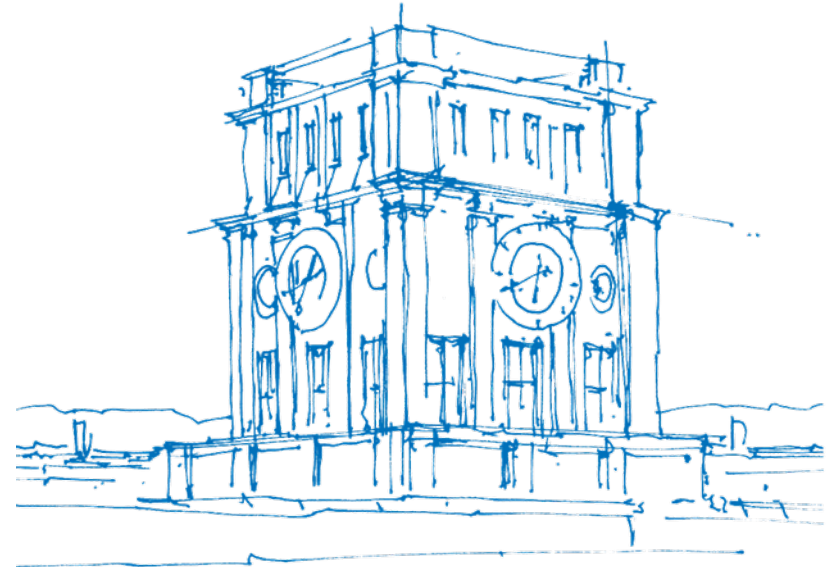


# Efficient FUQ and SA of Time-Dependent Outputs in Hydrology Modeling

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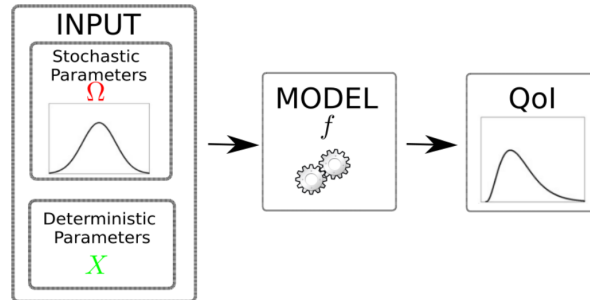
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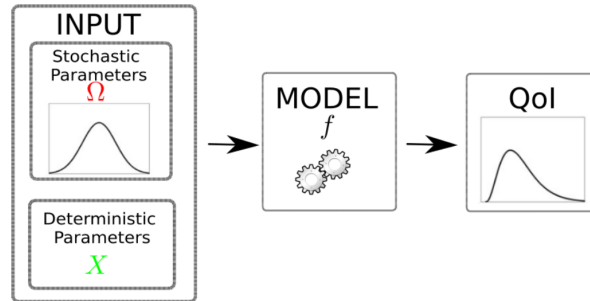
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## Impediments:

- High-dimensionality
- High execution times
- Possible discontinuities in the parameter space; anisotropic or decoupled parameters
- Time-dependent model output

# Building Blocks

- **Sparse Grid (SG)**
  - Standard SG and Combination Technique
  - Spatially Adaptive SG (SparseSpACE Framework)
- **Non-intrusive UQ and SA**
  - Polynomial Chaos (PC) Approximation & Pseudo-spectral Approximation
  - Variance-based Sensitivity Analysis
  - Integrating SG into UQ: Exploring different combination approaches
- **UQ with SG for Time-dependent Models**
  - Karhunen–Loève (KL) Expansion



Sparse Grids

UQ

SG & UQ for Time-dependent

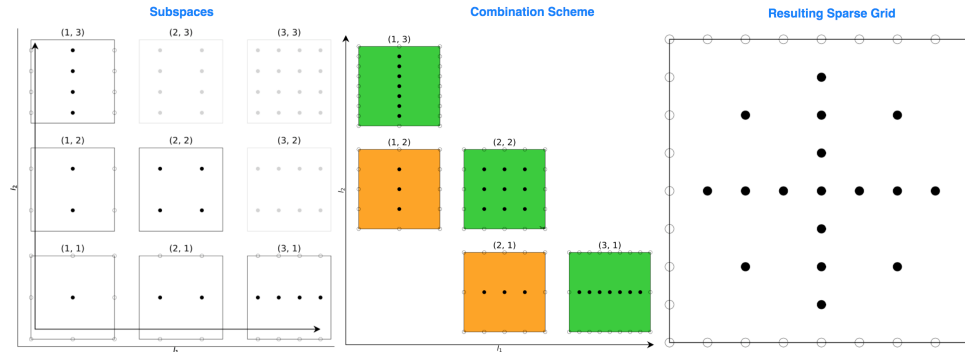
# Part I: Sparse Grids

# Sparse Grid & Combination Technique

## Combination Technique (CT) [4, 5]:

Efficient SG computation by linearly combining computations on cheap/coarser anisotropic full grids  
 For these full grids any conventional full grid solver can be applied

$$u_{\mathcal{J}}^{CT} = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{J}} c(I) (\mathcal{U}^{I_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{U}^{I_d})(f); \quad \mathcal{J} = \{I \in \mathbb{N}^d \mid \|I\|_1 = l + d - 1\} \quad (1)$$



**Abbildung:** Combination technique represented via subspaces, grid components and the final resulting sparse grid; green component grids are added and orange ones are subtracted  
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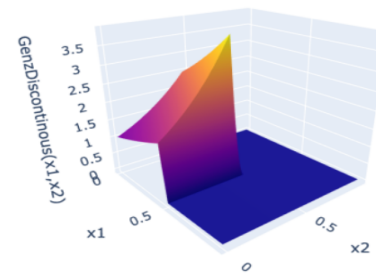
# SparseSpACE Framework [Obersteiner and Bungartz, 2021]

**CT with Spatial Adaptivity** - Use rectilinear grids constructed via a tensor product of refined 1-D grids

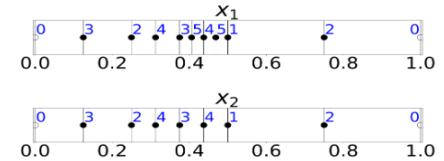
## Key components:

- 1D Refinements define the adaptive process
  - A vector of points and levels  $\mathbf{P}^k, \mathbf{L}^k$  for each dimension  $k \in [d]$
- Global Combination Scheme:
  - Generate a global valid combination scheme from 1D refinements
  - Create the index set  $\mathcal{I}$  and for each  $I \in \mathcal{I}$ , perform mapping  $\mathbf{P}^k, \mathbf{L}^k \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{k,I}, \mathbf{L}^{k,I}$
- Grid Construction:
  - Build the d-dimensional rectilinear grids via tensor construction
- **Compute approximation**
- Error Estimators:
  - Special error estimators guide the refinement process
- Note: Spatial adaptivity requires nested points

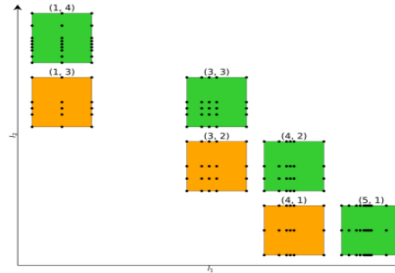
2D Genz Discon. Function



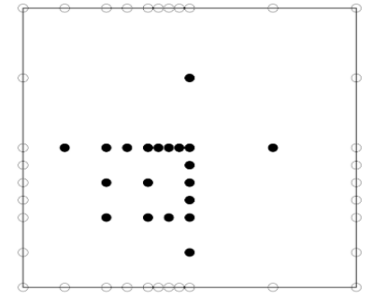
The output of Dimension-wise Spatial refinement



The resulting combination scheme



The resulting Sparse Grid



## Part II: Uncertainty Quantification and Sensitivity Analysis



# Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE) [6]

- approximate  $f(t, \theta) : \mathbb{T} \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by series of polynomials

$$f(t, \theta) \approx f_N(t, \theta) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} c_{\mathbf{p}}(t) \Phi_{\mathbf{p}}(\theta) \quad (2)$$

- stochastic part -  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d)^T$ ;  $\theta : \Omega \rightarrow \Gamma$  and  $\rho(\theta) = \prod_{k=1}^d \rho_k(\theta_k)$
- $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_d)$  is a multi-index in  $\mathcal{P}_P = \{\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{N}^d : \sum_{k=1}^d p_k \leq P\}$ ,
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**Pseudo-spectral (PS) approach** - uses (full tensor) quadrature rule to calculate  $c_{\mathbf{p}}$

$$c_{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \int_{\Omega} f(t, \theta) \Phi_{\mathbf{p}}(\theta) d\theta \approx \sum_{\mathbf{q}=1}^{\mathbf{Q}} f(t, \theta_{\mathbf{q}}) \Phi_{\mathbf{p}}(\theta_{\mathbf{q}}) \omega_{\mathbf{q}} \quad (3)$$

Total number of coefficients (total-degree basis):  $N = \binom{P+d}{d}$

Total number of model evaluations:  $\mathbf{Q} = \prod_{k=1}^d Q_k$ ; and it has to hold -  $p_k = \text{floor}(DE(Q_k)/2)$  [7]

# Post-processing & Sensitivity Analysis

Quantify uncertainty of  $f$  by computing, e.g.

$$\mathbb{E}[f] = \int_{\Omega} f(t, \theta) \rho(\theta) d\theta; \quad \mathbb{V}[f] = \mathbb{E}[f^2] - (\mathbb{E}[f])^2 \quad (4)$$

Variance-based (Sobol) sensitivity analysis

$$S_i = \frac{\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{E}(f|\theta_i))}{\mathbb{V}(f)} = \frac{1 - \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{V}(f|\theta_i))}{\mathbb{V}(f)} \quad (5)$$

Use gPCE coeff. to approximate expectation and variance:

$$\mathbb{E}[f_N(t, \theta)] = c_0(t) \quad \mathbb{V}[f_N(t, \theta)] = \sum_{\text{position}(\mathbf{p})=1}^{N-1} c_{\mathbf{p}}^2(t) \quad (6)$$

Use gPCE coeff. to compute Sobol' indices (SI)[2]:

$$S_i = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{p} \in A_i} c_{\mathbf{p}}^2(t)}{\mathbb{V}[f_N(t, \theta)]}, \quad A_i = \{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_P : \mathbf{p}_i \neq 0 \wedge \mathbf{p}_{j \neq i} = 0\} \quad (7)$$

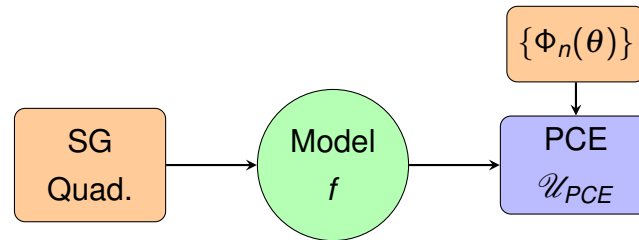
## Part II: UQ with Sparse Grids

# Sparse Grids & UQ

Multiple ways to combine PCE (i.e., PSP) and SG.

Almost all adaptive methods are applied exclusively to a single QoI.

## Var 1: (Sparse) Quad. + (Truncated) Poly basis = PSP



The order of the polynomial basis and the half-exact set of the quadrature rule must match.

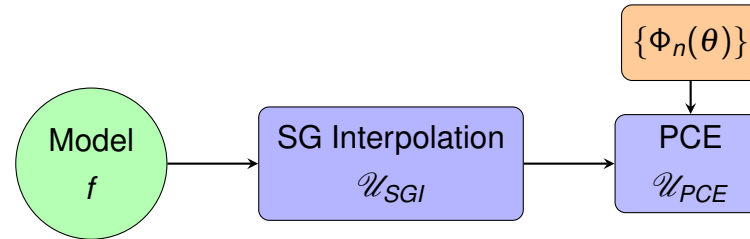
Truncation of the polynomial scheme.

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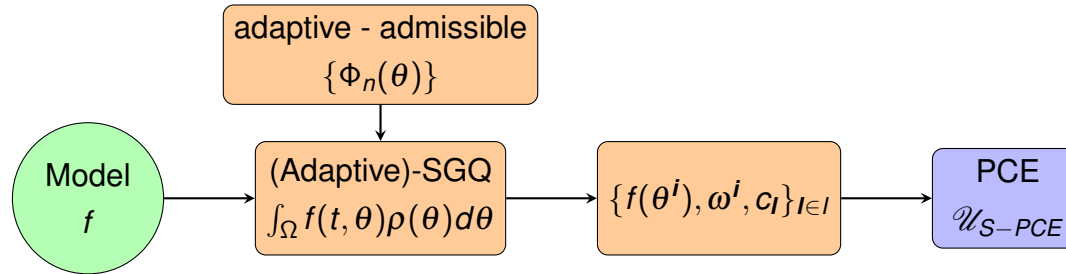


$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{c}_{n,l}(t) &= \int_{\Omega} f_{\text{SGI}}(t, \theta) \Phi_n(\theta) \rho(\theta) d\theta \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\left( \sum_{I \in I} c_I \cdot \sum_{i \in \Pi_{k=1}^d [|\mathbf{p}^{k,l}|]} f(t, \theta^i) \Psi_i(\theta) \right)}_{f_{\text{SGI}}} \Phi_n(\theta) d\theta \\
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 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where  $\Psi_i(\theta)$  are basis functions of the SG scheme,  $\Phi_n(\theta)$  are basis polynomials of the PCE,  $n \in [N]$  is a scalar index of the gPCE coeff.  $\hat{c}_n$ , and  $c_I$  is a scalar coeff. streaming from CT.

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## Var 3: Sparse PCE



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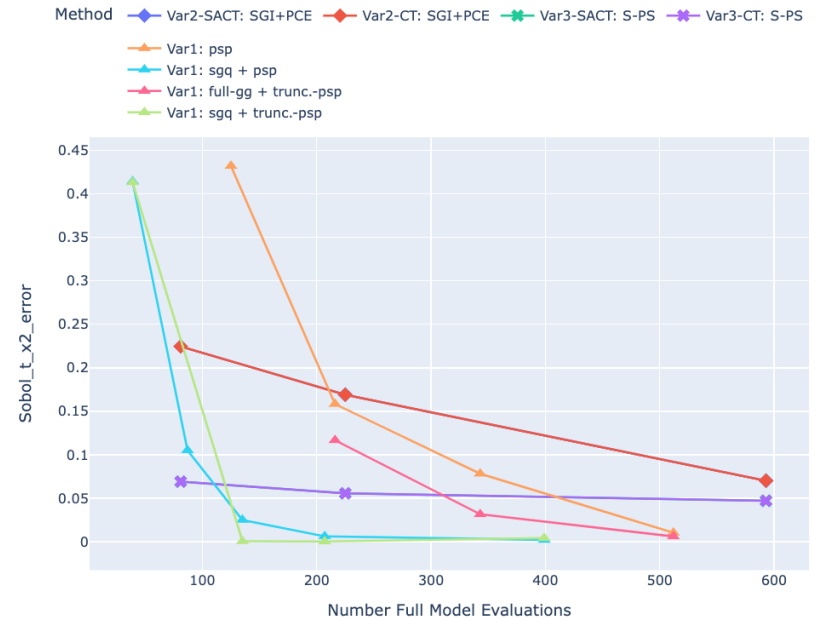
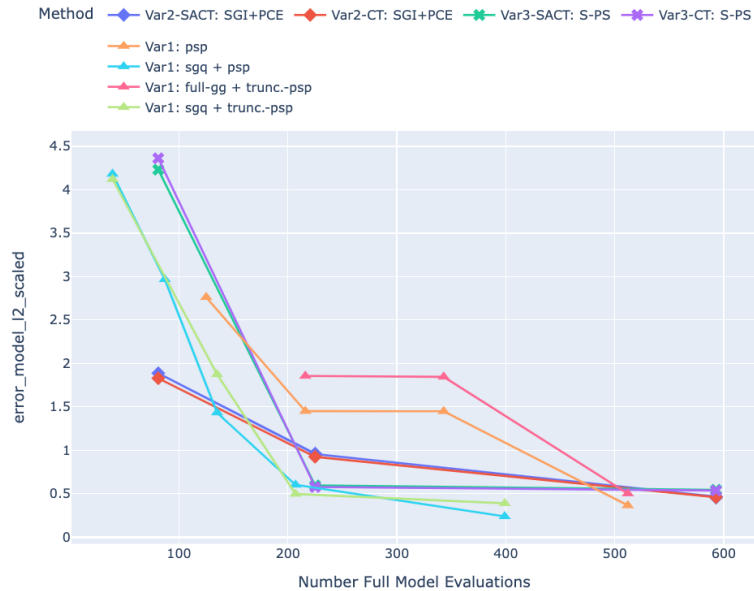
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# UQ & Sparse Grids - Benchmark convergence of different methods

## Ishigami fun. (3D)

$$f_{\text{ishi}}(x) = \sin(x_1) + a \cdot \sin^2(x_2) + b \cdot x_3^4 \cdot \sin(x_1)$$



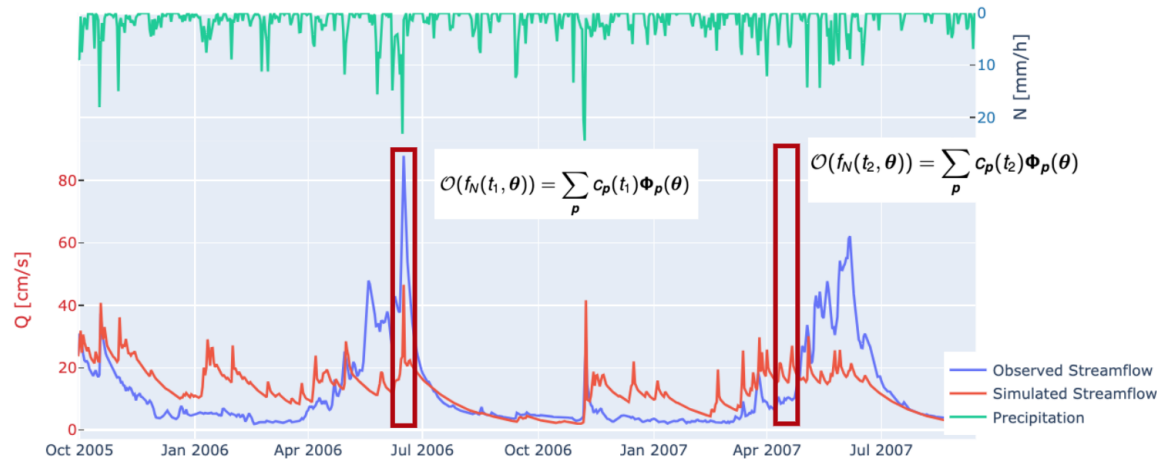


## Part III: UQ for Time-dependent model outputs (with SG)

# Time Dependent Analysis

## Initial Strategy: Independent Time-Varying Analysis

- Assumes no correlation across time
- The number of Quantities of Interest (QoI) equals the number of time steps
- Most Sparse PCE algorithms consider **scalar** model responses
- Alternative approach: Summarize the entire time span using a goodness-of-fit metric and construct a single PCE surrogate based on it



# Time Dependent Analysis

Improved Approach: Incorporate time dependency by representing the process  $f$  using Karhunen–Loève (KL) Expansion.

$$f(t, \theta) \approx f_0(\theta) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{KL}} \tilde{f}_{KL}^j(\theta) e_j(t) \quad (9)$$

$$\tilde{f}_{KL}^j(\theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{pc}} c_n^j(t) \Phi_n(\theta); \quad \text{Learn } \left\{ \left\{ c_n^j \right\}_{n=0}^{N_{pc}} \right\}_{j=1}^{N_{KL}} \text{ using model evaluations } \{f(t_m, \theta^i)\}_{i=1}^N \quad (10)$$

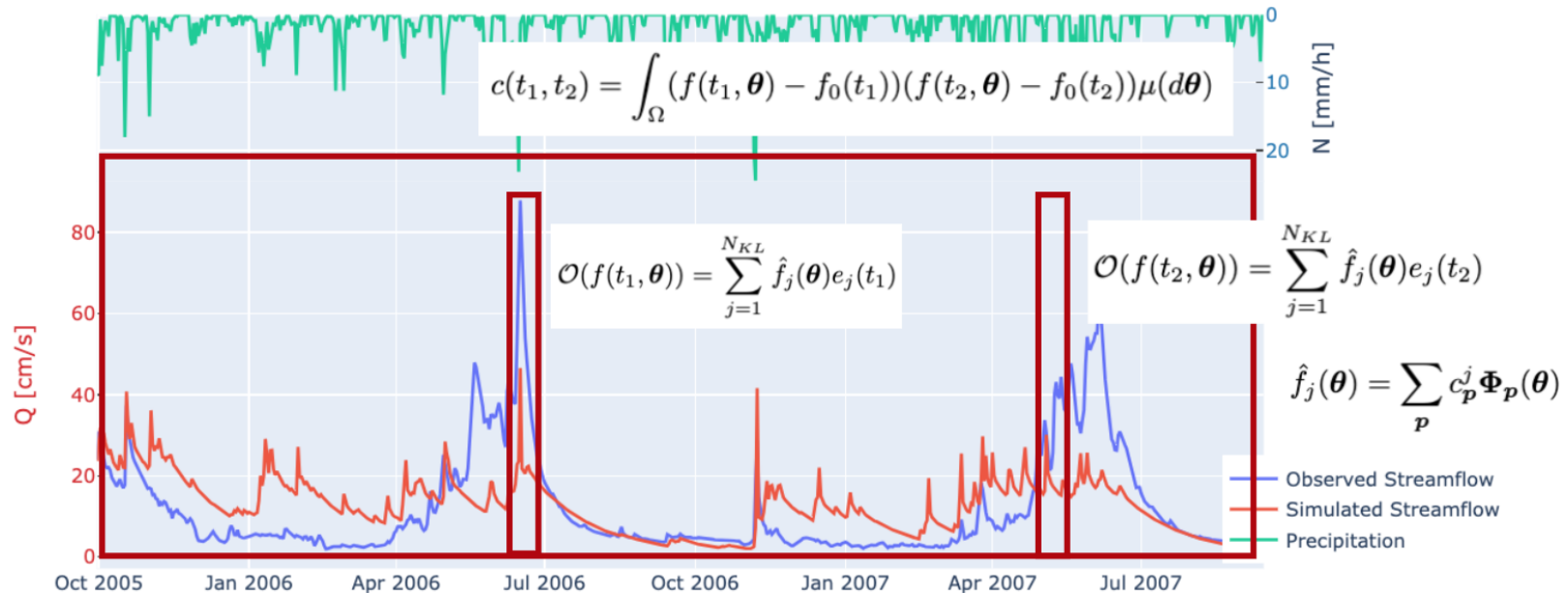
- Reduces the number of QoI to the number of KL terms
- Adaptivity - Jointly optimizes PC expansions for all KL expansion terms
- Still, the single adaptive solution for all KL terms may not be optimal ( $N_{PC}$  the same for all  $N_{KL}$  terms)

Generalized Sobol S.I [Alexanderian, et al., 2020]

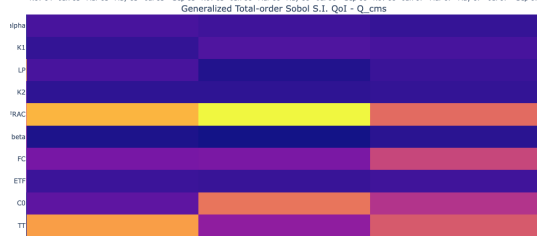
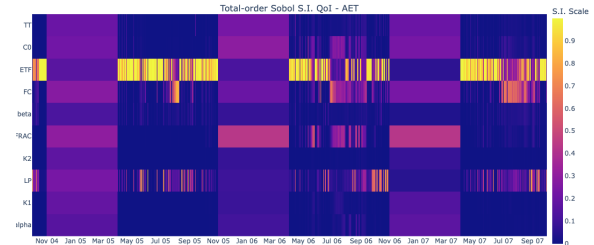
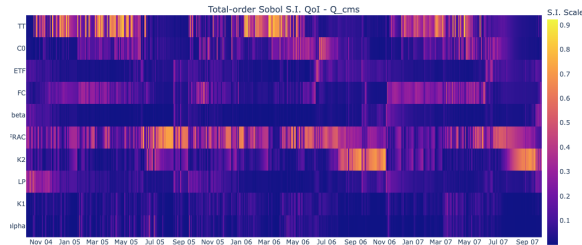
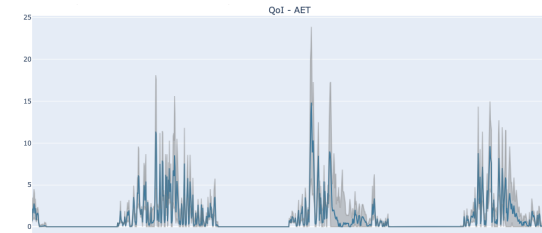
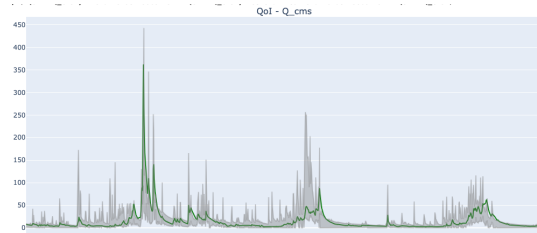
$$\mathfrak{S}^i(f; t) = \frac{\int_0^T \mathbb{V}^i(f; t) dt}{\int_0^T \mathbb{V}(f; T) dt}; \quad \text{computed via KL(+PCE) expansion } \mathfrak{S}^i(f; t) \approx \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{KL}} \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in A_i} c_{\mathbf{p}}^j{}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{KL}} \lambda_j} \quad (11)$$

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# Time Aggregated UQ & SA with Adaptive SG



100-90th Percentile Observed Streamflow [ $m^3/s$ ]

100-90th Percentile Mean predicted AET

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## Ongoing work:

- **SpareSpACE**

- Implement parallelization in SpareSpACE
- Explore different grid/point choices (e.g., Leja) and basis functions (e.g., b-splines for interpolation)

- **Time-varying UQ & Sparse Grids**

- Construct multiple surrogates as model behavior evolves
- Use GSA to adaptively build higher-order PC bases

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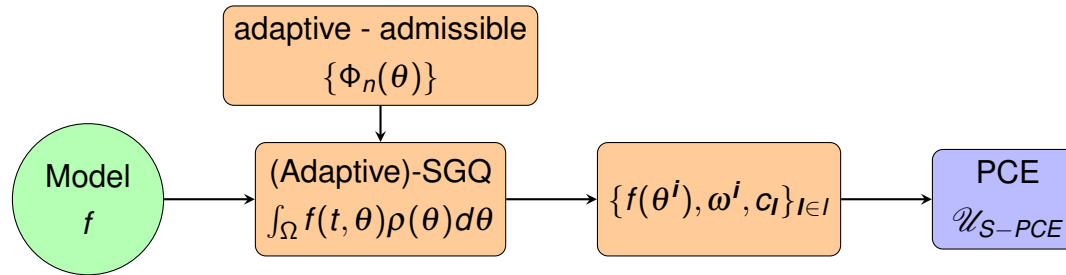
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