

Parameter control in the presence of uncertainties

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Why do we need models ?

The ability to understand is essential in order to forecast, and to take decisions.

- Natural phenomena are often very complex to understand in their entirety
- Mathematical models are **simplified** versions, which allow to study the relationships between some observed (or not) quantities
- Mathematical models can be used to construct numerical models, which are used for forecasts

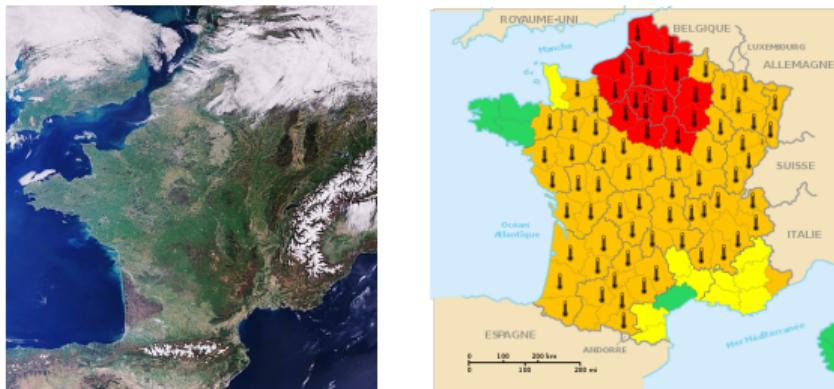
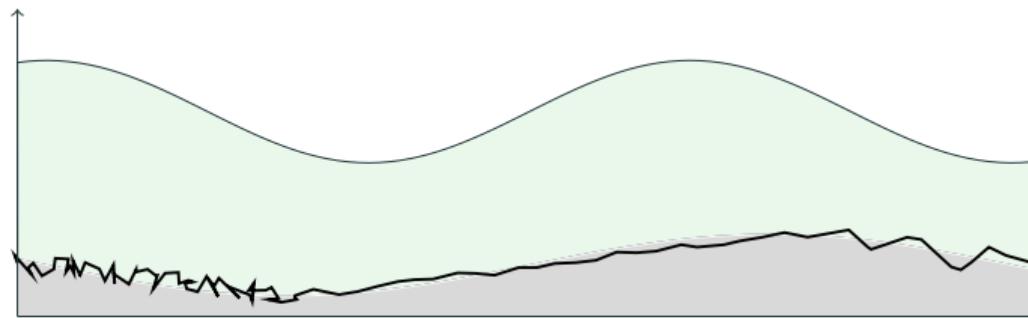


Figure 1: From the reality to predictions

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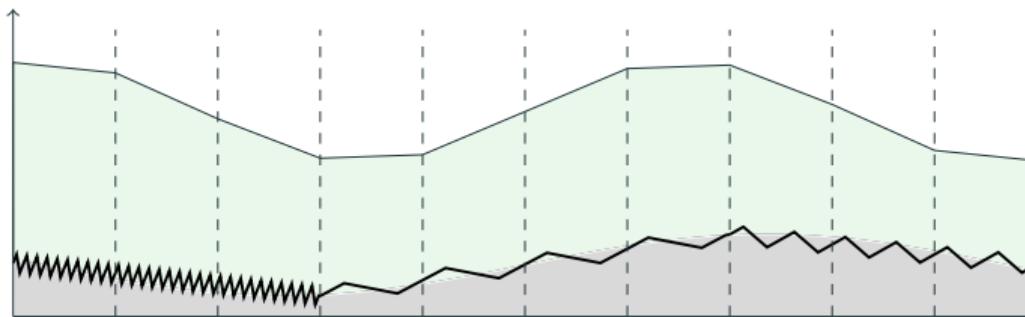
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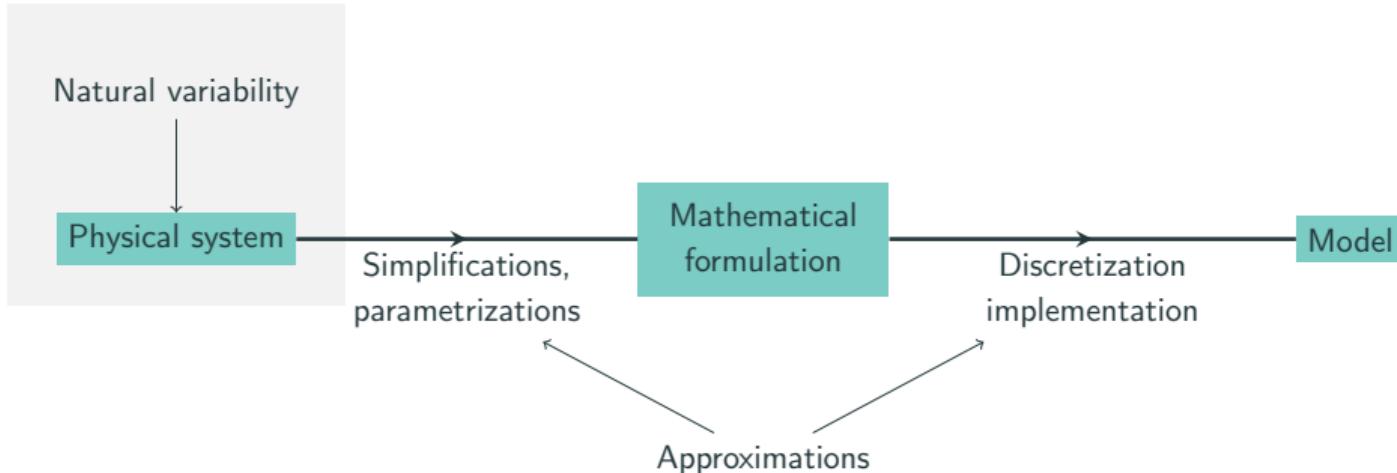
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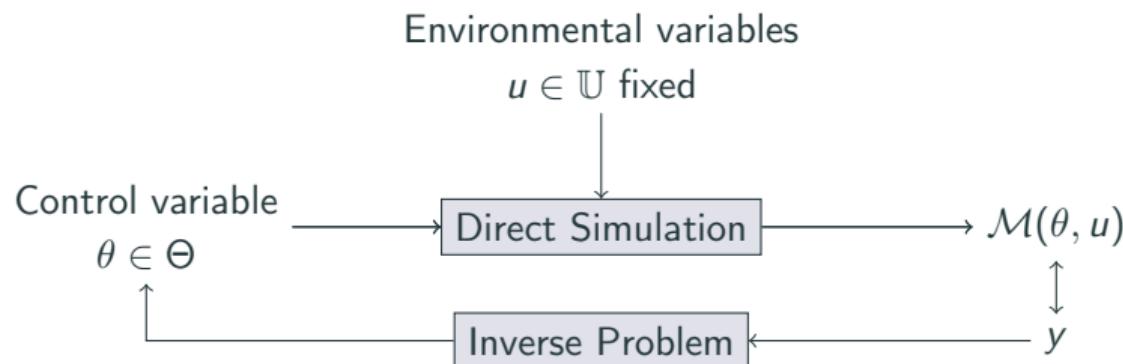
The modelling process



→ How well can we calibrate the model, so that it depicts *accurately* the reality ?

Computer code and inverse problem

- Input
- θ : Control parameter
 - u : Environmental variables (fixed and known)
- Output
- $\mathcal{M}(\theta, u)$: Quantity to be compared to observations y



Data assimilation framework

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We define J as the squared difference between the output of the model and the observations

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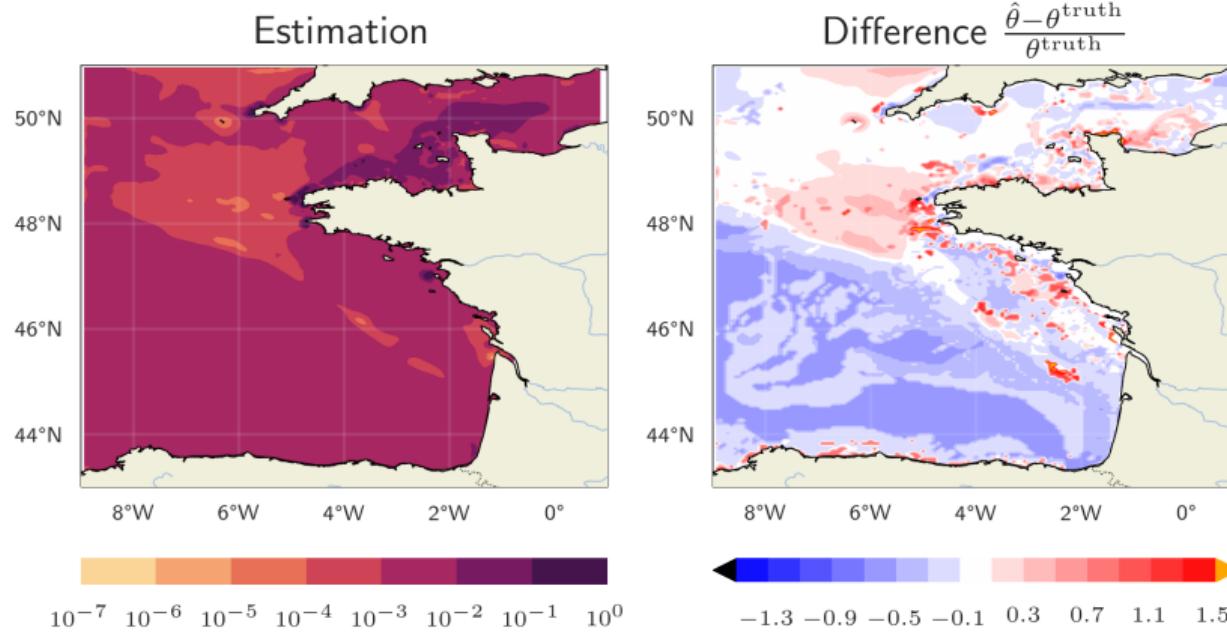
We can get an estimate by solving an optimisation problem:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} J(\theta, u) = J(\hat{\theta}, u) \quad (2)$$

- $\hat{\theta}$ depends inherently on u
- What if u is uncertain by nature ?
- Does $\hat{\theta}$ compensate the errors brought by variability? (\sim overfitting)

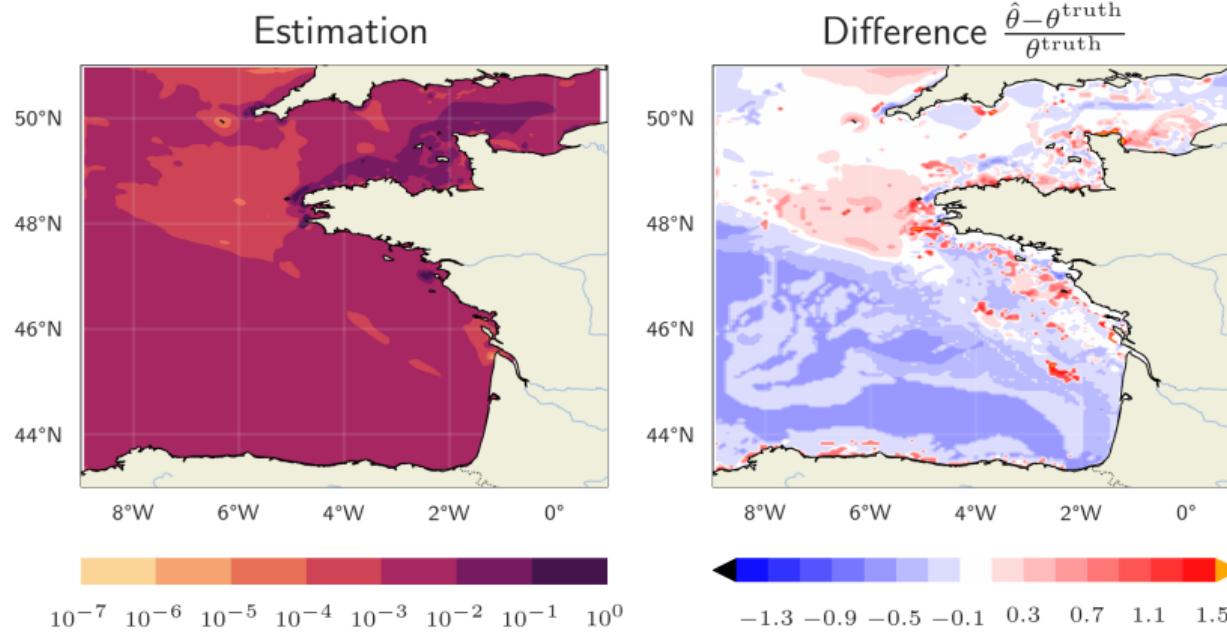
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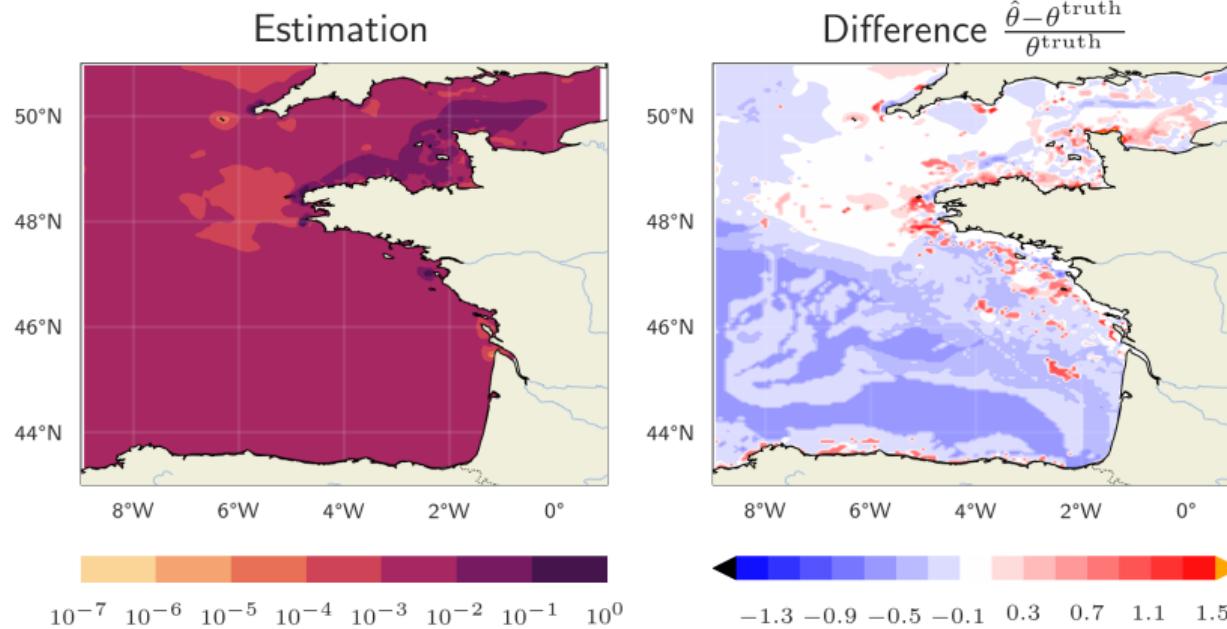
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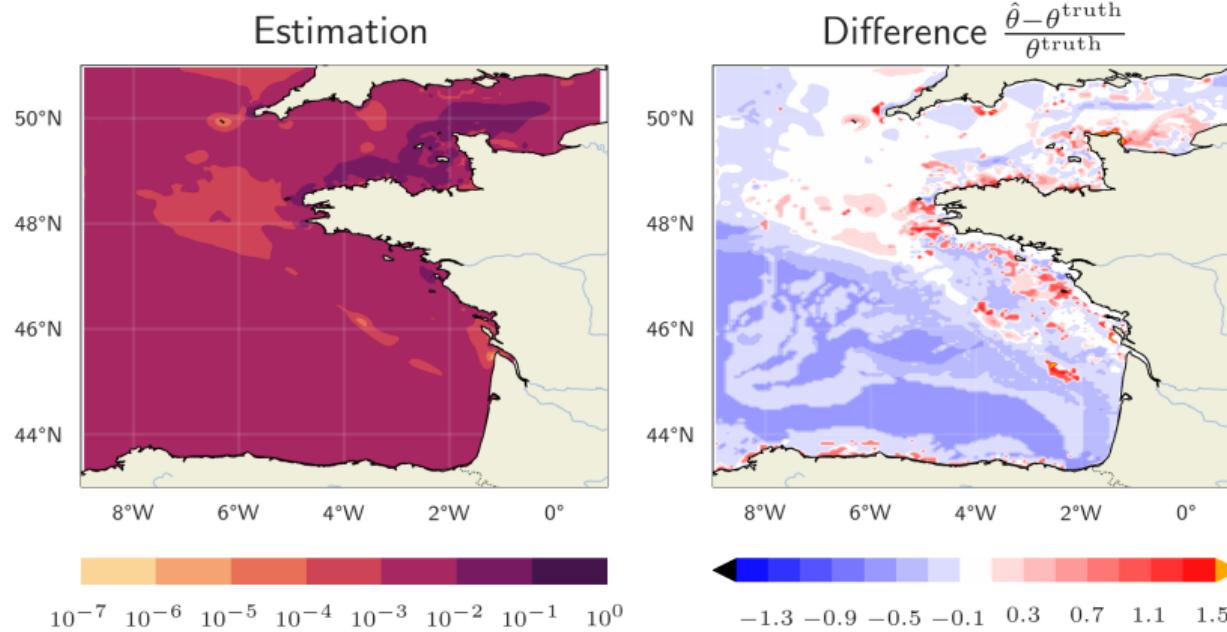
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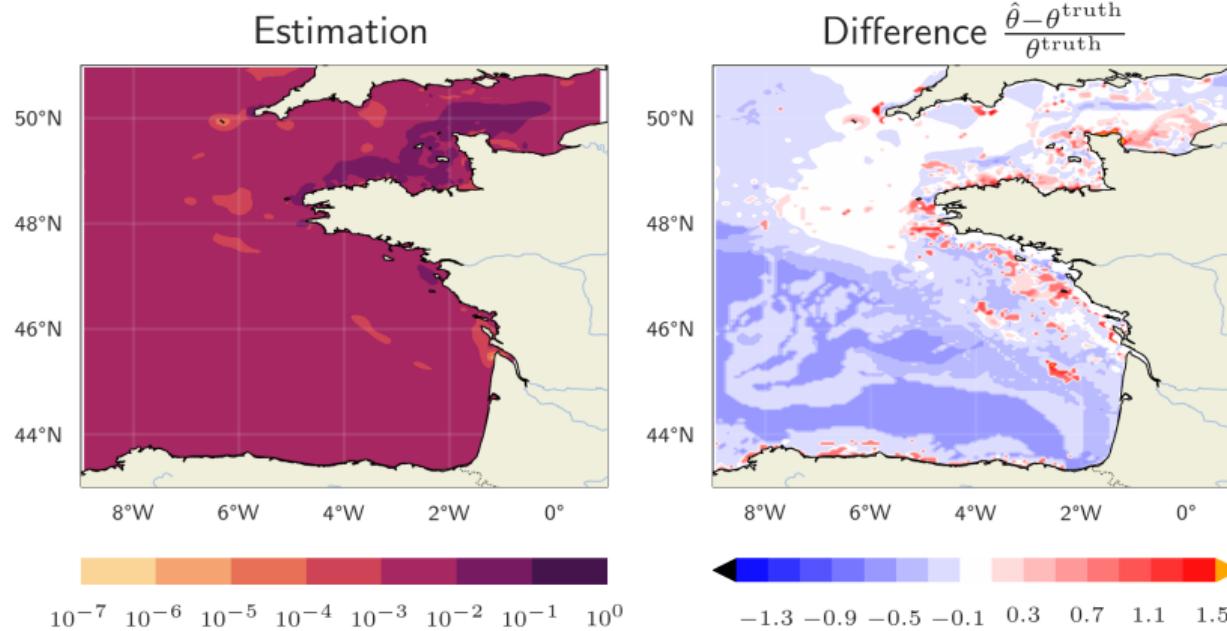
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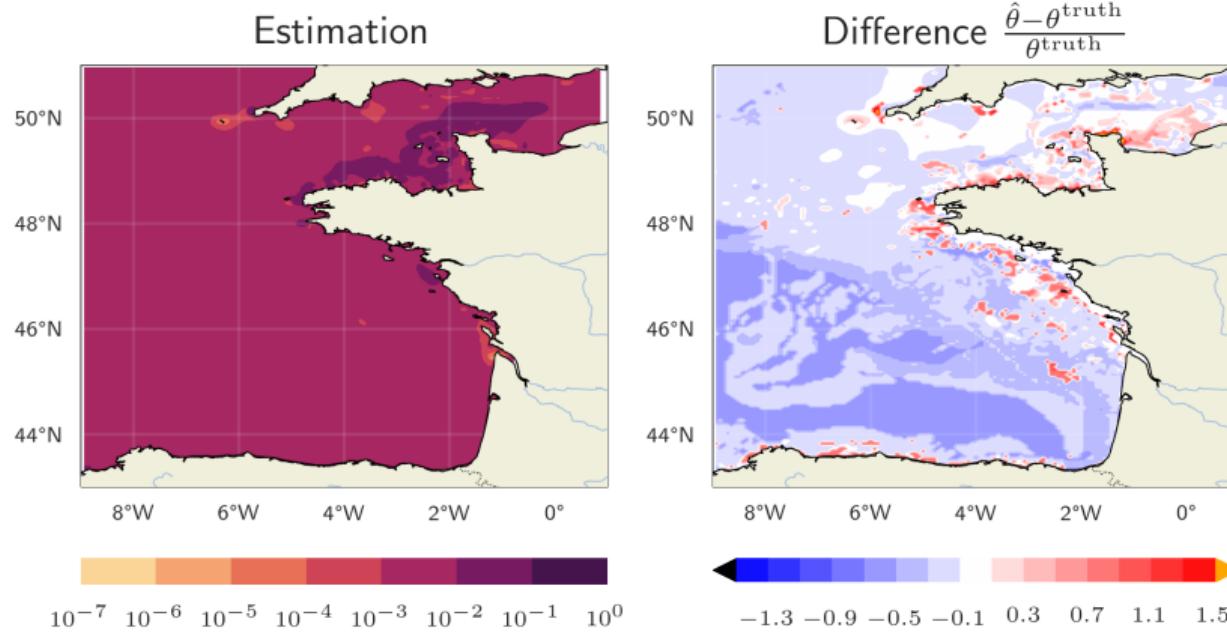
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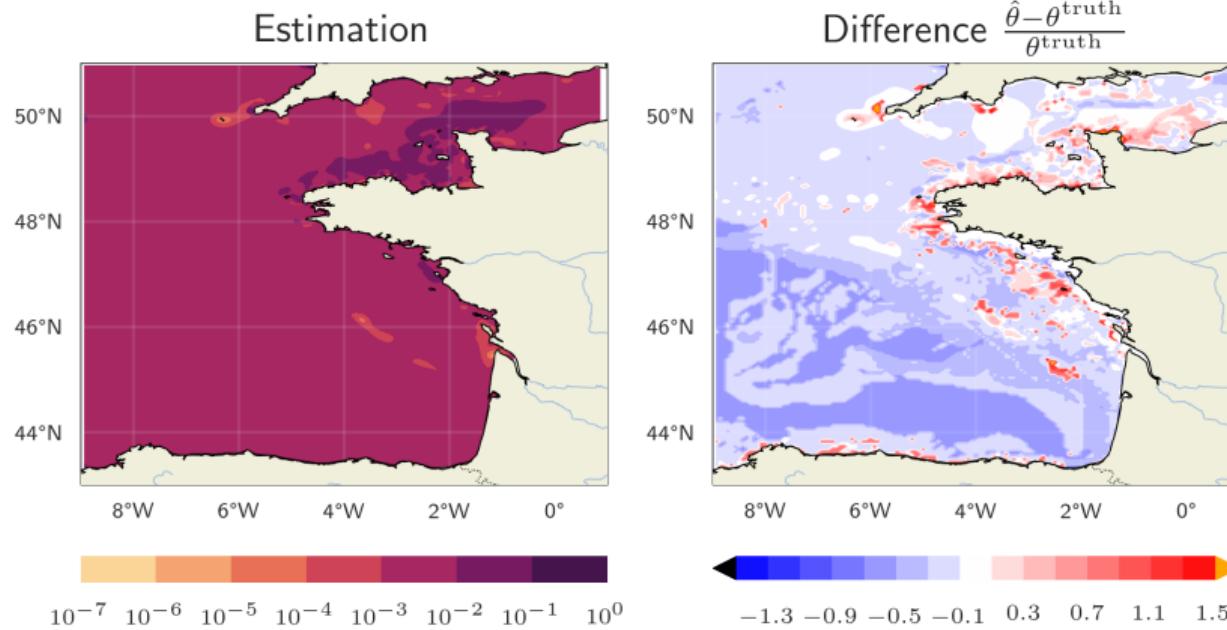
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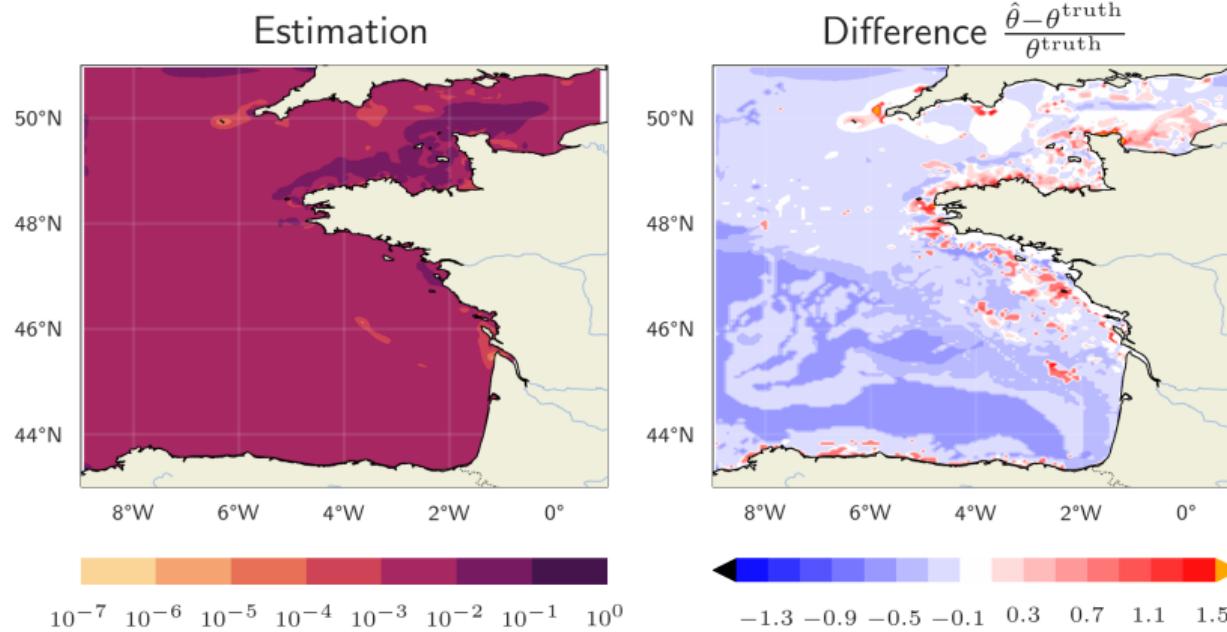
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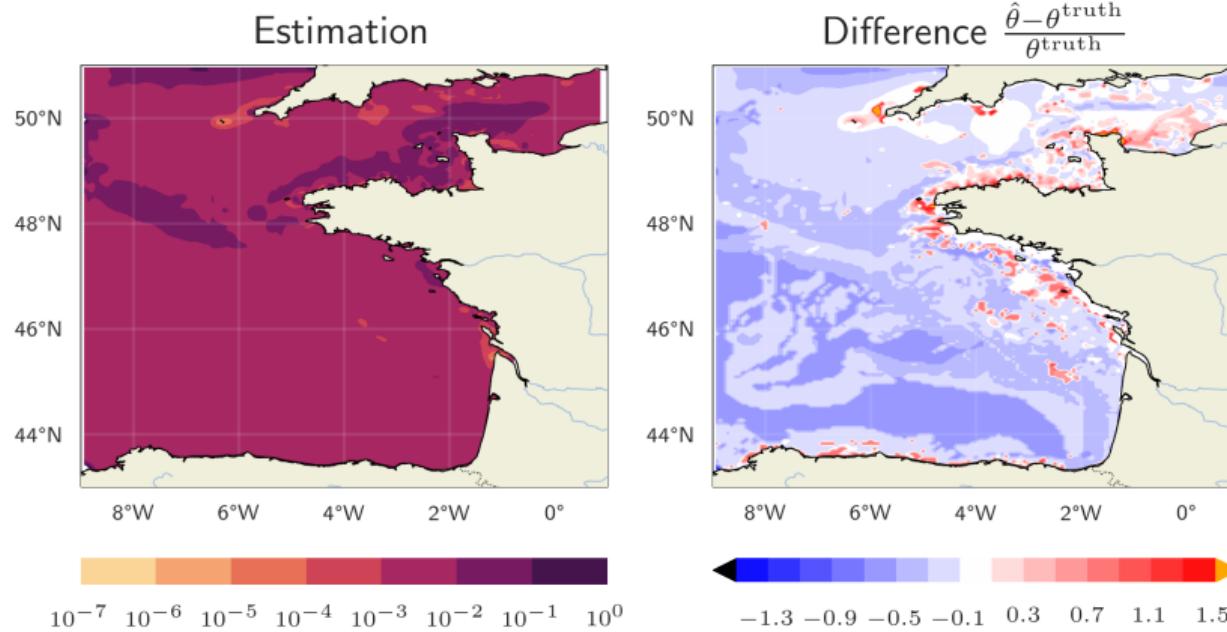
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A definition of robustness ?

Robustness

$\hat{\theta}$ can be considered “robust” if $J(\hat{\theta}, u)$ gives “good enough” performances when u varies

Main objectives:

- Define quantitative criteria of robustness
- Develop methods in order to compute robust estimates efficiently
- Apply those methods to the robust calibration of CROCO

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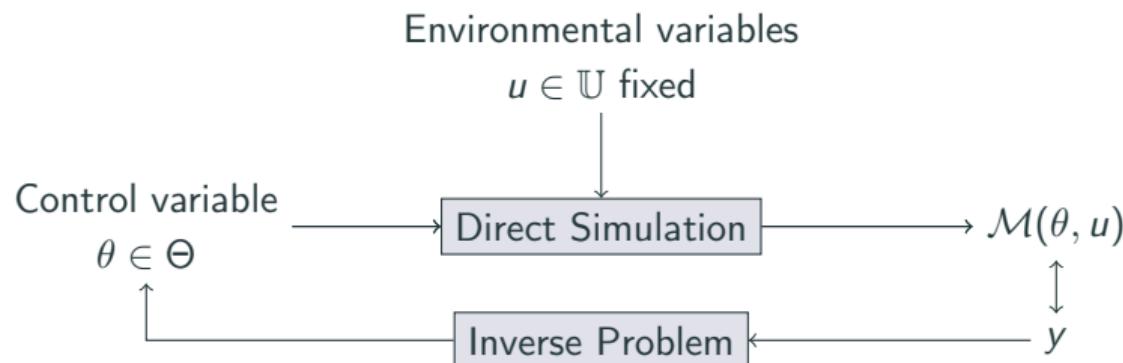
Epistemic or aleatoric uncertainties? [Walker et al. , 2003]

- Epistemic uncertainties: From a lack of knowledge, that can be reduced with more research/exploration
 - Aleatoric uncertainties: Inherent variability of the system studied, operating conditions that we cannot afford to research further
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- θ : Control parameter, needs to be tuned
 - u : Environmental variable, subject to natural variability

Our goal is to take into account the aleatoric uncertainties (=the assumed variability of the environmental conditions) in the estimation of the control parameter (=reduction of the epistemic uncertainties).

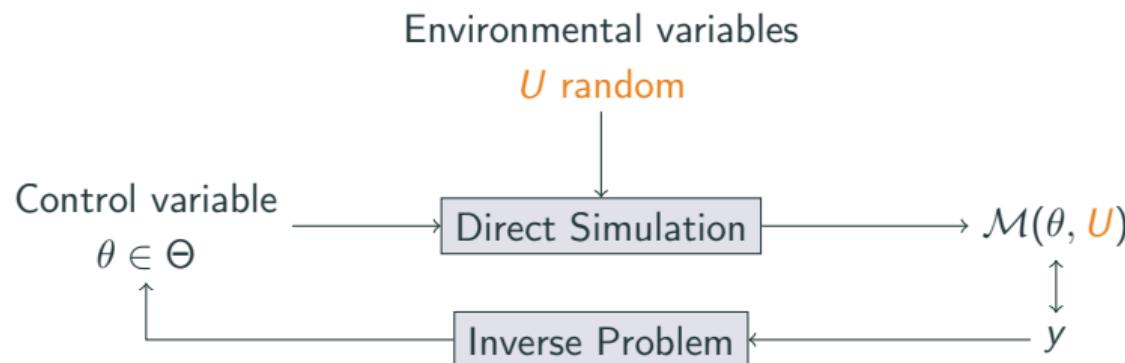
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The objective function as a random variable

- The computer code is *still* deterministic, and takes θ and u as inputs (from the user):

$$\mathcal{M}(\theta, \textcolor{brown}{u})$$

- Due to the previous assumptions, the quadratic error J is now considered as a random variable, indexed by θ

$$J(\theta, \textcolor{brown}{U}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{M}(\theta, \textcolor{brown}{U}) - y\|^2$$

Robust objectives of the objective function

We are looking for $\hat{\theta}$, such that $J(\hat{\theta}, U)$ gives “good performances”

- Worst case [Marzat *et al.* , 2013]:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\{ \max_{u \in \mathbb{U}} J(\theta, u) \right\}$$

- M-robustness [Lehman *et al.* , 2004]:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E}_U [J(\theta, U)]$$

- Multiobjective [Baudouï, 2012]:

Pareto frontier of $(\mathbb{E}_U [J(\theta, U)], \text{Var}_U [J(\theta, U)])$

- Reliability

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} Q_U(J(\theta, U); p)$$

- Regret-based estimates

The notion of relative-regret

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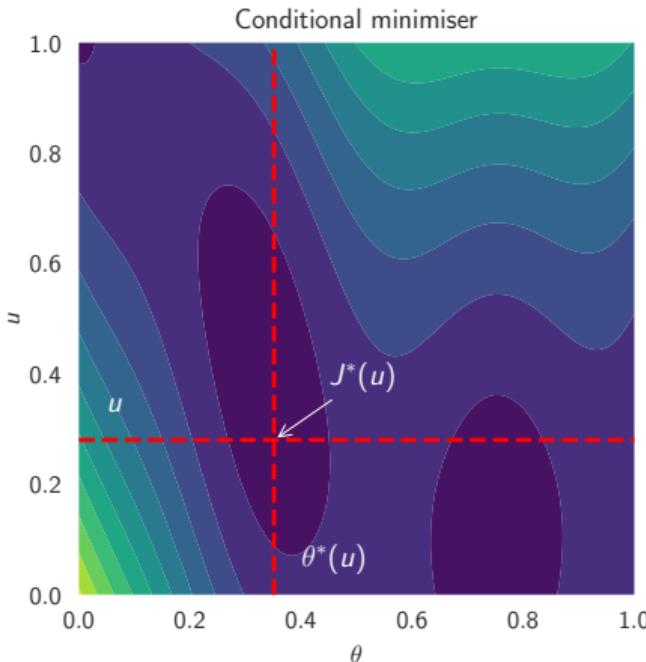
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The relative-regret, α -acceptability

- We define the relative-regret as the ratio $\frac{J(\theta, u)}{J^*(u)}$
- (θ, u) said α -acceptable if $\frac{J(\theta, u)}{J^*(u)} \leq \alpha \Rightarrow J(\theta, u) \leq \alpha J^*(u)$

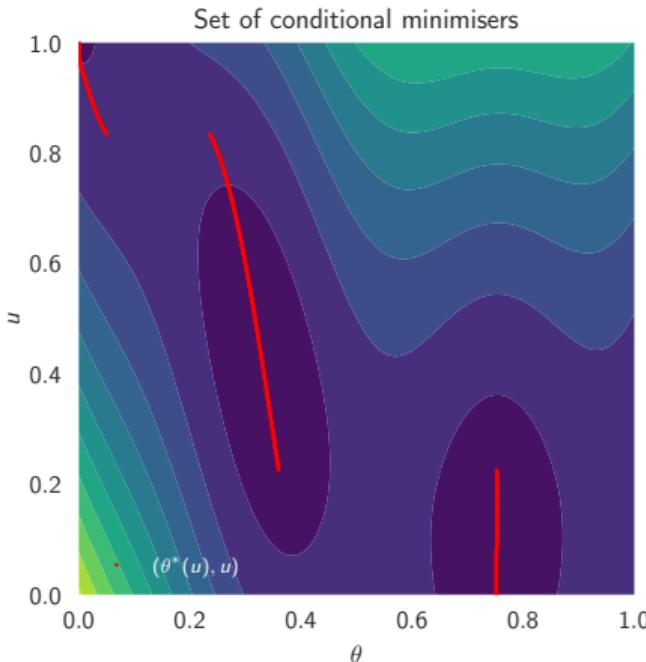
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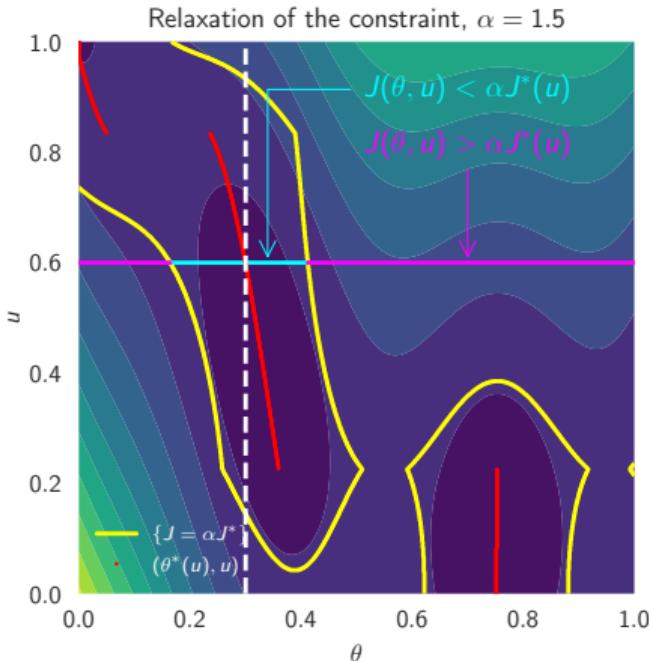
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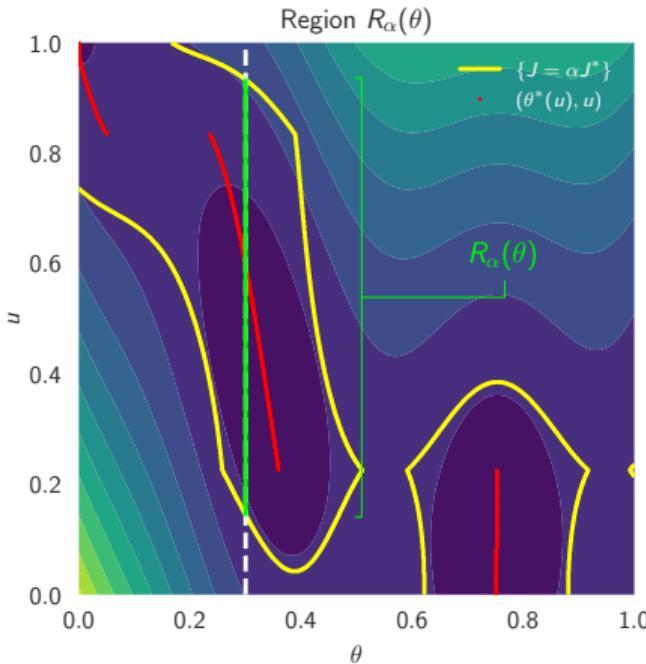
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- $R_\alpha(\theta) = \{u \mid J(\theta, u) \leq \alpha J^*(u)\}$
- $\Gamma_\alpha(\theta) = \mathbb{P}_U [U \in R_\alpha(\theta)]$

Γ_α as a measure of robustness

- probability that θ is close enough to the optimal value
- probability that the relative-regret is less than α

Regret-based estimates

Relative-regret family of estimators [Trappler et al. , 2020]

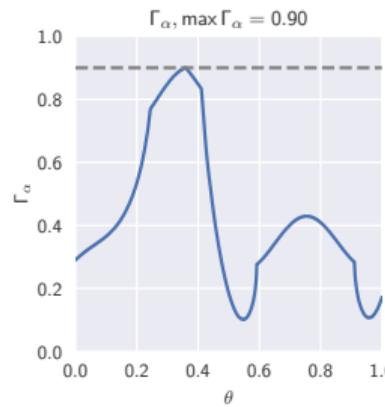
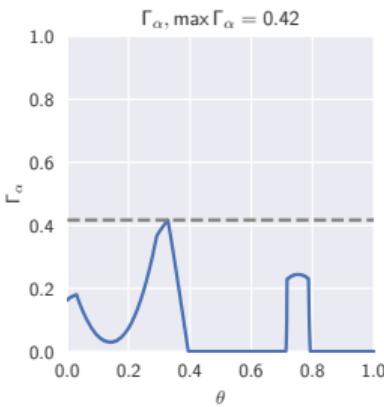
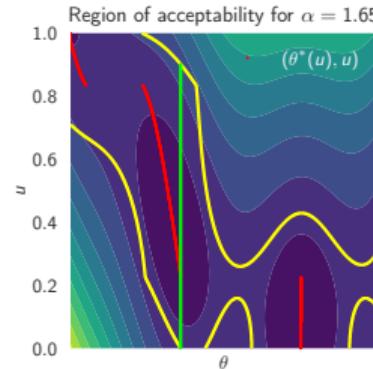
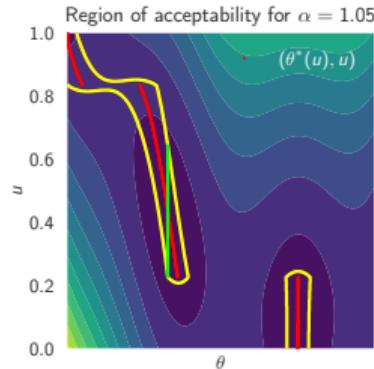
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Relative-regret family of estimators:

$$\left\{ \hat{\theta} \mid \hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \Gamma_\alpha(\theta), \alpha > 1 \right\} \quad (3)$$

- $\hat{\theta}$: calibrated value of the control parameter
 - α : range of variation from the optimal value
 - $p = \Gamma_\alpha(\hat{\theta})$: probability of being within this range
- the relative-regret is bounded by α with probability p

Conservative or optimistic estimate



By acting either on α or on p , we can choose a level of robustness

- α small: Optimistic, good performances but maybe not often
- α large: Conservative, performances controlled with high probability
- Choose p , in order to ensure a certain level of confidence

Relative-regret estimations as optimisation problems

- If α known, maximize the probability that θ gives acceptable values:

$$\max_{\theta \in \Theta} \Gamma_\alpha(\theta) = \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{P}_U [J(\theta, U) \leq \alpha J^*(U)] \quad (4)$$

→ Probability maximization

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The computational bottleneck

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In general, getting estimates can be very expensive:

- **Estimate** statistical quantities ($\mathbb{E}_U, \mathbb{P}_U$)
 - Sufficient exploration of \mathbb{U} with respect to \mathbb{P}_U (Monte-Carlo methods, numerical integration)
- **Optimize** those quantities with respect to $\theta \in \Theta$
 - Focus on regions of interest of Θ
 - Take into account the uncertainty on the estimation

⇒ requires a lot of computational effort (*i.e.* extensive number of calls to J)

How to make the best use of a specific budget of evaluations ?

Surrogates and cost function

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- It replaces the expensive original function J by a computationally cheap surrogate (\sim plug-in approach)
- It can be adapted for sequential strategies

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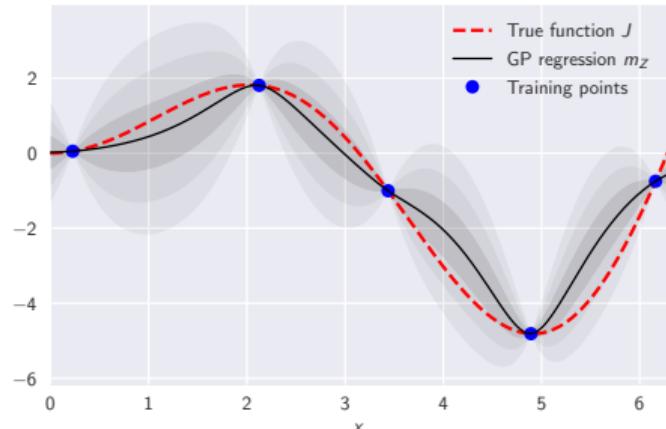
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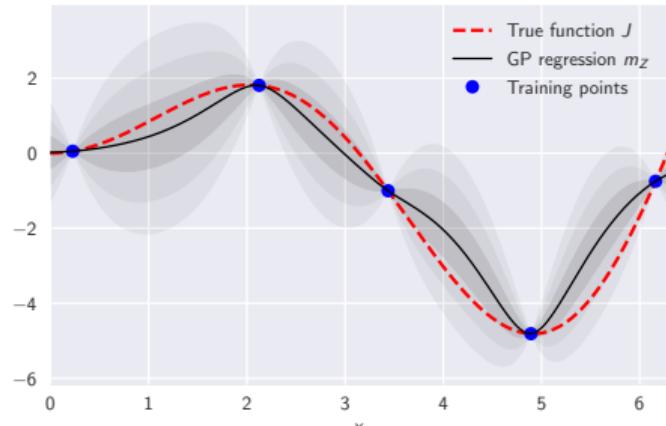
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- m_Z is an approximation of J
- Information on prediction error with σ_Z^2

Adaptive strategies

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As a surrogate, m_Z is a cheap alternative to J in order to compute Γ_α ,

- still an approximation based on \mathcal{X}_n
- is it accurate enough for this purpose ?

Adaptive methods: enrichment of the design

- Choosing iteratively the most **relevant** point(s) to add to the design
- ... until the budget of evaluations runs out

⇒ Definition of a criterion κ , that measures the relevancy

⇒ How to exploit such criterion ?

Objectives of adaptive strategies

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- Enrich the design for the estimation of J^* and ensure positivity as well
 - PEI criterion
- Improve the estimation of $J - \alpha J^*$ globally
 - Reduction of the IMSE using a 1-step criterion
- Improve the estimation of the set $\{J - \alpha J^* \leq 0\}$
 - AK-MCS: enrichment using batches of points

1-step criteria

Let κ be such a criterion measuring the relevancy of points:

- κ is constructed using the properties of the GP
- $\kappa(x)$ measures how *interesting* would be the evaluation of x

Selection of the next point and update of the design

Given a GP Z , constructed using $\mathcal{X}_n = \{(x_i, J(x_i))\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$

$$x_{n+1} = \arg \max_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \kappa(x) = \arg \max_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \kappa(x; Z; \mathcal{X}_n) \quad (7)$$

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Different criteria caters to different objectives

- Optimization: PI, EGO [Jones *et al.*, 1998; Hernández-Lobato *et al.*, 2014]
- Exploration: prediction variance, aIMSE
- Contour/levelsets estimation: reliability index [Bect *et al.*, 2012; Picheny *et al.*, 2010]

Estimation of $\theta^*(u)$, $J^*(u)$ with the PEI

$$\Gamma_\alpha(\theta) = \mathbb{P}_U [J(\theta, U) \leq \alpha J^*(U)]$$

→ Need to have a good approximation of the conditional minimum and minimisers:

$$m_{Z^*}(u) = \min_\theta m_Z(\theta, u), \text{ and } \theta_Z^*(u) = \arg \min_\theta m_Z(\theta, u)$$

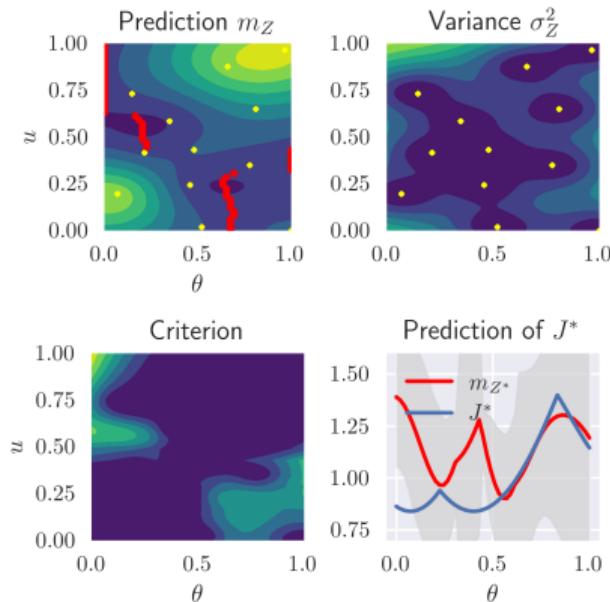
PEI [Ginsbourger et al. , 2014]

Profile Expected Improvement:

$\kappa(\theta, u) = \mathbb{E}_{Z(\theta, u)} [(f_{\min}(u) - Z(\theta, u))_+]$ and close form available due to the GP properties of Z

Design enriched iteratively using the PEI criterion, one point at a time:

m_{Z^*} becomes a more accurate approximation of J^*



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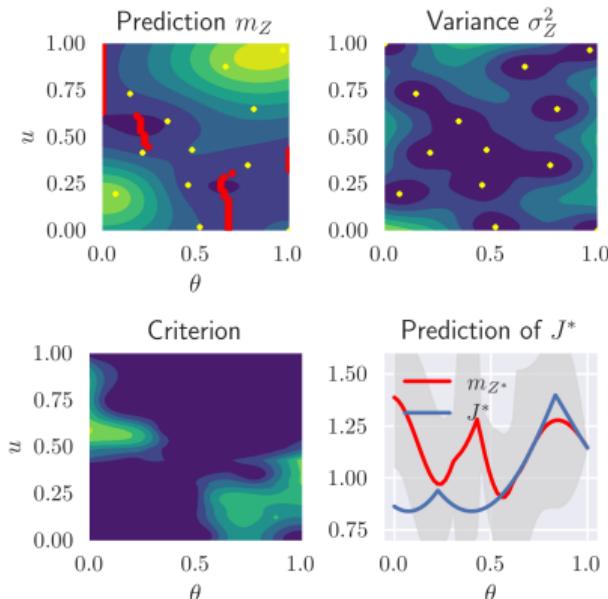
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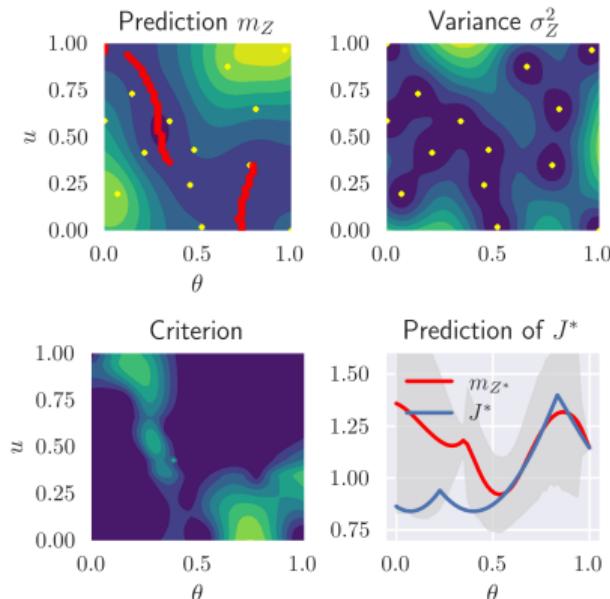
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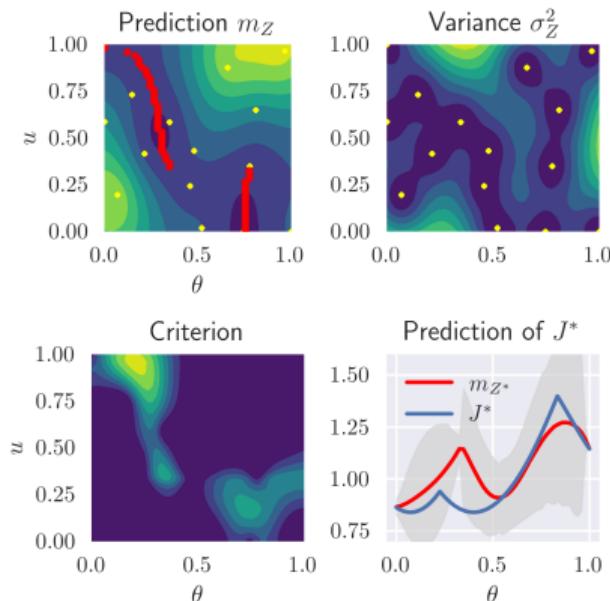
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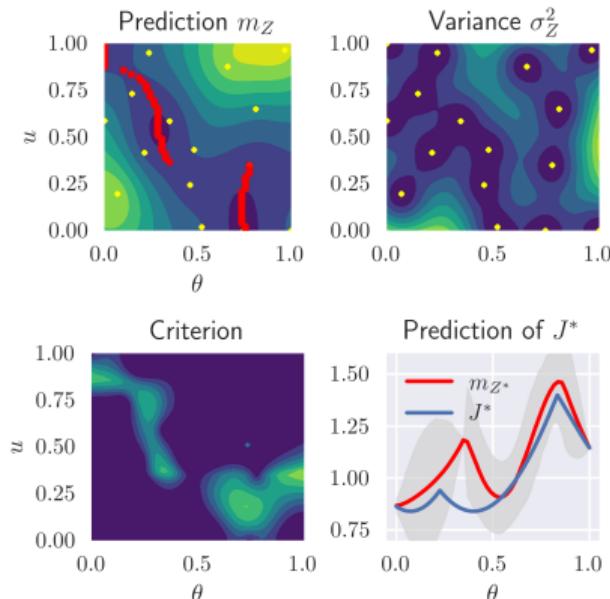
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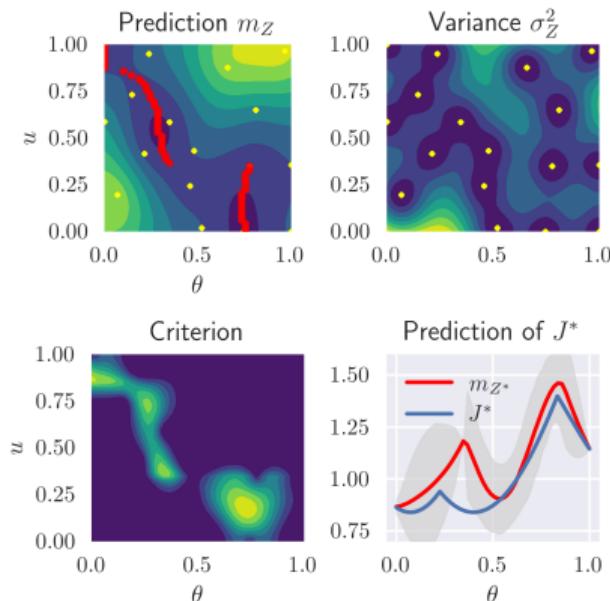
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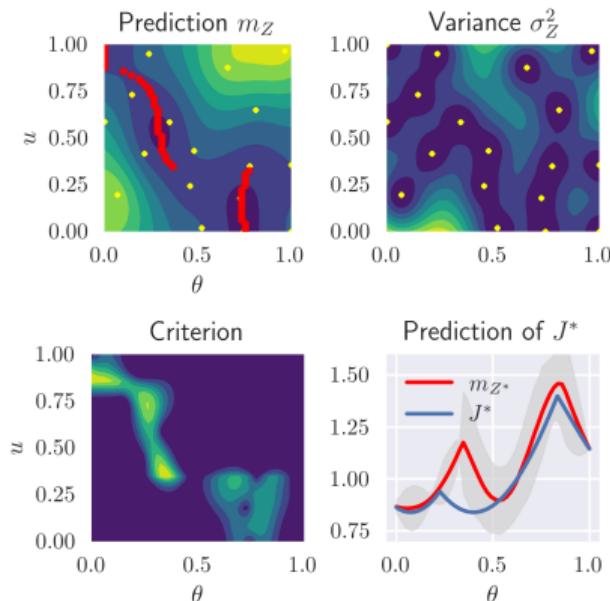
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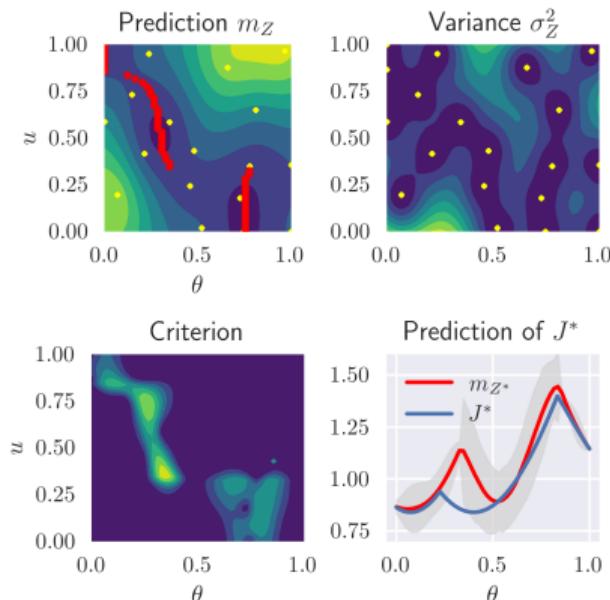
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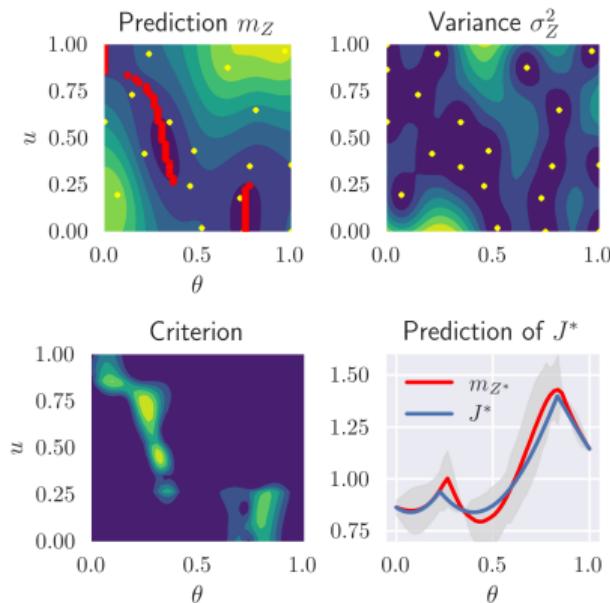
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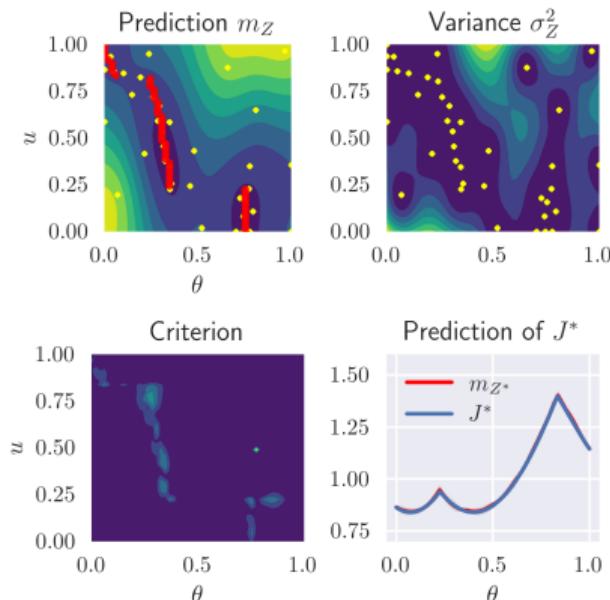
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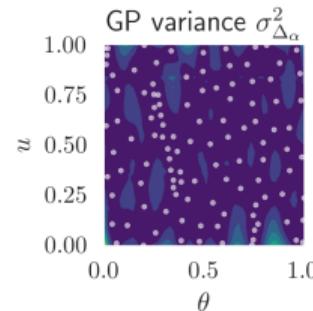
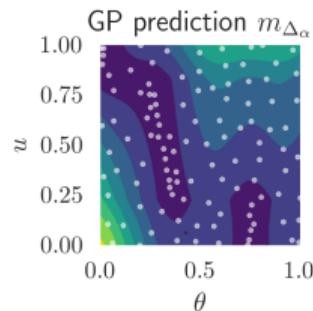
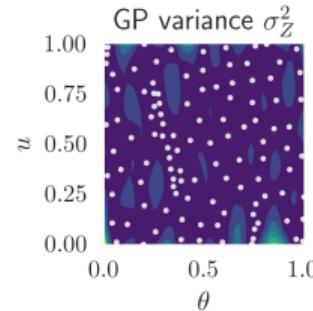
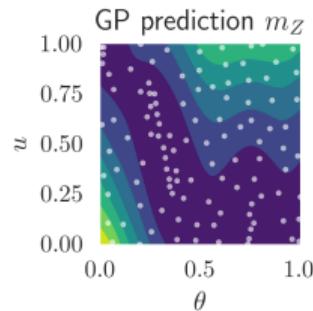
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 - only 1 point added at a time
- Adding multiple points every iteration ?

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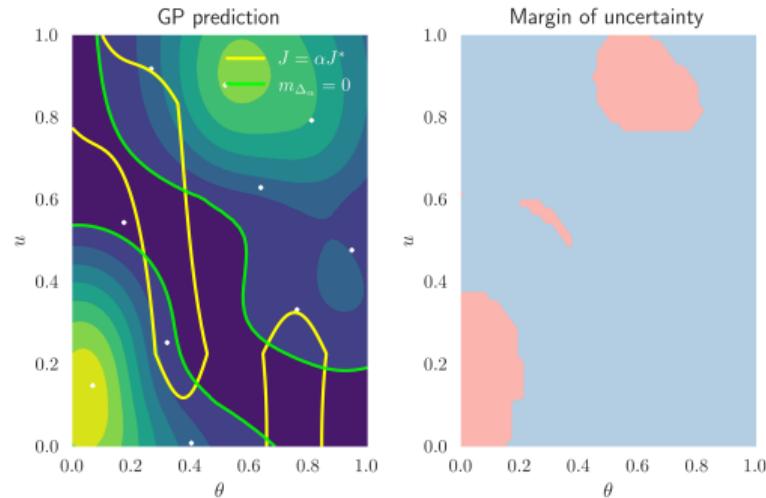
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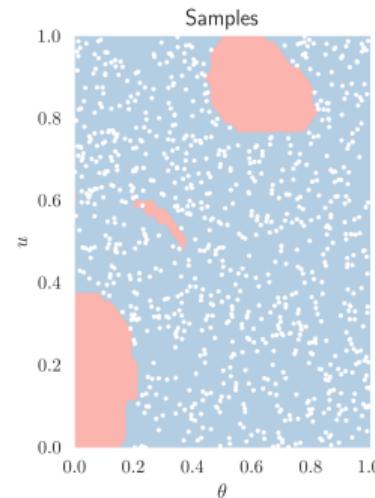
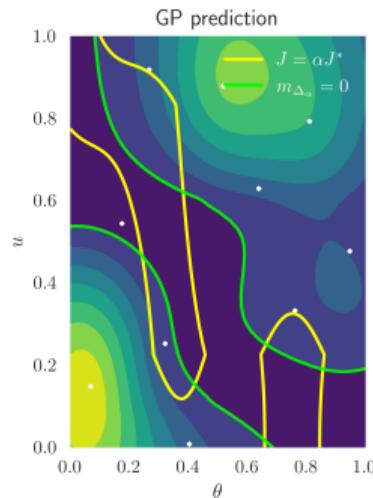
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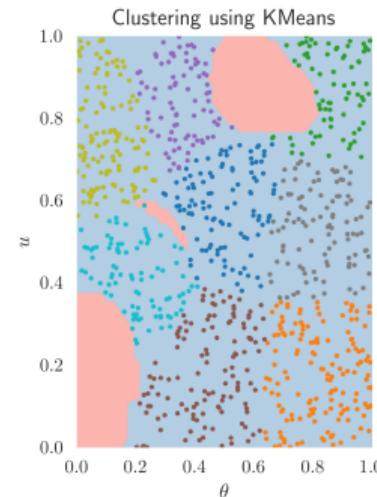
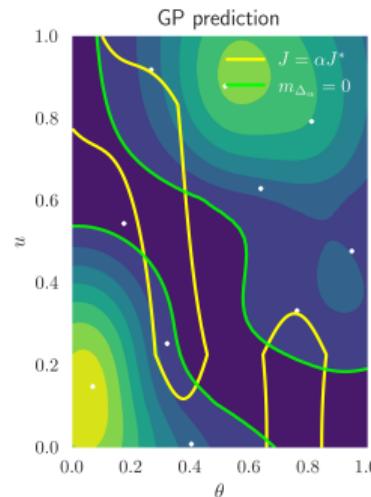
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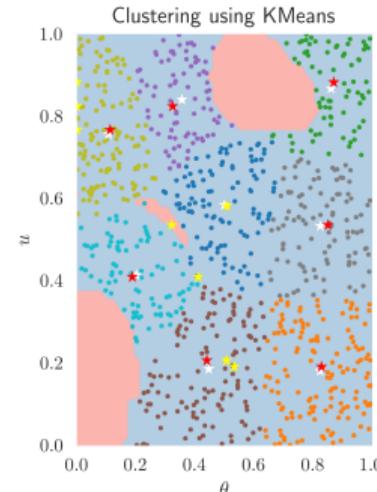
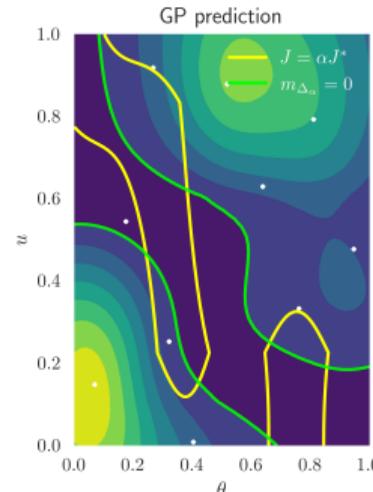
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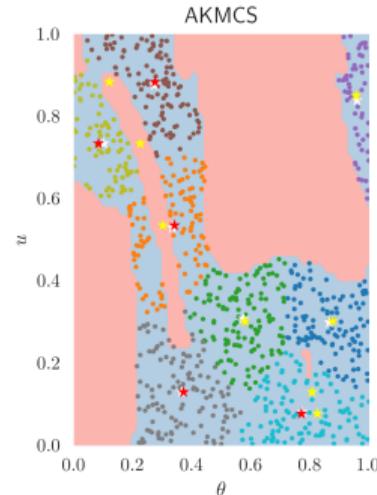
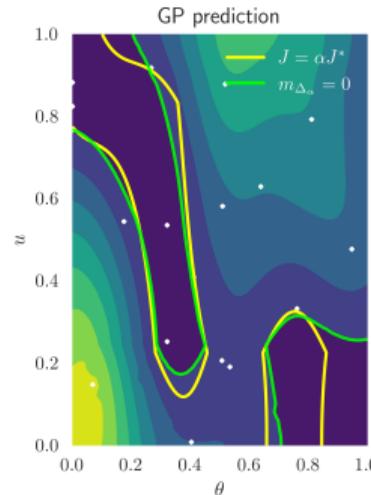
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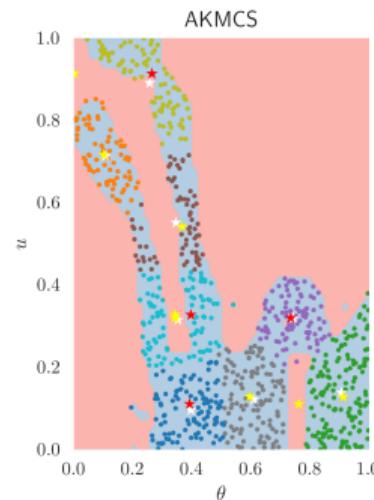
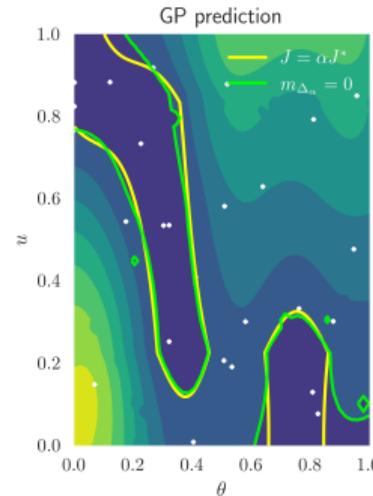
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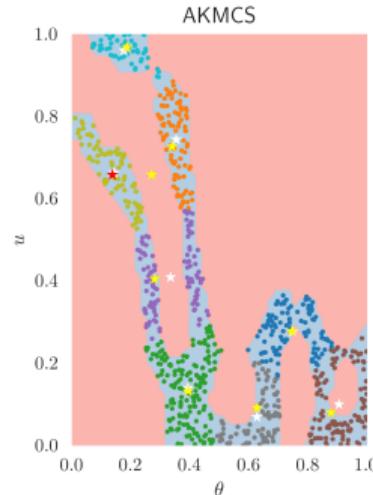
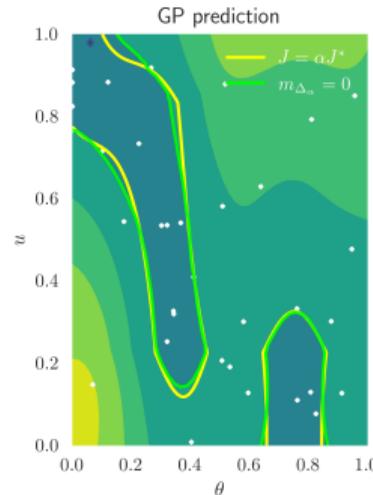
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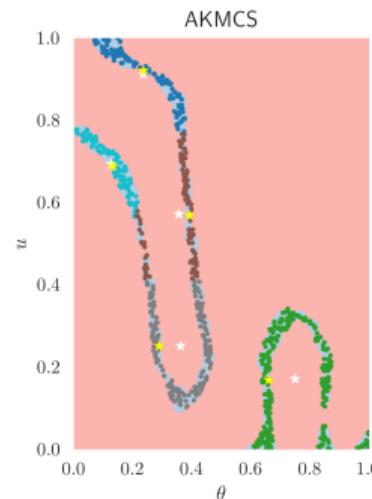
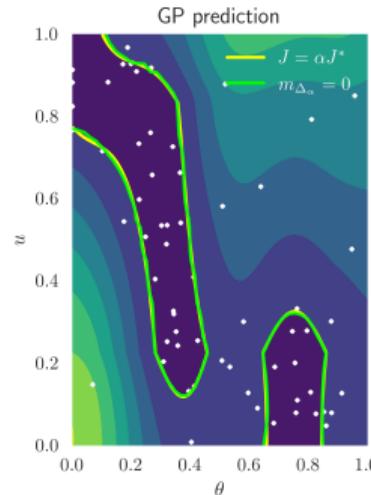
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Plug-in and sample average approximation

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- $J - \alpha J^*$ is replaced by $m_{\Delta_\alpha} \rightarrow \alpha$ fixed, estimation of probability
- $\frac{J}{J^*}$ is replaced by $m_\Xi \rightarrow p$ fixed, estimation of quantile

$$\Gamma_\alpha(\theta) \approx \mathbb{P}_U [m_{\Delta_\alpha}(\theta, U) \leq 0] \quad (13)$$

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Outer probability approximated using Monte-Carlo since m_{Δ_α} and m_Ξ are cheaper to evaluate than J , and optimized

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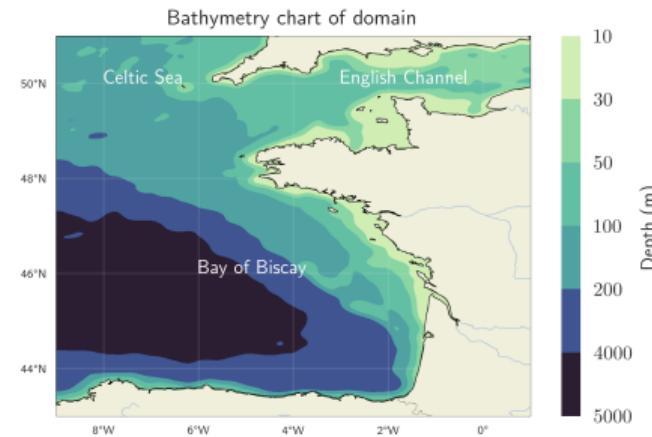
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The numerical model CROCO

Coastal and Regional Ocean COmmunity
model (here in a 2D configuration)

- Solves the shallow-water equations
 - Grid resolution of $1/14^\circ$ (5.5 km)
 - 15 684 cells located in the ocean
- Academic toy problem



The shallow-water equations

ζ : sea-water height, \mathbf{v} : velocity vector

$$\mathcal{M} : \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \wedge \mathbf{v} &= -g \nabla H + \frac{\tau_b}{\rho H} + F \\ \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + \nabla (H \cdot \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \zeta &= BC(u) \text{ at the open boundaries} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

- $\tau_b = \tau_b(\theta)$: bottom shear stress \rightarrow depends on the control parameter θ
- $BC(u)$: tidal boundary conditions \rightarrow subject to aleatoric uncertainties (u)

Model and objective function

- Output of the model: $\mathcal{M}(\theta, u) = (\zeta_{i,t}(\theta, u))_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq N_{\text{Mesh}} \\ 1 \leq t \leq N_{\text{time}}}}$
- Observations: $y = \mathcal{M}(\theta^{\text{truth}}, u^{\text{truth}})$, truth values defined later
- Objective function: $J(\theta, u) = \|\mathcal{M}(\theta, u) - y\|^2 = \sum_{i,t} (\zeta_{i,t}(\theta, u) - y_{i,t})^2$

Modelling of the bottom friction

Quadratic friction coefficient

Let τ_b be the shear stress at the bottom, and v_b the velocity vector at the bottom

$$\tau_b = -C_d \|v_b\| v_b, \quad \text{with} \quad C_d = \left(\frac{k}{\log \left(\frac{H}{z_b} \right) - 1} \right)^2 \quad (16)$$

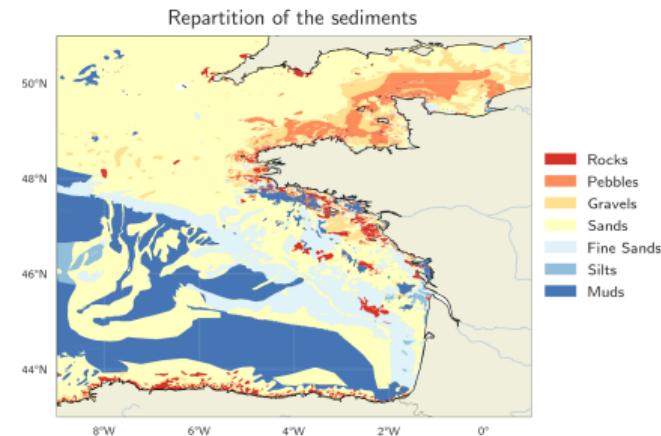
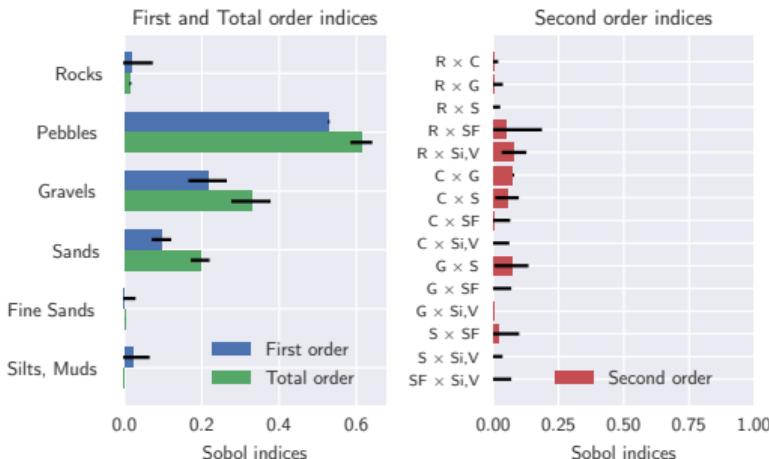
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- We assume that θ is uniform and constant for each type of sediment
- θ^{truth} : constructed using the 6 types of sediments present

Due to the water height H , influence of each sediment type depends on how deep it is
⇒ Sensitivity analysis

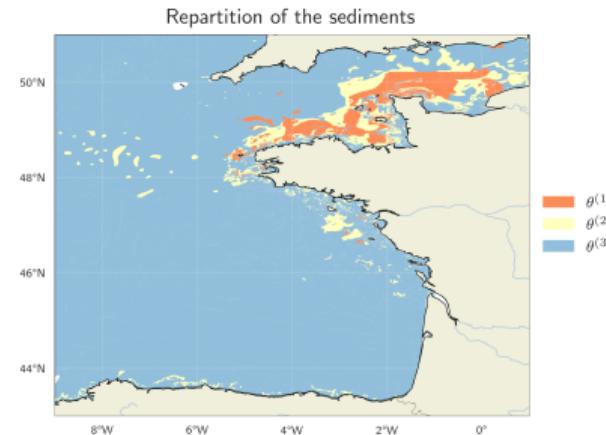
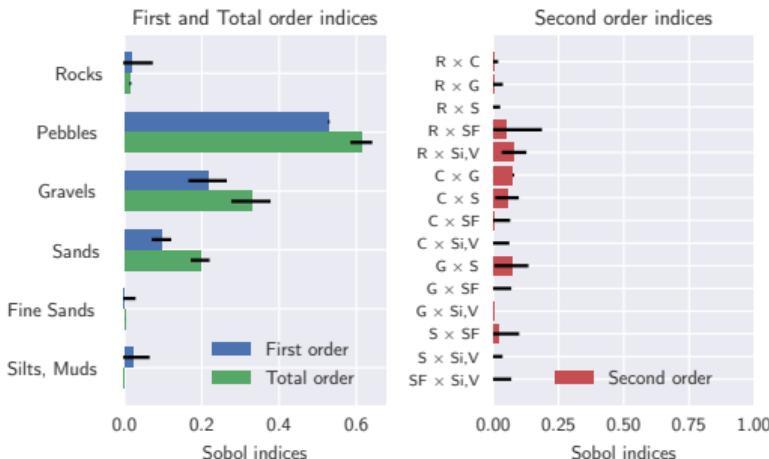
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The control variable is then $\theta = (\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \theta^{(3)}) \in \Theta$

- $\theta^{(1)}$: Pebbles
- $\theta^{(2)}$: Gravels
- $\theta^{(3)}$: Other sediments (in deeper water)

Control parameter and environmental variable

- Aleatoric uncertainty on boundary conditions
- u parametrizes an error on the amplitude of the M_2 and S_2 tide components.
- We assume that $U \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{U})$, with $\mathbb{U} = [0, 1]^2$

Summary of the problem

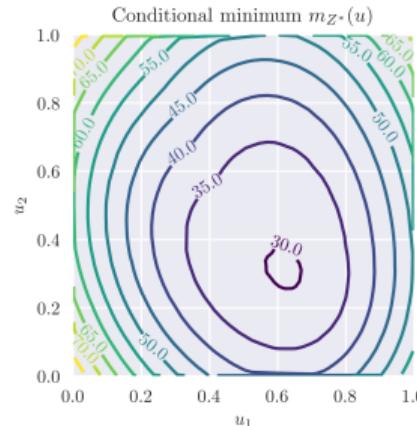
- $\theta = (\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \theta^{(3)}) \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
- $u \in \mathbb{U} = [0, 1]^2$
- $U \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{U})$
- $J(\theta, u) = \|\mathcal{M}(\theta, u) - y\|^2$
 - $y = \mathcal{M}(\theta^{\text{truth}}, u^{\text{truth}})$
 - $\theta^{\text{truth}} \in \mathbb{R}^6 \neq \Theta \Rightarrow$ The model is not able to replicate the observations: $J > 0$
 - $u^{\text{truth}} = (0.5, 0.5)$

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 - Improve first m_{Z^*} using PEI criterion to ensure $m_{Z^*} > 0$



Global minimum not attained at the truth value of the environmental parameter
→ Compensation of errors due to the dimension reduction

Robust calibration

With this preliminary analysis, we can choose α

- we set $\alpha = 1.3$: with which probability can we stay within 30% of the optimal value ?
- we enriched the design by looking to reduce globally the IMSE using κ

	$\theta^{(1)}$	$\theta^{(2)}$	$\theta^{(3)}$	
$\hat{\theta}_\alpha, \alpha = 1.3$	-3.43	-5.20	-6.48	$\Gamma_\alpha(\hat{\theta}_\alpha) = 0.93$
$\hat{\theta}_{\text{global}}$	-3.516	-5.078	-6.346	
θ^{truth}	-3.689	-4.962	n.a.	

In this case:

- $\hat{\theta}_\alpha^{(1)} > \hat{\theta}_{\text{global}}^{(1)} > \theta^{\text{truth},(1)}$
- $\hat{\theta}_\alpha^{(2)} < \hat{\theta}_{\text{global}}^{(2)} < \theta^{\text{truth},(2)}$
- $\hat{\theta}_\alpha^{(3)} < \hat{\theta}_{\text{global}}^{(3)}$

Computational overview

- Total of 500 runs of the numerical model
 - 100 for the initial LHS
 - 200 with the PEI criterion
 - 200 for the reduction of the IMSE
- Each iteration for the reduction of the IMSE requires
 - Evaluations of an integral of dimension $1 + \dim(\Theta \times \mathbb{U})$
 - Optimization of this integral in a space of dimension $\dim \Theta$
 - Dependent on the ability to compute m_{Z^*} , m_{Δ_α} , $\sigma_{\Delta_\alpha}^2$
 - As is, limits severely the possibility of increased dimension
- For sampling-based methods:
 - Size of margin of uncertainty decreases
 - Sampling becomes increasingly difficult

Conclusion

Introduction

Robustness in calibration

Adaptive strategies using Gaussian Processes

Robust calibration of CROCO

Conclusion

Conclusion: overview

Notion of robustness

- Notion of robustness is context dependent
- Relative-regret estimates control the deviation from the *optimal value*
- α can reflect risk-adverse or risk-seeking preferences

Adaptive methods for computations

- GP used as tools for plug-in estimation
- Allow to derive sequential strategies for enrichment of the design
- Can be adapted for batch evaluations

Conclusion: perspectives

Computational improvements

- Dimension of the input space $\Theta \times \mathbb{U}$ can be limiting
 - Reduction of the input space required
- Adaptive methods still require expensive or difficult tasks (optimization, sampling, integration)
 - 2-stages methods
 - Focus computational effort for optimization
- Include gradient information in the procedures ?

Perspectives

- Discrepancy between $J^*(U)$ and $J(\hat{\theta}, U)$ in terms of r.v.
- Study of CROCO with a more complex configuration
- Study and compare robust estimates in predictions

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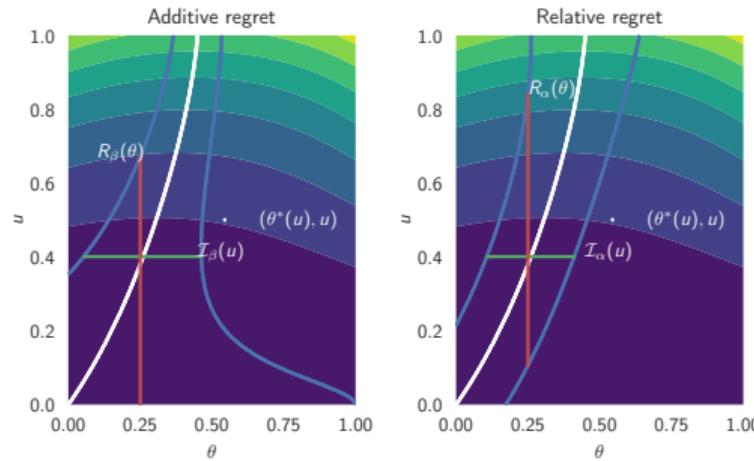
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Relative or additive regret



- Relative regret
 - α -acceptability regions large for flat and bad situations ($J^*(u)$ large)
 - Conversely, puts high confidence when $J^*(u)$ is small
 - No units \rightarrow ratio of costs

Modelling of $J(\theta, u) - \alpha J^*(u)$ using Δ_α

Let $Z \sim \text{GP}(m_Z; C_Z)$ on $\Theta \times \mathbb{U}$, constructed using $\{(\theta_i, u_i), J(\theta_i, u_i)\}$

We define $Z^*(u) = Z(\theta_Z^*(u), u)$, with $\theta_Z^*(u) = \min_\theta m_Z(\theta, u)$, and $\Delta_\alpha = Z - \alpha Z^*$:

The GP Δ_α

As a linear combination of GP, Δ_α is a GP as well:

$$\Delta_\alpha \sim \text{GP}(m_{\Delta_\alpha}; C_{\Delta_\alpha}) \quad (17)$$

$$m_{\Delta_\alpha}(\theta, u) = m_Z(\theta, u) - \alpha m_Z^*(u) \quad (18)$$

$$\sigma_{\Delta_\alpha}^2(\theta, u) = \sigma_Z^2(\theta, u) + \alpha^2 \sigma_{Z^*}^2(u) - 2\alpha C_Z((\theta, u), (\theta_Z^*(u), u)) \quad (19)$$

Approximation of the ratio

Let us assume that $Z^* > 0$ with high enough probability: $\Xi(\theta, u) = \log \frac{Z(\theta, u)}{Z^*(u)}$ is approximately normal

Log-normal approximation of the ratio of GP

$$\Xi(\theta, u) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_{\Xi}(\theta, u), \sigma_{\Xi}^2(\theta, u)) \quad (20)$$

$$m_{\Xi}(\theta, u) = \log \frac{m_Z(\theta, u)}{m_{Z^*}(u)} \quad (21)$$

$$\sigma_{\Xi}^2(\theta, u) = \frac{\sigma_Z^2(\theta, u)}{m_Z(\theta, u)^2} + \frac{\sigma_{Z^*}^2(u)}{m_{Z^*}(u)^2} - 2 \frac{\text{Cov}[Z(\theta, u), Z^*(u)]}{m_Z(\theta, u)m_{Z^*}(u)} \quad (22)$$

Objective-oriented exploration: 2-stage methods

Instead of reducing *globally* the uncertainty, we can look directly to optimize Γ_α

- Select a candidate $\tilde{\theta}$ with “high potential” to optimize Γ_α
- Find the point x_{n+1} which reduces the most a measure of uncertainty on $\{\tilde{\theta}\} \times \mathbb{U}$

IMSE given a candidate $\tilde{\theta}$

$$\text{IMSE}(\mathcal{X}_n; \tilde{\theta}) = \int_{\{\tilde{\theta}\} \times \mathbb{U}} \sigma_\Phi^2(x) dx \quad (23)$$

$x_{n+1} = (\theta_{n+1}, u_{n+1})$ presents the smallest IMSE (given $\tilde{\theta}$) on average once evaluated.

$\tilde{\theta} \neq \theta_{n+1}$ in general