

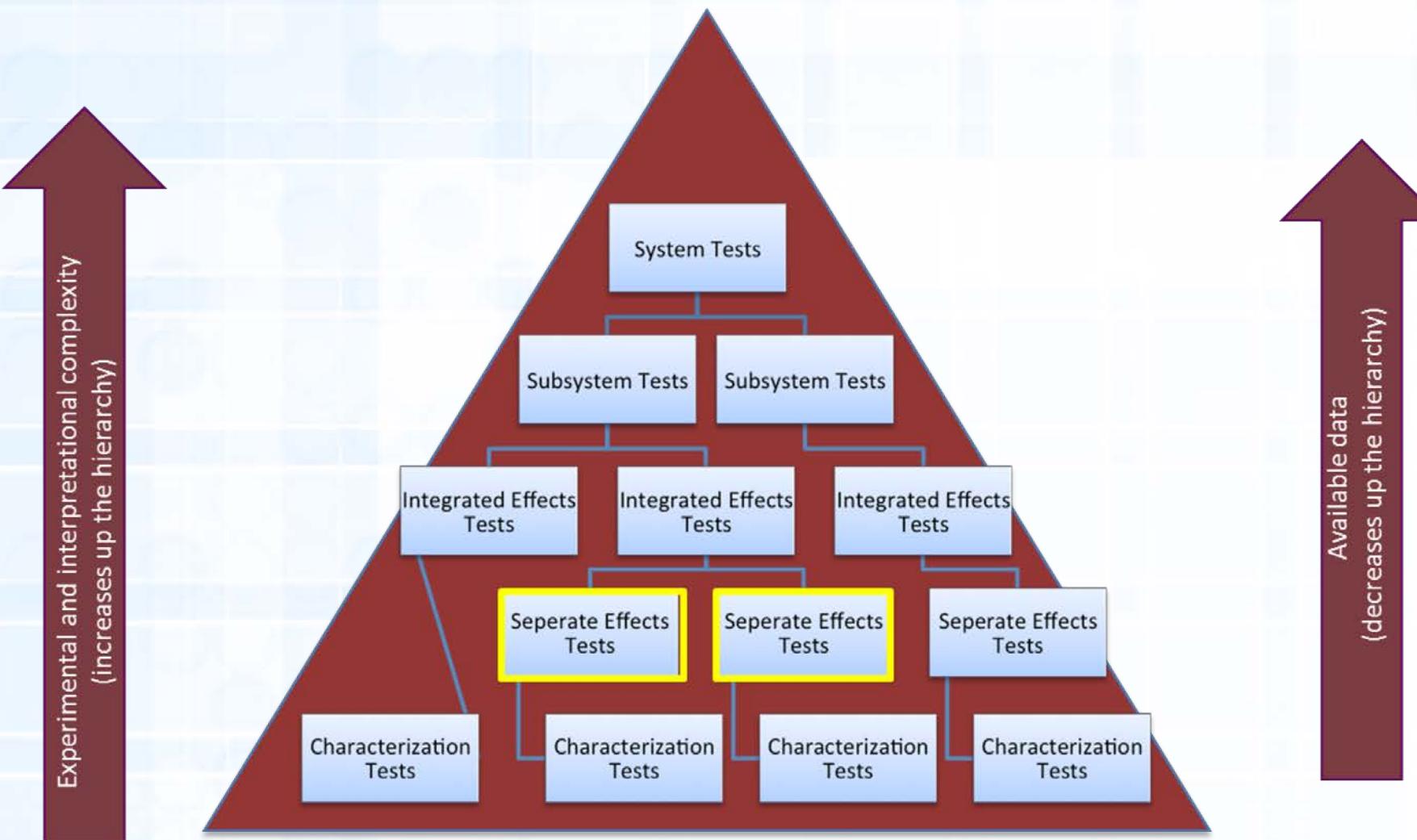
Optimal Selection of Calibration and Validation Test Samples under Uncertainty

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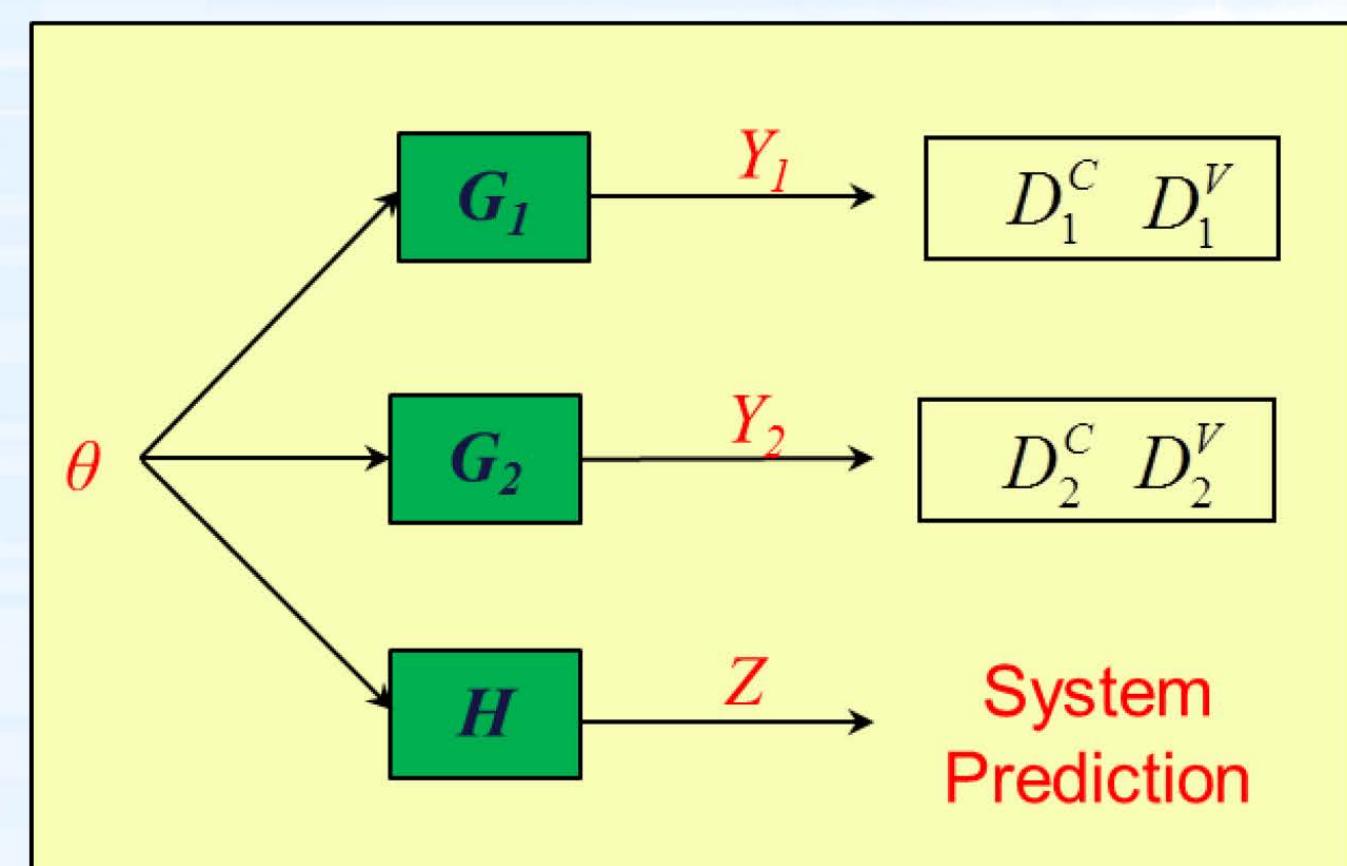
Validation Hierarchy or Pyramid

Problem Description (within the context of a validation hierarchy):

- Determine where and how much data to collect in each of the boxes (or nodes) in the hierarchy to characterize the uncertainty in the parameters needed for system-level prediction
- No experimental data available at the system level



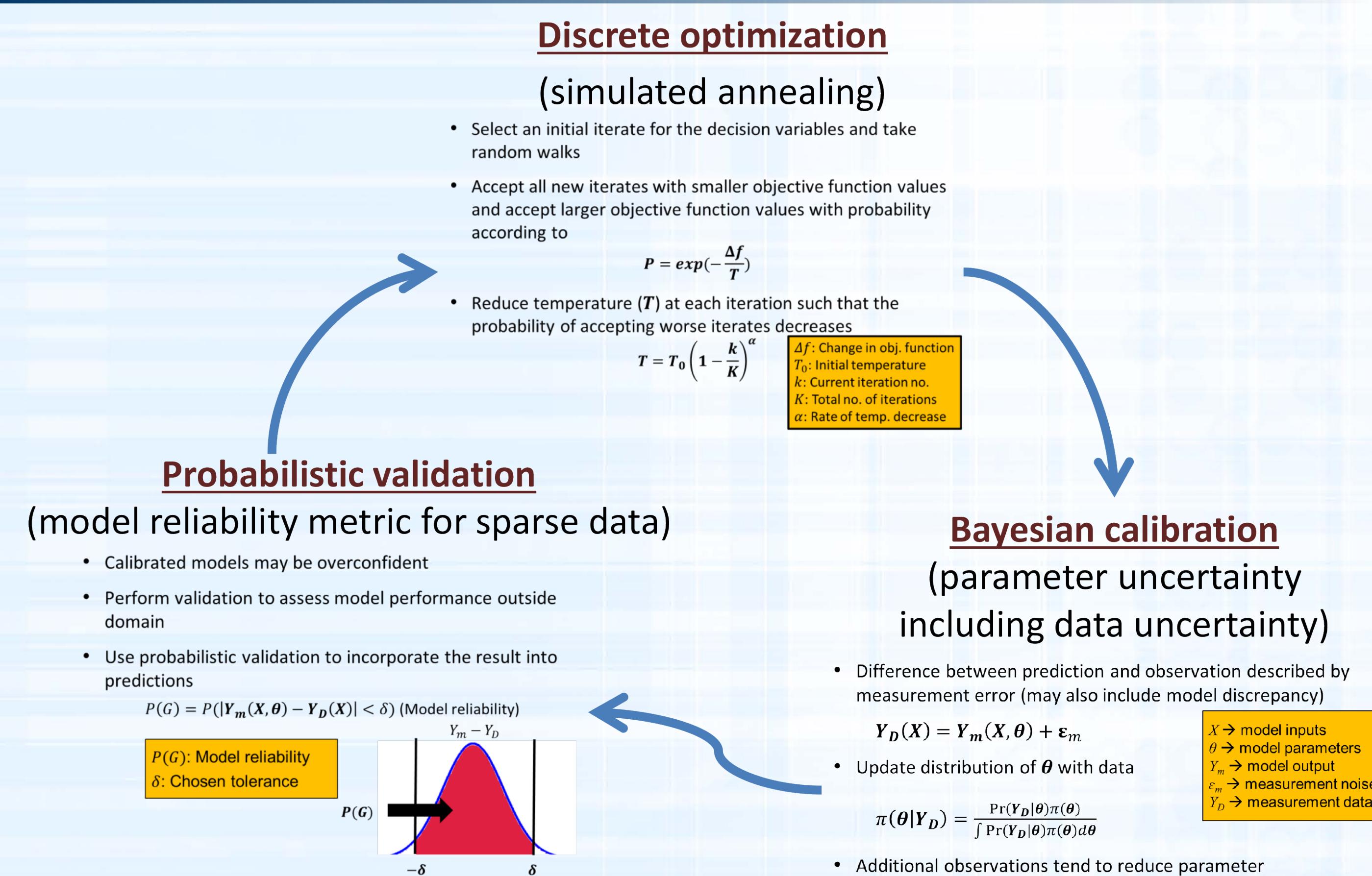
Problem Statement



- D_1^C, D_1^V and $Y_1 = 10X + 2X^2 + 0.5X^3$
- D_2^C, D_2^V and $Y_2 = 10X + 2X^2 + X^3$
- $Z = 10X + 2X^2 + 2X^3$

- Given two “nodes” in the validation hierarchy and a system level model,
- Predict the optimal number of calibration and validation experiments that will simultaneously:
 - Minimize prediction uncertainty by parameter uncertainty reduction (calibration) and
 - allowing conservatism for epistemic uncertainties from models and data (validation)

Optimal Test Selection Framework

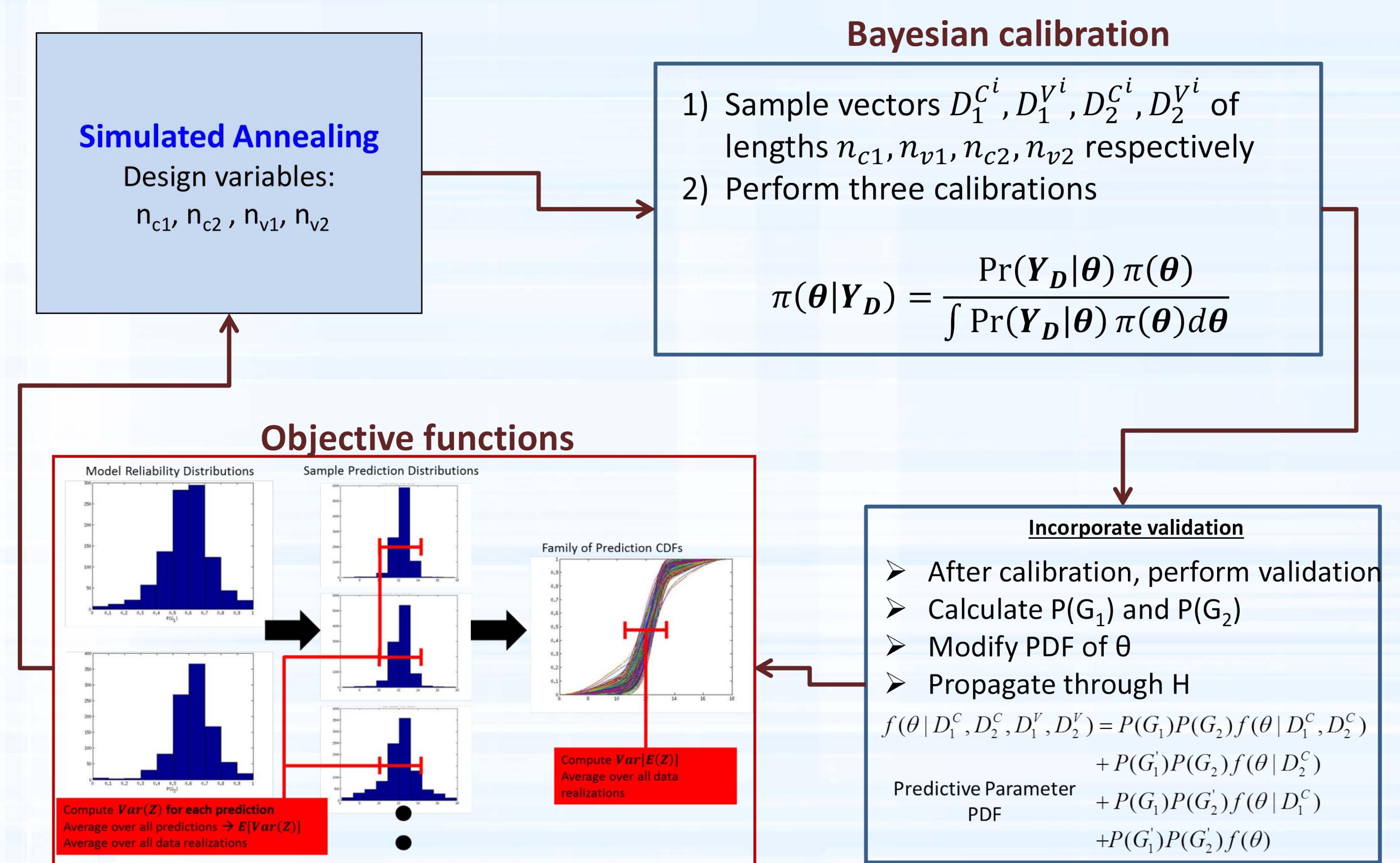


Objective Function Formulation

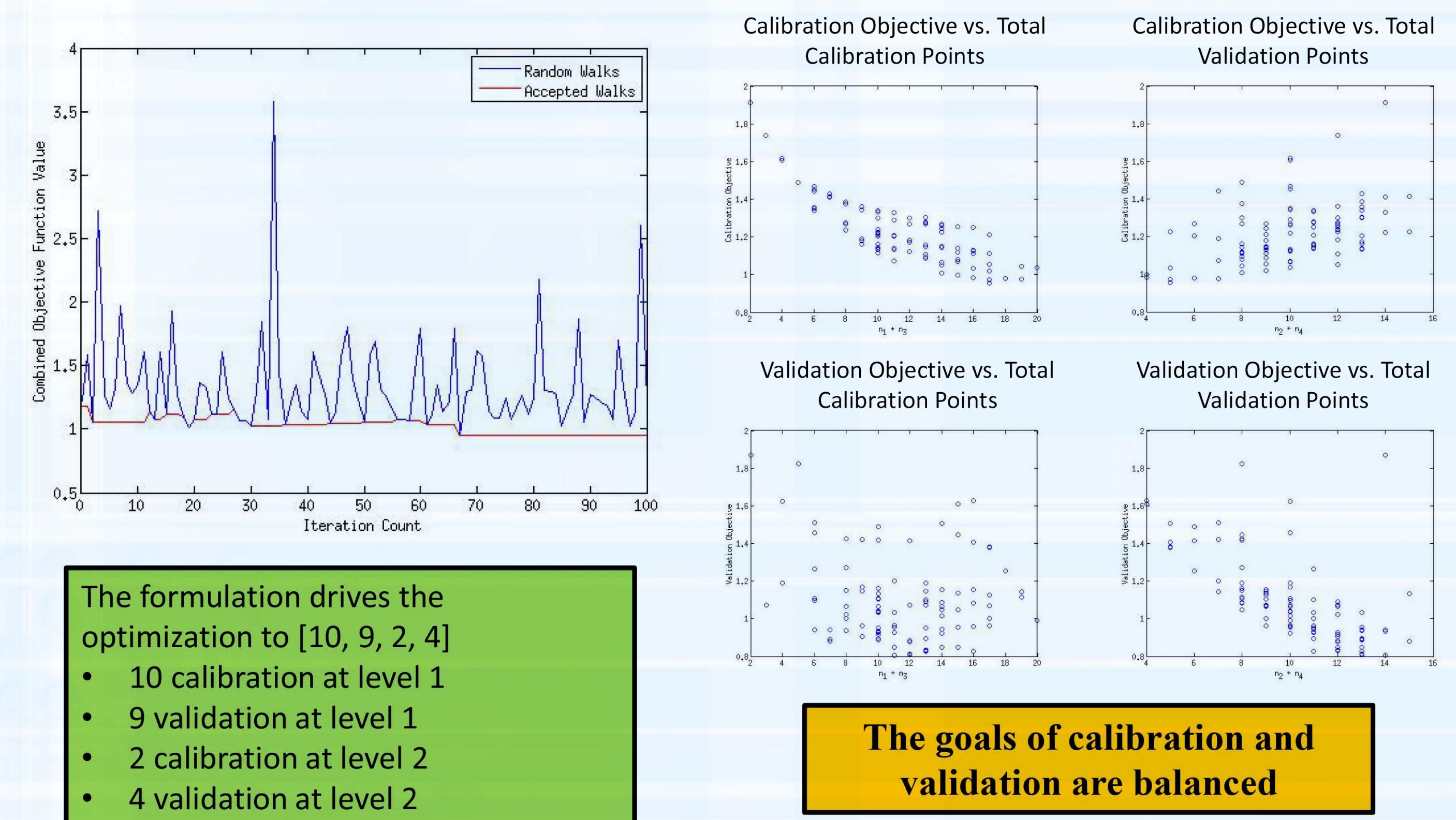
$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Calibration} & \text{Validation} \\ \min_{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4} E(E[Var(Z)]) & \min_{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4} E(Var[E(Z)]) \\ \text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i n_i \leq \text{budget} & \end{array}$$

- Motivation**
 - Calibration:** minimize expected prediction uncertainty
 - Validation:** minimize uncertainty in the model reliability computation
 - Calibration decreases prediction uncertainty while validation may expand it within this integration framework

Framework Implementation



Optimization Results



Conclusions and Path Forward

- This framework enables a decision maker to:
 - understand the trade-offs between the number of experiments at different levels of a hierarchy and
 - the effect on uncertainty in the predictions space
- High level observations are made relative to this example:
 - Additional calibration data points reduce uncertainty in the prediction by reducing parameter uncertainty
 - Additional validation points reduce the epistemic uncertainty about the prediction arising from inability to assess the model with sparse data
- Path forward:
 - Connect experimental decision making with model improvement decisions
 - Connect framework to system-level risk decision making
 - How much UQ is enough (budget selection)?
 - What is the appropriate validation tolerance?

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