

# Efficient high-dimensional emulation and calibration

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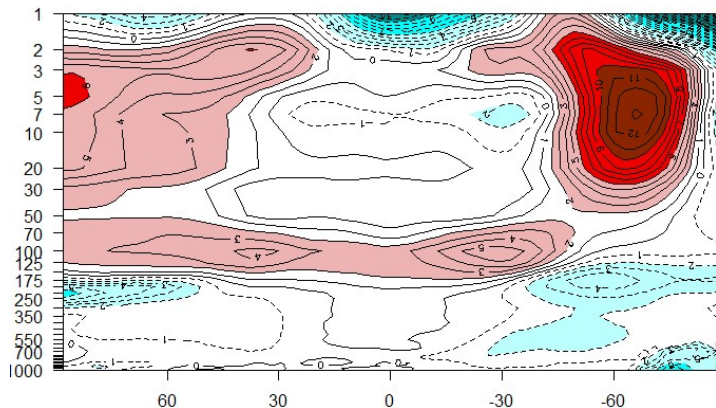
Here, going to deal with emulation/calibration problems where:

- 1 Output dimension  $\ell$  high
- 2 True model  $f(\mathbf{x})$  expensive, so number of model runs  $n$  low ( $n \ll \ell$ )
- 3 Don't see 'good enough' match between real world and model

Aim: use emulator to explore input space, find output as consistent with the real world as possible.

# Example - CanAM4 air temperature (TA)

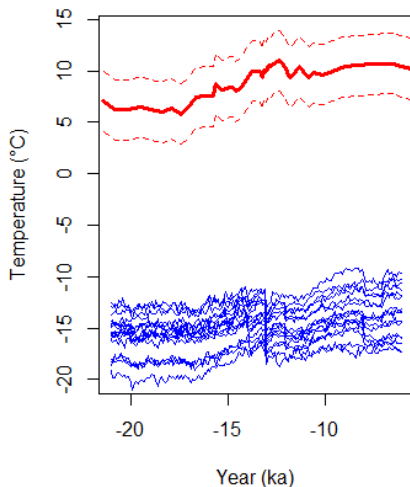
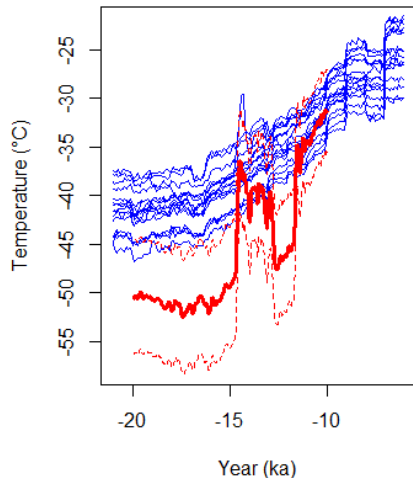
$\ell = 2368, n \sim 60$



# Example - FAMOUS/HadCM3

Observations, ensemble

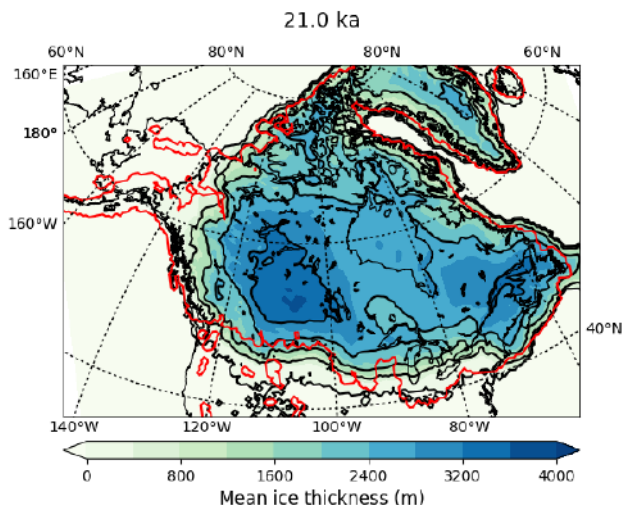
15,000 years,  $n = 16$



# Example - Glimmer ice sheet model

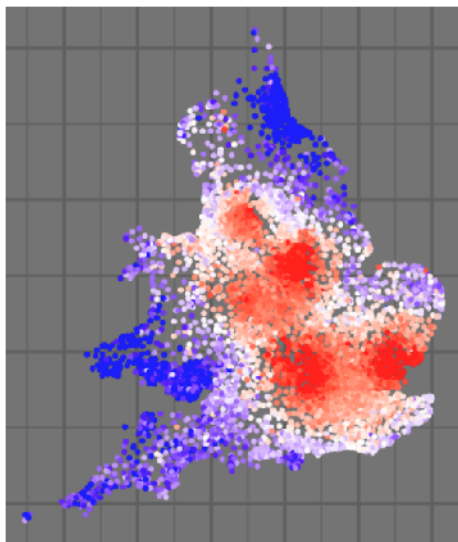
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$\ell = 29, 100, n \sim 500$



# Example - Covid modelling

$\ell \sim 8000$



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- ▶ Emulate projection onto low-dimensional basis

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# Gaussian process emulation

- ▶ Have design  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  in parameter space  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^P$ .
- ▶ Run model  $f(\cdot)$  at  $\mathbf{X}$ , gives  $\ell \times n$  matrix of model output:

$$\mathbf{F} = (f(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{x}_n))$$

- ▶ Fit Gaussian process to output:

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}) | \mathbf{F}, \beta, \phi \sim \text{GP}(m_i(\mathbf{x}), K_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})), \quad i = 1, \dots, \ell,$$

for mean function  $m_i(\mathbf{x})$ , covariance function  $K_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})$ .

- ▶ Possibly includes nugget so doesn't interpolate data exactly.
- ▶ At any point  $\mathbf{x}'$ , can evaluate expectation, variance.

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- ▶ Identifiability issue between  $\mathbf{x}^*$  and  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ : when see a difference between  $\mathbf{z}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}$ , don't know whether problem is due to choice of  $\mathbf{x}$ , or discrepancy - need to explore  $\mathcal{X}$

# Calibration/history matching

- ▶ **Bayesian calibration** (Kennedy & O'Hagan 2001): constructs posterior distribution for best input,  $\mathbf{x}^*$ :  $\pi(\mathbf{x}^*|\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{z})$ .
- ▶ **History matching** (Craig et al. 1996): rules out regions of parameter space that are not consistent with observations using implausibility:

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})])^T (\text{Var}[f(\mathbf{x})] + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_e + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\eta)^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})])$$

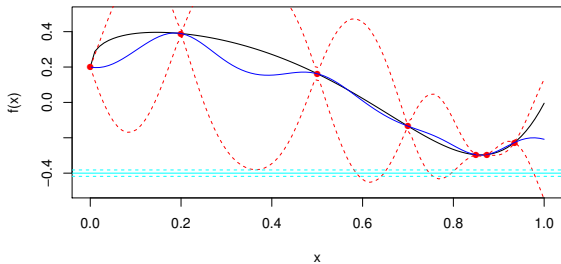
- ▶ Points that are not ruled out are said to be in '**Not Ruled Out Yet**' (**NROY**) space, the space of not implausible points:

$$\mathcal{X}_{NROY} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} | \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}) < T\},$$

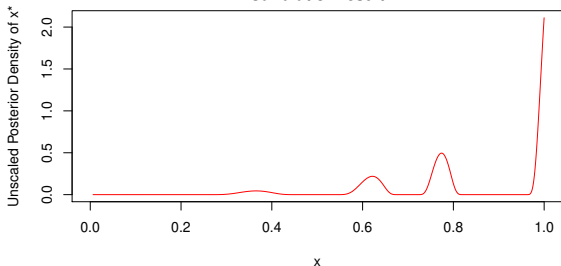
where  $T$  often  $3^2$  in 1D,  $\chi_{\ell,0.995}^2$  in  $\ell$ D.

- ▶ Can perform multiple waves, iteratively refocussing in the current NROY space.

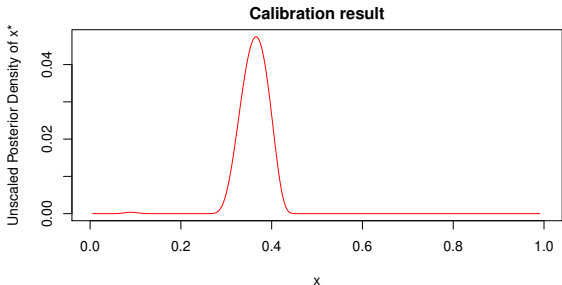
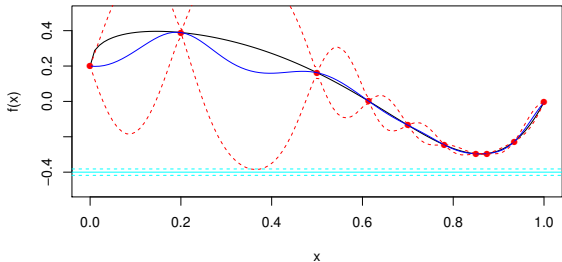
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Calibration result



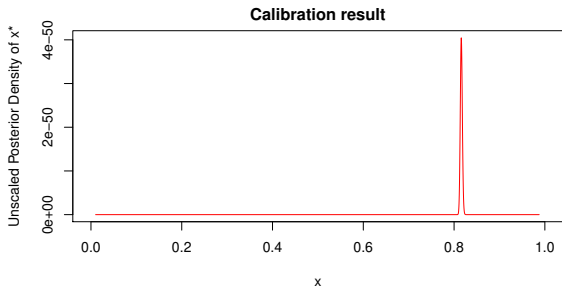
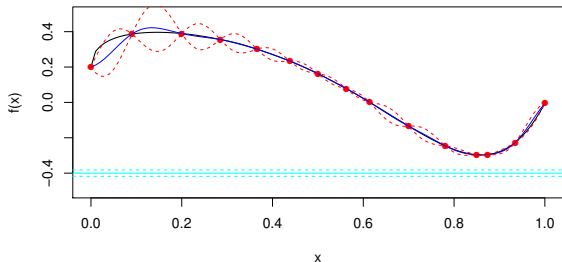
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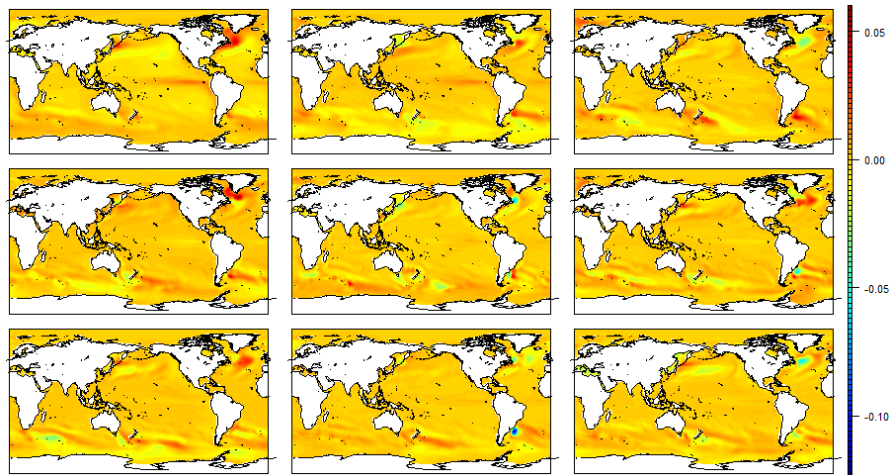
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- ▶ Project output fields onto the leading  $q$  directions of  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ .  
At  $\mathbf{x}$ :  $\ell$  outputs  $\rightarrow q$  coefficients via projection\*:

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{W}(f(\mathbf{x}) - \boldsymbol{\mu}), \quad \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{W} = (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q^T \mathbf{W}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q^T \mathbf{W}^{-1}.$$

- ▶ Build Gaussian process emulators for each set of coefficients :

$$c_i(\mathbf{x}) \sim \text{GP}(m_i(\mathbf{x}), K_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})), \quad i = 1, \dots, q.$$

- ▶ Can then map back to original field:

$$E[f(\mathbf{x})] = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q E[\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})], \quad \text{Var}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q \text{Var}[\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})] \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q^T.$$

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\*wrt some positive definite  $\mathbf{W}$

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## Reconstruction error:

For basis  $\mathbf{B}$ , positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{W}$ , define<sup>†</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{z}) &= \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z})\|_{\mathbf{W}} = (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{z}))^T \mathbf{W}^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{z})), \\ \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{z}) &= \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{z}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that in perfect emulation case (zero emulator variance) and with  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{\Sigma}_e + \mathbf{\Sigma}_\eta$ , this is the same distance metric as in  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x})$ .

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**The terminal case:**

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_q, \mathbf{z}) > T.$$

Natural consequence of this: choice of basis may guarantee that we rule out  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}$ , even if we had a perfect emulator: the '**terminal case**'.



## Choosing basis

SVD is variance-maximising, doesn't care about  $\mathbf{z}$ . May not be a good choice for calibration...

Choose basis representation that allows to properly explore  $\mathcal{X}$ , find whether can tune inputs, avoid assigning everything to discrepancy

Can often fix by rearranging information in  $\mathbf{F}$  (rotation) such that important, low eigenvalue directions are 'blended' with variance maximising directions<sup>†</sup>

# Fast history matching in $\ell$ dimensions

Want:

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Expensive,  $\ell$ -dimensional matrix inversion varies with  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# Fast history matching in $\ell$ dimensions

Thanks to emulator basis structure, we can rewrite this as<sup>‡</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}) &= (\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})])^T (\text{Var}[\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{e}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\eta}))^{-1} (\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})]), \\ \mathbf{W} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{e}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\eta}, \\ \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{W}}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q, \mathbf{z}) + \hat{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}).\end{aligned}$$



Fast, one-off inversion of  $\mathbf{W}$ , then everything works in  $q$  dimensions, no loss of information.

Hence NROY space becomes:

$$\mathcal{X}_{NROY} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} | \hat{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}) < T - \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{W}}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_q, \mathbf{z})\}.$$

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# Why use a basis method?

With increasing computer power, greater parallelisation, can always fit GPs to each output individually:

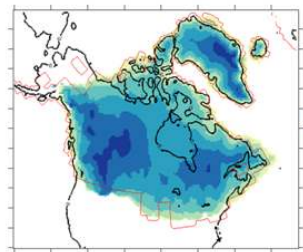
$$f_i(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{F} \sim \text{GP}(m_i(\mathbf{x}), K_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})), \quad i = 1, \dots, \ell.$$

What benefits do we get if we **\*don't\*** do this? (and equally, what bonus do we get above emulating summaries?)

- 1 Interpretation/prior assessment
- 2 Efficiency (emulation, validation, calibration)
- 3 Coherence

# Simulating ice evolution

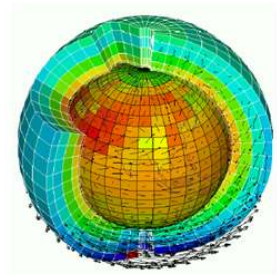
Ice sheet model, Glimmer-CISM



Precipitation

Temperatures

General Circulation Models



7 input parameters (e.g. heat flux, basal sliding, lapse rate)

Spatio-temporal fields required for temperature and precipitation (from low-resolution GCM, e.g. FAMOUS,  $48 \times 37$  spatial field for 15,000 years)

$\ell = 194 \times 150 = 29,100$  field output every 100 years

## Example - ice sheet reconstructions

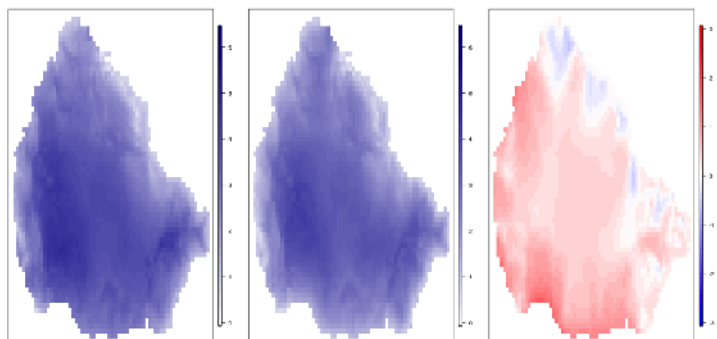
North American ice sheet at 21 ka.

Restricted to  $\ell = 8922$ ,  $n = 100$ .

Proxy observations

Training data mean

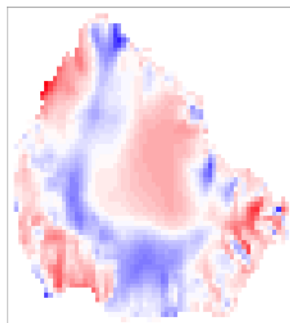
Difference



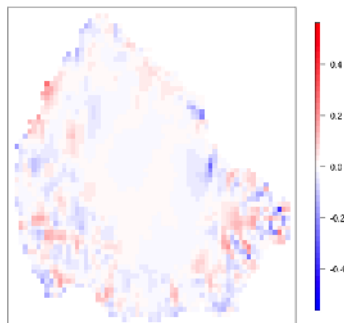
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Difference between proxy observations and their basis reconstruction

Truncated SVD



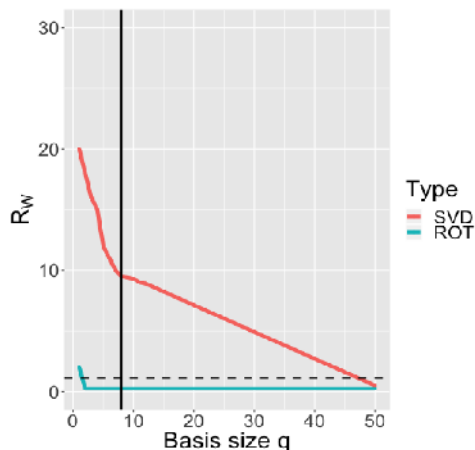
Truncated ROT



(so able to attribute more to model rather than discrepancy, hopefully search in better directions with emulator)



# Example - ice sheet reconstructions



- - - History matching cutoff,  $T$

| Basis truncation

## Why use a basis method: **Emulator efficiency**

- ▶ Higher initial cost (finding basis, inverting  $\mathbf{W}$ ), but one-off
- ▶ Thousands of emulators ( $\ell$ ) vs a few ( $q$ )
- ▶ Cost of basis approach doesn't increase much as evaluate emulators at more  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$  (and will generally do millions when HM) - useful when have multiple waves and/or multiple spatial field outputs and/or small, hard-to-sample-from NROY space

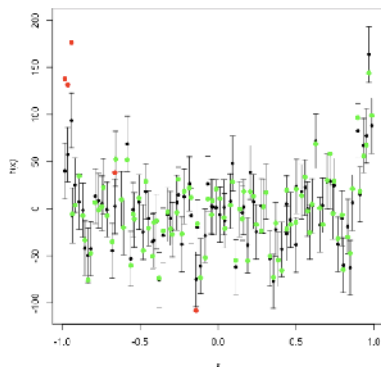
## Why use a basis method: **Validation efficiency**

Might look good overall (e.g. LOOs, prediction over validation set with 5% outside 2SDs), so passes checks.

Could go wrong in particular parts of space, demonstrate non-stationarity.

Easier to rigorously validate, re-fit handful of emulators.

Fewer failure points.



## Why use a basis method: **Coherency**

Why might it be useful to be able to sample from the emulator posterior in a physical coherent way?

- ▶ If using as input (e.g. boundary condition) to another model.
- ▶ For exceedance probabilities (several co-located grid cells contributing to a risk of e.g. inundation, important to account for correlated outputs).

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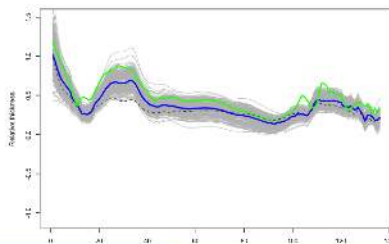
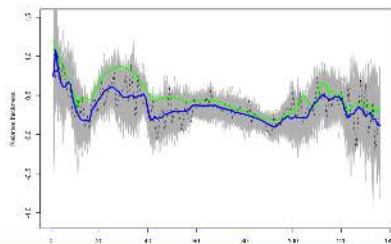
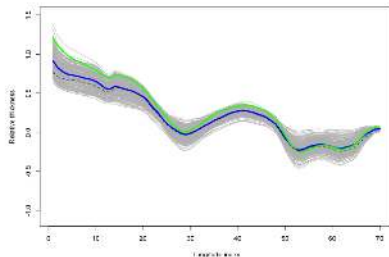
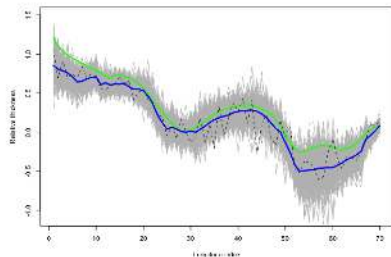
Sampled ice sheet profile at fixed latitude

Univariate

Observations

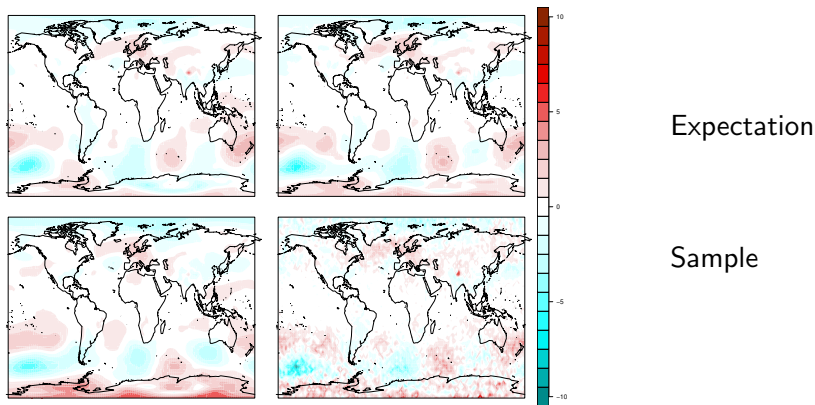
Basis

Emulator mean



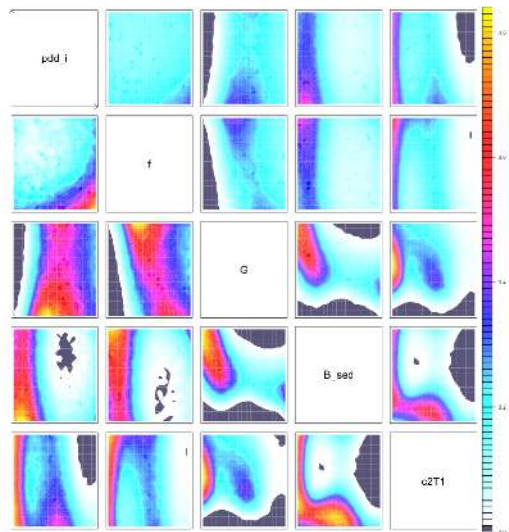
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Expectations look similar, but individual samples look like model output for basis approach - not true for independently-sampled GPs unless posterior variance  $\rightarrow 0$ .



# Why use a basis method: Calibration efficiency

Extremely fast to run for millions of points



# Why use a basis method: **Summary**

## **Good:**

- ▶ Fewer emulators to build, validate (fewer failure points, easier diagnosis of problems)
- ▶ Hence much faster predictions, particularly useful when multiple waves
- ▶ Similar accuracy in experience
- ▶ Basis structure gives fast calibration, no loss of information
- ▶ Captures patterns/correlations/physicality from model, interpretability
- ▶ Emulator posterior behaves like model output
- ▶ Better exploitation of information in ensemble vs emulating summaries
  - if expensive to run, want to extract as much signal as possible.

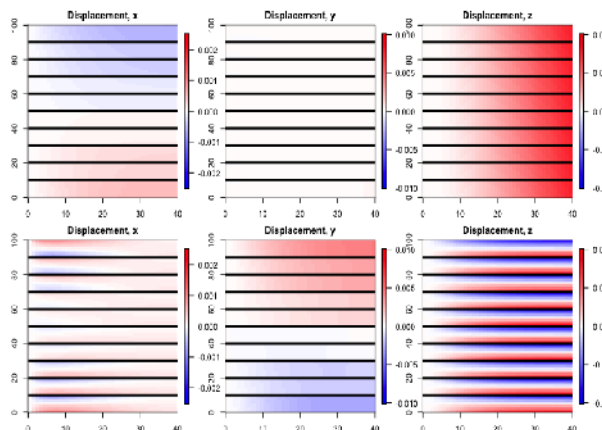
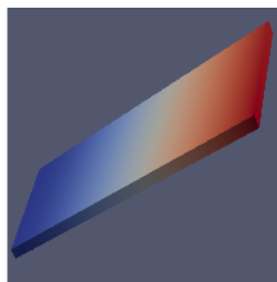


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## Bad:

- ▶ Initial expense of inverting  $\mathbf{W}$ , calculating SVD increases with  $\ell$
- ▶ Observations may lie outside subspace defined by ensemble (but either fixable, or a problem in all cases)
- ▶ Basis selection/emulation can be challenging
- ▶ Maybe not enough degrees of freedom?
- ▶ Patterns don't necessarily align ( $\implies$  kernel PCA)
- ▶ Harder to specify  $\ell \times \ell$  variance matrices for observation error, discrepancy vs if these are scalars.

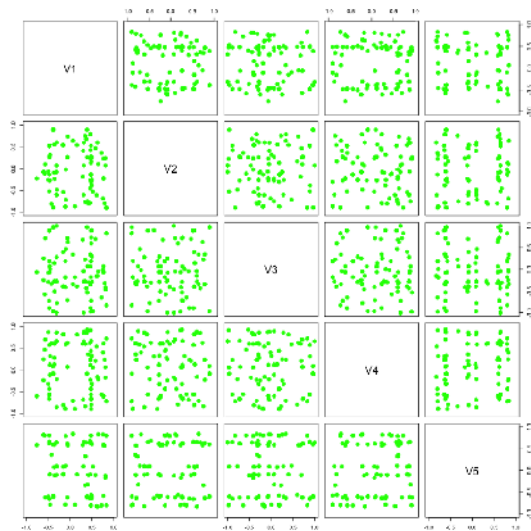
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$q = 2$  basis elements do the job thanks to high correlations! (Unsurprising - material can only deform in certain physically-coherent ways)

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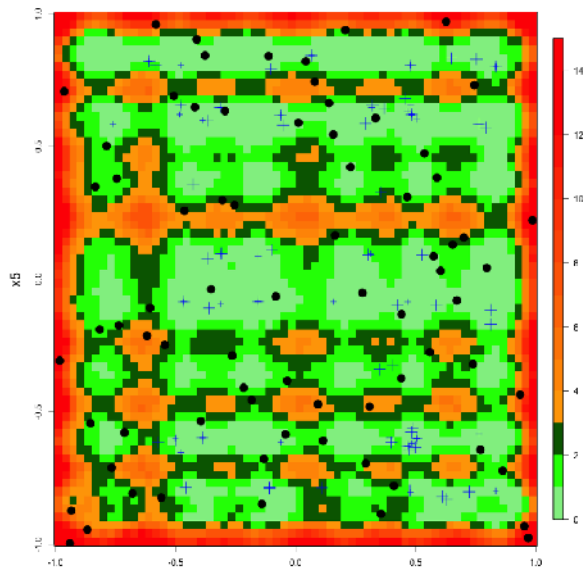
Sketch of true\* NROY space



\*zero emulator variance

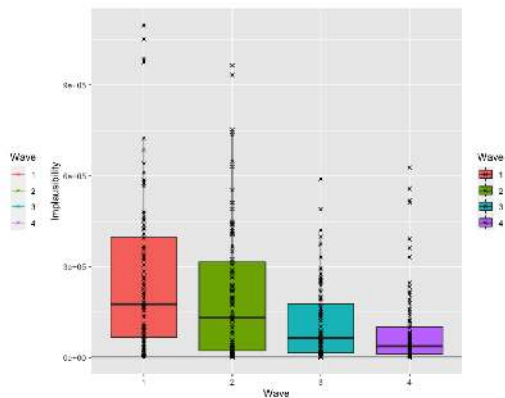
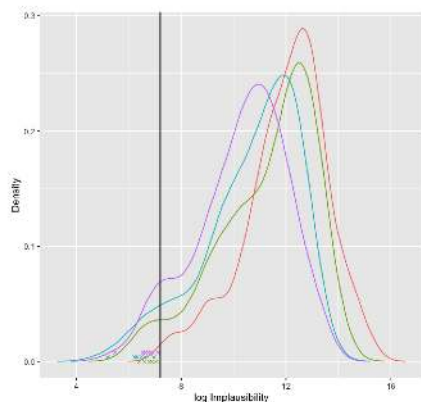
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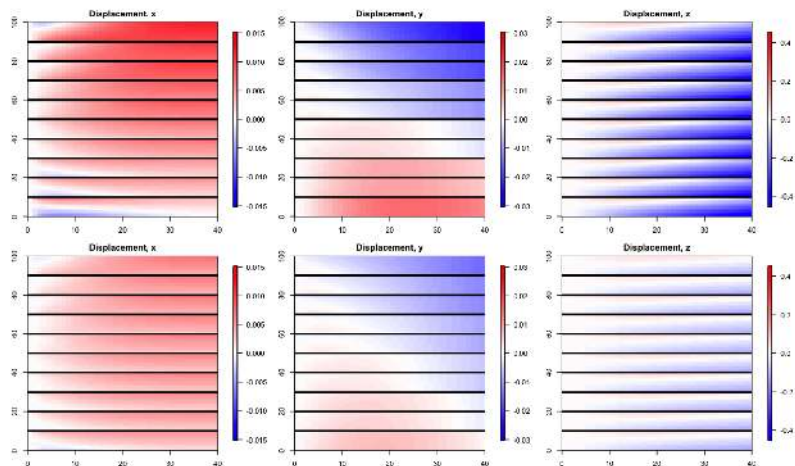
83.6% → 45.2% → 30.1% → 22.8% of  $\mathcal{X}$



We get a lot of the way, but as zoom in identify non-stationarities etc. so need to be smarter

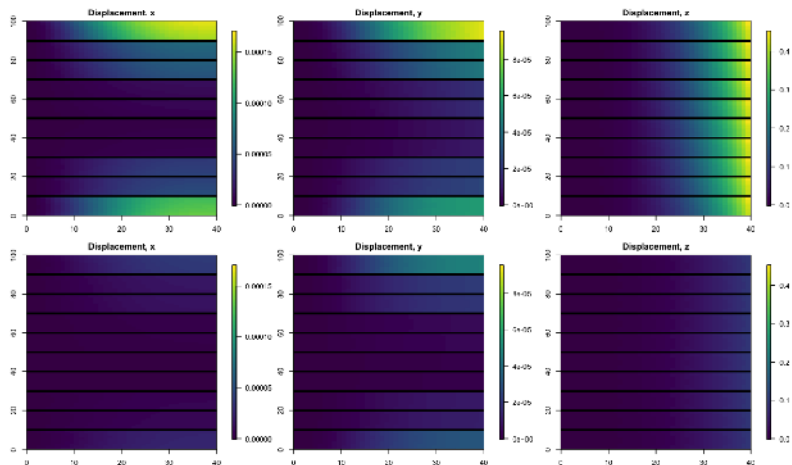
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$$f(\mathbf{x}^*) - E_1[f(\mathbf{x}^*)], f(\mathbf{x}^*) - E_4[f(\mathbf{x}^*)]$$

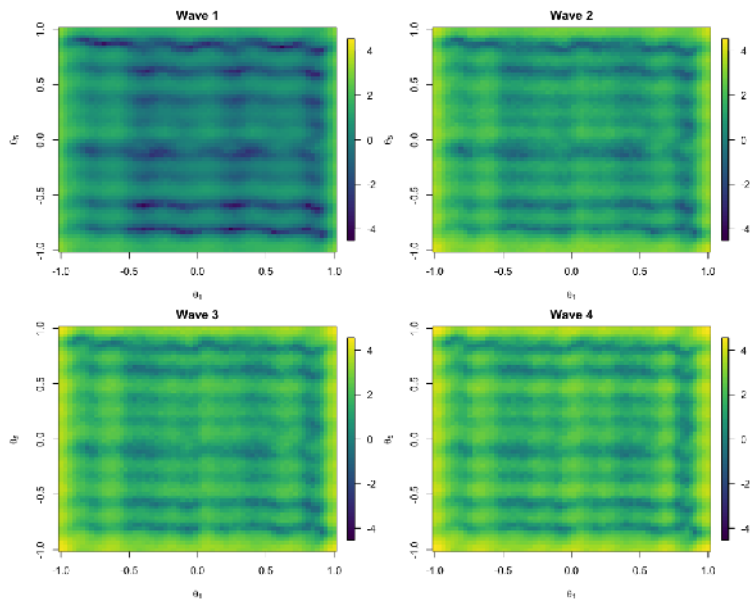


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- ▶ Given a good choice of basis, can emulate, predict, and calculate implausibility metric efficiently, for high  $\ell$ .
- ▶ Useful tool for many problems - won't always care about what the full output looks like, but get a lot of nice properties almost for free.
- ▶ Type of basis not important - as long as satisfies rules! Doesn't need to be SVD-based (but often a good starting point).
- ▶ Discrepancy clearly important, potential for identifying within this framework.

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