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Dear Dr Hulme,

I have to thank you for sending me your paper on The statistical theory of errors, reprinted from the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. I think you give a very clear account of the elements of modern statistical ideas on estimation and tests of significance, including fiducial probability.

You may be glad to have a fuller list of my statistical publications, in which I have marked a number of items in which the historical development of these ideas, and a number of further developments of them, may be followed. I have still copies of a certain number of these for distribution and am glad to send them to the comparatively few mathematicians who realise that the subject has now reached a point very far in advance of the position in which it was left by the earlier workers.

Even in the abstract sense I do not regard the subject as complete, though so far as one can judge it is nearing completion; in particular our present techniques for ^{recognising and} utilising ancillary information are somewhat imperfect and, I should think, capable of being materially improved.

Yours sincerely,