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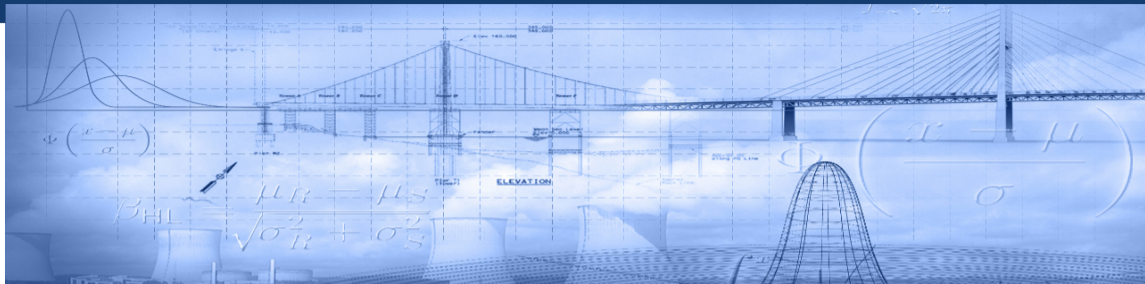
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## Computational models in engineering

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

- Governing equations
- Discretization techniques
- Solvers

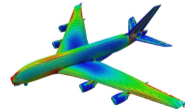
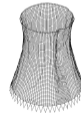
$$\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

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

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

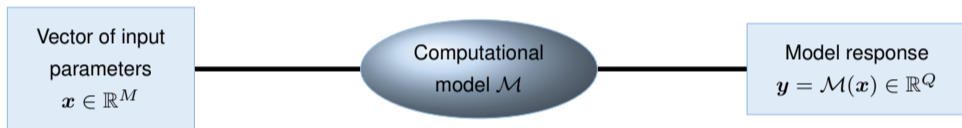
Computational models are used:

- 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

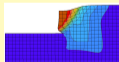


## Computational models: the abstract viewpoint

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

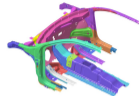


- Analytical formula
- Finite element model
- Comput. workflow

- 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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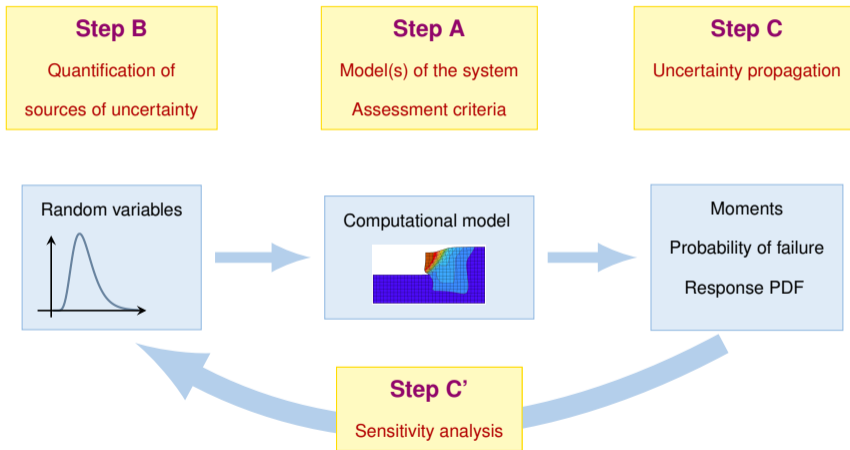
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## Global framework for uncertainty quantification



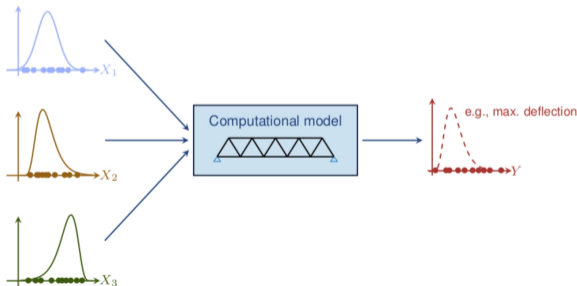
B. Sudret, Uncertainty propagation and sensitivity analysis in mechanical models – contributions to structural reliability and stochastic spectral methods (2007)



## 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



## 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

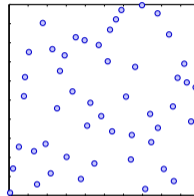
- It is **fast to evaluate!**

## 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

## Surrogate modelling vs. machine learning

Features	Supervised learning	Surrogate modelling
Computational model $\mathcal{M}$	✗	✓
Probabilistic model of the input $\mathbf{X} \sim f_{\mathbf{X}}$	✗	✓
Training data: $\mathcal{X} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$	✓	✓
	Training data set (big data)	Experimental design (small data)
Prediction goal: for a new $\mathbf{x} \notin \mathcal{X}$ , $y(\mathbf{x})$ ?	$\sum_{i=1}^m y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$	$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$
Validation (resp. cross-validation)	✓	✓
	Validation set	Leave-one-out CV

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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:

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

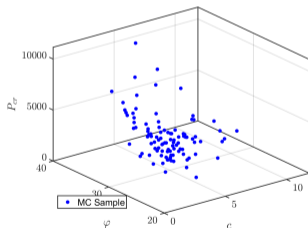
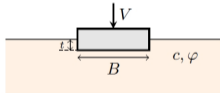
where:

- $\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$  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**)

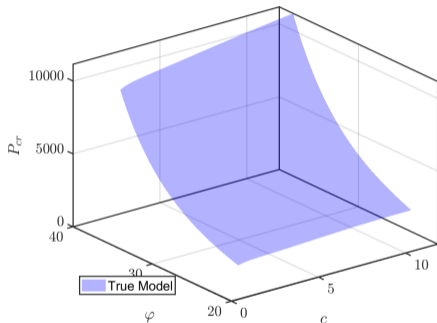
Example: load bearing capacity  $P_{cr}$  of a shallow foundation



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

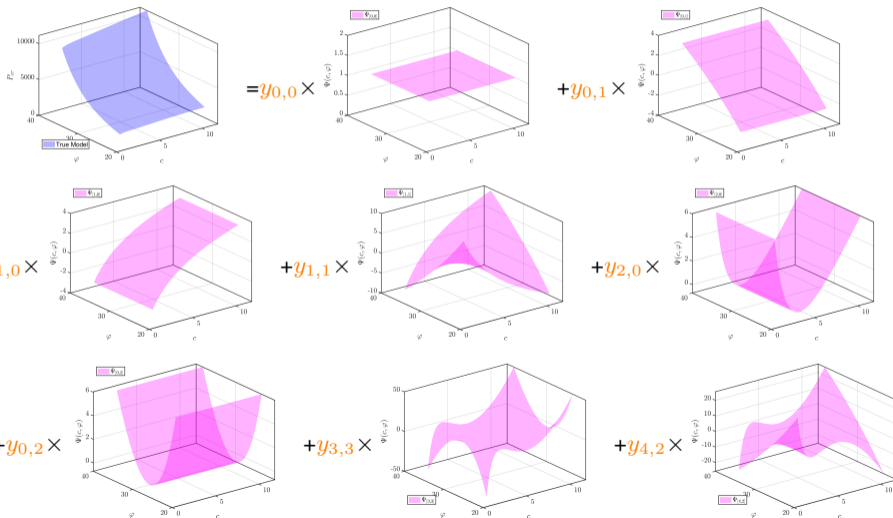
Defined as a function of the soil cohesion  $c$  and friction angle  $\varphi$

## Visualization of the PCE construction



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

# Visualization of the PCE construction



## 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**:

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

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**:

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

## Discrete (ordinary) least-square minimization

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

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

### 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

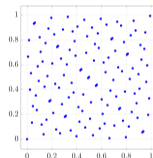
$$\mathbf{M} = \{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \dots, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})\}^\top$$

- 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**

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



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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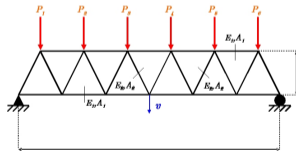


## Curse of dimensionality

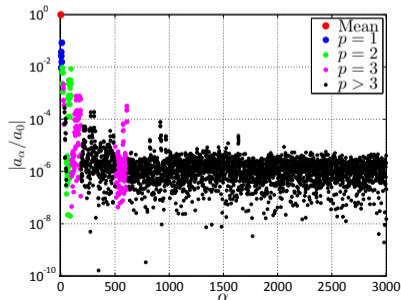
- The cardinality of the truncation scheme  $\mathcal{A}^{M,p}$  is  $P = \frac{(M+p)!}{M!p!}$
- Typical computational requirements:  $n = OSR \cdot P$  where the **oversampling rate** is  $OSR = 2 - 3$

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>

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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:

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

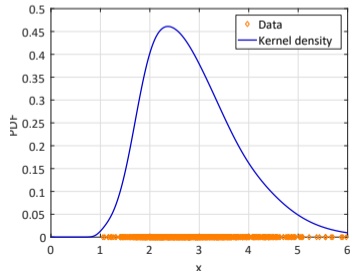
$$\text{Variance: } \hat{\sigma}_Y^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathbf{0}} y_\alpha^2$$

### 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**



## Sobol' indices

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

Variance decomposition

$$\text{Var}[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^M D_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq M} D_{ij} + \dots + D_{12\dots M}$$

Sobol' indices

$$\begin{aligned} \text{First order: } S_i &= \frac{D_i}{\text{Var}[Y]} & \text{Total: } S_i^T &= \sum_{\mathbf{u} \supset i} S_{\mathbf{u}} \\ \text{Second order: } S_{ij} &= \frac{D_{ij}}{\text{Var}[Y]} \end{aligned}$$

## Sobol decomposition of a PC expansion

*Sudret, Global sensitivity analysis using polynomial chaos expansion, 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

## Example: strip foundation

### Load bearing capacity

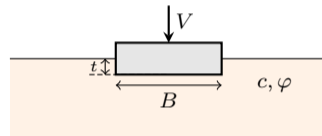
$$P_{cr} = B \sigma_{cr} = B \left[ c N_c + \gamma t N_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_\gamma \right]$$

with the load bearing factors:

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \varphi} \frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi}$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) / \tan \varphi$$

$$N_\gamma = 2 (N_q - 1) \tan \varphi$$



Variable	Description	Distribution	Moments
$\gamma$	Self-weight	Gaussian	$\mu_\gamma = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , $COV_\gamma = 5\%$
$c$	Cohesion	Lognormal	$\mu_c = 5 \text{ kPa}$ , $COV_c = 30\%$
$\varphi$	Effective friction angle	Lognormal	$\mu_\varphi = 30^\circ$ , $COV_\varphi = 8\%$
$B$	Width	Deterministic	$3 \text{ m}$
$t$	Depth	Gaussian	$\mu_t = 0.5 \text{ m}$ , $COV_t = 20\%$

## PCE vs. Monte Carlo simulation: moments

### Monte-Carlo simulation

$N_{MCS}$	100	1,000	10,000	100,000	1,000,000
Mean	3216	3082	3121	3125	3124
95% CI	[2942 – 3378]	[3057 – 3201]	[3105 – 3150]	[3115 – 3133]	[3122 – 3127]
Std. dev	1109	1080	1188	1173	1174
95% CI	[966 – 1565]	[1099 – 1313]	[1145 – 1207]	[1163 – 1185]	[1171 – 1178]

### Polynomial chaos expansion

Experimental design of size $N_{ED} = 100$	
Mean	3123
95% CI	[3121 – 3125]
Std. dev	1169
95% CI	[1162 – 1171]



## PCE vs. Monte Carlo simulation: Sobol' indices

### Monte-Carlo simulation

$N_{\text{MCS}}$	100	1,000	10,000	100,000	1,000,000
$\gamma$	[0.007 – 0.020]	[0.013 – 0.017]	[0.014 – 0.015]	[0.015 – 0.015]	[0.015 – 0.015]
$c$	[0.006 – 0.018]	[0.013 – 0.019]	[0.013 – 0.015]	[0.014 – 0.015]	[0.015 – 0.015]
$\varphi$	[0.917 – 1.201]	[0.872 – 1.014]	[0.965 – 1.003]	[0.958 – 0.969]	[0.963 – 0.966]
$t$	[0.004 – 0.012]	[0.009 – 0.013]	[0.011 – 0.012]	[0.011 – 0.012]	[0.012 – 0.012]
$N_{\text{TOT}}$	600	6,000	60,000	600,000	<b>6,000,000</b>

### Polynomial chaos expansion

Experimental design of size $N_{\text{ED}} = 100$	
$\gamma$	[0.015 – 0.016]
$c$	[0.014 – 0.014]
$\varphi$	[0.962 – 0.964]
$t$	[0.011 – 0.012]
$N_{\text{TOT}}$	<b>100</b>

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## Models with time-dependent outputs

### Problem statement

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

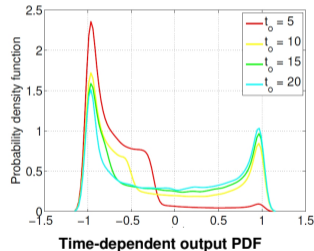
$$\mathcal{D}_{\Xi} \times [0, T] : (\xi, t) \mapsto \mathcal{M}(\xi, t)$$

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.:

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



Point-in-time PCE does not work!

# Stochastic time warping

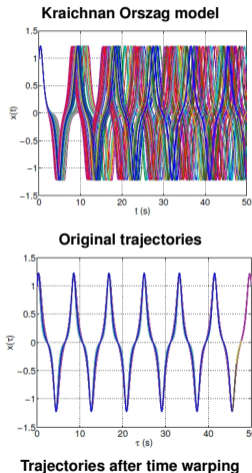
## Problem

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

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

## Principles of the method

- A specific **warped time scale**  $\tau$  is introduced for each trajectory so that they become “in phase”
- Point-in-time 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

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

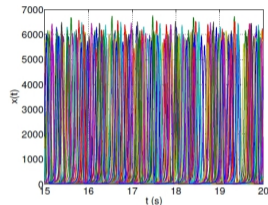
$$\dot{y}(t) = -k_1 y(t) - k_2 x(t) y(t) + k_5 z(t)$$

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

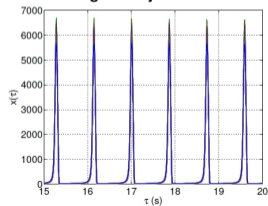
### Input reaction parameters

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)

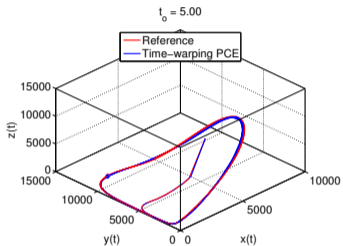


Original trajectories

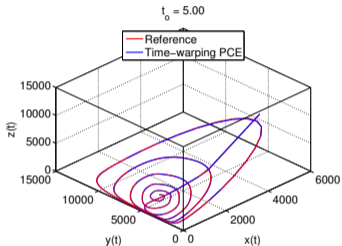
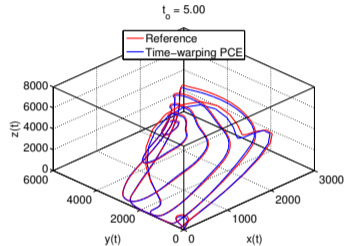


Trajectories after time warping

## Oregonator model: trajectories



A trajectory in the state-space

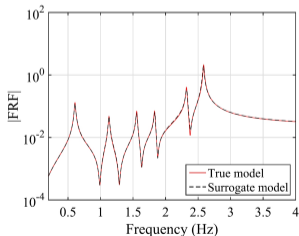
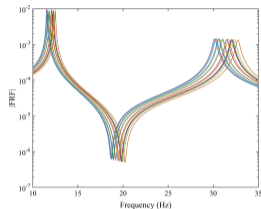
Mean value ( $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-4}$ )Standard deviation ( $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-3}$ )

# Dynamics in the frequency domain: frequency warping

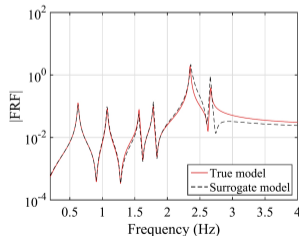
## Premise

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

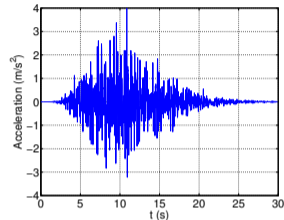
### PC-NARX

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

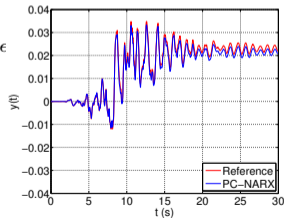
$$y(t) = \mathcal{F}(x(t), \dots, x(t - n_x), y(t - 1), \dots, y(t - n_y)) + \epsilon_t \equiv \mathcal{F}(z(t)) + \epsilon$$

- 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

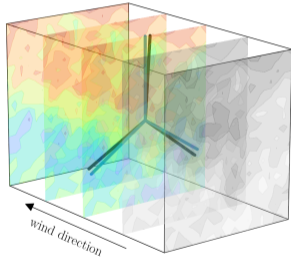


Structural response

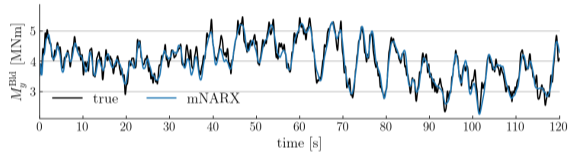


# Wind turbine simulations: mNARX surrogate

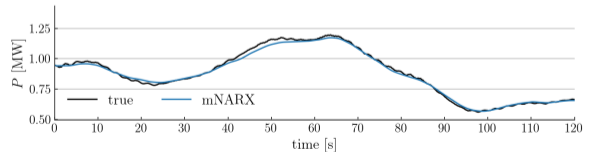
## Movie-to-time series surrogate



### Blade flapwise bending moment

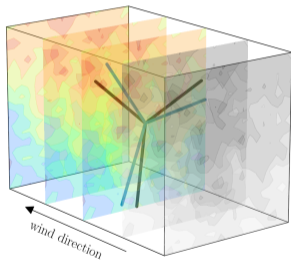


### Generated power

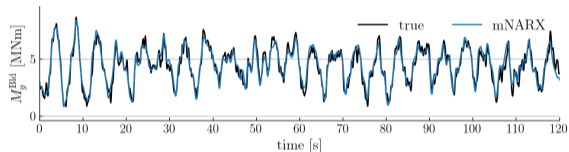


# Wind turbine simulations: mNARX surrogate

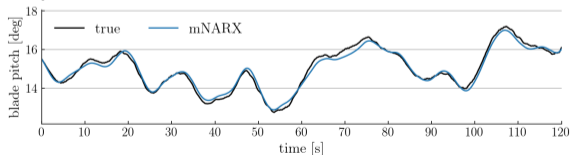
## Movie-to-time series surrogate



### Blade flapwise bending moment



### Blade pitch



## Conclusions

- **Surrogate models** are unavoidable for solving uncertainty quantification problems involving costly computational models (e.g. finite element models)
- **Sparse polynomial chaos expansions** are extremely efficient for distribution- and sensitivity analysis
- Extensions using time warping, PC-NARX, etc. allow us to address a wide range of engineering problems, including **dynamics** and Bayesian inverse problems
- 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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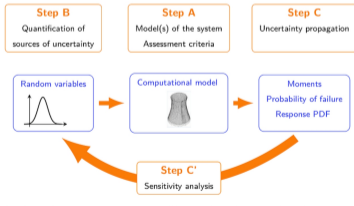
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UQ[py]Lab

- 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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