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Estimation of the mechanical properties of  
a solid elastic medium in contact with a  
fluid medium

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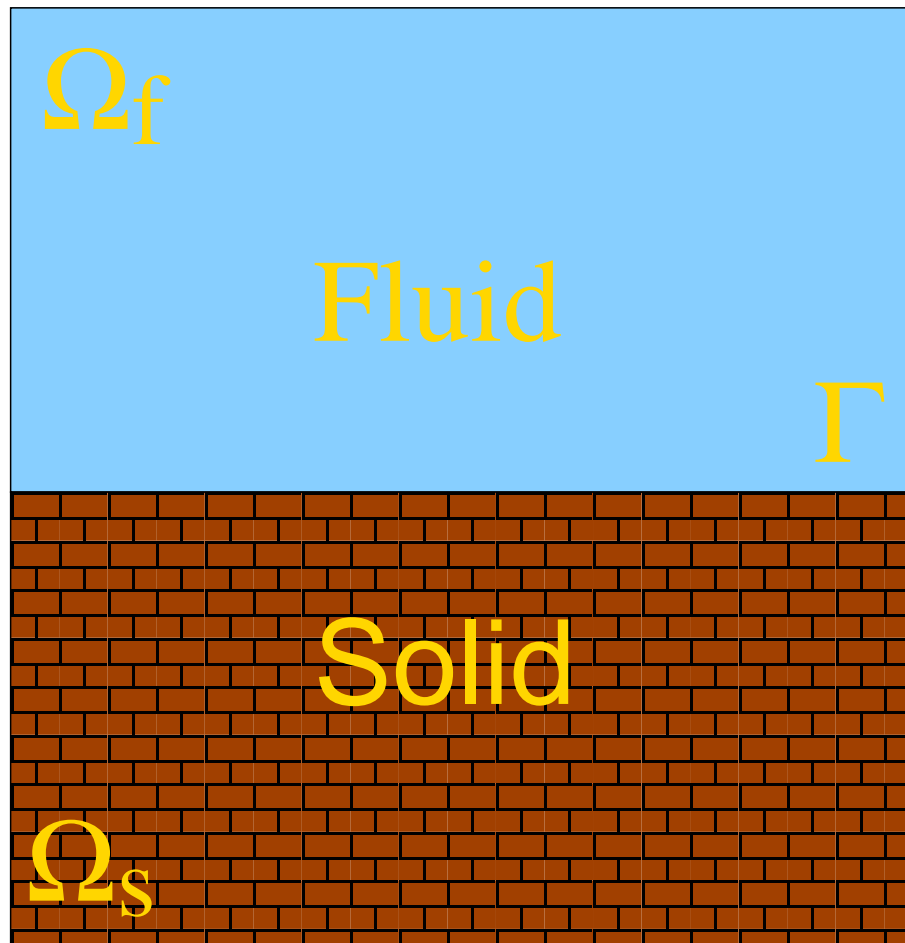
# Plan

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- Forward and inverse problems
- Bayesian inference
- Choice of the estimators
- The MCMC method
- The SPSA method
- Sensitivity analysis

# The forward problem

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# The forward problem

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The continuous formulation:

$$(1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + c_f^2 \rho_f \operatorname{div} v_f = 0 \quad (\Omega_f) \quad (1.1) \\ \rho_f \frac{\partial v_f}{\partial t} + \nabla p = 0 \quad (\Omega_f) \quad (1.2) \\ A \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} - \epsilon(v_s) = 0 \quad (\Omega_s) \quad (1.3) \\ \rho_s \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \sigma = 0 \quad (\Omega_s) \quad (1.4) \\ v_s \cdot n = v_f \cdot n \quad (\Gamma) \quad (1.5) \\ \sigma \cdot n = -p \cdot n \quad (\Gamma) \quad (1.6) \end{array} \right.$$

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The discrete formulation:

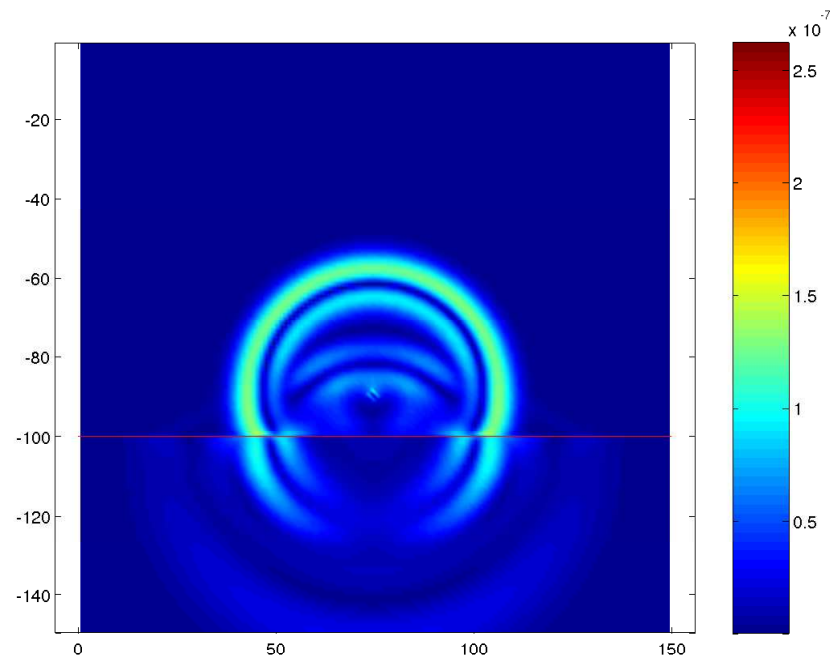
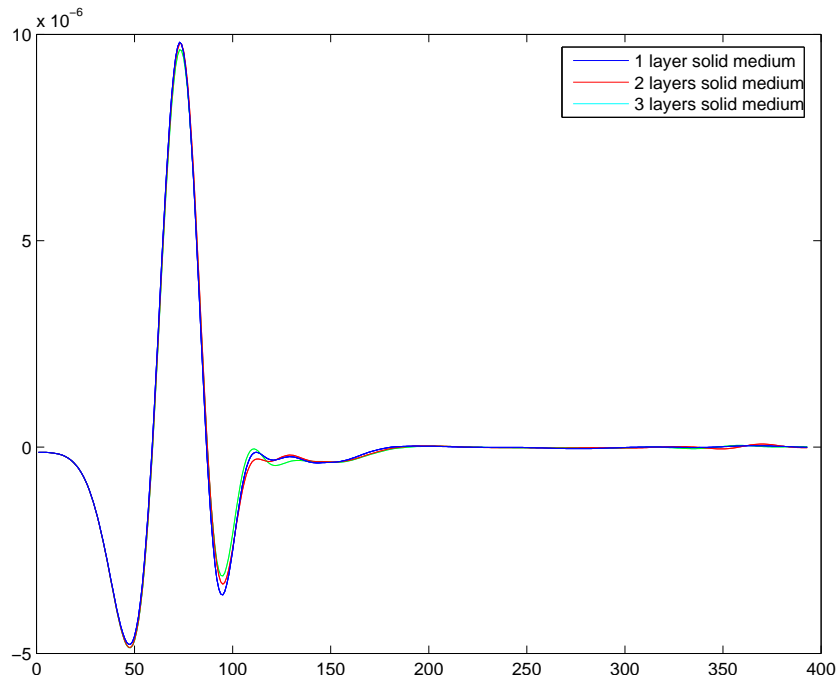
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_p \frac{P^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - P^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta t} + D_f V_f^n = 0 \quad (2.1) \\ M_f \frac{V_f^{n+1} - V_f^n}{\Delta t} - D_f^t P^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + B \frac{\Sigma^{n+1} + \Sigma^n}{2} = 0 \quad (2.2) \\ M_\Sigma \frac{\Sigma^{n+1} - \Sigma^n}{\Delta t} + D_s^t V_s^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - B^t \frac{V_f^{n+1} + V_f^n}{2} = 0 \quad (2.3) \\ M_s \frac{V_s^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - V_s^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta t} + D_s \Sigma^n = 0 \quad (2.4) \end{array} \right.$$

(J. Diaz and P. Joly 2005)

# The forward problem

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Simulations results:



# The inverse problem

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- $\theta$ : the coefficients to recover  $(\lambda, \mu, \rho)$
- Pressure measures

$$y = u + \epsilon$$

where  $u := \{u_{ij} = u(x_i, t_j)\}, \epsilon := \{\epsilon_{ij}\} \sim N(0, s^2)$ .

# Estimators of $\theta$

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1. the expectation with respect to the posterior probability:

$$E(\theta|y) = \int \theta p(\theta|y) d\theta$$

2. the maximum a posteriori:

$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta \in D_\theta} p(\theta|y),$$



# The Bayesian model and the inverse problem

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From Bayes's formula:

$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{1}{p(y)}p(y|\theta)p(\theta)$$

We consider:

$$p(\theta) \propto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{si } \forall i, \theta_i \in [\theta_{min}, \theta_{max}] \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$p(y|\theta) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left(\frac{y_i - u(x_i, T, \theta)}{s}\right)^2\right)$$

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# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

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Estimation of  $\theta$ :

$$E[\theta|y] = \int \theta p(\theta|y) d\theta$$

This integral is approached by:

$$E[\theta|y] \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \theta_k$$

with  $\theta \sim p(\theta|y)$  the limiting distribution of a Markov chain (Harold Niederreiter, SIAM, 1992).

# The Metropolis-Hasting algorithm

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The accelerated version of M-H algorithm with  $p^*(\cdot|y)$  a linear interpolation of  $p(\cdot|y)$ :

- 1- At  $\theta_k$  generate a proposal  $C$  from  $q(\cdot|\theta_k)$ .
  - 2- With probability  $\alpha_{pred}(C, \theta_k) = \min\left\{\frac{p^*(C|y)}{p^*(\theta_k|y)}, 1\right\}$  promote  $C$  to be a candidate to the standard M-H algorithm. Otherwise, pose  $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k$ .
  - 3- With probability  $\alpha(C, \theta) = \min\left\{\frac{p(C|y)}{p(\theta_k|y)}, 1\right\}$  accept  $\theta_{k+1} = C$ ; Otherwise reject  $C$ ,  $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k$ .
- (J. Andre's Christen and C. Fox, 2005.)

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The variance of the estimator given by MCMC:

$$\text{var}(\bar{\theta}_{MC}) = \tau \frac{\text{var}(\theta)}{n}$$

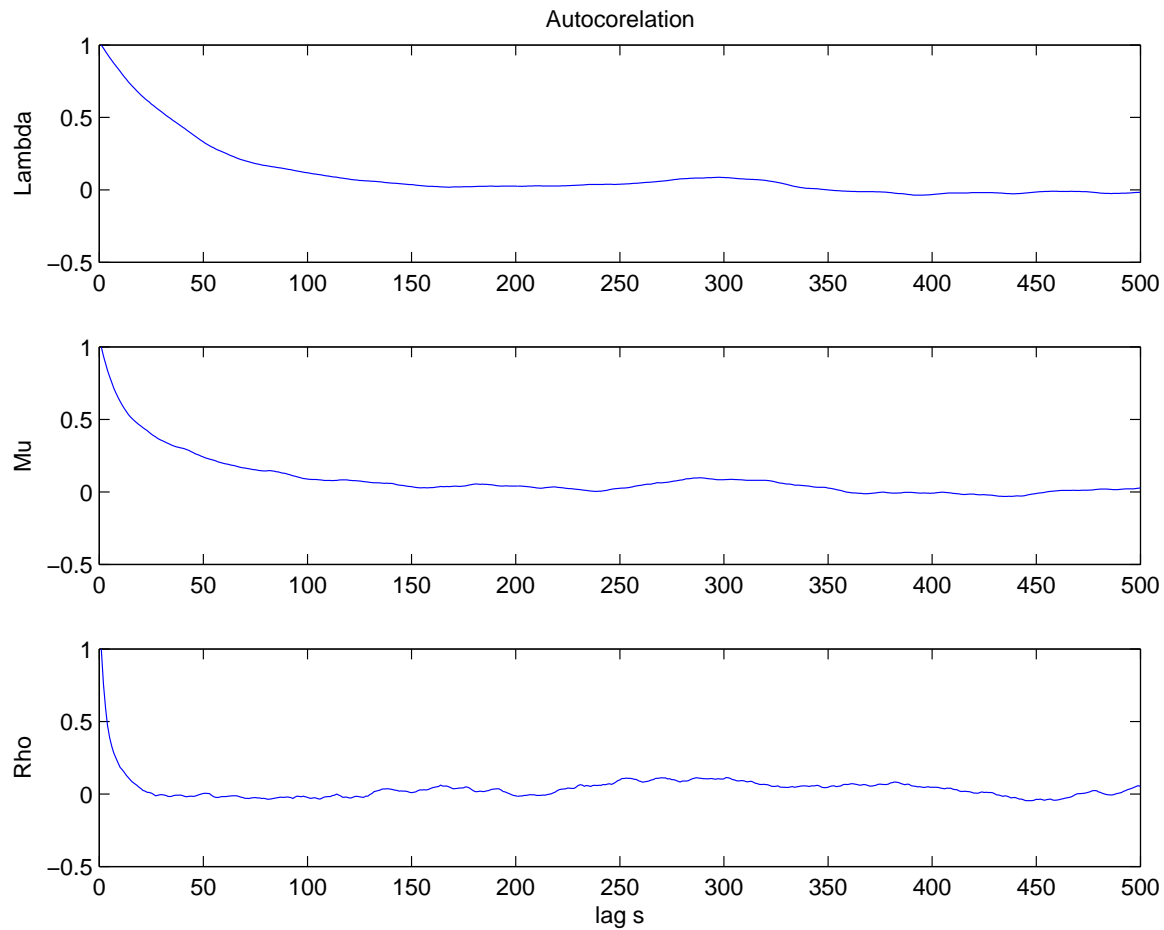
where  $\tau$  is the integrated autocovariance time (IACT).

$$\bar{\tau} = 1 + 2 \sum_{s=1}^M \rho(s).$$

(S. Meyer, N. Christensen and G. Nicholls, 2001)

# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

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# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

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- 19000 samples of the Markov chain with the accelerated version of M-H algorithm (6000 simulations and noise  $< 6\%$ ):

$\theta$	<b>Exact Value (SI)</b>	<b>Conf. Interval</b>	<b>% of error</b>
$\lambda$	$11.5 \times 10^9$	$10.9 \times 10^9 \pm 2.6\%$	5.2%
$\mu$	$6 \times 10^9$	$6.5 \times 10^9 \pm 2\%$	8%
$\rho$	1850	$1867 \pm 0.15\%$	0.9%

# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

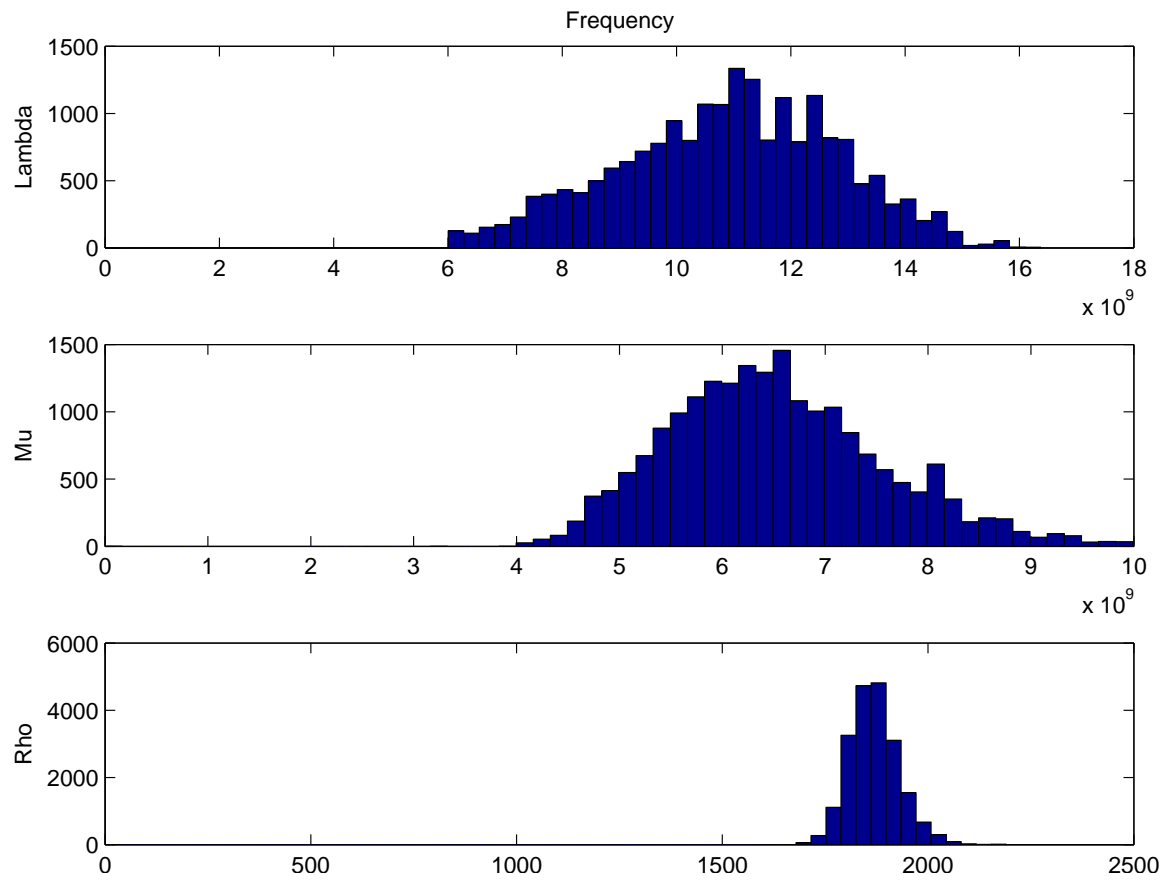
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- 19000 samples of the Markov chain with the standard M-H algorithm and different starting points:

$\theta$	$\theta_0 = \theta_{min}$	$\theta_0 = \theta_{max}$
$\lambda$	$11.1 \times 10^9 \pm 2.8\%$	$10.8 \times 10^9 \pm 2.7\%$
$\mu$	$5.82 \times 10^9 \pm 2.5\%$	$6.14 \times 10^9 \pm 2.6\%$
$\rho$	$1827 \pm 0.21\%$	$1911 \pm 0.4\%$

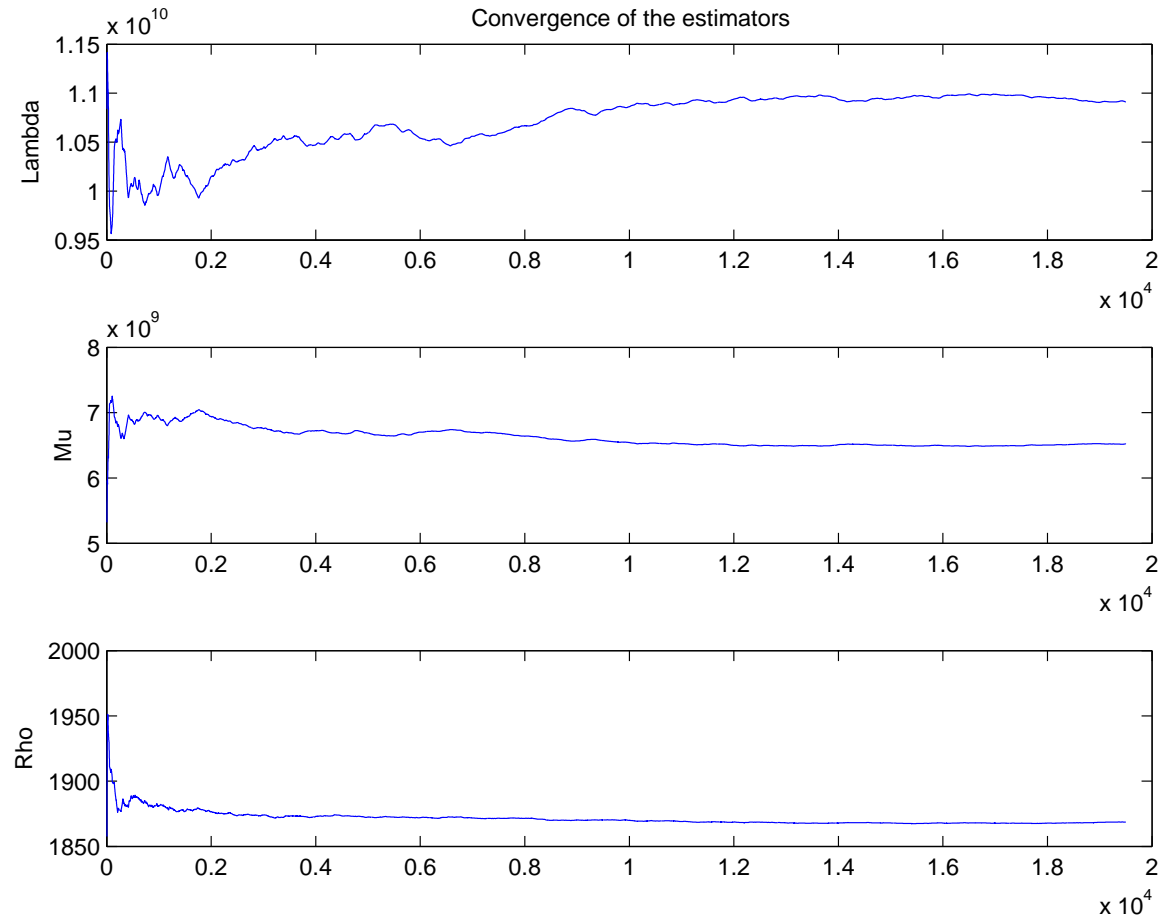
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# Markov Chain Monte Carlo



(C. Robert 1996)

# Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation

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Optimize the log of the posterior probability:

$$L(\theta) = -\log p(\theta|y)$$

In our case, it is a least squares problem

The form of the algorithm is as follows:

$$\hat{\theta}_{k+1} = \hat{\theta}_k - a_k \hat{g}_k(\hat{\theta}_k)$$

with

$$\hat{g}_k(\hat{\theta}_k) = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_k + c_k \Delta_k) - L(\hat{\theta}_k - c_k \Delta_k)}{2c_k} [\Delta_{k1}^{-1}, \Delta_{k2}^{-1}, \dots, \Delta_{kp}^{-1}]^T$$

(J.C. Spall, 2003).

# Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation

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Asymptotic normality:

$$k^{\beta/2}(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta^*) \xrightarrow{\text{dist}} N(0, \Sigma)$$

(J.C. Spall, 2003).

It is possible to have a confidence interval for  $\theta^*$  by applying the Monte Carlo method:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N k^{\beta/2}(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta^*) = 0$$

$$\implies \theta^* = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N k^{\beta/2}(\hat{\theta}_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^N k^{\beta/2}}$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N k^{\beta}(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta^*)(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta^*)^T$$

# Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation

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$\theta$	<b>Exact Values (SI)</b>	<b>Confidence Intervals</b>	<b>Errors</b>
$\lambda$	$11.5 \times 10^9$	$11.83 \times 10^9 \pm 1.4\%$	2.8%
$\mu$	$6 \times 10^9$	$5.75 \times 10^9 \pm 1.6\%$	4.1%
$\rho$	1850	$1856 \pm 0.12\%$	0.03%

Injected noise < 1% and 600 simulations

$\theta$	<b>Exact Values (SI)</b>	<b>Confidence Intervals</b>	<b>Errors</b>
$\lambda$	$11.5 \times 10^9$	$12.2 \times 10^9 \pm 6.12\%$	6.6%
$\mu$	$6 \times 10^9$	$5.4 \times 10^9 \pm 7.2\%$	9.5%
$\rho$	1850	$1868 \pm 0.83\%$	1%

Injected noise < 6% and 700 simulations

# Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation

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$\theta$	Exact Values (SI)	Estimated Values	Errors
$\lambda_1$	$11.5 \times 10^9$	$11.43 \times 10^9$	0.6%
$\mu_1$	$6 \times 10^9$	$6.01 \times 10^9$	0.1%
$\rho_1$	1700	1702	0.1%
$\lambda_2$	$9 \times 10^9$	$8.93 \times 10^9$	0.7%
$\mu_2$	$7 \times 10^9$	$7.02 \times 10^9$	0.2%
$\rho_2$	2000	2003	0.1%
$\lambda_3$	$11.5 \times 10^9$	$11.4 \times 10^9$	2.1%
$\mu_3$	$6 \times 10^9$	$6.02 \times 10^9$	1.8%
$\rho_3$	2400	2405	0.1%

Injected noise  $< 1\%$  and 6000 simulations

# Sensitivity analysis

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$$\epsilon \approx F'(\theta_0)\delta\theta$$

Consider the singular value decomposition (SVD) of the Jacobian matrix ( $F'(\theta_0)$ ).

$$F'(\theta_0) = USV^T$$

One easily verifies that:

$$\delta\theta_k = \frac{\epsilon_k}{s_k}, \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, p.$$

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A first order analysis yields:

$$0 = F(0) = F(\theta_0) - F'(\theta_0)\theta_0$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\|u_0\| &= \|F(\theta_0)\| \simeq \|F'\theta_0\| < s_1\|\theta_0\| \\ \forall k, \frac{|\delta\theta_k^*|}{\|\theta_0\|} &\leq \frac{s_1}{s^k} \frac{|\epsilon_k|}{\|u_0\|} \leq \sigma_u\end{aligned}$$

Hence, if the accuracies on  $\theta$  and  $u$ , respectively  $\sigma_\theta$  and  $\sigma_u$ , verify the inequality:

$$\frac{s_k}{s_1} \geq \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_\theta} \quad \forall k,$$

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then:

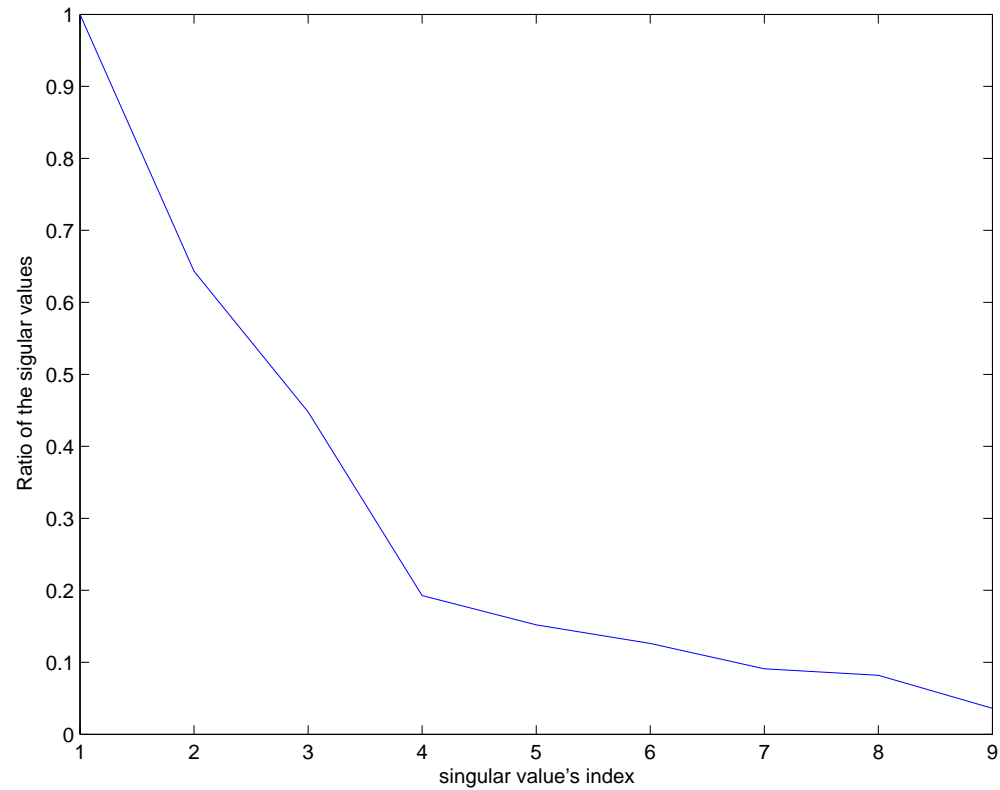
$$\frac{|\delta\theta_k^*|}{\|\theta_0\|} \leq \sigma_\theta \quad \forall k \text{ whenever } \frac{|\epsilon_k|}{\|u_0\|} \leq \sigma_u.$$

(P. Al Khoury, G. Chavant, F. Clément and P. Hervé, 2002).



# Sensitivity analysis

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## Conclusion

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- MCMC is more accurate than SPSA but it is harder to implement and to have correct results.
- SPSA is much less expensive in computations than MCMC .
- In the case of multiple layers, SPSA is a more appropriate method.