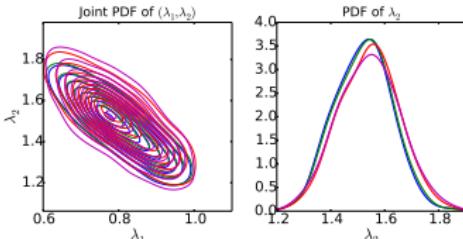
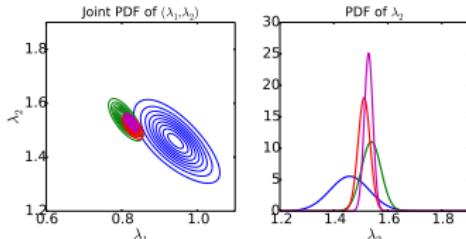
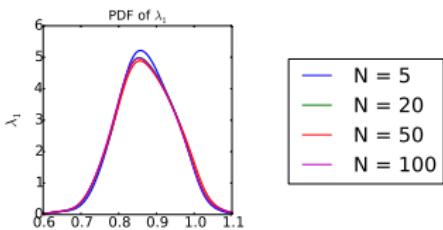
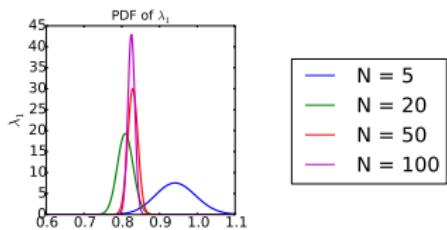
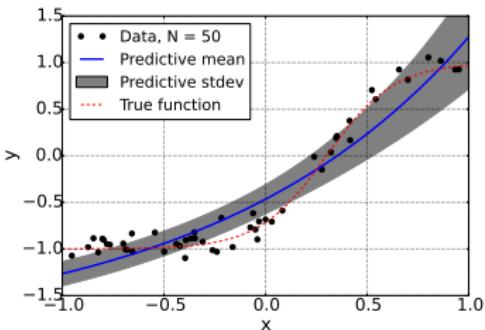
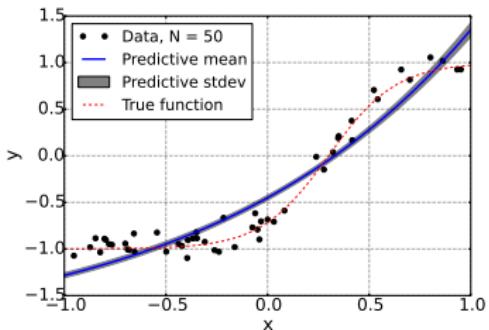
Model error embedding – workflow



- Predictive uncertainty decomposition: Total Variance =

Posterior uncertainty + Data noise + Model error + Surrogate error

.. back to toy example



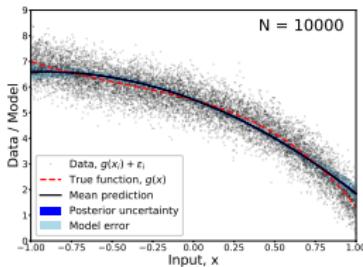
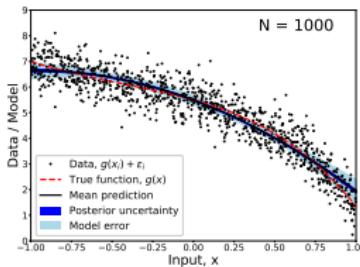
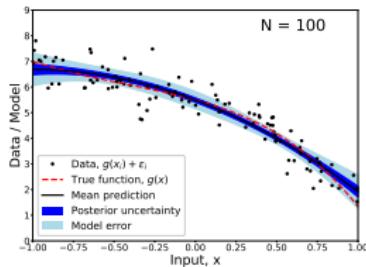
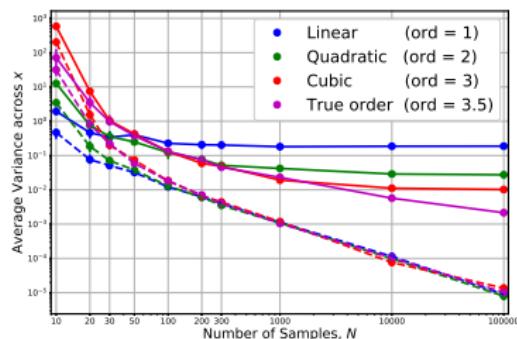
More data leads to ‘leftover’ model error

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

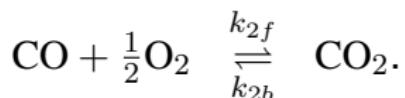


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Ignition time in chemical kinetics

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

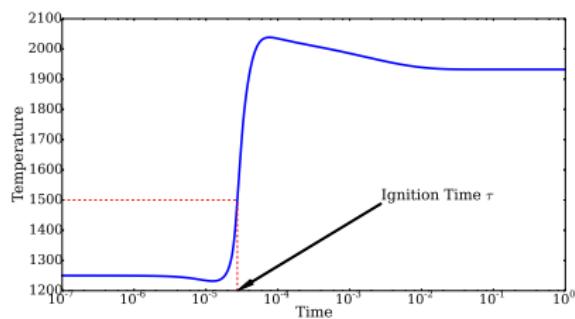


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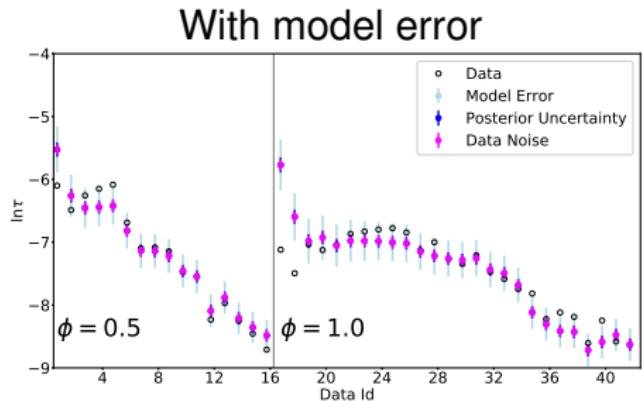
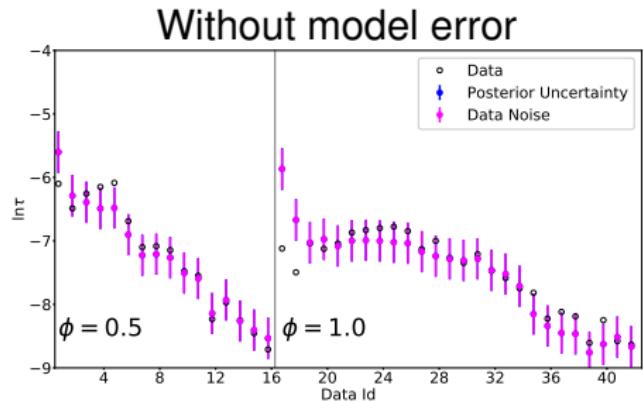
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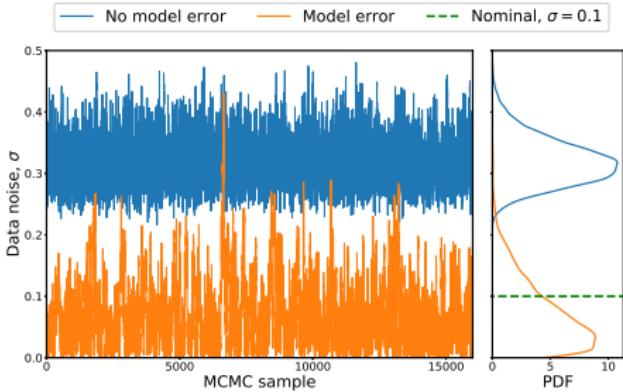
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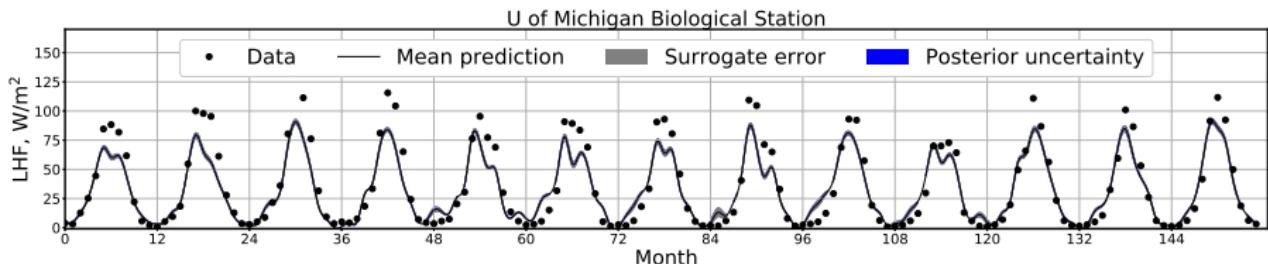


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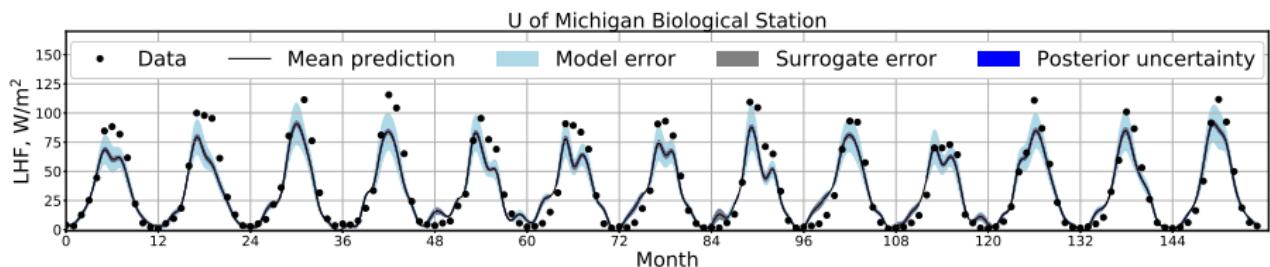
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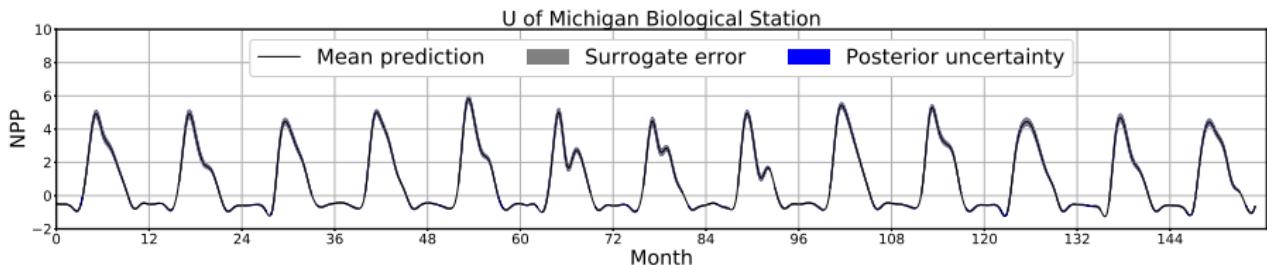
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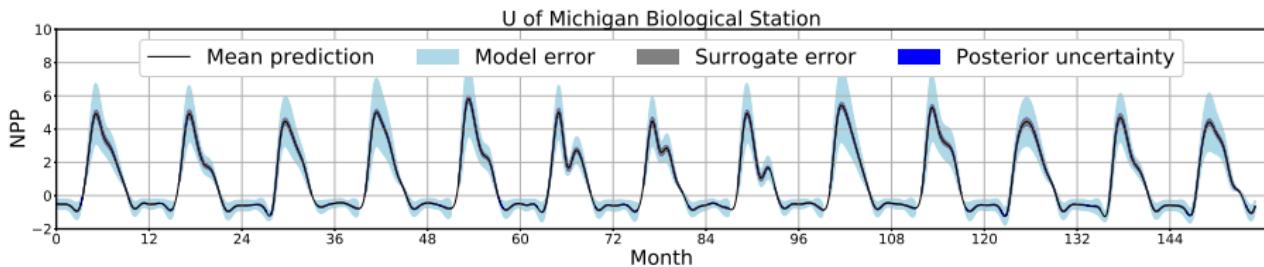
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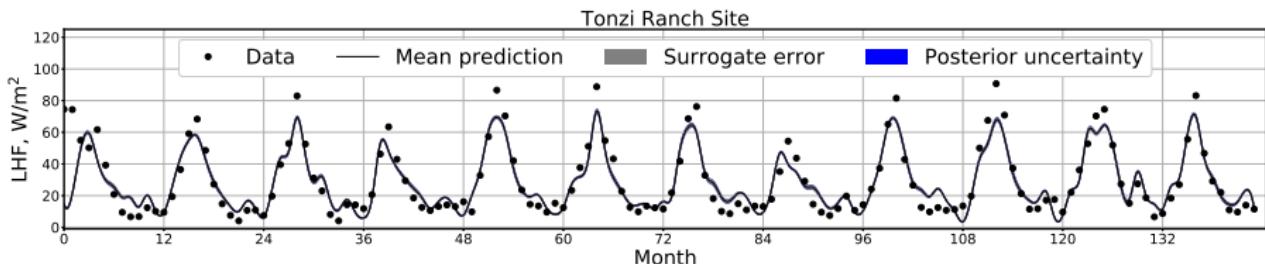
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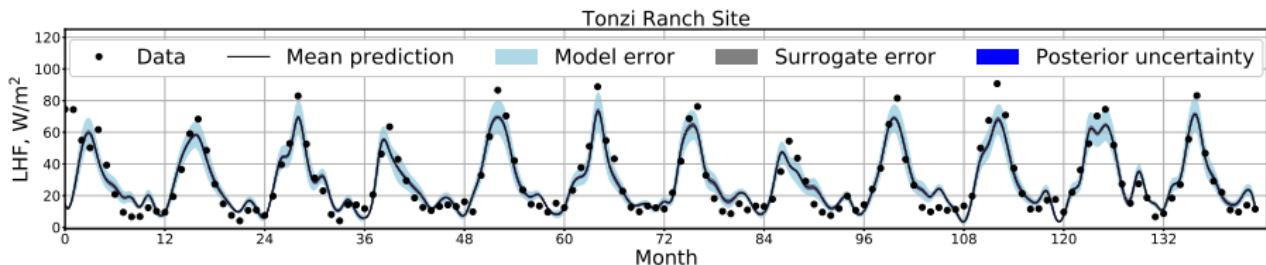
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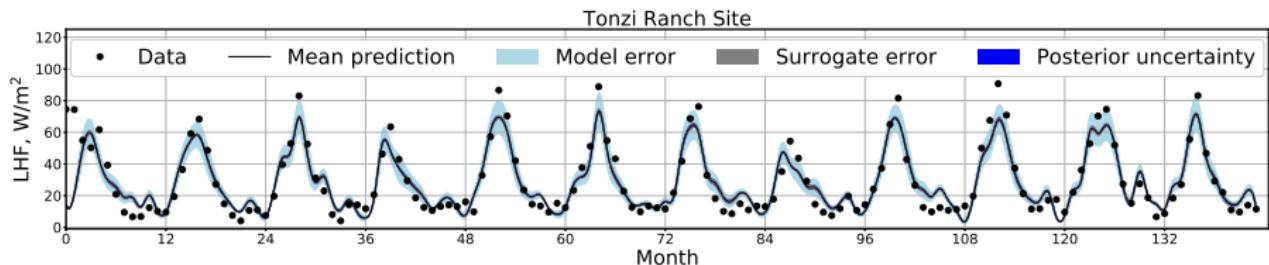
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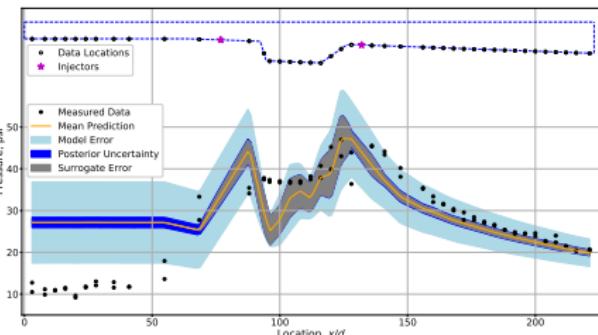
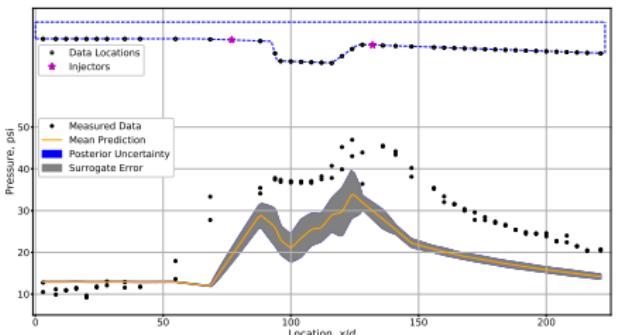
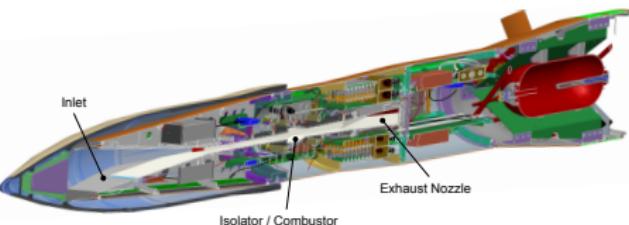
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LES: Turbulent Combustion in Scramjet Engine

- 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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 - Non-intrusive spectral projection
 - Surrogate construction, Bayesian regression
 - **High-D challenge: sparse PC via compressive sensing**
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 - Bayesian parameter estimation
 - **Model error quantification: embedded model error approach**
- All developments done within UQTk, lightweight C++/Python library out of SNL-CA (github.com/sandialabs/UQTk)



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- Tikhonov regularization; Ridge regression

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- The ‘sparsest’

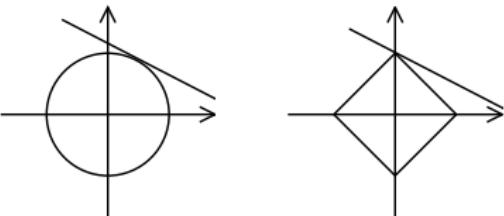
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⇒ discovery of sparse signals



Compressive sensing: enhancements

- Bayesian extension: $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \left\{ \underbrace{\|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2}_\text{Likelihood} + \underbrace{\alpha \|\mathbf{c}\|_1}_\text{Prior} \right\}$
 - Get coefficients with uncertainties
 - Fights overfitting better
 - Connections with relevance vector machine (RVM)
- Weighted regularization
 - Always better, if you know how to weigh
- Iterative growth of polynomial basis
 - Exploit the structure of polynomial bases for smarter search
 - An iterative procedure that allows increasing the order for the relevant basis terms while maintaining the dimensionality reduction
[\[Sargsyan et al. 2014\]](#), [\[Jakeman et al. 2015\]](#).
 - Iterations inform the weighting procedure

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

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

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- Additive stochastic corrections to existing inputs

Non-intrusive

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

- ... even simpler, x -independent

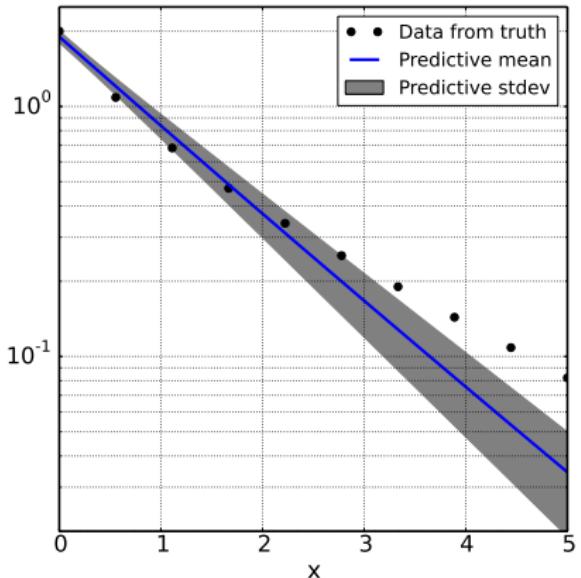
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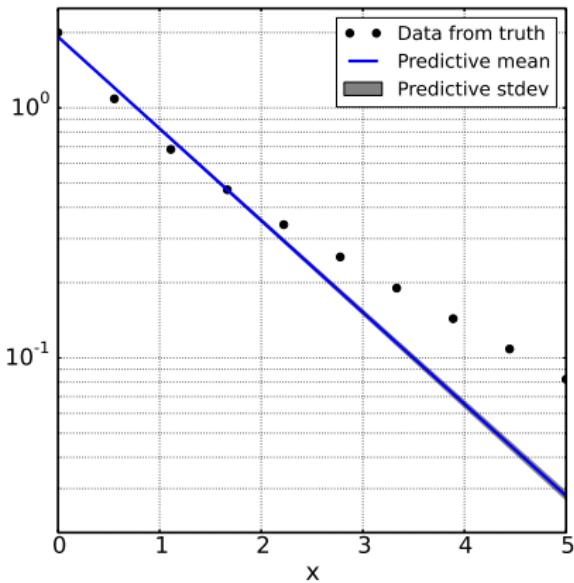
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Additive Gaussian error

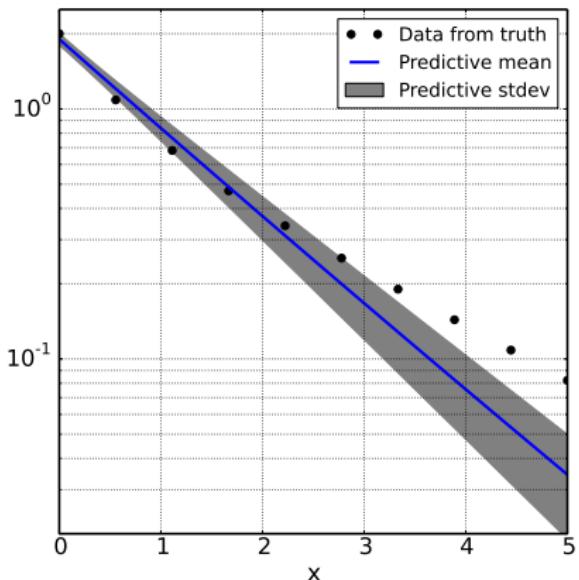


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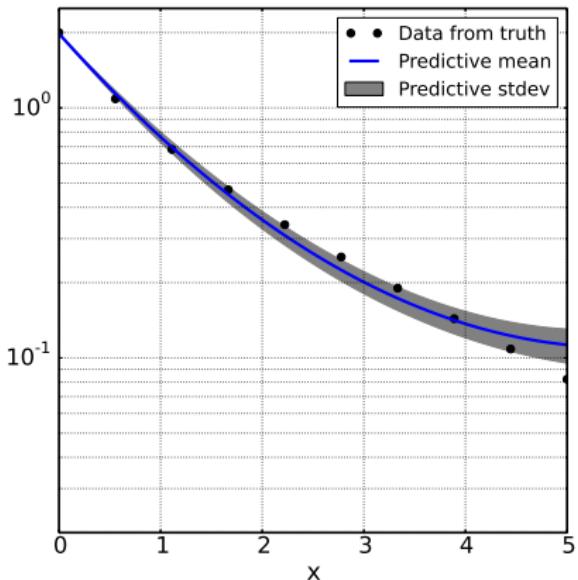
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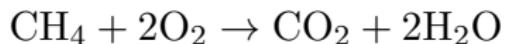


Quadratic-exponential $f_2(x, \lambda) = e^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 x^2}$



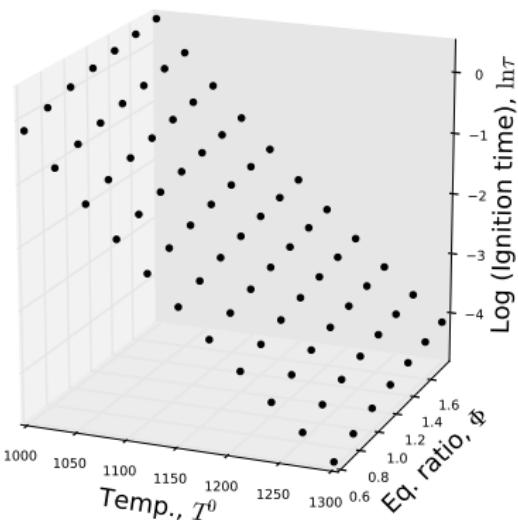
Chemistry problem – ABC

- 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:



$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{R} &= [\text{CH}_4][\text{O}_2]k_f \\ k_f &= A \exp(-E/R^o T)\end{aligned}$$

- $(\ln A, E) = \sum_k \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi})$



Quality of Uncertain Calibrated Model Predictions

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

