

# PROCEEDing from surface to sensitivity

## Confronting a perturbed parameter ensemble with ARM observations

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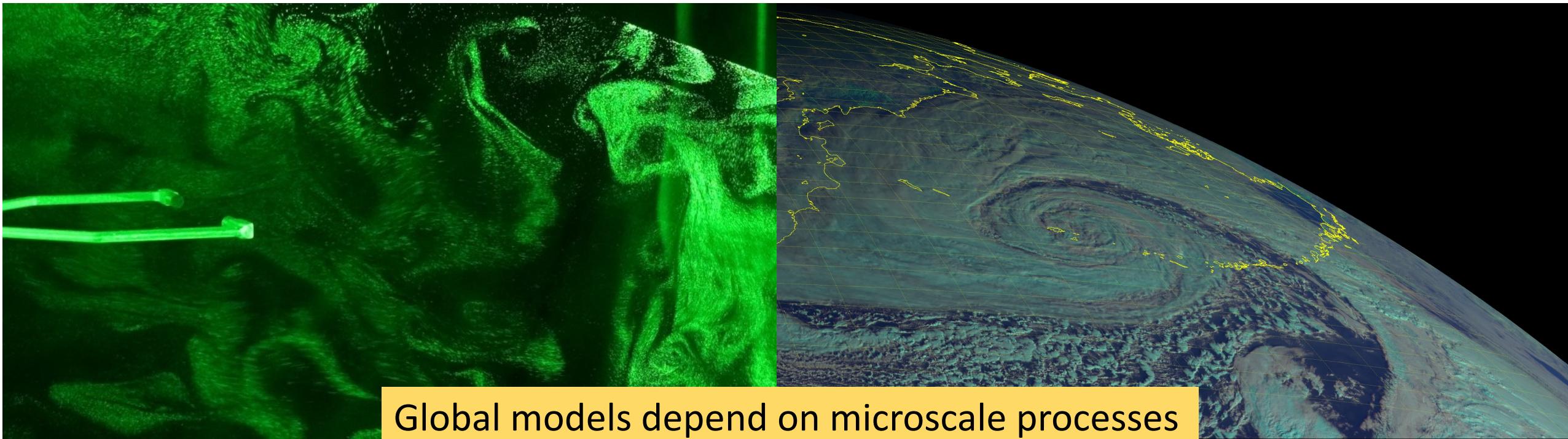


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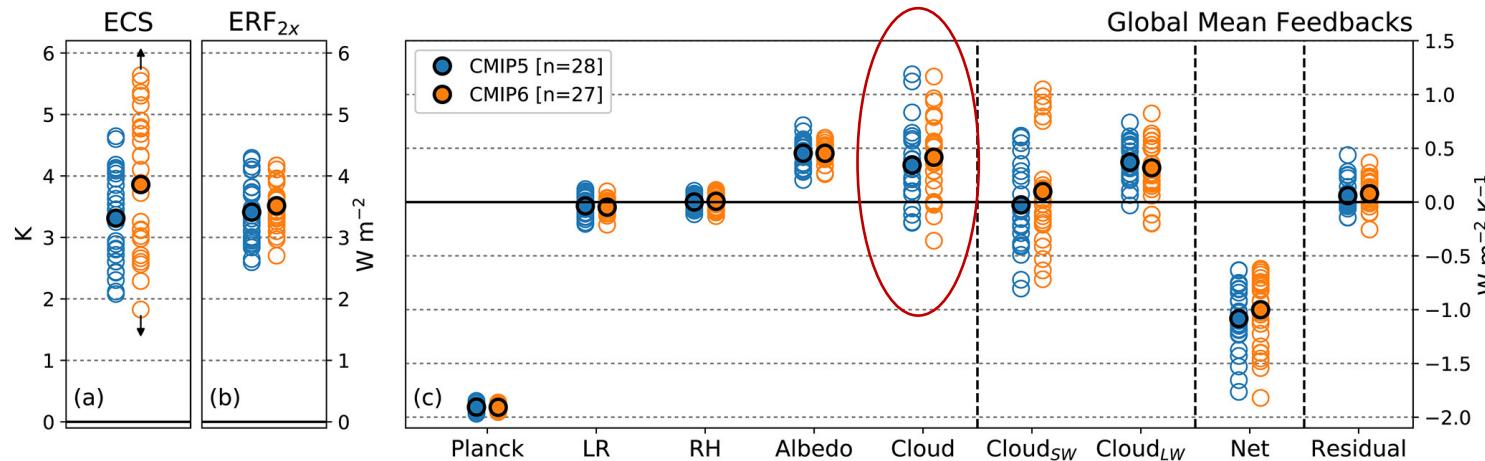
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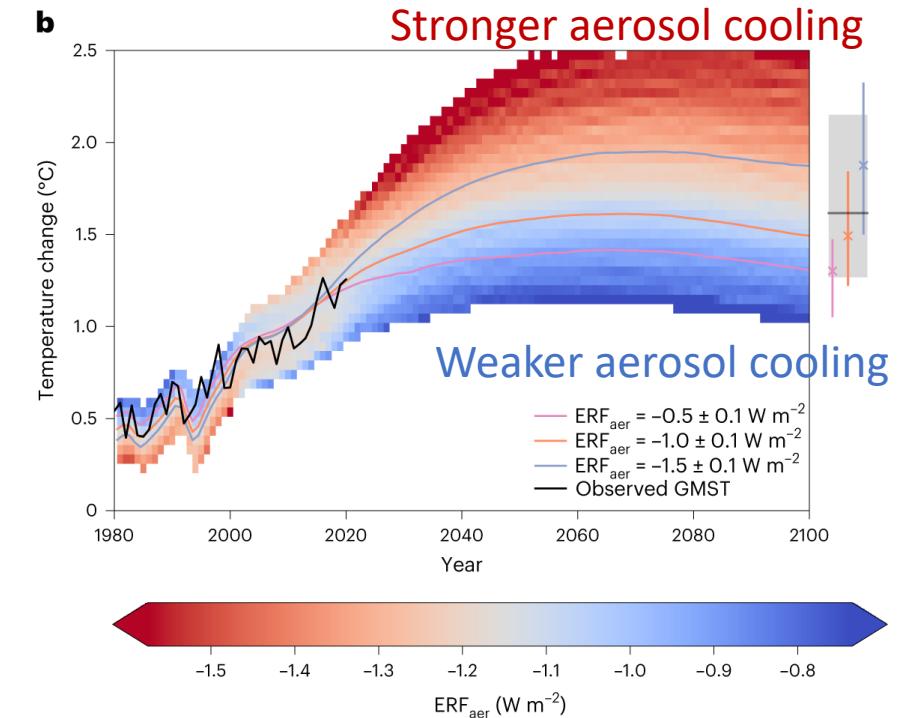
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# Why a perturbed parameter ensemble (PPE)?

The leading feedback and forcing uncertainties depend on microscale processes



Zelinka, Mark D., Timothy A. Myers, Daniel T. McCoy, Stephen Po-Chedley, Peter M. Caldwell, Paulo Ceppi, Stephen A. Klein, and Karl E. Taylor. "Causes of Higher Climate Sensitivity in CMIP6 Models." *Geophysical Research Letters* n/a, no. n/a (January 3, 2020).  
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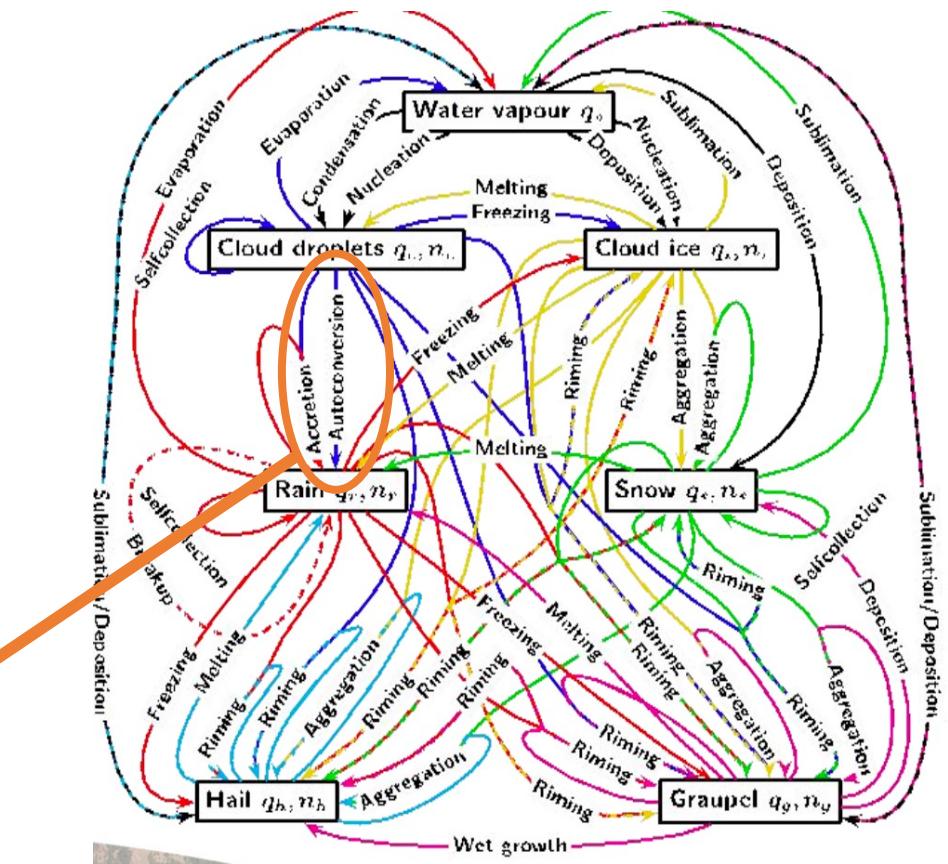


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# Why a perturbed parameter ensemble (PPE)?

- Parameterization:
  - How do we abstract a sub-grid-scale process?
  - How do we choose parameter values?
- PPEs are a way to explore parametric space in a model – here an ESM.

$$\dot{q}_c = a \cdot q_c^b \cdot N_d^c$$



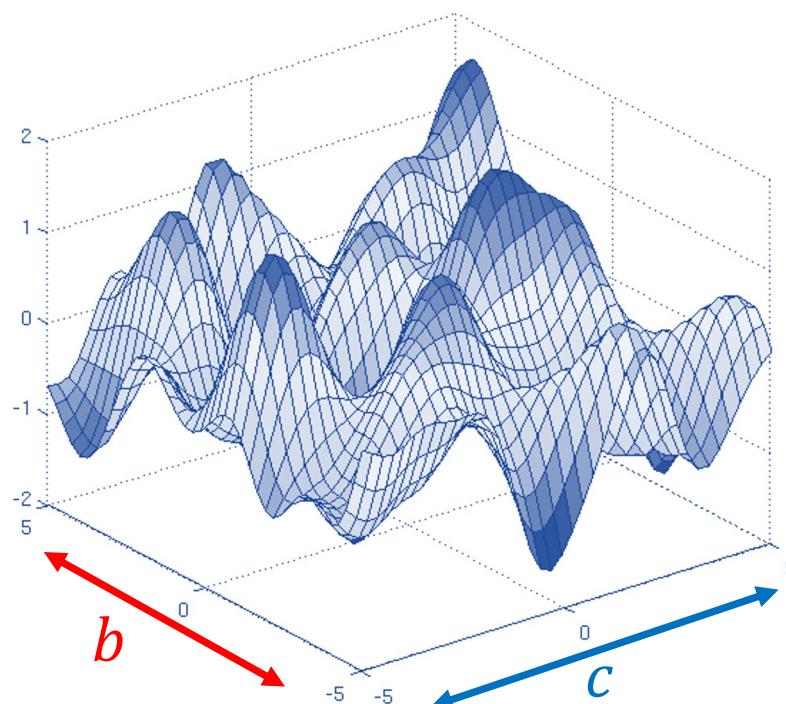
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# Perturbed parameter ensemble (PPE)

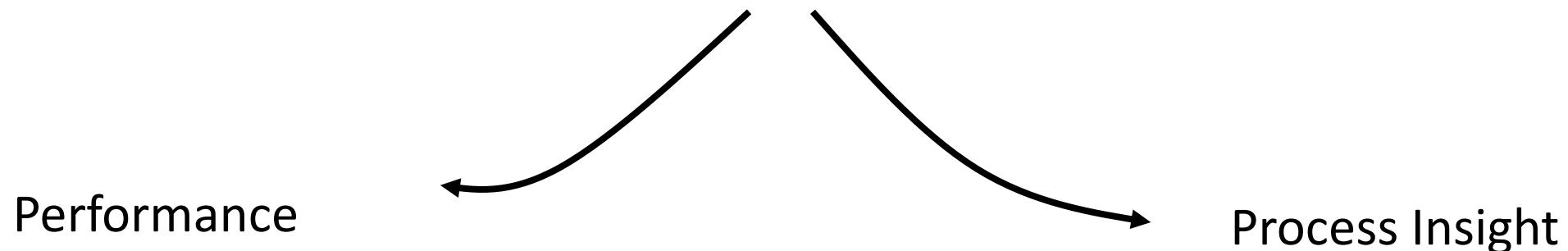
- Imagine a model with a single parameterization:

$$\dot{q}_c = \alpha \cdot q^b \cdot N^c$$

An observable (e.g. cloud fraction)



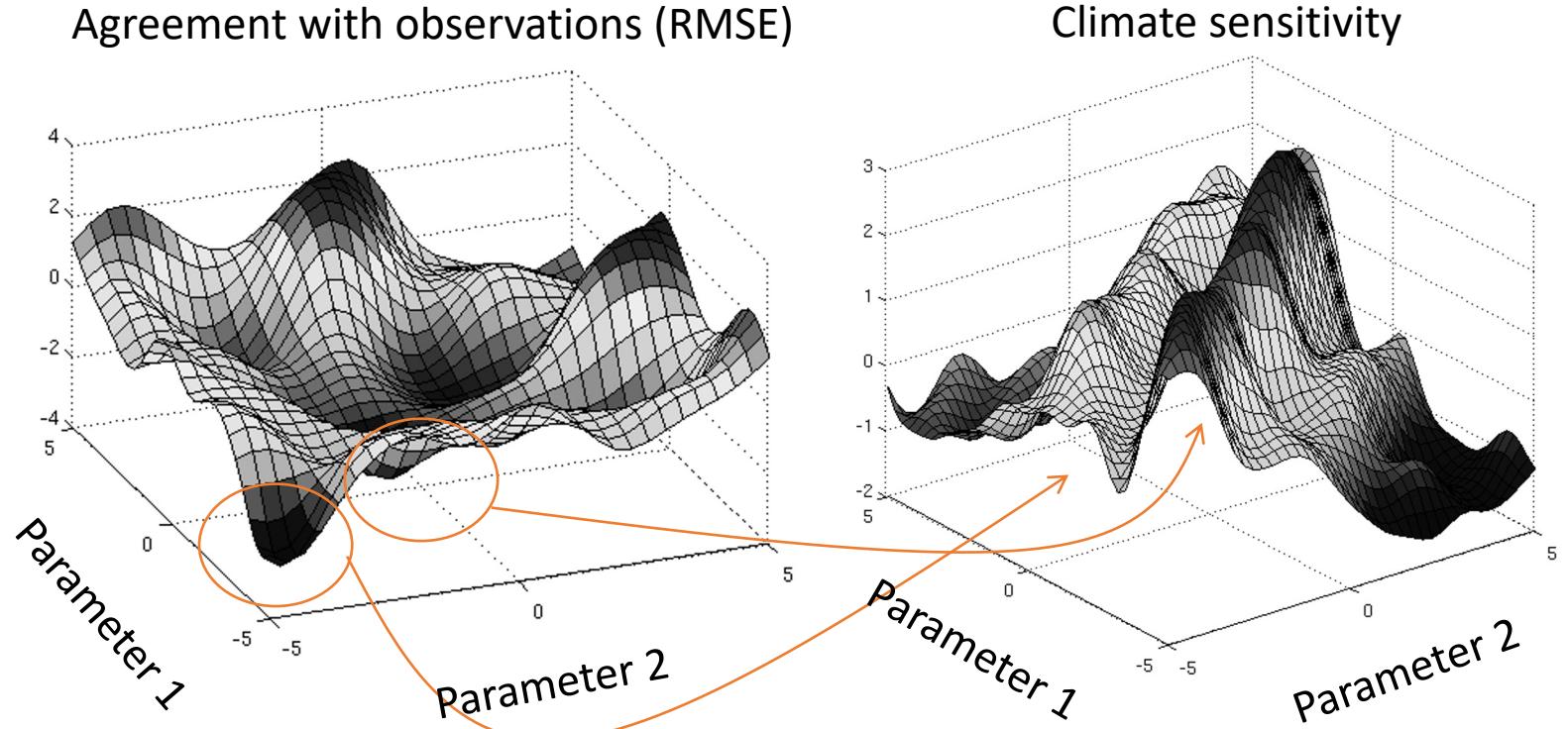
# Why a perturbed parameter ensemble (PPE)?



CAVEAT: This is in the context of parameterized processes. Structural error (un-treated or un-treatable subgrid processes are not explorable/tunable)

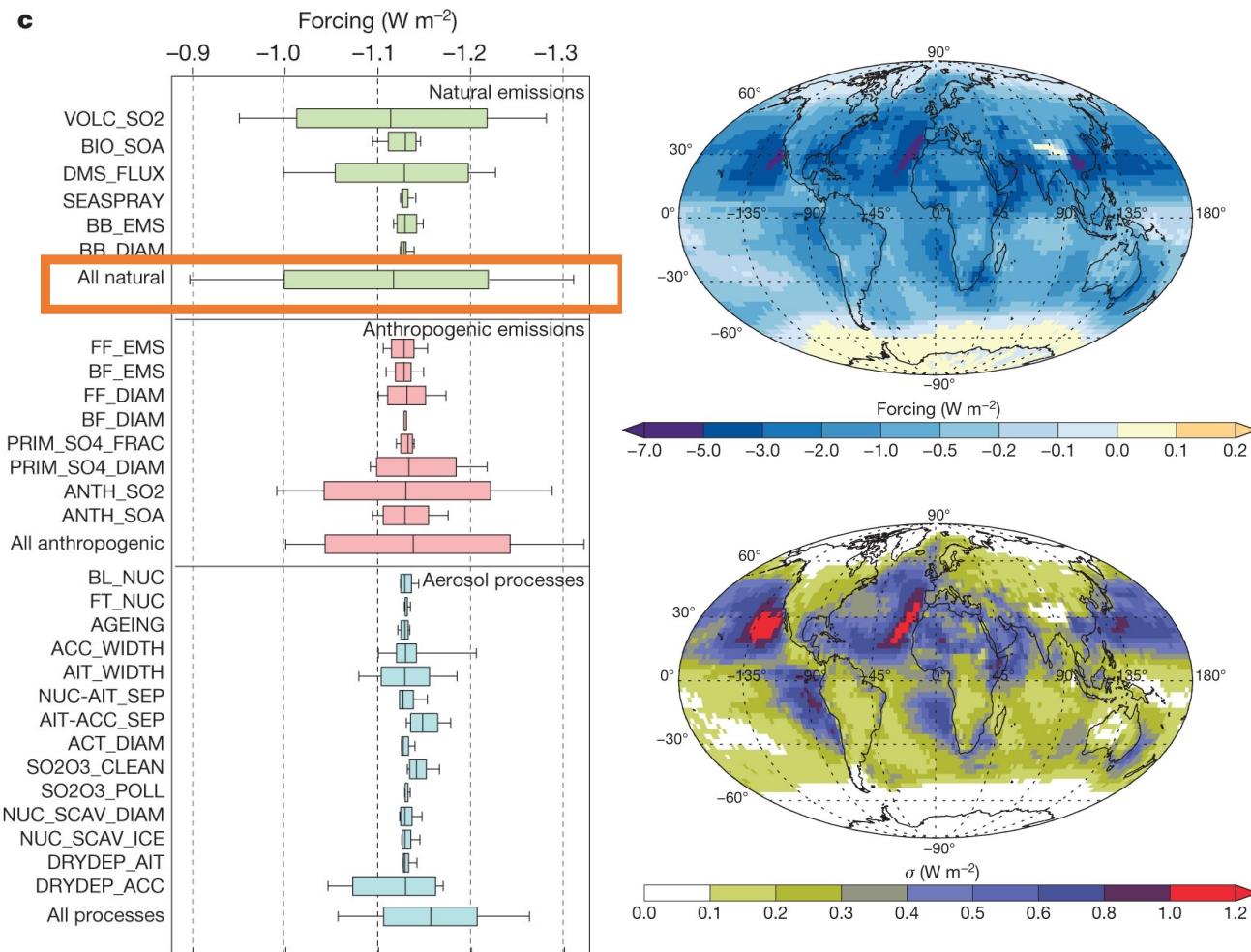
# Performance

- Goes toward addressing issue of equifinality.
- Many model configurations may agree with some set of observations, but have very different behavior.



# Insight

- What processes affect ESM performance.
- Allows causally-distinct evaluation of links.
- Allows examination of process-dependence in the context of parametric uncertainty.



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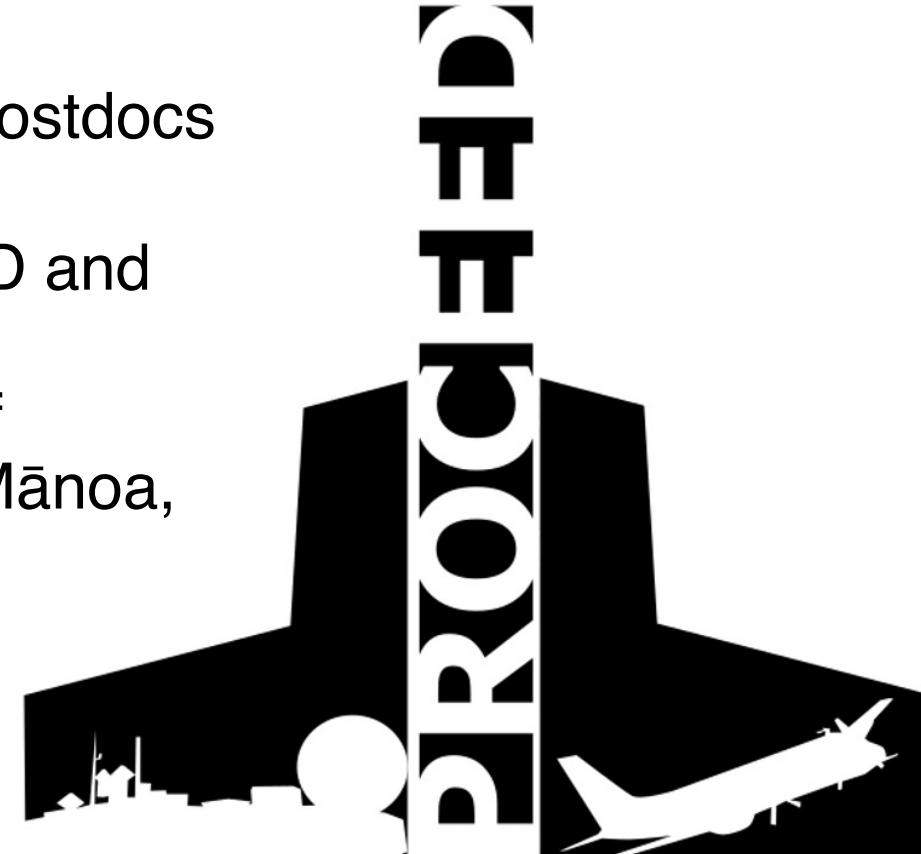
Creating the framework for the next generation Energy Exascale Earth System Model (E3SM) at

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(Perturbed physics ensemble Regression Optimization Center for ESM Evaluation and Development)

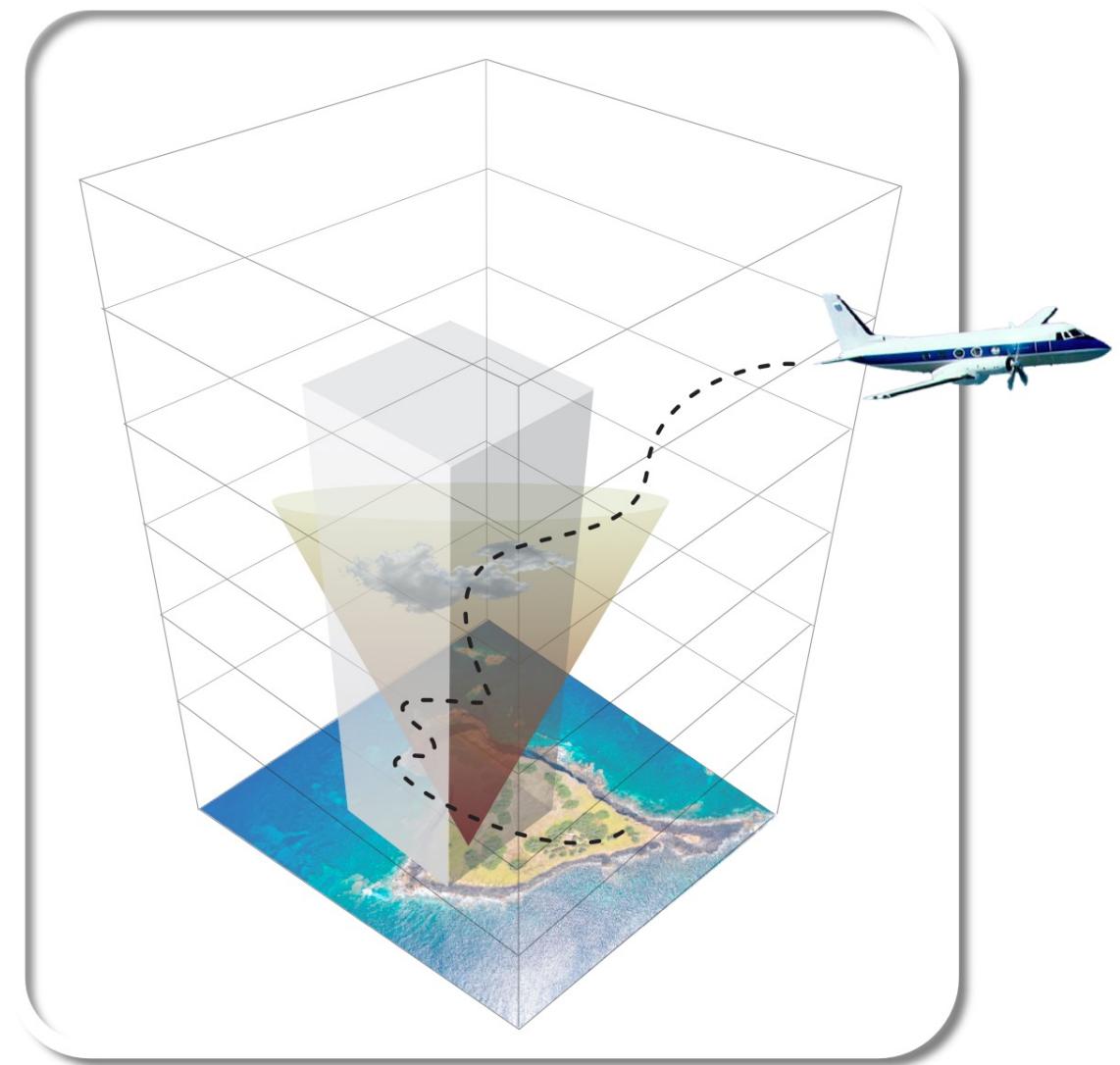
- Project duration:

- 2 years, funding started fall 2023, postdocs hired February 2024.
- DOE EPSCoR funding from EESMD and ASR.
- Collaboration between University of Wyoming, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, PNNL, LLNL



# PROCEED

- Project goals (2023-2025):
  - Build adaptable PPE framework in E3SMv3 using latin hypercube (*technically EAM*).
  - Develop understanding of how to confront coarse grid global model with DOE surface and airborne observations.
  - Constraints on effective radiative forcing from aerosol-cloud interactions (ERFaci) using observations from the East North Atlantic (ENA).



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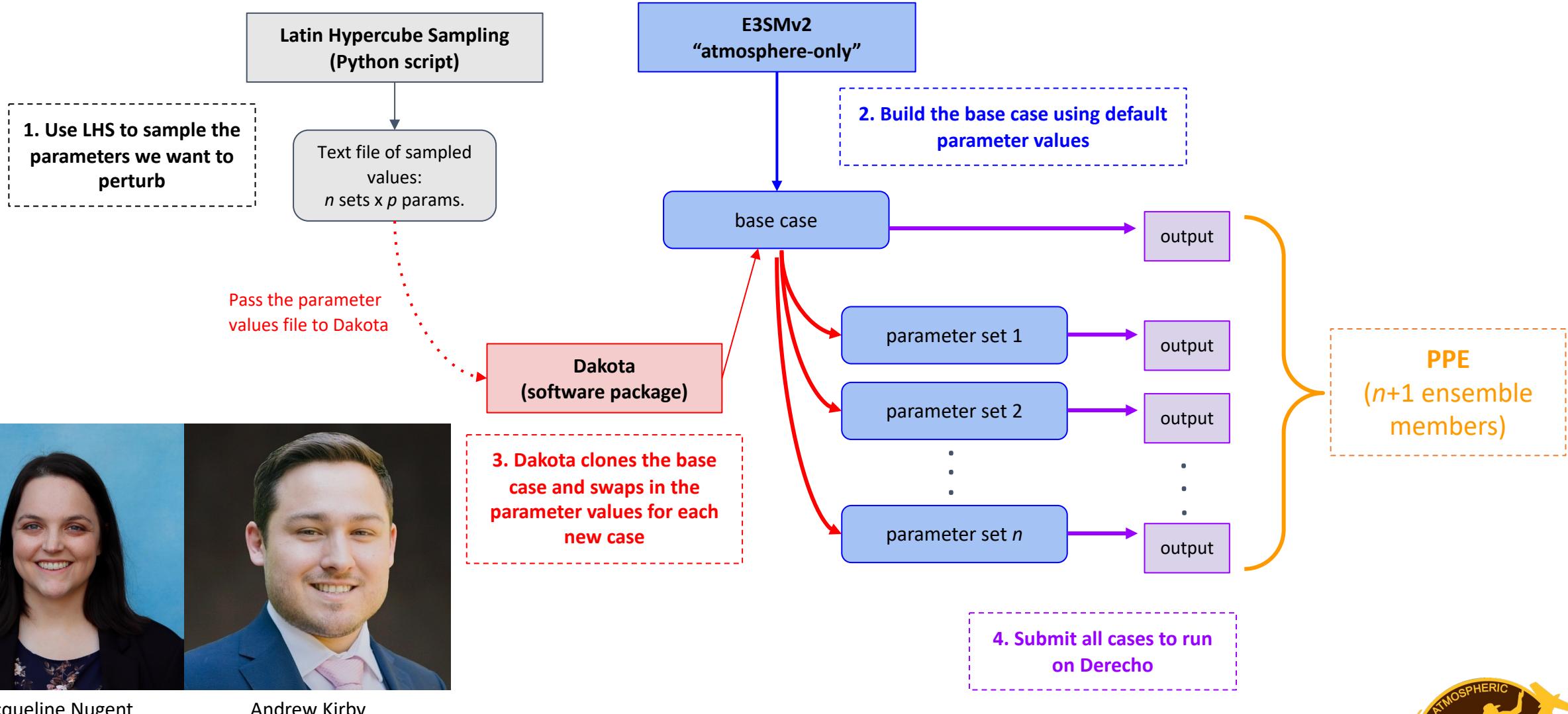


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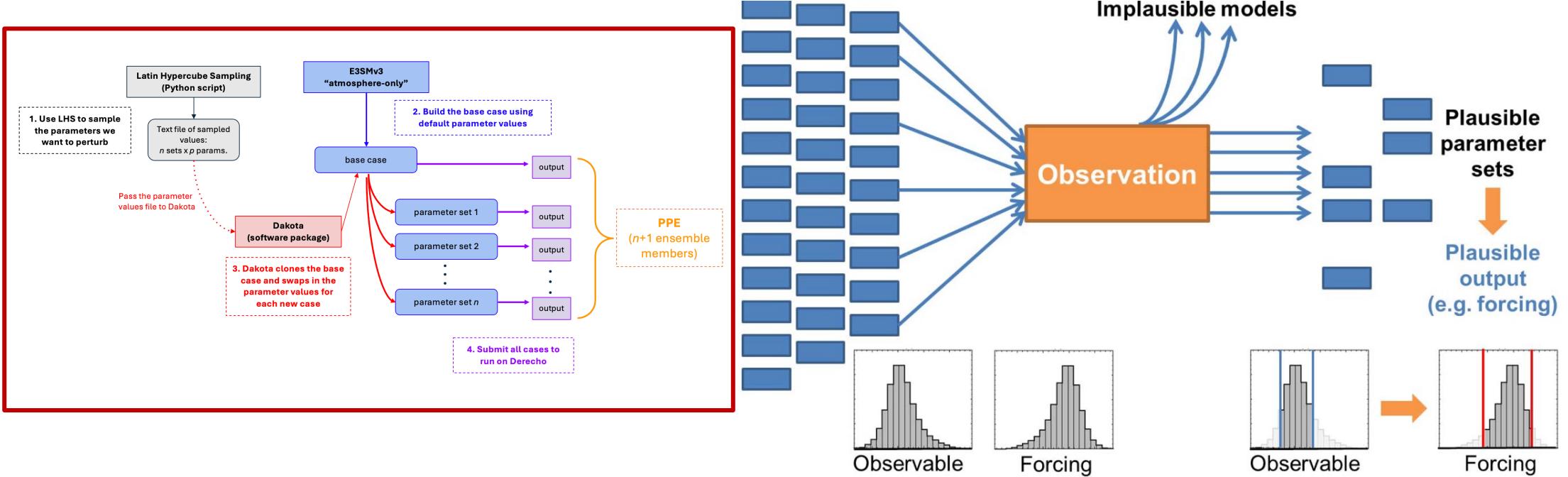




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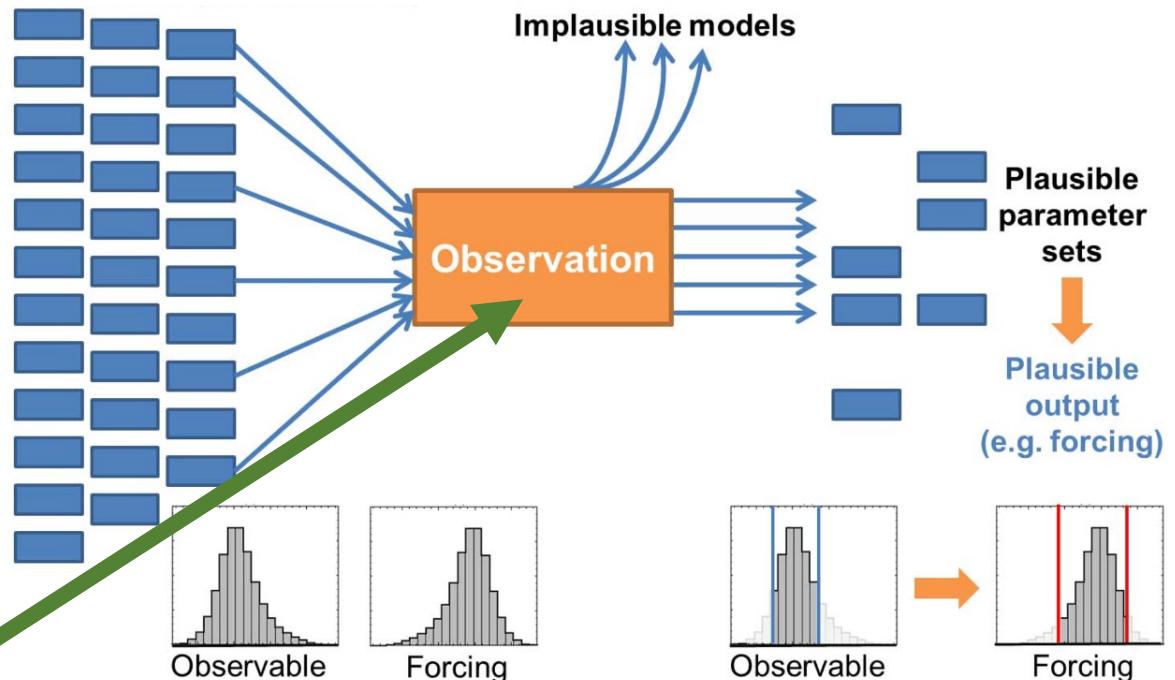
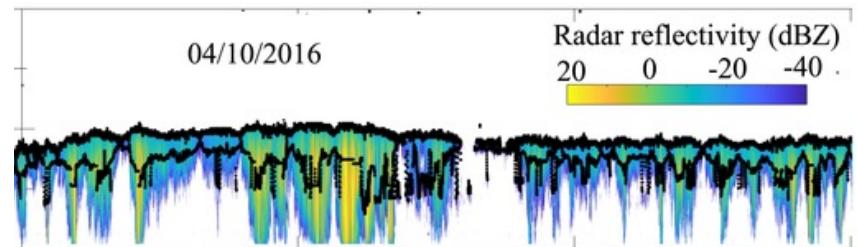
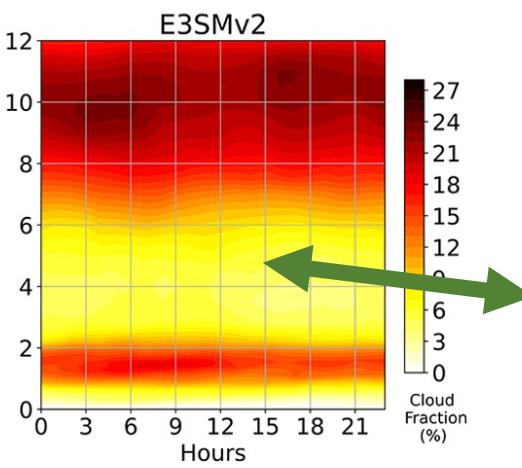


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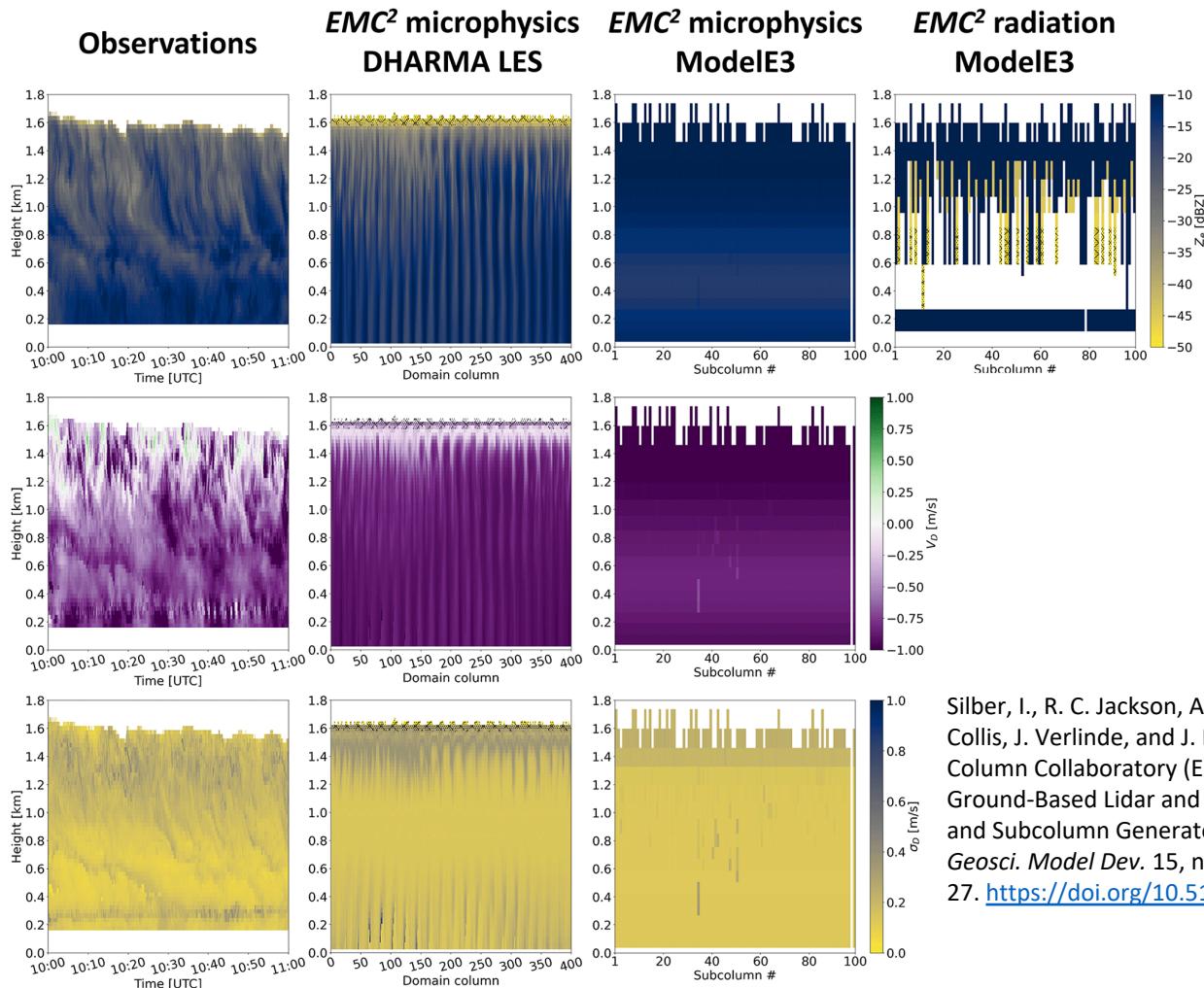
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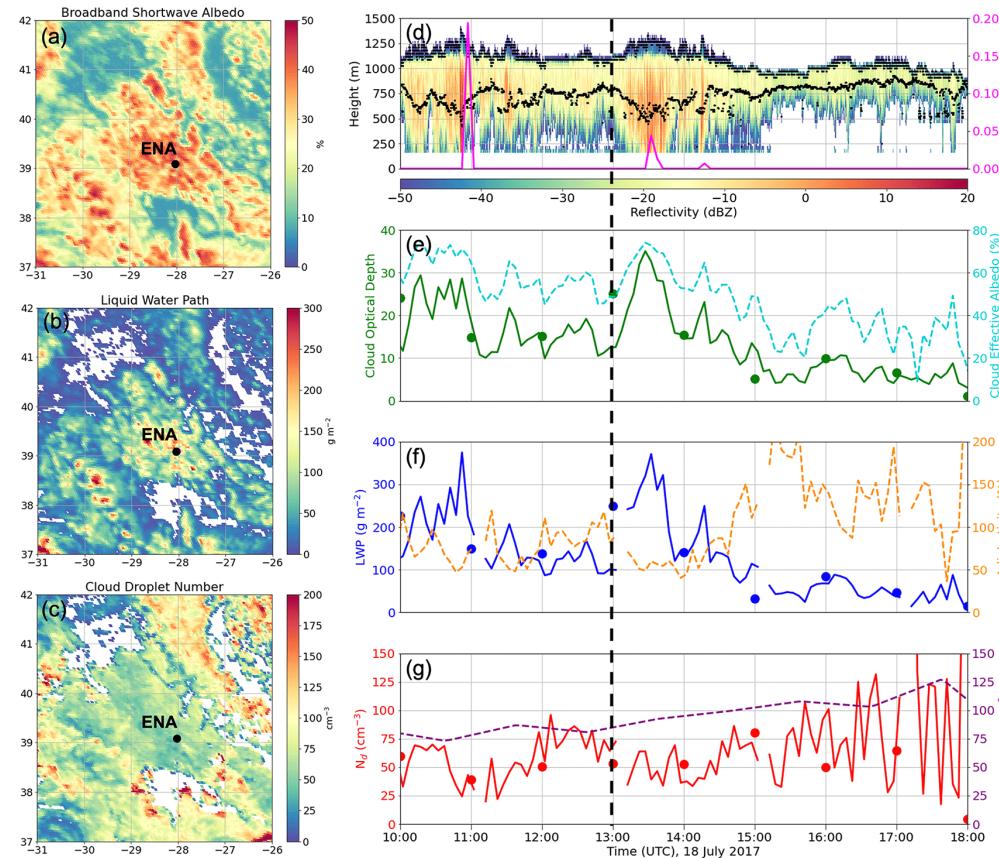
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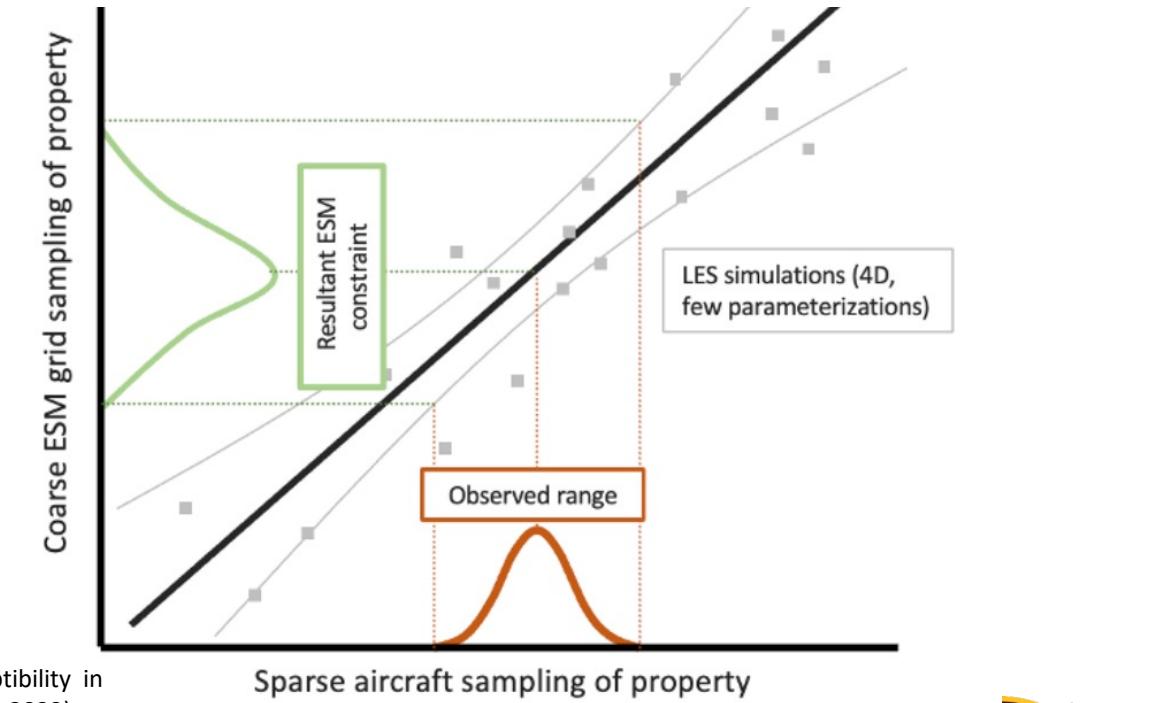
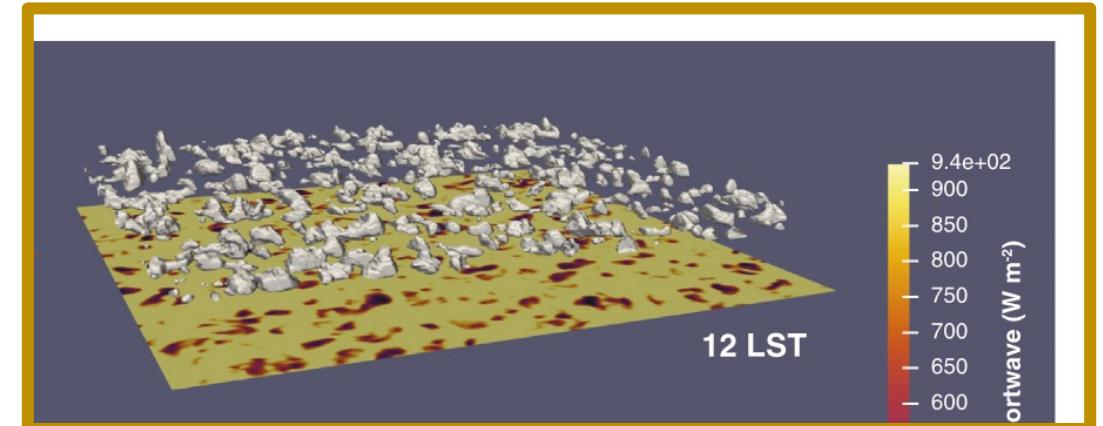


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# Spatial sampling



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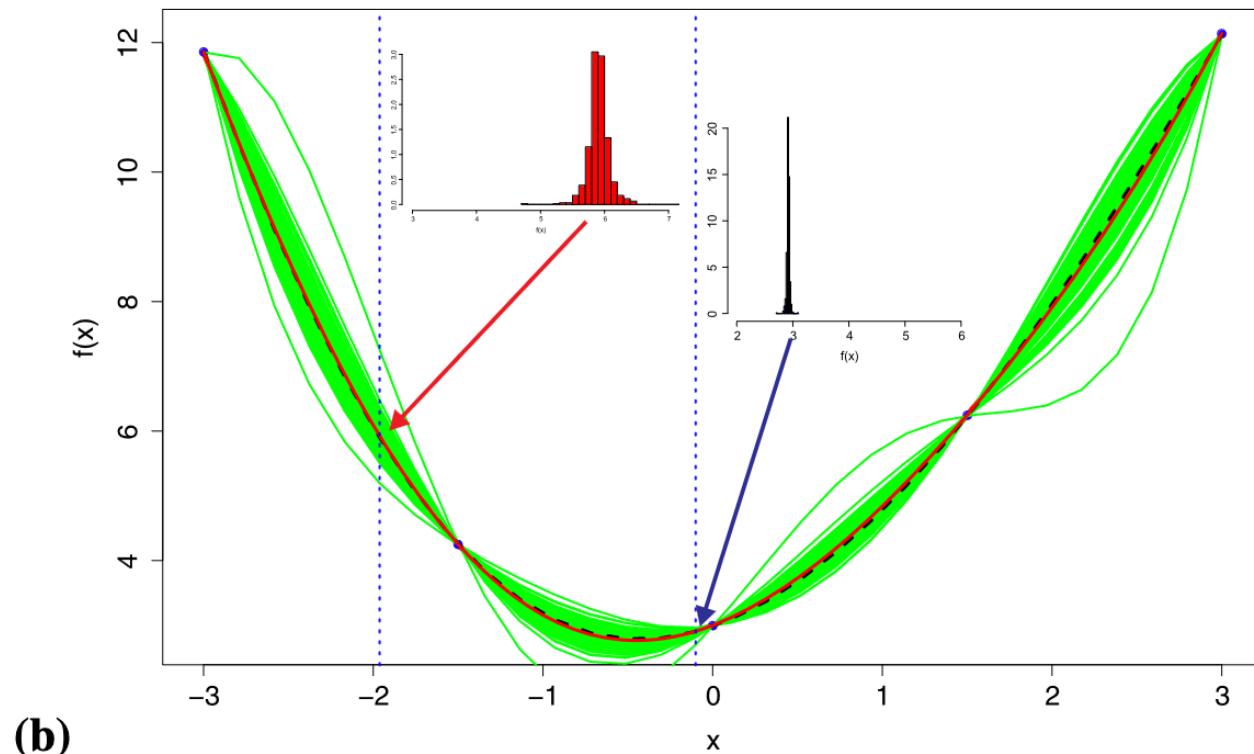


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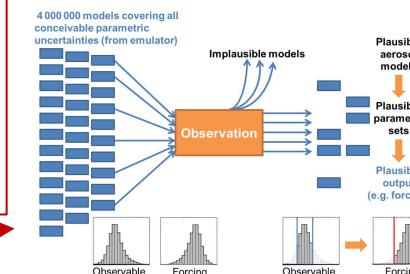
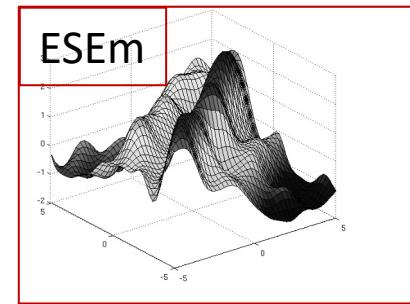
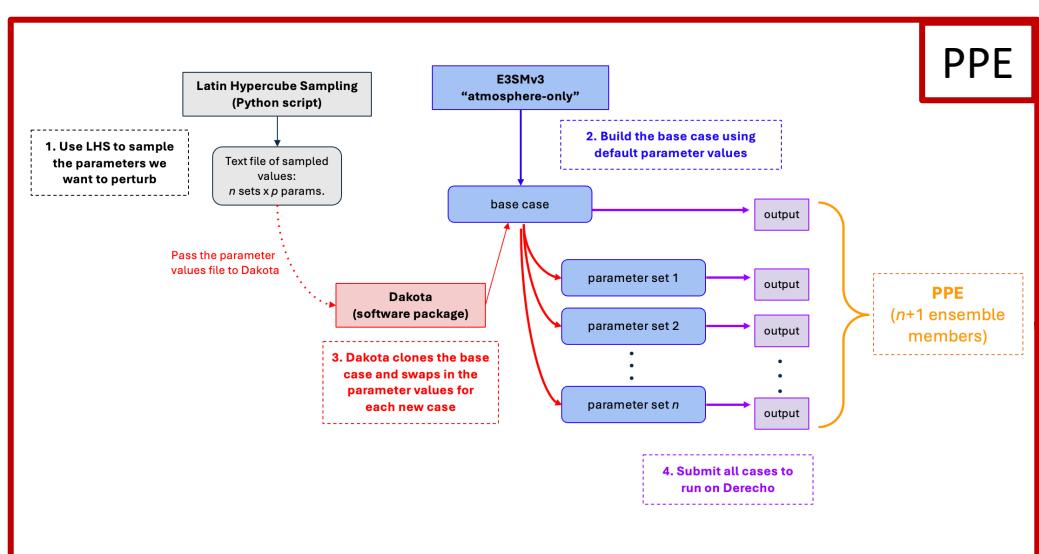
# Sampling parameter space

- Sampling  $P$  dimensional parameter space with  $N$  points is  $N^P$  ensemble members.  
Expensive!
- Randomly sample and build an emulator.
- Typically Gaussian Process.
- Use Earth System Emulator (ESEm)  
<https://github.com/duncanwp/ESEm>



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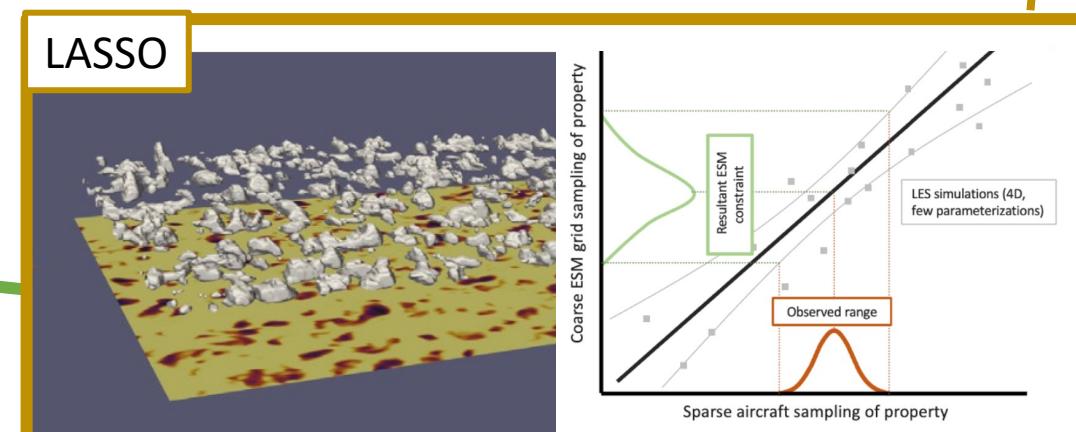
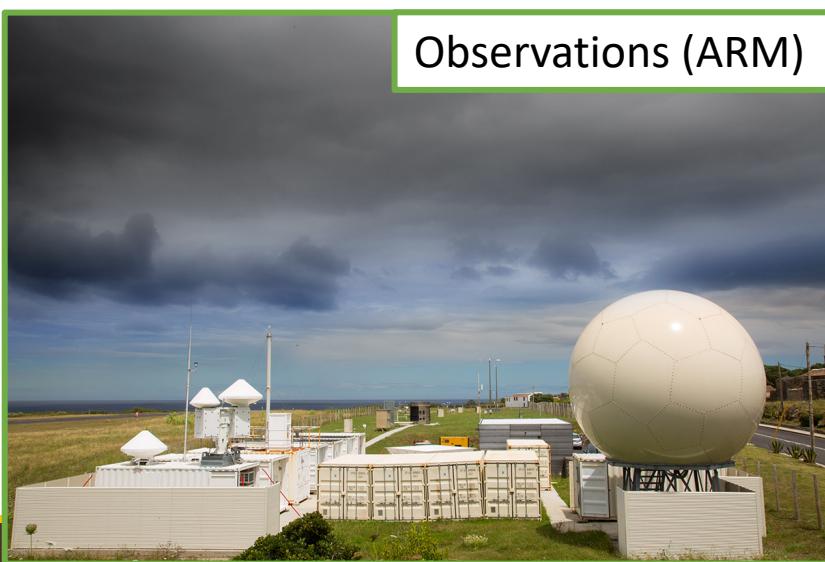
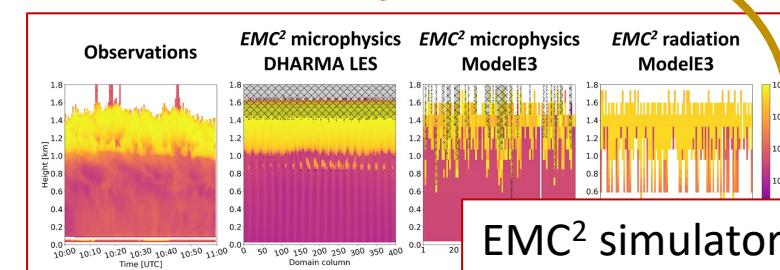
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Subset of parameter space

Process understanding

Climate prediction

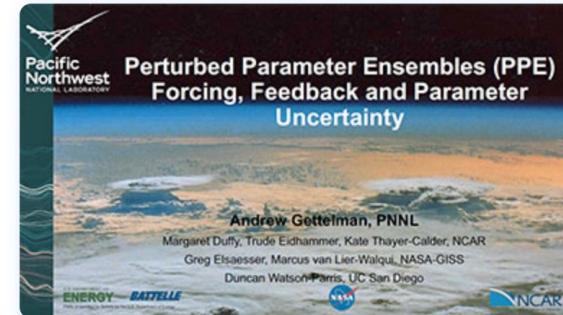


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# Preliminary results

- Leveraging CAM6 PPE.
- This was already described in Andrew Gettelman's presentation on May 25, 2023:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1daDQGL3DHQ&feature=youtu.be>
- Briefly, 45 parameters sampled using Latin hypercube, ~260 members, PI, PD, and +4K simulations.
- For details see:  
<https://egusphere.copernicus.org/preprints/2024/egusphere-2023-2165/>



All-Hands Presentation: May 25, 2023

Perturbed Parameter Ensembles (PPE) Forcing, Feedback and Parameter Uncertainty

by Andrew Gettelman

[PDF of Presentation](#)

[MP4 Movie \(on the E3SM YouTube Channel\)](#)



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## An Extensible Perturbed Parameter Ensemble (PPE) for the Community Atmosphere Model Version 6

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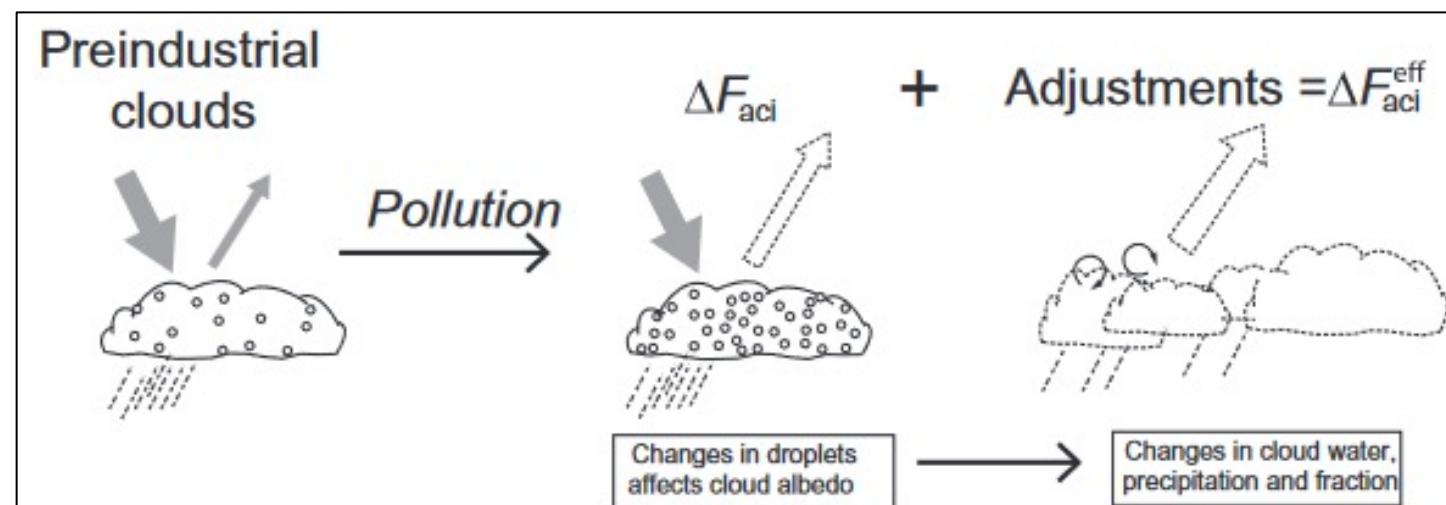
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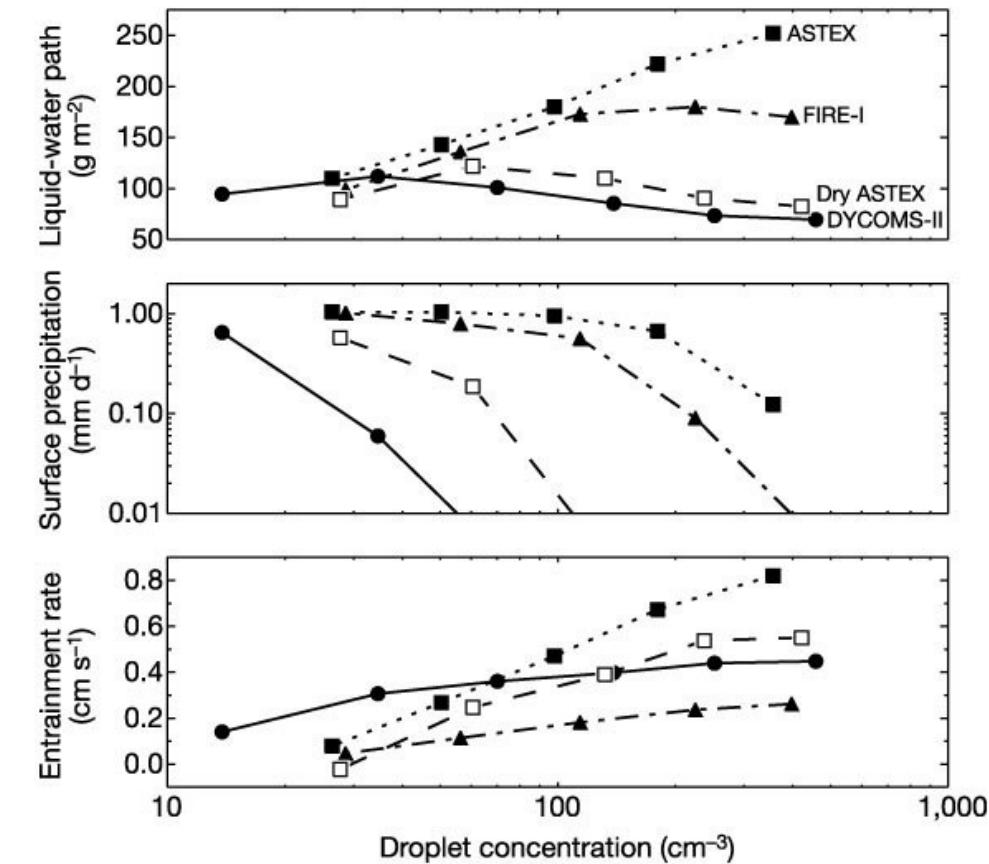
**Abstract.** This paper documents the methodology and preliminary results from a Perturbed Parameter Ensemble (PPE) technique, where multiple parameters are varied simultaneously and the parameter values are determined with Latin hypercube

# Using ARM to constrain aerosol-cloud adjustments

- Precipitation suppression:  
 $+Nd \rightarrow +LWP \rightarrow \text{Cooling}$
- Size-dependent entrainment:  
 $+Nd \rightarrow -LWP \rightarrow \text{Warming}$



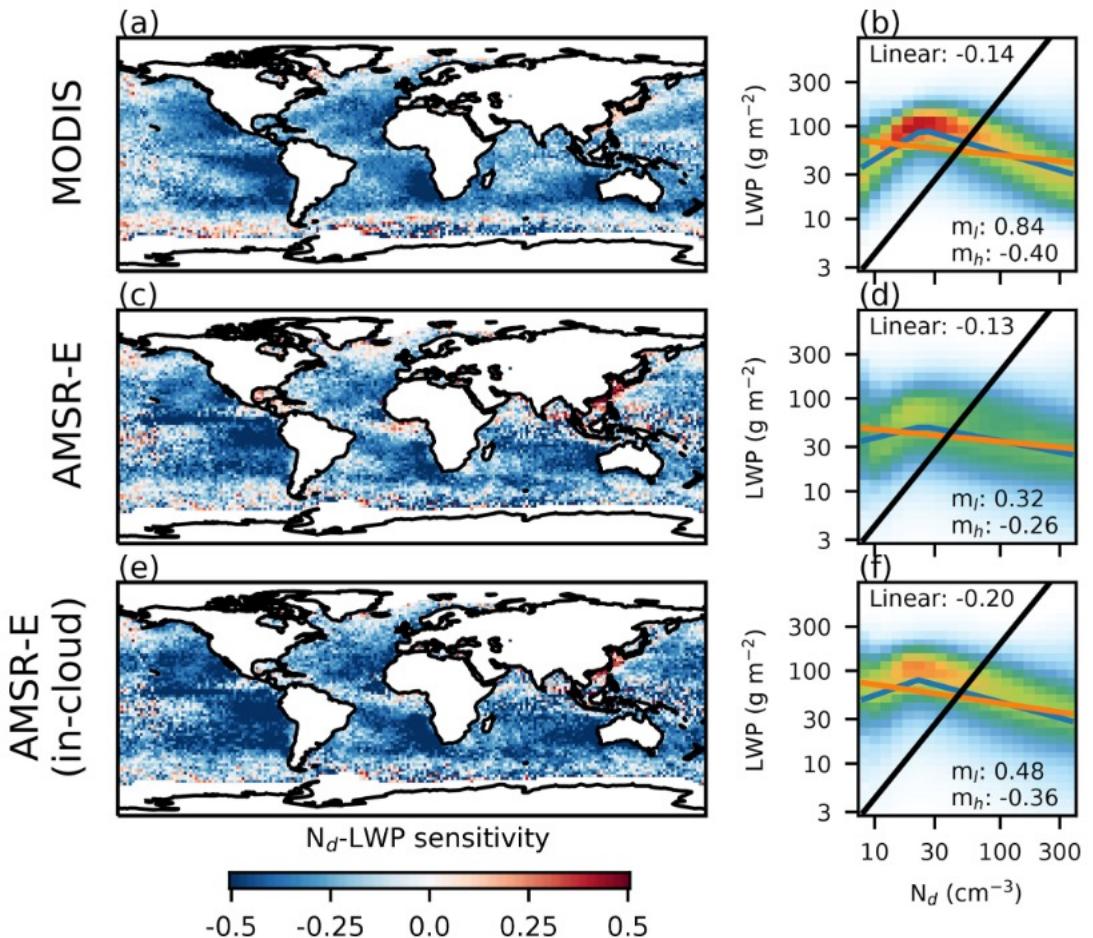
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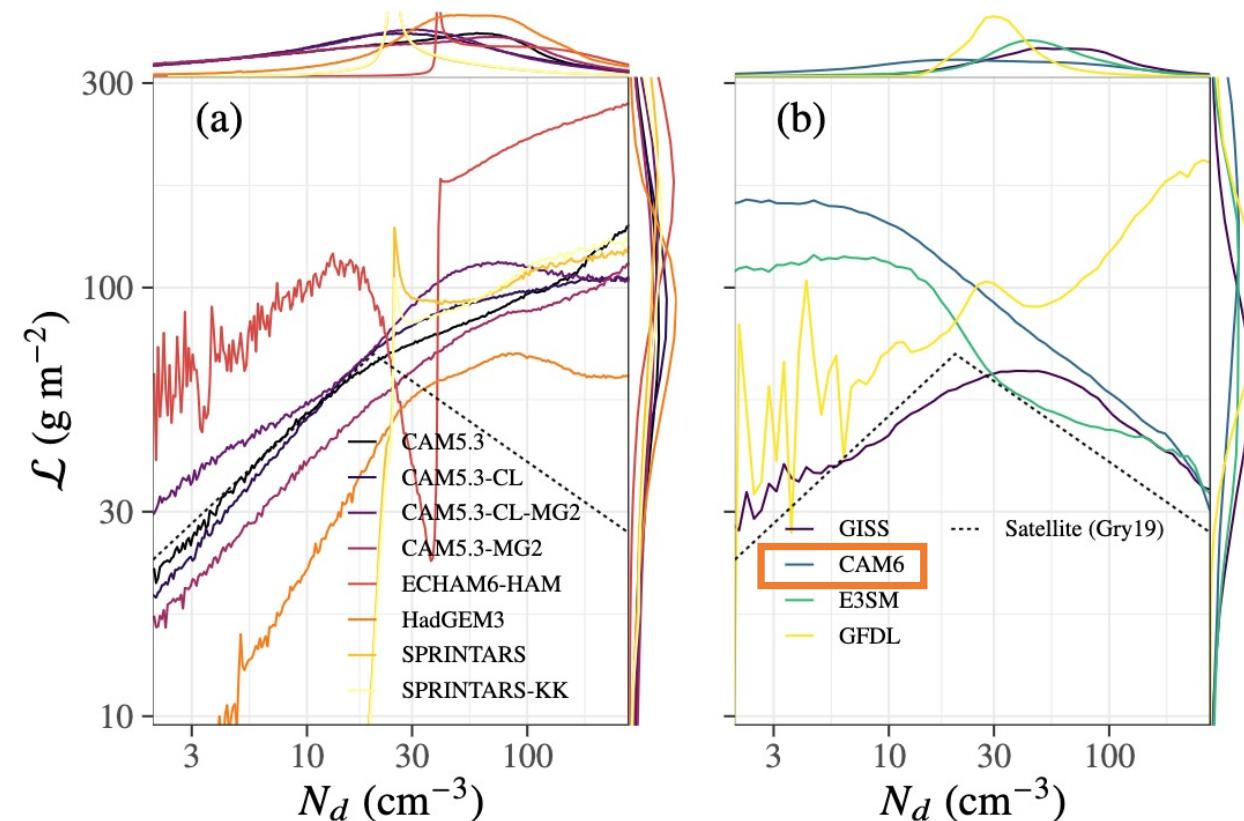
- Precipitation suppression and sedimentation is parameterized.
- Size-dependent entrainment is not.
- Is this a huge bias in our models?



Gryspeerdt, E., T. Goren, O. Sourdeval, J. Quaas, J. Mülmenstädt, S. Dipu, C. Unglaub, A. Gettelman, and M. Christensen. "Constraining the Aerosol Influence on Cloud Liquid Water Path." *Atmospheric Chemistry & Physics* 19, no. 8 (2019): 5331–47.  
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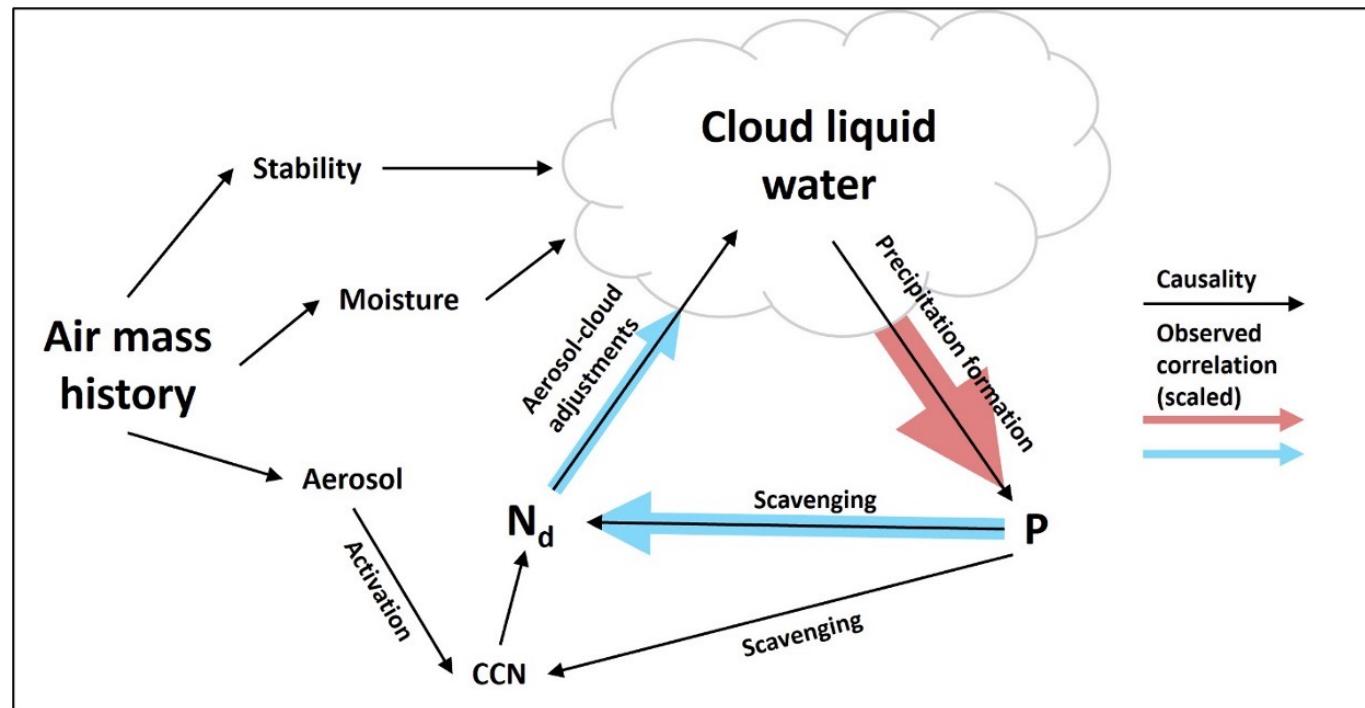
- Most ESMs actually represent this behavior pretty well.
- What is going on?
- How do we constrain ESM behavior?



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- As discussed in Gryspeerdt et al. 2019, numerous confounders.
- ARM observations are uniquely suited to address this problem.



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Mikkelsen et al. 2024 (ACP, in  
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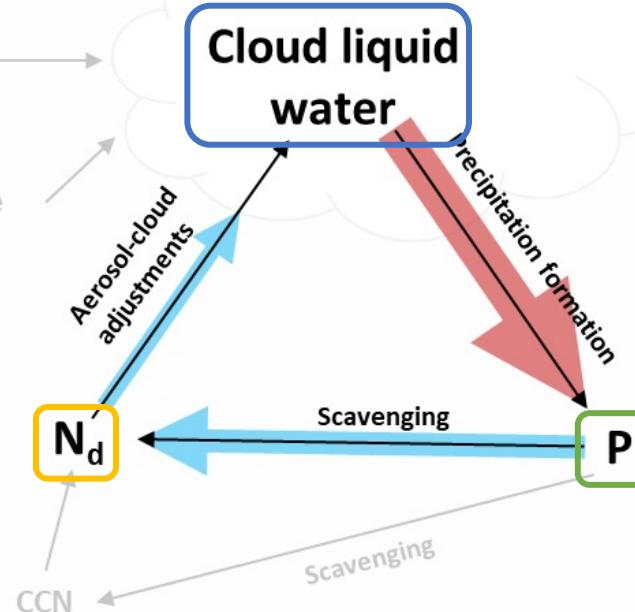
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Liquid water path from radiometer MWRRET2  
VAP (microwave radiometer retrievals) ( $\text{kg/m}^2$ )



Droplet number concentration from  
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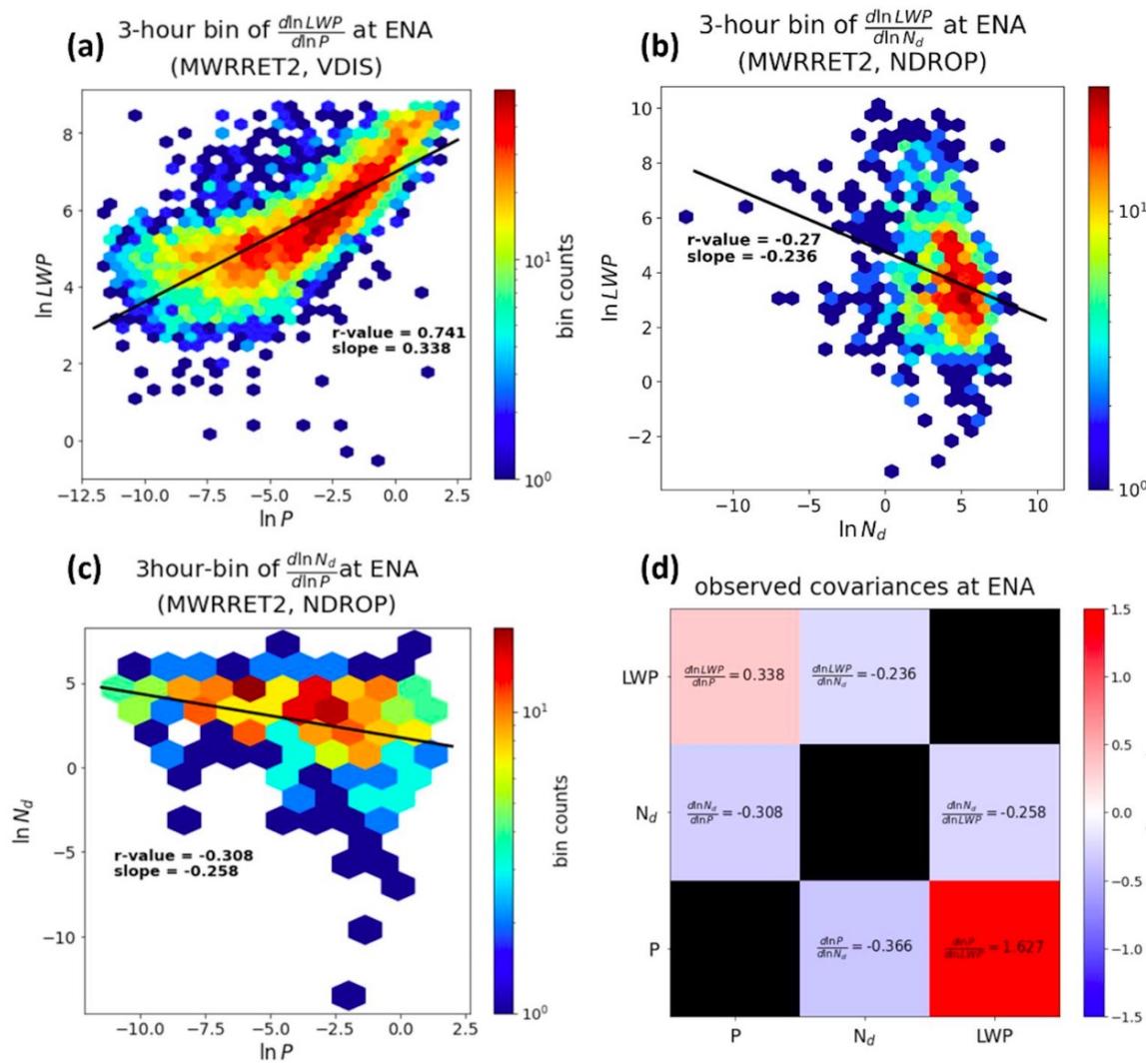


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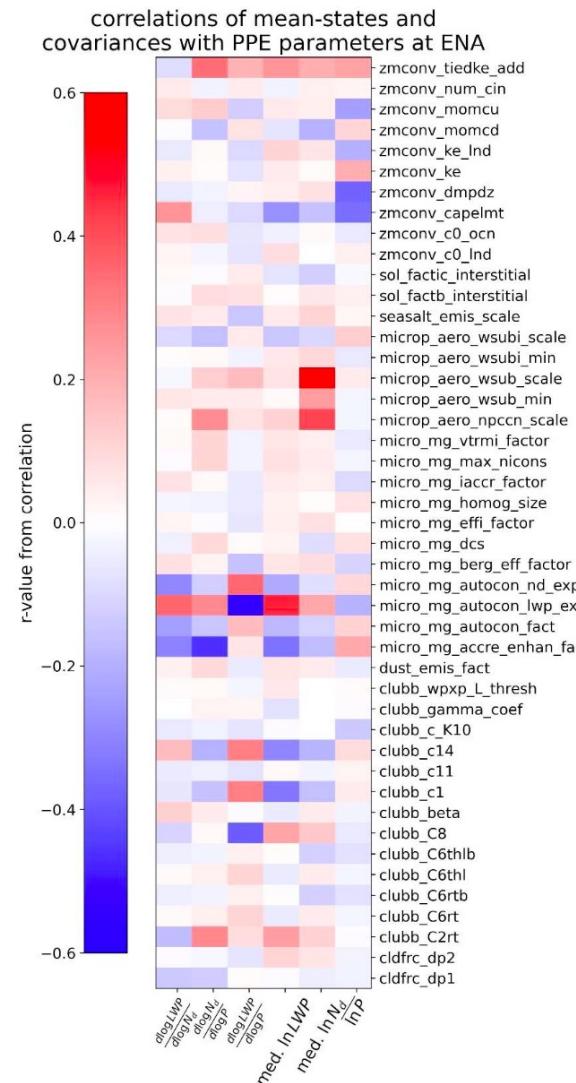


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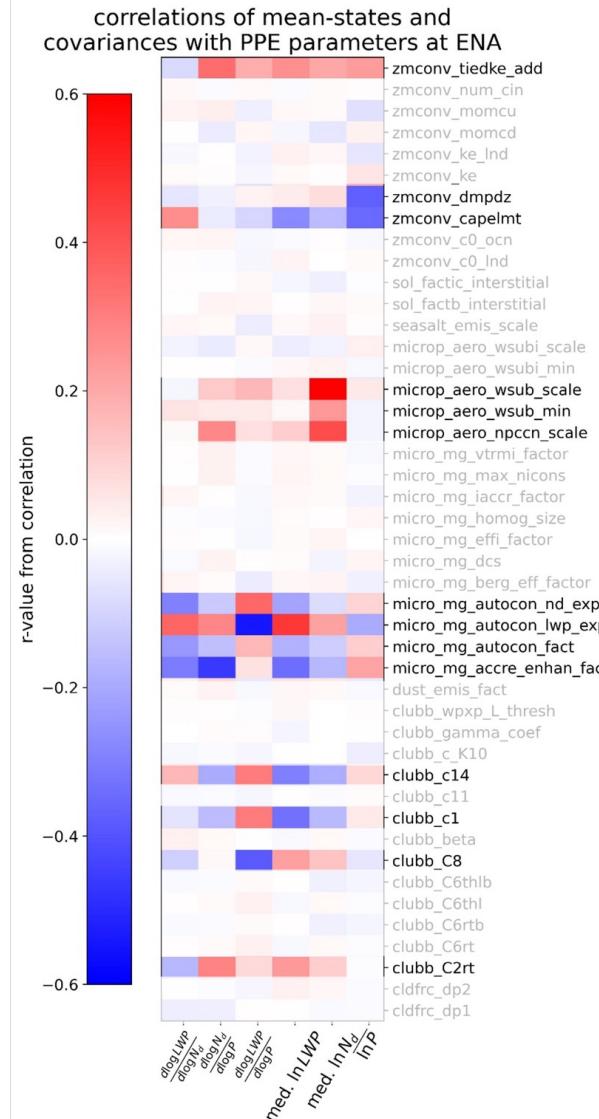


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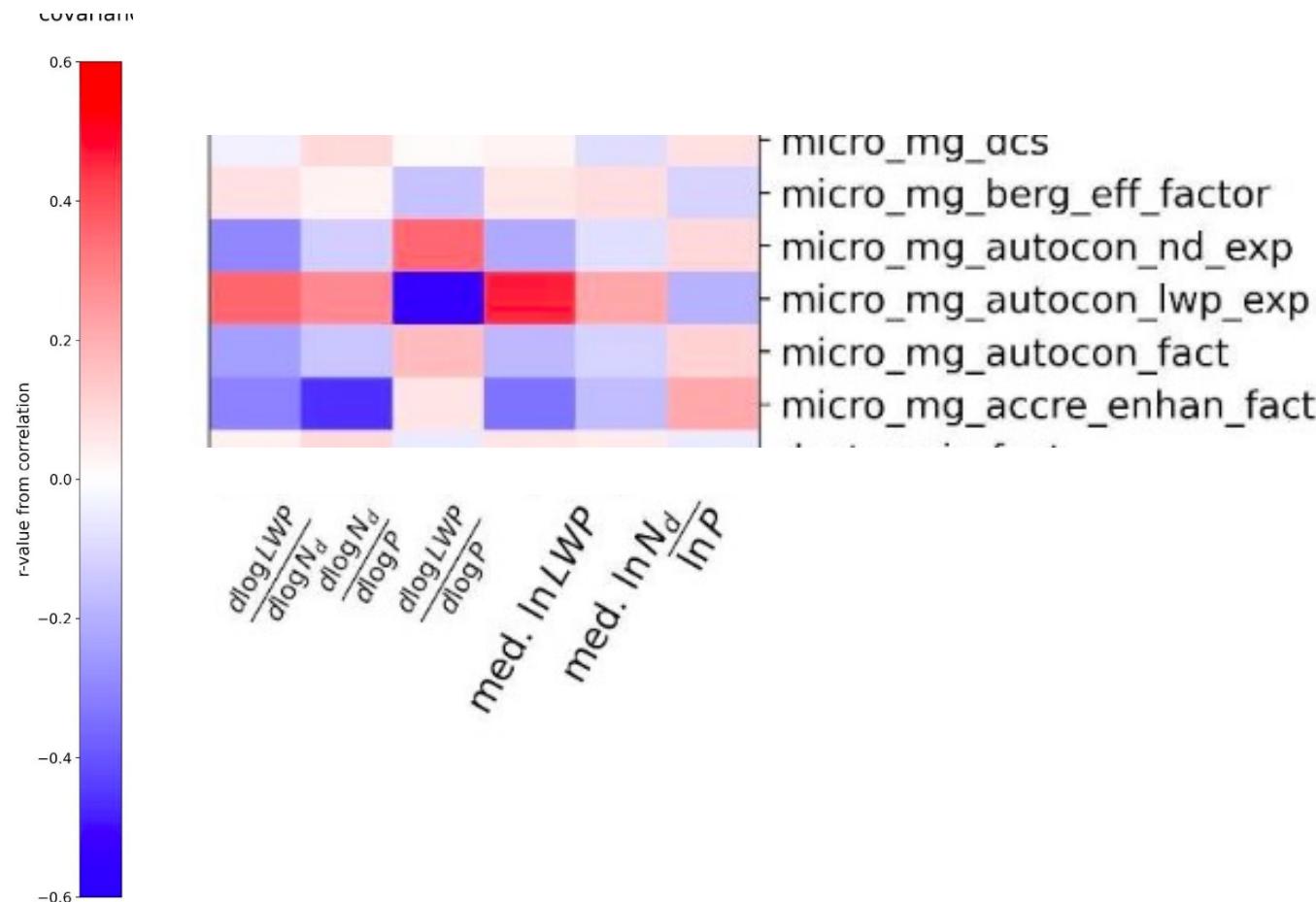
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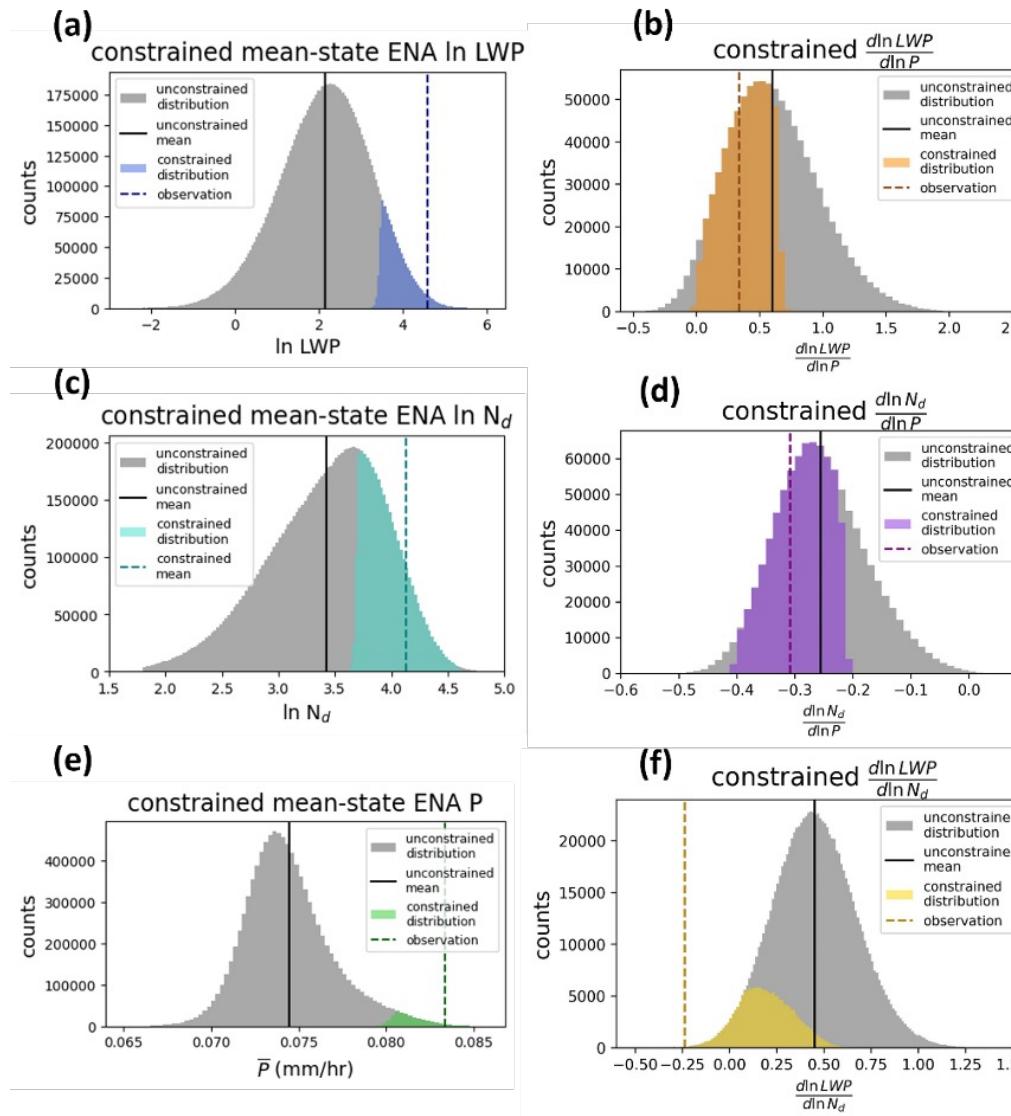
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- We can see linkages to autoconversion.
- We can also see a strong covariance between observables and accretion.



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- The CAM6 PPE is capable of mimicking the negative correlation between Nd and LWP in observations.

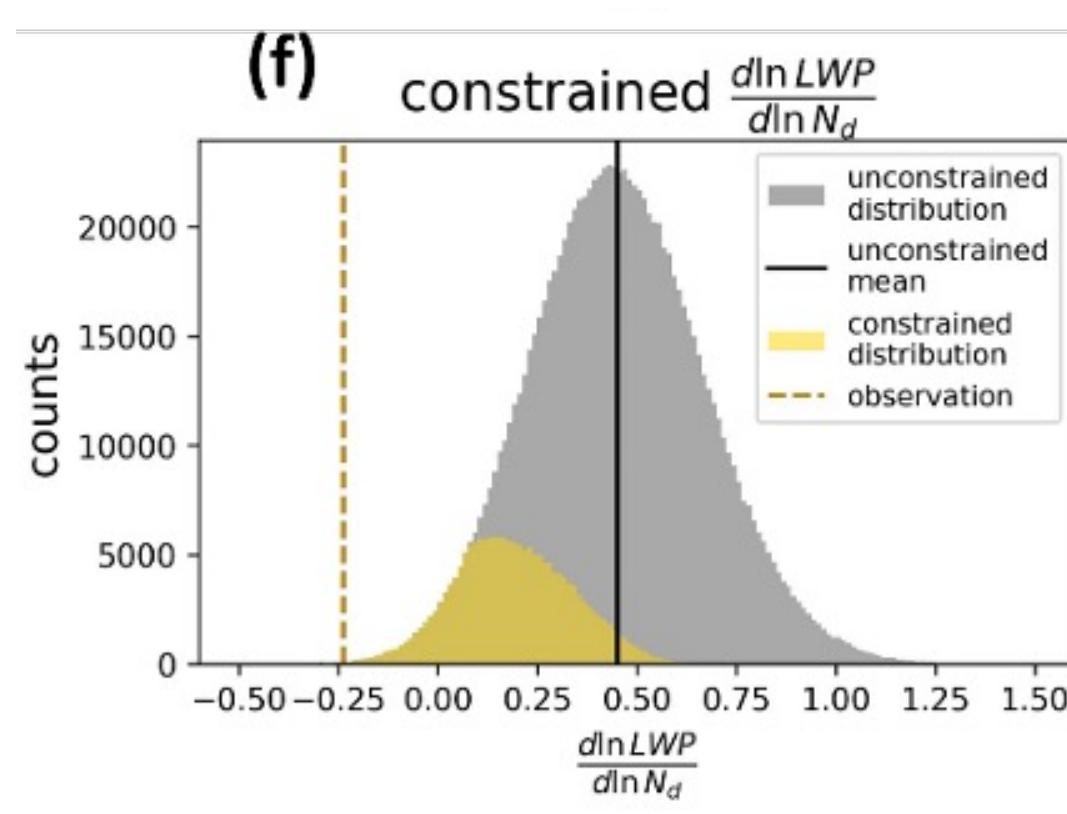


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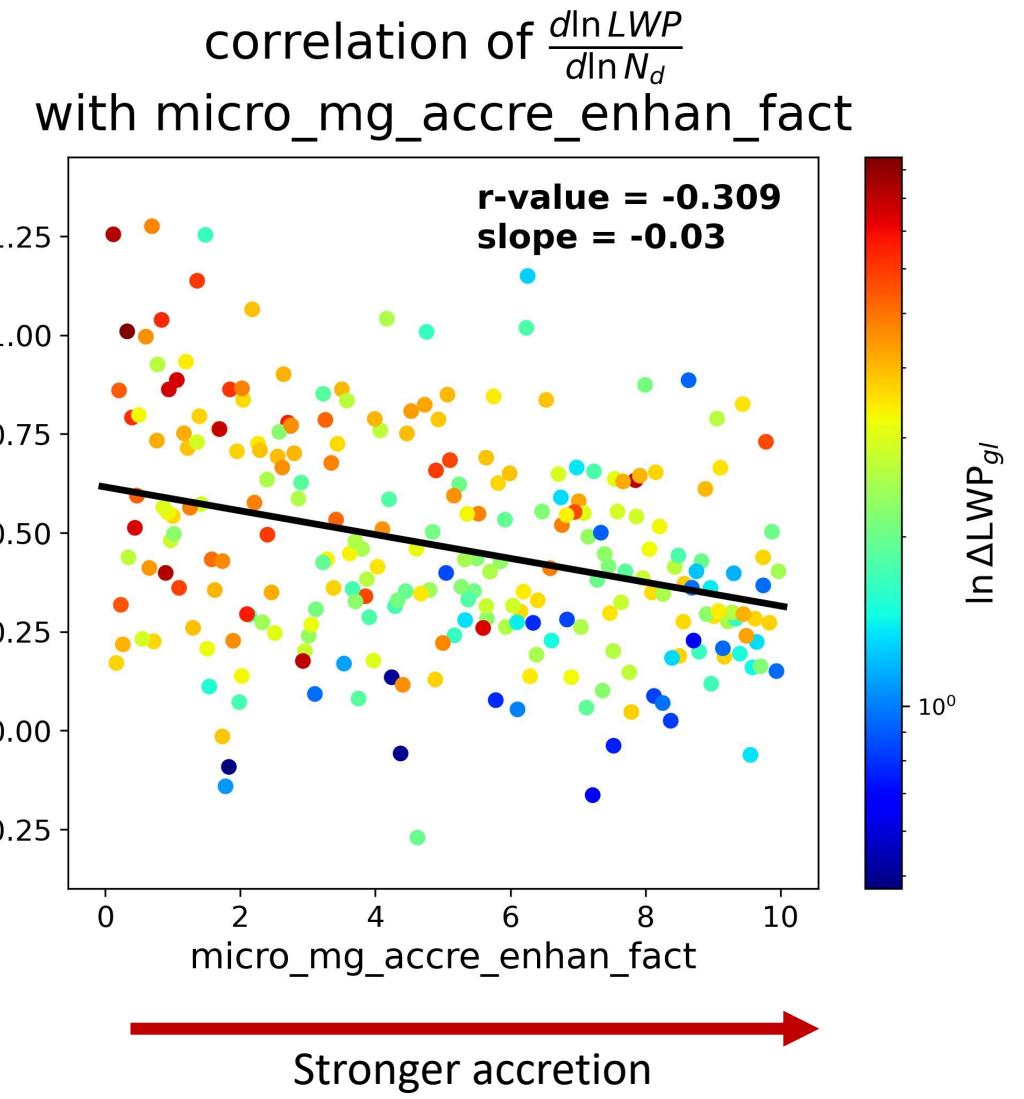
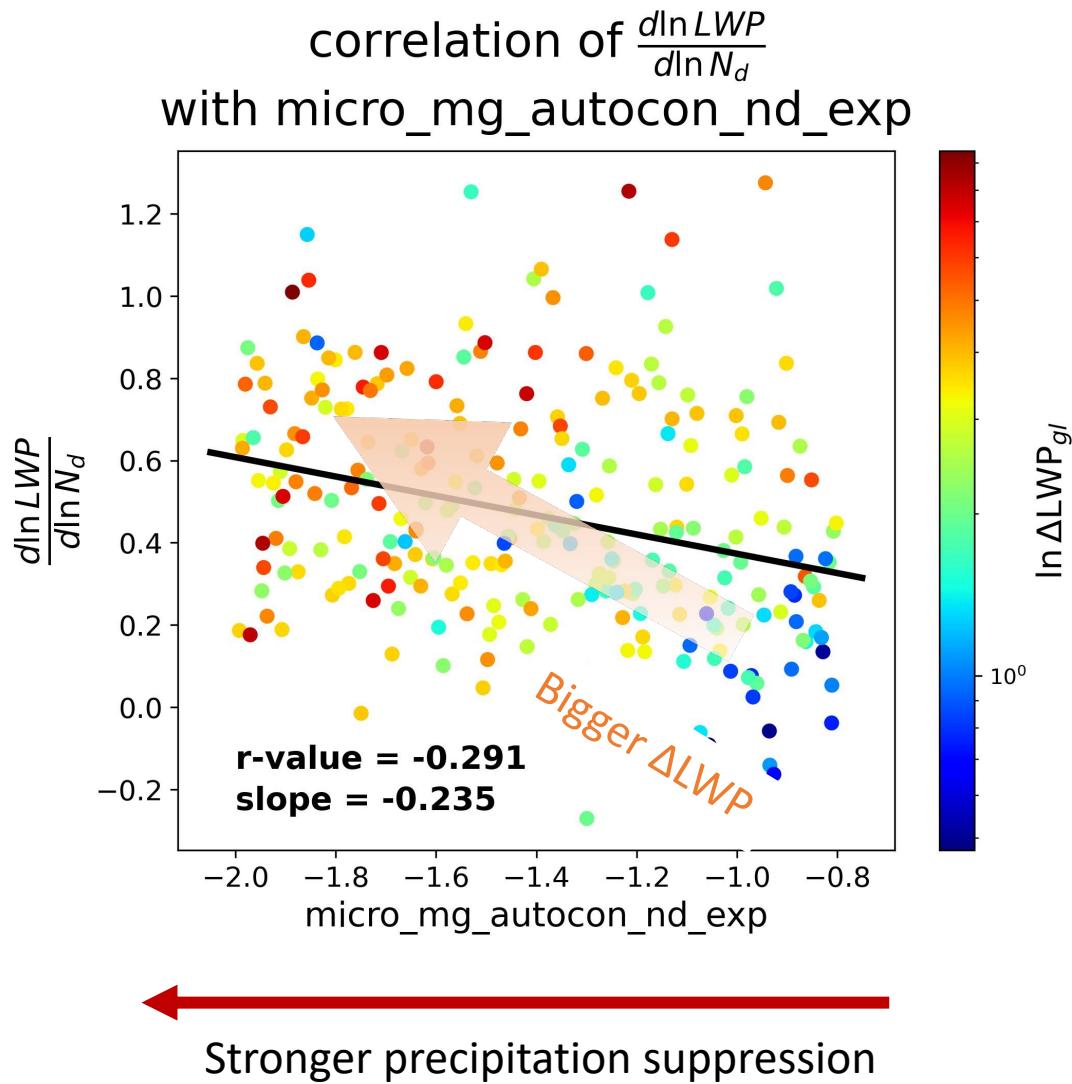


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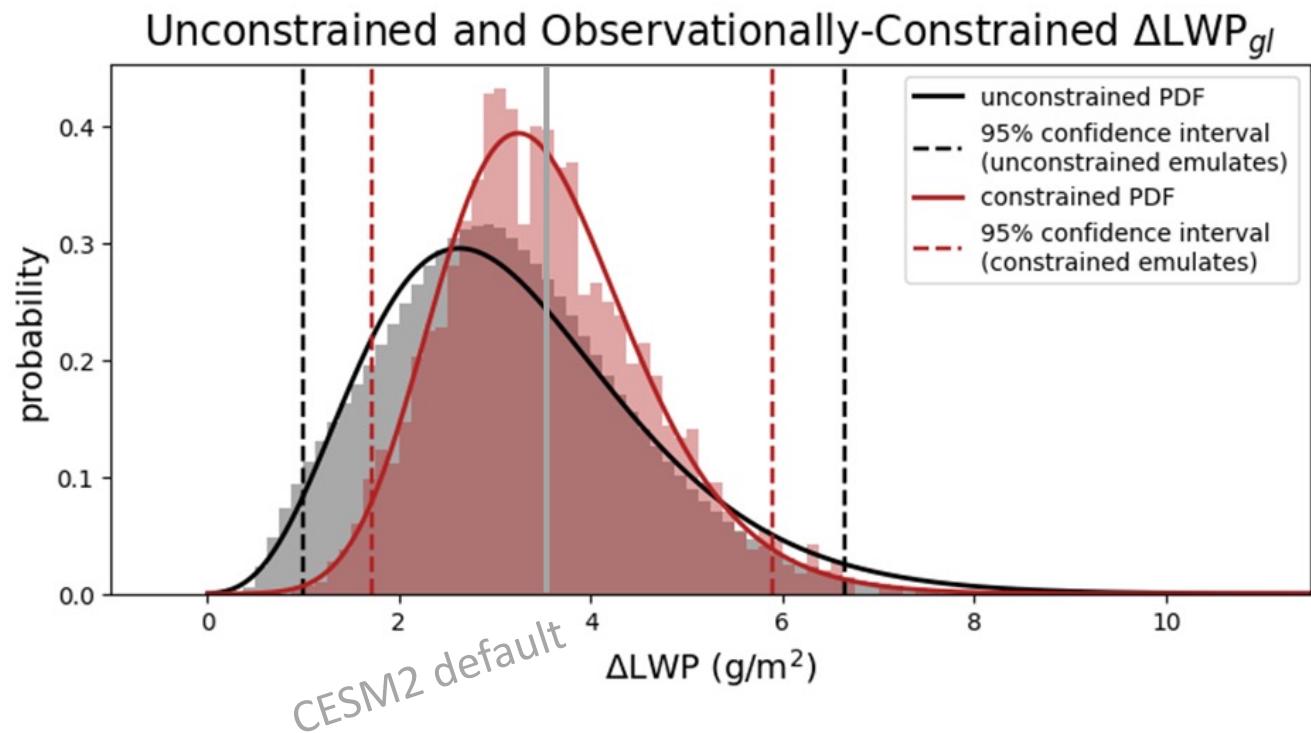
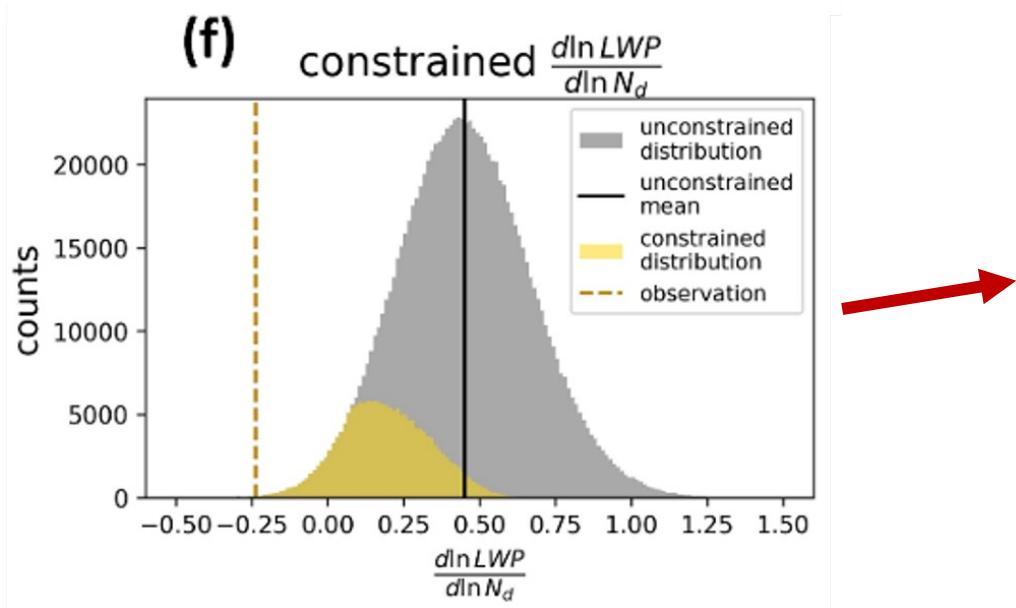
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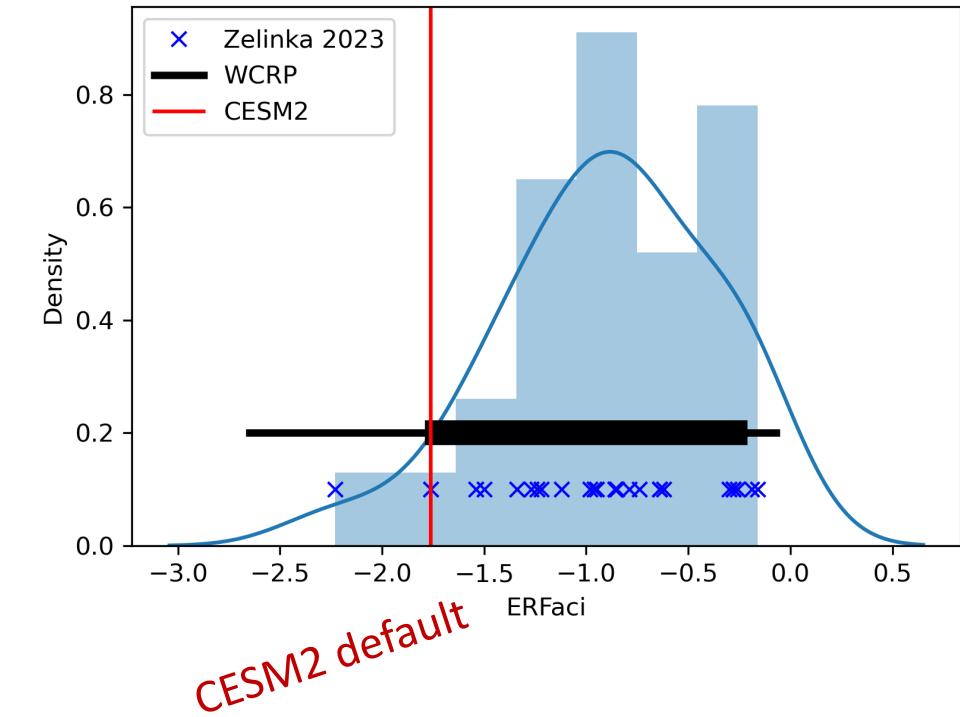
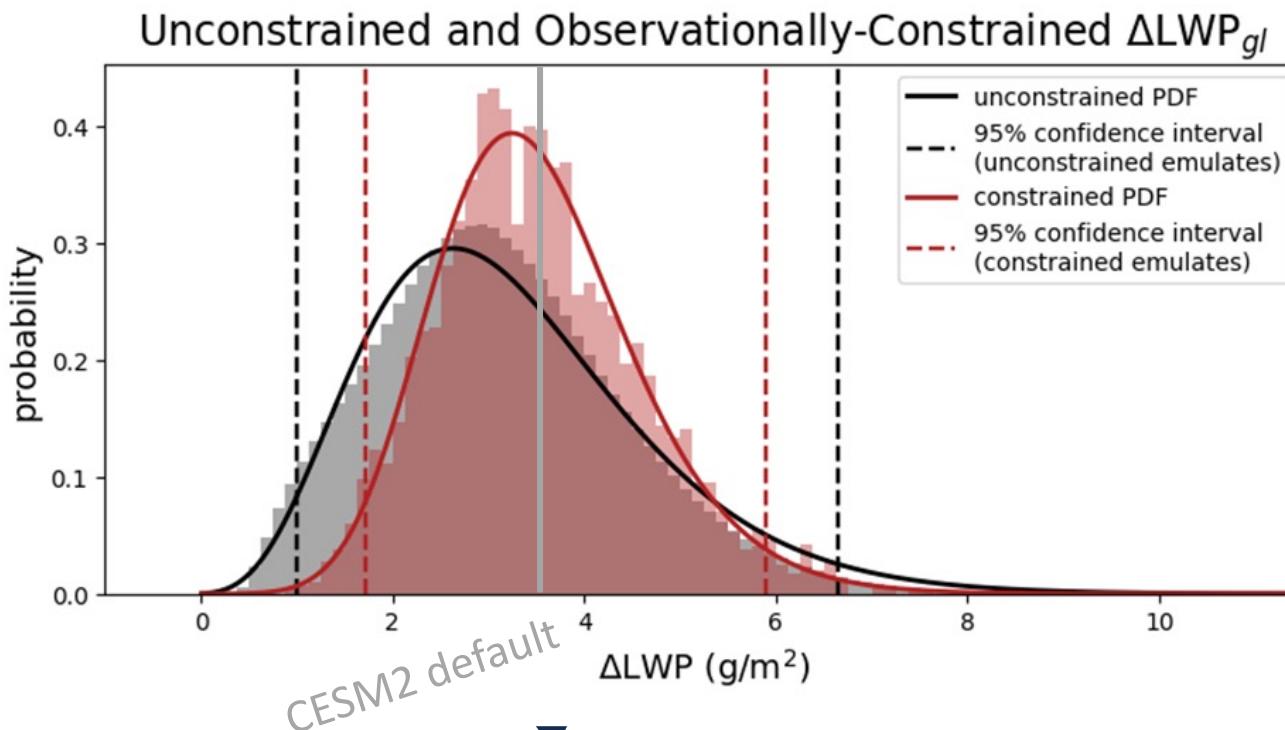
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# Summary

- Preliminary results illustrate the utility of leveraging ARM and a PPE to understand processes and predict climate.
- Jacqueline and Andrew are working fast and we have a pre-alpha PPE working in E3SMv2 that is very flexible.
- A stub right now, but check out our GitHub (<https://github.com/PROCEED-ESM>) – we will keep updating this throughout the project.
- More of these themes discussed by Johannes Muelmenstaedt Aug 29 in this webinar series!

Relevant CLIVAR workshop October 28-30 at University of Wyoming – abstract submission opening next month



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