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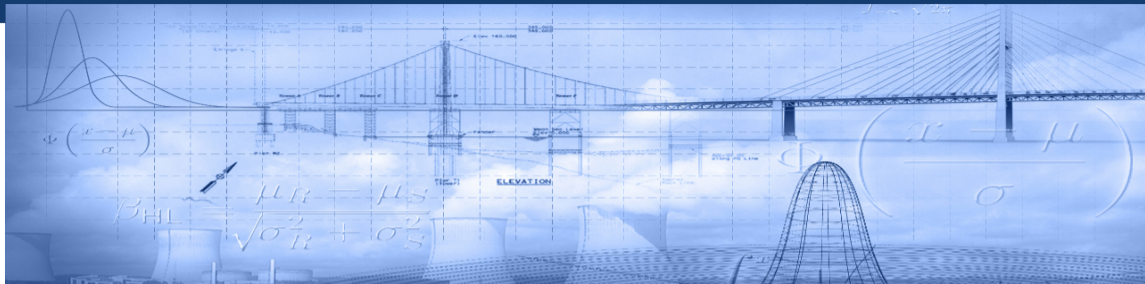
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- Uncertainty modelling for engineering systems
- Structural reliability analysis
- Surrogate models (polynomial chaos expansions, Kriging, support vector machines)
- Bayesian model calibration and stochastic inverse problems
- Global sensitivity analysis
- Reliability-based design optimization



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## Computational models in engineering

Complex engineering systems are designed and assessed using **computational models**, a.k.a **simulators**

A computational model combines:

- A **mathematical description** of the physical phenomena (governing equations), *e.g.* mechanics, electromagnetism, fluid dynamics, etc.
- **Discretization techniques** which transform continuous equations into linear algebra problems
- Algorithms to **solve** the discretized equations

$$\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \boldsymbol{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

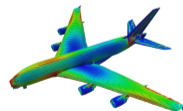
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \boldsymbol{u} + {}^T \nabla \boldsymbol{u})$$



## Computational models in engineering

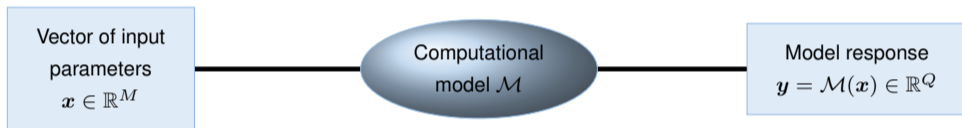
Computational models are used:

- To explore the design space (“**virtual prototypes**”)
- To **optimize** the system (e.g. minimize the mass) under performance constraints
- To assess its **robustness** w.r.t uncertainty and its **reliability**
- Together with experimental data for **calibration** purposes

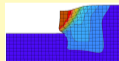


## Computational models: the abstract viewpoint

A computational model may be seen as a **black box** program that computes **quantities of interest** (QoI) (a.k.a. **model responses**) as a function of input parameters



- Geometry
- Material properties
- Loading

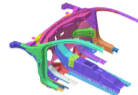


- Analytical formula
- Finite element model
- Comput. workflow

- Displacements
- Strains, stresses
- Temperature, etc.

## Real world is uncertain

- Differences between the **designed** and the **real** system:
  - Dimensions (tolerances in manufacturing)
  - Material properties (e.g. variability of the stiffness or resistance)
- **Unforecast exposures**: exceptional service loads, natural hazards (earthquakes, floods, landslides), climate loads (hurricanes, snow storms, etc.), accidental human actions (explosions, fire, etc.)





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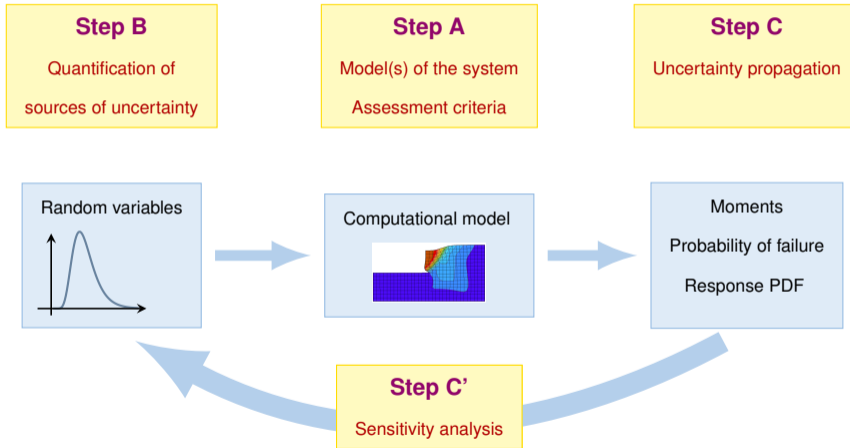
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# Global framework for uncertainty quantification



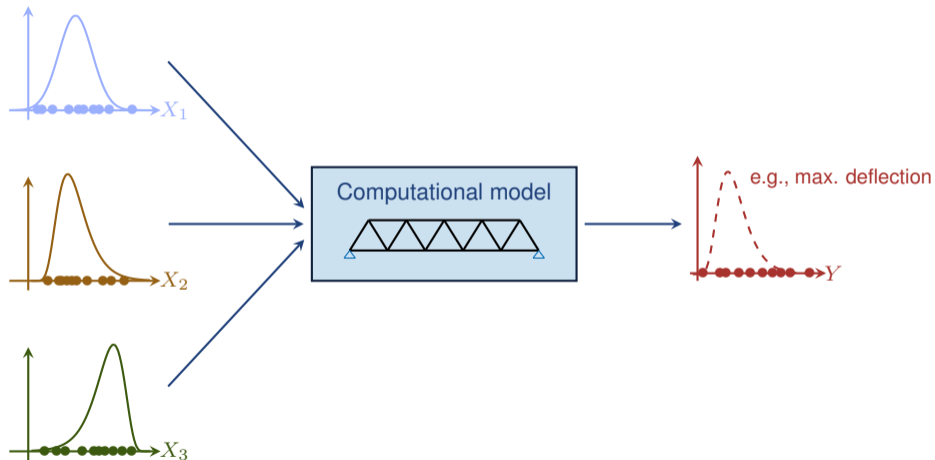
B. Sudret, Uncertainty propagation and sensitivity analysis in mechanical models – contributions to structural reliability and stochastic spectral methods (2007)

## Uncertainty propagation using Monte Carlo simulation

**Principle:** Generate **virtual prototypes** of the system using **random numbers**

- A sample set  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is drawn according to the input distribution  $f_{\mathbf{X}}$
- For each sample the quantity of interest (resp. performance criterion) is evaluated, say  $\mathcal{Y} = \{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_n)\}$
- The set of model outputs is used for moments-, distribution- or reliability analysis

## Uncertainty propagation using Monte Carlo simulation



## Advantages/Drawbacks of Monte Carlo simulation

### Advantages

- Universal method: only rely upon **sampling** random numbers and running repeatedly the computational model
- Sound statistical foundations: convergence when  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Suited to **High Performance Computing**: “embarrassingly parallel”

### Drawbacks

- **Statistical uncertainty**: results are not exactly reproducible when a new analysis is carried out (handled by computing **confidence intervals**)
- **Low efficiency**: convergence rate  $\propto n^{-1/2}$

## Surrogate models for uncertainty quantification

A **surrogate model**  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  is an **approximation** of the original computational model  $\mathcal{M}$  with the following features:

- It assumes some regularity of the model  $\mathcal{M}$  and some general functional shape
- It is built from a **limited** set of runs of the original model  $\mathcal{M}$  called the **experimental design**  
 $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, n\}$



Simulated data

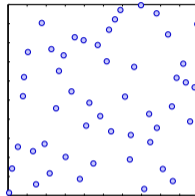
- It is **fast to evaluate!**

## Surrogate models for uncertainty quantification

Name	Shape	Parameters
Polynomial chaos expansions	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} a_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$	$a_{\alpha}$
Low-rank tensor approximations	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^R b_l \left( \prod_{i=1}^M v_l^{(i)}(x_i) \right)$	$b_l, z_{k,l}^{(i)}$
Kriging (a.k.a Gaussian processes)	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + Z(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega})$	$\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma_Z^2, \boldsymbol{\theta}$
Support vector machines	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$	$\mathbf{a}, b$
(Deep) Neural networks	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_n(\dots f_2(b_2 + f_1(b_1 + \mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{w}_2))$	$\mathbf{w}, b$

## Ingredients for building a surrogate model

- Select an **experimental design**  $\mathcal{X}$  that covers at best the domain of input parameters:
  - (Monte Carlo simulation)
  - **Latin hypercube sampling** (LHS)
  - Low-discrepancy sequences
- Run the computational model  $\mathcal{M}$  onto  $\mathcal{X}$  **exactly as in Monte Carlo simulation**





## Ingredients for building a surrogate model

- Smartly post-process the data  $\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})\}$  through a **learning algorithm**

Name	Learning method
Polynomial chaos expansions	sparse grid integration, least-squares, compressive sensing
Low-rank tensor approximations	alternate least squares
Kriging	maximum likelihood, Bayesian inference
Support vector machines	quadratic programming

- **Validate** the surrogate model, e.g. estimate a global error  $\varepsilon = \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{X}))^2 \right]$

## Advantages of surrogate models

### Usage

$$\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) \approx \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

hours per run                  seconds for  $10^6$  runs

### Advantages

- **Non-intrusive methods**: based on runs of the computational model, exactly as in Monte Carlo simulation
- **Suited to high performance computing**: “embarrassingly parallel”

### Challenges

- Need for rigorous **validation**
- **Communication**: advanced mathematical background

### Efficiency

- 6-8 orders of magnitude (!) less CPU for a **single run**
- 2-3 orders of magnitude less runs compared to a full Monte Carlo simulation

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## Polynomial chaos expansions in a nutshell

Ghanem & Spanos (1991; 2003); Xiu & Karniadakis (2002); Soize & Ghanem (2004)

- We assume here for simplicity that the input parameters are independent with  $X_i \sim f_{X_i}, i = 1, \dots, M$
- PCE is also applicable in the general case using an isoprobabilistic transform  $\mathbf{X} \mapsto \Xi$

The **polynomial chaos expansion** of the (random) model response reads:

$$Y = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^M} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$$

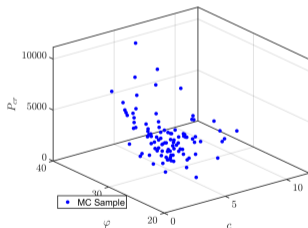
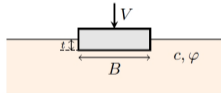
where:

- $\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$  are basis functions (**multivariate orthonormal polynomials**)
- $y_{\alpha}$  are **coefficients** to be computed (coordinates)

## Sampling (MCS) vs. spectral expansion (PCE)

Whereas MCS explores the output space /distribution **point-by-point**, the polynomial chaos expansion assumes a generic structure (**polynomial function**), which better exploits the available information (**runs of the original model**)

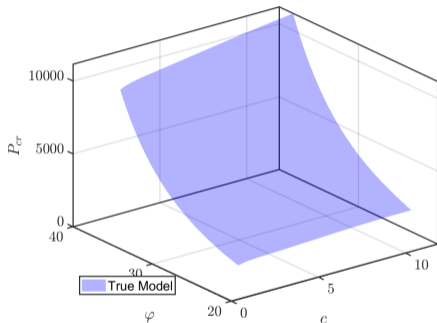
Example: load bearing capacity  $P_{cr}$  of a shallow foundation



Thousands (resp. millions) of points are needed to grasp the structure of the response (resp. capture the rare events)

Defined as a function of the soil cohesion  $c$  and friction angle  $\varphi$

## Visualization of the PCE construction



= “Sum of **coefficients**  $\times$  **basic surfaces**”



## Polynomial chaos expansion: procedure

$$Y^{\text{PCE}} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$$

### Four steps

- How to construct the polynomial basis  $\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$  for given  $X_i \sim f_{X_i}$ ?
- How to compute the coefficients  $y_{\alpha}$ ?
- How to check the accuracy of the expansion ?
- How to answer the engineering questions:
  - Mean, standard deviation
  - PDF, quantiles
  - Sensitivity indices



## Multivariate polynomial basis

### Univariate polynomials

- For each input variable  $X_i$ , univariate orthogonal polynomials  $\{P_k^{(i)}, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  are built:

$$\langle P_j^{(i)}, P_k^{(i)} \rangle = \int P_j^{(i)}(u) P_k^{(i)}(u) f_{X_i}(u) du = \gamma_j^{(i)} \delta_{jk}$$

e.g., Legendre polynomials if  $X_i \sim \mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$ , Hermite polynomials if  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Normalization:  $\Psi_j^{(i)} = P_j^{(i)} / \sqrt{\gamma_j^{(i)}} \quad i = 1, \dots, M, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}$

### Tensor product construction

$$\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^M \Psi_{\alpha_i}^{(i)}(x_i) \quad \mathbb{E} [\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) \Psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{X})] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M)$  are multi-indices (partial degree in each dimension)

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## Computing the coefficients by least-square minimization

Isukapalli (1999); Berveiller, Sudret & Lemaire (2006)

### Principle

The exact (infinite) series expansion is considered as the sum of a **truncated series** and a **residual**:

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) + \varepsilon_P \equiv \mathbf{Y}^T \Psi(\mathbf{X}) + \varepsilon_P(\mathbf{X})$$

where :  $\mathbf{Y} = \{y_{\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\} \equiv \{y_0, \dots, y_{P-1}\}$  ( $P$  unknown coefficients)

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}) = \{\Psi_0(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \Psi_{P-1}(\mathbf{x})\}$$

### Least-square minimization

The unknown coefficients are estimated by minimizing the **mean square residual error**:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \arg \min \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \mathbf{Y}^T \Psi(\mathbf{X}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) \right)^2 \right]$$

## Discrete (ordinary) least-square minimization

An estimate of the mean square error (sample average) is minimized:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^P} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{Y}^T \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^2$$

### Procedure

- Select a truncation scheme, e.g.  $\mathcal{A}^{M,p} = \{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^M : |\boldsymbol{\alpha}|_1 \leq p\}$
- Select an **experimental design** and evaluate the model response

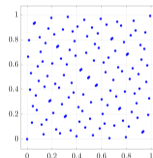
$$\mathbf{M} = \{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \dots, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})\}^T$$

- Compute the experimental matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \Psi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \quad i = 1, \dots, n; j = 0, \dots, P-1$$

- Solve the resulting **linear system**

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{M}$$



Simple is beautiful !

## Error estimators

- In least-squares analysis, the **generalization error** is defined as:

$$E_{gen} = \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{X}))^2 \right] \quad \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$$

- The **empirical error** based on the experimental design  $\mathcal{X}$  is a poor estimator in case of **overfitting**

$$E_{emp} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^2$$

### Leave-one-out cross validation

- From statistical learning theory, **model validation** shall be carried out using independent data

$$E_{LOO} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}{1 - h_i} \right)^2$$

where  $h_i$  is the  $i$ -th diagonal term of matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$

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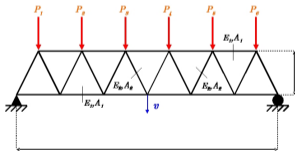
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## Curse of dimensionality

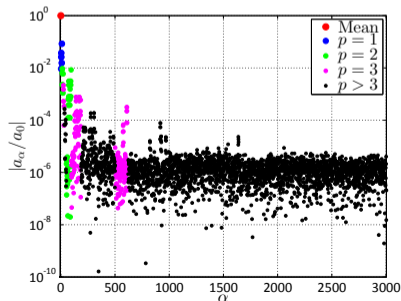
- The cardinality of the truncation scheme  $\mathcal{A}^{M,p}$  is  $P = \frac{(M+p)!}{M!p!}$
- Typical computational requirements:  $n = OSR \cdot P$  where the **oversampling rate** is  $OSR = 2 - 3$

However ... most coefficients are close to zero !

### Example



- Elastic truss structure with  $M = 10$  independent input variables
- PCE of degree  $p = 5$  ( $P = 3,003$  coefficients)



## Compressive sensing approaches

Blatman & Sudret (2011); Doostan & Owhadi (2011); Sargsyan *et al.* (2014); Jakeman *et al.* (2015)

- Sparsity in the solution can be induced by  $\ell_1$ -regularization:

$$\mathbf{y}_\alpha = \arg \min \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mathbf{Y}^\top \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right)^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{y}_\alpha\|_1$$

- **Different algorithms:** LASSO, orthogonal matching pursuit, LARS, Bayesian compressive sensing, subspace pursuit, etc.

- State-of-the-art-review and comparisons available in:

Lüthen, N., Marelli, S. & Sudret, B. *Sparse polynomial chaos expansions: Literature survey and benchmark*, SIAM/ASA J. Unc. Quant., 2021, 9, 593-649 <https://doi.org/10.1137/20M1315774>

–, *Automatic selection of basis-adaptive sparse polynomial chaos expansions for engineering applications*, Int. J. Uncertainty Quantification, 2022, 12, 49-74

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## Post-processing sparse PC expansions

### Statistical moments

- Due to the orthogonality of the basis functions ( $\mathbb{E} [\Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X})\Psi_\beta(\mathbf{X})] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$ ) and using  $\mathbb{E} [\Psi_{\alpha \neq 0}] = 0$  the **statistical moments** read:

$$\text{Mean: } \hat{\mu}_Y = y_0$$

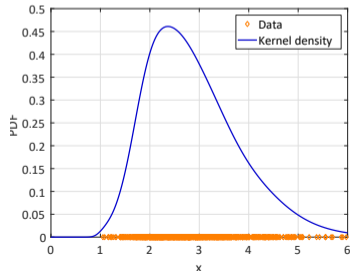
$$\text{Variance: } \hat{\sigma}_Y^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathbf{0}} y_\alpha^2$$

### Distribution of the QoI

- The PCE can be used as a **response surface** for sampling:

$$\eta_j = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_j) \quad j = 1, \dots, n_{big}$$

- The **PDF of the response** is estimated by histograms or **kernel smoothing**



## Sensitivity analysis

### Goal

Sobol' (1993); Saltelli *et al.* (2008)

Global sensitivity analysis aims at quantifying which input parameter(s) (or combinations thereof) influence the most the response variability (variance decomposition)

### Hoeffding-Sobol' decomposition

$(\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1]^M))$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^M \mathcal{M}_i(x_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq M} \mathcal{M}_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \cdots + \mathcal{M}_{12\dots M}(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, M\}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \quad (\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}\}) \end{aligned}$$

- The summands satisfy the orthogonality condition:

$$\int_{[0,1]^M} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}) d\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}$$

## Sobol' indices

Total variance: 
$$D \equiv \text{Var} [\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, M\}} \text{Var} [\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})]$$

- Sobol' indices:

$$S_{\mathbf{u}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\text{Var} [\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})]}{D}$$

- First-order Sobol' indices:

$$S_i = \frac{D_i}{D} = \frac{\text{Var} [\mathcal{M}_i(X_i)]}{D}$$

Quantify the **additive** effect of each input parameter **separately**

- Total Sobol' indices:

$$S_i^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\mathbf{u} \supset i} S_{\mathbf{u}}$$

Quantify the **total effect** of  $X_i$ , including interactions with the other variables.

## Link with PC expansions

### Sobol decomposition of a PC expansion

Sudret, CSM (2006); RESS (2008)

Obtained by **reordering the terms** of the (truncated) PC expansion  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{X}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$

### Interaction sets

For a given  $\mathbf{u} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ :  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : k \in \mathbf{u} \Leftrightarrow \alpha_k \neq 0\}$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, M\}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$$

### PC-based Sobol' indices

$$S_{\mathbf{u}} = D_{\mathbf{u}}/D = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}}} y_{\alpha}^2 / \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathbf{0}} y_{\alpha}^2$$

The Sobol' indices are obtained **analytically, at any order** from the coefficients of the PC expansion

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## Models with time-dependent outputs

### Problem statement

- Consider a computational model of a **dynamical system**:

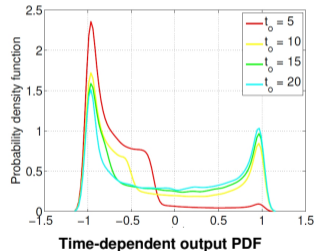
$$\mathcal{D}_{\Xi} \times [0, T] : (\xi, t) \mapsto \mathcal{M}(\xi, t)$$

where  $\Xi$  is a random vector of uncertain parameters with given PDF  $f_{\Xi}$

- Uncertainties may be in:
  - The **excitation**, denoted by  $x(\xi_x, t)$
  - And/or in the **system's characteristics** ( $\xi_s$ ):

i.e.:

$$\mathcal{M}(\xi, t) \equiv \mathcal{M}(x(\xi_x, t), \xi_s)$$



Time-frozen PCE does not work!

# Stochastic time warping

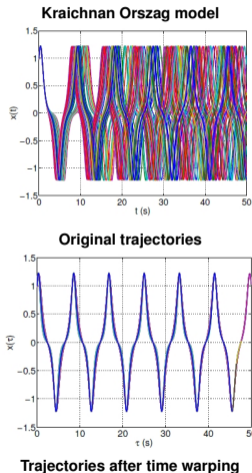
## Problem

Mai & Sudret, SIAM J. Unc. Quant. (2017)

The various trajectories are “similar” yet not in phase, thus the complex time-frozen response

## Principles of the method

- A specific **warped time scale**  $\tau$  is introduced for each trajectory so that they become “in phase”
- Time-frozen PCE is carried out in the warped time scale using **reduced-order modelling** (principal component analysis)
- Predictions are carried out in the warped time scale and back-transformed in the real time line





## Example: Oregonator model

The **Oregonator** model represents a well-stirred, homogeneous chemical system governed by a three species coupled mechanism

### Governing equations

$$\dot{x}(t) = k_1 y(t) - k_2 x(t) y(t) + k_3 x(t) - k_4 x(t)^2$$

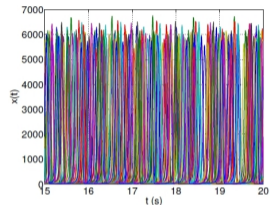
$$\dot{y}(t) = -k_1 y(t) - k_2 x(t) y(t) + k_5 z(t)$$

$$\dot{z}(t) = k_3 x(t) - k_5 z(t)$$

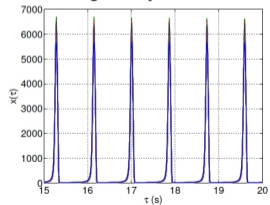
### Input reaction parameters

Parameter	Distribution	Values
$k_1$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[1.8, 2.2]$
$k_2$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[0.095, 0.1005]$
$k_3$	Gaussian	$\mathcal{N}(104, 1.04)$
$k_4$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[0.0076, 0.0084]$
$k_5$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[23.4, 28.6]$

Le Maître et al. (2010)



Original trajectories

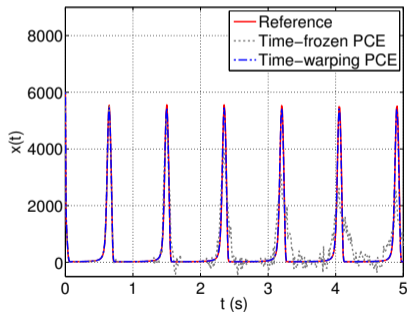


Trajectories after time warping

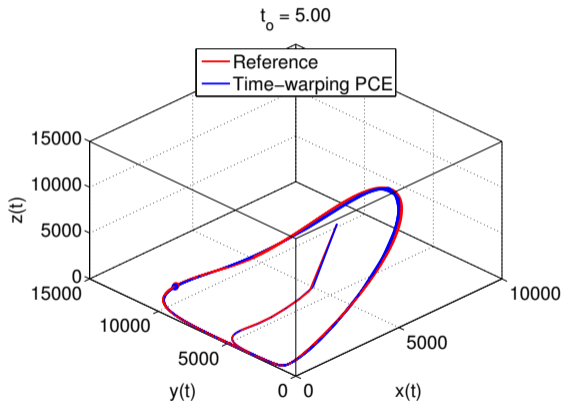
## Oregonator model: prediction

### Surrogate model

- Experimental design of size  $n = 50$
- Validation set of size  $n_{val} = 10,000$

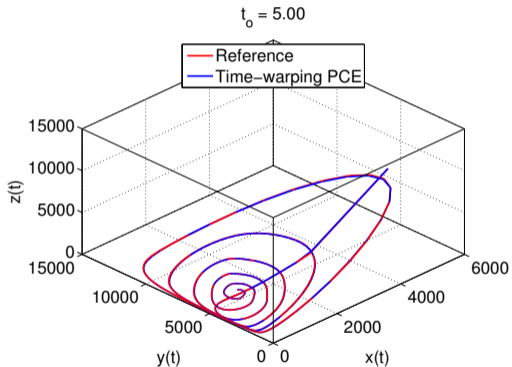
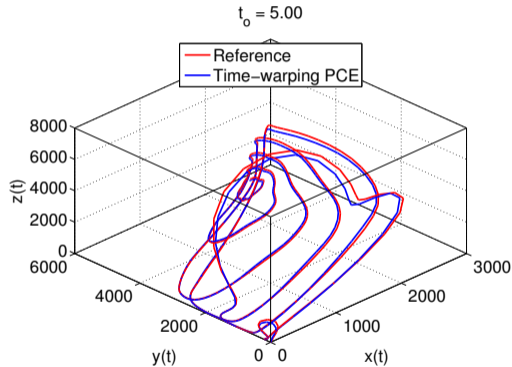


A specific trajectory ( $\varepsilon = 0.0294$ )



A trajectory in the state-space

## Oregonator model: mean and std trajectories

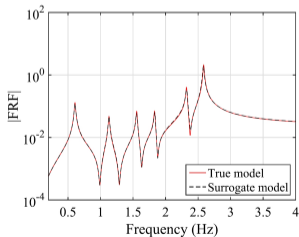
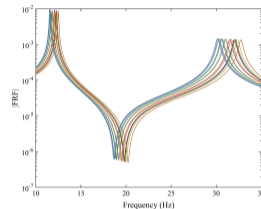
Mean trajectory ( $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-4}$ )Standard deviation ( $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-3}$ )

## Dynamics in the frequency domain

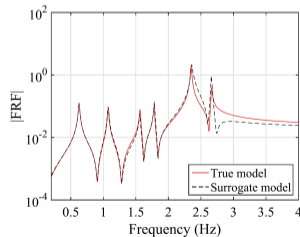
### Premise

Vaghoubi, Marelli & Sudret, Prob. Eng. Mech. (2017)

- **Frequency response functions (FRF)** allow one to compute the response to harmonic excitation
- In case of uncertain system properties (masses, stiffness coefficients) the resonance frequencies are shifted



(a) Typical FRF prediction



(b) Worst FRF prediction

## Nonlinear transient models: PC-NARX

### Goal

Mai, Spiridonakos, Chatzi & Sudret, Int. J. Uncer. Quant. (2016)

Address uncertainty quantification problems for **earthquake engineering**, which involves transient, strongly non-linear mechanical models

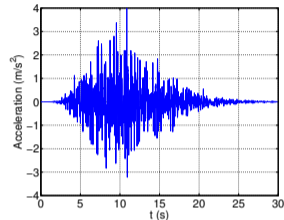
### PC-NARX

- Use of **non linear autoregressive with exogenous input** models (NARX) to capture the dynamics:

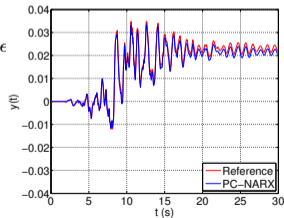
$$y(t) = \mathcal{F}(x(t), \dots, x(t - n_x), y(t - 1), \dots, y(t - n_y)) + \epsilon_t \equiv \mathcal{F}(z(t)) + \epsilon$$

- Expand the NARX coefficients of different random trajectories onto a PCE basis

$$y(t, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_i} \vartheta_{i,\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(\xi) g_i(z(t)) + \epsilon(t, \xi)$$



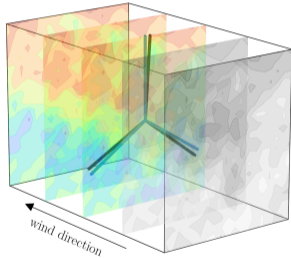
Earthquake ground motion



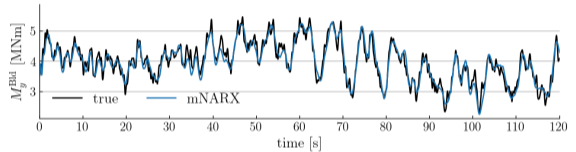
Structural response

# Wind turbine simulations: mNARX surrogate

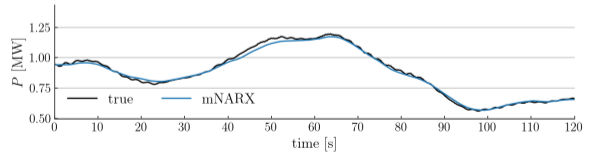
## Movie-to-time series surrogate



### Blade flapwise bending moment

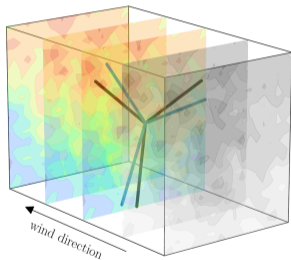


### Generated power

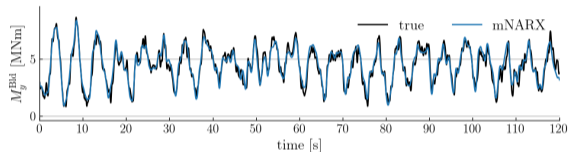


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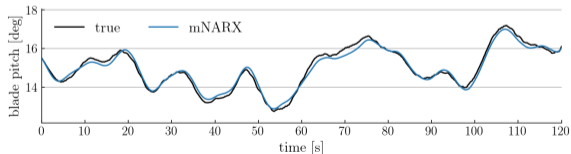
## Movie-to-time series surrogate



### Blade flapwise bending moment



### Blade pitch



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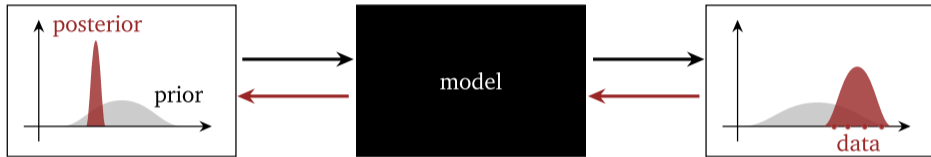
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## Bayesian inversion: framework

Consider a **computational model**  $\mathcal{M}$  with input **parameters**  $\mathbf{X} \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})$



### Bayesian inverse problem

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{Y}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{Y})\pi(\mathbf{x})}{Z} \quad \text{where} \quad Z = \int_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{Y})\pi(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}$$

with:

- $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ : **likelihood function** (measure of how well the model fits the data)
- $\pi(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{Y})$ : **posterior density function**

# Bayesian inversion for model calibration

## PCE as a surrogate of the forward model

- Used in conjunction with Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation

Application to sewer networks

Nagel, Rieckermann & Sudret, *Reliab. Eng. Sys. Safety* (2020)

Application to fire insulation panels

Wagner, Fahrni, Klippel, Frangi & Sudret, *Eng.Struc.* (2020)

## Spectral likelihood expansions

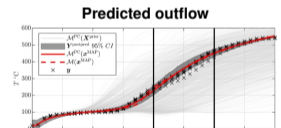
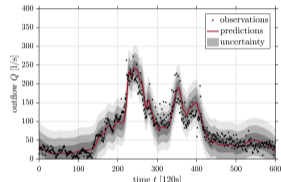
- The likelihood function is expanded with a PCE, which leads to **analytical** solutions for **posterior distributions and moments**

Nagel & Sudret, *J. Comp. Phys.* (2016)

- Stochastic spectral embedding** for localized posteriors and adaptive designs

Marelli, Wagner, Lataniotis & Sudret, *Int. J. Unc. Quant.* (2021)

Marelli, Wagner, & Sudret, *J. Comput. Phys.* (2021)



Predicted temperature

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## Reliability analysis: problem statement

- For the assessment of the system's performance, a **failure criterion** is defined, e.g. :

$$\text{Failure} \Leftrightarrow QoI = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \geq q_{adm}$$

Examples:

- + Admissible stress / displacements in civil engineering
- + Max. temperature in heat transfer problems

### Limit state function

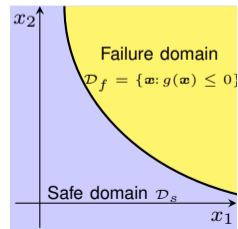
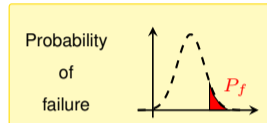
- Cast as a **limit state function** (performance function)  
 $g : \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_X \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$g(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})) \leq 0 \quad \text{Failure domain } \mathcal{D}_f$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})) > 0 \quad \text{Safety domain } \mathcal{D}_s$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})) = 0 \quad \text{Limit state surface}$$

$$\text{e.g. } g(\mathbf{x}) = q_{adm} - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$$

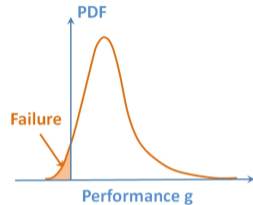


## Probability of failure

### Definition

$$P_f = \mathbb{P}(\{\mathbf{X} \in D_f\}) = \mathbb{P}(g(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})) \leq 0)$$

$$P_f = \int_{\mathcal{D}_f = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} : g(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})) \leq 0\}} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$



### Features

- **Multidimensional integral**, whose dimension is equal to the number of basic input variables  $M = \dim \mathbf{X}$
- **Implicit domain of integration** defined by a condition related to the **sign** of the limit state function:

$$\mathcal{D}_f = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} : g(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})) \leq 0\}$$

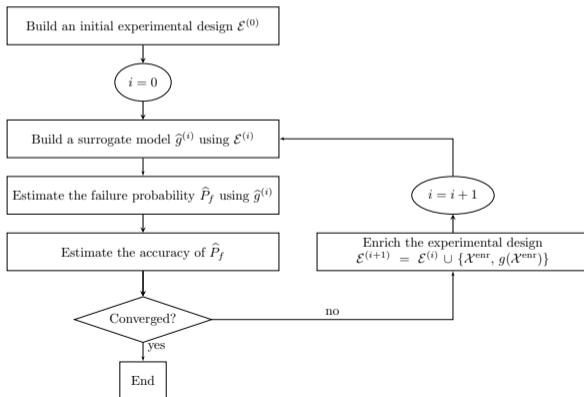
- Failures are (usually) **rare events**: sought probability in the range  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-8}$

# Active learning reliability framework

Bichon *et al.* (2008, 2011), Echard *et al.* (2011)

## Principle

A surrogate model is built by **iteratively** enriching the experimental design  $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathcal{X}, g(\mathcal{X})\}$  (using a **learning function**) so as to be accurate in the **vicinity of the limit-state surface**



## Surrogate: Gaussian process (Kriging) model

Rasmussen &amp; Williams (2006)

- Kriging assumes that  $g(\mathbf{x})$  is a trajectory of an underlying Gaussian process

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma^2 Z(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$\boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ : trend -  $Z(\mathbf{x})$ : zero-mean, Gaussian process with covariance function  $\sigma^2 R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

- The experimental design response  $\mathcal{Y}$  and the response  $\hat{g}(\mathbf{x})$  for a new point  $\mathbf{x}$  are jointly Gaussian

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \hat{g}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{Bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}_{N+1} \left( \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})^T \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\beta} \end{Bmatrix}, \sigma^2 \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{r}^T(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}) & \mathbf{R} \end{Bmatrix} \right)$$

- The prediction is given by the **conditional mean**  $\mu_{\hat{g}(\mathbf{x})}$  and **variance**  $\sigma_{\hat{g}(\mathbf{x})}^2$

$$\mu_{\hat{g}(\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{f}^T(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \mathbf{r}^T(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathcal{Y} - \mathbf{F} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{g}(\mathbf{x})}^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2 \left( 1 - \mathbf{r}^T(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{u}^T(\mathbf{x}) (\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

$$R_{ij} = R(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}; \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}) - \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}) = R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}) - \mathbf{F} = F_{ij} = f_j(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

- $\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\sigma}^2, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\}$  are estimated by **maximum likelihood**

## Polynomial-Chaos Kriging

Schöebi *et al.* (2015,2016)

- **Universal Kriging** with a sparse PCE model as trend

$$\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{X}) + \sigma^2 Z(\boldsymbol{x})$$

- Combines advantages of both PCE and Kriging:
  - PCE approximates the **global behaviour** of the model
  - Kriging captures **local variations** and provides the built-in **local error estimation** through the Kriging variance
- Both the coefficients of the expansion  $\{y_{\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  and the auto-correlation parameters  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  are calibrated

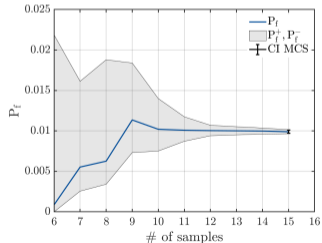
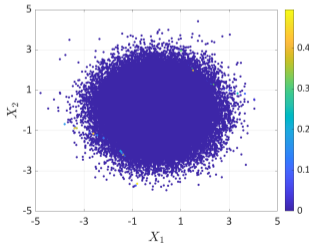
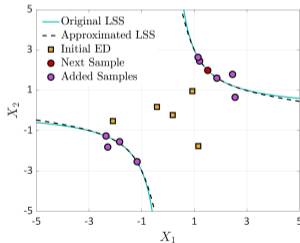


# Active Kriging - Monte Carlo simulation (AK-MCS)

Echard *et al.* (2011)

- Gaussian process model to emulate the limit-state
- ED locally enriched using the deviation number
- Probability of failure estimated using Monte Carlo simulation
- Convergence assumed when  $U$  is sufficiently large

$$U(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{|\mu_{\hat{g}}(\mathbf{x})|}{\sigma_{\hat{g}}(\mathbf{x})}$$





# A module-oriented survey

Moustapha et al. (2022)

	Monte Carlo simulation	Subset simulation	Importance sampling	Other
Kriging	Bichon et al. (2008) Echard et al. (2011) Hu & Mahadevan (2016) Wen et al. (2016) Fauriat & Gayton (2017) Jian et al. (2017) Peijuan et al. (2017) Sun et al. (2017) Lelievre et al. (2018) Xiao et al. (2018) Jiang et al. (2019) Tong et al. (2019) Wang & Shafieezadeh (2019) Wang & Shafieezadeh (SAMO, 2019) Zhang, Wang et al. (2019)	Huang et al. (2016) Tong et al. (2015) Ling et al. (2019) Zhang et al. (2019)	Dubourg et al. (2012) Balesdent et al. (2013) Echard et al. (2013) Cadini et al. (2014) Liu et al. (2015) Zhao et al. (2015) Gaspar et al. (2017) Razaaly et al. (2018) Yang et al. (2018) Zhang & Tafflanidis (2018) Pan et al. (2020) Zhang et al. (2020)	Lv et al. (2015) Bo & HuiFeng (2018) Guo et al. (2020)
PCE	Chang & Lu (2020) Marelli & Sudret (2018) Pan et al. (2020)			
SVM	Basudhar & Missoum (2013) Lacaze & Missoum (2014) Pan et al. (2017)	Bourinet et al. (2011) Bourinet (2017)		
RSM/RBF	Li et al. (2018) Shi et al. (2019)			Rajakeshir (1993) Rous-souly et al. (2013)
Neural networks	Chojazyck et al. (2015) Gomes et al. (2019) Li & Wang (2020) [Deep NN]	Sundar & Shields (2016)	Chojazyck et al. (2015)	
Other	Schoebi & Sudret (2016) Sadoughi et al. (2017) Wagner et al. (2021)			

– U – EFF – Other variance-based – Distance-based – Bootstrap-based – Sensitivity-based – Cross-validation/Ensemble-based – ad-hoc/other

## General framework

Moustapha, M., Marelli, S., Sudret, B. (2022). Active learning for structural reliability: Survey, general framework and benchmark. *Structural Safety* 96.

Modular framework which consists of independent blocks that can be assembled in a black-box fashion

Surrogate model

Kriging  
PCE  
SVR  
PC-Kriging  
Neural networks  
...

Reliability estimation

Monte Carlo  
Subset simulation  
Importance sampling  
Line sampling  
Directional sampling  
...

Learning function

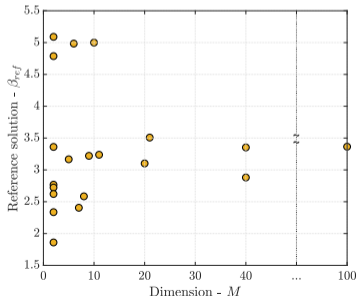
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EFF  
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Stopping criterion

LF-based  
Stability of  $\beta$   
Stability of  $P_f$   
Bounds on  $\beta$   
Bounds on  $P_f$   
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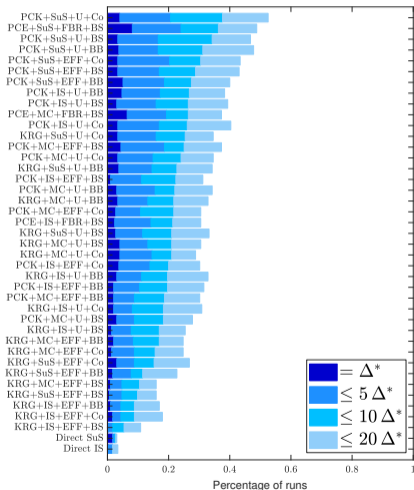
## Extensive benchmark: selected problems

- 20 problems selected from the literature
- 11 come from the TNO benchmark  
(<https://rprepo.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>)
- Wide spectrum of problems in terms of
  - Dimensionality
  - Reliability index  $\beta = -\Phi^{-1}(P_f)$



Problem	$M$	$P_{f,ref}$	Reference
01 (TNO RP14)	5	$7.69 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
02 (TNO RP24)	2	$2.90 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
03 (TNO RP28)	2	<b><math>1.31 \cdot 10^{-7}</math></b>	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
04 (TNO RP31)	2	$3.20 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
05 (TNO RP38)	7	$8.20 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
06 (TNO RP53)	2	<b><math>3.14 \cdot 10^{-2}</math></b>	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
07 (TNO RP54)	20	$9.79 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
08 (TNO RP63)	<b>100</b>	$3.77 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
09 (TNO RP7)	2	$9.80 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
10 (TNO RP107)	10	$2.85 \cdot 10^{-7}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
11 (TNO RP111)	2	$7.83 \cdot 10^{-7}$	Rozsas & Slobbe 2019
12 (4-branch series)	2	$3.85 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Echard et al. (2011)
13 (Hat function)	2	$4.40 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Schoebi et al. (2016)
14 (Damped oscillator)	8	$4.80 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Der Kiureghian (1990)
15 (Non-linear oscillator)	6	$3.47 \cdot 10^{-7}$	Echard et al. (2011,2013)
16 (Frame)	21	$2.25 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Echard et al. (2013)
17 (HD function)	40	$2.00 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Sadoughi et al. (2017)
18 (VNL function)	40	$1.40 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Bichon et al. (2008)
19 (Transmission tower 1)	11	$5.76 \cdot 10^{-4}$	FEM (172 bars, 51 nodes)
20 (Transmission tower 2)	9	$6.27 \cdot 10^{-4}$	FEM (172 bars, 51 nodes)

## Ranking of the strategies: efficiency



How many times a method ranks best according to efficiency  $\Delta$  (resp. within 5, 10, 20 times the best)?

$$\Delta = \varepsilon_{\beta} \frac{N_{\text{eval}}}{\bar{N}_{\text{eval}}}$$

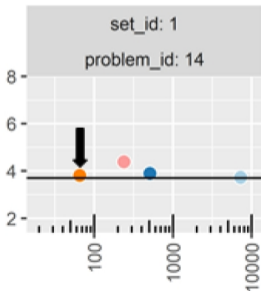
where  $\bar{N}_{\text{eval}}$  is the median number of model evaluations for a particular problem (over all methods and replications)

- Best approach: PC-Kriging + SuS + U + Combined stopping criterion
- Worst approaches: Direct SuS and Direct IS

## TNO Benchmark: performance of UQLab “ALR” module

Rozsas & Slobbe (2019)

- Truly black-box benchmark with 27 problems
- Limit state functions not known to the participants and only accessible through an anonymous server
- Our solution: the “best approach” previously highlighted (PCK + SuS + U + Co)



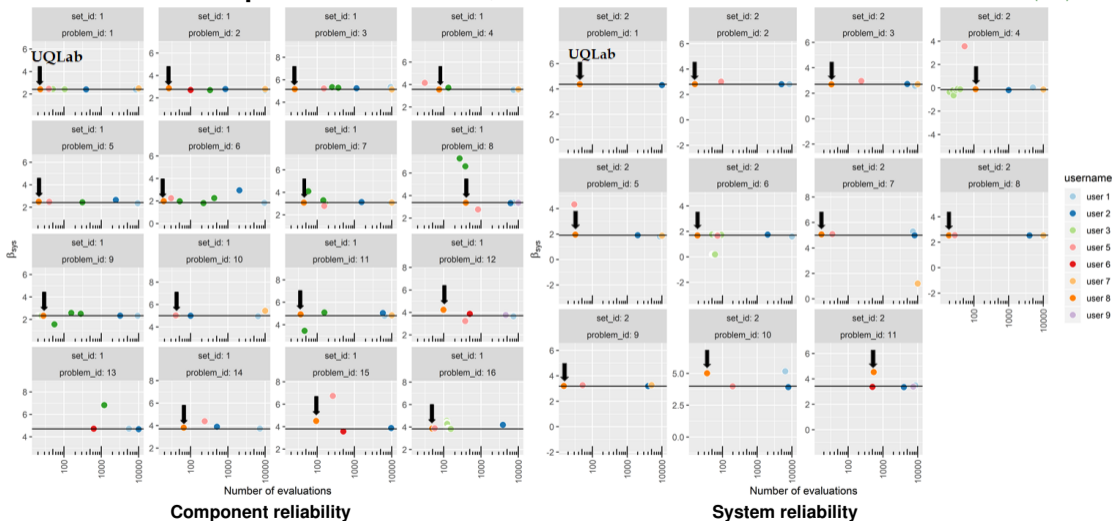
### Summary plot (TNO)

- Reference solution: black line
- Zero, one or more points per participant
- X: number of runs (log scale)
- Y: obtained  $\beta$  index

**best approach: “on the line / to the left”**

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Rozsas &amp; Slobbe (2019)





## Conclusions

- **Surrogate models** are unavoidable for solving uncertainty quantification problems involving costly computational models (*e.g.* finite element models)
- Depending on the analysis, specific surrogates are most suitable: **polynomial chaos expansions** for distribution- and sensitivity analysis, **Kriging** (and active learning) for reliability analysis
- **Sparse PCE and its extensions** (time warping, PC-NARX, PC-Kriging, DRSM, etc.) allow us to address a wide range of engineering problems, including **Bayesian inverse problems** (without the need for MCMC simulations)
- Techniques for constructing surrogates are **versatile, general-purpose** and **field-independent**
- All the presented algorithms are available in the general-purpose **uncertainty quantification software UQLab**

## UQLab

## The Framework for Uncertainty Quantification



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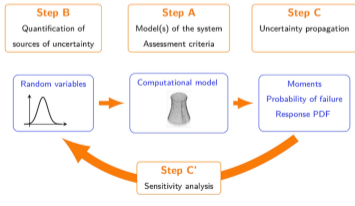
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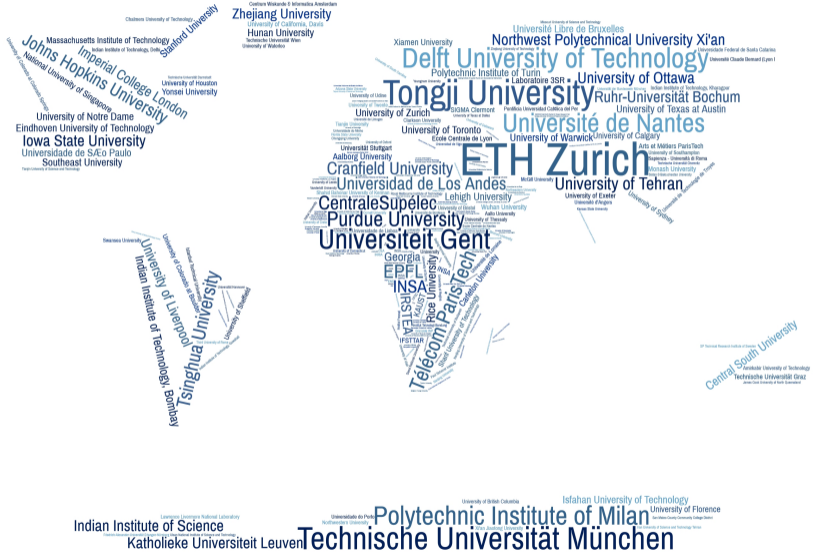
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- The **cloud version** of UQLab, accessible via an API (SaaS)
- Available with **python bindings** for beta testing

<https://uqpylab.uq-cloud.io/>



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