

Bayesian excursion set estimation with GPs

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The framework

In this talk we focus on the problem of determining the set

$$\Gamma^* = \{x \in D : f(x) \in T\} = f^{-1}(T)$$

where $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is compact, $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is measurable, $T \subset \mathbb{R}^k$.

Here: $k = 1$, f is continuous, and $T = (-\infty, t]$ for a fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

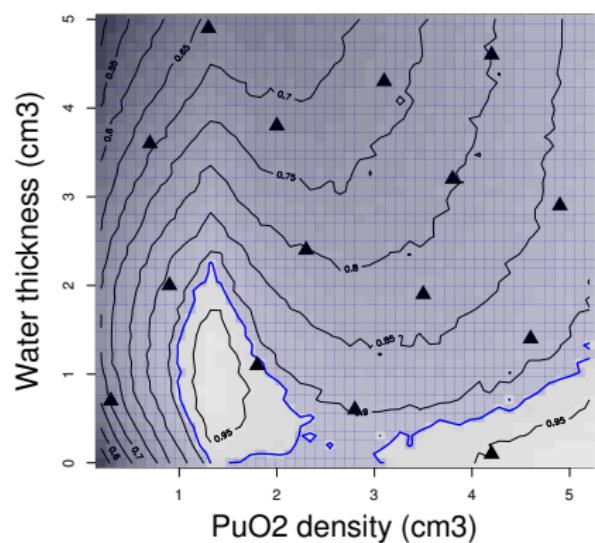
$\Gamma^* = \{x \in D : f(x) \leq t\}$ is denoted the **excursion set of f below t** .

Objective

Estimate Γ^* and quantify uncertainty on it when f is evaluated only at a few points $\mathbf{X}_n = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset D$.

The framework: IRSN test case

Moret test case (k_{eff})



Test case:

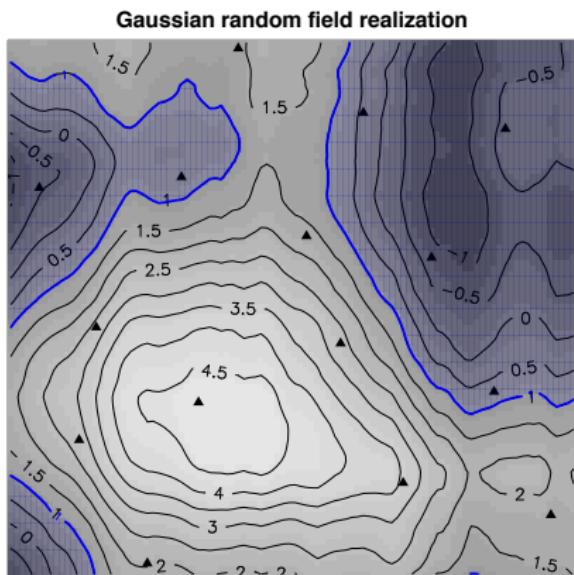
- ▶ k_{eff} function of PuO_2 density and H_2O thickness, $D = [0.2, 5.2] \times [0, 5]$;
- ▶ continuous function, expensive to evaluate;
- ▶ $n = 20$ observations (black triangles);

Objective:

estimate $\Gamma^* = \{x \in D : f(x) \leq t\}$ and evaluate the uncertainty of the estimate.

Acknowledgements: Yann Richet, Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire.

The framework: an example



Function $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- ▶ expensive to evaluate;
- ▶ continuous.

Evaluated at

$\mathbf{X}_n = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ (black triangles)
 with values $\mathbf{f}_n = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n))$.

Objective: estimate

$\Gamma^* = \{x \in D : f(x) \leq t\}$ and
 evaluate the uncertainty of the
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Bayesian approach

Bayesian framework: \mathbf{f} is seen as one realization of a (GRF) $(Z_x)_{x \in D}$ with prior mean m and covariance kernel k .

Given the function evaluations \mathbf{f}_n the posterior field has a Gaussian distribution

$$Z \mid (Z(\mathbf{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n)$$

with mean and covariance kernel

$$m_n(x) = m(x) + k(x, \mathbf{X}_n)k(\mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{X}_n)^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_n - m(\mathbf{X}_n))$$

$$k_n(x, y) = k(x, y) - k(x, \mathbf{X}_n)k(\mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{X}_n)^{-1}k(\mathbf{X}_n, y)$$

Γ^* is a realization of $\Gamma = \{x \in D : Z_x \leq t\} = Z^{-1}((-\infty, t])$

A prior on the space of functions

Assume: f realization of $(Z_x)_{x \in D}$, Gaussian Random Field (GRF)

Prior: $(Z_x)_{x \in D}$ with

- ▶ a.s. continuous paths;
- ▶ Matérn covariance kernel k ($\nu = 3/2$);
- ▶ constant mean function m .

Given $n = 15$ evaluations \mathbf{f}_n at \mathbf{X}_n

Posterior field: $Z \mid Z_{\mathbf{X}_n} = \mathbf{f}_n$
with mean m_n and covariance k_n .

Distribution of excursion sets

The posterior field defines posterior distribution on excursion sets.

$$\Gamma = \{x \in D : Z_x \leq t\}$$

How to summarize the distribution on sets?

The posterior excursion set is a random closed set.

Here we focus on **Expectations** of random closed sets¹

- ▶ Vorob'ev expectation
- ▶ distance average expectation

Conservative estimates, based on Vorob'ev quantiles.

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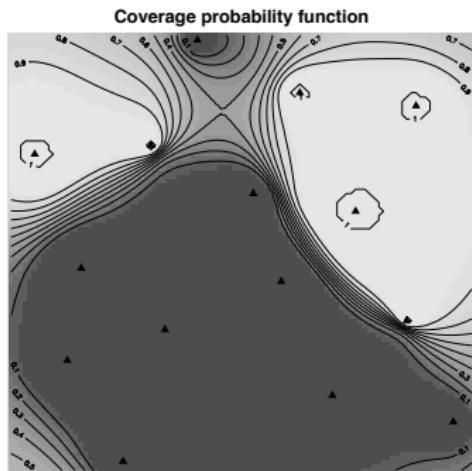
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Vorob'ev quantiles

The function

$$p_n : x \in D \rightarrow p_n(x) = P_n(x \in \Gamma) \in [0, 1]$$

is the **coverage function of Γ** , where $P_n(\cdot) = P(\cdot \mid Z_{\mathbf{X}_n} = \mathbf{f}_n)$.



In the Gaussian case

- ▶ fast to compute

$$p_n(x) = \Phi \left(\frac{m_n(x) - t}{\sqrt{k_n(x,x)}} \right)$$

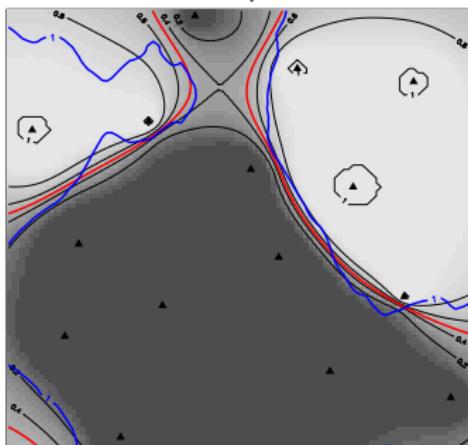
- ▶ marginal statement
- ▶ creates a family of set estimates

$$Q_\rho = \{x \in D : p_n(x) \geq \rho\}$$

Vorob'ev expectation

Consider a Borel measure μ on D . From the family of “quantiles” Q_ρ we can choose $Q_{\tilde{\rho}}$ such that $\mu(Q_{\tilde{\rho}}) = \mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma)]$.

Vorob'ev expectation



Properties:

- ▶ based on the measure μ ;
- ▶ for some choices of μ , fast to compute;
- ▶ no confidence statements on the set.

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Distance average approach

Consider the distance function $d : (x, \Gamma) \rightarrow d(x, \Gamma)$.

Γ is random therefore $d(x, \Gamma)$ is a random variable for each $x \in D$.

Distance average expectation

Given the distance function $d(x, \Gamma)$, the expected distance function

$$\bar{d}(x) = \mathbb{E}[d(x, \Gamma)]$$

The **distance average expectation** of Γ is the set

$$\mathbb{E}_{DF}[\Gamma] = \{x \in D : \bar{d}(x) \leq \bar{\epsilon}\} \quad \text{where}$$

$\bar{\epsilon}$ is chosen in order to obtain a distance function for the set $\mathbb{E}_{DF}[\Gamma]$ as “close” as possible to \bar{d} in a L^2 sense.

An **uncertainty assessment** for the estimate is

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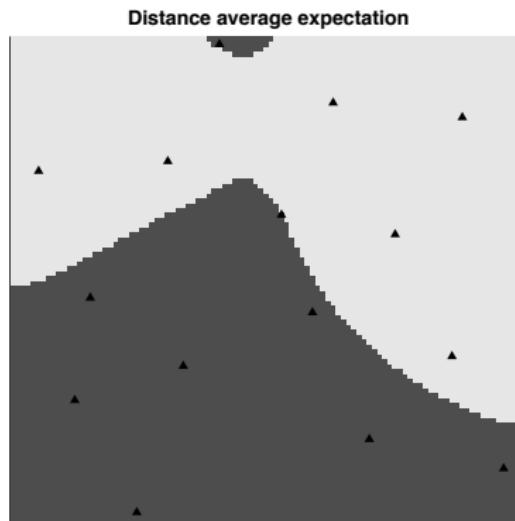
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For each realization of Γ (**expensive!**) we compute the distance function and then consider an average over the functions.

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An approximate Gaussian random field

Assumption: the GRF Z has been evaluated at $x_1, \dots, x_n \in D$.

We denote by $Z_E = (Z_{e_1}, \dots, Z_{e_m})'$ the random vector of values of Z at $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\} \subset D$.

Here we focus on affine predictors of Z of the form

$$\tilde{Z}_x = a(x) + \mathbf{b}^T(x)Z_E \quad (x \in D),$$

where $a : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a trend function and $\mathbf{b} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a vector-valued function of deterministic weights.

Similarly, we approximate Γ by the excursion set of \tilde{Z} :

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = \{x \in D : \tilde{Z}_x \leq t\}$$

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What distance between Γ to $\tilde{\Gamma}$?

Definition: the function

$$(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) \in D \times D \longrightarrow d_{\mu,n}(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) = \mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma_1 \Delta \Gamma_2) \mid Z_{\mathbf{X}_n} = \mathbf{f}_n]$$

is called **expected distance in measure** between Γ_1, Γ_2 .

Proposition: distance in measure between Γ and $\tilde{\Gamma}$

a) If Z and \tilde{Z} are random fields such that Γ and $\tilde{\Gamma}$ are random closed sets, $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is compact and μ is a finite Borel measure on D , we have

$$d_{\mu,n}(\Gamma, \tilde{\Gamma}) = \int \rho_{n,m}(x) \mu(dx) \text{ where}$$

$$\rho_{n,m}(x) = P_n(x \in \Gamma \Delta \tilde{\Gamma}) = \mathbb{P}_n(Z_x \geq t, \tilde{Z}_x < t) + \mathbb{P}_n(Z_x < t, \tilde{Z}_x \geq t)$$

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b) If Z is Gaussian conditionally on Z_{X_n} with conditional mean \mathbf{m}_n and conditional covariance kernel k_n , we get

$$\mathbb{P}_n(Z_x \geq t, \tilde{Z}_x < t) = \Phi_2(\mathbf{c}_n(x, E), \Sigma_n(x, E)),$$

with $\mathbf{c}_n(x, E) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_n(x) - t \\ t - a(x) - \mathbf{b}(x)^T \mathbf{m}_n(E) \end{pmatrix}$

and $\Sigma_n(x, E) = \begin{pmatrix} k_n(x, x) & -\mathbf{b}(x)^T k_n(E, x) \\ -\mathbf{b}(x)^T k_n(x, E) & \mathbf{b}(x)^T k_n(E, E) \mathbf{b}(x) \end{pmatrix}$

Towards an optimal design of simulation points

c) Particular case: If \tilde{Z} is chosen as best linear unbiased predictor of Z given $Z(\mathbf{X}_n)$, then $\mathbf{b}(x) = k_n(E, E)^{-1}k_n(E, x)$ so that

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where $\gamma_n(x, E) = \text{Var}_n[\hat{Z}_x] = k_n(E, x)^T k_n(E, E)^{-1} k_n(E, x)$.

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Procedure overview

Approximate Z at each point with

$$\tilde{Z}_x = a(x) + \mathbf{b}^T(x) Z_E \text{ with } E = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m\}$$

The points in E are chosen with one of the following algorithms:

Algorithm A (Full criterion): sequential minimization of

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with respect to \mathbf{e}_i where $E_i^* = \{\mathbf{e}_1^*, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}^*\} \cup \{\mathbf{e}_i\}$;

Algorithm B (Fast heuristic): sequential maximization of

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Quasi realizations for distance average variability

A.D. and Bect, J. and Chevalier, C. and Ginsbourger, D. (2016) *Quantifying uncertainties on excursion sets under a Gaussian random field prior*. SIAM/ASA J.Uncertainty Quantification, 4(1):850–874. hal-01103644v2.

Test case: negative Branin-Hoo function

Quantity of interest: $DTV_{T,N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|d_N^*(\cdot) - d(\cdot, T_i)\|_2^2$

Experimental set-up:

- ▶ 20 observation points;
- ▶ $N = 10000$ conditional simulations on a 50×50 grid;
- ▶ $K = 100$ replications of each experiment.

Methods:

1. Full Monte Carlo simulations on the grid,
2. Simulations at optimized points (A,B) and interpolation on the same grid.

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Method 1: Full grid simulations

- ▶ Variability:

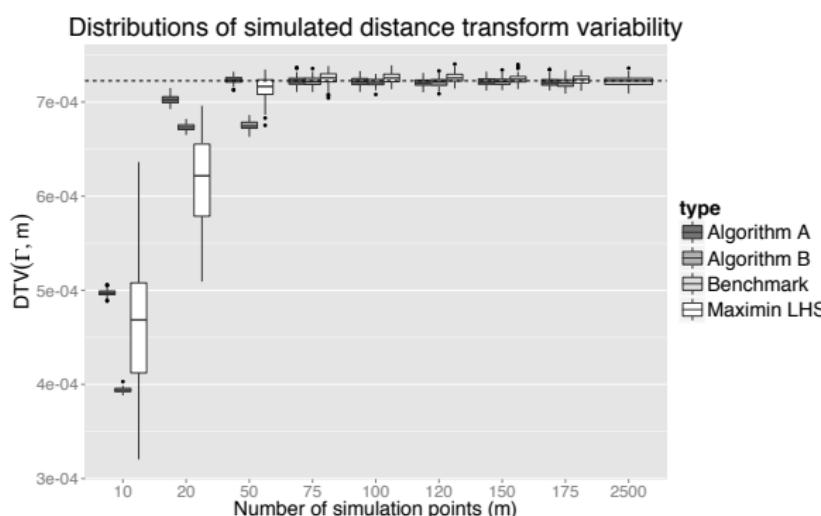
$$\hat{\mathbb{E}} [\text{DTV}_{\Gamma,10000}] = 7.2 \times 10^{-4} (\pm 4.71 \times 10^{-8});$$

$$\widehat{\text{Var}} [\text{DTV}_{\Gamma,10000}] = 2.22 \times 10^{-11} (\pm 3.14 \times 10^{-13});$$

- ▶ total computational cost: **10498 seconds.**

Test case: negative Branin-Hoo function

Method 2: quasi-realizations on 50×50 grid.



Total computing cost

- ▶ Algorithm A, $m = 150$: **11201 sec** (10566 for simulation point optimization)
- ▶ Algorithm B, $m = 150$: **812 sec** (250 for simulation point optimization)
- ▶ LHS, $m = 150$: **691 sec**
(Benchmark: **10498 sec**)

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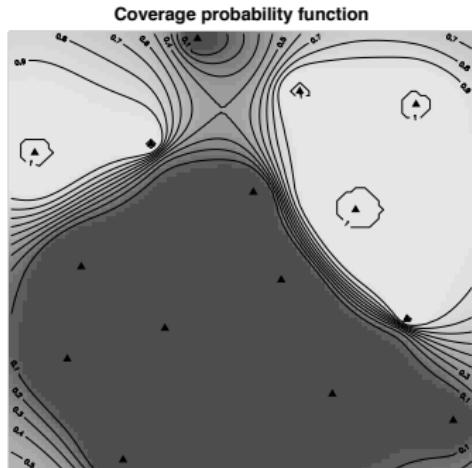
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Vorob'ev quantiles

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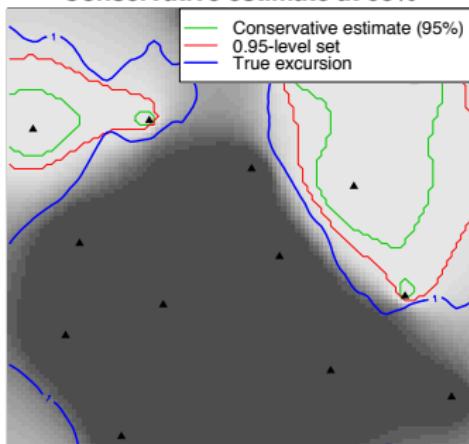
If $\rho = \tilde{\rho}$ we have Vorob'ev expectation

High values of ρ gives us sets with high marginal probability of observing the set.

A **conservative estimate** of Γ^* is

$$C_{\Gamma,n} = Q_{\rho^*} \text{ where } \rho^* \in \arg \max_{\rho \in [0,1]} \{\mu(Q_\rho) : P_n(Q_\rho \subset \{Z_x \leq t\}) \geq \alpha\}$$

Conservative estimate at 95%



- ▶ joint confidence statement on the set estimate;
- ▶ method introduced for Gauss Markov random fields;
- ▶ expensive to compute otherwise.

Bolin, D. and Lindgren, F. (2015). *Excursion and contour uncertainty regions for latent Gaussian models*. JRSS: B, 77(1):85-106.

The computation of conservative estimates

The family of sets Q_ρ is *nested*, therefore we can obtain $C_{\Gamma,n}$ with a **dichotomy on the level ρ** .

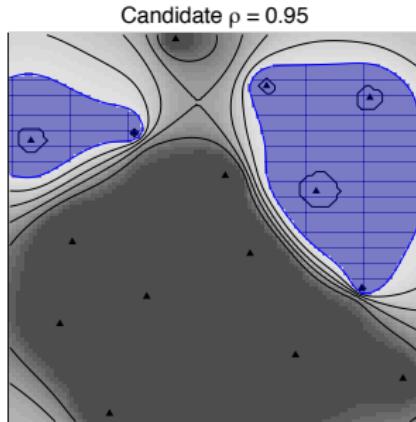
At each iteration of the dichotomy we need to compute

$$P_n(Q_\rho \subset \{Z_x \leq t\}) = P_n(Z_{e_1} \leq t, \dots, Z_{e_k} \leq t),$$

where $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ is a the discretization of Q_ρ .

- ▶ randomized quasi Monte Carlo integration by Genz et al. :
(Fast, reliable, dimension dependent, available only $k < 1000$)
- ▶ standard Monte Carlo.
(dimension independent, many samples for low variance)

A quasi Monte Carlo algorithm for orthant probabilities



$$\begin{aligned} P_n(Q_\rho \subset \{Z_x \leq t\}) &= \\ P_n(Z_{e_1} \leq t, \dots, Z_{e_k} \leq t) &= \\ 1 - P_n(\max_{x \in E} Z_x > t) &= 1 - p \end{aligned}$$

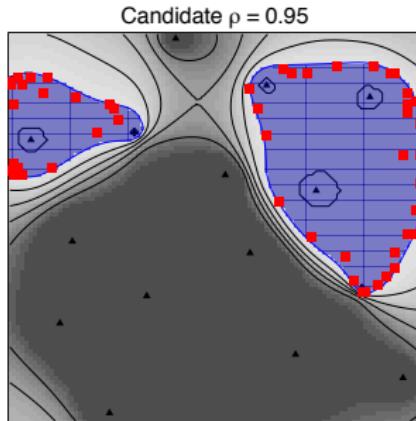
Main idea: $p = P_n(\max_E Z_x > t) = p_q + (1 - p_q)R_q$, where

$$p_q = P_n(\max_{E_q} Z_x > t), \quad R_q = P_n(\max_{E \setminus E_q} Z_x > t \mid \max_{E_q} Z_x \leq t).$$

Genz algorithm (QRSVN)

Monte Carlo methods

A quasi Monte Carlo algorithm for orthant probabilities



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$$\hat{p}_q = 0.47$$

$$\widehat{R}_q = 0.42 \quad \Rightarrow \widehat{p} = 0.69$$

Computation of the remainder

$$R_q = P_n(\max_{E \setminus E_q} Z_x > t \mid \max_{E_q} Z_x \leq t)$$

Standard Monte Carlo:

1. draw realizations z_1^q, \dots, z_s^q from $Z_{E_q} \mid \max_{E_q} Z_x \leq t$;
2. for each z_i^q , draw a realization from $Z_{E \setminus E_q} \mid Z_{E_q} = z_i^q$;
3. Estimate R_q with $R_q^{\text{MC}} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s \mathbf{1}_{\max(Z_{E \setminus E_q}(\omega_i) \mid Z_{E_q} = z_i^q) > t}$

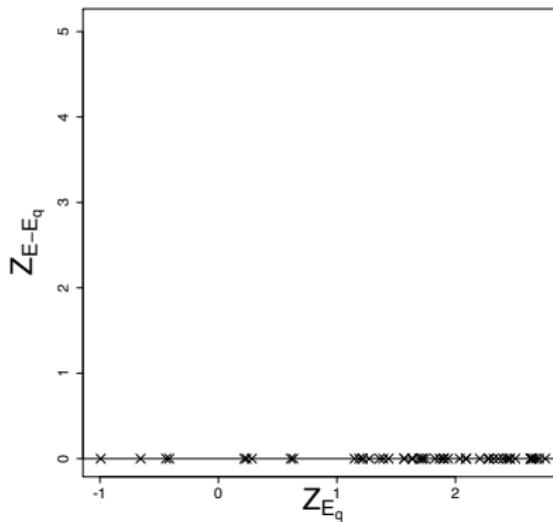
The cost of step 1 is higher than the cost of step 2.

At fixed computational budget we reduce the variance of R_q^{MC} exploiting this difference with **asymmetric nested Monte Carlo**.

Computation of the remainder

At fixed computational budget we reduce the variance of R_q^{MC} drawing many realizations of $Z_{E \setminus E_q} | Z_{E_q} = z_i^q$ for each z_i .

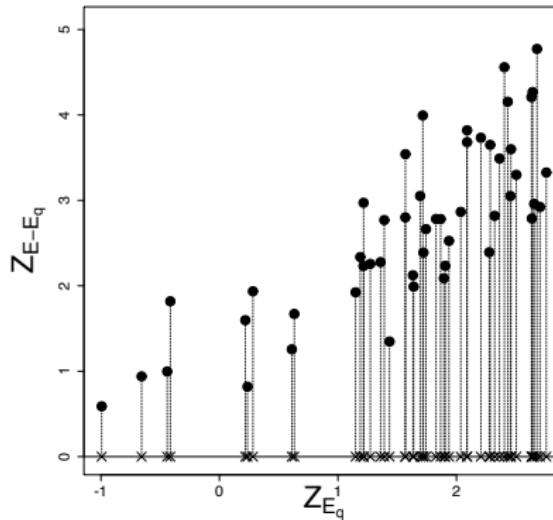
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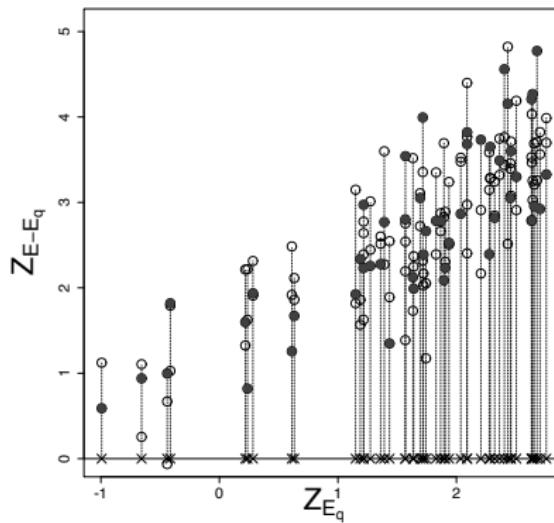
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Asymmetric sampling scheme



Computation of the remainder: asymmetric nested MC

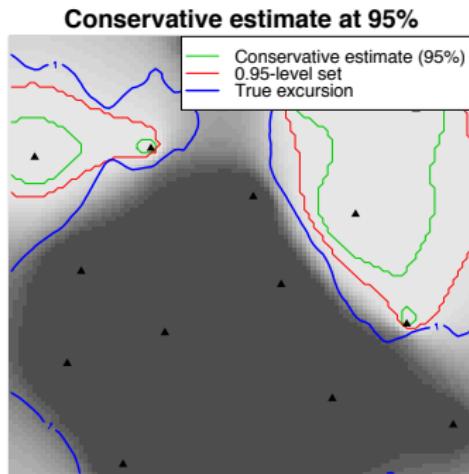
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1. draw realizations z_1^q, \dots, z_s^q from $Z_{E_q} \mid \max_{E_q} Z_x \leq t$;
2. for each z_i^q , draw $m^* > 1$ samples from $Z_{E \setminus E_q} \mid Z_{E_q} = z_i^q$;
3. $R_q^{\text{anMC}} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{m^*} \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^{m^*} \mathbf{1}_{\max(Z_{E \setminus E_q}(\omega_{i,j}) \mid Z_{E_q} = z_i^q) > t}$

$\text{var}(R_q^{\text{anMC}})$ is optimally reduced if: $m^* = \sqrt{\frac{(\alpha+c)B}{\beta(A-B)}}$,
 where $A = \text{var}(\mathbf{1}_{\max(Z_{E \setminus E_q} \mid Z_{E_q}) > t})$, $B = \mathbb{E}[\text{var}(\mathbf{1}_{\max(Z_{E \setminus E_q} \mid Z_{E_q}) > t} \mid \max_{E_q} Z_x \leq t)]$ and
 α, β, c system dependent constants.

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Comparison with standard Monte Carlo



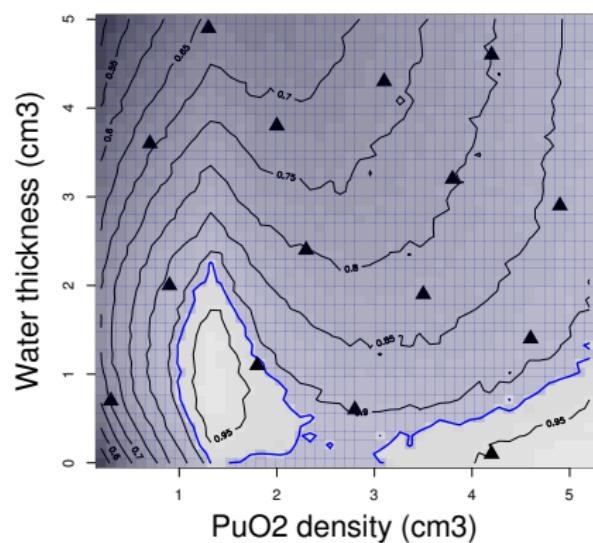
Full discretization: grid 100×100

Time for equivalent estimates:

- ▶ Full MC: 1520 seconds;
- ▶ GMC: 200 seconds;
- ▶ GanMC: 136 seconds.

The IRSN test case

Moret test case (k_{eff})



Test case:

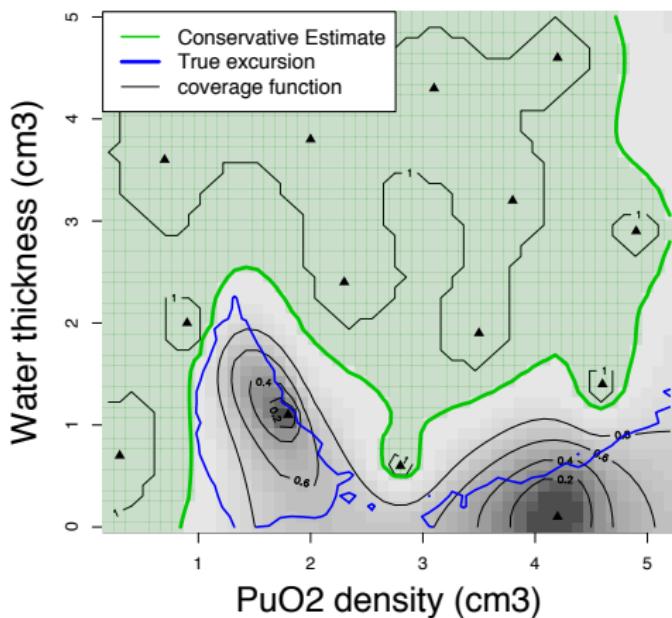
- k_{eff} function of PuO_2 density and H_2O thickness, $D = [0.2, 5.2] \times [0, 5]$;
- $n = 20$ observations (LHS design);
- $\Gamma^* = \{x \in D : k_{\text{eff}}(x) \leq t\}, t = 0.92$

GRF model

- constant prior mean,
 Matérn ($\nu = 5/2$) covariance;
- MLE for parameters.

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Initial design, conservative Estimate



Discretization on grid 50×50 .

Conservative estimate at 95%;

Candidate sets dimension between 1659 and 2084;

Volume of conservative estimate:
 17.36 (true volume 22.0). Sequential

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How to reduce the uncertainty on the estimate?

Stepwise uncertainty reduction: find a sequence of evaluation points X_1, X_2, \dots that optimally reduces the expected uncertainty on the future estimate, i.e. given an initial design \mathbf{X}_n , select

$$X_{n+1} \in \arg \min_{x_{n+1} \in D} \mathbb{E}_n[H_{n+1} \mid X_{n+1} = x_{n+1}]$$

Uncertainty function(s): many possible definitions, here

$$H_{n+1}^{\text{symm}} = \mathbb{E}_{n+1}[\mu(\Gamma \Delta Q_{\rho_{n+1}})], \quad \Gamma \Delta Q_{\rho_{n+1}} = \Gamma \setminus Q_{\rho_{n+1}} \cup Q_{\rho_{n+1}} \setminus \Gamma$$

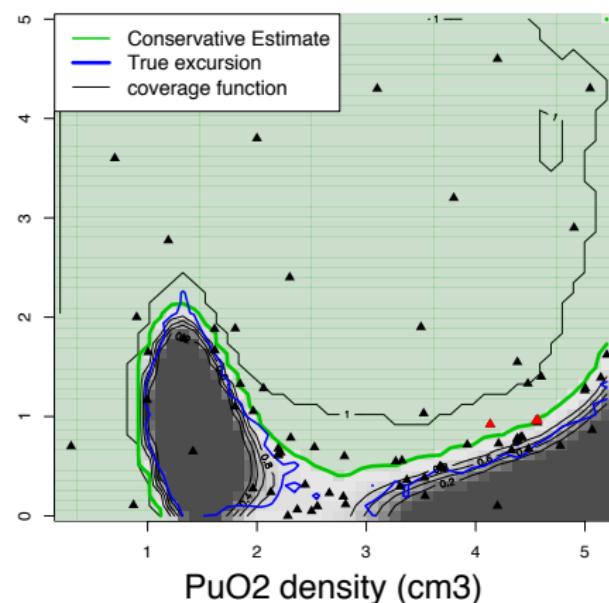
see [Bect et al. (2012), Chevalier et al. (2014)] and references therein for different definitions of H_{n+1} .

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Criterion: $J_{n+q}^{\text{symm}}(\mathbf{x}_q) = \mathbb{E}_n[\mathbb{E}_{n+q}[\mu(\Gamma \setminus C_{\Gamma,n})] \mid \mathbf{X}_{n+q} = \mathbf{x}_q],$

Sequential strategies

Iteration 20, conservative Estimate



$n = 75$ new evaluations;

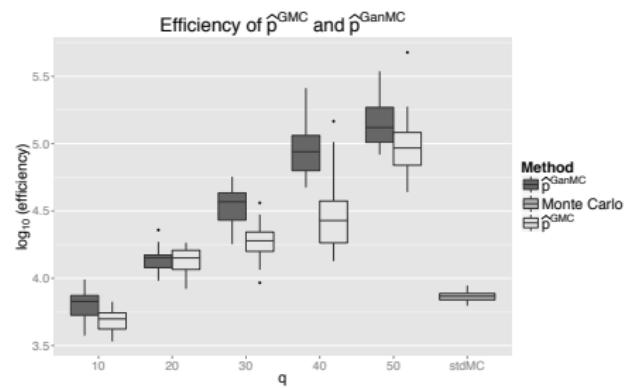
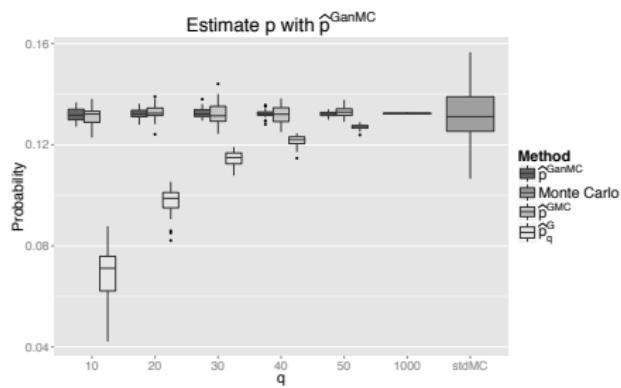
next evaluation chosen in order
to minimize the future expected
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 $\Gamma \setminus Q_{\rho^*}$;

Volume of updated CE: 20.72
(true excursion: 22.0,
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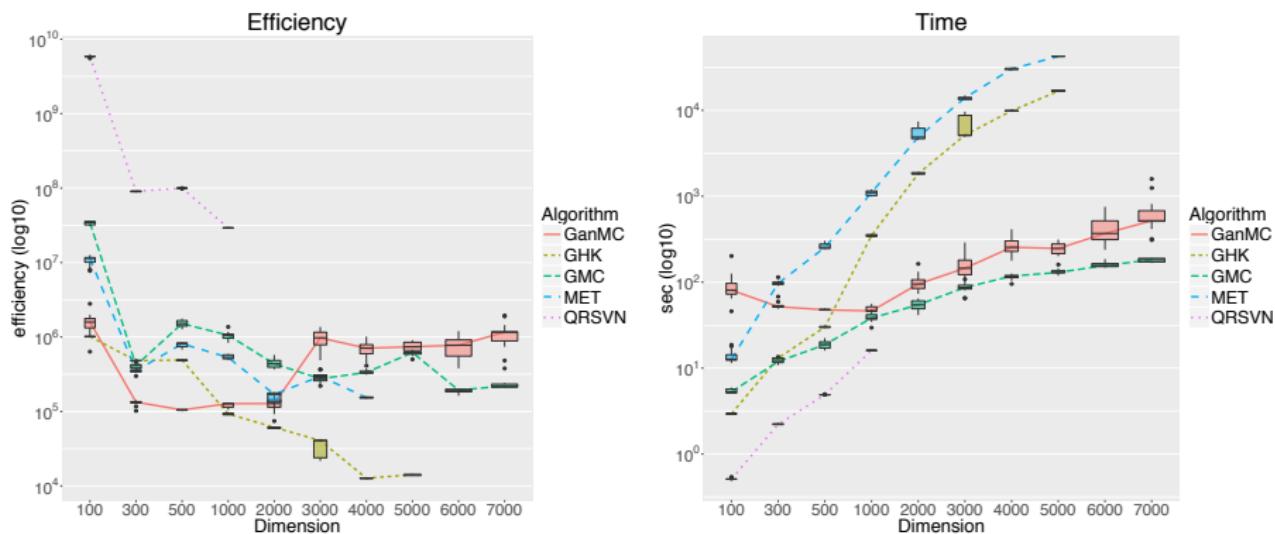
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