

# Inference, Calibration, and Prediction: Applying Bayesian Statistical Methods to the Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE)

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- Intro to MICE and concepts from beam physics
  - for applied mathematicians & statisticians
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# Note

- The target audiences for this presentation include *both* accelerator physicists and applied mathematicians/statisticians
- The introductory sections are written with that in mind

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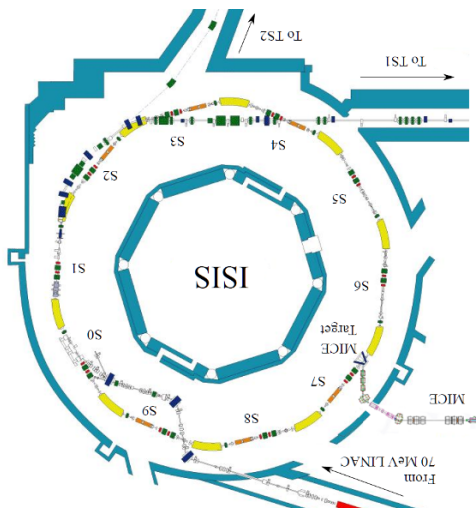




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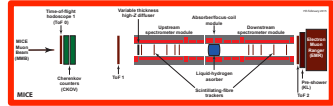
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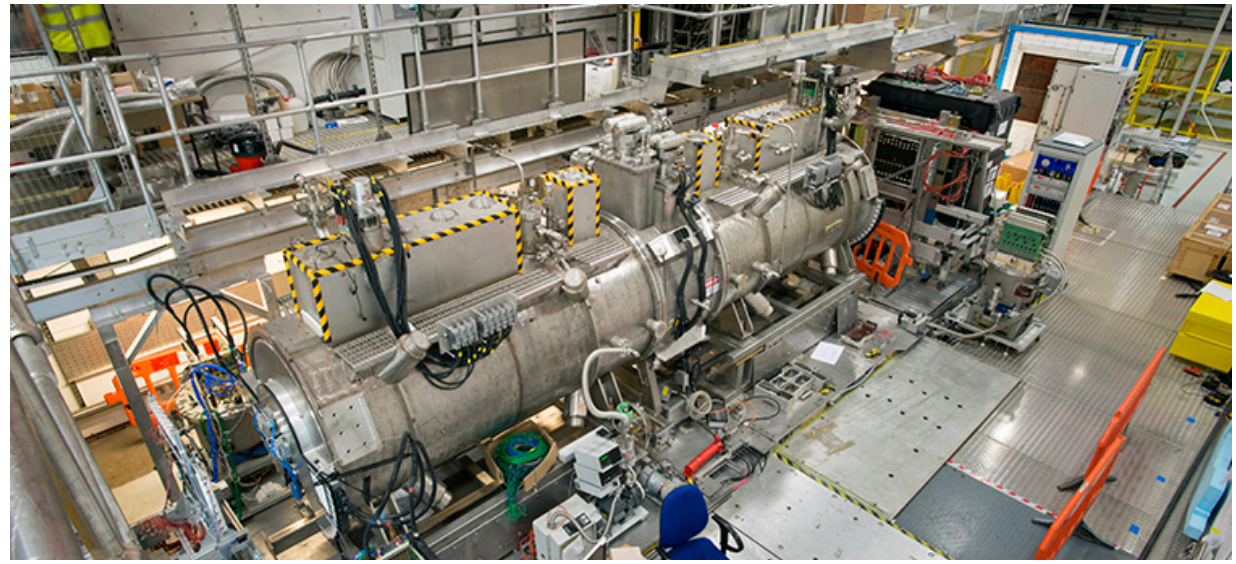


muons  
from ISIS  
➔

### MICE Beamline



➔ cooled muons





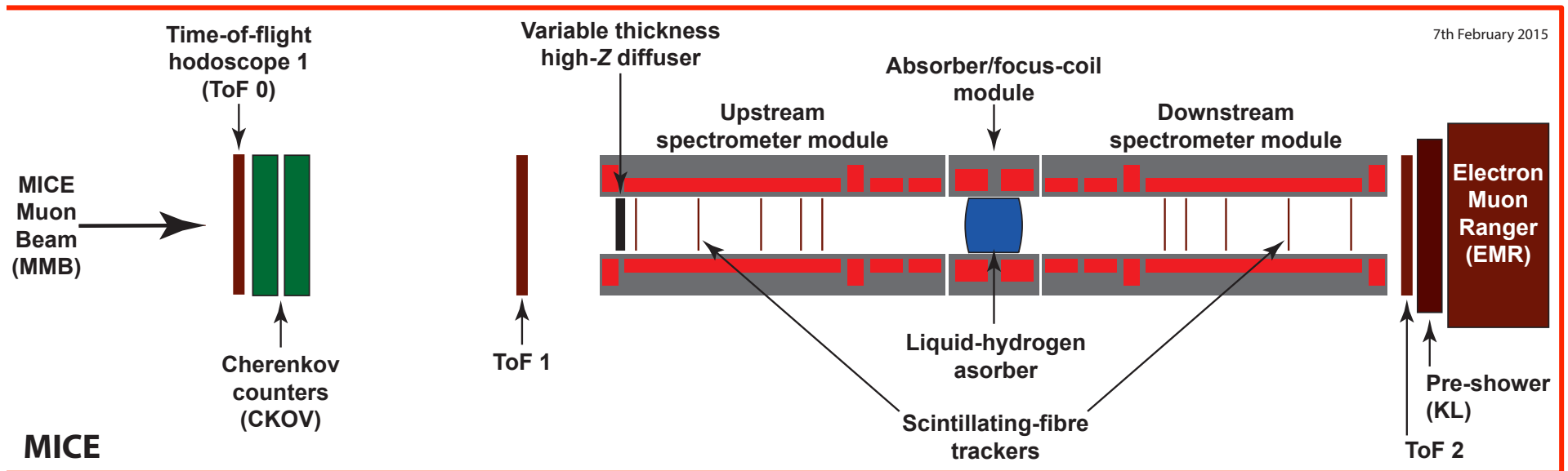
# MICE is an Extraordinary Experiment

- Initial and final state of *every particle* will be measured individually
  - not just the usual beam centroid, rms size,...
- Unprecedented opportunity to combine measurements and simulation for inference and insight

# MICE is happening *now*

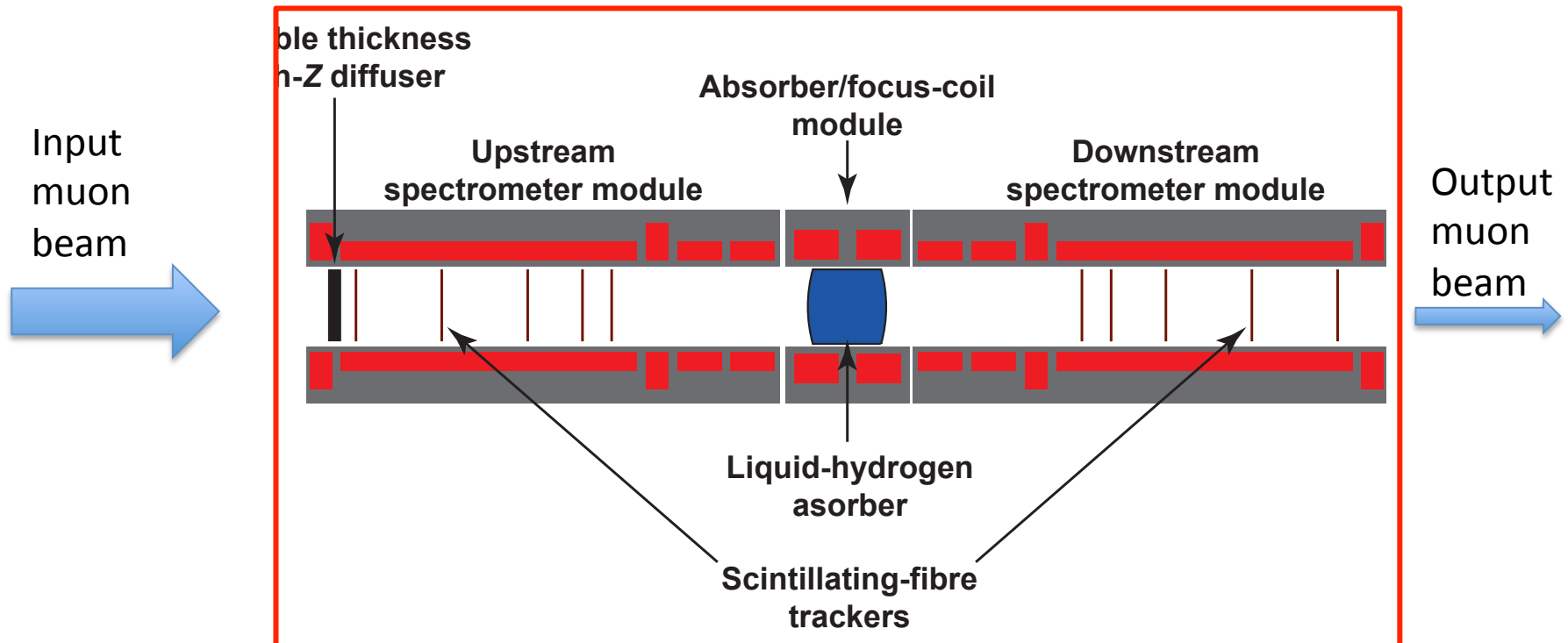
- Originally envisioned to have several steps
  - Planning and early steps underway since early 2000's
- MICE Step IV is upon us
  - Commissioning and data collection 2015 thru May 2016
  - Study the impact of material properties, optics, and input-beam properties on cooling
- Final Step: Data collection May 2017 to March 2018
  - Cooling demonstration
- Step IV provides first opportunity to collect data to calibrate a computer model of the beamline

# MICE Step IV



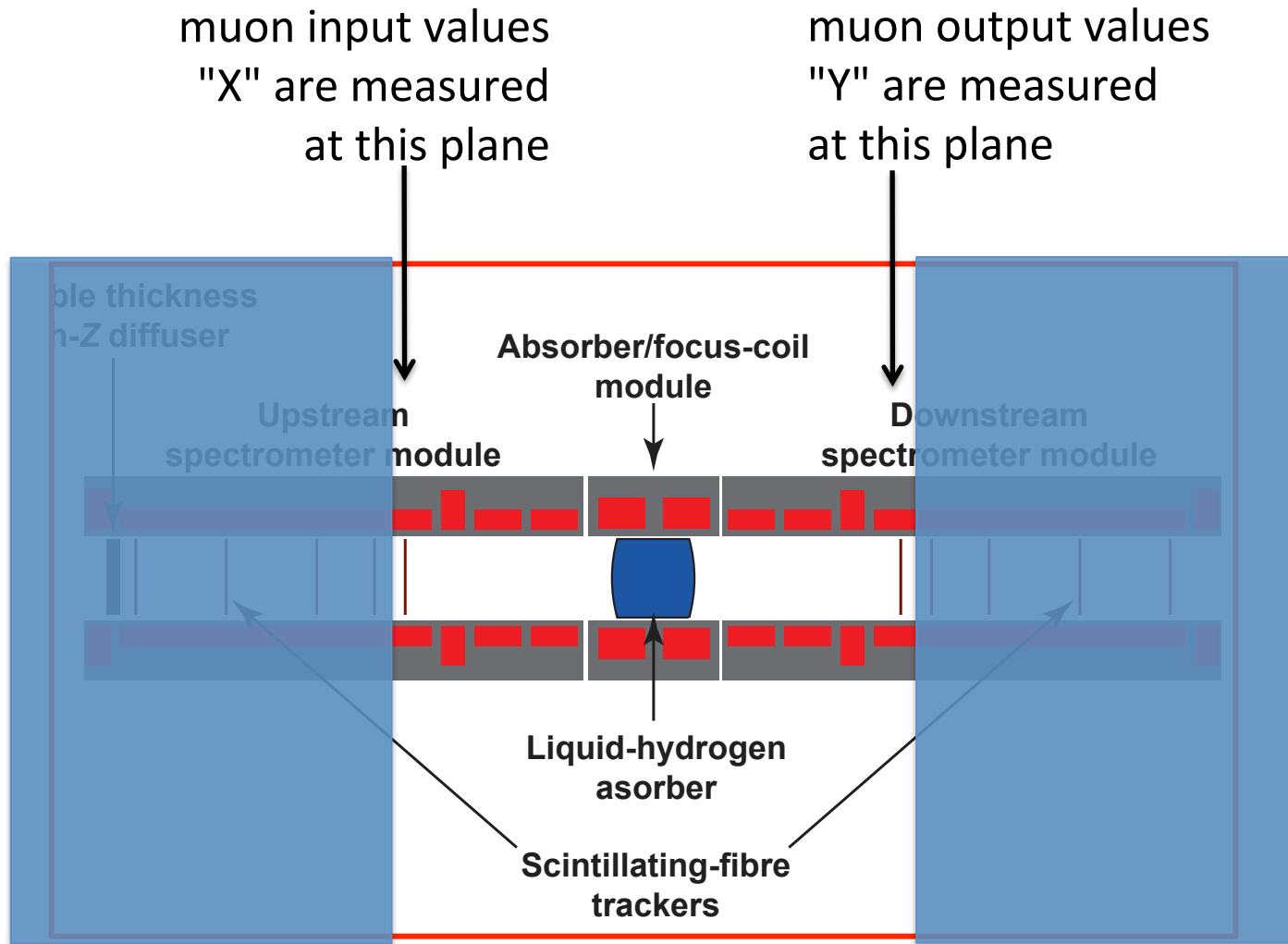
We want to calibrate a computer model of this

# Parameters of the simulation model



- 12 **solenoids** each described by 5 parameters ( $J, r_1, r_2, z_c, l$ )
  - Don't include the **absorber** for now
  - Don't include magnet imperfections, misalignment, etc.
    - Can add by using MAUS as the simulator
    - In the meantime, resulting calibration parameters would still be aware of these, since calibration is based on measurements
- Current  $J$  can be changed in the control room.  
The other 4 (geometrical) parameters are fixed.



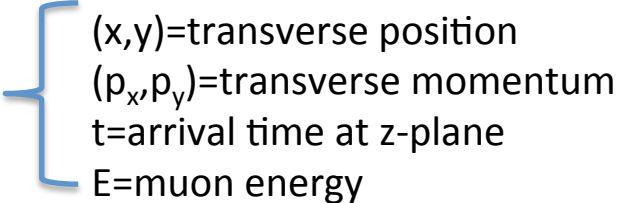


- The currents in the magnets affect the magnetic field that guides the muons.
- The currents are likely to be fixed for a day or several days, then changed.
- Each day, order  $\sim 1\text{M}$  muons from ISIS will pass through MICE and be measured.

# Experimental Observables and derived quantities

## Observables:

- Muon input and output 6-vectors at the I/O planes

– 6 vector =  $(x, p_x, y, p_y, t, E)$  

- $(x, y)$  = transverse position
- $(p_x, p_y)$  = transverse momentum
- $t$  = arrival time at z-plane
- $E$  = muon energy

## Derived quantities:

- Beam 2<sup>nd</sup> moment matrix
- Beam rms **emittance**

The primary goal of MICE is to demonstrate our understanding of, and validity of, a technique for *cooling*, i.e., *emittance reduction*

# The muon input beam can be changed by adjusting beamline elements upstream of MICE

$3\pi$ 140 MeV/c	$6\pi$ 140 MeV/c	$10\pi$ 140 MeV/c
$3\pi$ 200 MeV/c	$6\pi$ 200 MeV/c	$10\pi$ 200 MeV/c
$3\pi$ 240 MeV/c	$6\pi$ 240 MeV/c	$10\pi$ 240 MeV/c

- The nominal setting (center of table) has emittance  $\varepsilon=6\pi$  mm-rad and momentum  $p=200$  MeV/c
- Other settings will be explored to see their impact on the muon cooling process

# What is beam rms emittance?

- Roughly, rms emittance,  $\varepsilon$ , is a measure of macroscopic\* beam area (or volume) in phase space
  - 2D phase space =  $(x, p_x)$
  - 4D phase space =  $(x, p_x, y, p_y)$
  - 6D phase space =  $(x, p_x, y, p_y, t, E)$
- Let  $M$  = beam rms 2<sup>nd</sup> moment matrix
  - $m_{11} = \langle x^2 \rangle$ ,  $m_{12} = \langle x p_x \rangle$ ,  $m_{13} = \langle x y \rangle$ ,  $m_{14} = \langle x p_y \rangle$ , etc.
  - If  $M_{4 \times 4}$  is 2x2 block diagonal, then  $\varepsilon_x^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle \langle p_x^2 \rangle - \langle x p_x \rangle^2$
- In MICE, cooling can be quantified by  $\sqrt{\det[M_{4 \times 4}]}$

\*not to be confused w/ microscopic volume, which is constant in a Hamiltonian system (Liouville's Theorem)



# What can affect rms emittance?

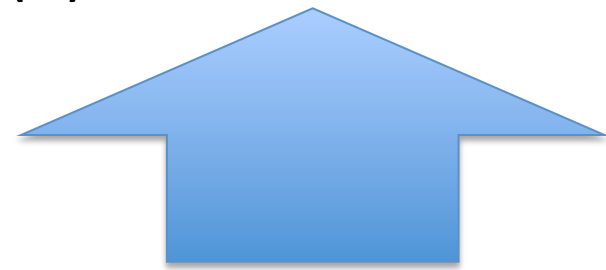
- 2 things:

## (1) Non-Hamiltonian effects



This is what MICE is about: inserting absorber material in a carefully designed beamline to reduce the emittance through ionization cooling

## (2) Nonlinear effects



This can cause emittance growth (heating) that will counteract the reduction (cooling) that we want to occur and that we want to measure

Nonlinear effects can obscure the beam-material interaction (i.e., the cooling) that we want to measure

# Nonlinearities

- Motion of a particle propagating near the axis is linear
- Motion becomes increasingly nonlinear as it moves away from the axis and as its transverse velocities increase
  - large  $(x,y)$  causes nonlinear dynamics
  - large  $(p_x,p_y)$  causes nonlinear dynamics
- Question: if we will measure every muon, why not do the analysis with just the particles near the axis? If we throw out large amplitude particles, nonlinearities won't matter.
  - Answer: we need large  $(p_x,p_y)$  at the absorber for the cooling to work.

# Nonlinearities, cont.

- There is a region of parameter space for the input particle distribution where
  - particles won't experience nonlinear effects
  - $(p_x, p_y)$  is large enough at the absorber to measurably cool the beam
- This is where we want to operate, but it requires careful control of the input beam that will be difficult to achieve
- We need to be prepared that ionization cooling and nonlinear heating might both be present

A calibrated model of the beamline is needed

# Importance of a well-understood, calibrated computer model for MICE

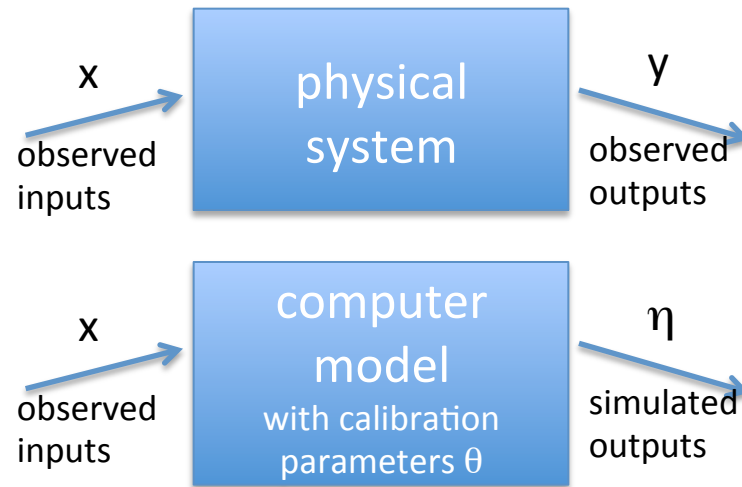
- Measurement alone can show cooling
  - But it doesn't demonstrate understanding
  - A model is needed to quantitatively predict cooling
- A model will also allow us to
  - **disentangle** nonlinear heating from ionization cooling
  - **explore and diagnose** unexpected observations
  - **test ideas** more quickly than changing the expt'l configuration
  - **guide** toward advantageous regions of the parameter space for the expt to be a success



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# Bayesian Inference for Code Calibration\*



$$y(x_i) = \eta(x_i, \theta) + \varepsilon(x_i) + \delta(x_i) \quad i=1, \dots, n \quad i \text{ denotes a measurement}$$

- At various inputs  $x$ , we have measurements  $y$ , w/ meas error  $\varepsilon$  and model error  $\delta$ 
  - For now we ignore model error  $\delta(x_i)$  and assume the  $x_i$  are known perfectly
- We have a sampling model or likelihood,  $L$ , for the observations  $y$ 
  - For example, assume  $\varepsilon$  is multivariate  $N(0, \Sigma)$ .

\*D. Higdon et al., "Combining Field Data and Computer Simulations for Calibration and Prediction," SIAM J. Sci. Comput. Vol. 26, No. 2, pp. 448-466 (2004)

# Bayesian Inference, cont.

- Suppose we have some prior knowledge about what we think the model parameters,  $\theta$ , must be for the simulator to agree with measurements. Let  $\pi(\theta)$  denote the prior distribution.
- The Bayesian formulation states:

$$\pi(\theta | y) \propto L(y | \eta(x, \theta)) \times \pi(\theta) \quad \text{The posterior is proportional to the likelihood times the prior}$$

- Instead of thinking of  $\theta$  simply as an ordinary scalar or vector quantity, we think of it as a random variable with a distribution associated with it
  - initially, this is the prior  $\pi(\theta)$
- We want to find the posterior distribution of  $\theta$  given the data  $y$ ,  $\pi(\theta | y)$ 
  - Then we can determine the moments of  $\pi(\theta | y)$ , Bayesian credible intervals, etc.
- Also can determine posterior for the variance parameters of the sampling model,  $\pi(\Sigma | y)$
- **All this involves combining observations with computer simulations**

# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- In general problems will be nonlinear & multi-dimensional
  - Closed form solutions for the posterior not available
- How to obtain the posterior's properties?
  - Generate a sequence of samples drawn from  $\pi(\theta | y)$
  - Can use to obtain moments, histograms, Bayesian credible intervals, etc.
- One way to accomplish this is with a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method
  - Produces a sequence of values equivalent to a random draw from the posterior conditional (on  $y$ ) distribution
  - In the following we use the Metropolis algorithm

# Prediction

- Having obtained the posterior  $\pi(\theta | Y)$  to calibrate the computer model in the previous examples, how to predict what will happen with new  $X$  values (i.e. new muons in MICE)?
  - Simply using the posterior means of  $\theta$  does not include info about our uncertainty in  $\theta$
- The correct way is to use the posterior predictive distribution:

$$p(Y_{new} | Y) = \int_{\theta} \pi(Y_{new} | \theta) \pi(\theta | Y) d\theta$$

where  
 $Y = Y(X)$ ,  
 $Y_{new} = Y_{new}(X_{new})$

- Given  $N$  new input observations, predict the output by doing the following in simulation:

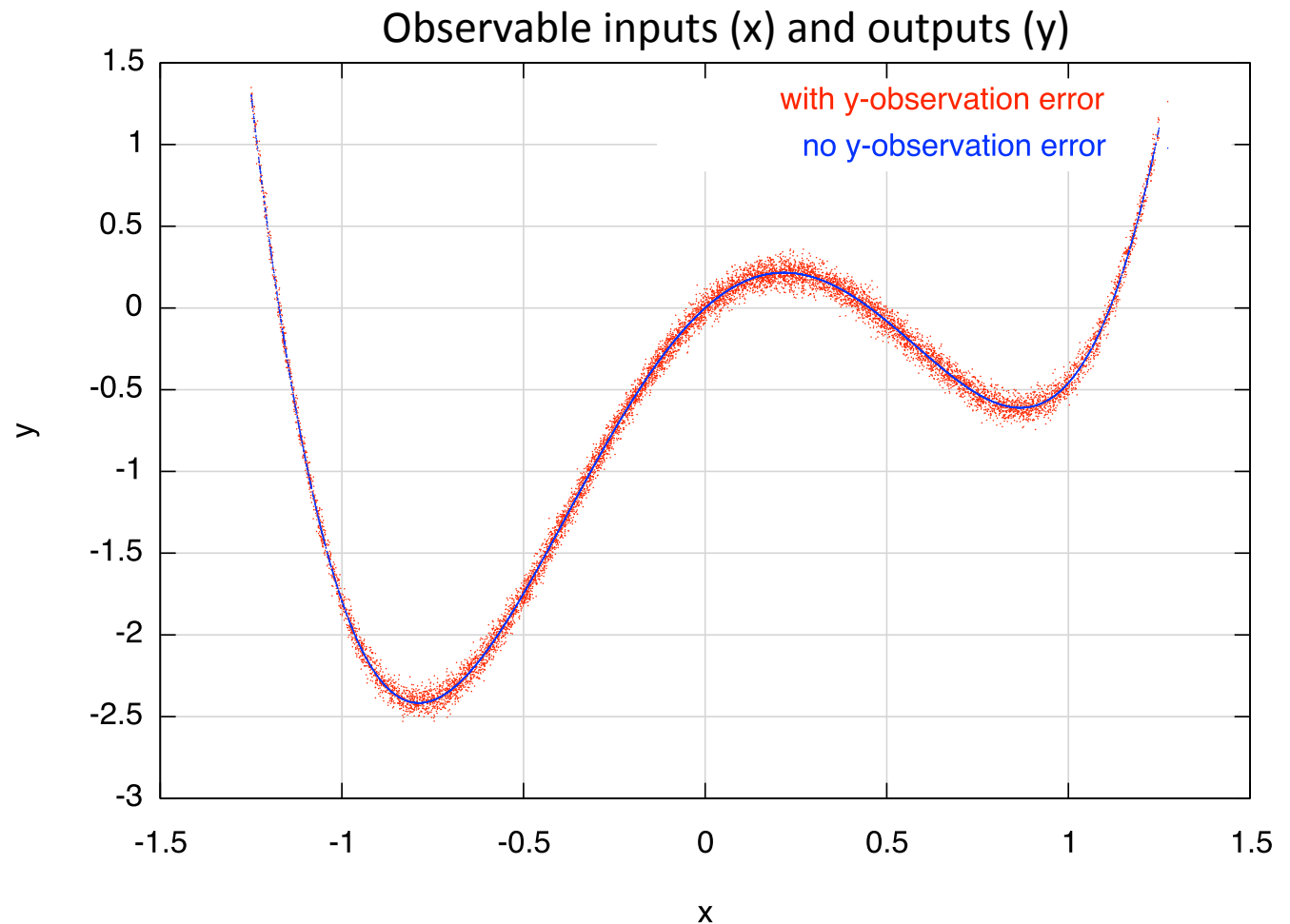
DO  $I=1, \dots, N$

- draw  $\theta'$  from  $\pi(\theta | Y)$  [e.g. draw from the MCMC chain]
- forward simulate  $X_{new,i}$  using  $\theta'$  to produce  $Y_{new,i}$

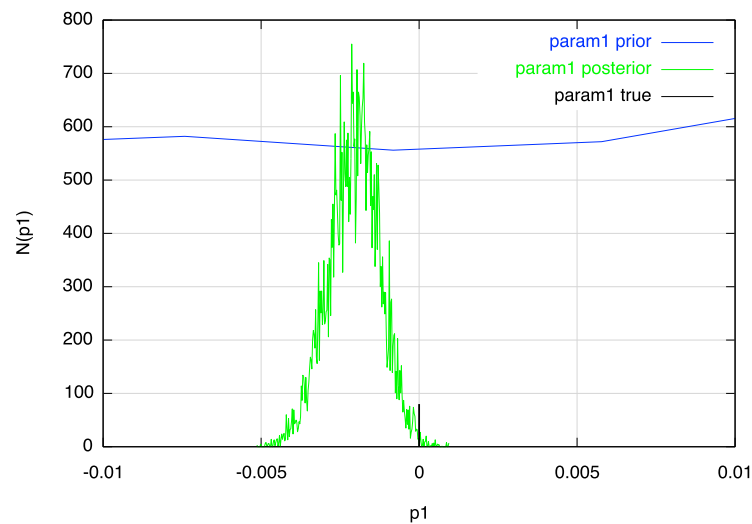
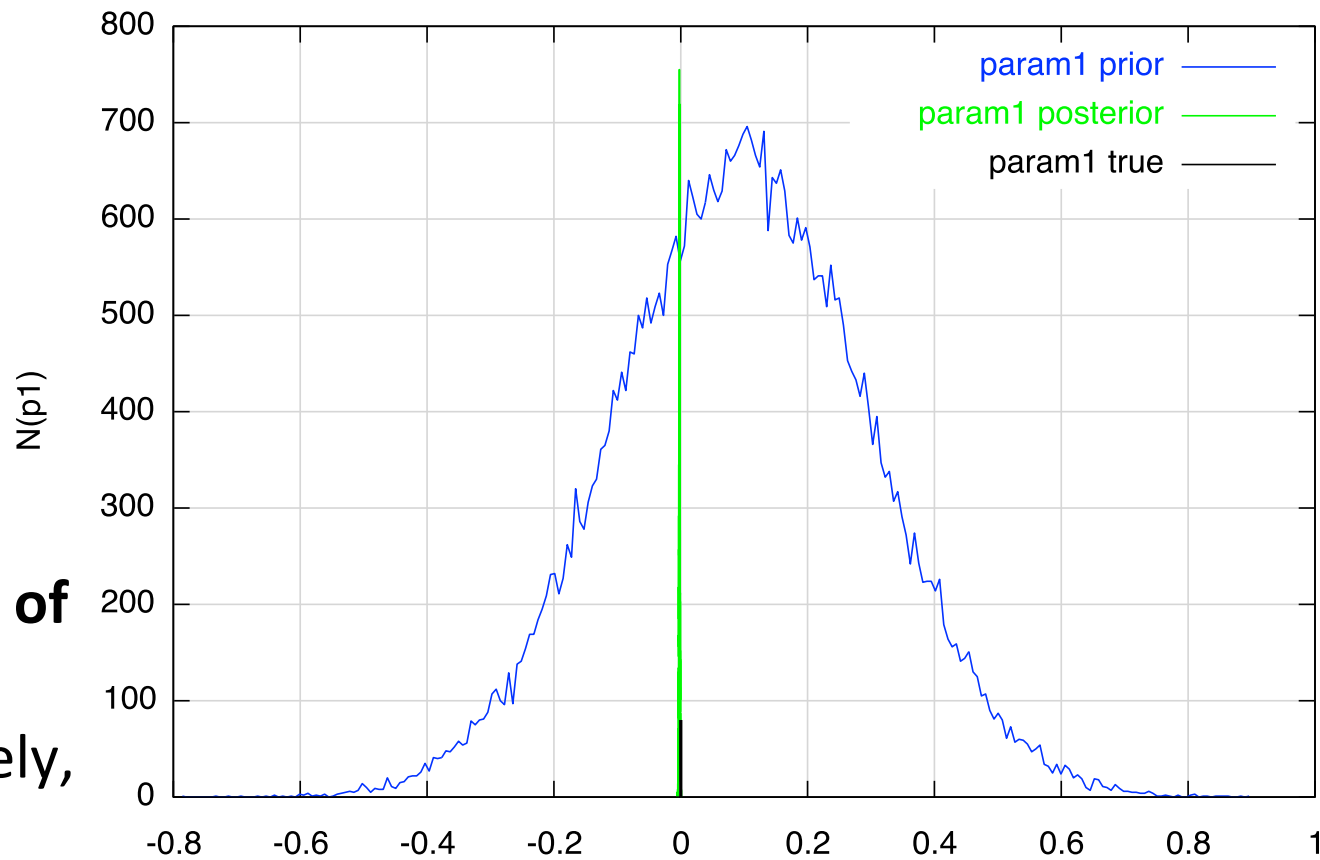
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# Example: Application of MCMC to a 1D regression problem

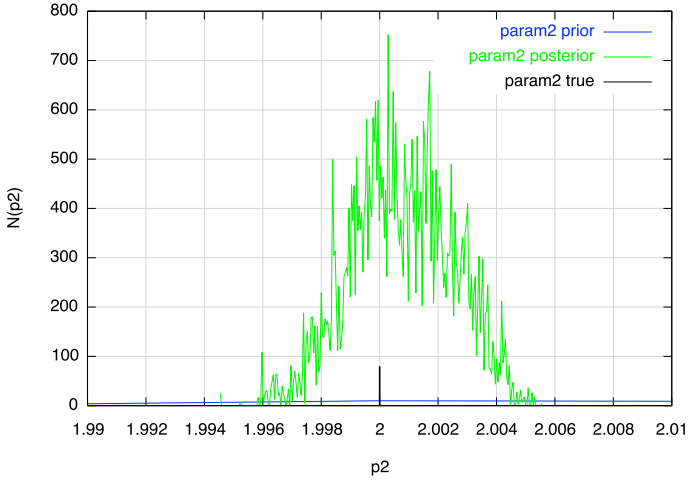
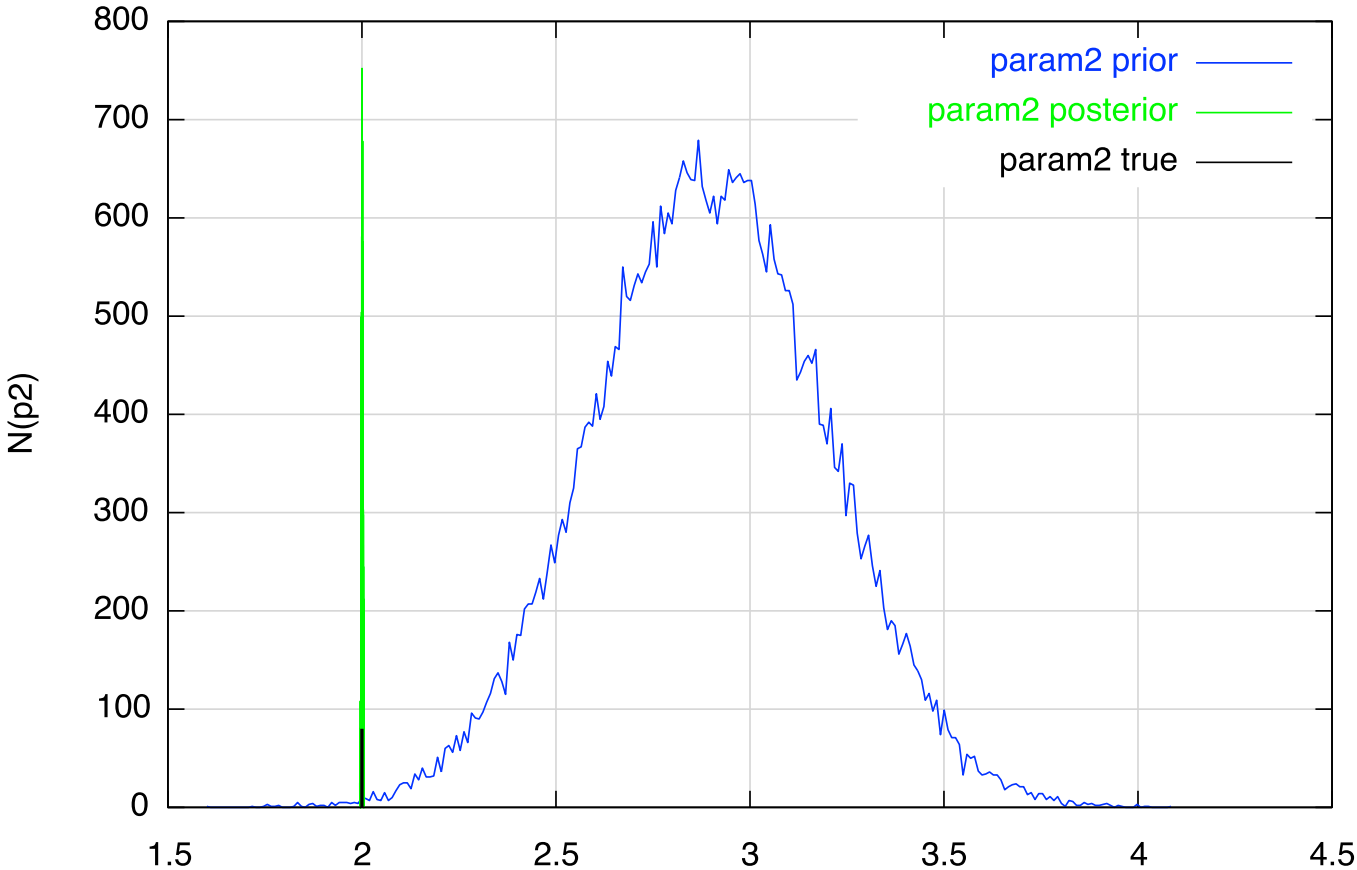
- Let  $y = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + b_4 x^4 + \varepsilon$ 
  - Treat  $b_0$  thru  $b_4$  as calibration parameters
- $b_{\text{true}} = (0, 2., -4.5, -1.33333, 3.375)$
- 10000 observations
- Observation error on  $y$ :  $\sigma = 0.05$
- Perform MCMC for 100K steps



**Posterior density ( $\theta | y$ ) of parameter 1**  
(more precisely, the posterior density of parameter 1 with other parameters integrated out)



# Posterior density of parameter 2





# Results Summary

param	exact	$\mu_{\text{prior}}$	$\mu_{\text{post}}$	$\sigma_{\text{prior}}$	$\sigma_{\text{post}}$
1	0	0.1	-2.e-3	0.2	8.2e-4
2	2	2.9	2.0008	0.3	1.8e-3
3	-4.5	-5.5	-4.497	0.9	3.4e-3
4	1.3333333	-1.0	-1.3353	0.4	1.9e-3
5	3.375	3.0	3.37512	0.8	2.5e-3

$$\sigma_{\text{obs}}=0.05$$

Comment:

With a lot of data, the priors don't have to be that good, instead we can use a diffuse prior

# These results are encouraging, but...

- Not all problems are so easy
  - dependence on # of observations, length of Markov chain, MCMC proposal function, correlations among inferred quantities  $\theta$  (calibration parameters, regressions parameters,...) , complexity of simulation model  $\eta$ ,...
- Use requires care, experience,...
  - Wise to enlist the help of statistical scientists!

# Application to MICE

- Overview of the MICE model used here
  - i. Inference of 10 solenoid parameters (current  $J$ ) and 4 measurement uncertainties
  - ii. Inference of the linear transfer map

# The Computer Model

- MICE simulations normally make use of the MICE User Analysis and Software (MAUS) framework
- This study uses a simplified model, but the techniques presented could be applied with *any* model
- Like MAUS, the computer model used here propagates muon input 6-vectors and produces output 6-vectors
  - Numerical integration of Lorentz force equations for  $(x, \gamma\beta_x, y, \gamma\beta_y, t, \gamma)$  ( $z$ )
    - the longitudinal coordinate,  $z$ , is the independent variable
    - $(x, y)$  are transverse coordinates
    - $(\gamma\beta_x, \gamma\beta_y)$  are proportional to the transverse momentum
    - $(t, \gamma)$  :  $t$  is arrival time (irrelevant for this study);  $\gamma$  is proportional to the particle energy
  - Beamline consisting of 12 solenoids, each modeled as a current block, with overlapping fields

# Lorentz Force Equations with z as the Independent Variable

- Consider quantities  $(x, \gamma\beta_x, y, \gamma\beta_y, t, \gamma)$  (z)

- Equations of motion are:

$$\frac{dx}{dz} = \frac{\gamma\beta_x}{\gamma\beta_z}$$

$$\frac{d(\gamma\beta_x)}{dz} = \gamma \frac{q / mc^2}{\gamma\beta_z} \left[ E_x + \frac{c}{\gamma} (\gamma\beta \times B)_x \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{\gamma\beta_y}{\gamma\beta_z}$$

$$\frac{d(\gamma\beta_y)}{dz} = \gamma \frac{q / mc^2}{\gamma\beta_z} \left[ E_y + \frac{c}{\gamma} (\gamma\beta \times B)_y \right]$$

$$\frac{dt}{dz} = \frac{1}{\beta_z c}$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dz} = \frac{q / mc^2}{\gamma\beta_z} [\gamma\beta \cdot E]$$

where  $\gamma\beta_z = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - (\gamma\beta_x)^2 - (\gamma\beta_y)^2} - 1$

# Solenoid Channel Magnetic Field

- Superposition of 12 solenoids modeled via

$$B(x=0, y=0, z) = \mu_0 J (r_2 - r_1) [f(z - z_1) - f(z - z_2)]$$

$$f(z) = \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z}{2(r_2 - r_1)} \log \frac{r_2 + \sqrt{r_2^2 + z^2}}{r_1 + \sqrt{r_1^2 + z^2}} \right]$$

$$B_x = -(B'/2)x + (B'''/16)r^2x - (B^{(5)}/384)r^4x + (B^{(7)}/18432)r^6x$$

$$B_y = -(B'/2)y + (B'''/16)r^2y - (B^{(5)}/384)r^4y + (B^{(7)}/18432)r^6y$$

$$B_z = B - (B''/4)r^2 + (B^{(4)}/64)r^4 - (B^{(6)}/2304)r^6 - \dots$$

# Solenoid Parameters

$z_{center}(m)$	$z_{length}(m)$	$r_1(m)$	$r_2(m)$
-3200.d-3	110.6d-3	258.0d-3	325.8d-3
-2450.d-3	1314.3d-3	258.0d-3	280.1d-3
-1700.d-3	110.6d-3	258.0d-3	318.9d-3
-1300.d-3	199.5d-3	258.0d-3	288.9d-3
-861.d-3	201.3d-3	258.0d-3	304.2d-3
-202.75d-3	213.3d-3	267.0d-3	361.8d-3
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200MeV/c
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147.d6
131.d6
135.d6
113.d6
104.d6
-104.d6
-112.d6
-140.d6
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Nominal current densities for  
 $\langle p \rangle = 200 \text{ MeV}/c$

# Generation of synthetic "experimental" observations

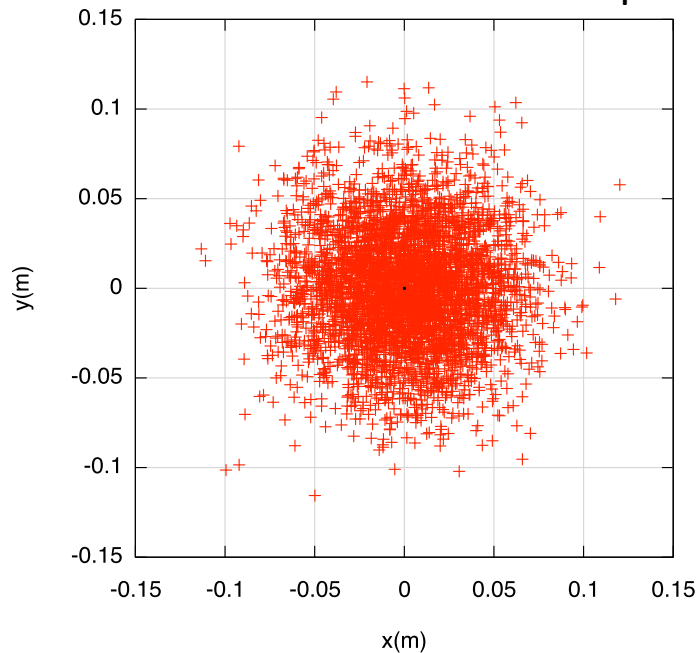
- Set magnet currents to values near (but  $\neq$ ) nominal values
- Generate 6-vector inputs, "X" based on a matched beam in constant solenoid channel\*
  - To simplify examples  $\Delta E=0$ , but this not necessary for the analysis
- Run the simulator to get outputs "Y"
- Add observation error to "Y"
  - errors  $\sim N(0, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma_{11}=\Sigma_{33}=0.4e-3$  m for simulated output coordinates (x,y) and  $\Sigma_{22}=\Sigma_{44}=0.02$  for simulated output momenta ( $\gamma\beta_x, \gamma\beta_y$ ).



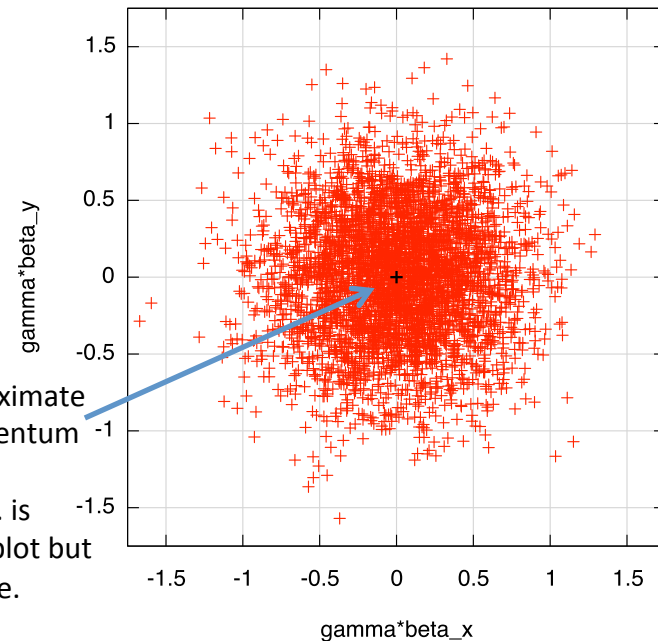
# Typical simulation outputs

- Observed inputs,  $X$ , consists of  $\sim 10\text{K} - 1\text{M}$  6-vectors of coordinates and momenta
  - in what follows we ignore last 2 components, so the problem involves 4-vectors
- Outputs,  $Y$ , are the result of simulating transport thru MICE beamline

simulated coordinate output



simulated momentum output



Cross shows approximate  $\pm 2\sigma$  s.d. in momentum measurement.  
The coordinate s.d. is shown on the left plot but it is too small to see.

# Inference of 10 parameters and 4 measurement uncertainties

param	exact	$\mu_{\text{prior}}$	$\mu_{\text{post}}$	$\sigma_{\text{prior}}$	$\sigma_{\text{post}}$
$\theta_1$	151.634	147.	151.623	40.	.0185
$\theta_2$	123.807	131.	123.752	40.	.0615
$\theta_3$	142.602	135.	142.762	40.	.0722
$\theta_4$	118.863	113.	118.930	40.	.0496
$\theta_5$	103.874	104.	103.743	40.	.0652
$\theta_6$	-101.920	-104.	-101.668	40.	.0918
$\theta_7$	-108.330	-112.	-108.203	40.	.0753
$\theta_8$	-132.950	-140.	-132.786	40.	.0976
$\theta_9$	-127.378	-131.	-127.736	40.	.1266
$\theta_{10}$	-133.948	-147.	-134.162	40.	.0669
$\tau_1$	6.250e6	5.e6	6.256e6	1.0e6	.0903e6
$\tau_2$	2500.	5000.	2434.	2236.	33.8
$\tau_3$	6.250e6	5.e6	6.351e6	1.0e6	.0867
$\tau_4$	2500.	5000.	2508.	2236.	36.7

# of observations=10000

length of MCMC chain = 5000 after 5000 burn-in

# Comments

- The preceding examples are illustrative
- In real applications, the MCMC chain lengths should be longer, more observation data points could be used, the MCMC proposal draws should be tuned to have more reliable acceptance rates,...
- Still, the results successfully demonstrate the use of Bayesian inference techniques that combine measurements and simulation

# Inference of the Linear Transfer Map

- The symplectic map describing the beamline can be expressed (in the absence of absorber) as a factored product of Lie transformations,  
 $M = \exp(:f_2:) \exp(:f_3:) \exp(:f_4:) \dots$
- The term  $\exp(:f_2:)$  corresponds to a linear map  $M$
- We would like to measure (infer) the transfer map
- For illustration, consider just the linear map  $M$ 
  - first step toward solving the nonlinear problem

# Procedure for Linear Map Test Problem

- Use the Lorentz force code to generate a matched initial beam
  - convert to canonical variables and write it to a file
- Read the file into MaryLie/IMPACT and transport thru MICE with linear map; write the output
  - initial (X) and final (Y) canonical "observations"
- Prepare a metropolis MCMC code where the simulator is simply a 4x4 matrix-vector multiply
- Run the MCMC code
  - read X and Y; add observational error to Y
  - provide subroutines for likelihood, priors, proposals

# Digression: How to represent M?

- We could represent M as an arbitrary 4x4 matrix with 16 parameters
  - But the MCMC code would not result in a symplectic matrix, so we would have to symplectify it
    - no big deal, but an added complication and source of error
- Instead we can write\*  $M = \exp(JS_A)\exp(JS_C)$  where  $S_A$ ,  $S_C$  are symmetric matrices that commute/anti-commute with J, resp.
  - $S_A$  is 6D,  $S_C$  is 4D, so there are 10 parameters
  - 4x4 basis elements are known ( $F_1, F_2, F_3, G_1, G_2, G_3, B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3$ )
  - $M = \exp(\theta_1 F_1 + \theta_2 F_2 + \theta_3 F_3 + \theta_4 G_1 + \theta_5 G_2 + \theta_6 G_3) \exp(\theta_7 B_0 + \theta_8 B_1 + \theta_9 B_2 + \theta_{10} B_3)$ 
    - Priors for  $\theta$  are not obvious; but the procedure works fine with broad prior

# Bayesian inference of the 4x4 Linear Map: Results

MaryLie/Impact ("true") 4x4 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.81344E-01 & -1.55775E-01 & -9.60235E-03 & 3.10757E-03 \\ 4.83031E+00 & 5.13476E-01 & -9.63599E-02 & -1.02433E-02 \\ 9.60235E-03 & -3.10757E-03 & 4.81344E-01 & -1.55775E-01 \\ 9.63599E-02 & 1.02433E-02 & 4.83031E+00 & 5.13476E-01 \end{bmatrix}$$

MCMC results (10K observations; MCMC length=75K+75K burn-in):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.81349E-01 & -1.55757E-01 & -9.60723E-03 & 3.11229E-03 \\ 4.82935E+00 & 5.13961E-01 & -9.65443E-02 & -1.03595E-02 \\ 9.65088E-03 & -3.11962E-03 & 4.81362E-01 & -1.55776E-01 \\ 9.66604E-02 & 1.02018E-03 & 4.82893E+00 & 5.13895E-01 \end{bmatrix}$$

Both of these matrices are symplectic

	$\mu_{\text{post}}$	$\sigma_{\text{post}}$
$\theta_2$	1.556	2.04e-4
$\theta_5$	-0.299	2.86e-5
$\theta_7$	-1.374	1.00e-4
$\theta_9$	-2.000e-2	3.83e-5

	$\mu_{\text{post}}$	$\sigma_{\text{post}}$
$\theta_1$	-9.e-6	2.8e-5
$\theta_3$	-1.5e-5	2.9e-5
$\theta_4$	4.6e-5	1.5e-4
$\theta_6$	-8.8e-6	2.0e-4
$\theta_8$	-1.3e-5	9.8e-5
$\theta_{10}$	-2.6e-6	7.1e-5

Turns out (presumably due to symmetry associated w/ MICE channel) that only 4 regression coefficients matter. Note the small  $\sigma$  compared to the mean of these 4.

# Comments on Linear Map example

- Could have done this simple example with more traditional techniques
- But eventually want to do the full (linear +nonlinear) map
  - Bayesian approach very flexible
  - Extension to nonlinear map involves
    - Replace matrix transport with transport via 4<sup>th</sup> order Lie map
    - Extend inferred quantities beyond the coefficients of matrix basis elements to also include coefficients of Lie polynomials  $f_3$  and  $f_4$
- Bayesian approach also allows inference of observational uncertainty



# Conclusions

- Bayesian techniques are extremely powerful and flexible
- Applied to MICE, they can be used for computer model calibration, to infer the transfer map, to predict the impact of changes, to test ideas, and to provide insight
- The examples here demonstrate how measurements and simulation can be combined to
  - infer model parameters, (e.g. magnet current settings) so that the computer model agrees with expt, *including distributions that describe the uncertainty of inferred parameters*
  - infer the measurement uncertainty
  - infer the transfer map
- The techniques should be broadly applicable to other accelerator experiments as well