



Multi-objective optimization using Deep Gaussian Processes : Application to Aerospace Vehicle Design

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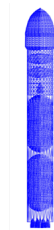
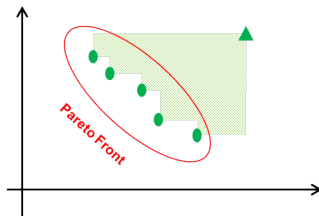
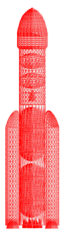
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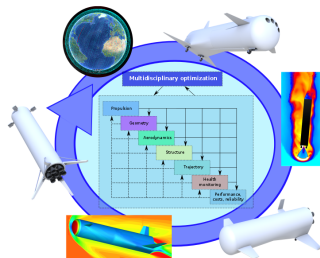
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Multi-disciplinary optimization of an aerospace vehicle

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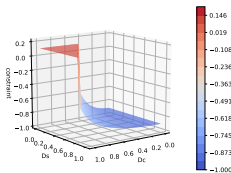


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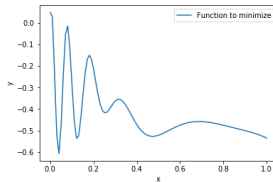
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Non stationary modelisation of a constraint

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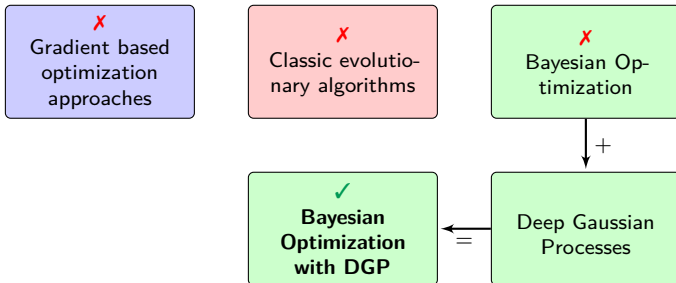
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$$(P) \left| \begin{array}{ll} \text{Minimize}_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = [f_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_n(\mathbf{x})] \\ \text{subject to} & g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n_c \end{array} \right.$$

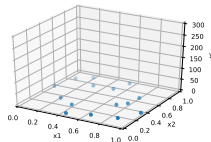
with :

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_D) \in \mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

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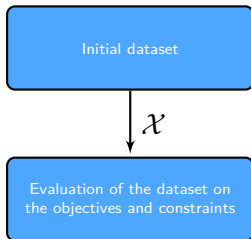
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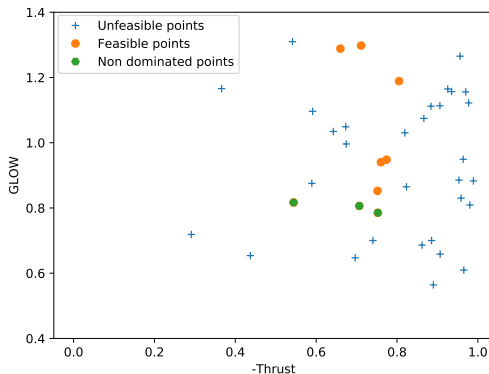
Design of Experiment depending on the dimension and the nature of the problem

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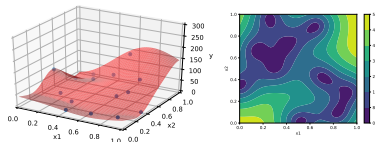
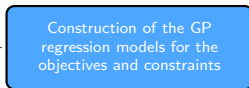
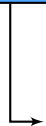
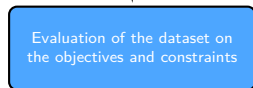
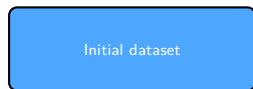


Calls the **expensive** black-box functions



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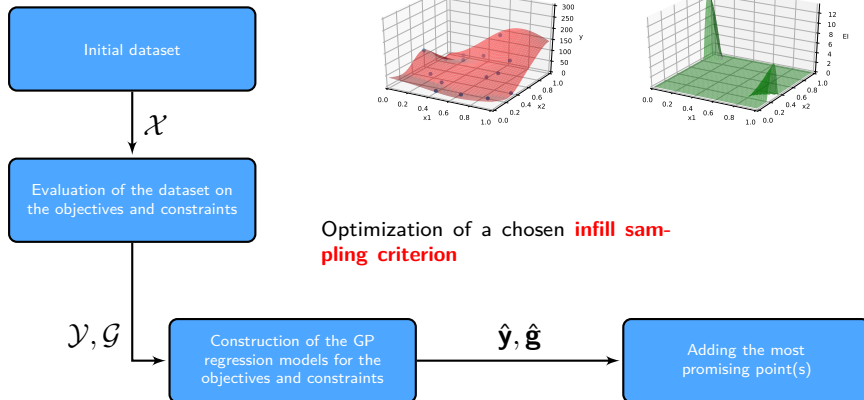
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Learning the hyperparameters of each surrogate model

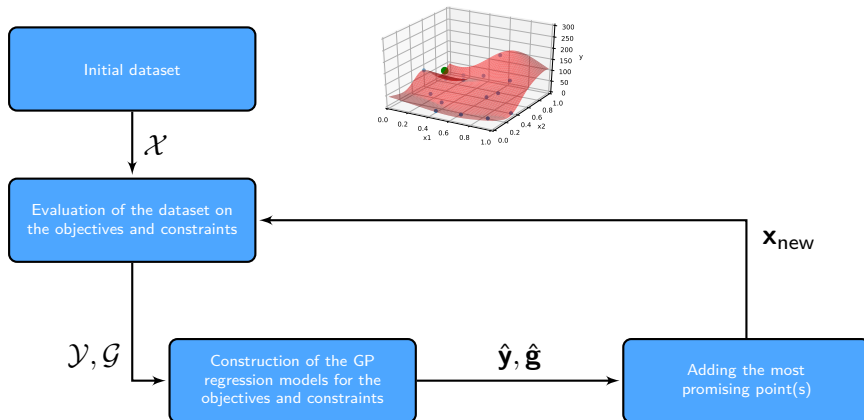
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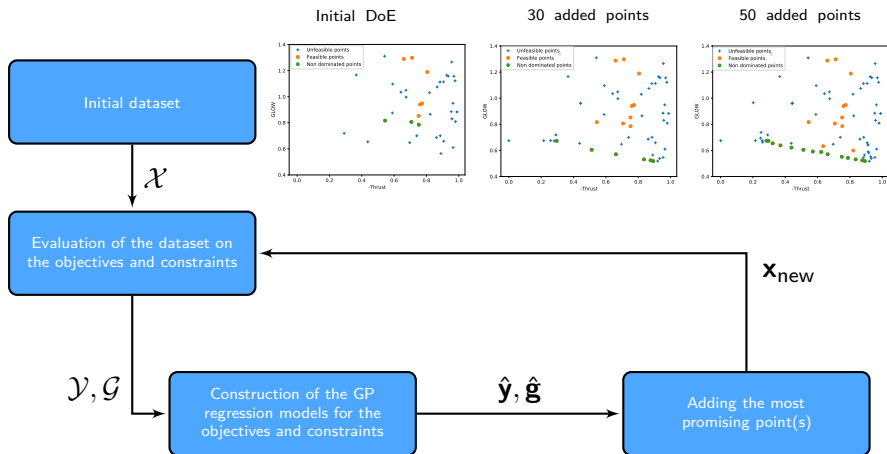


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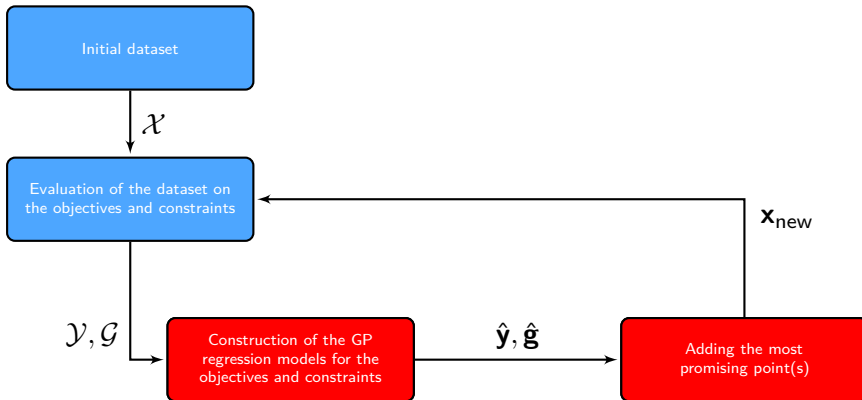
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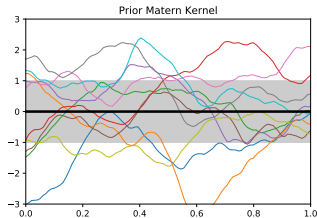
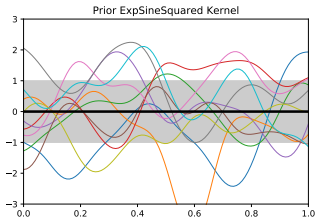
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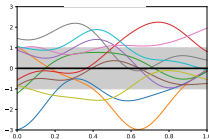
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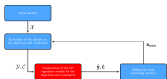
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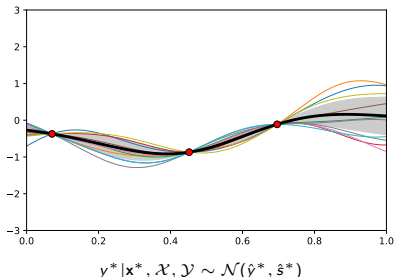


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Posterior Gaussian Process



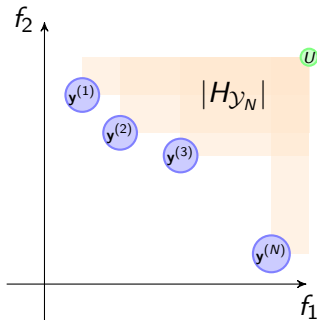
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Hypervolume indicator

The hypervolume indicator expresses the hypervolume of the objective space dominated by the approximated Pareto set.

$$H_{\mathcal{Y}_N} = \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{B}; \exists i \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \mathbf{y}^{(i)} \prec \mathbf{y} \right\}$$



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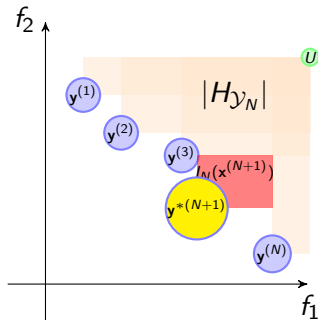


Hypervolume improvement

[Emmerich et al., 2006]

The hypervolume improvement is the improvement of the hypervolume by adding a candidate to the data set

$$I_N(\mathbf{x}^{(N+1)}) = |H_{\mathcal{Y}_{N+1}}| - |H_{\mathcal{Y}_N}|$$



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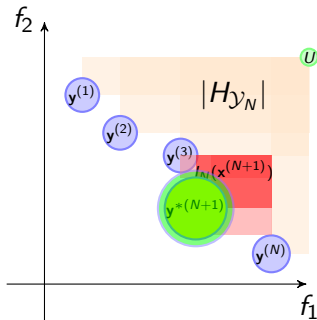
Expected Hypervolume improvement [Emmerich et al., 2006]

The expected hypervolume improvement is the mathematical expected improvement of the hypervolume by adding a candidate to the sample

$$\begin{aligned}
 EHVI_N(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbb{E}(|H_{\mathcal{Y}_{N+1}}| - |H_{\mathcal{Y}_N}|) \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{B} \setminus H_{\mathcal{Y}_N}} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{y}^{*(N+1)} \prec p) dp
 \end{aligned}$$

with $\mathbf{y}^{*(N+1)} = [y_1^{*(N+1)}, y_2^{*(N+1)}]$

and $y_1^{*(N+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{y}_1^{*(N+1)}, \hat{s}_1^{*(N+1)})$ and $y_2^{*(N+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{y}_2^{*(N+1)}, \hat{s}_2^{*(N+1)})$



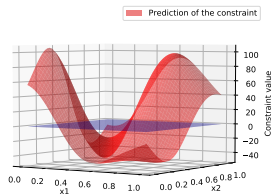
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Probability of feasibility

The probability of feasibility is the probability that all the constraints are satisfied.

$$P_f(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n_c} \mathbb{P}(g_i^*(\mathbf{x})) < 0$$

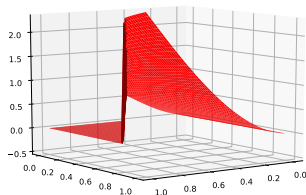


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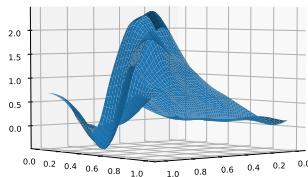
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2-D Function with an abrupt change

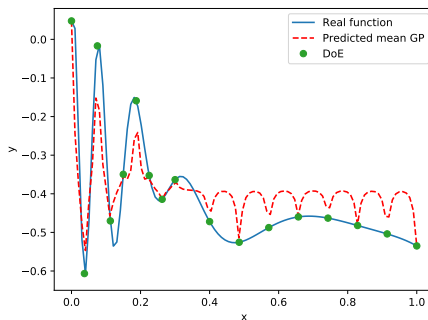


GP Approximation

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1-D Function with a different behaviour according to the input space

Review of methods of handling non stationarity

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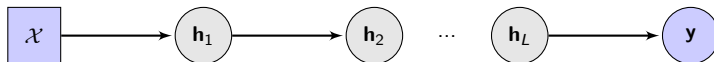
DGPs are a class of surrogate models based on the structure of neural networks, where each layer is a GP. It considers that the statistical relationship between the inputs and the response is expressed by a functional composition of GPs :

$$y = f_L(f_{L-1}(\dots f_1(f_0(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon_0) + \epsilon_1) \dots) + \epsilon_{L-1}) + \epsilon_L$$

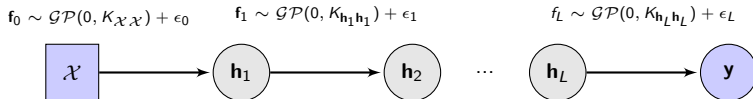
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A deterministic observed variable

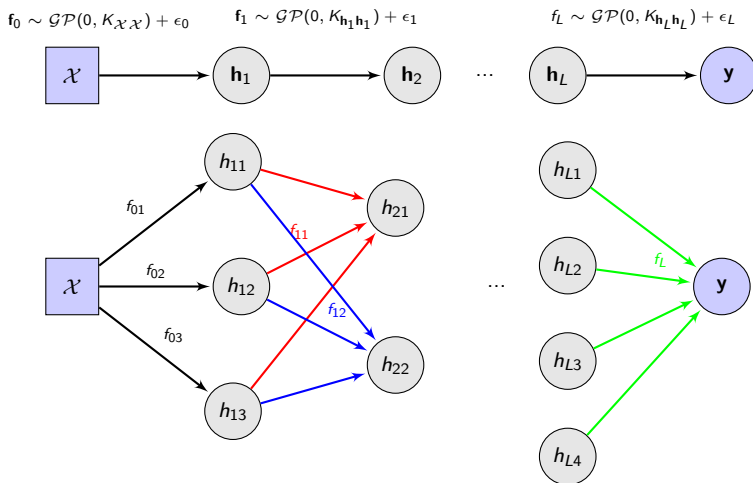


A distribution with **Non**-observed instantiations

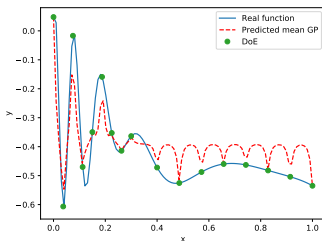


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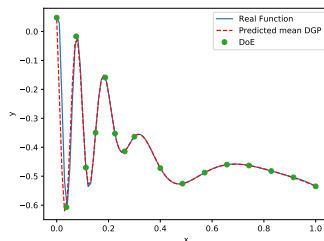
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GP approximation of a non-stationary 1-D function. The GP model can not capture the stability of the region $[0.4, 1]$ and continues to oscillate



DGP approximation of a non-stationary 1-D function. The DGP model appropriately capture the two regions with different smoothness

Coupling of BO and DGPs

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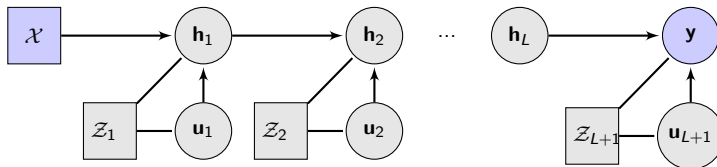
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- ▶ Assumption of independence between layers in the approximation of an analytic tractable evidence lower bound :
 $\mathcal{L} < p(\mathbf{y}|\mathcal{X})$
[Damianou and Lawrence, 2013] [Dai et al., 2015] [Bui et al., 2016] :
- ▶ No assumption made. A sampling approach to approximate the evidence lower bound \mathcal{L}
[Salimbeni and Deisenroth, 2017]

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- ▶ When the posterior distribution is Gaussian, the Expected Hypervolume Improvement is analytically tractable for the two and three objectives problem.
- ▶ in DGPs the overall process prediction is *a priori* no longer Gaussian.
- ▶ A direct sampling approach on the value of the EHVI is computationally expensive.

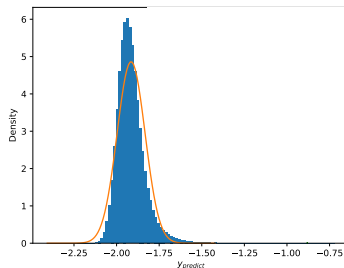
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Approximation by a Gaussian distribution of the prediction (by sampling) is made in order to use the analytic expression of the EHVI



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The architecture of a DGP concerns :

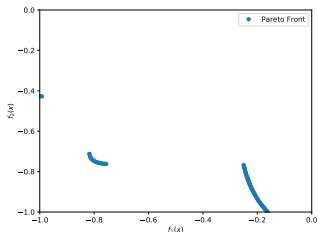
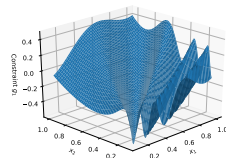
- ▶ The number of layers L
- ▶ the number of hidden units at each layer D_l
- ▶ the number of induced inputs M .

The architecture of a DGP is directly related to the time complexity in its training and its power of representation. Hence, the architecture of the DGP has to consider the complexity of the problem in hand and the time budget available has to be made.

Analytic multi-objective problem

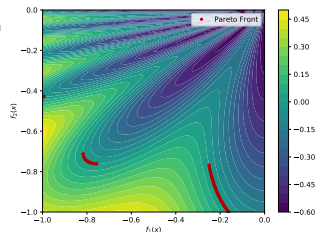
Modified TNK Problem [Deb et al., 2001]

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Min} & f_1(\mathbf{x}) & = -x_1 \\ \text{Min} & f_2(\mathbf{x}) & = -x_2 \\ \text{s.t} & g_1(\mathbf{x}) & = 0.5(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - 0.2 \cos(20 \arctan(0.3 \frac{x_1}{x_2})) - 0.4 \\ \text{with} & & 0 < x_1 \leq 1 \\ \text{and} & & 0 < x_2 \leq 1 \end{array}$$



Exact Pareto front

Constraint fun

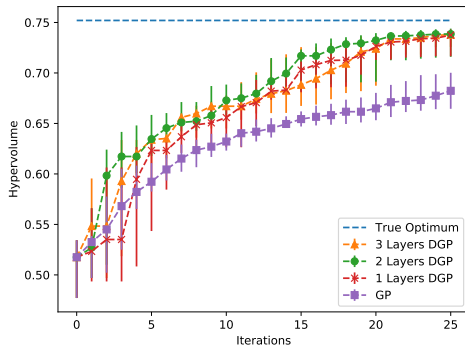


Exact Pareto front with constraint contour plot

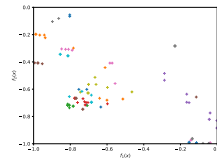
Analytic multi-objective problem

- ▶ Initial DoE : 20 points using a Latin Hypercube sampling
- ▶ Number of added points : 25
- ▶ EHVI criterion [Emmerich et al., 2006] with Probability of Feasability to handle the constraint, optimized with a differential evolution algorithm.

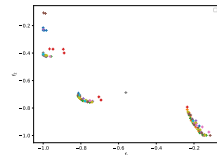
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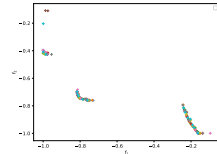
Convergence plot of BO with different architecture of DGPs and a regular GP. The markers indicate the median of the minimum obtained while the errorbars indicate the first and the third quartiles.



NSGA-II Pareto Fronts



BO-GP Pareto Fronts



DGP 3HL Pareto Fronts

Problem : Solid-propellant booster

Problem : Optimization of a set of objectives for a booster engine.

Objectives : Minimization of the Gross Lift-off Weight (*GLOW*) and maximization of the change in velocity (ΔV).

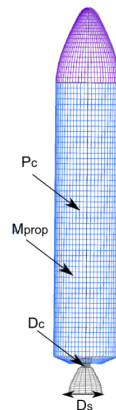
Minimize : $[GLOW(\mathbf{X}), -\Delta V(\mathbf{X})]$

According to : $\mathbf{X} = [M_{prop}, P_c, D_c, D_s]$

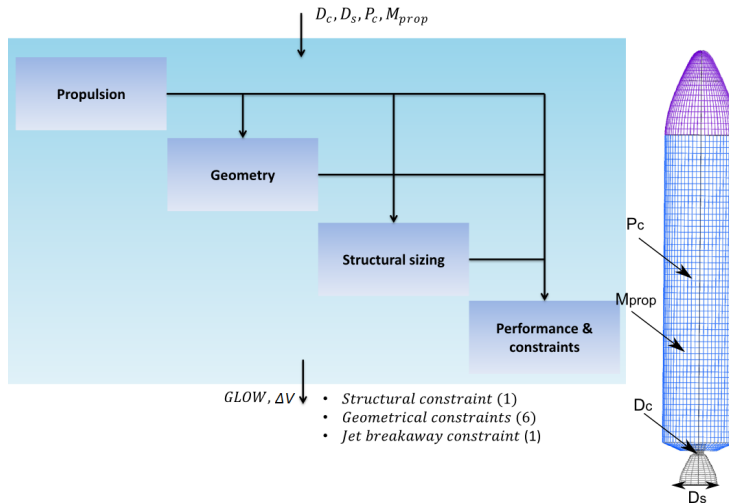
subject to : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ Structural constraint} \\ 6 \text{ Geometrical constraints} \\ 1 \text{ Jet breakaway constraints} \end{array} \right.$

Design variables :

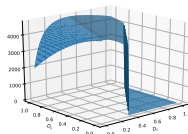
- ▶ Propellant mass : $5t \leq M_{prop} \leq 15t$
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- ▶ Nozzle exit diameter : $0.5m \leq D_s \leq 1.2m$



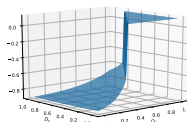
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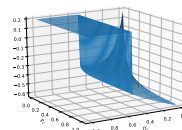
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A sectional view of the change in velocity according to the diameters of the nozzle.

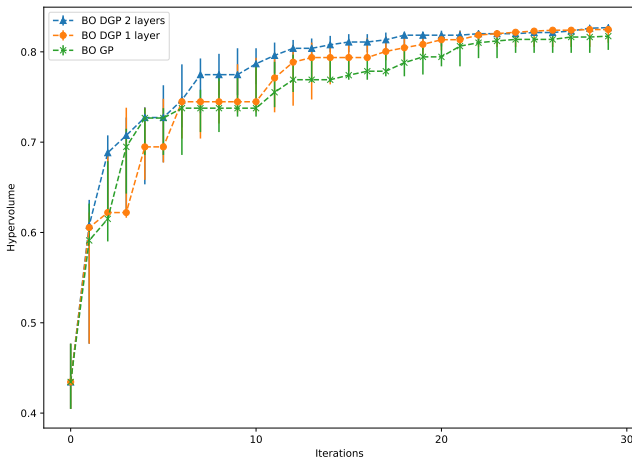


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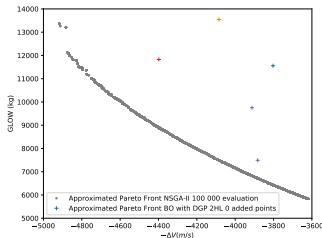
A sectional view of a constraint according to the throat nozzle diameter and the combustion chamber pressure.

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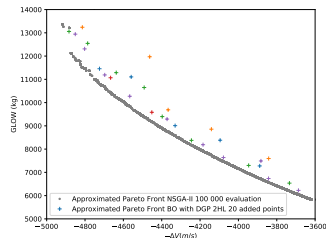


Convergence plot of BO with different architecture of DGPs and a regular GP.

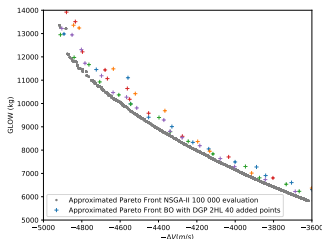
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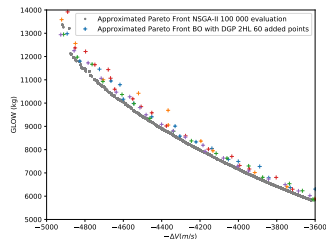
Initial DoE 40 initial points (0 Added points)



20 Added points



40 Added points



60 Added points

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