

# Probabilistic Methods for Uncertainty Quantification in Computational Models

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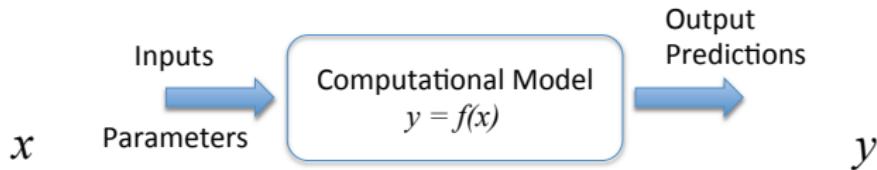
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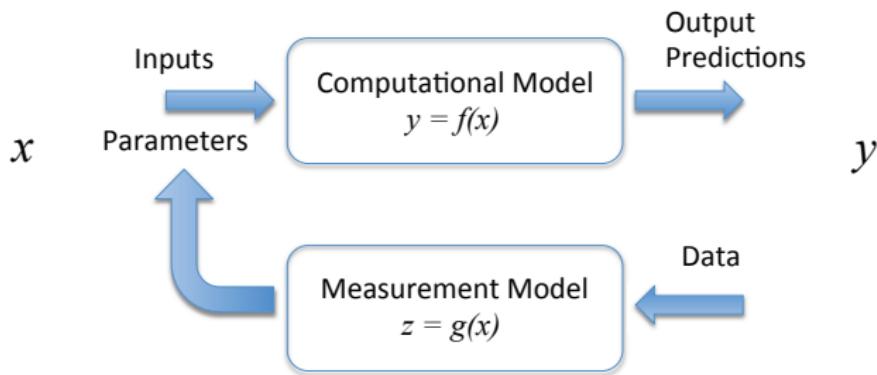
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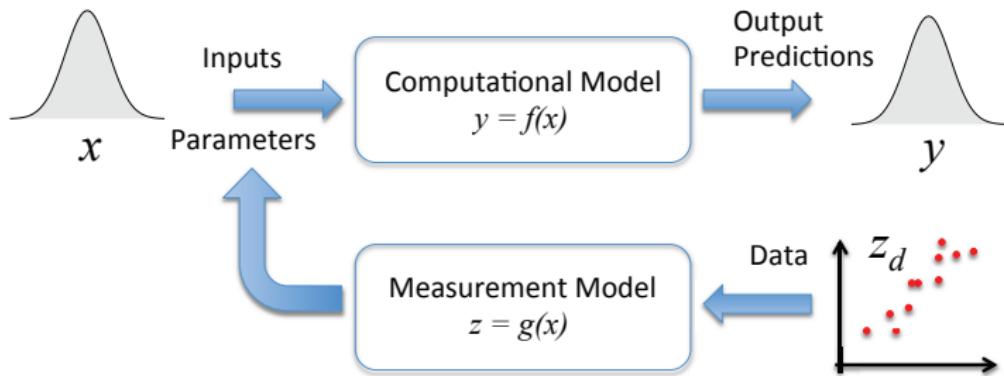
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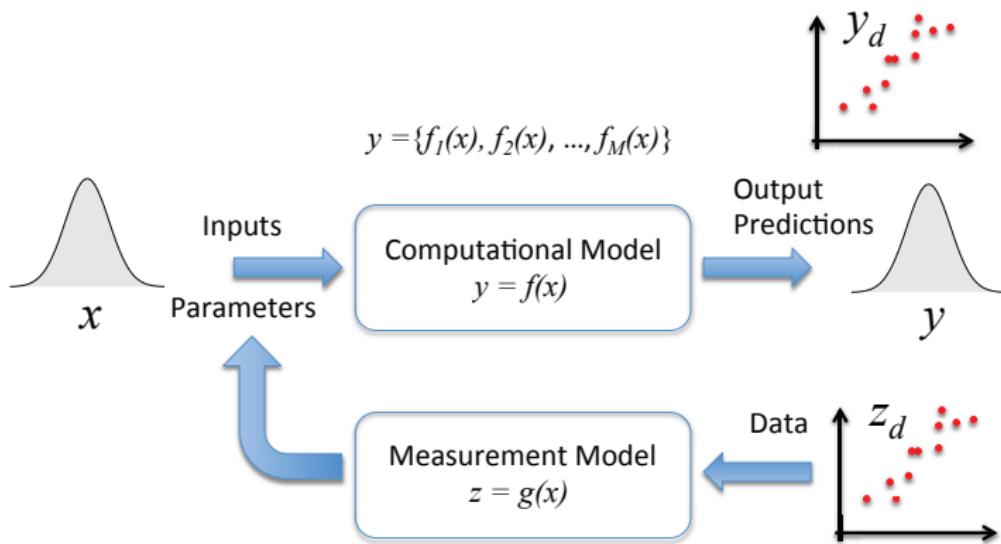
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Inverse & Forward UQ  
Model validation & comparison, Hypothesis testing

# The Case for Uncertainty Quantification

## UQ needed for...

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

## Uncertainty Sources

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

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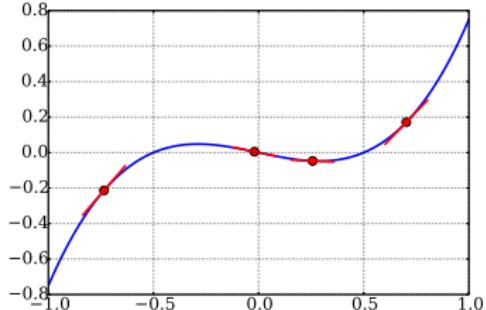
# Forward UQ

- Local sensitivity analysis and error propagation

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

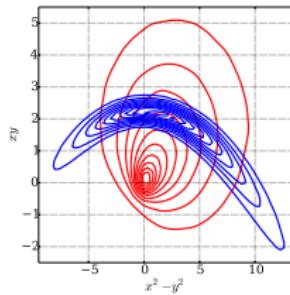
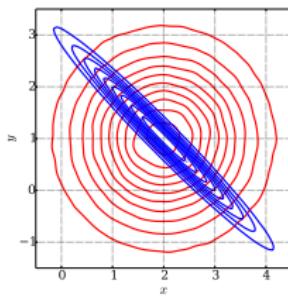
This is ok for:

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

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

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

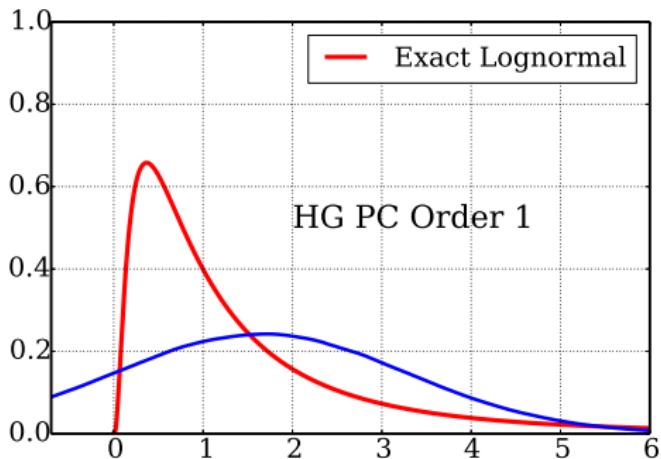
PC Type	Domain	Density $\pi_\xi(\xi)$	Polynomial	Free parameters
Gauss-Hermite	$(-\infty, +\infty)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$	Hermite	none
Legendre-Uniform	$[-1, 1]$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Legendre	none
Gamma-Laguerre	$[0, +\infty)$	$\frac{\xi^\alpha e^{-\xi}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$	Laguerre	$\alpha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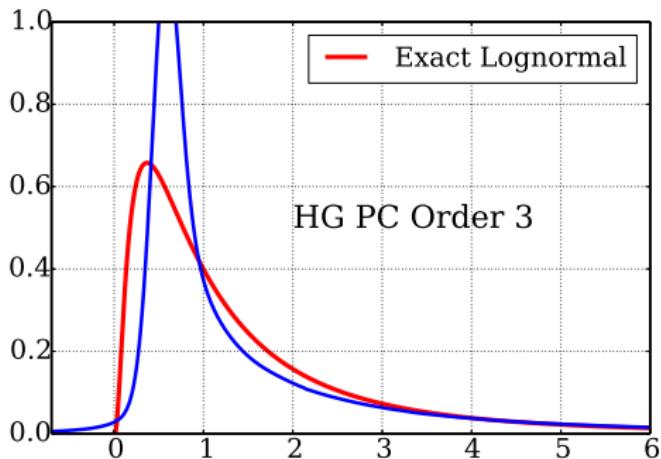
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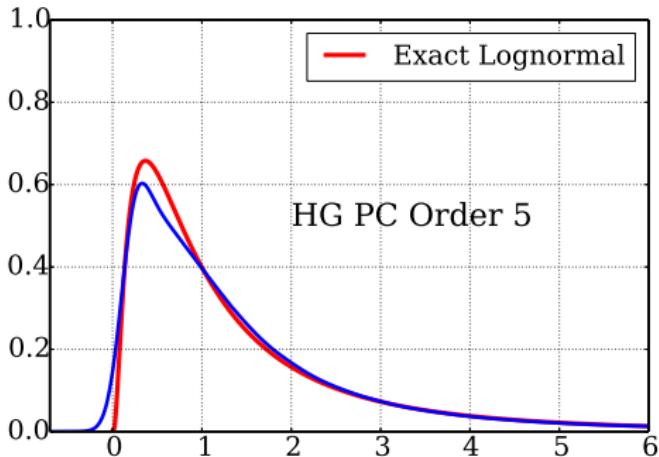
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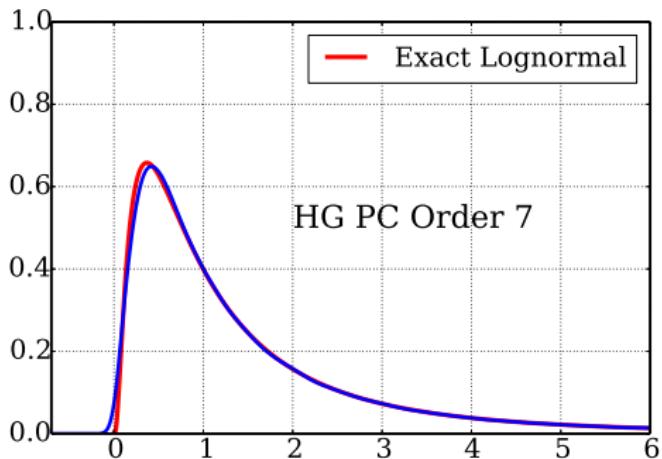
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- CDF transform helps:
  - $U = F_U^{-1}(\frac{\xi+1}{2})$  if  $\xi$  is Uniform, Legendre-Uniform PC
  - $U = F_U^{-1}(\Phi(\xi))$  if  $\xi$  is Normal, Gauss-Hermite PC

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

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

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  $Z$

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

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

# Alternative methods to obtain PC coefficients

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

- Projection

$$c_k = \frac{\langle f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \rangle}{\|\Psi_k\|^2} = \operatorname{argmin}_z \|f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - f_s(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{L_2}$$

- Integral via Monte-Carlo : slow convergence
- Integral via quadrature : forced to have model evaluations at specific locations; does not scale well to high-d

- Regression

$$\mathbf{c} = (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{f} = \operatorname{argmin}_z \|f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - f_s(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_{\ell_2}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{ik} = \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_i) \text{ and } \mathbf{f} = (f(\boldsymbol{\xi}_1), \dots, f(\boldsymbol{\xi}_N))$$

- Allows regularization
- Allows Bayesian extension

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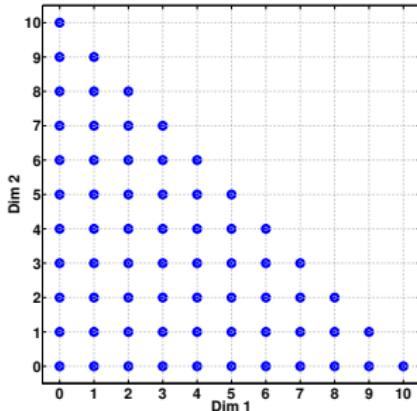
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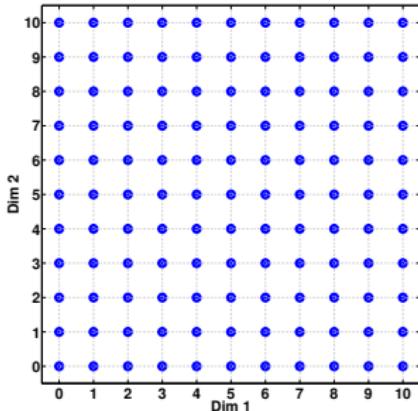


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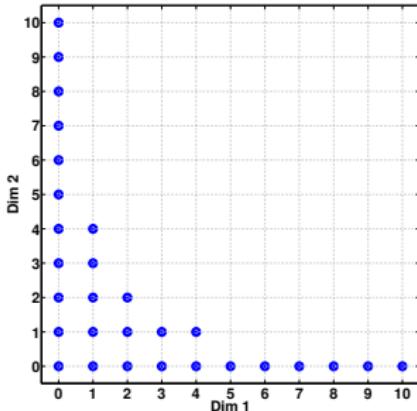


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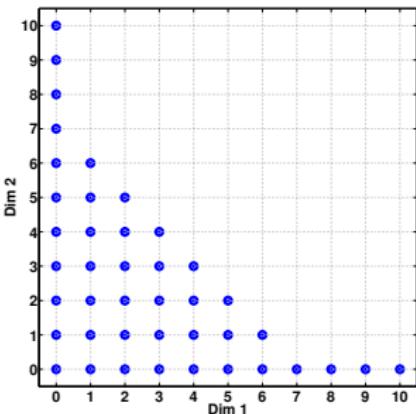


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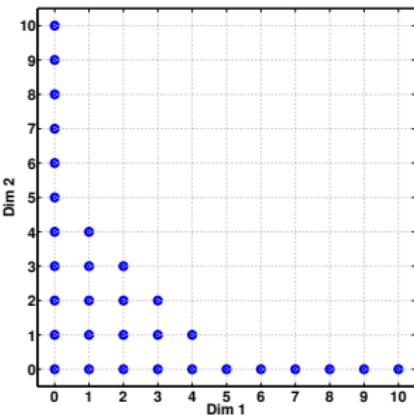


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# In a different language....

- $N$  training data points  $(\xi_i, Z_i)$  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

$$Z \approx P c$$

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  $\operatorname{argmin}_c \{ \|Z - P c\|_2^2 \}$
- The ‘sparsest’  $\operatorname{argmin}_c \{ \|Z - P c\|_2^2 + \alpha \|c\|_0 \}$
- Compressive sensing  $\operatorname{argmin}_c \{ \|Z - P c\|_2^2 + \alpha \|c\|_1 \}$

# Compressive sensing and regularization

- Least-squares

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2$$

- Tikhonov regularization; Ridge regression

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2$$

- The 'sparsest'

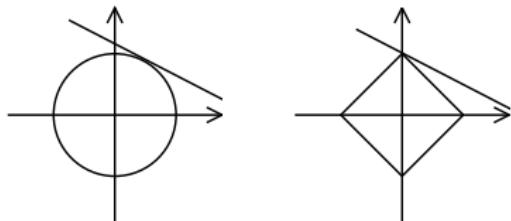
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- Compressive sensing, LASSO, basis pursuit

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \{\|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{c}\|_1\}$$

- ... or  $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2$  s.t.  $\|\mathbf{c}\|_1 < \epsilon$
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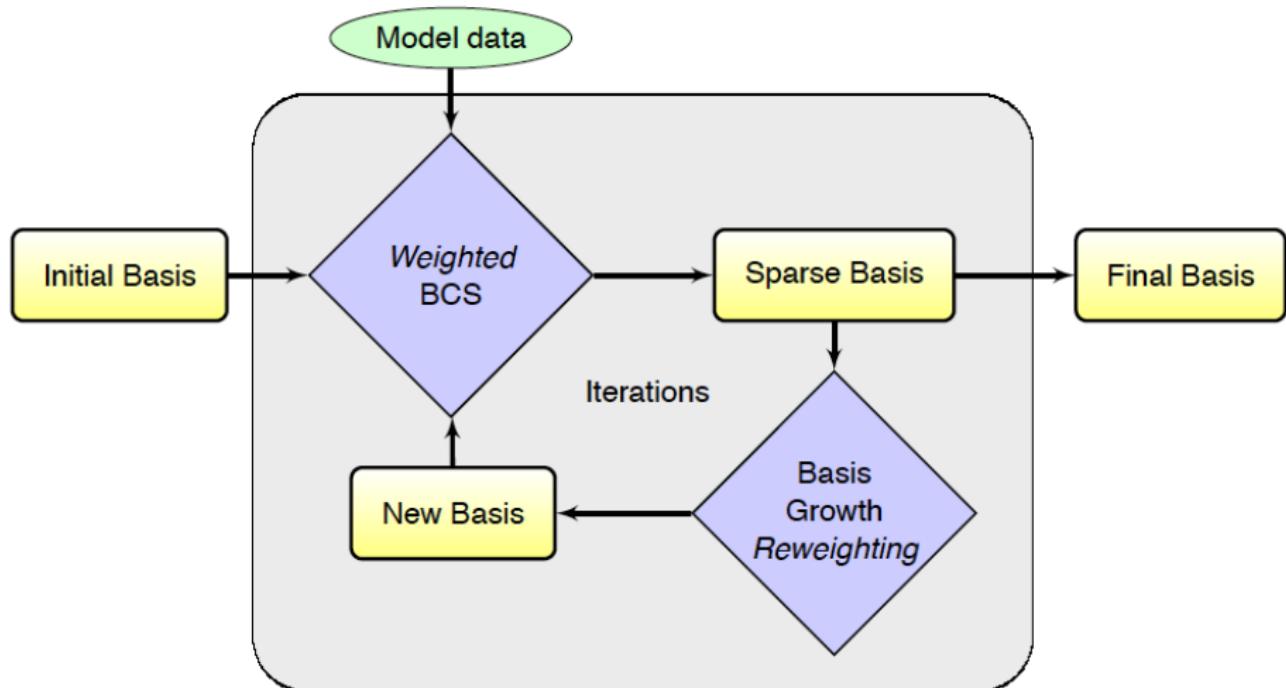
⇒ discovery of sparse signals



# Compressive sensing: enhancements

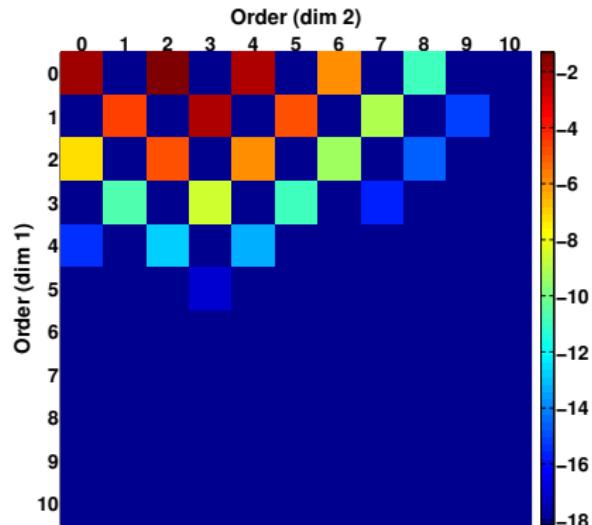
- Bayesian extension:  $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \left\{ \underbrace{\|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2}_\text{Likelihood} + \underbrace{\alpha \|\mathbf{c}\|_1}_\text{Prior} \right\}$ 
  - Get coefficients with uncertainties
  - Fights overfitting better
  - Connections with relevance 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

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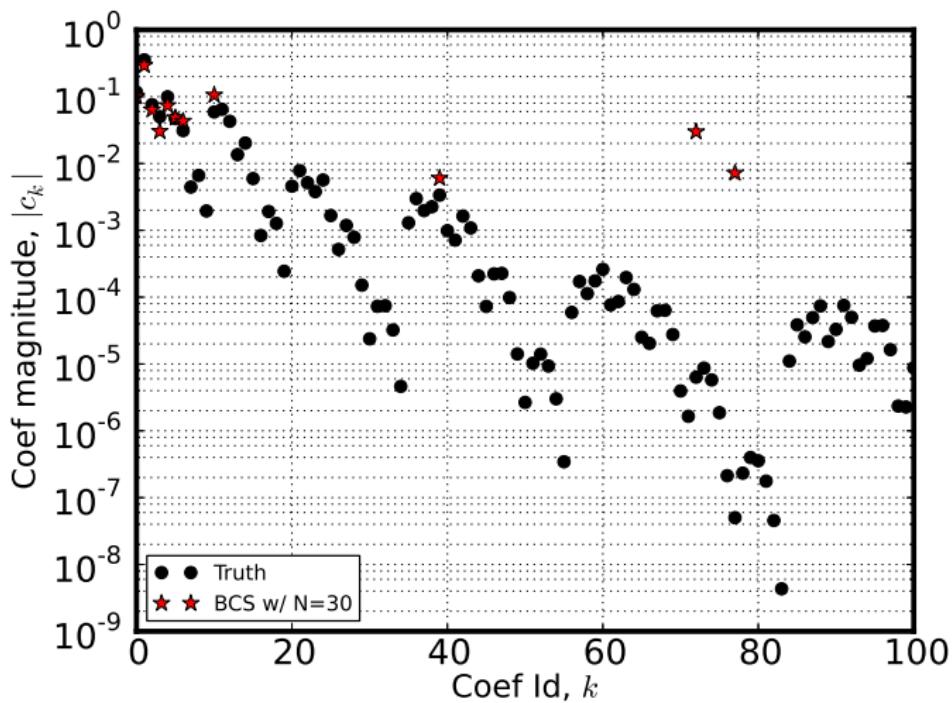
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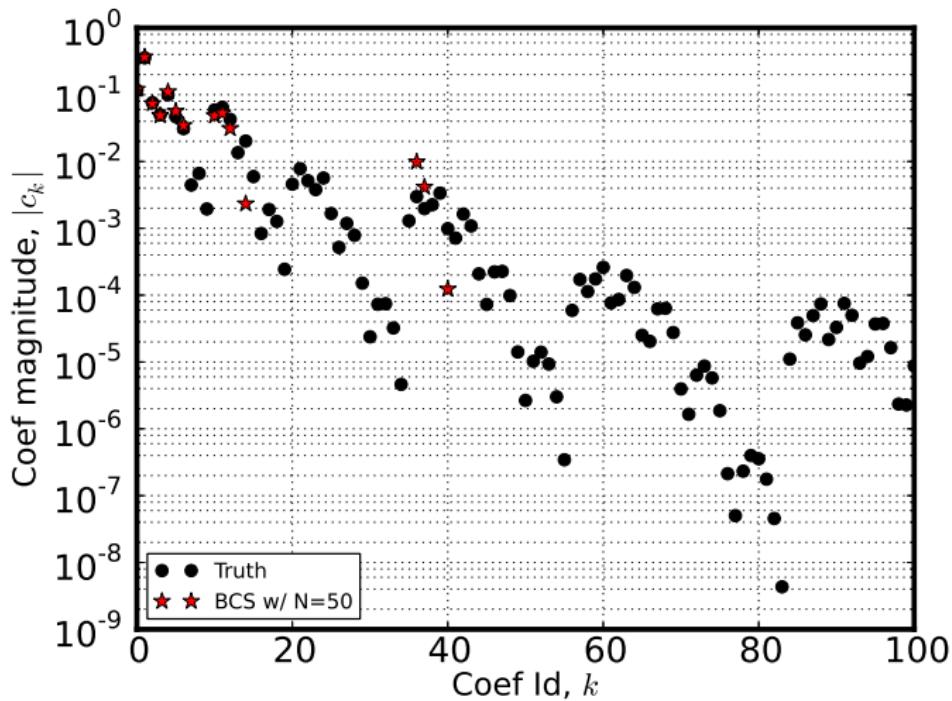
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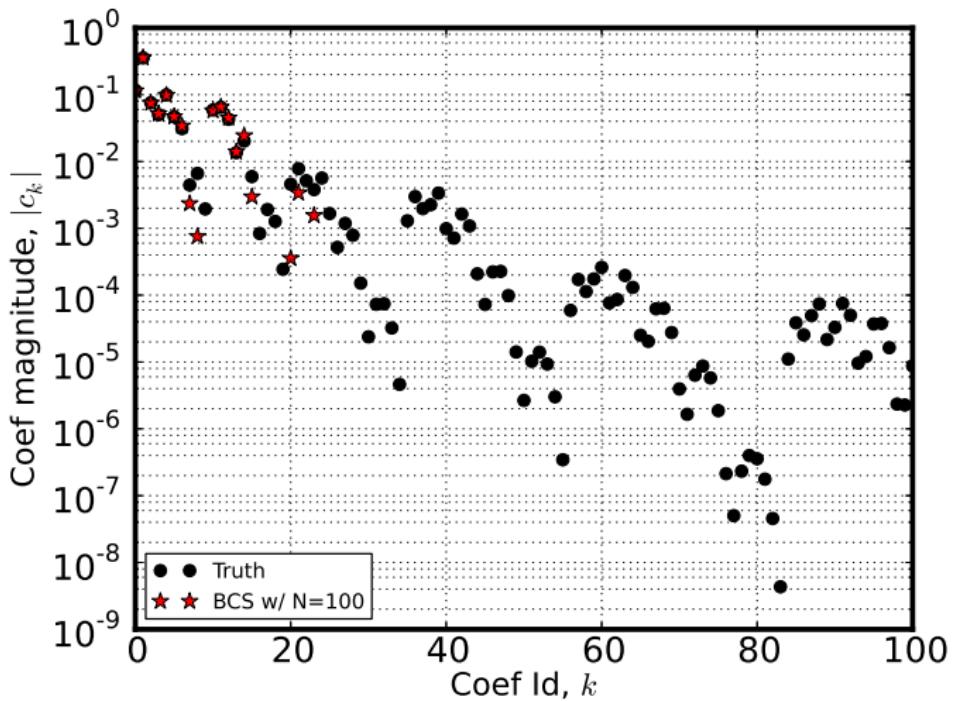
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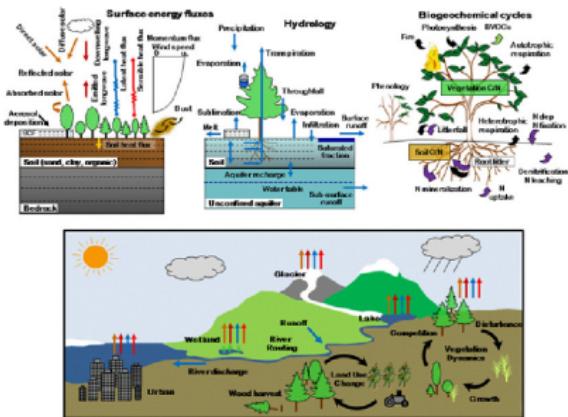
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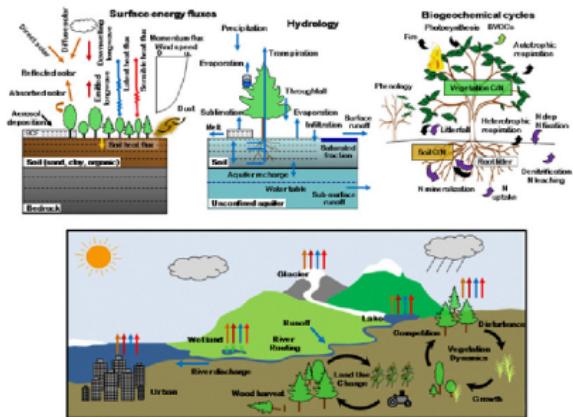
# Basis set growth: ... added outlier term

# Application of Interest: E3SM Land Model



- US Department of Energy (DOE) sponsored Earth system model
- Land, atmosphere, ocean, ice, human system components
- High-resolution, employ DOE leadership-class computing facilities

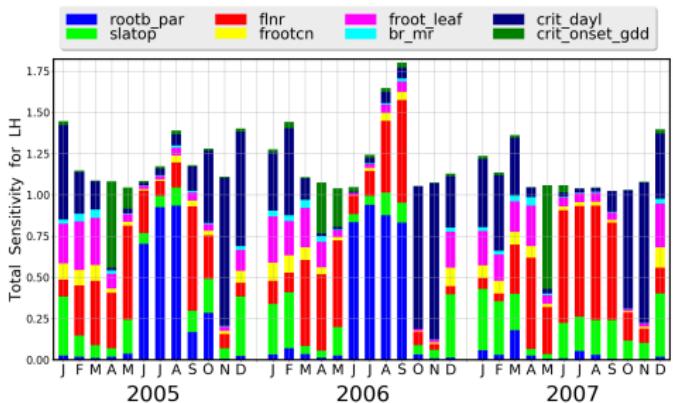
# The UQ Challenge for E3SM Land Model



- A single-site, 1000-yr simulation takes  $\sim 10$  hrs on 1 CPU
- Involves  $\sim 70$  input parameters; some dependent
- Non-smooth input-output relationship

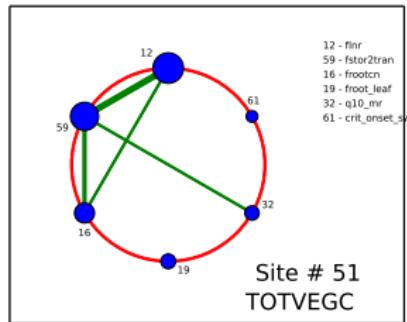
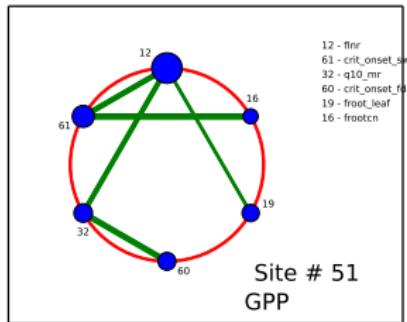
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# Inverse UQ – Estimation of Uncertain Parameters

- 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:

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

Posterior      Likelihood      Prior  
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

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

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

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

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

Likelihood      Prior  
Posterior      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

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

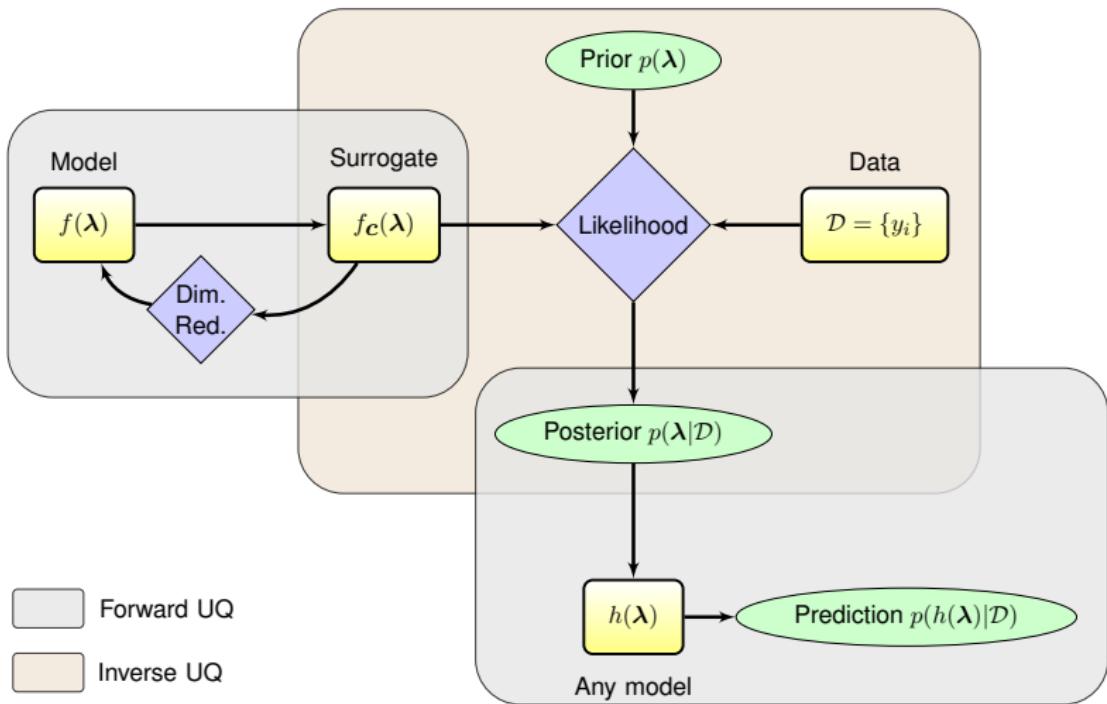
# Exploring the Posterior

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

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

- 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



# Outline

1 Introduction

2 Forward UQ

- Polynomial Chaos
- High Dimensional PC Surrogate Construction

3 Inverse UQ

- Bayesian Inference
- Account for Model Error in Bayesian Inference

4 Summary

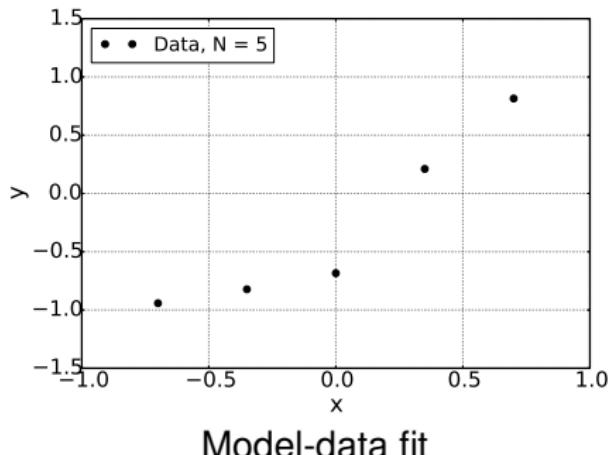
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$$g(x) \approx f(x; \lambda)$$

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

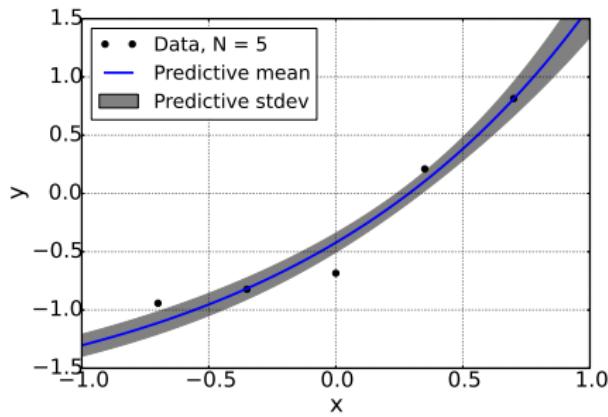
- ... otherwise called (with slightly altered meanings):  
model discrepancy, model structural error,  
model inadequacy, model misspecification,  
model form error, model uncertainty
- Inverse modeling context
  - Given experimental or higher-fidelity model data,  
estimate the model error
- Represent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

# Ignoring model error leads to overconfident and biased predictions

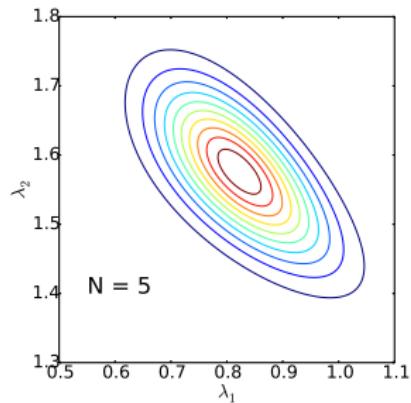


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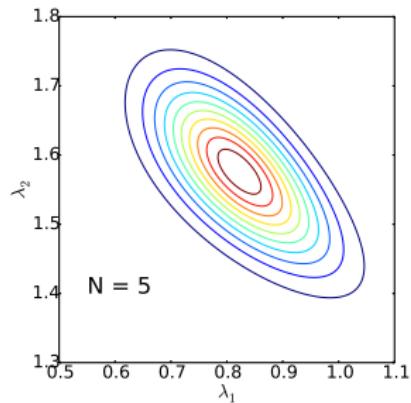
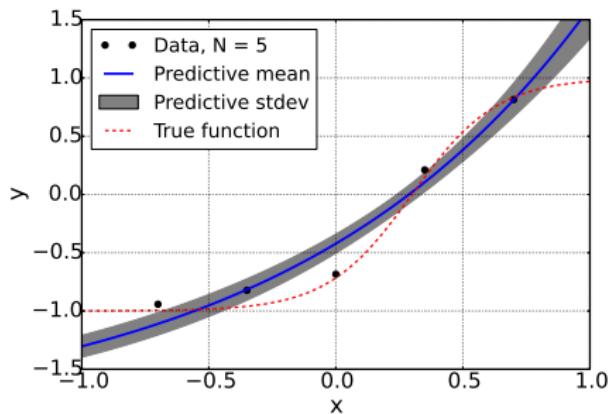
Model-data fit



Posterior on parameters

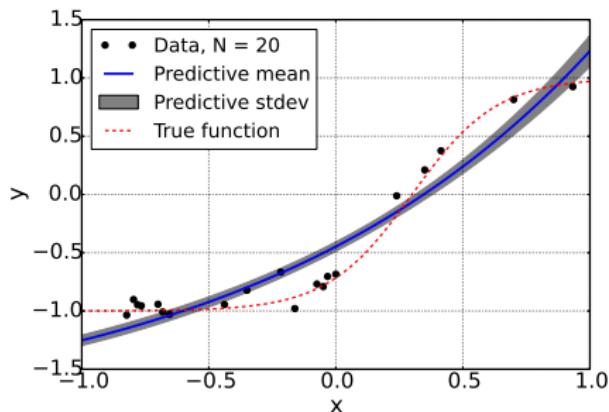
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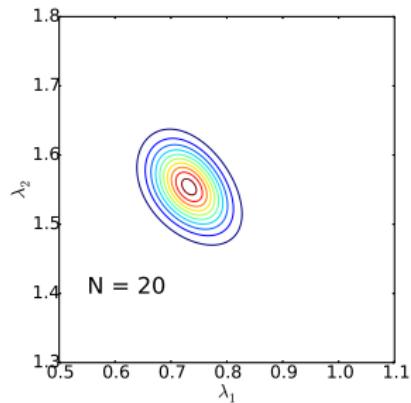


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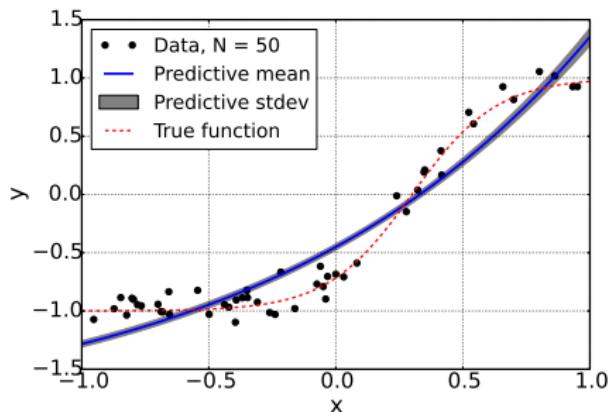
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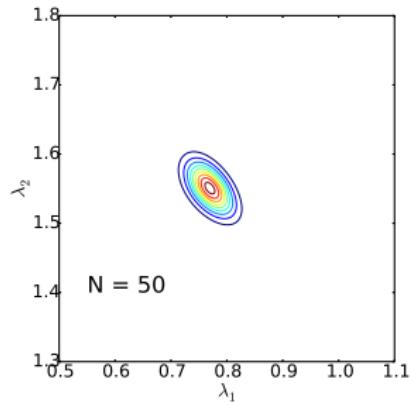
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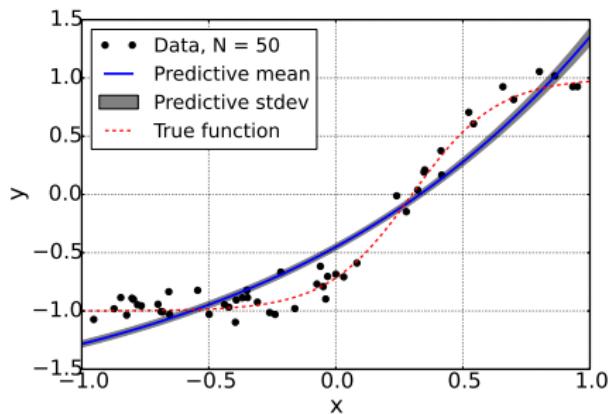
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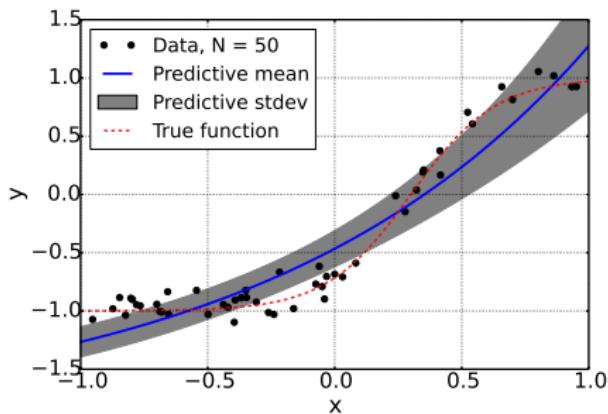
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No model error treatment



Model error accounted for

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- True model – dashed-red – is *structurally* different from fit model  $f(x, \lambda)$
- Accounting for model error allows extra uncertainty component to propagate through predictions

## Explicit model discrepancy: issues for physical models

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

- 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  $\epsilon_i$
- Calibration of model error on measured observable does not impact the quality of model predictions on other QoIs
- Physical scientists are unlikely to augment their model with a statistical model error term on select outputs
  - Calibrated predictive model:  $f(x; \lambda) + \delta(x)$  or  $f(x; \lambda)$  ?
- Problem is highlighted in model-to-model calibration ( $\epsilon_i = 0$ )
  - no a priori knowledge of the statistical structure of  $\delta(x)$

# Key Idea: Model Error Embedding

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

- Augment input parameters  $\lambda$  with a stochastic term  $\delta_\alpha$

*x-independent*

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

- Generalize parameter forms,

*Random field*

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

- More generally, explore additional parameterizations,

*Intrusive*

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

# Non-Intrusive Probabilistic Embedding

Additive corrections  $\delta_\alpha$  for input parameters  $\lambda$

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

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

# Bayesian Framework for Model Error Estimation

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

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

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

- 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

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

- Define pushed-forward means and variances

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

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

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

- 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

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

# Model Error – Surrogate and Prediction

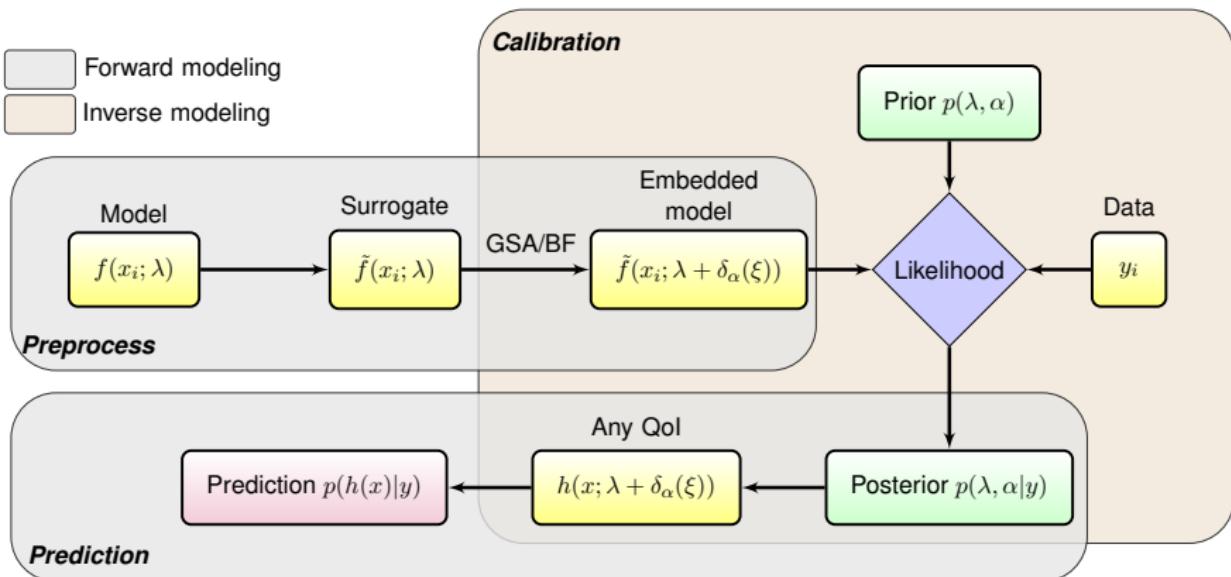
$$f_i(\lambda + \delta_\alpha(\zeta)) = f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta) \stackrel{\text{NISP}}{\simeq} \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\zeta)$$

- 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

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

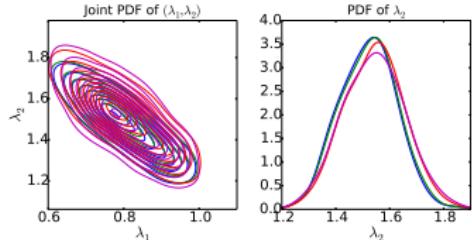
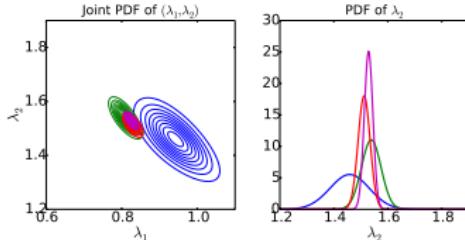
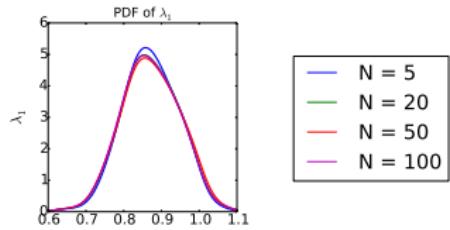
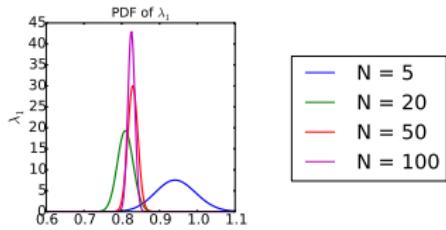
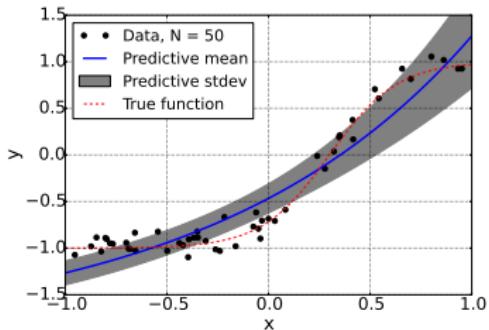
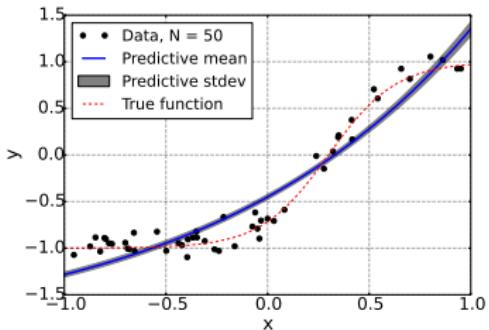
$$\sigma_i^2 = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\alpha}} [\sigma_i^2(\tilde{\alpha})]}_{\text{Model error}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{V}_{\tilde{\alpha}} [\mu_i(\tilde{\alpha})]}_{\text{Posterior uncertainty}} + \underbrace{(\sigma_i^{LOO})^2}_{\text{Surrogate error}}$$

# Model error embedding – workflow



- Predictive uncertainty decomposition: Total Variance =  
Parametric uncertainty + Data noise + Model error + Surrogate error

# .. back to toy example



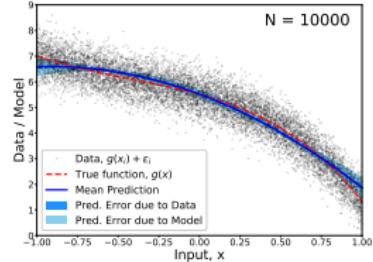
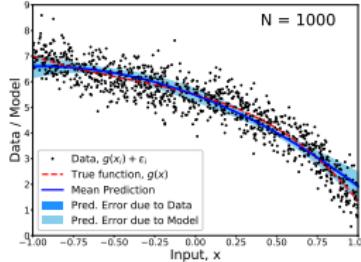
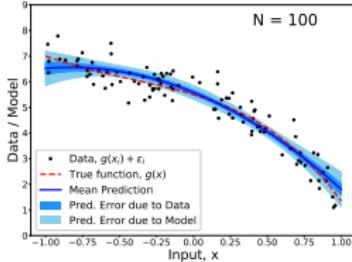
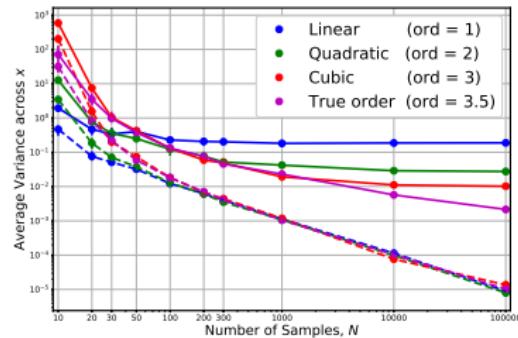
# More data leads to ‘leftover’ model error

Calibrating a quadratic  $f(x) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1x + \lambda_2x^2$

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

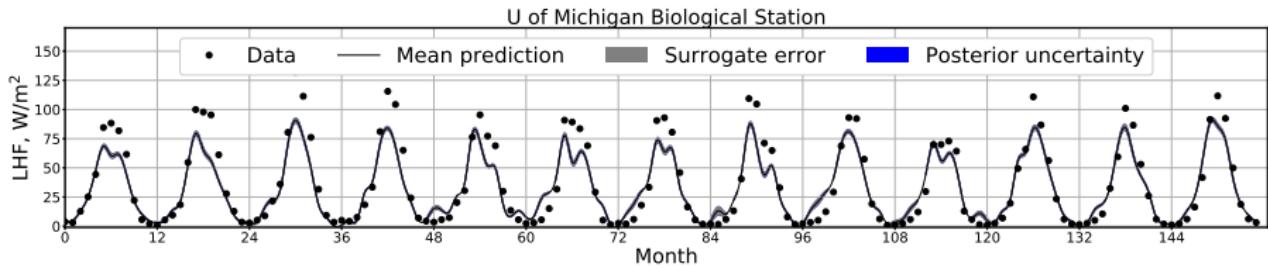
## *Summary of features:*

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



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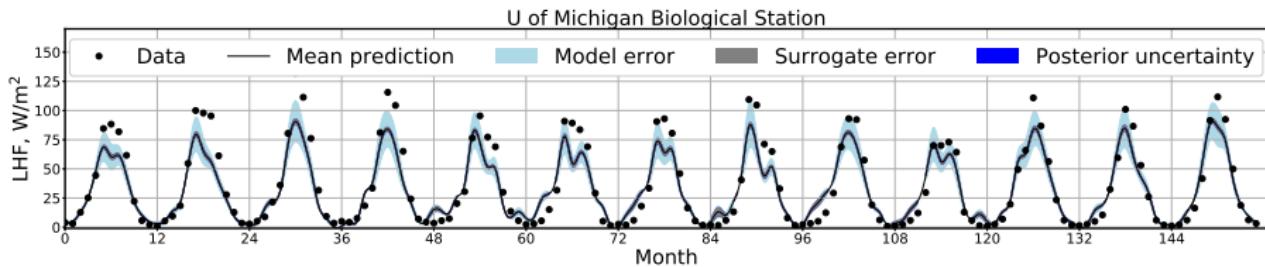
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- Conventional calibration without model error

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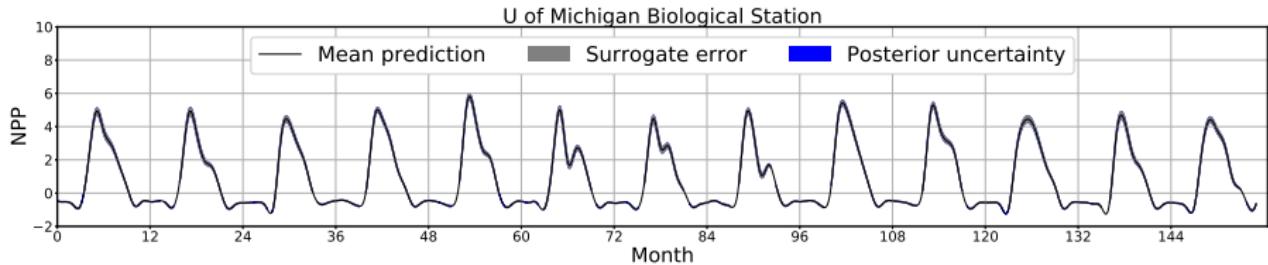
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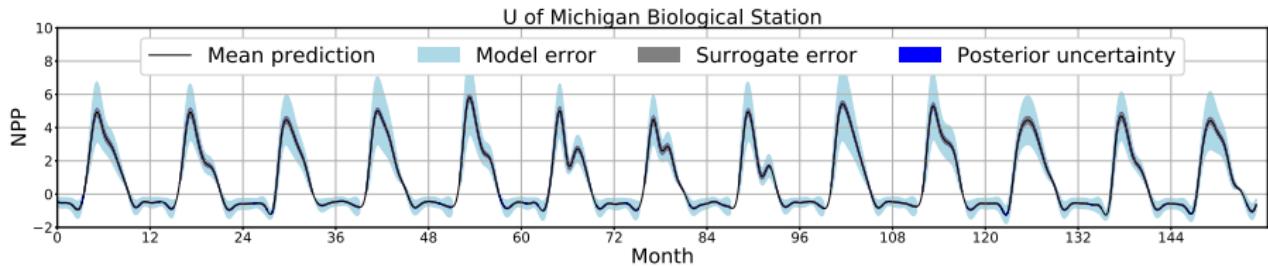
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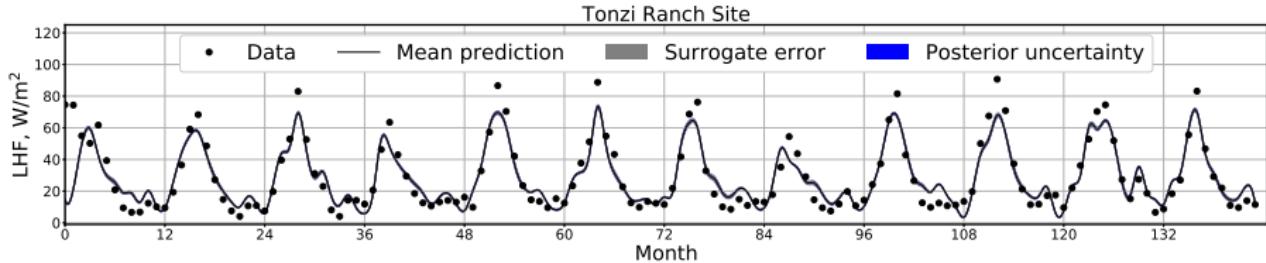
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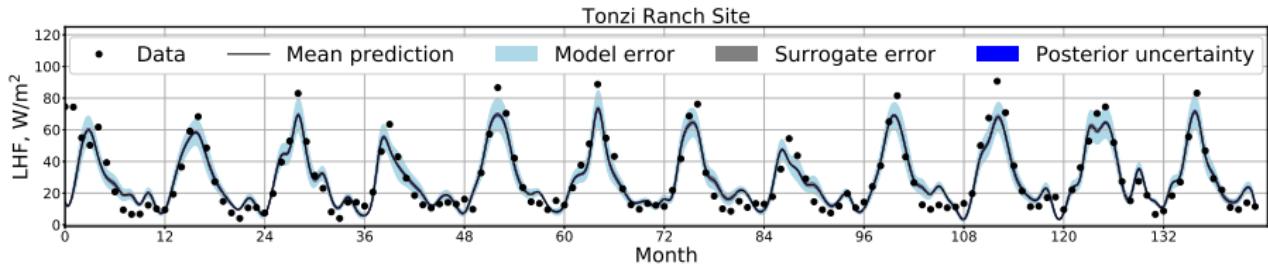
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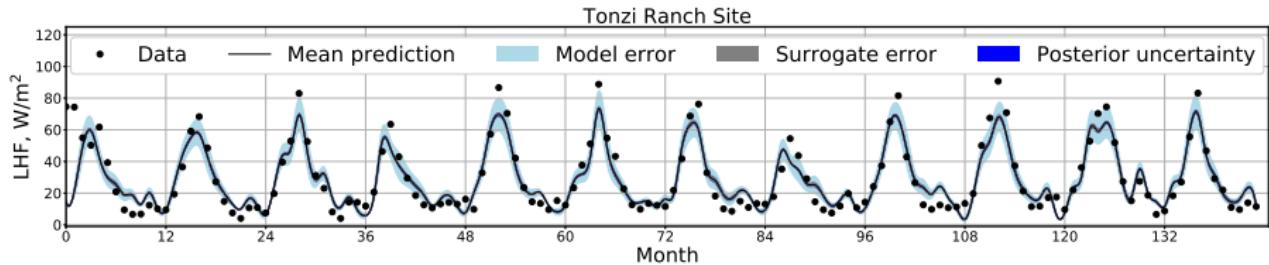
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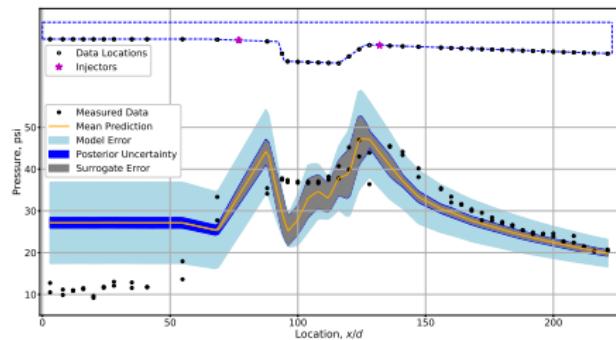
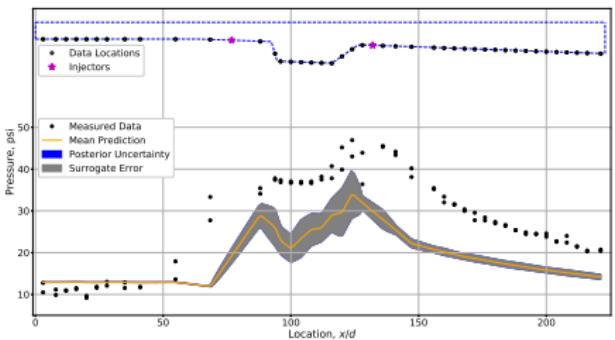
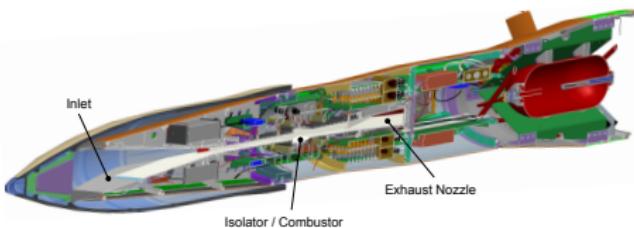
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# LES: Turbulent Combustion in Scramjet Engine

- 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

# Summary

- Forward UQ: Polynomial Chaos representation of RVs
  - Non-intrusive spectral projection
  - Surrogate construction, Bayesian regression
  - **High-D challenge: sparse PC via Bayesian compressive sensing**
- Inverse UQ: Bayesian inference for parameter estimation
  - Bayesian parameter estimation
  - **Model error quantification: embedded model error approach**
- All developments done within UQTk, lightweight C++/Python library out of SNL-CA ([www.sandia.gov/uqtoolkit](http://www.sandia.gov/uqtoolkit))



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Thank you!

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# Additional Material (Core Dump)

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Fun example:  $X = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2$  is exponential r.v. if  $\xi$ 's are i.i.d. gaussians.  
 However, no finite order 1D PC exists.

# *Non-intrusive Spectral Projection (NISP) PC UQ*

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

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

- For any model output of interest  $f(X)$ :

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- Evaluate projection integral *numerically*
- Relies on black-box utilization of the computational model
- Integral can be evaluated using
  - A variety of (Quasi) Monte Carlo methods
    - Slow convergence;  $\sim$  indep. of dimensionality
  - Quadrature/Sparse-Quadrature methods
    - Fast convergence; depends on dimensionality

# PC features: moment extraction

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

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

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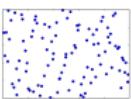
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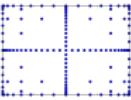
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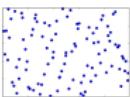
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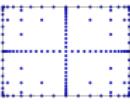
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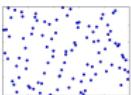
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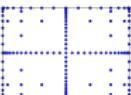
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# Probabilistic Forward UQ & Polynomial Chaos Representation of Random Variables

With  $y = f(x)$ ,  $x$  a random variable, estimate the RV  $y$

- Can describe a RV in terms of its
  - density, moments, characteristic function, or
  - as a function on a probability space
- Constraining the analysis to RVs with finite variance
  - ⇒ Represent RV as a spectral expansion in terms of orthogonal functions of standard RVs
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  - Oscillation concern in multi-D
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  - Useful when quadrature methods are infeasible, e.g.:
    - Samples given *a priori*
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    - Can't take enough samples
    - Forward model is noisy

# PCE Construction for Noisy Functions

- Quadrature formulae presume a degree of smoothness
  - No convergence for a noisy function

$$u_k = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} \int u(\lambda(\xi)) \Psi_k(\xi) p_\xi(\xi) d\xi, \quad k = 0, \dots, P$$

- Sparse-Quadrature formulae are *ill-conditioned* and highly-sensitive to noise
  - No convergence with order
  - Error grows with increased dimensionality
- Options in the presence of noise:
  - RMS fitting for PC coefficients
  - Bayesian inference of PC coefficients

# PC and High-Dimensionality

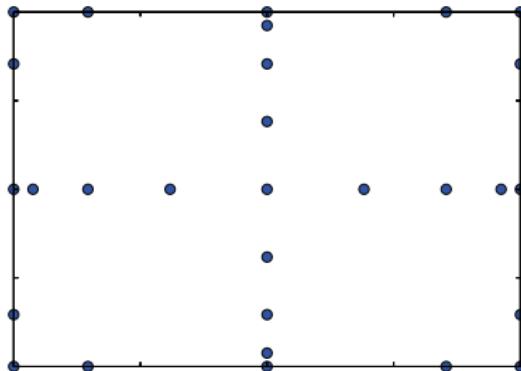
Dimensionality  $n$  of the PC basis:  $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$

- $n \approx$  number of uncertain parameters
- $P + 1 = (n + p)!/n!p!$  grows fast with  $n$

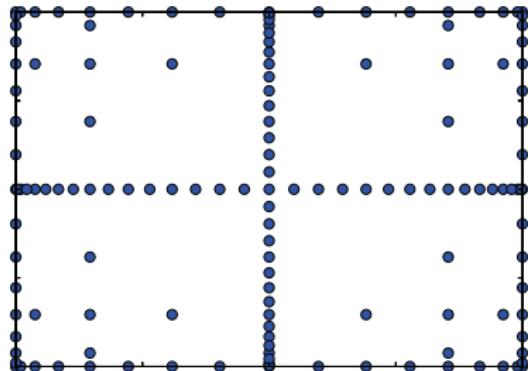
Impacts:

- Size of intrusive PC system
- Hi-D projection integrals  $\Rightarrow$  large # non-intrusive samples
  - Sparse quadrature methods

Chebyshev sparse grid, Level = 3



Chebyshev sparse grid, Level = 5



# PC coefficients via sparse regression

PCE:

$$y = f(x) \simeq \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_k \Psi_k(x)$$

with  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\Psi_k$  max order  $p$ , and  $K = (p + n)!/p!/n!$

- $N$  samples  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$
- Estimate  $K$  terms  $c_0, \dots, c_{K-1}$ , s.t.

$$\min ||\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}||_2^2$$

where  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^K$ ,  $A_{ik} = \Psi_k(x_i)$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$

With  $N \ll K \Rightarrow$  under-determined

- Need some form of regularization

# Regularization – Compressive Sensing (CS)

- $\ell_2$ -norm — Tikhonov regularization; Ridge regression:

$$\min \{ \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} \|_2^2 + \| \mathbf{c} \|_2^2 \}$$

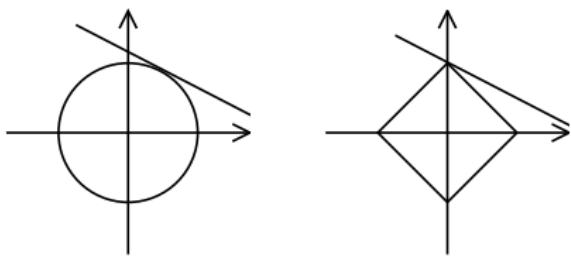
- $\ell_1$ -norm — Compressive Sensing; LASSO; basis pursuit

$$\min \{ \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} \|_2^2 + \| \mathbf{c} \|_1 \}$$

$$\min \{ \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} \|_2^2 \} \quad \text{subject to } \| \mathbf{c} \|_1 \leq \epsilon$$

$$\min \{ \| \mathbf{c} \|_1 \} \quad \text{subject to } \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} \|_2^2 \leq \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow$  discovery of sparse signals



# Bayesian Regression

- Bayes formula

$$p(\mathbf{c}|D) \propto p(D|\mathbf{c})\pi(\mathbf{c})$$

- Bayesian regression: prior as a regularizer, e.g.

- Log Likelihood  $\Leftrightarrow \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2$
- Log Prior  $\Leftrightarrow \|\mathbf{c}\|_p^p$

- Laplace sparsity priors  $\pi(c_k|\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\alpha}e^{-|c_k|/\alpha}$

- LASSO ([Tibshirani 1996](#)) ... formally:

$$\min \{\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{c}\|_1\}$$

Solution  $\sim$  the posterior mode of  $\mathbf{c}$  in the Bayesian model

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}, I_N), \quad c_k \sim \frac{1}{2\alpha}e^{-|c_k|/\alpha}$$

- Bayesian LASSO ([Park & Casella 2008](#))

# Bayesian Compressive Sensing (BCS)

- BCS (Ji 2008; Babacan 2010)—hierarchical priors:
  - Gaussian priors  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_k^2)$  on the  $c_k$
  - Gamma priors on the  $\sigma_k^2$

⇒ Laplace sparsity priors on the  $c_k$
- Evidence maximization establishes ML estimates of the  $\sigma_k$ 
  - many of which are found  $\approx 0 \Rightarrow c_k \approx 0$
  - iteratively include terms that lead to the largest increase in the evidence
- iterative BCS (iBCS) (Sargsyan 2012):
  - adaptive iterative order growth
  - BCS on order- $p$  Legendre-Uniform PC
  - repeat with order- $p + 1$  terms added to surviving  $p$ -th order terms

# Bayesian inference of PC surrogate

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

$$\overbrace{P(z|\mathcal{D})}^{\text{Posterior}} \propto \overbrace{P(\mathcal{D}|z)}^{\text{Likelihood}} \overbrace{P(z)}^{\text{Prior}}$$

- Data consists of *training runs*

$$\mathcal{D} \equiv \{(\xi_i, Z_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

- Likelihood with a gaussian noise model with  $\sigma^2$  fixed or inferred,

$$L(z) = P(\mathcal{D}|z) = \left( \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^N \prod_{i=1}^N \exp \left( -\frac{(f_i - f_s(\xi_i))^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

- Prior on  $z$  is chosen to be conjugate, uniform or gaussian.
- Posterior is a *multivariate normal*

$$z \in \mathcal{MVN}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

- The (uncertain) surrogate is a *gaussian process*

$$f_s(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^K z_k \Psi_k(\xi) = \Psi(\xi)^T f \in \mathcal{GP}(\Psi(\xi)^T \mu, \Psi(\xi) \Sigma \Psi(\xi')^T)$$

# Bayesian Compressive Sensing

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with

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \sigma^{-2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{u} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P} + \text{diag}(\sigma^2 / \sigma_k^2))^{-1}$$

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# Weighted Bayesian Compressive Sensing

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$$\mathbf{W}^{(i+1)} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{|f_k^{(i)}| + \epsilon} \right) \quad [\epsilon \ll 1 \text{ for stability}]$$

# Random Fields

- A random variable is a function on an event space  $\Omega$ 
  - No dependence on other coordinates –e.g. space or time
- A random field is a function on a product space  $\Omega \times D$ 
  - e.g. sea surface temperature  $T_{ss}(z, \omega)$ ,  $z \equiv (\mathbf{x}, t)$
- It is a more complex object than a random variable
  - A combination of an infinite number of random variables
- In many physical systems, uncertain field quantities, described by random fields:
  - are smooth, i.e.
  - they have an underlying *low dimensional structure* due to large correlation length-scales

# Random Fields – KLE

- Smooth random fields can be represented with a small no. of stochastic degrees of freedom
- A random field  $M(x, \omega)$  with
  - a mean function:  $\mu(x)$
  - a continuous covariance function:  

$$C(x_1, x_2) = \langle [M(x_1, \omega) - \mu(x_1)][M(x_2, \omega) - \mu(x_2)] \rangle$$

can be represented with the Karhunen-Loeve Expansion (KLE)

$$M(x, \omega) = \mu(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_i} \eta_i(\omega) \phi_i(x)$$

where

- $\lambda_i$  and  $\phi_i(x)$  are the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the covariance function  $C(\cdot, \cdot)$
- $\eta_i$  are uncorrelated zero-mean unit-variance RVs
- KLE  $\Rightarrow$  representation of random fields using PC

# Intrusive PC UQ: A direct *non-sampling* method

- Given model equations:

$$\mathcal{M}(u(\boldsymbol{x}, t); \lambda) = 0$$

- Express uncertain parameters/variables using PCEs

$$u = \sum_{k=0}^P u_k \Psi_k; \quad \lambda = \sum_{k=0}^P \lambda_k \Psi_k$$

- Substitute in model equations; apply Galerkin projection
- New set of equations:
  - with  $U = [u_0, \dots, u_P]^T$ ,  $\Lambda = [\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_P]^T$
- Solving this deterministic system once provides the full specification of uncertain model outputs

# Intrusive Galerkin PC ODE System

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f(u; \lambda)$$

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=0}^P \lambda_i \Psi_i \quad u(t) = \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(t) \Psi_i$$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{\langle f(u; \lambda) \Psi_i \rangle}{\langle \Psi_i^2 \rangle} \quad i = 0, \dots, P$$

Say  $f(u; \lambda) = \lambda u$ , then

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \sum_{p=0}^P \sum_{q=0}^P \lambda_p u_q C_{pqi}, \quad i = 0, \dots, P$$

where the tensor  $C_{pqi} = \langle \Psi_p \Psi_q \Psi_i \rangle / \langle \Psi_i^2 \rangle$  is readily evaluated

# Intrusive PC UQ Pros/Cons

Cons:

- Reformulation of governing equations
- New discretizations
- New numerical solution method
  - Consistency, Convergence, Stability
  - Global vs. multi-element local PC constructions
- New solvers and model codes
  - Opportunities for automated code transformation
- New preconditioners

Pros:

- Tailored solvers can deliver superior performance

# 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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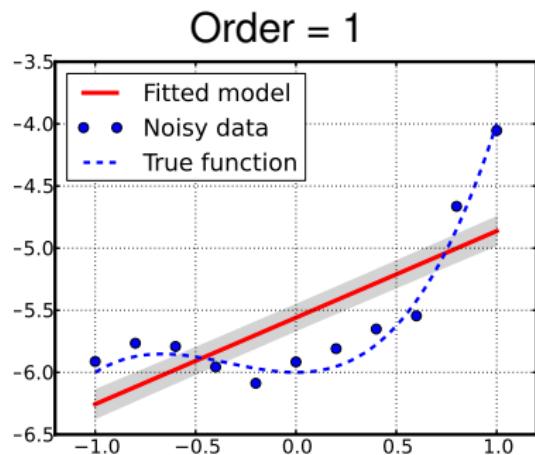
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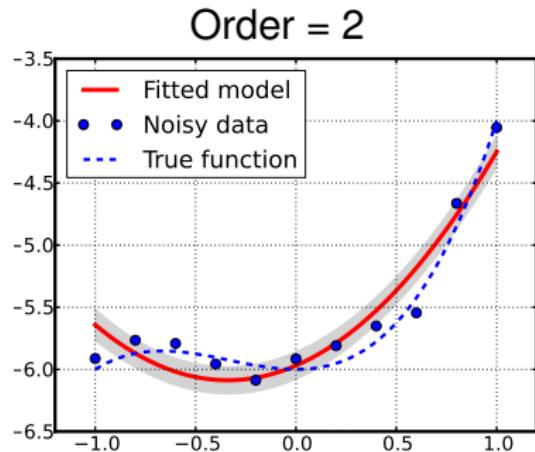
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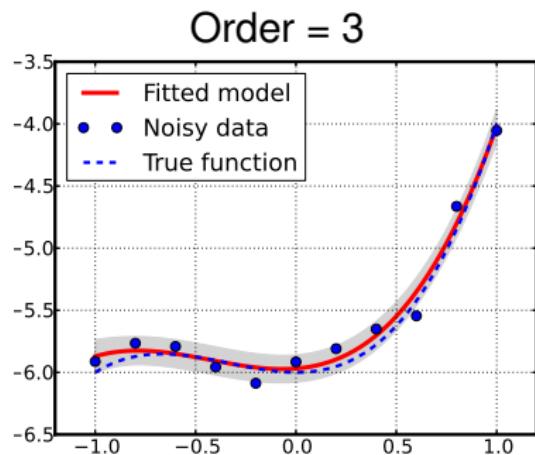
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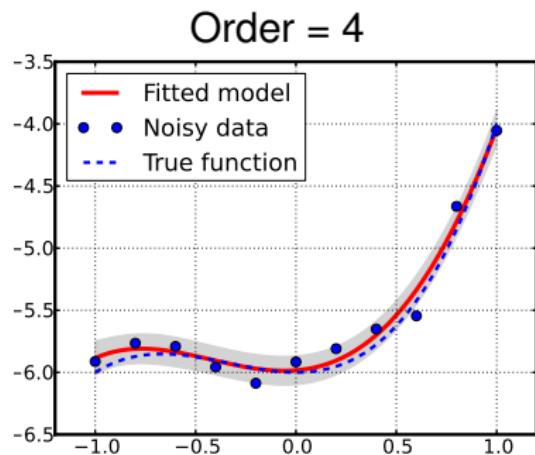
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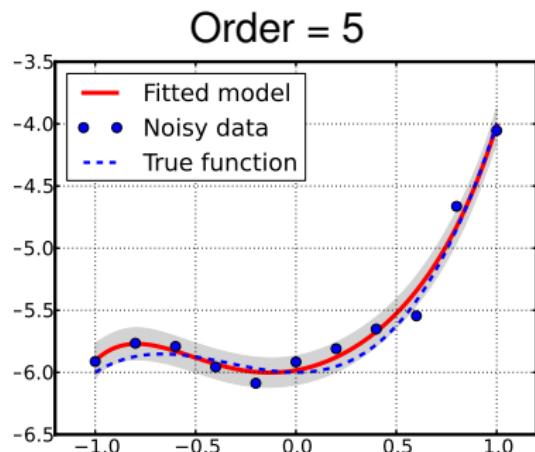
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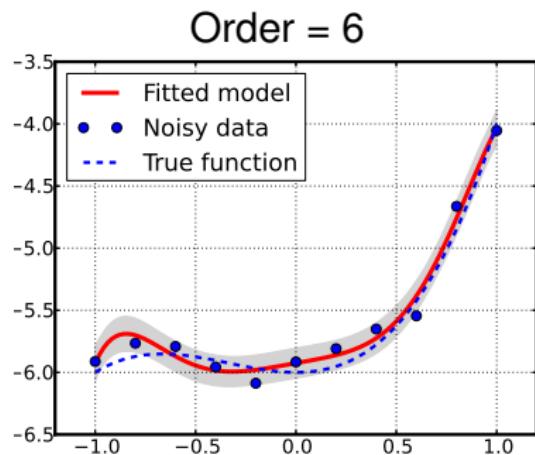
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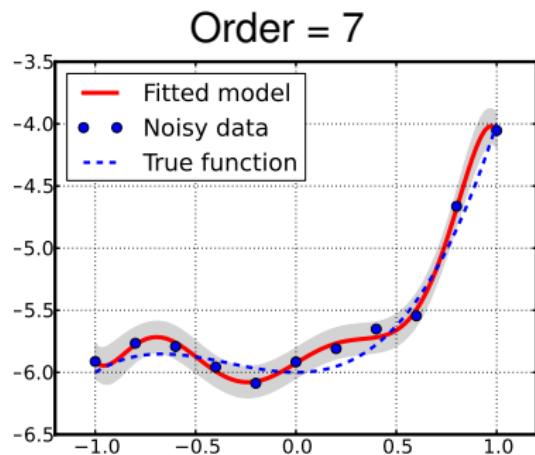
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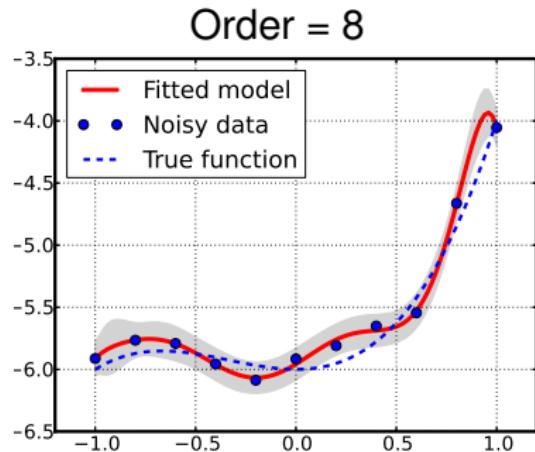
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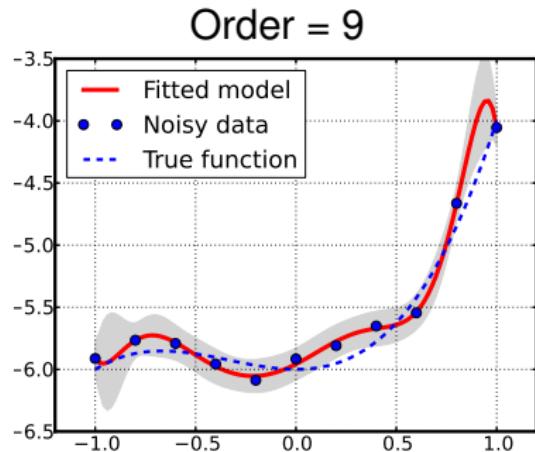
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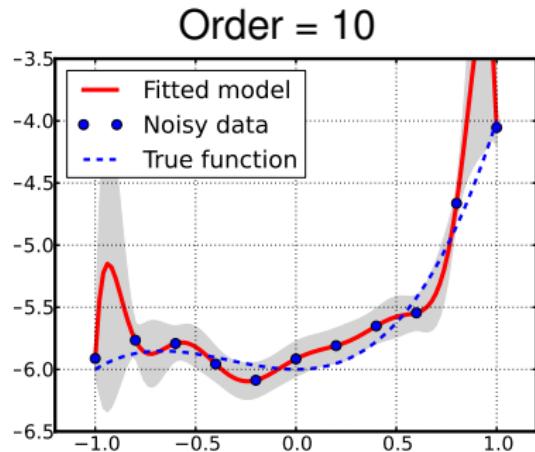
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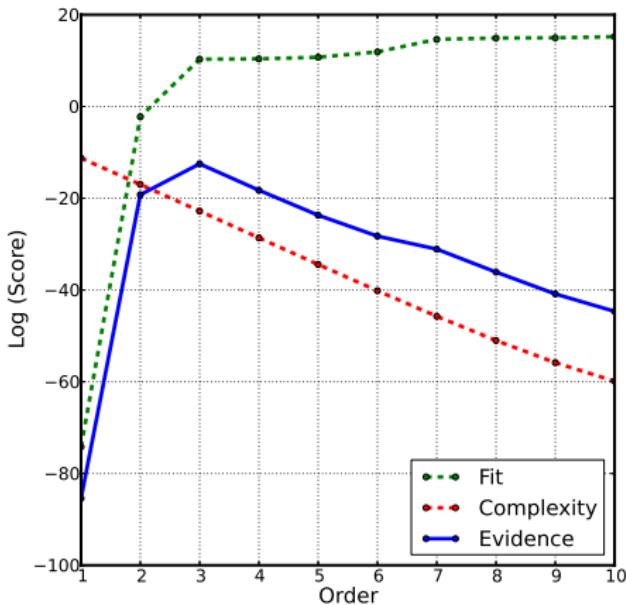
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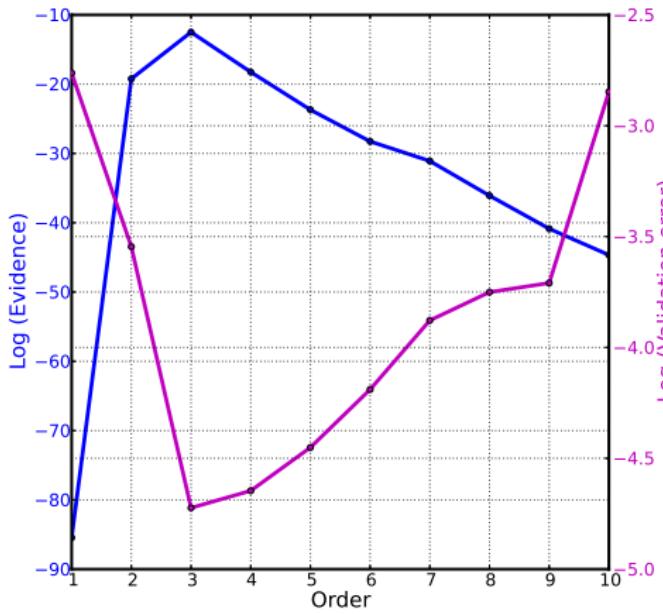
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# Challenges in PC UQ – High-Dimensionality

- Dimensionality  $n$  of the PC basis:  $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$ 
  - number of degrees of freedom
  - $P + 1 = (n + p)!/n!p!$  grows fast with  $n$
- Impacts:
  - Size of intrusive system
  - # non-intrusive (sparse) quadrature samples
- Generally  $n \approx$  number of uncertain parameters
- Reduction of  $n$ :
  - Sensitivity analysis
  - Dependencies/correlations among parameters
  - Dominant eigenmodes of random fields
  - Manifold learning: Isomap, Diffusion maps
  - Sparsification: Compressed Sensing, LASSO

# High dimensionality challenge – Forward UQ

Consider a forward model

$$y = f(x)$$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be uncertain, represented as a random vector,

$$x \sim p(x)$$

Estimate moments of  $y$

$$\mathcal{M}^q = \int [f(x)]^q p(x) dx$$

Forward UQ is an integration problem.

# Integration in High Dimensions

- Monte Carlo (MC) methods
  - well suited for high-D integrals – convergence rate independent of dimensionality
  - nonetheless they require large numbers of samples for good accuracy
- Quadrature
  - Tensor product quadrature is useless in hi-D
    - Say  $m$  points in each of  $n$  dimensions:  $m^n$  points
  - Adaptive sparse quadrature
    - Much more feasible
    - Can beat MC – dep. on smoothness of integrand
  - Greedy algorithms
- Dimensionality reduction
  - Low rank and sparse representations
  - Global sensitivity analysis

# High dimensionality challenge – Inverse UQ

- Bayesian inference in a computational setting relies on Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods
- MCMC: A random walk algorithm for generation of samples from the *posterior* density on model inputs
  - Moments are evaluated from the random samples
- Need many random sample evaluations of forward model
  - Employ model surrogates built via forward UQ
  - *Adaptive local surrogates*
- High dimensionality can lead to poor performance
  - local maxima
  - many directions uninformed by data
  - choice of proposal density
  - *Dimension-Adaptive Likelihood-Informed MCMC*

# Bayesian inference – High Dimensionality Challenge

- Judgement on local/global posterior peaks is difficult
  - Multiple chains; Tempering
- Choosing a good starting point is very important
  - An initial optimization strategy is useful, albeit not trivial
- Choosing good MCMC proposals, and attaining good mixing
  - Likelihood-informed
    - Markov jump in those dimensions informed by data
    - Sample from prior in complement of dimensions
    - Adaptive proposal learning from MCMC samples
    - Log-Posterior Hessian  $\Rightarrow$  local Gaussian approx.
    - Adaptive, Geometric, Langevin MCMC
  - Dimension independent
    - Proposal design: good MCMC performance in hiD
  - Literature: A. Stuart, M. Girolami, K. Law, T. Cui, Y. Marzouk  
(Law 2014; Cui *et al.*, 2014,2015; Cotter *et al.*, 2013)

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*short answer: no free lunch*

# Challenges in PC UQ – Non-Linearity

- Bifurcative response at critical parameter values
  - Rayleigh-Bénard convection
  - Transition to turbulence
  - Chemical ignition
- Discontinuous  $u(\lambda(\xi))$ 
  - Failure of global PCEs in terms of smooth  $\Psi_k()$
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  failure of Fourier series in representing a step function
- Local PC methods
  - Subdivide support of  $\lambda(\xi)$  into regions of smooth  $u \circ \lambda(\xi)$
  - Employ PC with compact support basis on each region
  - A spectral-element vs. spectral construction
  - Domain mapping

# Discontinuities/Nonlinearities/Bifurcations

- Stochastic domain decomposition
  - Wiener-Haar expansions,  
Multiblock expansions,  
Multiwavelets, [Le Maître *et al*, 2004,2007]
  - also known as Multielement PC [Wan & Karniadakis, 2009]
- Data domain decomposition [Sargsyan *et al*, 2009,2010]
  - Data clustering, classification
  - Mixture PC expansions
- Adaptive setting helps
- Does not scale with dimensionality
- For expensive models, can not split much
- *Need a ‘smart’ domain decomposition*

# Challenges in PC UQ – Time Dynamics

- Systems with limit-cycle or chaotic dynamics
- Large amplification of phase errors over long time horizon
- PC order needs to be increased in time to retain accuracy
- Time shifting/scaling remedies
- Futile to attempt representation of detailed turbulent velocity field  $v(x, t; \lambda(\xi))$  as a PCE
  - Fast loss of correlation due to energy cascade
  - Problem studied in 60's and 70's
- Focus on flow statistics, e.g. Mean/RMS quantities
  - Well behaved
  - Argues for non-intrusive methods with DNS/LES of turbulent flow

# Model Complexity challenge

- If a single model run is a challenge then UQ is infeasible
- Most physical model output quantities of interest depend on only a “small” number of parameters, however:
  - Global sensitivity analysis itself requires many samples
  - Even after reduction of dimensionality to, say, 5 parameters, O(100) samples may be necessary
- Large number of independent samples
  - ideally suited for HPC
- Multifidelity UQ methods are useful – forward UQ
  - Use combinations of many low-resolution/low-fidelity runs with a few high-resolution/high-fidelity runs
- Parallel MCMC methods – inverse UQ

# Data Scarcity Challenge

- Even in a “big-Data” context, it’s common to find no information in the data on many *big-model* parameters
  - Situation is typical in statistical inversion for field quantities
  - Bayesian inference of optimal random field constructions
  - Use adaptive MCMC methods that focus on data-informed parameters
- Usually, raw data is not published
  - Published “data” is essentially processed data products, being statistics on
    - the data, or functions of fitted model parameters
  - Use Maximum-Entropy and Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) methods – DFI
    - Discover posterior density on model parameters consistent with published statistics

## Input correlations: Rosenblatt transformation

- Rosenblatt transformation maps any (not necessarily independent) set of random variables  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$  to uniform i.i.d.'s  $\{\eta_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , [Rosenblatt, 1952].

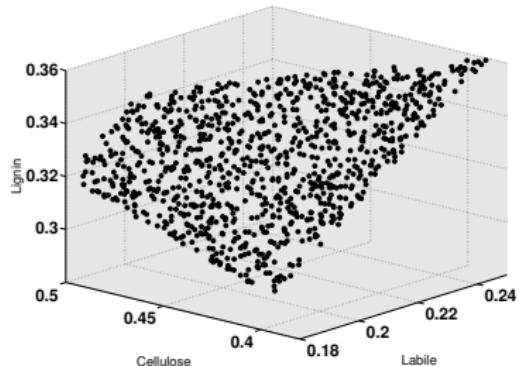
$$\eta_1 = F_1(\xi_1)$$

$$\eta_2 = F_{2|1}(\xi_2|\xi_1)$$

$$\eta_3 = F_{3|2,1}(\xi_3|\xi_2, \xi_1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\eta_n = F_{n|n-1, \dots, 1}(\xi_n|\xi_{n-1}, \dots, \xi_1)$$



- Inverse Rosenblatt transformation  $\xi = R^{-1}(\eta)$  ensures a well-defined quadrature integration to build PC [Sargsyan *et al.*, 2010]

$$c_k = \langle \xi \Psi_k(\eta) \rangle = \int R^{-1}(\eta) \Psi_k(\eta) d\eta$$

- Caveat: if only samples of  $\xi$  are available, the conditional distributions are hard to evaluate accurately.