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# History Matching for the tuning of climate models

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# Background



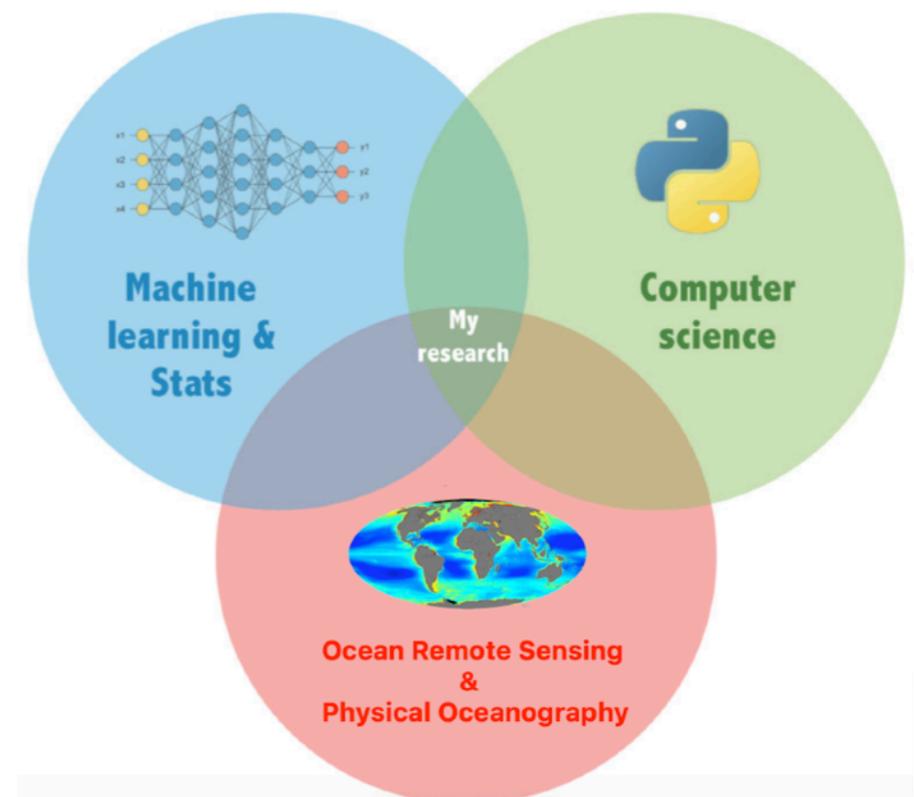
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## Research interests:

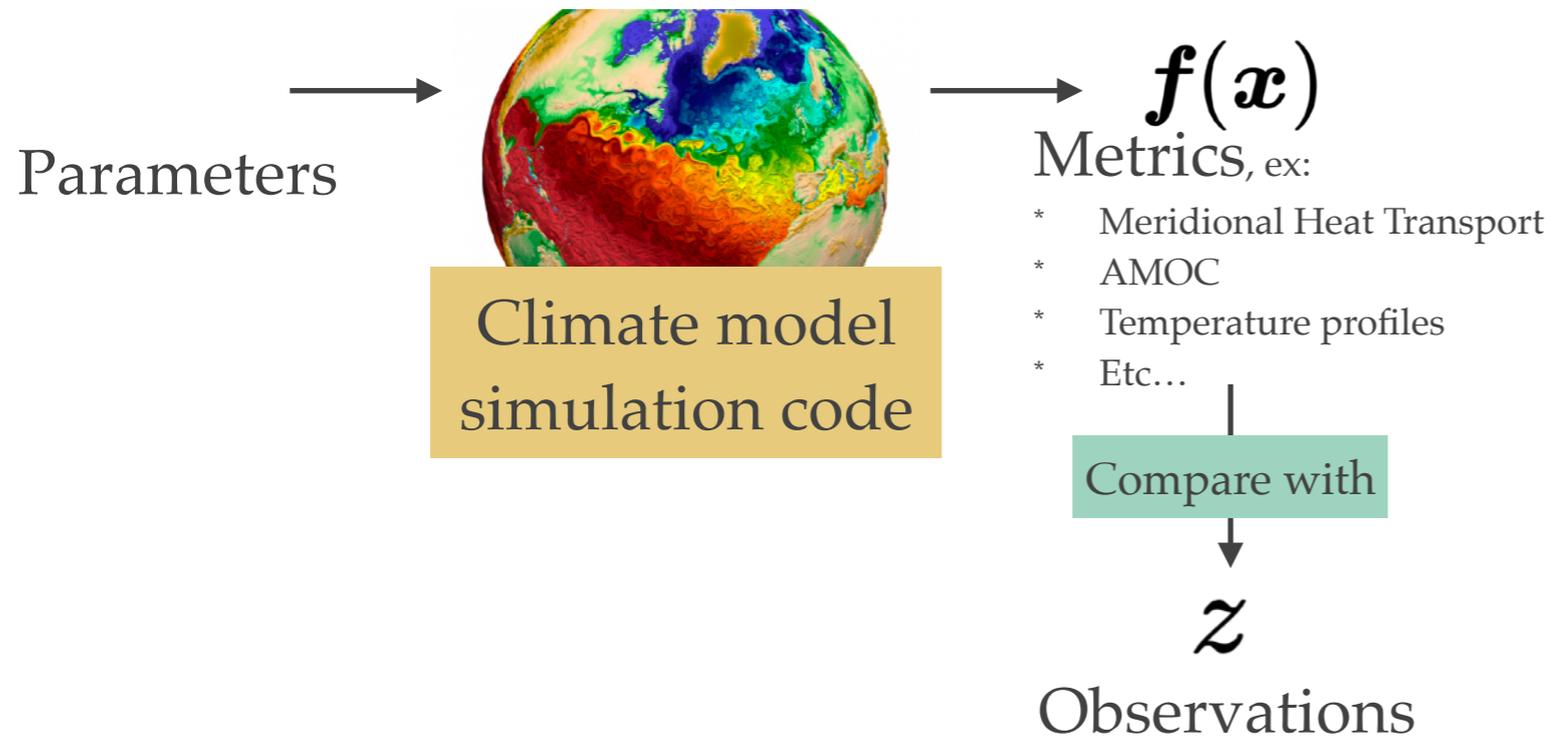
- \* **Revive** ML methods for earth science, ex: Analog methods
- \* Use **recent** ML techniques for earth science problems, ex: Deep Learning
- \* **Develop** ML codes easy to adopt by earth scientists

## Education:

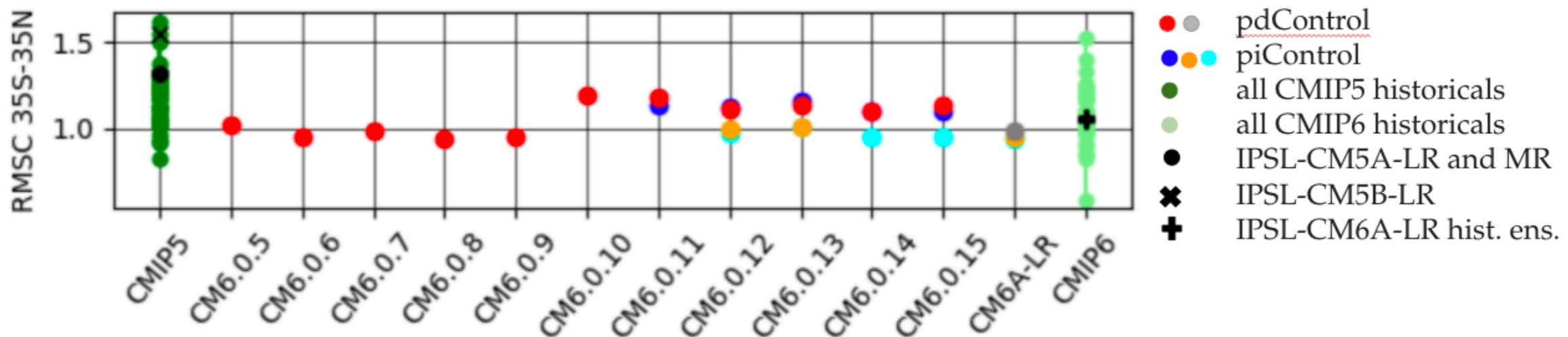
- \* Statistical Signal / Image Processing (a.k.a Data Science) engineer
- \* PhD IMT Atlantique (Grande Ecole) 2017: Machine Learning for Ocean Science



# Climate model tuning



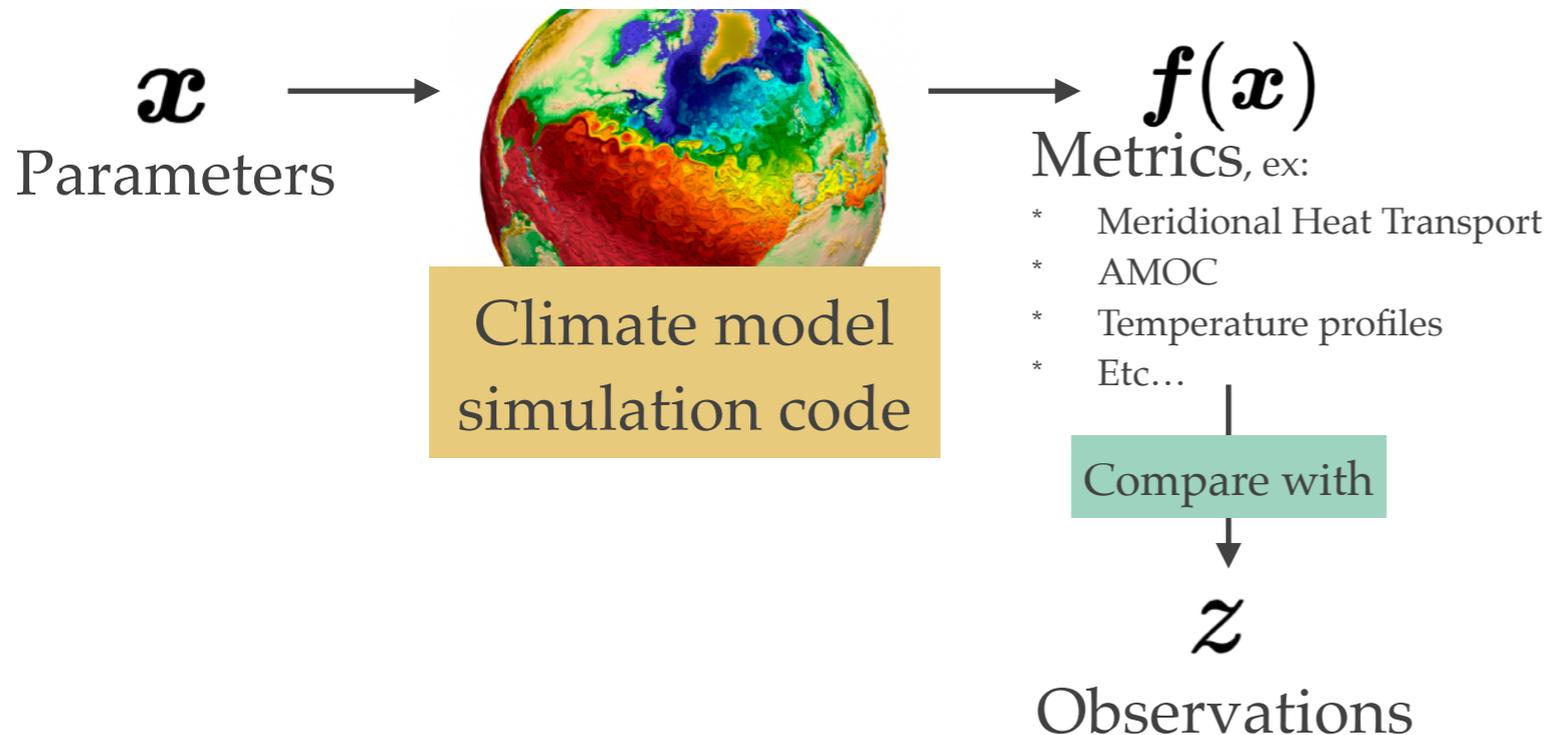
Tuning: the process of estimating uncertain parameters in order to reduce the mismatch between specific observations and model results



Evolution of RMSC SST averaged over 35S-35N tropical band along the course of IPSL-CM6A-LR tuning (Figure extracted from Mignot et al. 2021, sub.)

# History Matching for climate model tuning

# History Matching



$$\boldsymbol{x}^* = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \|\boldsymbol{z} - \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x})\|_f$$

**But !** tuning to a handful of metrics may risk achieving improved performance in those metrics at the expense of unphysical behavior in metrics or processes that were not used in tuning  
→ **Overtuning**

« Overtuning is a real concern and the *raison d'être* for Bayesian UQ methods » Hourdin et al. 2017

## History Matching:

- \* Has roots in **Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)**
- \* Closely related to **Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)**: used in particle physics, molecular dynamics, population genetics, neuroscience, epidemiology, ecology, astrophysics and recently **climate science**
- \* Has always benefited from ML advances

Instead of looking for THE best set of parameters that solves an optimization problem. History Matching uses observed data to rule-out any parameter settings which are **“implausible”**.

# History Matching

Ideally we would individually check every possible parameter setting for the input: **Impossible** (climate models are expensive to run)

Need for **space-filling designs** to cover the space of parameter search

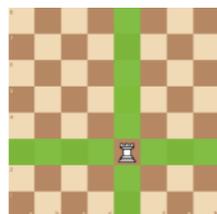
Need for replacing the expensive simulator with a rapid and cheap **emulator**

## HM algorithm:

Initial guess of parameter space

Space-filling design

Ex: using Latin Hypercube Sampling

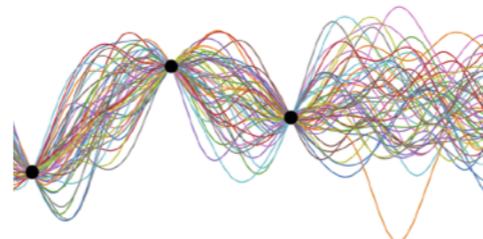


Calculate metrics



Training an Emulator

Ex: using Gaussian Process Regression



$$I(\theta) = \frac{|E[f(\theta)] - z|}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[f(\theta)]}}$$

Calculate Implausibility

Set of plausible parameters



HM is an iterative process: done in waves

# HM for climate modeling

## Tuning atmospheric models:

HM was used to tune **atmospheric models**, ex: LMDZ (Hourdin et al. 2020, Couvreur et al. 2020):

- \* Using single-column models (SCMs) they afford to run several simulations with different set of parameters
- \* Short timescales

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## Tuning ocean models:

HM was used to tune **ocean models**, ex: NEMO ORCA 2° (Williamsson et al. 2017):

- \* Using an available ensemble of 400 NEMO simulations ran for 150 years.
- \* Long timescales

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**Tuning without over-tuning: parametric uncertainty quantification for the NEMO ocean model**

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What happens when coupling independently tuned components?



# Coupling

Example: QUEST project (PIs : J. Deshayes, F. Hourdin, J. Mignot, supported by PRACE)

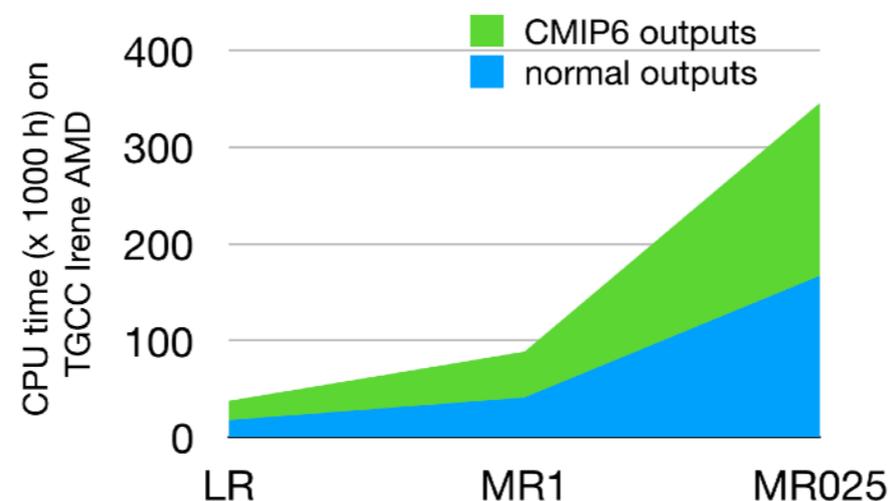
History Matching to LMDZ in 144x142 configuration (atmosphere only, with observed SST and sea-ice)

→ 5 new tunings to 250yr piCtrl coupled LR configurations

→ excessive cold biases in T2m and sea-ice cover in Northern Hemisphere

→ additional tuning of sea-ice and ocean parameters !

\* Applying HM directly on coupled models is still not explored



However, since coupled models are expensive we opted to use a toy model as a testbed to investigate HM strengths and challenges

# History Matching for Lorenz96

Joint work with J. Deshayes and V. Balaji

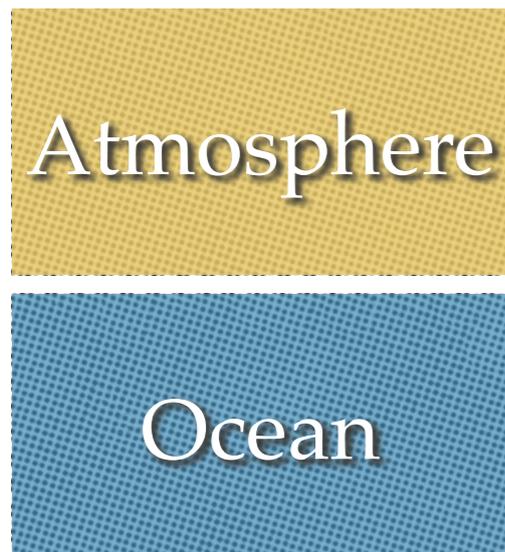
# Lorenz 96 as a test model

- \* Periodic system of  $K$  ( $k=1, \dots, K$ ) ODEs
- \* **Two-level version:** add periodic variable  $Y$  with its own set of ODEs.
- \* The  $X$  and  $Y$  ODEs are linked through coupling terms. Each  $X$  has  $J$   $Y$  variables associated with it.

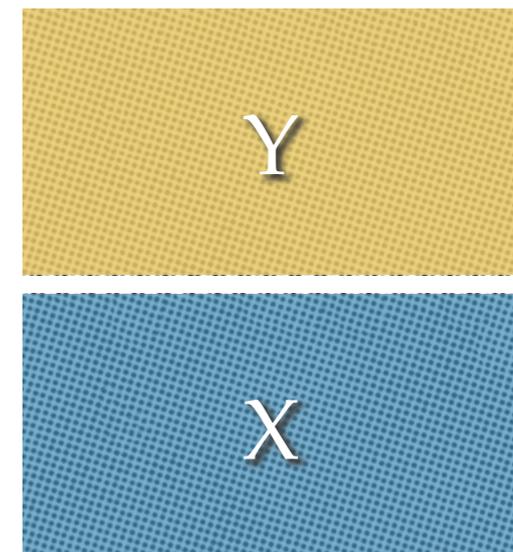
$$\frac{dX_k}{dt} = \underbrace{-X_{k-1}(X_{k-2} - X_{k+1})}_{\text{Advection}} \underbrace{-X_k}_{\text{Diffusion}} \underbrace{+F}_{\text{Forcing}} \underbrace{-hc\bar{Y}_k}_{\text{Coupling}}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{dY_{j,k}}{dt} = \underbrace{-bY_{j+1,k}(Y_{j+2,k} - Y_{j-1,k})}_{\text{Advection}} \underbrace{-Y_{j,k}}_{\text{Diffusion}} \underbrace{+\frac{h}{J}X_k}_{\text{Coupling}}$$

Analogy with coupled ocean-atmosphere models:



Fast dynamics



Slow dynamics

Experiment: HM for the tuning of parameters ( $F, h, c, b$ )

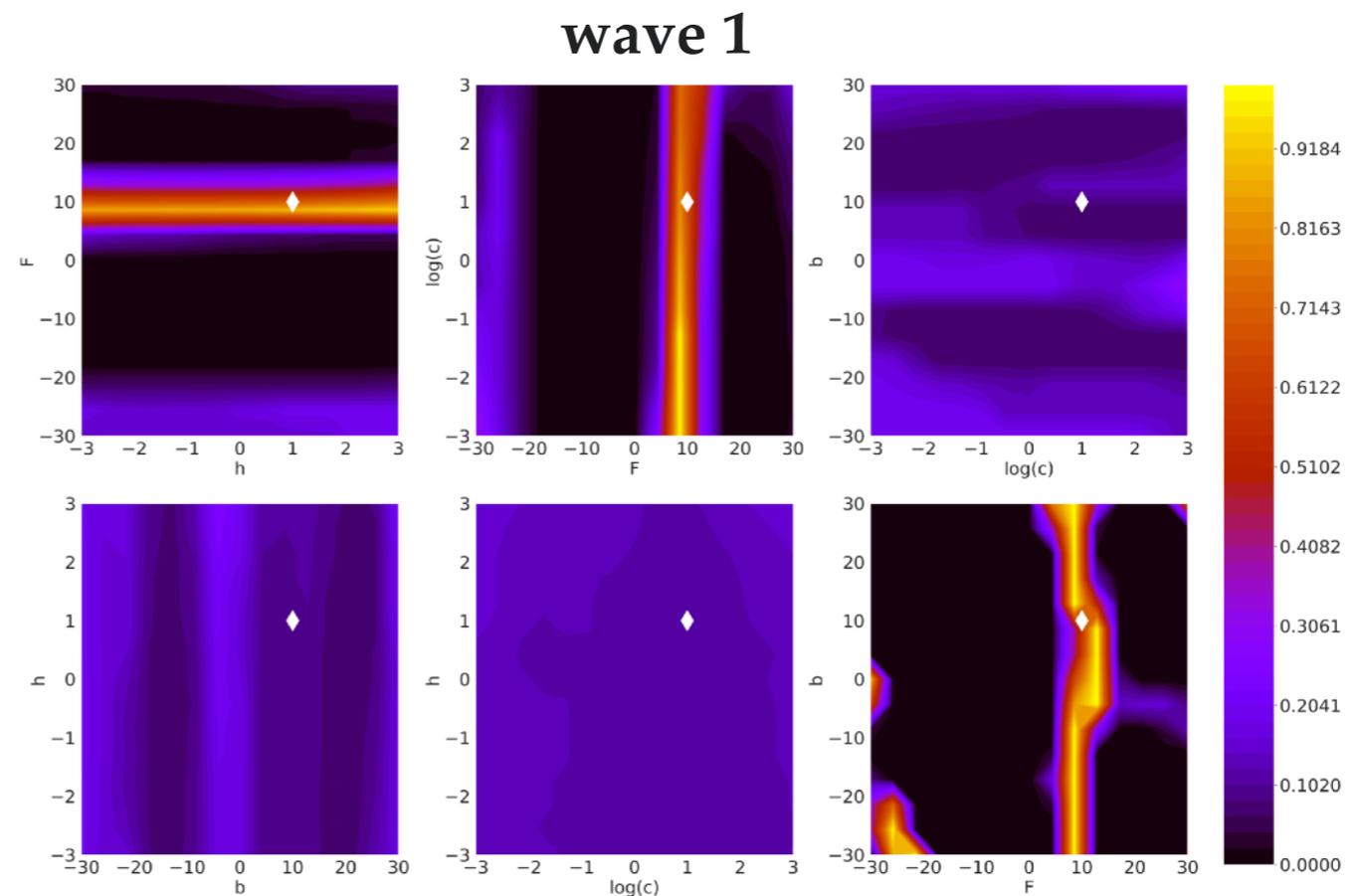
# HM on the L96

- \* **Metrics:** long-term time means to mimic climatological quantities
- \* **Ground Truth:** perfect setting  $K=36$   $X$  variables each coupled with  $J=10$   $Y$  variable.  $F=10$ ,  $h=1$ ,  $c=10$ ,  $b=10$ , chaotic behavior.
- \* **HM code:** Python code run on **Jean-Zay** cluster + Parallel computation + ML models can be trained on **GPU**

$$f(X, Y) = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ \bar{Y} \\ X^2 \\ X\bar{Y} \\ \bar{Y}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Justified by energy conservation constraints, check Schneider et al. 2017 for details (ESM 2.0 paper)

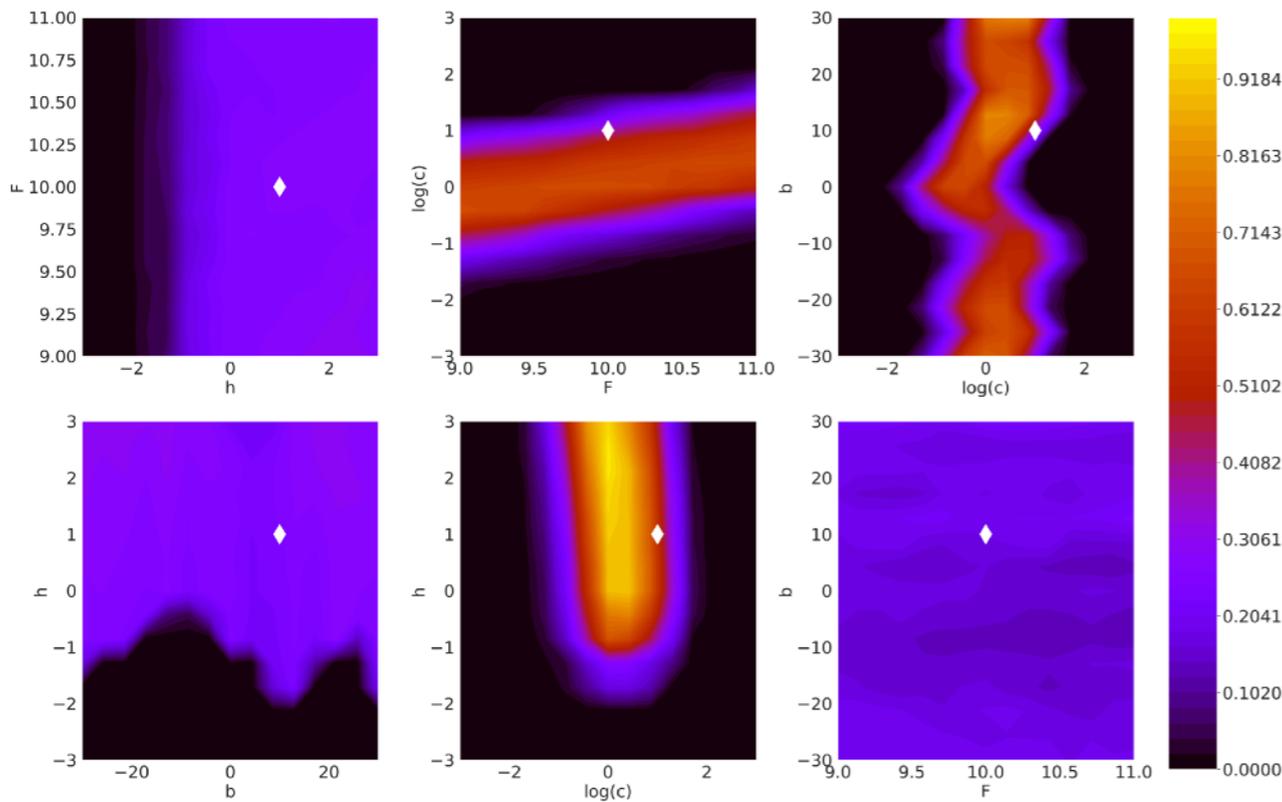
Parameter F is highly constrained since the first HM wave !



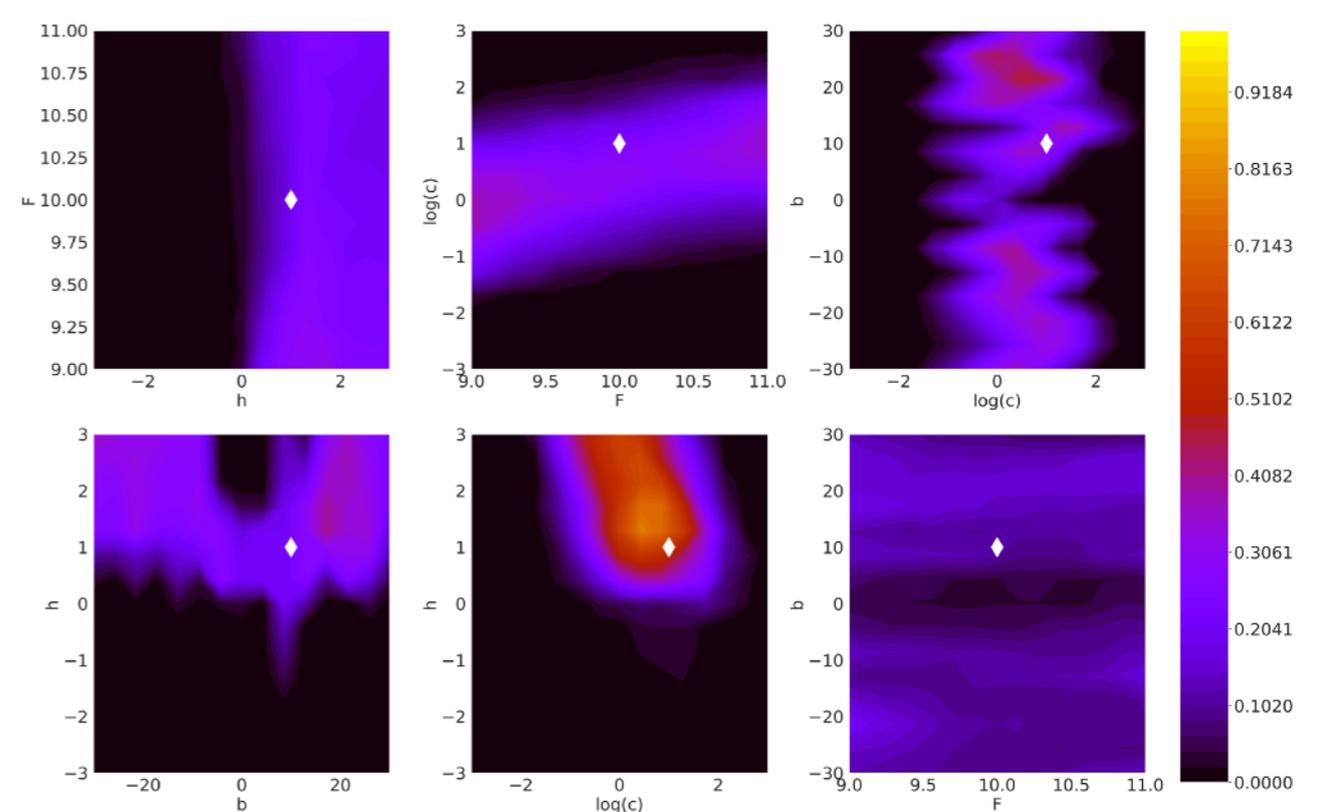
# HM on the L96

Change F prior to a uniform distribution between 9 and 11, then reapply HM:

wave 3

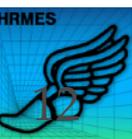


wave 4



Parameters associated with the large scale components contribute highly to the metrics, HM focus on them initially, then moves to the parameters associated with small scale component

Ongoing work...



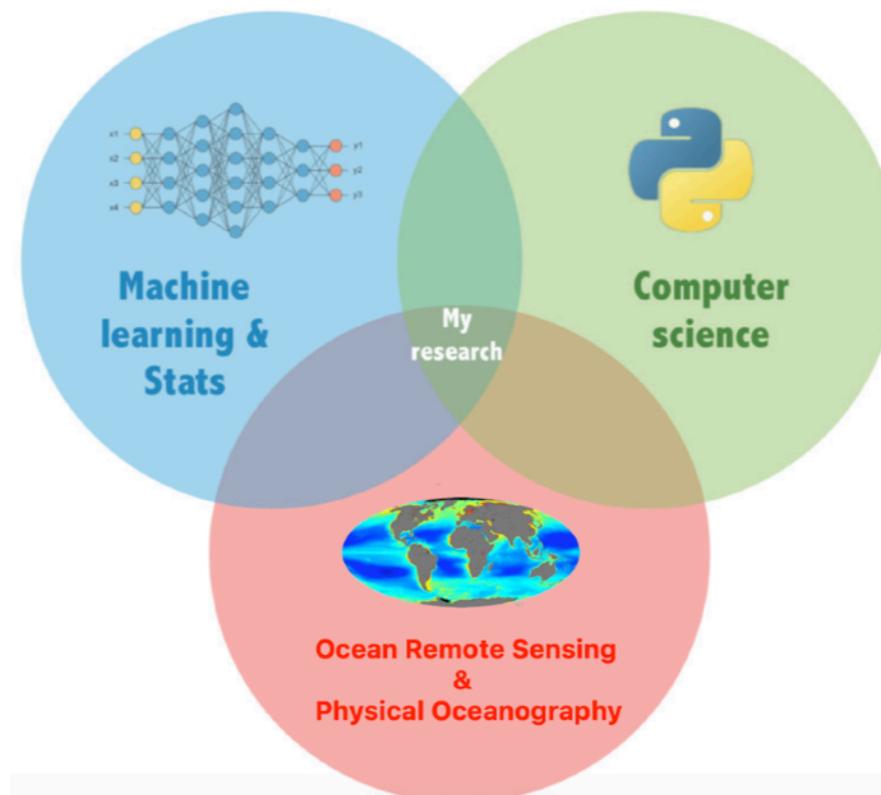
# Future work

- \* Tuning both components of the L96 **independently** then looking at the intersection of their tuned space of parameters, investigating the effect on the original **coupled** model
- \* Investigate the effect of noisy and partial observations
- \* Apply HM on NEMO ORCA 1°
- \* Look more into the machine learning component of History Matching (neural networks combined with Gaussian Processes) -> **M2 internship** of Homer Durand

# Keep in touch

I work on several applications of machine learning for physical oceanography and ocean remote sensing. If you have questions or have subjects to discuss, please do not hesitate to send me an email:

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