

# ACBICI – A Library for the Calibration of Complex and Expensive Models



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# Introduction and Motivation

## **Models**

*...the sciences do not try to explain, they hardly even try to interpret, they mainly make models. By a model is meant a mathematical construct which, with the addition of certain verbal interpretations, describes observed phenomena.*

*- John von Neumann (1903-1957)*

- Many models exist for every single phenomenon
- Predictions are as good as the model
- **Models are as good as their calibration**
- Calibrations are as good as the data

## *Calibration*

*The process of finding optimal values for the parameters in a model that make the predictions of the latter as close as possible to physical events.*

But optimal in which sense?

- Not too difficult or costly to be estimated -> fast
- Yield a model that accurately reproduces calibration data -> accurate
- That also predicts behavior for left-out experimental data -> uncertainty quantification
- That yield a robust model -> uncertainty quantification
- That they reflect expected behavior/values -> uncertainty quantification

## Pros and cons

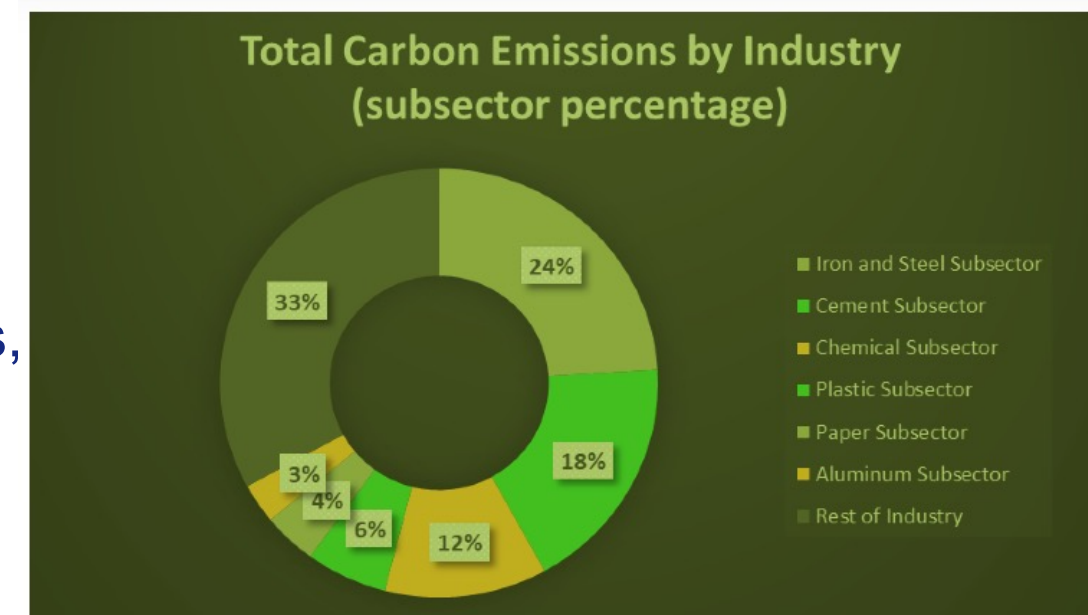
- Simple ✓
- Solution depends on regularization parameter ✗
- Local minima? ✗
- How sure are we and Sensitivity? -> can give confidence intervals but often very wide ✗
- What is the effect of experimental errors? -> Assumed to be Gaussian ✗

## Advanced Bayesian Calibration (ACBICI) as a “better” way of calibrating any model

- Fast predictions via surrogate for expensive models
- Aleatoric (data, statistical) and epistemic (model, systematic) uncertainty quantification
- Estimation of experimental errors

Base approach not new in statistics community but first Python library with additional features

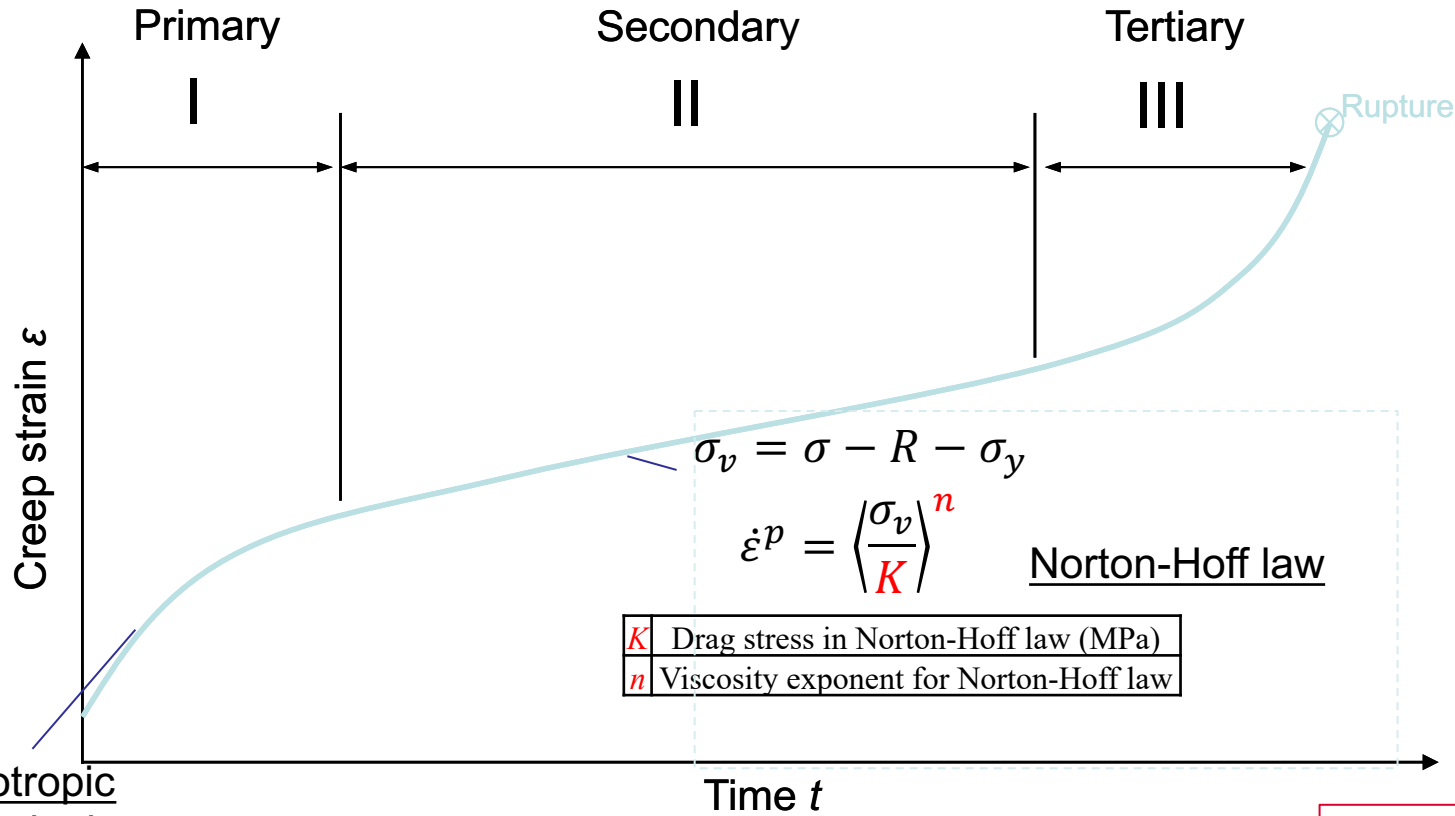
- **Motivation:** Carbon footprint of some materials, e.g. steel production with 20-25% of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions<sup>1</sup>
- **Need:** Accurate and fast predictions
- **Challenges:** Costly experiments, small data sets, computationally expensive models, lots of uncertainty
- **Objectives:**
  - ✓ Better/faster predictions
  - ✓ uncertainty quantification



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1. Clean Steel Partnership, Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) 2021

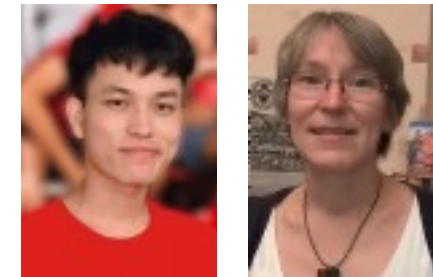
## Elasto-visco-plastic model (Norton type + damage)<sup>2</sup>



“**Creep** is a phenomenon of slow plastic deformation (elongation) of a metal at high temperature under a constant load.”  
- Dr. Dmitri Kopeliovich

Here: neglect III stage/damage

*Modified slide from original provided by Fan Chen and Anne Marie Habraken (Uliège)*



Here to-be-estimated parameters

$$R = Q(1 - e^{-bp})$$

Elasticity

Load: 180MPa

$b$	Rate of isotropic hardening
$Q$	Total isotropic saturation size of the yield surface

$T$	Temperature (C°)
$E$	Young's modulus (MPa)
$\nu$	Poisson's Ratio

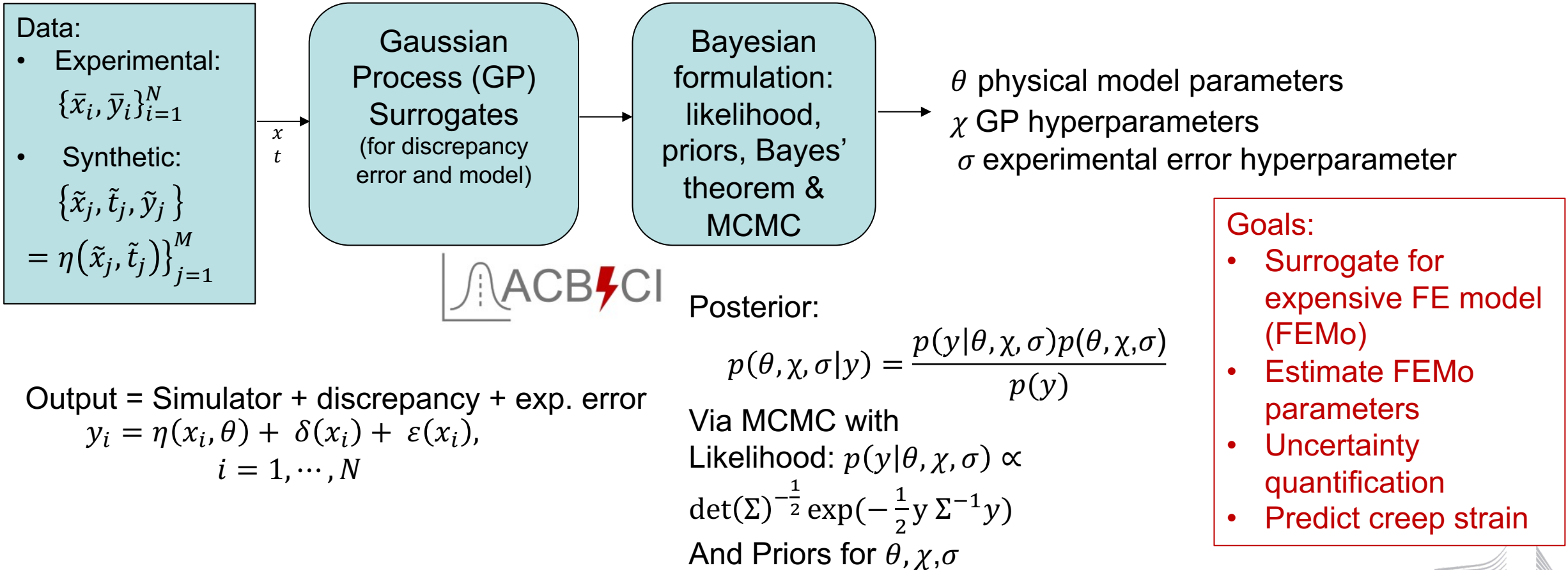
2. H. Morch (Uliège, 2022): Thermomechanical modelling of the creep-fatigue behaviour and damage of Nickel-alloy receiver tubes used in Concentrated Solar Power plants.





# Bayesian Calibration

- 4 cases: 1) no discrepancy error and inexpensive model, 2) no discrepancy error and expensive model, 3) discrepancy error and inexpensive model, 4) discrepancy error and expensive model → Here: 4)

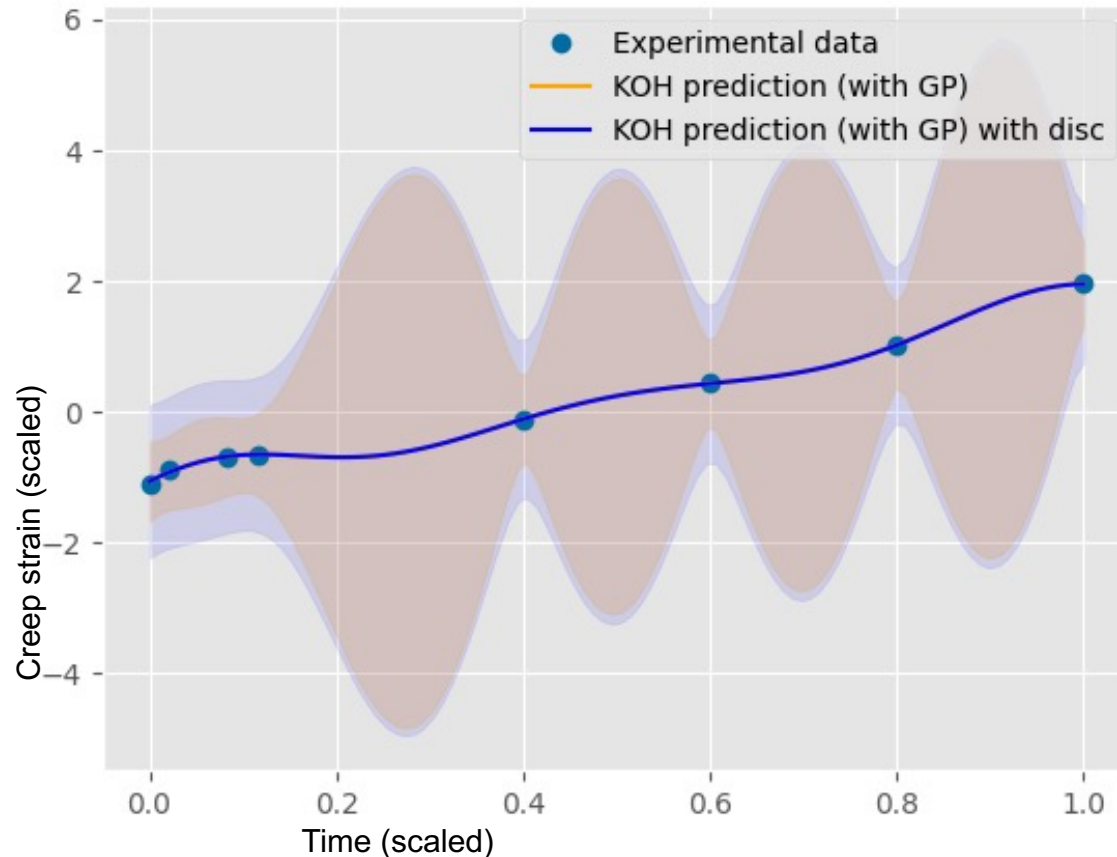


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# Results

# Bayesian Calibration with Discrepancy Estimation

100,000 emcee<sup>5</sup> samples



Data:

- 8 experimental data points<sup>4</sup>
- 200 random synthetic data points from FE simulations (Lagamine from Uliege\*)

Uncertainty:

- Uncertainty (aleatoric and epistemic)
- Uncertainty (with quantified model discrepancy)

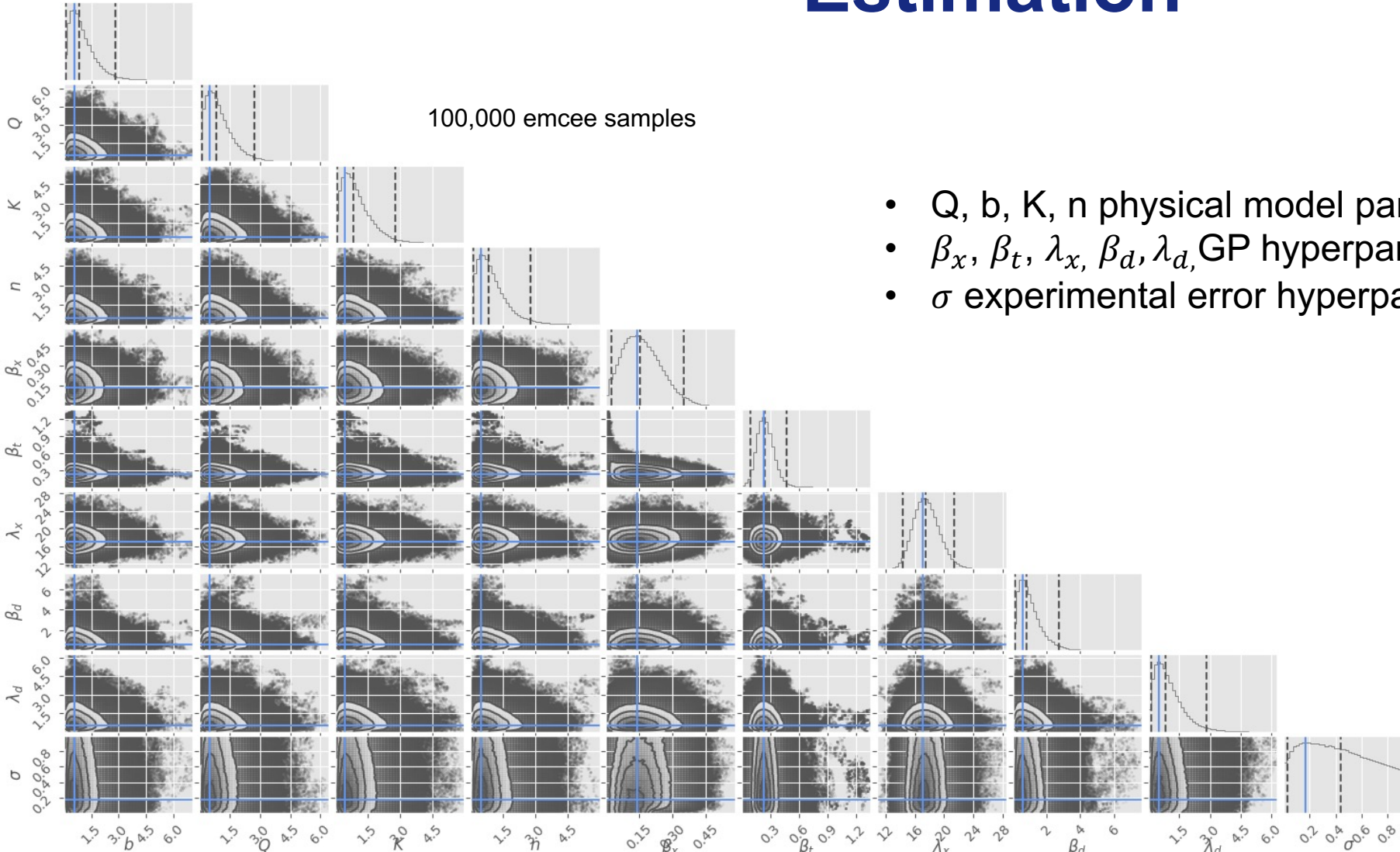
\* **Fan Chen, Carlos Rojas, Anne Marie Habraken (Uliège)**



4. Schemmel (2003): *Beschreibung des Verformungs-, Festigkeits- und Versagensverhaltens von Komponenten im Kriechbereich unter instationärer Beanspruchung mit einem elastisch-viskoplastischen Werkstoffmodell*, PhD thesis

5. Foreman-Mackey, Goodman, Weare (2010): *emcee: The MCMC Hammer*, arXiv:1202.3665

# Distributions with Discrepancy Estimation



- $Q, b, K, n$  physical model parameters
- $\beta_x, \beta_t, \lambda_x, \beta_d, \lambda_d$  GP hyperparameters
- $\sigma$  experimental error hyperparameter

# Conclusions

- ✓ Bayesian calibration has many advantages over standard least-squares calibration:
  - ✓ Uncertainty quantification (model and data)
  - ✓ Distributions of the parameters -> sensitivities
  - ✓ Estimation of experimental error
  - ✓ Surrogate models for faster predictions
  - ✓ Option of using priors
- ✓ ACBICI as **first python library with all these features**
- ✓ ACBICI has been successfully applied for different types of models from **creep (here)** to cell calibration

## Outlook:

- Creep:
  - Estimate parameters of all creep stages (including damage)
  - Include fracture time prediction
  - Estimation for different loads
  - Estimation for microscopic model
- ACBICI: More models/applications and enhancements
- ...





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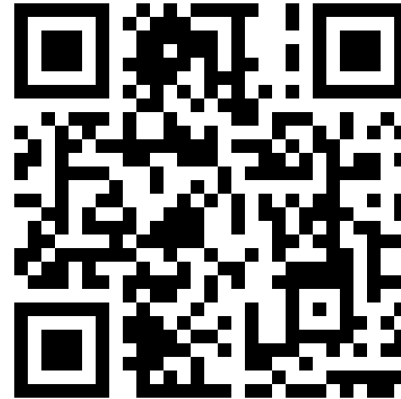
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