

Uncertainty quantification and calibration of a photovoltaic plant model: warranty of performance and robust estimation of the long-term production

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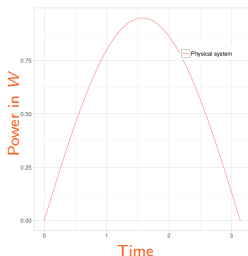
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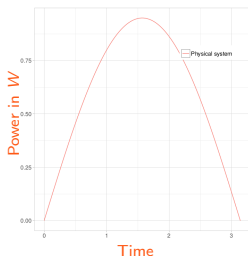


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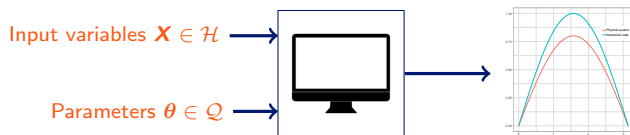


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How to trust the numerical code which, supposedly reproduces the experimental data?

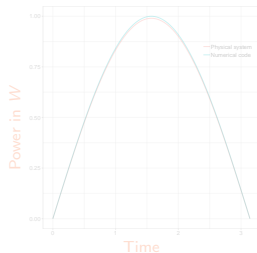
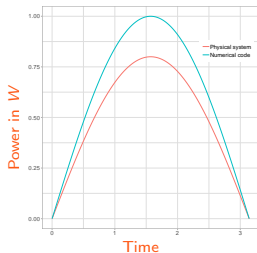
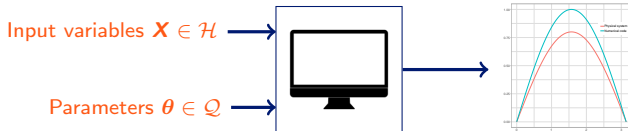
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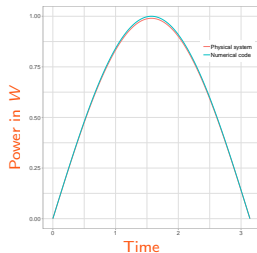
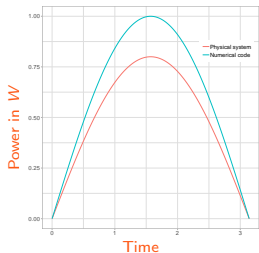
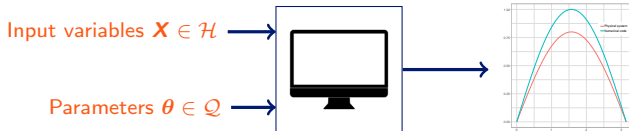
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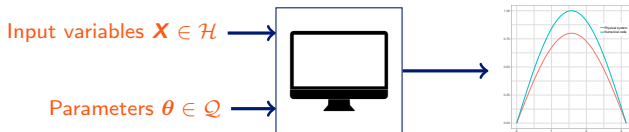
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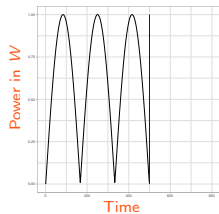
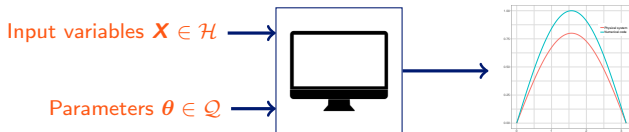
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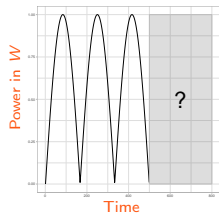
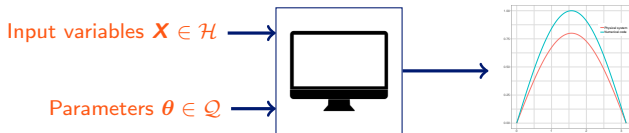
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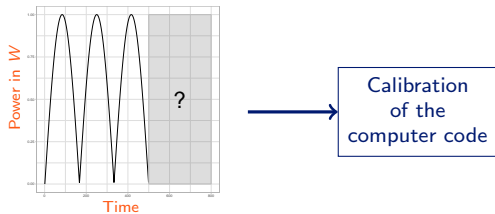
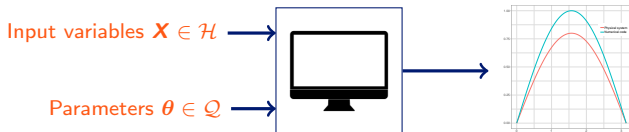
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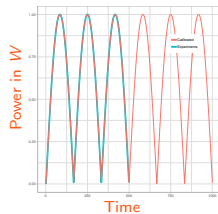
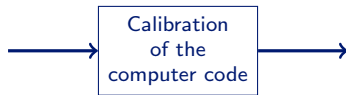
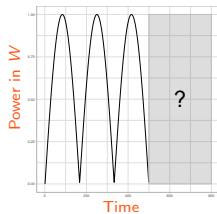
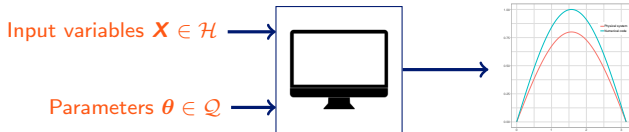
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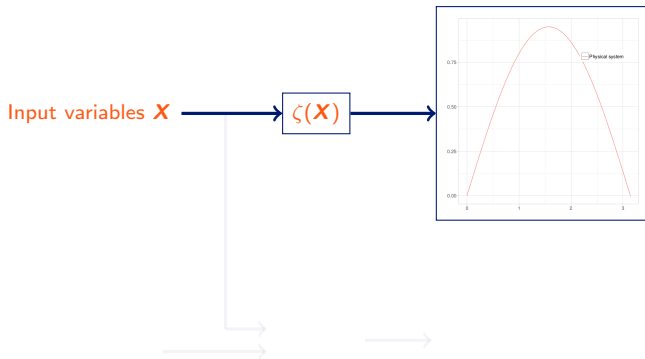
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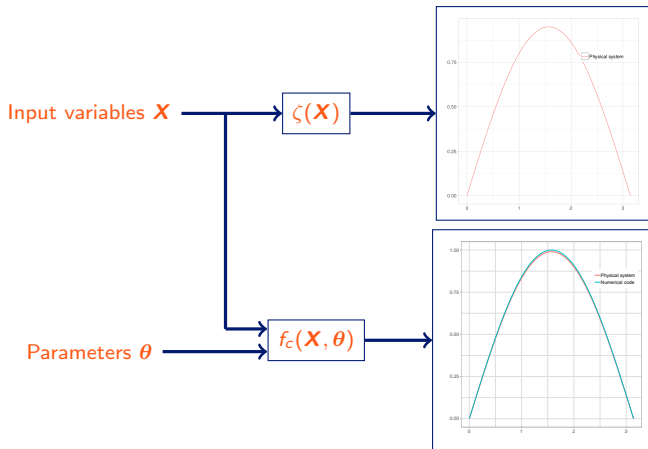
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Physical system and the code



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First statistical model

The measurement error

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$$\mathcal{M}_2 : \forall t \in \{1, \dots, T\} \quad Y_{\text{exp}_t} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \epsilon_t, \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{F}(\bullet, \bullet) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m_c(\bullet, \bullet), c_c(\{\bullet, \bullet\}, \{\bullet, \bullet\}))$.

Calibration

The Gaussian process

Mean

$$m_c(\bullet, \bullet) = \beta_{c_0} + \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_{c_j} h_{c_j}(\bullet, \bullet),$$

where $\beta_c = (\beta_{c_1}, \dots, \beta_{c_M})$ is the coefficient vector to be estimated, and $h_c(\bullet, \bullet) = (h_{c_0}(\bullet, \bullet), \dots, h_{c_M}(\bullet, \bullet))$ is the design matrix of regression.

Covariance

$$c_c(\{\bullet, \bullet\}, \{\bullet, \bullet\}) = \sigma_c^2 r_{c_{\psi_c}}(\{\bullet, \bullet\}, \{\bullet, \bullet\}),$$

where σ_c^2 stands for the variance, and $r_{c_{\psi_c}}$ for the correlation function with a vector parameter ψ_c which is the scale and the regularity of the kernel.

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The third model

The discrepancy

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Identifiability problem

An infinity of (θ, δ) is possible.

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Summary

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Calibration

Different kind of estimations

- Maximum likelihood estimator (SMLE) (Cox et al., 2001; Wong et al., 2017),
- Bayesian framework (Bayarri et al., 2007; Kennedy and O'Hagan, 2001; Higdon et al., 2004).

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Context



Calibration in theory

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- Estimation methods



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(**Python code**)

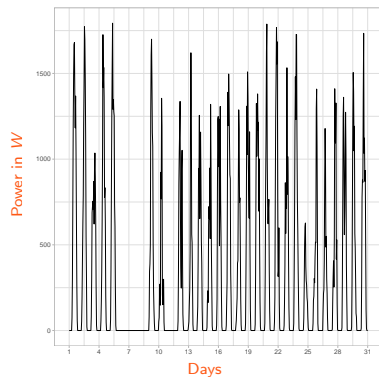
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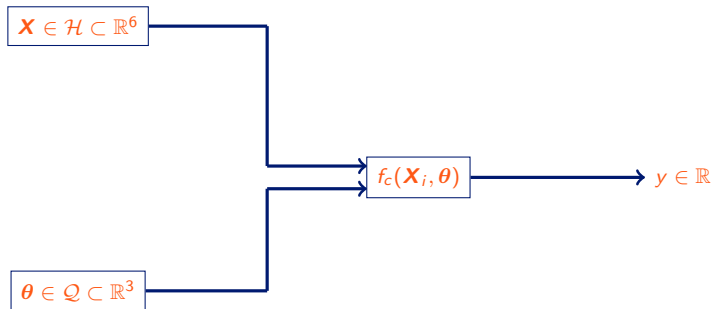
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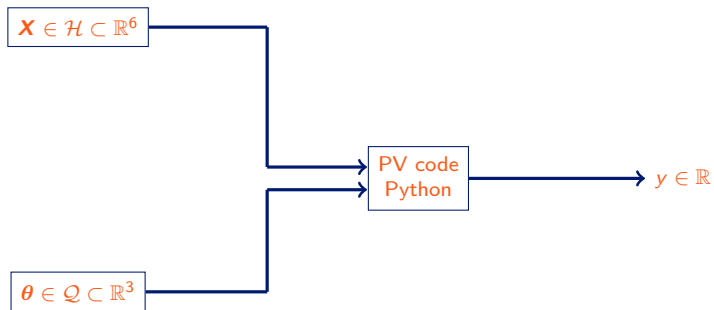
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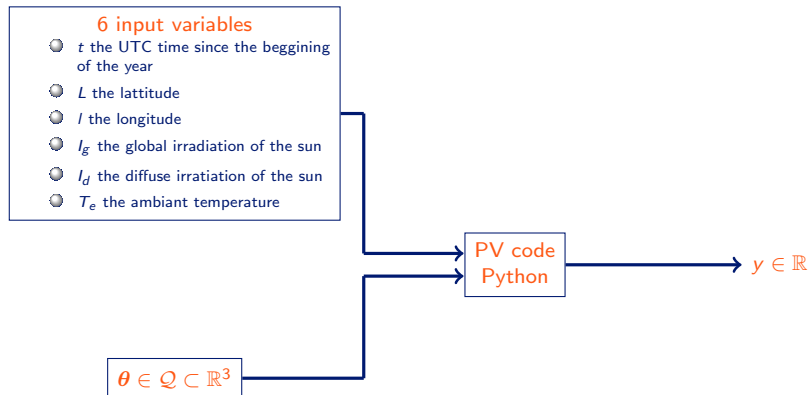
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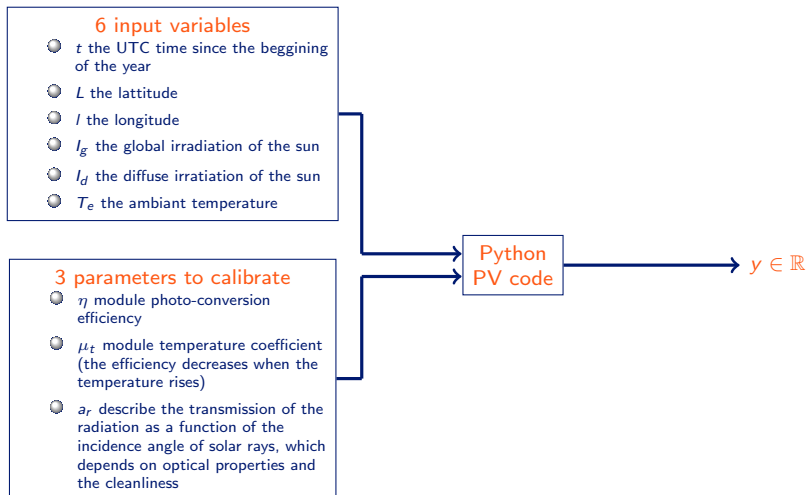
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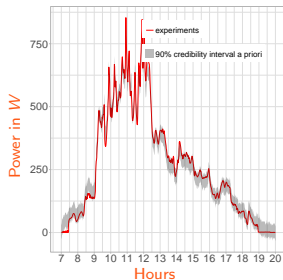
6 input variables

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- T_e the ambient temperature

3 parameters to calibrate

- η module photo-conversion efficiency
- μ_t module temperature coefficient (the efficiency decreases when the temperature rises)
- a_r describe the transmission of the radiation as a function of the incidence angle of solar rays, which depends on optical properties and the cleanliness

PV code
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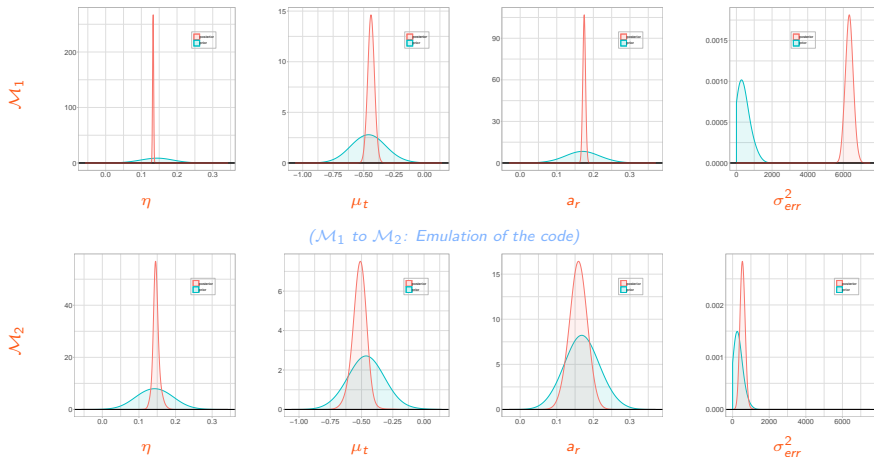
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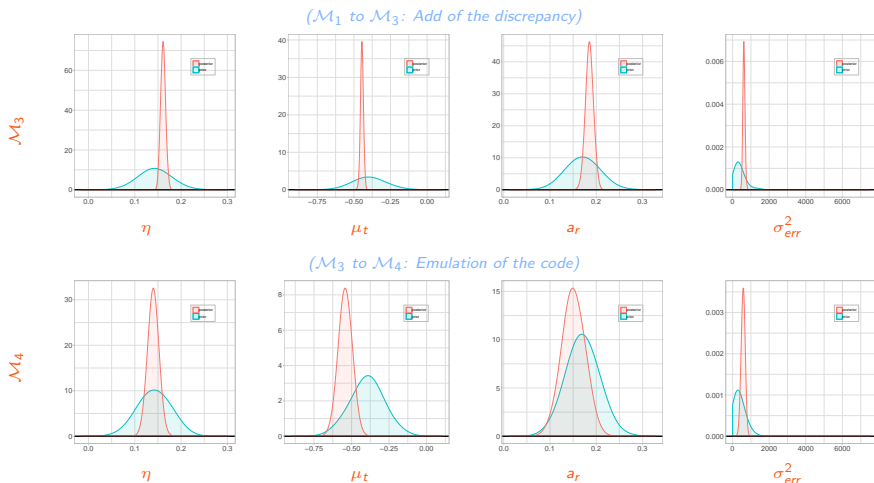
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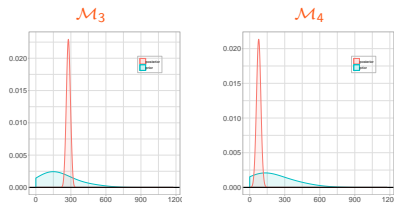
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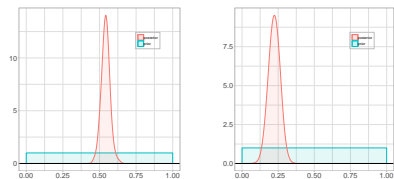


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ψ_δ

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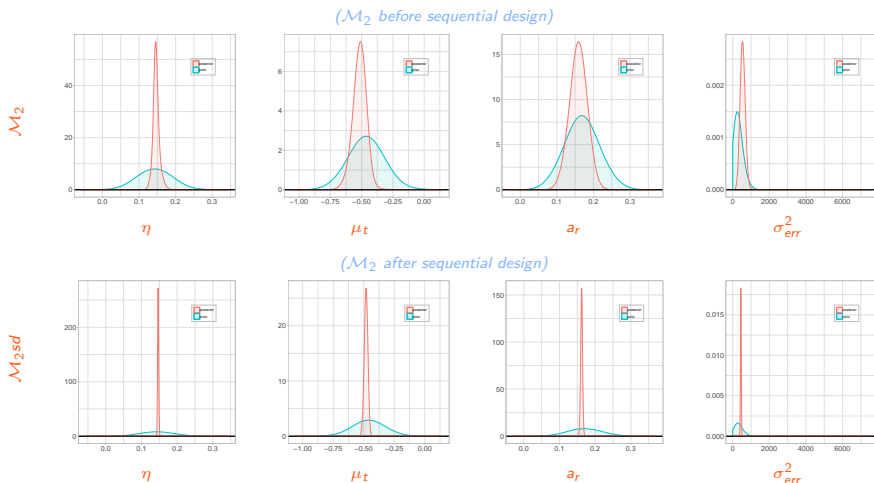
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Choice: add 10 points in original design according to [Damblin et al. \(2018\)](#).

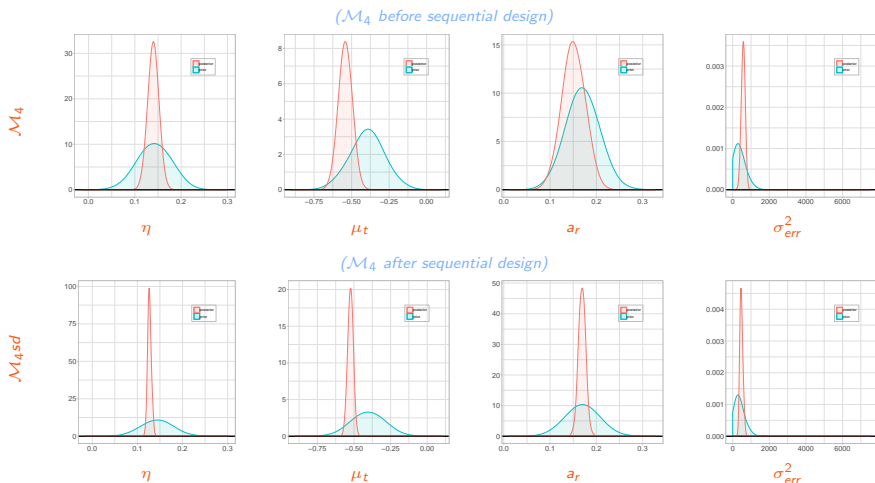
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Conclusion

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- Bayesian calibration better assessed the uncertainty on the parameters regarding experimental data,
- in the case of performance monitoring, Bayesian calibration works well,
- the article [Carmassi et al. \(2018\)](#), submitted available at [arXiv:1801.01810](#), presents a review of main calibration methods,
- the package **CaliCo** ([Carmassi, 2018](#)) available on CRAN and at [arXiv:1808.01932](#),
- a shiny application is built to help EDF employees apply Bayesian calibration on their different industrial cases.

Perspectives

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- Be placed in a case where the design of the project has to be done,
- use a real time consuming code on real sized PV plant,
- extend calibration on time series code outputs,
- use Bayesian Model Selection / Averaging to elect a better model, regarding the data (Damblin, 2015; Kamary, 2016).

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