



# Uncertainty Updating in the Description of Coupled Transport Processes in Heterogeneous Materials

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- Motivation
- Bayesian updating of uncertainty
- Modelling of heterogeneities
- Dimensionality reduction – Karhunen-Loève expansion
- Acceleration by polynomial chaos expansion
- Heat and moisture transport by Künzler and Kiessl
- Conclusion and future work



- Uncertainty quantification – why is that important?
  - ➔ Quantitative characterization and reduction of uncertainty in applications
  - ➔ Enabling of suitable reparation of buildings and extension of building's lifetime
  - ➔ Prevention of building's collapse with catastrophic consequences
- Bayesian inference provides:
  - probabilistic description of structural behaviour (model response)
  - incorporating different sources of information: expert's knowledge, results of measurements...
  - parameters estimation from noisy and limited data or imperfect forward model



[Marzouk & Najm, 2007&2009]



# Bayesian updating of uncertainty



Let  $Y$  be a forward model of a real system:  $Y(\mathbf{q}) + \boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{z}$

- $\mathbf{z}$  are measurable quantities
- $\mathbf{q}$  are model input parameters
- $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  are uncertainties including **observation errors** together with **model imperfections**

- Bayes's rule:  $p(\mathbf{q} | \mathbf{z}) = \kappa \cdot p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{q}) p_q(\mathbf{q})$   
a priori density function

- a posteriori density function:  
 $\pi_m(\mathbf{q}) = \int_D p(\mathbf{q} | \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \kappa \cdot p_m(\mathbf{q}) L(\mathbf{q})$   
likelihood function

- Assuming uncertainties  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  to be Gaussian:

$$L(\mathbf{q}) = \kappa \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{z}_{\text{obs}})^T \mathbf{C}_{\text{obs}}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{z}_{\text{obs}})\right)$$

[Albert Tarantola, 2005, SIAM]



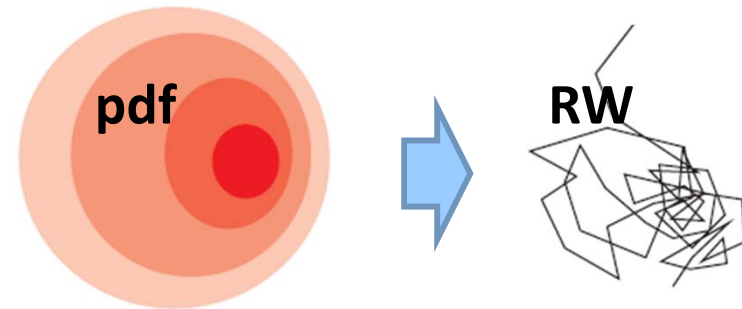


Sampling of a posteriori distribution:

## ***Metropolis - Hastings algorithm***

which is a Markov chain Monte Carlo method,  
i.e., it is random (*Monte Carlo*) and has no memory in the sense  
that each step depends only on the previous step (*Markov chain*)

- start at  $\mathbf{q}_i$
- generation of random walk  $\mathbf{q}_j$   
that samples the prior
- If  $L(\mathbf{q}_j) \geq L(\mathbf{q}_i)$ , then accept the proposed transition to  $\mathbf{q}_j$
- If  $L(\mathbf{q}_j) < L(\mathbf{q}_i)$ , then accept the proposed transition to  $\mathbf{q}_j$   
with the probability  $P_{i \rightarrow j} = L(\mathbf{q}_j) / L(\mathbf{q}_i)$ , otherwise stay at  $\mathbf{q}_i$



[Mosegaard & Tarantola, 2002, IHEES]

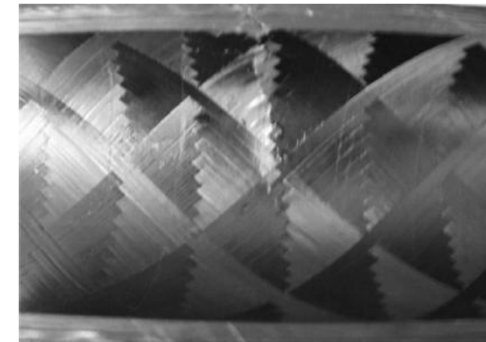


- homogenisation theories for materials with well-defined geometry:

Regular masonry



Wound composite tube

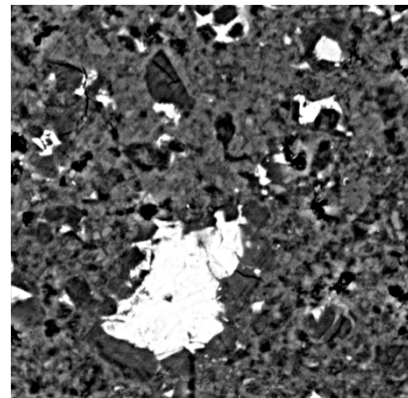


- describing uncertain material properties in time and/or space using stochastic processes and fields

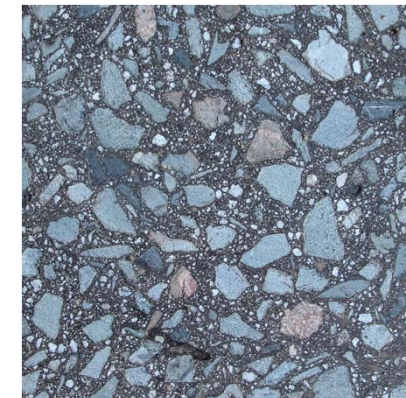
Irregular masonry



Cement paste



Asphalt



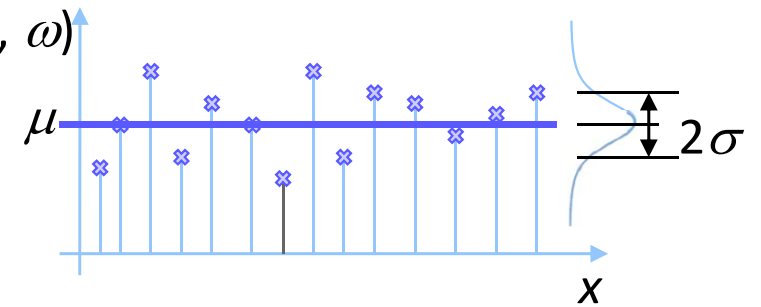


# Description of random field

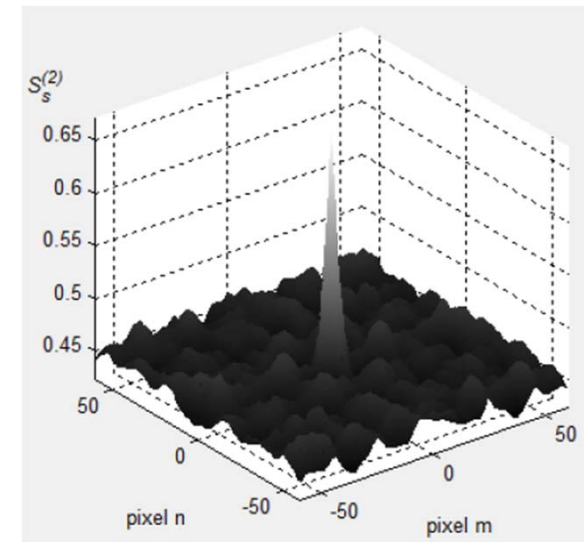
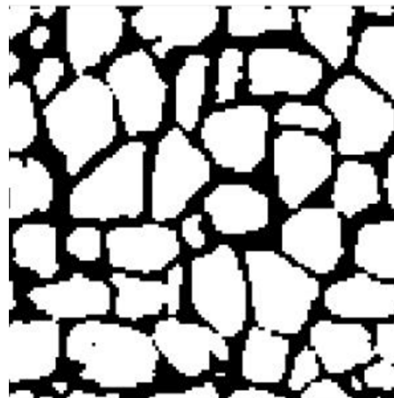
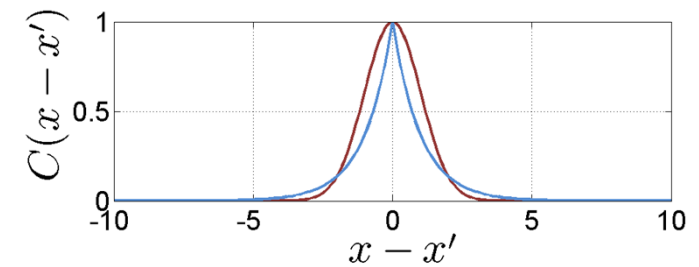


Random field  $q(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$  usually defined by:  $q(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$

- mean  $\mu$
- covariance function  $C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$



- Gaussian covariance  $C(x, x') = \sigma^2 e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{2L_x^2}}$
- Exponential covariance  $C(x, x') = \sigma^2 e^{-\frac{|x-x'|}{L_x}}$







# Karhunen-Loève expansion



Since the covariance function is symmetric and positive definite , it can be represented by the **spectral decomposition** as

$$C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \zeta_i \psi_i(\mathbf{x}) \psi_i(\mathbf{x}')$$

$\zeta_i$  ... eigenvalues  
 $\psi_i(\mathbf{x})$  ... eigenfunctions

- quite complex, solved only for one- or two-dimensional tasks
- discretization of covariance according to  $n$  grid points:

$$\mathbf{C} = \sum_{i=1}^M \zeta_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_i^T$$

$\zeta_i$  ... eigenvalues  
 $\boldsymbol{\psi}_i$  ... eigenvectors

- where  $\zeta_i, \boldsymbol{\psi}_i$  are solution of eigenvalue problem  $\mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\psi}_i = \zeta_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_i$
- discretized field  $\mathbf{q}$  can be written as **Karhunen-Loève expansion**

$$\mathbf{q} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\zeta_i} \xi_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_i$$

[e.g. Ghanem & Spanos, 1991, SFE  
or Matthies & Keese, 2005, CMAME]





# Coupled heat and moisture transport



*Model by Künzel and Kiessl, [Künzel and Kiessl, 1995]*

**Energy balance equation**

$$\frac{dH}{d\Theta} \frac{d\Theta}{dt} = \nabla[\lambda \nabla \Theta] + h_v \nabla[\delta_p \nabla \{\varphi p_{\text{sat}}(\Theta)\}]$$

**Moisture balance equation**

$$\frac{dw}{d\varphi} \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \nabla[D_\varphi \nabla \varphi] + \nabla[\delta_p \nabla \{\varphi p_{\text{sat}}(\Theta)\}]$$

$H$	[Jm <sup>-3</sup> ]	enthalpy of the moist building material
$w$	[kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	water content of the building material
$\lambda$	[Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]	thermal conductivity
$D_\varphi$	[kgm <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	liquid conduction coefficient
$\delta_p$	[kgm <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-1</sup> ]	water vapour permeability
$h_v$	[Jkg <sup>-1</sup> ]	evaporation enthalpy of the water
$p_{\text{sat}}$	[Pa]	water vapour saturation pressure
$\Theta$	[°C]	temperature
$\varphi$	[-]	relative humidity



$$K_{\Theta\Theta} r_\Theta + K_{\Theta\varphi} r_\varphi + C_{\Theta\Theta} \frac{dr_\Theta}{dt} = q_{\text{ext}}$$

$$K_{\varphi\Theta} r_\Theta + (K_{\varphi\varphi}^w + K_{\varphi\varphi}^v) r_\varphi + C_{\varphi\varphi} \frac{dr_\varphi}{dt} = g_{\text{ext}}$$



# Coupled heat and moisture transport



*Thermal conductivity -*

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 \left( 1 + \frac{b_{tcs} w_f (b-1) \varphi}{\rho_s (b-\varphi)} \right)$$

*Evaporation enthalpy of water -*

$$h_v = 2.5008 \cdot 10^6 \left( \frac{273.15}{\theta} \right)^{(0.167+3.67 \cdot 10^{-4} \theta)}$$

*Water vapour saturation pressure -*

$$p_{\text{sat}} = 611 \exp \left( \frac{17.08 \theta}{234.18 + \theta} \right)$$

*Water vapour permeability -*

$$\delta_p = \frac{1.9446 \cdot 10^{-12}}{\mu} \cdot (\theta + 273.15)^{0.81}$$

*Liquid conduction coefficient -*

$$D_\varphi = 3.8 \frac{a^2}{w_f} \cdot 10^{\frac{3w_f(b-1)\varphi}{(b-\varphi)(w_f-1)}} \cdot \frac{b(b-1)}{(b-\varphi)^2}$$

*Total enthalpy -*

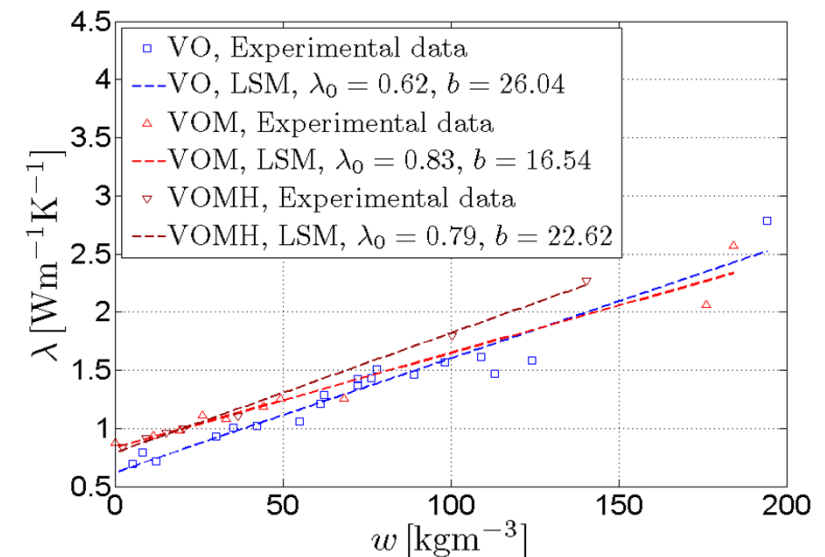
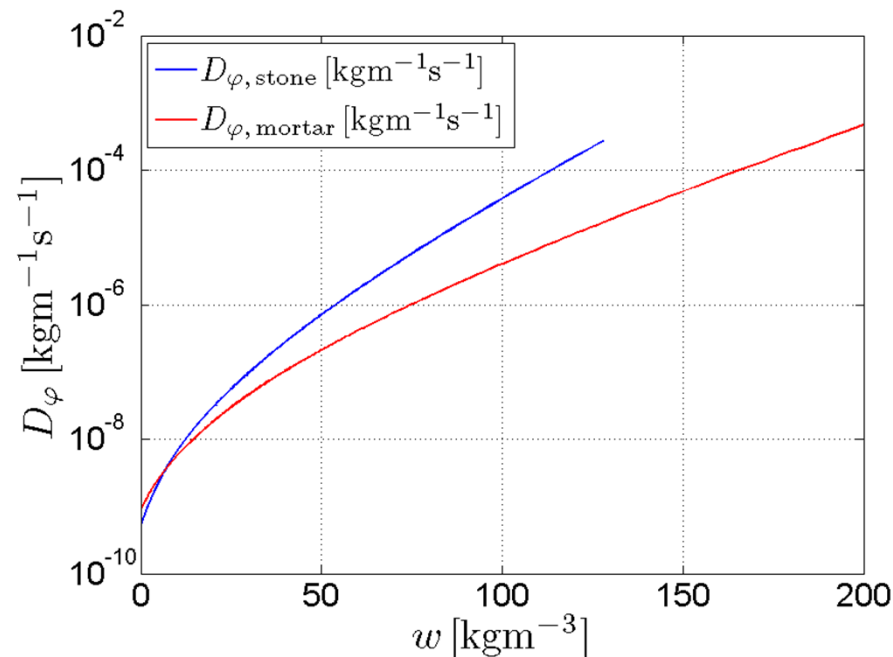
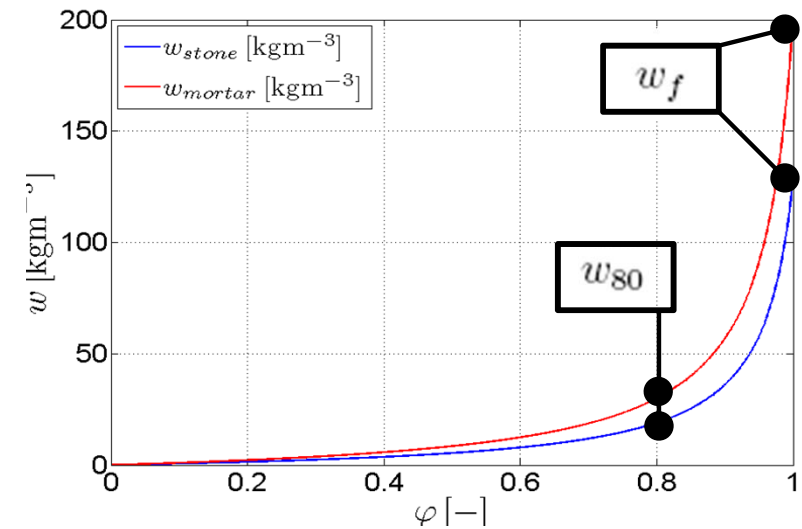
$$H = \rho_s c_s \theta$$



# Model parameters



$w_f$	[kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	free water saturation
$w_{80}$	[kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	water content at 80 % relative humidity
$\lambda_0$	[Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]	thermal conductivity of dry building material
$b$	[-]	thermal conductivity supplement
$\rho_s$	[kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	bulk density of dry building material
$\mu$	[-]	water vapour diffusion resistance factor
$A$	[kgm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-0.5</sup> ]	water absorption coefficient



**Variation of thermal conductivity as a function of water content**



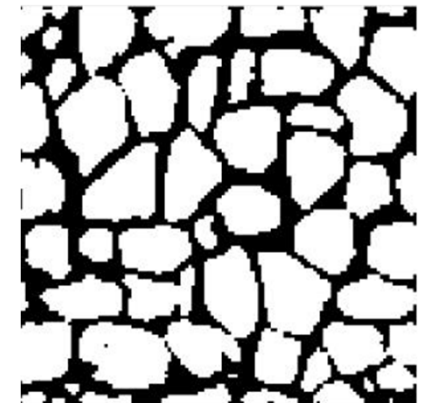
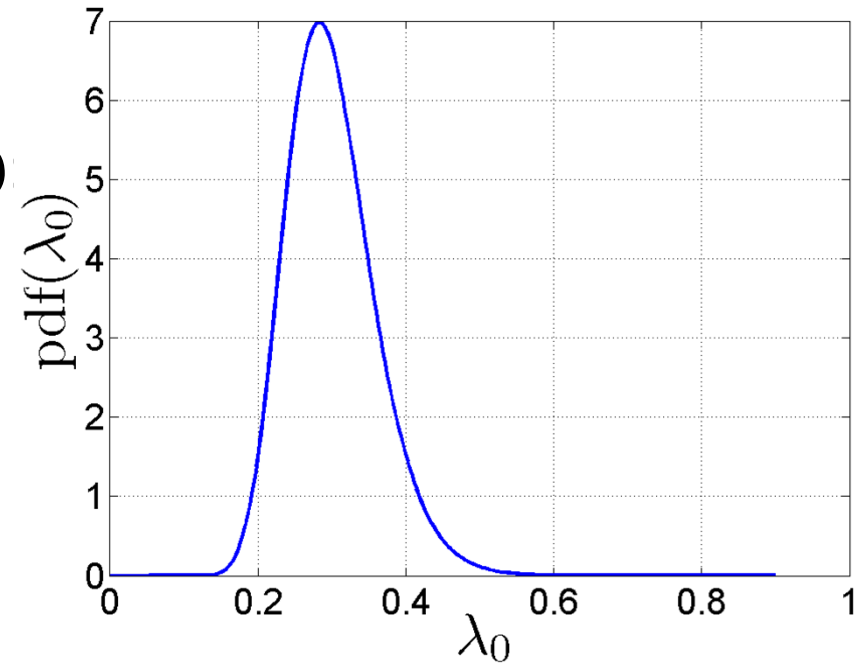
- Lognormal distribution  
➔ Lognormal random field  $q(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$

nonlinear transformation of standard  
Gaussian random field  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$

$$q(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \exp(\mu_g + \sigma_g \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \omega))$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\zeta_i} \xi_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \quad \sigma_g^2 = \ln \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\sigma_q}{\mu_q} \right)^2 \right) \quad \mu_g = \ln \mu_q - 0.5 \sigma_g^2$$

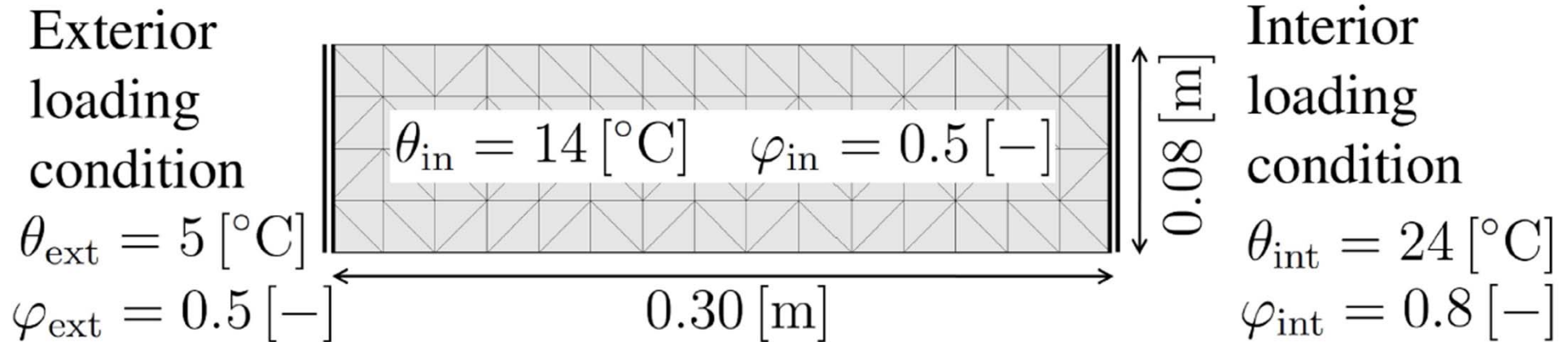
- Assumption: fully correlated parameters  
➔ differ only in second order statistics  $\mu_g, \sigma_g$ ,  
the shape  $\mathbf{g}$  is the same







# Numerical example



- Exponential covariance kernel

$$C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma^2 e^{-\left| \frac{x-x'}{L_x} \right| - \left| \frac{y-y'}{L_y} \right|}$$

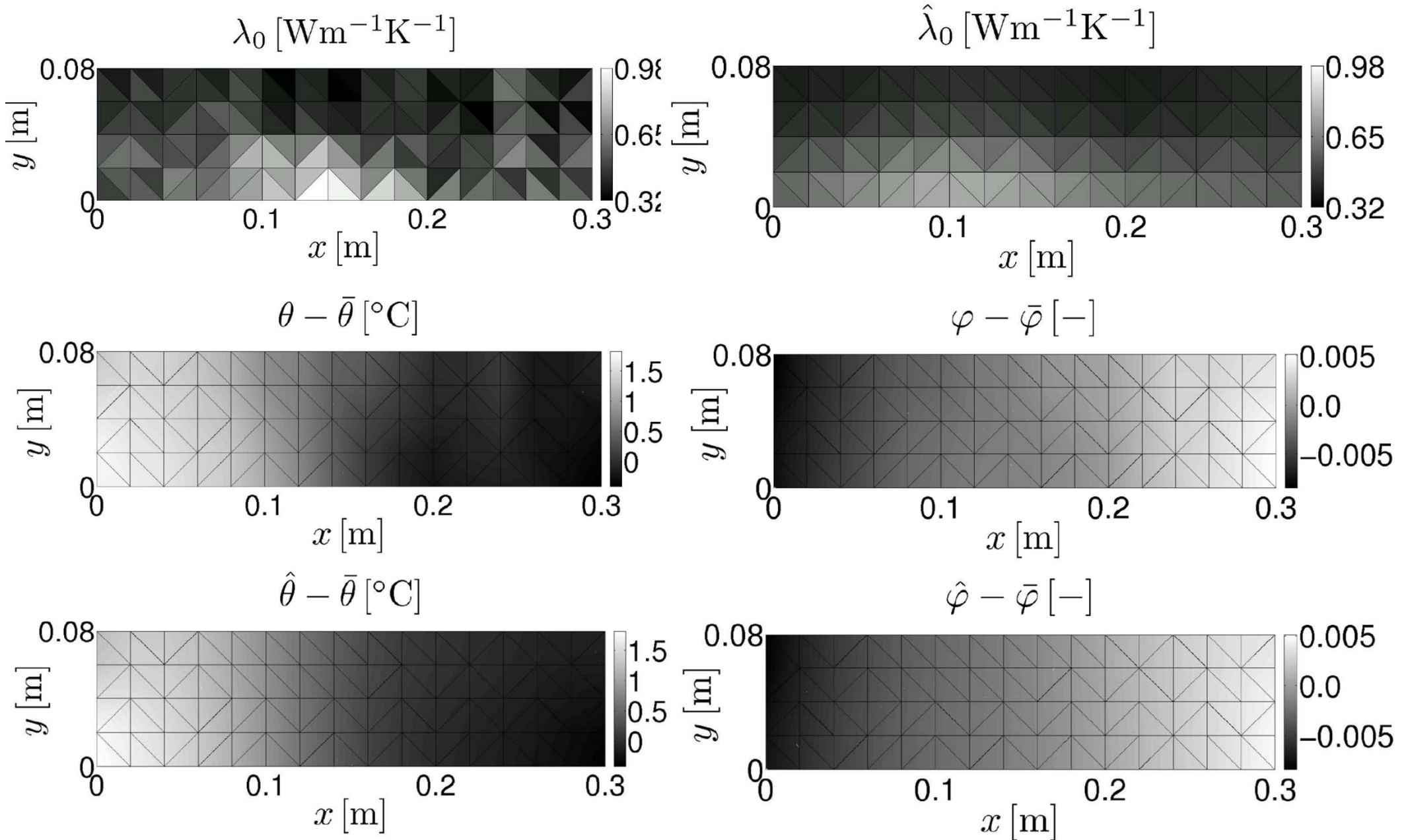
- Lognormal random field with second order statistics:

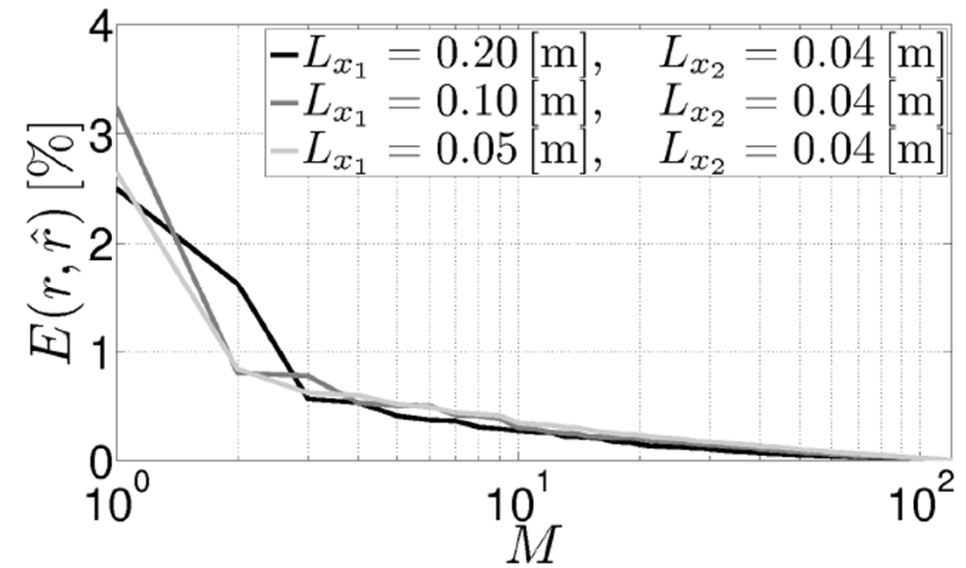
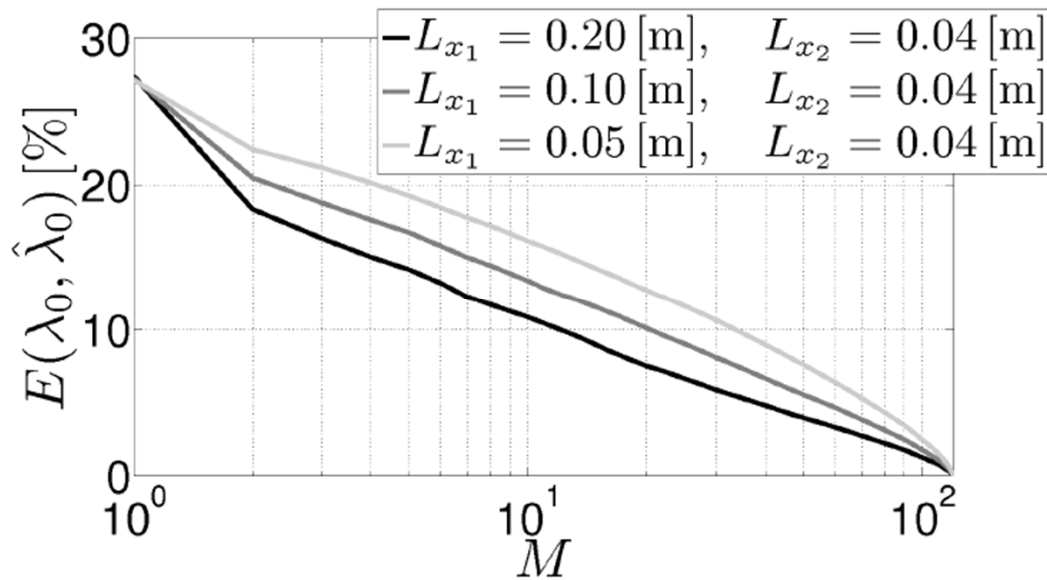
parameter	$w_f$ [kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$w_{80}$ [kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$\lambda_0$ [Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$b$ [-]	$\rho_s$ [kgm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$\mu$ [-]	$A$ [kgm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-0.5</sup> ]
Mean	75	25	0.3	10	1700	20	0.2
Std	15	5	0.06	2	340	4	0.04



$$M = 7, L_x = 0.1$$

# Dimensionality reduction





$$E(\mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{j=1}^{100} \frac{1}{120} \sum_{i=1}^{120} \frac{|q_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j) - \hat{q}_i^{(M)}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j)|}{q_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}_j)}$$



# Polynomial chaos expansion



Each material parameter is approximated by KL expansion:

$$\hat{q}_0 = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\zeta_i} \xi_i \psi_i$$

Model response can be approximated by PC expansion:

in  $i$ -th node:  $\tilde{r}_i(\xi) = \sum_{\alpha} \beta_{\alpha,i} H_{\alpha}(\xi(\omega)) = \mathbf{H}^*(\xi(\omega)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_i$

in all nodes:  $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(\xi) = \sum_{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{\alpha} H_{\alpha}(\xi(\omega)) = (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{H}^*(\xi(\omega))) \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}$

where  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^T = (\dots, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i^T, \dots)$  are PC coefficients and  $H_{\alpha}(\xi(\omega))$  are multivariate Hermite polynomials:

$$H_{\alpha}(\xi(\omega)) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} h_{\alpha_j}(\xi_j(\omega))$$

[e.g. Ghanem & Spanos, 1991, SFE  
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# Polynomial chaos expansion



Enthalpy at  $i$ -th triangular element becomes:

$$\tilde{H}_i(\tilde{\theta}(\xi)) = \hat{\rho}_s(\xi) c_s(\xi) \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 \tilde{\theta}_{i,j}(\xi) =$$

$$= \left( \mu_{\rho_s} + \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\zeta_{\rho_s,j}} \xi_j \psi_j \right) \left( \mu_{c_s} + \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\zeta_{c_s,j}} \xi_j \psi_j \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 H^* \xi \cdot \beta_j \right)$$

Balance equation becomes:

$$\mathbf{K}(\beta, \xi(\omega)) \otimes H^*(\xi(\omega)) \cdot \beta - \mathbf{q}_{ext} = \mathbf{0}$$

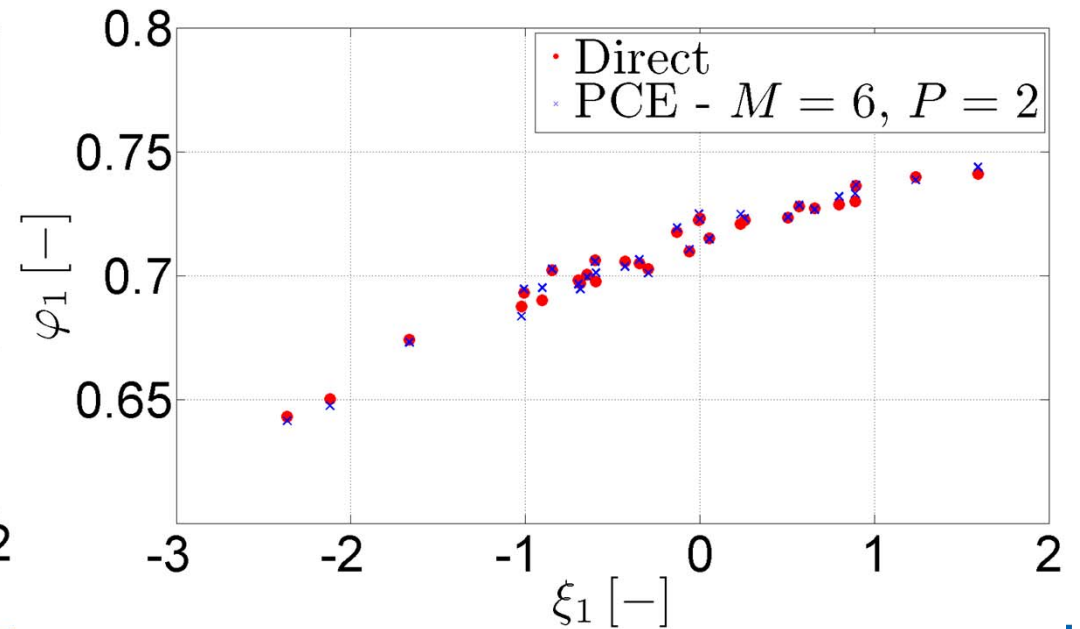
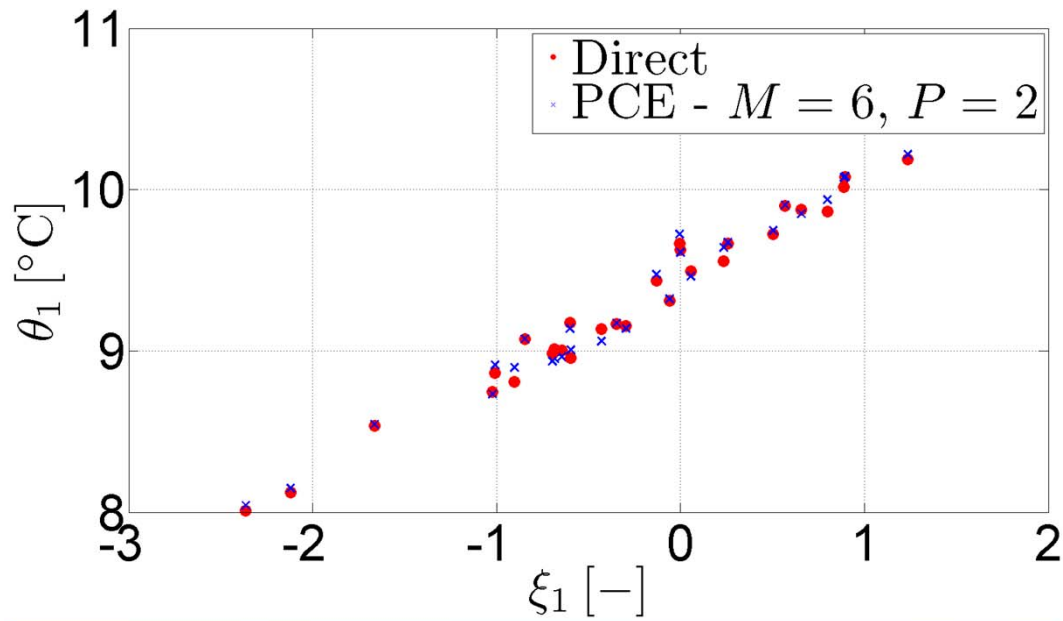
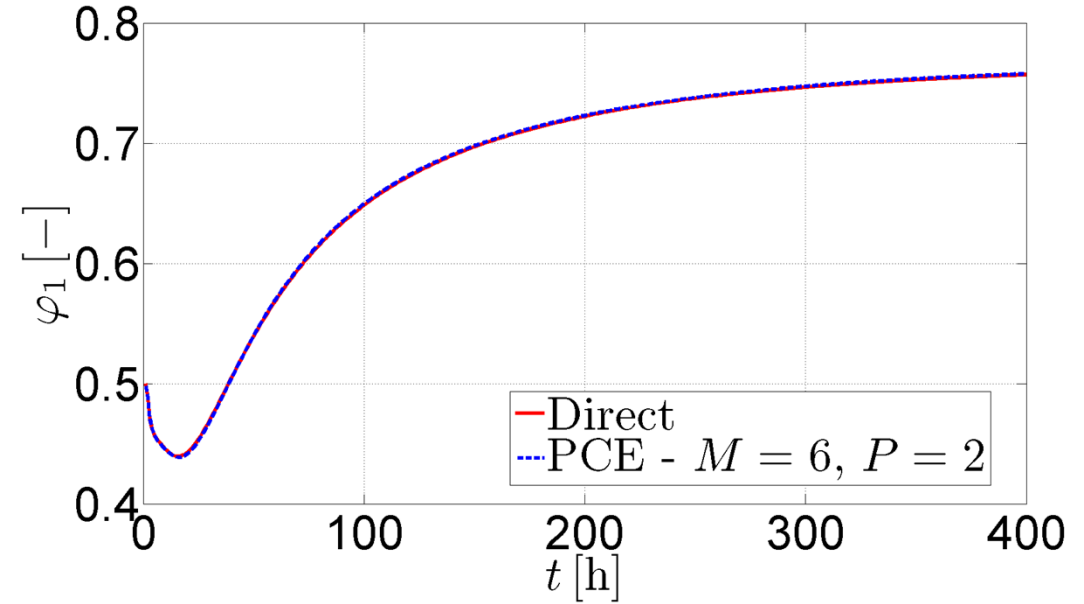
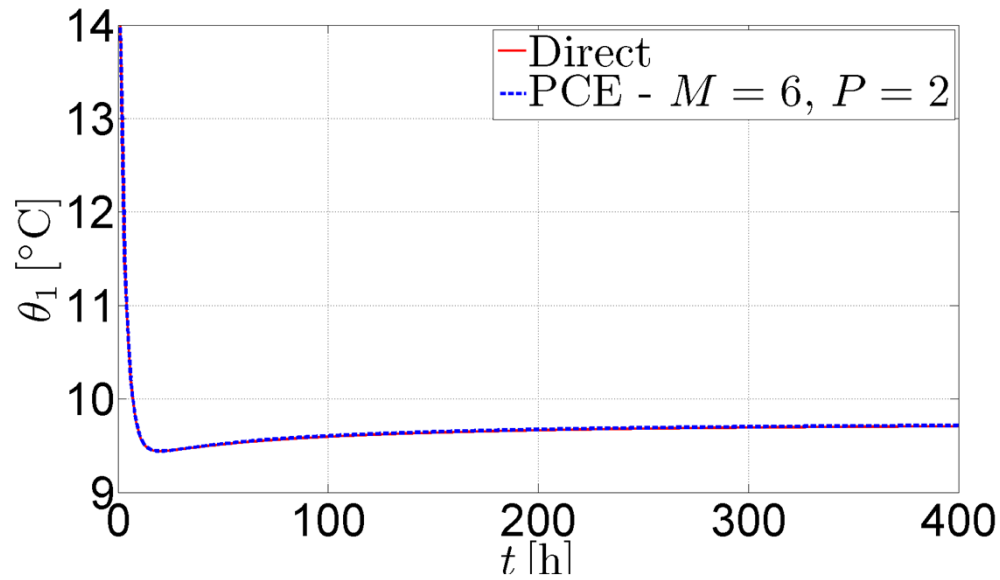
and can be solved using Galerkin projection:

$$\int_{\Omega} H(\xi(\omega)) \otimes \mathbf{K}(\beta, \xi(\omega)) \otimes H^*(\xi(\omega)) dP(\omega) \cdot \beta - \int_{\Omega} H(\xi(\omega)) dP(\omega) \otimes \mathbf{q}_{ext} = \mathbf{0}$$

Nonlinear system is solved by Newton-Raphson method.

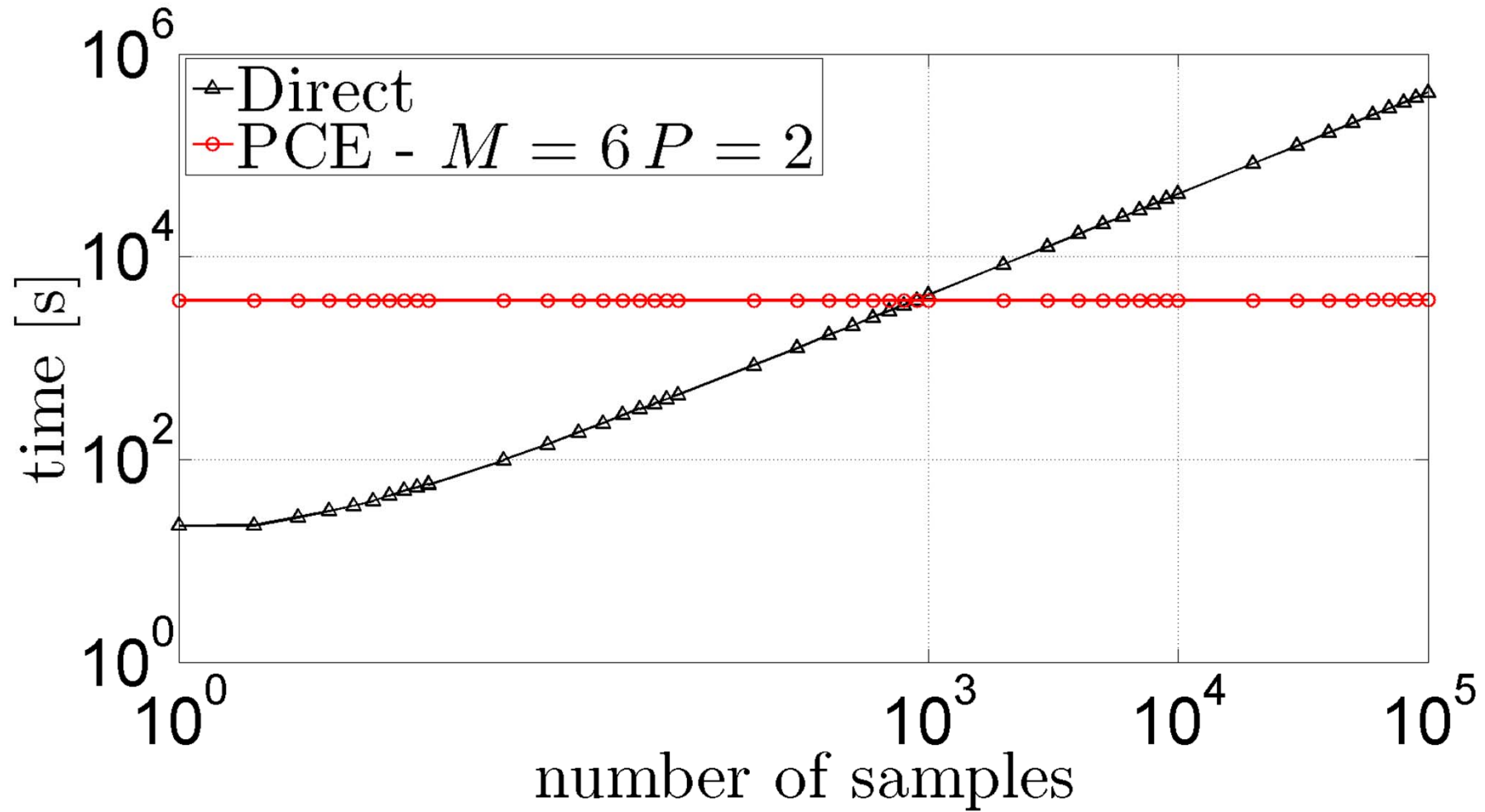


# PCE - accuracy



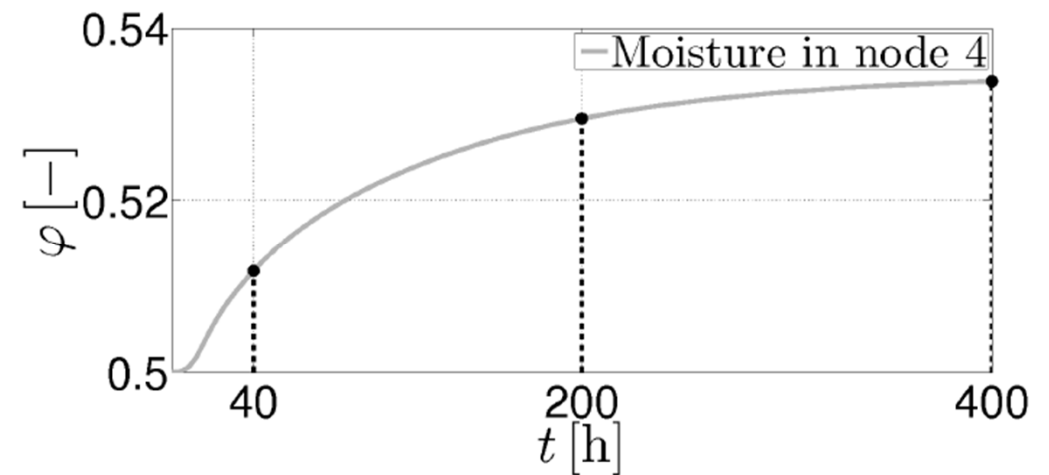
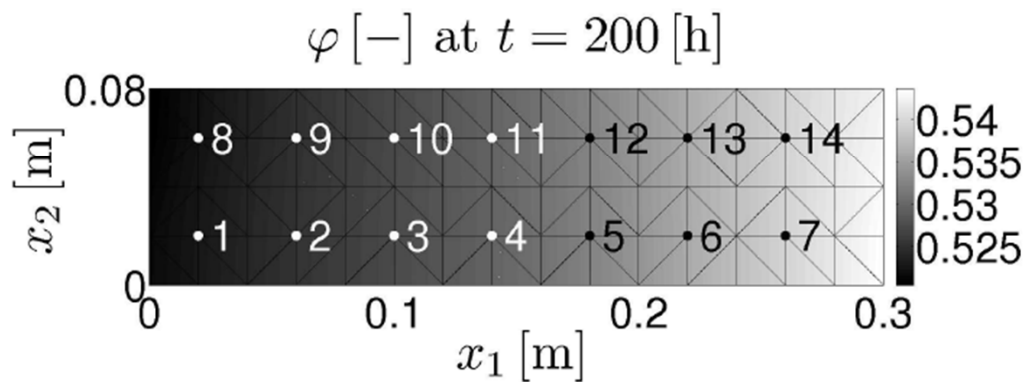
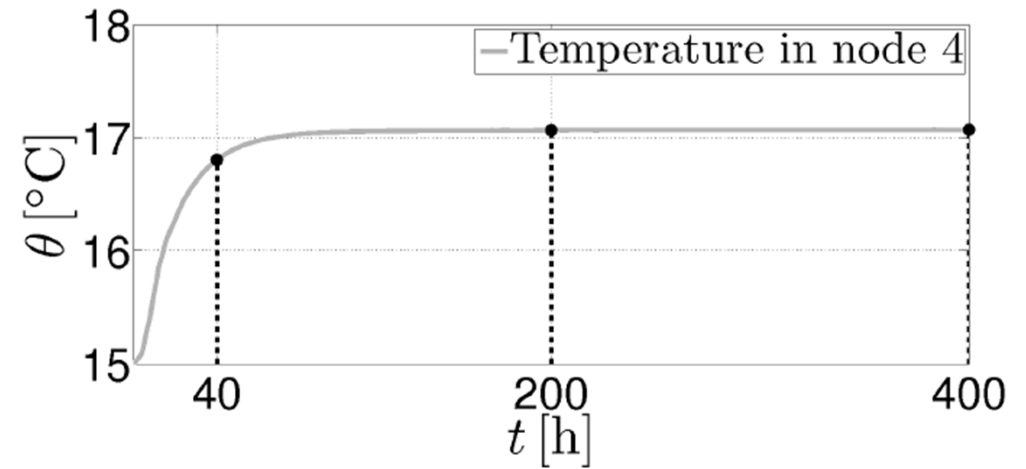
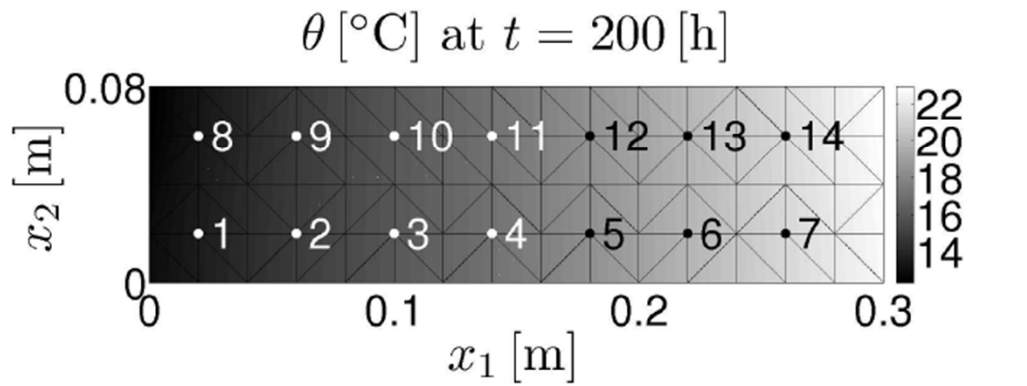


# PCE - acceleration





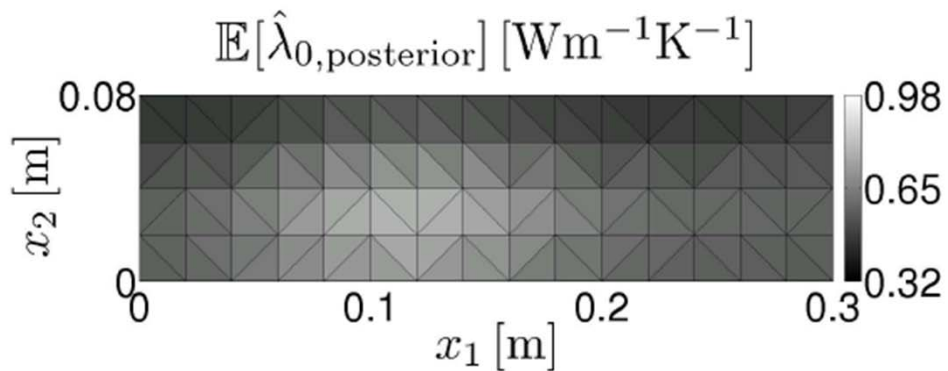
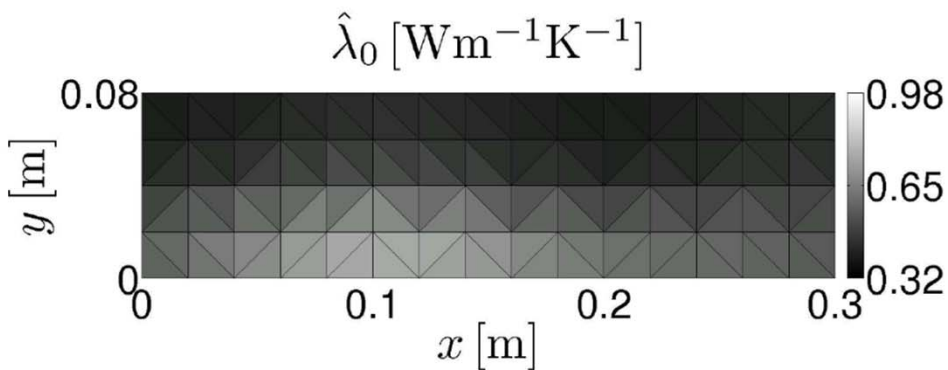
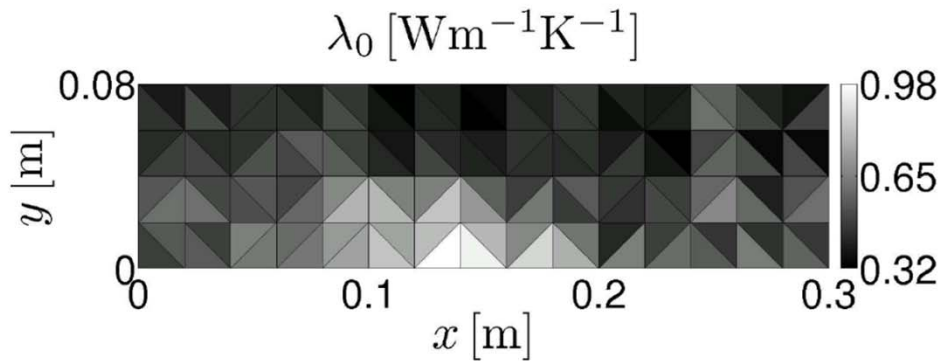
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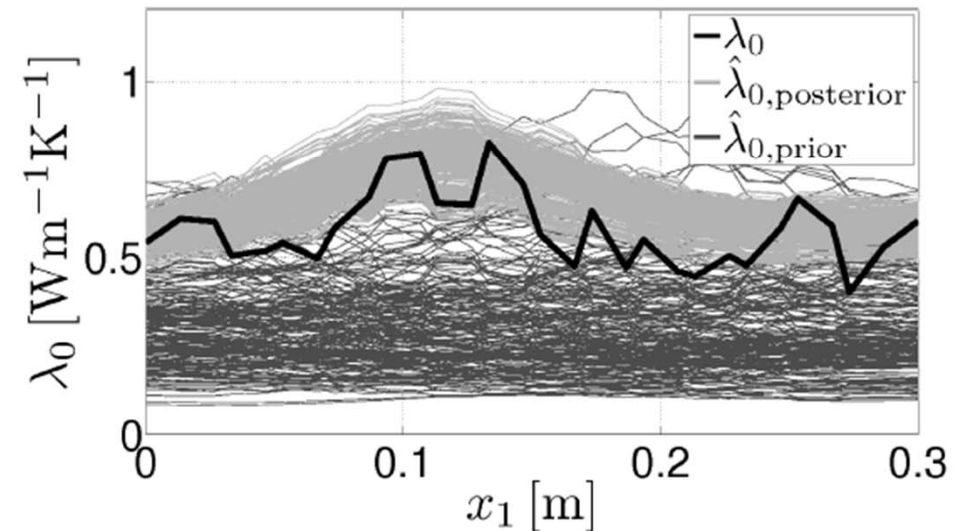
# Bayesian update



$$L_x = 0.1 \text{ m}, L_y = 0.04 \text{ m}$$

$$M = 7$$

**80000 samples**

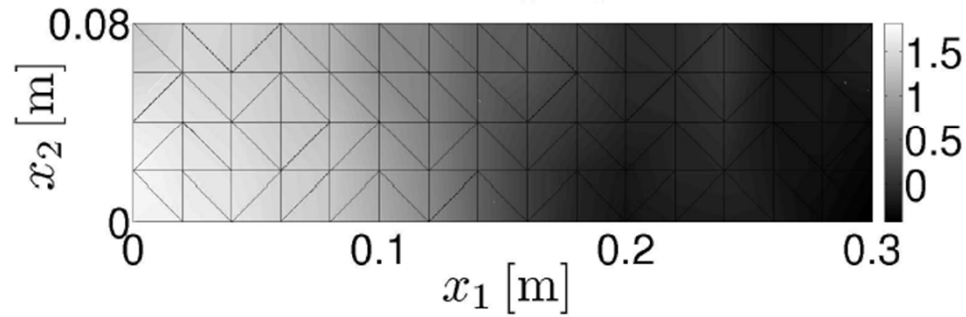




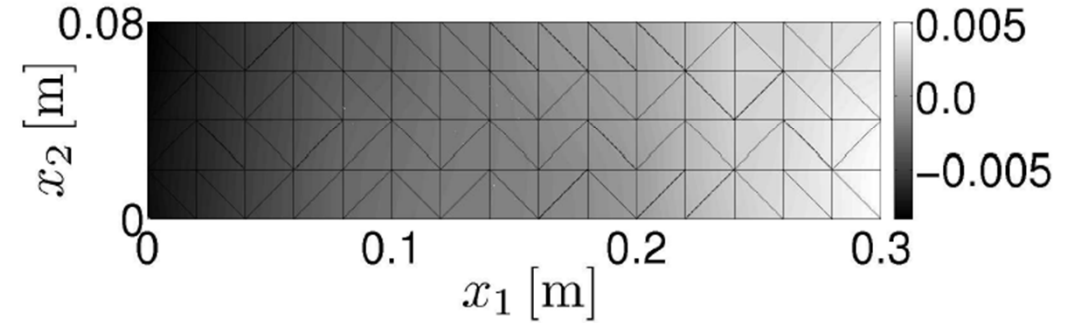
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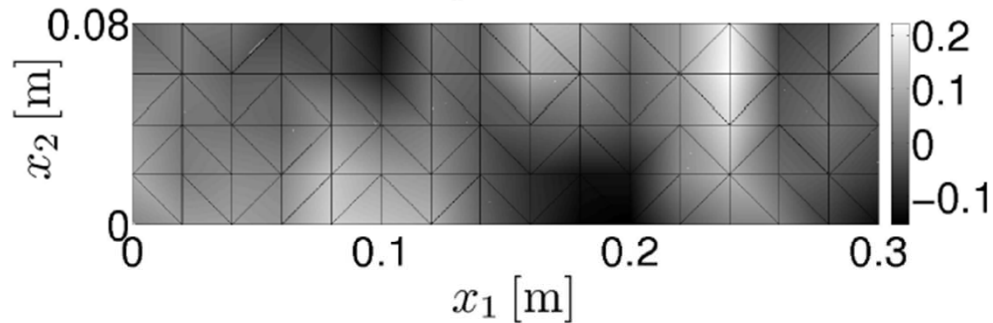
$$\theta - \bar{\theta} [^{\circ}\text{C}]$$



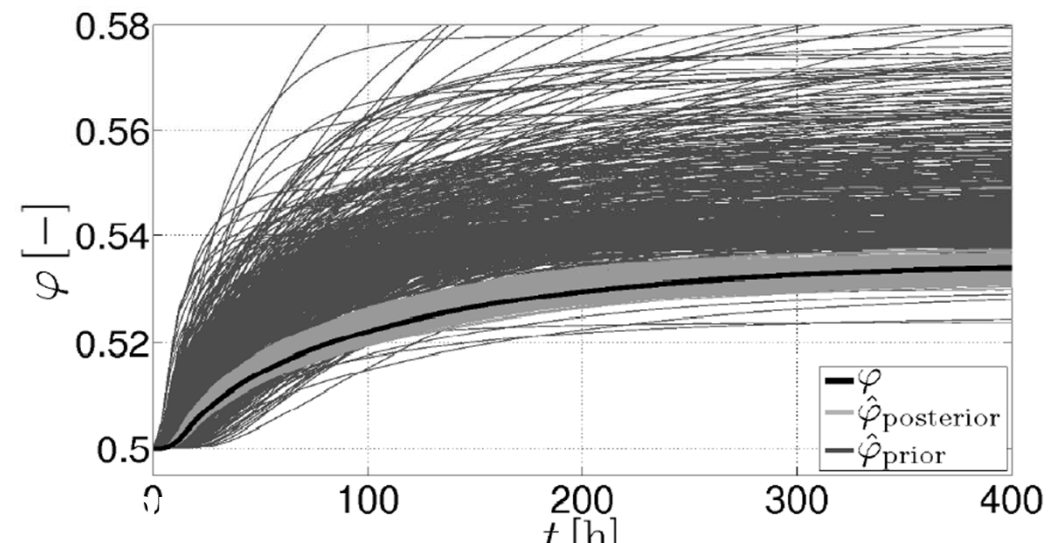
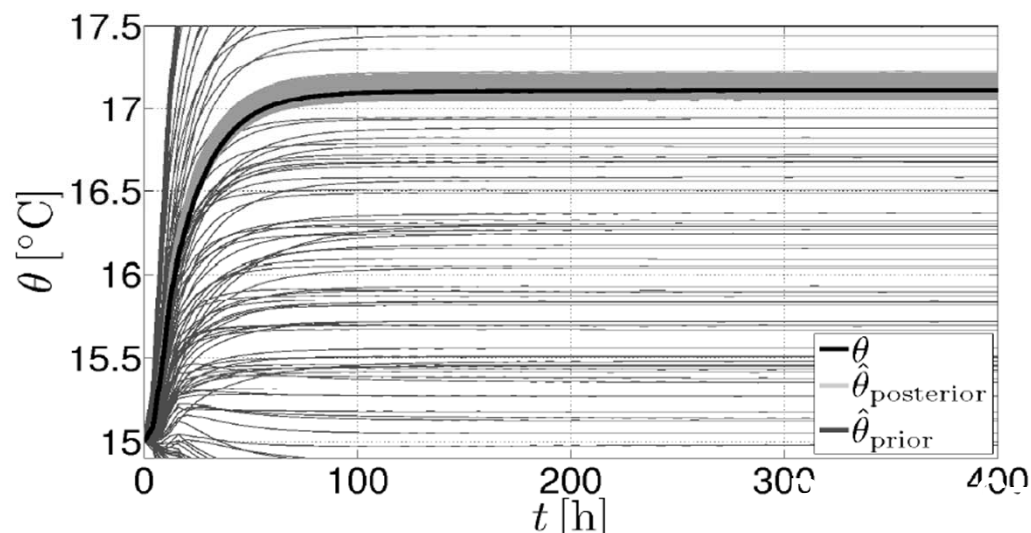
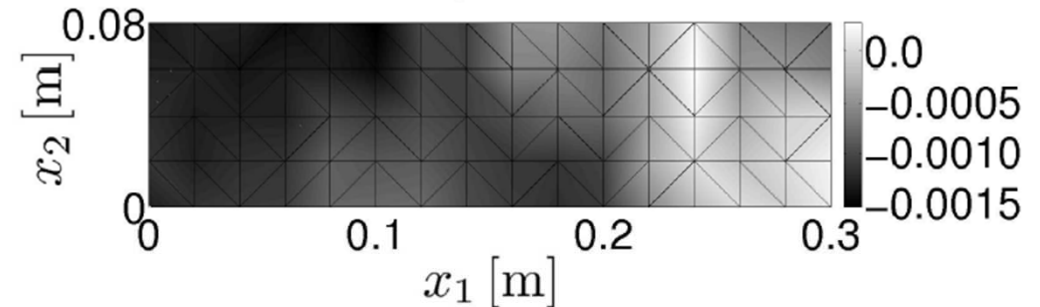
$$\varphi - \bar{\varphi} [-]$$



$$\theta - \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{\text{posterior}}] [^{\circ}\text{C}]$$



$$\varphi - \mathbb{E}[\hat{\varphi}_{\text{posterior}}] [-]$$





- Bayesian approach provides a foundation for inference from noisy and limited data
- Karhunen-Loève expansion enables an efficient description of input parameters defined as random field
- Polynomial chaos expansion can be used to approximate the model response and accelerate the Bayesian inference even for highly nonlinear models

Future work:

- More reliable description of correlated input random fields