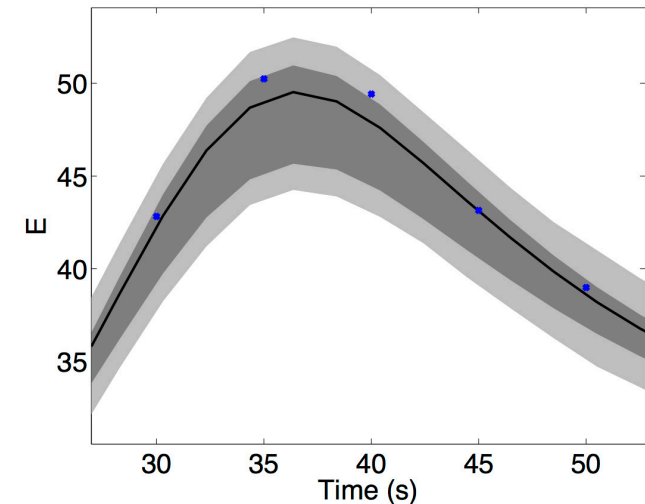
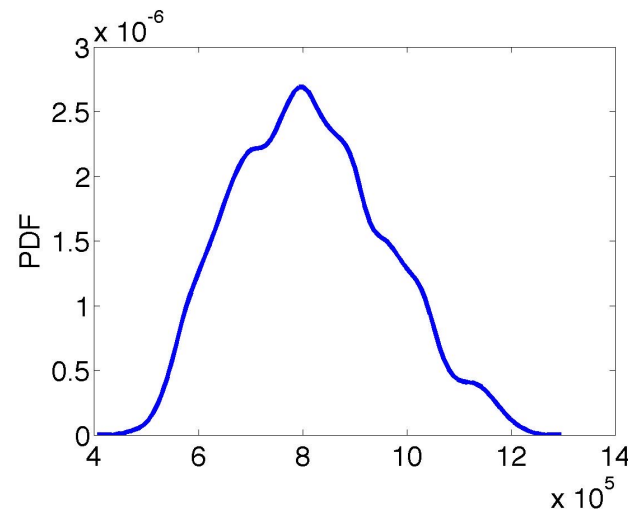
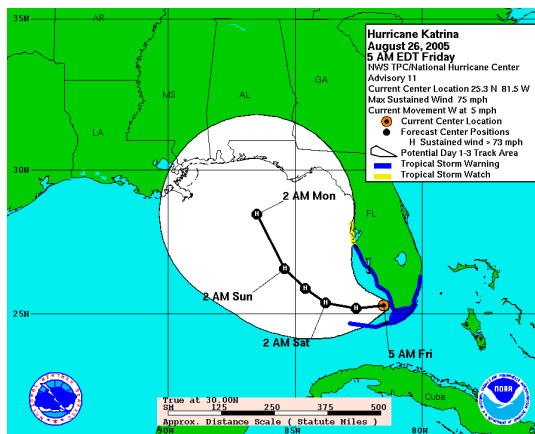


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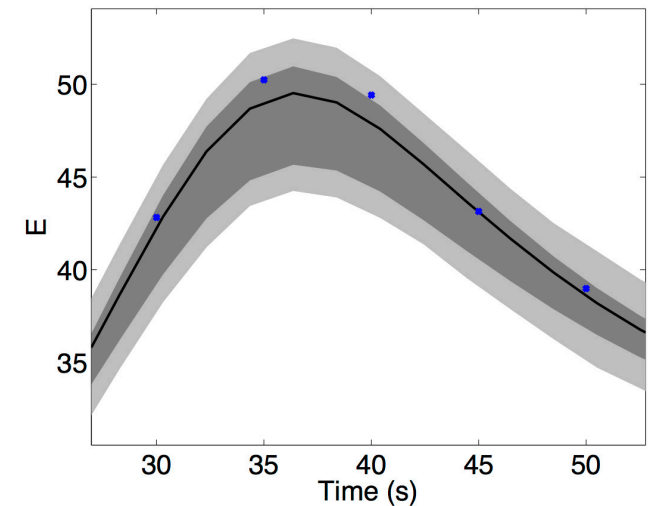
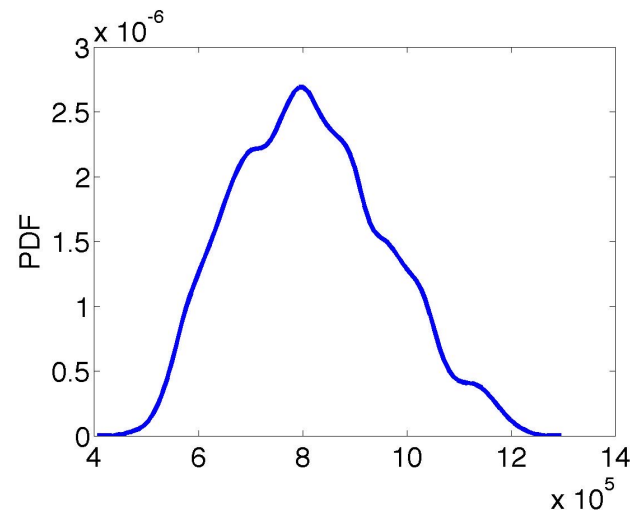
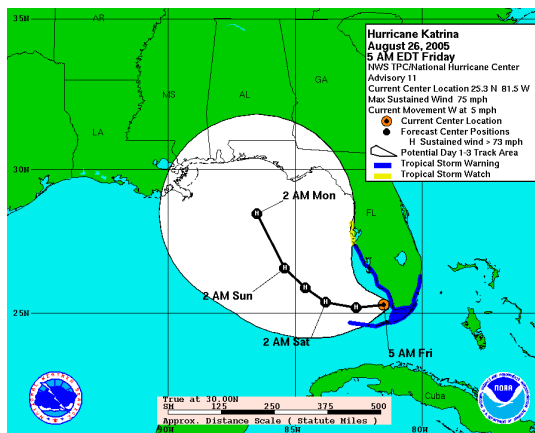
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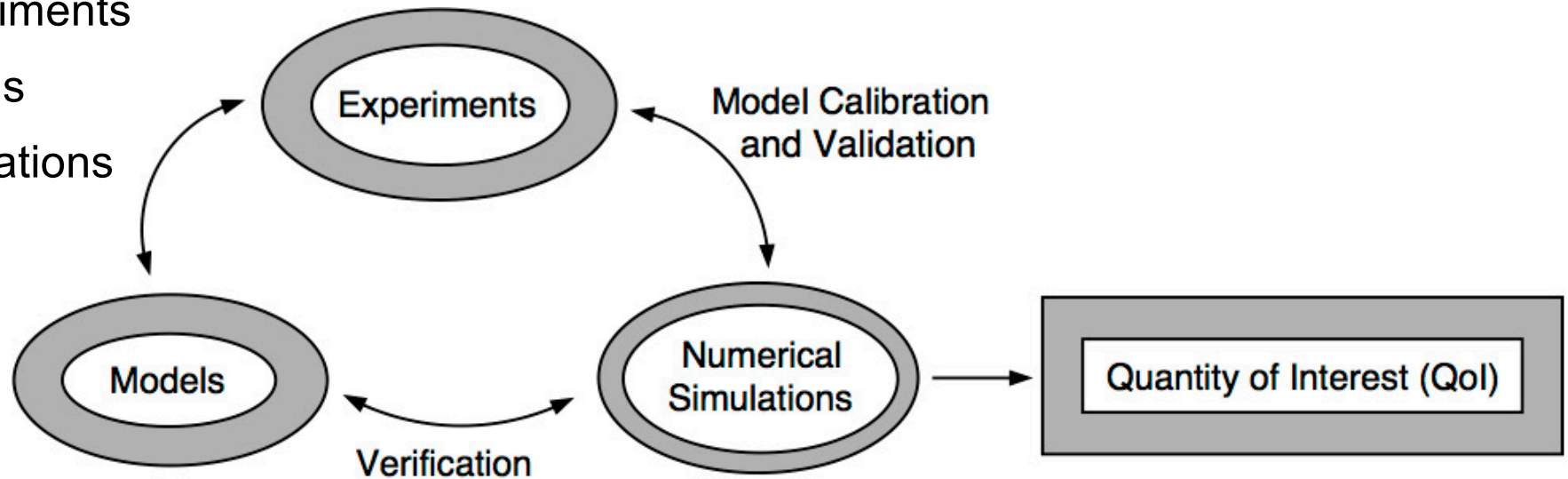
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# Predictive Science

**Components:** All involve uncertainty

- Experiments
- Models
- Simulations

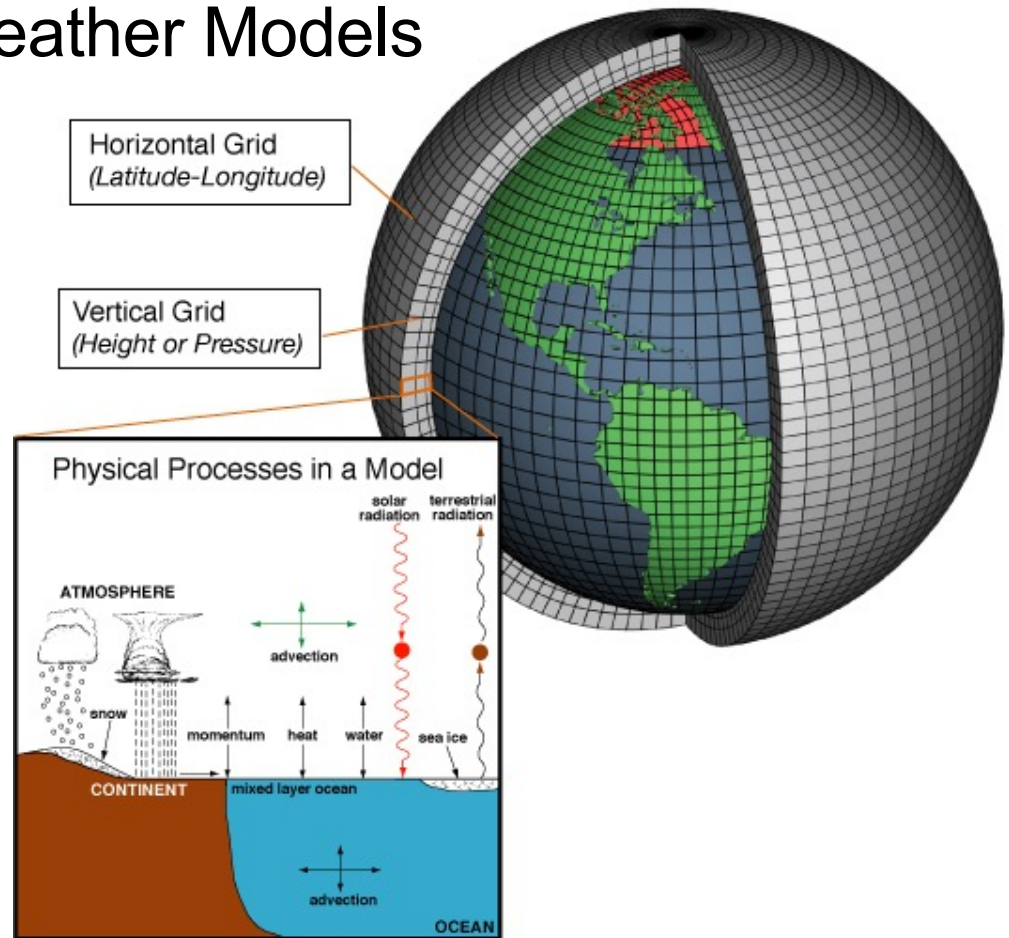


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# Example 1: Weather Models

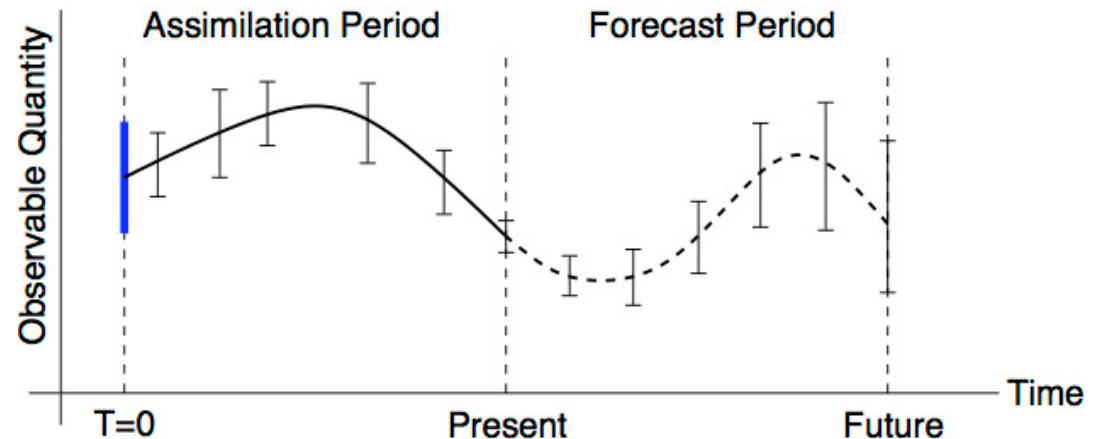
## Challenges:

- Coupling between temperature, pressure gradients, precipitation, aerosol, etc.;
- Models and inputs contain uncertainties;
- Numerical grids necessarily larger than many phenomena; e.g., clouds
- Sensors positions may be uncertain; e.g., weather balloons, ocean buoys.



## Goal:

- Assimilate data to quantify uncertain initial conditions and parameters;
- Make predictions with quantified uncertainties.



# Equations of Atmospheric Physics

## Conservation Relations:

**Mass**  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$

**Momentum**  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - g \hat{\mathbf{k}} - 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}$

**Energy**  $\rho c_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} + \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + \rho \dot{q}(T, p, \rho)$

$$\rho = \rho R T$$

**Water**  $\frac{\partial m_j}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla m_j + \underline{S_{m_j}}(T, m_j, \chi_j, \rho), j = 1, 2, 3,$

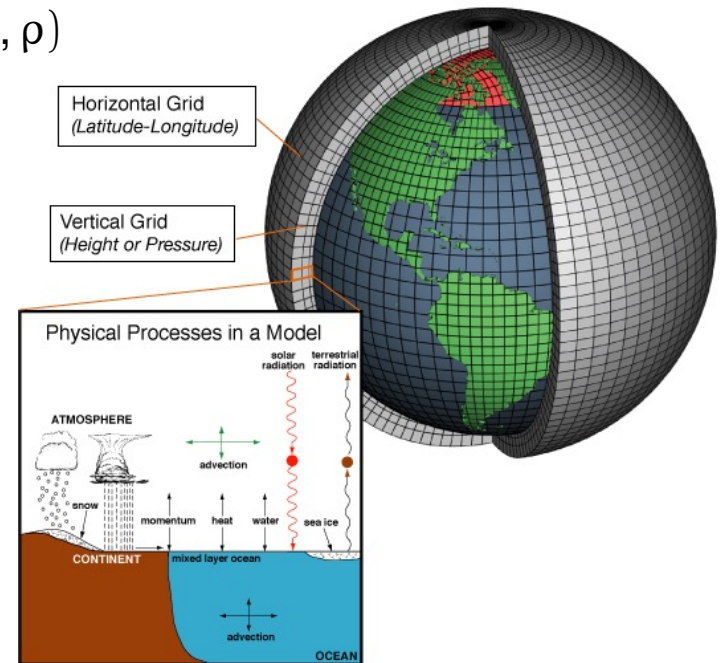
**Aerosol**  $\frac{\partial \chi_j}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \chi_j + S_{\chi_j}(T, \chi_j, \rho), j = 1, \dots, J,$

## Constitutive Closure Relations: e.g.,

$$S_{m_2} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 - S_4$$

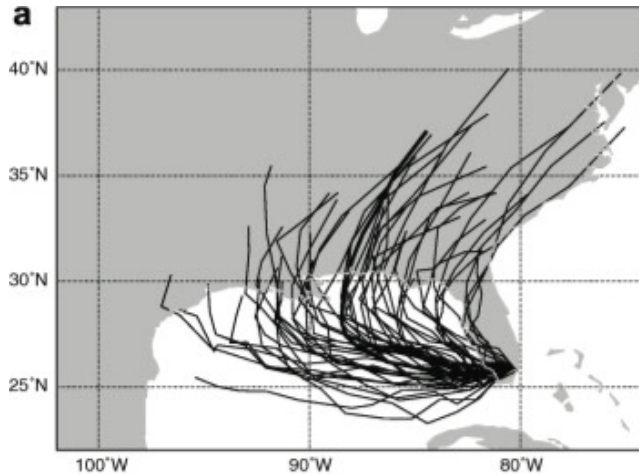
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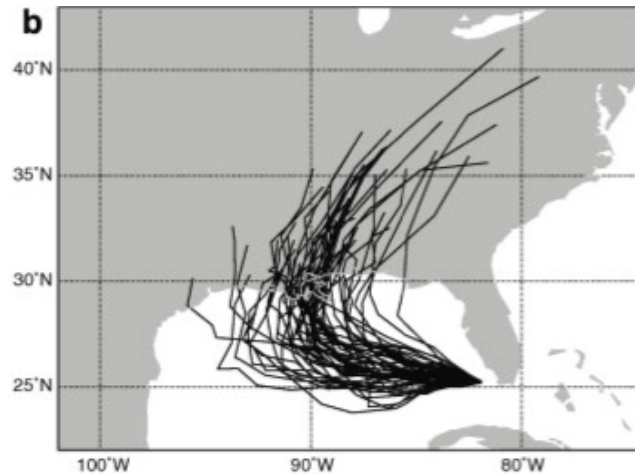


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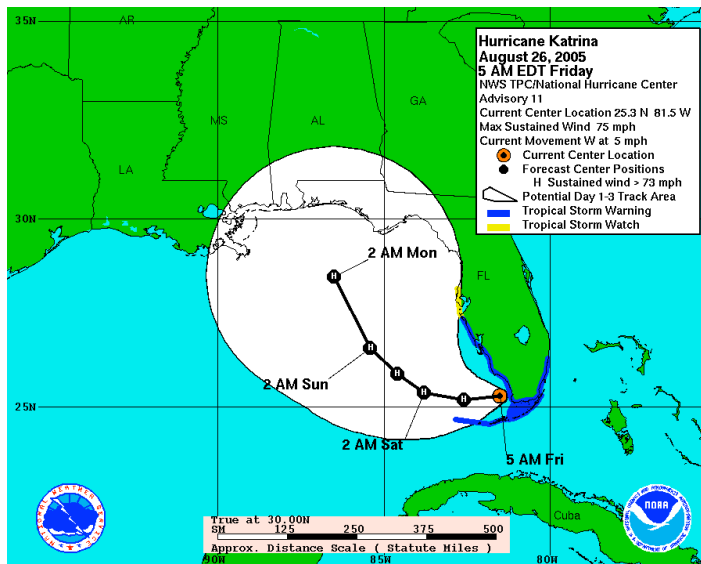


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## Cone of Uncertainty:



## General Questions:

- What is expected rainfall in Trieste on February 26?
- What are average high and low temperatures?
- **Note: Quantities are statistical in nature.**



# Later Application: Wetland Methane Model

**Authors:** Susiluoto, Raivonen, Backman, Laine, Makela, Peltola, Vesala, Aalto, *Geoscientific Model Development*, 11, pp. 1199-1228, 2018.

**Objectives:** Methane emissions from natural wetlands highly uncertain

- What is effect of climate change?
- How much uncertainty is there in model parameters that control physical processes?
- How do parameters and wetland behavior react to environmental changes?

**Model:** Helsinki Model of Methane build-up and emission for peatlands (HIMMELI)

- Incorporates process descriptions for methane production from anaerobic respiration, oxygen consumption, and carbon dioxide production;
- Submodel in regional and biosphere models.

# Example 2: SIR Model for Disease Dynamics

## SIR Model: Population N

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \delta N - \delta S - \underline{\gamma k I S} \quad , \quad S(0) = S_0$$

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## Parameters:

- $\gamma$ : Infection coefficient
- $k$ : Interaction coefficient
- $r$ : Recovery rate
- $\delta$ : Birth/death rate

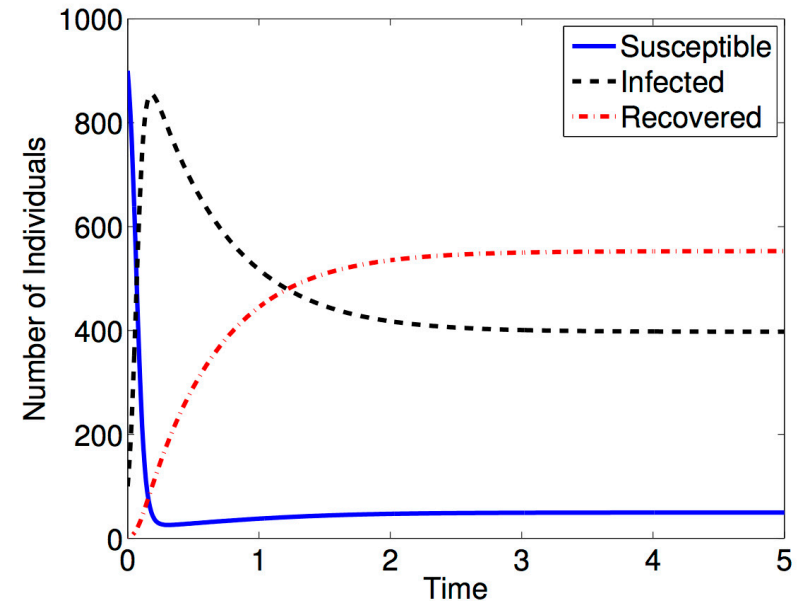
## Response:

$$y = \int_0^5 R(t, q) dt$$

**Note:** Parameters  $q = [\gamma, k, r, \delta]$  not uniquely determined by data

**SA Goal:** Use sensitivity analysis to isolate subset of influential or identifiable parameters

## Typical Realization





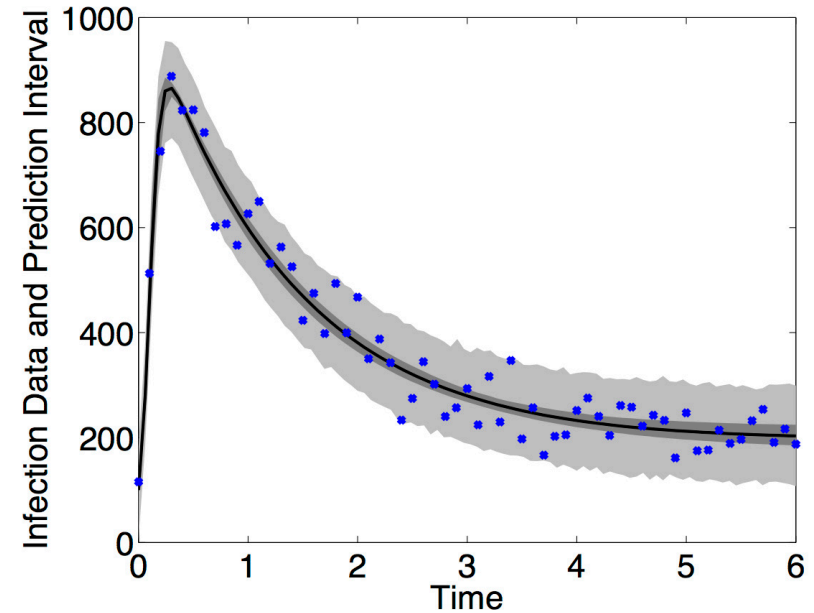
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**UQ Goal:** Predict  $I(t)$  with uncertainty intervals

# Example 3: HIV Model for Characterization and Treatment

## HIV Model:

$$\dot{T}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \varepsilon)k_1 VT_1$$

$$\dot{T}_2 = \lambda_2 - d_2 T_2 - (1 - f\varepsilon)k_2 VT_2$$

$$\dot{T}_1^* = (1 - \varepsilon)k_1 VT_1 - \delta T_1^* - m_1 ET_1^*$$

$$\dot{T}_2^* = (1 - f\varepsilon)k_2 VT_2 - \delta T_2^* - m_2 ET_2^*$$

$$\dot{V} = N_T \delta (T_1^* + T_2^*) - cV - [(1 - \varepsilon)\rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon)\rho_2 k_2 T_2] V$$

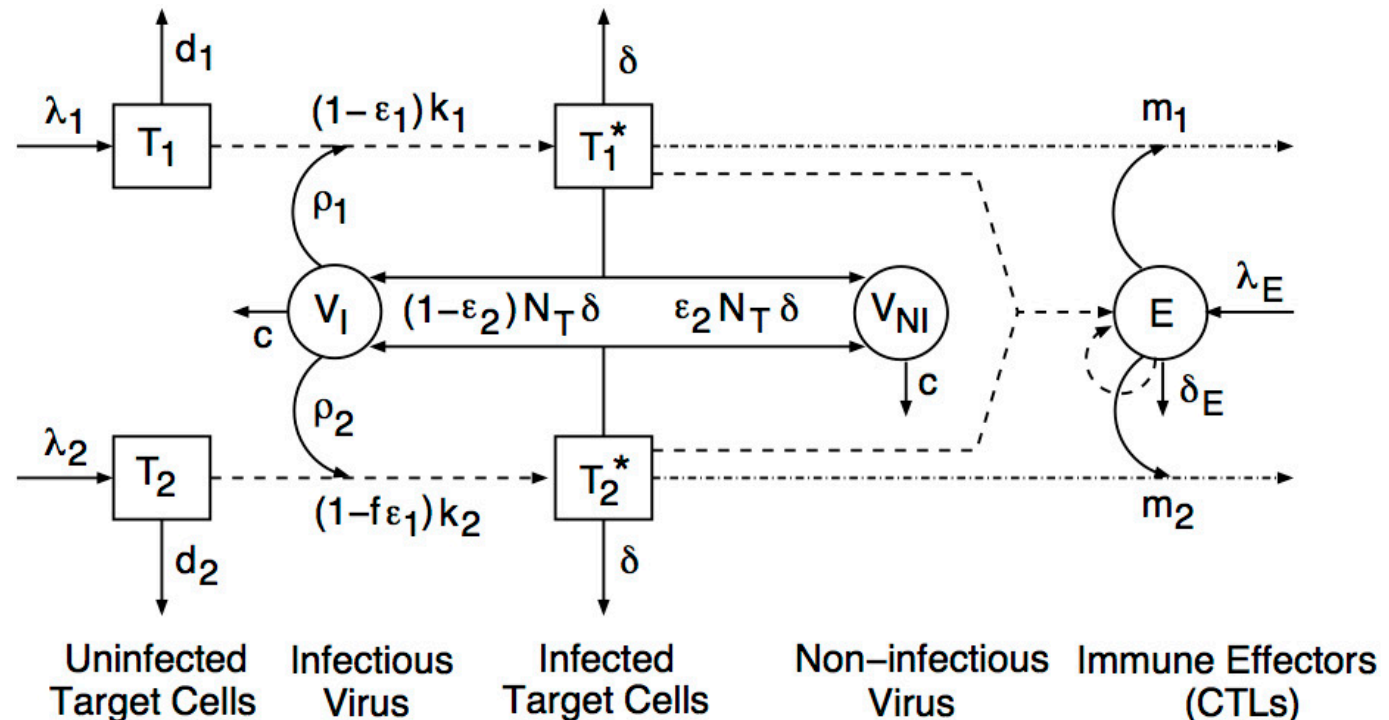
$$\dot{E} = \lambda_E + \frac{b_E (T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E (T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_d} E - \delta_E E$$

Notes: 21 parameters

[Adams, Banks et al., 2005, 2007]

Notation:  $\dot{E} \equiv \frac{dE}{dt}$

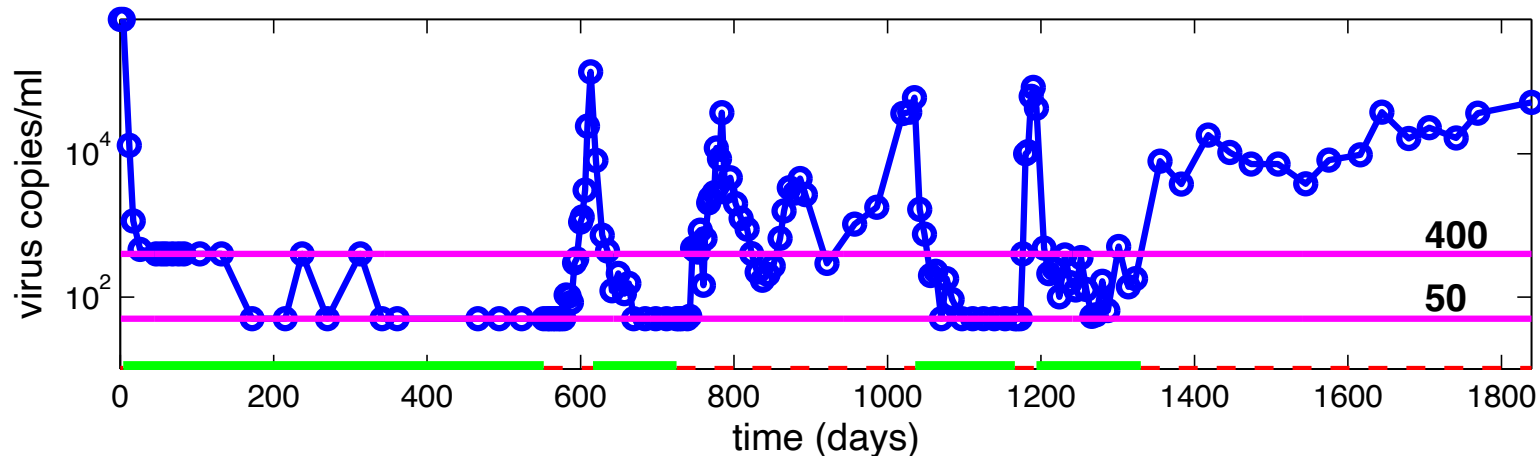
## Compartments:



# HIV Model for Characterization and Treatment Regimes

**HIV Model:** Several sources of uncertainty including viral measurement techniques

**Example:** Upper and lower limits to assay sensitivity



## UQ Questions:

- What are the uncertainties in parameters that cannot be directly measured?
- What is optimal treatment regime that is “safe” for patient?
- What is expected viral load? Issue: very often requires high-dimensional integration!

• e.g.,

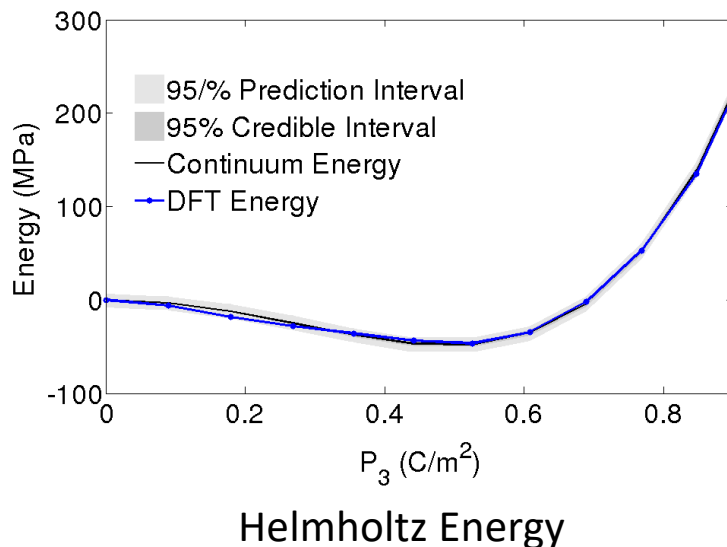
$$\mathbb{E}[V(t)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{21}} V(t, q) \rho(q) dq$$

# Example 4: Quantum-Informed Continuum Models

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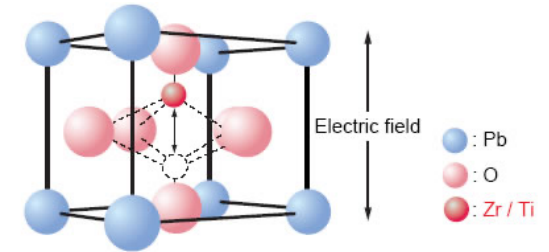
- Employ density function theory (DFT) to construct energy relations;
  - e.g., Helmholtz energy

$$\psi(P) = \alpha_1 P^2 + \alpha_{111} P^4 + \alpha_{1111} P^6$$



## UQ and SA Issues:

- Is 6<sup>th</sup> order term required to accurately characterize material behavior?

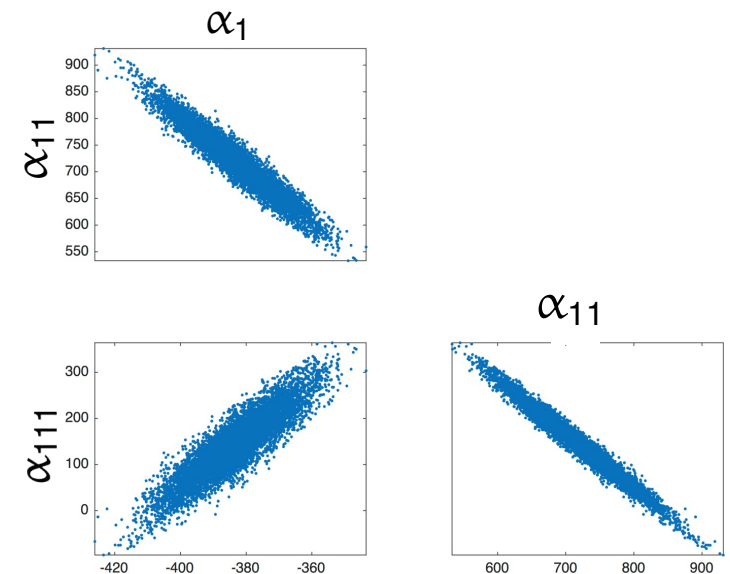


Lead Titanate Zirconate (PZT)

## Broad Objective:

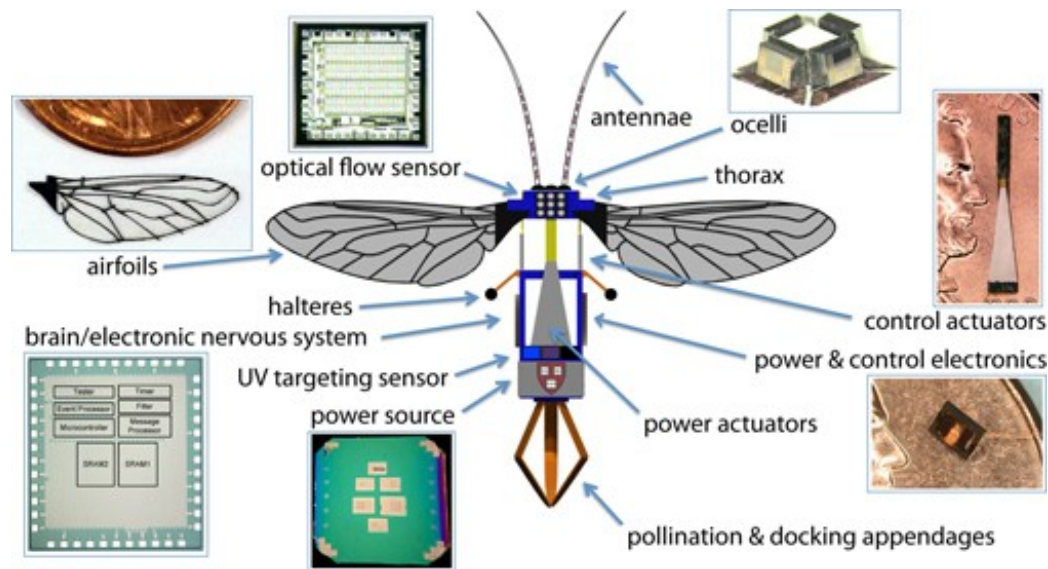
- Use UQ/SA to help bridge scales from quantum to system

## Note: Correlated parameters



# Smart Material Applications

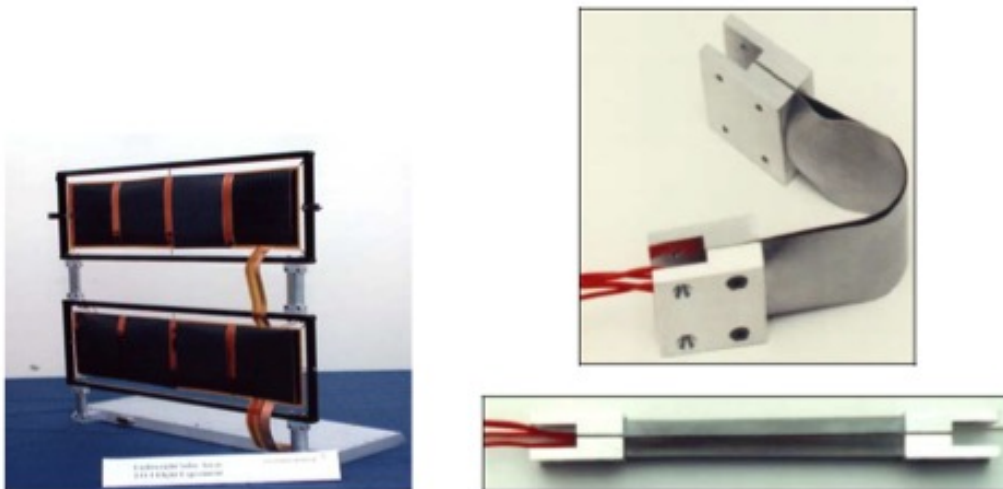
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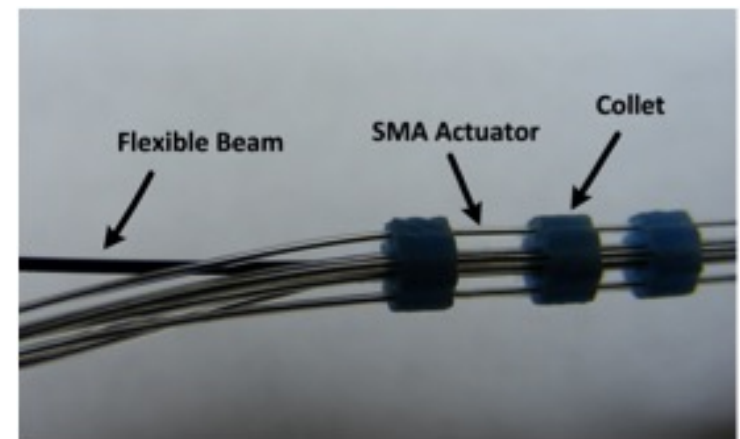
**Shape Memory Alloys (SMA):**



Chevrons for Noise Reduction/Fuel efficiency



SMA Hinges for Solar Arrays

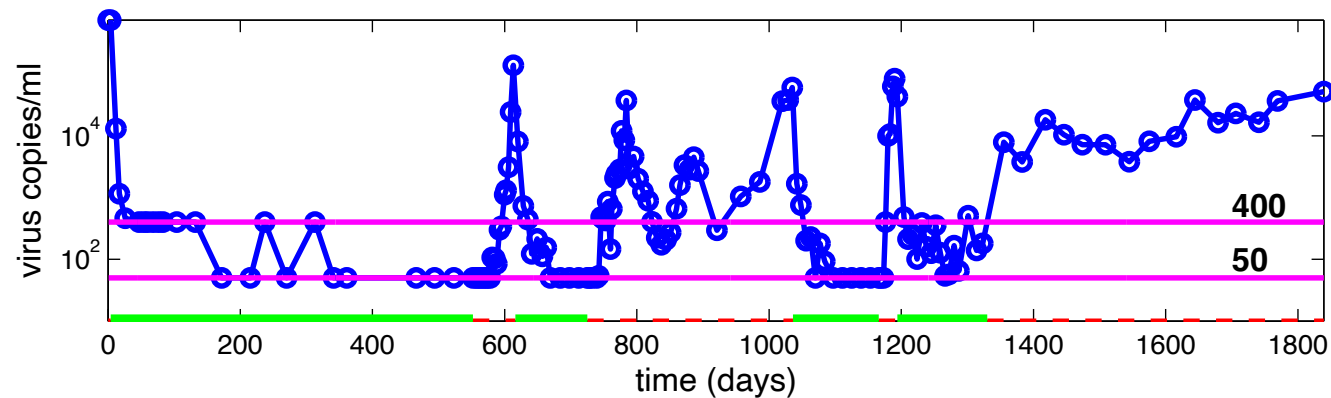


Catheters for Laser Ablation

# Experimental Uncertainties

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**Example:** Upper and lower limits to assay sensitivity



**Note:** Many sensors rely on calibrated physical relations; e.g., Pitot tube to measure airspeed using Bernoulli's principle.

$$\frac{u^2}{2} + gz + \frac{p}{\rho} = C$$

$$Q(\text{GPM}) = 5.67 C D_2^2 \sqrt{\frac{H}{1 - R^4}}$$

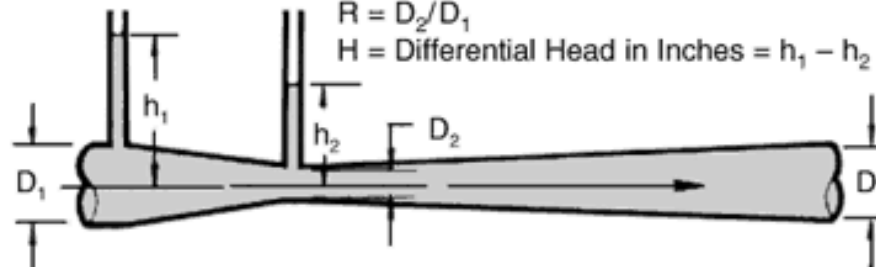
C = Instrument Coefficient

D<sub>1</sub> = Entrance Diameter in Inches

D<sub>2</sub> = Throat Diameter in Inches

R = D<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>1</sub>

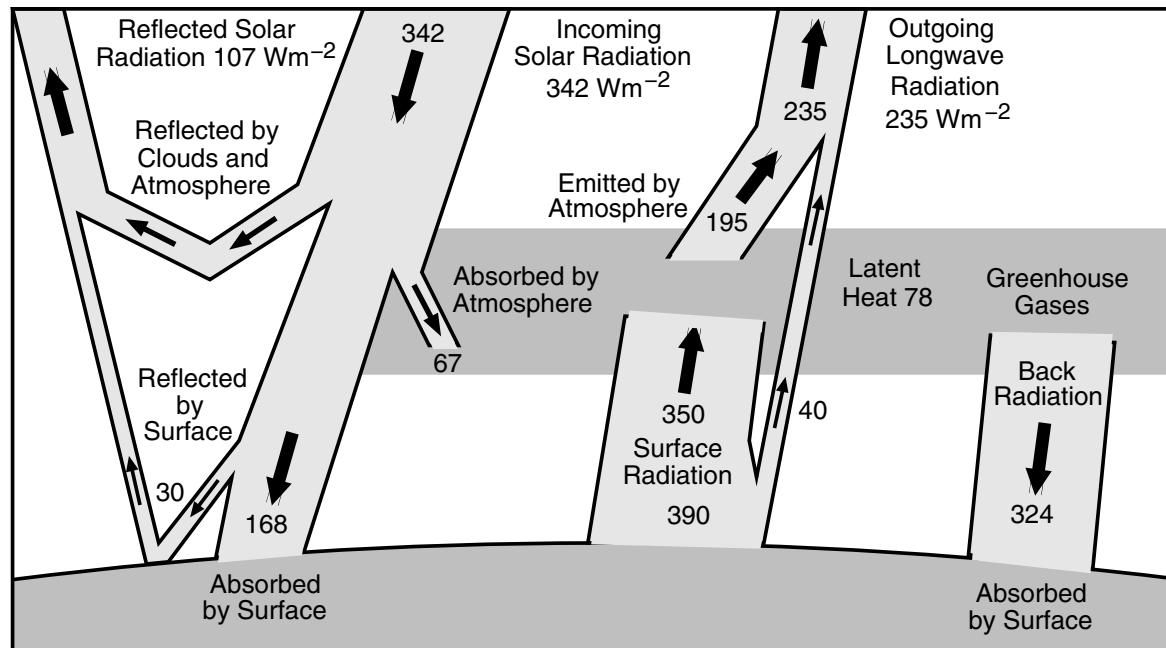
H = Differential Head in Inches = h<sub>1</sub> - h<sub>2</sub>



# Model-Form Uncertainties

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- Numerous components of weather and climate models --- e.g., aerosol-induced cloud formation --- are highly complex and not well-understood.
- Model-form uncertainty constitutes a significant UQ challenge. "Hawkmoth Effect" versus "Butterfly Effect," associated with initial conditions, discussed by Frigg, Bradley, Du and Smith, *Philosophy of Science*, 2014.





# Parameter Uncertainties

## Example:

- Closure relations for equations of atmospheric physics

$$S_{m_2} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 - S_4$$

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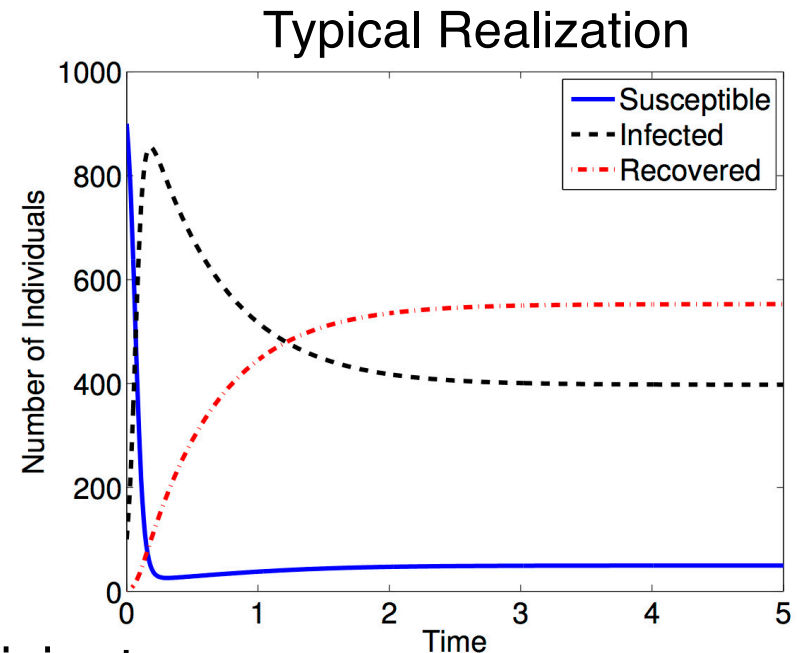
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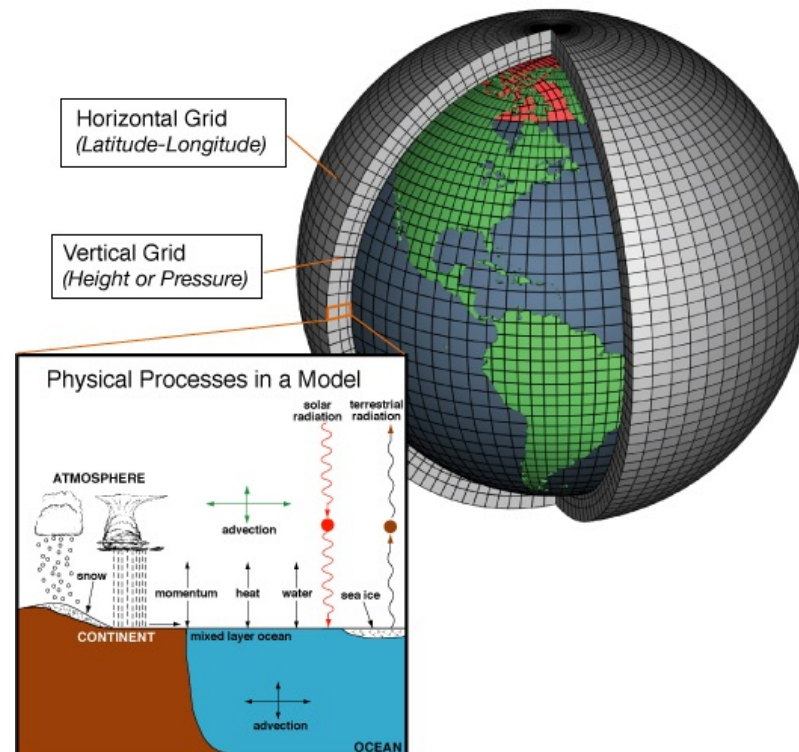
**E.g.;**  $\gamma$  and  $k$ : Infection and interaction coefficients



# Numerical Errors

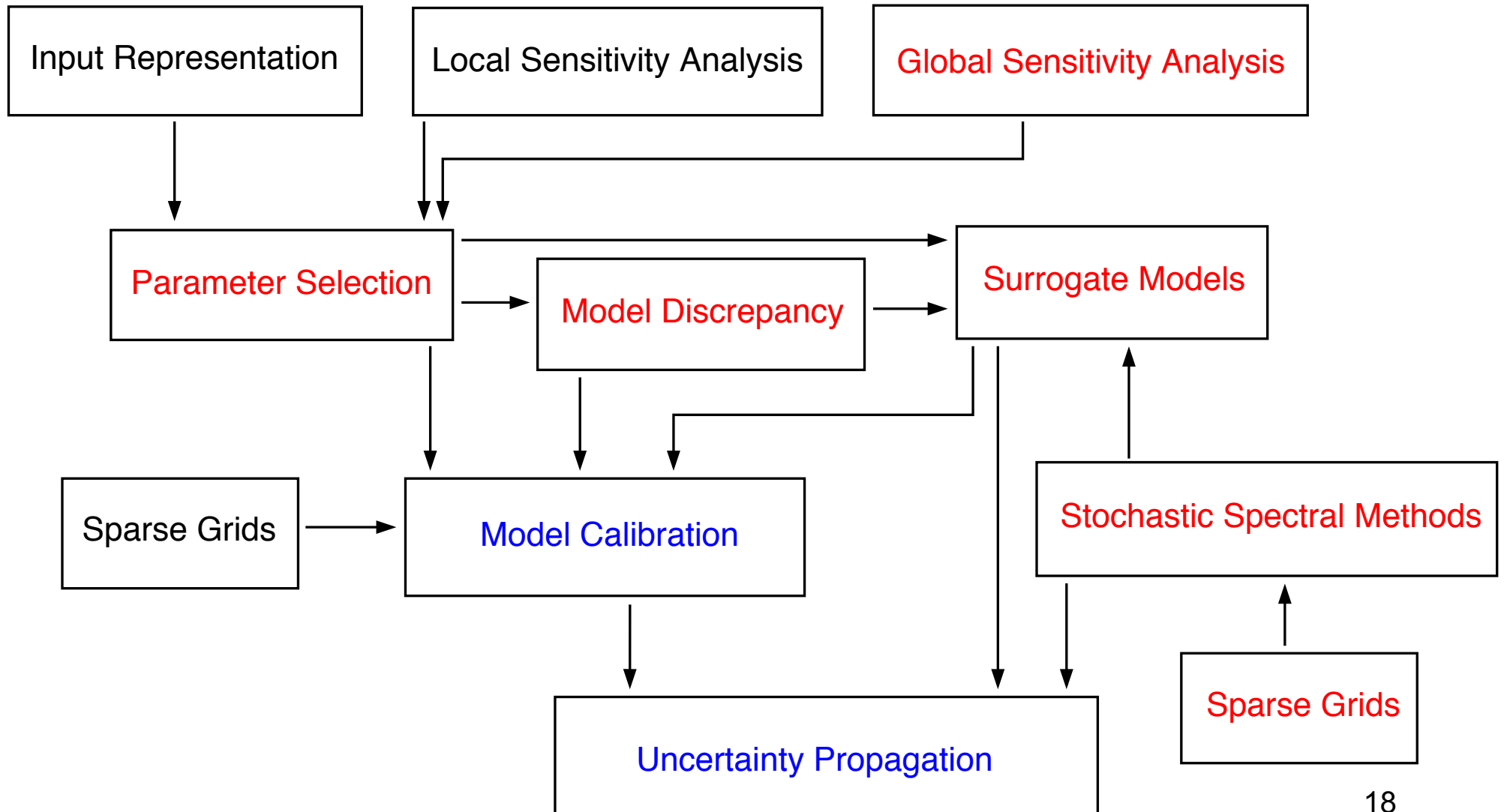
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- Roundoff, discretization or approximation errors;
- Bugs or coding errors;
- Bit-flipping, hardware failures and uncertainty associated with future exascale and quantum computing;
- Grids required for applications such as weather (e.g., 50~km) are much larger than the scale of physics being modeled.



# Steps in Uncertainty Quantification

**Note:** Uncertainty quantification requires synergy between statistics, applied mathematics and domain sciences.



# Deterministic Model Calibration

**Example:** Helmholtz energy  $\psi(P, q) = \underline{\alpha_1} P^2 + \underline{\alpha_{11}} P^4 + \underline{\alpha_{111}} P^6$

$$q = [\alpha_1, \alpha_{11}, \alpha_{111}]$$

**Statistical Model:** Describes observation process

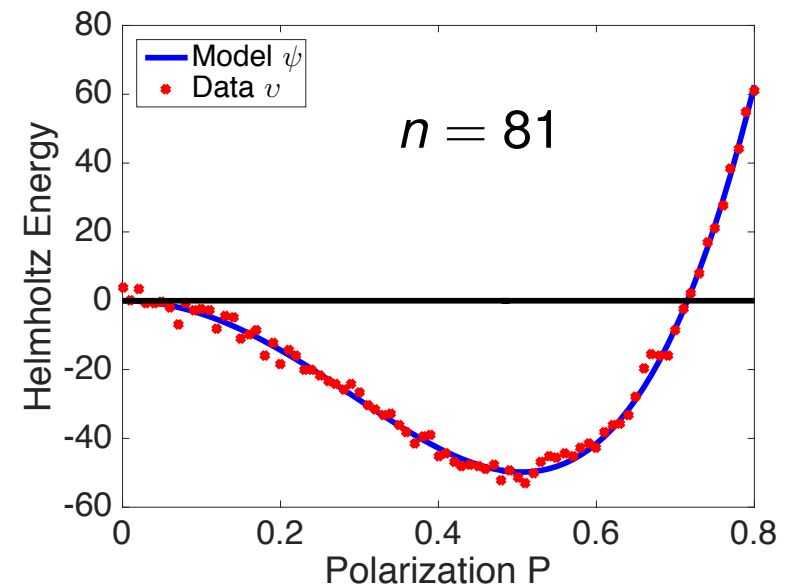
$$v_i = \psi(P_i, q) + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

**Point Estimates:** Ordinary least squares

$$q^0 = \arg \min_q \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [v_j - \psi(P_j, q)]^2$$

**Note:** Provides point estimates; Does not quantification of uncertainty in:

- Model
- Parameters
- Data



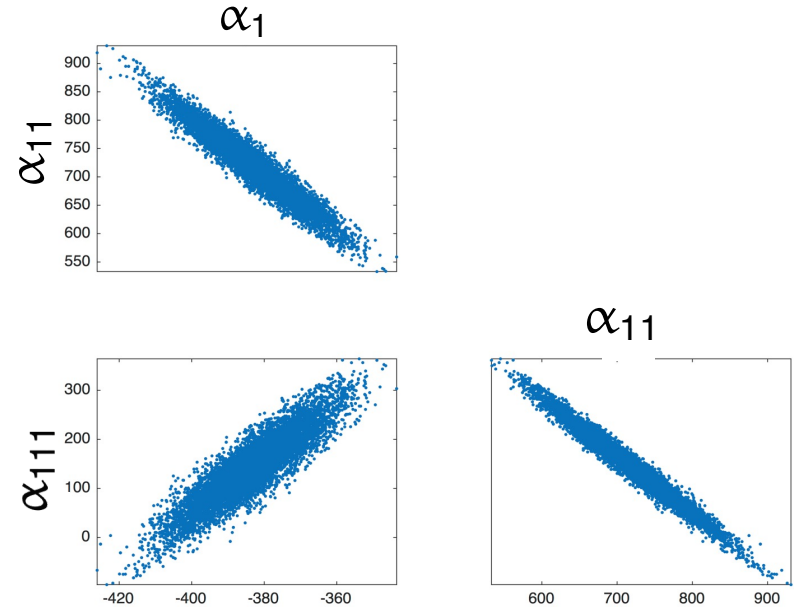
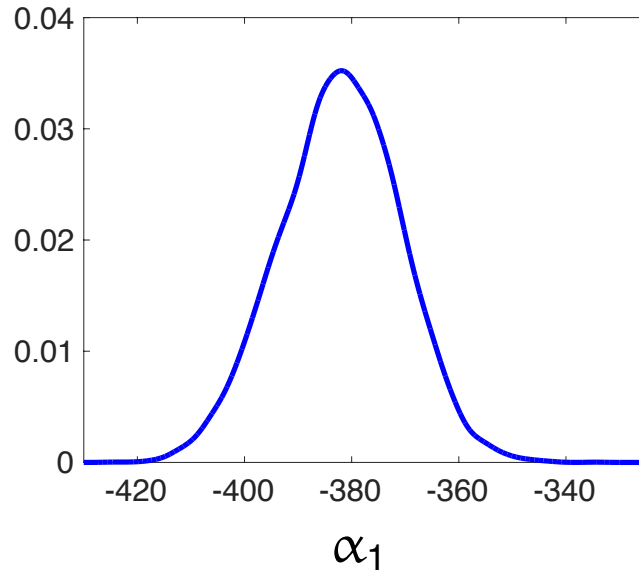
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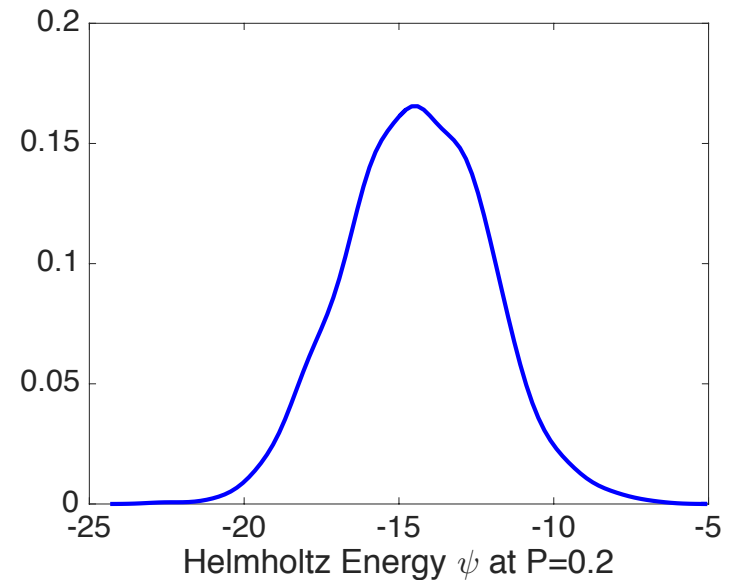
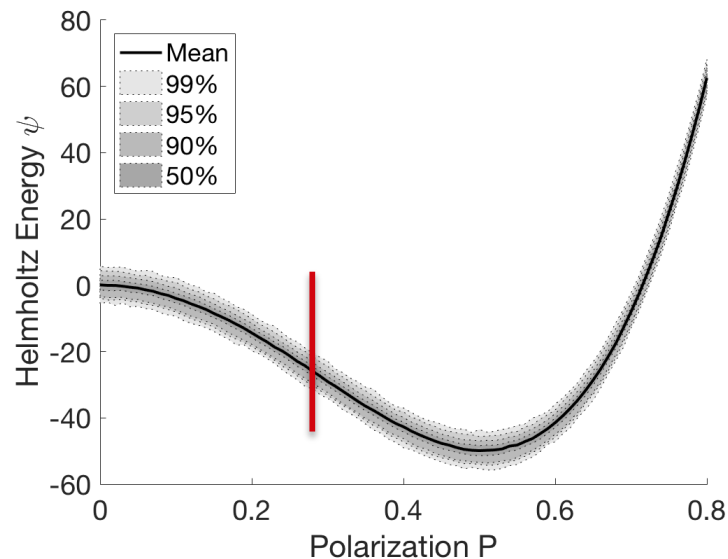
# Objectives for Uncertainty Quantification

**Goal:** Replace point estimates with distributions or credible intervals

**E.g., Parameter Densities**



**E.g., Response Intervals**



# Frequentist Inference

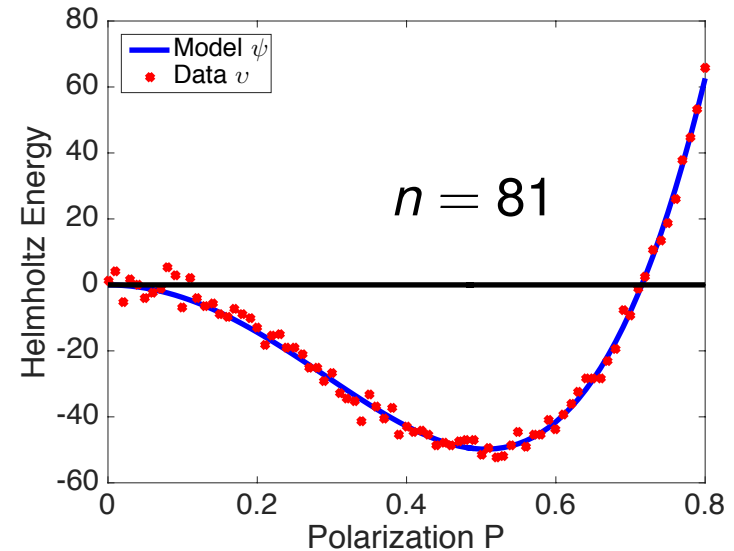
**Statistical Model:** For  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$v_i = \psi(P_i, q) + \varepsilon_i \leftarrow \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \underline{\sigma^2})$$

$$= \alpha_1 P_i^2 + \alpha_{11} P_i^4 + \varepsilon_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_i^2 & P_i^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_{11} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = Xq + \varepsilon$$



**Statistical Quantities:**

$$q = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T v$$

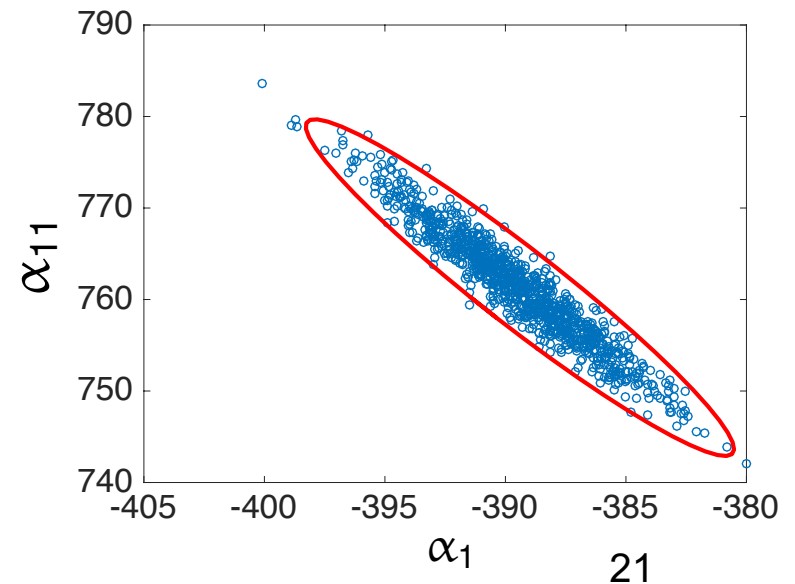
$$V = \underline{\sigma^2} (X^T X)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 8.8 & -17.4 \\ -17.4 & 37.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Annotations for the covariance matrix V:

- Arrow from 8.8 to  $\text{var}(\alpha_1)$
- Arrow from 37.6 to  $\text{var}(\alpha_{11})$
- Arrow from -17.4 to  $\text{cov}(\alpha_1, \alpha_{11})$

**Note:** Covariance matrix incorporates “geometry”

**Goal:** Employ Bayesian inference for UQ



# Statistical Inference

**Goal:** Goal in statistical inference is to make conclusions about a phenomenon based on observed data.

**Frequentist:** Observations made in the past analyzed to determine confidence about state of modeled phenomenon.

- Probabilities defined as frequencies for which an event occurs if experiment is repeated several times.
- Parameters may be unknown but are fixed and deterministic.

**Bayesian:** Interpretation of probability is subjective and can be updated with new data.

- Parameters considered to be random variables having associated densities.



# Bayesian Inference: Motivation

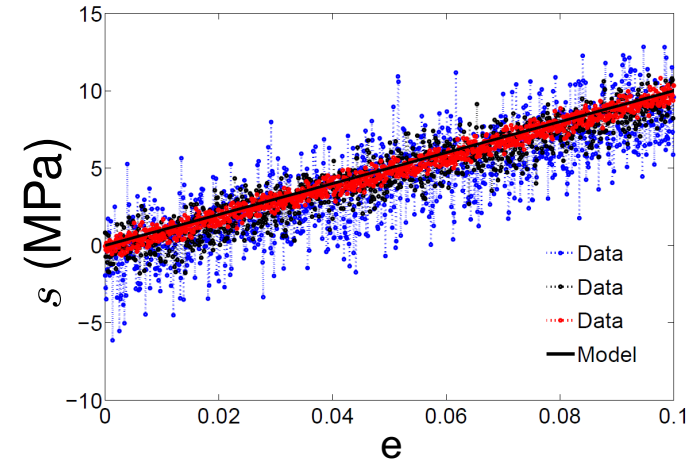
**Example:** Displacement-force relation (Hooke's Law)

$$s_i = Ee_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

↑  
 $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

**Parameter:** Stiffness  $E$

**Strategy:** Use model fit to data to update prior information

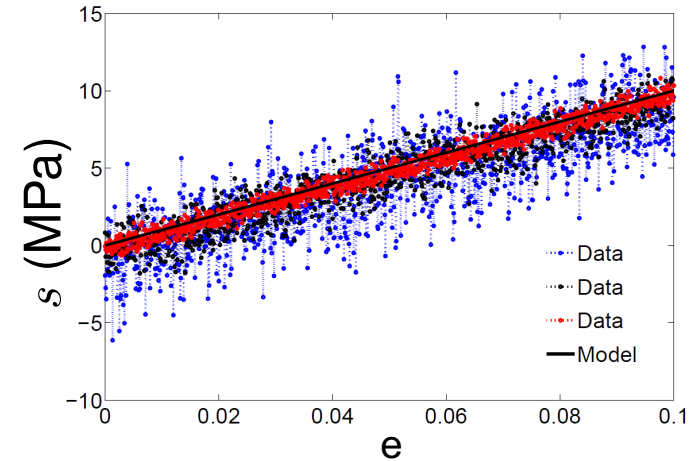


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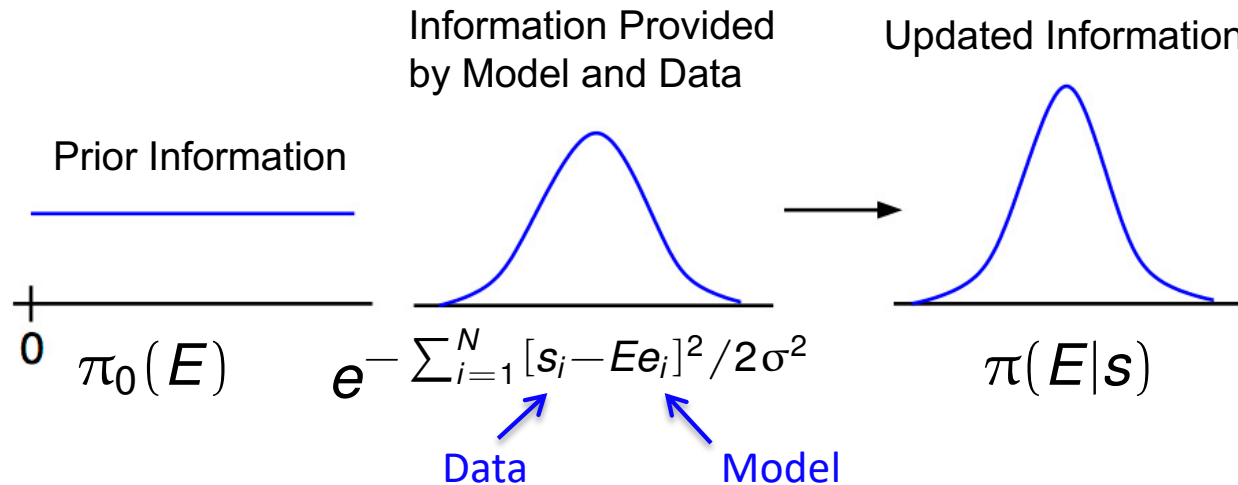
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**Non-normalized Bayes' Relation:**

$$\pi(E|s) = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^N [s_i - Ee_i]^2 / 2\sigma^2} \pi_0(E)$$

# Bayesian Inference

**Bayes' Relation:** Specifies posterior in terms of likelihood and prior

Likelihood:  $e^{-\sum_{i=1}^N [s_i - Ee_i]^2 / 2\sigma^2}$  ,  $q = E$   
 $v = [s_1, \dots, s_N]$

Posterior  
Distribution

$$\pi(q|v) = \frac{\pi(v|q)\pi_0(q)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \pi(v|q)\pi_0(q) dq}$$

Prior Distribution

Normalization Constant

Problem: Can require high-dimensional integration

- e.g., HIV Model:  $p = 21!$
- Solution: Sampling-based Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithms.
- Metropolis algorithms first used by nuclear physicists during Manhattan Project in 1940's to understand particle movement underlying first atomic bomb.
- Current applications: Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis (DRAM) [Haario et al., 2006] – MATLAB, Python, R, Dakota

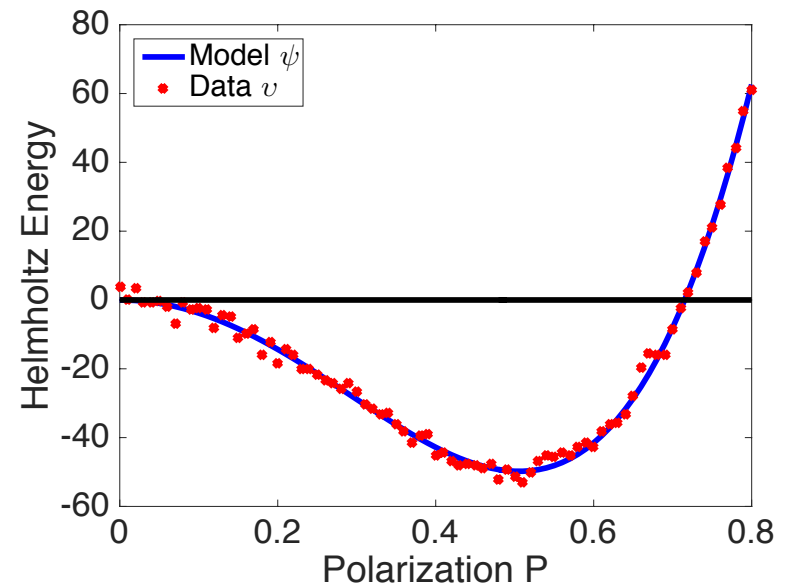
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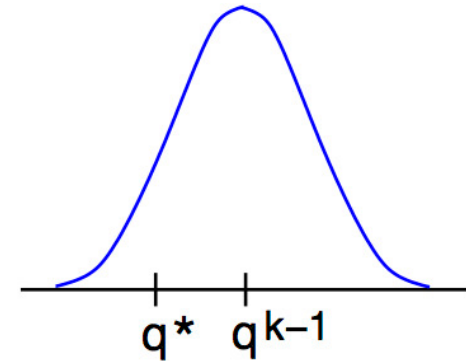
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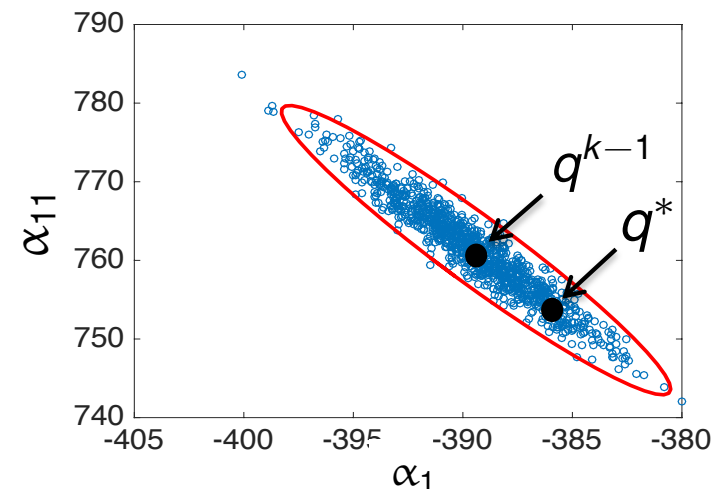
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Example: Helmholtz energy

$$\begin{aligned} v_i &= \psi(P_i, q) + \varepsilon_i \leftarrow \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \\ &= \alpha_1 P_i^2 + \alpha_{11} P_i^4 + \varepsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

Recall: Covariance  $V$  incorporates geometry



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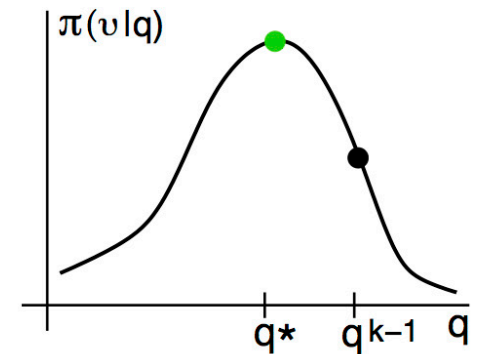
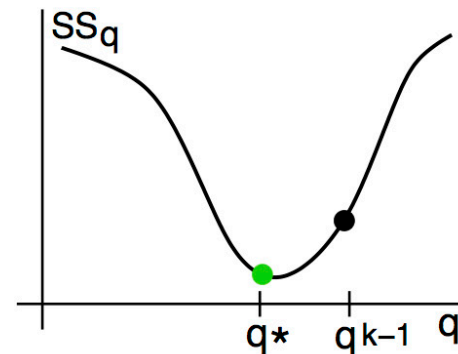
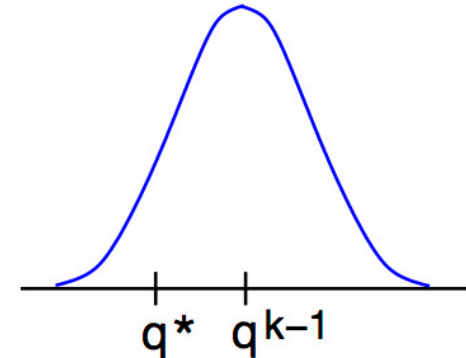
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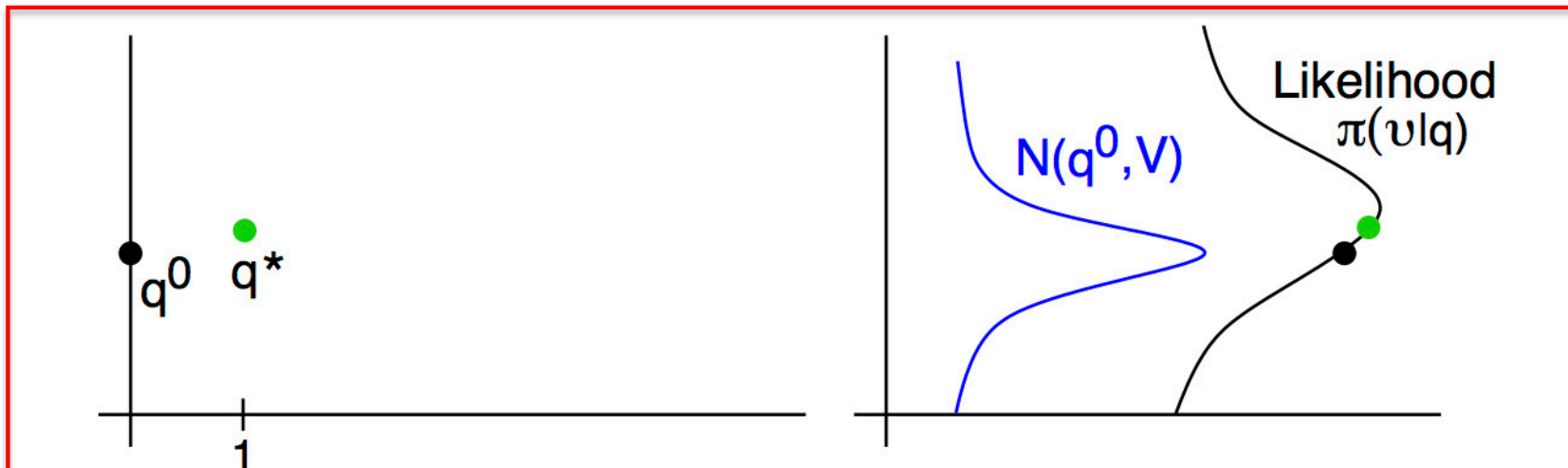
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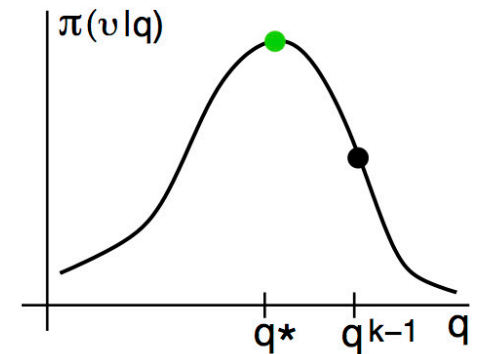
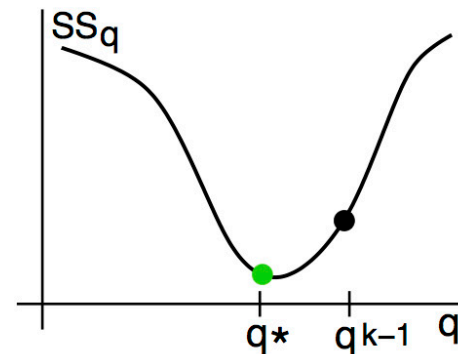
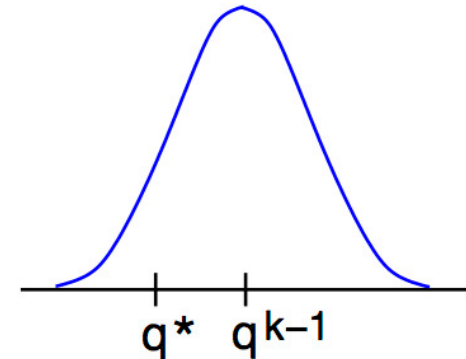
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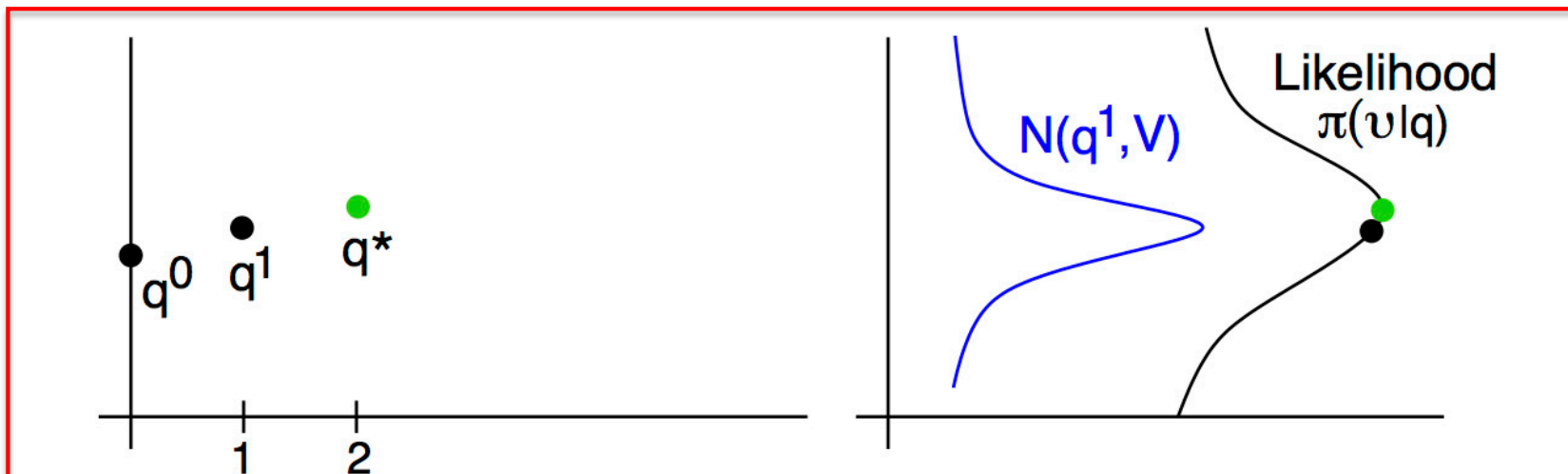
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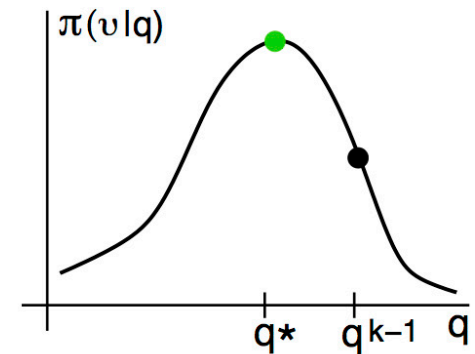
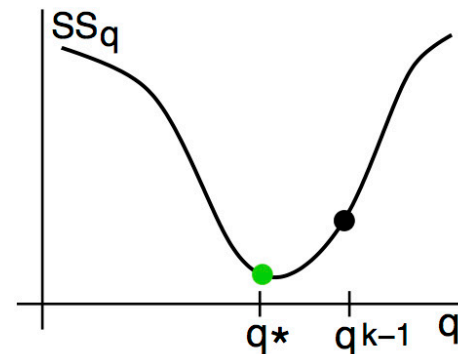
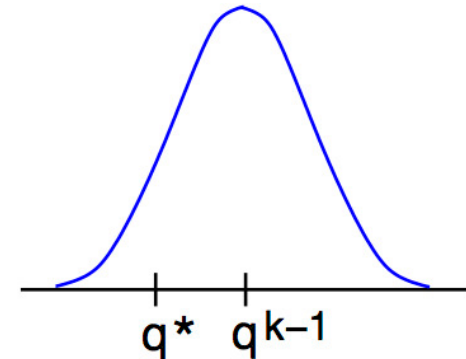
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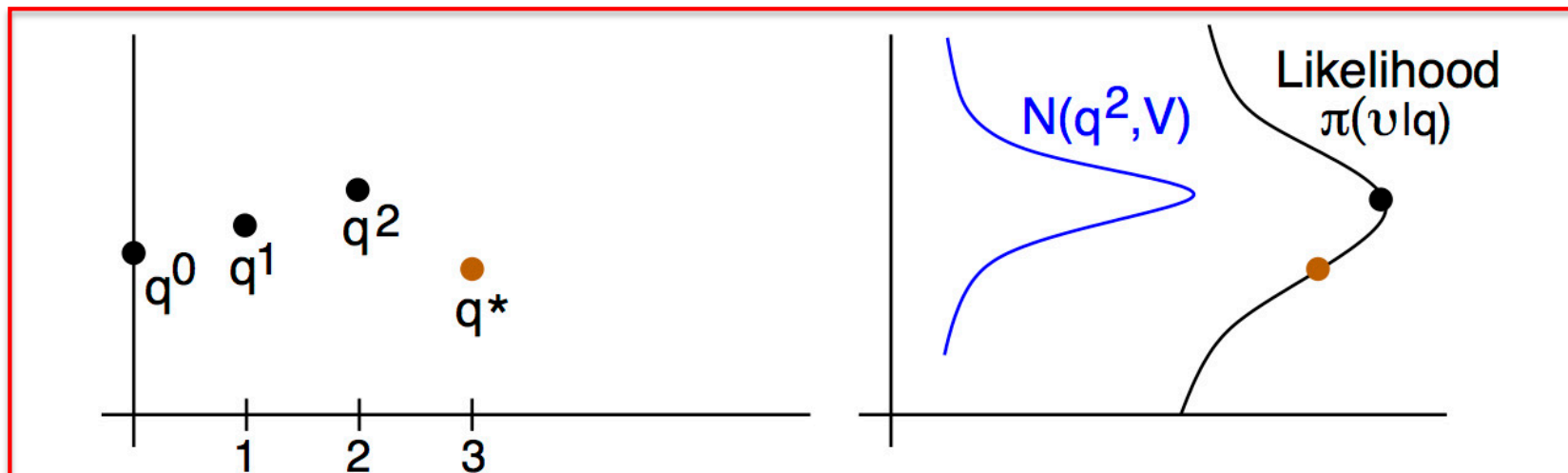
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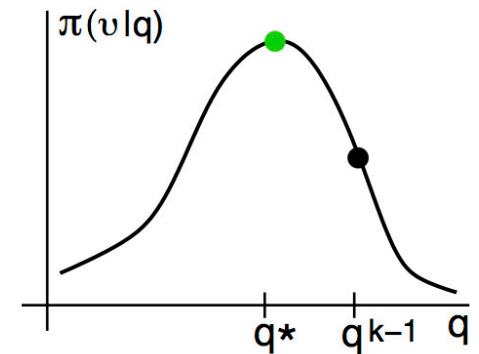
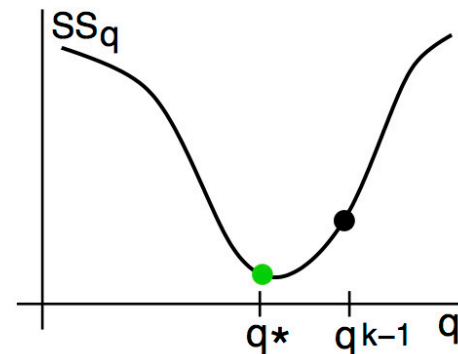
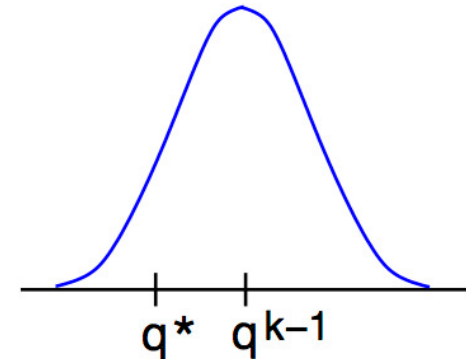
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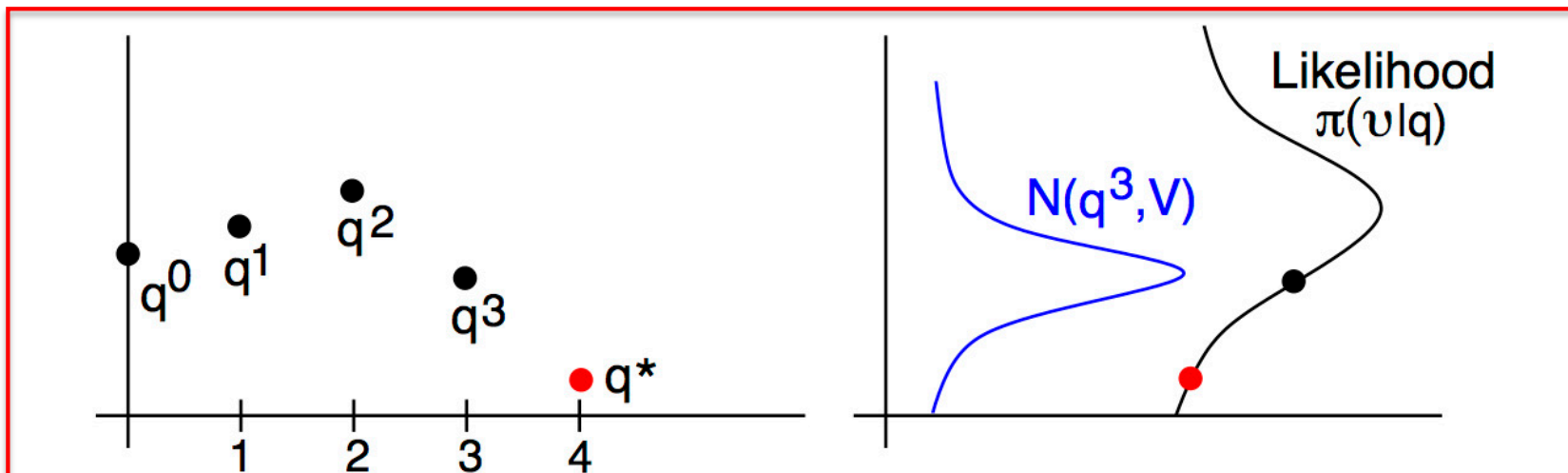
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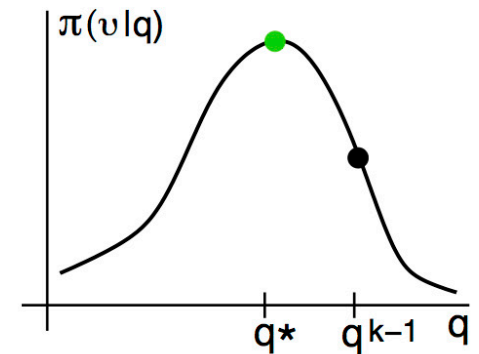
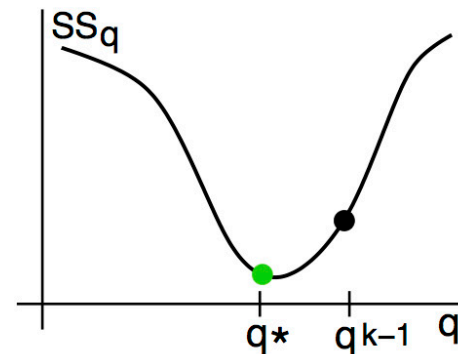
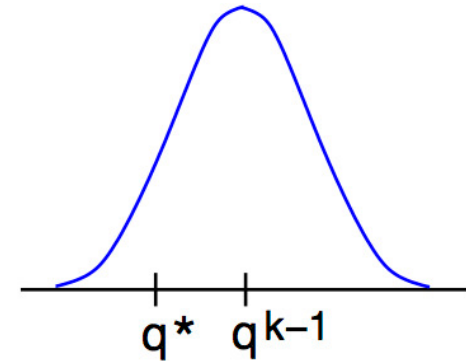
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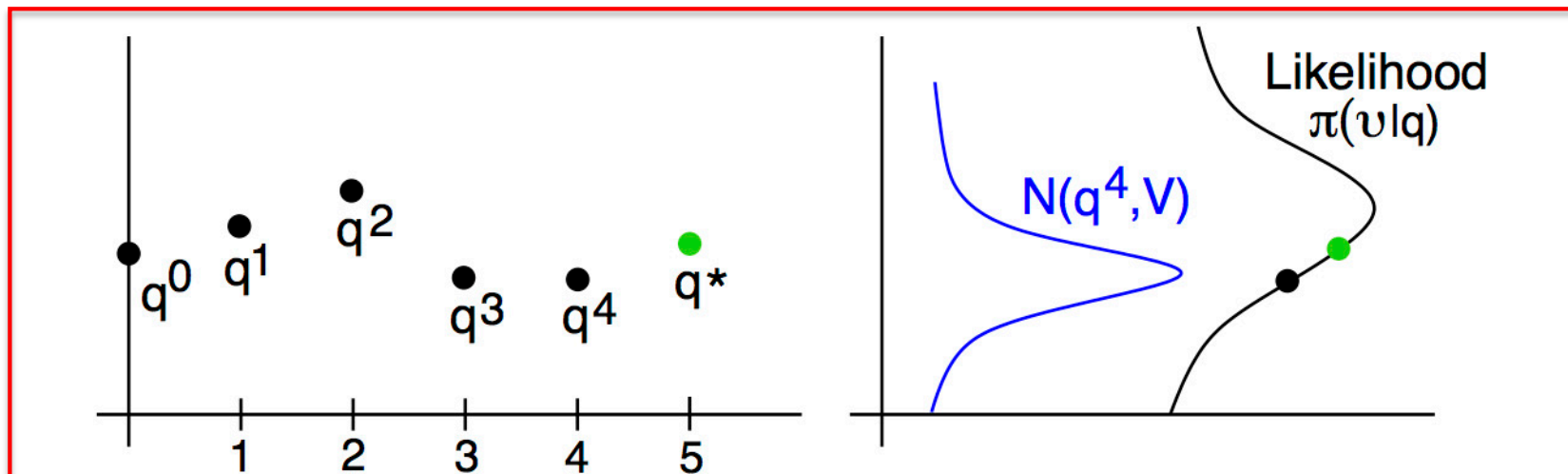
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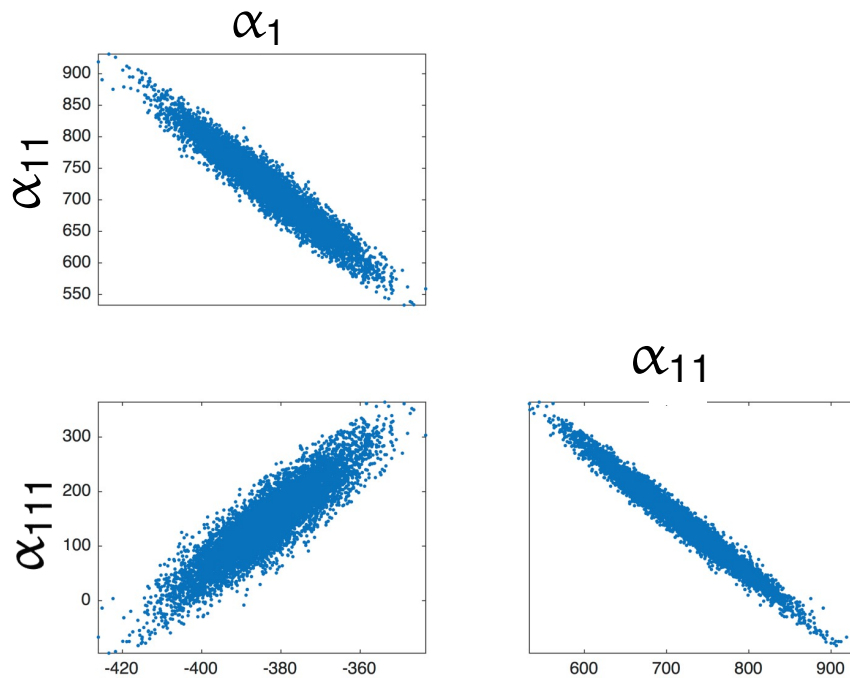
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**Example:** Helmholtz energy with 3 parameters

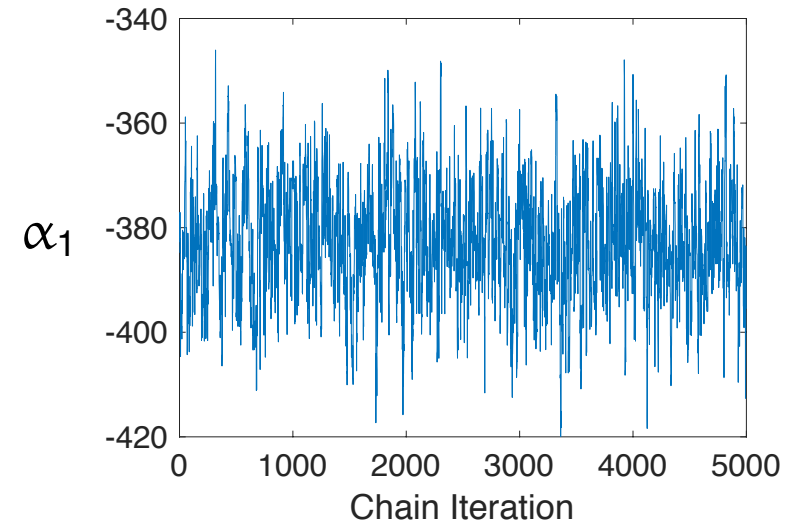
$$\psi(P, q) = \underline{\alpha_1} P^2 + \underline{\alpha_{11}} P^4 + \underline{\alpha_{111}} P^6$$

**Note:** Similar results for  $\alpha_{11}$  and  $\alpha_{111}$

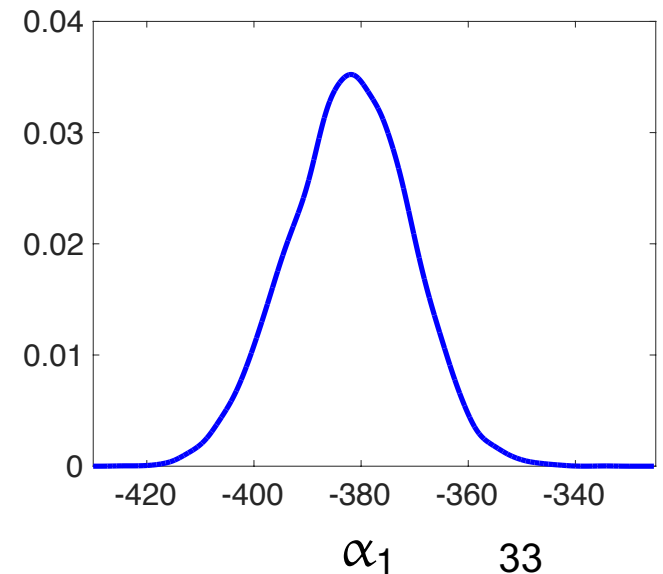
**Pairwise Plots:** Quantify correlation



Chain for  $\alpha_1$  with 5000 samples



Marginal density for  $\alpha_1$



# Bayesian Model Calibration – HIV Example

**Model:**  $\dot{T}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \varepsilon)k_1 VT_1$

$$\dot{T}_2 = \lambda_2 - d_2 T_2 - (1 - f\varepsilon)k_2 VT_2$$

$$\dot{T}_1^* = (1 - \varepsilon)k_1 VT_1 - \delta T_1^* - m_1 ET_1^*$$

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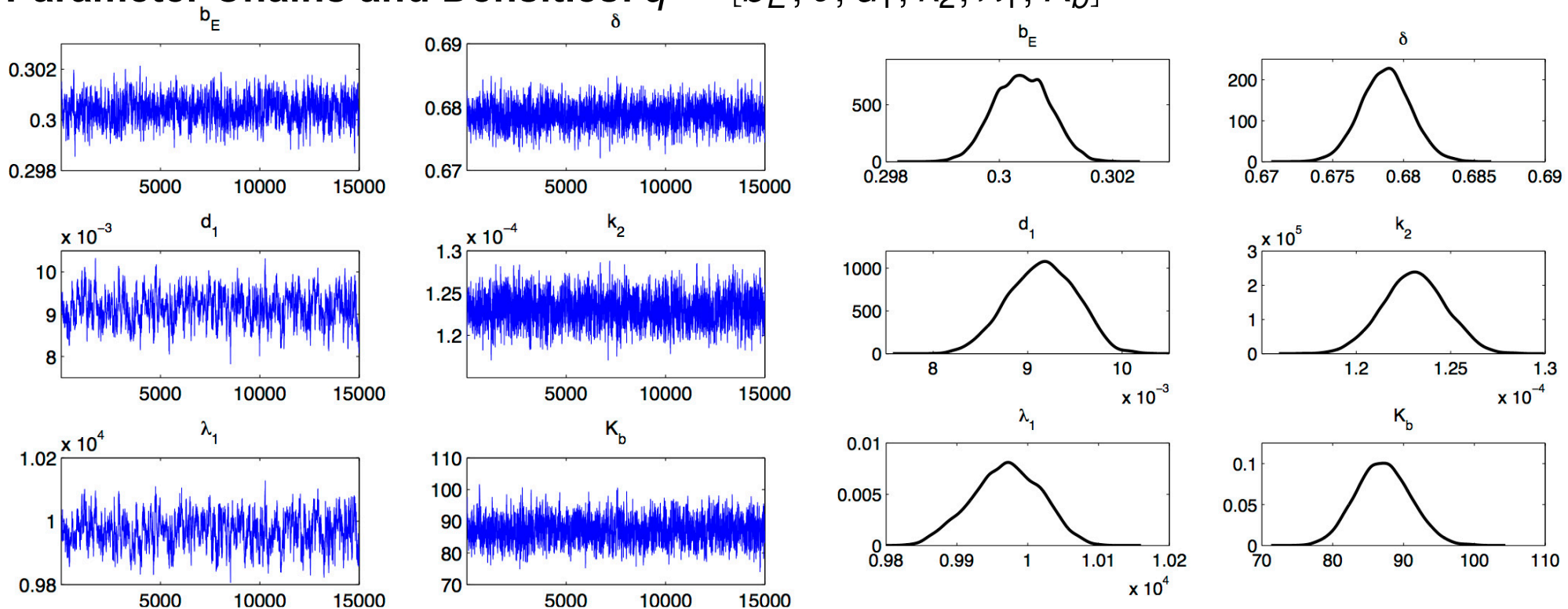
$$\dot{V} = N_T \delta (T_1^* + T_2^*) - cV - [(1 - \varepsilon)\rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon)\rho_2 k_2 T_2] V$$

$$\dot{E} = \lambda_E + \frac{b_E (T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E (T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_d} E - \delta_E E$$

**Verification: Why do we trust results???**

- Compare results from different algorithms; e.g., DRAM and Gibbs

**Parameter Chains and Densities:**  $q = [b_E, \delta, d_1, k_2, \lambda_1, K_b]$



# Example: Wetland Methane Model

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**Objectives:** Methane emissions from natural wetlands highly uncertainty

- What is effect of climate change?
- How much uncertainty is there in model parameters that control physical processes?
- How do parameters and wetland behavior react to environmental changes?

**Model:** Helsinki Model of Methane build-up and emission for peatlands (HIMMELI)

- Incorporates process descriptions for methane production from anaerobic respiration, oxygen consumption, and carbon dioxide production;
- Submodel in regional and biosphere models.

**Initial Calibration Parameters:** 14

# Wetland Methane Model

## Subset of Governing Relations:

$$T_X(t, z) = Q_X^{diff} + Q_X^{plant} + Q_X^{ebu}$$

$$\frac{\partial[CH_4]}{\partial t}(t, z) = -T_{CH_4} + R_{CH_4}^{exu} + R_{CH_4}^{peat} - R_{CH_4}^{oxid}$$

$$\frac{\partial[O_2]}{\partial t}(t, z) = -T_{O_2} - R_{aerob}^{peat} - R_{CO_2}^{exu} - 2R_{CH_4}^{oxid}$$

$$\frac{\partial[CO_2]}{\partial t}(t, z) = -T_{CO_2} + R_{CO_2}^{exu} + R_{CO_2}^{peat} + R_{CH_4}^{oxid} + R_{aerob}^{peat}$$

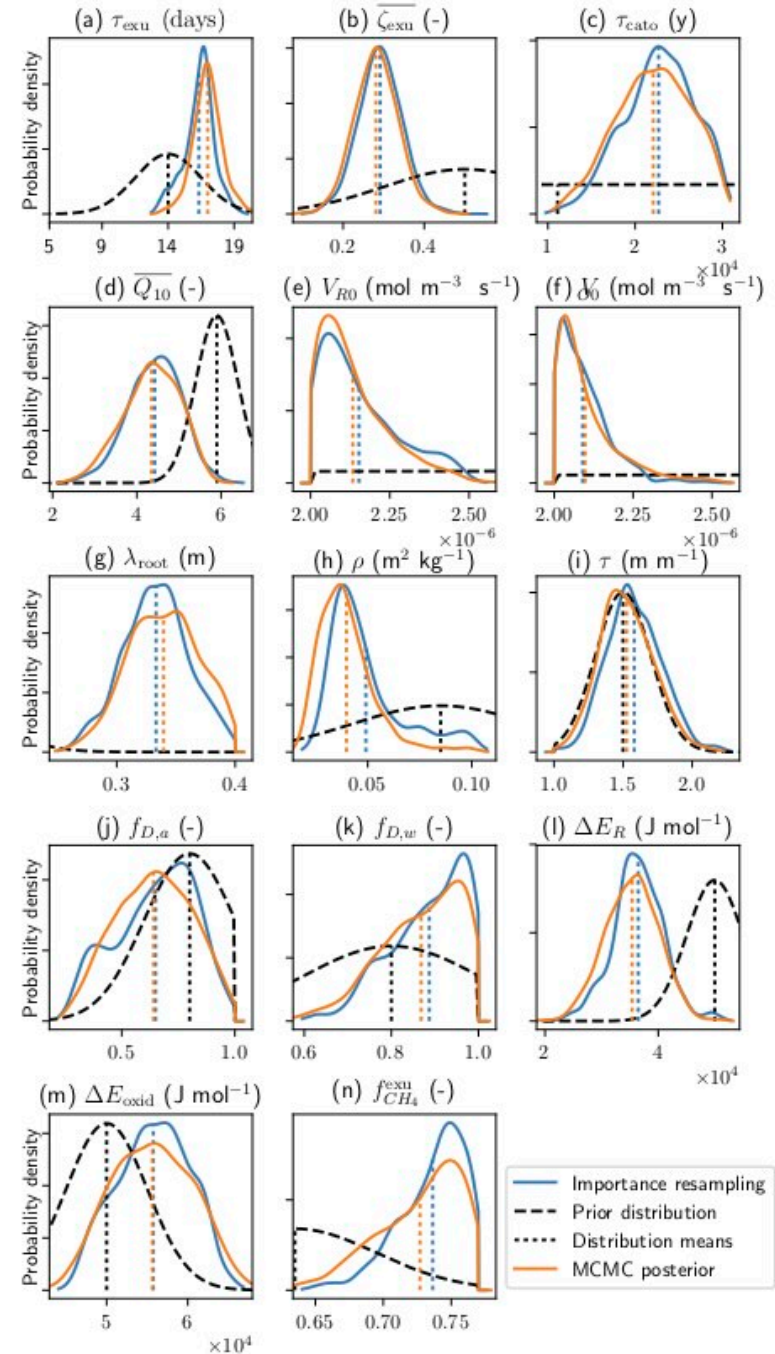
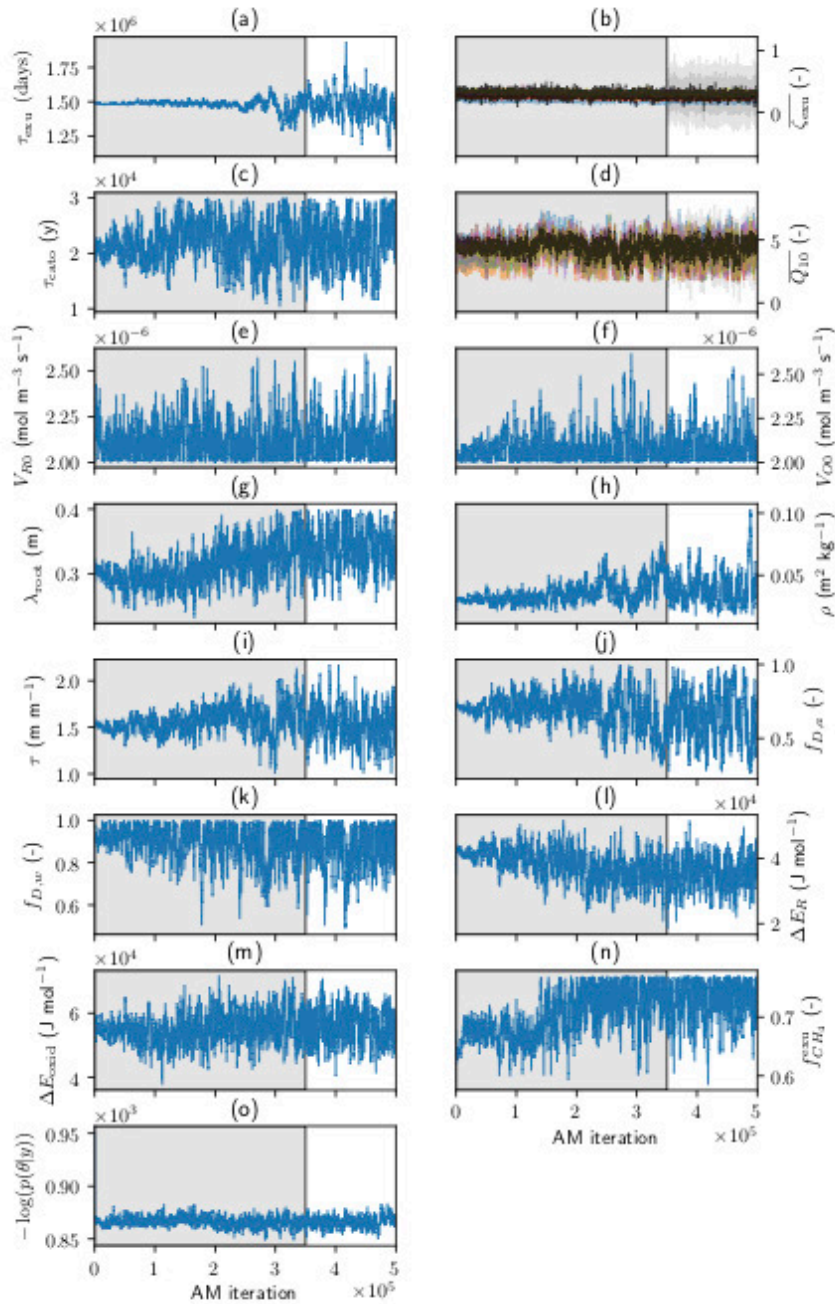
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### MCMC Techniques:

- Metropolis-within-Gibbs for sampling hierarchical parameters
- Modified DRAM used to sample model parameters
- Model and algorithm parallelization and tuning reduced computation times from months to days



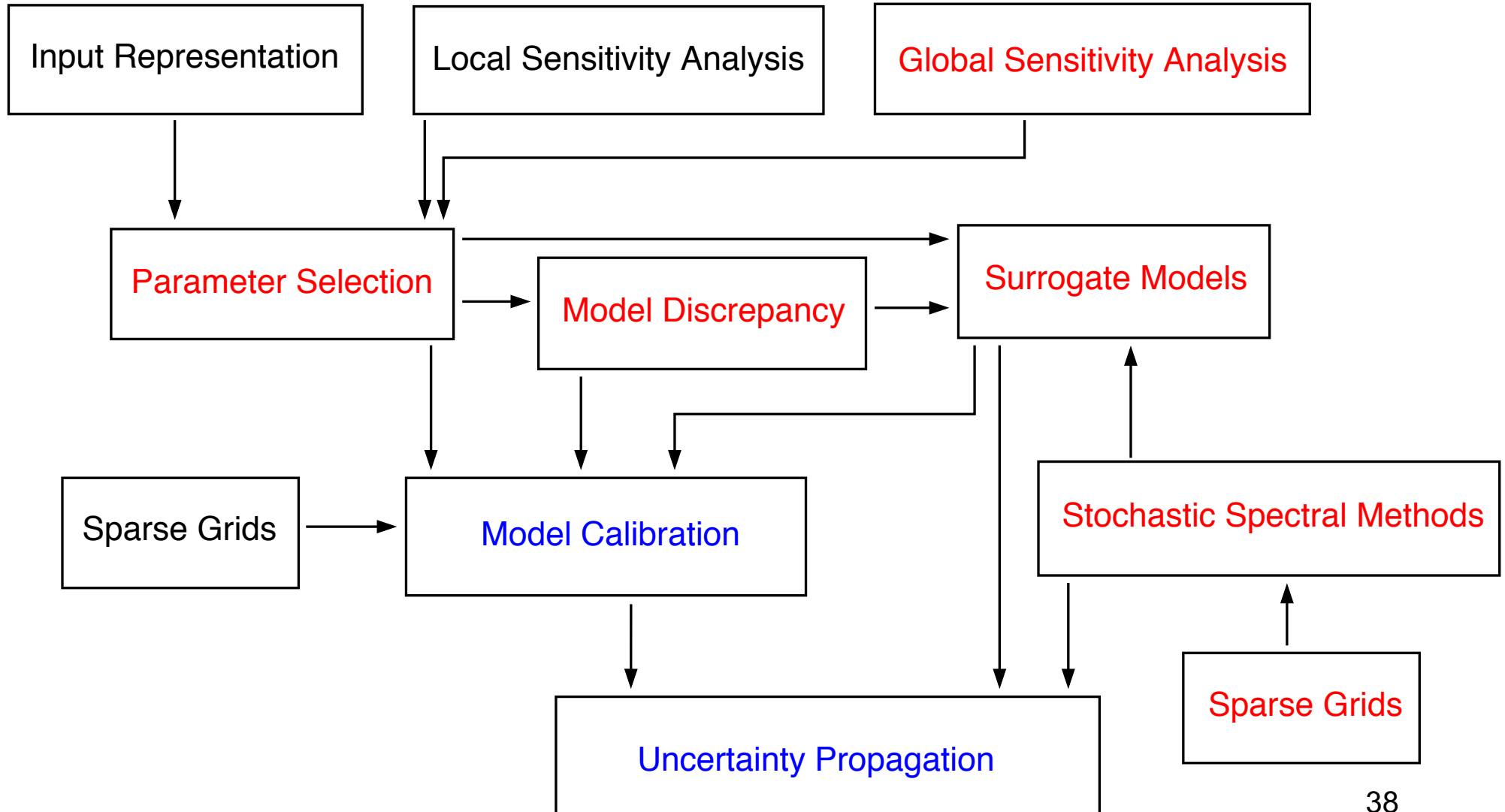
# Wetland Methane Model: Chains and Marginal Distributions





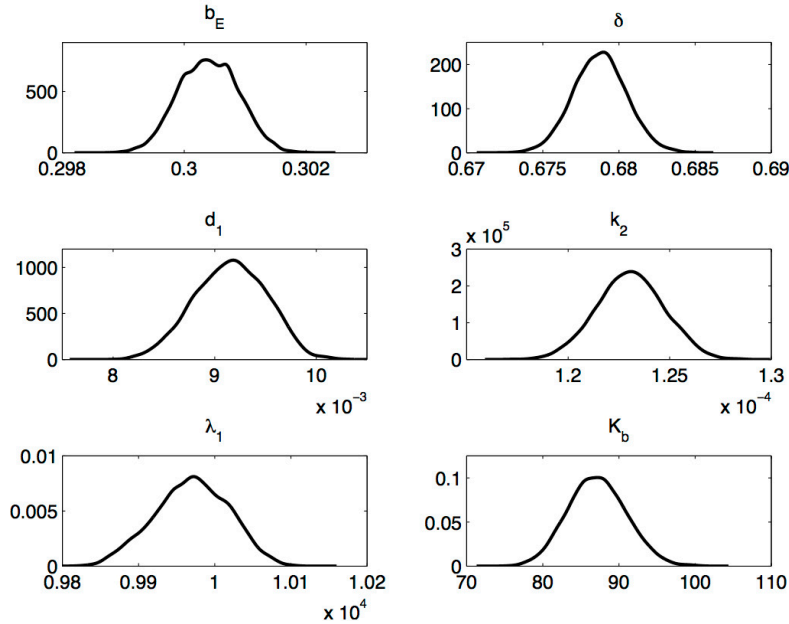
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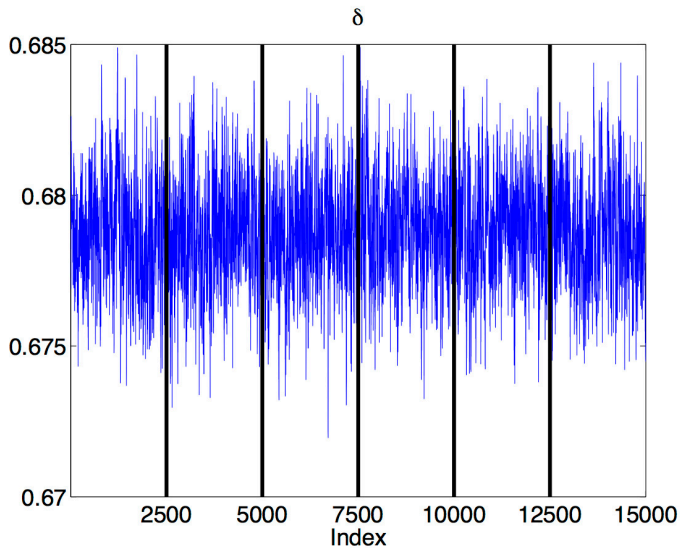
# Propagation of Uncertainty in Models – HIV Example

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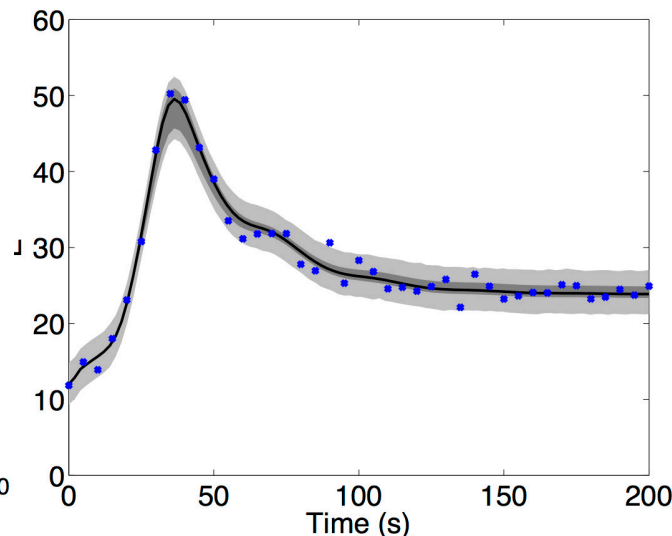


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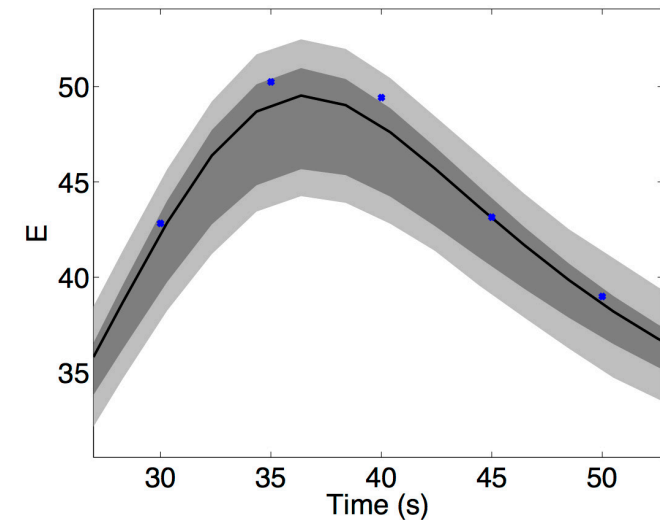
- Sample from parameter densities to construct prediction intervals for QoI.
- Slow convergence rate  $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{M})$
- 100-fold more evaluations required to gain additional place of accuracy.
- Significant numerical analysis used to efficiently propagate densities.



Samples from Chain



Data, Credible Intervals and Prediction Intervals

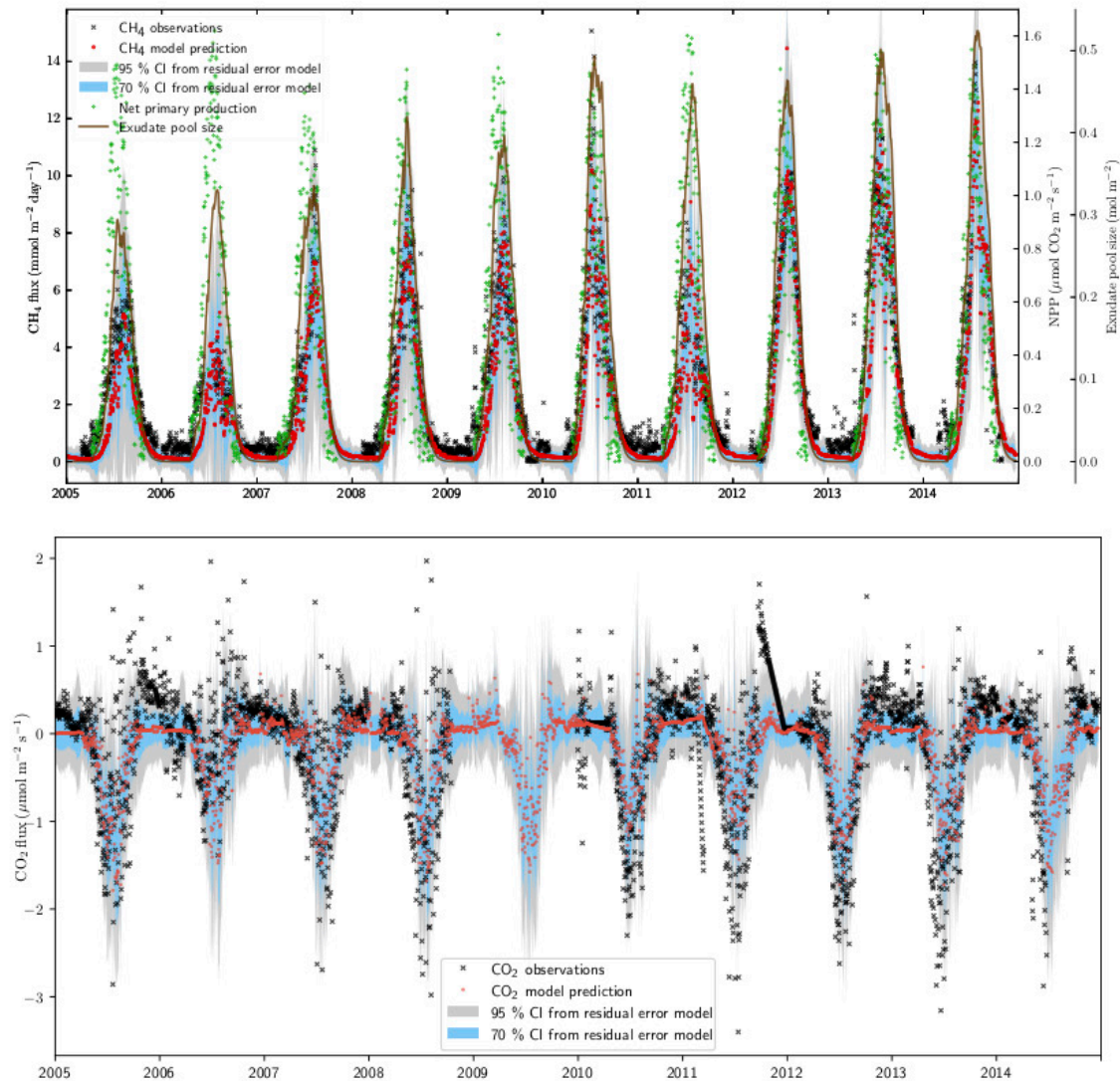


Non-Gaussian Credible and Prediction Intervals

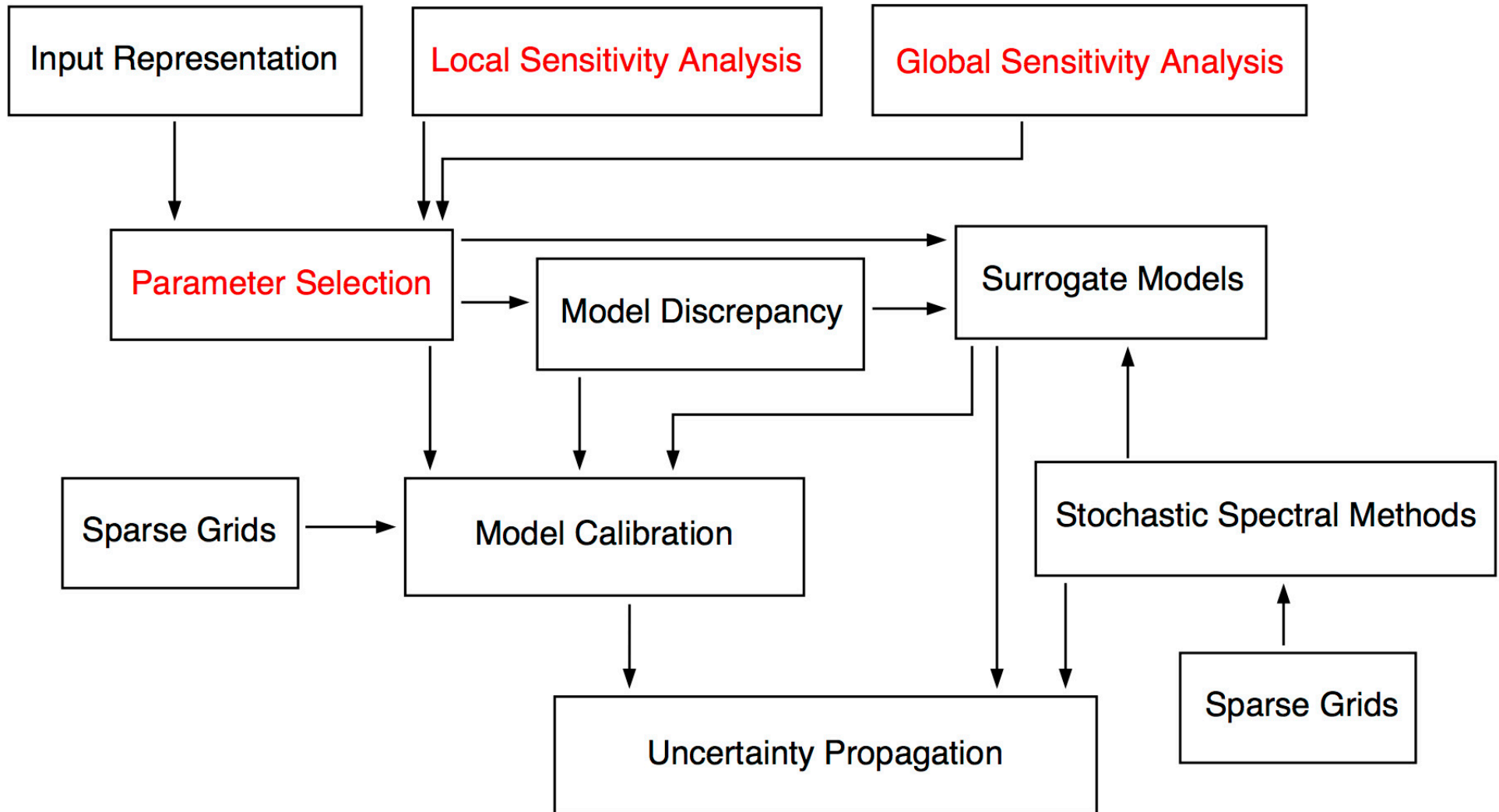
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**Observation:** Credible intervals consistent for methane and carbon dioxide



# Steps in Uncertainty Quantification



**Parameter Selection Techniques:** Required for models with high-dimensional input spaces and/or unidentifiable or noninfluential inputs.

# Parameter Selection Techniques

**First Issue:** Parameters often *not identifiable* in the sense that they are not uniquely determined by the data.

**Example 1:** Spring model

$$m \frac{dy}{dt^2} + ky = 0$$

$$y(0) = y_0, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 0$$

**Solution:**  $y(t, q) = y_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\underline{k/m}} \cdot t\right)$

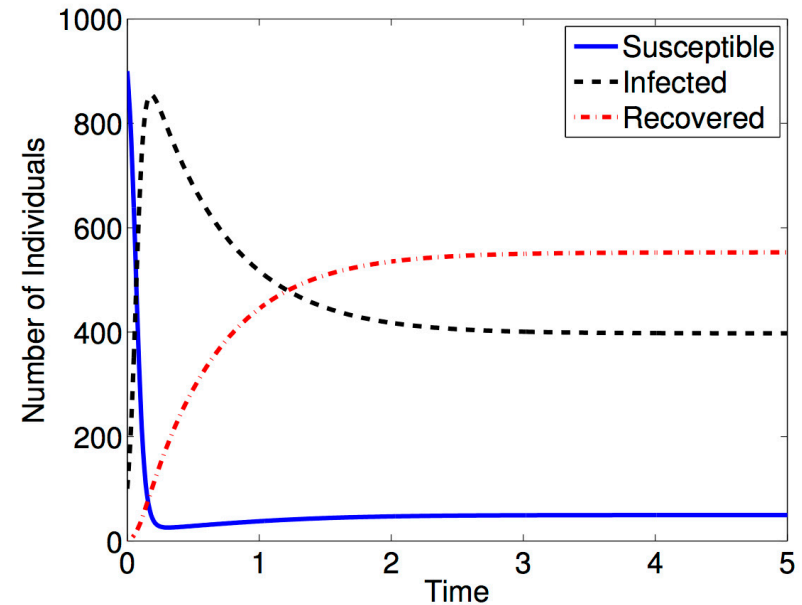
**Note:**  $q = [k, m]$  not jointly identifiable

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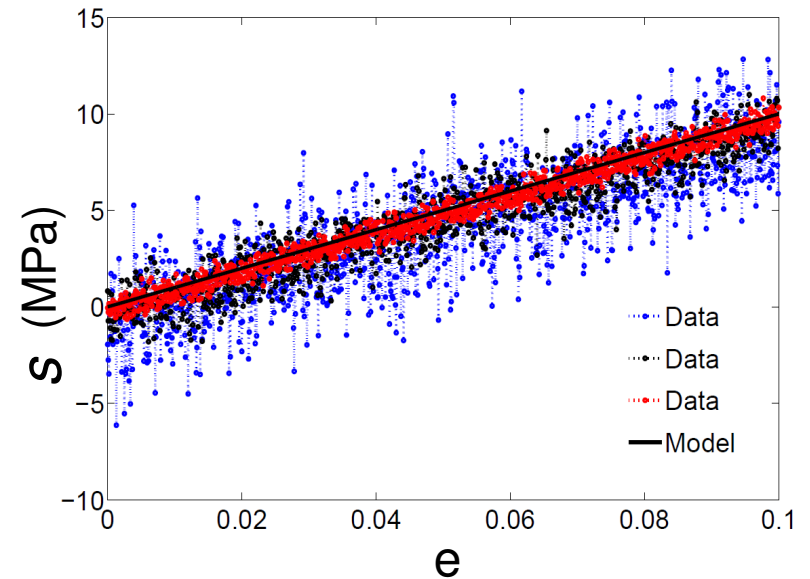
# Sensitivity Analysis: Motivation

**Example:** Linear constitutive relation

$$s = Ee + c \frac{de}{dt}$$

**Nominal Values:**  $E = 100$  ,  $c = 0.1$

$$e = 0.001, \frac{de}{dt} = 0.1$$



**Question:** To which parameter  $E$  or  $c$  is stress  $s$  most sensitive?

**Local Sensitivity Analysis:**

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial E} = e = 0.001$$

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial c} = \frac{de}{dt} = 0.1$$

**Conclusion:** Model most sensitive to damping parameter  $c$

**Limitations:**

- Does not accommodate potential uncertainty in parameters.
- Does not accommodate potential correlation between parameters.
- Sensitive to units and magnitudes of parameters.
- Local but can be made quasi-global through Morris sampling.

# Global Sensitivity Analysis: Motivation

**Example:** Linearly parameterized model

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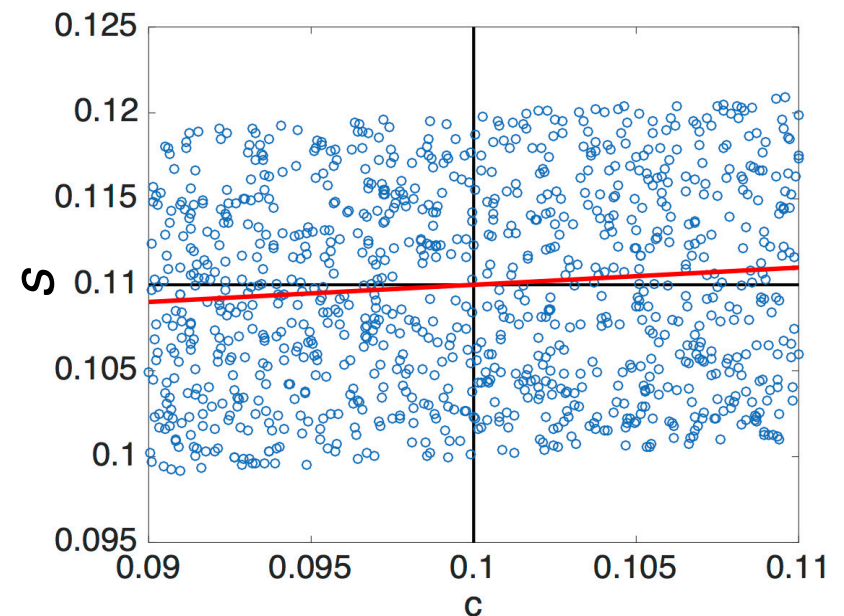
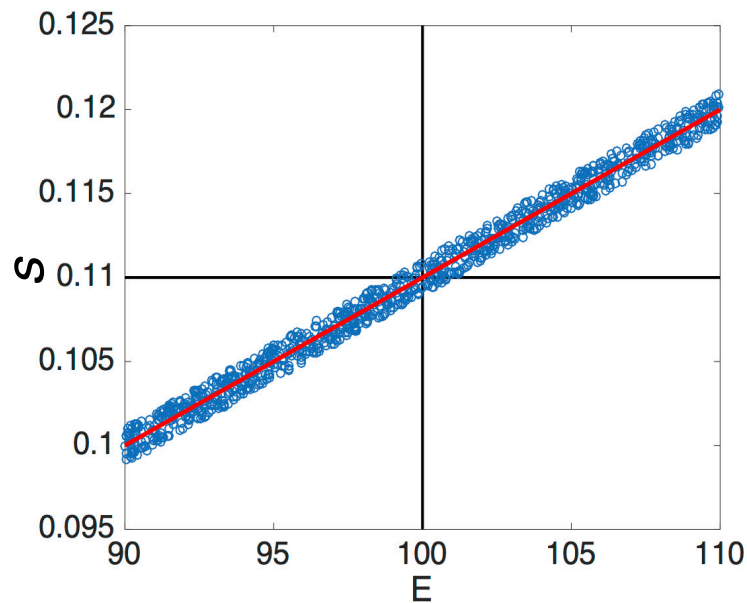
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$$E \sim \mathcal{U}(90, 110), \quad c \sim \mathcal{U}(0.09, 0.11)$$

**Local Sensitivities:**

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**Global Sensitivity:**  $E$  is more influential



# Variance-Based Methods

**Sobol Representation:** Standard assumption: independent parameters

Take

$$f(\mathbf{q}) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p f_i(q_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} f_{ij}(q_i, q_j)$$

With appropriate assumptions,

$$f_0 = \int_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{q}) d\mathbf{q}$$

$$f_i(q_i) = \int_{\Gamma^{p-1}} f(\mathbf{q}) d\mathbf{q}_{\sim i} - f_0$$

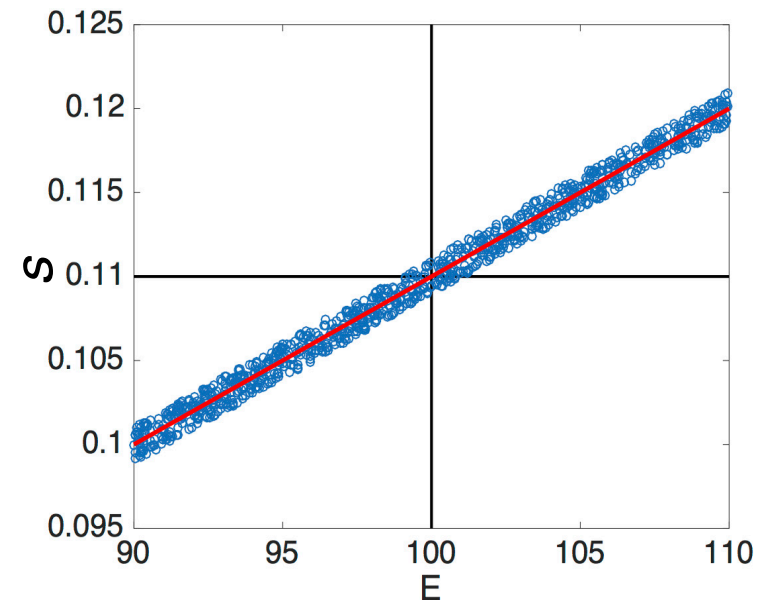
**Variances:**

$$D_i = \int_0^1 f_i^2(q_i) dq_i$$

$$D = \text{var}(Y)$$

**Sobol Indices:**  $S_i = \frac{D_i}{D}$

**Analogy:** Taylor or Fourier series



**Statistical Interpretation:**

$$D_i = \text{var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)] \Rightarrow S_i = \frac{\text{var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)]}{\text{var}(Y)}$$



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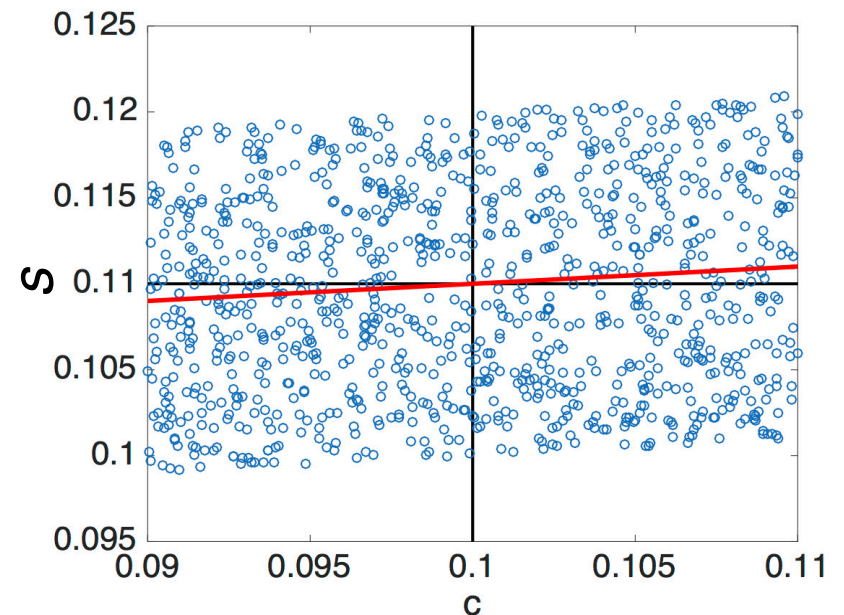
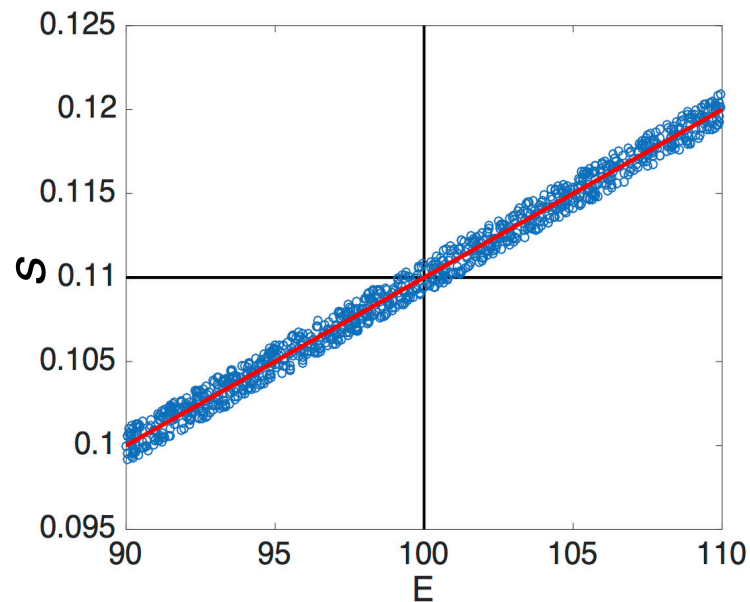
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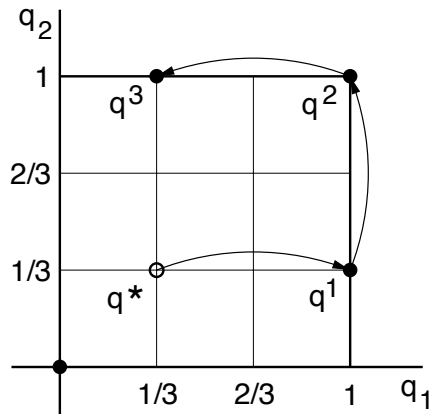
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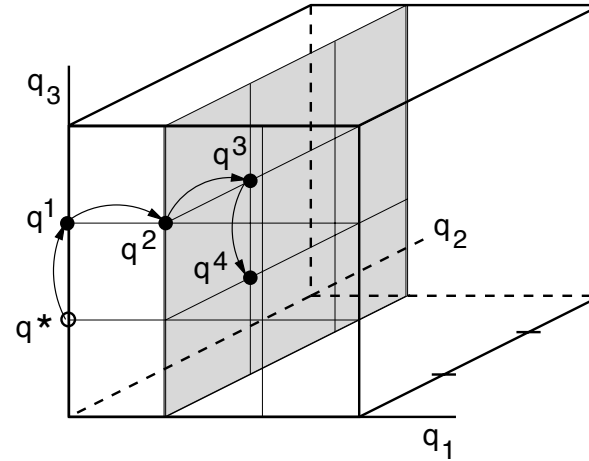
**Global Sensitivity:**  $E$  is more influential

# Quasi-Global Sensitivity Analysis: Morris Screening

**Example:** Consider **independent** uniformly distributed parameters on  $\Gamma = [0, 1]^p$



(a)



(b)

**Elementary Effect:**

$$d_i^j = \frac{f(q^j + \Delta e_i) - F(q^j)}{\Delta}, \quad i^{th} \text{ parameter}, \quad j^{th} \text{ sample}$$

**Global Sensitivity Measures:**  $r$  samples

$$\mu_i^* = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r |d_i^j(q)|$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{r-1} \sum_{j=1}^r (d_i^j(q) - \mu_i)^2, \quad \mu_i = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r d_i^j(q)$$

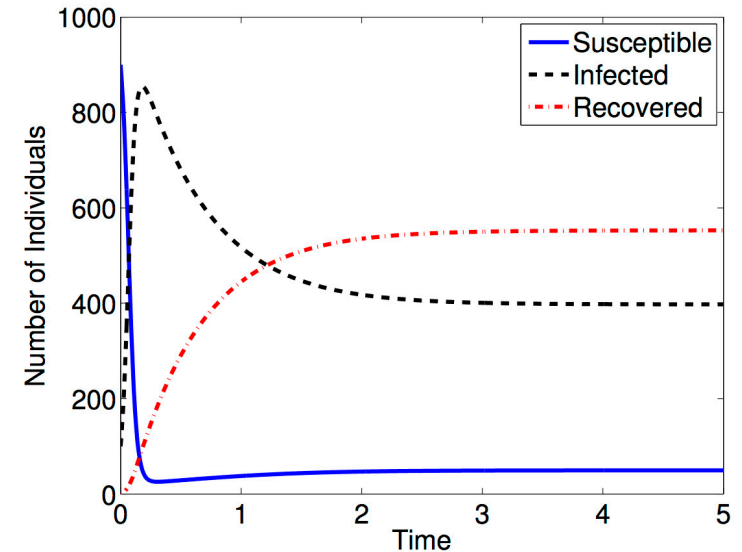
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## Assumed Parameter Distribution:

$$\gamma \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1) \quad , \quad k \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) \quad , \quad r \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1) \quad , \quad \delta \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$$

Infection  
Coefficient

Interaction  
Coefficient

Recovery  
Rate

Birth/death  
Rate

## Response:

$$y = \int_0^5 R(t, q) dt$$

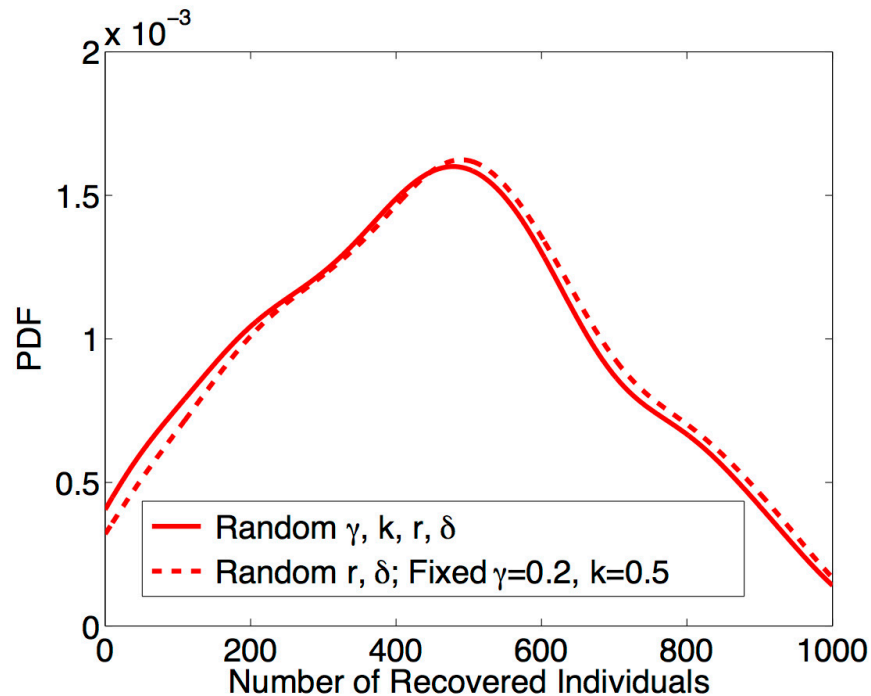
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## Global Sensitivity Measures:

		$\gamma$	$k$	$r$	$\delta$
Sobol'	$S_i$	0.0997	0.0312	0.7901	0.1750
	$S_{T_i}$	0.0637	0.0541	0.5634	0.2029
Morris	$\mu_i^* (\times 10^3)$	0.2532	0.2812	2.0184	1.2328
	$\sigma_i (\times 10^3)$	0.9539	1.6245	6.6748	3.9886

Influential Parameters

Result: Densities for  $R(t_f)$  at  $t_f = 5$



**Note:** Can fix non-influential parameters  $\gamma, k$

# Concluding Remarks

## Notes:

- UQ requires a synergy between statistics, applied mathematics, engineering and science.
- Model calibration, model selection, uncertainty propagation and experimental design natural in a Bayesian framework.
- Goal: Predict model responses with quantified and reduced uncertainties.
- Parameter selection critical to isolate identifiable and influential parameters.
- Surrogate models critical for computationally intensive simulation codes.
- Codes and packages: MATLAB, Python, R, nanoHUB, Sandia Dakota.
- *Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future. Niels Bohr.*

