

# Scientific Aspects of the Climate UQ Project @ LLNL

Donald D. Lucas + Climate & UQ Teams

## Discussion Topics

- **Overview of climate UQ project and methods**
- **Parameter sensitivity update**
- ***Filtering UQ ensembles through observations***
- **Future directions (UQ simulations and observations)**

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# Climate and UQ Teams

**“The Advance of UQ Science with Applications to Climate Modeling, Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF), and Stockpile Stewardship (SSS),” A three-year Laboratory Directed Research & Development Strategic Initiative**



- **Project Leads**

- Richard Klein (PI)
- Xabier Garaizar (co-PI)

- **Climate Team**

- Curt Covey (climate lead)
- Donald Lucas (modeling and analysis)
- John Tannahill (software architecture and development)
- Yuying Zhang (observations and analysis)

- **UQ and Computation Teams**

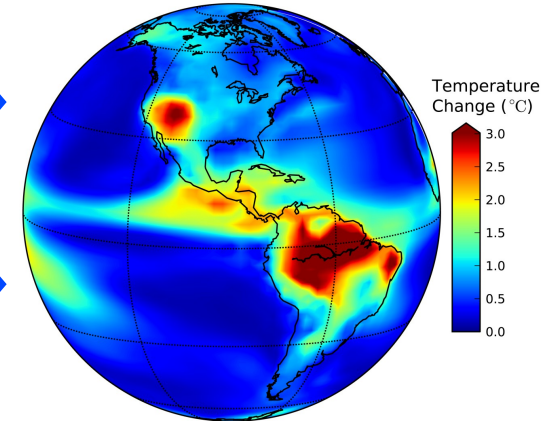
- David Domyancic, Scott Brandon (LLNL UQ Pipeline)
- Gardar Johannesson (curse of dimensionality, adaptive sampling)
- And others



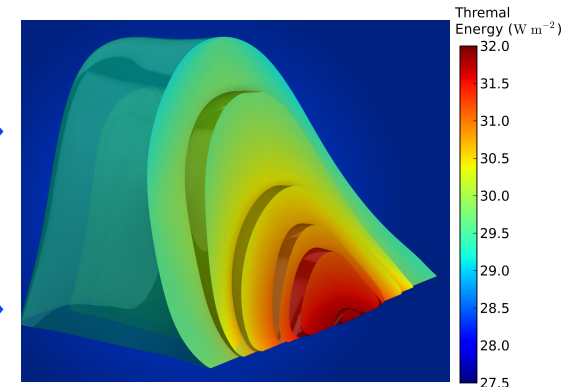
# Overview of Climate UQ @ LLNL

- Adaptively build an ensemble of climate simulations for present-day climate by perturbing uncertain input parameters of the **Community Atmospheric Model (CAM)**
- Carry out sensitivity and uncertainty analysis of the climate simulations
- Collect a comprehensive set of observations to use for UQ (emphasis on cloud-related observations)
- Calibrate input parameters using observations
- Calculate PDF of climate sensitivity
- Perform UQ analysis of climate change using coupled models and adaptive sampling refinement in LLNL's *UQ Pipeline*

Model input uncertainties



Example of a sensitivity map calculated using the Morris method on CAM3 in a high dimensional parameter space.

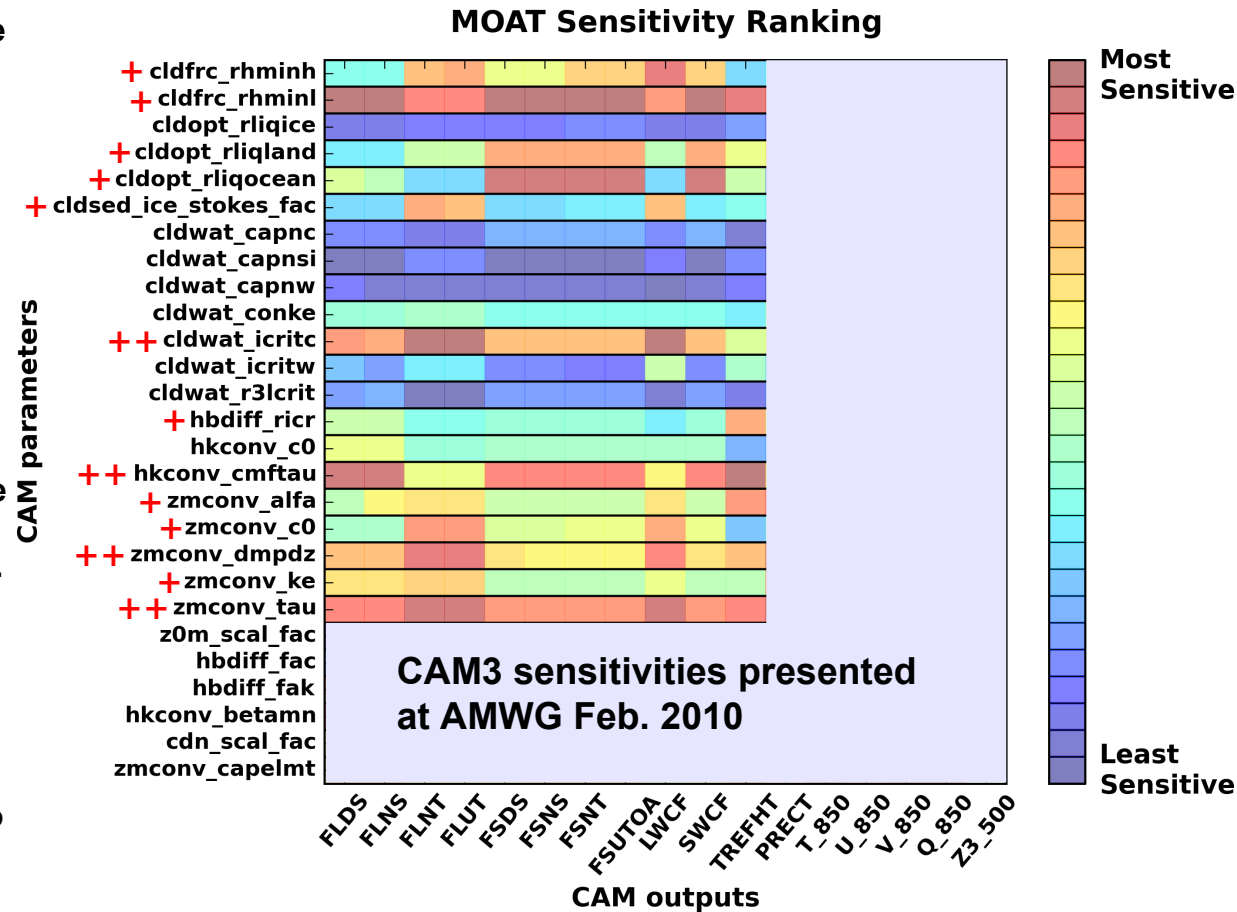


Example of a response surface generated using polynomial chaos expansions on CAM3 ensembles. (rendering by Kwei-Yu Chu)



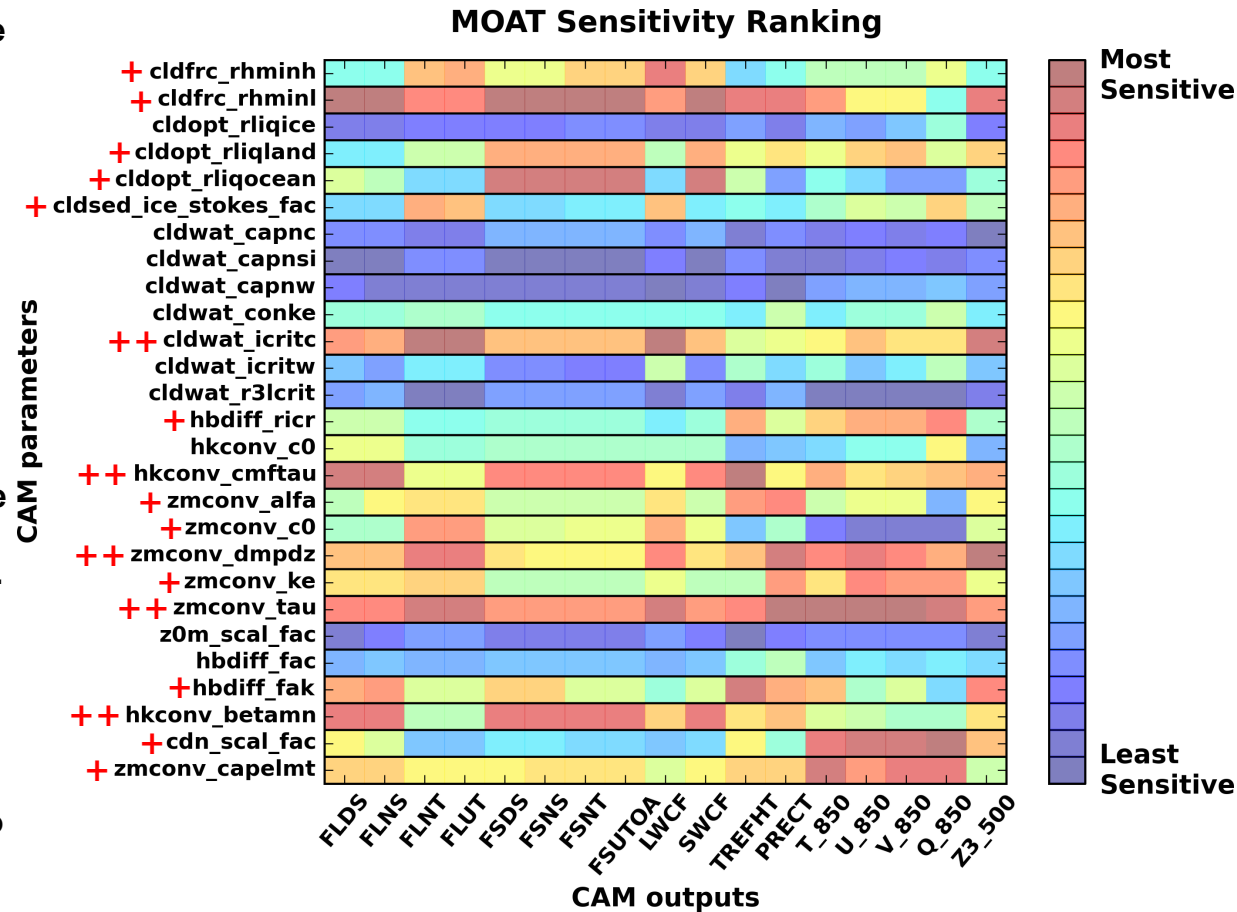
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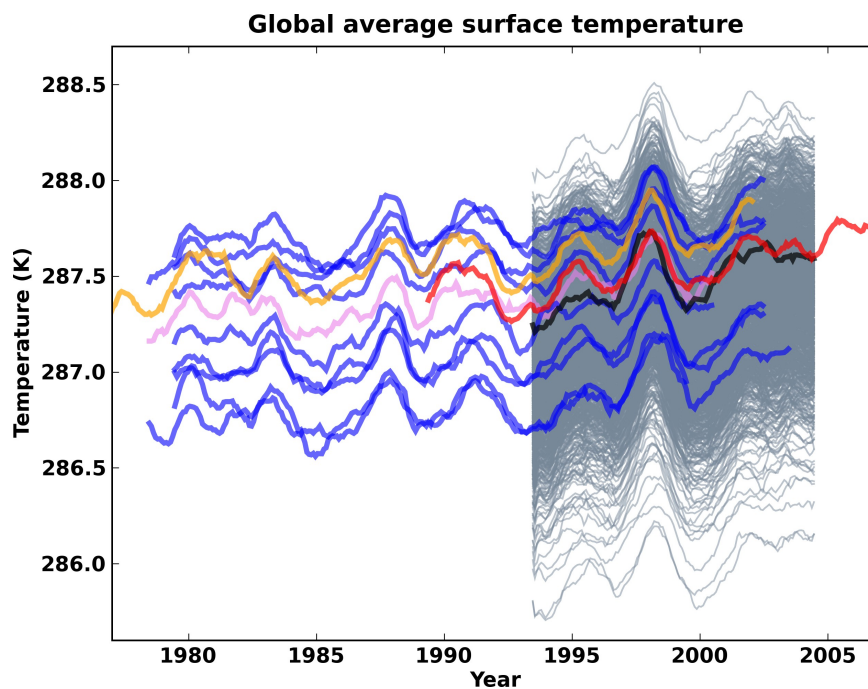
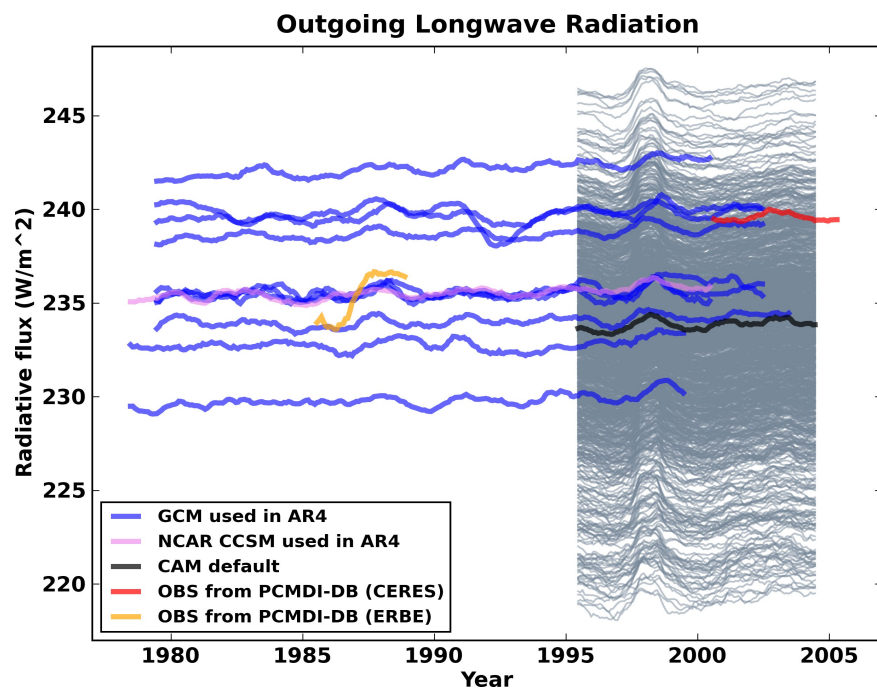


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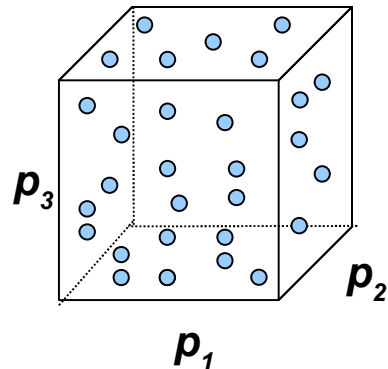
# Examples of Unfiltered Ensembles



- Unfiltered ensembles consider only the *prior* parameter uncertainties
- *Filtering* is the process of constraining the ensembles with observations
- Having a large unfiltered ensemble spread facilitates the filtering process (i.e. it's easier to interpolate than extrapolate!)



# Climate UQ Machinery



● = CAM AMIP simulations  
at sample points  
(LHS & MOAT sampling)

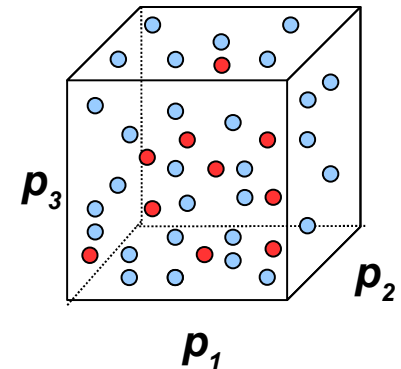
## Hypercube Analysis

(global sensitivities, unfiltered uncertainties)

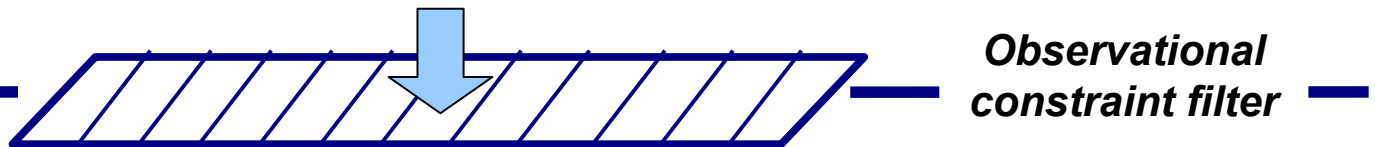
$$R = f(p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots)$$

### Surrogate Models

- Gaussian process models
- Polynomial chaos expansions
- Support Vector Regression
- Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines (MARS)



● = Surrogate predictions  
at new sample points



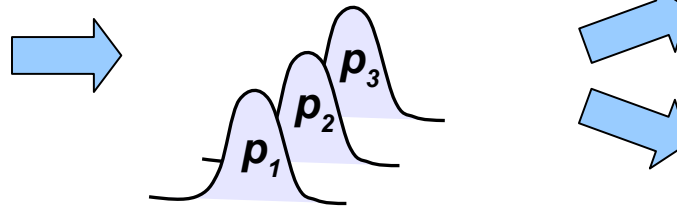
**Observational  
constraint filter**

### Filtering Methods

- Maximum likelihood parameter estimation
- Statistical filtering
  - sample  $R$  using LHS
  - calculate likelihoods
- Bayesian calibration

## Filtering Analysis

(parameter PDFs, response PDFs)



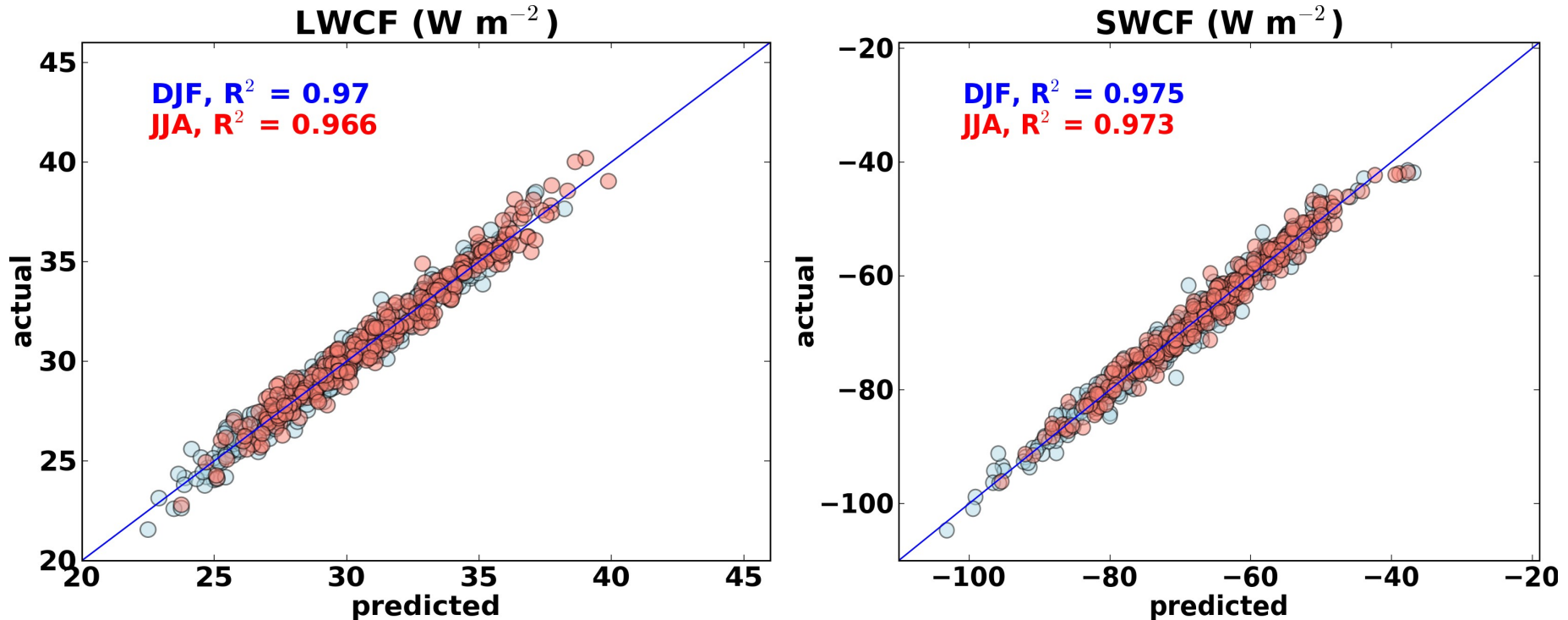
### Uncertainty Propagation

PDFs of present day climate  
quantities of interest

PDFs of future climate  
quantities of interest  
(*climate sensitivity*)



# Independent Validation of Surrogate Models



- Surrogate models are validated using independent data.
- Examples of the actual and predicted LWCF and SWCF responses are displayed above.
  - surrogates were derived using *Support Vector Regression* trained on over 1,000 CAM4 runs and tested on 300 independent runs.
- Surrogate model errors can be important and should be factored in the UQ analysis.





# Estimating CAM4 Parameters Using Surrogate-Based Optimization

**Goal:** determine “unknown” parameter values in default version of CAM4 using climate “observations”

**Step 1:** Used output fields generated from *CAM4 default* as the target “observations” (*CAM4 default = oat7, run0001*)

**Step 2:** Used output fields generated from over 1,300 other CAM4 runs to build and validate surrogate models (mainly LHS runs)

- + Built 18 surrogates using SVM regression (CLDTOT, FLUT, FSUTOA, PRECT, LWCF, T\_850, TREFHT, SWCF, and Z3\_500; DJF and JJA global averages)
- + Five-fold cross validation used to tune SVM-R hyperparameters ( $R^2 > 0.9$ , # SV's  $\sim 1/4$  training data size)
- + Held out 300 runs for independent validation (previous slide)

**Step 3:** Used inexpensive surrogates to search the parameter space for optimal match with “observations”

**Cast as a bound-constrained optimization problem**

minimize:  $\{f_1(p), f_2(p), \dots\}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f_i = |\text{mod}_i - \text{obs}_i|/\text{scale}$

subject to:  $p_L \leq p \leq p_U$



# Estimating CAM4 Parameters Using Surrogate-Based Optimization

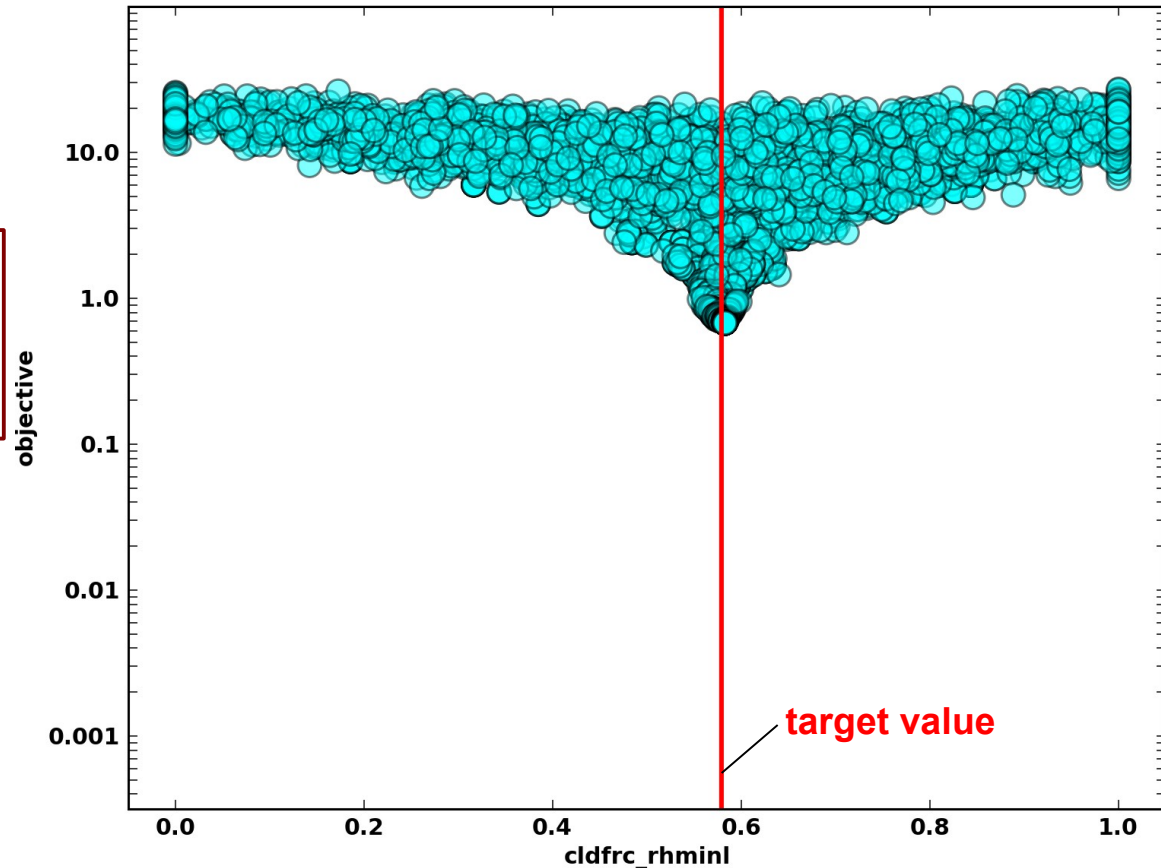
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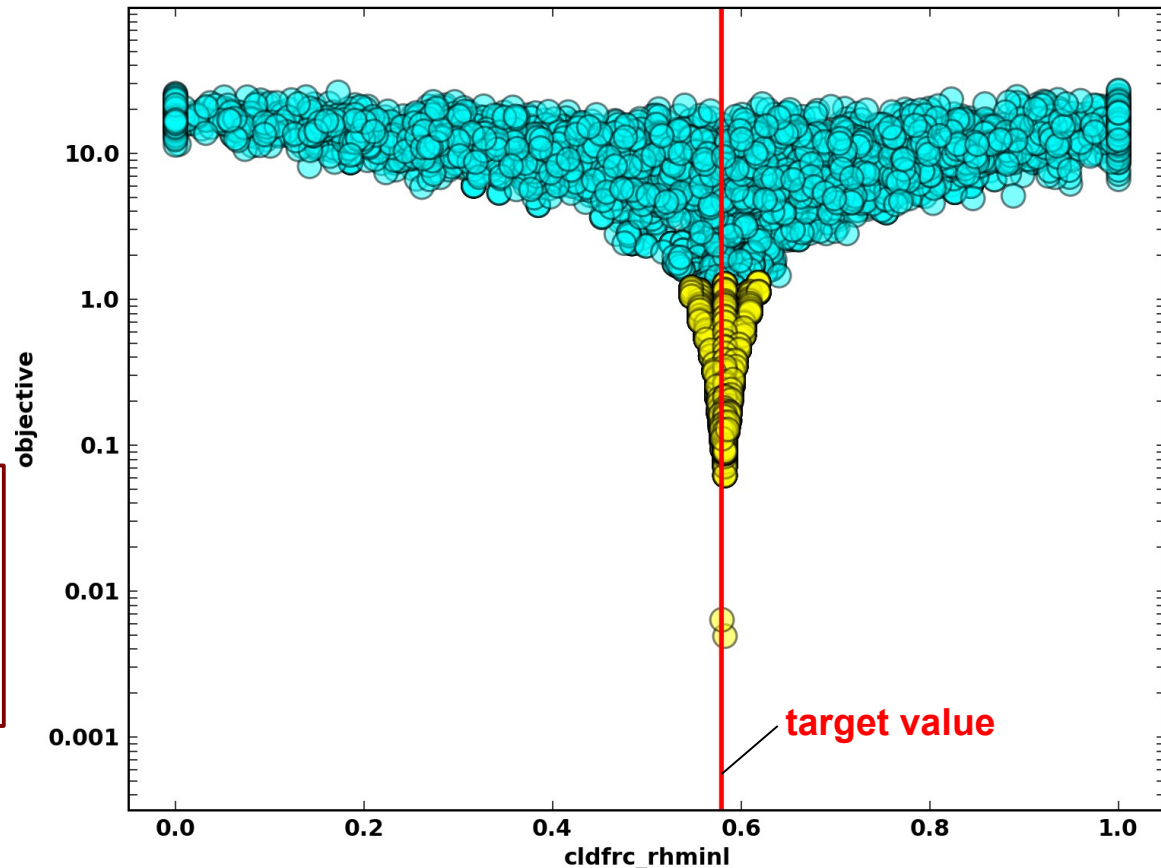
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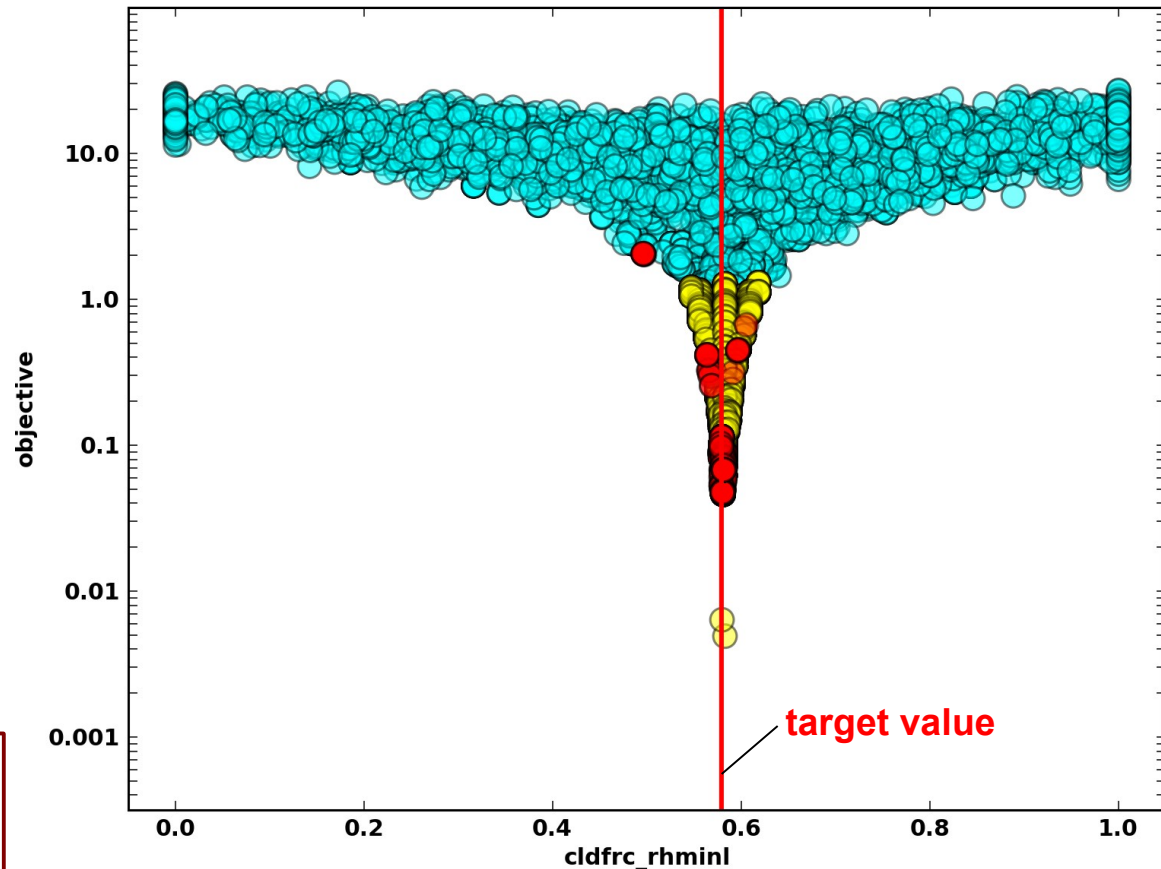
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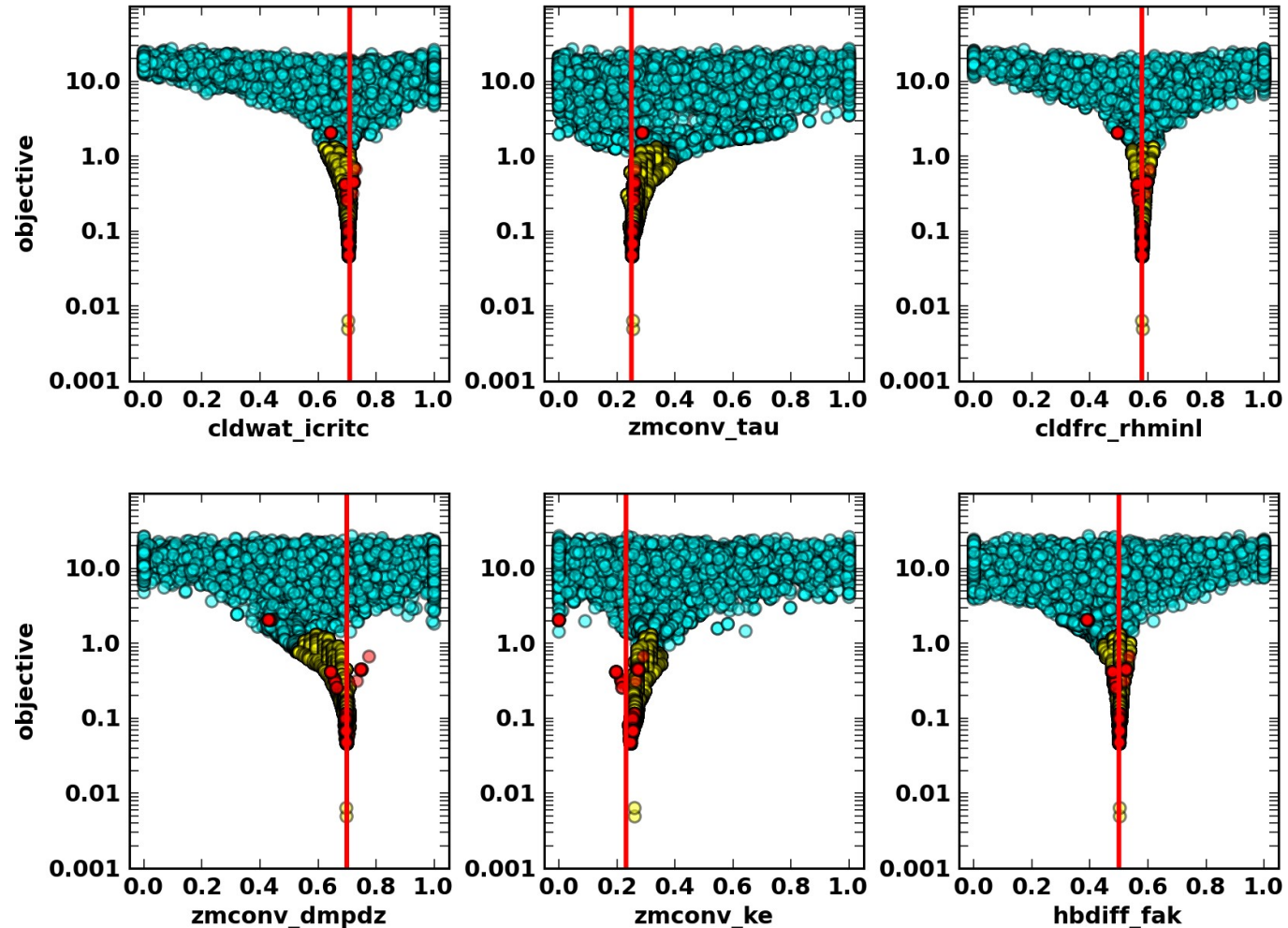
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# Estimating CAM4 Parameters Using Surrogate-Based Optimization

- Surrogate-based optimization estimates maximum likelihood values for multiple parameters.
- Cheap to execute (runs on a workstation).
- Can be used to refine the search space for high dimensional systems.
- Need to add model and data uncertainties for UQ. *Optimization Under Uncertainty (OUU)* provides a framework for doing this.



# Statistical Filtering Example (analysis by S. Brandon)

Approach used by PI's V&V group.

Trained and validated 24 MARS surrogate models on ~1,300 LHS CAM4 simulations:  
[FLUT, FSUTOA, LWCF, PRECT, Q\_850, SWCF, T\_850, z3\_500] x [ANN, DJF, JJA]

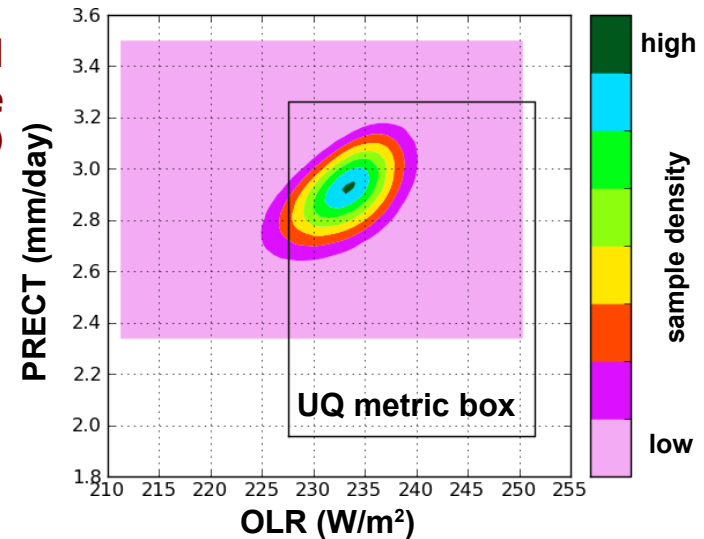
Observational constraints (w/ "loose" uncertainties): CERES (FLUT, LWCF, SWCF), GPCP (PRECT), NCEP (z3\_500)

Brute-force sampling (LHS) of MARS surrogates to generate likelihoods.

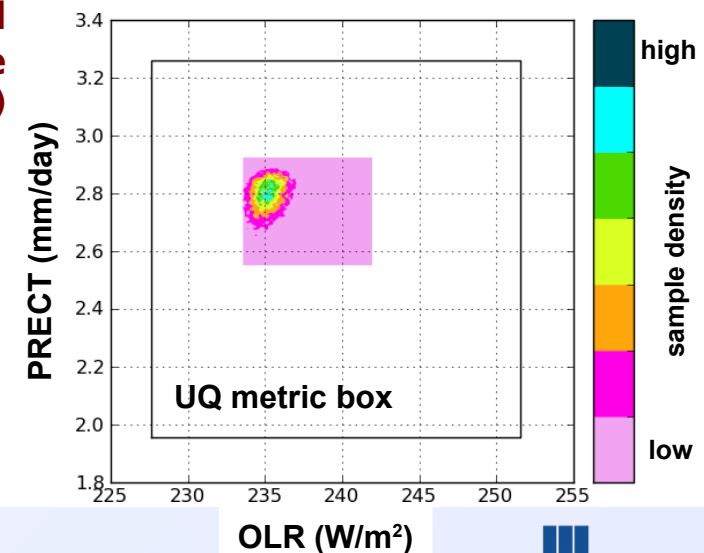
Likelihoods computed with various filters (e.g. top-hat (1 or 0) or Gaussian).

Application of the filters collapses the UQ space; about 10% of the samples satisfy the filters.

Unfiltered UQ space (projection)

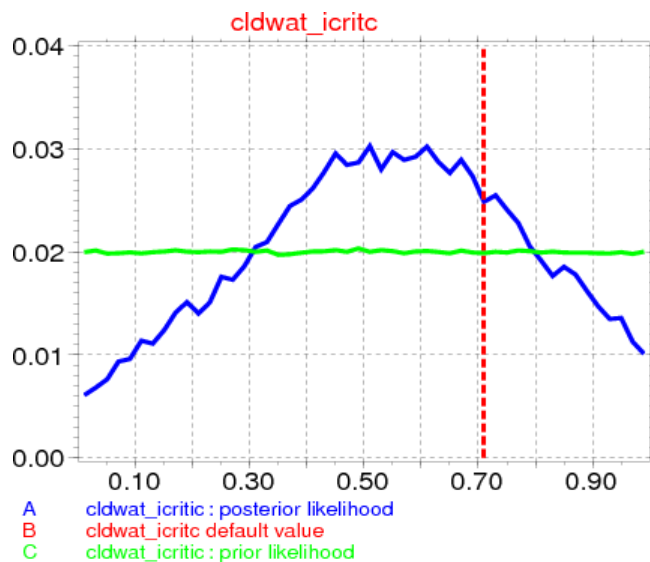


Filtered UQ space (projection)

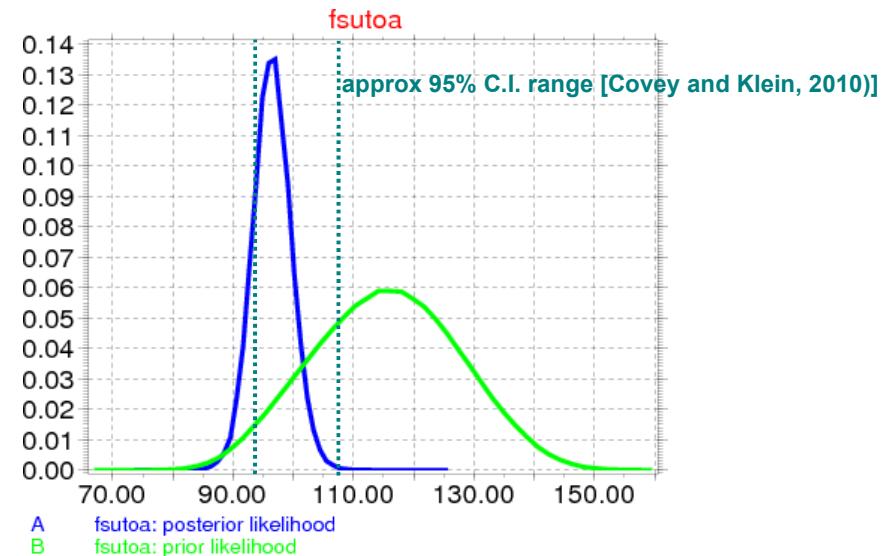


# Statistical Filtering Example (analysis by S. Brandon)

## Marginal Parameter Likelihood



## Marginal Response Likelihood



- Most parameters are not constrained very much by the “loose” filter assumptions
- Posterior PDFs generated by normalizing the likelihoods
- FSUTOA is constrained even though an observational constraint for FSUTOA is not applied



# Bayesian Calibration Example (analysis by G. Johannesson)

Sample joint posterior distribution given prior information (uniform PDFs) and observational constraints (likelihoods).

Trained and validated 24 Gaussian Process surrogate models on ~1,300 LHS CAM4 simulations: [FLUT, FSUTOA, LWCF, PRECT, Q\_850, SWCF, T\_850, Z3\_500] x [ANN, DJF, JJA]

Observational constraints (w/ “loose” uncertainties): CERES (FLUT, LWCF, SWCF), GPCP (PRECT), NCEP (Z3\_500)

Use a hierarchical Bayesian model

$$OBS = SYS + OBS\_err$$

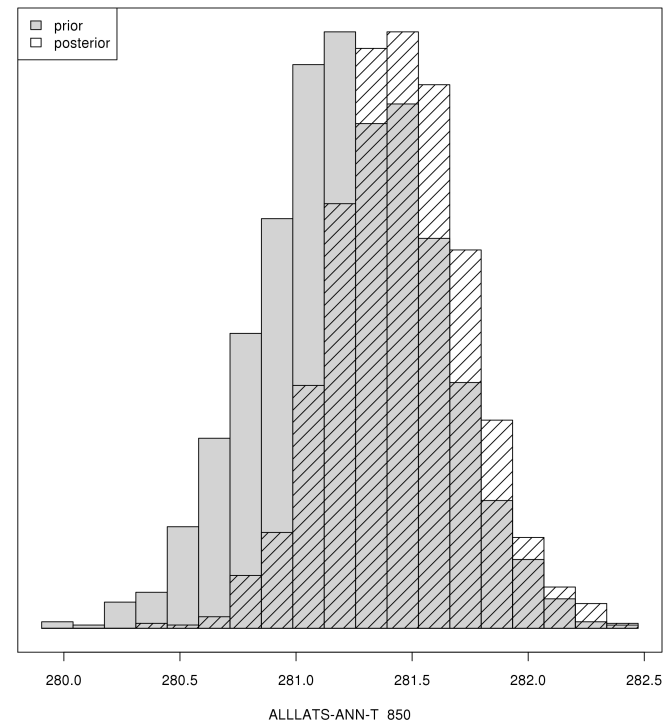
$$SYS = CAM4(p) + MOD\_err$$

$$CAM4(p) = SURR(p) + SURR\_err$$

MCMC used to sample the joint posterior distribution.

$$P(\text{params} \mid \text{obs}) \propto P(\text{obs} \mid \text{params}) P(\text{params})$$

posterior                      likelihood                      flat priors

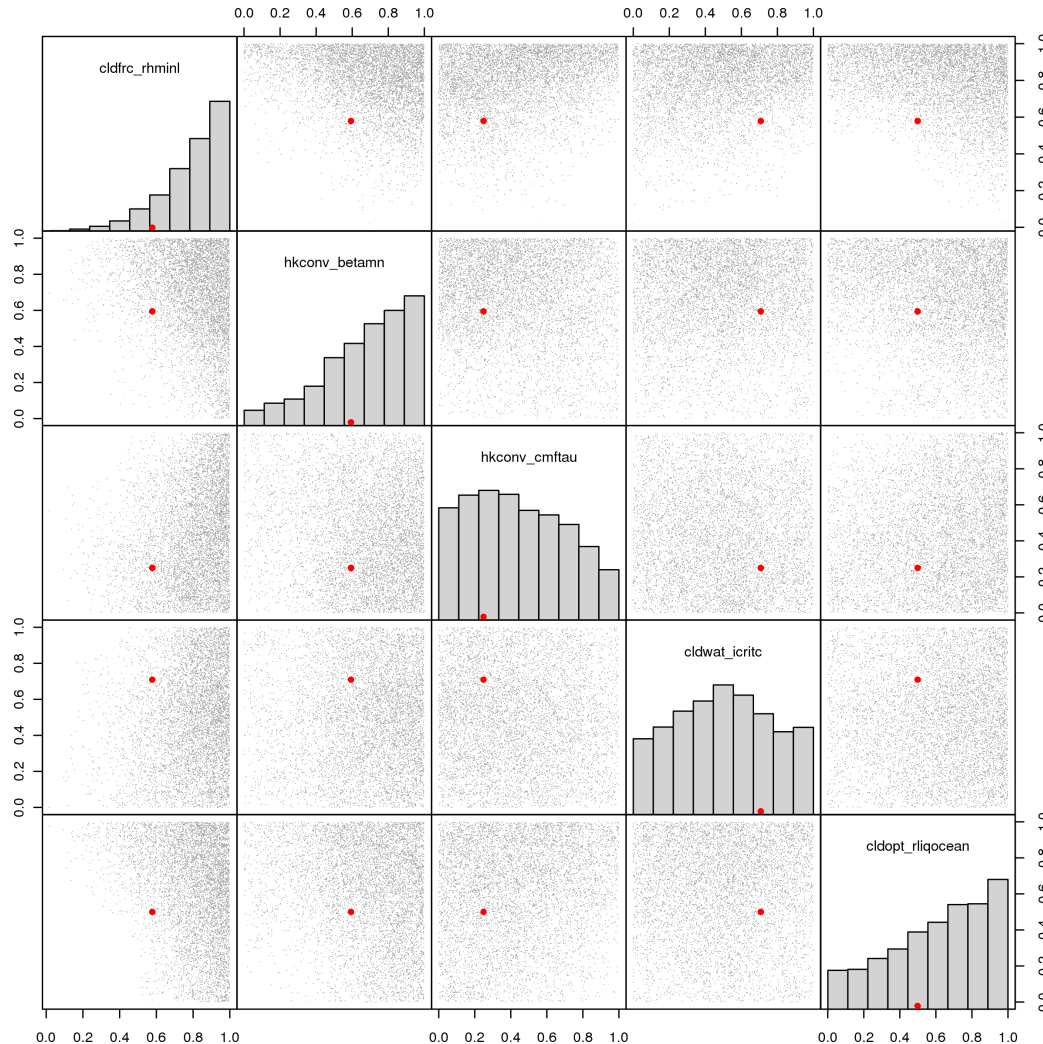


Above: prior and posterior PDFs for a response to which observational constraints were not applied





# Bayesian Calibration Example (analysis by G. Johannesson)



## Posterior Parameter PDF

Diagonal shows the marginal posterior distribution of 5 selected input parameters (those most constrained by the observations)

Off-diagonal shows posterior realizations (dots) from the bivariate distributions

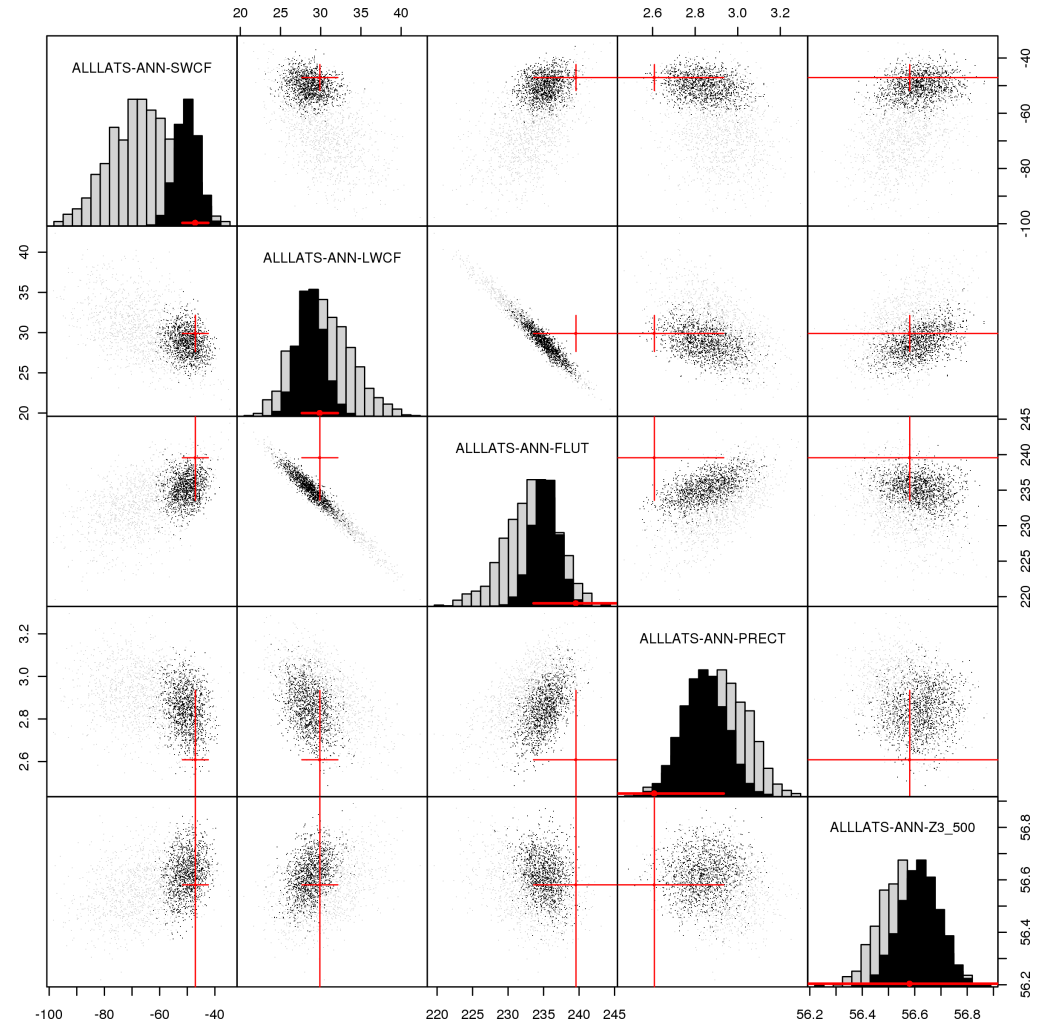
Red dots show the default values



# Bayesian Calibration Example (analysis by G. Johannesson)

## Posterior distribution of selected output variables

- **Diagonal (marginal)**
  - light-gray histograms show the prior (unfiltered) distributions
  - black histogram the posterior (filtered) distributions
  - red dots/bars show the observational constraints
- **Off-diagonal (bivariate)**
  - light-gray scatter plots show prior distributions
  - black scatter plots show posterior distributions
  - along with observations and error bars



# Summary and Next Steps

- **We have developed and demonstrated techniques for performing full UQ analysis on CAM using:**
  - surrogate models as inexpensive proxies for CAM
  - multiple methods for combining observations and ensembles
- **Calibrating CAM depends critically on the observations and metrics used to filter UQ ensembles.**
  - Using surrogate models provides an efficient way to quantify the assumptions made during ensemble filtering. (e.g. What observations should we use? How should we combine the data and ensembles?)
- **Right now, we are performing:**
  - exploratory UQ studies of CAM + CICE + SOM
  - extensive calibration studies with the CAM AMIP ensembles
- **Soon we will combine the above for forward UQ propagation for equilibrium climate sensitivity**

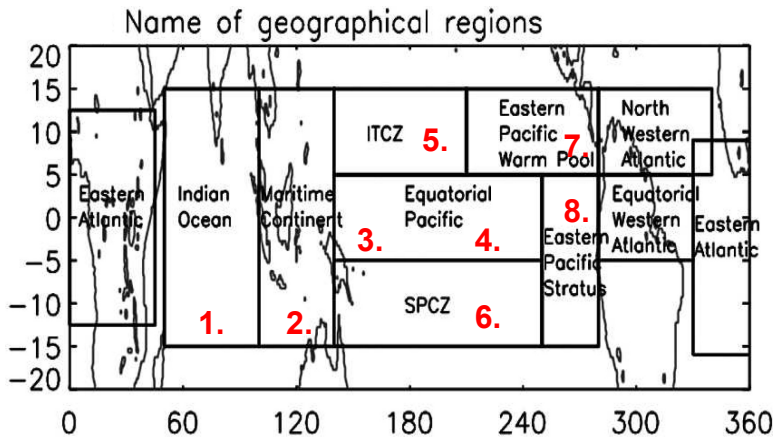
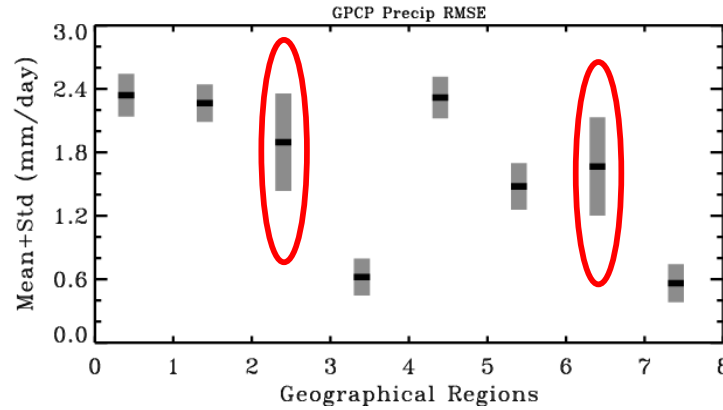
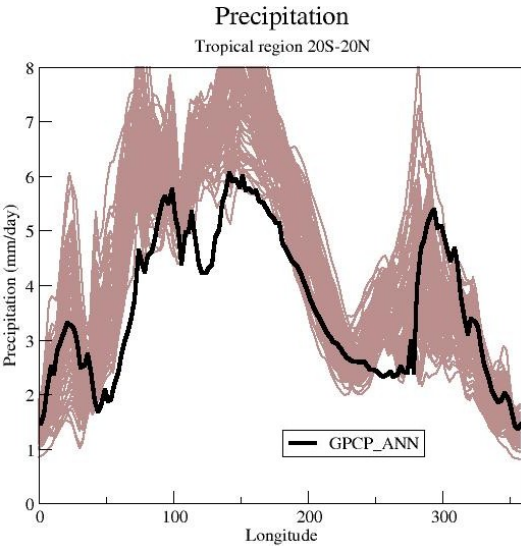


**Extra slides from YZ**

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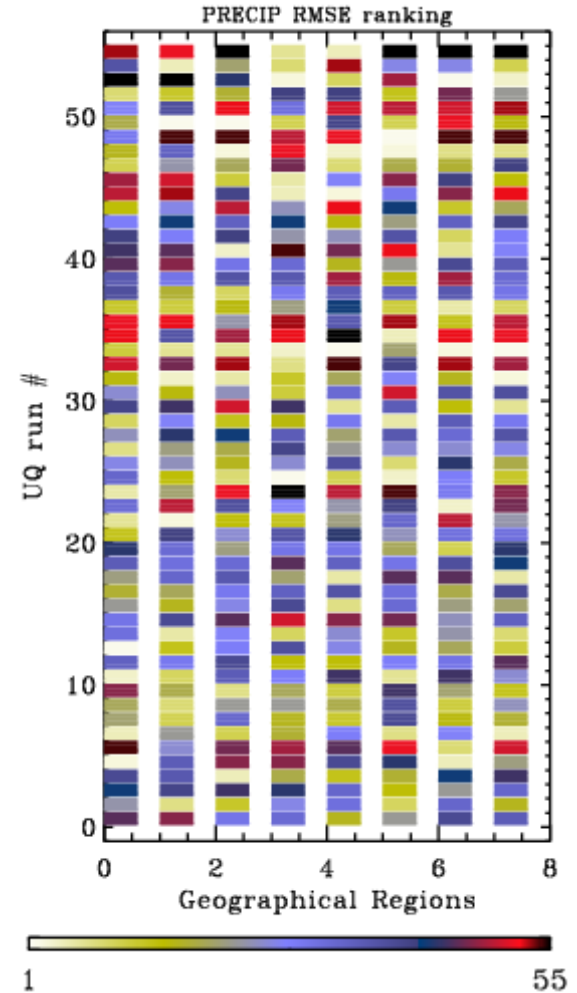


# Regional Analysis of Tropical Precipitation



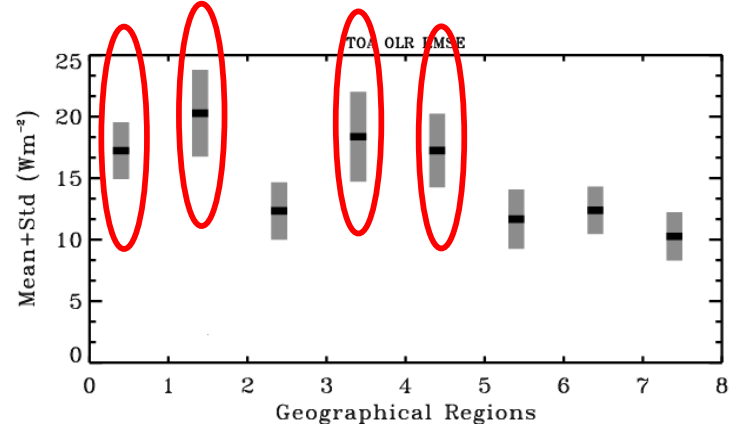
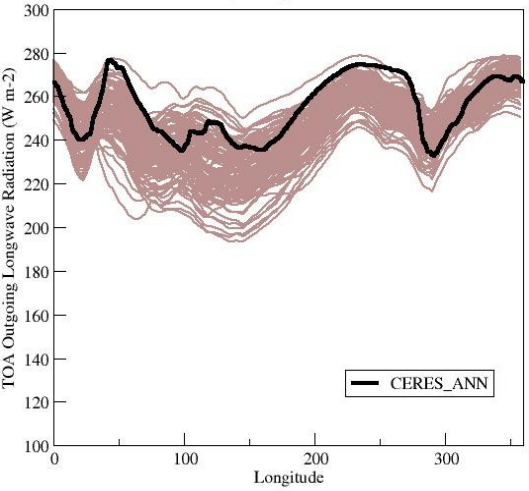
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- identify regions important for different physical processes
- use PCMDI metrics to better constrain CAM ensembles

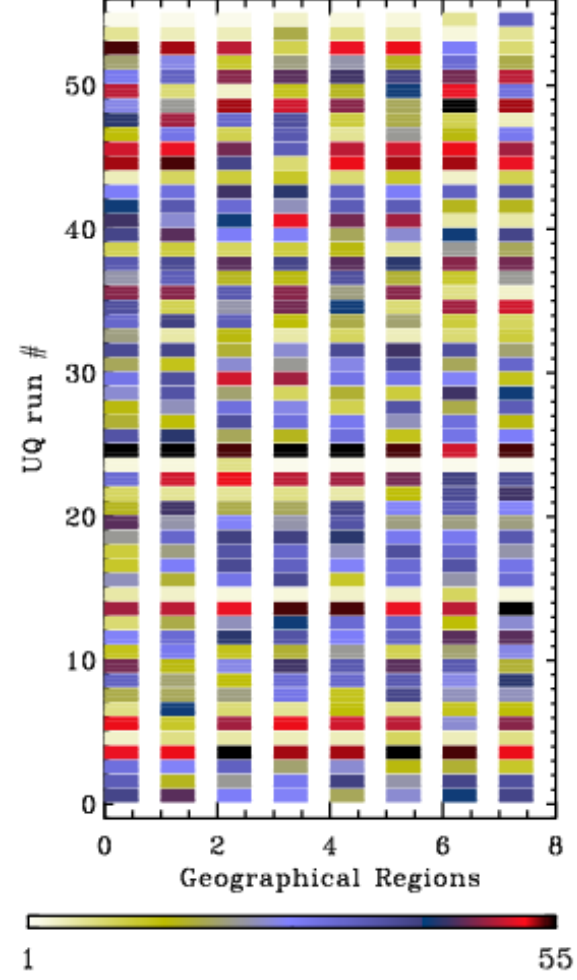


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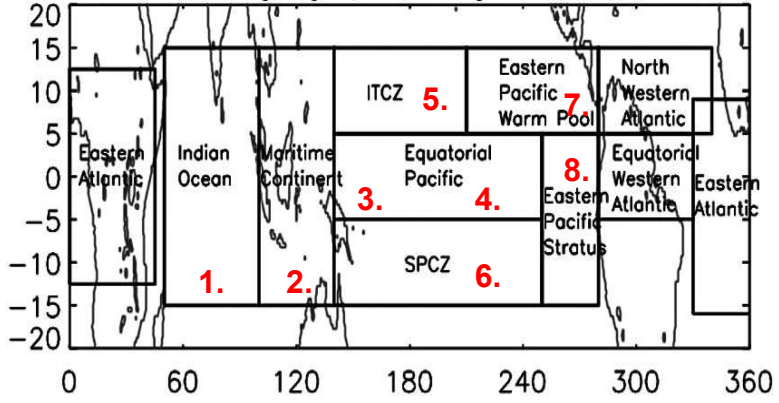
TOA Outgoing Longwave Radiation  
Tropical region 20S-20N



FLUT RMSE ranking



Name of geographical regions



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**Extra slides for Node 587**

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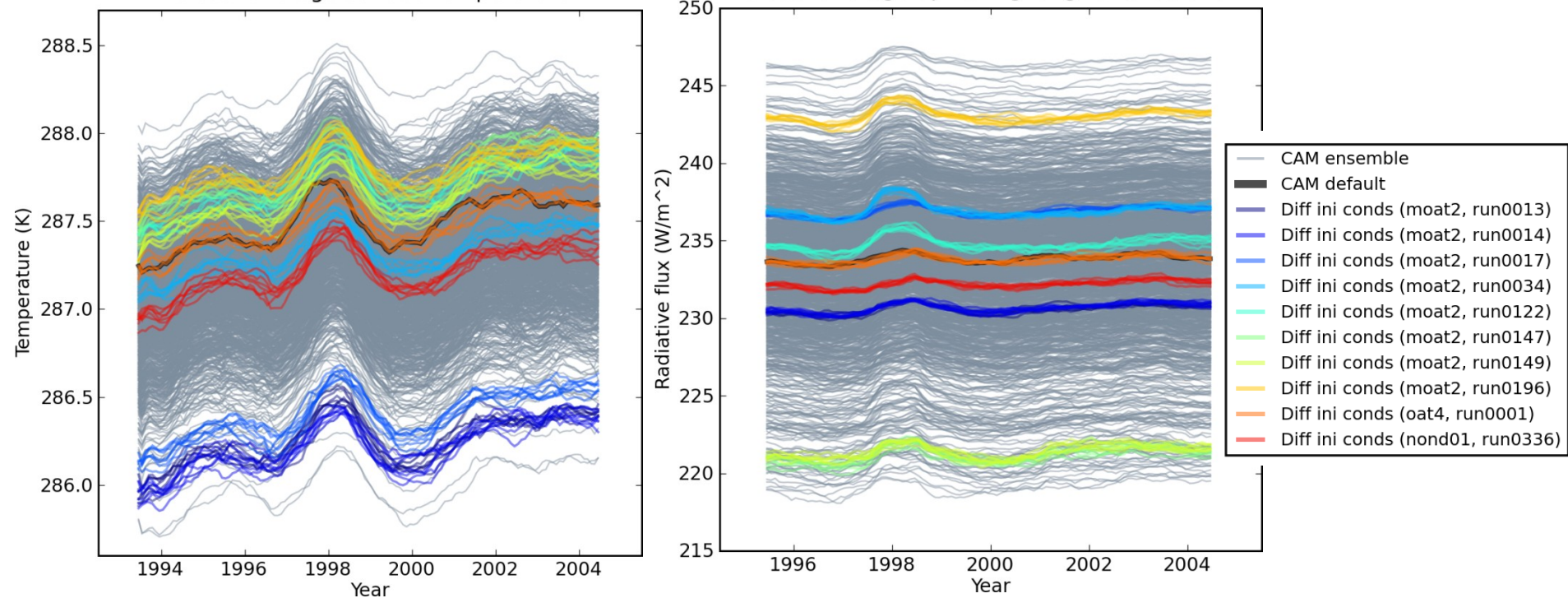


# Initial Condition Study (uq\_ics01, pre-node 587)

## Time series of monthly mean, global averages

Global average surface temperature

Global average upwelling longwave radiation



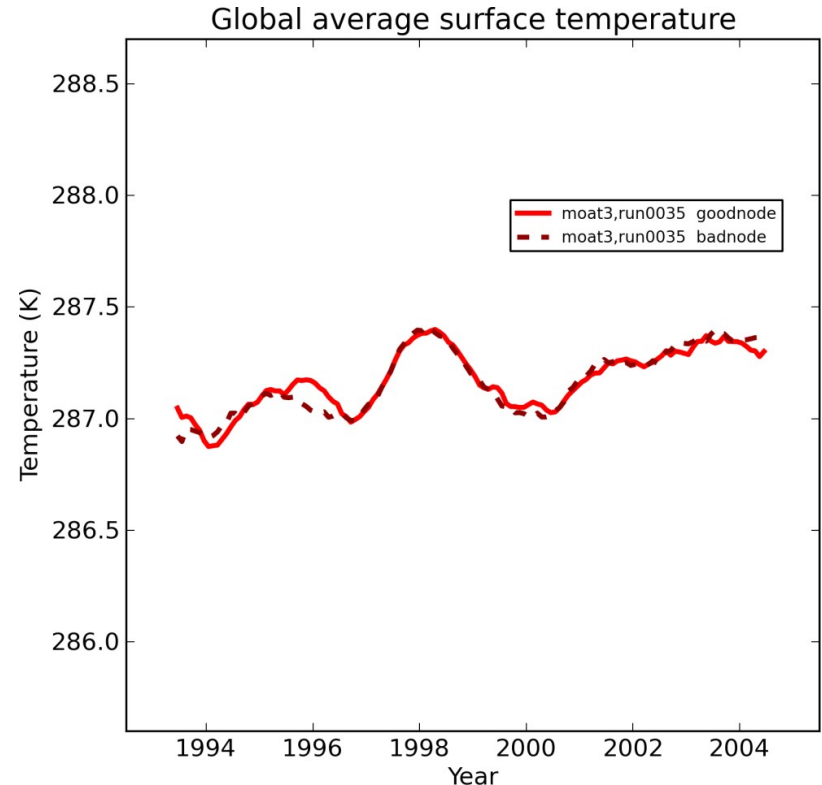
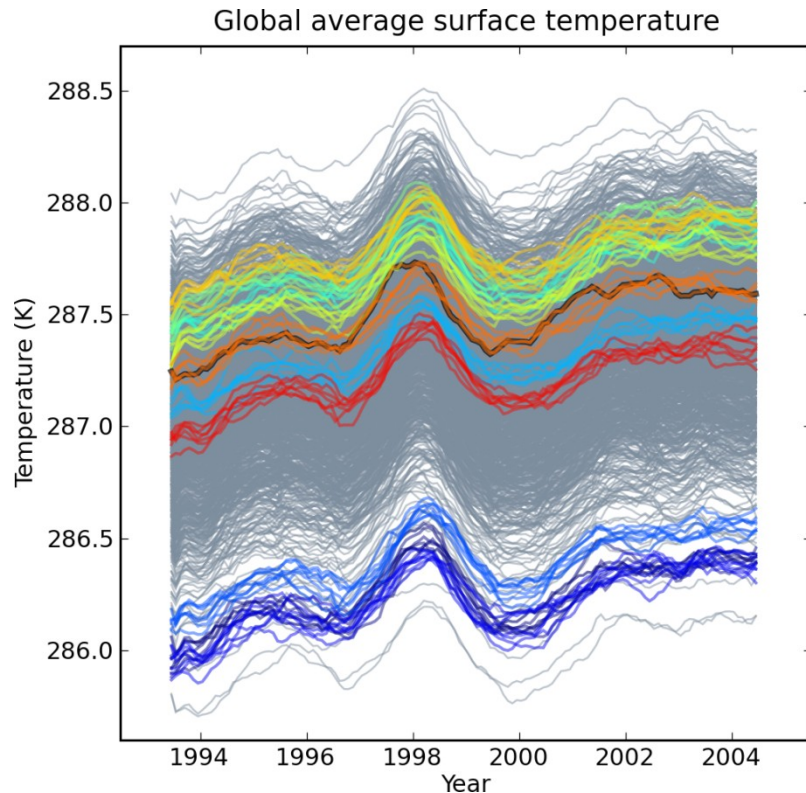
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# Node 587 – Changes in time

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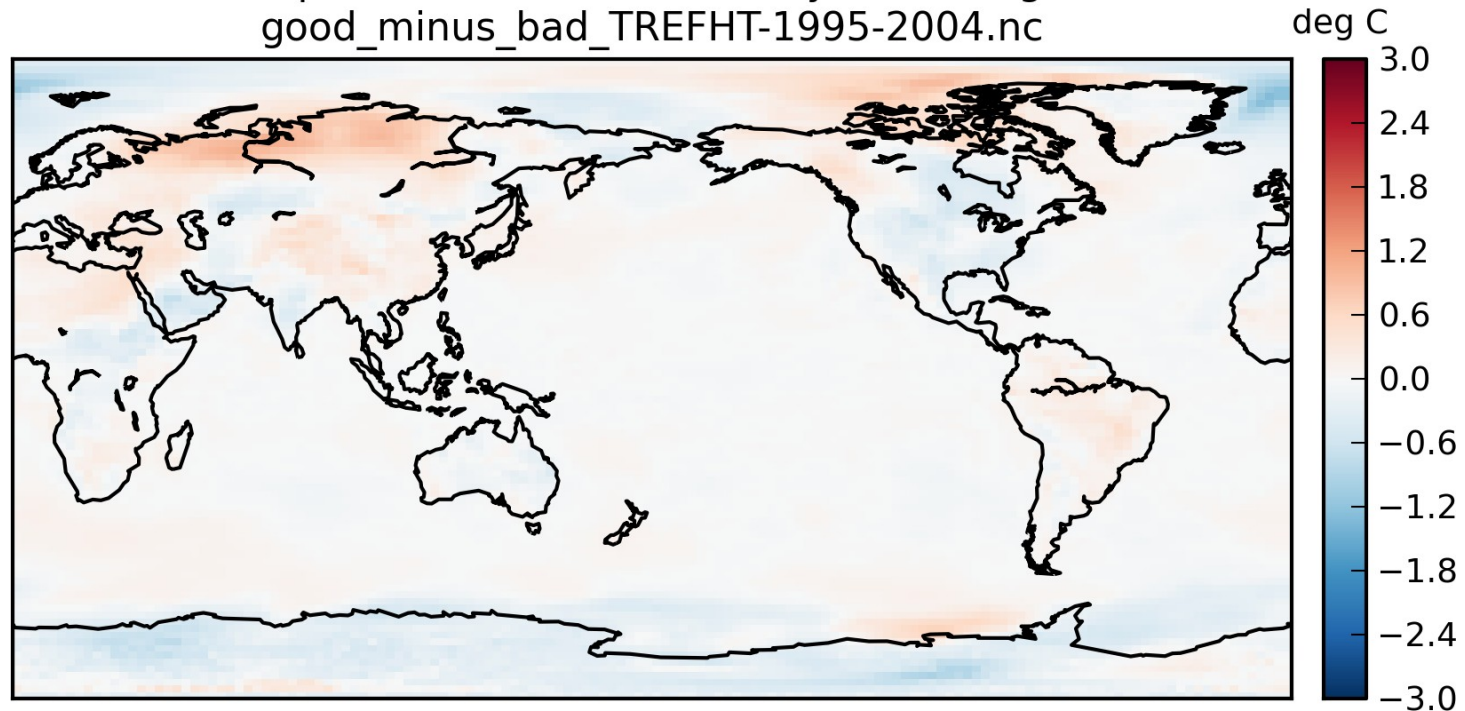


- Node 587 difference is substantially smaller than parameter variations
- Node 587 difference does not increase with time



# Node 587 - Changes in space

Temperature Difference of 10-year Averages  
good\_minus\_bad\_TREFHT-1995-2004.nc



- Extreme values of +1 deg C and -1 deg C
- Centered at 0 deg C
- Global average is approximately zero (consistent with previous slide, even though the order of averaging operations is different)



# Compiler Optimization Study (uq\_prec03)

- **CAM was compiled with the pgi compiler at two optimization levels (-O1 and -O2)**
- **Four cases were selected**
  - oat6\_run0001, moat3\_run0013, moat3\_run0042, moat3\_run0139
  - **Did not match cases used in uq\_ics01 study because different versions of CAM and different numbers of parameters were used**

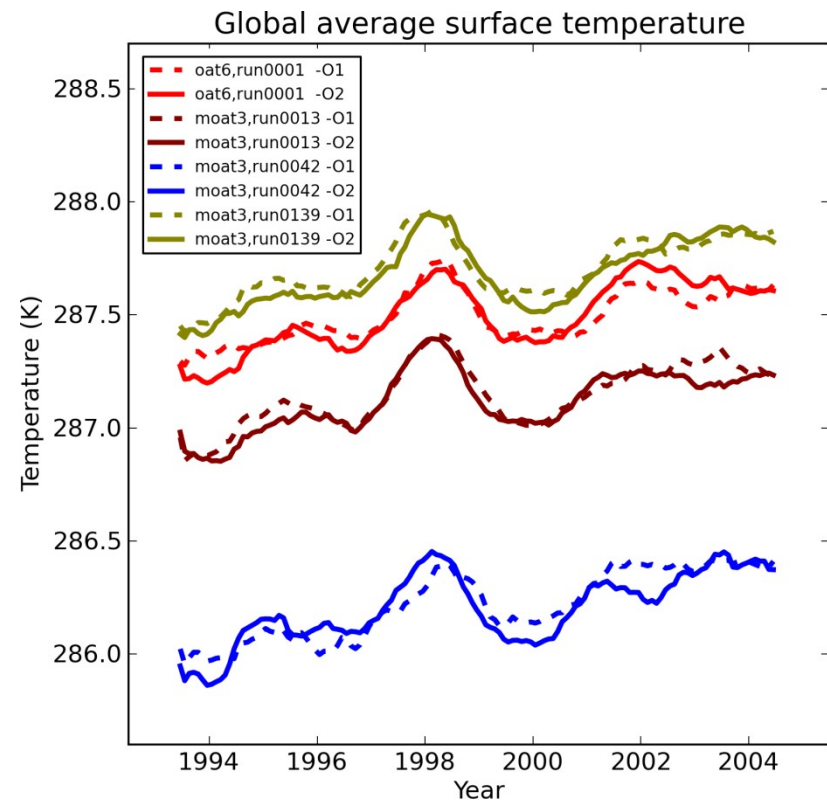
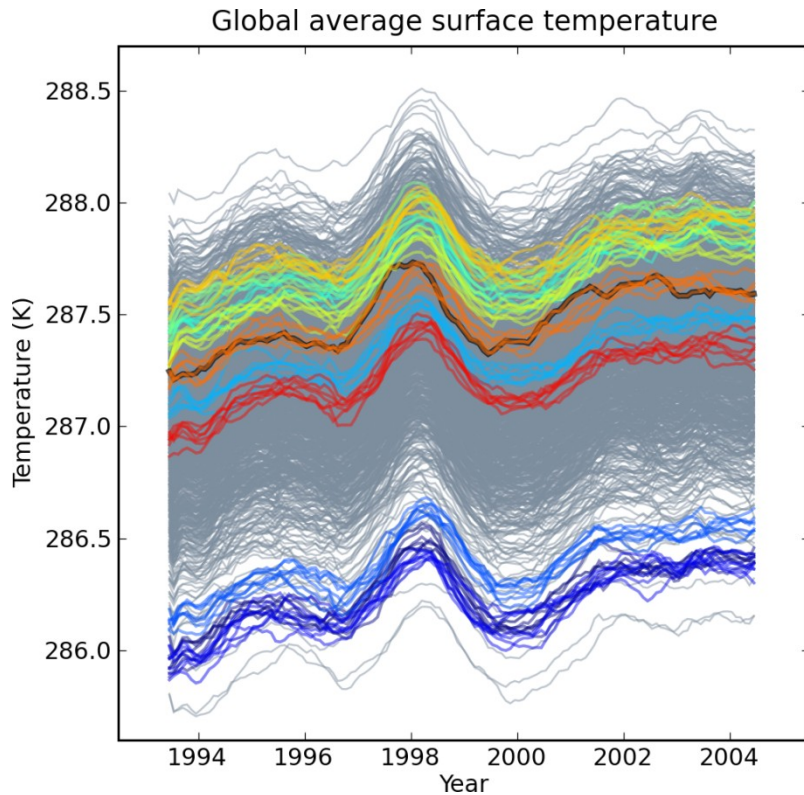
Case	Optimization	Run
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moat3, run0013	-O1	2
moat3, run0042	-O1	3
moat3, run0139	-O1	4
oat6, run0001	-O2	5
moat3, run0013	-O2	6
moat3, run0042	-O2	7
moat3, run0139	-O2	8

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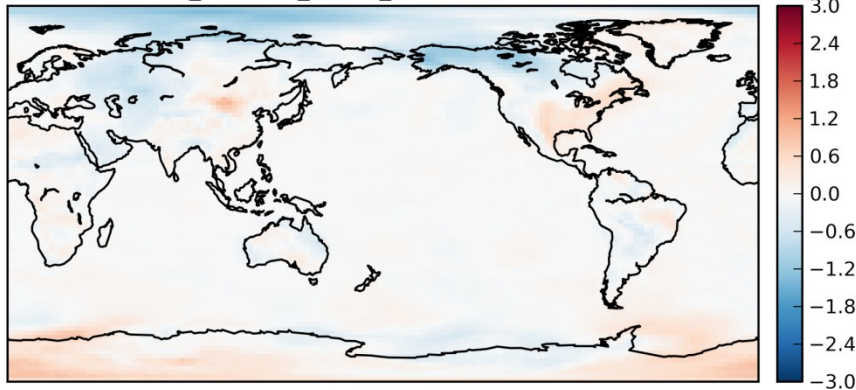
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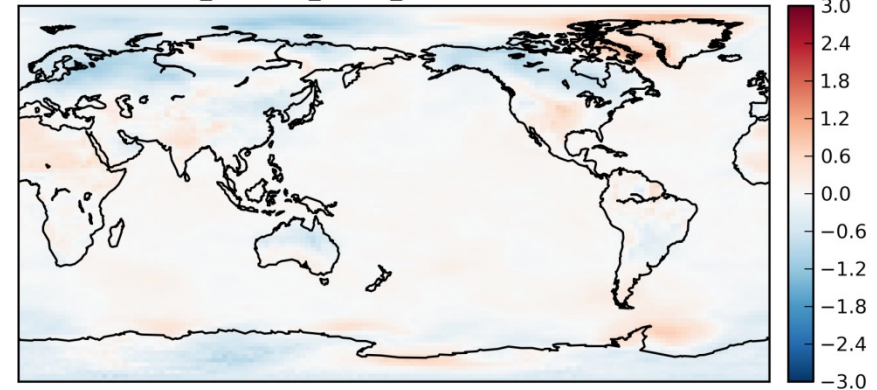
- Optimization differences are substantially smaller than parameter variations
- Optimization differences do not increase with time
- Optimization differences are on par with initial condition differences

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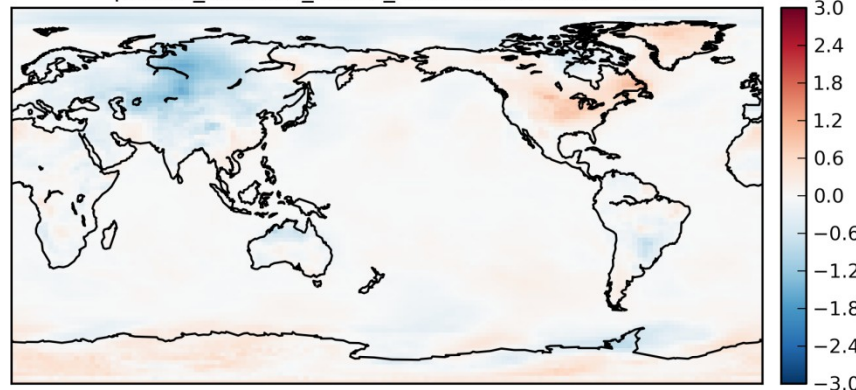
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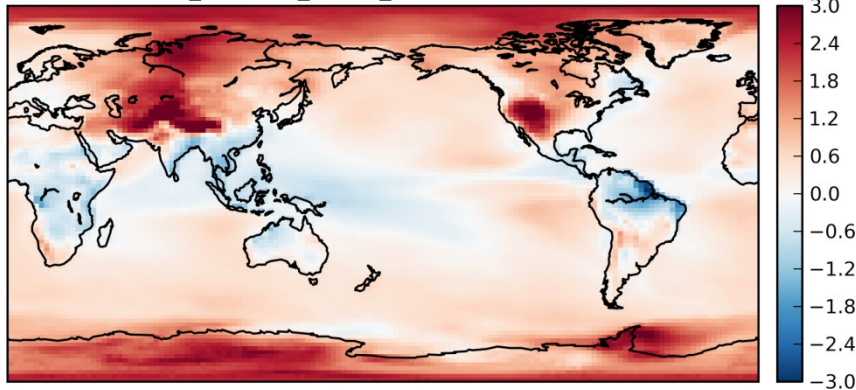
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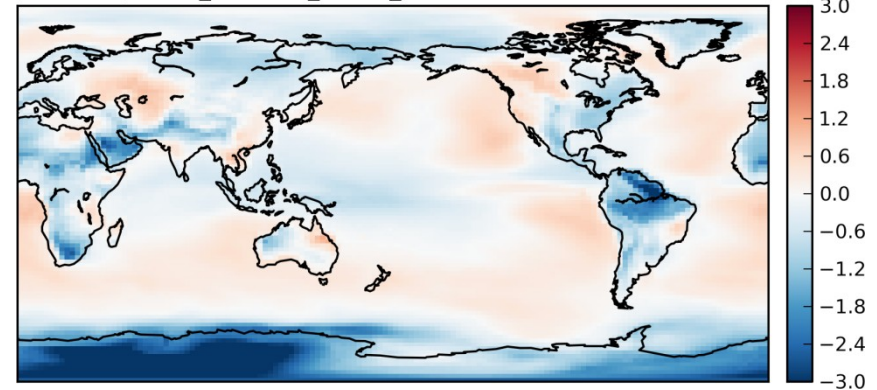


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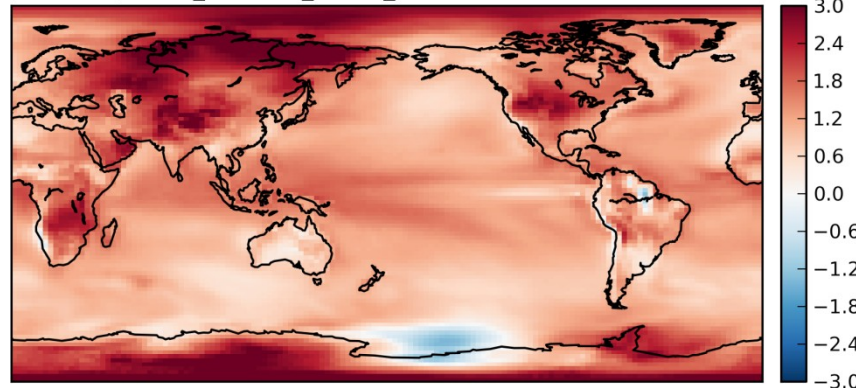
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• Not similar to Node 587 and Optimization differences (larger extreme values, global average is not approximately zero)

