



# **Calibration and Forward Uncertainty Propagation of Turbulence Models for Coarse-Grid Large-Eddy Simulation**

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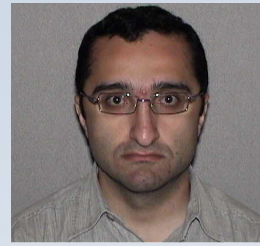
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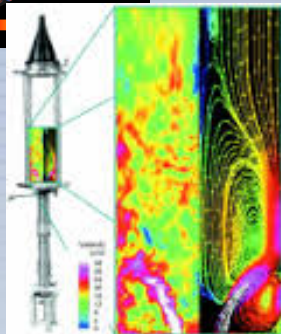
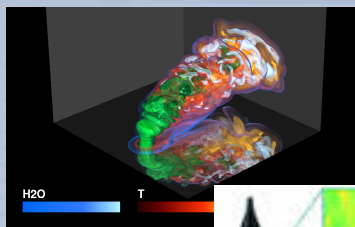


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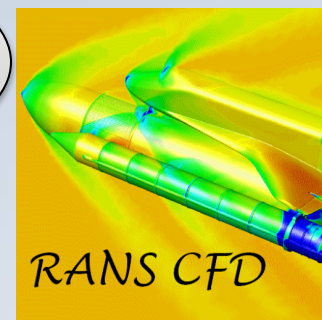
# How/Can High Fidelity Simulations to Enable Engineering LES?

DNS, J. Chen



Hi-Fi LES, J. Oefelein

Engineering LES



*RANS CFD*

RANS

Uncertainty

Cost



# Calibrate Subgrid-Scale Kinetic Energy ( $k^{sgs}$ ) One-Equation LES Model

Transport Model:

$$\int \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} k^{sgs}}{\partial t} dv + \int \bar{\rho} k^{sgs} u_j n_j dS = \int \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k^{sgs}}{\partial x_j} n_j dS + \int (P_k^{sgs} - D_k^{sgs}) dv$$

Production:

$$P_k^{sgs} = \left[ 2\mu_t \left( \tilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \tilde{S}_{kk} \delta_{ij} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \bar{\rho} k^{sgs} \delta_{ij} \right] \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\mu_t = C_{\mu_\epsilon} \Delta \sqrt{k^{sgs}}$$

Dissipation:

$$D_k^{sgs} = C_\epsilon \frac{\sqrt{(k^{sgs})^3}}{\Delta}$$

$$f_k(t; \Delta) = C_{\mu_\epsilon} f_P(t; \Delta) - C_\epsilon f_D(t; \Delta)$$

Calibrate:  $C_\epsilon$  and  $C_{\mu_\epsilon}$  Safta *et al.*, submitted



# Bayesian Calibration

Bayes formula:

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$

Diagram illustrating the Bayesian Calibration formula with labels and arrows:

- likelihood** points to  $P(D|\theta)$
- prior** points to  $P(\theta)$
- evidence** points to  $P(D)$
- posterior** points to  $P(\theta|D)$

Model parameters:  $\theta = \{C_{\mu\epsilon}, C_\epsilon\}$

- **Data  $D$**  based on DNS of Isotropic Turbulence
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# Bayesian Calibration: Data

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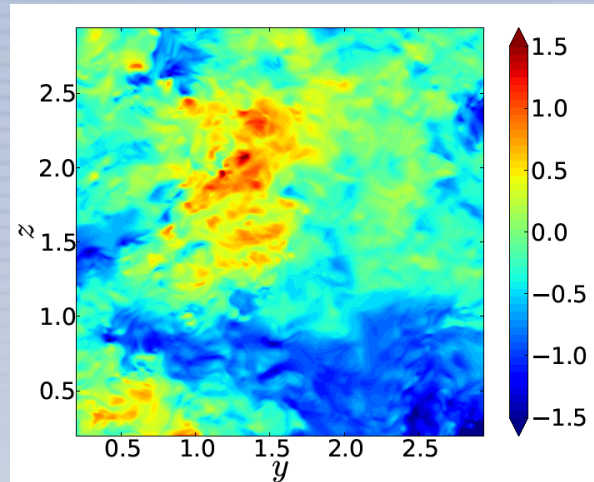


# Data is Filtered DNS to LES scale

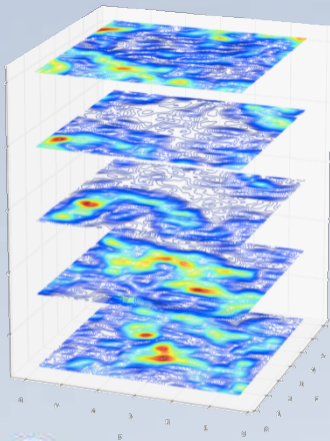
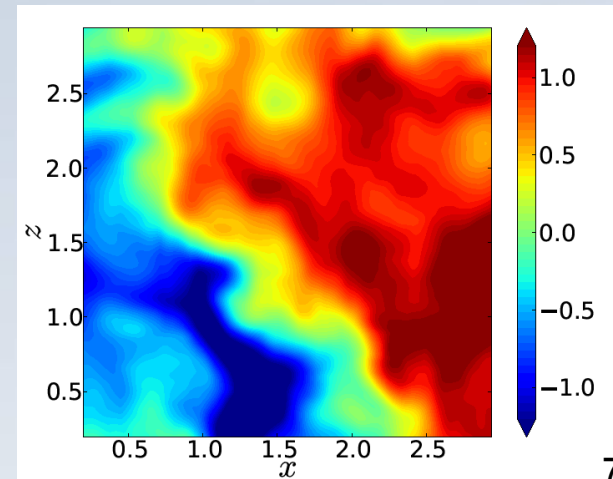
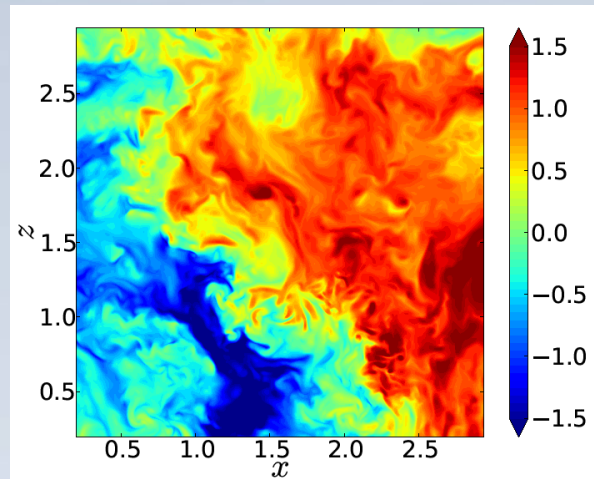
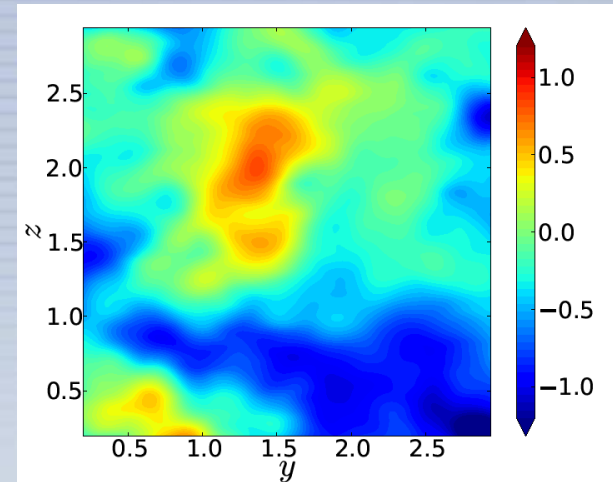
## 3 Filter sizes:

- $\Delta = L/64$
- $\Delta = L/32$
- $\Delta = L/16$

DNS



$\Delta = L/32$





# Bayesian Calibration: Likelihood

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# PEM Likelihood Function

- Presumed Error (Classical) Model (PEM)

$$f_k(t; \Delta) = C_{\mu_\epsilon} f_P(t; \Delta) - C_\epsilon f_D(t; \Delta) + \epsilon_m + \epsilon_d.$$

$$L_{\mathcal{D}}(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp \left( -\frac{(f_{k,i} - C_{\mu_\epsilon} f_{P,i} + C_\epsilon f_{D,i})^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right)$$



# Bayesian Calibration: Prior

Bayes formula:

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$

Diagram illustrating the Bayes formula with labels and arrows:

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- prior** (circled in red) points to  $P(\theta)$
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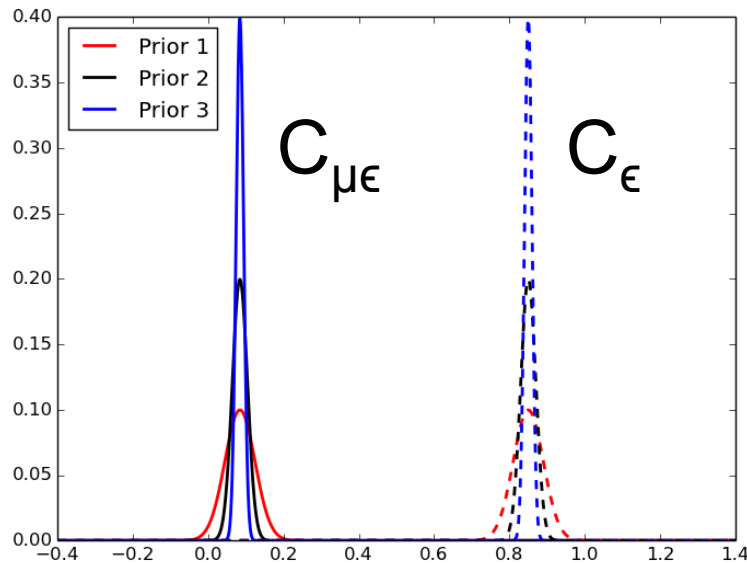
# Priors Chosen From Literature

- Centered at values from the literature ( $C_{\mu\epsilon}$ ,  $C_{\epsilon}$ )  
(0.0845, 0.85) (0.07, 1.05)

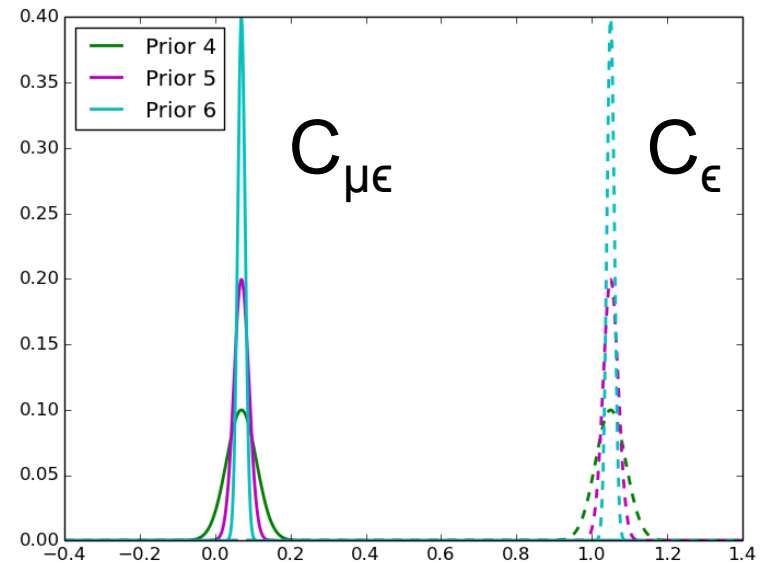
- Range of Marginal Standard Deviations

$$\sigma_1^{pr} = (0.04, 0.4), \sigma_2^{pr} = (0.02, 0.2), \sigma_3^{pr} = (0.01, 0.1)$$

(0.0845, 0.85)



(0.07, 1.05)





# Bayesian Calibration: Posterior

Bayes formula:

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$

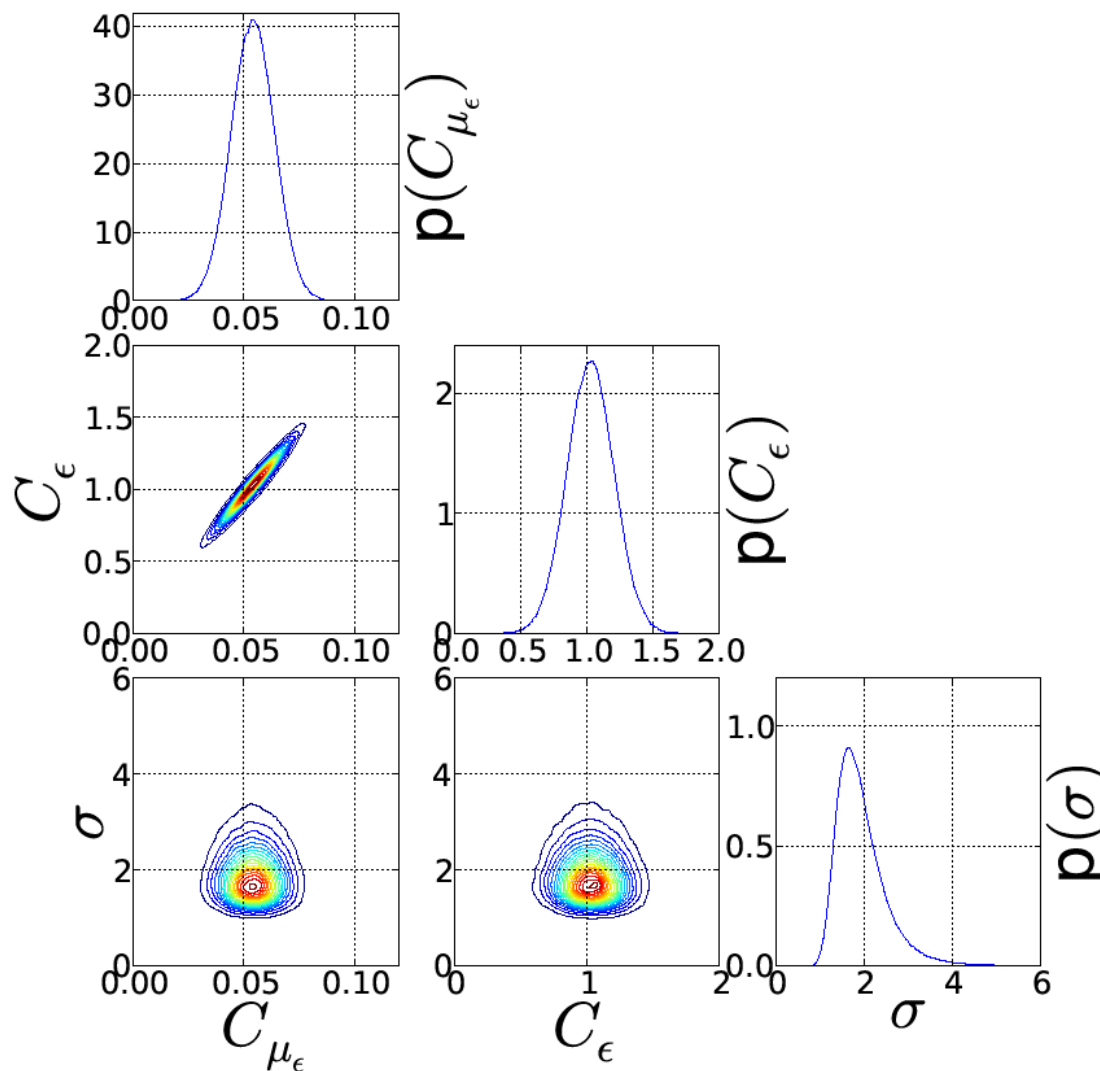
Diagram illustrating the components of Bayes' formula:

- likelihood**: Points to  $P(D|\theta)$
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- posterior**: Points to  $P(\theta|D)$  (circled in red)

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# $C_\epsilon$ and $C_{\mu_\epsilon}$ are Highly Correlated



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- $\Delta = L/16$

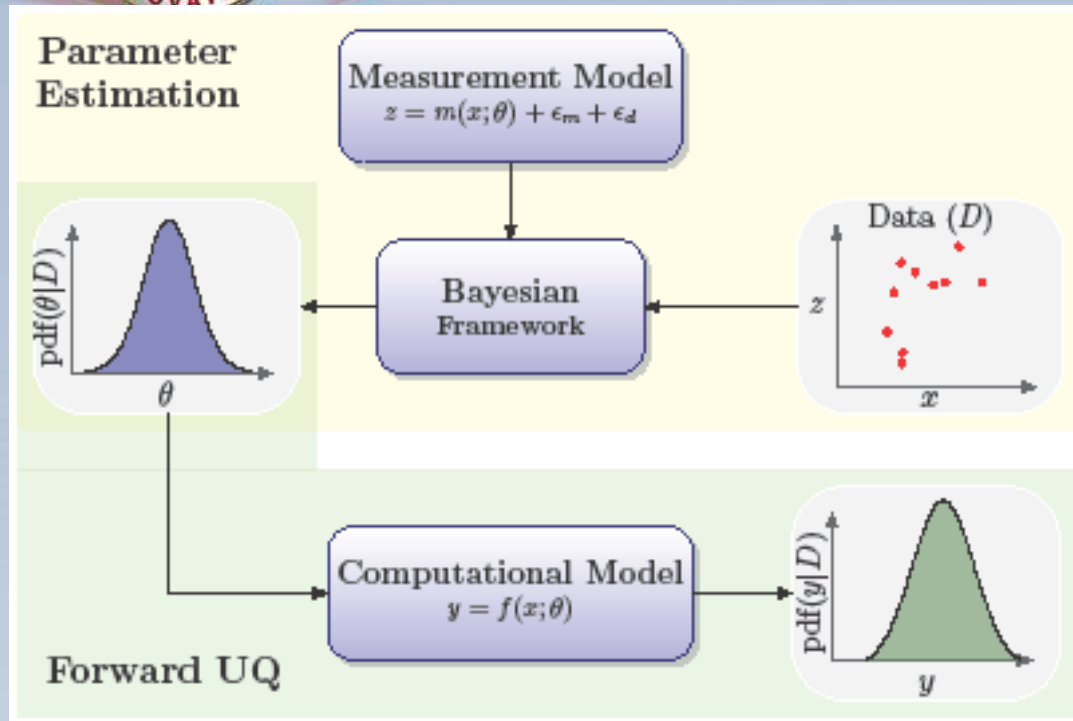
Prior:

- $(0.0845, 0.85)$
- $\sigma = (0.01, 0.1)$

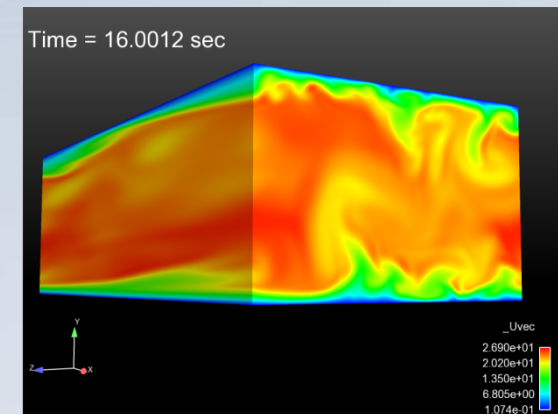




# Forward UQ Uses PC Expansion



- $y$  – quantity of interest:  
mean x velocity, rms,  $m$
- Modeled by Polynomial Chaos Expansion

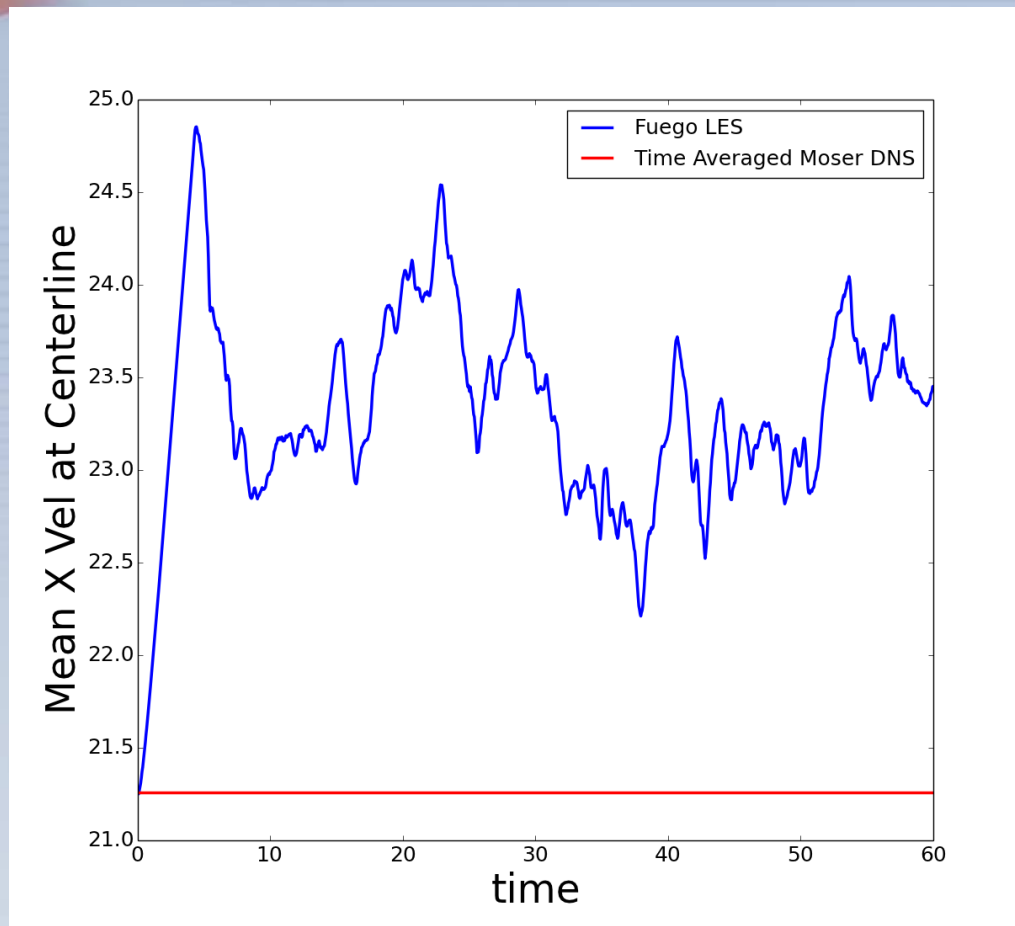


$$y(\theta(\xi)) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{N_t} c_k \Psi_k(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$c_k = \frac{\langle y \Psi_k \rangle}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle}$$



# Average Velocity at the Centerline

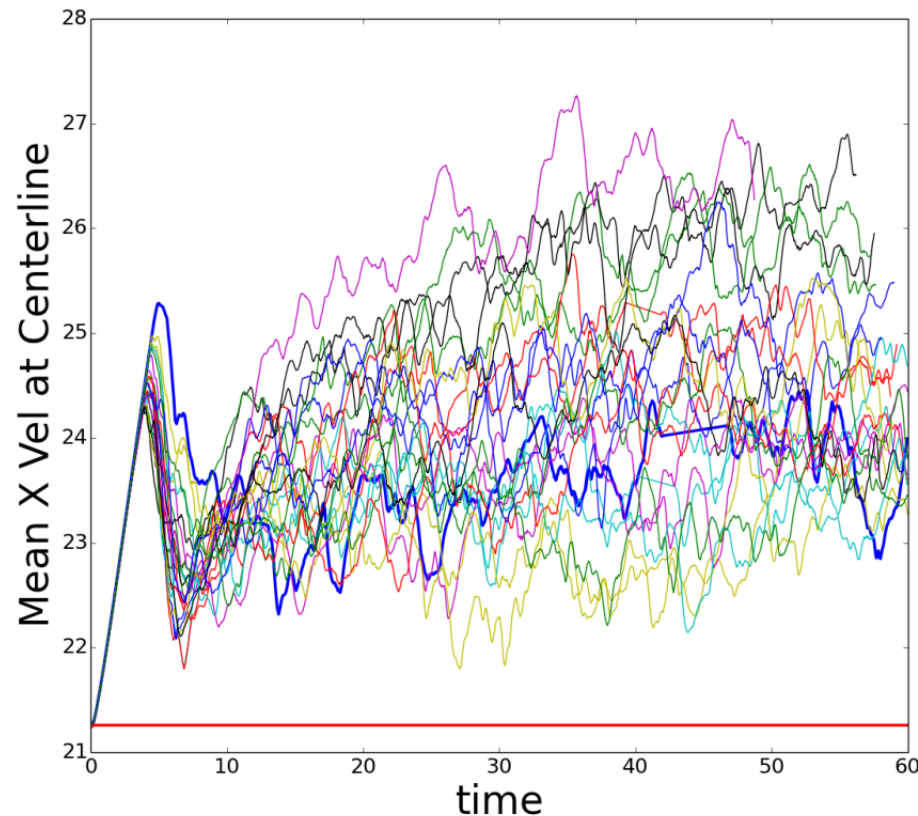


Moser DNS time averaged value: 21.26

- 15% off



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# EEM Likelihood Function

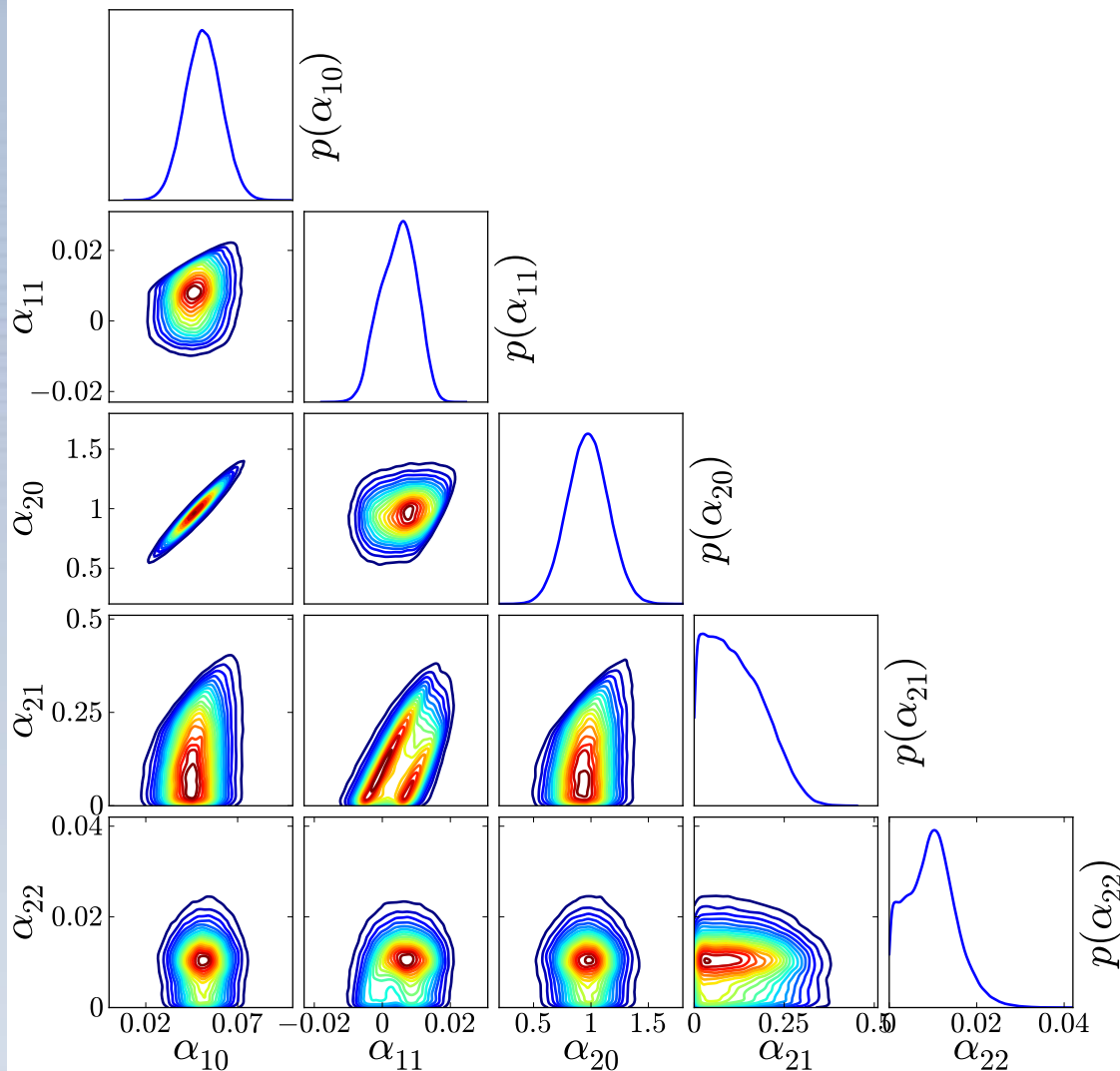
- **Embedded Error Model (EEM)**
  - (Sargsyan, Najm, Ghanem - 2014)

$$C_{\mu_\epsilon} = \alpha_{10} + \alpha_{11}\xi_1$$

$$C_\epsilon = \alpha_{20} + \alpha_{21}\xi_1 + \alpha_{22}\xi_2$$



# EEM Still Recovers Production to Dissipation Ratio



Filter:

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Prior:

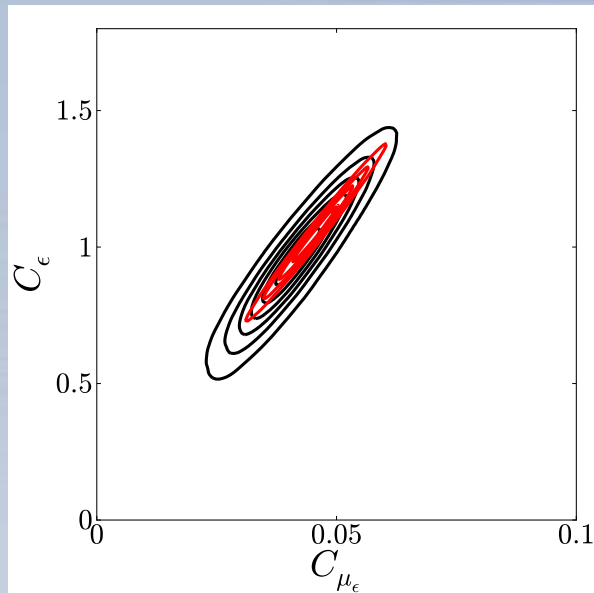
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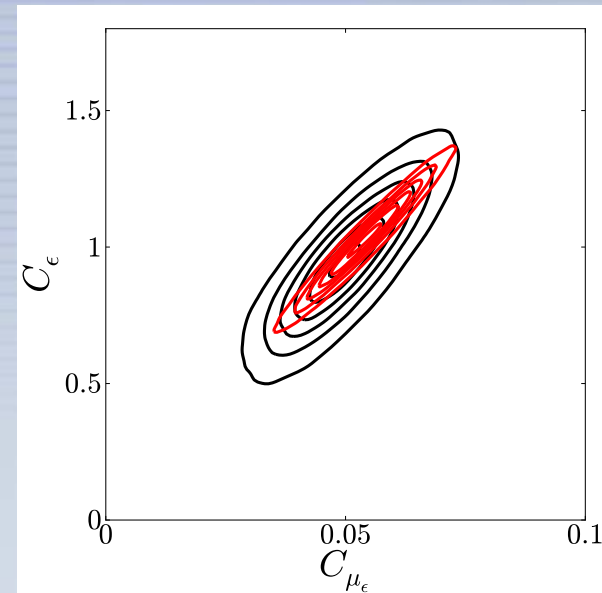


# EEM Approach Results in Greater Model Uncertainty

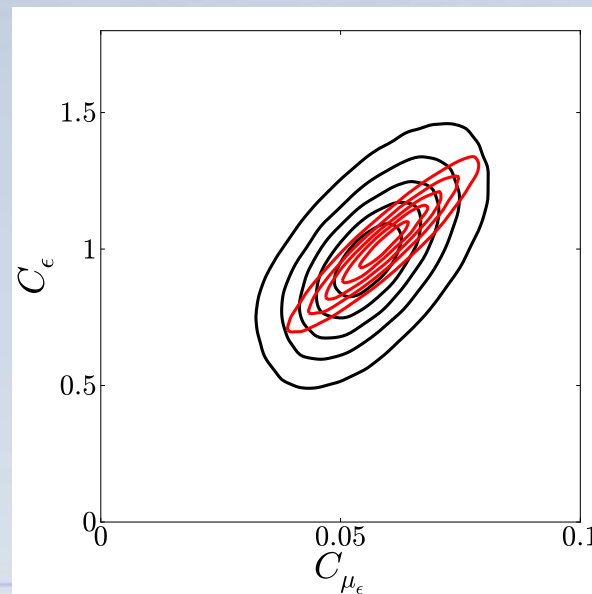
Small Prior Uncertainty



Medium Prior Uncertainty



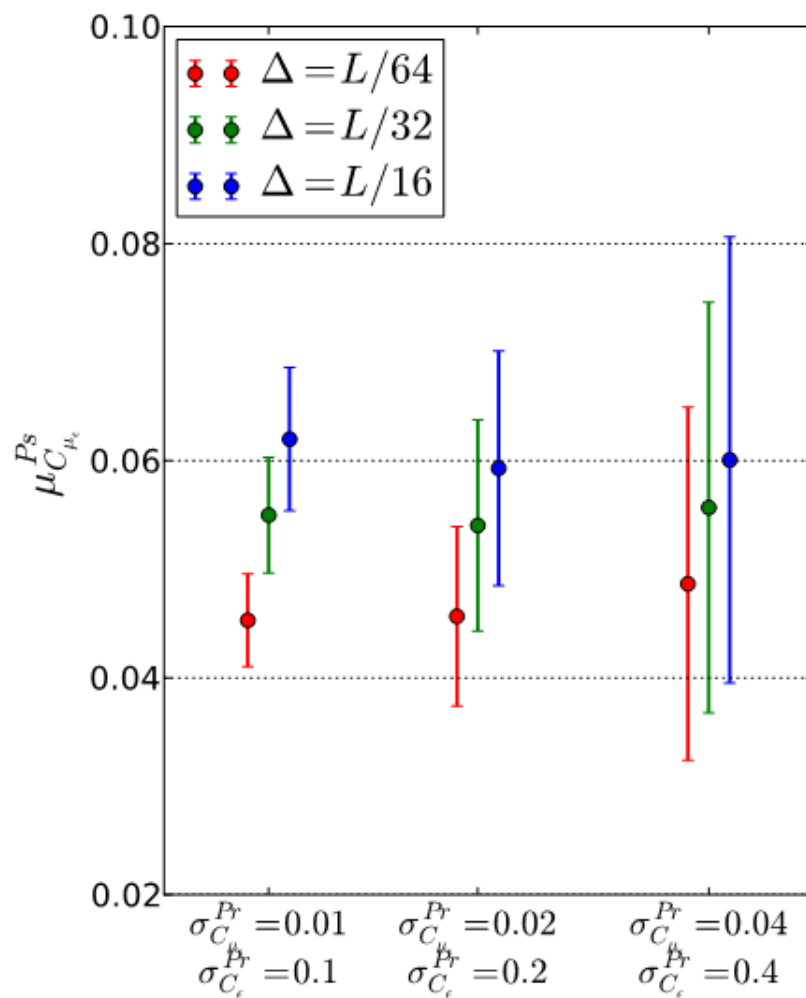
High Prior Uncertainty





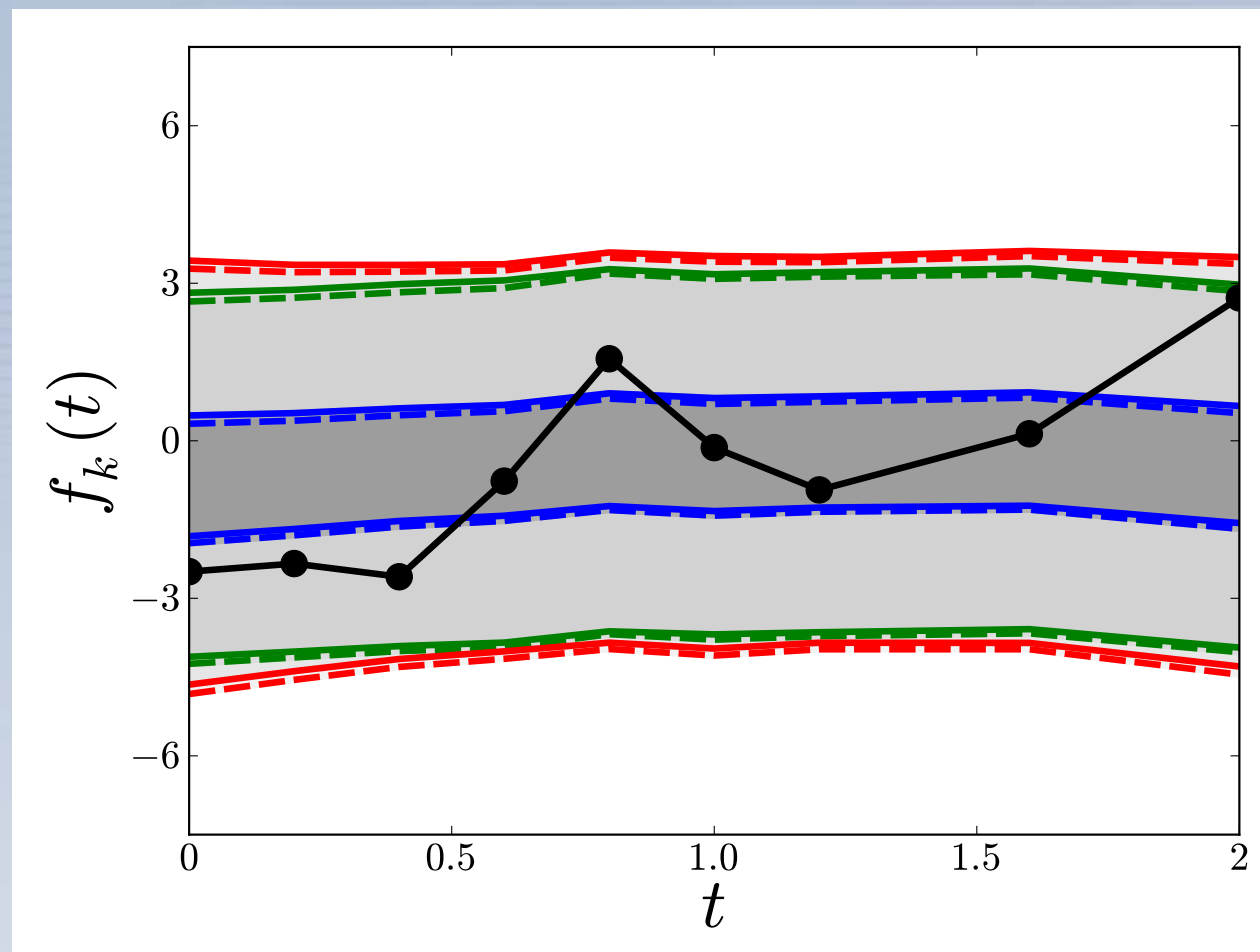
# Results are Insensitive to Prior Uncertainty

## Posterior for $C_{\mu\epsilon}$



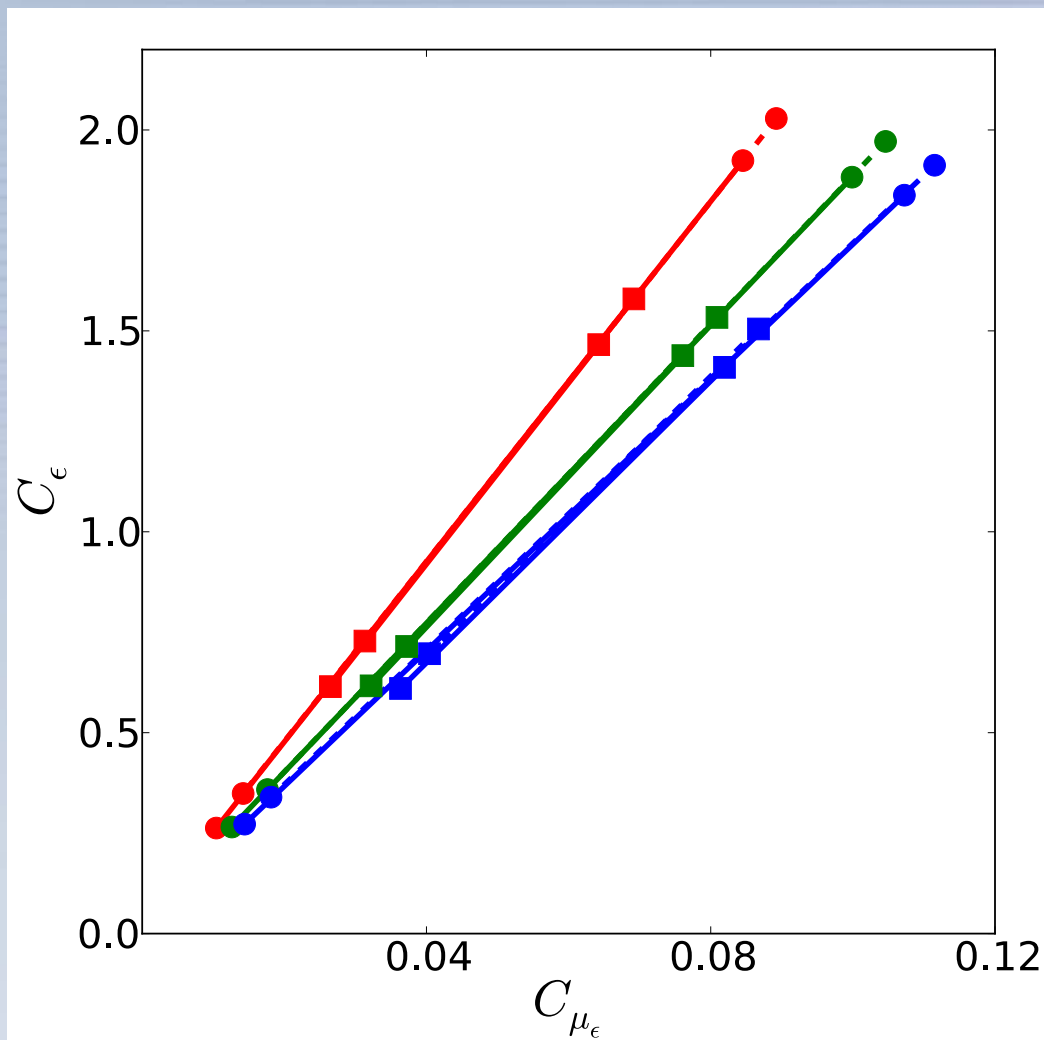


# A *Posteriori* Test Shows EEM Recovers Data Uncertainty





# Results are Sensitive to Filter Width



Filter Size:

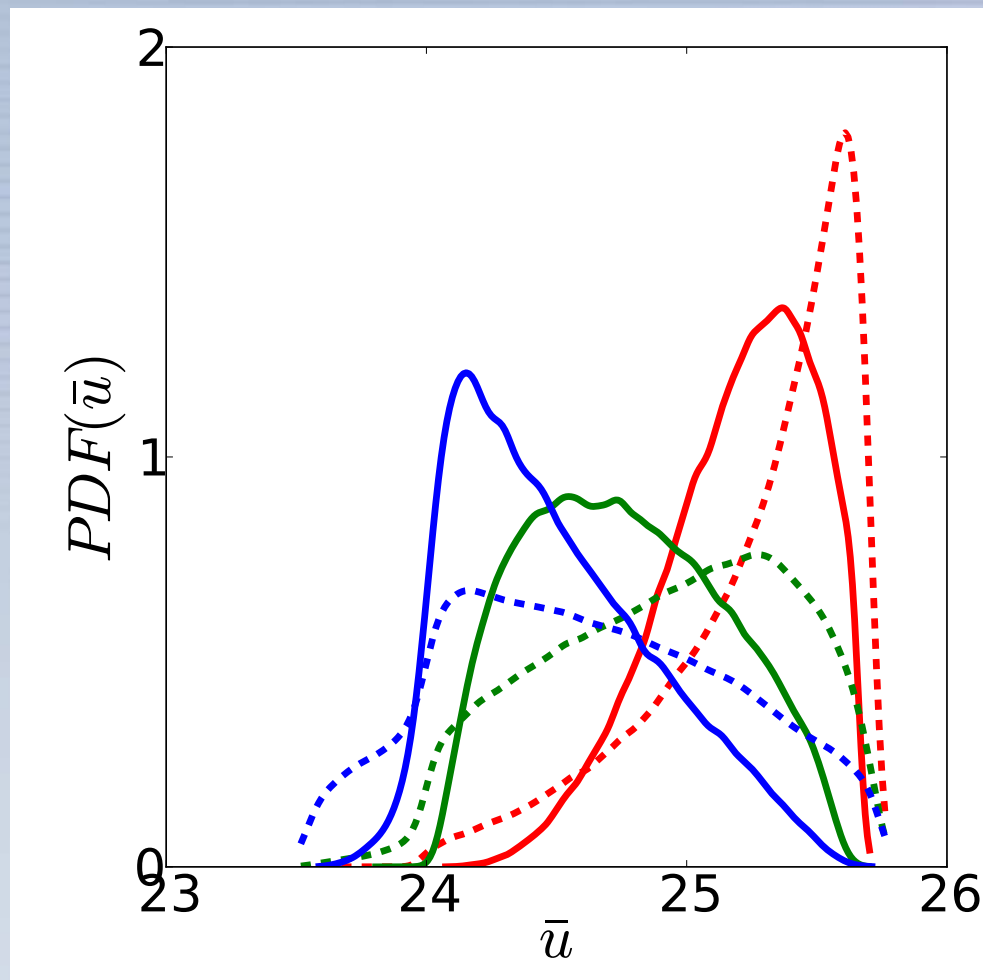
L/16

L/32

L/64



# EEM PDFs Do Not Encapsulate Uncertainty



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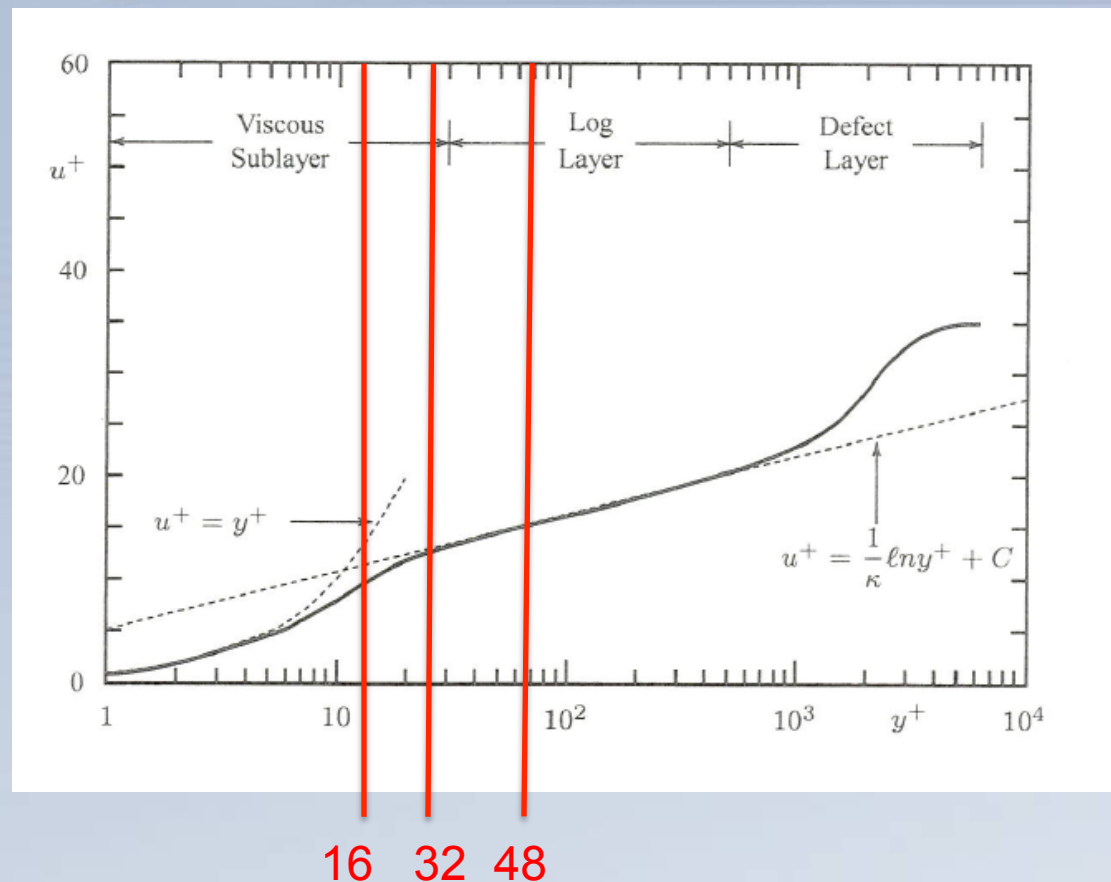
L/32

L/64

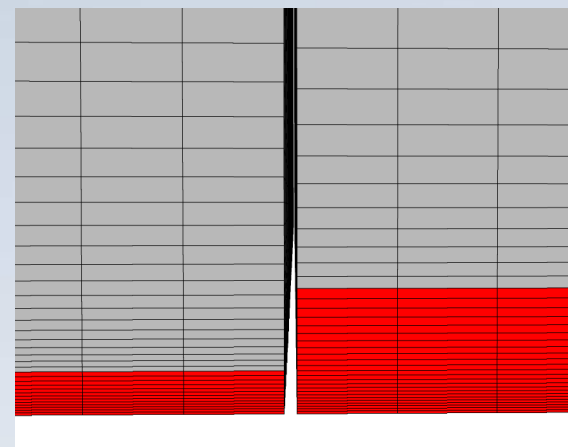




# Direct Calibration Incorporating Physical Knowledge



**Use 97 nodes in wall-normal direction,  
Alter allocation  
between wall and bulk regions**





# Only The Log Layer Configuration is Robust

Dimensionality reduction by using PCA to construct parameter groups of ( $C_{\mu}\epsilon$ ,  $C_{\epsilon}$ )

Laminar Turbulent

$y^+ = 16$ : viscous sublayer

Wall Region C's

1	63		27.1	26.25	26.19
2			27.55	28.6	27.19
3			28.2	28.3	27.2
4			30.7	29.25	29.09
5		66	31.5	31.7	32.1

Center C's      1      2      3      4      5

$y^+ = 32$ : buffer layer

Wall Region C's

1	64.02				21.4
2					22.4
3					24.01
4					27.95
5				65.1	33.9

Center C's      1      2      3      4      5

$y^+ = 48$ : log layer

1	27.5	26.2	26.1	22.9	21.5
2	30.7	35.9	26.7	23.6	21.9
3	46.6	54	36.3	27.5	23.6
4	52	56	56.3	29.7	27.7
5	57	55	35.7	35.6	31.6

Center C's      1      2      3      4      5

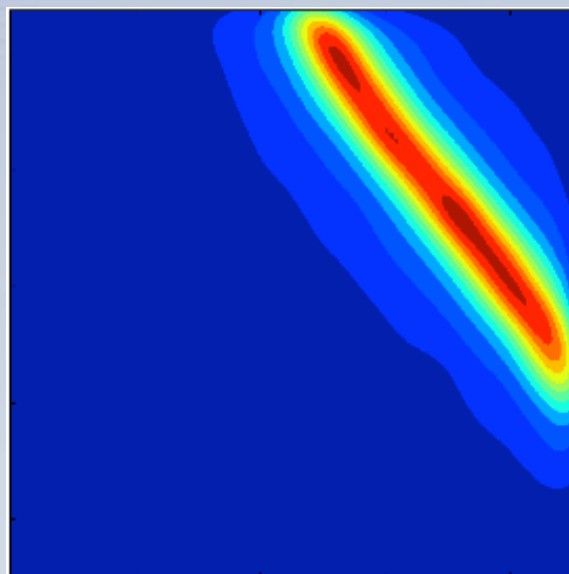


# Radial Basis Function Provides Good Approximation

Wall Region C's

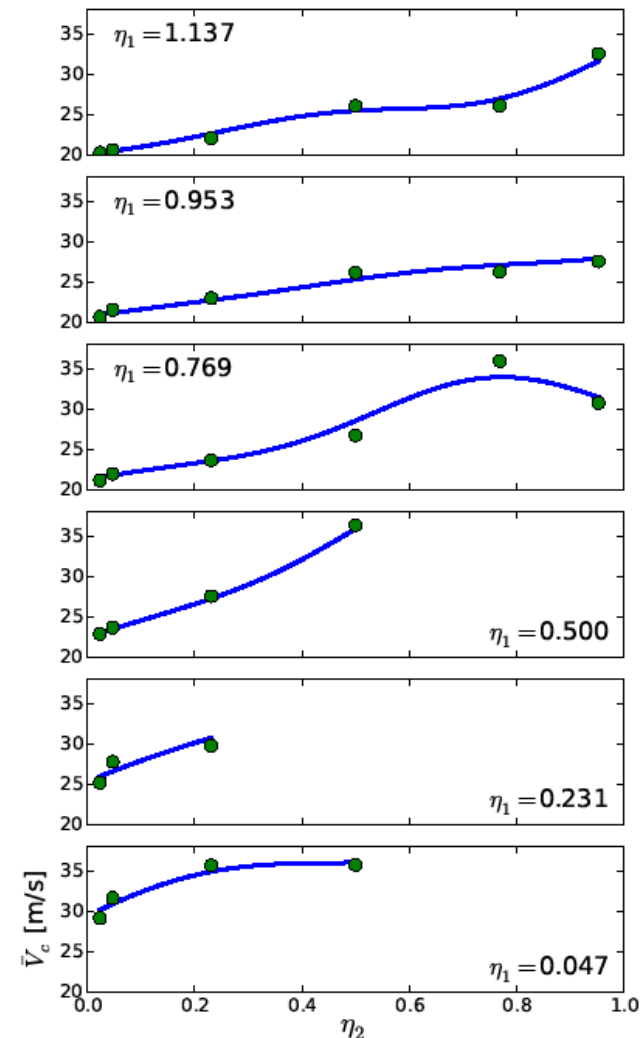
0	32.5	26.03	26	22	20.5	20.2
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3	46.6	54	36.3	27.5	23.6	22.8
4	52	56	56.3	29.7	27.7	25.1
5	57	55	35.7	35.6	31.6	29.1

Center C's



Wall Region C's

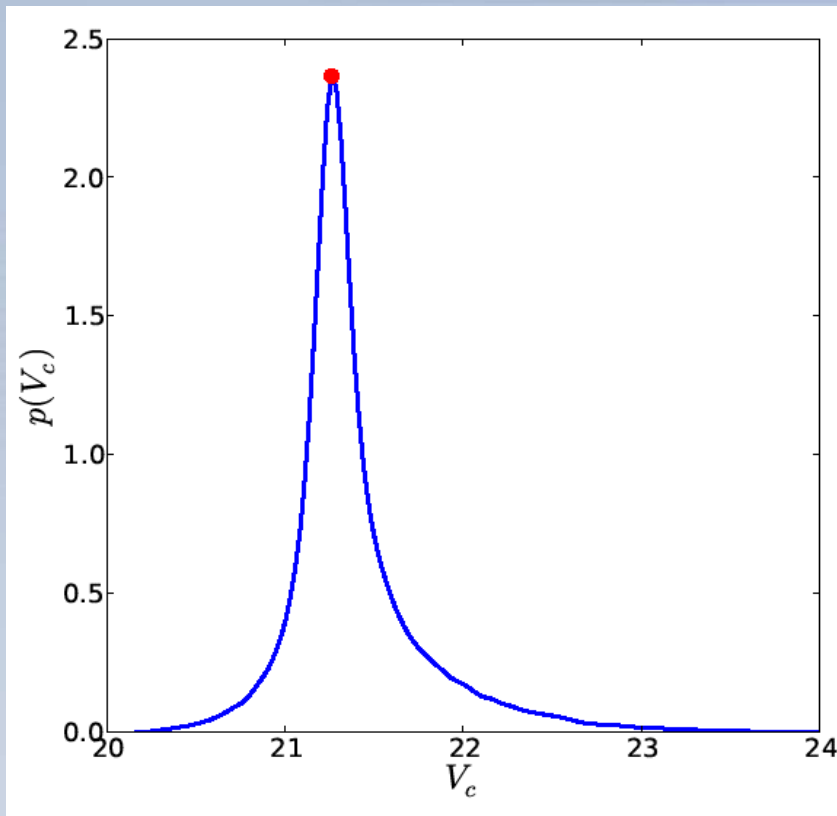
Center C's





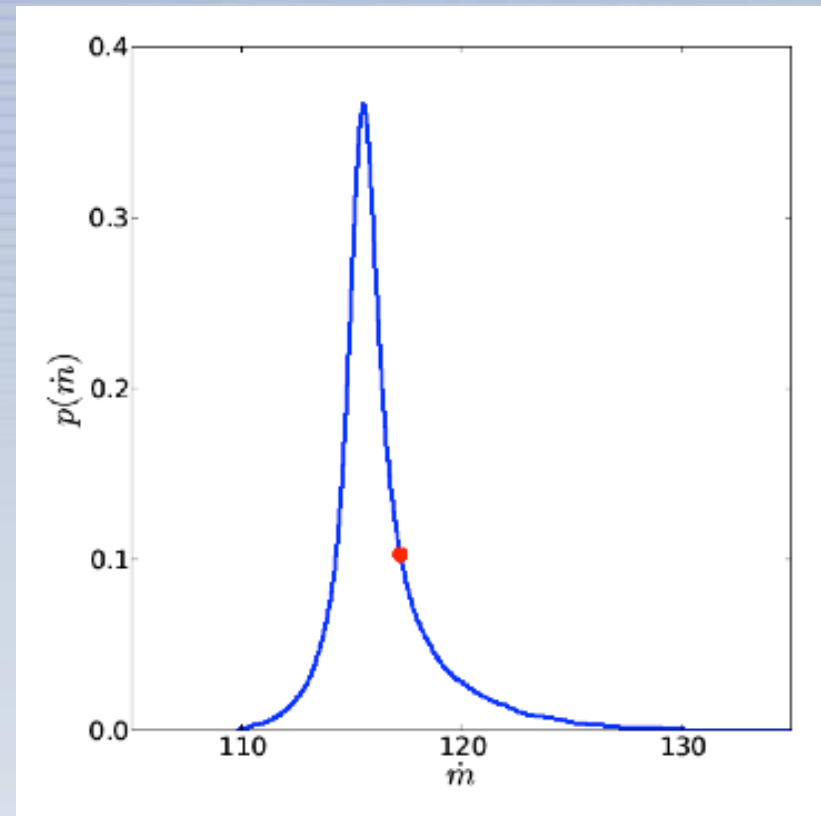
# Calibrated Model Recovers Centerline Mean and Mass Flux

## Center Velocity PDF



Model =  $21.4 \pm 0.4$ , **DNS = 21.3**

## Mass Flux PDF

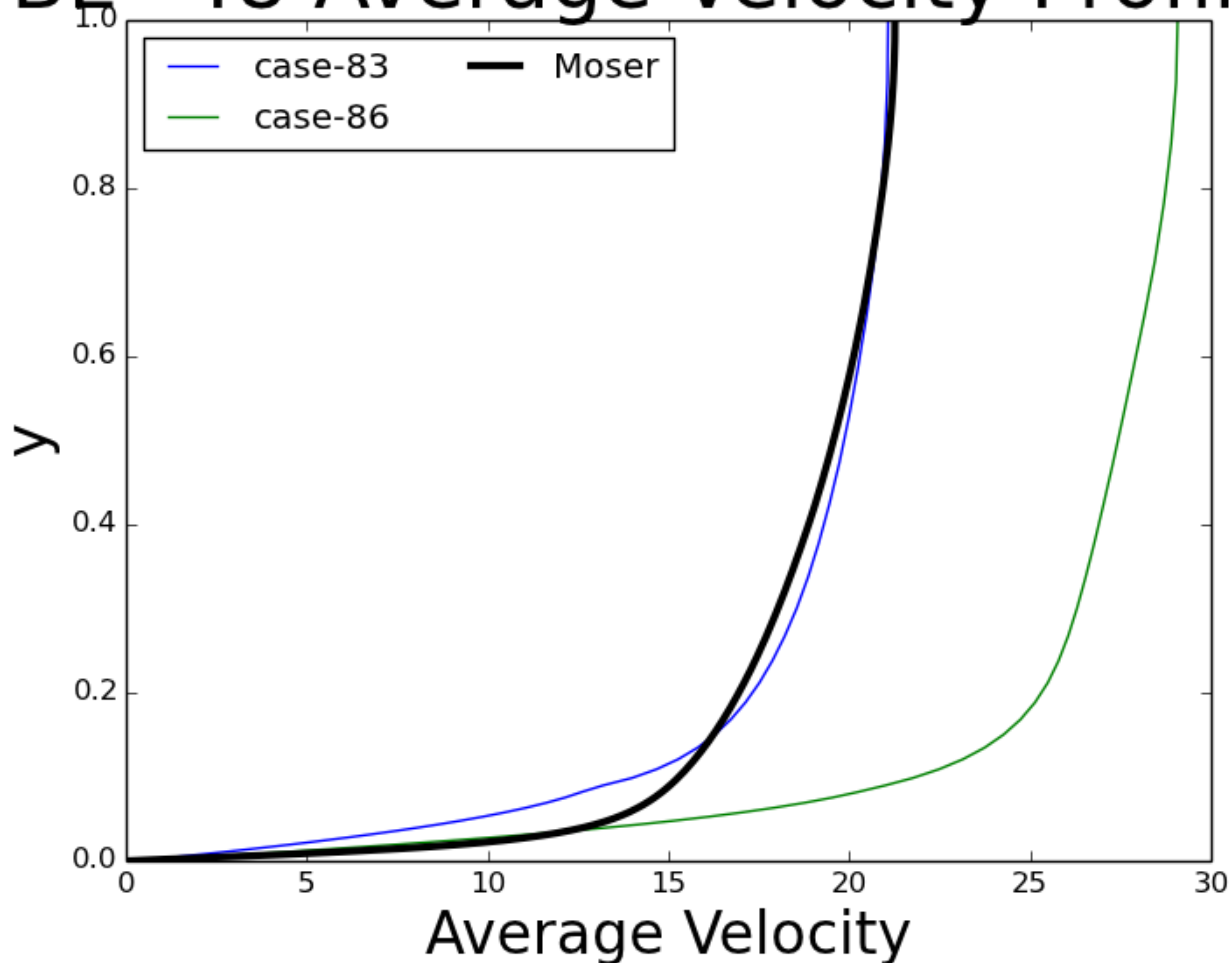


Model =  $116 \pm 2.5$ , **DNS = 117**



# Trade-offs are necessary in the calibration process

## $BL=48$ Average Velocity Profiles







# Conclusions

- **First principles calibration insufficient for engineering LES**
- **Direct calibration of engineering LES improves predictions**
  - Requires knowledge of physics and mesh
- **High-fidelity data can reduce dimensionality of parameter space and associated cost**
- **Model-form error likely the cause of trade-offs in the calibration process**