

An overview of the current development BST/GBT/BK

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- PLAXIS Python scripting API
- Qt Designer & PyQt5 GUI
- Modularized object-oriented Python programming

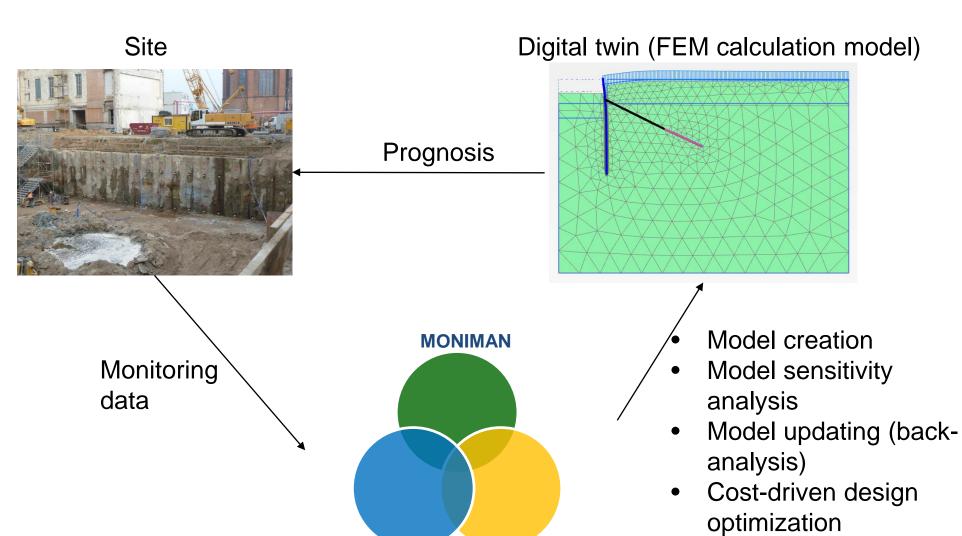
Modern Development Tools

Geotechnical Bestpractices State-Of-The-Art Scientific Domain Knowledge

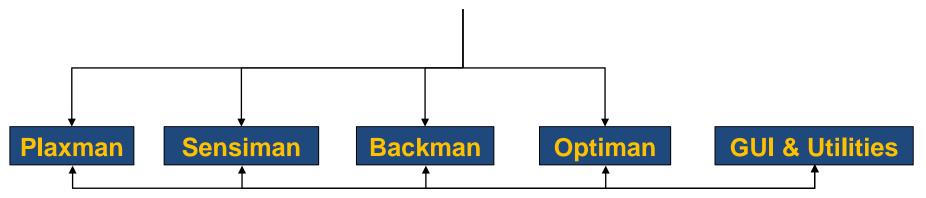
- Librabry based properties and features for soils, anchors, struts, etc.
- Process automation for creating calculation steps
- Monitoring data incorporation

- Geotechnical sensitivity analysis and back-analysis
- Cost-driven design optimization
- Metamodeling and machine learning approaches









Automate PLAXIS Input & Output

Perform sensitivity analysis of soil/structure parameters to the system Back-calculate soil parameters by fitting modeled outputs to site measurements

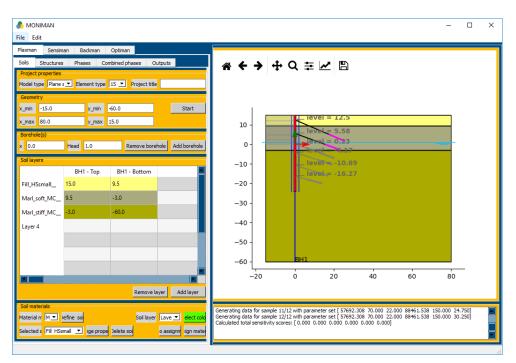
Optimize costs and system performance

User interface/
Communications/
File utilities/
Visualization
utilities/ Saving
and loading

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Plaxis Remote Scripting with Python



- Predefined soils/ structures to load
- Model creation time is reduced to minutes
- Fully functional: Soils>Structures>Phases>Outputs

Reference project in Beirut

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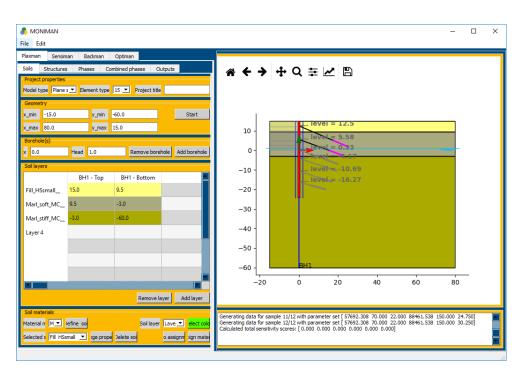
A Python script of the model for further use in

- Sensitivity analylsis,
- Backanalysis, and
- Design optimization

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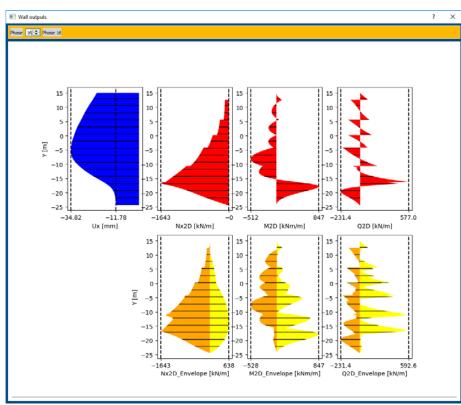


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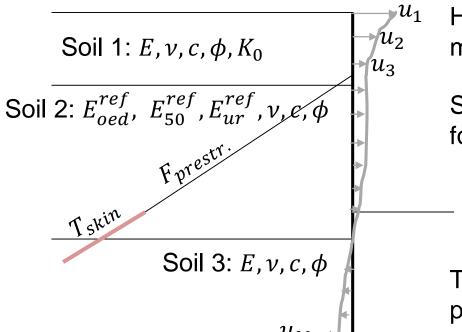
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- Requested graphical and numerical outputs for dimensioning
- Repeated model evalutions with updated model parameters for sensitivity analysis, back-analysis, and design optimizatoin.



Sensitivity analysis of system parameters to certain system responses



How much is the influence of each model parameter to wall deflection?

Sensitivity score w.r.t. parameter m_i for 1 measured point:

$$ss_i = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial m_i} m_i$$

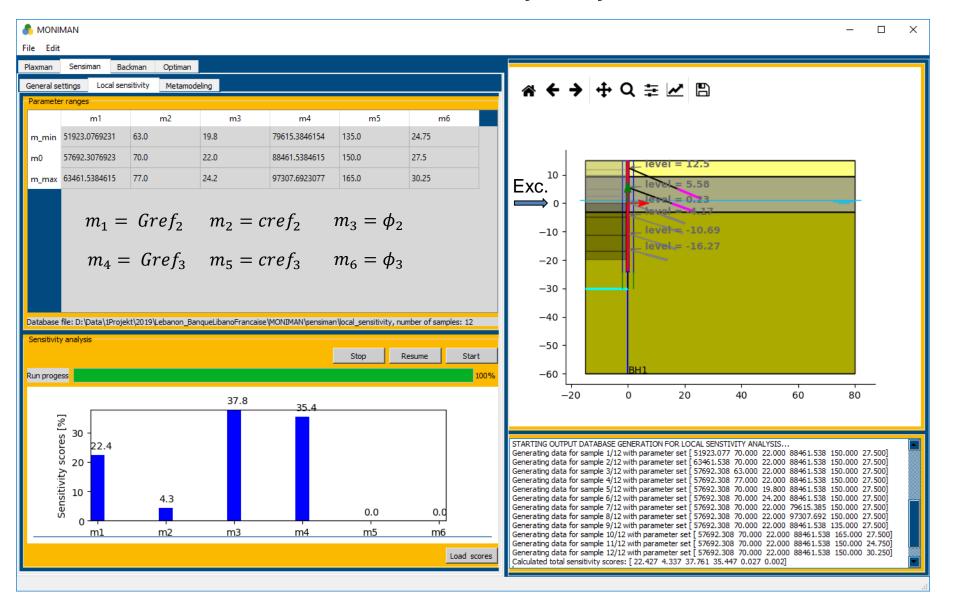
Total sensitivity score w.r.t. parameter m_i for all measured points:

$$tss_{i} = \left[\sum_{j} \left(\frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial m_{i}} m_{i} \right)^{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

Choose the most sensitive parameters for performing back-analysis.

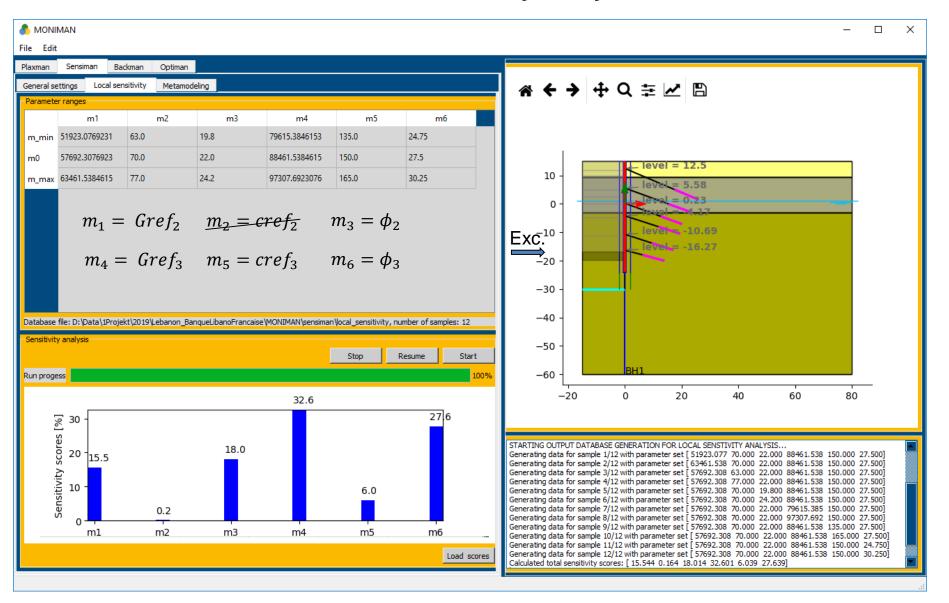


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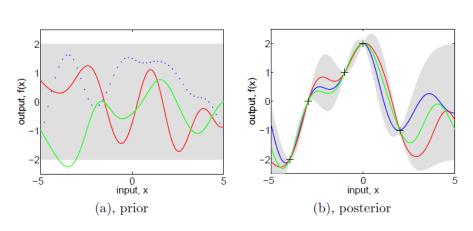
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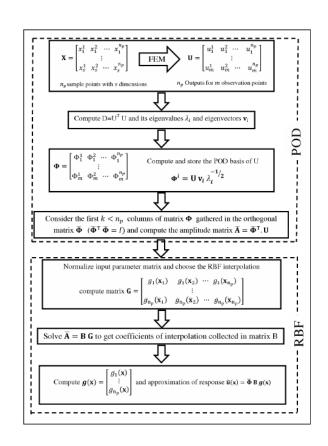




Metamodel instead of FE model



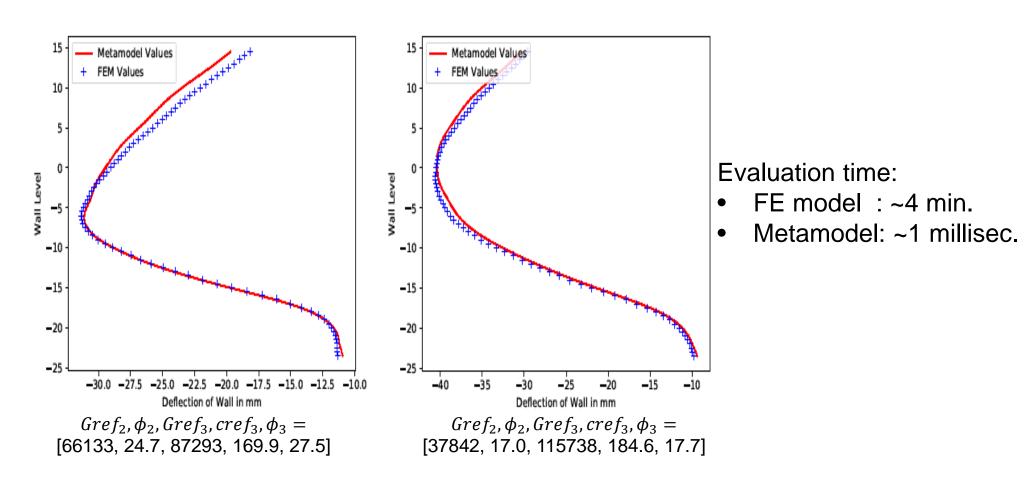
Gaussian process (GP) (Rasmussen and Williams, 2006)



Proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) + radial basis function (RBF) (Khaledi and Schanz, 2014)



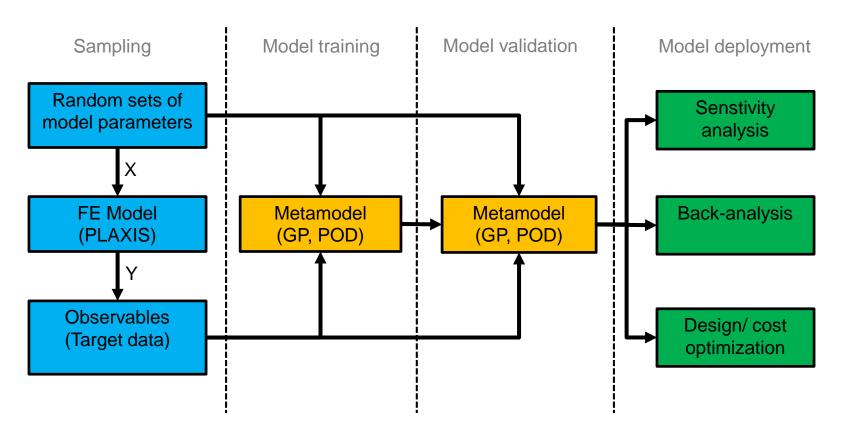
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Metamodeling by Gaussian Process using 250 training samples + 30 testing samples



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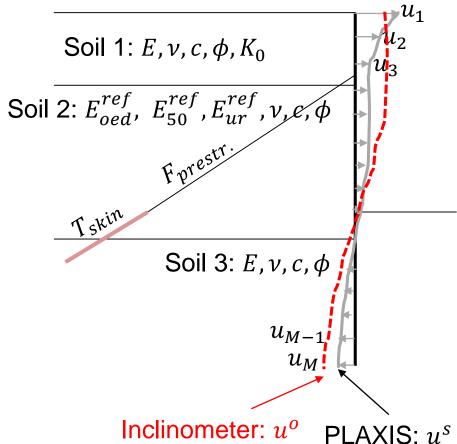


Why is metamodel beneficial?

- Well-designed random sampling method (such as Latin Hypercube) helps reduce the sampling size yet cover the design (parameter) space
- The result of one-time upfront efforts (FE simulations + training + validation) is used for demanding investigations that follow (sensitivity, back-analysis, design optimization)



Geotechnical back-analysis



Back-analysis is to fit u^s to u^o by repeatedly changing soil/structure parameters by an optimization algorithm.

Back-analysis is a challenging ill-posed inverse problem:

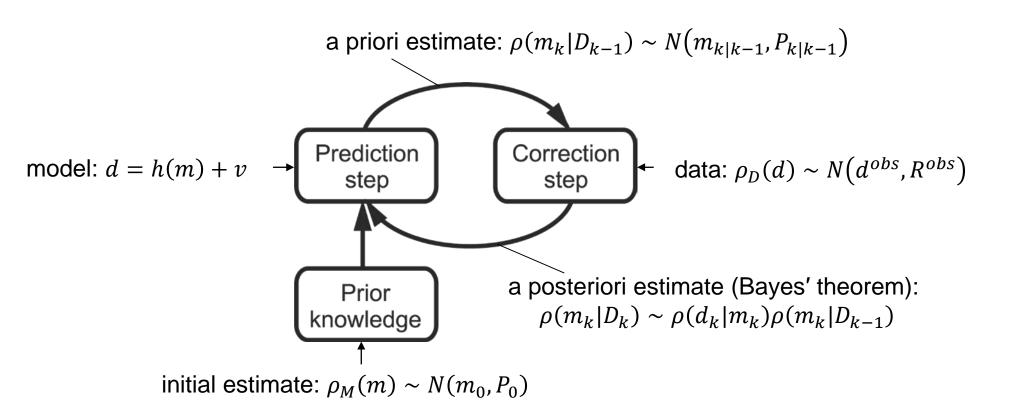
- Measurement noise
- Soil variabilities (inhomogeinity) and mechanical behaviors that are not captured by soil models (anisotropy)
- Other modeling uncertainties (soil-structure interactions, no real loads)

Many numerical optimization algorithms: **Kalman filters** (KF), **Particle swarm optimization** (PSO), etc.

Numerical algorithms back-calculate soil/ structure parameters by fitting modeled outputs to measured site data using as few model evaluations as possible.

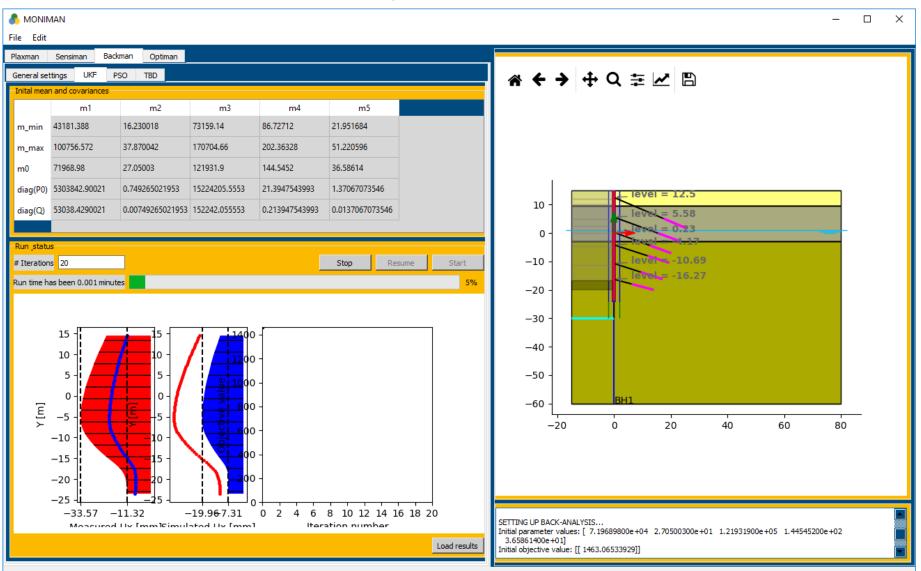


Kalman filter for geotechnical back-analysis

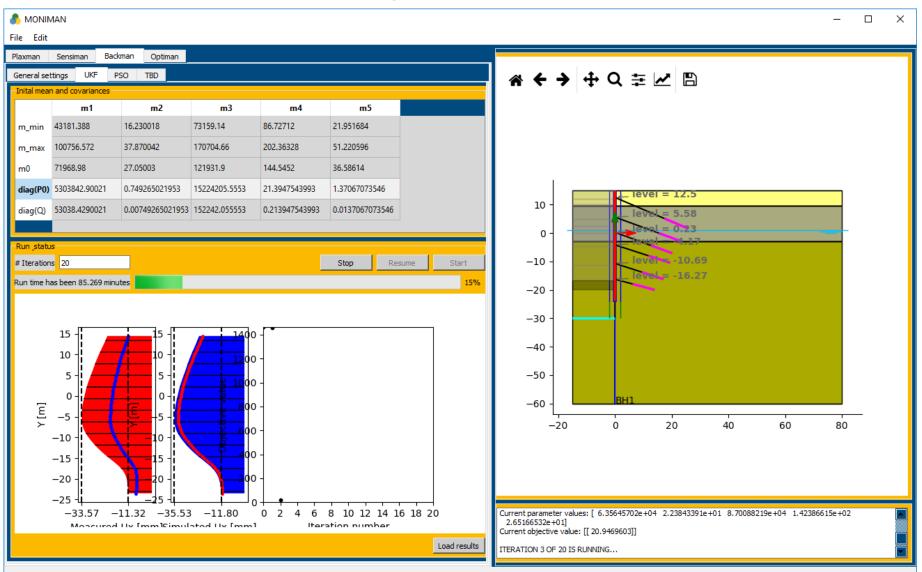


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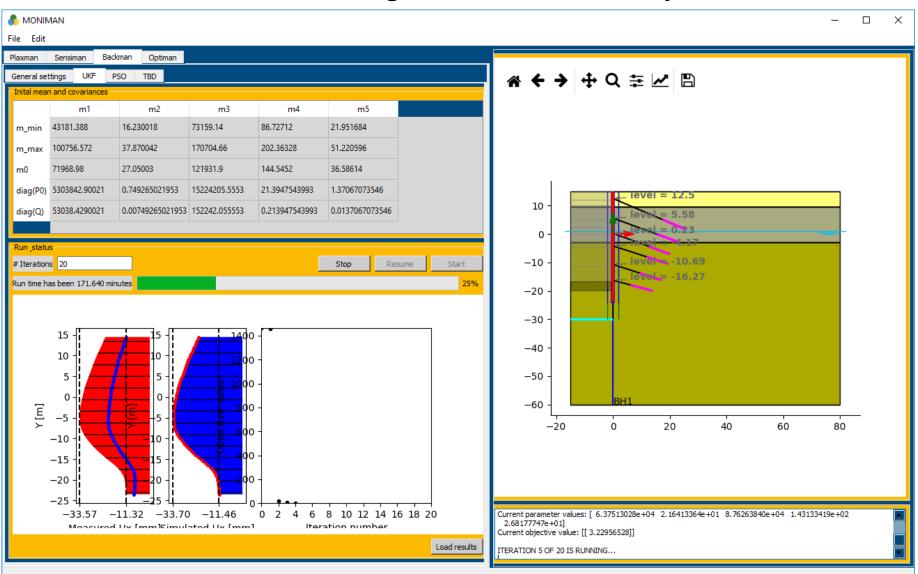




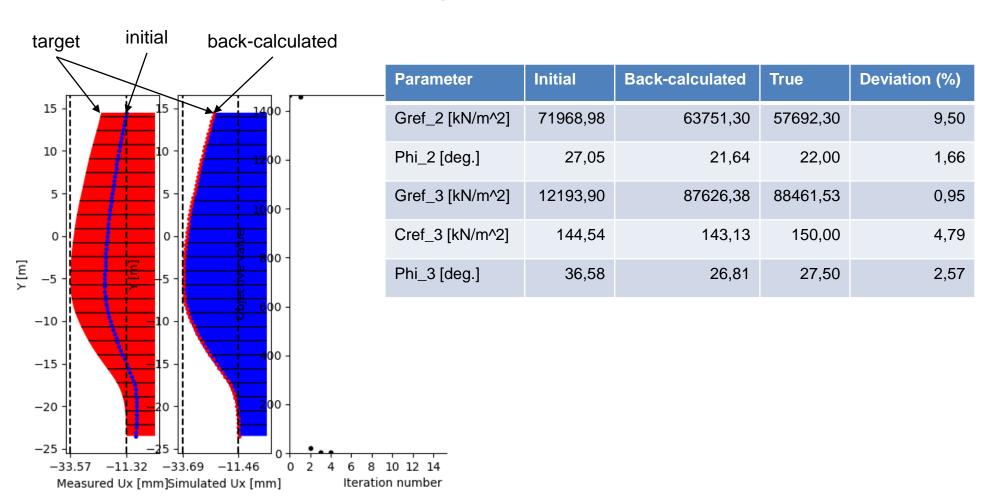








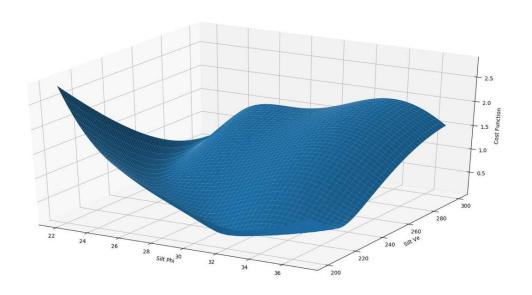




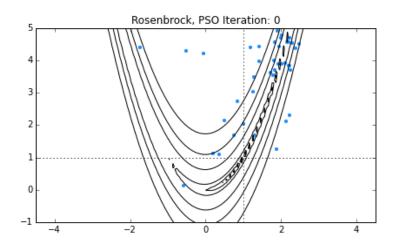
4 iterations * (2*number_of_parameters + 1) = 44 PLAXIS2D runs



Particle swarm optimization (PSO) for geotechnical back-analysis



Typical back-analysis' multi-minima objective function



https://cosmo-docs.phys.ethz.ch/cosmoHammer/user/pso.html

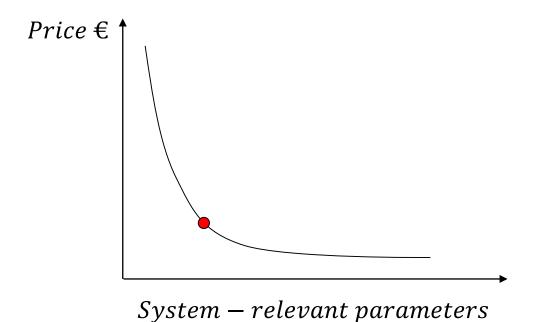
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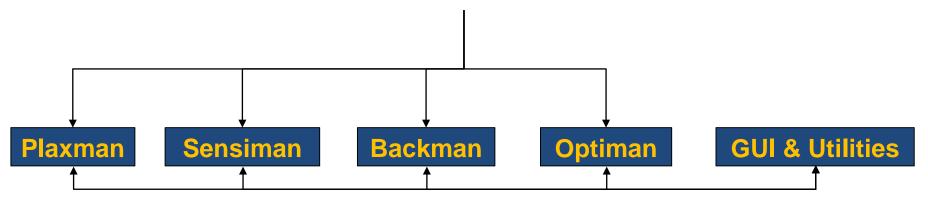
Design/ cost optimization

Automated design optimization process taking into account material and execution costs.

How far can we go to reach most economic design while still satisfying system behavior?







Model creation Calculation and output

Sensitivity analysis Kalman filter Metamodeling

Particle swarm opt.

Design optimization

User interface File management Visualization and report

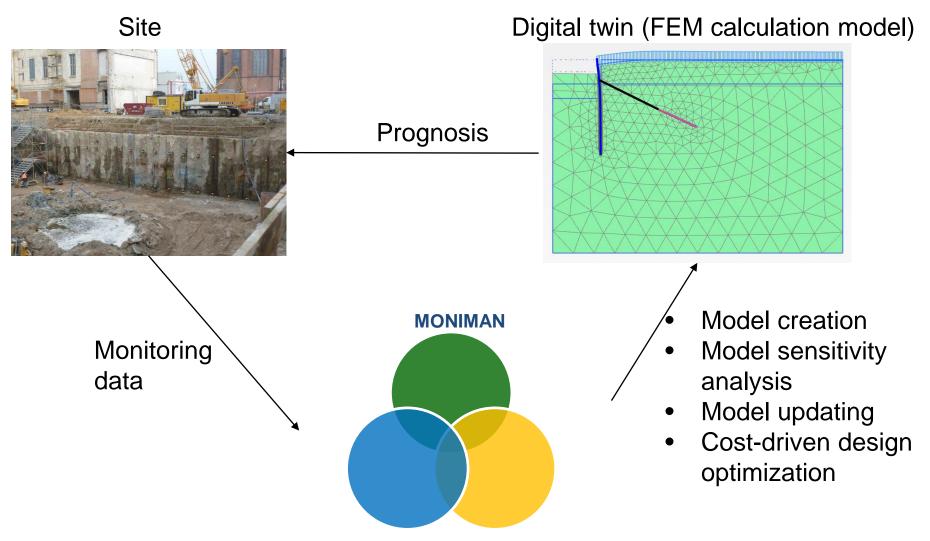
Numbers

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Lessons learned

- Modern development framework and librabries (OOP Python, PyQt5, numpy, matplotlib, pickle, json, etc.) help shorten development time
- Modularized structure helps in mantainaning and extending functionalities of MONIMAN
- Careful use of results in scientific publications and public-domain resources can be beneficial
- User experience and feedback are valuable





MONIMAN: Optimization-based tool to turn monitoring data into valuable design parameters that can help to minimize the cost while securing safe design.



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Thank you for your listening!

Your comments/ questions are welcome.