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# The kriging approach to optimization

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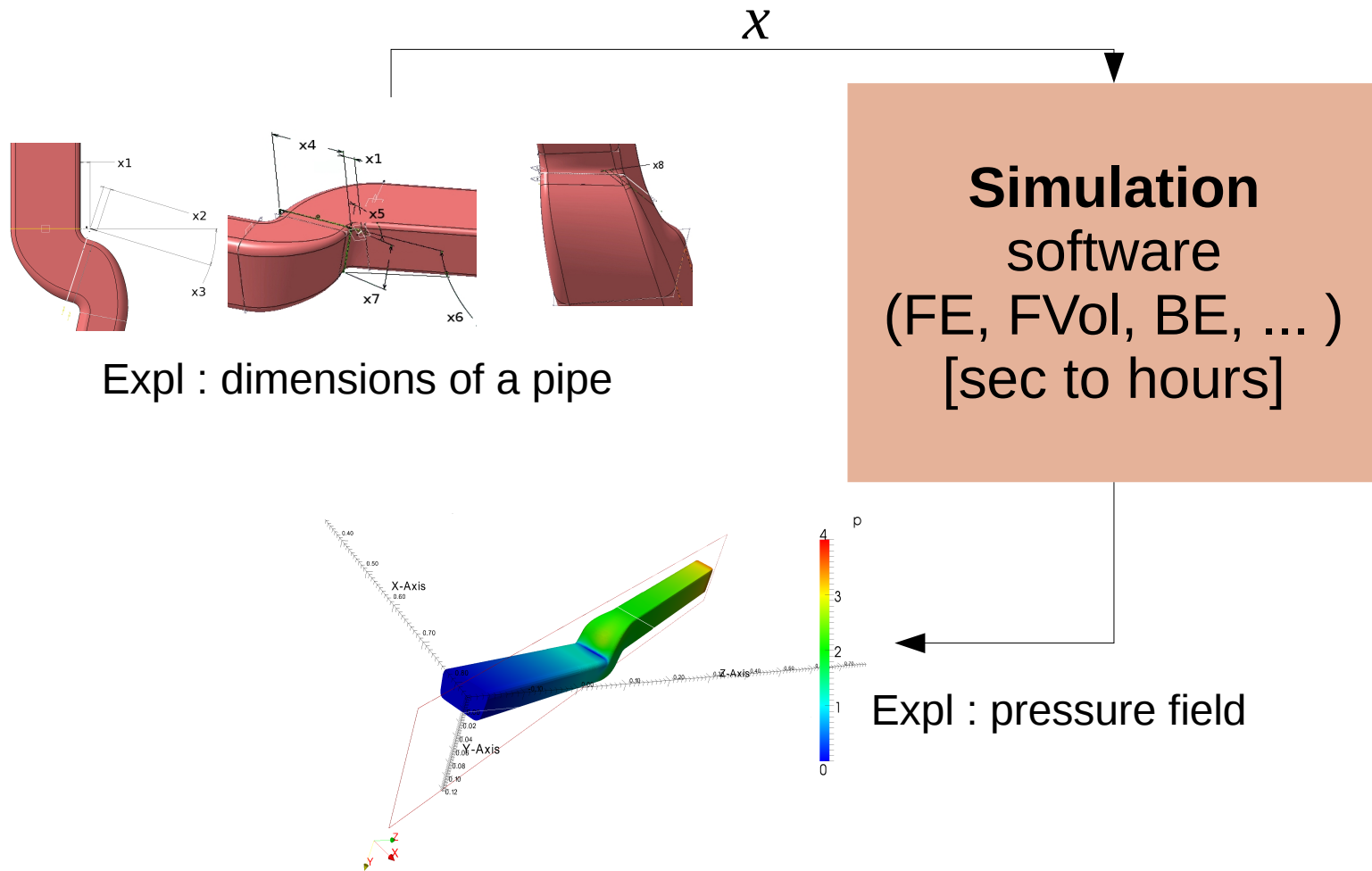
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**optimization using engineering simulations as a dialog  
between a physicist / engineer and a statistician**

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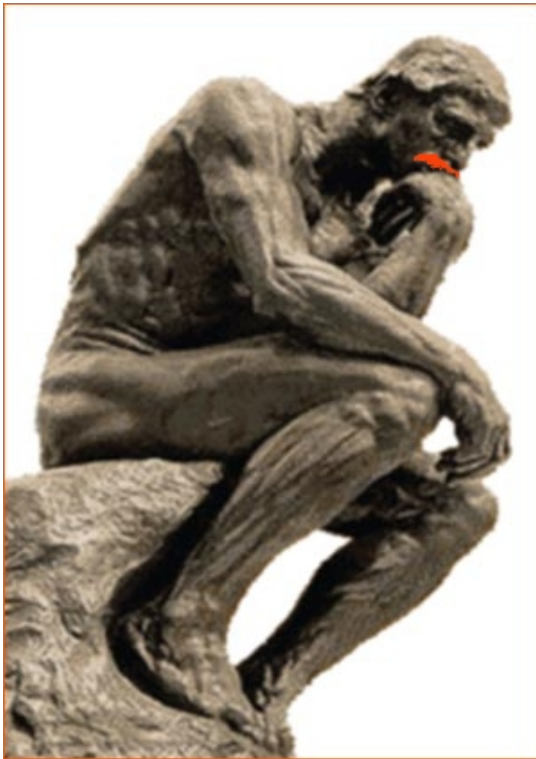
# Optimizing from engineering simulations

Knowledge about a physical model stored in a simulator with inputs and outputs



# The virtual prototyping idea

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*The simulation seems fairly realistic.  
Let's use it to **decide** what is an  
optimal configuration.*

The physicist / engineer

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# Mathematical formulation of the optimization

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A decision (e.g., a design decision) is **formulated** as an optimization problem :

$$\text{Mathematical goal : } \min_{x \in S \subset \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$$

$f(\cdot)$ , the cost function (pressure drop, masse, constraint violation, distance to goal, cost, risk, ...).

Constraints,  $g(x) \leq 0$  , are not explicitly discussed in this talk. As a patch, you may assume that

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x \in S \subset \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) & \rightarrow \min_{x \in S \subset \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + p \times \max^2(0, g(x)) \\ g(x) \leq 0 & \end{array}$$

$p$  , a vector of penalty positive scalars.

Constraints satisfaction problem : A. Chaudhuri, R. Le Riche and M. Meunier, *Estimating feasibility using multiple surrogates and ROC curves*, 54th AIAA SDM Conference, Boston, USA, 8-11 April 2013.

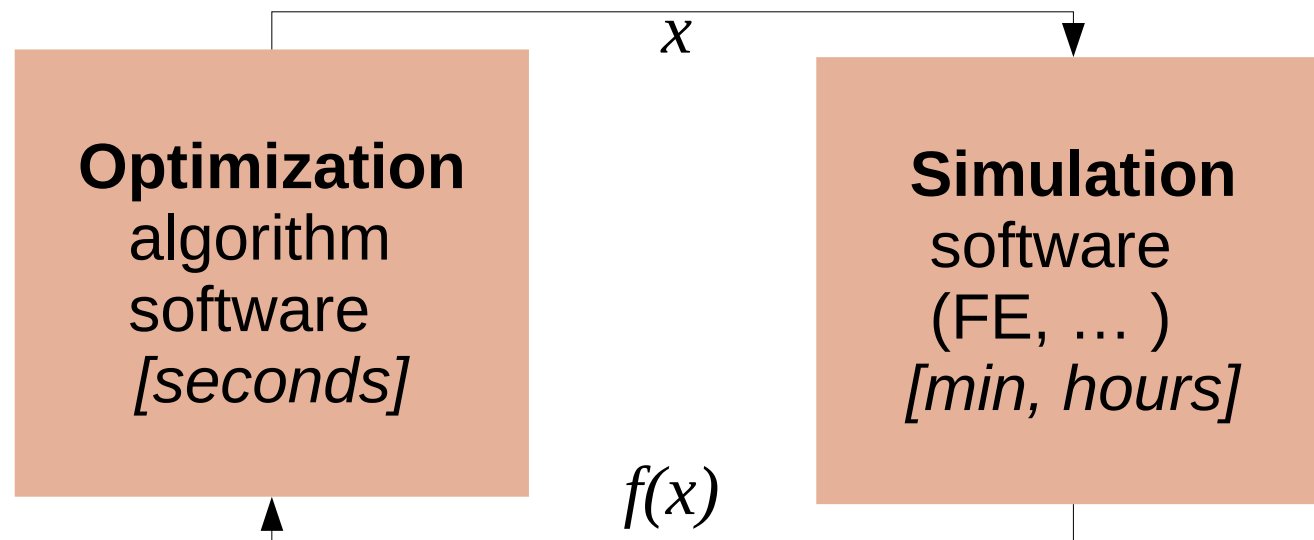
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# Automatic use of the simulator

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The physicist / engineer :  $f(x)$  is not known analytically. Let's try  $M$  points and keep the best one,  $\arg \min_{i=1, M} f(x^i)$

An optimization program will automatically call the simulator.

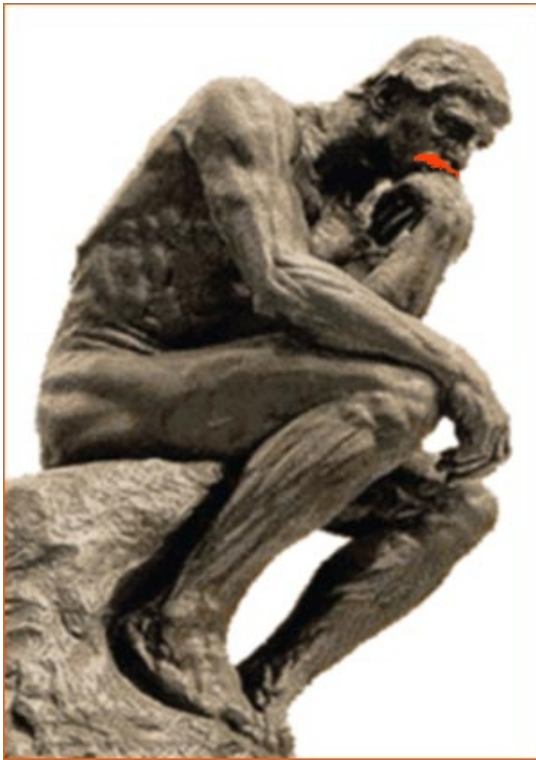


Communication between programs by file, pipe, messages.

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# By the way, what strategy for the optimization ?

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*1 call to  $f$  takes 1 min.*

*I have 8 variables,  $x_i$ .*

*I will discretize each variable into 10 possible values and make a grid. That is*

*$10 \times 10 \times \dots \times 10 = 10^8$  simulations, i.e.,  
... 190 years of calculation !*

*Grids are too expensive, but I will try random points. In 95 % of the cases, I can wait 10h (600 calls to  $f$ ), I will know the optimum with an accuracy on each variable better than <sup>1</sup> ... 50 % of the total range of each variable !*

*I need a statistician.*

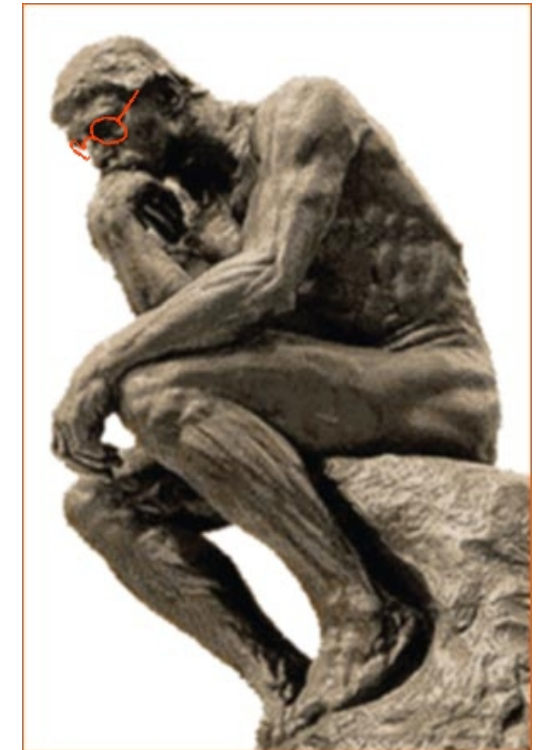
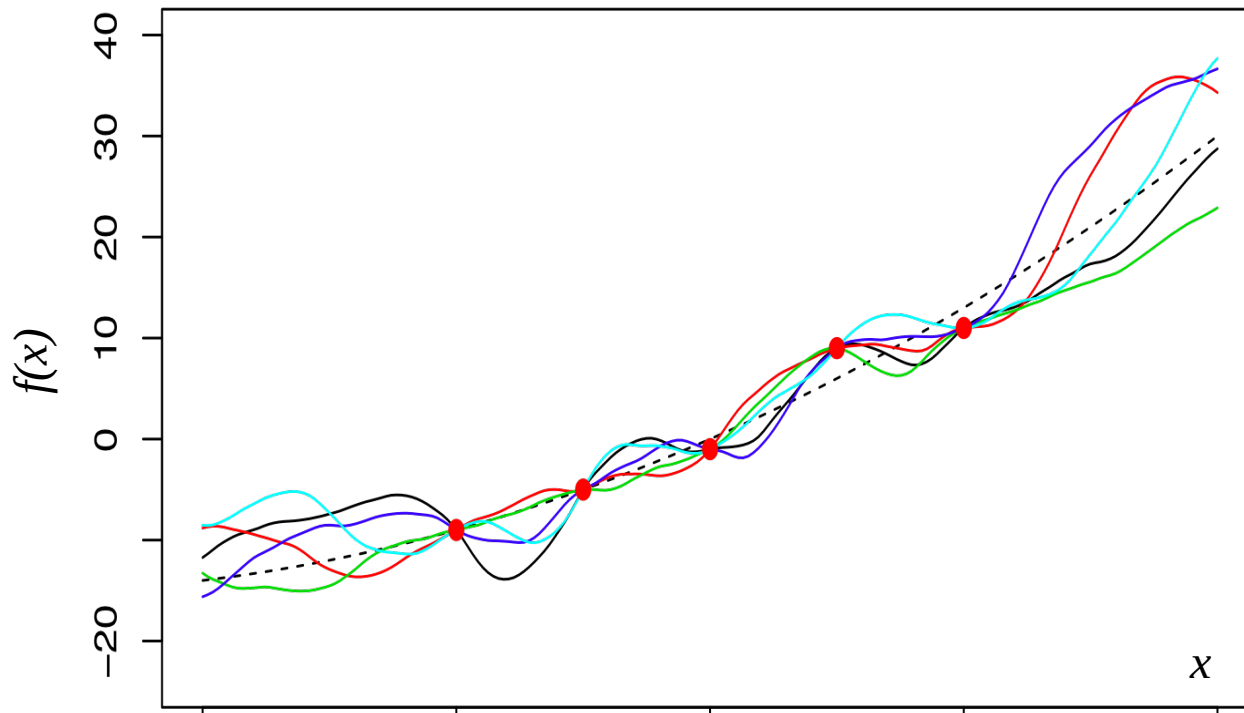
The simulation time is the bottleneck. Even 1 min.

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<sup>1</sup>  $\Delta$  , the accuracy, and normalized variables between 0 and 1, then  $1 - (1 - \Delta^n)^M = \text{Confidence}$

# Introduction to kriging

*This looks easy ! There are  $M$  observations  $x^i, f(x^i)$ . They are spatially correlated. We can use a Gaussian process indexed by  $x$  and conditioned by the observations to guess values of  $f$  at unexplored points  $x$*



The statistician

!!! only a 1D representation (complexity of dimension is lost in the drawing)  
Red bullets = observations, dashed line = true function =  $f(x)$ , coloured lines = possible functions based on the observations.



## Introduction to kriging (cont.)

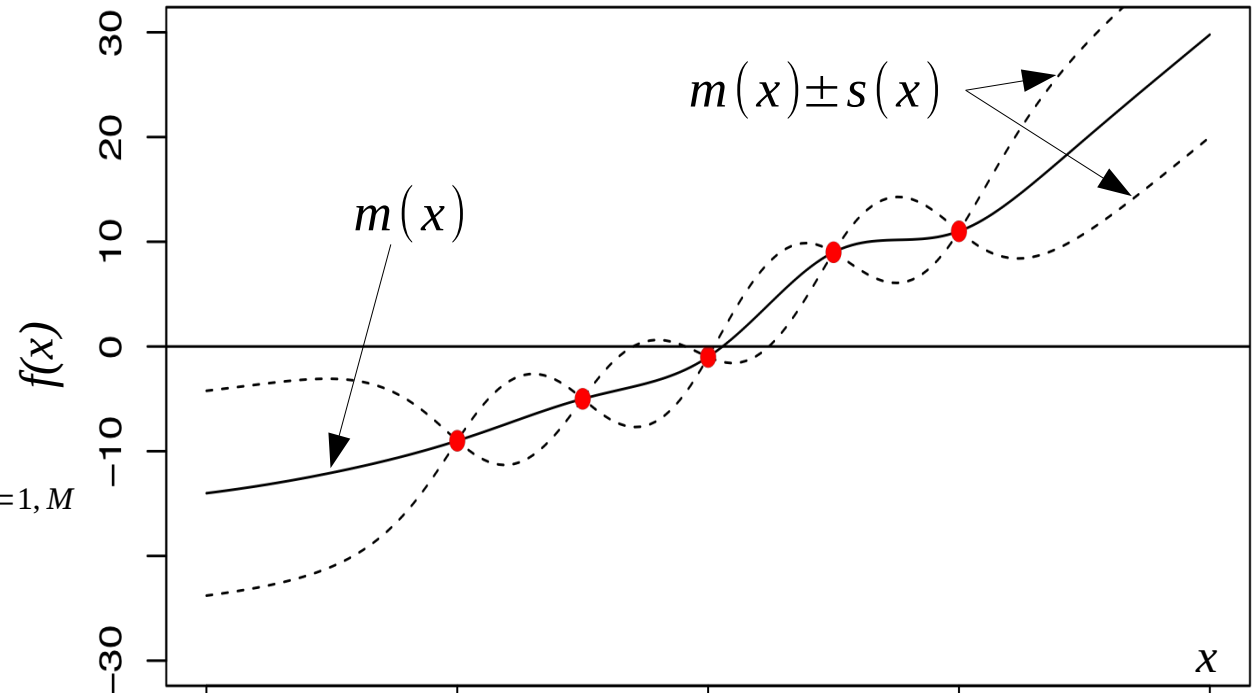
Statistical model of  $f(x)$  :

$$F(x) \sim N(m(x), s^2(x))$$

and  $F$  is correlated in space,

$$\mathbf{c}(x) = [\text{Cov}(F(x), F(x^i))]_{i=1, M}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = [\text{Cov}(F(x^i), F(x^j))]_{i,j}$$



Kriging average :  $m(x) = \mu + \mathbf{c}^T(x) \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \mu \mathbf{1})$

Kriging variance :  $s^2(x) = \sigma^2 - \mathbf{c}^T(x) \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}(x)$

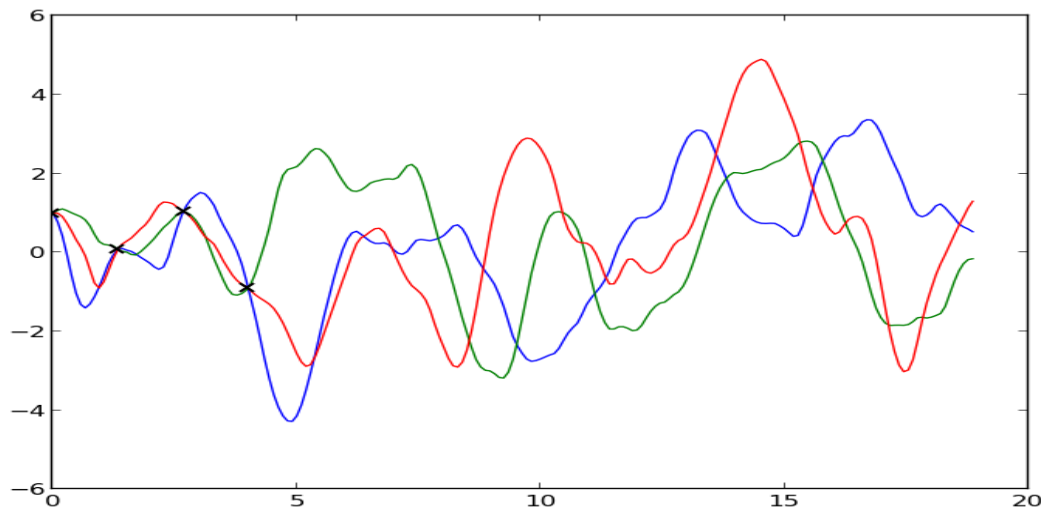
Important : choice of the kernel (stationary)

$\text{Cov}(F(x), F(x')) = \text{a function of } |x - x'| \text{ and parameters } \theta \text{ (length scale)}$

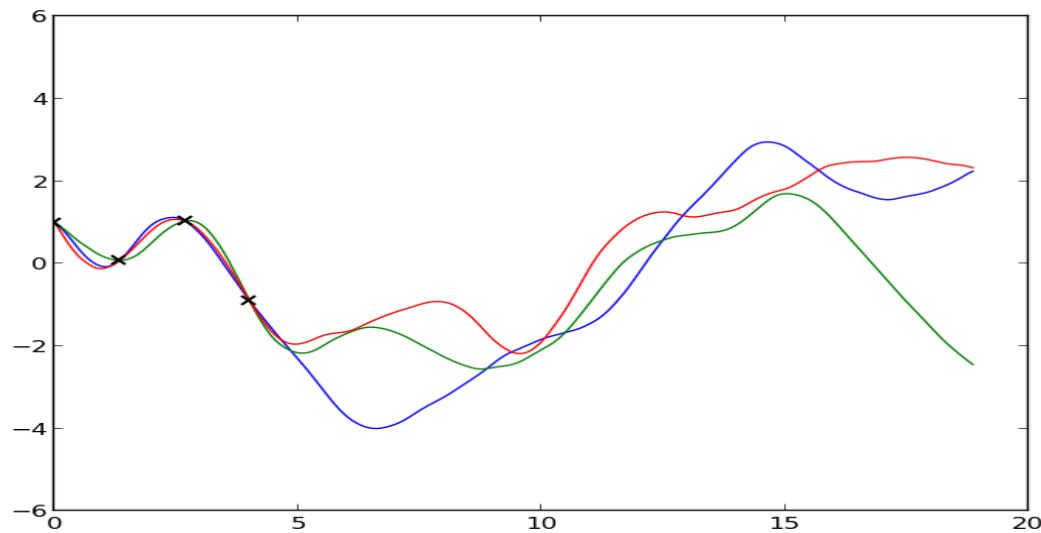
Not all functions are kernel functions.

[see Rasmussen & Williams, *GPML*, 2006 for general explanations,  
see Mohammadi, Le Riche, Touboul and Bay,  
*On regularization techniques in statistical learning by GP*, NICST'2013]

# From simulator to kernel design



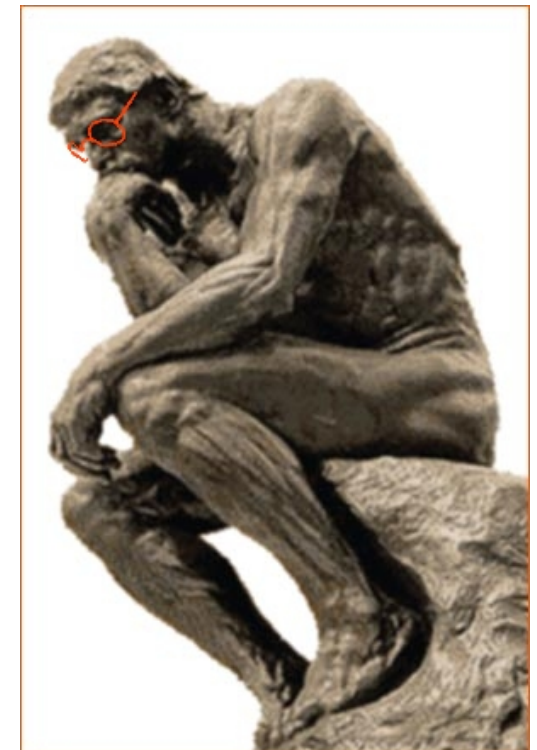
Matern 5/2 kernels,  $\sigma^2=4$ , **length scale = 1**



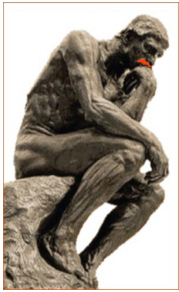
Matern 5/2 kernels,  $\sigma^2=4$ , **length scale = 3**

*My approach is general, yet its prediction properties are sensitive to the kernel choice... and there are so many possible kernels.*

*I need a physicist / engineer.*



# From simulator to kernel design (cont.)

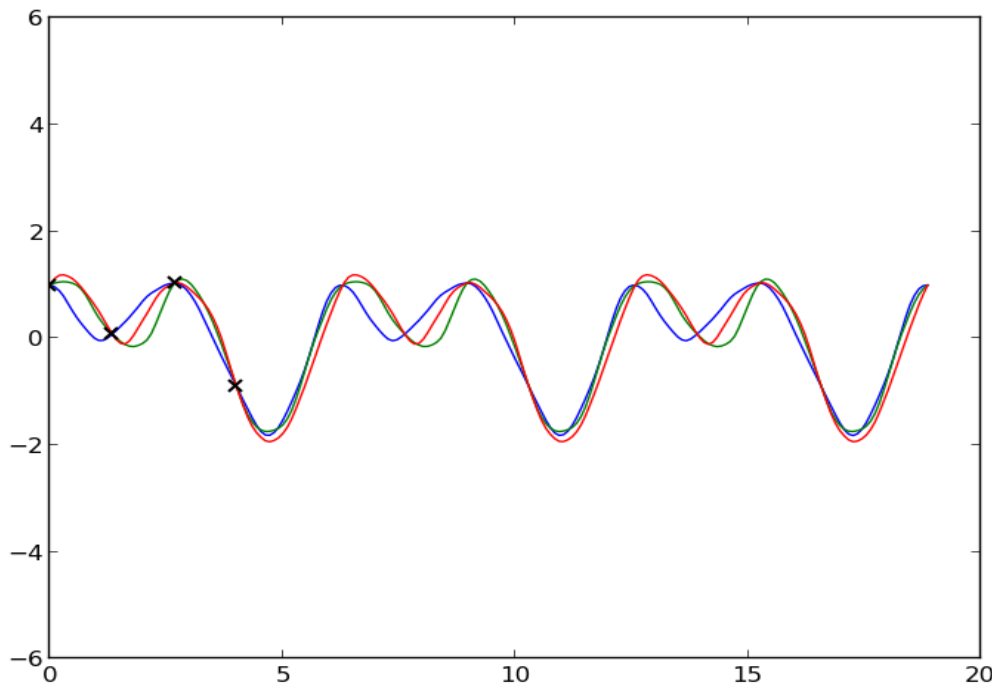
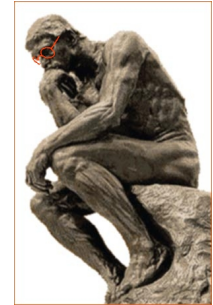


$f(x)$  is periodic

(example)

then the kernel could be of the form <sup>2</sup>

$$\text{Cov}(F(x), F(x')) = \sigma^2 \exp\left(\frac{-1 + \cos(x - x')}{\theta^2}\right)$$



**The periodicity knowledge allows to considerably reduce statistical uncertainties.**

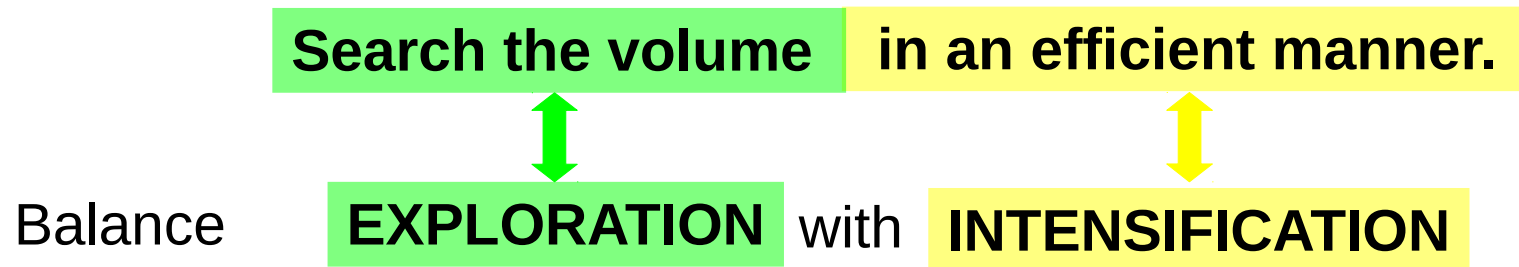
**Other typical expert knowledge : derivatives, symmetries, rotations, PDE's, correlated multi-fidelity simulators, previous designs, ... .**

**Kernel design is an active research domain.**

<sup>2</sup> N. Durrande, R. Le Riche and S. Avril, *MRI sequence denoising using Gaussian processes*, Euromech 534 colloquium on Advanced experimental approaches and inverse problems in tissue biomechanics, May 2012.  
N. Durrande, J. Hensman, M. Rattray, N. D. Lawrence, *Gaussian process models for periodicity detection*, submitted to JRSSb in 2013.

# Kriging and optimization

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- **We will deterministically fill the design space in an efficient order.**
  - **Other global search principles**
    - **Stochastic searches** : (pseudo)-randomly sample the design space  $S$ , use probabilities to intensify search in known high performance regions and sometimes explore unknown regions.
    - (pseudo-)**Randomly restart** local searches.
    - (and mix the above principles)
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# A state-of-the-art global optimization algorithm using metamodels : EGO

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(D.R. Jones et al., JOGO, 1998)

EGO = Efficient Global Optimization = use a « kriging » metamodel to define the Expected Improvement (EI) criterion. Maximize EI to create new  $x$ 's to simulate.

EGO deterministically creates a series of design points that ultimately would fill  $S$ .

Some opensource implementations :

- DiceOptim in R (EMSE & Bern Univ.)
  - Krisp in Scilab (Riga Techn. Univ & EMSE)
  - STK: a Small (Matlab/GNU Octave) Toolbox for Kriging, (Supelec)
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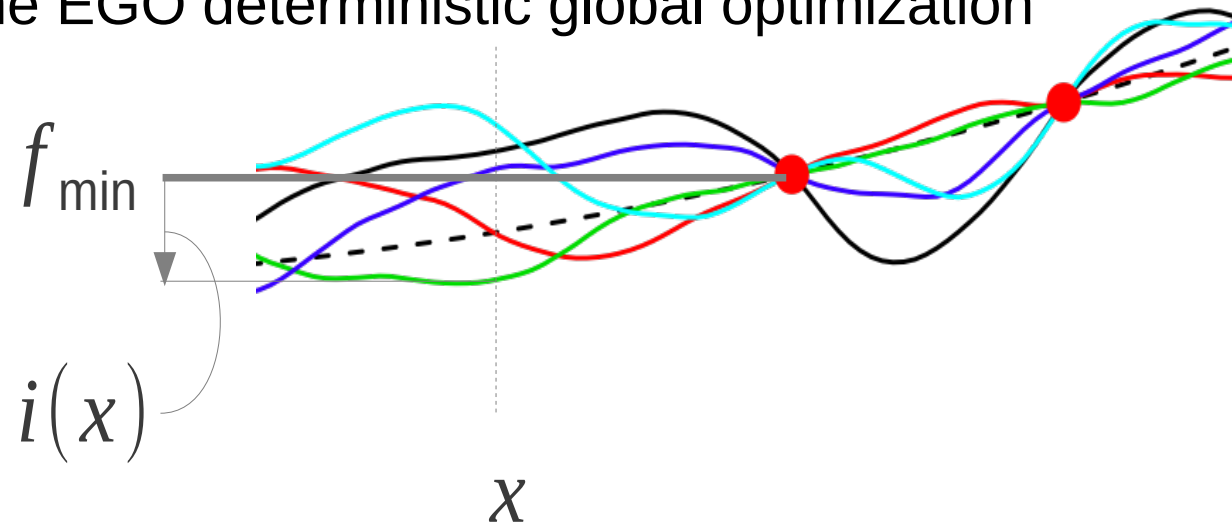
# (one point-) Expected improvement

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A natural measure of progress : the improvement,

$$I(x) = [f_{\min} - F(x)]^+ \mid F(x) = f(x) \quad , \quad \text{where } [.]^+ \equiv \max(0, .)$$

- The expected improvement is known analytically.
- It is a parameter free measure of the exploration-intensification compromise.
- Its maximization defines the EGO deterministic global optimization algorithm.



$$EI(x) = s(x) \times (u(x) \Phi(u(x)) + \varphi(u(x))) \quad , \quad \text{where } u(x) = \frac{f_{\min} - m_k(x)}{s(x)}$$

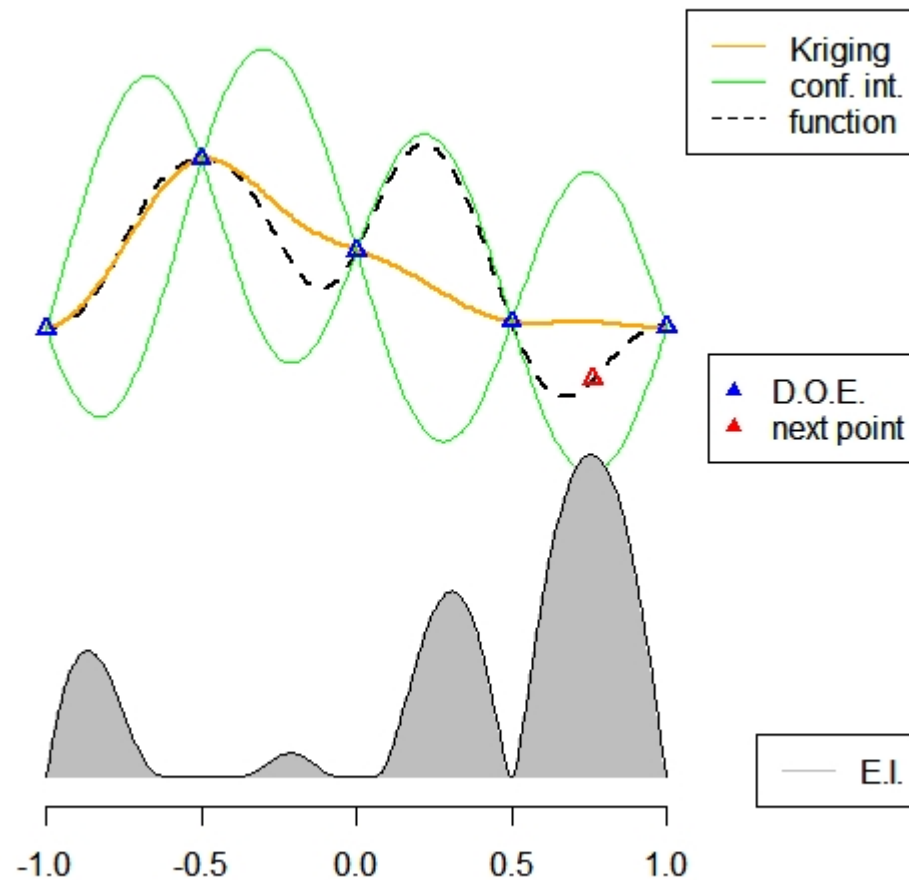

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# One EGO iteration

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At each iteration, EGO adds to the  $t$  known points the one that maximizes EI,

$$x^{t+1} = \arg \max_x EI(x)$$



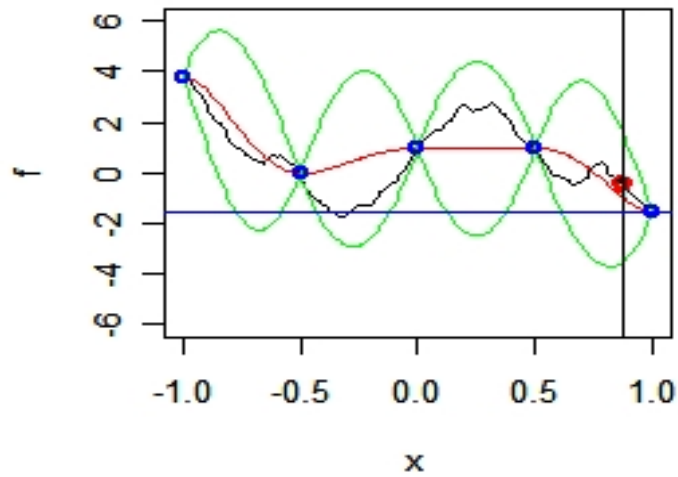
then, the kriging model is updated ...

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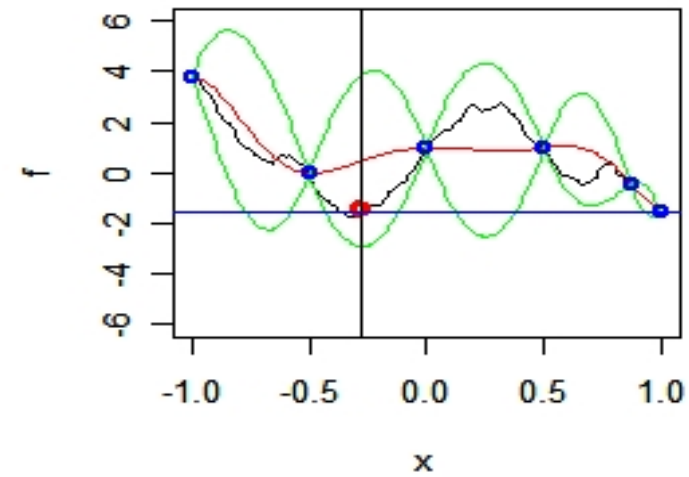
# EGO : example

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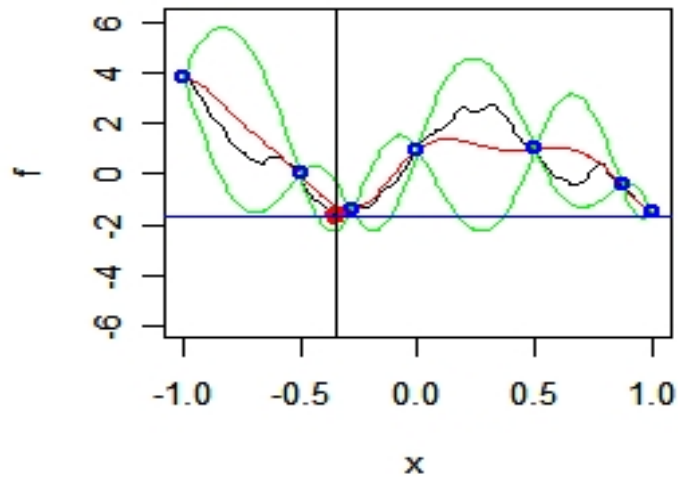
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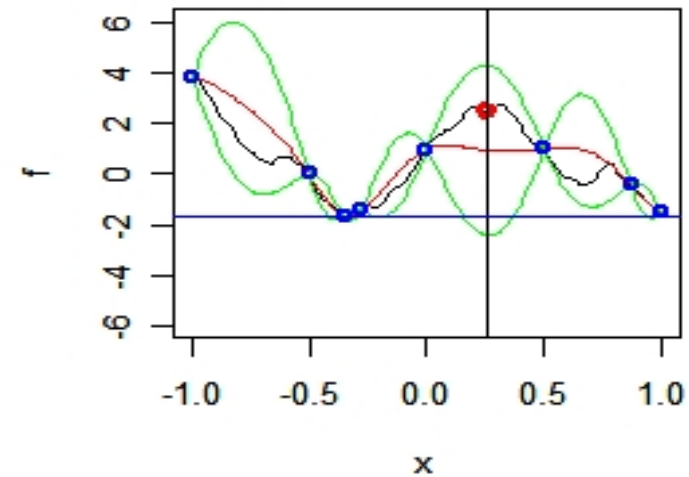
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iteration  
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iteration  
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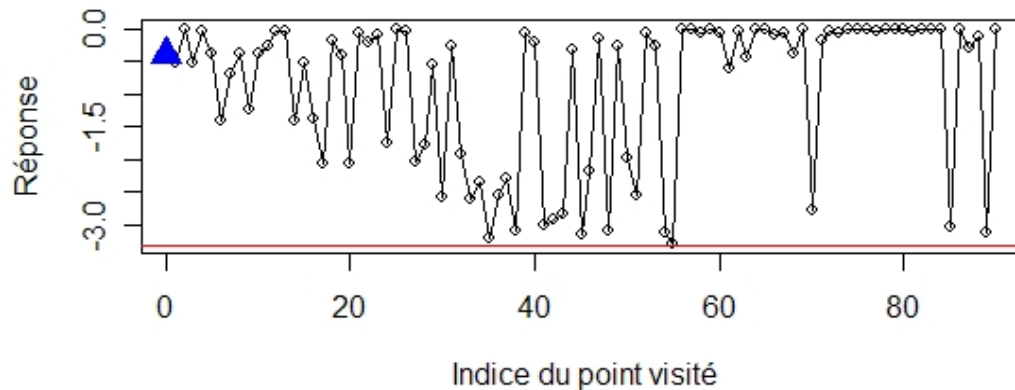




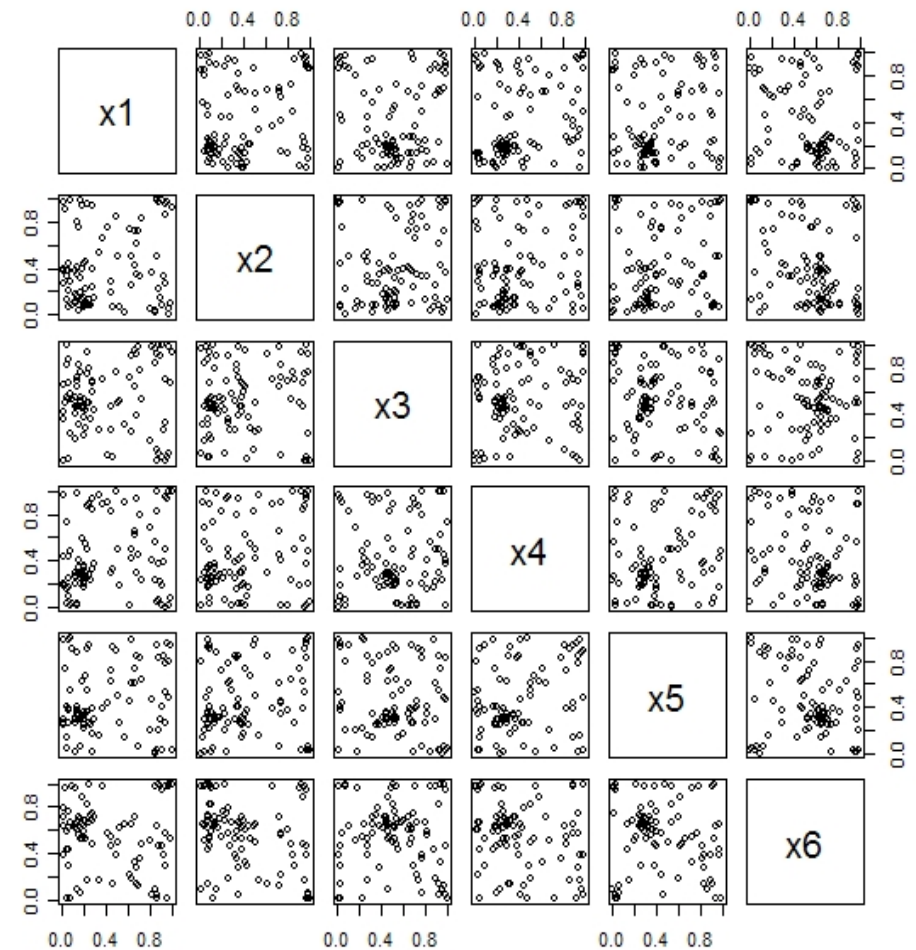
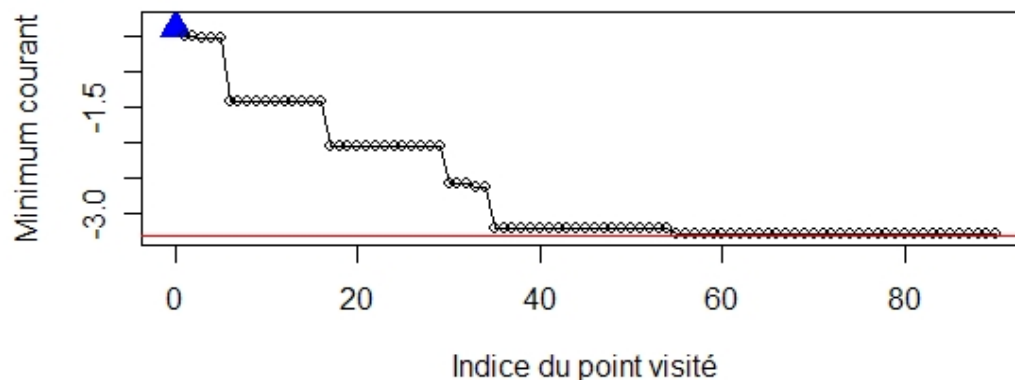
# EGO : exemple en 6D

Fonction de Hartman,  $f(x^*) = -3.32$ , 10 points dans le plan d'expérience initial.

Séquence des valeurs observées durant EGO



Séquence du minimum courant durant EGO



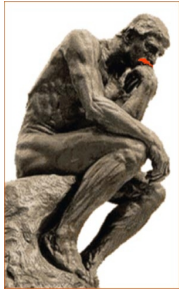
(DiceOptim, D. Ginsbourger, 2009)

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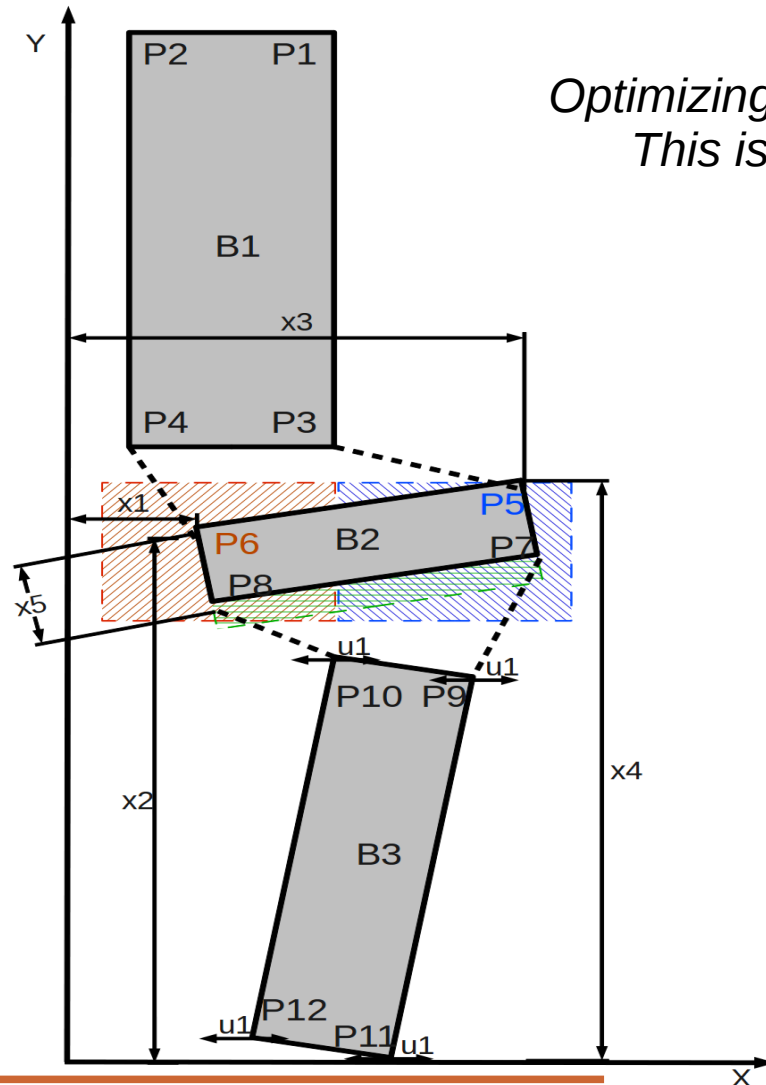
## **Accounting for uncertainties in the optimization**

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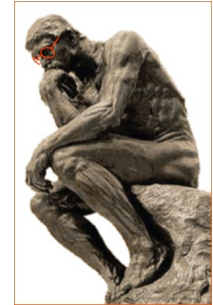
# Duct design with uncertain boundary conditions



*There is this tricky situation I keep running into.  
I am designing a structure, and the boundary conditions are  
not well controlled ...*



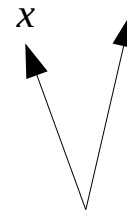
*Optimizing with uncertainties.  
This is a difficult problem.  
Thanks for asking.*



conditioner duct design  
 $x_1, \dots, x_5$  : designs variables  
 $u_1$  : random noise (Gaussian)  
(manufacturing tolerance)



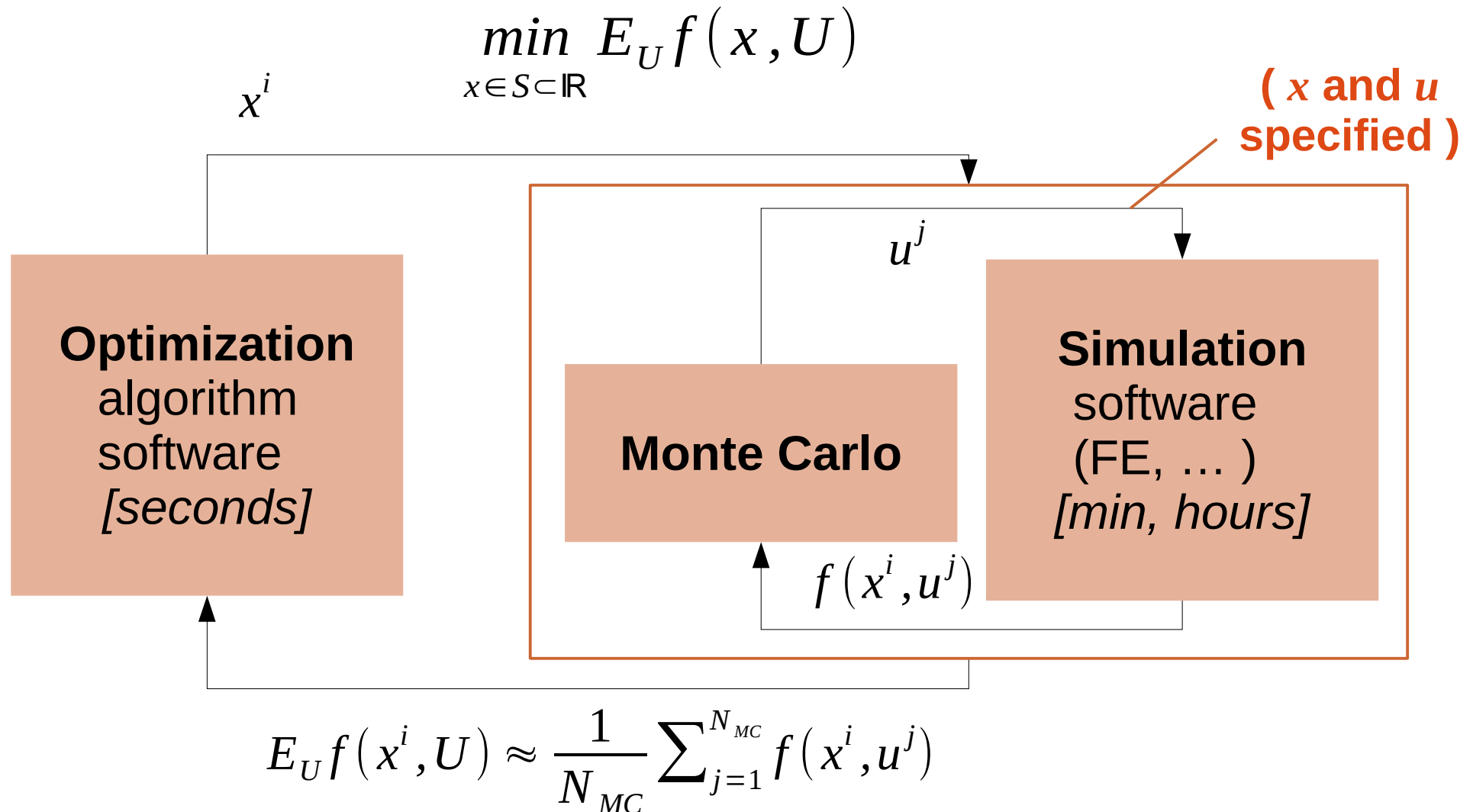
$$\min E_U(f(x, U))$$



Cf. J. Janusevskis and R. Le Riche, *Robust optimization of a 2D air conditioning duct using kriging*, technical report hal-00566285, feb. 2011.

# Example of naive optimization with uncertainties

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Drawbacks : the cost of a simulation is multiplied by  $N_{MC}$  and the estimation is noisy.

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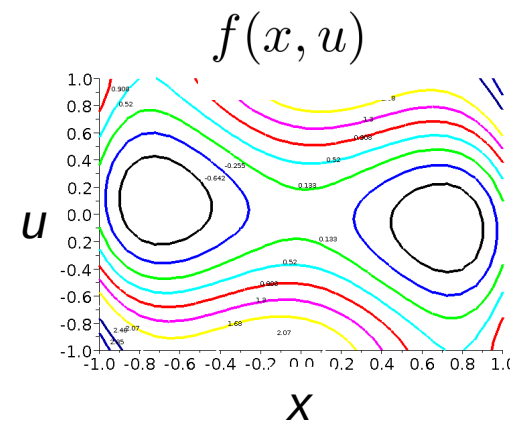
# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties

## Integrated kriging

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**Objective :**  $\min_x \mathbb{E}_U[f(x, U)]$

Principle : work in the joint (x,u) space.



Cf. J. Janusevskis and R. Le Riche, *Simultaneous kriging-based estimation and optimization of mean response*, Journal of Global Optimization, Springer, 2012

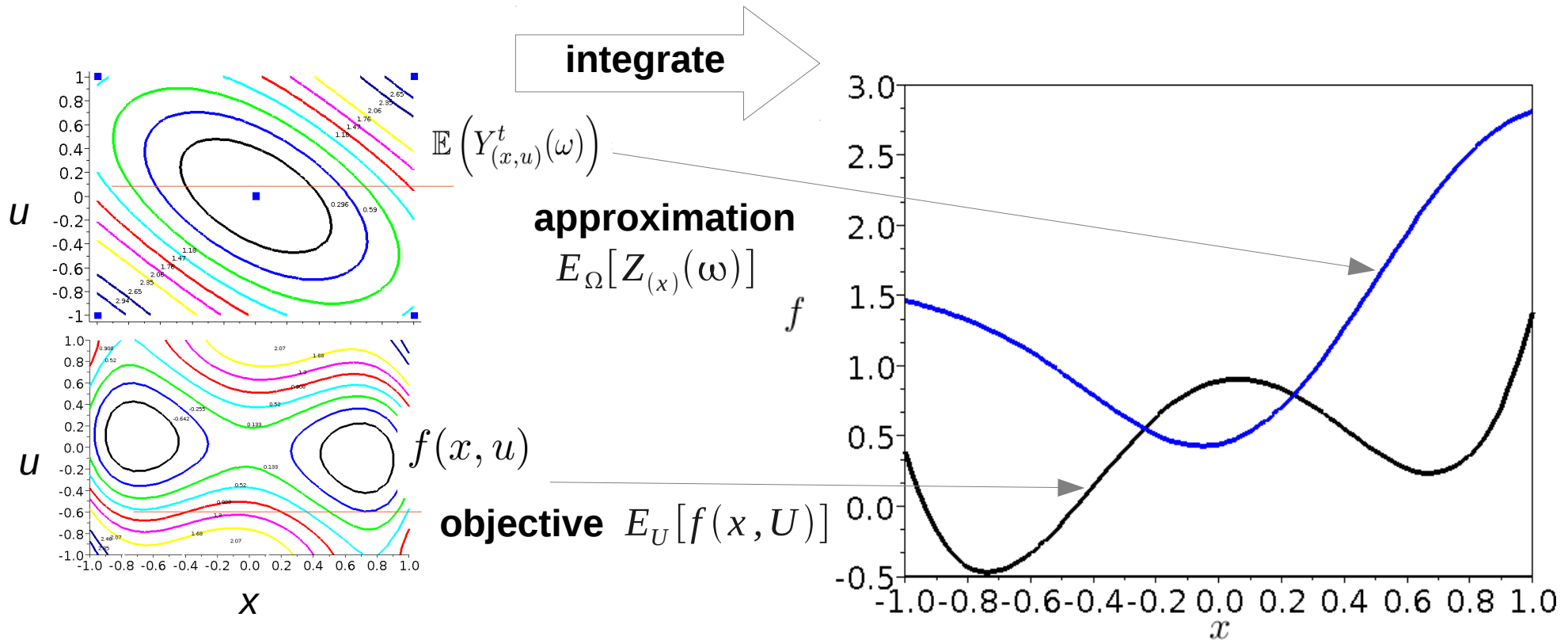
# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties

## Integrated kriging

$$\min_x \mathbb{E}_U[f(x, U)] : \text{objective}$$

$$Y_{(x,u)}^t(\omega) : \text{kriging approximation to deterministic } f(x, u)$$

$$Z_{(x)}^t(\omega) = \mathbb{E}_U[Y_{(x,U)}^t(\omega)] : \text{integrated process approximation to } \mathbb{E}_U[f(x, U)]$$



# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties

## Integrated kriging

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$Z$  is a process approximating the objective function  $\mathbb{E}_U[f(x, U)]$

Optimize with an Expected Improvement criterion,

$$x^{next} = \arg \max_x EI_Z(x)$$

Optimize with an Expected Improvement criterion,

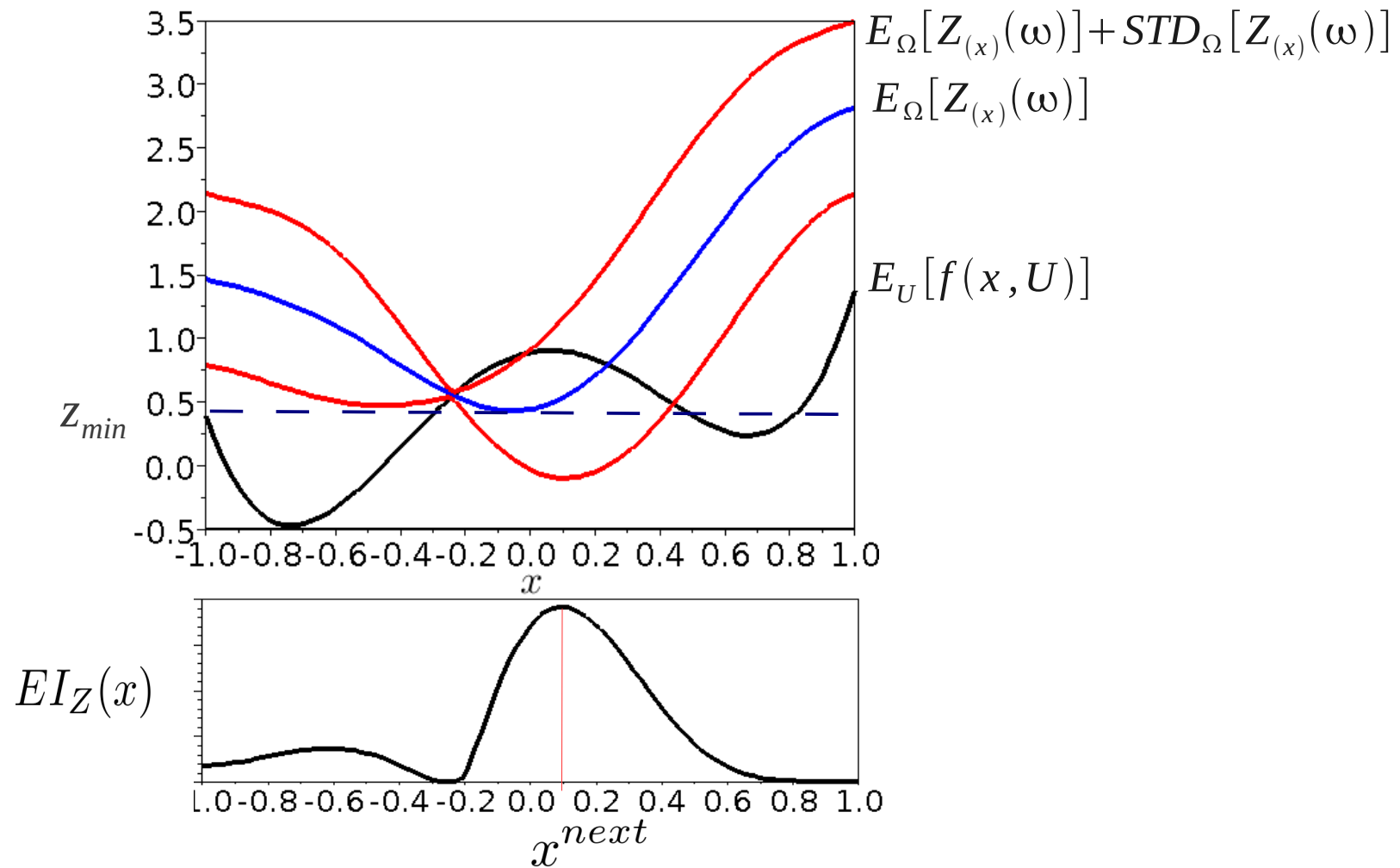
$I_Z(x) = \max(z_{min} - Z(x), 0)$  , but  $z_{min}$  not observed (in integrated space).  
 $\Rightarrow$  Define  $z_{min} = \min_{x^1, \dots, x^t} E(Z(x))$



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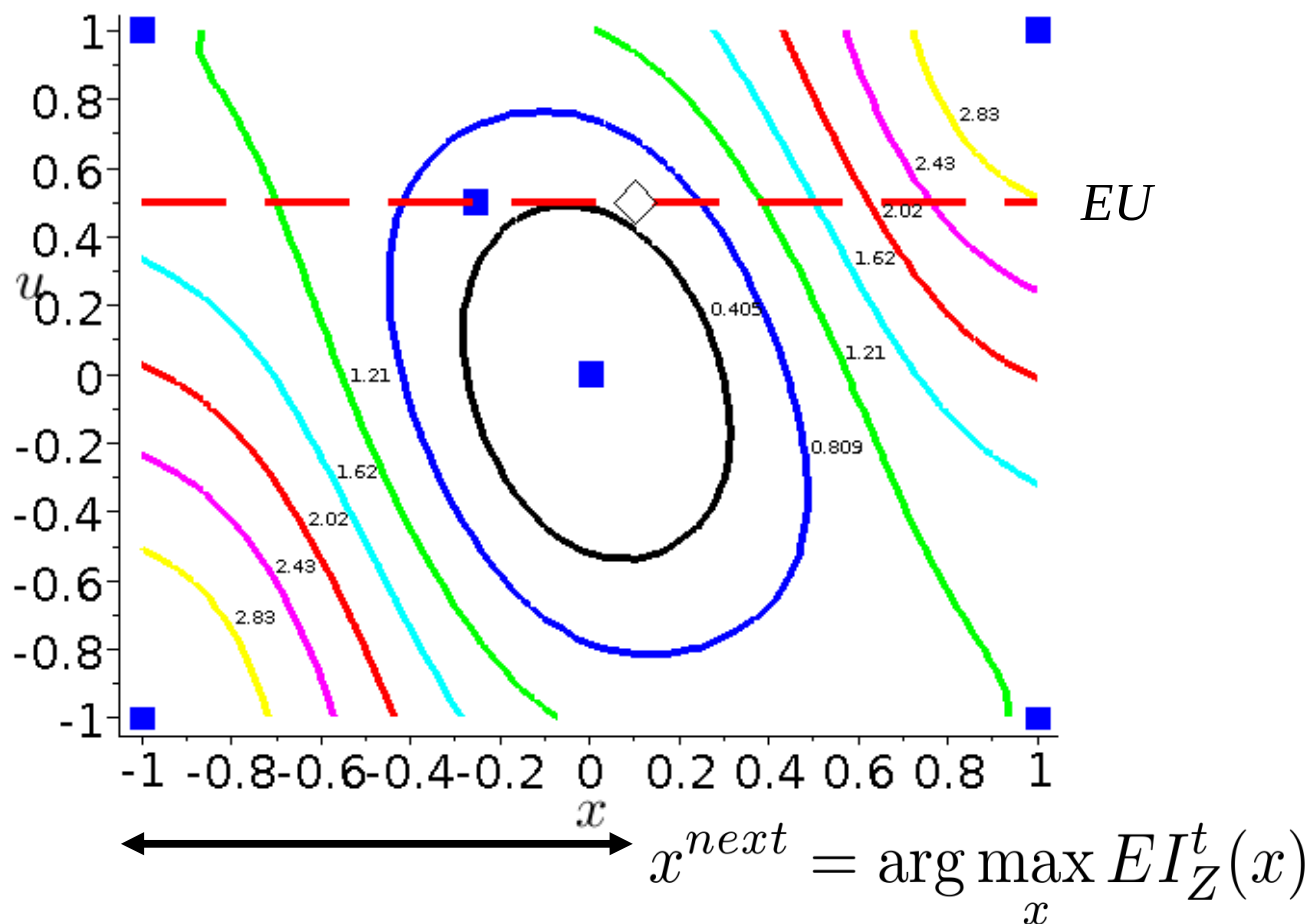
## Integrated kriging

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# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties

## Integrated kriging



$x$  ok. What about  $u$  ? (which we need to call the simulator)

# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties

## Integrated kriging

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$x^{next}$  gives a region of interest from an optimization of the expected  $f$  point of view.

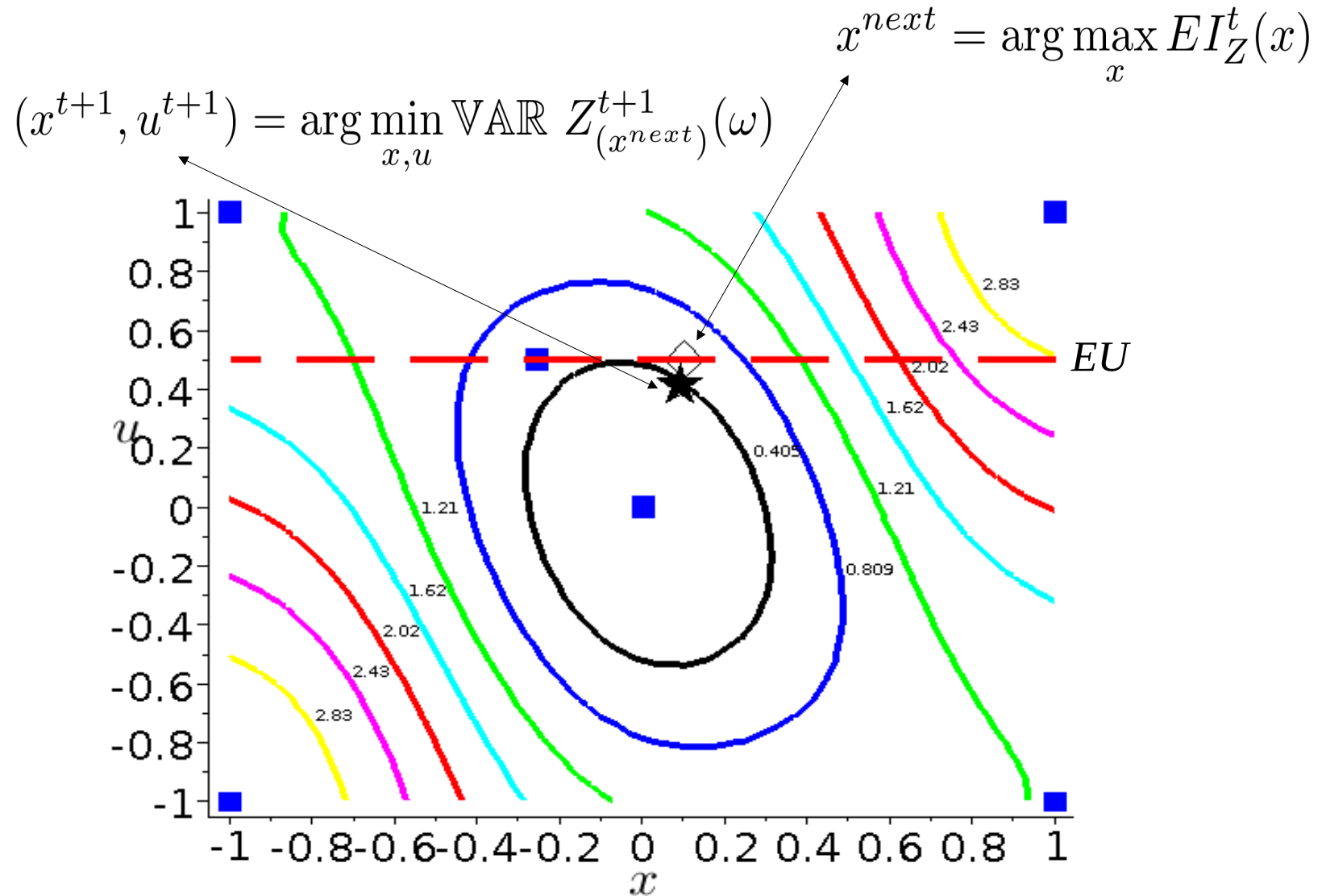
One simulation will be run to improve our knowledge of this region of interest → one choice of  $(x, u)$ .

Choose  $(x^{t+1}, u^{t+1})$  that provides the most information, i.e., which minimizes the variance of the integrated process at  $x^{next}$  (possible because the variance does not depend on  $f$  evaluations, only on the points positions)

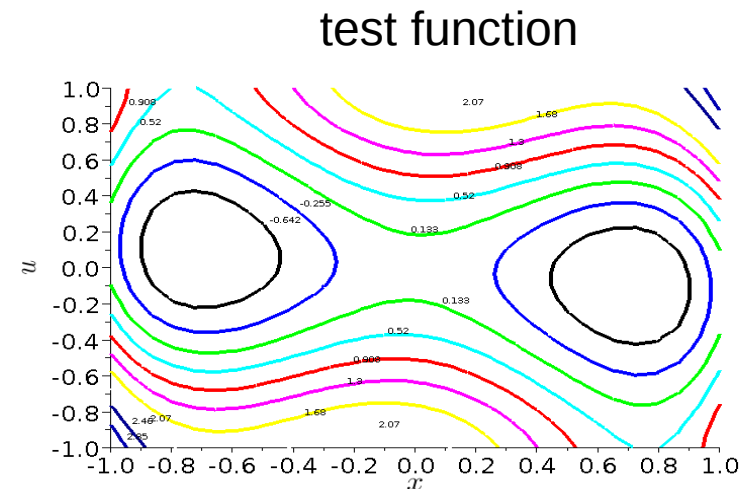
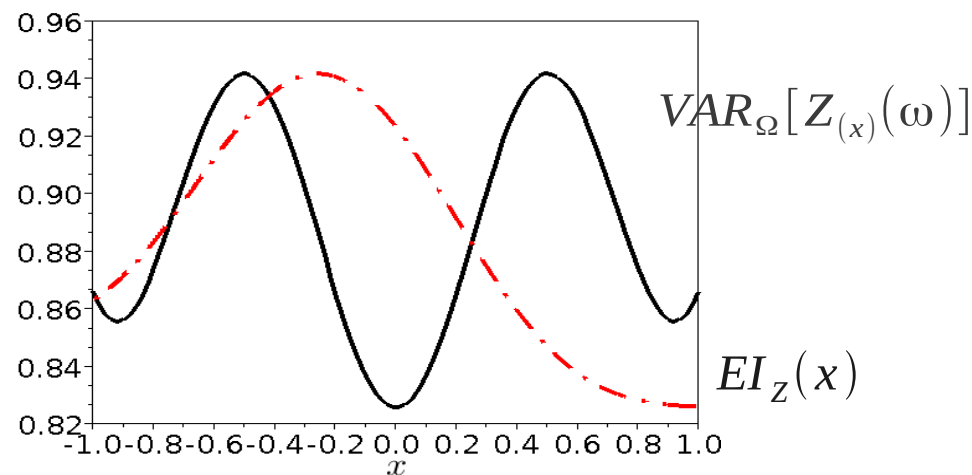
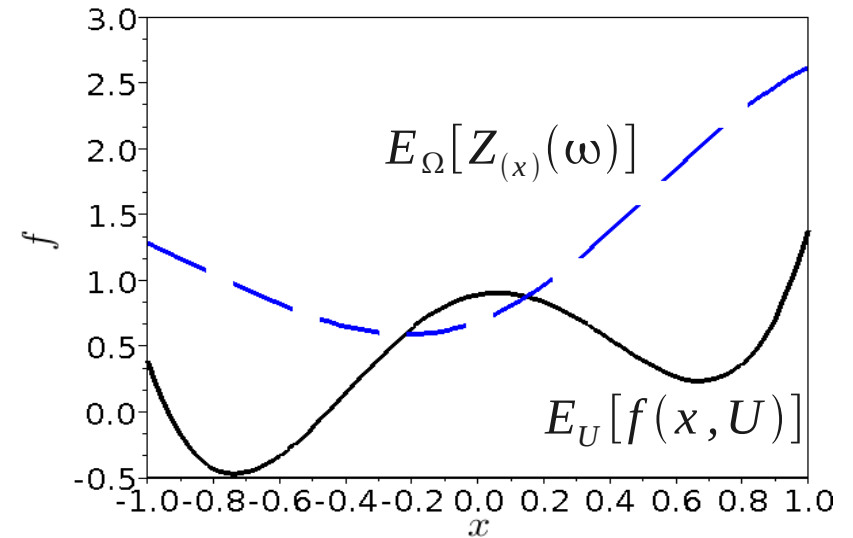
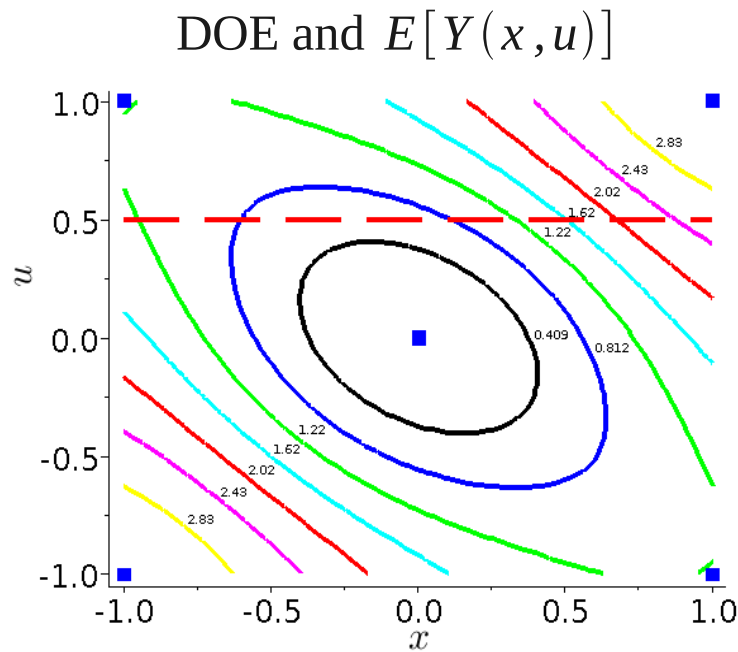
$$(x^{t+1}, u^{t+1}) = \arg \min_{x, u} \text{VAR } Z_{(x^{next})}^{t+1}(\omega)$$

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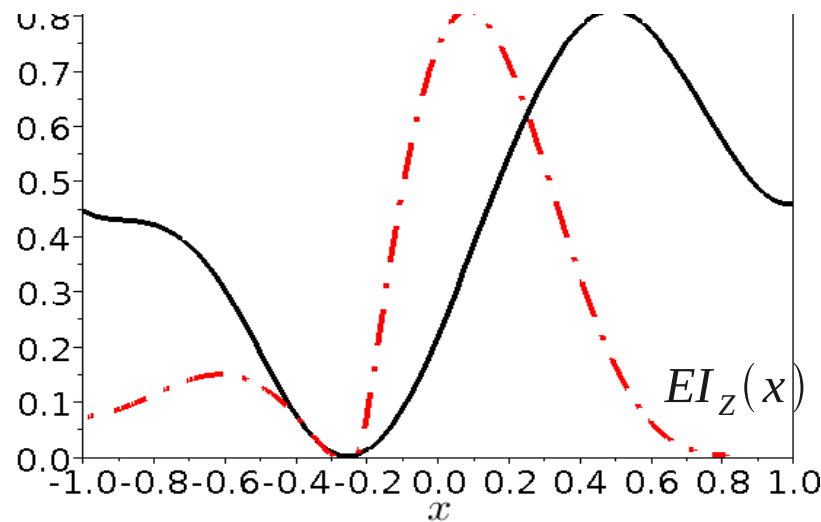
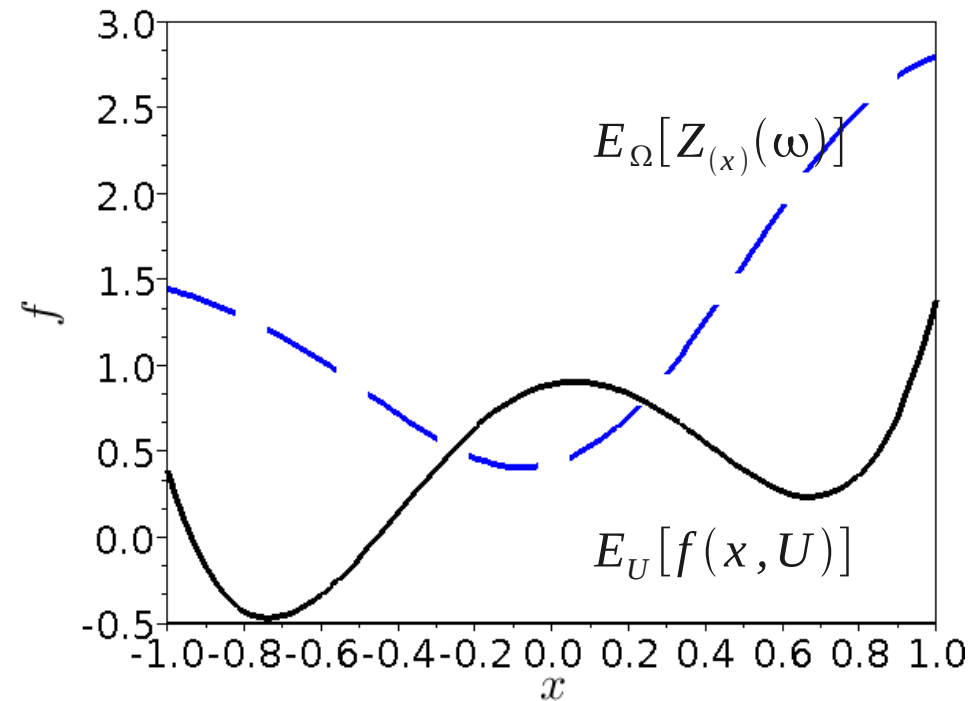
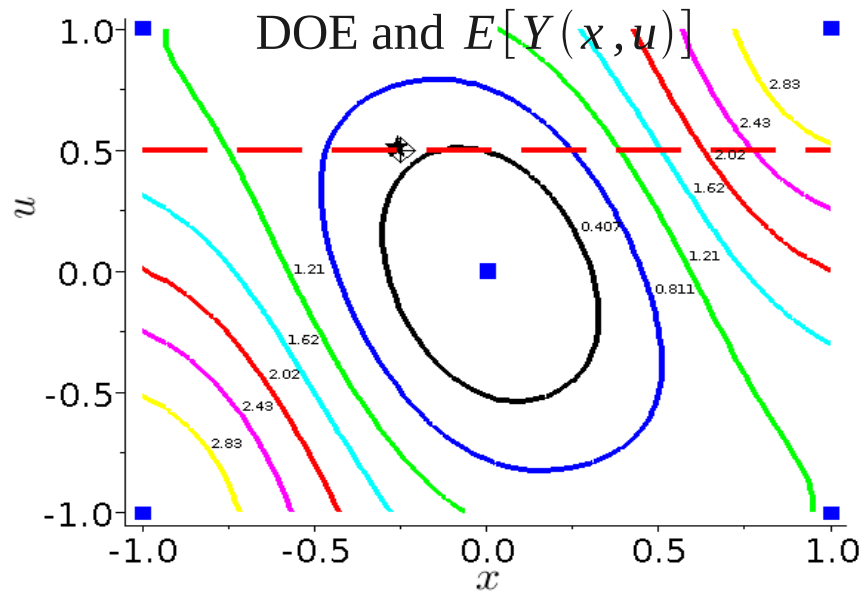
## Integrated kriging



# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties, U controlled 2D Expl, simultaneous optimization and sampling



# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties, U controlled 1st iteration

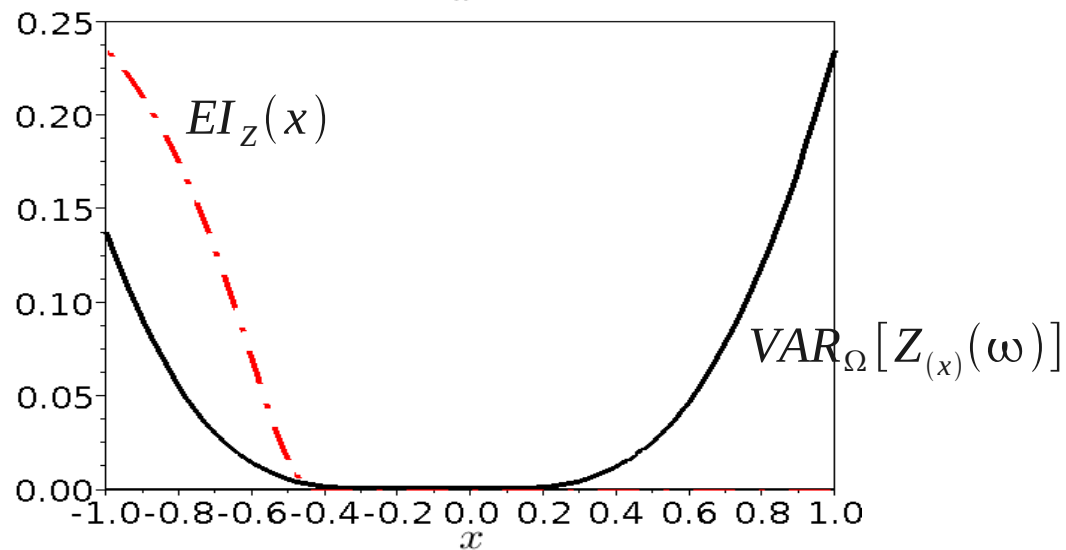
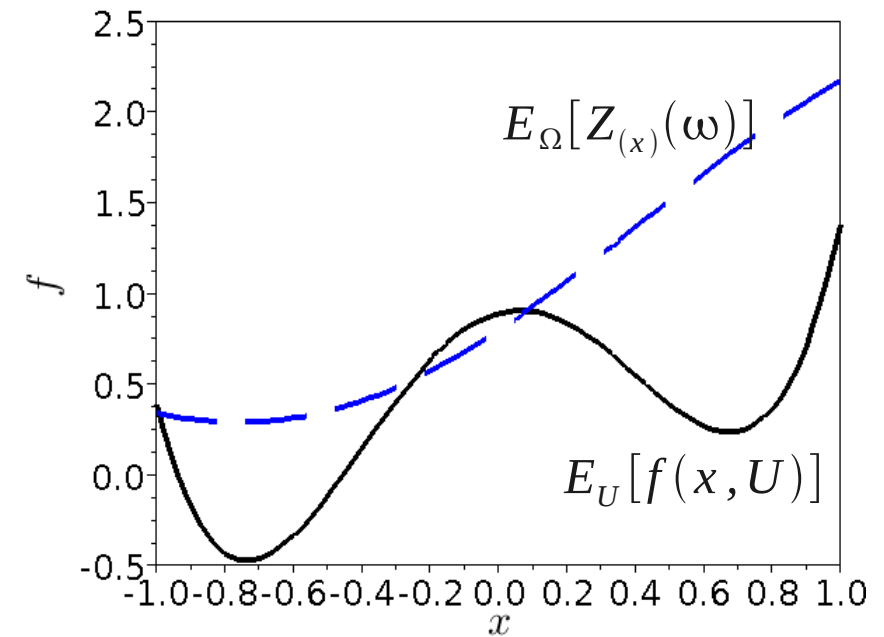
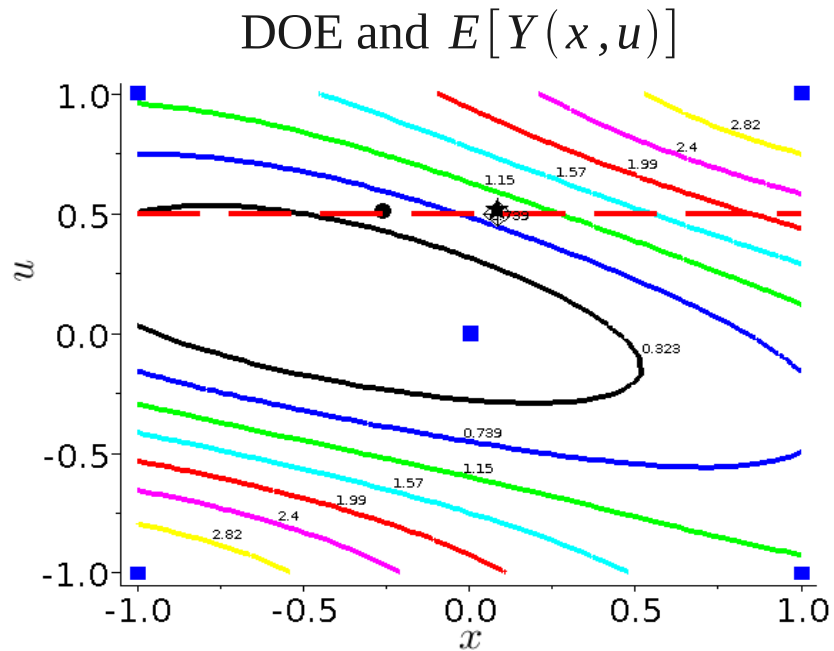




$$\text{VAR}_{\Omega}[Z_{(x)}(\omega)]$$

- $\diamond$  —  $(x^{\text{next}}, \mu)$
- $\star$  —  $(x^{t+1}, u^{t+1})$

# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties, U controlled

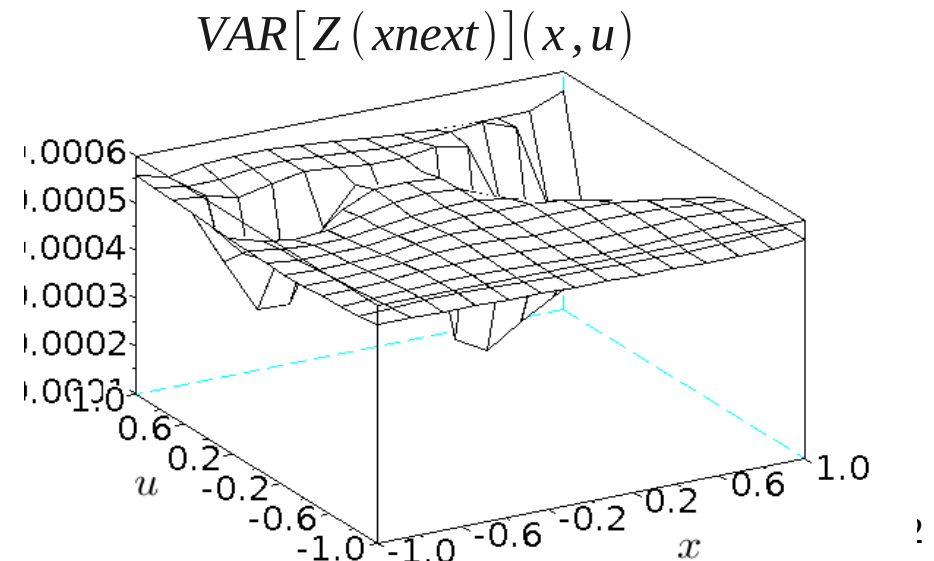
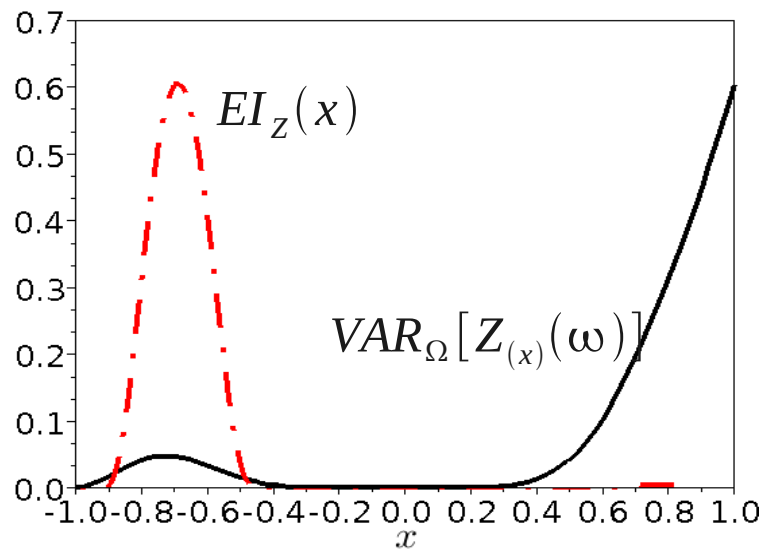
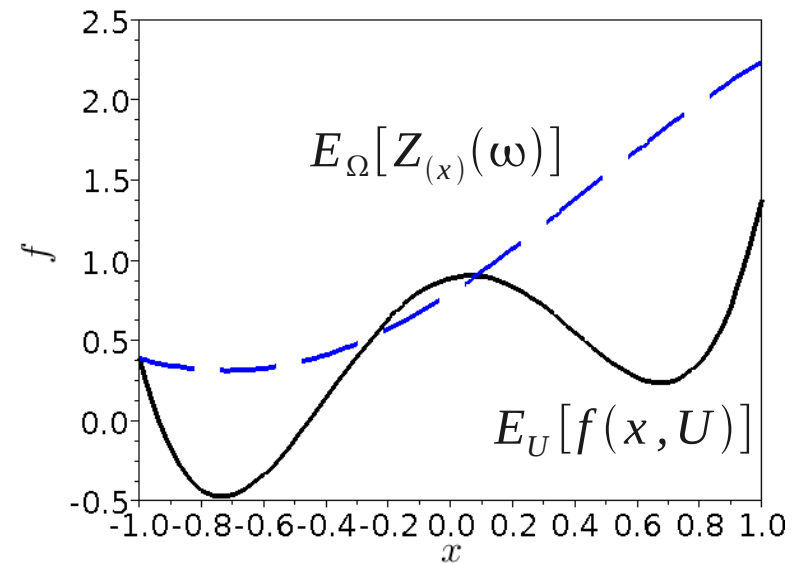
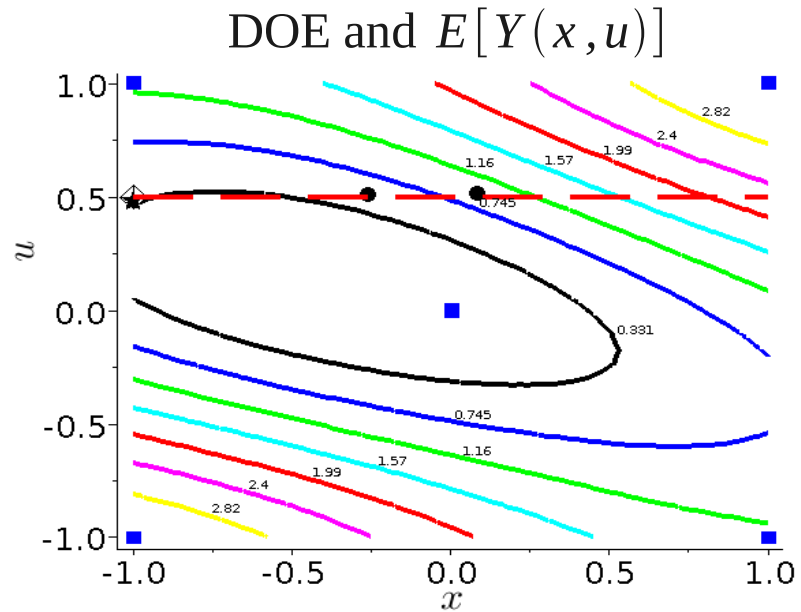
## 2nd iteration



 —  $(x^{next}, \mu)$   
 —  $(x^{t+1}, u^{t+1})$

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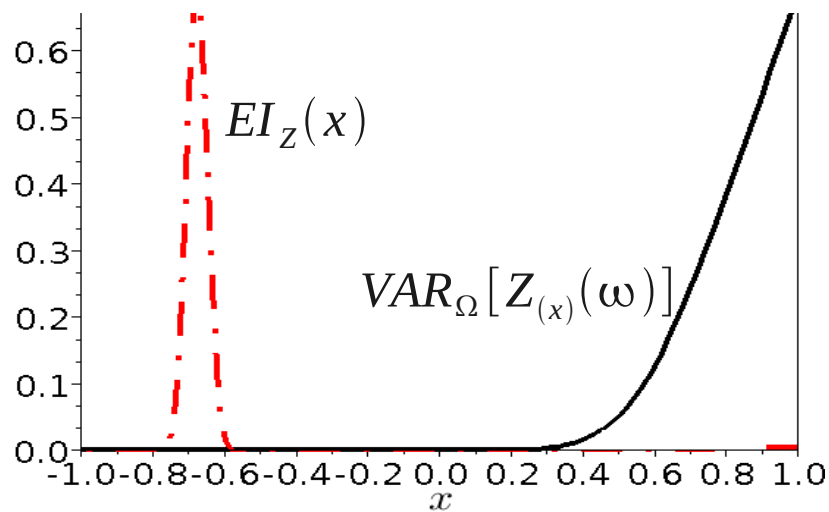
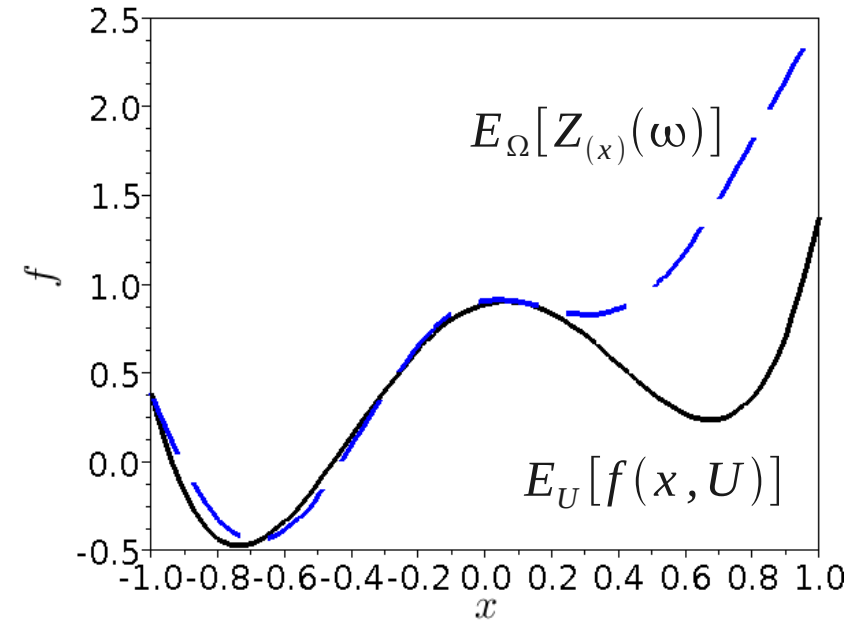
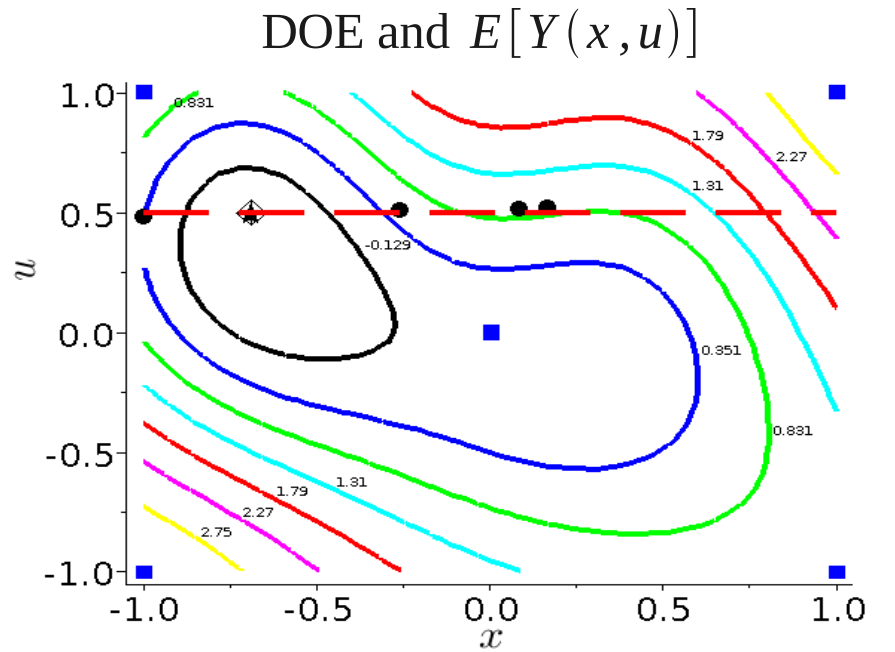
## 3rd iteration





# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties, U controlled

## 5th iteration

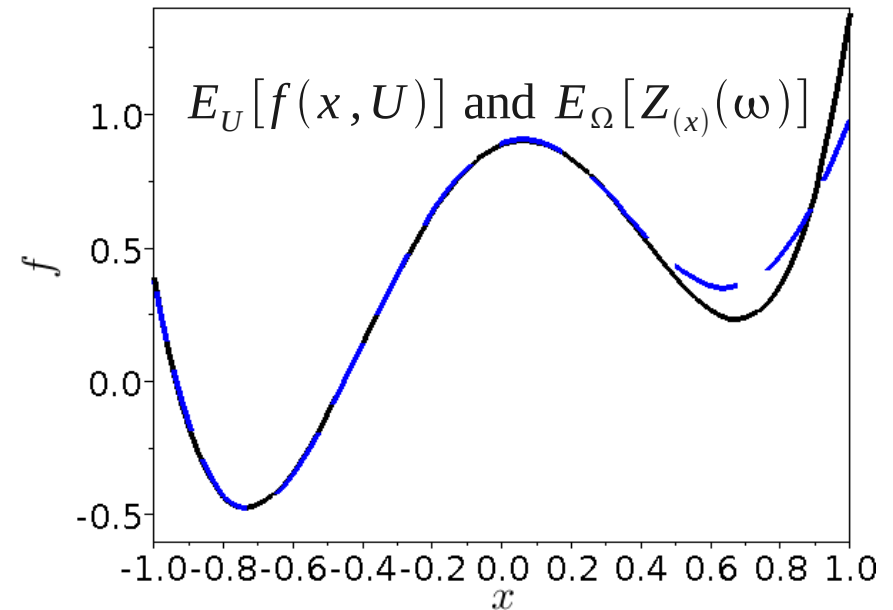
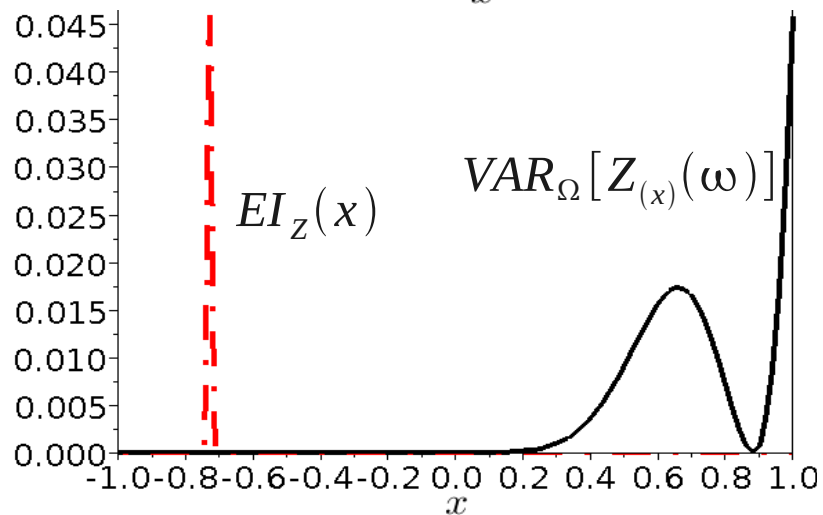
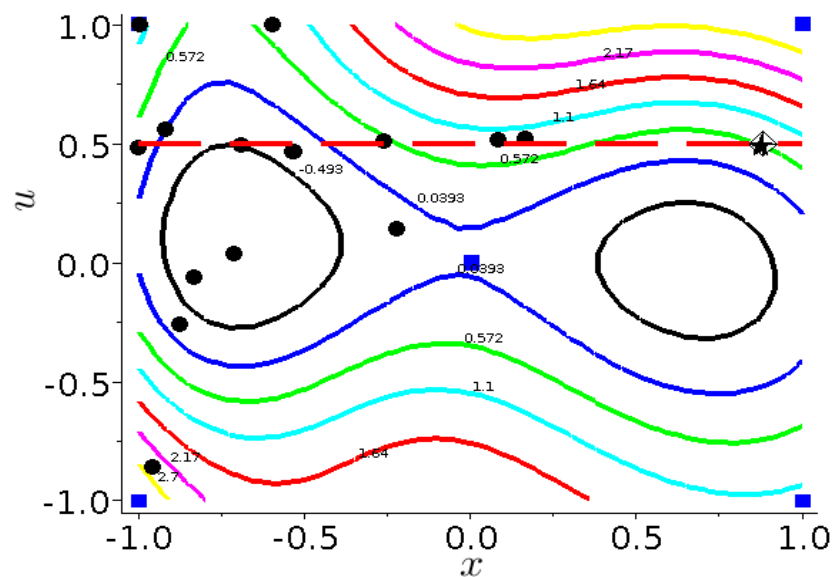


$\diamond$  —  $(x^{next}, \mu)$   
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## 17th iteration

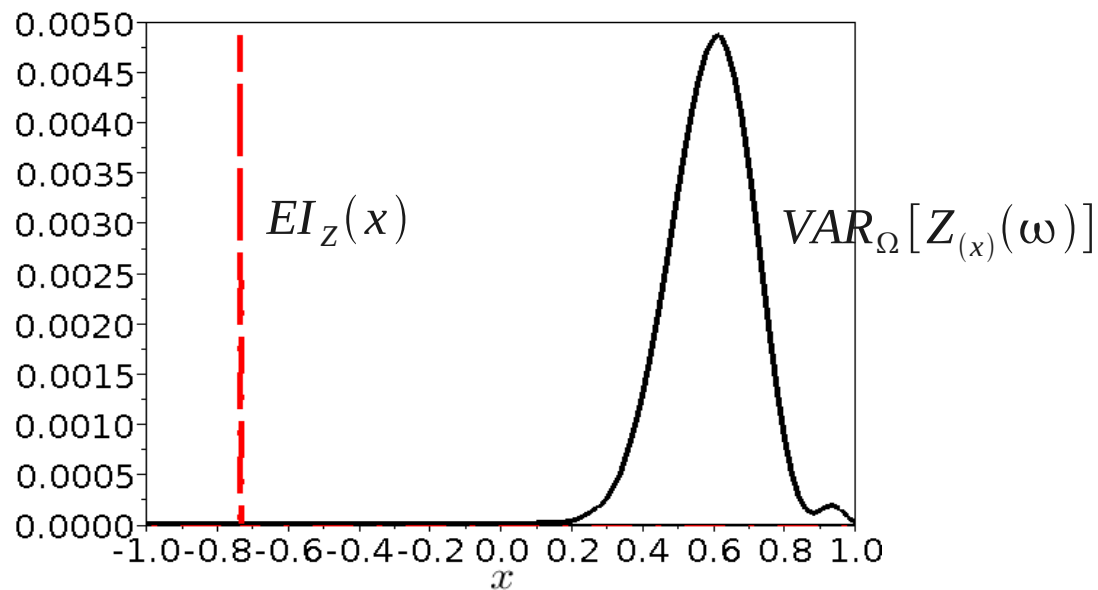
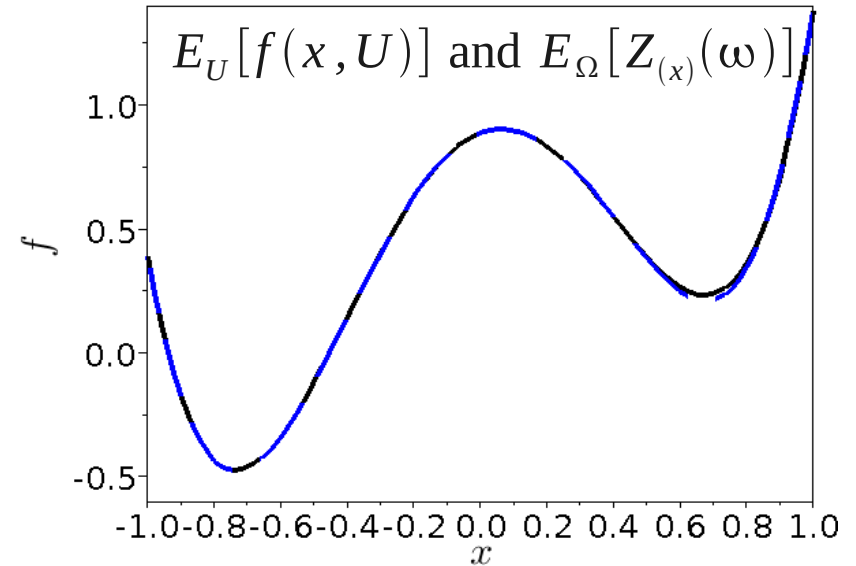
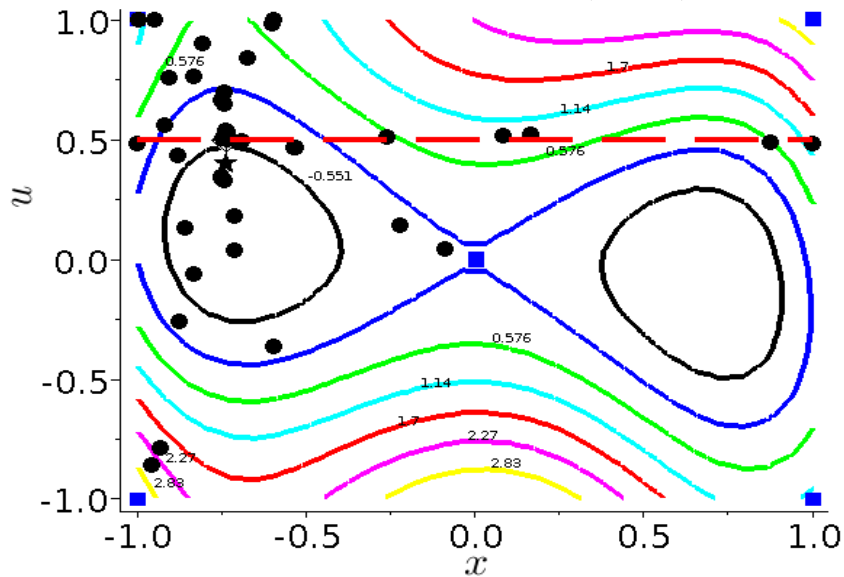
DOE and  $E[Y(x, u)]$



# Kriging based optimization with uncertainties, U controlled

## 50th iteration

DOE and  $E[Y(x, u)]$



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## Test functions

Test cases based on Michalewicz function

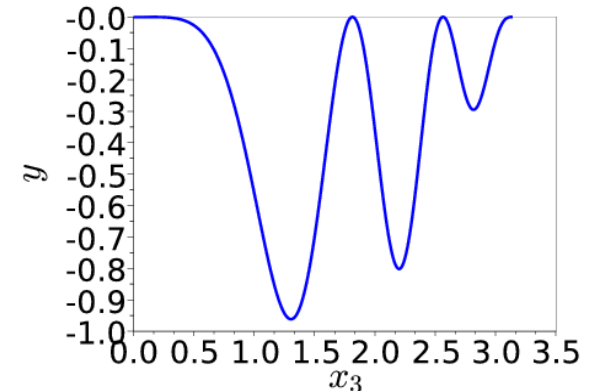
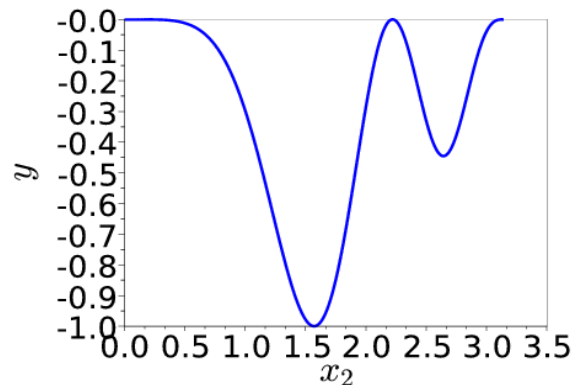
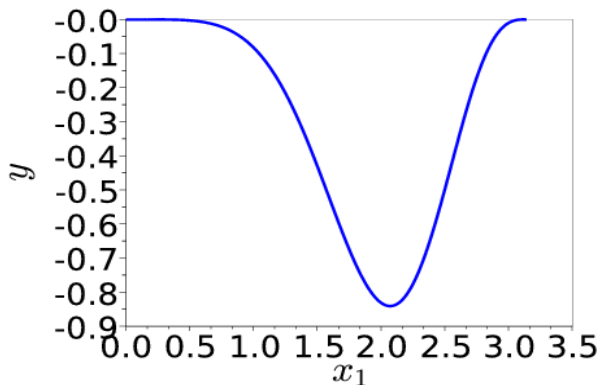
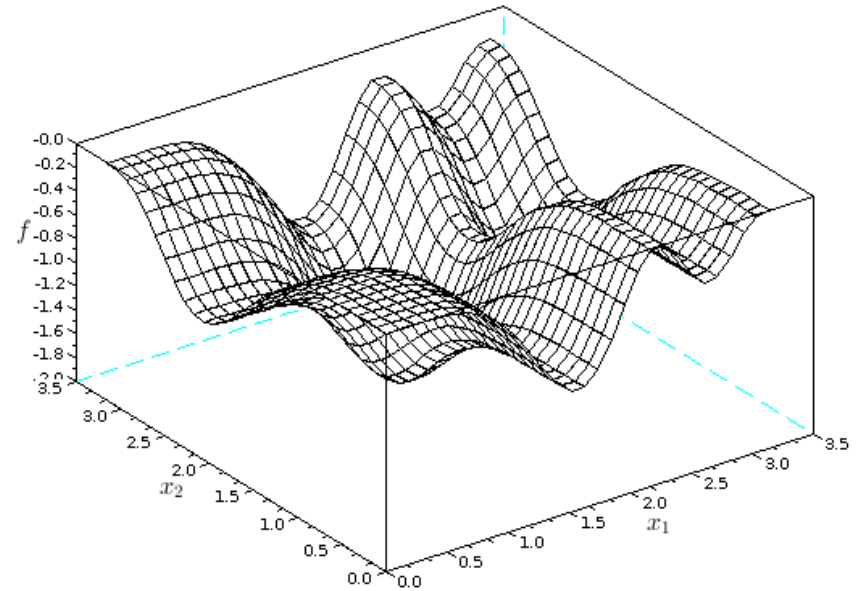
$$f(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \sin(x_i) [\sin(ix_i^2/\pi)]^2$$

$$f(x, u) = f(x) + f(u)$$

2D:  $n_x=1$   $n_u=1$   $\mu=1.5$   $\sigma=0.2$

4D:  $n_x=2$   $n_u=2$   $\mu=[1.5, 2.1]$   $\sigma=[0.2, 0.2]$

6D:  $n_x=3$   $n_u=3$   $\mu=[1.5, 2.1, 2]$   $\sigma=[0.2, 0.2, 0.3]$



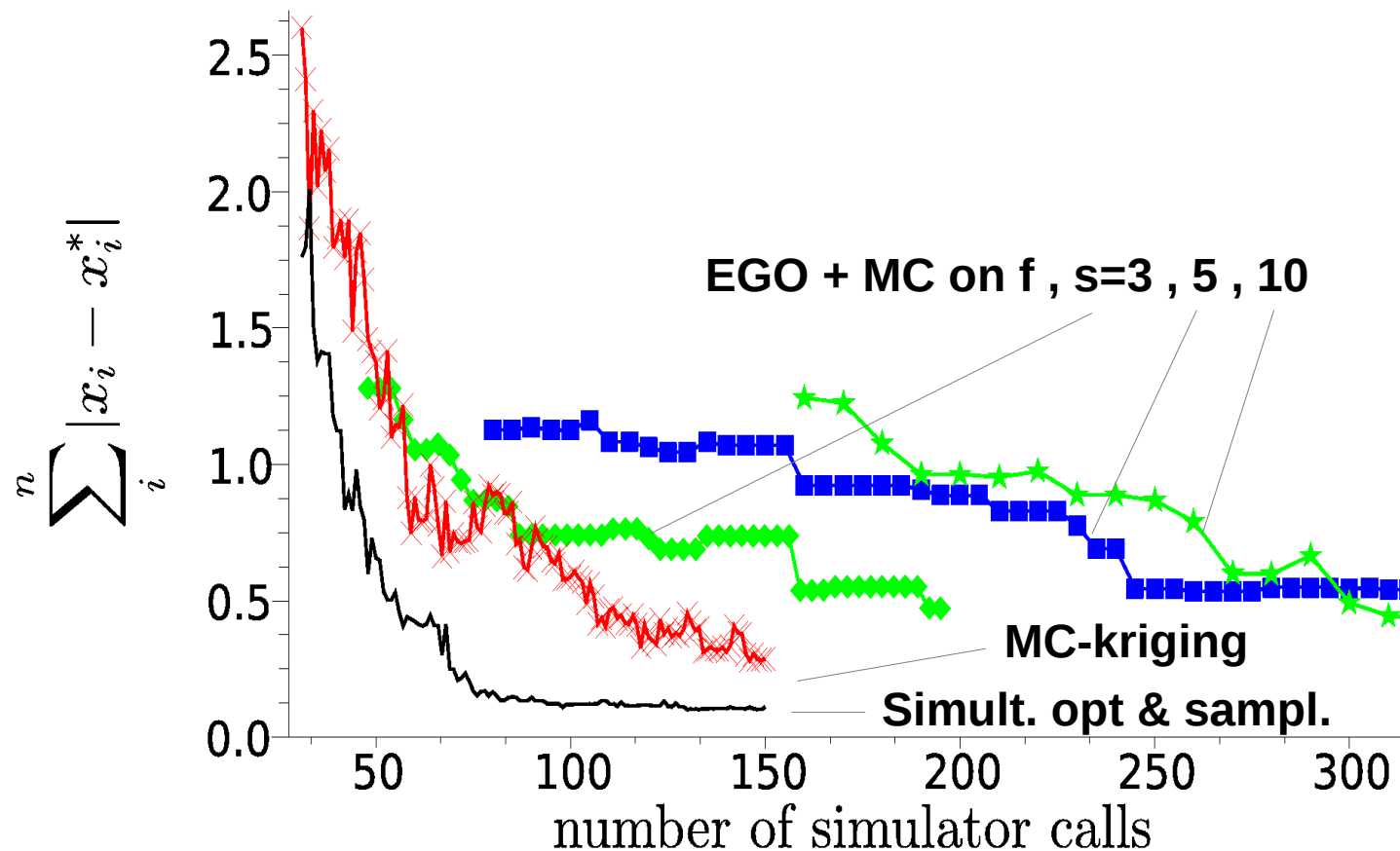
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## Test results

6D Michalewicz test case,  $n_{x=3} = 3$ ,  $n_U = 3$ .

Initial DOE: RLHS,  $m = (n_x + n_U) * 5 = (3 + 3) * 5 = 30$ ;

10 runs for every method.

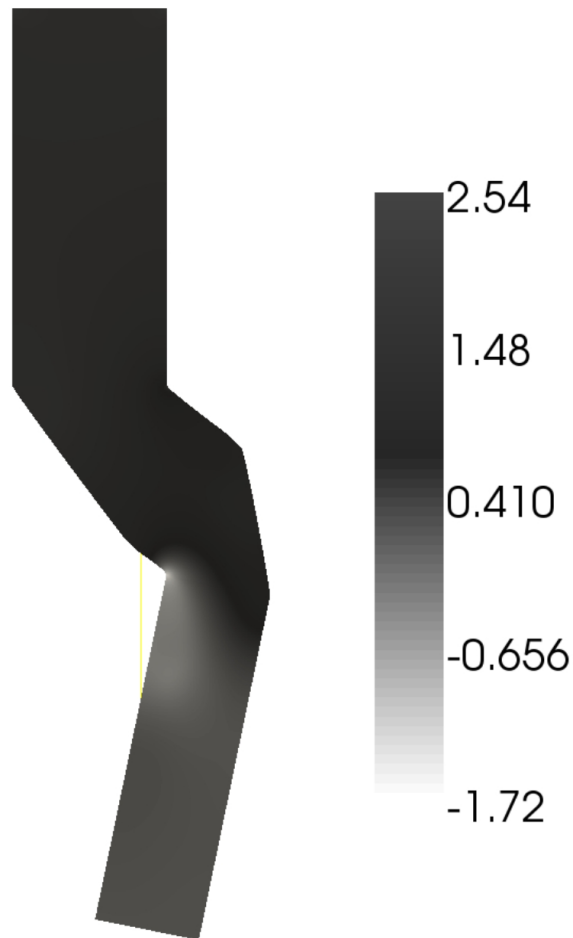


# Duct design with uncertain boundary conditions

## Pressure loss results

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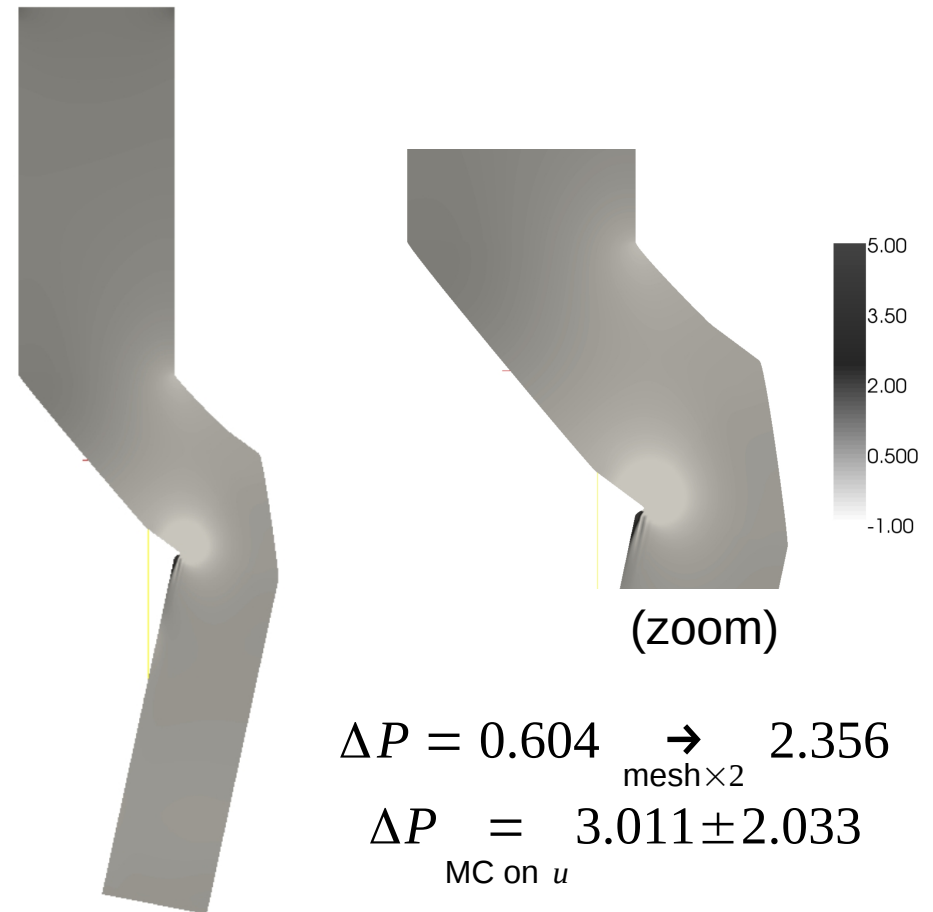
robust design



$$\Delta P = 1.198 \pm 0.069$$

MC on  $u$

deterministic design for  $u=0$



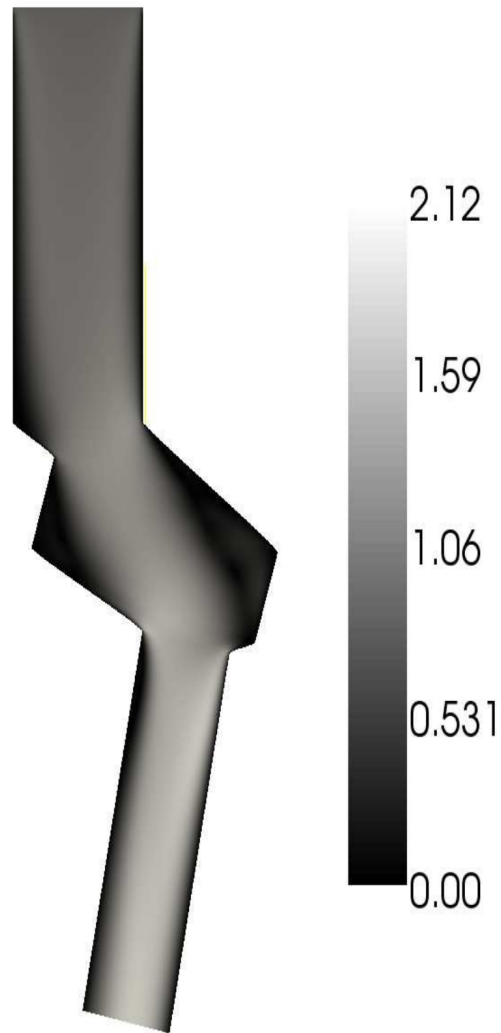
The result is not stable w.r.t. mesh changes.  
The optimization exploits meshing flaws.

# Duct design with uncertain boundary conditions

## Flow uniformity results

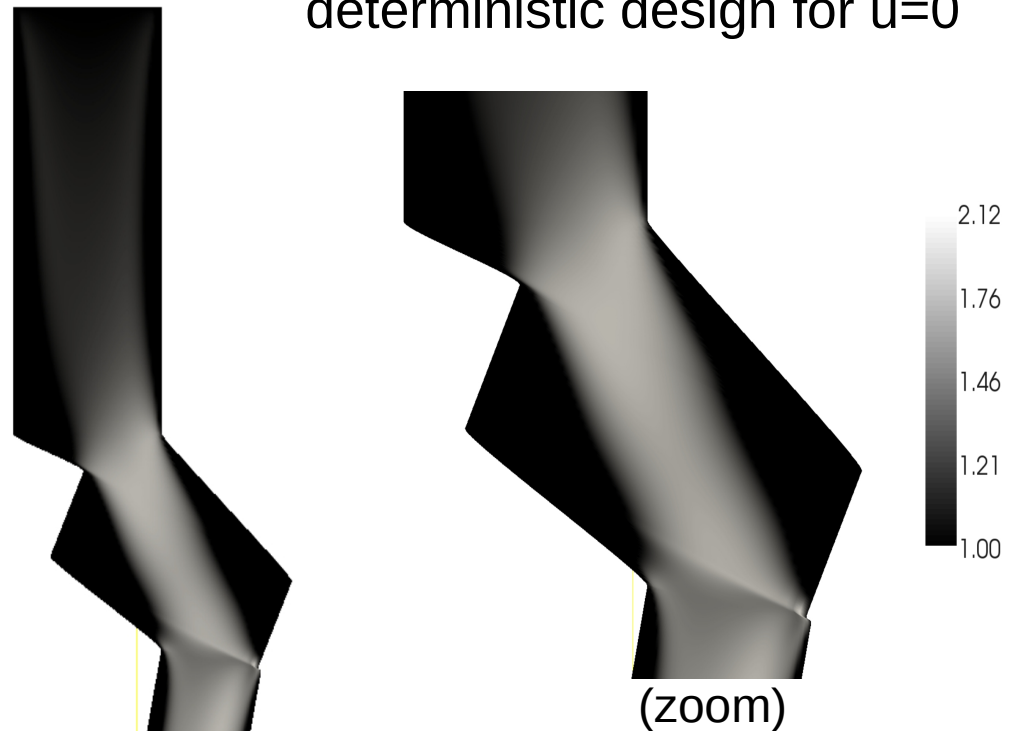
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robust design



Flow Std Dev =  $0.155 \pm 0.003$   
MC on  $u$

deterministic design for  $u=0$



(zoom)  
Flow Std Dev =  $0.142$   $\rightarrow$   $0.532$   
 $u=0$  mesh  $\times 2$   
Flow Std Dev =  $0.243 \pm 0.112$   
MC on  $u$

The result is not stable w.r.t. mesh changes. The optimization exploits meshing flaws.

### Accounting for uncertainties in design

mechanics  
↑  
statistics

- is a practical issue (there are always model uncertainties or inherent randomnesses)
- raises difficult challenges that foster research

statistics  
↑  
mechanics

- the collaboration between physical and statistical models will continue to bring new ideas : optimizers are stringent tests for simulators, noise on  $u$  as a way to reduce mesh sensitivity, ...

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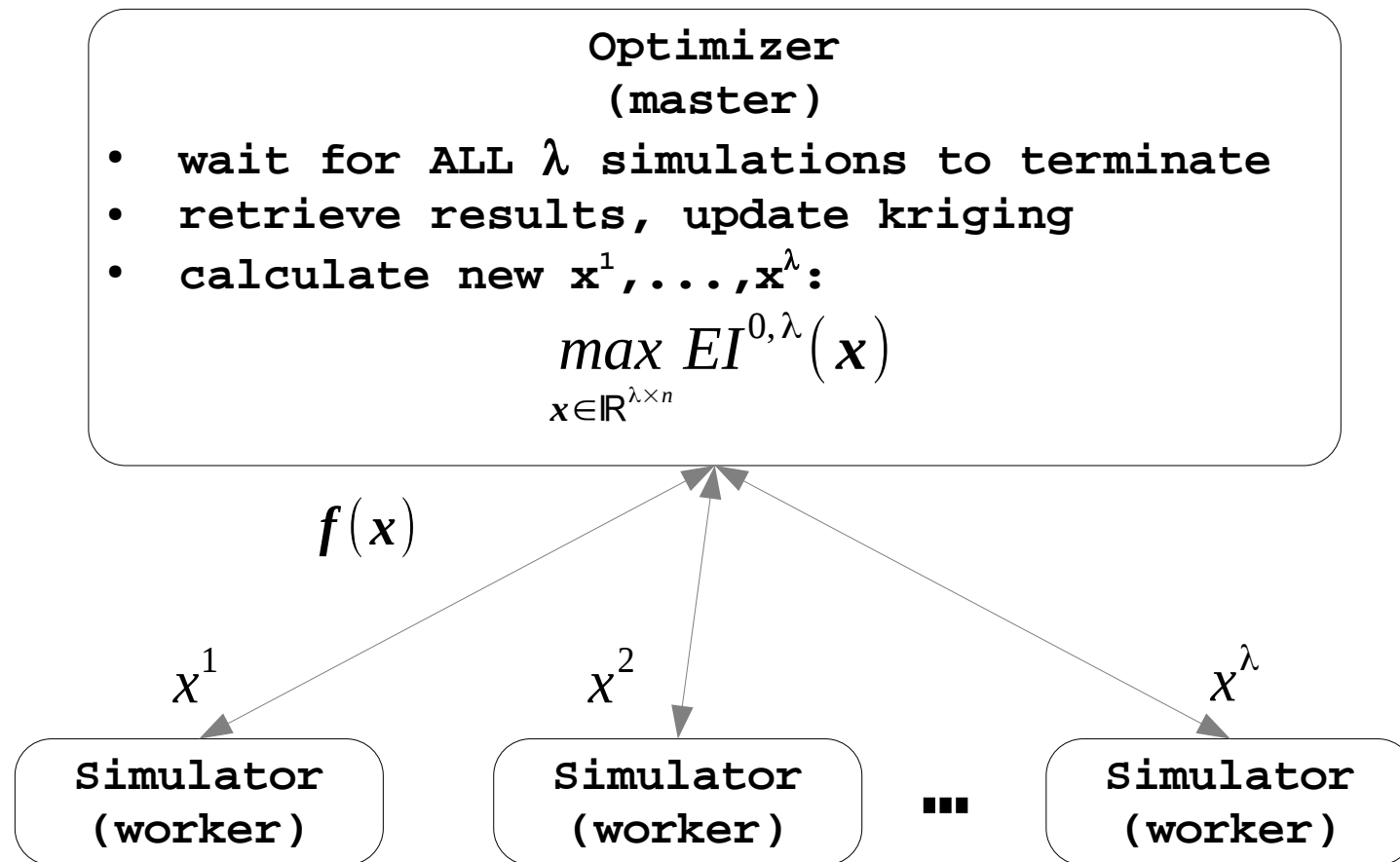
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## **Extensions of kriging-based optimization to parallel computing**

- since the cost of calculating the objective function is a stumbling block
  - Kriging key feature for distribution : joint information brought by a set of points can be measured
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# Synchronous parallel EI : flow chart

A master-worker structure between computing nodes :



# Synchronous parallel EI : criterion

$\lambda$  nodes are available for new simulations at  $x^1, \dots, x^\lambda$  ( $\equiv \mathbf{x}$ )

→ choose  $x^1, \dots, x^\lambda$  so that they maximize the synchronous  $\lambda$  points EI

$$EI^{0,\lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = E \left[ f_{\min} - \min(F(x^1), \dots, F(x^\lambda)) \right]^+ \mid F(x^{1\dots M}) = f(x^{1\dots M})$$

Compare to the sequential 1 point EI, from the EGO algorithm :

$$EI(x) \equiv EI^{0,1}(x) = E \left[ f_{\min} - F(x) \right]^+ \mid F(x^{1\dots m}) = f(x^{1\dots m})$$

[cf. D. Ginsbourger, R. Le Riche and L. Carraro, Kriging is well-suited to parallelize optimization, CIEOP, 2010 ]

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# Limitations of $EI^{0,\lambda}$

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The number of nodes that can be used is limited by the problem to be solved

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\lambda \times n}} EI^{0,\lambda}(\mathbf{x})$$

which is in dimension  $\lambda \times n$ .

The computing nodes have different speeds and the simulations different durations.

**Time model :**

$\lambda$  nodes

$T$  : time for 1 simulation, random variable,  $T \sim U[t_{min}, t_{max}]$

$t_o$  = time for 1 optimization

$T_{WC}$  : wall clock time for 1 generation

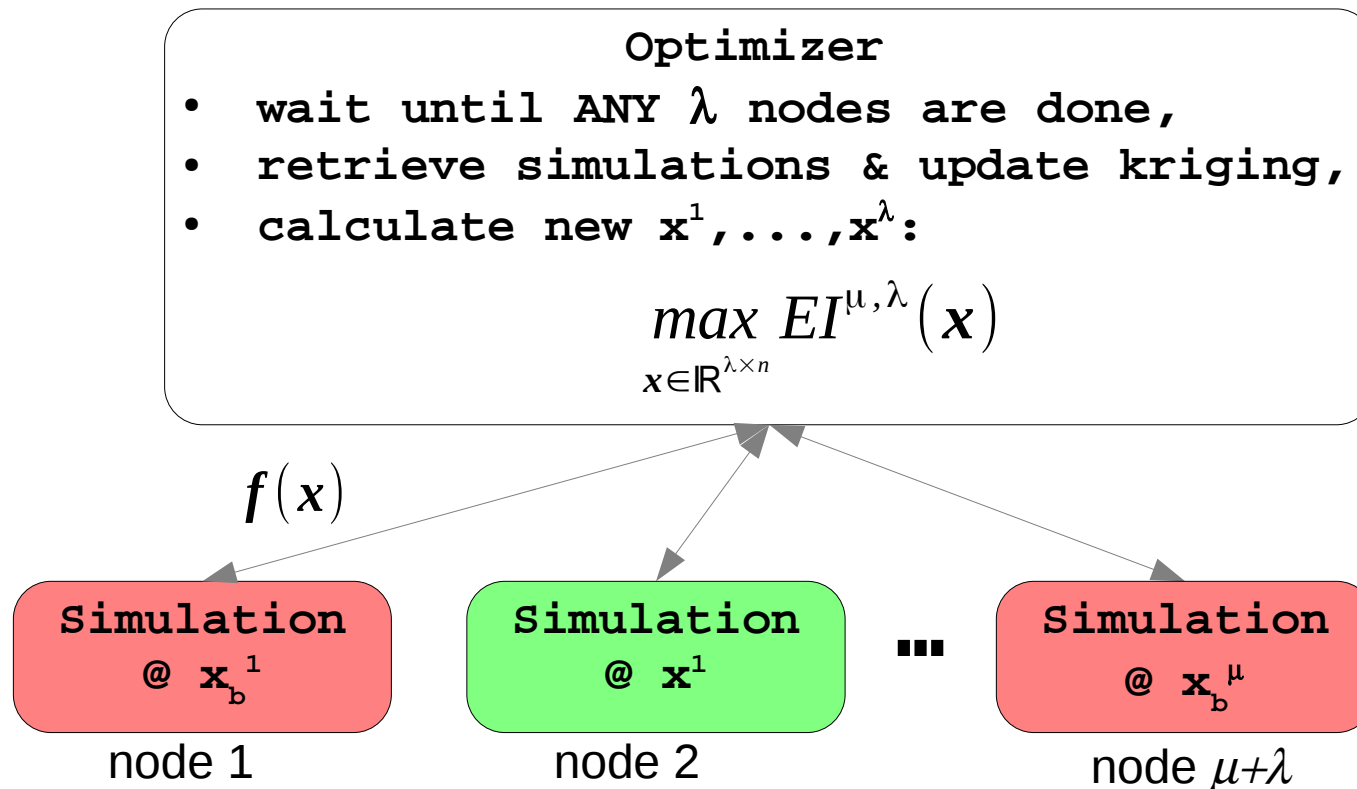
$$E(T_{WC}) = t_o + E(T_{\lambda:\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\lambda \gg 1} O(t_o + t_{max})$$



# Asynchronous parallel EI : flow chart

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- It allows to use  $m > \lambda + \mu$  nodes (actually ok for any optimizer that is not sensitive to the order of return of the points).
- *But*  $EI^{\mu, \lambda}$  takes full account of past and on-going simulations and « optimally » (w.r.t. EI criterion) handles  $\lambda + \mu$  nodes.



# Asynchronous parallel EI : criterion

$\lambda$  nodes are available for new simulations at  $x^1, \dots, x^\lambda$  ( $\equiv \mathbf{x}$ )

$\mu$  nodes are busy running simulations at  $x_b^1, \dots, x_b^\mu$  ( $\equiv \mathbf{x}_b$ )

$$EI^{\mu, \lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = E \left[ \min(f_{\min}, F(\mathbf{x}_b)) - \min(F(\mathbf{x})) \right]^+ \mid F(x^{1 \dots M}) = f(x^{1 \dots M})$$

Recall the 1 point sequential EI and the synchronous EI :

$$EI(x) \equiv EI^{0,1}(x) = E \left[ f_{\min} - F(x) \right]^+ \mid F(x^{1 \dots m}) = f(x^{1 \dots m})$$

$$EI^{0, \lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = E \left[ f_{\min} - \min(F(\mathbf{x})) \right]^+ \mid F(x^{1 \dots m}) = f(x^{1 \dots m})$$

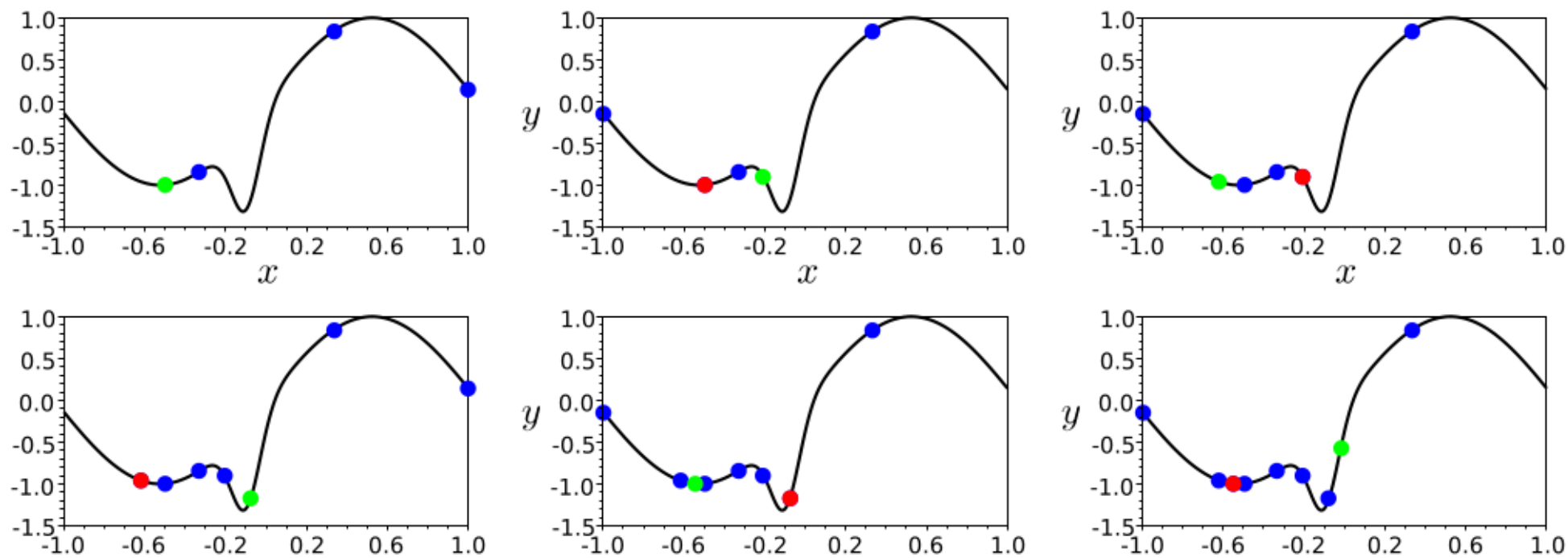
Property :  $EI^{\mu, \lambda}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow 0^+$  as  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_b$

(the search is pushed away from already sampled points which are being evaluated)

# Asynchronous parallel EI : illustration

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$$x^{t+1} = \arg \max_{x \in S \subset \mathbb{R}^n} EI^{\mu, \lambda}(x) \quad \text{where } \mu=1 \text{ and } \lambda=1$$





# Advantages of $EI^{\mu,\lambda}$ over $EI^{0,\lambda}$

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The number of nodes used ( $m > \mu + \lambda$ ) is not limited by

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\lambda \times n}} EI^{\mu,\lambda}(\mathbf{x})$$

which is in dimension  $\lambda \times n$  ( $\lambda = 1$  as best default strategy)

Time model in  $O(m^{-1})$  :

$m > \mu + \lambda$  nodes

$T$  : time for 1 simulation, random variable,  $T \sim U[t_{min}, t_{max}]$

$t_o$  = time for 1 optimization

$T_{WC}$  : wall clock time for 1 generation

$$E(T_{WC}) \approx t_o + \frac{E(t_{\lambda:m})}{m}$$



# Asynchronous parallel EI : results

100 independant runs on 3 functions, m = 32 computing nodes

Label	Cost function	Domain	Minimal value	Modality
"michalewicz2d"	$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sin(x_i) \sin^2(ix_i^2/\pi)$	$[0, 5]^2$	-1.841	multimodal
"rosenbrock6d"	$\sum_{i=1}^5 100(x_{i+1} - x_i^2)^2 + (1 - x_i)^2$	$[0, 5]^6$	0	unimodal
"ranklapprox9d"	$\ \mathbf{A}_{4 \times 5} - \mathbf{x}_{1 \dots 4} \mathbf{x}_{5 \dots 9}^T\ _2, a_{ij} \sim U(0, 1)^1$	$[-1, 1]^9$	0.712	bimodal

$S_G ; S_T$  = generation speed up ;  
time speed up w.r.t.  $EI^{0,1}$  sync  
(EGO)

	micha2D $S_G ; S_T$	rosen6D $S_G ; S_T$	rank1 $S_G ; S_T$
$EI^{0,1}$ sync	1 ; 1	1 ; 1	1 ; 1
$EI^{0,4}$ sync	3.8 ; 3.0	2.9 ; 2.3	1.3 ; 1.0
$EI^{31,1}$ async	0.8 ; 8.3	0.4 ; 4.4	0.4 ; 4.1
$EI^{28,4}$ async	2.58 ; 20.4	1.2 ; 9.2	0.8 ; 6.4

- $EI^{\mu,\lambda}$  is better generation wise than  $EI^{\mu,1}$
- asynchronous algos are slower generation wise than synchronous algos
- asynchronous algos are faster in wall-clock time than synchronous algos

# Asynchronous parallel EI algorithm

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# Conclusions

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Thanks to its spatial covariance, kriging is a rich approach for optimizing with real simulators :

- mathematical framework for metamodel uncertainties
- reconciles design of experiments and optimization

Perspectives :

- high dimensions, large number of analyses
  - optimization efficiency (e.g., BBOB contests)
  - adding expert knowledge to the kernel choice
  - multi-fidelity models and kriging based optimization
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