

GOALS

- Learn how uncertainty in model parameters (besides inversion parameters) and data affect the solution of an inverse problem
- Compare the relative importance of accurately measuring different model parameters and data sources
- Augment experimental design techniques

MODEL PROBLEM - SUBSURFACE FLOW

We define

- **Auxiliary parameters (θ_a):** uncertain model parameters
- **Experimental parameters (θ_e):** experimental conditions/data

and consider a deterministic inverse problem:

$$m^* = \underset{m \in \mathcal{M}}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(m, \theta_e, \theta_a) := \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{Q}_p p(m, \theta_a) - \mathbf{y}_p(\theta_e)\|_{\mathbf{W}_p}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{Q}_c c(m, \theta_a) - \mathbf{y}_c(\theta_e)\|_{\mathbf{W}_c}^2 + \alpha \mathcal{R}(m)$$

where c and p solve

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (e^m \nabla p) &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ c_t - \nabla \cdot (e \nabla c) - \nabla \cdot (e^m \nabla p c) &= 0 & \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega \\ p &= p_1 & \text{on } \Gamma_1 \\ p &= p_2 & \text{on } \Gamma_3 \\ \nabla p \cdot n &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_2 \\ \nabla c \cdot n &= 0 & \text{on } [0, T] \times \Gamma \\ c(0, x) &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

HDSA

Hyper-differential sensitivity analysis (HDSA) [1,2] computes the sensitivity of the solution of an optimization problem with respect to the combination of auxiliary and experimental parameters.

The **sensitivity operator \mathcal{D}** is found by applying the Implicit Function Theorem [3] to J_m (the Fréchet derivative of J w.r.t. m).

$$\mathcal{D} = -\mathcal{H}^{-1} \mathcal{B}$$

- $\mathcal{H} := J_{m,m}(m^*, \theta^*)$ - Hessian of J w.r.t m
- $\mathcal{B} := J_{m,\theta}(m^*, \theta^*)$ - Fréchet derivative of J_m w.r.t. θ
- θ^* - nominal parameter values
- Adjoint-based gradient and Hessian computation

Pointwise sensitivity indices measure the change in the solution w.r.t a perturbation of the i^{th} element of the k^{th} parameter.

$$S_i^k = \frac{\|\mathcal{D}e_i^k\|_{\mathcal{M}}}{\|e_i^k\|_{\Theta}}$$

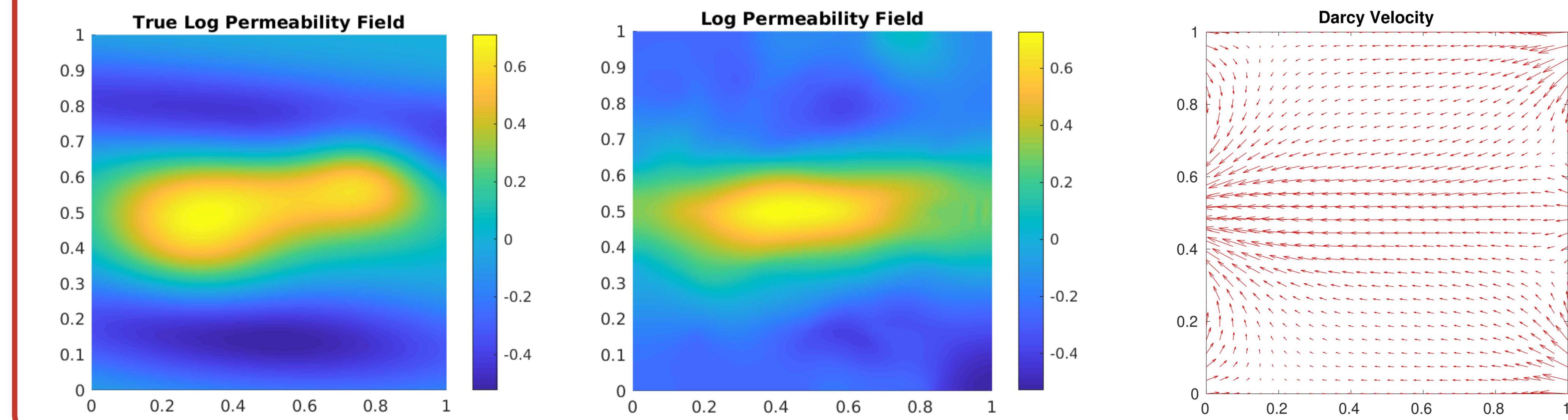
- e_i^k - basis element of parameter space $\Theta = \Theta_1 \times \Theta_2 \times \dots \times \Theta_K$

Generalized sensitivity indices measure the maximum change in the solution w.r.t a norm-1 perturbation of the k^{th} parameter.

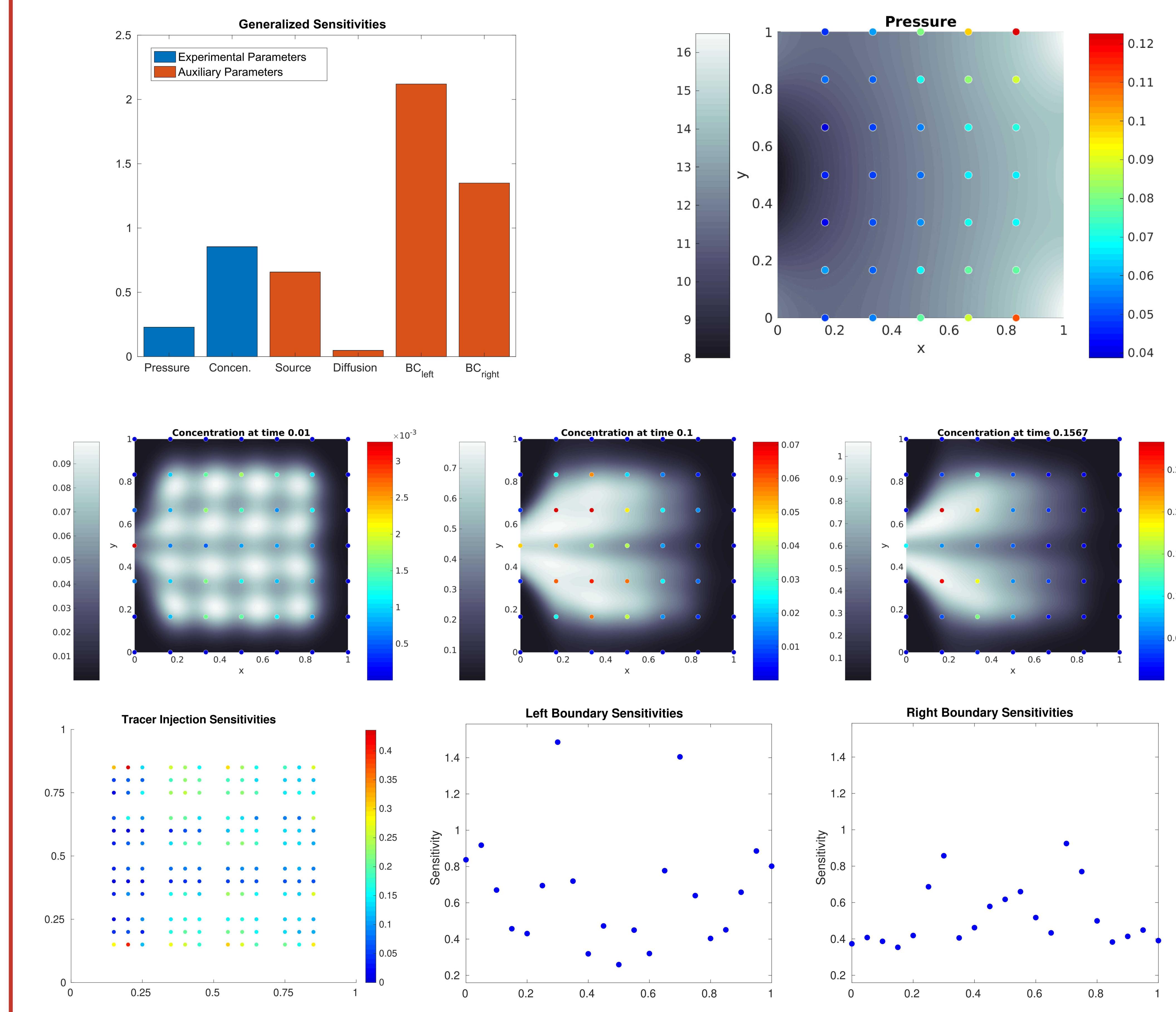
$$S^k = \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{\|\mathcal{D}\mathcal{T}_k \theta\|_{\mathcal{M}}}{\|\theta\|_{\Theta}}$$

- \mathcal{T}_k - projection operator onto the k^{th} parameter space

INVERSE PROBLEM



SENSITIVITY RESULTS



DISCUSSION

Generalized Sensitivities

- Boundary conditions are most important and drive flow through the domain
- Diffusivity coefficient is relatively unimportant
- Concentration measurements are more important than pressure measurements
- Used for parameter reduction and model specification
- Compares the relative importance of different parameters

Experimental Sensitivities

- Continuously injected tracer moves from right to left, splitting at $y=0.5$ into two concentration masses
- Both tracer concentration and sensitivities to concentration increase with time
- Pressure has higher sensitivity than concentration early in time, but is surpassed as concentration becomes increasingly important later in time
- High concentration sensitivity on the left side of the domain and low sensitivity on the right side
- High concentration sensitivity at sensors observing large amounts of tracer flow or a change in the contaminant mass
- Inverse problem relies on pressure data to reconstruct the solution on the right side of the domain where there is little concentration data
- Informs experimental design and sensor specification

Auxiliary Sensitivities

- Source injection sensitivities are generally higher in regions with low darcy velocity
- Boundary condition sensitivities are highest around $y=0.3$ and $y=0.7$, which corresponds to the region of transition between the high and low permeability and darcy velocity regions
- Informs model specification and increases understanding of the relationship between complicated multi-physics systems and the inverse problem

FUTURE WORK

- How robust are the sensitivities to perturbations in the experimental design?
- Global HDSA
- HDSA for Bayesian inverse problems

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