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## Bayesian Decision Theory Tutorial: Applying Bayesian Statistics to Data

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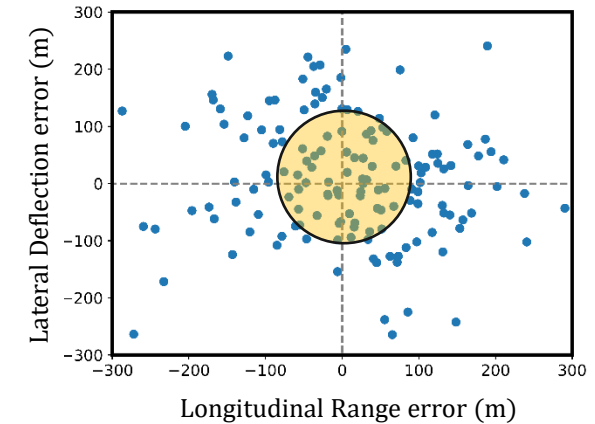
# Setup



- You are part of the T&E Working Integrated Product Team to test the Mock-Cannon (based on the 155 mm Howitzer).
- You are working alongside Bayesian trained SMEs brought on by the Product Manager to assist the Test Manager on inference for OT&E on this system.
- You and Bayesian SMEs have assisted in formulating the Detailed Test Plan (DTP).
- Given the requirements as defined in the Testing & Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP), evaluate the viability of the Mock-Cannon as a potential capability.



# System Under Test: Mock-Cannon



- TEMP defines an accuracy metric defined as a circular error probable (CEP):
  - Cover proportion,  $p \in [0,1]$  of any shot group to fall within a predefined radius
  - CEPZ corresponds to  $p = Z/100$  with  $Z \in [0,100]$
- We will use a condition that  $R_{CEP50} = 100$  m, i.e., 50% of all shots fall within a radius of 100 m.
- This metric determines if the Mock-Cannon is/is not an acceptable system.



# Tutorial outline

## Part 1 (Applying Bayes to the Mock-Cannon):

*“Given that you’ve conducted a test/experiment, how do I apply Bayes Theorem?”*

Model → Likelihood → Prior → Hyperparameters → Posterior

## Part 2 (Bayesian Decision Theory):

*“Should I conduct a test?”*

State → Action → Outcome → Utility → Projection

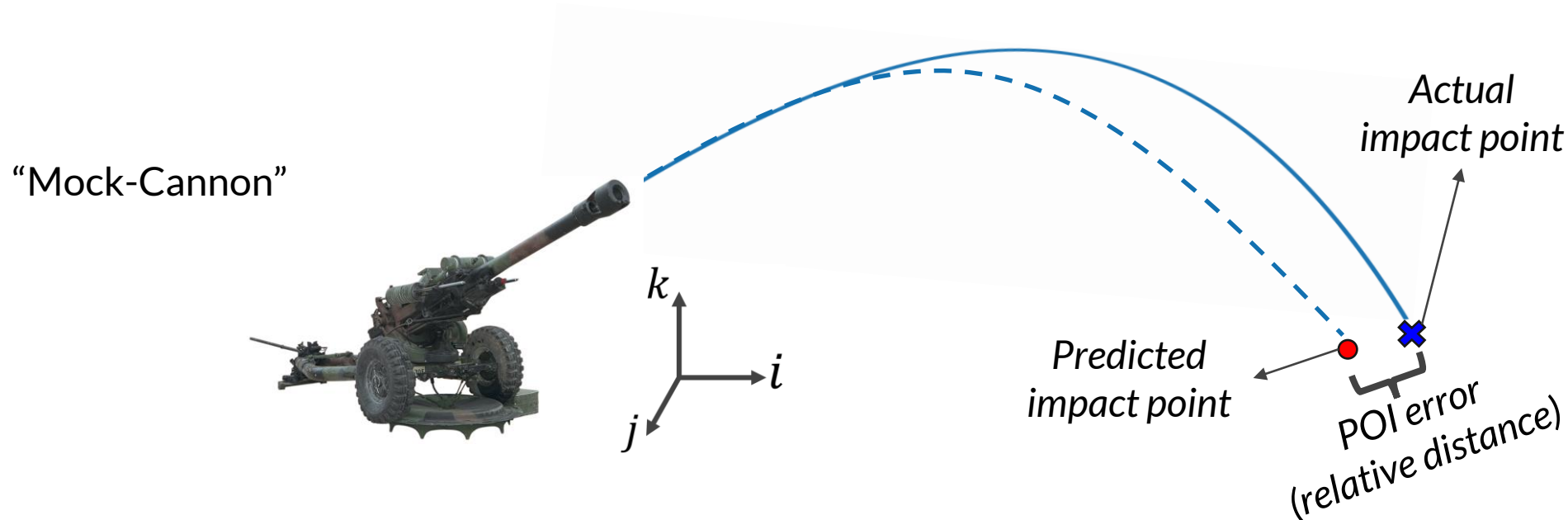


# Part I: Applying Bayes to the Mock-Cannon



# Setup of the Mock-Cannon

- Munition is based off the M107(HE) 155 mm artillery projectile.
- Simulation is for *unguided* munitions.
- Independent variables:
  - Range: distance from gun-to-impact point
  - Quadrant Elevation: firing angle w.r.t. the  $i$ - $j$  plane.
- Dependent variable is point of impact (POI) error

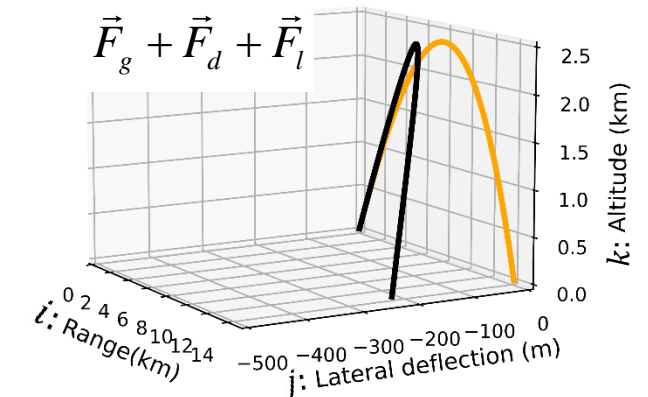
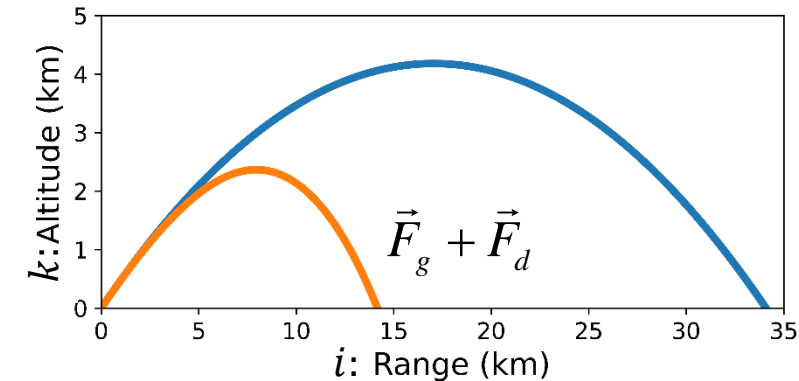
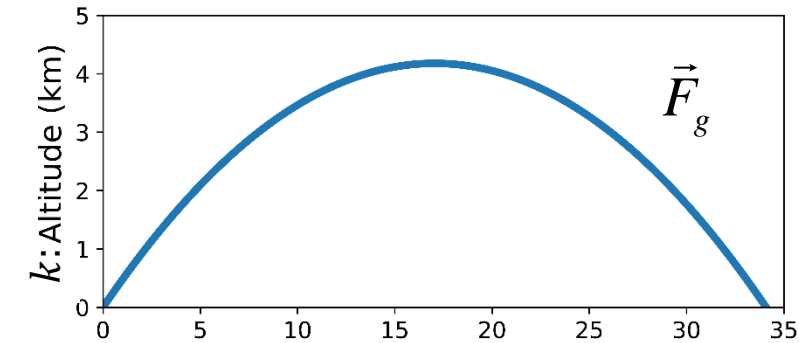




# Contributions to projectile motion

- Main forces and torques
  - $\vec{F}_g$ : gravitational force; attraction between earth and munition
  - $\vec{F}_d$ : drag force; resistive force of an object travelling through a fluid
  - $\vec{F}_l$ : lift force; responsible for lateral drift
  - Overturning moment: associated with lift force
  - Spin damping moment: opposes spin of projectile due to aerodynamic skin friction
- Additional contributions:
  - Coriolis Force
  - Magnus Force
  - Mach number dependent aerodynamic coefficients
  - Wind velocity field
  - Pressure
  - Temperature
  - Air density
  - Etc...

Environmental conditions





# The Mock-Cannon simulator transforms experiments to outcomes

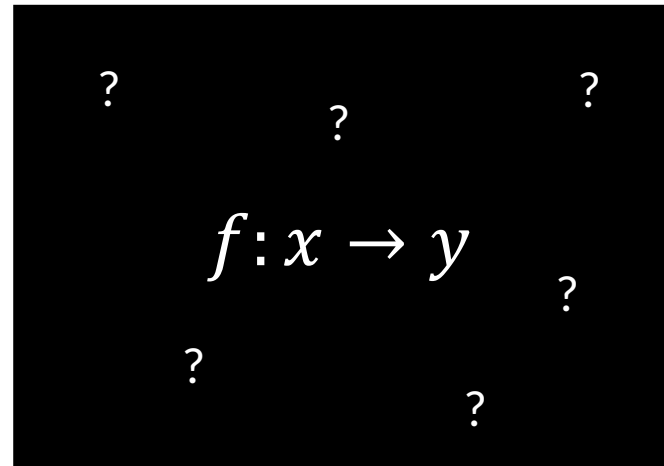
Tester conducts experiment,  $x$ :

1. Fire munition
2. Measure range and quadrant elevation

Quadrant Elevation	Range (km)
45°	15.4
63°	6.3
34°	9.4



“Black Box”  
Transformation



Tester observes outcome,  $y$ :

Calculate POI error

POI error
151 m
27 m
62 m

What is the relationship  
between *any* experiment and  
its outcome?





# Model the outcomes

- A **model** is a specification between the *parameters* and the *observed data*. The **outcome**/response (POI error) variable can be written as

$$y = f(x, \theta) + \varepsilon$$

- Deterministic component,  $f(x, \theta)$ : exact relationship between variables
- Stochastic component,  $\varepsilon$ : randomness/error inherent in the outcome

Mock-Cannon (assume a linear model)

$$f(x, \theta) = x\theta^T = \text{context} \times \text{parameters}$$

$$= \theta_{\text{intercept}} + \theta_R \underbrace{x_R}_{\text{Log(Range)}} + \theta_{QE} \underbrace{x_{QE}}_{\text{Quadrant Elevation (radians)}} + \theta_{RQE} \underbrace{x_R x_{QE}}_{\text{First-order cross term}}$$

Log(Range)      Quadrant Elevation (radians)      First-order cross term

$\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbb{I}) \rightarrow$  Assume errors i.i.d. and normally distributed

$x : 1 \times d$

$X : n \times d$

$\theta : 1 \times d$

$\vec{y} : n \times 1$

$\vec{\varepsilon} : n \times 1$

Number of trials,  $n$

Number of features,  $d$

Identity matrix,  $\mathbb{I}$

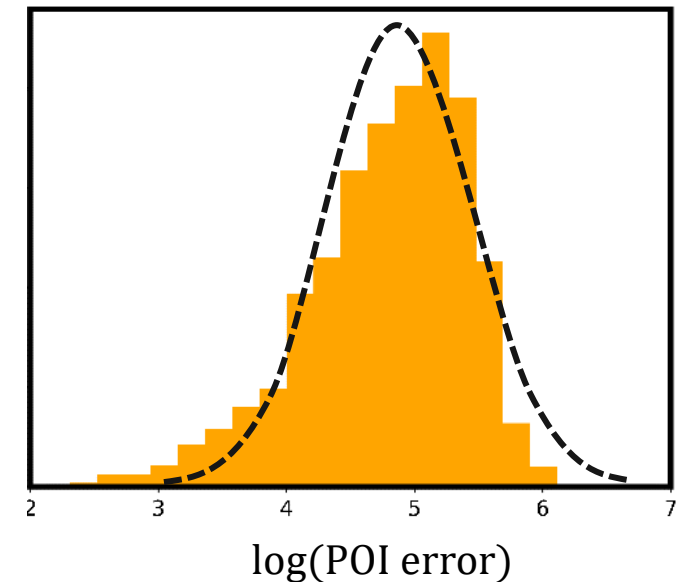


# Likelihood distribution of outcomes

- With the model fully specified, the statistical distribution of outcomes, a.k.a. the *likelihood*, is now:

$$\mathcal{L}(y|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y; \mathbf{x}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T, \sigma^2)$$

- From the Mock-Cannon data, we find that log(POI error) better fits a normal distribution.
- For the rest of the talk, our outcome  $y$  is log(POI error).



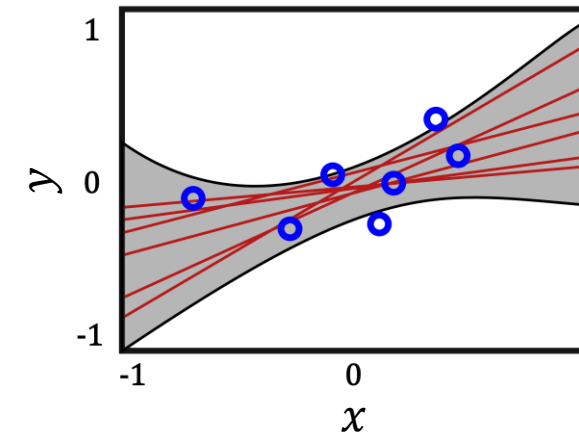


# Prior distribution of parameters

- The **prior** defines the parameter probability distribution.
- For the mock-cannon, we'll assume:
  - $\theta \rightarrow$  random variable.
  - $\sigma \rightarrow$  known (set to 1 for log(POI error))
- This give a simple Bayesian conjugate prior structure taking the form of a Normal-Normal distribution:

$$P(\theta|y, X) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(y|\theta, X)P(\theta)}{P(y|X)}$$

Posterior  $\propto$  Likelihood  $\times$  Prior  
 Normal  $\propto$  Normal  $\times$  Normal



Distribution of  
"fits" /slopes  
for our linear  
model



# Prior distribution defines hyperparameter vector, $\kappa$



- The prior distribution on  $\theta$  takes the form of a multivariate normal:

$$P(\theta) = \mathcal{N}(\theta; \mu, \sigma^2 V)$$

- The parameters that characterize the parameter distribution are called “hyperparameters”. They define our knowledge about the Mock-Cannon system.

$$\kappa = (\mu, V)$$



# Posterior distribution: hyperparameter updates

- The *posterior* distribution on  $\theta$  takes the form of a multivariate normal:

$$P(\theta | \vec{y}, X) = \mathcal{N}(\theta; \mu^+, \sigma^2 V^+)$$

- As the prior and posterior belong to the same parametric family (Normal), the prior is said to be *conjugate* to the likelihood.
- If you conduct  $n$  trials in environments  $X$  and measure outcomes  $\vec{y}$ , a knowledge update ( $\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^+$ ) is given by:

$$\kappa \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mu, V)$$

$$V^+ = (V^{-1} + X^T X)^{-1}$$

$$\mu^+ = (\mu V^{-1} + \vec{y}^T X) V^+$$

~OR~

Change of variables  
 $\underline{W} = \underline{V}^{-1}; \underline{v} = \underline{\mu} \underline{W}$

$$\kappa \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\underline{v}, \underline{W})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{W}^+ &= \underline{W} + X^T X \\ \underline{v}^+ &= \underline{v} + \vec{y}^T X \end{aligned}$$

Data adds to the knowledge!



# Knowledge update example

$$W = V^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\mu}W$$



Let prior knowledge be  $\kappa = (\boldsymbol{\mu} = [7, 1, -1, 1], V = 10 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix})$

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$X$				$\vec{y}$
Intercept	QE	Log(Range)	QE×Log(Range)	Log(POI error)
1	0.8	9.46	7.56	4.52
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$$V^+ = (W^+)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 8.29 & -1.11 & -0.89 & 0.13 \\ -1.11 & 8.84 & 0.12 & -0.93 \\ -0.89 & 0.12 & 0.10 & -0.02 \\ 0.13 & -0.93 & -0.02 & 0.11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^+ = \mathbf{v}^+(W^+)^{-1} = [6.33, 0.31, -0.54, 0.28]$$

3

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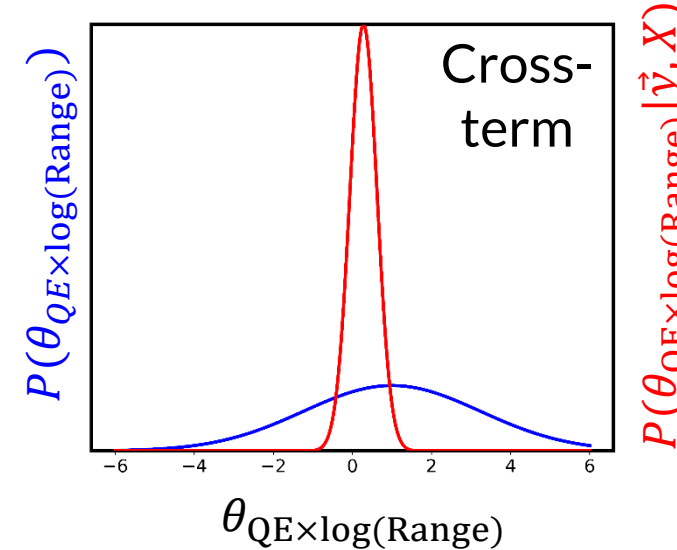
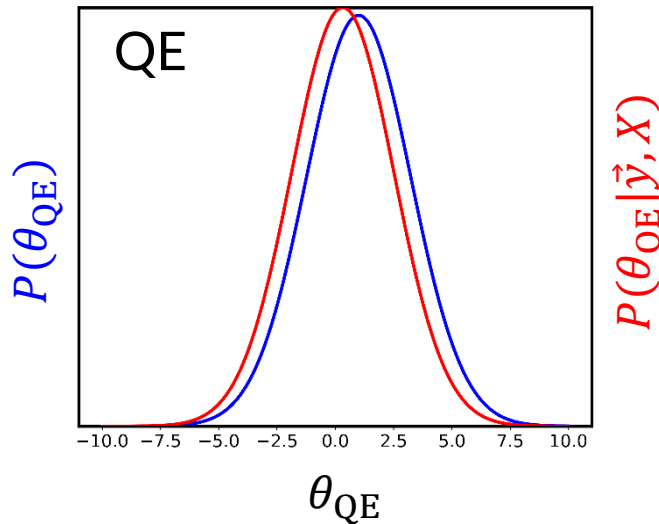
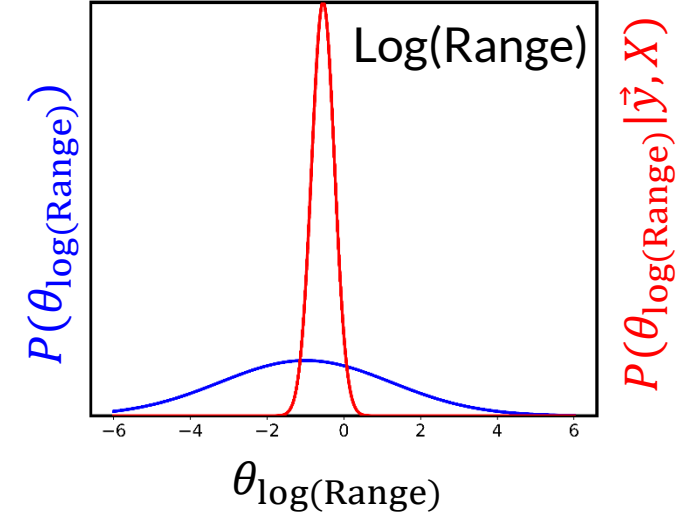
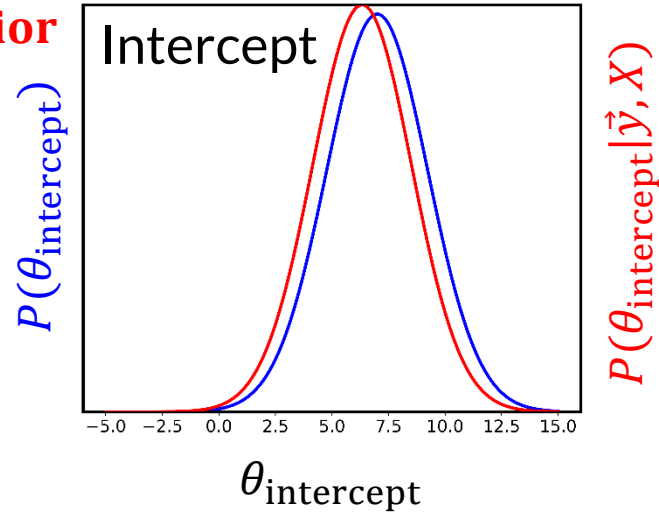




# Knowledge update example: Marginal distributions

$P(\theta) \rightarrow$  prior

$P(\theta|\vec{y}, X) \rightarrow$  posterior

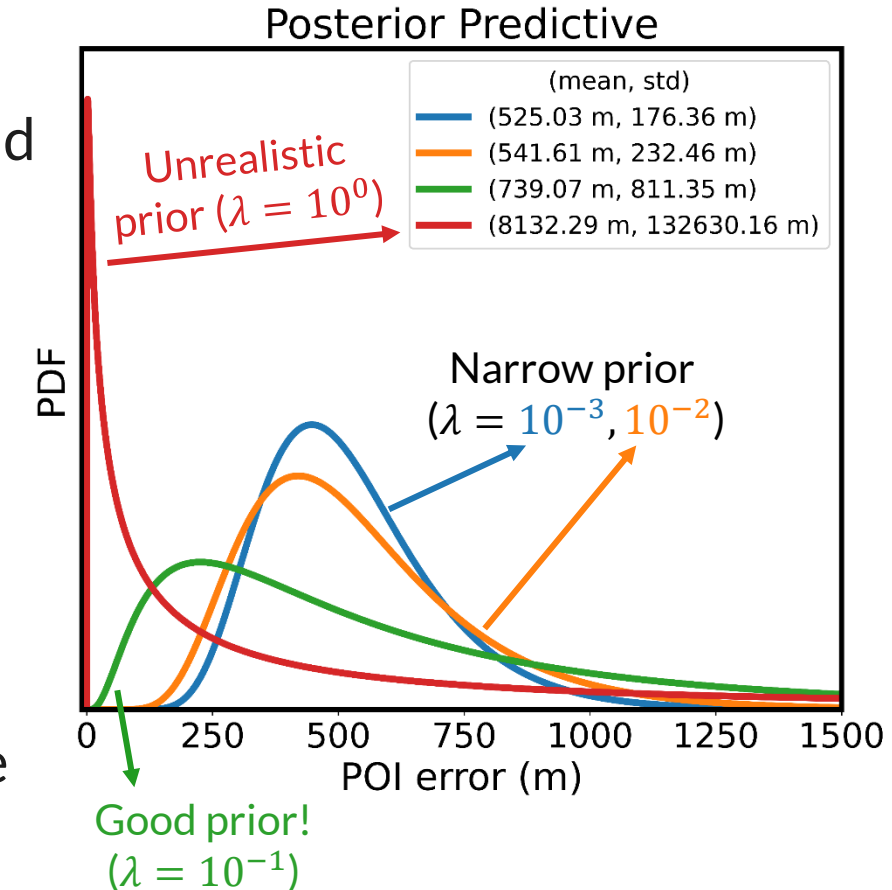




# Setting the prior

- Incorporates subject matter expert (SME) knowledge.
- When little is known about  $\theta$ , it's common to set  $\mu = 0$  and  $V = \text{large diagonal matrix}$ .
- We'll do one better:
  - The intercept shares the same units as the POI error.
  - Set intercept to  $> 100$  m (req. thresh).
    - We chose POI error intercept to be 500 m  $\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{intercept}} \approx 6.2$
  - Let  $V = \lambda \mathbb{I}$ . Vary  $\lambda$  and observe effect.
- When setting the prior, we can observe the effects on the *prior predictive distribution*:

$$P(\vec{y}|X, \kappa) = \int \mathcal{L}(\vec{y}|\theta, X)P(\theta)d\theta = \mathcal{N}\left(\vec{y}; X\mu^T, \sigma^2(\mathbb{I} + XVX^T)\right)$$



Tip: Convert normal to log-normal distribution to view POI error (instead of log(POI error))



# Mock-cannon simulator: response surface

- Represent outcome randomness in POI through Gaussian variability in muzzle velocity and quadrant elevation to represent variation in repeated testing.
- This model shows curvature in response surface and non-trivial relationship between contexts and outcomes.

Mach number dependent aerodynamic coefficients

Gravitational force

Drag force

Lift force

Coriolis Force

Magnus Force

Overturning moment

Spin damping moment

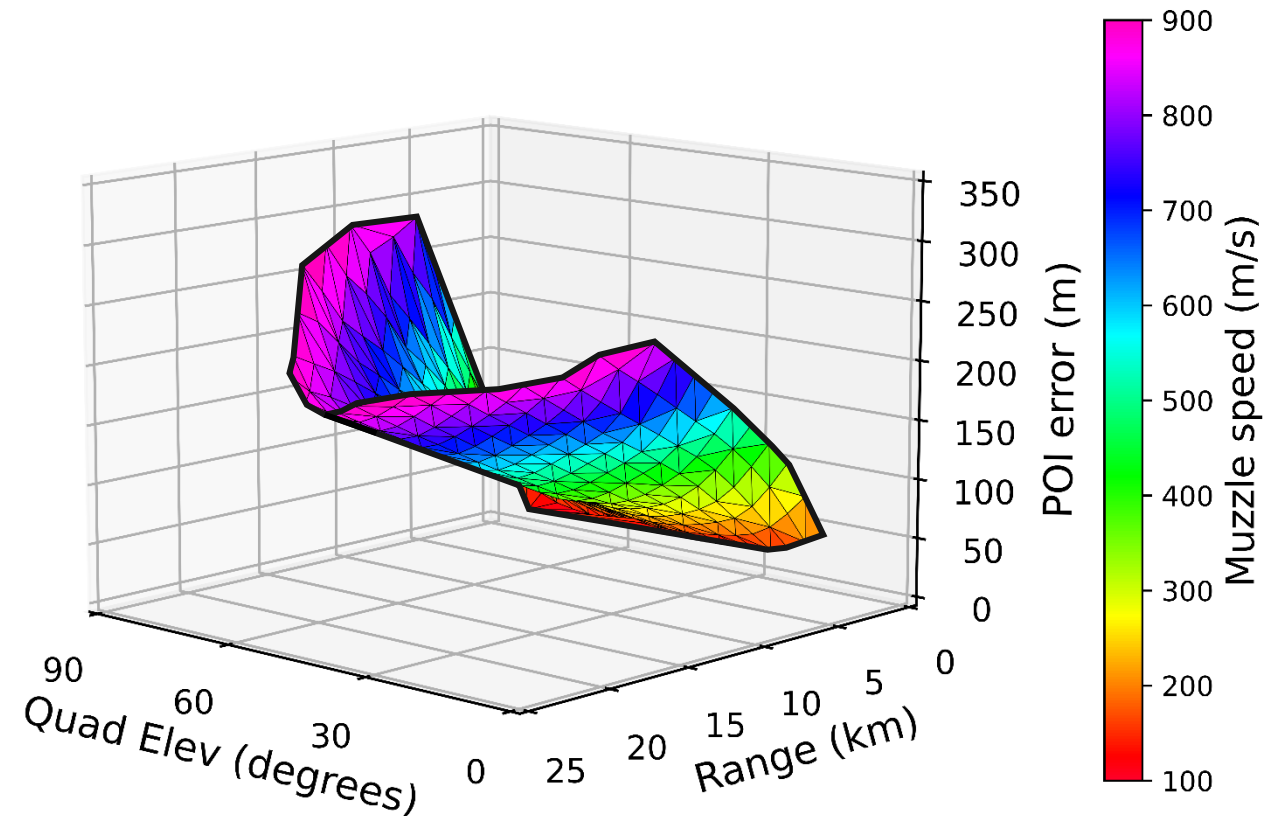
Wind velocity field

Pressure

Temperature

Air density

Etc...



\*Plot generated by simulating 50 firings per point and averaging POI error



# Part II: (Bayesian) Decision Theory



# Decision Theory Basics

- Decision theory: a branch of probability that relates beliefs and preferences to making choices between alternatives.
- We concern ourselves with *normative* decision theory:
  - Identifies optimal decisions assuming agent is fully rational
- Given two outcomes of the universe,  $A$  and  $B$ , express preferences via:
  - $A \succ B$  if we prefer  $A$  over  $B$ .
  - $A \sim B$  if we are indifferent between  $A$  and  $B$ .
  - $A \succsim B$  if we prefer  $A$  over  $B$  or are indifferent.
- Define real-valued function  $U$  (*utility*) that maintains the ordinal relationship between preferences:
  - $U(A) > U(B)$  iff  $A \succ B$ .
  - $U(A) = U(B)$  iff  $A \sim B$ .



# Defining the decision space

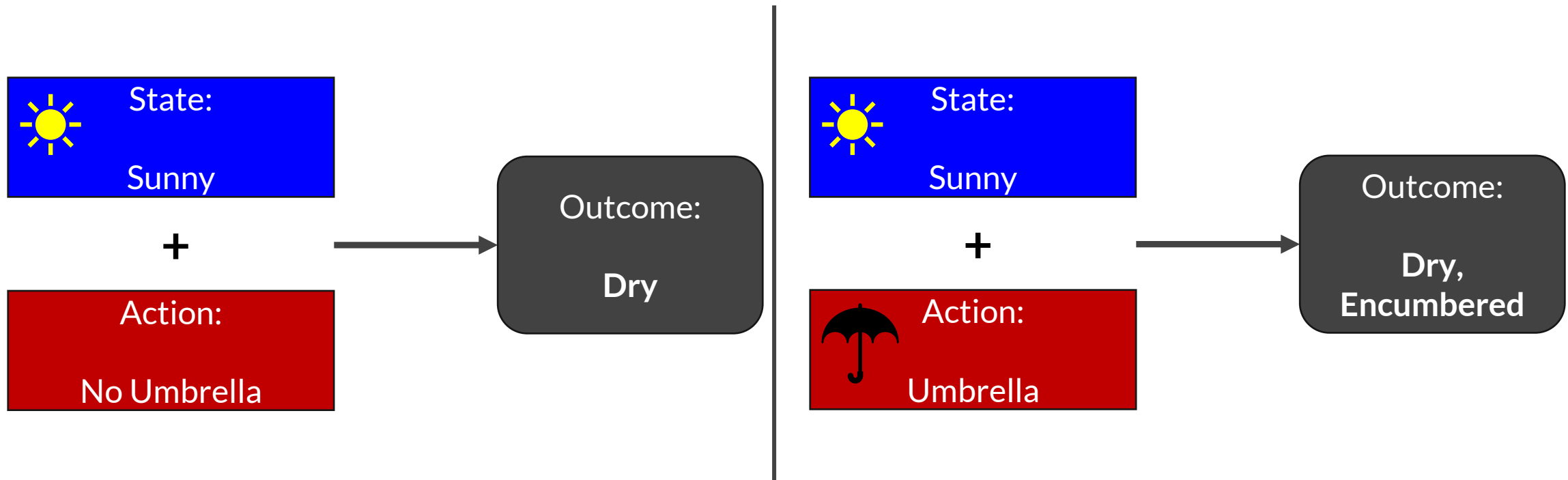


- $\mathcal{S}$ , state space: realizations/configurations of the world
- $\mathcal{A}$ , action space: set of all available actions,  $a: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$
- $\mathcal{O}$ , outcome space: consequence/reward of a joint state-action
- The preference of an outcome is defined as the **utility**,  $u_a(o|s)$  with  $u: \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
  - Utilities are elicited that encode agent's preferences.



## Example: should you take an umbrella?

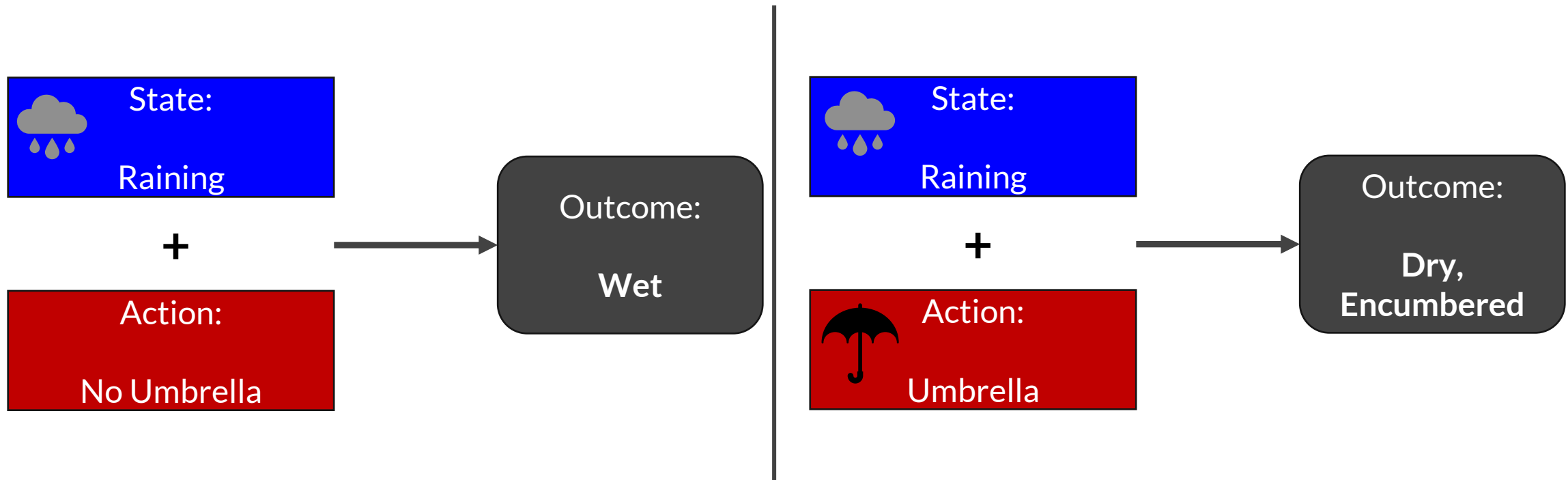
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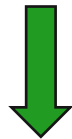
# Rank preferences using a utility function

- A utility function takes our qualitative ranking of outcomes and represents them as ordinal, real numbers.

## Preference

Dry  $\succ$  Dry, Encumbered  $\succ$  Wet

$(D|S, NU) \succ (DE|S, U) \sim (DE|R, U) \succ (W|R, NU)$



## Utility

$u_{NU}(D|S) > u_U(DE|S) = u_U(DE|R) > u_{NU}(W|R)$

1  $>$  0.80  $=$  0.80  $>$  0

## States:

- Raining,  $R$
- Sunny,  $S$

## Actions:

- No Umbrella,  $NU$
- Umbrella,  $U$

## Outcomes:

- Dry,  $D$
- Dry, Encumbered,  $DE$
- Wet,  $W$

Some actions have costs! Can be thought of as:

$$u_U(DE|S) = u_{NU}(D|S) - C(U)$$

$$= 1 - 0.2$$

$C(U)$ : cost of carrying umbrella



# Decisions under uncertainty

Principle of maximum expected utility: Under state uncertainty, the optimal action maximizes the expected utility:

$$a^* \in \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{S}}[u_a(o|s)]$$

"Decision Table"		
<div>States Actions</div>	Sunny $P(s_1) = 70\%$	Raining $P(s_2) = 30\%$
	Dry $u_{a_1}(o_{11} s_1) = 1$	Wet $u_{a_1}(o_{12} s_2) = 0$
Umbrella, $a_2$	Encumbered, dry $u_{a_2}(o_{21} s_1) = 0.8$	Encumbered, dry $u_{a_2}(o_{22} s_2) = 0.8$

"Irrational" action

$$\bar{u}(a_1) = 1 \times 0.7 + 0 \times 0.3 = 0.7$$

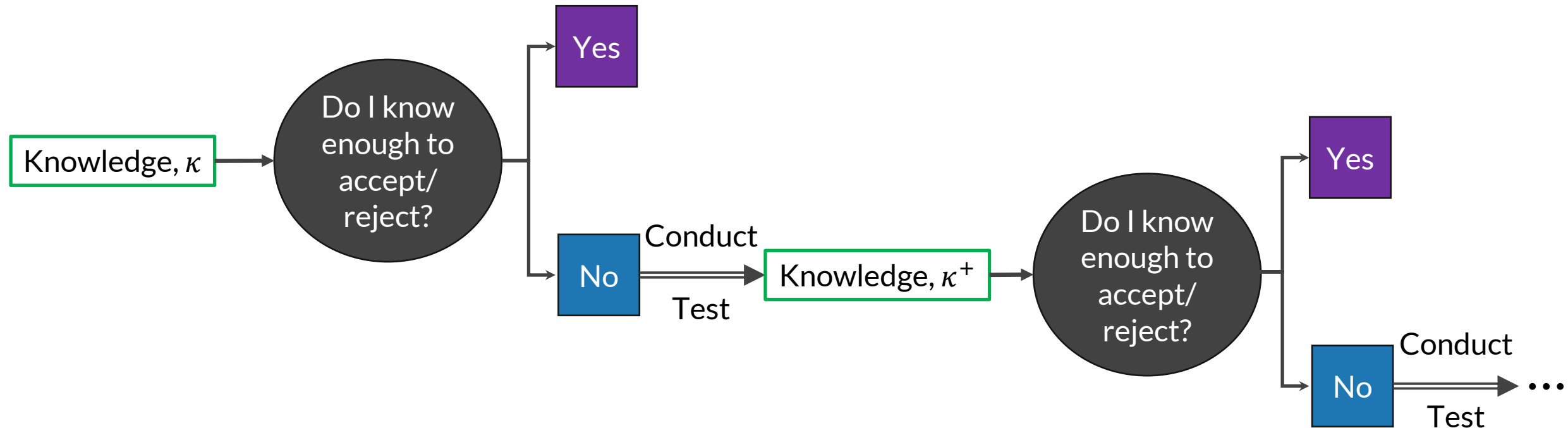
$$\bar{u}(a_2) = 0.8 \times 0.7 + 0.8 \times 0.3 = 0.8$$

"Rational" action



# How do we apply decisions to the Mock-Cannon?

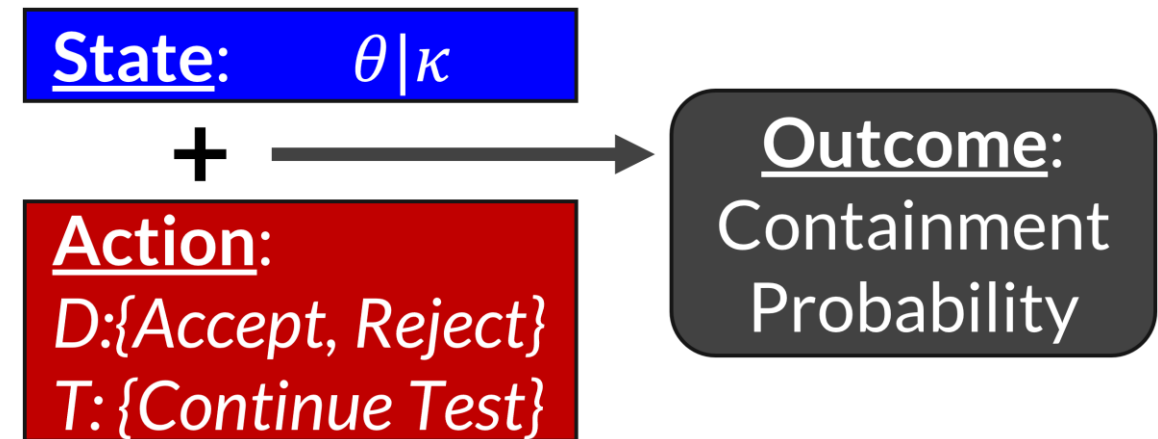
- A tester's decision process involves a *sequence* of decisions (sequential decision theory).



- Terminal decisions* (Yes nodes) are decisions that end the sequence.
- Intermediate (non-terminal) decisions* (No nodes) influence future terminal decisions.

# Bayesian Decision Theory handles state uncertainty

- Extend the discussion to the continuum, e.g., the mock-cannon (more difficult to enumerate in practice; integrate over states)
  - $\mathcal{S}$ , state space: uncertain parameters  $\theta$  as defined by  $\kappa$ , or  $\theta|\kappa$ 
    - Bayes Rule: probability distributions defined by the prior
  - $\mathcal{A}$ , action space: {Accept, Reject, Continue Testing} =  $\{A, R, T\}$ 
    - Terminal decisions are defined as  $D: \{A, R\}$
  - $\mathcal{O}$ , outcome space: fraction of points contained within CEP50 radius
    - No longer discrete outcomes
    - “Containment Probability”





# Assessing the utility of terminal decisions



## Reject utility, $u_R(\kappa)$

- If you reject the Mock-Cannon, i.e., send it back to the manufacturer, then it adds no value to you.

$$u_R(\kappa) = 0$$



# Accept option: representing preferences

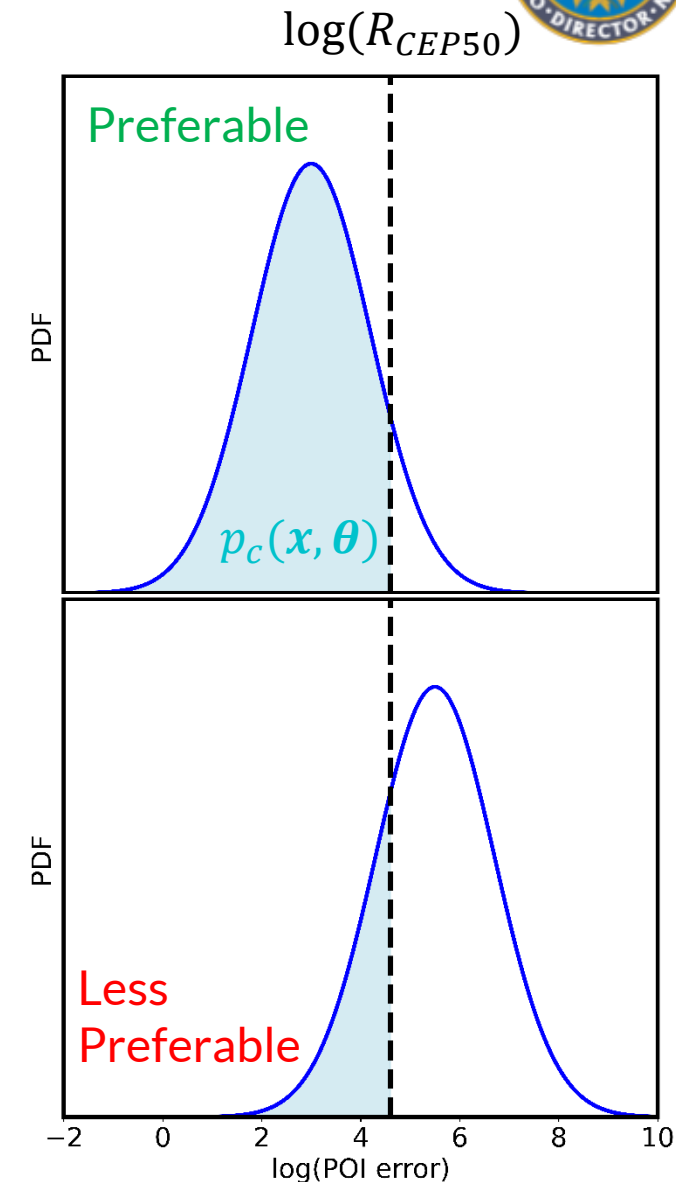
- We define our preference to be the *containment probability*,  $p_c$ , representing the probability of fires that land within  $R_{CEP50} = 100 \text{ m}$  ( $\log(100) \approx 4.61$ ).
- Integrate area under the likelihood distribution:

$$p_c(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\log(R_{CEP50})} \mathcal{L}(y|\mathbf{x}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T, \sigma^2) dy$$

- Our *preference* of any  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is averaged over all operational environments:

$$\bar{p}_c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[p_c(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})]$$

- The Mock-Cannon is more preferable with increasing containment probability.





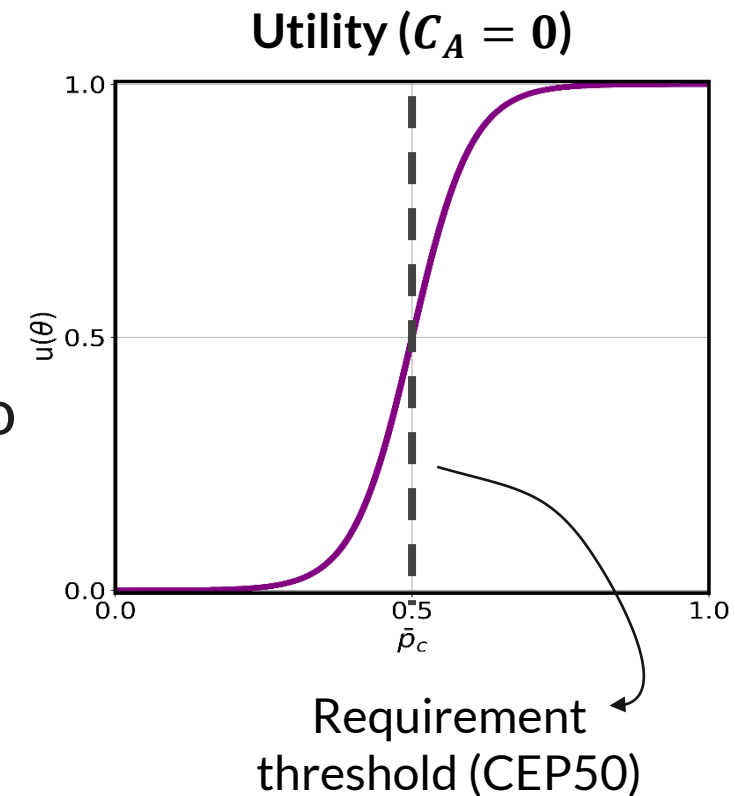
## Accept utility, $u_A(\kappa)$

- The utility of any state/parameter  $\theta$  encodes our preference relative to the requirement threshold:

$$u(\theta) = \text{sigmoid}(\bar{p}_c(\theta) - 0.5)$$

- The **accept utility** is the expected utility over all parameters *minus* some fixed acquisition cost (e.g. cost to productionalize the system) ( $C_A$ ):

$$u_A(\kappa) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\kappa}[u(\theta)] - C_A$$







## Terminal utility, $u_D(\kappa)$

- Terminal decisions are actions that end the sequential decision process,  $d \in D: \{A, R\}$ .
- The terminal utility is maximized over the terminal action utilities in accordance with the *principle of maximum expected utility*:

$$u_D(\kappa) = \max_{d \in D} (u_A(\kappa), u_R(\kappa) = 0)$$



# Assessing the utility of the intermediate decision



# Utility function for Continue Testing

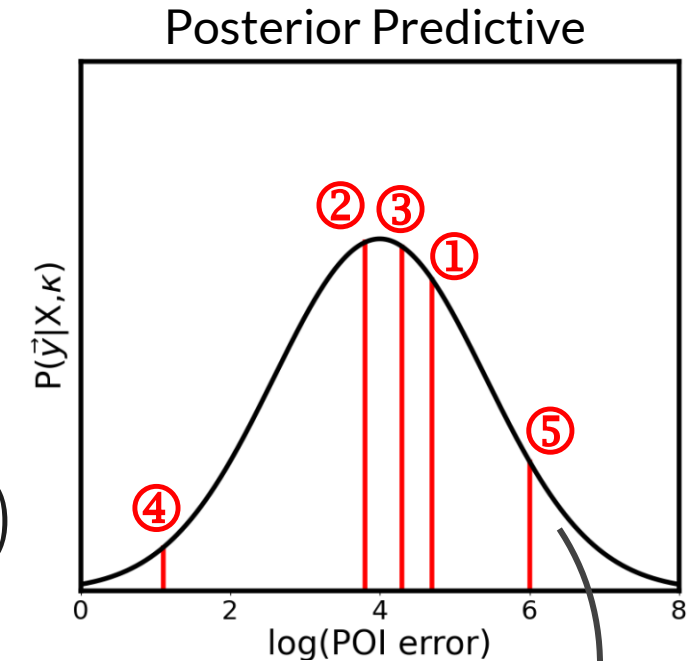
- The continue testing action,  $T$ , addresses the questions:
  - “What is the value in conducting another set of tests in environment  $X_T$ ?”
  - “Would a **future** test  $X_T$  yield a higher overall terminal utility?”

- We will project out future states by sampling outcomes.
- As we do not know the outcomes before conducting  $X_T$ , we can simulate future outcomes from the posterior predictive distribution:

$$P(\vec{y}_{pp}|X, \kappa) = \int \mathcal{L}(\vec{y}_{pp}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, X)P(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\vec{y}, X)d\boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathcal{N}(\vec{y}_{pp}; X\boldsymbol{\mu}^T, \sigma^2(\mathbb{I} + XVX^T))$$

- $\vec{y}_{pp}$ : *simulated* outcome vectors from the *posterior predictive*.

$X_T$				$\vec{y}_{pp,1}$	$\vec{y}_{pp,2}$	$\vec{y}_{pp,3}$
Intercept	QE	Log(Range)	QE×Log(Range)			
1	0.2	8.08	1.67	4.52	7.14	5.80
1	1.1	8.69	9.56	3.43	8.55	6.01
1	0.6	8.85	5.31	2.34	7.28	5.44

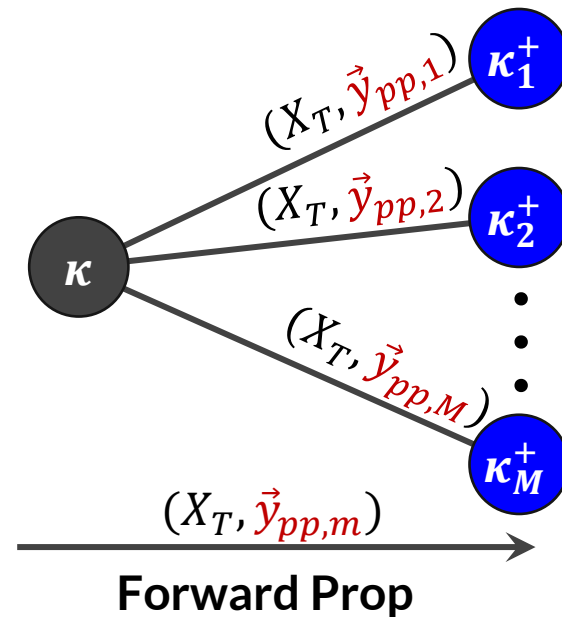


Example of 5 random draws that represent potential outcomes from conducting a test



# Sequential decision theory projects future knowledge states with a decision tree

- Instead of a decision table, we can visualize the  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{O})$  with a *decision tree*.
- The branching possibilities are in principle endless for continuous states. Visualize for a *1-step lookahead*.
- Project out  $M$  knowledge representations  $(\kappa^+)$  for test option  $X_T$ .



## Update Equations

$$V_m^+ = (V^{-1} + X_T^T X_T)^{-1}$$

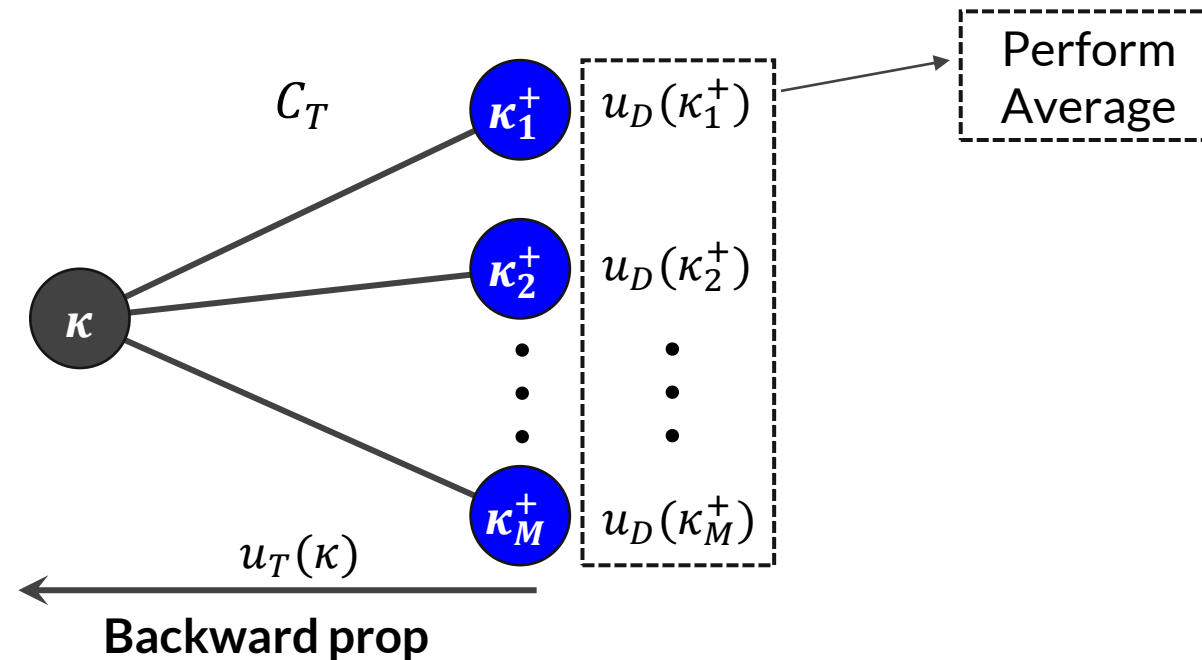
$$\mu_m^+ = (\mu V^{-1} + \vec{y}_{pp,m}^T X_T) V_m^+$$



# Continue Testing utility is the expected terminal utility

- The continue testing utility is the expectation over all future terminal utilities *minus* the cost of performing the test ( $C_T$ ):

$$u_T(\kappa) = \mathbb{E}_{\kappa^+|\kappa}[u_D(\kappa^+)] - C_T$$



Note: this is an inductive process.

Additional future projections follow a similar pattern, e.g.,

$$u_T(\kappa^+) = \mathbb{E}_{\kappa^{++}|\kappa^+}[u_D(\kappa^{++})] - C_T$$



# The optimal action

- We arrive at the optimal action over the entire action space:

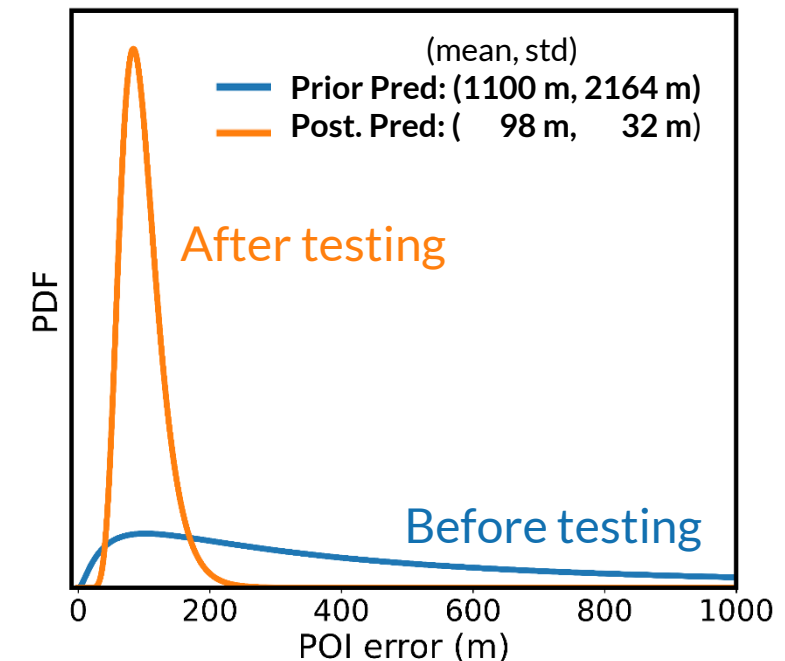
$$a^* = \underset{a \in \mathcal{A}}{\operatorname{argmax}}(u_a(\kappa)) = \underset{a \in \mathcal{A}}{\operatorname{argmax}}(u_D(\kappa), u_T(\kappa)) = \underset{a \in \mathcal{A}}{\operatorname{argmax}}(u_A(\kappa), u_R(\kappa) = 0, u_T(\kappa))$$

- This process repeats sequentially with every test conducted until the intermediate action (Continue Testing) is no longer optimal/maximal.
- $X_T$  consists of 30 test points.

$$a^* = \underset{a \in \mathcal{A}}{\operatorname{argmax}}(0.10, 0, 0.14) = T$$

$\underset{A}{0.10} \quad \underset{R}{0} \quad \underset{T}{0.14}$

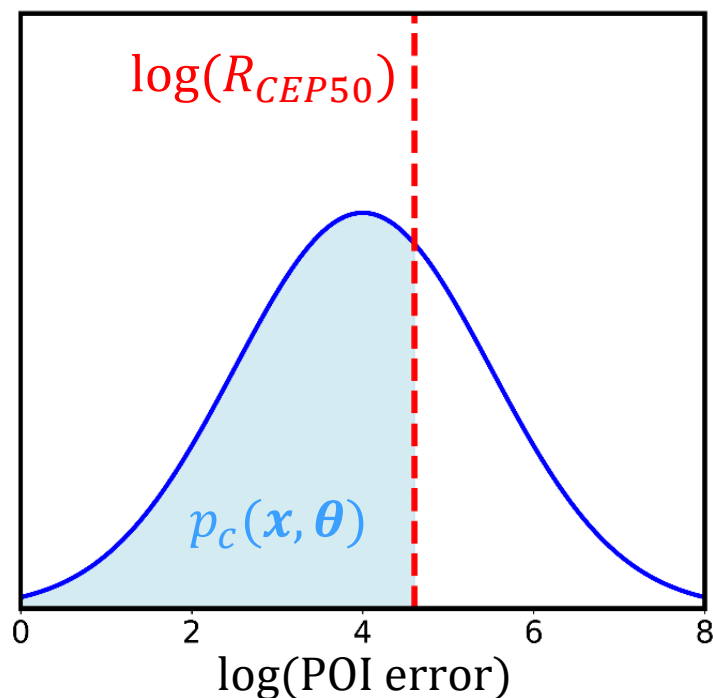
Intercept	QE	Log(Range)	QE×Log(Range)	Log(POI error) (true outcome)
1	0.8	9.46	7.56	4.52
1	1.1	8.69	9.56	4.21
1	0.6	8.85	5.31	2.64
~ 27 more rows ~				



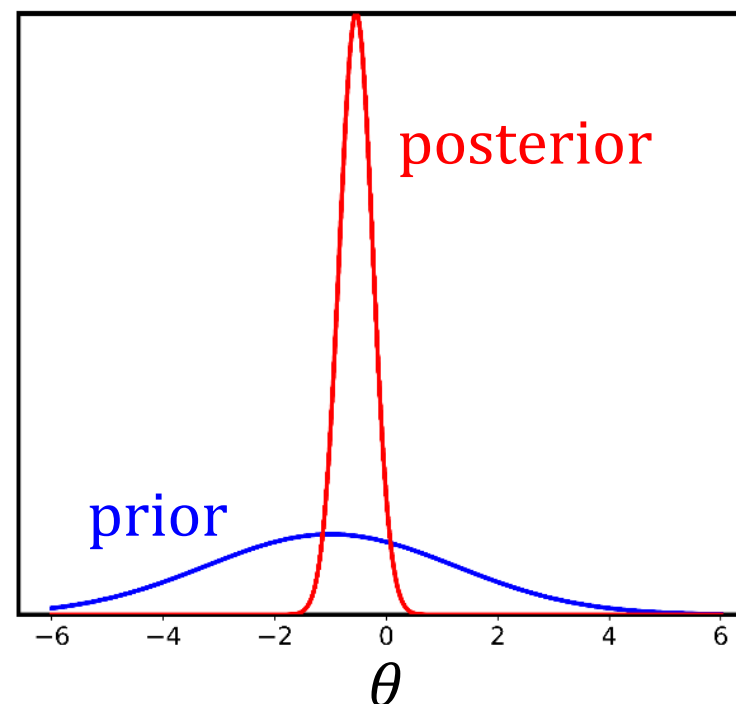


# Summary, Part 1: Applying Bayes to the Mock-Cannon

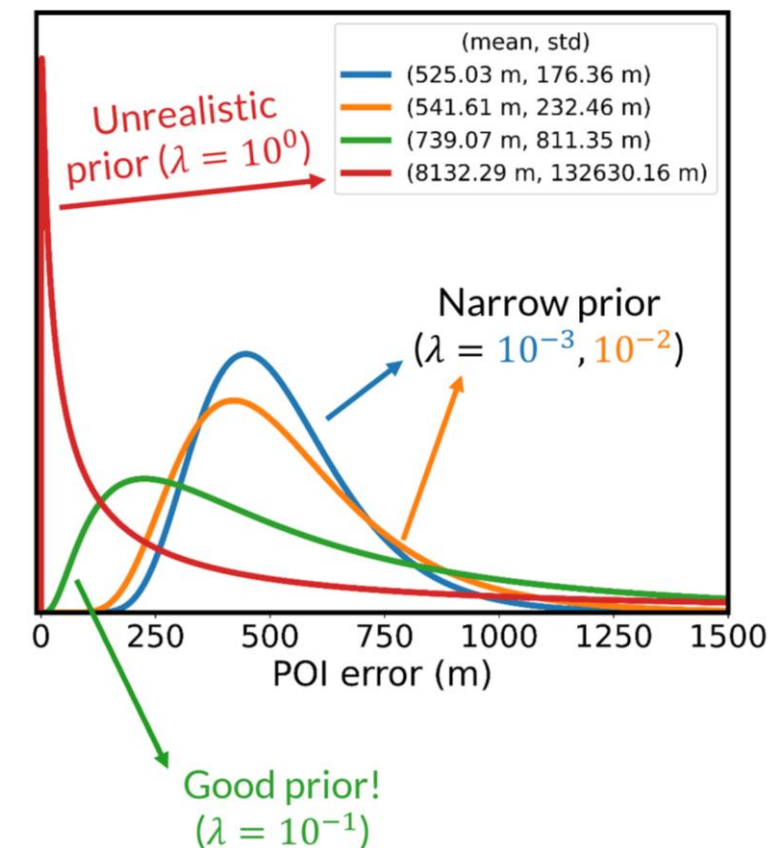
Model, Likelihood, Evaluation



Prior, Posterior, Knowledge update



Setting a prior





# Summary, Part II: Bayesian Decision Theory

Decision space

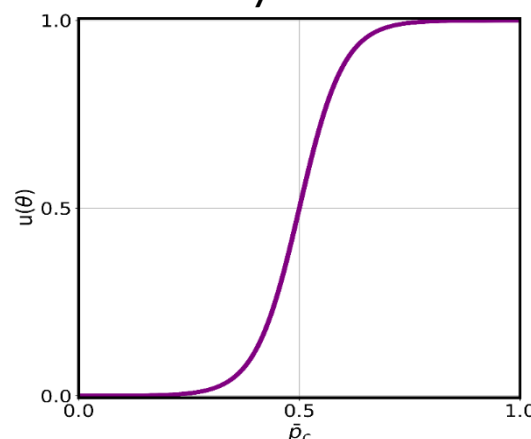
State:  $\theta|\kappa$

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Action:  
 $D:\{\text{Accept, Reject}\}$   
 $T:\{\text{Continue Test}\}$

Outcome:  
Containment  
Prob,  $\bar{p}_c(\theta)$

Preferences encoded  
in utility function

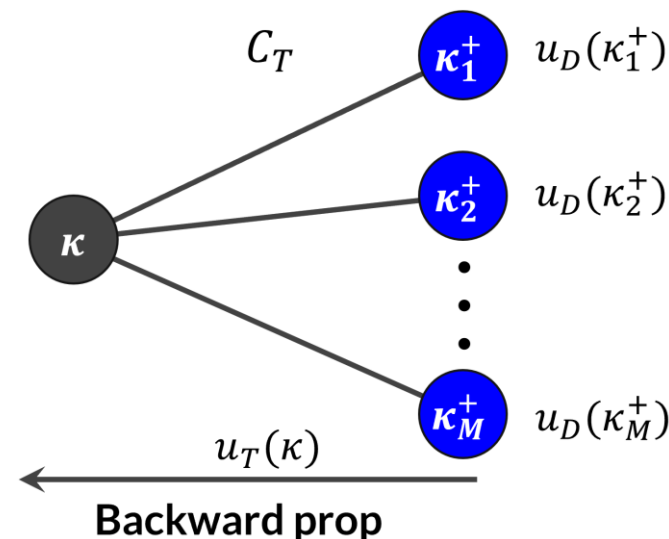
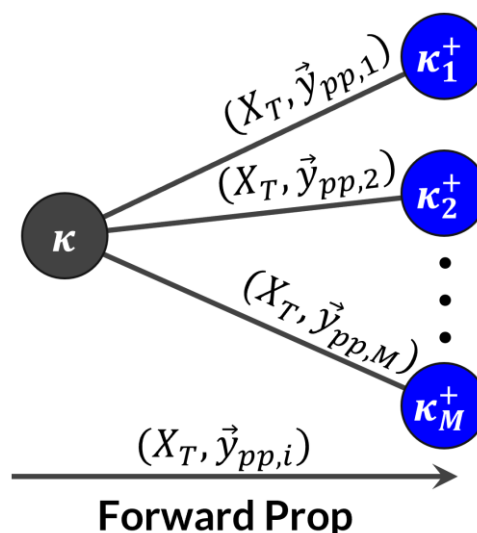


Principle of  
maximum expected utility

$$a^* \in \operatorname{argmax}_{a' \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E}_S[u_{a'}(o|s)]$$

“Rational agents maximize  
expected utility.”

Sequential decisions  
analyzed by projecting  
future states







# Questions?



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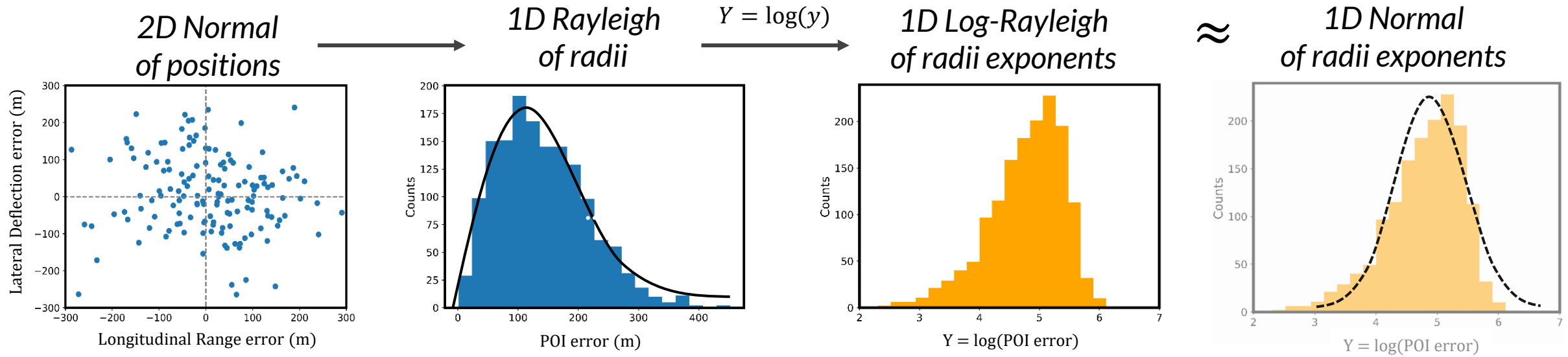


# Backup slides



# Define the likelihood of outcomes

- The *likelihood* is a specification of the stochastic nature of outcomes.



- To use the Bayesian conjugate prior construction, likelihood needs to be normally distributed.

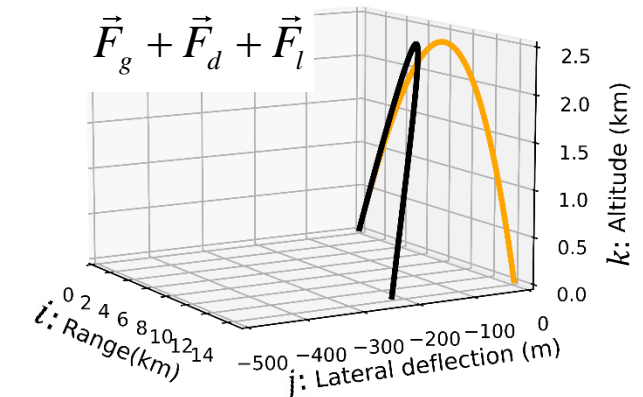
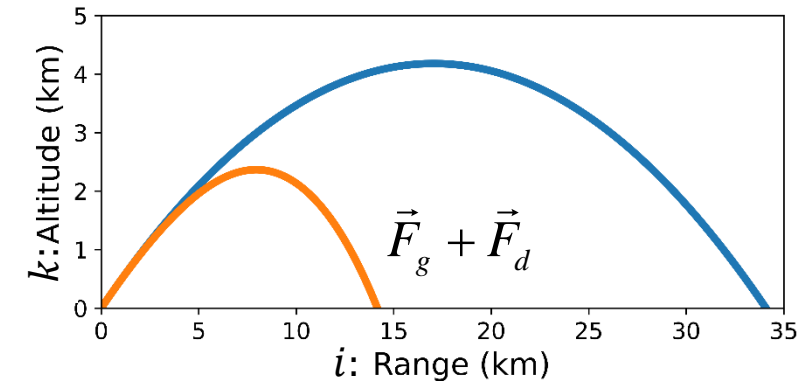
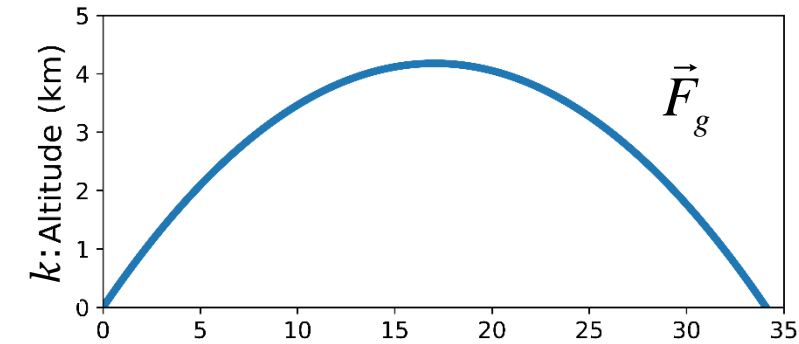
The likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(y|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y; \mathbf{x}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T, \sigma^2)$$



# Trajectory model

- Linear motion can be described by Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law:
  - $\vec{F}_g$ : gravitational force; attraction between earth and munition
  - $\vec{F}_d$ : drag force; resistive force of an object travelling through a fluid
  - $\vec{F}_l$ : lift force; responsible for lateral drift
- Rotational kinematics accounted for:
  - Overturning moment: associated with lift force
  - Spin damping moment: opposes spin of projectile due to aerodynamic skin friction
- We are implementing the Indirect Fires Delivery Accuracy Program (IFDAP) model.
  - Omits Coriolis and Magnus forces as they have negligible effects
  - Fast computation; maintains high fidelity compared to full models.





# M107(HE) 155 mm properties

General Parameters		Weapon Data	
Time Step	0.01 s	Twist rate	20 calibers/rev
Gravitational acceleration	9.81 m/s <sup>2</sup>	$I_{xx}$	0.1461 kg m <sup>3</sup>
Air $C_p$ (specific heat at constant pressure)	1005 J/(kg K)	Mass	43.091 kg
Air $C_v$ (specific heat at constant volume)	718 J/(kg K)	Projectile diameter	0.155 m



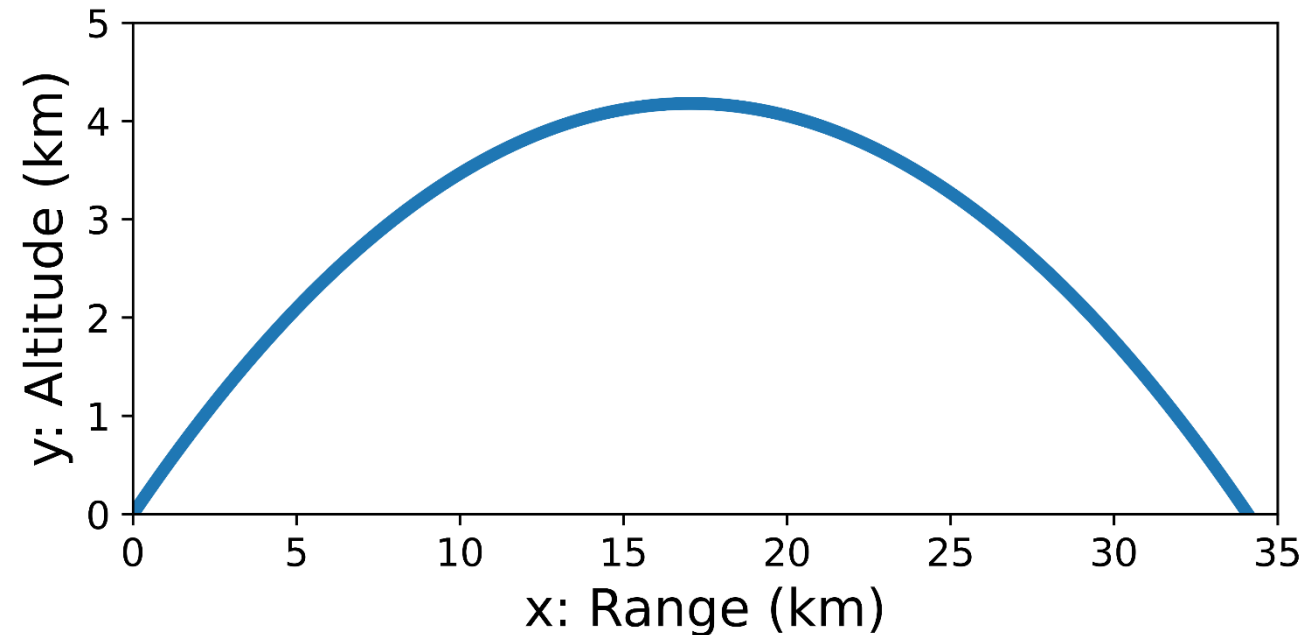
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# Gravitational Force

$$\vec{F}_g = \frac{GMm}{\|\vec{r}\|^2} \hat{r} \approx -mg \hat{y}$$

- $F_g$  : gravitational force: attraction between two objects with mass
- Induces symmetric parabolic motion
  - $G$  : gravitational constant
  - $M$  : mass of earth

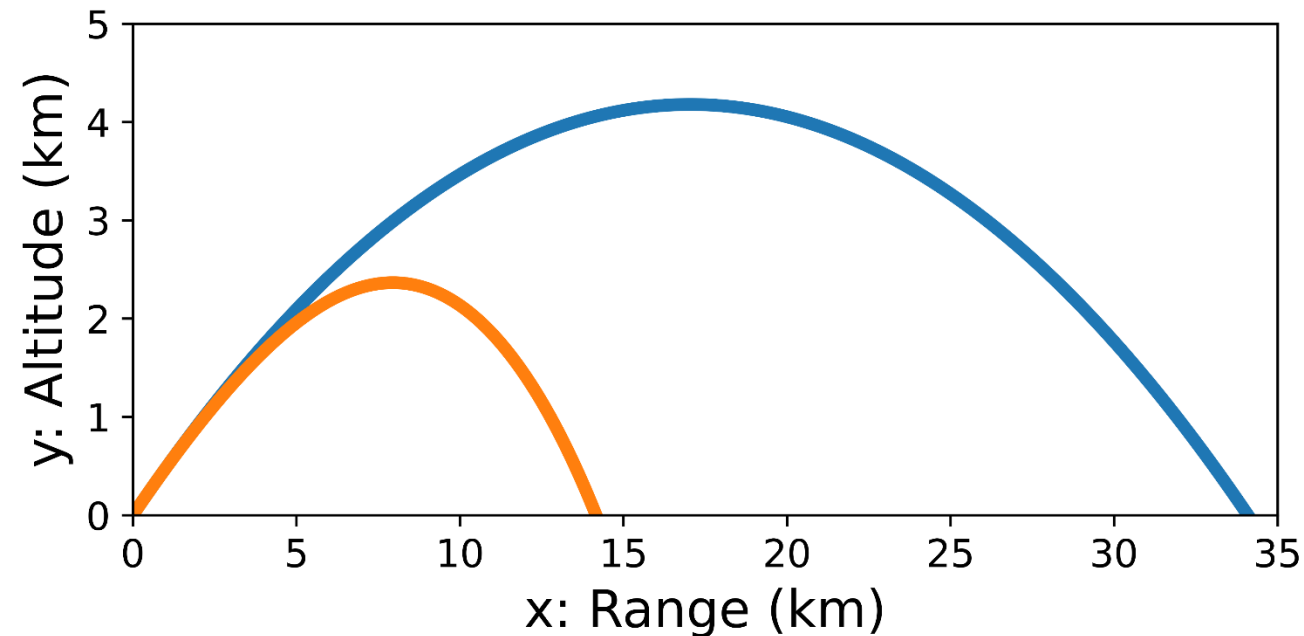




# Drag force

$$\vec{F}_d = -\frac{1}{2} S C_d \rho V \vec{V}$$

- Drag force: air resistance; reduces projectile range and causes higher angle of impact
  - $S$  : reference cross-sectional area perpendicular to axis of symmetry
  - $C_d$  : drag force coefficient
  - $\rho$  : density of air
  - $\vec{V}$  : projectile velocity vector



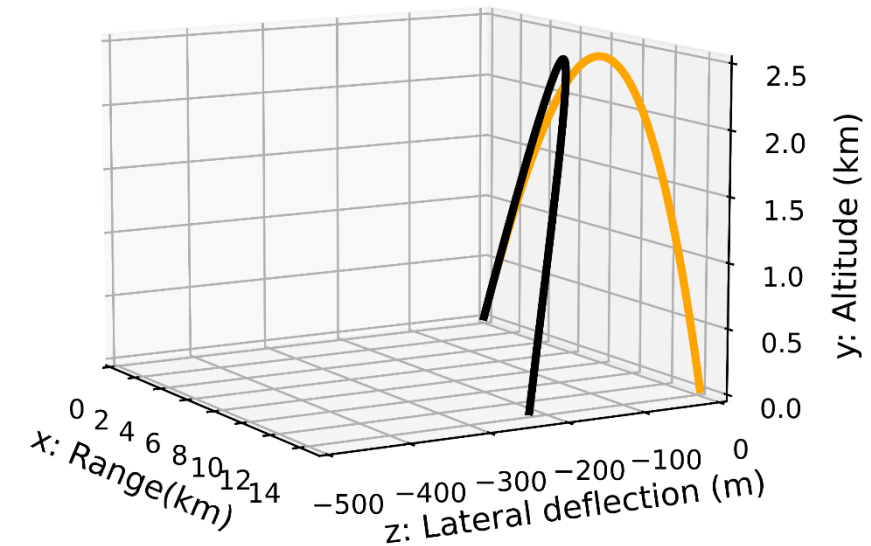




# Lift force

$$\vec{F}_l = \frac{1}{2} \rho S C_{L_\alpha} [\vec{V} \times (\hat{j} \times \vec{V})]$$

- Lift force: perpendicular to the trajectory, tending to pull the projectile in the direction its nose is pointed.
  - E.g., if the nose is pointed above the trajectory, the lift force causes the projectile to climb.
  - $S$  : reference cross-sectional area
  - $C_{L_\alpha}$  : drag force coefficient
  - $\rho$  : density of air
  - $\vec{V}$  : projectile velocity vector
  - $\hat{j}$  : unit vector along projectile axis of symmetry
- The spinning munition precesses about  $\hat{V}$ , and the z-component of the lift force produces a lateral drift in range.





# Rotational effects

- Forces acting on projectile induce rotations, which can be written down using Newton's second law for rotation:

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = I \vec{\alpha}$$

- Sum of the torques = (moment of inertia)  $\times$  (angular acceleration)
- Two significant moments
  - Overtaking moment:  $\tau_o = \frac{1}{2} \rho S d C_{M_\alpha} V^2 (\hat{V} \times \hat{j})$ 
    - Associated with lift force
    - If projectile's nose lies above its trajectory, a positive overturning moment acts to increase yaw angle
  - Spin damping moment:  $\tau_{sd} = -\frac{1}{2} \rho S d^2 V \omega C_{lp} \hat{j}$ 
    - $\omega$  : axial angular speed (radians/second)
    - $d$  : reference diameter
    - Opposes spin of projectile due to aerodynamic skin friction
    - Always tends to reduce axial spin
- Rotational deflections from the x-y plane (precession) tend to result in lateral deflections.



# Decision theory constraints



- Constraints are imposed upon preferences:
  - *Completeness*. Exactly one of the following holds:  $A \succ B$ ,  $B \succ A$ , or  $A \sim B$ .
  - *Transitivity*. If  $A \succcurlyeq B$  and  $B \succcurlyeq C$ , then  $A \succcurlyeq C$ .
  - *Continuity*. If  $A \succcurlyeq C \succcurlyeq B$ , then there exists a probability  $p$  such that  $pA + (1 - p)B \sim C$ .
    - Implies you cannot have a discontinuous jump in preferences once you encounter uncertainty
    - Violated with lexicographic preferences
  - *Independence*. If  $A \succ B$ , then for any  $C$  and probability  $p$ ,  $[A: p; C: 1 - p] \succcurlyeq [B: p; C: 1 - p]$ .
- These are the constraints on rational preferences. It follows from this that there exists a real-valued function  $U$  such that
  - $U(A) > U(B)$  iff  $A \succ B$ .
  - $U(A) = U(B)$  iff  $A \sim B$ .