

Machine learning assisted Bayesian calibration of an accelerator digital twin from orbit response data

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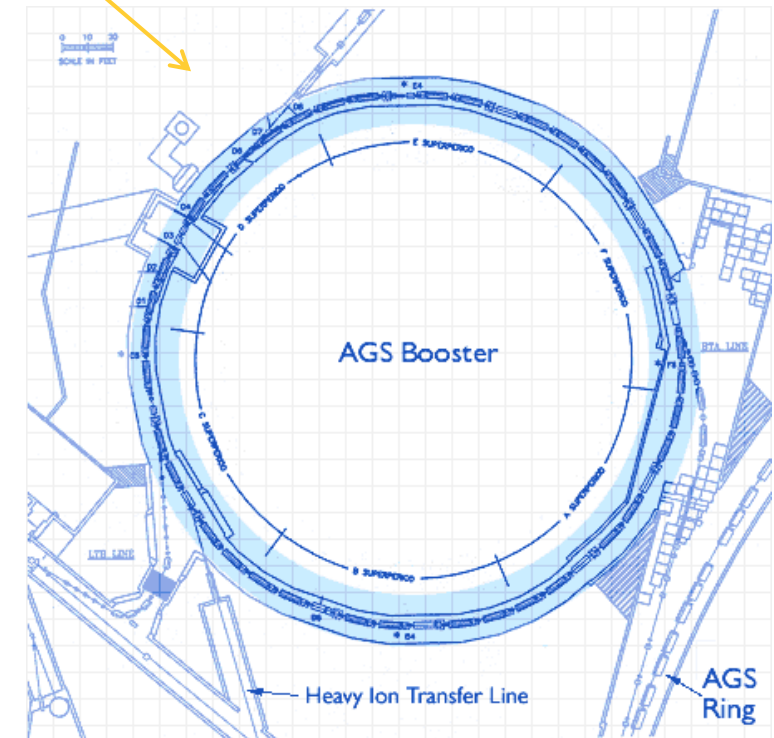
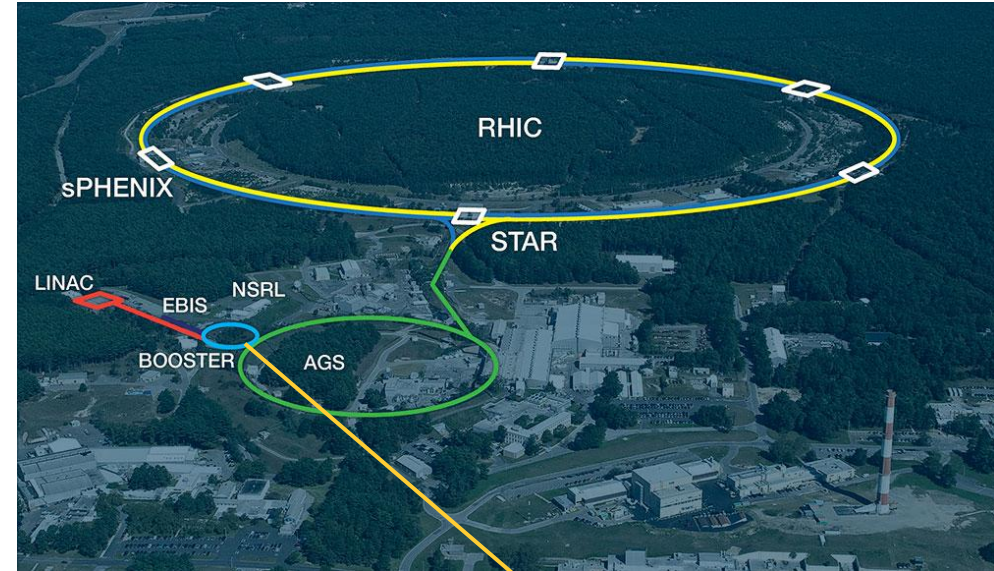
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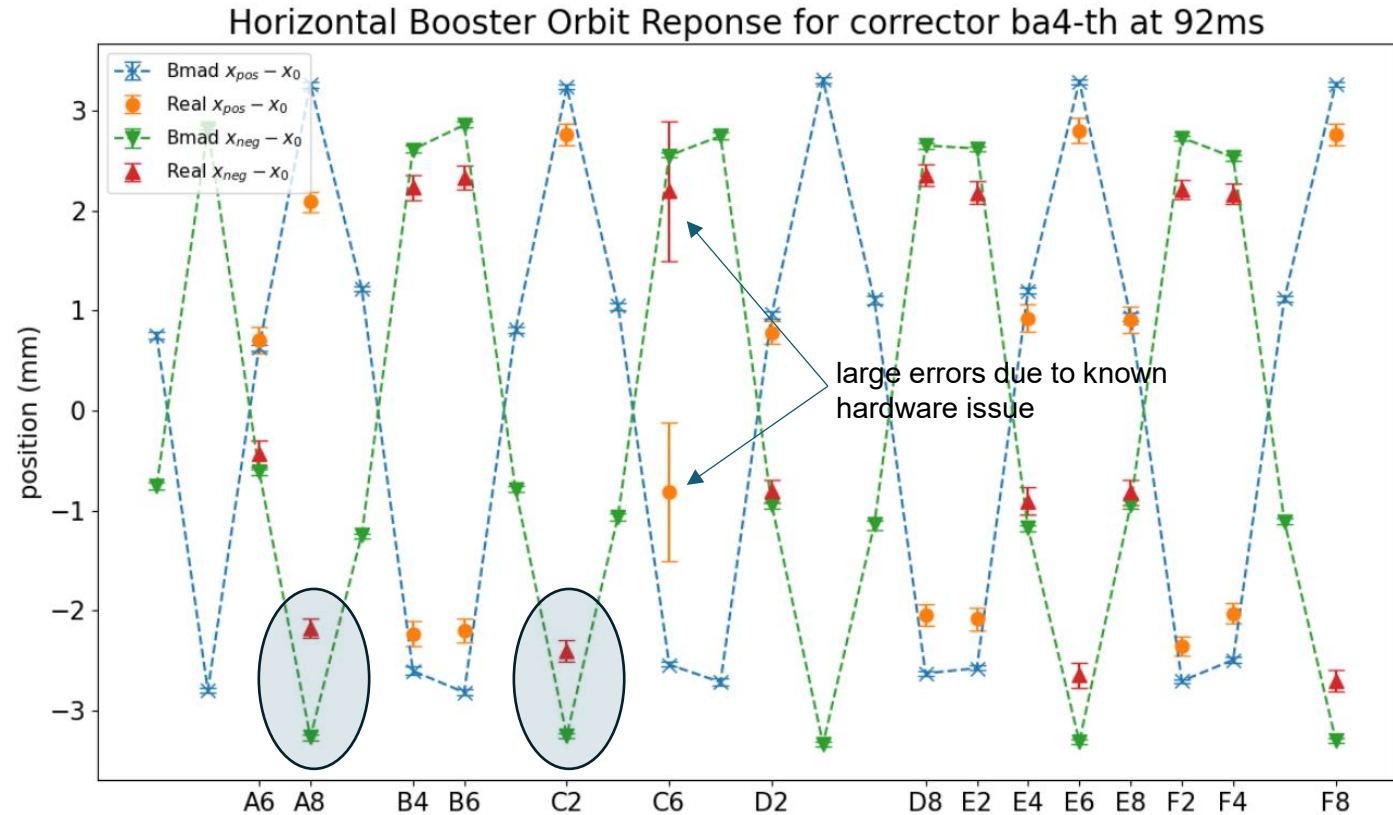
AGS Booster

- Responsible for accelerating beam from 200MeV to 1.5GeV for injection into AGS.
- Also provides heavy-ions for NASA Space Radiation Lab.
- **Accurate beam control in Booster required for providing high-quality beams to RHIC and to EIC.**
- Beams are controlled via 24 horizontal and 24 vertical quadrupole “corrector” magnets.
- Beam positions are read out live via 15 horizontal and 18 vertical beam position monitors (BPMs).



Digital Twin

- Digital twins are used to plan and control operations and to design data collection campaigns.
- The response of the orbit to changing the corrector magnets is the focus of modeling.
 - More reliably obtained than absolute beam positions due to error cancellation from e.g. inaccurate knowledge BPM locations.
- Booster's **Bmad digital twin** is highly accurate for orbit responses but **discrepancies of several percent remain of unknown origin**.
- We employed **Bayesian Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)** to probe for the origin of these discrepancies.



Comparison between measured and simulated horizontal orbit responses with corrector A4 set to $\pm 22A$

Bayesian Inference

Inference is a UQ method that probabilistically “fits” model parameters using measurement data.

“**Posterior**”: (output) **distribution of the parameters given the data**

Bayes' Theorem

$$P(\Theta|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\Theta)P(\Theta)}{P(\mathcal{D})}$$

“**Likelihood**”: probability of data $\mathcal{D}$ given params Θ
Essentially fit function + model of statistical (“aleatoric”) errors on measurements

“**Priors**”: **probability distributions describing prior expert knowledge of model parameters (quantifies assumptions)**

(“Evidence” not needed for MCMC)

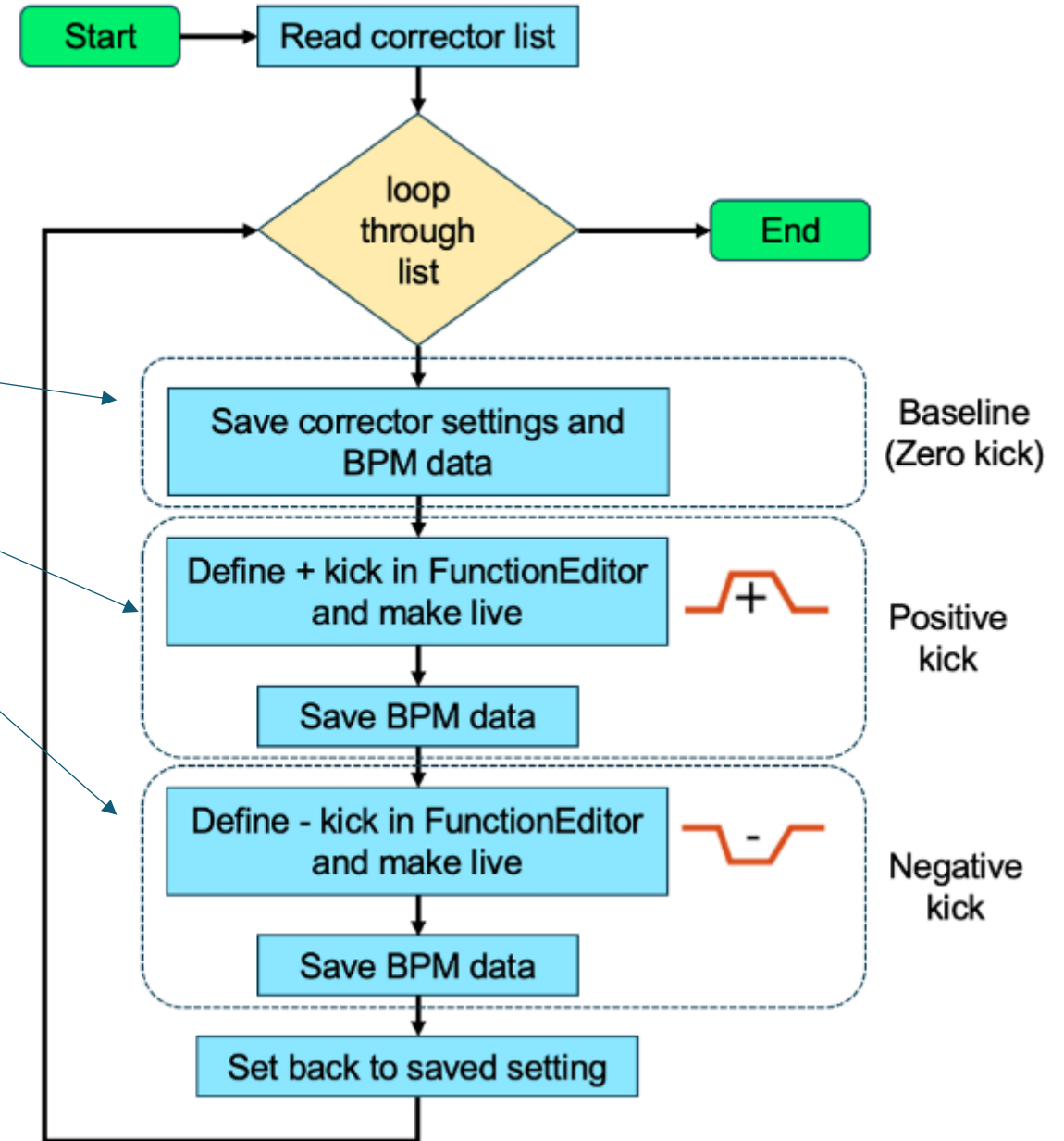
- “Inference” workflow:

1. Identify (or introduce) a set of parameters in the digital twin model to infer
2. Decide on prior distributions for the “fit” parameters using best available knowledge (absent data)
3. Collect a set of data: complete orbit responses for different correctors current settings.
4. Sample posterior for params Θ via Bayes’ theorem using Markov Chain Monte Carlo
5. Study the **posterior distributions** of each parameter (assess errors, correlations, etc)
6. Sample from posterior and likelihood function for specific current settings gives the “**posterior predictive distribution**” : **orbit response predictions from calibrated model with uncertainties**

Use Julia
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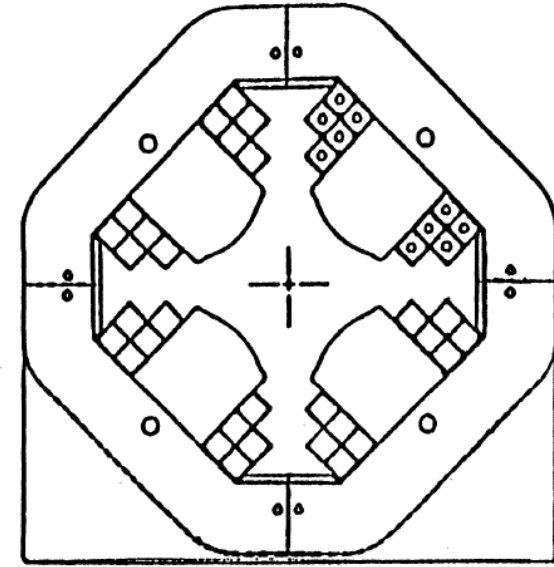
Dataset

- Fix static magnet currents (up to power-supply fluctuations)
- Baseline setting with correctors set to 0A
- Vary each of the 24+24 corrector magnet currents in turn from 0A to +22A, -22A
- Record orbit for all BPMs before and after perturbation
- 2-5 repeat measurements for each setting
- Construct orbit responses by taking the orbit difference between arbitrary initial and final setting.
 - Many possibly combinations



Parametrizing the unknown

- Uncertainties in modeling of the 24(H)+24(V) static quadrupole magnets are expected to dominate.
- However, many possible causes for discrepancies that are hard to directly quantify, e.g.
 - magnet misalignments,
 - inaccuracies in power supply modeling
 - magnet nonlinearities
 - stray fields
- Instead of parametrizing each source, we introduce catch-all magnet-dependent multiplicative parameters on the magnet strength.
- Likelihood function uses the simulated result (with vars) for the central value.
- For aleatoric errors, assume BPM measurement normally distributed



$$(k'_{1,H})_i = \text{var}_i^{(x)} k_{1,H}$$

$$(k'_{1,V})_i = \text{var}_i^{(y)} k_{1,V}$$

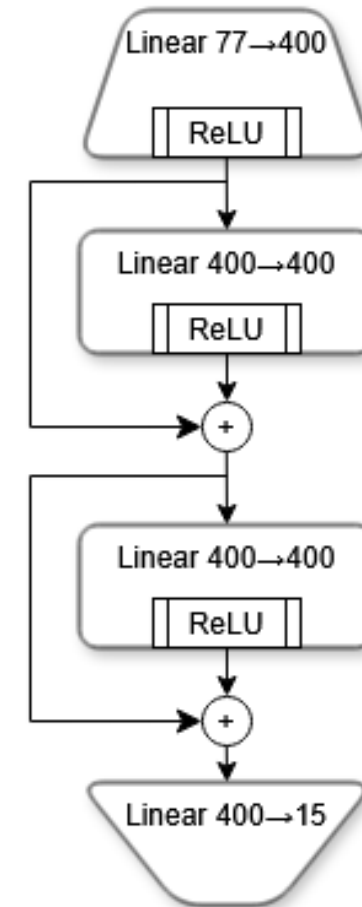
i indexes the quadrupole magnet

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{BPM}}$$

Response is combination of two measurements!

Surrogate Model

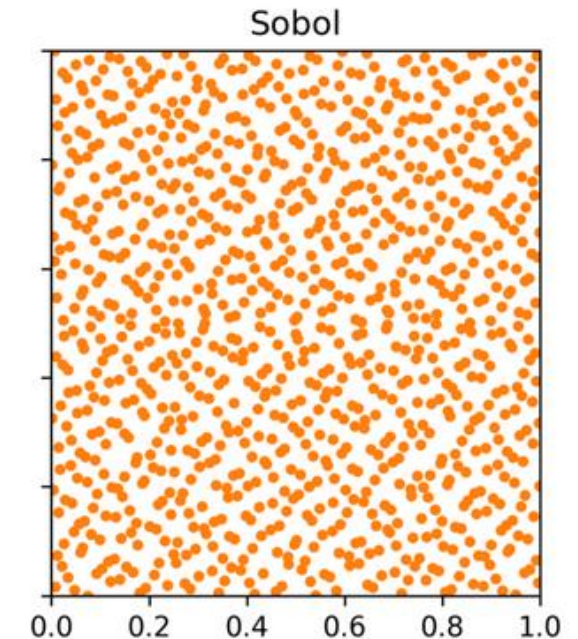
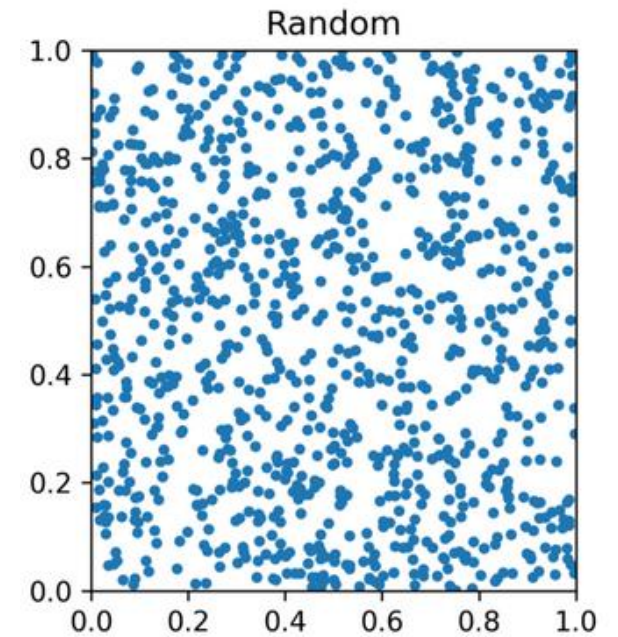
- Sampling the 48-dimensional posterior distribution is challenging and needs an efficient algorithm: “hybrid (aka Hamiltonian) Monte Carlo”
- This requires many simulation evaluations **including derivatives**
- **SciBmad will offer differentiable simulations but still under development.**
- Instead, replace direct Bmad sim with **machine-learned surrogate model**
 - **Require highly accurate surrogate with MSE validation losses $\sim 10^{-4}$ to be $\ll$ BPM error (0.15mm)**
 - Train separate model for each plane
 - 77 input features per plane (5 static magnet currents + 24 in-plane correctors + 48 vars)
 - 15 (H), 18 (V) output features (absolute BPM beam position)
 - 335,415 params residual neural network (RESNET)



The model architecture employed for this study

Surrogate data

- Use a Sobol pseudo-random uniform sampling scheme to sample the 77 input dimensions (for each plane)
 - More uniform than uniform-random
- Use data-derived sampling ranges for static/corrector magnet currents.
- Corrector currents sampled in windows around [0A, +22A, -22A]
- For the “vars”, sample around the null value (1.0)
- Want to sample as wide a range of possible, however:
 - Found increasing orbit instability / sim. failures as var range was made larger
 - Possibly due to unfortunate combinations of large vars, or
 - Orbit resonance effects
 - **Had to restrict var range to 0.94 – 1.06 for sufficiently precise model**
 - Requires truncation of prior distributions to [0.94,1.06] to restrict sampling to regions where surrogate is reliable.
- Data subsampling required to restrict to vicinity of Booster tunes (x : 4.83 ± 0.05 , y: 4.665 ± 0.05)
- **2M samples generated, 820-870K surviving tune cut**
- Achieved validation loss 3×10^{-4} (x), 1×10^{-4} (y)
- Corresponds to $\pm 0.057\text{mm}$, $\pm 0.017\text{mm}$ vs 0.15mm BPM error

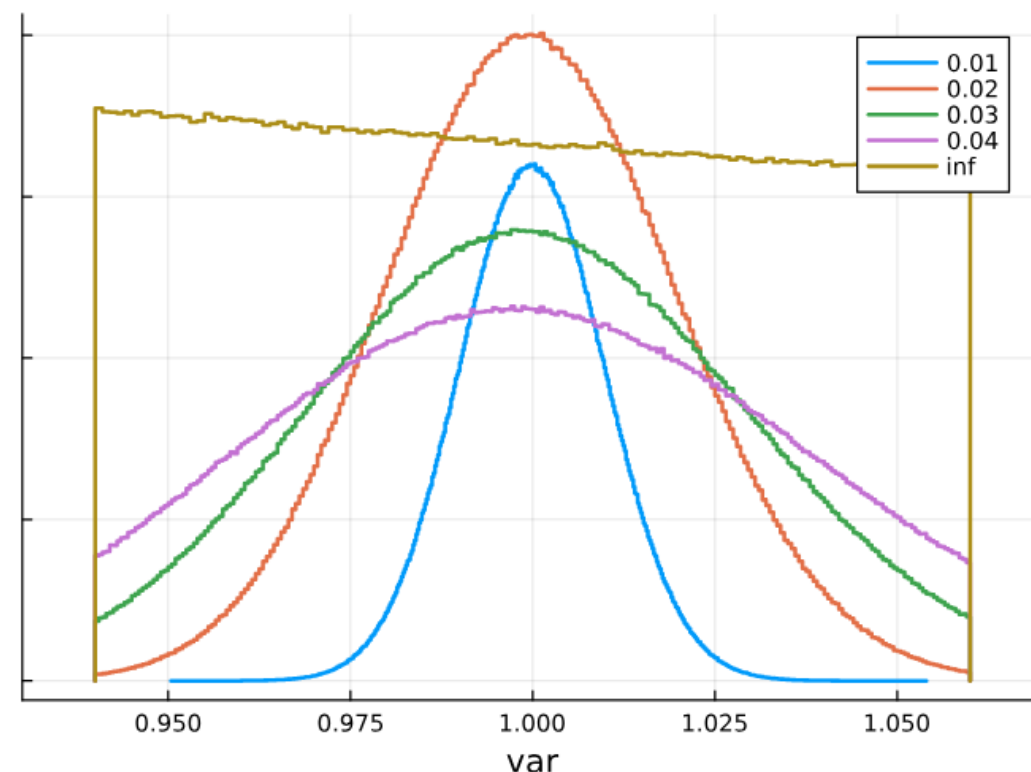


Prior distributions

- Digital twin is not far wrong so vars are most likely close to 1 (null result).
- We don't know in advance whether they are expected to be higher or lower than 1 so we take an unbiased distribution.
- For a multiplicative parameter, the log-normal distribution is unbiased.
- But how wide should this distribution be? We don't really know other than that we don't expect the discrepancies to be more than a few %.
- We performed a **prior sensitivity analysis** to study how the width of the prior affects the results.
- Caveat: Surrogate model training data bounded in $[0.94, 1.06]$
 - need to truncate prior distributions to ensure we don't probe outside the validity bounds of the surrogate

$$\text{var}_i \sim \text{Lognormal}(1 - \sigma^2/2, \sigma^2)$$

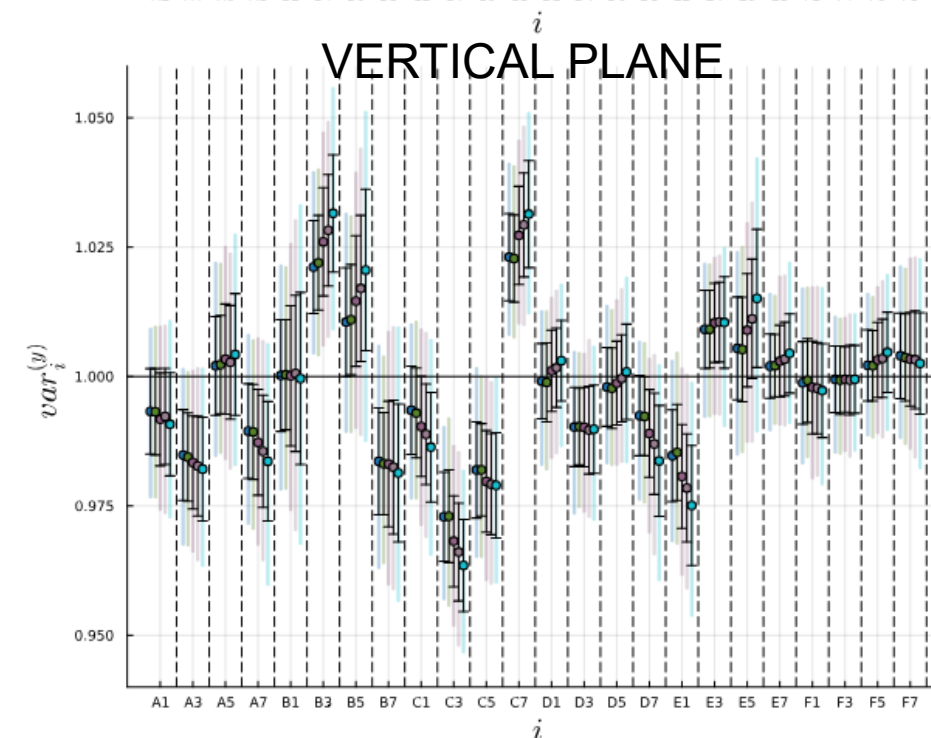
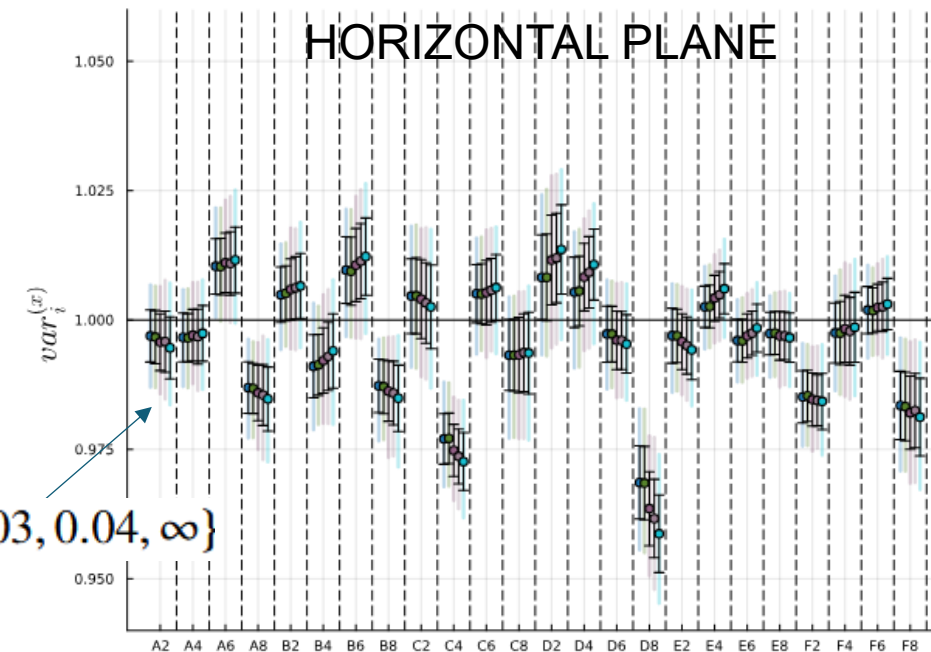
$$\overline{\text{var}_i} = 1, \quad \text{Var}(\text{var}_i) = \sigma^2 + O(\sigma^4)$$



Study $\sigma \in \{0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, \infty\}$

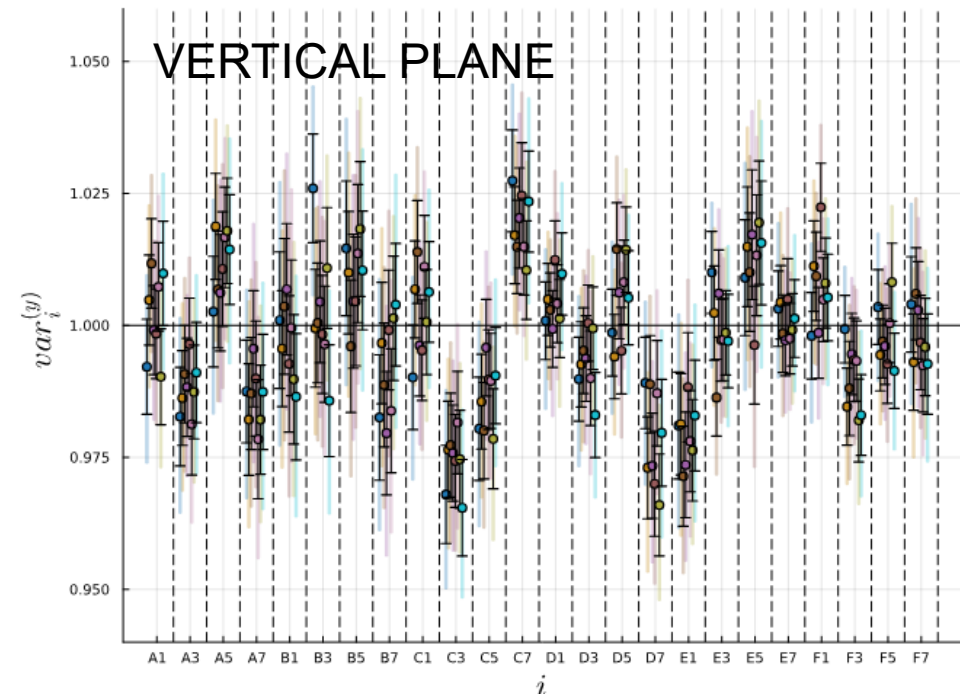
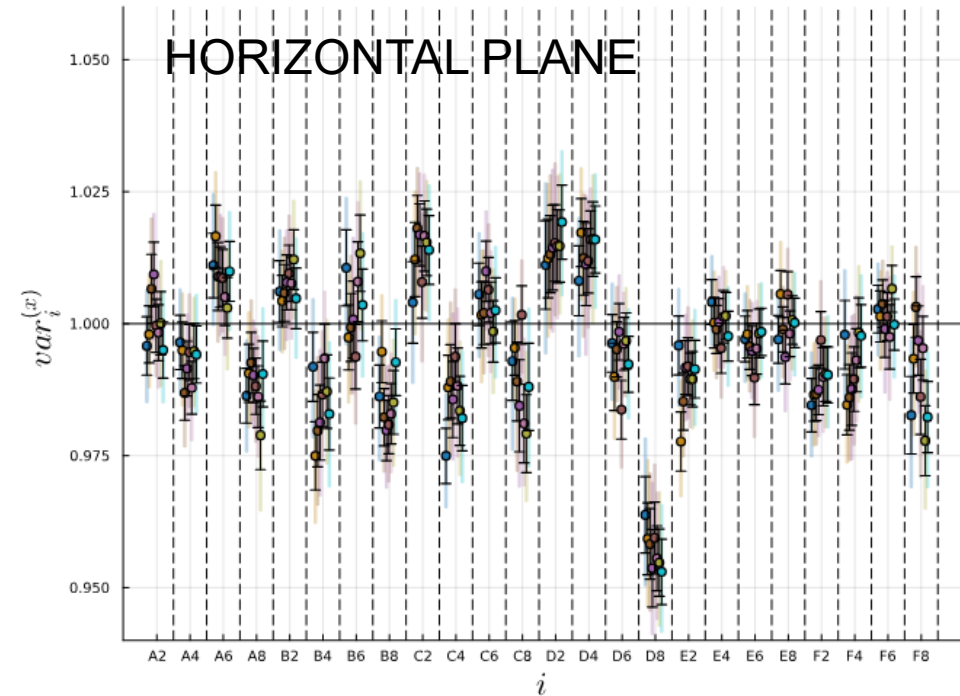
Prior sensitivity study

- Construct orbit responses where each corrector in turn is perturbed from 0A to $\pm 22\text{A}$
- Randomly chosen samples from among repeat measurements.
- Repeat inference for different σ values.
- Little prior dependence observed
- Indicates posterior is well-constrained by data
- Minor trends to larger vars may be explained by flatter directions in parameter space.
- (Prior-dependence is not a “bug” *per se*; priors parametrize assumptions and posterior should always be interpreted as conditional on those assumptions.)
- Adopt widest (least informative) prior not overly affected by the truncation: $\sigma=0.03$.
- Some vars, notably D8, are quite far from unity!



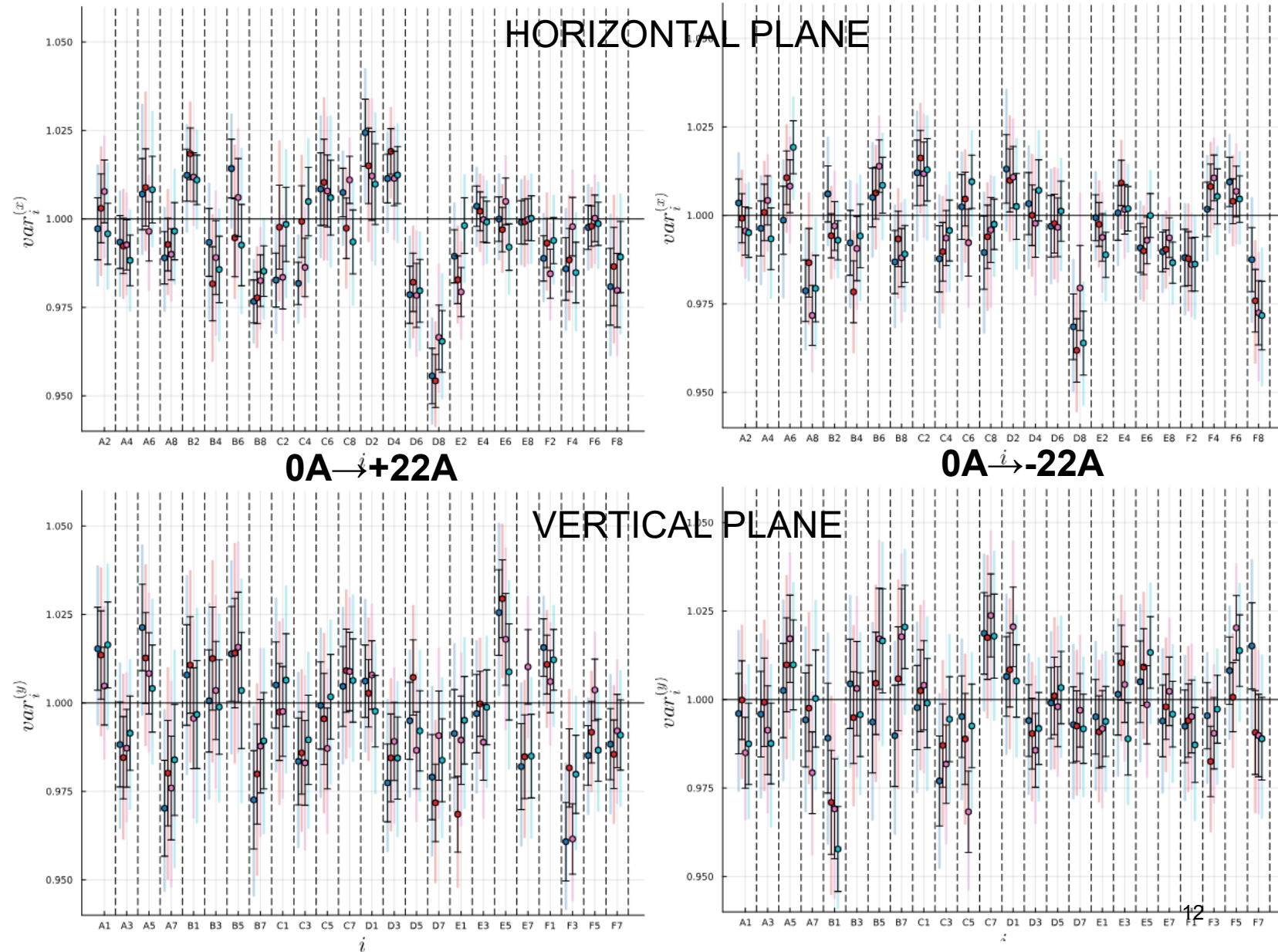
Stability study I

- So far just looked at orbit responses for a single random sample from among repeat measurements.
- To test the stability of our results we repeated this 7 more times.
- Observed strong consistency between repeat measurements.



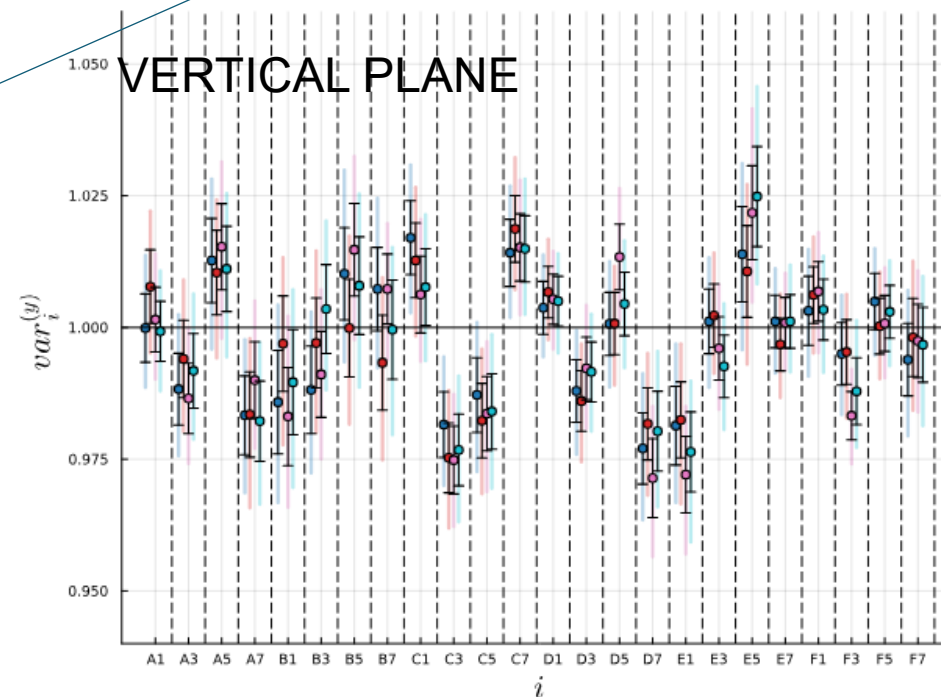
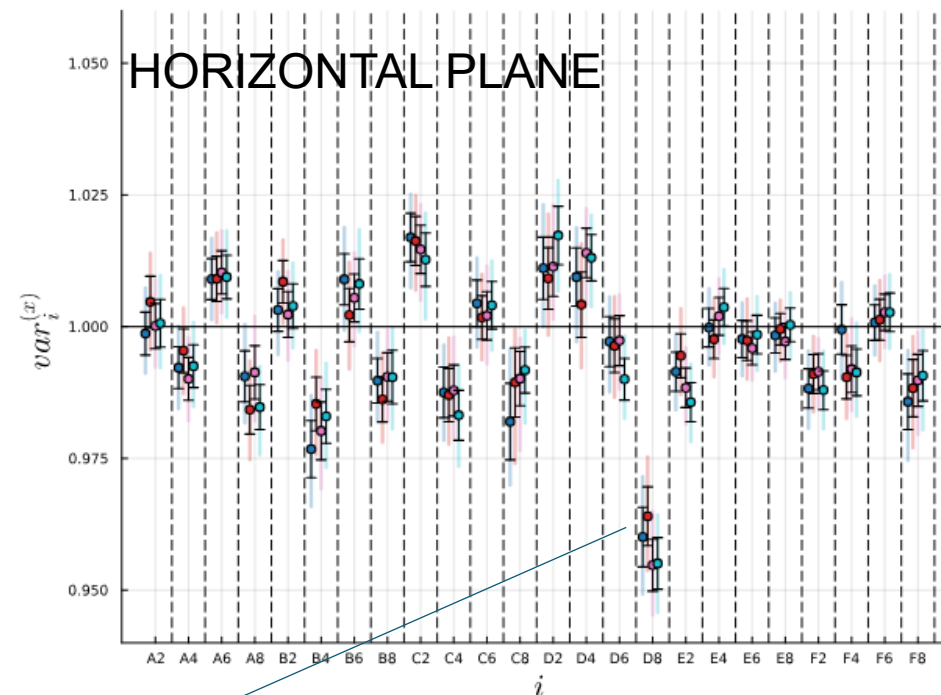
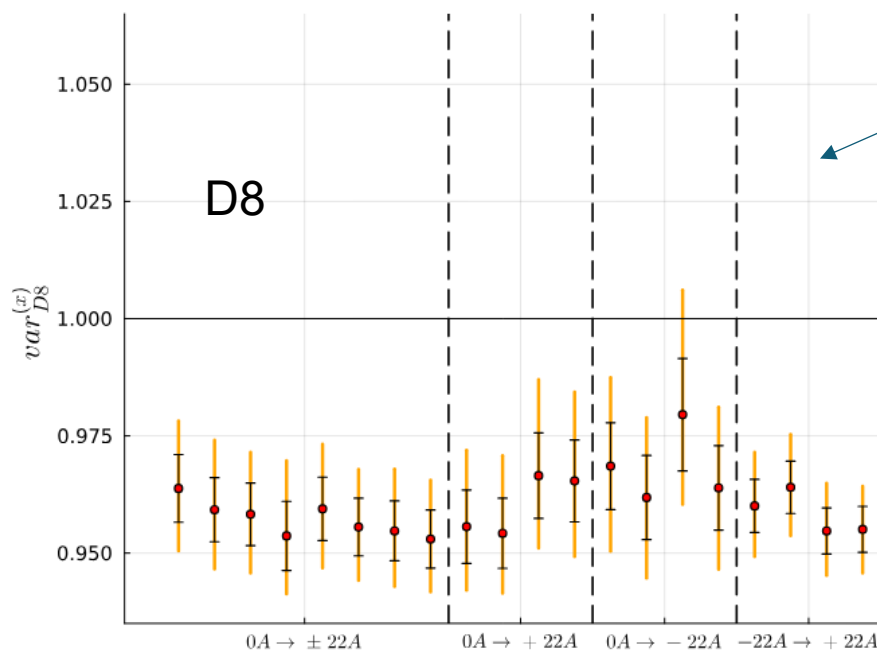
Stability study II

- Also looked at a subset of the data where the perturbed corrector current is **either** +22A or -22A.
- Consistent results observed for the two cases.

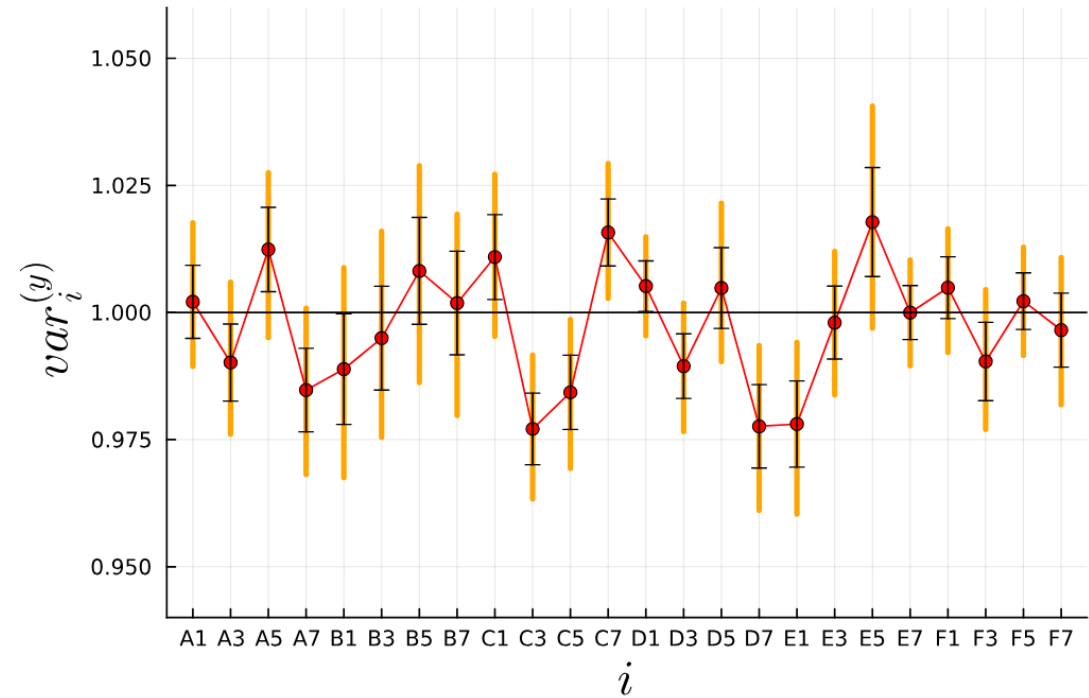
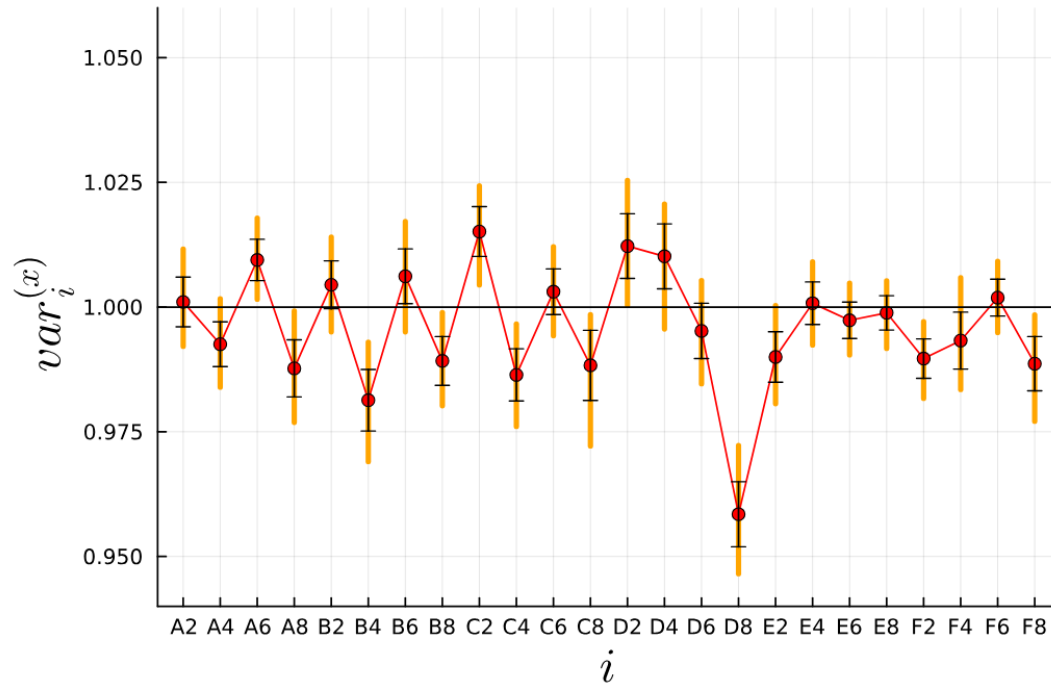


Stability study III

- Also considered data where the corrector is perturbed from -22A to +22A
- **Inferred results found to have much smaller uncertainties**
- **Likely because the digital twin error is amplified by transitioning between these extreme current values, making it more informative.**



Inference result

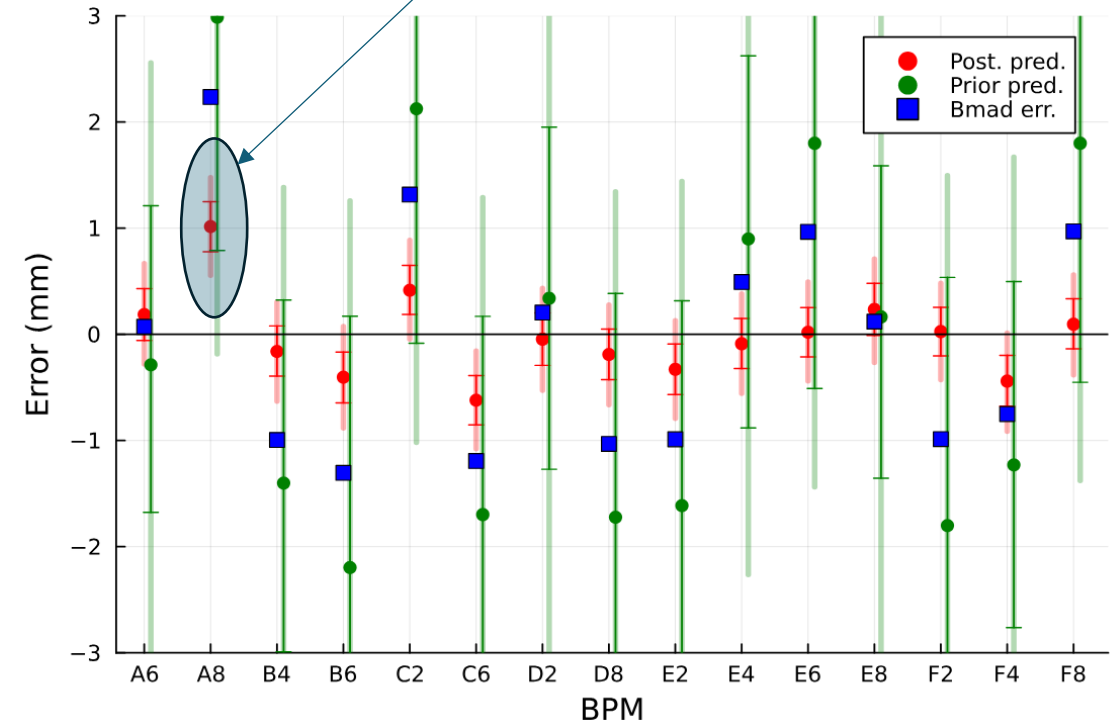
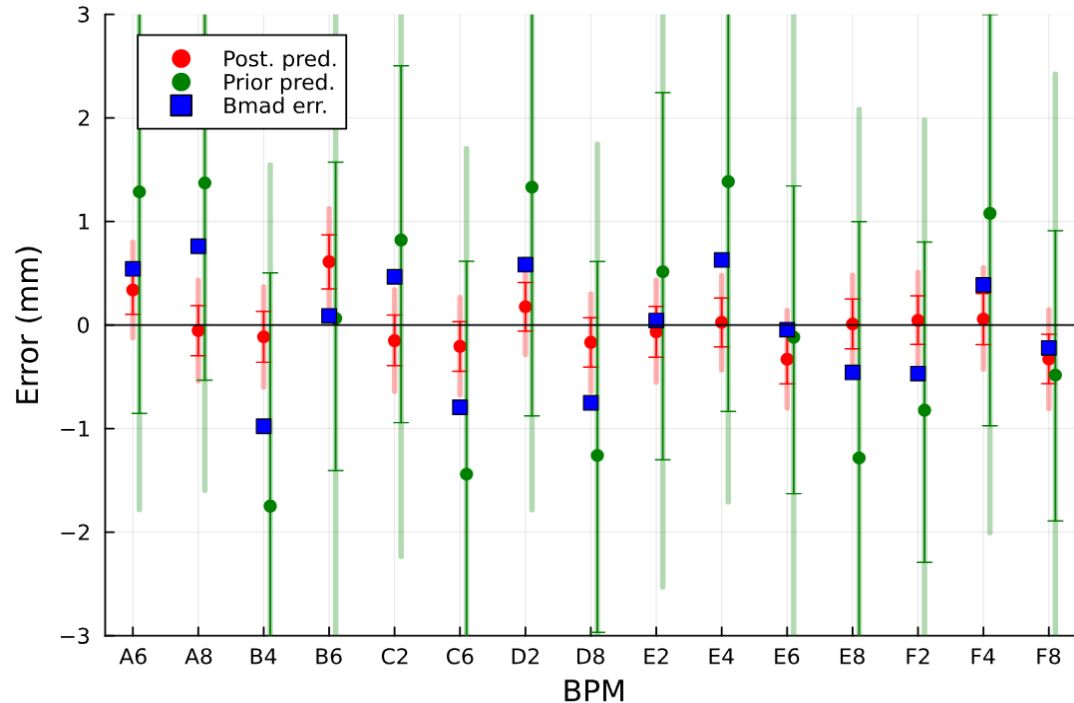


- Most results cluster around null result to within 2.5% percent and are generally consistent with null within uncertainties (with some minor tensions).
- D8 is notable exception: $0.958(7)_{(65\% \text{ confidence})} (20)_{(95\%)}$
- **Evidence that quadrupole D8 is behaving unexpectedly**
- (Origin subject to future research)

Posterior/prior predictions

Why is this one showing residual model-data disagreement?

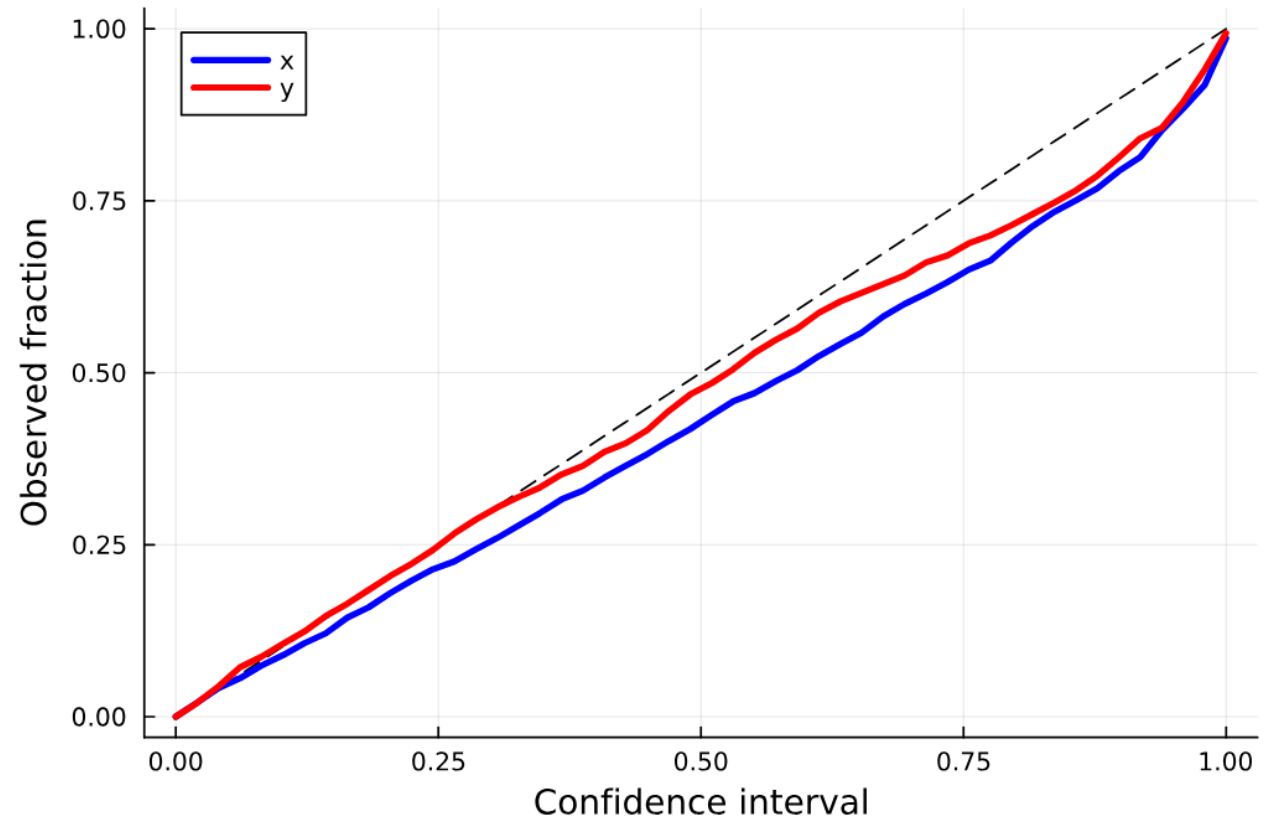
- Two example orbit responses in the $-22A \rightarrow +22A$ subset



- Significant improvement in agreement between model and data

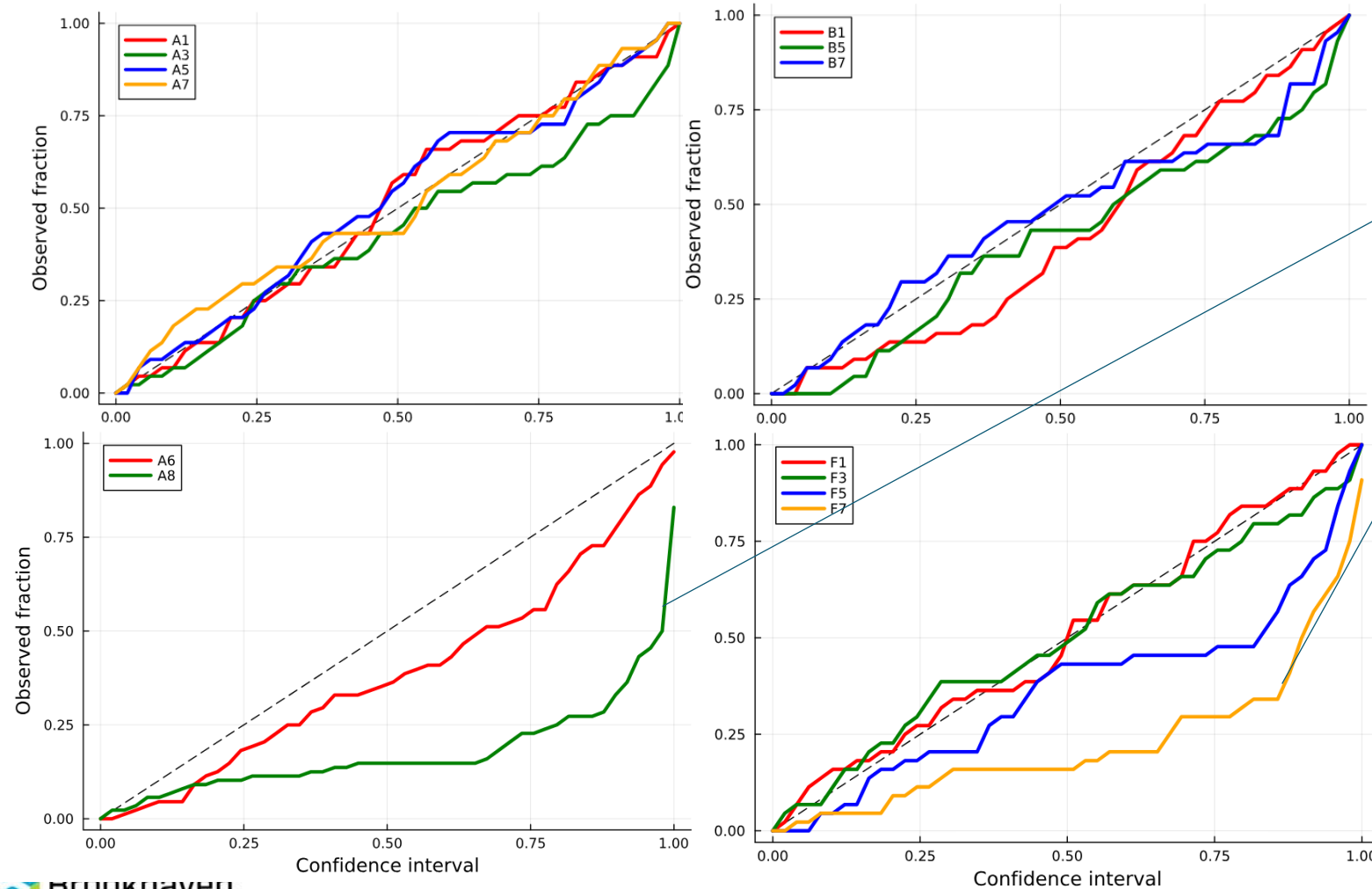
Debugging the statistics I

- Residual disagreements between the data and the calibrated digital twin could indicate that the optimized parameters do not have sufficient “power” to parametrize all error sources.
- To test this we examined the **calibration curves**
- These plots compare the actual to expected fraction of data points within a given confidence window around our calibrated model.
- Overall we find our model is well calibrated, only minor overconfidence (underestimation of uncertainties)



Debugging the statistics II

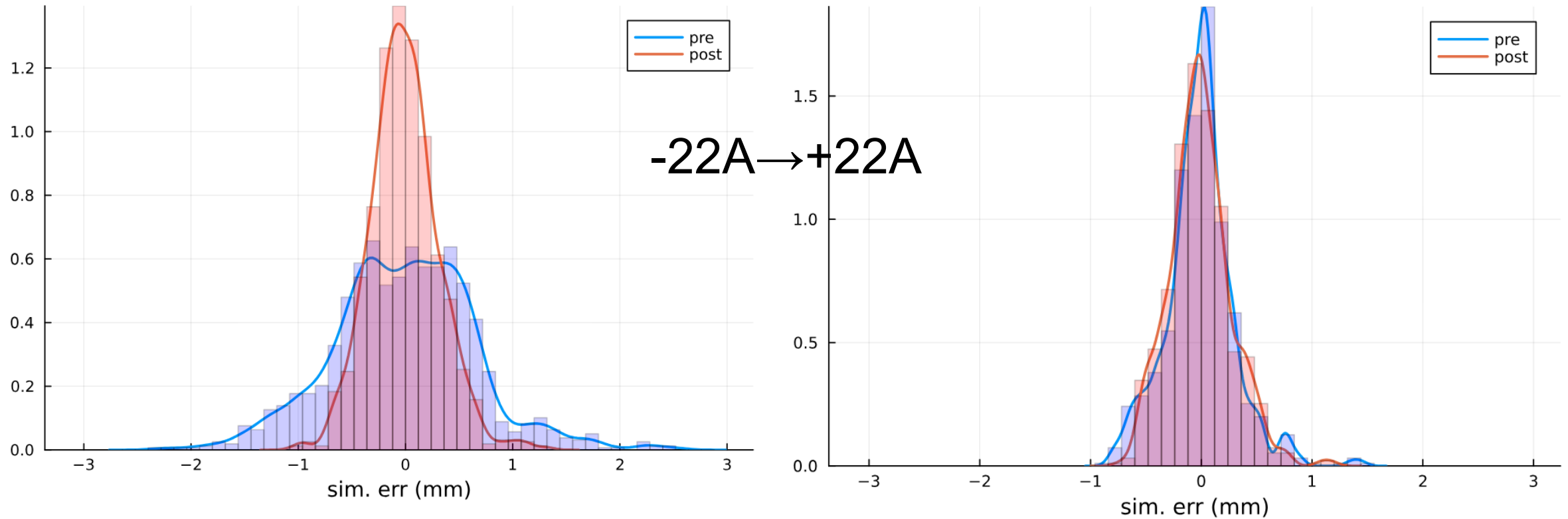
- Some examples broken down by ring segment



- A8 and F7 are atypical, showing significant overconfidence.
- Explains anomaly on previous slide.
- Intend to investigate further.

Point estimates

- Posterior predictions still use surrogate – possibility of additional error
- See if incorporating **central values** (point estimates) of var posteriors improved Bmad Digital Twin



- Digital Twin error for -22A→+22A data improved by 2x for horizontal plane!

Conclusions

- Introduction of magnet-dependent parameters constrained by data shows **evidence of localized phenomenon that may help identify root cause.**
- Including just the point-estimates significantly improves modeling errors.
- **Bayesian UQ demonstrated as useful approach for calibrating and improving accelerator Digital Twins.**
- **AI/ML played a vital role in providing a fast, differentiable surrogate model of the simulation**
- Future research could be to include additional data
 - e.g. with different static magnet currents
 - or with more complicated corrector setups
 - **Bayesian Optimal Experimental Design could be used to identify an optimal experiment to improve uncertainties**
- **Uncertainty-aware Digital Twin model could be used for improved beam control**
 - Allow for assessing trade-offs of control actions with knowledge of uncertainty of modeling

