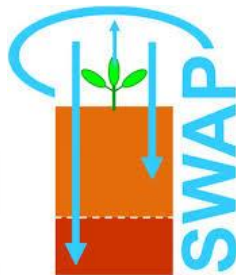


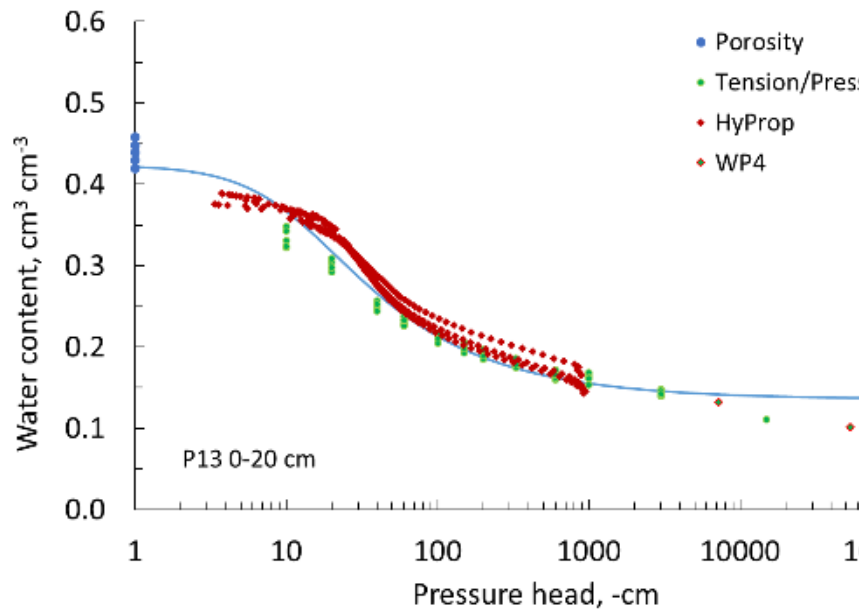
Stochastic analysis of soil hydraulic property uncertainty propagation in predictions by the SWAP model

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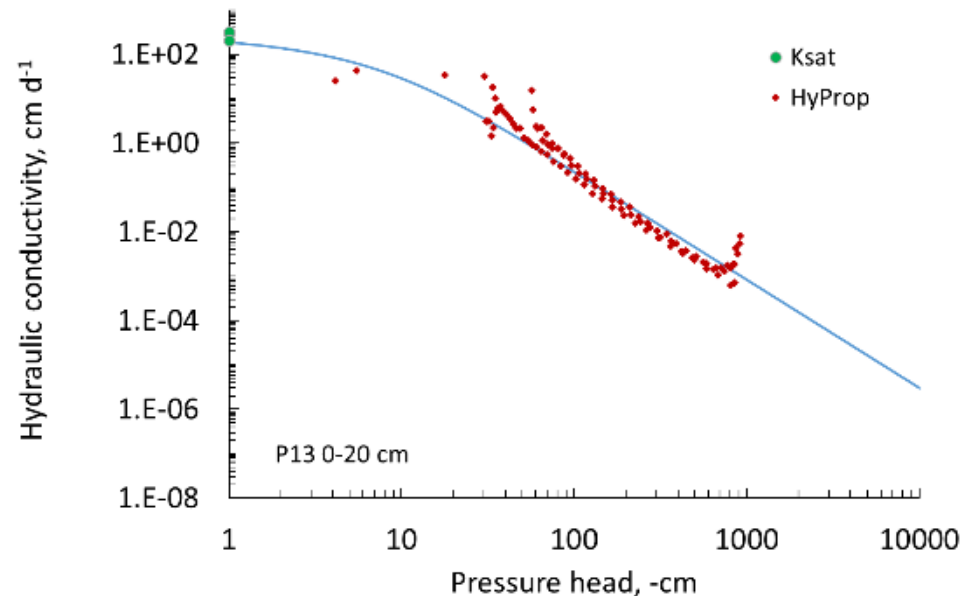


Focusing on the uncertainties resulting from *hydraulic parameterization* of the SWAP model

Retention $h-\theta$



Conductivity $K-h$



The SWAP model employs VGM hydraulic parameters

Nonlinear least-squares analysis: final results

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Stochastic, Monte Carlo

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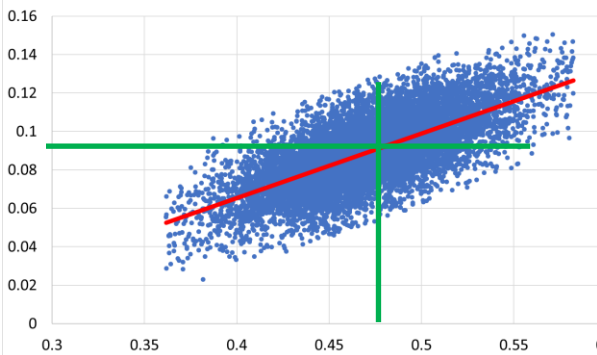
Generate (many)

STOCHASTIC
REALIZATIONS

using Cholesky
decomposition

dispersion
correlation

ThetaS vs. Alpha, R = 0.700



* StochHyProp v. 2.02

* SAMPLE 1

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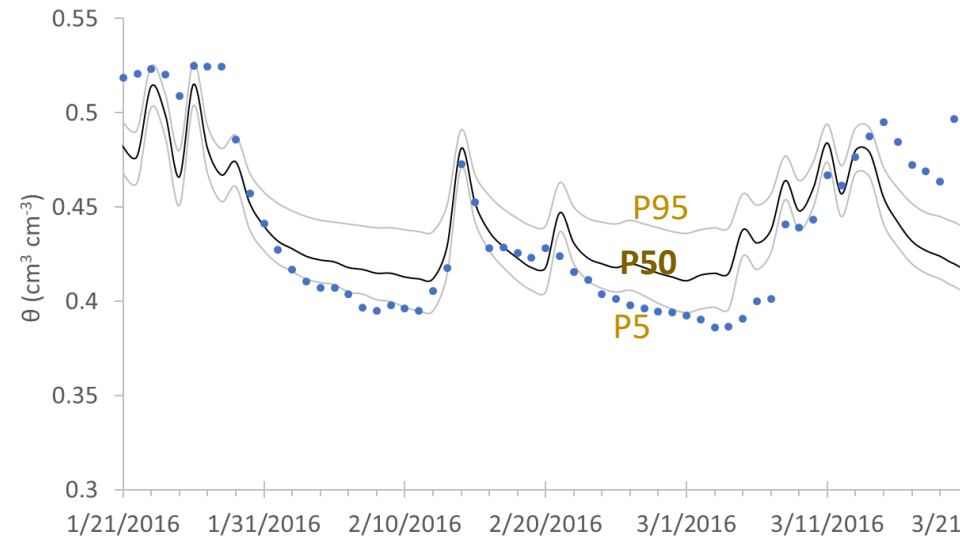
This allows upgrading from deterministic to stochastic interpretation of model outputs



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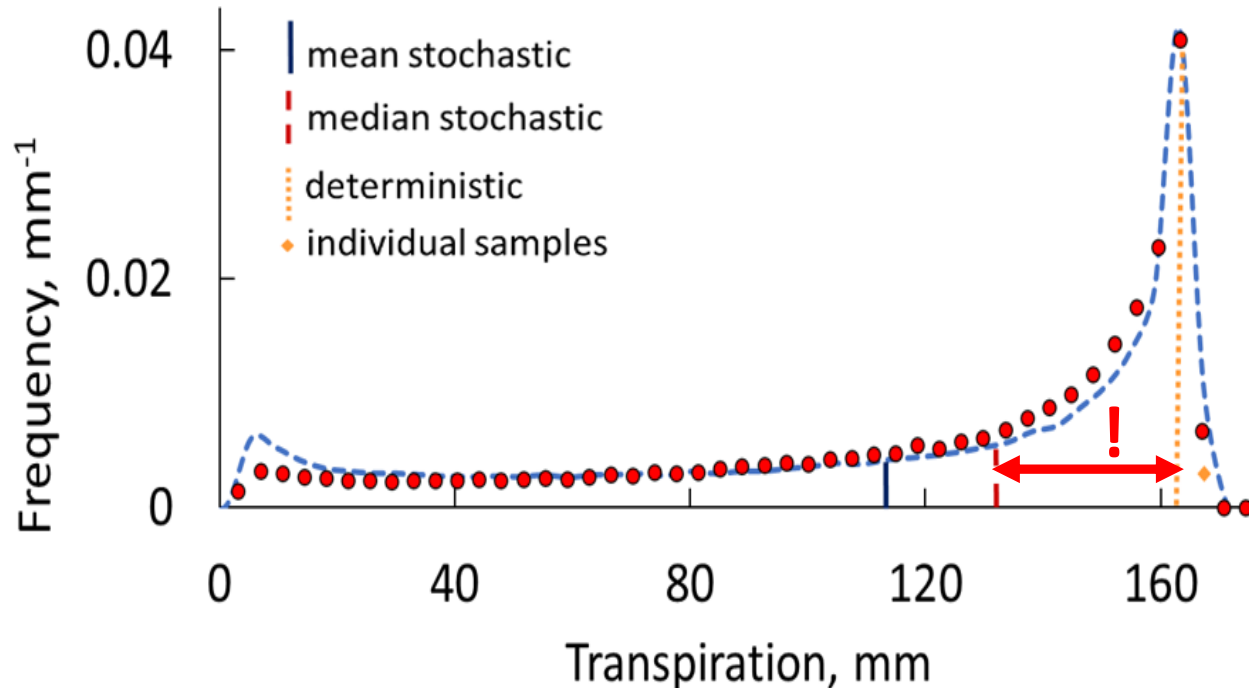
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Functional analysis using SWAP

Example 1: Predicted Transpiration during a crop season semi-arid (NE Brazil)

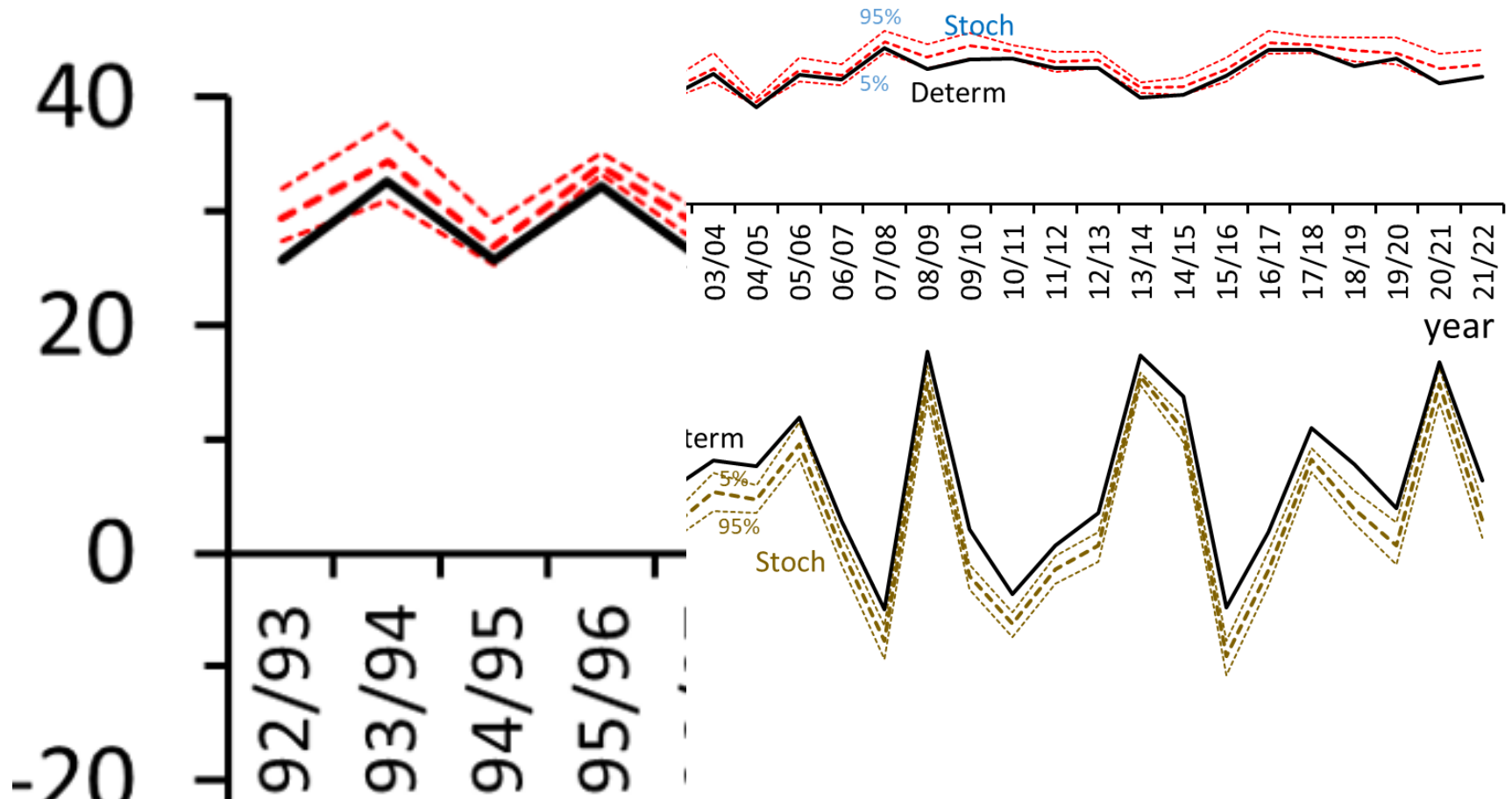
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Example 2: Transpiration and Bottom Flux during 30 simulated years in a SE Brazilian soil

Stochastic analysis reveals uncertainties and results in a different prediction

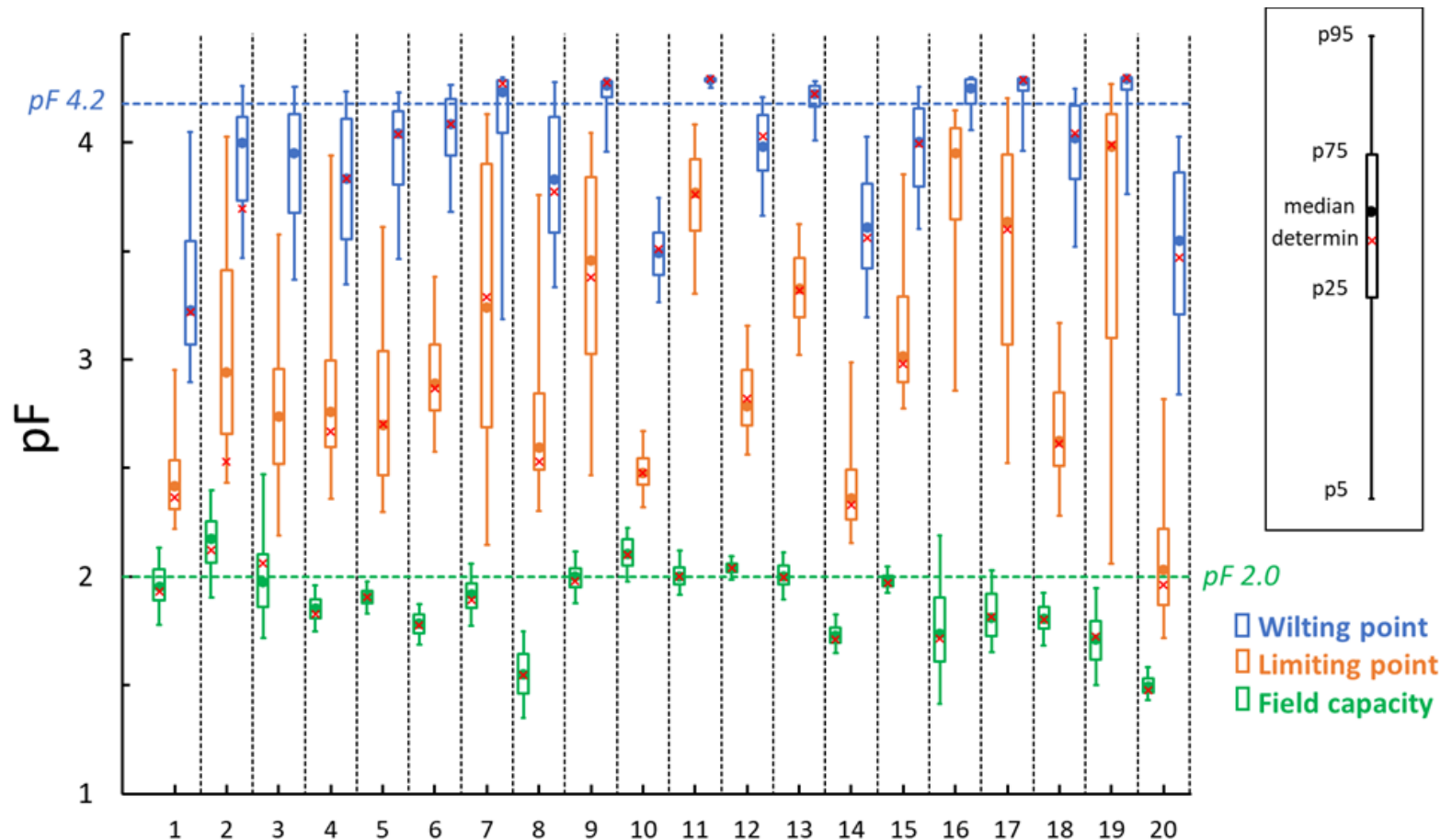


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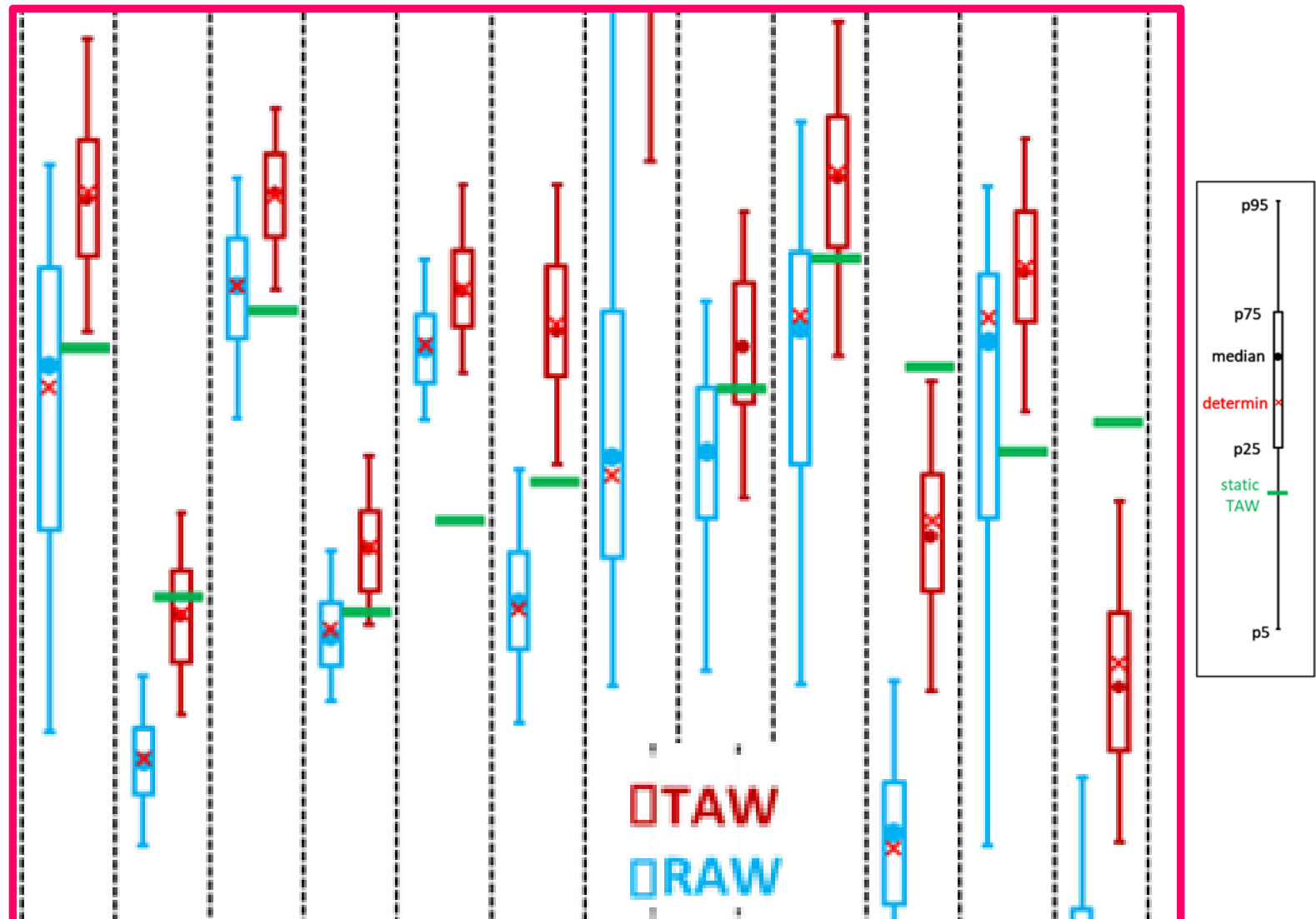
Stochastic Analysis allows insight in uncertainties

Some differences between *deterministic* and *median stochastic prediction*



Functional analysis using SWAP

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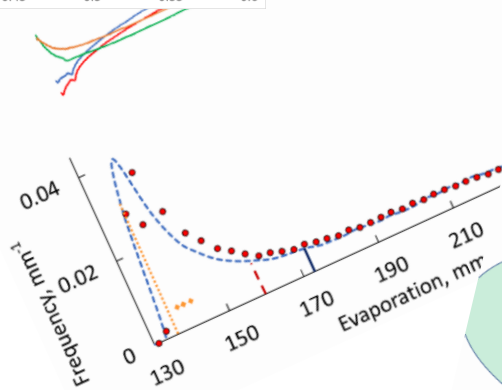
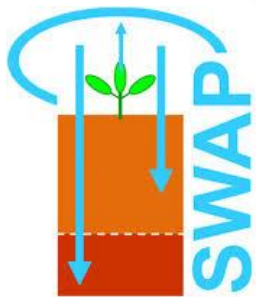
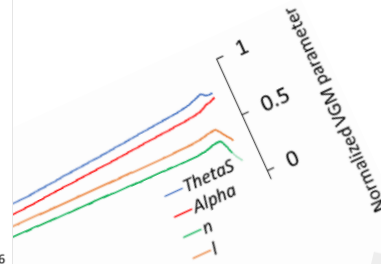
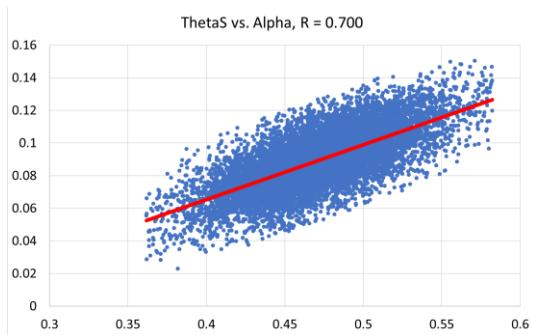
Conclusions

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Many thanks to former and current developers of the SWAP model!

Thanks for your attention.

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