



Fast Prediction of Coastal Flood Hazard Assessment: A Multi-Output Gaussian Process Metamodelling Approach

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Multioutput Gaussian processes with functional data: A study on coastal flood hazard assessment

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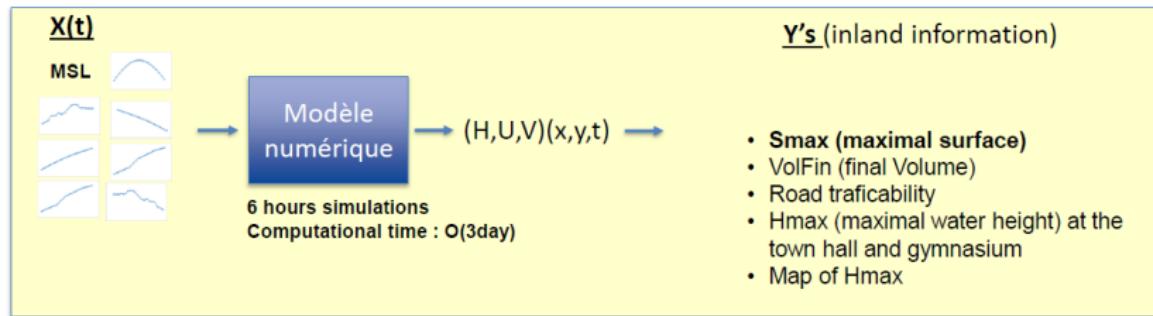
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- Functional analysis
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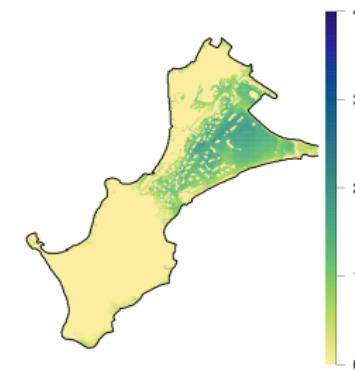
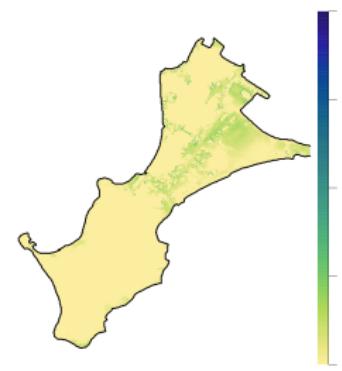
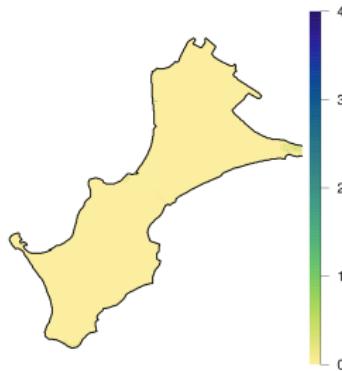
ABSTRACT

Surrogate models are often used to replace costly-to-evaluate complex coastal codes to achieve substantial computational savings. In many of those models, the hydrometeorological forcing conditions (inputs) or flood events (outputs) are conveniently parameterized by scalar representations, neglecting that the inputs are actually time series and that floods propagate spatially inland. Both facts are crucial in flood prediction for complex coastal systems. Our aim is to establish a surrogate model that accounts for time-varying inputs and provides information on spatially varying inland flooding. We introduce a multioutput Gaussian process model based on a separable kernel that correlates both functional inputs and spatial locations. Efficient implementations consider tensor-structured computations or sparse-variational approximations. In several experiments, we demonstrate the versatility of the model for both learning maps and inferring unobserved maps, numerically showing the convergence of predictions as the number of learning maps increases. We assess our framework in a coastal flood prediction application. Predictions are obtained with small error values within computation time highly compatible with short-term forecast requirements (on the order of minutes compared to the days required by hydrodynamic simulators). We conclude that our framework is a promising approach for forecast and early-warning systems.

Motivation



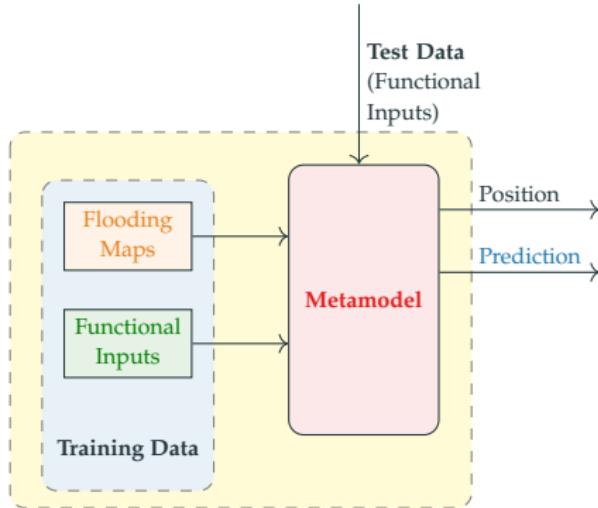
Spatial flood events: maximal inland water level (H_{\max} [m])



Challenge:

- Each flood event takes ~ 3 days of simulation.

Goal: to build a **metamodel** accounting for both **spatial** and **functional** data



- This will lead to **faster (approximate) predictions**.

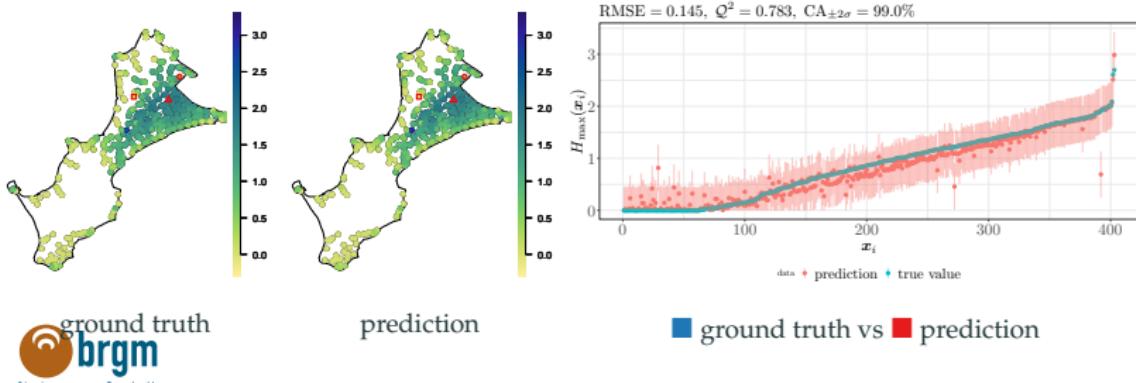
Application: forecasting and early warning systems.

Research subject

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 - We further investigate a **metamodel** based on **Gaussian process**.
 - This results in a **multi-output process**:
 - correlated spatial flood events are driven by (**functional**) **hydro-meteorological inputs**.
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- Our developments provide fast (tens of seconds) and accurate predictions:



Spatial Gaussian processes with functional inputs

- To deal with the functional inputs, Betancourt et al. [2020] explored a Gaussian process (GP)-based approach with a dedicated kernel function:

$$k_f(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}') = \text{cov} \{Y(\mathcal{F}), Y(\mathcal{F}')\}. \quad (1)$$

- Here, we have considered a new kernel function that accounts for both functional inputs and spatial information:

$$k((x, \mathcal{F}), (x', \mathcal{F}')) = \text{cov} \{Y(x, \mathcal{F}), Y(x', \mathcal{F}')\} = k_s(x, x') k_f(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}'), \quad (2)$$

with sub-kernels $k_s : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $k_f : \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^Q \times \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- This formulation allows us to enjoy efficient implementations based on well-founded mathematical operations, e.g., using Kronecker products.

Link with multi-output Gaussian processes

- The process Y can be written as a multi-output process Z :

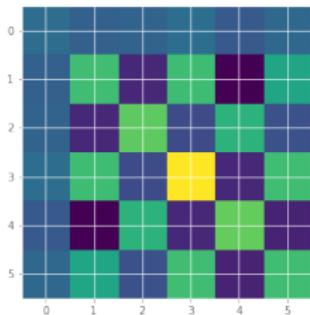
$$Z_i(\mathbf{x}) := Y(\mathcal{F}_i, \mathbf{x}), \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, R.$$

- In that case, \mathbf{k} can be rewritten as:

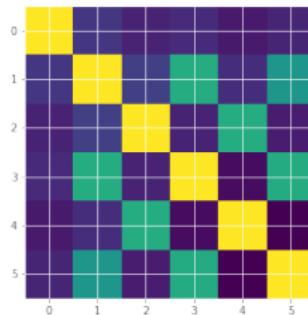
$$\mathbf{k}_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = b_{i,j} \mathbf{k}_f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'), \quad (3)$$

with $b_{i,j} := k_f(\mathcal{F}_i, \mathcal{F}_j)$, for $i, j = 1, \dots, R$.

- (3) follows the structure of the *linear models of coregionalisation* (LMC):



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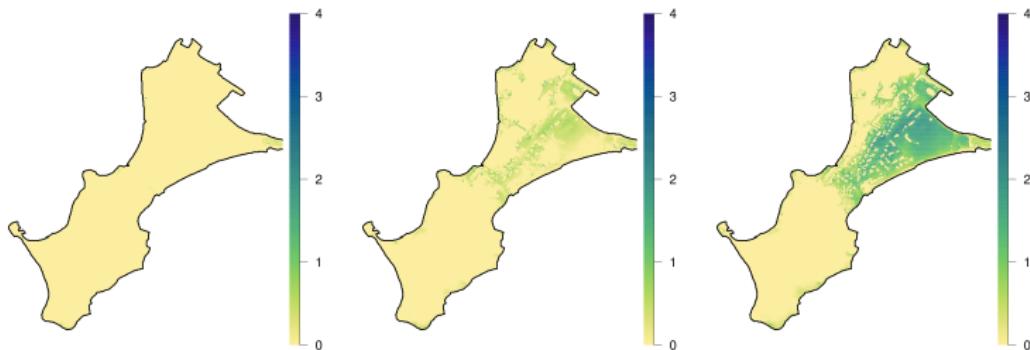


$k_f(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}')$

Coregionalisation matrix

Coastal flooding application

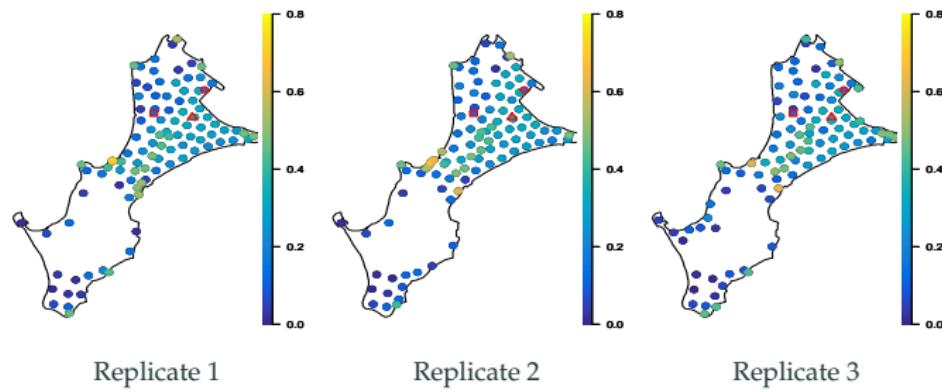
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- 174 **flood/no flood events** containing 65k inland observations.
 - 21 *historical* meteo-oceanic conditions (9 flood) [Idier et al., 2020]
 - 16 *reinforced* historical conditions of the 9 historical flood events
 - 94 *extreme* meteo-oceanic conditions (flood, non flood)
 - 43 *modifications* of some of the 94 extreme conditions (flood/no flood)

Design of Experiments (DoE)

- Due to computational limitations, we focus on a tractable amount of points.



Examples of DoE considering 103 spatial locations

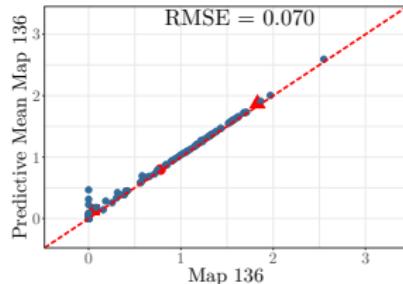
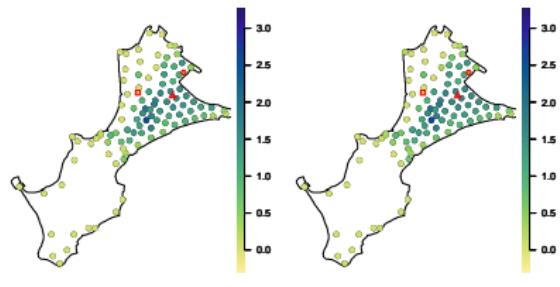
LOO test: each scenario is predicted using data of the other ones.

- Therefore, **174 GP metamodels** are trained and tested.
- We fix **103 spatial design points per map**.
 - including the **town-hall** (■), **gym** (●) and **sports field** (▲) at Gâvres.
- We use **Matérn 5/2 kernels** as covariance matrices.

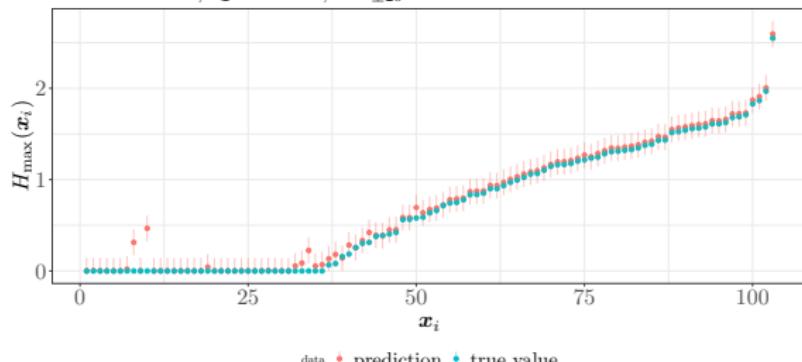
Leave-one-out (LOO) test

Flooding scenario 136: significant flood event

■ Town-Hall ● Gym ▲ Sports Field



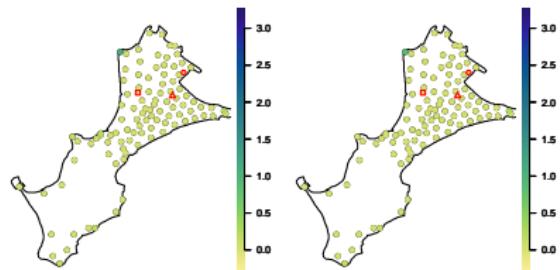
RMSE = 0.070, $Q^2 = 0.965$, $CA_{\pm 2\sigma} = 97.1\%$



Leave-one-out (LOO) test

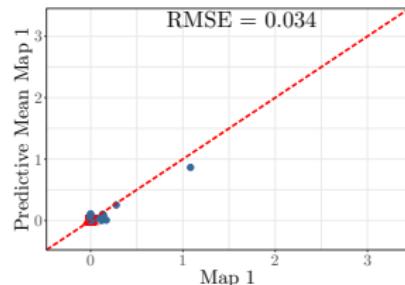
Flooding scenario 1: minor flood event

■ Town-Hall ● Gym ▲ Sports Field



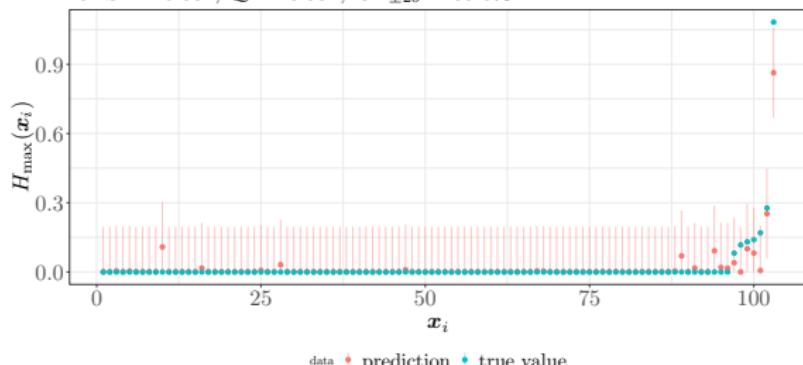
ground truth

prediction



ground truth vs prediction

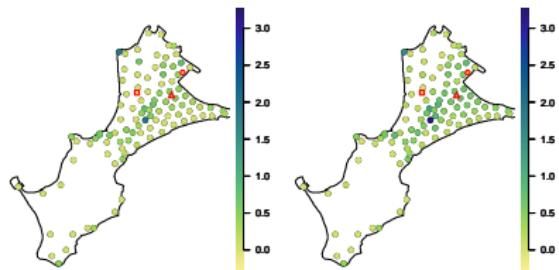
RMSE = 0.034, $Q^2 = 0.991$, $CA_{\pm 2\sigma} = 99.0\%$



Leave-one-out (LOO) test

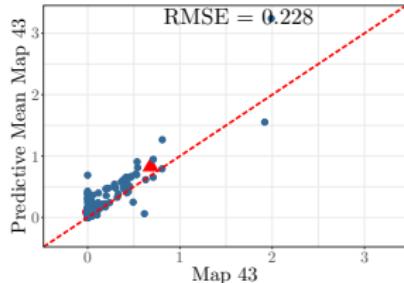
Flooding scenario 43: moderate flood event

■ Town-Hall ● Gym ▲ Sports Field



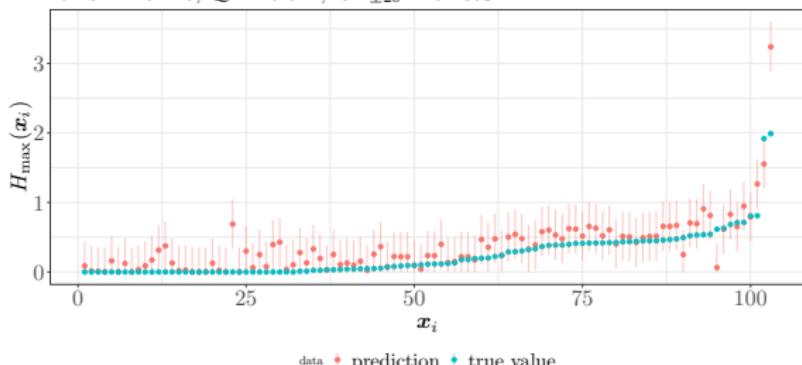
ground truth

prediction



ground truth vs prediction

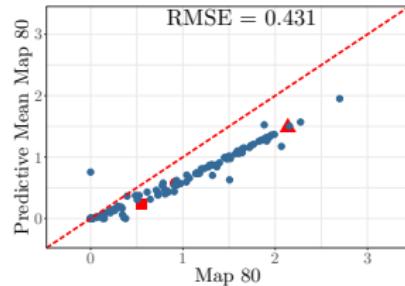
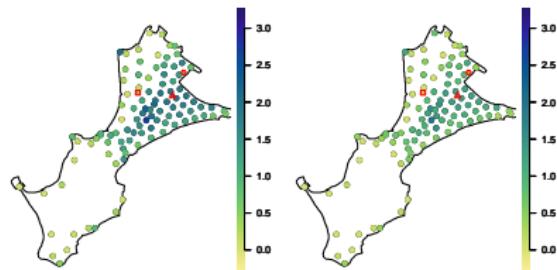
RMSE = 0.228, $Q^2 = 0.624$, $CA_{\pm 2\sigma} = 91.3\%$



Leave-one-out (LOO) test

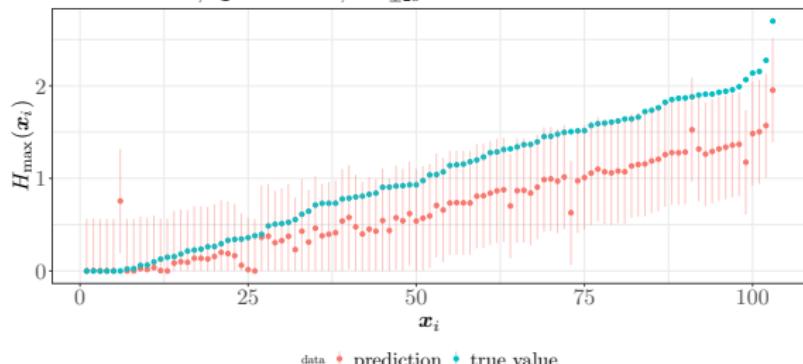
Flooding scenario 80: misprediction

■ Town-Hall ● Gym ▲ Sports Field



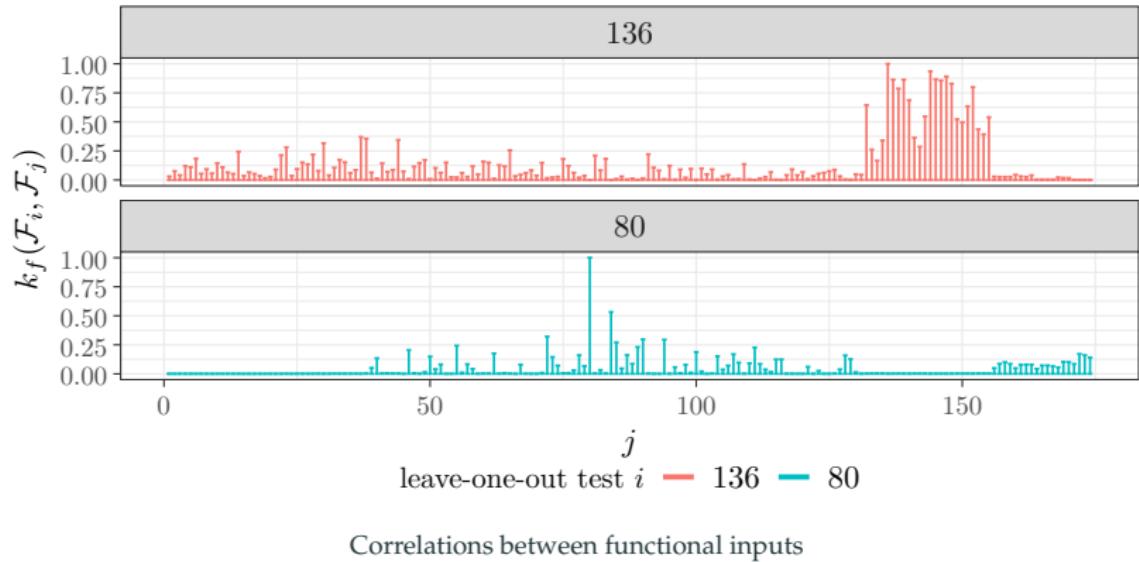
ground truth vs prediction

$$\text{RMSE} = 0.431, Q^2 = -0.340, \text{CA}_{\pm 2\sigma} = 79.6\%$$

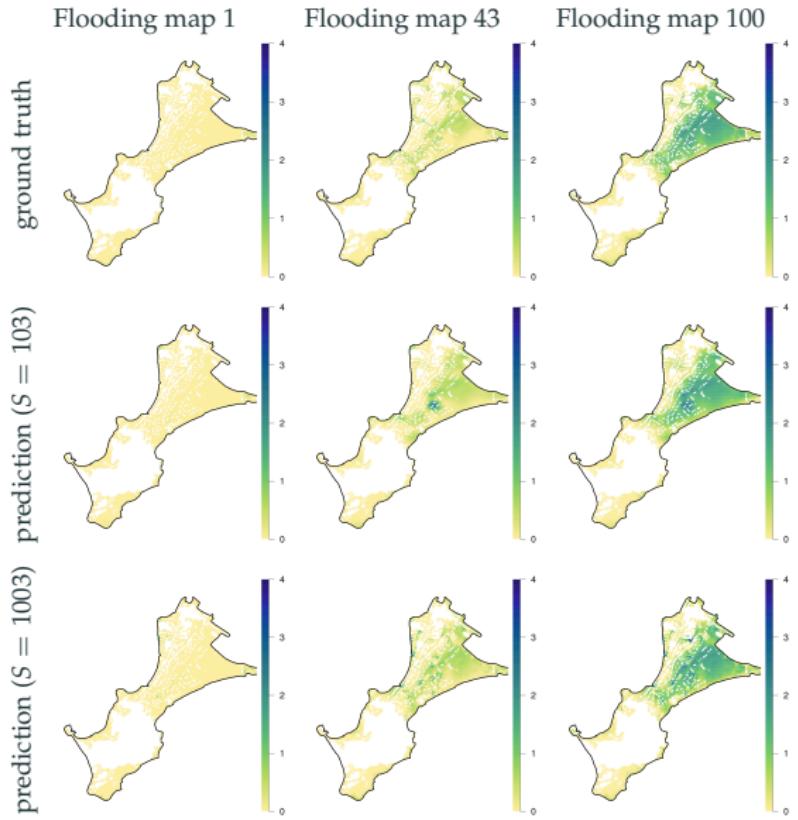


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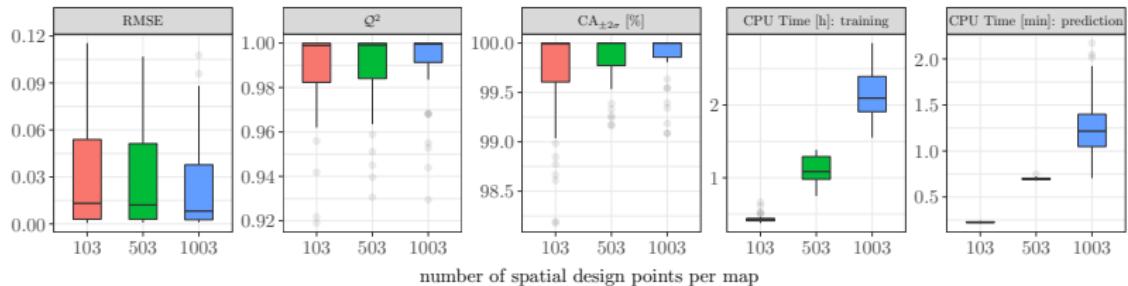
Flooding scenario 80: misprediction (discussion)



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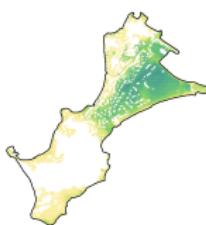


Performance indicators computed on a dataset based on **131 flood events**

Advantages

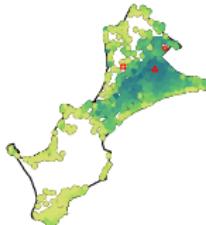
- Approximate predictions under **smoothness assumptions**.

Numerical simulator

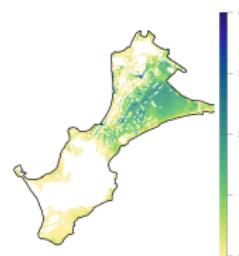


~ 3 days
(~ 65k points)

GP metamodel



~ 2 seconds
(~ 1k points)



~ 1 min
(~ 34k points)

Challenges:

- **Modelling non-stationary spatial data:**
 - e.g. considering non-stationary kernels [e.g., Remes et al., 2017].
- **Dimension reduction of the output space:**
 - e.g. via Wavelets decomposition [e.g., Perrin et al., 2020].

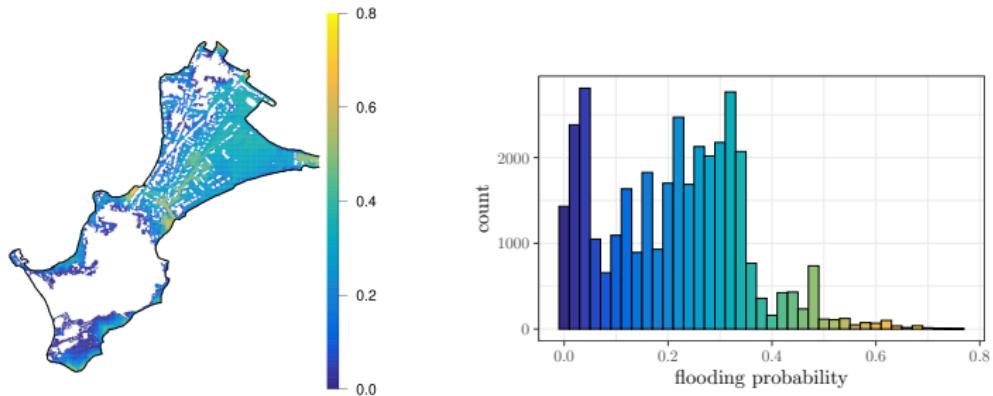
In summary...

- We further investigated a **Multi-output GP-based framework**:
 - It accounts for both **spatial outputs** and **functional inputs**.
 - Regularity assumptions are encoded into **kernel functions**.
- We applied our approach as a **metamodel of coastal computer codes**:
 - **Fast and (locally) accurate predictions** are obtained.
 - The **availability and diversity of learning events** are crucial.
- We provided **Python** and **R codes** (github.com/anfelopera/spatfGPs):
 - **Efficient implementations** are developed based on *sparse-variational inference* or *Kronecker-based operations*.

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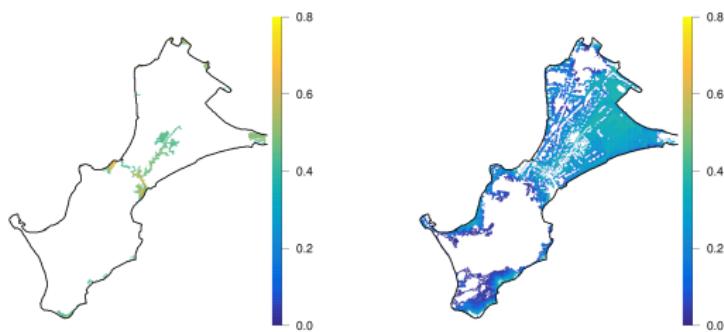
Design of Experiments (DoE)



Non-Zero Empirical Flooding Probability (EFP)

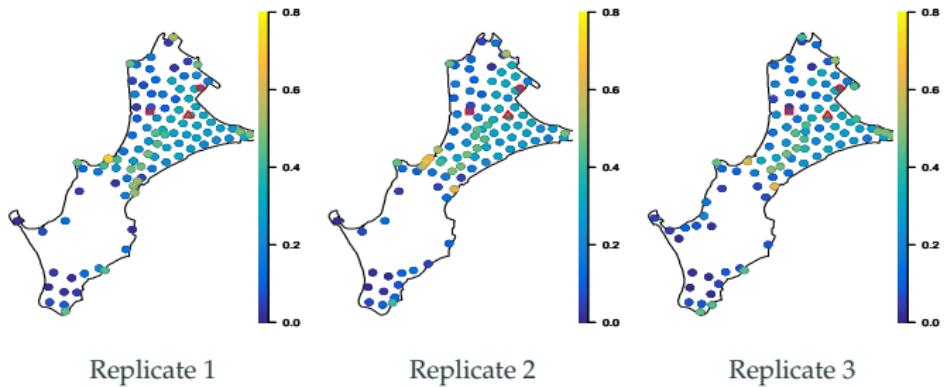
- Since the dataset seems “unbalanced”, we split it into two classes:
 - **Class 1:** spatial locations with $EFP \in [0.4, 0.8]$ ($\sim 2.5k$ points).
 - **Class 2:** spatial locations with $EFP \in (0, 0.4)$ ($\sim 31.5k$ points).

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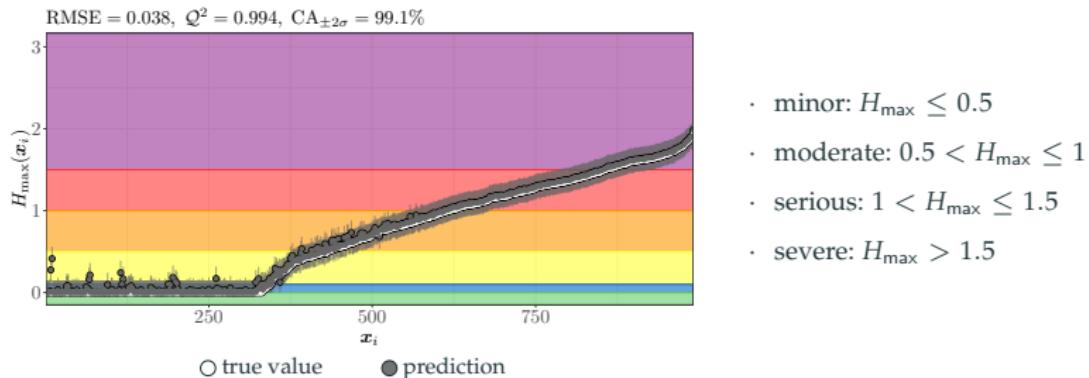


Class 1: EFP $\in [0.4, 0.8]$ Class 2: EFP $\in (0, 0.4)$
Non-Zero Empirical Flooding Probability (EFP)

- We then propose DoEs based on k-means clustering: inputs = (x_1, x_2, EFP)



Assessment using the flood categories from the French Risk Prevention Plan



Flood Category	Proportions [%] per Category								
	Scenario 1			Scenario 43			Scenario 100		
	H_{\max}	$\hat{H}_{\max}^{(103)}$	$\hat{H}_{\max}^{(1003)}$	H_{\max}	$\hat{H}_{\max}^{(103)}$	$\hat{H}_{\max}^{(1003)}$	H_{\max}	$\hat{H}_{\max}^{(103)}$	$\hat{H}_{\max}^{(1003)}$
minor	99.9	99.7	99.6	90.9	86.6	83.3	50.6	51.3	50.8
moderate	0.1	0.3	0.3	7.9	12.0	15.4	16.1	17.3	19.9
serious	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.9	20.0	20.9	18.0
severe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.4	13.4	10.5	11.2

Proportions computed on a dataset based on **131 flood events**