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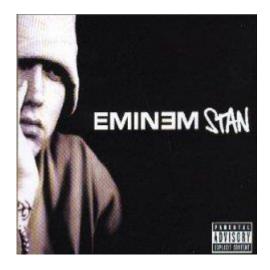






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Stan Eminem

My tea's gone cold
I'm wondering why I got out of bed at all
The morning rain clouds up my window
And I can't see at all
And even if I could it'd all be gray
But your picture on my wall
It reminds me that it's not so bad, it's not so bad

Dear Slim, I wrote you, but you still ain't callin'
I left my cell, my pager and my home phone at the bottom
I sent two letters back in autumn, you must not've got 'em
There probably was a problem at the post office or somethin'
Sometimes I scribble addresses too sloppy when I jot 'em







Stanislaw Ulam



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Stan[®] is a state-of-the-art platform for statistical modeling and high-performance statistical computation. Thousands of users rely on Stan for statistical modeling, data analysis, and prediction in the social, biological, and physical sciences, engineering, and business.

Users specify log density functions in Stan's probabilistic programming language and get:

- full Bayesian statistical inference with MCMC sampling (NUTS, HMC)
- approximate Bayesian inference with variational inference (ADVI)
- penalized maximum likelihood estimation with optimization (L-BFGS)

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Example 1: Eight Schools

This is an example in Section 5.5 of Gelman *et al* (2003), which studied coaching effects from eight schools. For simplicity, we call this example "eight schools."

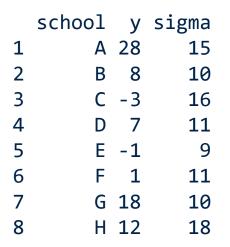
We start by writing a Stan program for the model in a text file. If you are using RStudio version 1.2.x or greater, click on File -> New File -> Stan File . Otherwise, open your favorite text editor. Either way, paste in the following and save your work to a file called 8schools.stan in R's working directory (which can be seen by executing getwd())

```
// saved as 8schools.stan
data {
 int<lower=0> J:
                        // number of schools
                // estimated treatment effects
 real y[J];
 real<lower=0> sigma[J]; // standard error of effect estimates
parameters {
               // population treatment effect
 real mu:
                        // standard deviation in treatment effects
 real<lower=0> tau;
 vector[J] eta;
                        // unscaled deviation from mu by school
transformed parameters {
 vector[J] theta = mu + tau * eta;  // school treatment effects
model {
 target += normal lpdf(eta | 0, 1);  // prior log-density
 target += normal lpdf(y | theta, sigma); // log-likelihood
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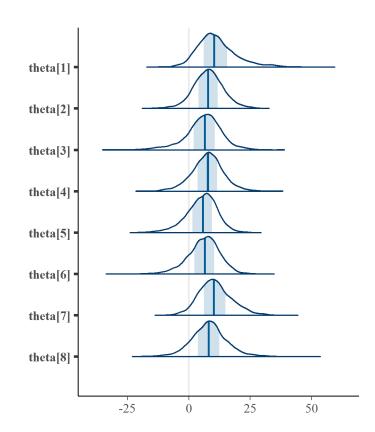


https://github.com/stan-dev/rstan/wiki/RStan-Getting-Started#example-1-eight-schools













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One day of tutorials and two days of talks, open discussions, and statistical modeling in beautiful Helsinki, Finland.



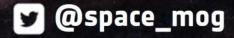
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Hierarchical modelling of galaxy clusters for Cosmology

Maggie Lieu, Will Farr, Michael Betancourt, Graham Smith, Mauro Sereno, Ian McCarthy, Paul Giles, Justin Alsing



Typical route:

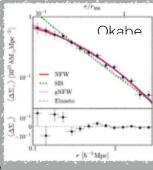


Fit galaxy shapes



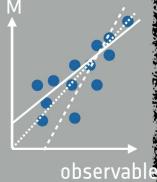
caveats: calibration, errors

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Fit shear profiles

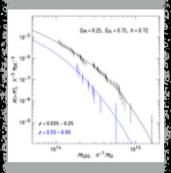


caveats: priors, binning, stacking, centering, errors

Fit scaling relation



caveats: fit type, biases, selection effects, errors 4
Fit cluster mass function



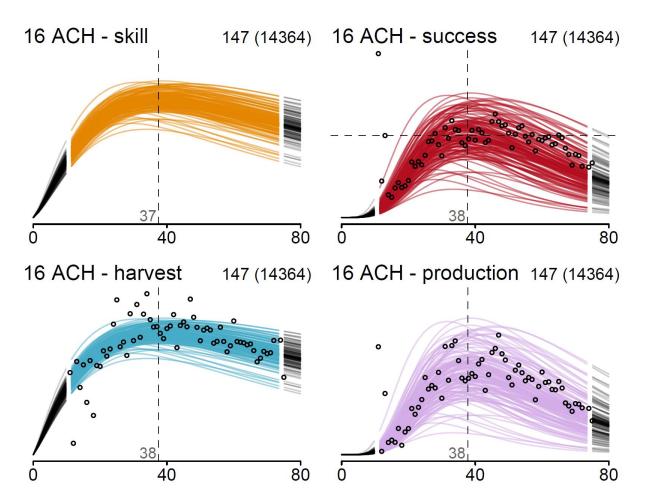
caveats:
propagation of
errors

Bad Data, Big Models & Statistical Methods for Studying Evolution

Richard McElreath

Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

Leipzig



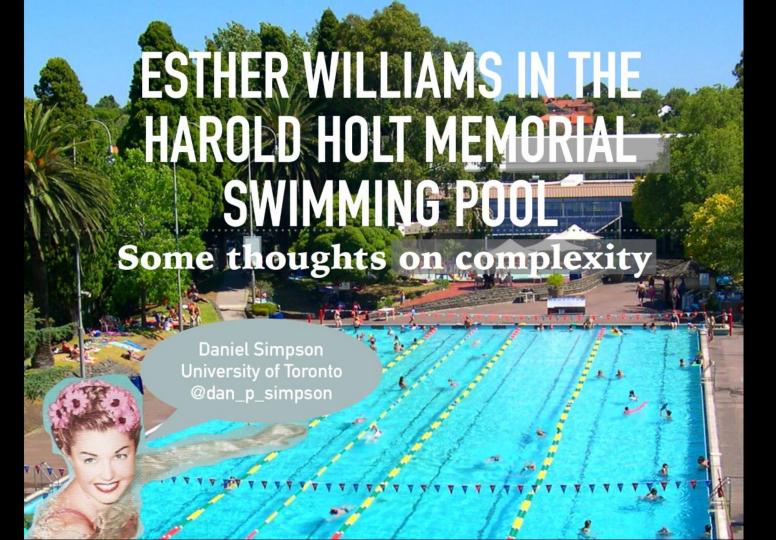
Identifying the effect of public holidays on daily demand for gas

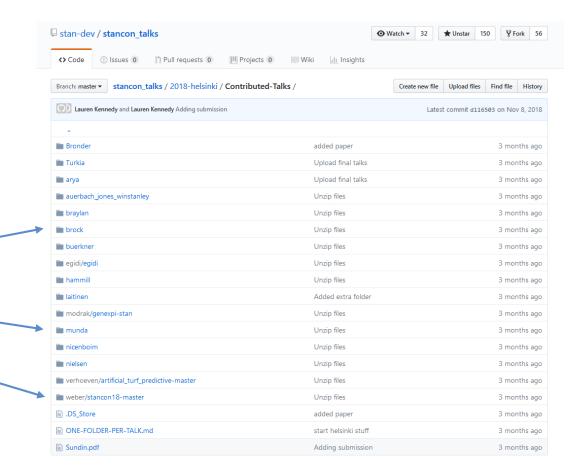
Sarah Heaps

Joint work with Malcolm Farrow and Kevin Wilson

School of Mathematics, Statistics and Physics, Newcastle University, UK

StanCon 2018 Helsinki, August 31, 2018







Solving ODEs in the wild: Scalable pharmacometrics with Stan

Sebastian Weber, Eero Siivola

Statistical Methodology Group, Novartis Pharma AG

StanCon Helsinki, 29-31 Aug 2018

Analysis of repated measures data in RStan

Marco Munda [marco.munda@pharmalex.com]

Pharmalex [formerly Arlenda]



Dose-Finding Clinical Trials in Stan

Kristian Brock, StanCon Helsinki, 30-Aug-18

In conclusion

- I went to StanCon 2018 Helsinki.
- You should go to the next one, if...
 - you're interested in Bayesian statistics: last year was great.
 - you're not interested in Bayesian statistics: you will be afterwards.
- (I don't know when it's going to be.)



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Materials for this talk:

https://github.com/mikmart/ssl-winter-2019

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