

A Scalable Variational Approach for Solving Data-Consistent Stochastic Inverse Problems

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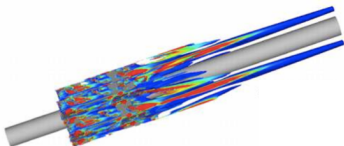
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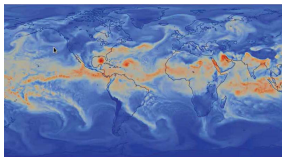
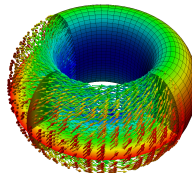
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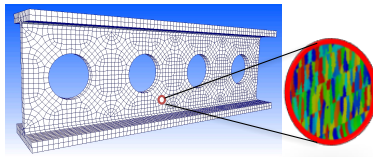
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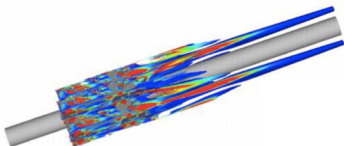
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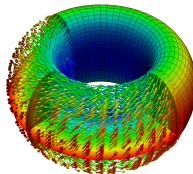
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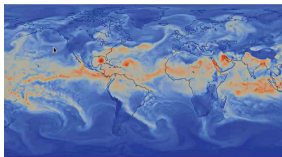
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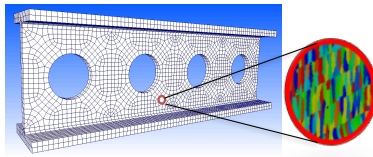
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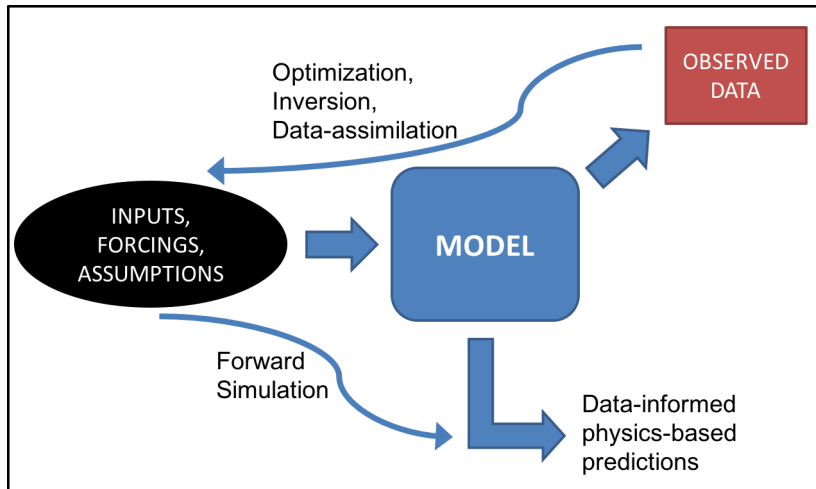


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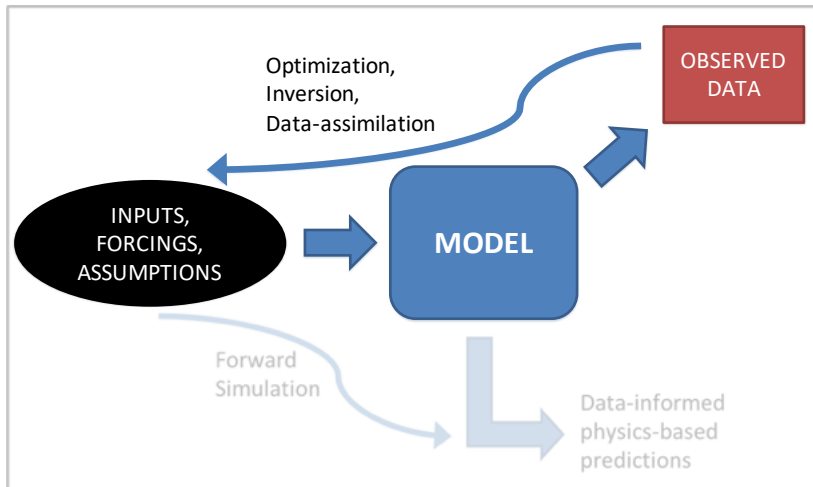


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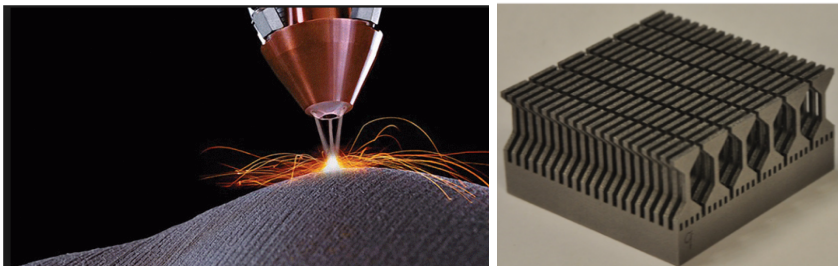
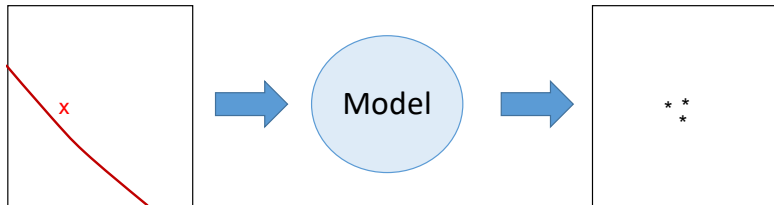


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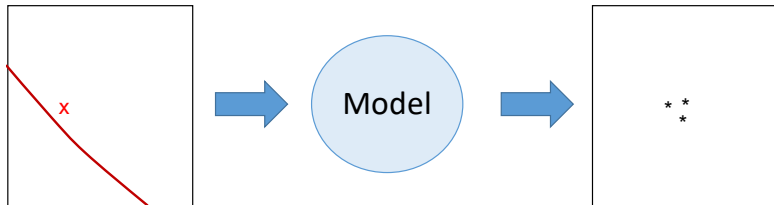
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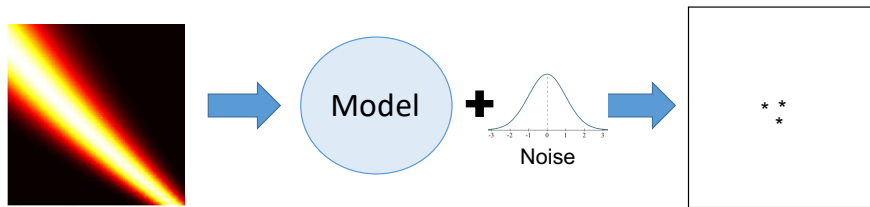


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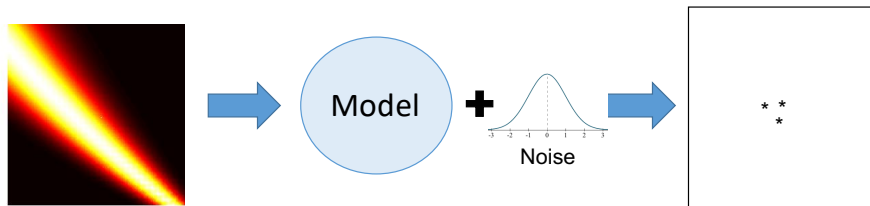
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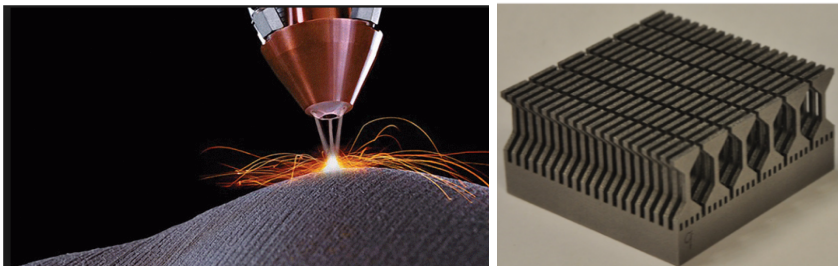
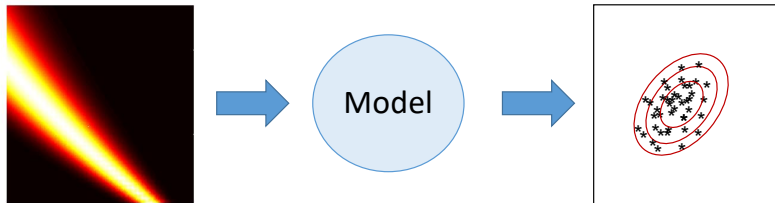


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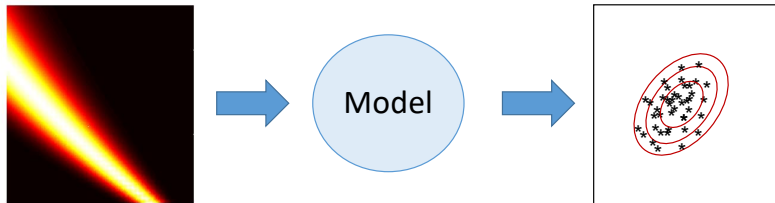
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- **We only need to solve a single stochastic forward problem.**

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- 1 A finite-dimensional **parameter space**, Λ .
- 2 A **parameter-to-observation/data map**, $Q : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{D} = Q(\Lambda)$
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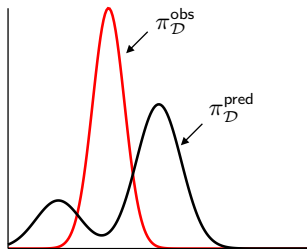
We need to compute:

- 1 The **push-forward of the initial density** through the model.
- In other words, **we need to solve a forward UQ problem using the initial.**
 - We use $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{pred}}$ to denote this push-forward density.

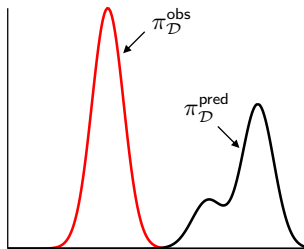
A Key Assumption

Predictability Assumption

We assume that the observed probability measure, $\mathbb{P}_D^{\text{obs}}$, is absolutely continuous with respect to the push-forward of the initial, $\mathbb{P}_D^{\text{pred}}$.



Good Initial



Bad Initial
(Cannot predict all observations)

A Solution to the Stochastic Inverse Problem

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\mathbb{P}_Λ^{up} is stable with respect to perturbations in $\mathbb{P}_\mathcal{D}^{obs}$ and in $\mathbb{P}_\Lambda^{init}$.

For details: [Combining Push-forward Measures and Bayes' Rule to Construct Consistent Solutions to Stochastic Inverse Problems, BJW. SISC 40 (2), 2018.]

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The updated density is:

$$\pi_\Lambda^{\text{up}}(\lambda) = \pi_\Lambda^{\text{init}}(\lambda) \frac{\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}}(Q(\lambda))}{\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{pred}}(Q(\lambda))}.$$

- Both $\pi_\Lambda^{\text{init}}$ and $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}}$ are given.
- Computing $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{pred}}$ requires a forward propagation of the initial density.

A Parameterized Nonlinear System

Example

Consider a parameterized nonlinear system of equations:

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- Two inputs, one output
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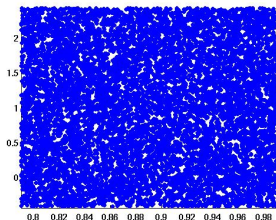
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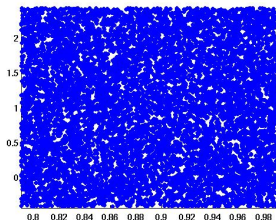
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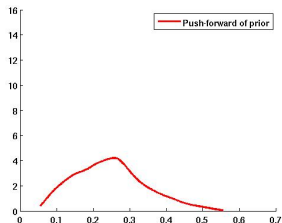


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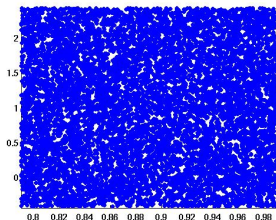


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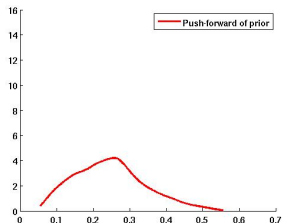


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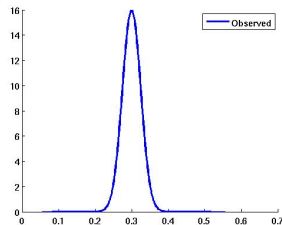
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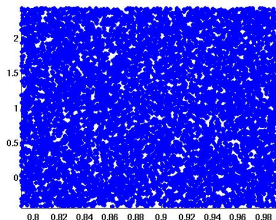


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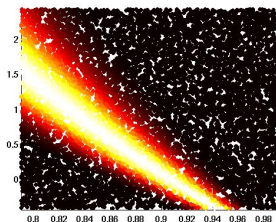


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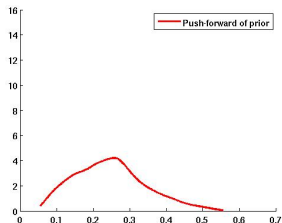
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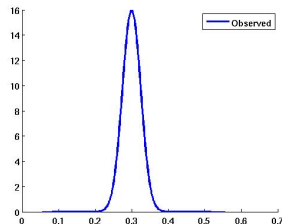
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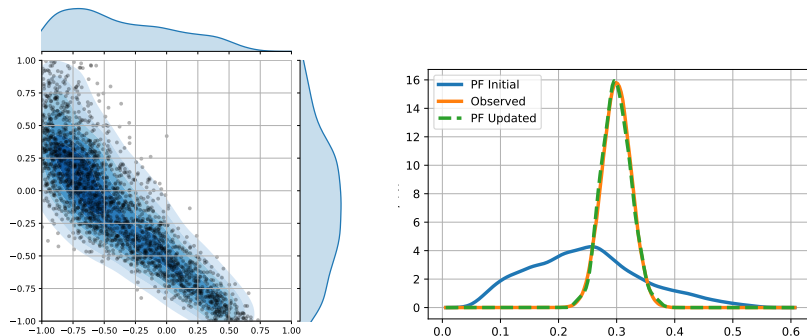


Figure: Samples from the updated density (left) and a comparison of $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}}$, $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{pred}}$ and push-forward of the updated density (right).

A Higher-Dimensional PDE-based Example

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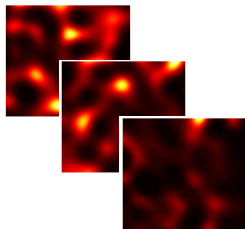
Consider the classical model for single-phase incompressible flow in porous media,

$$-\nabla \cdot (K(\lambda, x) \nabla p(\lambda)) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega = [0, 1]^2,$$

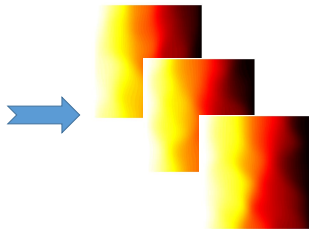
with $p = 1$ along the left boundary and $p = 0$ along the right boundary.

We assume $\log(K(\lambda, x))$ is described by a Karhunen-Loeve (KL) expansion.

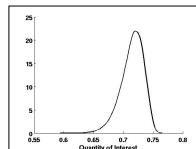
We use correlation length of 0.01 in each direction and retain 100 terms.



Realizations of permeability



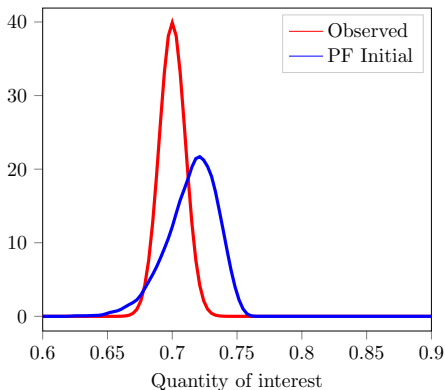
Realizations of pressure



PDF for QoI

A Higher-Dimensional PDE-based Example

- The QoI is the pressure at $(0.0540, 0.5487)$.
- Use 10,000 samples and a KDE to approximate the push-forward of the initial.
- Assume $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0.7, 1.0\text{E-}4)$.



The 1D Marginals of Updated Density Tell Us Nothing

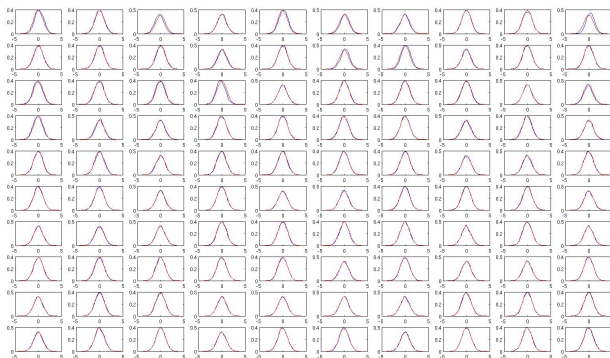
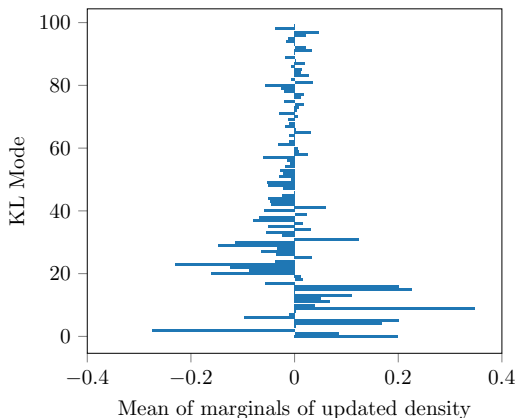
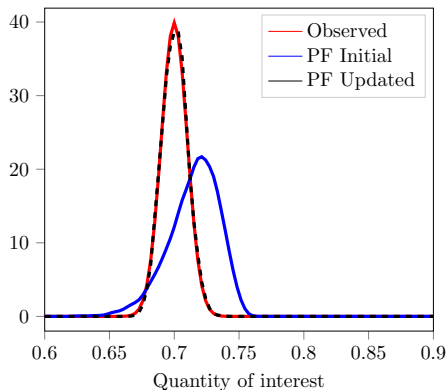


Figure: The 1D marginals from the initial (red) and the updated (blue) for the first KL-mode (upper-left) through the 100th KL-mode (lower-right).

The Means Are Slightly More Interesting



Push-forward of the Updated Matches the Observations



	Mean	Variance
Observed	0.7	1.0E-4
PF-Updated	0.7001	1.0170E-4

Relationship with Statistical Bayesian Inference

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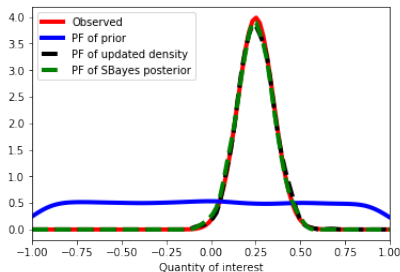
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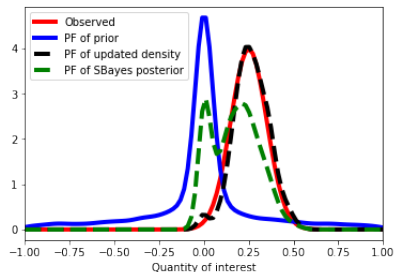
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- Assume a uniform initial/prior and $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}} \sim N(0.25, 0.1^2)$.
- For the statistical Bayesian approach, we use an observed value of $\hat{q} = 0.25$ and assume a Gaussian noise model $\eta \sim N(0, 0.1^2)$.

Comparing Push-forwards for Linear and Nonlinear Maps

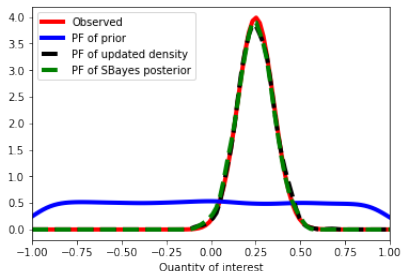


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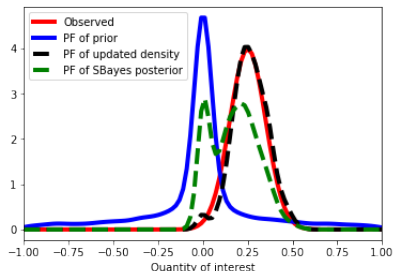


Nonlinear map ($p = 5$)

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Nonlinear map ($p = 5$)

The Bayesian and measure-theoretic formulations **solve different problems, give different densities and make different predictions.**

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Consider the linear map $q = A\lambda$ and $\pi_{\Lambda}^{\text{init}} \sim N(\bar{\lambda}, \Gamma_{\text{init}})$, and $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}} \sim N(\bar{q}, \Gamma_{\text{obs}})$. The updated density is given by,

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The point that maximizes the updated density, denoted λ_{MUD} , is defined by

$$\lambda_{\text{MUD}} = \underset{\lambda \in \Lambda}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\lambda),$$

where

$$J(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2}\|\Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1/2}(A\lambda - \bar{q})\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|\Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1/2}(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\|\Gamma_A^{-1/2}A(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^2.$$

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We can rewrite the regularization terms as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|\Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1/2}(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\Gamma_A^{-1/2} A(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^2 = \\ \frac{1}{2} (\lambda - \bar{\lambda})^T \underbrace{(\Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1} - A^*(A\Gamma_{\text{init}}A^*)^{-1}A)}_R (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \end{aligned}$$

Regularization matrix: $R = \Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1} - A^*(A\Gamma_{\text{init}}A^*)^{-1}A$.

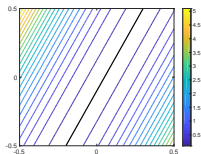
If A is invertible, then $R = 0$.

\Rightarrow Regularization is “turned off” if there is a unique solution.

More generally, regularization is only applied in directions not informed by the map/data.

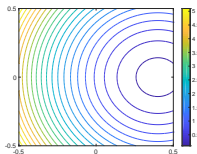
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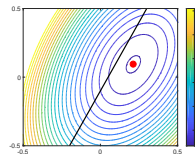
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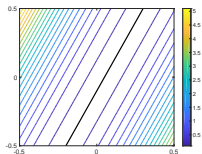
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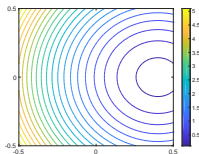
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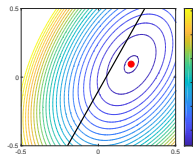
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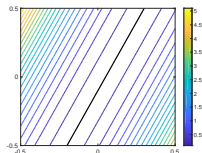
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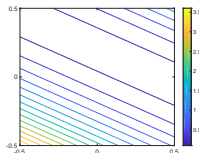
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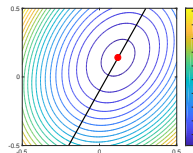
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Modified regularization

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Modified objective function

Comparison of Computational Effort (Naive Approach)

MAP Point

Preliminary computations:

None

Objective function evaluation:

Inputs: $A, x, \Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1}, \bar{x}, \bar{q}, \Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1}$

Compute: $q = A^*x$

(1 forward solve)

Set: $\Delta x = x - \bar{x}$ and $\Delta q = q - \bar{q}$

Return: $J(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta q^T \Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1} \Delta q + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T \Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1} \Delta x$

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Preliminary computations:

Compute: $\Gamma_A = (A \Gamma_{\text{init}} A^*)^{-1}$

(M forward and adjoint solves)

Compute: $\hat{x} = A^* \Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1} \bar{q}$

(1 adjoint solve)

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(1 forward solve)

Compute: $\bar{z} = A^* \Gamma_A \bar{q}$

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(1 adjoint solve)

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Gradient evaluation:

Inputs: $A^*, \Delta x, \Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1}, q, \Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1}, \Gamma_A, \bar{z}, \hat{x}$

Compute: $g = A^* (\Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1} - \Gamma_A) q$

(1 adjoint solve)

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Example: Random Linear Maps

Example

Consider the following random linear map,

$$A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m,$$

where $n > m$ (more parameters than observations) and each entry is $U(0,1)$.

The covariance of the prior and observed densities are given:

$$\Gamma_{\text{init}} = 1.0\mathbb{I}_n, \quad \Gamma_{\text{obs}} = 0.25\mathbb{I}_m.$$

The mean of the initial and the mean of the observations are also $U(0,1)$.

We assess the scalability with increasing n and m .

Trust-region Newton-CG method and reduce gradient to $1\text{e-}12$.

For each case, repeat 25 times and report the average performance.

Scaling With Dimension of Input Space (n)

Dimension of Output Space is Fixed: $m = 10$

n	MAP Point					MUD Point				
	Iters	CG	Misfit	F+A	Time	Iters	CG	Misfit	F+A	Time
100	9.1	48.2	12.2	114.7	0.012	9.2	48.5	2.84e-13	147.6	0.012
500	9.2	55.1	60.7	128.6	0.026	9.2	55.6	3.96e-13	161.8	0.027
1000	10.6	61.7	121.9	144.6	0.109	10.7	61.9	3.06e-13	178.9	0.110
2000	11.0	62.9	242.8	147.8	0.549	11.0	63.9	2.76e-13	183.9	0.553
4000	11.2	65.3	484.1	153.0	2.88	11.3	66.8	3.75e-13	190.6	2.90
8000	12.4	71.4	965.6	167.7	19.7	12.6	73.0	8.59e-13	206.7	20.0

Table: Comparison of the number of optimization iterations, the number of CG iterations, the value of the final data misfit, the average number of combined forward and adjoint solves and the average run time in seconds.

Scaling With Dimension of Output Space (m)

Dimension of Input Space is Fixed: $n = 1000$

m	MAP Point					MUD Point				
	Iters	CG	Misfit	F+A	Time	Iters	CG	Misfit	F+A	Time
5	10.8	54.8	115.7	131.3	0.108	10.9	55.4	3.47e-13	156.6	0.109
10	10.6	61.7	121.9	144.6	0.109	10.7	61.9	3.06e-13	178.9	0.110
20	10.6	60.8	122.9	142.8	0.118	10.6	61.3	5.07e-13	197.5	0.118
40	10.9	57.2	125.4	136.2	0.128	10.9	57.8	2.79e-13	231.4	0.129
80	10.9	65.4	126.4	152.6	0.138	11.0	65.9	2.21e-13	327.7	0.139
160	11.8	82.4	131.8	188.4	0.202	11.6	79.7	1.18e-12	517.4	0.212

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$$\Gamma_{\text{init}} = \mathcal{A}^{-2} = (\delta I + \gamma \nabla \cdot (\Theta \nabla))^{-2},$$

such that half powers, $\Gamma_{\text{init}}^{1/2}$ and $\Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1/2}$, are easy to compute.

Linear-Gaussian Case: SVD and Low-Rank Approximations

- Assume $Q(\lambda) = A\lambda$, $\pi_{\Lambda}^{\text{init}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\lambda}, \Gamma_{\text{init}})$, and $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{q}, \Gamma_{\text{obs}})$.
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- Solve efficiently using matrix-free randomized algorithms [Halko et al 2011].
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- Effective rank depends on information content of data [Bui-Thanh et al 2013]

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where

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with regularization applied in all directions.

Example: Linear Advection Diffusion

Consider the advection-diffusion equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \kappa \Delta u + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u &= 0 \quad \forall (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \quad \forall (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(\cdot, 0) &= \lambda \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega,\end{aligned}$$

where κ is a diffusion coefficient and \mathbf{v} is a non time-varying velocity field.

- Use FEniCS for forward model and hIPPYlib for optimization.
- Observations are pointwise observations of u at $t = 3$
- Generate $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text{obs}}$ using data-generating point in Λ and Gaussian noise.
- Compare the data-generating point and the MUD point.
- Dimension of both the discretized parameter and state spaces is 7863.
- Optimization with inexact-Newton globalized with a backtracking line search.

Example: Linear Advection Diffusion

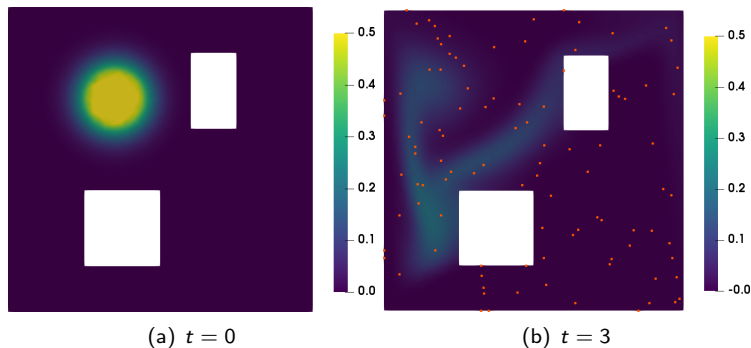


Figure: Maximum of data-generating distribution (left) and corresponding observations at $t = 3$ (right).

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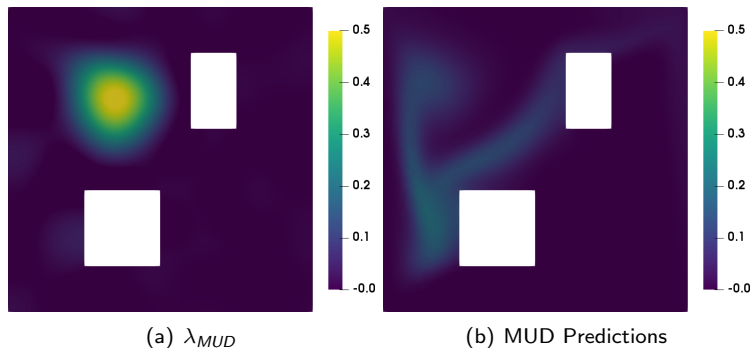


Figure: Maximum of the updated density (left) and the corresponding predictions at $t = 3$ (right).

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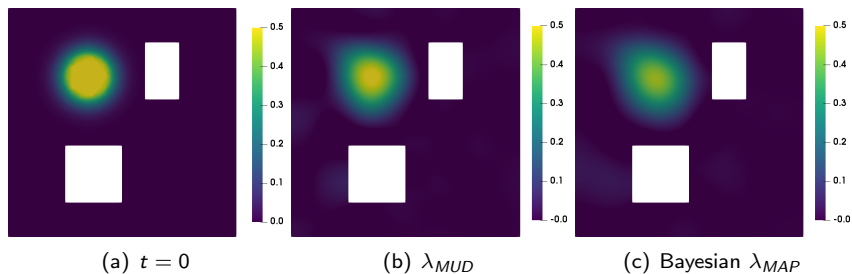


Figure: Data-generating point (left), MUD point (middle), and MAP point (right).

Example: Linear Advection Diffusion

Parameters		MAP Point			MUD Point		
N_d	rank	N_s	J_{mis}	$ \nabla J _2$	N_s	J_{mis}	$ \nabla J _2$
10	10	62	3.032e-01	1.156e-09	54	4.784e-17	1.061e-06
20	20	78	1.584e+00	2.124e-08	100	3.710e-13	3.318e-07
50	29	128	1.262e+01	4.014e-07	142	3.689e+00	2.979e-07
100	36	150	1.595e+01	6.327e-08	148	4.153e+00	5.128e-08
200	43	170	1.850e+01	5.962e-07	172	1.045e+01	2.137e-07
500	49	182	1.786e+01	4.324e-07	192	8.802e+00	6.837e-07

Table: Scaling study for coarse mesh ($n = 2023$). N_d is the dimension of the data space, rank is the number of eigenvectors used in the low rank decomposition, N_s is the total number of model evaluations, J_{mis} is final value of the misfit portion of the cost function, and $||\nabla J||_2$ is the final value of the norm of the gradient.

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20	20	92	3.525e+00	9.896e-09	86	1.937e-11	2.845e-07
50	30	130	1.141e+01	3.238e-07	130	8.924e+00	2.361e-07
100	38	162	1.519e+01	3.837e-07	172	9.352e+00	5.971e-08
200	40	166	1.631e+01	1.796e-07	168	1.185e+01	6.281e-07
500	48	194	1.755e+01	8.434e-08	194	4.699e+00	4.714e-08

Table: Scaling study for refined mesh ($n = 7863$). N_d is the dimension of the data space, rank is the number of eigenvectors used in the low rank decomposition, N_s is the total number of model evaluations, J_{mis} is final value of the misfit portion of the cost function, and $\|\nabla J\|_2$ is the final value of the norm of the gradient.

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Partial Linearization for Nonlinear Maps

- For nonlinear maps, the push-forward is typically non-Gaussian
- “De-regularization” term is difficult to characterize.
- Often find MAP point, λ_{MAP} , to obtain initial guess for λ_{MUD} .
- We can linearize around λ_{MAP} :

$$f(\lambda) \approx f(\lambda_{\text{MAP}}) + A(\lambda - \lambda_{\text{MAP}}).$$

- Use this linearization to approximate the de-regularization term:

$$J_{PL}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|\Gamma_{\text{obs}}^{-1/2}(f(\lambda) - \bar{q})\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|R^{1/2}(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2,$$
$$R = \Gamma_{\text{init}}^{-1} - A^*(A\Gamma_{\text{init}}A^*)^{-1}A,$$

which allows us to employ the scalable approximation procedures.

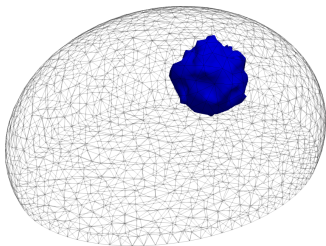
Example: Hyper-elasticity

Consider the equations for the displacement of a compressible Mooney-Rivlin solid:

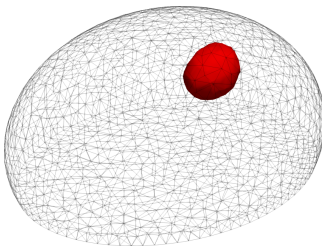
$$\min_{u \in V} \quad \Pi(u) = \int_{\Omega} \psi(u) \, dx - \int_{\Omega} B \cdot u \, dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} T \cdot u \, dS,$$
$$\psi(u) = C_1(\bar{I}_1 - 3) + C_2(\bar{I}_2 - 3) + C_3(J - 1)^2,$$

- Given a data-generating distribution on the first coefficient in the strain-energy density C_1 ($\lambda = \log(C_1)$).
- Pointwise observations of the boundary displacement.
- Maximum of data-generating distribution is piecewise constant with value of 0.3 inside a small inclusion and 0.1 everywhere else in the domain.
- Dimension of the parameter and state spaces is 36905 and 14487 respectively.
- Optimization used inexact-Newton CG.

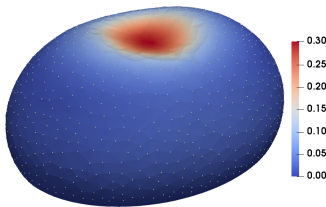
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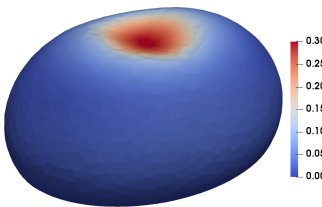
(a) Data-generating contour



(b) λ_{MUD} contour



(c) Data-generating predictions



(d) λ_{MUD} predictions

Conclusions and Future Work

- Some inverse problems are best posed as constructive pullback probability measures
- Solution may not be unique, i.e., multiple probability measures can have the same pushforward
- Data-consistent inversion borrows ideas from Bayesian inference to obtain **existence, uniqueness and stability**
- Standard approach relies on density estimation on observations
- Shown we can leverage connections with deterministic optimization to construct scalable approximations
- Future work will connect this with [\[Pilosov et al 2023\]](#) for parameter estimation.

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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?