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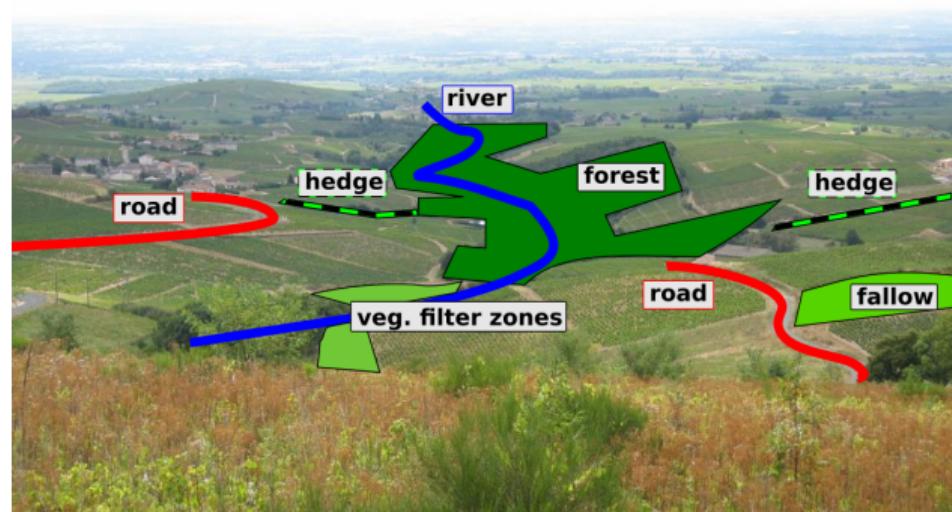


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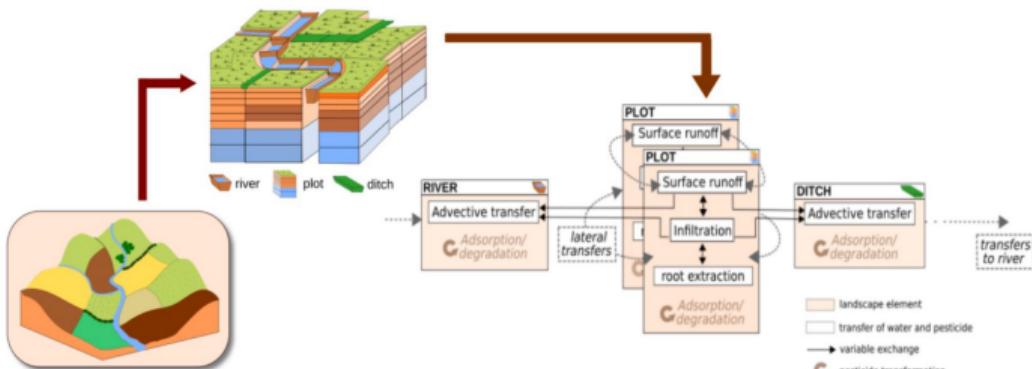


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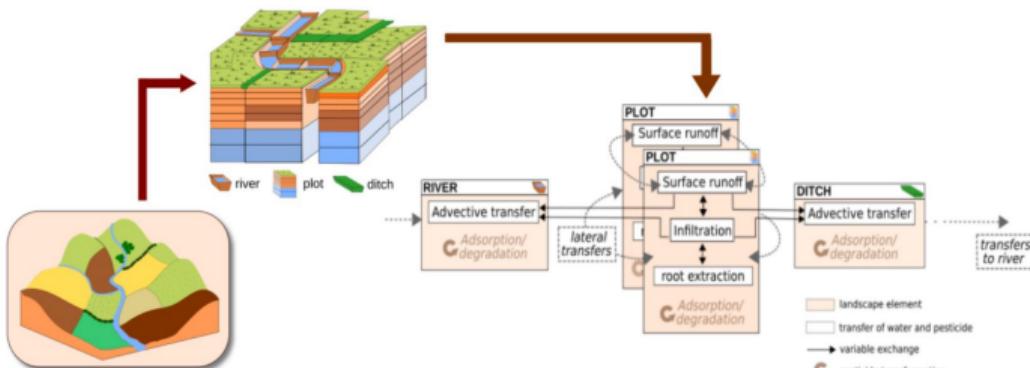


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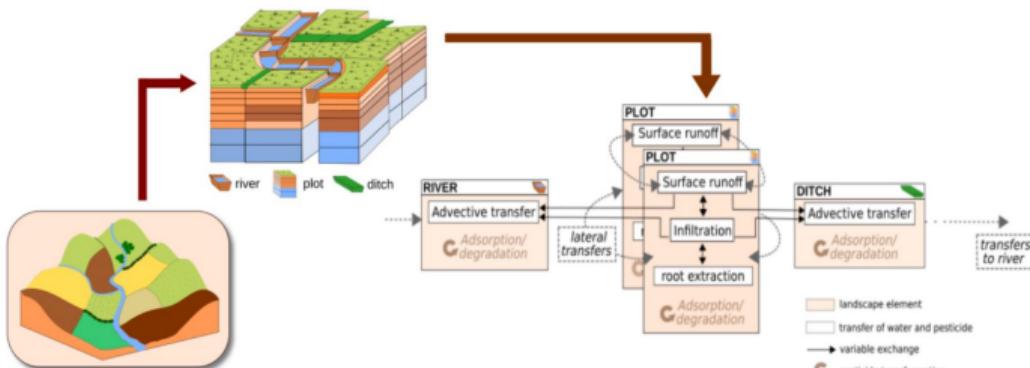


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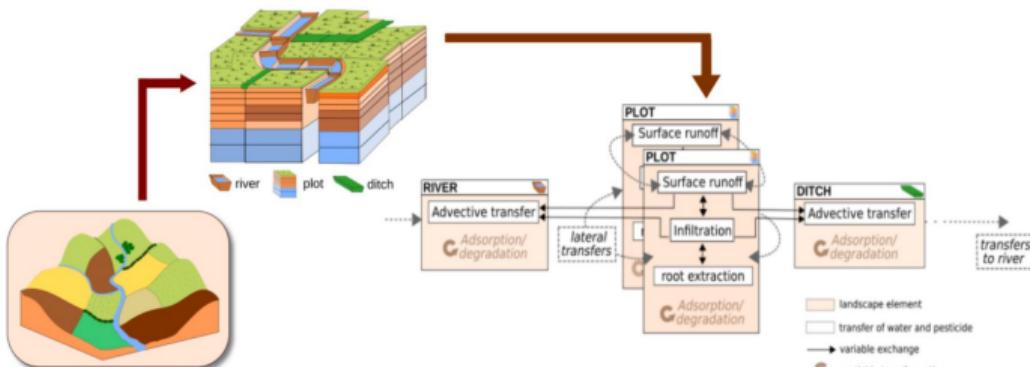


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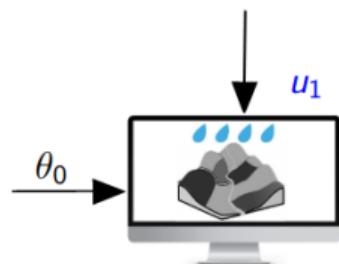
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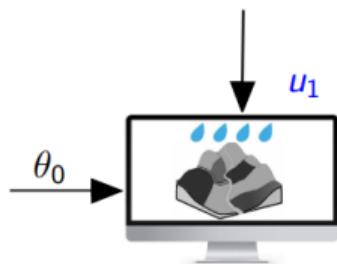
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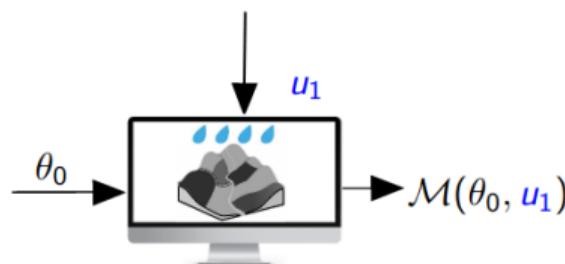
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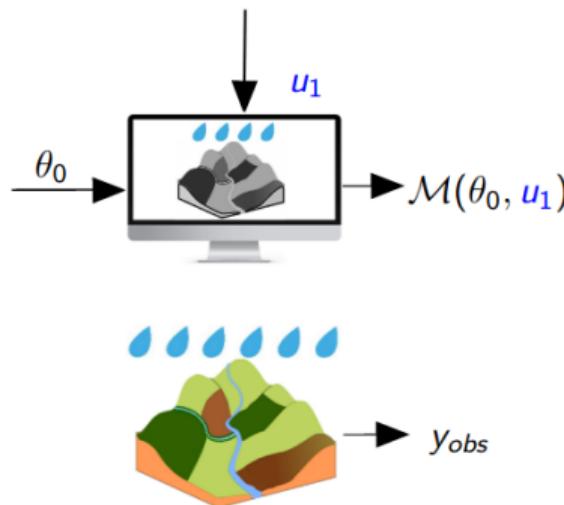
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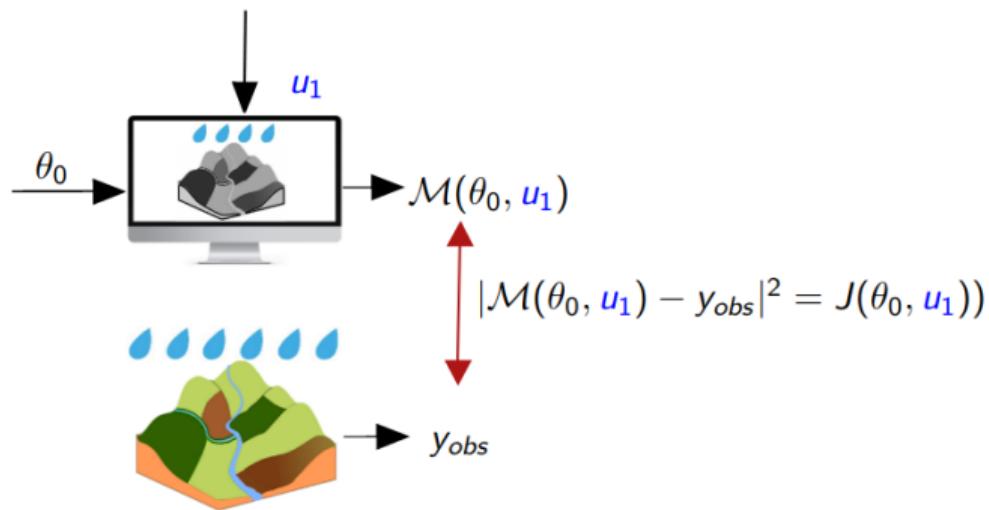
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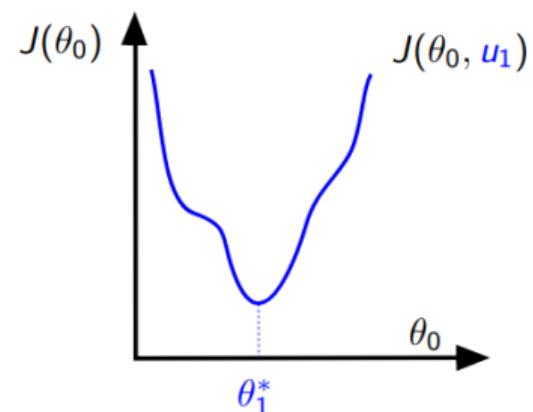
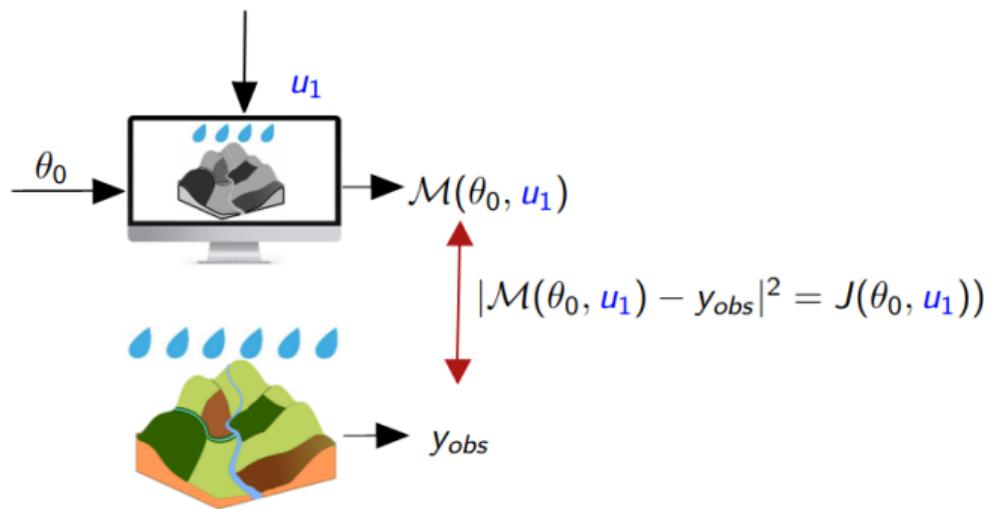
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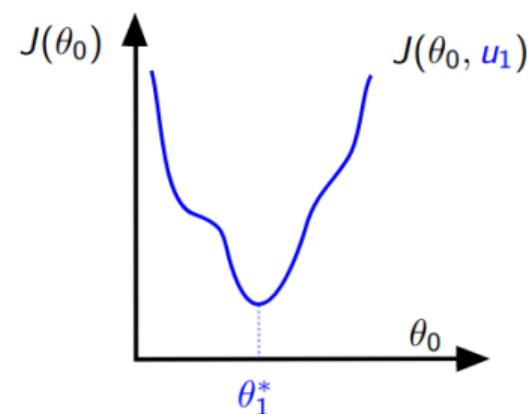
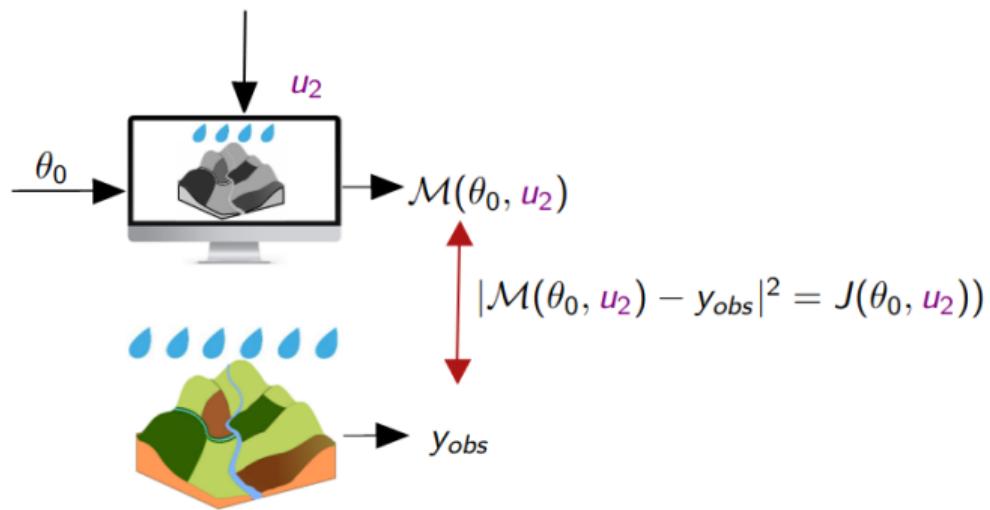
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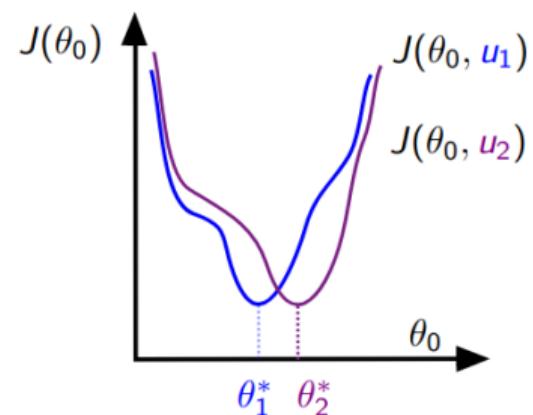
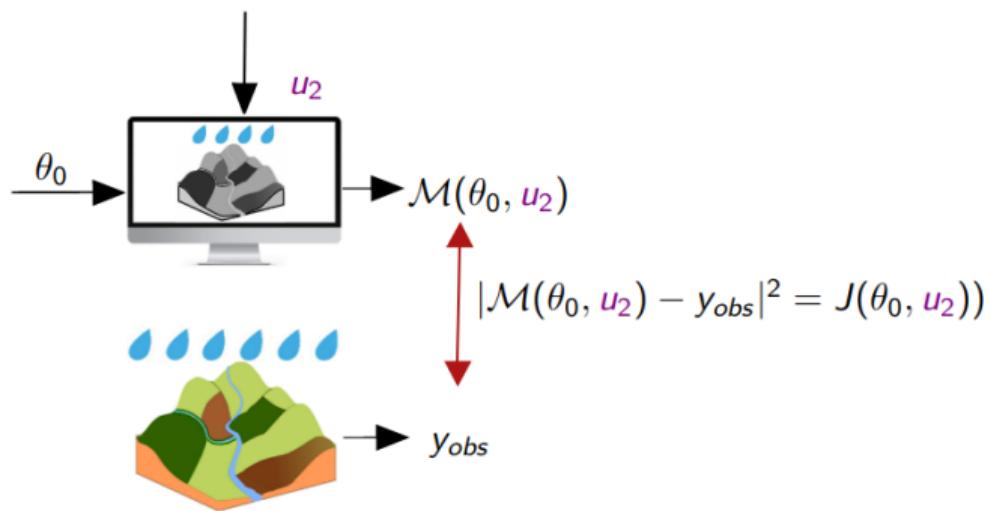
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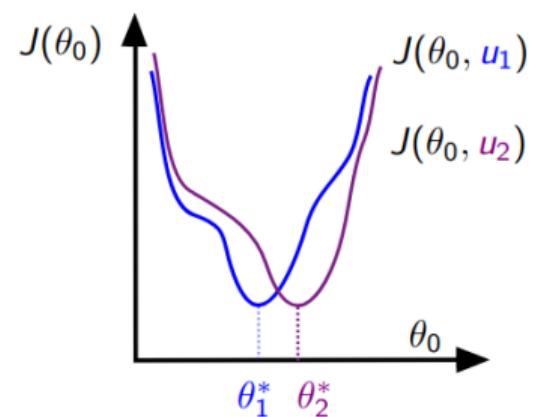
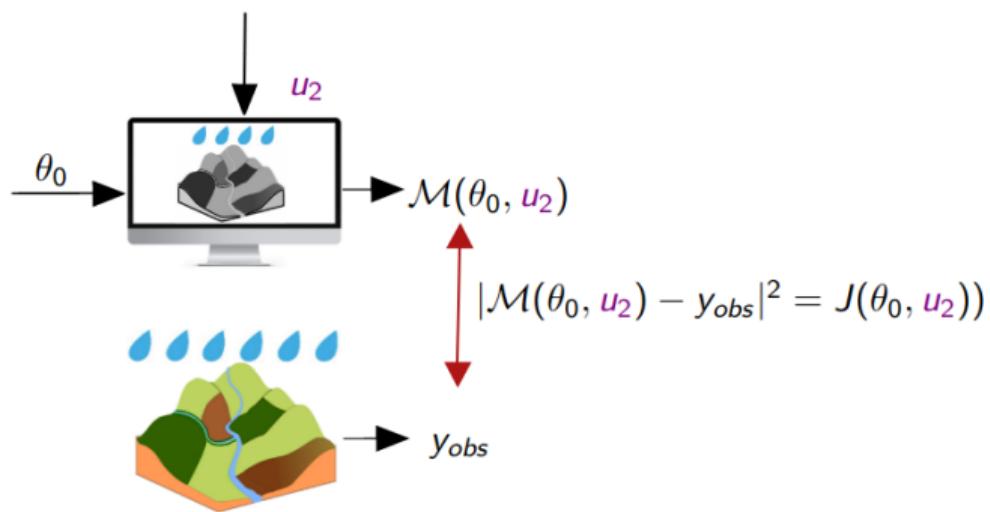
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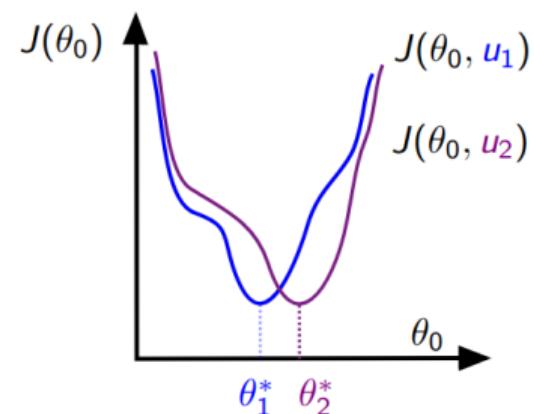
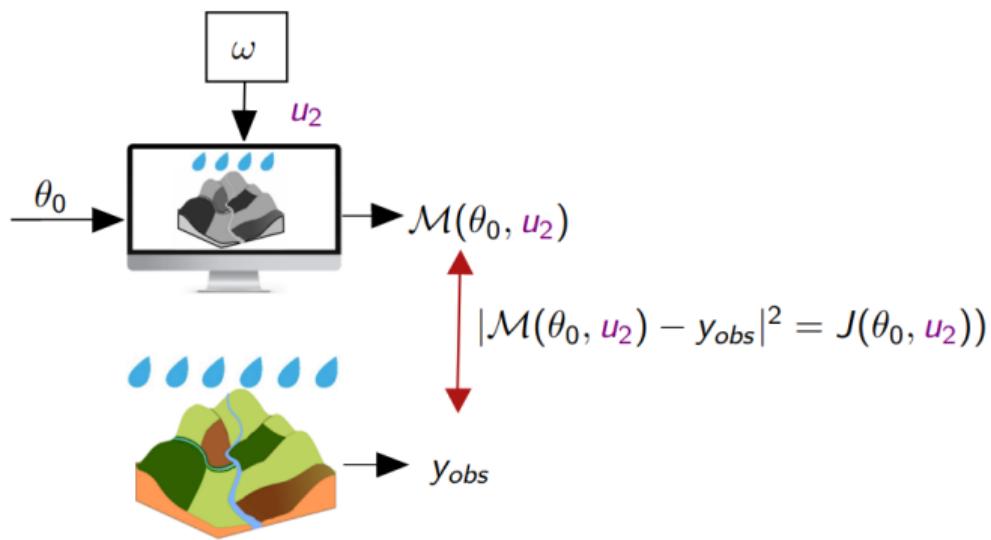
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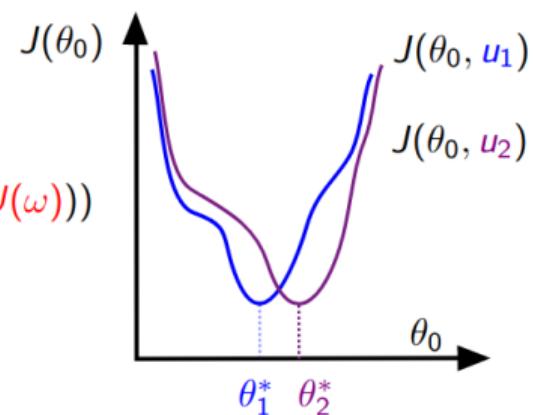
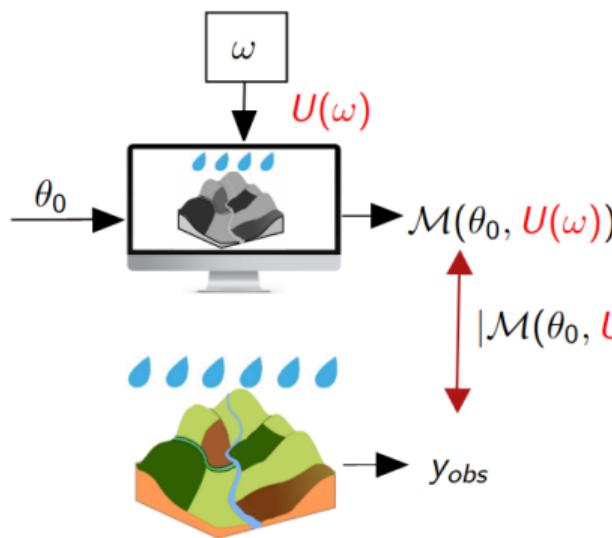
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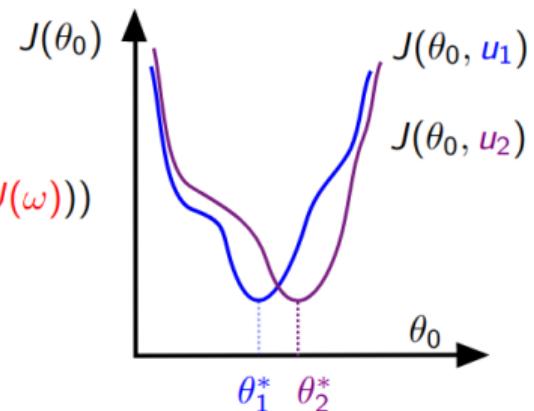
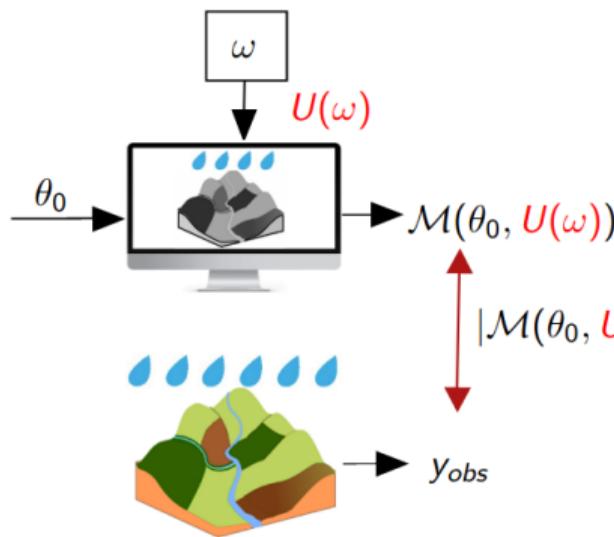
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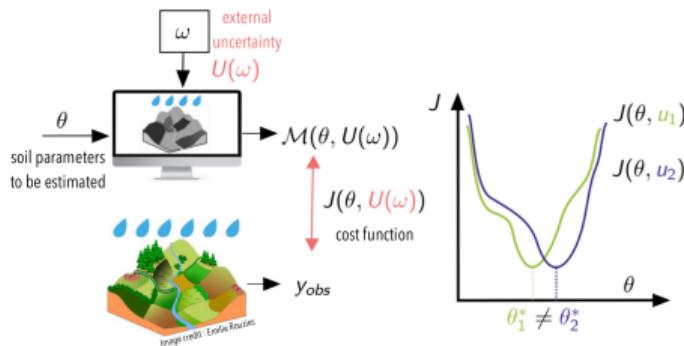


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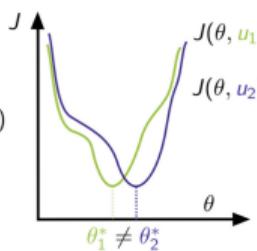


Before passing to calibration: a **sensitivity analysis on the cost function** can provide the information on the **identifiability** of the parameters, (Mai 2023).

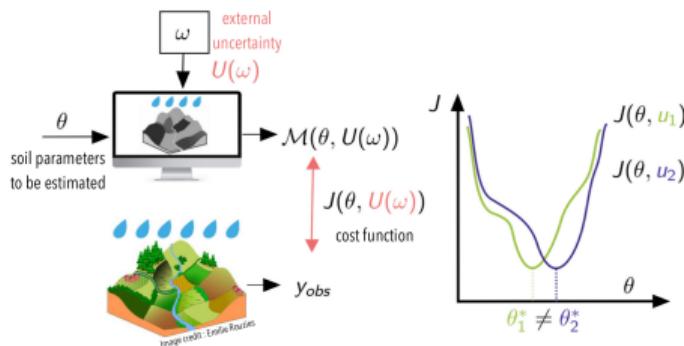
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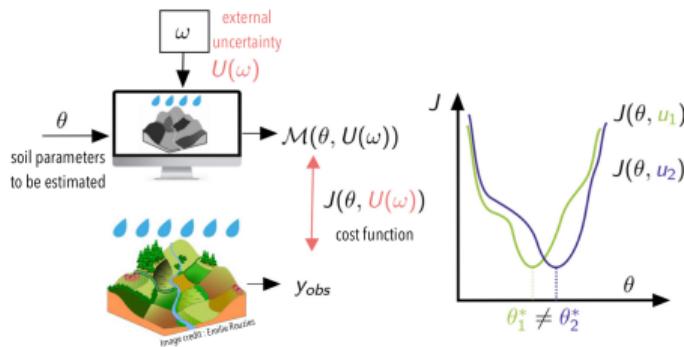
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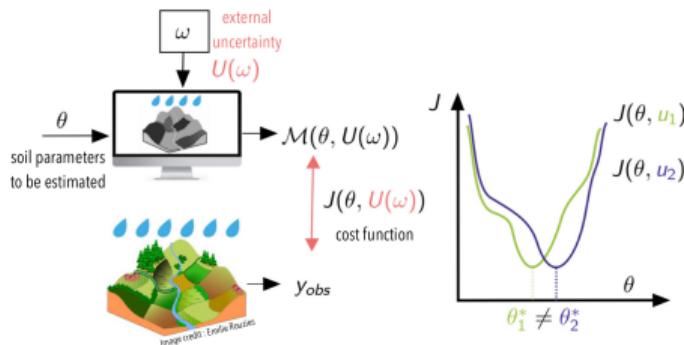
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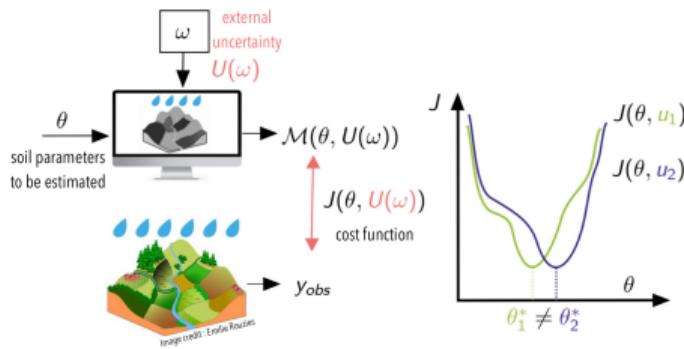


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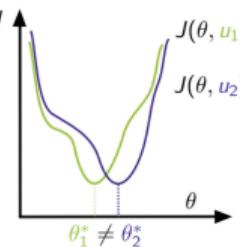
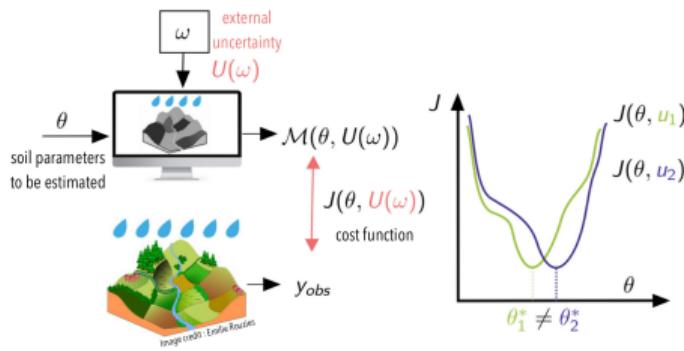
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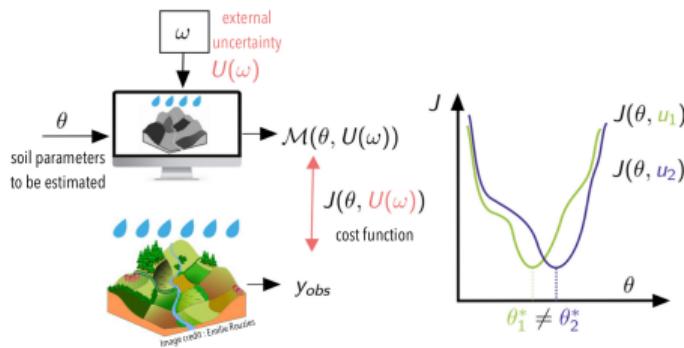
What is the sensitivity of the output to the parameters, given the uncertainty about the stochastic inputs? (Dell'Oca 2023)

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^aHart, Alexanderian, and Gremaud 2017; Jimenez, Le Maître, and Knio 2017; Zhu and Sudret 2021.

Estimation of Sobol' indices with polynomial chaos expansion,^a:

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^K} c_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\theta) \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\theta)$$

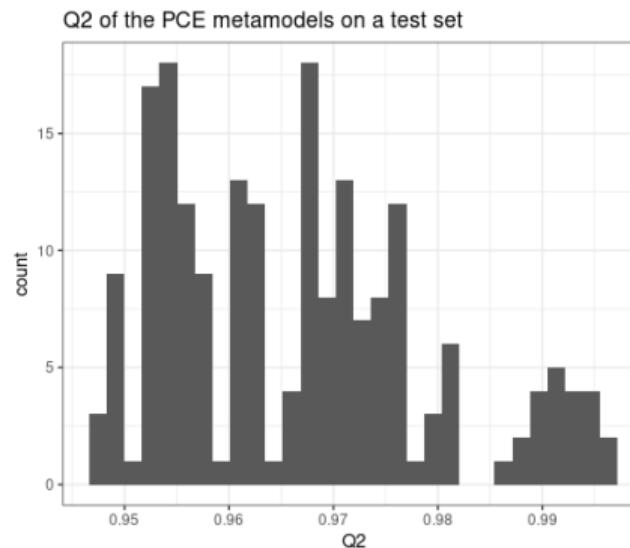
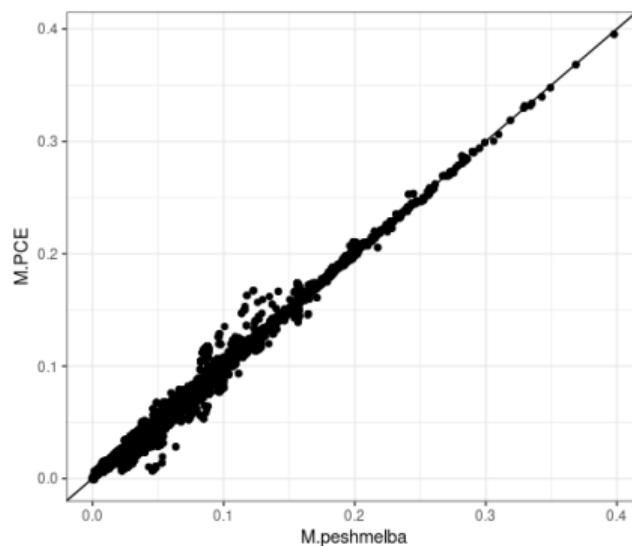
$$\hat{S}_i = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}: \\ \alpha_i > 0, \\ \alpha_j \neq i}} c_\alpha^2 / D,$$

$$D = \text{Var} \left[\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\theta) \right] = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \\ \alpha \neq 0}} c_\alpha^2$$

^aSudret 2008; Marelli and Sudret 2014.

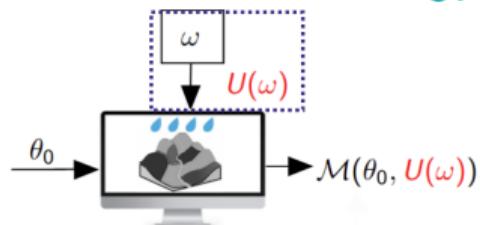
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The Q^2 of the PCE metamodels are calculated on an independent test set for each rain:

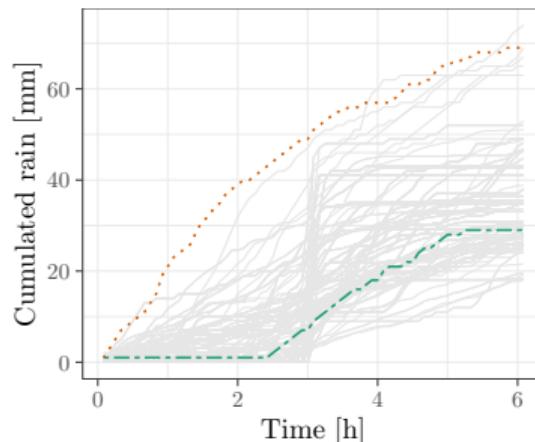


We deem the metamodels a correct approximation of the original and proceed to Sobol' indices calculation.

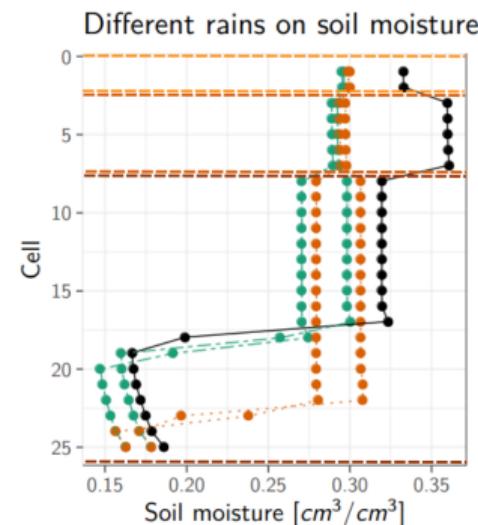
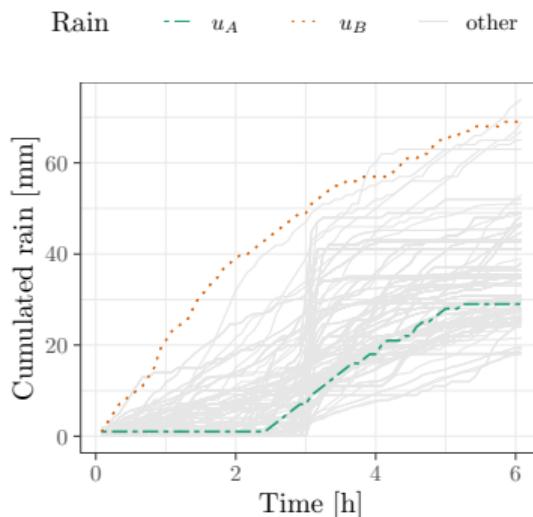
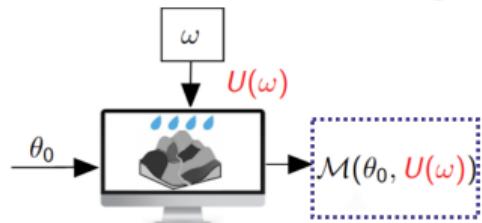
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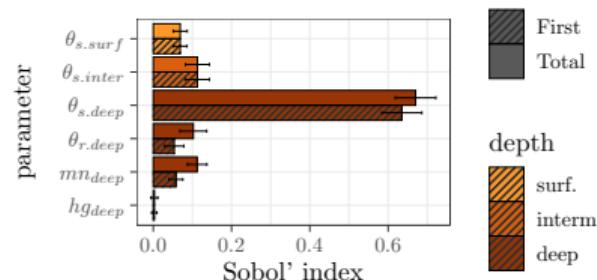
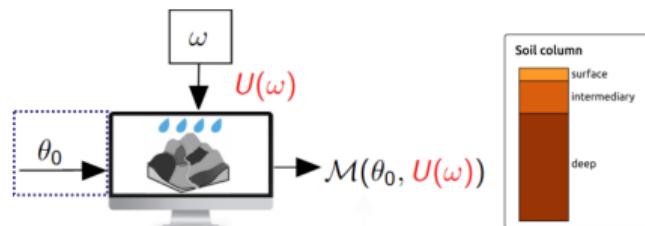
Rain u_A u_B other



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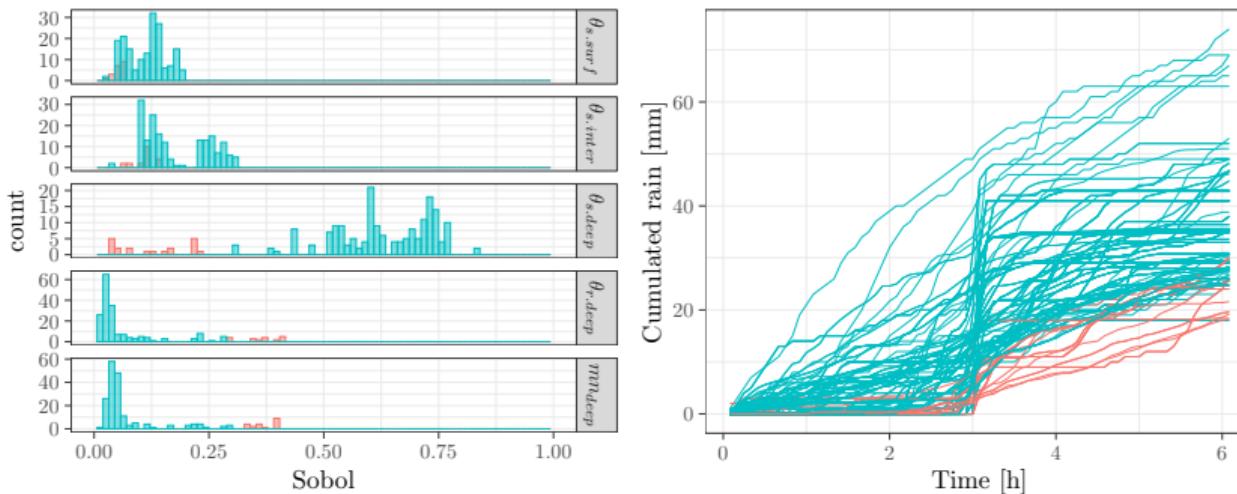


3. Case study: Sobol' indices under one rain realization



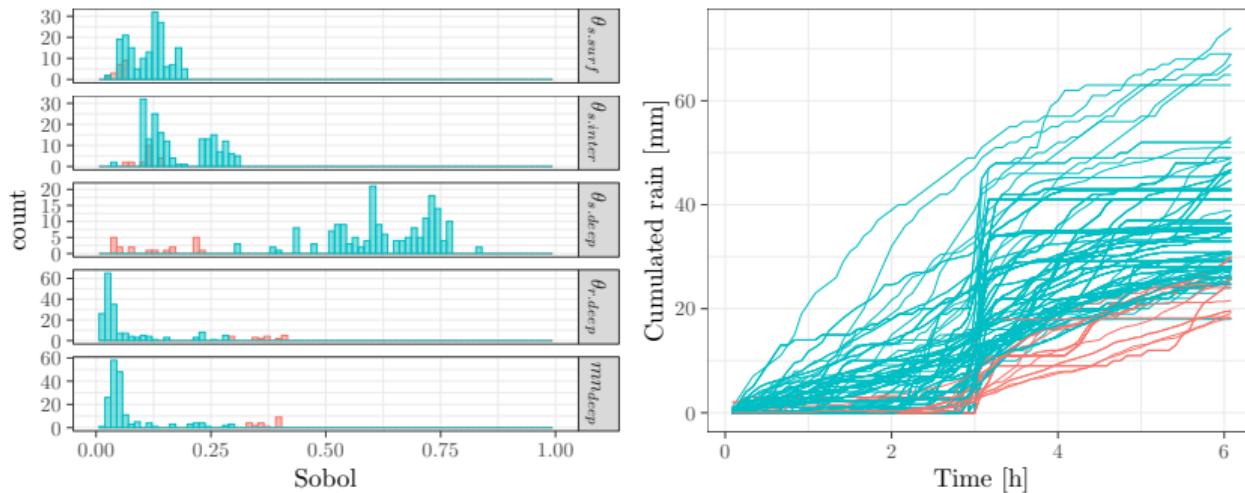
Name	Definition	Unit	Distribution
$\theta_{s.\text{surf.}}$	water content at saturation (surface)	$[L^3 L^{-3}]$	$\mathcal{N}(0.3375, 0.0338^2)$
$\theta_{s.\text{inter}}$	water content at saturation (intermediary)	$[L^3 L^{-3}]$	$\mathcal{N}(0.3322, 0.0332^2)$
$\theta_{s.\text{deep}}$	water content at saturation (deep)	$[L^3 L^{-3}]$	$\mathcal{N}(0.316, 0.0316^2)$
$\theta_{r.\text{deep}}$	residual water content (deep)	$[L^3 L^{-3}]$	$\mathcal{N}(0.0612, 0.0153^2)$
mn_{deep}	Van Genuchten retention curve parameter (deep)	$[-]$	$\mathcal{N}(0.1791, 0.0179^2)$
hg_{deep}	Van Genuchten retention curve parameter (deep)	$[-]$	$\mathcal{N}(-9.69, 0.969^2)$

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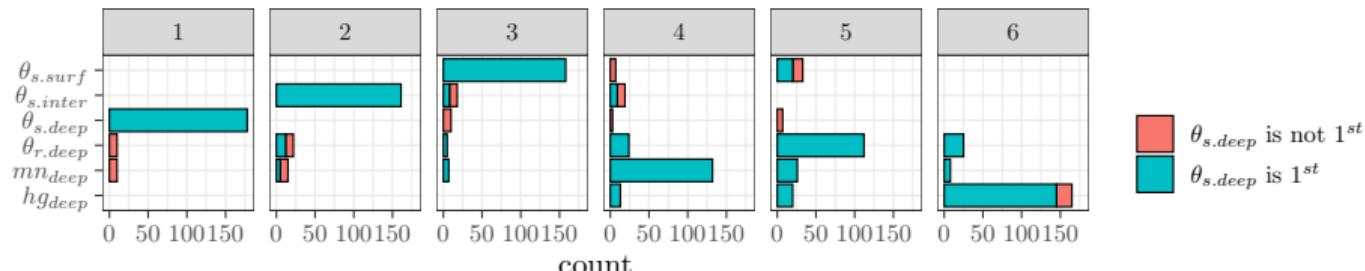


Parameter	$\theta_{s, \text{surf}}$	$\theta_{s, \text{inter}}$	$\theta_{s, \text{deep}}$	mn_{deep}	$\theta_{r, \text{deep}}$	hg_{deep}
$\hat{\mu}(S_i^T)$	0.11	0.17	0.58	0.09	0.10	< 0.01
$\hat{\sigma}(S_i^T)$	0.04	0.07	0.19	0.11	0.11	< 0.01

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5. Conclusion:

1. Sobol' indices were obtained for 6 input parameters in 200 different rain realizations.
2. the sensitivity analysis disentangles the variability in the parameters θ from the one in the stochastic forcing ω .
3. the parameter hg was found non-identifiable in all rain realizations.
4. the ranking of the input parameters varies depending on ω

What's next? :

1. other ways of synthesizing information of $S(\omega)$?
2. based on the sensitivity analysis results, implement a robust calibration method
3. study different model outputs, such as transferred pesticide mass.
4. study different stochastic inputs, such as pesticide application dates.

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