Predictability of Coarse-Grained Models of Atomistic Systems in the Presence of Uncertainty

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Predictability requires **knowledge** of the physical laws that are proposed to explain realities and requires recognizing and quantifying uncertainties

The Nature of Science

Science - The activity concerned with the systematic acquisition of knowledge

The Pillars of Science - I. Theory - inductive hypotheses II. Observation - experiments III. Computational Science

The Scientific Method - Test statements that are logical consequences of scientific hypotheses (theories) or related computer models and simulation through repeatable experiments or observations

Logic: The science dealing with the formal principles of reasoning (or the study of reasoning)

Deductive Reasoning (or deductive logic)

The process of reasoning from one or more general statements (axioms or premises) to reach logically **certain** conclusions

- "Top-down logic": premises \Rightarrow conclusions
- Established as a formal discipline by Aristotle 384-322 B.C.



Inductive Reasoning (or inductive logic)

The process of reasoning by generalizing or **extrapolating** from initial information or **hypotheses**

• "Bottom-up logic": an open system including domains of epistemic *uncertainty* (allowing a conclusion to be false)

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The Imperfect Paths to Knowledge



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Precisely:

There exists a continuous, strictly increasing, real-valued, non-negative function p, the plausibility of a proposition conditioned on information X, such that for every proposition A and B and consistent X

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The Logic of Science: Bayesian Inference

Bayes' Rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Thomas Bayes (1763): "An Essay Towards Solving a Problem in the Doctrine of Chances" PRS

* Logical Probability \supset frequency based theory

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Bayesian Model Calibration, Validation, and Prediction



2. The Tyranny of Scales: Predictivity of Multiscale Models



Nanomanufacturing



a) Semiconductor Component









c) Manufacturing detail

Motivation for Coarse Graining



30 nm = 600 atoms \Rightarrow 216,000,000 atoms in a cube \Rightarrow 216,000,000 x 3 degrees of freedom

- = 20 coarse-grained particles
- \Rightarrow 8000 particles in a cube
- \Rightarrow 24,000 degrees of freedom

Coarse Graining as a Reduced Order Method

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Various CG Methods

- Force-matching methods
- Multiscale coarse-graining
- Iterative Boltzmann inversion
- Reverse Monte Carlo
- Conditional Reverse Work
- Minimum Relative Entropy

While often advocated, few take into account uncertainties in data, parameters, model inadequacy, ...

Parametric Model Classes \mathcal{M}_k



 $\mathcal{M} = \{\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2, \dots, \mathcal{M}_k\}$



CG Model

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial U(G(\omega);\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}} - \mathbf{F}_{i} = \mathbf{0}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (+\text{B.C.'s}) \\ &U(G(\omega);\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{co}} \frac{k_{i}}{2} (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}_{0i})^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\theta}} \frac{\kappa_{i}}{2} (\theta_{i} - \theta_{0i})^{2} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\omega}} \frac{\kappa_{i}^{t}}{2} (1 + \cos(i\omega - \gamma))^{2} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N} \left\{ 4\varepsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{R_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{R_{ij}} \right)^{6} \right] + \frac{q_{i}q_{j}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}R_{ij}} \right\} \\ &\boldsymbol{\theta} = \text{CG model parameters} = \{k_{i}, \kappa_{i}, \kappa_{i}^{t}, \varepsilon_{ij}, \gamma, \sigma_{ij}\} \end{split}$$

Macroscale Model

Div
$$\frac{\partial W(\boldsymbol{\mu}; \mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$
 (+B.C.'s)
 $W(\boldsymbol{\mu}; \mathbf{w}) = \alpha(I_1(\mathbf{C}) - 3) + \beta(I_2(\mathbf{C}) - 3) - \kappa \ln J(\mathbf{C})$
 $\left(\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}; \quad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} + \nabla \mathbf{w}\right)$
 $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \text{macromodel parameters} = (\alpha, \beta, \kappa)$



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 $\mathcal{M}_i = \{\mathcal{P}_{i1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i1}), \mathcal{P}_{i2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i2}), \dots, \mathcal{P}_{im}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{im})\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ For simplicity in notation:

$$\mathcal{M} = \{\mathcal{P}_1(oldsymbol{ heta}_1), \mathcal{P}_2(oldsymbol{ heta}_2), \dots, \mathcal{P}_m(oldsymbol{ heta}_m)\}$$

What are the Models?



$$\mathbf{r}^n = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n\}$$

$$\mathbf{R}^N = \{\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \dots, \mathbf{R}_N\}$$

$$"G(\mathbf{r}^n) = G(\omega) = \mathbf{R}^{N,"}$$



$$G_{A\alpha}\mathbf{r}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{R}_A; \quad G_{\alpha A}\mathbf{R}_A = \mathbf{r}_{\alpha} \qquad \begin{array}{c} 1 \leq \alpha \leq n \\ 1 \leq A \leq N \end{array}$$

Observables

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AA} \quad \langle q \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{AA}} \rho_{AA}(\mathbf{r}^n) q(\mathbf{r}^n) \, d\mathbf{r}^n = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \tau^{-1} \int_0^\tau q(\mathbf{r}^n(t)) \, dt \\ \text{CG} \quad Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \int_{\Gamma_{CG}} \rho_{CG}(\mathbf{R}^N, \boldsymbol{\theta}) q(\mathbf{R}^N) \, d\mathbf{R}^N = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \tau^{-1} \int_0^\tau q(\mathbf{R}^N(t), \boldsymbol{\theta}) \, dt \end{aligned}$$

What are the Models?

AA

$$m_{\alpha\beta}\ddot{r}_{\beta i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{\alpha i}} u_{AA}(\mathbf{r}^n) - f_{\alpha i} = 0 \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{c} 1 \le \alpha, \beta \le n\\ 1 \le i \le 3 \end{array}$$

CG

$$M_{AB}\ddot{R}_{Bi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{Ai}}U(\mathbf{R}^N, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - F_{Ai} = 0 \qquad \begin{array}{c} 1 \le A, B \le N\\ 1 \le i \le 3 \end{array}$$

Adjoint

$$\begin{split} m_{\alpha\beta} \ddot{z}_{\beta i} + H_{\alpha i\beta j}(\mathbf{r}^{n}) z_{\beta j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{\alpha i}} q(\mathbf{r}^{n}) &= 0\\ H_{\alpha i\beta j}(\mathbf{r}^{n}) &= \frac{\partial^{2} u_{AA}(\mathbf{r}^{n})}{\partial r_{\alpha i} \partial r_{\beta j}} \end{split}$$

What are the Models?

Residual

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{R}^{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{z}^{n}) = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \tau^{-1} \int_{0}^{\tau} \left(z_{\alpha i} G_{\alpha A} M_{AB} \ddot{R}_{Bi} + z_{\alpha i} G_{\alpha B} \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{Bi}} U(\mathbf{R}^{N}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - z_{\alpha i} G_{\alpha B} F_{Bi} \right) dt$$

Theorem

(Under suitable smoothness conditions), the error in the observables due to the CG approximation is, $\forall \theta \in \Theta$,

$$\varepsilon(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \langle q \rangle - Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{R}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{z}^n) + \Delta \approx \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{R}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{z}^n)$$

where Δ is a remainder of higher order in " $\|\mathbf{r}^n - \mathbf{R}^N\|$ "

Information Entropy

Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} Q\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) &= \int_{\Gamma} \rho\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) q\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) \, d\mathbf{r}^{n} \\ Q\left(\mathbf{R}^{N}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\right) &= \int_{\Gamma} \rho\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) q\left(G\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\right)\right) \, d\mathbf{r}^{n} \\ q\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) &= \log \rho\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \int \rho(\omega) \log \frac{\rho(\omega)}{\rho(G(\omega))} \, d\omega$$

3. Bayesian Model Calibration, Validation, and Prediction

"The essence of 'honesty' or 'objectivity' demands that we take into account all of the evidence we have, not just some arbitrarily chosen subset of it."

-E.T. Jaynes, 2003





Basic Ideas:

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The Prior

We seek a logical measure H(p) of the amount of uncertainty in a probability distribution $p = \{p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n\}, p_i = p(x_i)$

Shannon's Theorem

- 1 $H(p) \in \mathbb{R}$
- 2 $H \in C^0(\mathbb{R})$
- 3 "common sense:"

$$H(\frac{1}{n},\frac{1}{n},\ldots)\uparrow$$
 as $n\to\infty$

4 Consistency

The only function satisfying four logical desiderata is the information entropy

$$H(p) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \log p_i \qquad (\text{or } -\int p \log p/m \ dx)$$

Moreover, the actual probability p maximizes H(p) subject to constraints imposed by available information

Relative Entropy

Given two pdfs p and q, the relative entropy is given by the Kullback-Leibler divergence,

$$D_{KL}(p||q) = \int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \, dx = -H(p) + H(p,q)$$

The Prior

Maximize H(p) subject to prior information constraints:

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle x \rangle \\ \mathcal{L}(p,\lambda) = H(p) - \lambda_0 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - 1 \right) - \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - \langle x \rangle \right) \\ \Rightarrow \qquad \pi(\theta) = \frac{1}{\langle x \rangle} \exp\left\{ -x/\langle x \rangle \right\} \\ \langle x \rangle, \sigma_x^2 \\ \mathcal{L}(p,\lambda) = H(p) - \lambda_0 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - 1 \right) - \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - \langle x \rangle \right) \\ - \lambda_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i - \langle x \rangle \right)^2 - \sigma_x^2 \right) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x} \exp\left\{\frac{-(x - \langle x \rangle)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right\}$$
by nes (1988)

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Determining Calibration Priors: Bonds



R-L-L 2000 1500 500 60 80 100 120 140 Bond Equilibrium Distance: R_0 $\langle R_0 \rangle = 2.5219$ $\sigma_{R_0}^2 = 4.1097 \times 10^{-3}$

Spring Constant: k_{R_0} $\langle k_R \rangle = k_B T / 2\sigma_{R_0}^2$ = 72.5264

Equilibrium Angle: θ_0 , $\langle \theta_0 \rangle = 105.5117$ $\sigma_{\theta_0}^2 = 192.8262$

Spring Constant: k_{θ} $\langle k_{\theta} \rangle = k_B T / 2 \sigma_{\theta_0}^2$ $= 1.5458 \times 10^{-3}$

The Likelihood Function

R.A. Fisher, 1922: The likelihood that any parameter should have any assigned value is proportional to the probability that if this were true the totality of all observations should be that observed.

Consider *n* i.i.d. random observables y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n

For each sample,

$$\pi(y_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(y_i - d_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

For many samples,

$$\pi(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi(y_i | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Then the log-likelihood is

$$L_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \pi(y_i | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

The Model Evidence - Model Plausibilities: Which model is "best"?

 $\mathcal{M} = set of parametric model classes = \{\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \dots, \mathcal{P}_m\}$

Each \mathcal{P} has its own likelihood and parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}_j$

Bayes' rule in expanded form:

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}|\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{P}_{j}, \mathcal{M}) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}, \mathcal{P}_{j}, \mathcal{M})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}|\mathcal{P}_{j}, \mathcal{M})}{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{P}_{j}, \mathcal{M})}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m$$

model evidence = $\int \pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}, \mathcal{P}_{j}, \mathcal{M})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}|\mathcal{P}_{j}, \mathcal{M}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}$
by apply Bayes' rule to the evidence:

$$\rho_j = \pi(\mathcal{P}_j | \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{M}) = \frac{\pi(\mathcal{P}_j | \mathcal{M})}{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{M})} \pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{M})$$

= the posterior model plausibility

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \rho_j = \frac{1}{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{M})} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{M}) \pi(\mathcal{P}_j|\mathcal{M}) = 1$$

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Constituents of Etch Barrier



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SFIL Calibration Scenarios: S_c



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AA System 827 atoms 503 parameters



SFIL Validation Scenario: S_v

Series of scenarios increasing in size



For each scenario compute the QoI:

$$Q = \int_{\Gamma_{AA}} \rho\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) u_{AA}\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) \ d\mathbf{r}^{n}; \ \ Q_{v,k}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) = \int_{\Gamma_{CG,k}} \rho\left(\mathbf{R}^{N}\right) U_{CG}\left(\mathbf{R}^{N};\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \ d\mathbf{R}^{N}$$
$$\rho\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right) \propto \exp\left\{-\beta u\left(\mathbf{r}^{n}\right)\right\}$$

SFIL Validation Scenario: S_v

Series of scenarios increasing in size



Compare the computed QoI to AA data: if

$$D_{KL}\left(\pi(u_{AA}|_{S_v})\|\pi(Q_v)\right) < \gamma_{tol}$$

the model is considered validated

SFIL Model Classes

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	Non-Bonded	# of Parameters
\mathcal{P}_1				\checkmark	12
\mathcal{P}_2	\checkmark				18
\mathcal{P}_3	\checkmark			\checkmark	30
\mathcal{P}_4		\checkmark			32
\mathcal{P}_5		\checkmark		\checkmark	44
\mathcal{P}_6	\checkmark	\checkmark			50
\mathcal{P}_7	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	62
\mathcal{P}_8			\checkmark		96
\mathcal{P}_9			\checkmark	\checkmark	108
\mathcal{P}_{10}	\checkmark		\checkmark		114
\mathcal{P}_{11}	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	126
\mathcal{P}_{12}		\checkmark	\checkmark		128
\mathcal{P}_{13}		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	140
\mathcal{P}_{14}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		146
\mathcal{P}_{15}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	158

Sensitivity Analysis

- PIRT (Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table)
- Importance Measures (Hora and Iman, 1995)
- Correlation Ratios (McKay, 1995)
- Sensitivity Analysis (Saltelli, Chan, Scott, 2000, Saltelli et. al. 2008)
- Variance-based

• Entropy-based

$$S_{i_1,...,i_k} = \frac{V_{i_1,...,i_k}(Y)}{V(Y)}$$
• $L_i(p_1||p_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_1(y(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \bar{\theta}_i, \dots, \theta_m))$

$$\times \left| \log \frac{p_0(y(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \bar{\theta}_i, \dots, \theta_m))}{p_1(y(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_i, \dots, \theta_m))} \right| dy, \quad \bar{\theta}_i = \langle \theta_i \rangle$$

$$= D_{KL}$$

• Scatter Plots, etc

Saltelli, A., *et.al.* (2001) Auder, B. and looss, B. (2009) Chen, W *et.al* (2005)

Sensitivity Analysis: Variance-Based Method

 $Y(\theta) = \text{model output } (e.g. \ Y(\theta) = \langle U(\cdot; \theta \rangle_{CG})$ $V(Y) = \text{output variance} = \mathbb{E}(Y^2) - \mathbb{E}^2(Y)$

 $V(Y) = V_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim i}}[(\mathbb{E}_{X_i}(Y|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim i}))] + \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim i}}[(V_{X_i}(Y|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim i}))]$

$$S_{T_i} = 1 - \frac{V_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim i}} \left[\mathbb{E}_{\theta_i}(Y | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim i}) \right]}{V(Y)}$$

(Total effect sensitivity index)

Example: Polyethylene chain with 24 beads



Saltelli, A., et.al. (2001)

Sensitivity Analysis: Monte Carlo Scatterplots



Sensitivity Analysis: Comparison

The sensitivity indices and scatterplots show that the dihedral parameters are unimportant, but how important are they?





Principle of Occam's Razor

Among competing theories that lead to the same prediction, the one that relies on the fewest assumptions is the best.

When choosing among a set of models: The simplest valid model is the best choice.

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When choosing among a set of models: The simplest valid model is the best choice.

- simple \Rightarrow number of parameters
- valid ⇒ passes Bayesian validation test



How do we choose a model that adheres to this principle?

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The Occam-Plausibility Algorithm



5. Exploratory Example: Polyethylene

Consider as an example polyethylene



$\mathsf{C}_{24}\mathsf{H}_{50}$

The Occam-Plausibility Algorithm



Consider as an example polyethylene



Define the coarse-grained map: 2 carbons per bead



Example: Occam-Plausibility Algorithm (cont) Representation of the CG potential using OPLS form

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	Non-Bonded	Params
\mathcal{P}_1	\checkmark				2
\mathcal{P}_2		\checkmark			2
\mathcal{P}_3				\checkmark	2
\mathcal{P}_4	\checkmark	\checkmark			4
\mathcal{P}_5	\checkmark			\checkmark	4
\mathcal{P}_6		\checkmark		\checkmark	4
\mathcal{P}_7	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	6
\mathcal{P}_8			\checkmark		4
\mathcal{P}_9	\checkmark		\checkmark		6
\mathcal{P}_{10}		\checkmark	\checkmark		6
\mathcal{P}_{11}			\checkmark	\checkmark	6
\mathcal{P}_{12}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		8
\mathcal{P}_{13}	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	8
\mathcal{P}_{14}		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	8
\mathcal{P}_{15}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	10

The Occam-Plausibility Algorithm



 $Y = \langle U(\cdot; \boldsymbol{ heta})
angle =$ potential energy



Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	Non-Bonded	Params
\mathcal{P}_1	\checkmark				2
\mathcal{P}_2		\checkmark			2
\mathcal{P}_3				\checkmark	2
\mathcal{P}_4	\checkmark	\checkmark			4
\mathcal{P}_5	\checkmark			\checkmark	4
\mathcal{P}_6		\checkmark		\checkmark	4
\mathcal{P}_7	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	6
\mathcal{P}_8			\checkmark		4
\mathcal{P}_9	\checkmark		\checkmark		6
\mathcal{P}_{10}		\checkmark	\checkmark		6
\mathcal{P}_{11}			\checkmark	\checkmark	6
\mathcal{P}_{12}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		8
\mathcal{P}_{13}	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	8
\mathcal{P}_{14}		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	8
\mathcal{P}_{15}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	10

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_1$	\checkmark					2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_2$		\checkmark				2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_3$				\checkmark		2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_4$					\checkmark	2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_5$	\checkmark	\checkmark				4
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_6$	\checkmark			\checkmark		4
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_7$	\checkmark				\checkmark	4
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_8$		\checkmark		\checkmark		4
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_9$		\checkmark			\checkmark	4
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{10}$	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		6
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{11}$	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	6

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Category
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_1$	\checkmark					2	1
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_2$		\checkmark				2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_3$				\checkmark		2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_4$					\checkmark	2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_5$	\checkmark	\checkmark				4	2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_6$	\checkmark			\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_7$	\checkmark				\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_8$		\checkmark		\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_9$		\checkmark			\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_{10}$	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		6	3
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{11}$	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	6	

The Occam-Plausibility Algorithm



Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Category
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_1$	\checkmark					2	1
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_2$		\checkmark				2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_3$				\checkmark		2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_4$					\checkmark	2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_5$	\checkmark	\checkmark				4	2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_6$	\checkmark			\checkmark		4	
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_7$	\checkmark				\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_8$		\checkmark		\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_9$		\checkmark			\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_{10}$	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		6	3
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{11}$	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	6	


Example: Occam-Plausibility Algorithm (cont) Calibration

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}|\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*}) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}|\mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})}{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})}$$

Here, $\mathbf{y} = \text{potential energy of } C_6 H_{14}$

Plausibility

$$\rho_j^* = \pi(\mathcal{P}_j^* | \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{M}^*) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{P}_j^*, \mathcal{M}^*) \pi(\mathcal{P}_j^* | \mathcal{M}^*)}{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{M}^*)}$$

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Plausibility
\mathcal{P}_1^*	\checkmark					2	1
\mathcal{P}_2^*		\checkmark				2	0
\mathcal{P}_3^*				\checkmark		2	0
\mathcal{P}_4^*					\checkmark	2	0



As a validation scenario, we consider $C_{18}H_{38}$ at T = 300K in a canonical ensemble.

Validation

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*|\mathbf{y}_v,\mathbf{y}_c) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}_v|\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*,\mathbf{y}_c)\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*|\mathbf{y}_c)}{\pi(\mathbf{y}_v)}$$

Here, \mathbf{y}_v is the potential energy

How well does this updated model reproduce the desired observable?

Let

•
$$\pi(Q) = \pi(u_{AA}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \pi(Q|\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \pi(U(\cdot;\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)), \quad \gamma_{tol,1} = 0.05\sigma_{AA}^2$$

• $Q = \langle u_{AA} \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\pi(Q|\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\langle U(\cdot;\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \rangle\right], \ \gamma_{tol,2} = 0.2Q$



If we compare the distributions,

$$\begin{split} D_{KL}(\pi(Q_{AA})\|\pi(Q_{CG})) &= 0.2435\sigma_{AA}^2 > \gamma_{1,tol} \end{split}$$
 where $\gamma_{tol,1} = 0.05\sigma_{AA}^2$

If we compare the ensemble average,

 $\left|Q_{AA} - \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{post}^{v}}[\pi(Q_{v}|\boldsymbol{\theta})]\right| = 0.67173Q > \gamma_{2,tol}$

where $\gamma_{tol,2} = 0.2Q_{AA}$

Model is invalid





Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Category
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_1$	\checkmark					2	1
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_2$		\checkmark				2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_3$				\checkmark		2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_4$					\checkmark	2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_5$	\checkmark	\checkmark				4	2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_6$	\checkmark			\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_7$	\checkmark				\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_8$		\checkmark		\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_9$		\checkmark			\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_{10}$	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		6	3
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{11}$	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	6	



Example: Occam-Plausibility Algorithm (cont) Calibration

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}|\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*}) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}|\mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})}{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})}$$

Here, $\mathbf{y} = \text{potential energy of } C_6 H_{14}$

Plausibility

$$\rho_j^* = \pi(\mathcal{P}_j^* | \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{M}^*) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{P}_j^*, \mathcal{M}^*) \pi(\mathcal{P}_j^* | \mathcal{M}^*)}{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{M}^*)}$$

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Plausibility
\mathcal{P}_1^*	\checkmark	\checkmark				4	3.7891×10^{-7}
\mathcal{P}_2^*	\checkmark			\checkmark		4	0.3420
\mathcal{P}_3^*	\checkmark				\checkmark	4	0.6580



As a validation scenario, we consider $C_{18}H_{38}$ at T = 300K in a canonical ensemble.

Validation

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_3^*|\mathbf{y}_v,\mathbf{y}_c) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}_v|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3^*,\mathbf{y}_c)\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_3^*|\mathbf{y}_c)}{\pi(\mathbf{y}_v)}$$

Here, \mathbf{y}_v is the potential energy

How well does this updated model reproduce the desired observable?

Let

•
$$\pi(Q) = \pi(u_{AA}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \pi(Q|\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \pi(U(\cdot;\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)), \quad \gamma_{1,tol} = 0.05\sigma_{AA}^2$$

• $Q = \langle u_{AA} \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\pi(Q|\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\langle U(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \rangle \right], \ \gamma_{2,tol} = 0.2Q$



If we compare the distributions, $D_{KL}(\pi(Q_{AA}) \| \pi(Q_{CG})) = 0.2084 \sigma_{AA}^2 > \gamma_{1,tol}$ where $\gamma_{tol,1} = 0.05 \sigma_{AA}^2$

If we compare the ensemble average,

 $\left| Q_{AA} - \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{post}^{v}} [\pi(Q_{v} | \boldsymbol{\theta})] \right| = 0.5731Q > \gamma_{2,tol}$

where $\gamma_{tol,2} = 0.2Q_{AA}$

Model is invalid





Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Category
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_1$	\checkmark					2	1
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_2$		\checkmark				2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_3$				\checkmark		2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_4$					\checkmark	2	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_5$	\checkmark	\checkmark				4	2
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_6$	\checkmark			\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_7$	\checkmark				\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_8$		\checkmark		\checkmark		4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_9$		\checkmark			\checkmark	4	
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_{10}$	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		6	3
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_{11}$	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	6	



Calibration

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}|\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*}) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j}^{*}|\mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})}{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{P}_{j}^{*}, \mathcal{M}^{*})}$$

Here, $\mathbf{y} = \text{potential energy of } C_6 H_{14}$

Plausibility

$$\rho_j^* = \pi(\mathcal{P}_j^* | \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{M}^*) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{P}_j^*, \mathcal{M}^*) \pi(\mathcal{P}_j^* | \mathcal{M}^*)}{\pi(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{M}^*)}$$

Model	Bonds	Angles	Dihedrals	LJ 12-6	LJ 9-6	Params	Plausibility
$ar{\mathcal{P}}_{10}$	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		6	0.5
$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{11}$	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	6	0.5





If we compare the distributions,
$$\begin{split} D_{KL}(\pi(Q_{AA}) \| \pi(Q_{CG})) &= 0.0452 \sigma_{AA}^2 < \gamma_{1,tol} \\ \text{where } \gamma_{tol,1} &= 0.05 \sigma_{AA}^2 \\ \end{split}$$
If we compare the ensemble average,
$$\begin{split} \left| Q_{AA} - \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{post}^v}[\pi(Q_v | \boldsymbol{\theta})] \right| &= 0.1721Q < \gamma_{2,tol} \end{split}$$

where $\gamma_{tol,2}=0.2Q_{AA}$

Model is NOT invalid

How do the observables change as we move through the Iterative Occam Step?





Work in Progress: PMMA



One molecule has: 15 atoms 72 parameters

Work in Progress: PMMA



CG Calibration Scenario



Model	Bonds	Angles	LJ 9-6	LJ 12-6	Α	# of Parameters
\mathcal{P}_1	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	9
\mathcal{P}_2	rigid	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	9
\mathcal{P}_3	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	13
\mathcal{P}_4	\checkmark		\checkmark		\checkmark	9
\mathcal{P}_5	rigid	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	9
\mathcal{P}_6	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	13
\mathcal{P}_7	\checkmark				\checkmark	5
\mathcal{P}_8	rigid	\checkmark			\checkmark	5
\mathcal{P}_9	\checkmark	\checkmark			\checkmark	9

The polymerization process (KMC)



10x10x10 nm

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Model	# of Parameters
\mathcal{P}_1 : Saint Venant-Kirchhoff	2
\mathcal{P}_2 : Neo-Hookean	2
\mathcal{P}_3 : Mooney-Rivilin	3



Initial Configuration

Equlibration Configuration

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(PMMA Lattice under biaxial deformation)

Hyperelastic Model

 \mathcal{P}_2 : Compressible Neo-Hookean model $W = C_1(I_1 - 3) - 2C_1 \ln \sqrt{I_3} + C_2(\sqrt{I_3} - 1)^2$ macromodel parameters = $\theta_2 = (C_1, C_2)$

Biaxial deformation $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$: Strain-Energy $\rightarrow W = W(\lambda_1, \theta_2)$



Observational data supplied by CG model to calibrate the continuum models



6. Model Inadequacy - Misspecified Models

Suppose $\mu^* \notin \mathcal{P}(\Theta)$. Then the density $g(\mathbf{y}) \notin \mathcal{P}(\Theta)$ (model is inadequate)



Let there exist a θ_0 such that

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} D_{KL}(g(\mathbf{y}) \| \pi(\cdot | \boldsymbol{\theta})) \quad \forall i$$

Then, under suitable smoothness conditions

$$\left\|\pi^n(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \cdot) - \mathcal{N}\left(\hat{oldsymbol{ heta}}_n, \frac{1}{n} V_{oldsymbol{ heta}_0}\right)
ight\|_{TV} o 0 \quad as \ n o \infty$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{ heta}}_n =$ the MLE and

$$\left(V_{oldsymbol{ heta}_0}
ight)_{ij} = - \mathbb{E}_g \left[rac{\partial^2}{\partial heta_i \partial heta_j} L_{oldsymbol{y}}(oldsymbol{ heta}_0)
ight]$$

Kleijn and van der Vaart (2012), Freedman, D. (2006), Geyer (2003)

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Lemma: θ_0 is the maximum likelihood estimate

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Model Misspecification and Model Plausibility

Theorem 1: (Bayesian → Frequentist)

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 $\pi(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{M}) = \int_{\Theta} \pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{M}) \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \, d\boldsymbol{\theta} = \pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{M})$

and

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0,1}, \mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{M})}{\pi(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0,2}, \mathcal{P}_2, \mathcal{M})} \times O_{12}$$

Then, if \mathcal{P}_1 is more plausible than \mathcal{P}_2 and $O_{12} \leq 1$,

 $D_{KL}(g \| \pi(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{0,1}, \mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{M})) < D_{KL}(g \| \pi(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{0,2}, \mathcal{P}_2, \mathcal{M}))$

(The converse: $D_{KL}(1) < D_{KL}(2) \Rightarrow \rho_1 > \rho_2$, holds only under special assumptions)

Model Misspecification and Model Plausibility

Corollary

For given observational data \mathbf{y} , let $\mathcal{P}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1)$ be the only well specified model in a set \mathcal{M} of parametric models { $\mathcal{P}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1), \mathcal{P}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2), \ldots, \mathcal{P}_m(\boldsymbol{\theta}_m)$ } Then, a) $\mathcal{P}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1)$ is the most plausible model in the set \mathcal{M} ,

$$\rho_1 > \rho_k, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, m,$$

b) there exists θ^* belonging to $\mathcal{P}_1(\Theta_1)$ such that

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \operatorname{argmin} D_{KL}(g \| \pi(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\theta}))$

Conclusions

- Bayes' theorem provides a powerful framework for dealing with model validation and uncertainty quantification
- The test of model validity can involve a sequence of statistical inverse problems for model parameters, each reflecting the projected influence of the Qol

Validation is the process of determining the level of confidence one has in the ability of the model to predict quantities of interest based on the accuracy with which the model predicts specific observables to within preset tolerances

- The concept of model plausibility provides a powerful tool for
 - 1 determining potentials for CG models of atomic systems
 - 2 choosing models among a class of models that have parameter closest "in D_{KL} " to the true distribution

Conclusions

- Model inadequacy can be attributed to model misspecification: $\theta^* \notin \mathcal{P}(\Theta)$
- The calculation of model sensitivities due to variations in parameters can significantly reduce the number of relevant models for given outputs.
- Hierarchical categories of models based on numbers of parameters (the Occam categories) together with the evaluation of model plausibilities provide a basis for an adaptive process for validation of parametric classes of coarse-grained models
Thank you!