

17th Eawag Summer School in Bayesian Methods for Environmental Modelling (preliminary)

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Lecturers: Carlo Albert (CA), Andreas Scheidegger (AS), Dmitri Kavetski (DK), Marco Baity Jesi (MBJ), Alberto Bassi (AB) and Marvin Höge (MH).

Practice sessions: Thiago Nascimento (TN), Cheng Chen (CC).

Sunday, May 31: Optional Preparatory Course

15:00 - 15:45	lecture	AS	Review of probability theory
16:00 - 17:00	practice	CC	Exercises

Monday, June 1: Probabilistic Models

08:45 - 09:00		CA	Introduction to the Course
09:00 - 09:45	lecture	CA	Probabilistic modelling
09:45 - 10:15		CA, all	Introduction and expectations of participants
10:45 - 11:15	lecture	AS	Sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo simulation
11:30 - 12:15	lecture	AS	Likelihood functions
14:30 - 17:30	practice	TN	Practice of likelihood functions and sensitivity analysis

19:00 *barbecue*

Tuesday, June 2: Introduction to Bayesian Analysis

08:30 - 09:15	lecture	DK	Illustration of Bayesian inference
09:30 - 10:15	lecture	AS	Concepts of Bayesian inference
10:45 - 11:30	lecture	CA	Bayesian computation with Monte Carlo methods
11:45 - 12:30	lecture	DK	Improving models using posterior diagnostics
14:30 - 17:30	practice	CC/TN	Practice of elementary Bayesian inference

Wednesday, June 3: Advanced Bayesian Computation

08:30 - 09:15	lecture	DK	Identifiability analysis
09:30 - 11:00	lecture	CA	Advanced Bayesian inference algorithms
11:15 - 12:00	lecture	AS	Probabilistic programming languages
14:00 - 16:30	practice	AB	Practice of advanced Bayesian inference
16:30 - 18:30	Poster session		Poster session with flash presentations

Thursday, June 4: ML Techniques

09:00 - 09:30	lecture	DK	Optimization techniques
09:45 - 10:15	lecture	CA	Emulators
10:30 - 11:15	lecture	MBJ	Variational inference
11:30 - 12:15	lecture	AB	Overview of ML techniques for Bayesian inference

			Room 1	Room 2
14:30 - 15:30	lecture/practice	DD	Inference with hierarchical models	Repetition (AS) / problems of participants
15:30 - 16:30	lecture/practice	AB	ABC inference for stochastic models	
16:30 - 17:30	lecture/practice	MBJ	Variational Bayes	

Friday, June 5: Further Topics of Bayesian Computation and Applications

09:00 - 09:45	lecture	DK	Hydrological modeling, uncertainty and hypothesis testing
10:00 - 10:45	lecture	MH	Bayesian model selection
11:00 - 11:45	lecture	AS	ML vs Bayes / Q&A
14:00 - 14:30	discussion	all	Summary and Feedback
14:30 - 15:30	cleaning	all	

Link to the exercises: <https://www.eawag.ch/summerschool/exercises>