

Bayesian Inversion for the WIPP groundwater flow problem

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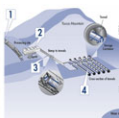
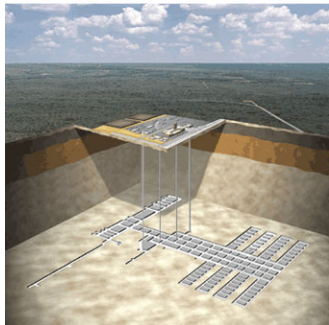
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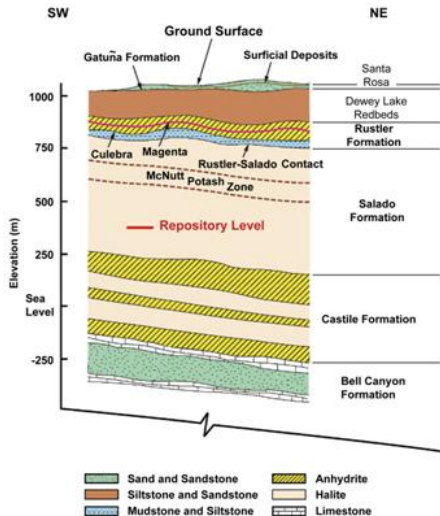
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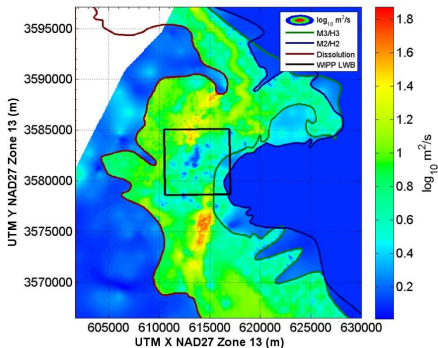


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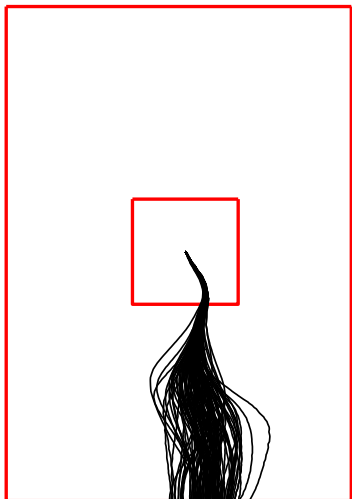


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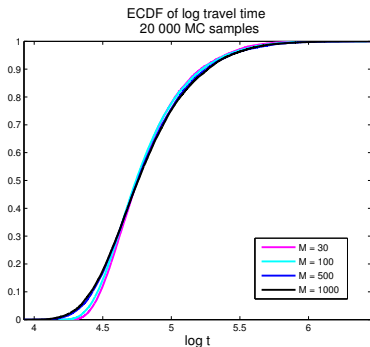
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- **Approach:** Model uncertainty (lack of knowledge) stochastically. Propagate random input data to travel time.

Groundwater Flow Model

Stationary Darcy flow

$$\mathbf{q} = -K\nabla p$$

\mathbf{q} : Darcy flux

K : hydraulic conductivity

p : hydraulic head

mass conservation

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0$$

\mathbf{u} : pore velocity

$$\mathbf{q} = \phi \mathbf{u}$$

ϕ : porosity

transmissivity

$$T = Kb$$

b : aquifer thickness

Particle transport

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = -\frac{T(\mathbf{x})}{b\phi} \nabla p(\mathbf{x})$$

\mathbf{x} : particle position

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

\mathbf{x}_0 : release location

Quantity of interest s : \log_{10} of travel time of particle to reach WIPP boundary, in particular, its cumulative distribution function (cdf).

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Assumptions:

- T has finite **mean** and **covariance**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{E} [T(\mathbf{x}, \cdot)], & \mathbf{x} &\in D, \\ \operatorname{Cov}_T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{E} [(T(\mathbf{x}, \cdot) - \bar{T}(\mathbf{x})) (T(\mathbf{y}, \cdot) - \bar{T}(\mathbf{y}))], & \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} &\in D. \end{aligned}$$

- T is **lognormal**, i.e., $Z(\mathbf{x}, \omega) := \log T(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ is a Gaussian RF.
- Cov_Z is stationary, isotropic, and of **Matérn** type.

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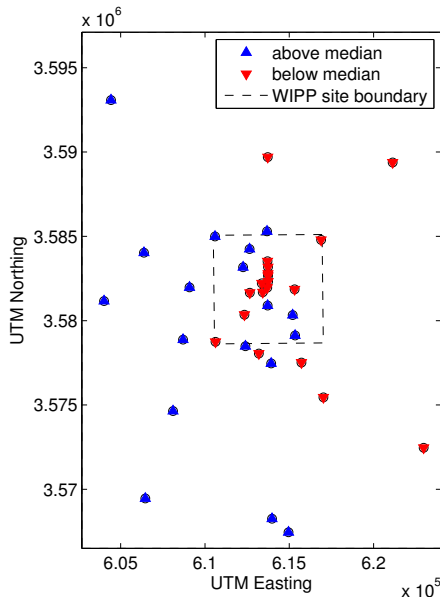
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WIPP Data



- transmissivity measurements at 38 test wells
- head measurements at 33 test wells, used to obtain boundary data via statistical interpolation (kriging)
- constant layer thickness of $b = 8\text{m}$
- constant porosity of $\phi = 0.16$
- SANDIA Nat. Labs reports
[Caufman et al., 1990]
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Prior Probabilistic Model of Transmissivity

Merge transmissivity data with statistical model

Given: Measurements of log transmissivity (\mathbf{x}_j, κ_j) , $j = 1, \dots, N$

Assumptions:

- Linear model $\bar{\kappa}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i f_i(\mathbf{x})$ for mean
- Matérn covariance structure for fluctuations around mean

Procedure:

- (1) $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^n$ yield point estimates of parameters in Matérn covariance function via restricted maximum likelihood estimation (REML).
- (2) Kriging RF log T : best linear prediction of $\kappa(\mathbf{x})$ based on measurements (for Gaussian RF coincides with conditioning on observations).
- (3) Approximate log T by truncated Karhunen-Loève expansion.

Matérn Family of Covariance Kernels

$$c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = c_{\theta}(r) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2^{\nu-1} \Gamma(\nu)} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{\nu} r}{\rho} \right)^{\nu} K_{\nu} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{\nu} r}{\rho} \right), \quad r = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$$

K_{ν} : modified Bessel function of order ν

Parameters $\theta = (\sigma^2, \rho, \nu)$

σ^2 : variance

ρ : correlation length

ν : smoothness parameter

Special cases:

$\nu = \frac{1}{2}$: $c(r) = \sigma^2 \exp(-\sqrt{2}r/\rho)$ exponential covariance

$\nu = 1$: $c(r) = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{2r}{\rho} \right) K_1 \left(\frac{2r}{\rho} \right)$ Bessel covariance

$\nu \rightarrow \infty$: $c(r) = \sigma^2 \exp(-r^2/\rho^2)$ Gaussian covariance

Smoothness: Realizations $Z(\cdot, \omega)$ are k times differentiable $\Leftrightarrow \nu > k$.

Kriging

Best unbiased linear prediction

Given RF κ with known covariance and observations $\{\kappa(\mathbf{x}_j) = \kappa_j\}_{j=1}^N$, approximate $\mathbf{E}[\kappa | \{\kappa(\mathbf{x}_j) = \kappa_j\}_{j=1}^N]$ by linear prediction

$$\hat{\kappa}(\mathbf{x}) = m_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^N m_j(\mathbf{x}) \kappa(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

such that it is **unbiased** $\mathbf{E}[\hat{\kappa}(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{E}[\kappa(\mathbf{x})]$ and **optimal**

$$\mathbf{E}[(\hat{\kappa}(\mathbf{x}) - \kappa(\mathbf{x}))^2] \rightarrow \min_{m_0, \dots, m_N} !$$

Variants: **Simple Kriging** (assumes known mean)

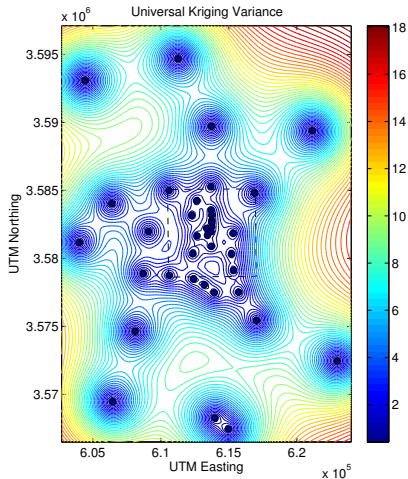
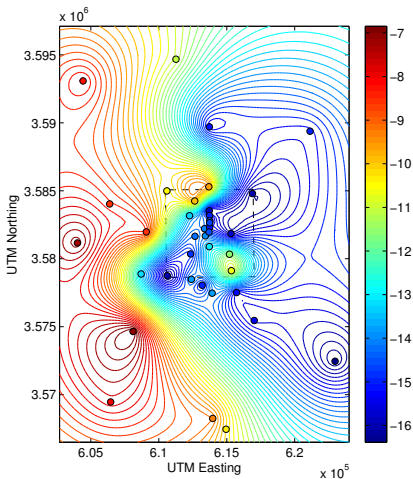
Universal Kriging (assumes linear regression model for mean)

Kriging

WIPP results

We assume constant but unknown mean $\bar{k}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \beta$.

REML estimates for covariance: $\sigma^2 = 18.9$, $\rho = 9865$, $\nu = 0.59$.



Parametrization of Input RF

Karhunen-Loève expansion

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \bar{\kappa}(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_m} \phi_m(\mathbf{x}) \xi_m(\omega)$$

converges in $L^\infty(D)$ and $L^2_{\mathbb{P}}(\Omega)$, where

$$\{(\lambda_m, \phi_m)\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$$

eigenpairs of covariance operator

$$(C\phi)(\mathbf{x}) = \int_D \phi(\mathbf{y}) \text{Cov}_{\kappa}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y},$$

$$\{\xi_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L^2_{\mathbb{P}}(\Omega),$$

$$\mathbf{E}[\xi_m] = 0, \quad \mathbf{E}[\xi_k \xi_m] = \delta_{k,m}.$$

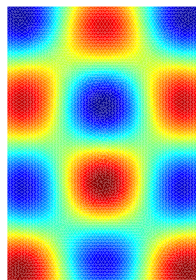
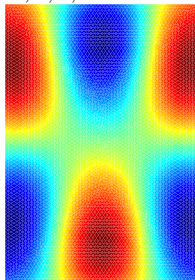
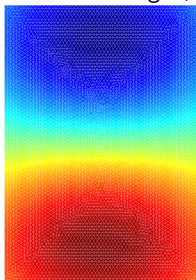
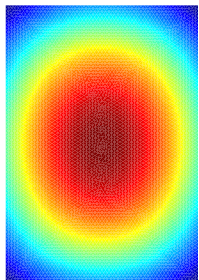
Truncation after M terms yields RF κ_M with

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\|\kappa - \kappa_M\|_{L^2(D)}^2 \right] = \sum_{m=M+1}^{\infty} \lambda_m.$$

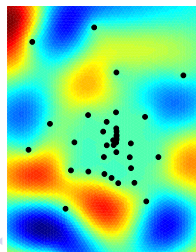
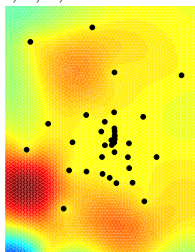
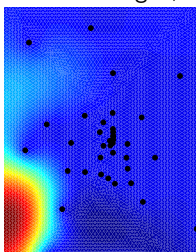
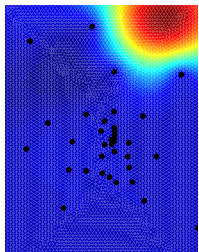
WIPP KL Modes

Conditioned on 38 transmissivity observations

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Further reduction of uncertainty using head measurements:

- Finite number of observations of p : $\mathbf{y} = Q(p) = Q(p(\kappa)) \in \mathbb{R}^k$.
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$$\frac{d\mu_{\mathbf{d}}}{d\mu_0} \propto \exp(\Phi(\kappa)), \quad \Phi(\kappa) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{d} - G(\kappa)\|_{\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}}^2, \quad G = Q \circ p.$$

Goal: Compute cdf of QoI $s(\kappa)$ according to $\kappa \sim \mu_{\mathbf{d}}$.

Bayesian Inversion for WIPP

Sampling from the posterior

Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

- Construct Markov chain with stationary distribution $\mu_{\mathbf{d}}$.
- Sample sequence usually highly correlated, need for **subsampling**.
- Prior model for κ :

$$\kappa_M(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{m=1}^M \phi_m(\mathbf{x}) \xi_m, \quad \boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_M) \sim N(0, I),$$

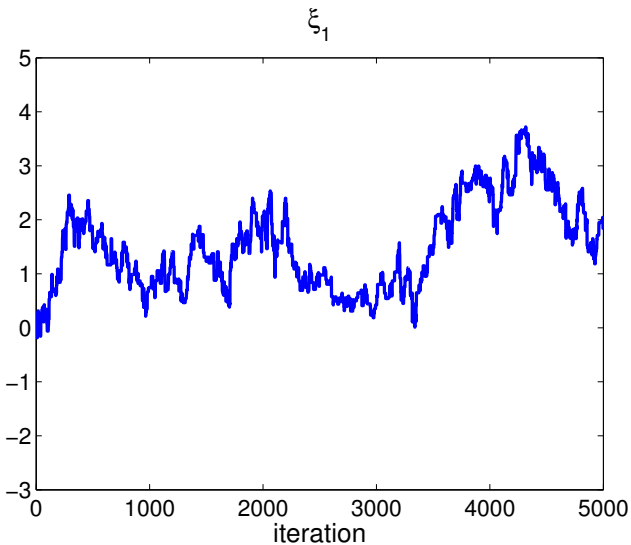
- Parametrization: prior on $\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ instead of $\kappa \in L^\infty(D)$

$$\mu_0 \sim N(0, I) \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^M,$$

- Data: head measurements $\mathbf{d} = (p(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, p(\mathbf{x}_k)) \in \mathbb{R}^k$, here $k = 33$.
- Due to high dimension M : pCN-MCMC proposed in [Cotter et. al, 2012]

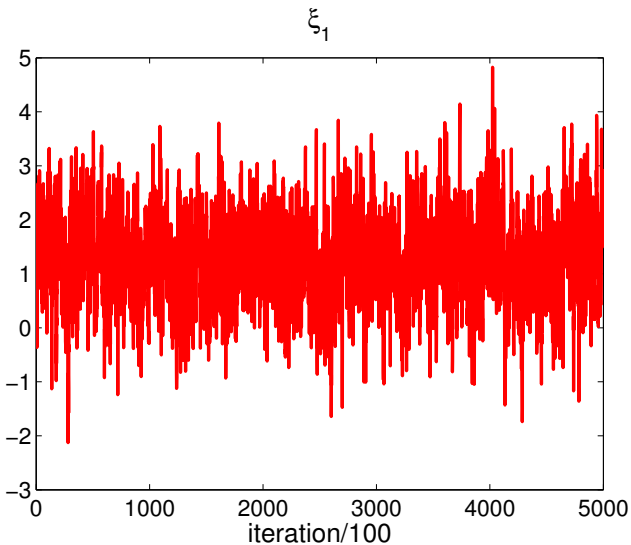
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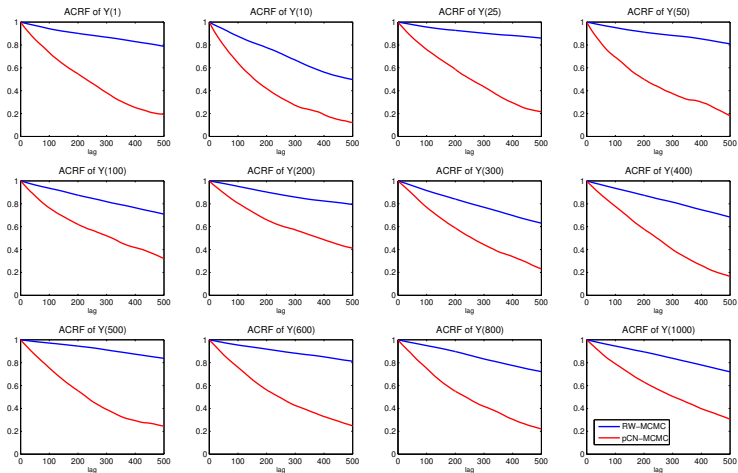
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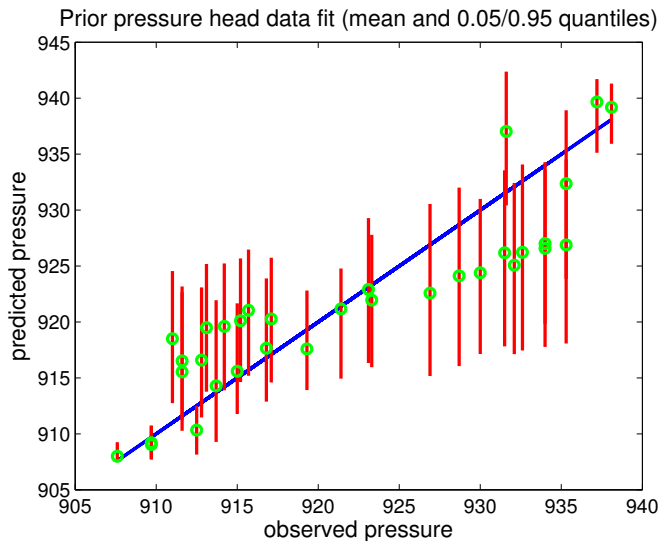
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Comparing pCN and standard Random Walk



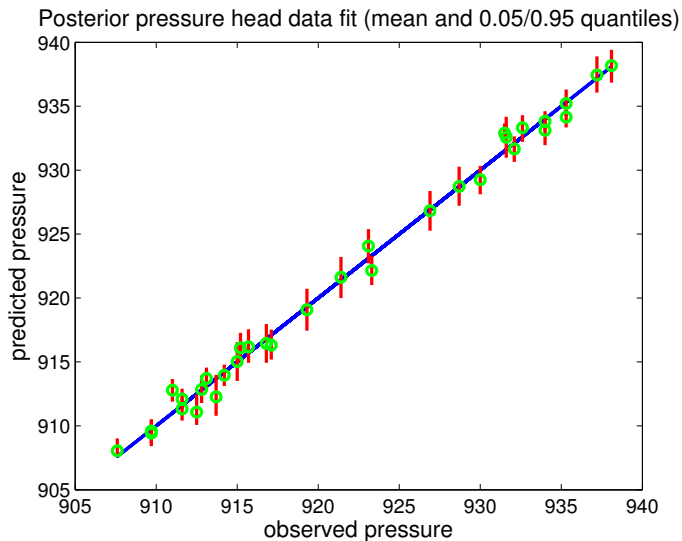
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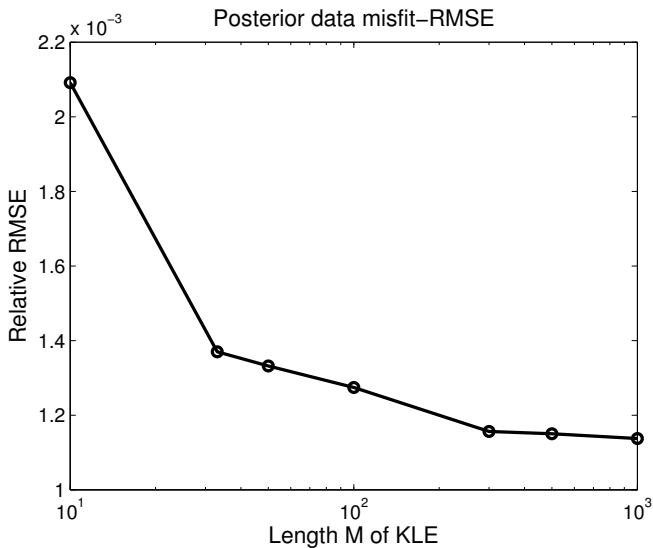
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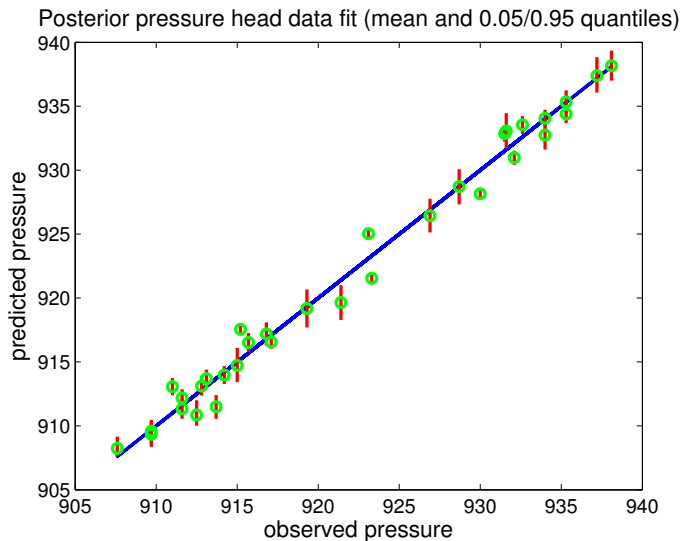
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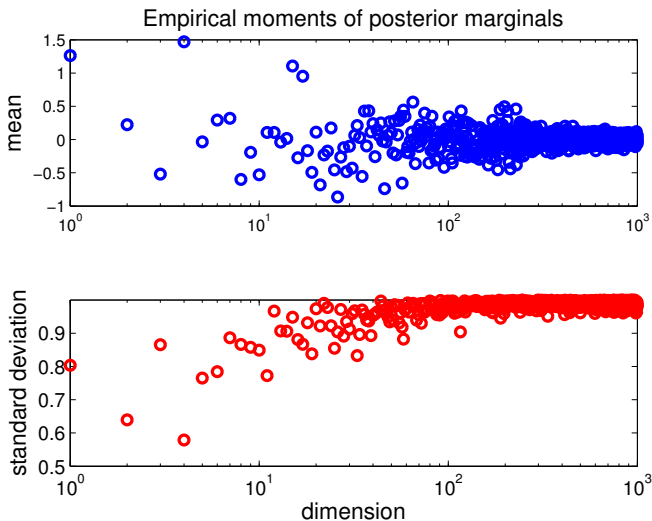
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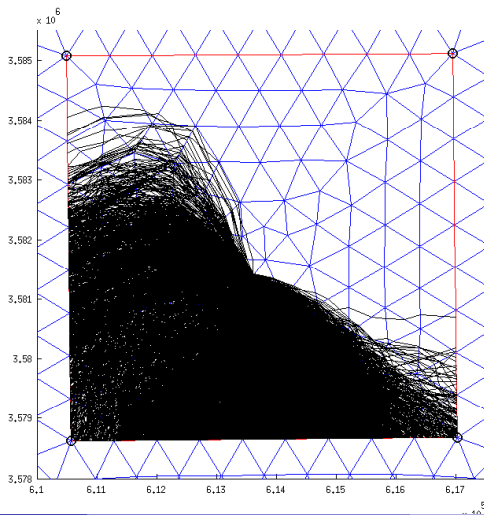
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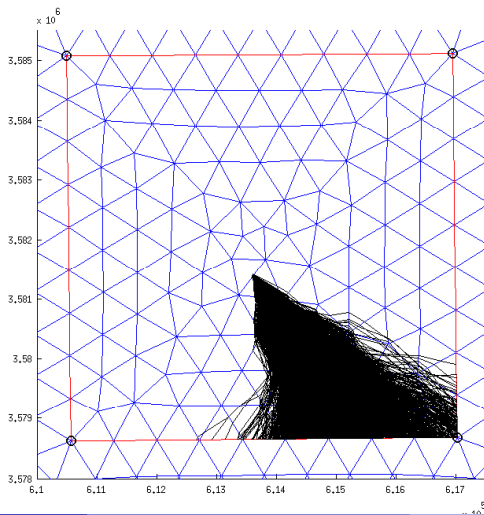
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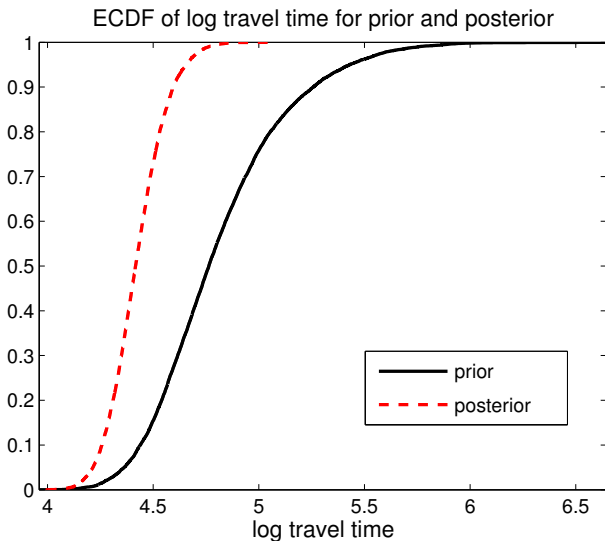
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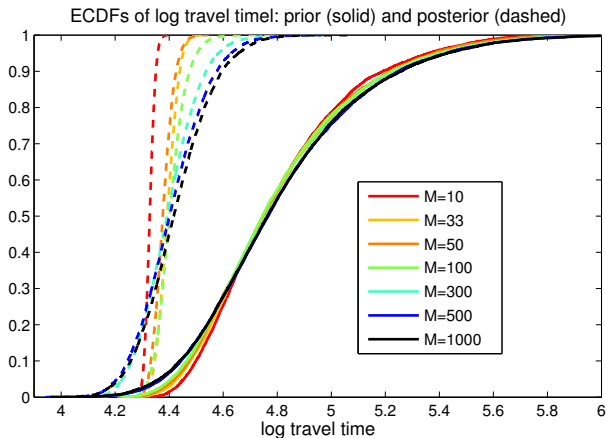
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- Recent application of linear Bayesian update for UQ for PDE models [Matthies et. al, 2012]

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_d(\omega) = \boldsymbol{\xi}(\omega) + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{d} - G(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\omega)) - \varepsilon(\omega)),$$

where $\mathbf{K} = \text{Cov}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}, G(\boldsymbol{\xi})} [\text{Cov}_{G(\boldsymbol{\xi})} + \text{Cov}_{\varepsilon}]^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times k}$.

⇒ Yields posterior random variable $\boldsymbol{\xi}_d$ instead of posterior measure μ_d .

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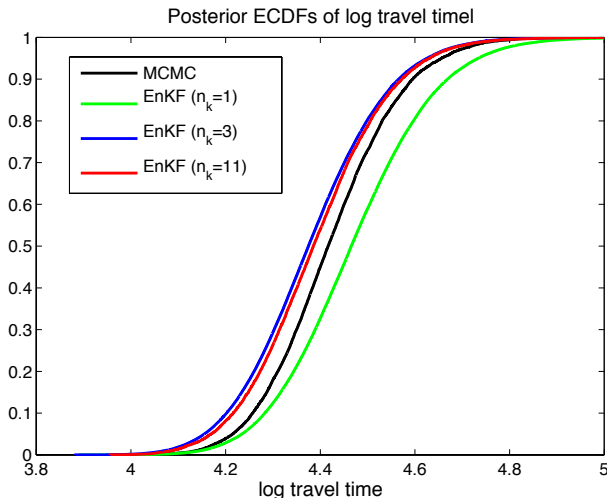
$$\operatorname{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\mathbf{d}}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} (\operatorname{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\xi}|\boldsymbol{\delta}) + \mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\delta}}\mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\delta}}^T) p_{\mathbf{D}}(\boldsymbol{\delta}) d\boldsymbol{\delta},$$

where $p_{\mathbf{D}}$ density of $\mathbb{P} \circ \mathbf{D}^{-1}$.

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Results

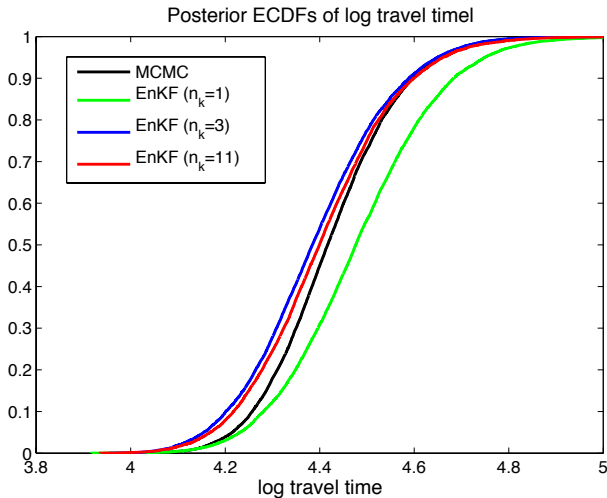
EnKF using n_k even batches $\mathbf{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_{33}) = (\bar{\mathbf{d}}_1, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{d}}_{n_k})$ for n_k updates.



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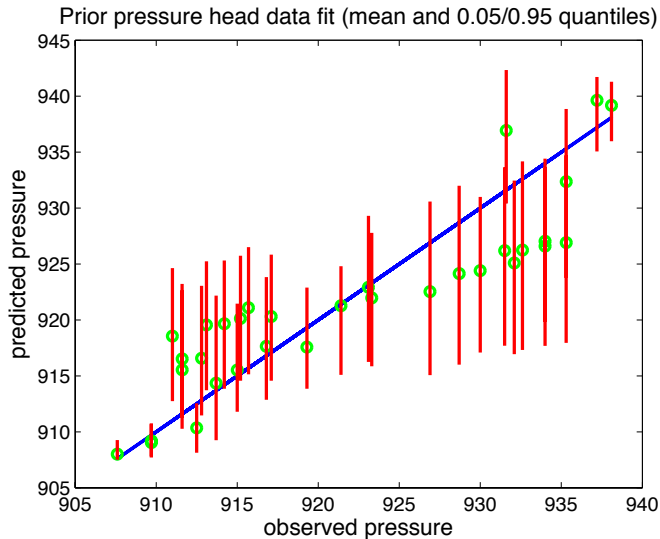
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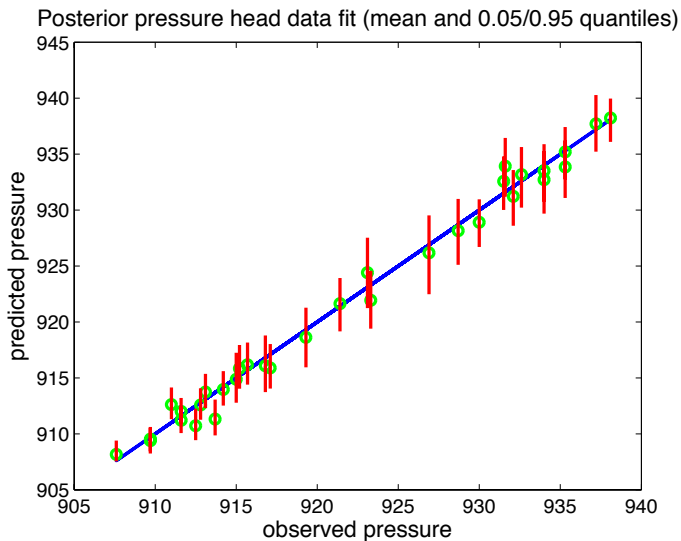
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no. updates	rel. error mean	rel. error cov	rel. data misfit
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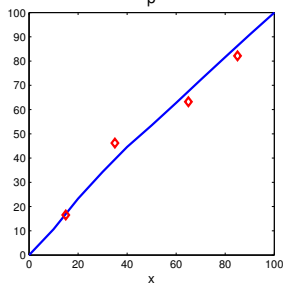
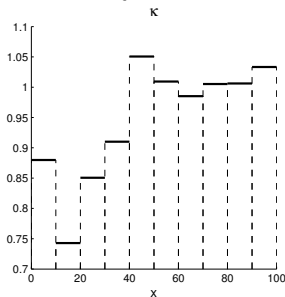
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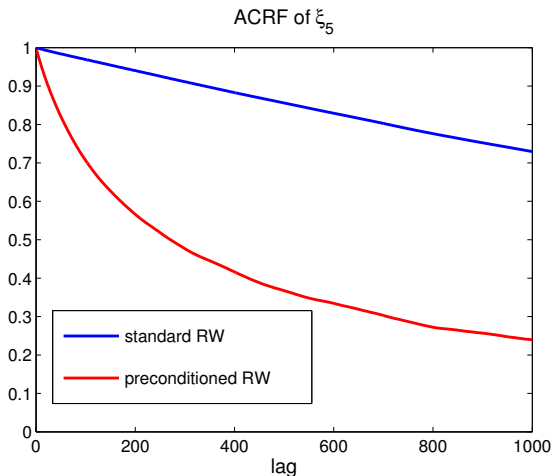
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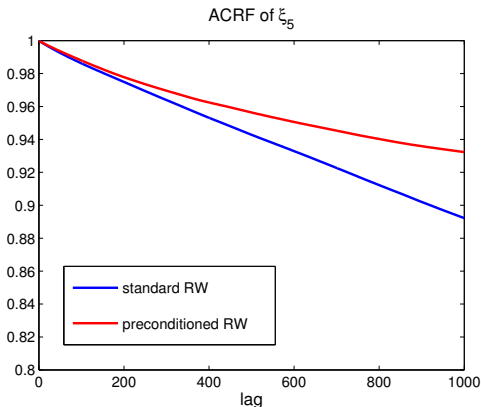


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Remarks on stochastic Gauss-Newton (sGN)

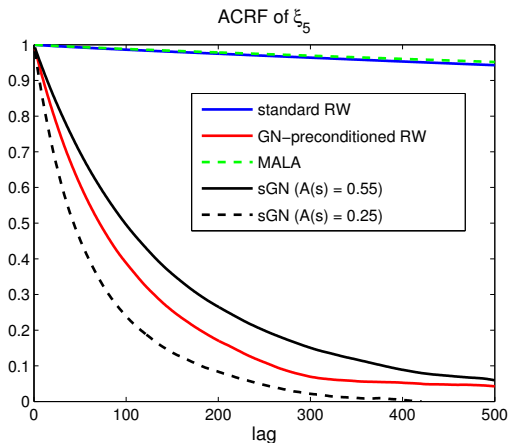
- sGN is preconditioned MALA with preconditioner $\Sigma(\xi) = (\mathbf{L}_\xi^T \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{L}_\xi + \Sigma_0)^{-1}$, cf. [Girolami & Calderhead, 2011].
- $\Sigma(\xi)$ positive semi-definite in contrast to true Hessian of J .
- Computing $\Sigma_0 - \Sigma_0 \mathbf{L}_\xi^T (\mathbf{L}_\xi \Sigma_0 \mathbf{L}_\xi^T + \mathbf{\Gamma})^{-1} \mathbf{L}_\xi \Sigma_0$ requires only inverse of $k \times k$ -matrix
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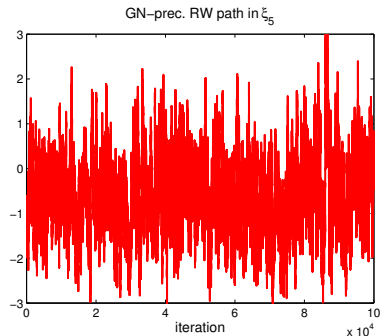
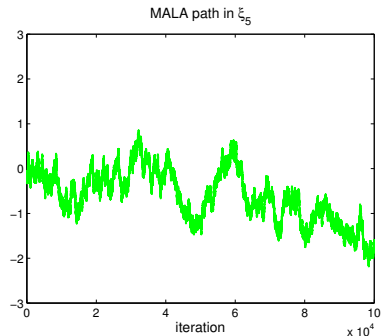


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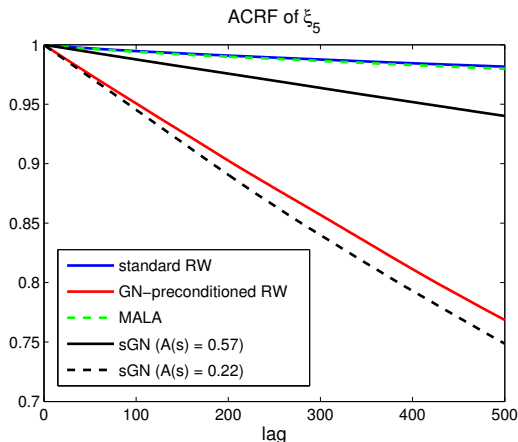


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Thank you for your attention!

