

# 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
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# The Case for Uncertainty Quantification

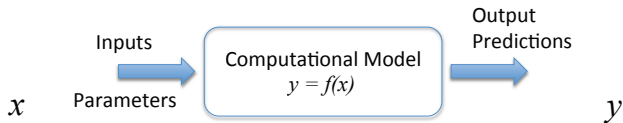
## Uncertainty Sources

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

## UQ needed for...

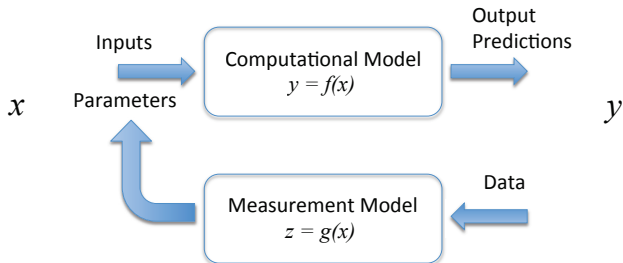
- Model predictions
- Model validation and comparison
- Confidence assessment
- Reliability analysis
- Dimensionality reduction
- Optimal design
- Decision support
- (Noisy) data assimilation

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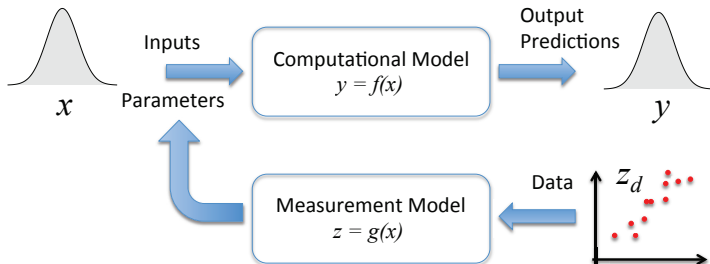
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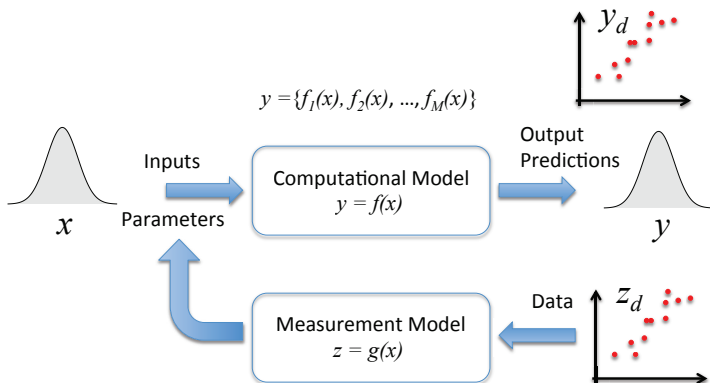
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Inverse & Forward UQ

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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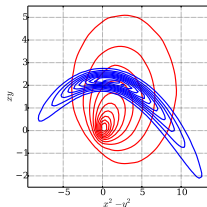
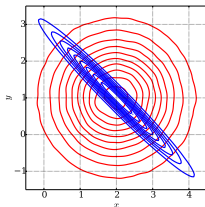
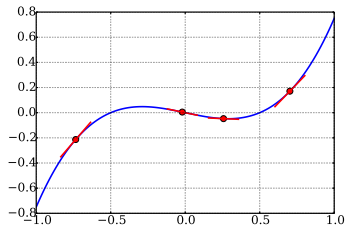
# Forward UQ

- 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*  $(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_p)$
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- Standard r.v.  $\xi$ , standard orthogonal polynomials  $\psi_k(\xi)$ , *i.e.*

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

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

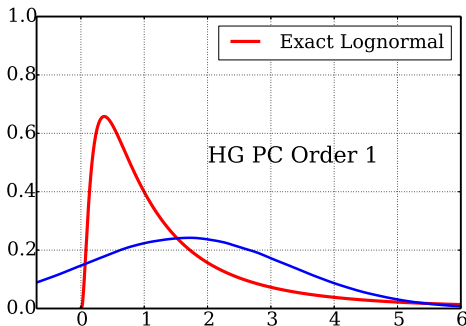
PC Type	Domain	Density $\pi_\xi(\xi)$	Polynomial	Free parameters
Gauss-Hermite	$(-\infty, +\infty)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$	Hermite	none
Legendre-Uniform	$[-1, 1]$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Legendre	none
Gamma-Laguerre	$[0, +\infty)$	$\frac{\xi^\alpha e^{-\xi}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$	Laguerre	$\alpha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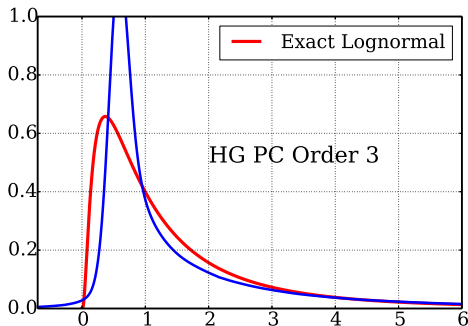
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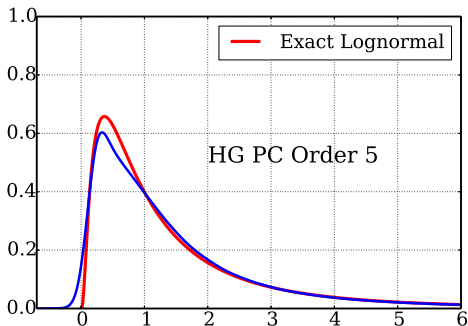
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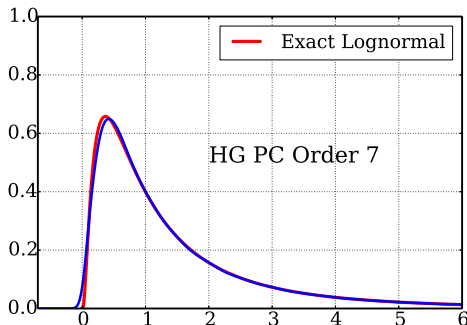




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- CDF transform helps:
  - $U = F_U^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi+1}{2}\right)$  if  $\xi$  is Uniform, Legendre-Uniform PC
  - $U = F_U^{-1}(\Phi(\xi))$  if  $\xi$  is Normal, Gauss-Hermite PC

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

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

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

- 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  $Z$

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

- 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  $\sigma^2$

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

## PC features: Global Sensitivity Analysis

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

- Main effect sensitivity indices

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

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- $\mathbb{I}_{ij}$  is the set of bases with only  $\xi_i$  and  $\xi_j$  involved
- $S_{ij}$  is the uncertainty contribution that is due to  $(i, j)$  parameter pair

# Alternative methods to obtain PC coefficients

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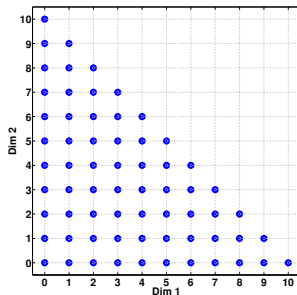
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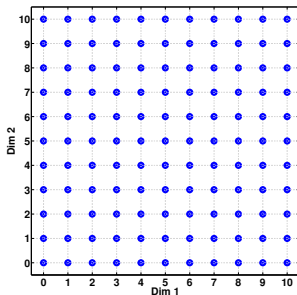


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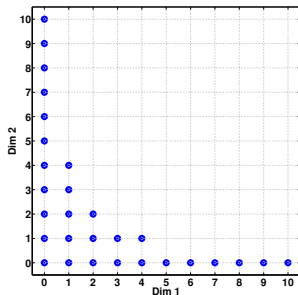


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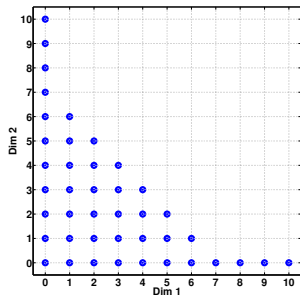


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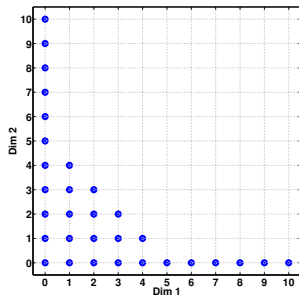


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# Regularization/Sparsity

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

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

- 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

$$\underbrace{p(\lambda|y)}_{\text{Posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{p(y|\lambda)}^{\text{Likelihood}} \overbrace{p(\lambda)}^{\text{Prior}}}{\underbrace{p(y)}_{\text{Evidence}}}$$



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

- Requires a presumed error model

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Likelihood} \quad \text{Prior} \\
 \boxed{p(y|\lambda)} \quad \boxed{p(\lambda)} \\
 \hline
 \boxed{p(y)} \\
 \text{Evidence}
 \end{array}
 = \frac{p(\lambda|y)}{\text{Posterior}}$$

- 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

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

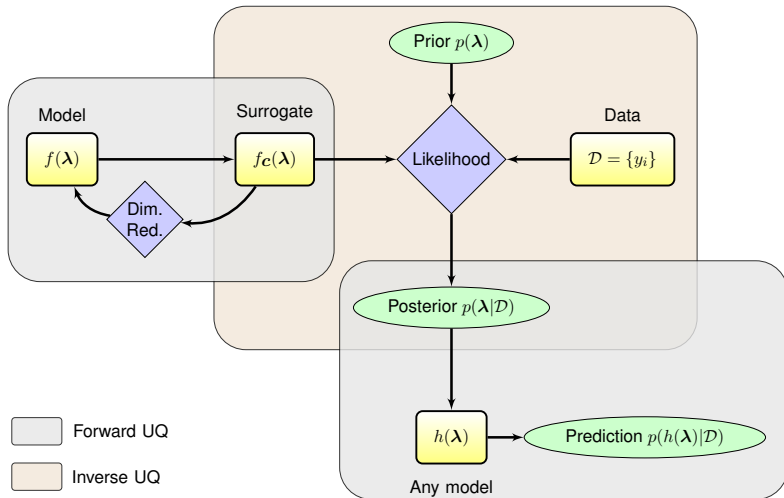
# Exploring the Posterior

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

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

- 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

# Too much model complexity leads to overfitting

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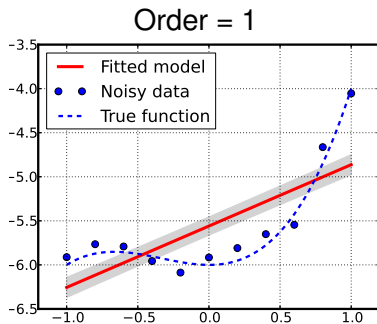
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PCE fit models, order 1-10

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Fitted model pushed-forward  
posterior versus the data

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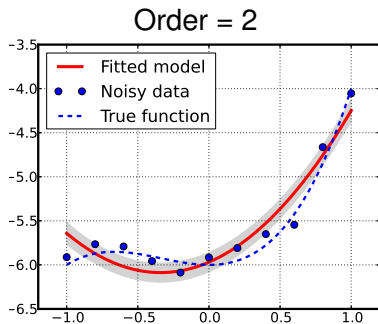
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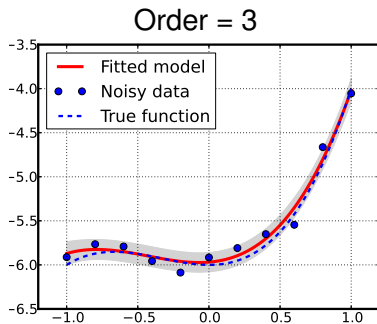
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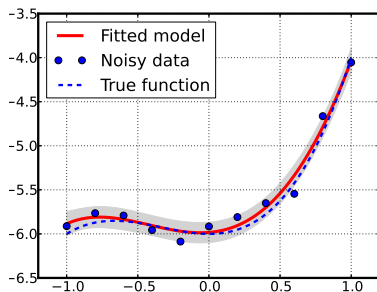
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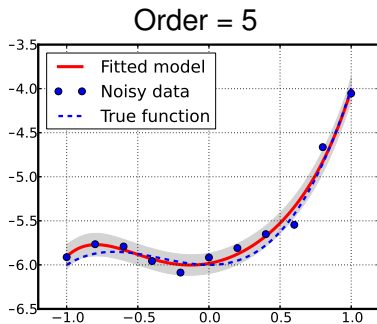
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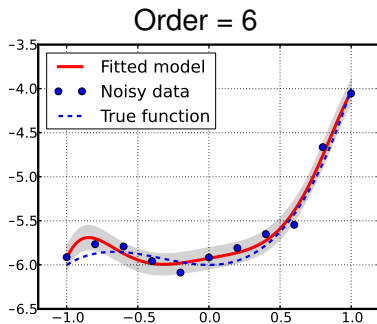
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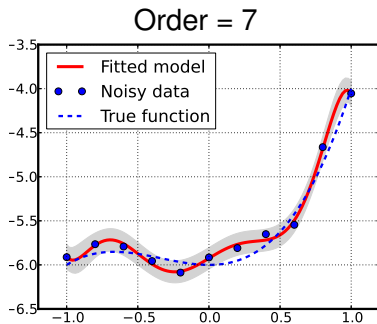
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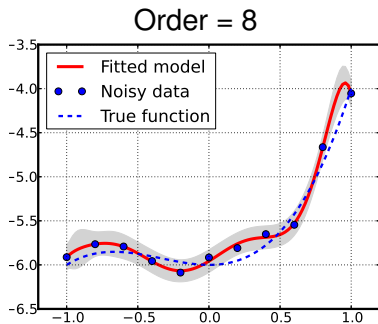
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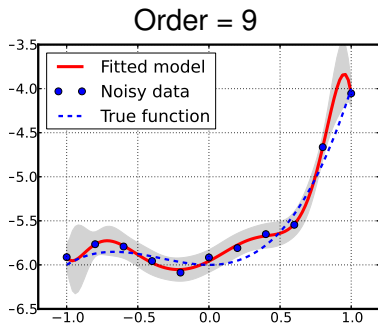
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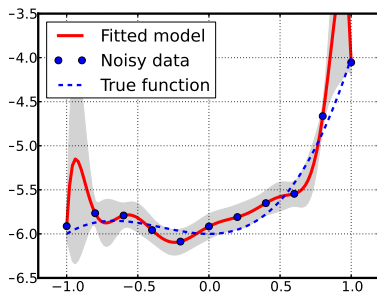
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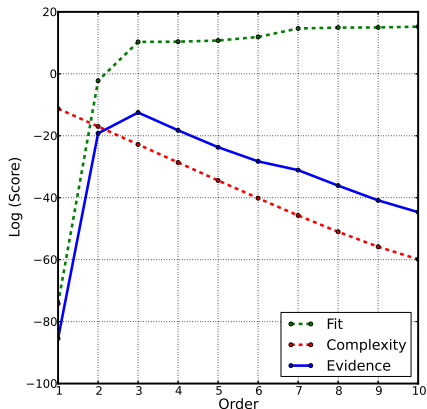
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# Evidence and Cross-Validation Error

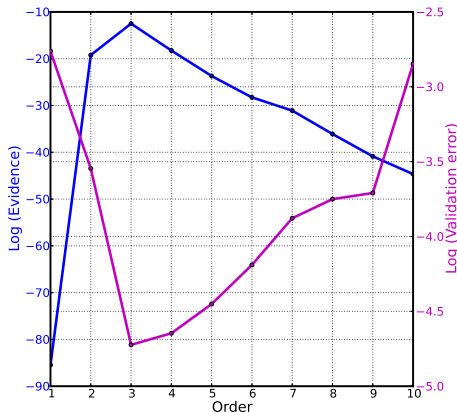
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Log evidence: sum of two scores, balances complexity & fit

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Cross validation error and model evidence versus order



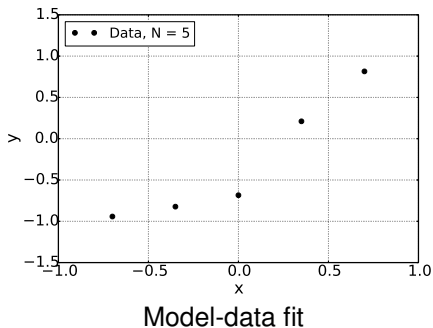
# Main target: model error

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

deviation from 'truth' or from a higher-fidelity model

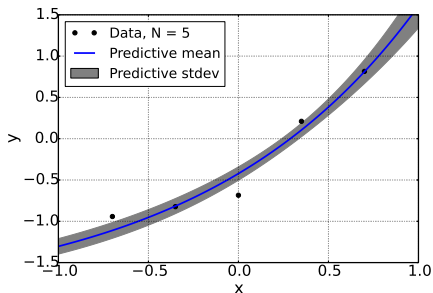
- ... otherwise called (with slightly altered meanings):  
model discrepancy, model structural error,  
model inadequacy, model misspecification,  
model form error, model uncertainty
- Inverse modeling context
  - Given experimental or higher-fidelity model data,  
estimate the model error
- Represent 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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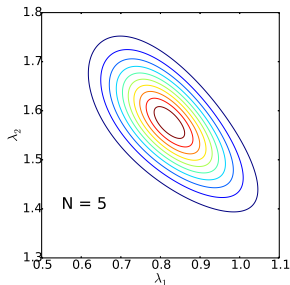


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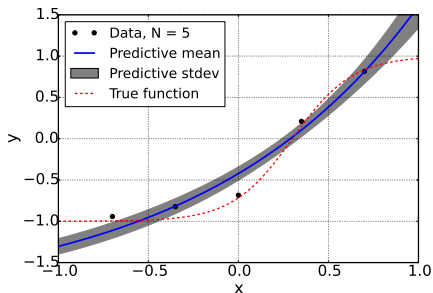
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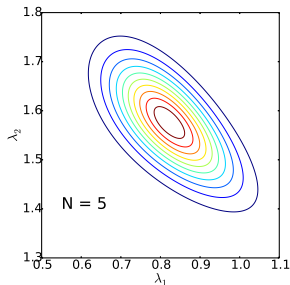
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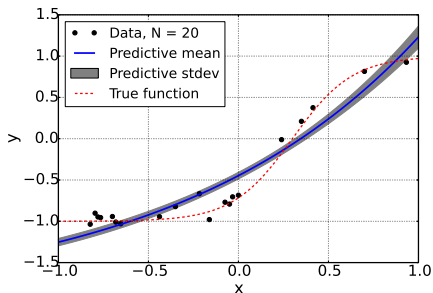
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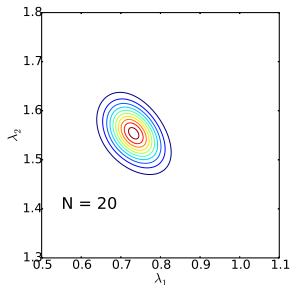
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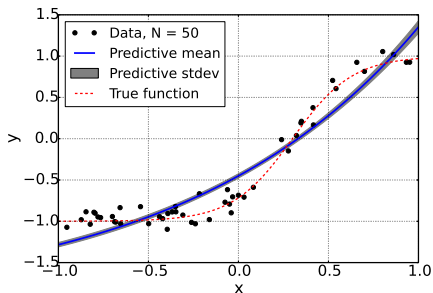
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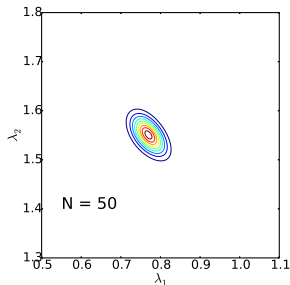
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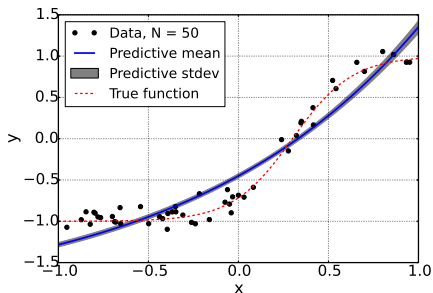
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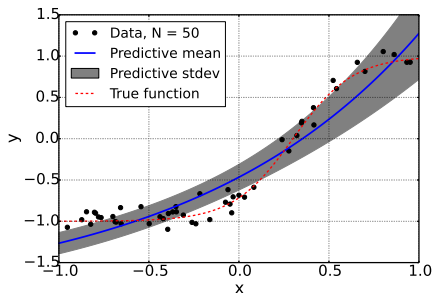
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No model error treatment



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?

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

## ● Outside:

- 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.

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

## ● Inside:

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



# External correction often not satisfactory for physical models

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

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

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

- In order to estimate the likelihood  $L_y(\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\tilde{\alpha}) = p(y|\lambda, \alpha)$ , one needs uncertainty propagation through  $f(x_i; \underbrace{\lambda + \delta_\alpha}_{\text{stochastic}})$ ,
- ... hence, we employ Polynomial Chaos (PC) representation for  $\delta_\alpha$ .

# Polynomial Chaos Representation of Augmented Input

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

- Zero-mean PC form  $\delta_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \Psi_k(\xi)$
- Functional representation of a large class of random variables
- The PC *germ*  $\xi$  is a standard random variable
  - e.g. Uniform(-1, 1) or Normal(0, 1)
- The PC bases (e.g. Legendre or Hermite polynomials) are orthogonal w.r.t. PDF of  $\xi$

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

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

# Model Error – Likelihood construction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ... 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

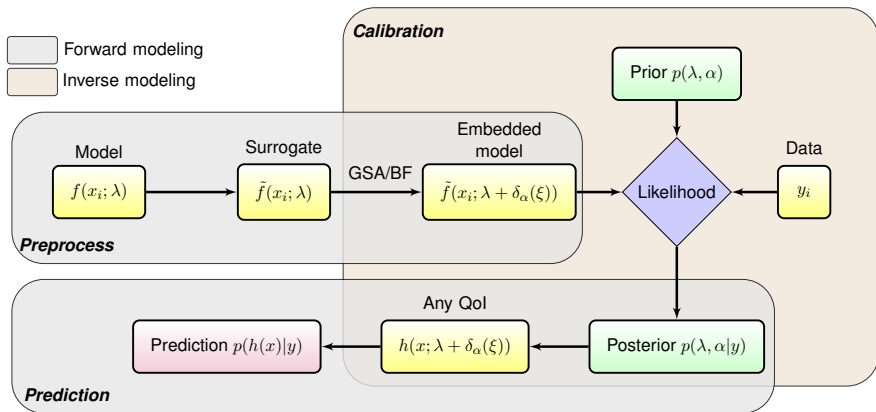
$$f_i(\lambda + \delta_\alpha(\zeta)) = f_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \zeta) \stackrel{\text{NISP}}{\simeq} \sum_k f_{ik}(\tilde{\alpha}) \Psi_k(\zeta)$$

- 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

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

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

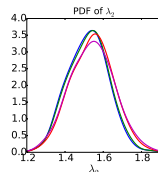
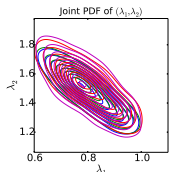
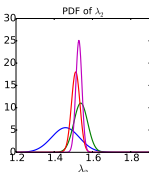
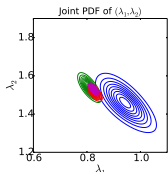
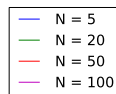
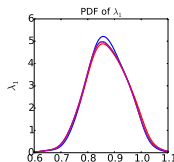
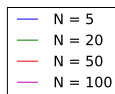
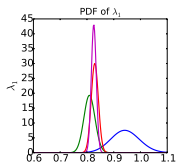
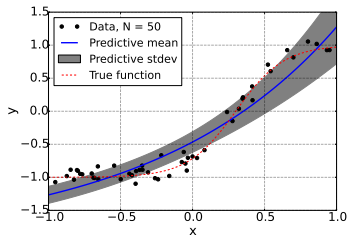
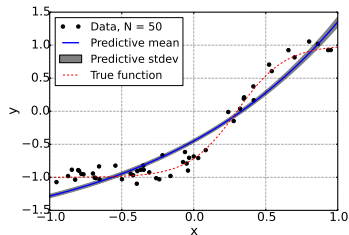
# Model error embedding – workflow



- Predictive uncertainty decomposition: Total Variance =

Posterior uncertainty + Data noise + Model error + Surrogate error

## .. back to toy example

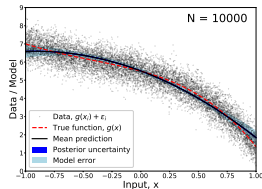
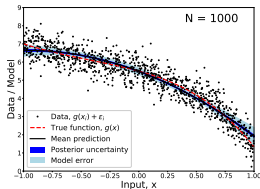
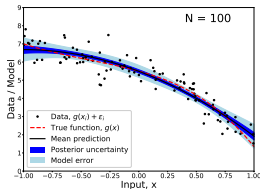
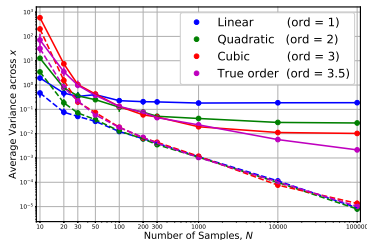


# More data leads to 'leftover' model error

Calibrating a quadratic  $f(x) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 x^2$   
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## Summary of features:

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



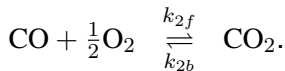
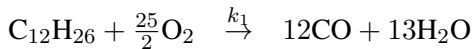


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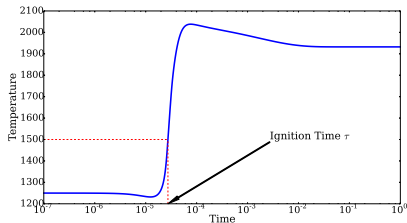
# Ignition time in chemical kinetics

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



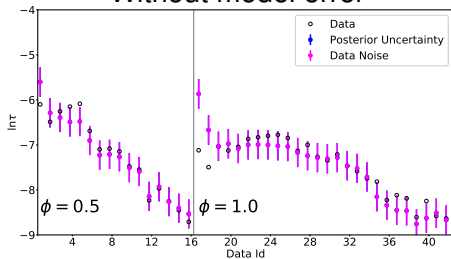
$$k_1 = A e\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right) [\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}]^{0.25} [\text{O}_2]^{1.25}$$

- Data: log(ignition time)
- Embedding  
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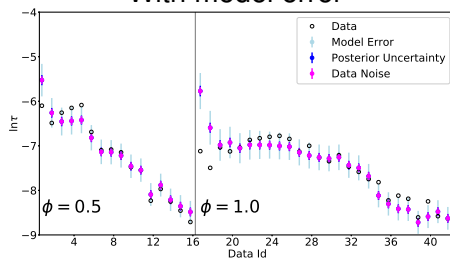


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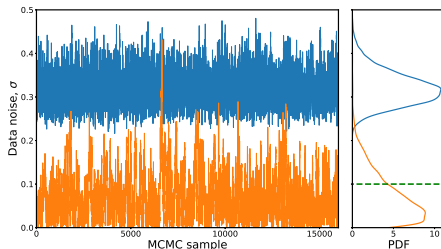


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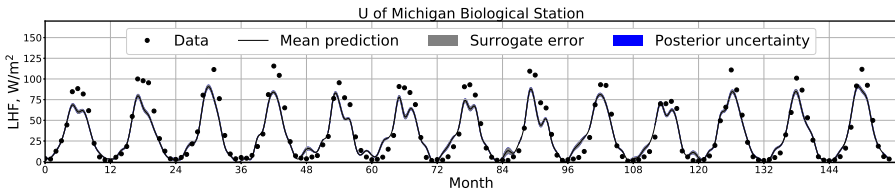
- Model error disambiguated from data error
- Data error correctly captured
- Meaningful extrapolative predictions

— No model error    — Model error    - - - Nominal,  $\sigma = 0.1$



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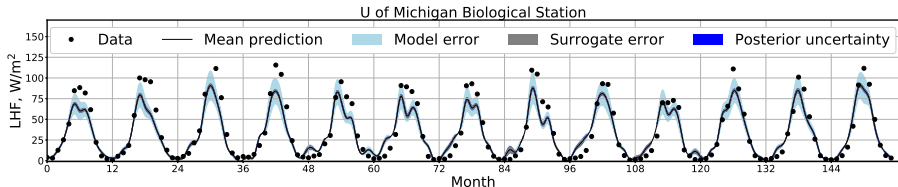
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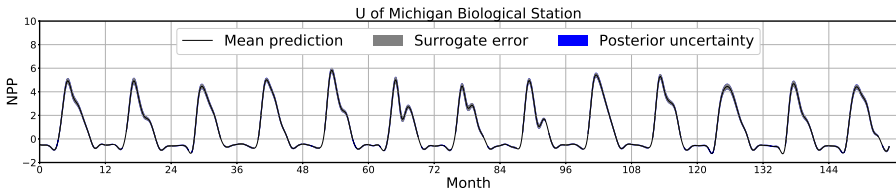
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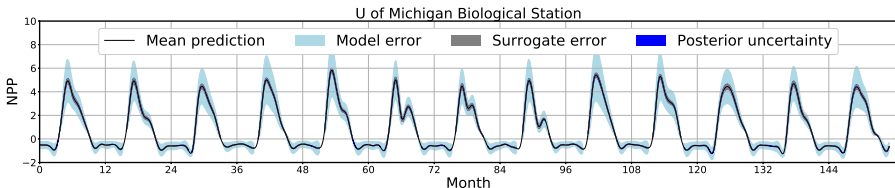
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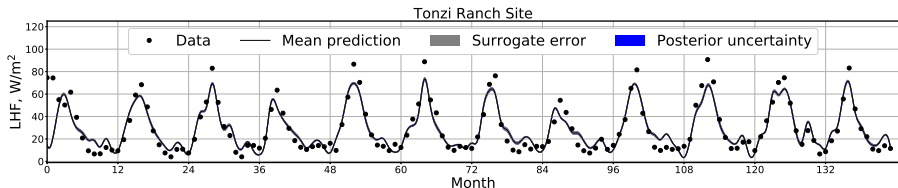
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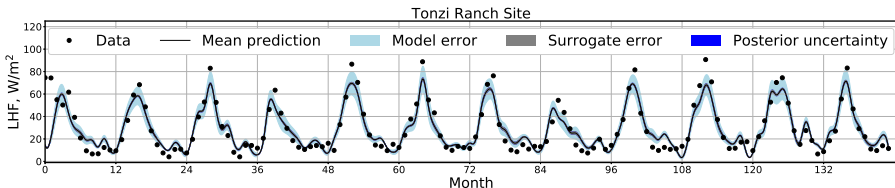


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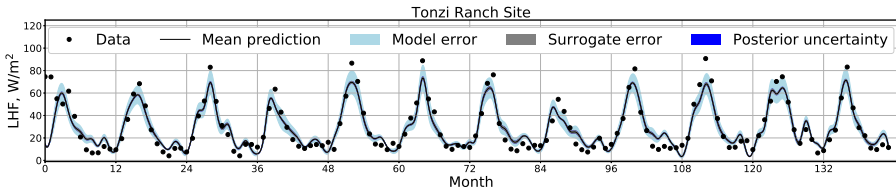
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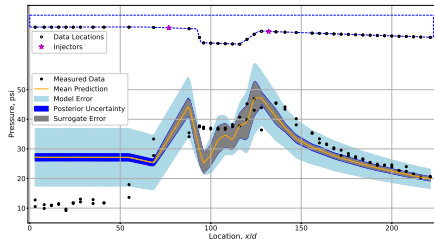
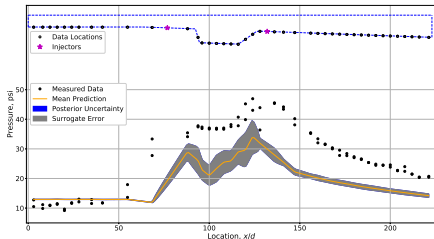
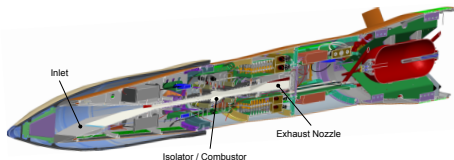
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# LES: Turbulent Combustion in Scramjet Engine

- 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**
- Inverse UQ: Bayesian inference for parameter estimation
  - Bayesian parameter estimation
  - **Model error quantification: embedded model error approach**
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# Additional Material

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$$g(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) = c_0 + c_1 \psi_1(\xi_1) + c_2 \psi_1(\xi_2) + c_3 \psi_1(\xi_3) + \\ + c_4 \psi_2(\xi_1) + c_5 \psi_1(\xi_1) \psi_1(\xi_2) + c_6 \psi_1(\xi_1) \psi_1(\xi_3) + c_7 \psi_2(\xi_2) + c_8 \psi_1(\xi_2) \psi_1(\xi_3) + c_9 \psi_2(\xi_3)$$

## Variance contributions

$$\text{Var}(g) = 0 + c_1^2 \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle + c_2^2 \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle + c_3^2 \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle + \\ + c_4^2 \langle \psi_2^2 \rangle + c_5^2 \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle + c_6^2 \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle + c_7^2 \langle \psi_2^2 \rangle + c_8^2 \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle \langle \psi_1^2 \rangle + c_9^2 \langle \psi_2^2 \rangle$$

Joint sensitivities  $(\xi_1, \xi_2)$   $(\xi_1, \xi_3)$   $(\xi_2, \xi_3)$

# Compressive sensing and regularization

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

- Tikhonov regularization; Ridge regression

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

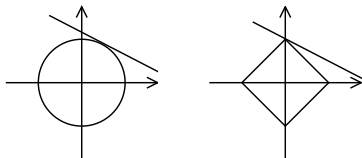
- The 'sparsest'  $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \{\|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \alpha\|\mathbf{c}\|_0\}$

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

⇒ discovery of sparse signals



# Compressive sensing: enhancements

- Bayesian extension:  $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \left\{ \overbrace{\|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{c}\|_2}^{\text{Likelihood}} + \alpha \overbrace{\|\mathbf{c}\|_1}^{\text{Prior}} \right\}$ 
  - 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

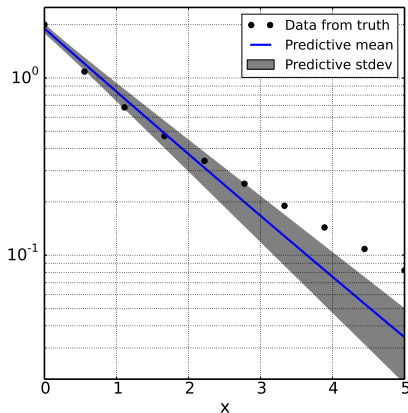
$$y_i = f(x_i; \lambda + \delta_\alpha) + \epsilon_i$$

# Predictions account for model error

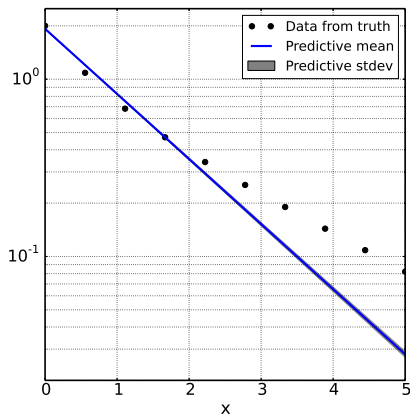
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with data from a double exponential model  $g(x) = e^{-0.5x} + e^{-2x}$

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



Additive Gaussian error



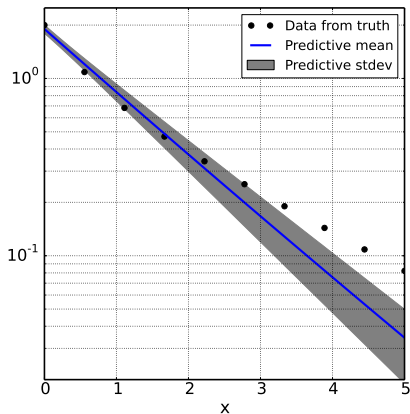


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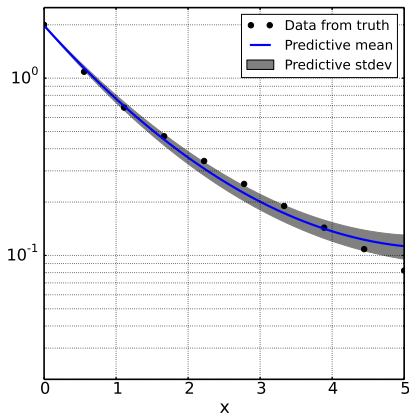
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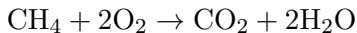


Quadratic-exponential  $f_2(x, \lambda) = e^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 x^2}$



# Chemistry problem – ABC

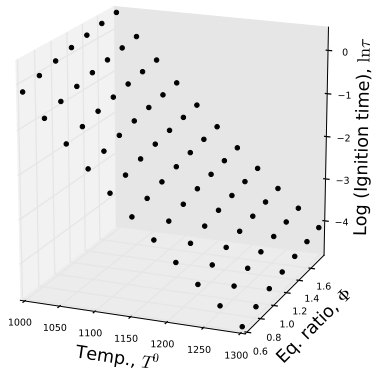
- Homogeneous ignition, methane-air mixture
- Single-step global reaction model calibrated against a detailed chemical kinetic model
- Data: ignition time; range of initial  $T$  & equivalence ratio
- Single-step model:



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

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

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



# Quality of Uncertain Calibrated Model Predictions

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

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

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

