

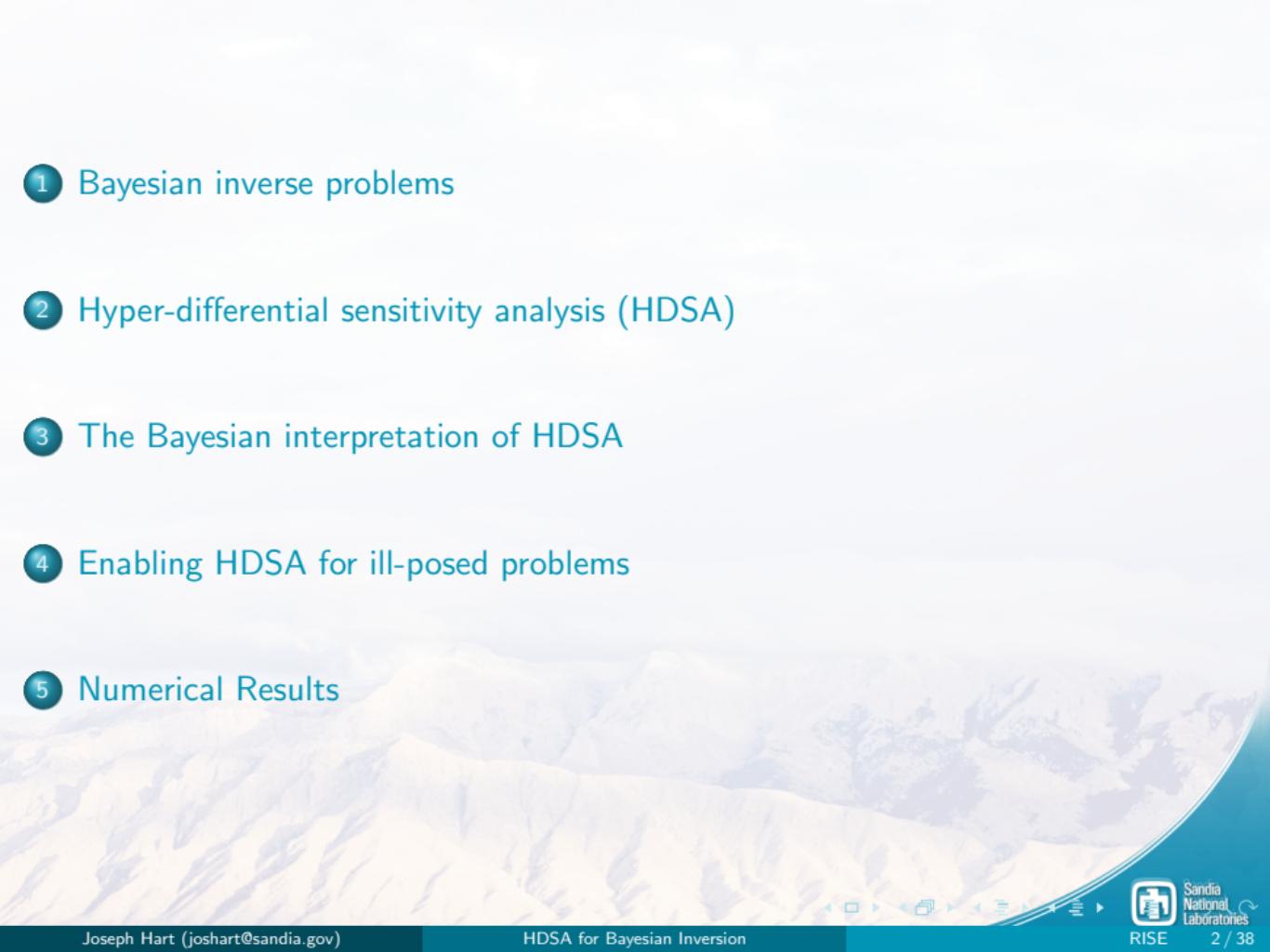
Enabling and interpreting hyper-differential sensitivity analysis for Bayesian inverse problems

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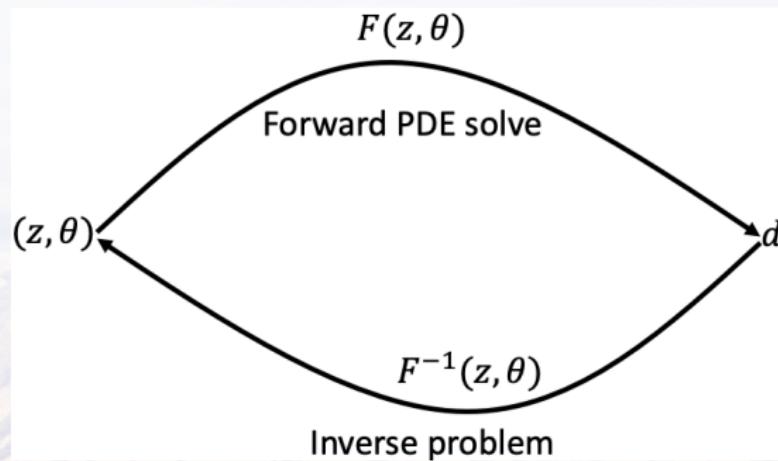
Inverse problems

Find parameters (z, θ) such that

$$F(z, \theta) = \mathcal{Q}(u(z, \theta)) \approx \mathbf{d}$$

where

- \mathbf{d} are sparse and noisy observations of a state variable $u(z, \theta)$.
- $u(z, \theta)$ is the solution of a PDE and \mathcal{Q} is the observation operator.



The joint Bayesian formulation

- Assume a prior distribution for $(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \sim \mathcal{N}((\mathbf{z}_{\text{prior}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}}), \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\text{prior}})$.
- Assume that $\mathbf{d} = F(\mathbf{z}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ where $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\text{noise}})$.
- The joint posterior probability density function (PDF) is

$$\pi_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \pi_{\text{like}}(\mathbf{d} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \pi_{\text{prior}}(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

where

- π_{like} is the likelihood function,
- π_{prior} is the prior PDF.

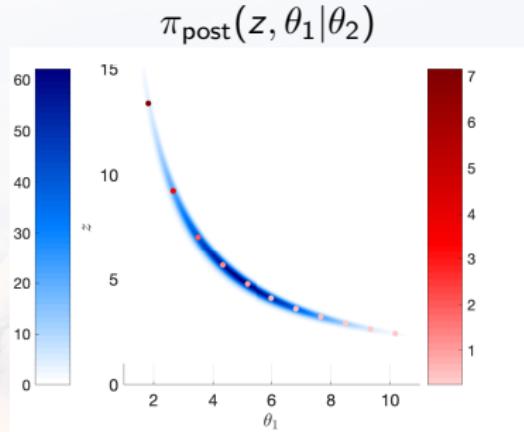
Analyzing properties of $\pi_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ provide a wealth of information, but may be computationally intractable.

The conditional Bayesian formulation

- The posterior probability density function (PDF) for z given $\theta = \theta_{\text{prior}}$ is

$$\pi_{\text{post}}(z|\theta_{\text{prior}}) \propto \pi_{\text{like}}(d|z, \theta_{\text{prior}}) \pi_{\text{prior}}(z, \theta_{\text{prior}}).$$

- Fixing $\theta = \theta_{\text{prior}}$ to its prior mean simplifies the analysis.
- How does θ_{prior} influence the posterior distribution for z ?



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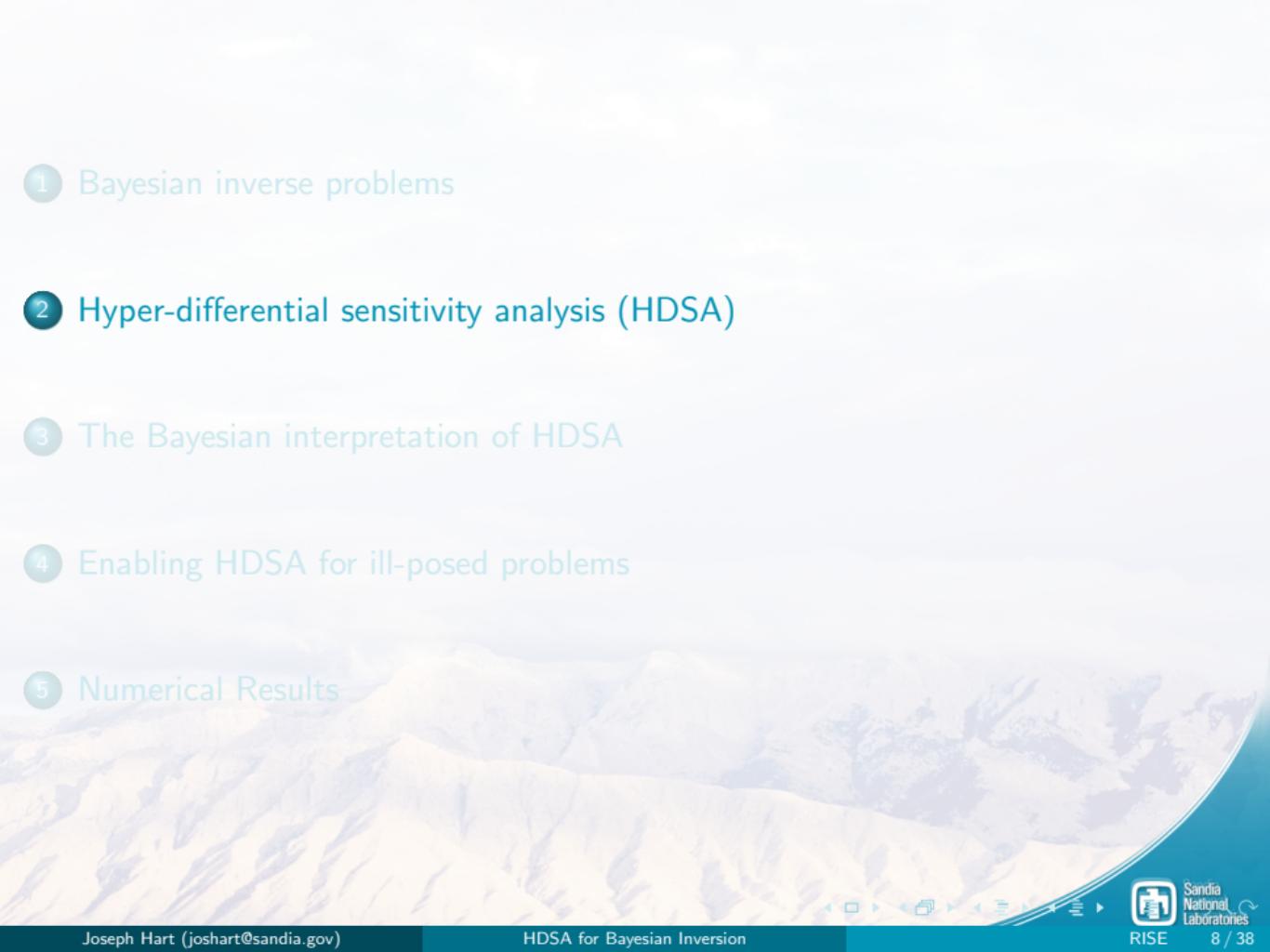
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- The implicit function theorem gives

$$\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}^*),$$

defined on neighborhoods of $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}}$ and \mathbf{z}^* , such that

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} J(\mathcal{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta}) = 0 \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}})$$

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$\mathcal{G}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}})$ is like a Newton step to update the MAP point given a perturbation of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$.

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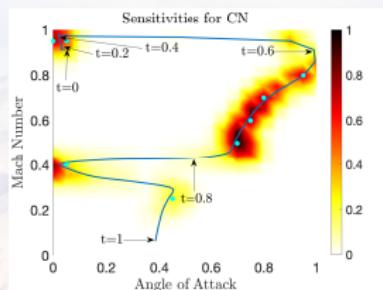
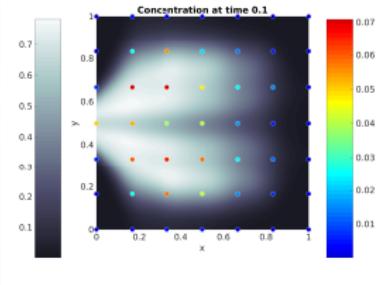
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- Compute matrix-vector products with \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{B} using
 - adjoint-based derivative computations,
 - matrix free linear algebra.
- Approximation $\mathcal{G}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}})$ via a randomized generalized SVD
 - efficiently expose low rank structure,
 - embarrassingly parallel,
 - appropriate inner products to facilitate the interpretation.

Hyper-differential sensitivity analysis: Previous work

Has been used in the context of:

- Parameter uncertainty in PDE-constrained control
- Nuisance parameter uncertainty in deterministic inverse problems
- Data sensitivity to augment optimal experimental design
- Feedback controller robustness
- Model form error in PDE-constrained optimization



Has been applied in:

- Aerospace vehicle trajectory planning
- Thermal fluid system control
- Subsurface source inversion
- Ice sheet bedrock topography inversion

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2. Can I still compute/interpret $\mathcal{G}'(\theta_{\text{prior}})$ for ill-posed problems where:
 - An ill-conditioned Hessian introduces theoretical and computational challenges,
 - The optimizer may struggle to solve the MAP point estimation problem to optimality (satisfaction of the first order optimality condition)?



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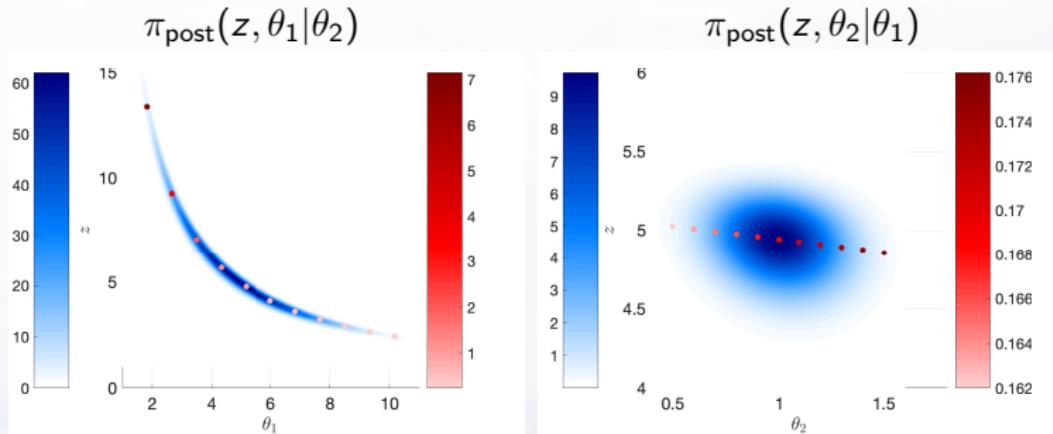
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- Local correlation for nonlinear inverse problems (Laplace approximation).

An illustrative example

$$F(z, \theta_1, \theta_2) = e^{\frac{1}{10}z\theta_1} + \theta_2$$



- High sensitivity (left panel) corresponds to stronger correlations
- Approximately Gaussian distribution (right panel) has nearly constant sensitivity (local correlations = global correlations for Gaussians)



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Proposed Approach: Compute sensitivities

$$\mathcal{P}\mathcal{G}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{prior}}) = -\mathcal{P}\mathcal{H}^{-1}\mathcal{B}$$

where \mathcal{P} projects onto the likelihood informed subspace ².

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Likelihood informed subspaces (LIS)

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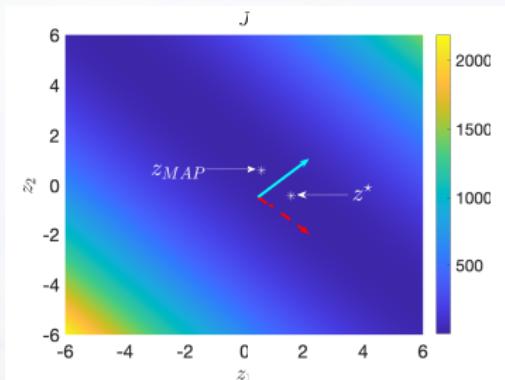
The eigenvalue

$$\lambda_j = \frac{\mathbf{v}_j^T \mathcal{H}_M \mathbf{v}_j}{\mathbf{v}_j^T \mathcal{H}_R \mathbf{v}_j}$$

measures the ratio of the **likelihood** and **prior** in the direction of \mathbf{v}_j .

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Project the sensitivities onto the span of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$, the subspace which is most informed by the **likelihood**.



Computing LIS sensitivities

Theorem

The LIS sensitivity is given by

$$S(\bar{\theta}) = \|\mathcal{P}\mathcal{H}^{-1}\mathcal{B}\bar{\theta}\|_{W_Z} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_j^T \mathcal{B} \bar{\theta}}{1 + \lambda_j} \right) \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_k^T \mathcal{B} \bar{\theta}}{1 + \lambda_k} \right) \mathbf{v}_k^T W_Z \mathbf{v}_j}.$$

- Need the leading eigenpairs

$$\mathcal{H}_M \mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_j \mathcal{H}_R \mathbf{v}_j$$

rather than \mathcal{H}^{-1} .

- Sensitivities inherit the likelihood to prior ratio interpretation.
- W_Z measures the inner products in the original function space.

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Question: HDSA assume satisfaction of the optimality criteria. What can I do when converging the optimization is impractical/unnecessary?

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where

- $Q = \{\tilde{R} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R} | \tilde{R} \geq 0, \tilde{R} \text{ is quadratic, } \tilde{R} \text{ is convex}\}$
- $L^1(\mu)$ is defined by a Gaussian measure μ with mean \mathbf{z}^* and covariance $\alpha^2 I$
- α is a user defined length scale parameter (will revisit it later)

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- \tilde{R} is a “nice” function.
- The length scale parameter α dictates the curvature.
- Computational cost is negligible since a closed form expression is available.

The perturbed MAP point problem

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A perturbed Gaussian prior

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Theorem

The perturbed inverse problem has a Gaussian prior with mean

$$\tilde{z}_{prior} = z_{prior} + \frac{\alpha - (z^* - z_{prior})^T s}{\alpha - v^T s} v$$

and covariance

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{prior} = \Gamma_{prior} - \frac{1}{\|g\|_2} \frac{1}{\alpha - v^T s} v v^T$$

where

$$g = \nabla_z J(z^*; \theta_{prior}), \quad s = -\frac{g}{\|g\|_2}, \quad \text{and} \quad v = \Gamma_{prior} g.$$

The perturbation shifts the mean and reduces uncertainty in the direction v .

Difference in sensitivities

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Theorem

The quantities

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satisfy

$$\frac{|\tilde{S}(\bar{\theta}) - S(\bar{\theta})|}{\|\mathcal{H}^{-1}\mathcal{B}\bar{\theta}\|_{W_Z}} \leq \frac{\|\mathcal{P}\mathbf{n}\|_{W_Z}}{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{n} + \alpha},$$

where

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Robustness with respect to α

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Theorem

Letting $\tilde{S}_\alpha(\bar{\theta})$ be the sensitivity as a function of α ,

$$\frac{|\tilde{S}_{\alpha+\alpha\beta}(\bar{\theta}) - \tilde{S}_\alpha(\bar{\theta})|}{\|\mathcal{H}^{-1}\mathcal{B}\mathbf{e}_i\|_{W_z}} < |\beta| \cdot \frac{\|\mathcal{P}\mathbf{n}\|_{W_z}}{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{n} + \alpha(1 + \beta)} \quad \text{for } -1 < \beta < 1$$

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- \tilde{R} shifts the prior mean and reduces the variance in the direction $\mathbf{v} = \Gamma_{\text{prior}}\mathbf{g}$.
- The change in the sensitivity indices and their robustness with respect to α are bounded by quantities proportional to $\|\mathcal{P}\mathbf{n}\|$.

Take away message: If the optimizer has converged in the likelihood informed subspace, then HDSA is a robust, interpretable, scalable, and efficient (RISE) way to assess correlations in the joint Bayesian posterior distribution.

An illustrative example

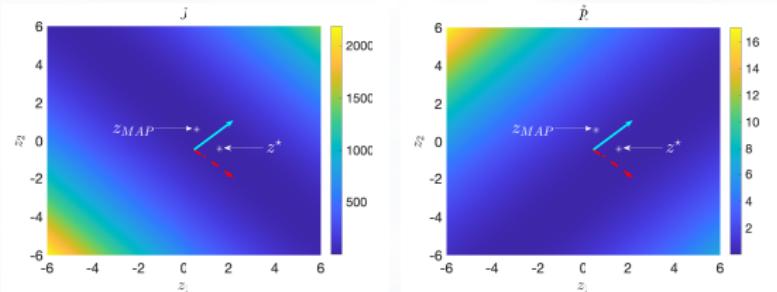


Figure: The solid cyan arrow indicates the likelihood informed subspace and the broken red arrow indicates the uninformed subspace.

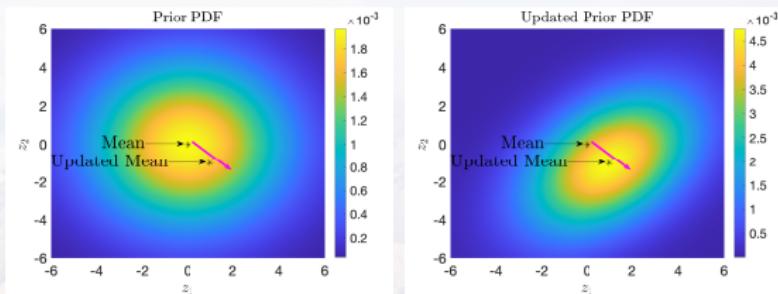


Figure: The magenta arrow indicates the direction of $v = \Gamma_{\text{prior}} g$.

The two questions

1. What is the Bayesian interpretation of $\mathcal{G}'(\theta_{\text{prior}})$?

The local correlation between z and θ in the Bayesian posterior.

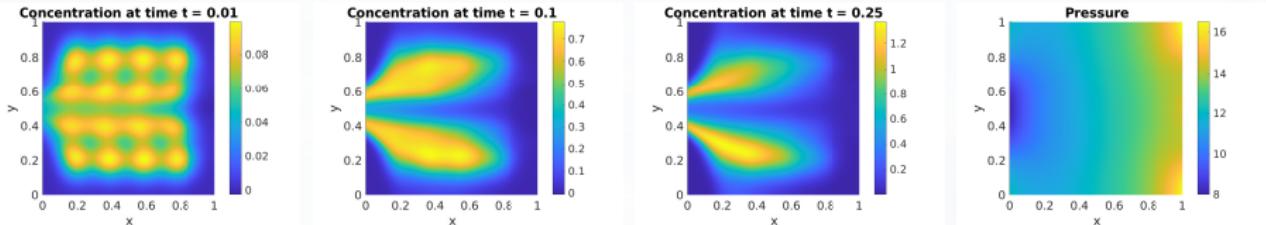
2. Can I still compute/interpret $\mathcal{G}'(\theta_{\text{prior}})$ for ill-posed problems where:

- An ill-conditioned Hessian introduces theoretical and computational challenges,
Project on likelihood informed subspaces.
- The optimizer may struggle to solve the MAP point estimation problem to optimality (satisfaction of the first optimality condition)?
A posteriori update.



- 1 Bayesian inverse problems
- 2 Hyper-differential sensitivity analysis (HDSA)
- 3 The Bayesian interpretation of HDSA
- 4 Enabling HDSA for ill-posed problems
- 5 Numerical Results

Subsurface permeability inversion



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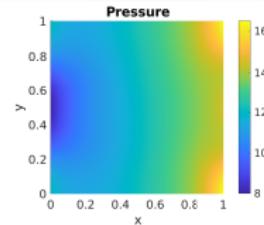
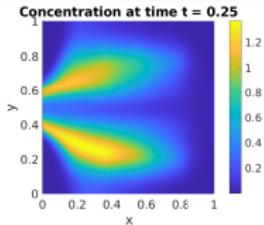
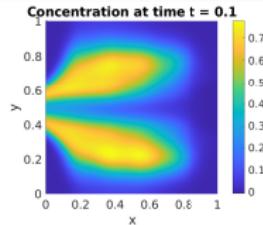
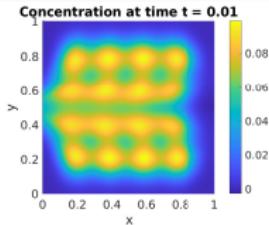
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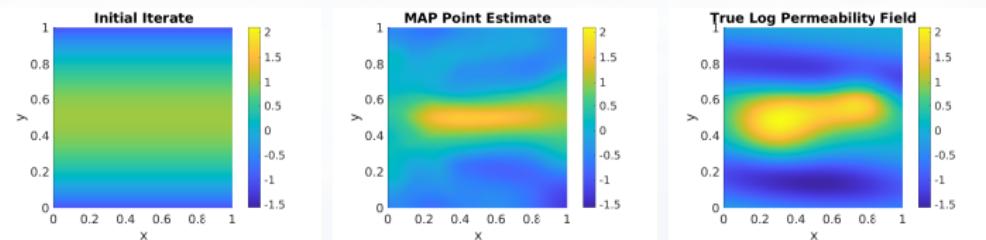
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$$\min_{\kappa} \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} w_c (\mathcal{Q}_c^i c(\kappa) - d_c^i)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} w_p (\mathcal{Q}_p^i p(\kappa) - d_p^i)^2 + \gamma_1 \|\nabla \kappa\|^2 + \gamma_2 \|\kappa\|^2$$

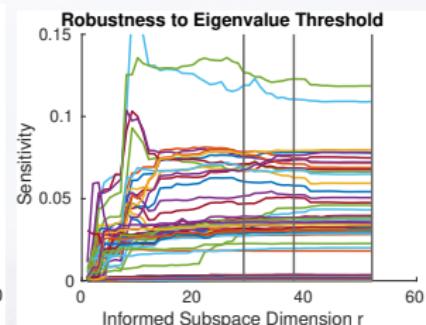
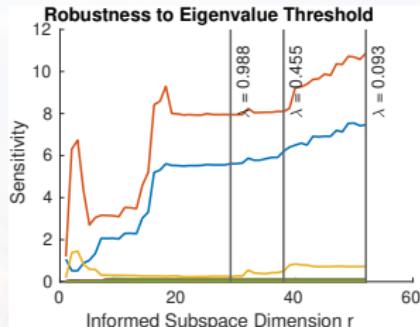
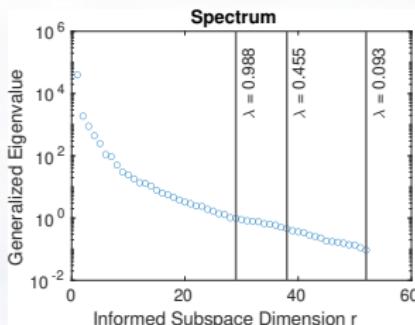


Iteration	Objective	Gradient Norm	Step Size
0	17.2	1.33	N/A
4	9.59	.697	15.6
10	3.29	.676	2.38
41	.897	.113	2.02
65	.578	.331	.115
75	.571	.102	.109
125	.529	.081	.034

Significant computational efforts gives little improvement.

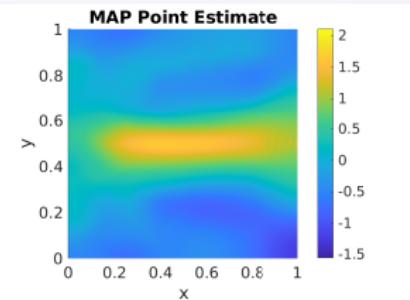
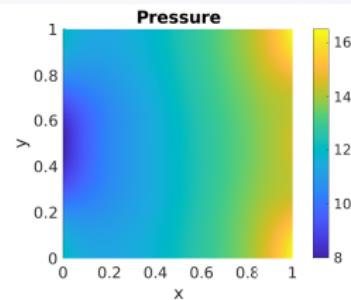
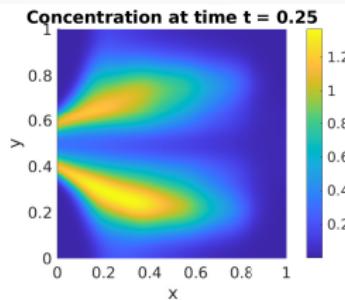
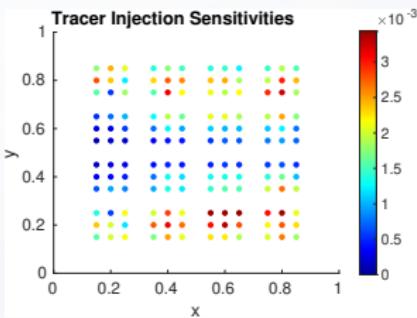
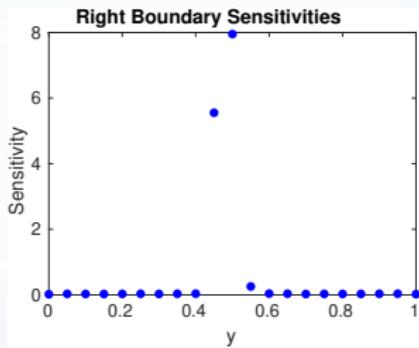
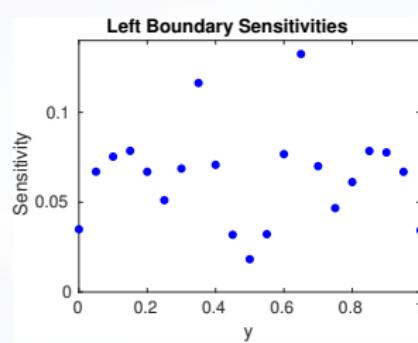
Computing the likelihood informed subspace

$$S_i = \|\mathcal{P}\mathcal{H}^{-1}\mathcal{B}\mathbf{e}_i\| = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_j^T \mathcal{B} \mathbf{e}_i}{1 + \lambda_j} \right) \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_k^T \mathcal{B} \mathbf{e}_i}{1 + \lambda_k} \right) \mathbf{v}_k^T W_Z \mathbf{v}_j}$$



Automatically check for robustness with respect to rank truncation choice.

Sensitivities



Summary

- Established the Bayesian interpretation of post-optimality sensitivity analysis.
- Addressed ill-conditioning by projecting on likelihood informed subspaces.
- Theoretically justified HDSA when optimization fails to converge.
- Provided strong error bounds establishing the robust of the analysis.
- HDSA gives a robust, interpretable, scalable, and efficient (RISE) way to assess correlations in the joint Bayesian posterior distribution.

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