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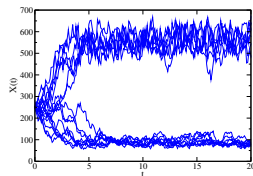
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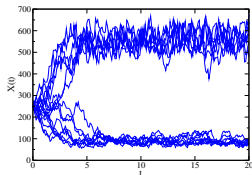
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 - High-dimensional parametric uncertainty (λ)
 - Sampling noise due to limited data $\{X_i\}$
- Expectation $\langle \cdot \rangle$ filters intrinsic noise.
 - Averaging over sample realizations of X
 - Still leftover noise, width $\sim 1/\sqrt{N}$
- Polynomial Chaos expansion to represent input-output relationship
 - Sensitivity analysis
 - Surrogate model for optimization or inverse problems
 - Identify key reaction mechanisms

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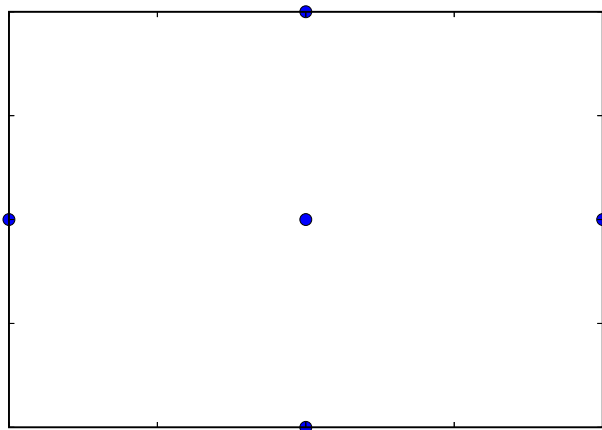
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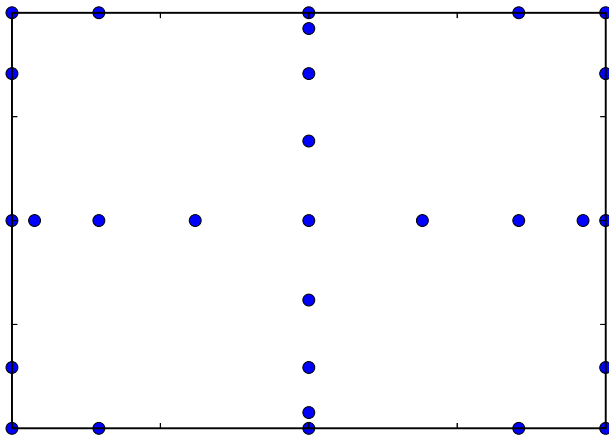
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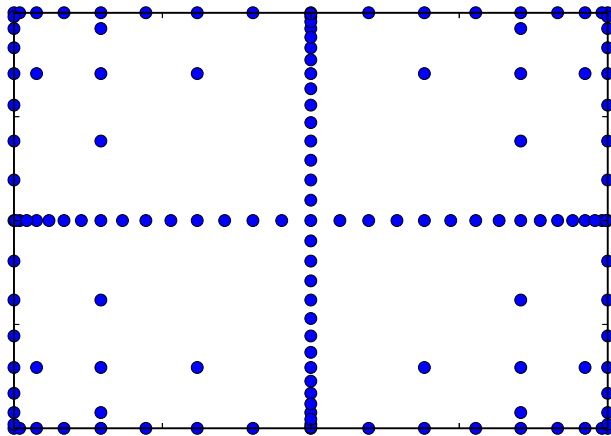
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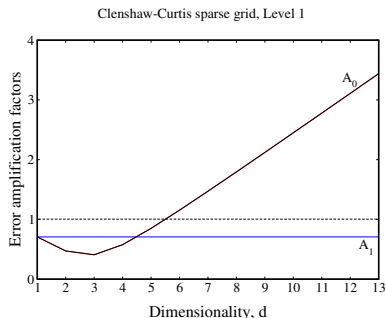
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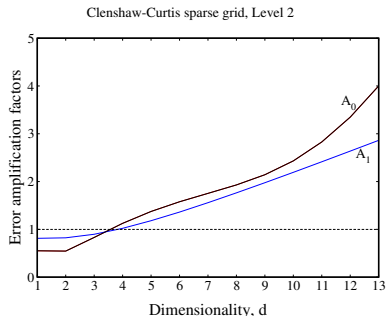
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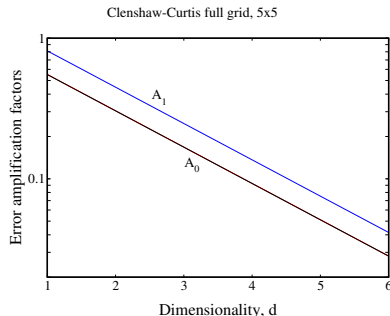
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Bayesian inference handles the intrinsic stochasticity well

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$$\overbrace{P(\mathbf{c}|\mathcal{D})}^{\text{Posterior}} \propto \overbrace{P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{c})}^{\text{Likelihood}} \overbrace{P(\mathbf{c})}^{\text{Prior}}$$

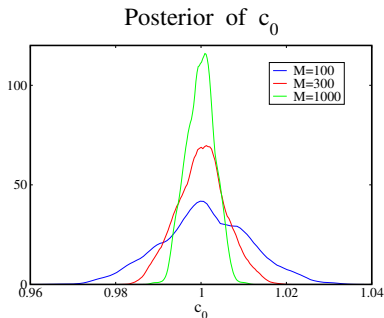
$$L(\mathbf{c}) = P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{c}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^N \prod_{i=1}^N \exp \left(-\frac{(X_i - \sum_{k=0}^P c_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\eta}_i))^2}{2\sigma^2} \right).$$

- Noise model is assumed gaussian with σ from CLT or inferred
- Uniformly distributed priors
- Posterior exploration using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- The whole posterior distribution is accessible,
i.e. uncertain response surface
- Input parameters can have arbitrary values

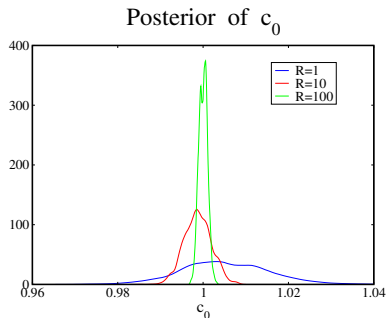
Posterior narrows around the true value as more samples are taken

- M parameter locations
- R replicas per parameter
- Second order Legendre polynomial expansion with unit coefficients.

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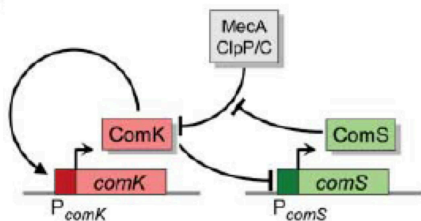
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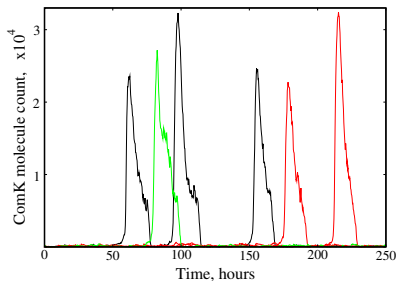
Bacillus subtilis is a soil bacterium

relevant to bioenergy and bioremediation

- 16 reactions, 11 species
- Competence in *B. Subtilis* allows uptake of external DNA
- Rapid rise in transcription factor comK molecules
- Vegetative \rightarrow Competent state transition is driven by stochasticity
- Input parameters: rate constants of underlying reactions (high-d)
- Output observable: probability of competence $P_c = P(X_\infty > 5000)$



Süel et al., Science, 2007



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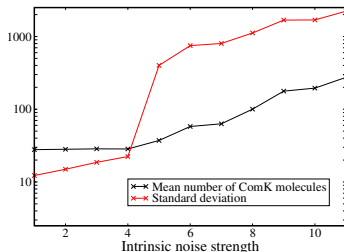
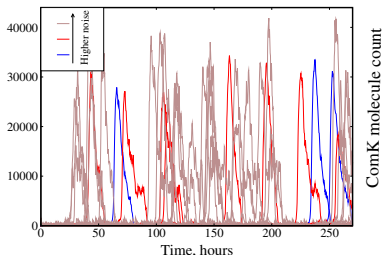
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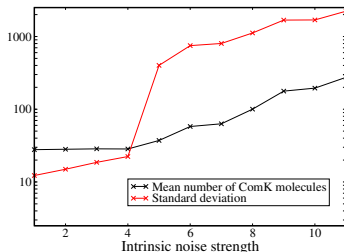
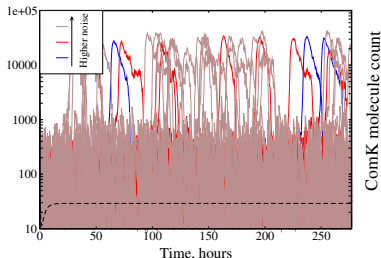
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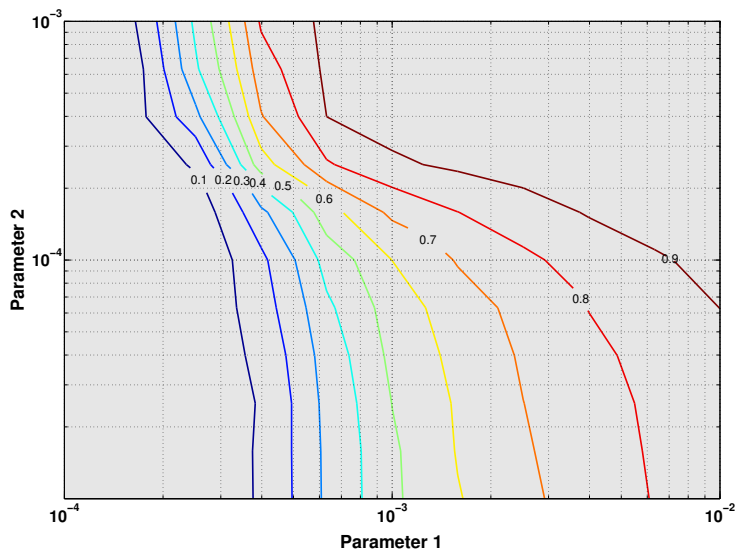
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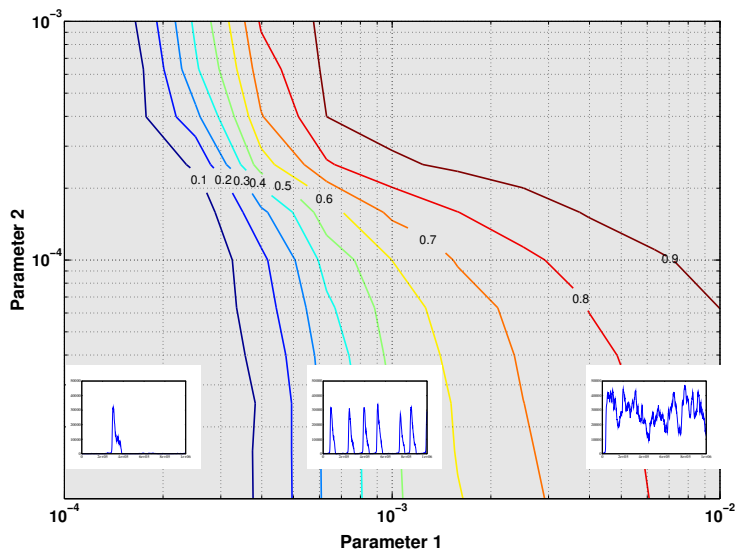
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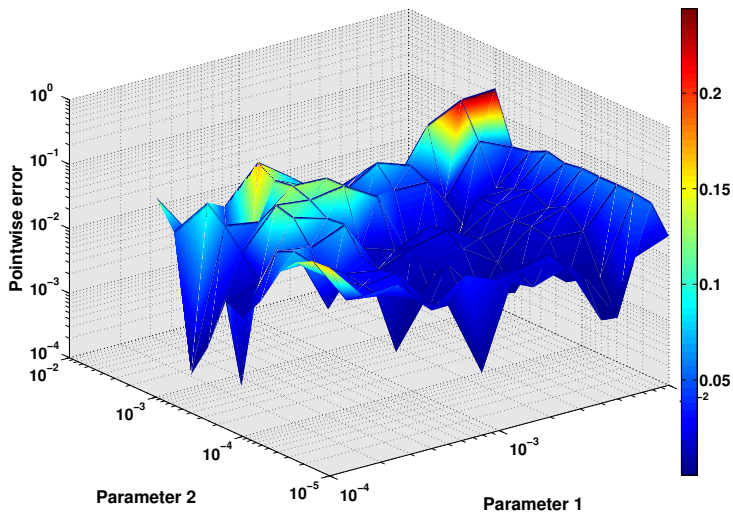
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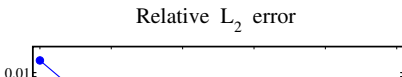
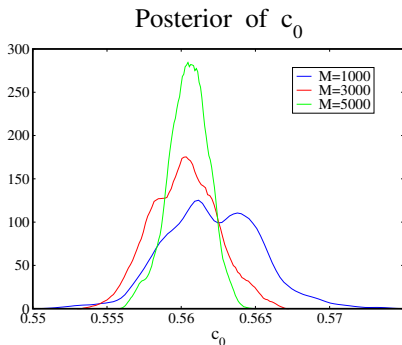
Uncertain response surface in two-parameter case, 4th order PC

Pointwise error in MAP estimate of 4th order PC

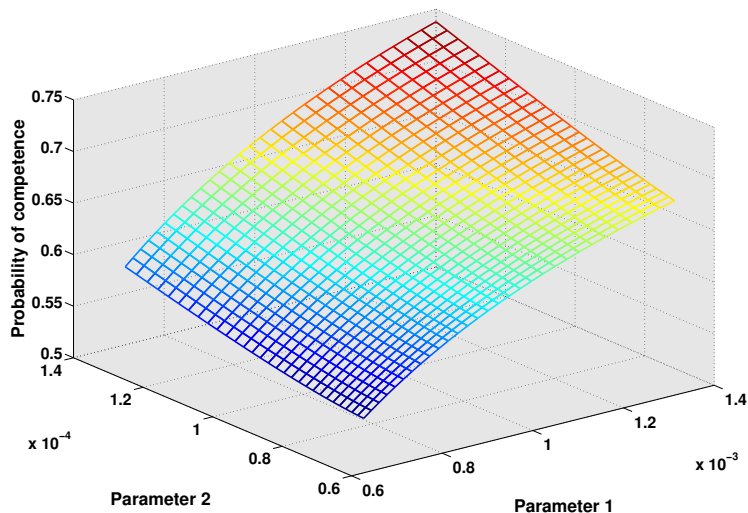


Convergence both in posterior width and order

- With more input parameter samples, posterior narrows around the true value
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MAP estimate of 2-nd order response surface in 10-d case



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- Component function $f_{i_1 \dots i_s}(\lambda_{i_1}, \dots, \lambda_{i_s})$ is found by a $(d - s)$ -dimensional integral. Still too high-dimensional.
- Otherwise called ANOVA decomposition (analysis of variance)
- Exact in the limit, but not unique.

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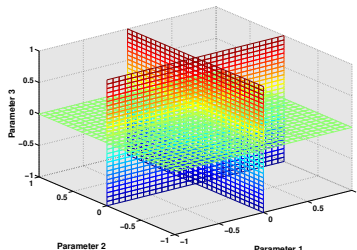
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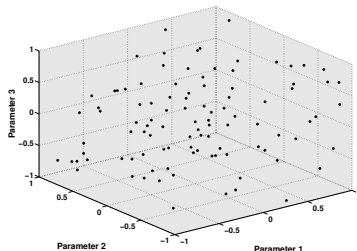
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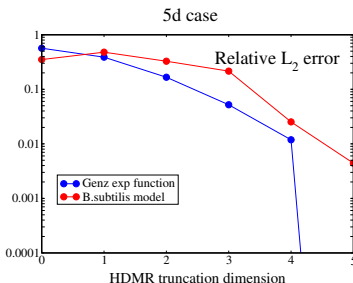
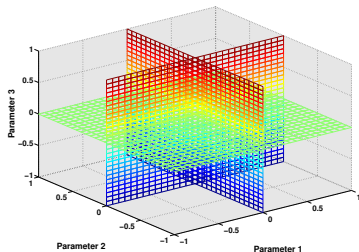


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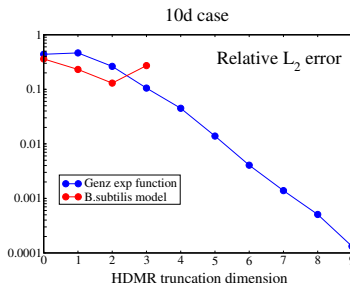
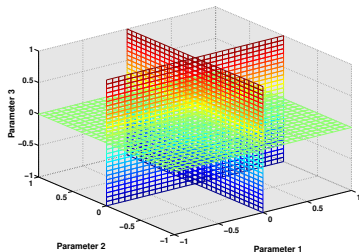


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$$f_{ij}(\lambda_i, \lambda_j) = \int_{R^{d-2}} f(\lambda_i, \lambda_j, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{\bar{ij}}) d\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{\bar{ij}} - f_i(\lambda_i) - f_j(\lambda_j) - f_0$$

- MC integrals still too expensive (new random samples needed for each hyperplane)
- Represent component functions with a polynomial expansion and use same set of samples
- Equivalent to Monte-Carlo PC with reordered multiindices!
 - PC (total order): $f(\xi_1, \xi_2) = 1 + [\xi_1 + \xi_2] + [(\xi_1^2 - 1) + \xi_1 \xi_2 + (\xi_2^2 - 1)] + \dots$
 - RS-HDMR: $f(\xi_1, \xi_2) = 1 + [\xi_1 + (\xi_1^2 - 1)] + [\xi_2 + (\xi_2^2 - 1)] + \xi_1 \xi_2 \dots$
- In future: employ Bayesian inference on component functions.

Summary

- Polynomial Chaos expansions represent effects of uncertainties of input parameters to output statistical properties
 - Sensitivity analysis
 - Uncertainty quantification
 - Response surface construction
- Noise in function evaluations hampers quadrature methods
 - Sparse integration of noisy functions useless in high-d !
- HDMR constructions do not always guarantee accuracy with small computational effort
 - Generally still require high-d integrals
 - cut-HDMR overcomes this requirement but is not accurate enough
- Bayesian inference well-suited to handle noisy data

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