



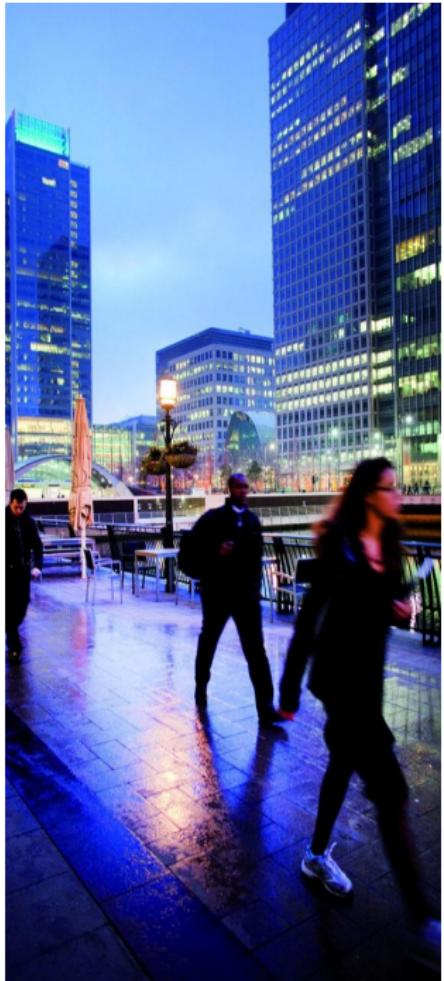
# Metamodels : polynomial chaos expansion and Gaussian process modelling

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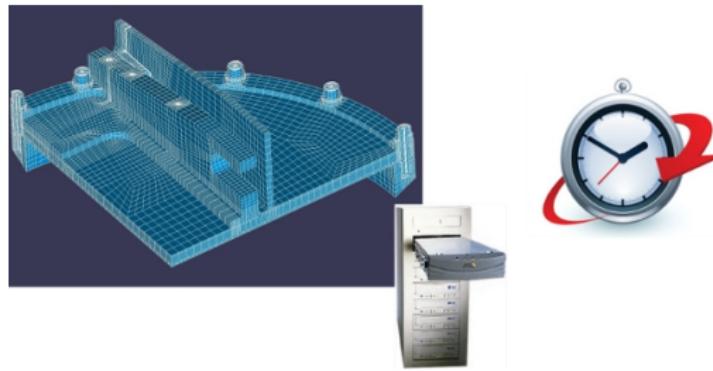
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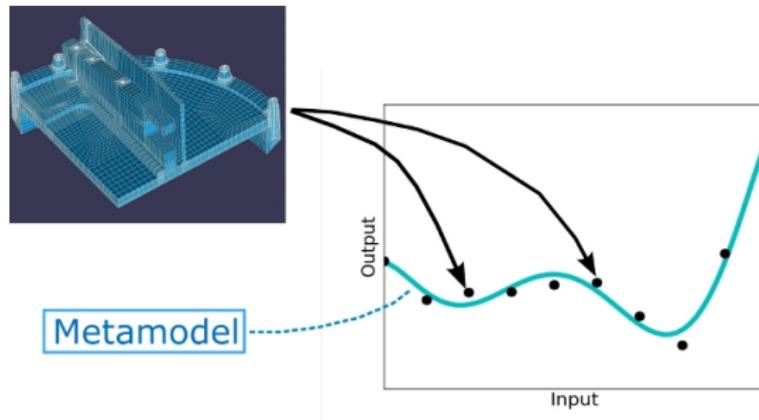
For complex models, a single simulation may take several hours or days to complete.



This makes tasks as optimization, design space exploration, uncertainty propagation and sensitivity analysis impossible in practice.

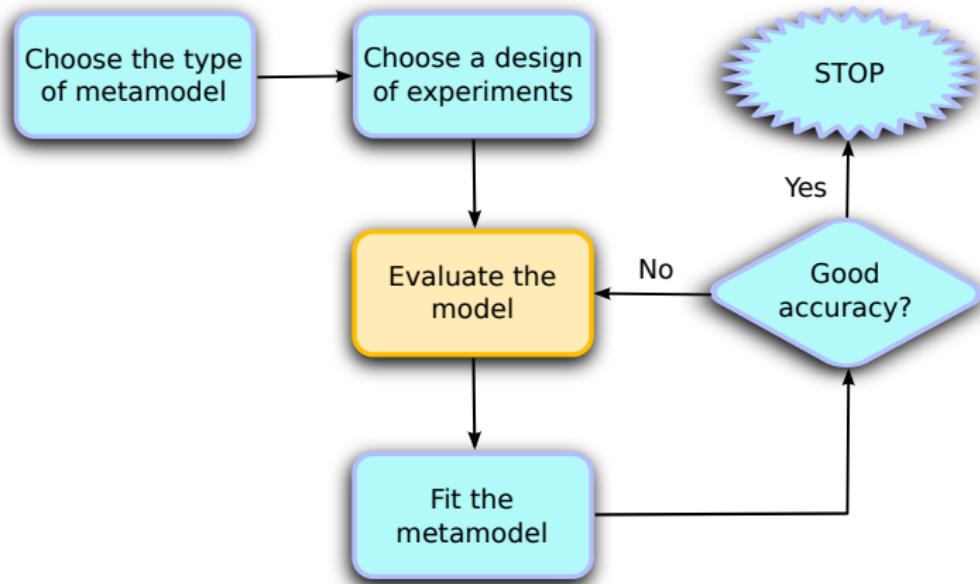
# A remedy named metamodel

Construct approximation models known as **metamodels** that mimic the behaviour of the simulator while being cheaper to evaluate.



Then use the surrogate instead of the simulator in order to perform computationally expensive analyses.

# The major steps for constructing a metamodel



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# Instructive example

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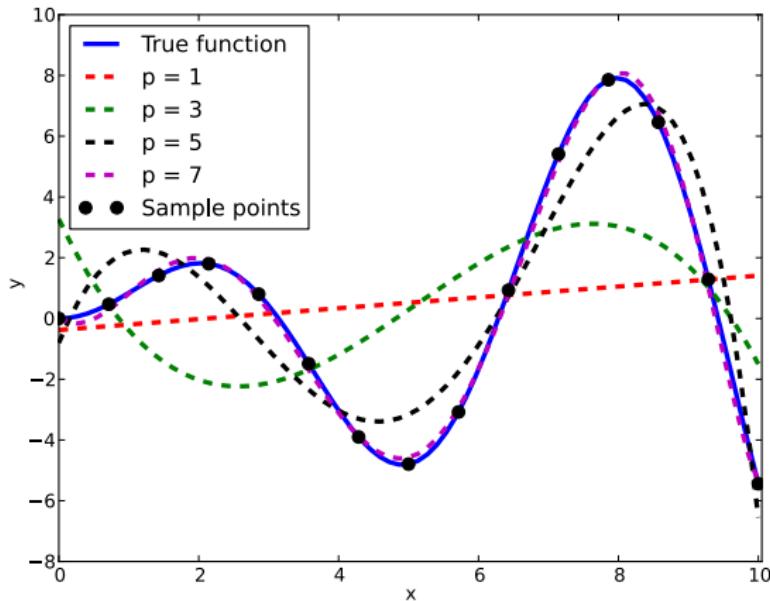
**Polynomial metamodel:**  $\tilde{f}_{\boldsymbol{a}}(X) = \sum_{j=0}^p a_j X^j$

## Coefficients estimation by least squares:

- Design of experiments:  $n$  points  $x^{(i)}$  evenly distributed in  $[0, 10]$  → Vecteurs  $\mathcal{X} = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)})$  et  $\mathcal{Y} = (y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(n)})$
- Design matrix:  $\boldsymbol{\pi} = (x^{(i)^j}, i = 1, \dots, n, j = 0, \dots, p)$
- Coefficients estimation: 
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{a}} = (\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \boldsymbol{\pi})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathcal{Y}$$

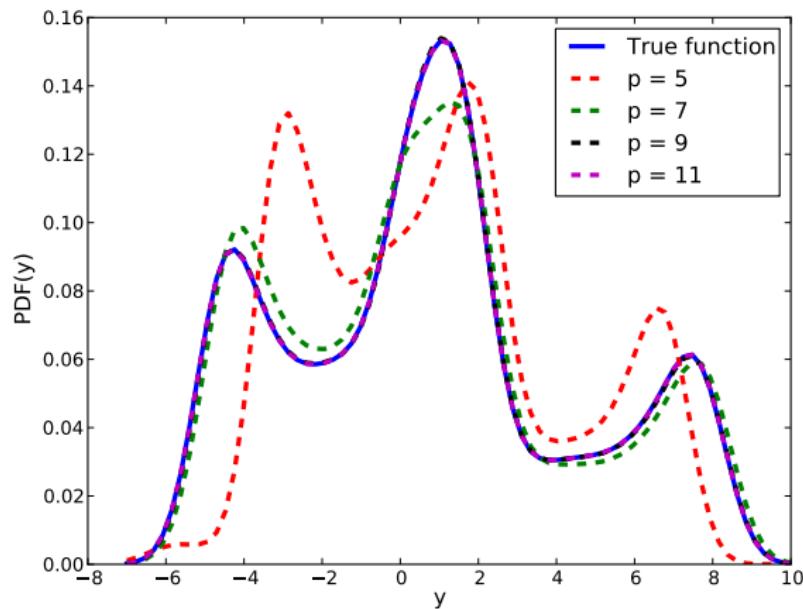
# Convergence with respect to the degree $p$

Design size:  $n = 15$



# Convergence in terms of probability density function (PDF)

Evaluation of the PDF of each metamodel  $\tilde{f}_a(X)$  based on 50,000 realizations of  $X$



# Estimation of the moments of $Y$

Naive strategy: Evaluate  $\tilde{f}_a(X)$  for a large number of realizations of  $X$  and compute the sample moments of the set of results

Drawback: The results are affected by a sampling error

Alternative: Derive analytically the moments by using centered and orthonormal polynomials

# Centered and orthonormal polynomials

- Let  $(\pi_j)_{j=0,1,2,\dots}$  be a family of polynomials
- The polynomials are said to be centered w.r.t the random variable  $\xi$  IFF :

$$\mathbb{E} [\pi_i(\xi)] \equiv \int_{\mathcal{D}_\xi} \pi_i(u) f_\xi(u) du = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 1$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_\xi$  and  $f_\xi(u)$  are the support the PDF of  $\xi$

- They are said to be orthonormal w.r.t the random variable  $\xi$  IFF :

$$\mathbb{E} [\pi_i(\xi) \pi_j(\xi)] \equiv \int_{\mathcal{D}_\xi} \pi_i(u) \pi_j(u) f_\xi(u) du = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Case of a uniform variable – Legendre polynomials

- Let the random variable :  $\xi \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1])$
- The orthonormal polynomials w.r.t  $\xi$  are the Legendre polynomials:

$$\pi_0(\xi) = 1 , \quad \pi_1(\xi) = \sqrt{3}\xi , \quad \pi_2(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}(3\xi^2 - 1) , \quad \dots$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\pi_i(\xi)] = 0 , \quad \forall i \geq 1 \quad \text{et} \quad \mathbb{E}[\pi_i(\xi) \pi_j(\xi)] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Instructive example – Legendre approximation

- Model:  $Y = f(X) = X \sin X$ ,  $X \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 10])$
- Change of variable:  $\xi \equiv \frac{X}{5} - 1$ ,  $\xi \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1])$
- Metamodel called “polynomial chaos”:

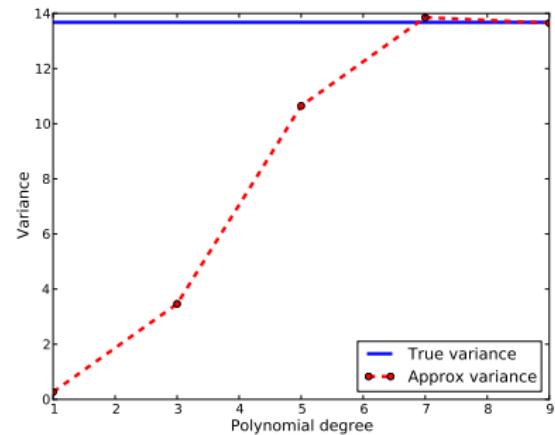
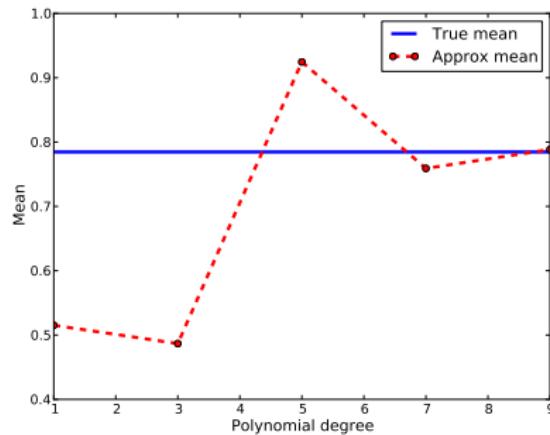
$$\tilde{f}_{\mathbf{a}}(X) = \tilde{h}_{\mathbf{a}}(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^p a_j \pi_j(\xi)$$

where the  $\pi_j$ 's are the Legendre polynomials and the  $a_j$ 's are the least squares coefficients

- Closed-form formulas of the moments:

$$\mathbb{E} [\tilde{f}_{\mathbf{a}}(X)] = a_0, \quad \text{Var} [\tilde{f}_{\mathbf{a}}(X)] = \sum_{j=1}^p a_j^2$$

# Convergence of the moments



Accurate moment estimates from  $p = 7$

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# Instructive example with a Gaussian variable

**Model:**  $Y = f(X) = X \sin X$  ,  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(5, 1)$

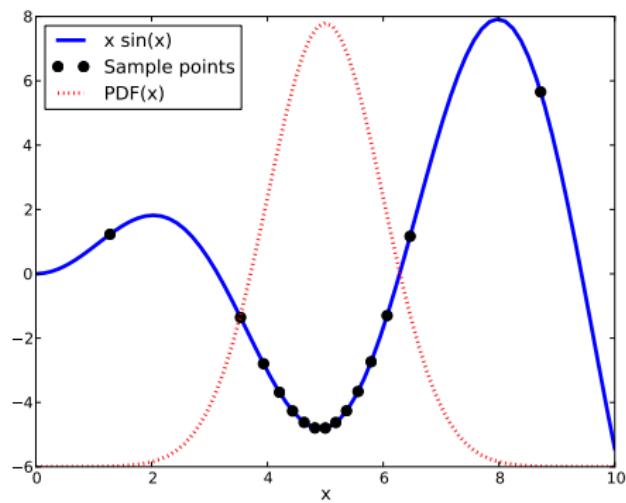
**Change of variable :**  $\xi \equiv X - 5$  ,  $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

**Polynomial chaos:**  $\tilde{f}_{\alpha}(X) = \tilde{h}_{\alpha}(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^p a_j \pi_j(\xi)$

where the  $\pi_j$ 's are the **Hermite polynomials** which are centered and orthonormal w.r.t  $\xi$

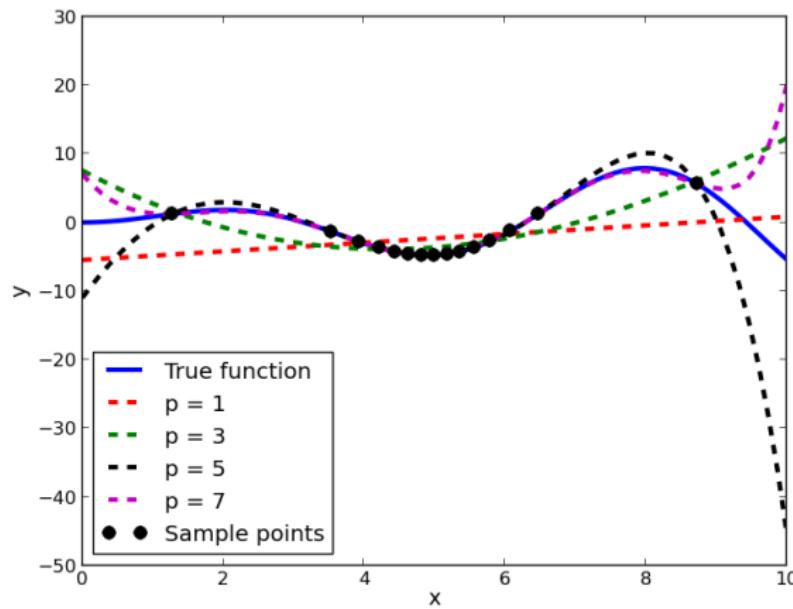
# Design of experiments to compute the coefficients

- Sampling of the  $x^{(i)}$ 's according to the PDF  $\mathcal{N}(5, 1)$

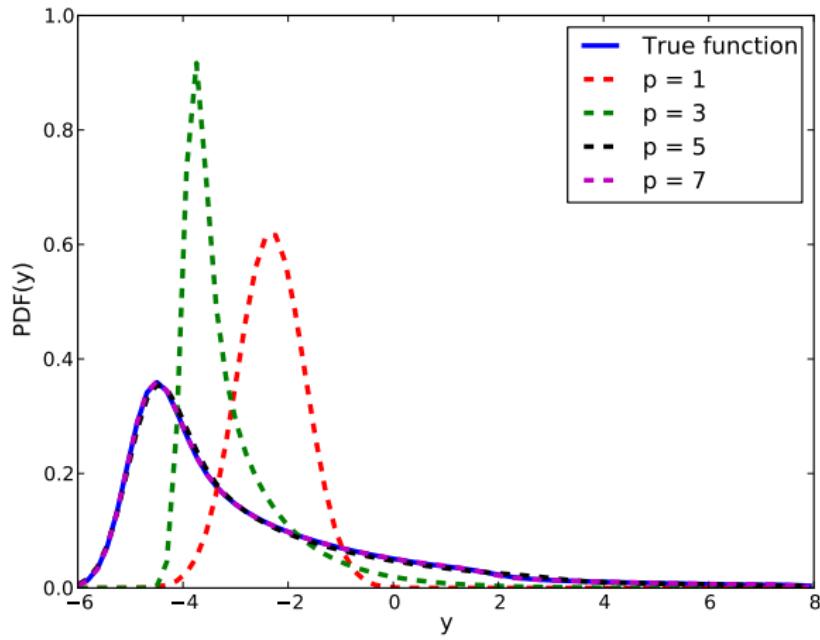


- Change of variable for each realization:  $\xi^{(i)} = x^{(i)} - 5$

# Approximation of the output



# Approximation of the output PDF



# Classical families of polynomials

Sudret, HDR(2008)

PDF of $\xi$	Support	Polynomials
Normal (Gaussian)	$\mathbb{R}$	Hermite
Uniform	$[-1, 1]$	Legendre
Gamma	$(0, \infty)$	Laguerre
Chebyshev	$(-1, 1)$	Chebyshev
Beta	$(-1, 1)$	Jacobi

# Change of variable

**General formula**

$$\xi = F_{\xi}^{-1}[F_X(X)]$$

where  $F_{\xi}$  and  $F_X$  are the (known) cumulative distribution functions of  $\xi$  and  $X$

## Guidelines for choosing the couple ( $\xi$ , polynomials)

- If the type of the  $X$  PDF belongs to the table of classical families, select the  $\xi$  with the same PDF (e.g.  $\mathcal{N}(210, 18) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ )
- Otherwise, select a  $\xi$  with the same type of support (infinite, semi-bounded or bounded) as  $X$

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$$X_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 10]) \quad , \quad X_2 \sim \mathcal{LN}(5, 1)$$

**Changes of variable :**

- $\xi_1 = X_1/5 - 1$  ,  $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1]) \rightarrow$  Legendre polynomials
- $\xi_2 = \exp(X_2) - 5$  ,  $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \rightarrow$  Hermite polynomials

# Construction of a bivariate orthonormal basis

- Legendre polynomials:

$$\pi_0^{(1)}(\xi_1) = 1 \quad , \quad \pi_1^{(1)}(\xi_1) = \sqrt{3}\xi_1 \quad , \quad \pi_2^{(1)}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}(3\xi_1^2 - 1) \quad , \quad \dots$$

- Hermite polynomials:

$$\pi_0^{(2)}(\xi_2) = 1 \quad , \quad \pi_1^{(2)}(\xi_1) = \xi_2 \quad , \quad \pi_2^{(2)}(\xi_2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\xi_2^2 - 1) \quad , \quad \dots$$

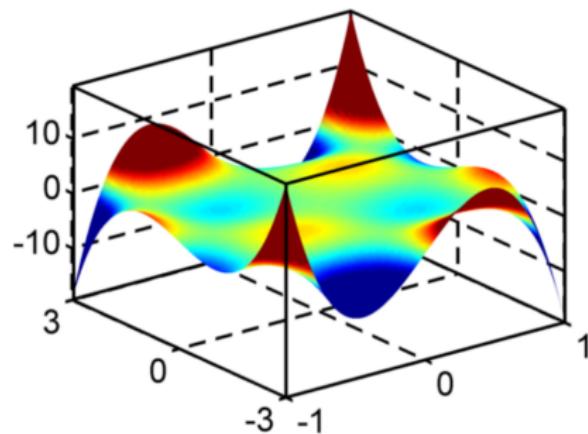
- Construction of bivariate polynomials:

$$\psi_{0,0}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \pi_0^{(1)}(\xi_1) \times \pi_0^{(2)}(\xi_2) = 1$$

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$$\psi_{1,2}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \pi_1^{(1)}(\xi_1) \times \pi_2^{(2)}(\xi_2) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\xi_1(\xi_2^2 - 1)$$

# Construction of a bivariate orthonormal basis



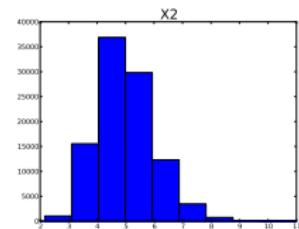
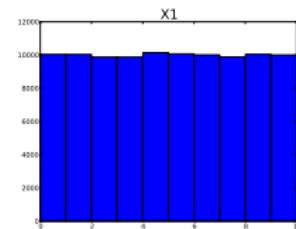
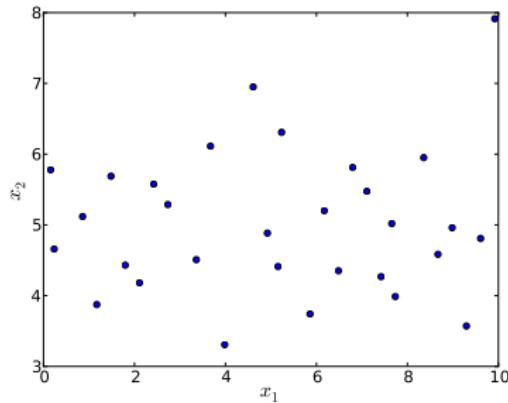
$$\psi_{3,3}(\xi_1, \xi_2)$$

# Fitting of a polynomial chaos approximation

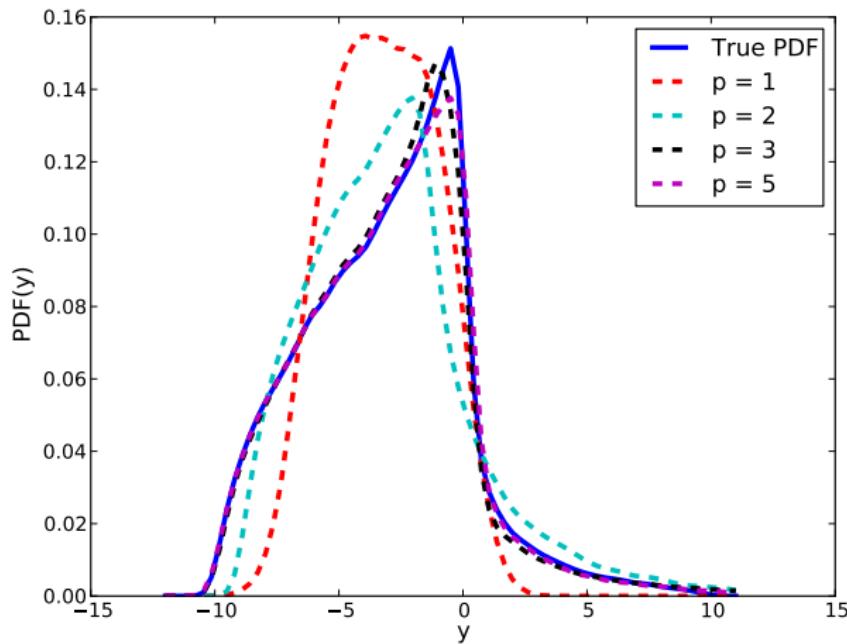
“Hybrid” Legendre-Hermite polynomial chaos:

$$\tilde{f}_{\boldsymbol{a}}(X_1, X_2) = \tilde{h}_{\boldsymbol{a}}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \sum_{i_1+i_2 \leq p} a_{i_1, i_2} \psi_{i_1, i_2}(\xi_1, \xi_2)$$

Quasi-random design of experiments ( $n = 30$ ):



# Convergence of the output PDF



# Multivariate polynomial chaos

- Consider the model:

$$Y = f(\mathbf{X}) \quad , \quad \dim(\mathbf{X}) = M \quad , \quad \dim(Y) = 1$$

- Assumption: independence of the components of  $\mathbf{X}$
- Approximation by tensorizing the 1D scheme:

$$\tilde{f}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i_1 + \dots + i_M \leq p} a_{i_1, \dots, i_M} \pi_{i_1}^{(1)}(X_1) \times \dots \times \pi_{i_M}^{(M)}(X_M)$$

The centering and orthonormality properties still hold  
→ Closed-form formulas of the moments  
and the Sobol' sensitivity indices

# Sobol' sensitivity indices

**Sobol' sensitivity indices:** Quantify the part of the variance of  $Y$  that is due to the variance of each variable  $X_i$

**Definition:**

$$S[X_i] = \frac{\text{Var}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X_i]]}{\text{Var}[Y]}$$

Direct estimation from model evaluations can reveal inaffordable!

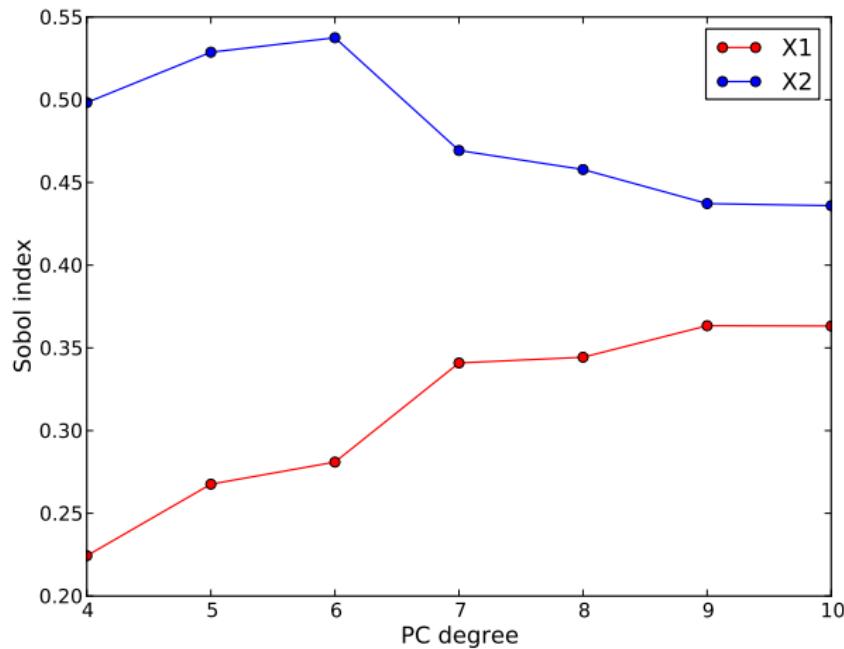
**Estimation of the numerator from the chaos proxy :**

$$\text{Var}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X_i]] \approx \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_i} a_j^2$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_i$  is set of the “multi-indices”  $j$  such that  $j_k = 0$  if  $k \neq i$

Sensitivities to interactions can also be derived!

# Instructive example – Convergence of the Sobol' indices



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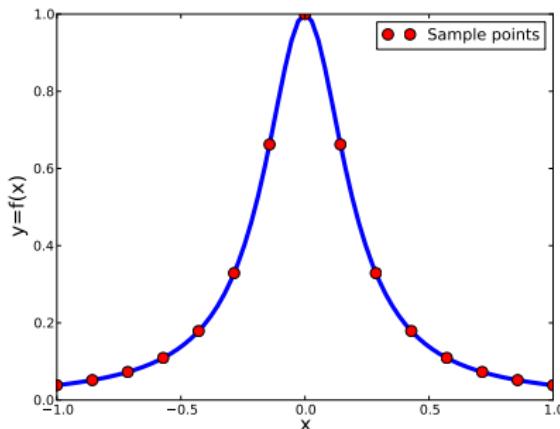
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# Runge function

**Model:**  $Y = f(X) = \frac{1}{1 + 25X^2}$ ,  $X \equiv \xi \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1])$

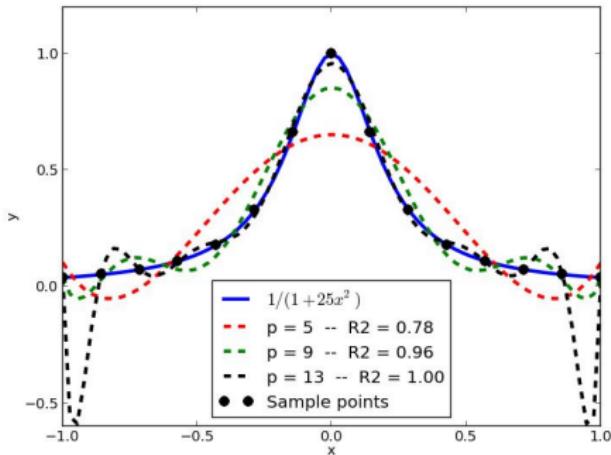
**Design of experiments:**  $n = 15$  points  $x^{(i)}$  evenly located over  $[-1, 1]$



**Legendre chaos approximation :**  $Y \approx \tilde{f}_a(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^p a_j \pi_j(\xi)$

# The $R^2$ accuracy estimator

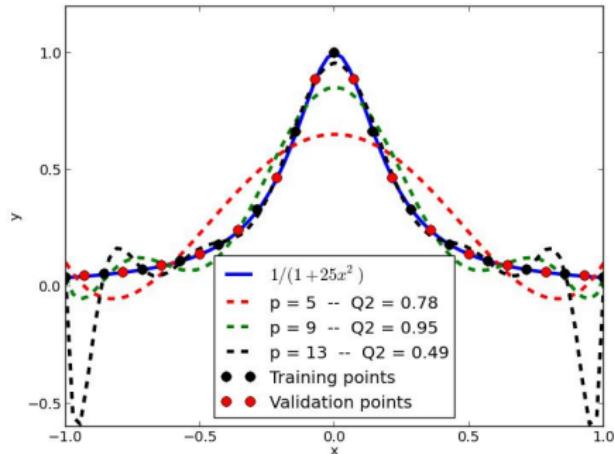
$$R^2 = 1 - Err \quad , \quad Err \propto \sum_{i=1}^n \left( f(\xi^{(i)}) - \tilde{f}_a(\xi^{(i)}) \right)^2$$



**Problem :**  $R^2$  increases with the error (overfitting)  $\rightarrow$  Not reliable estimator

## Alternative: use of an independent validation set

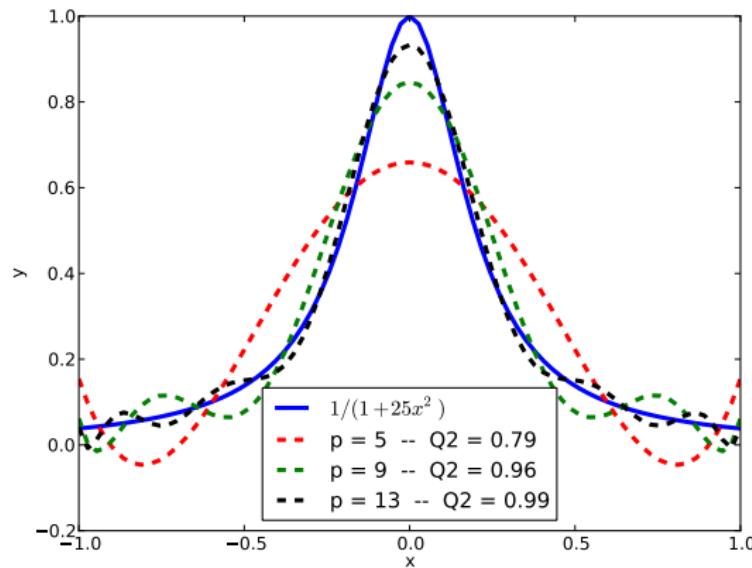
- Sampling of  $m$  new points  $\{x'^{(1)}, \dots, x'^{(m)}\}$
- Calculation of the  $R^2$  counterpart from these points → Coefficient  $Q^2$



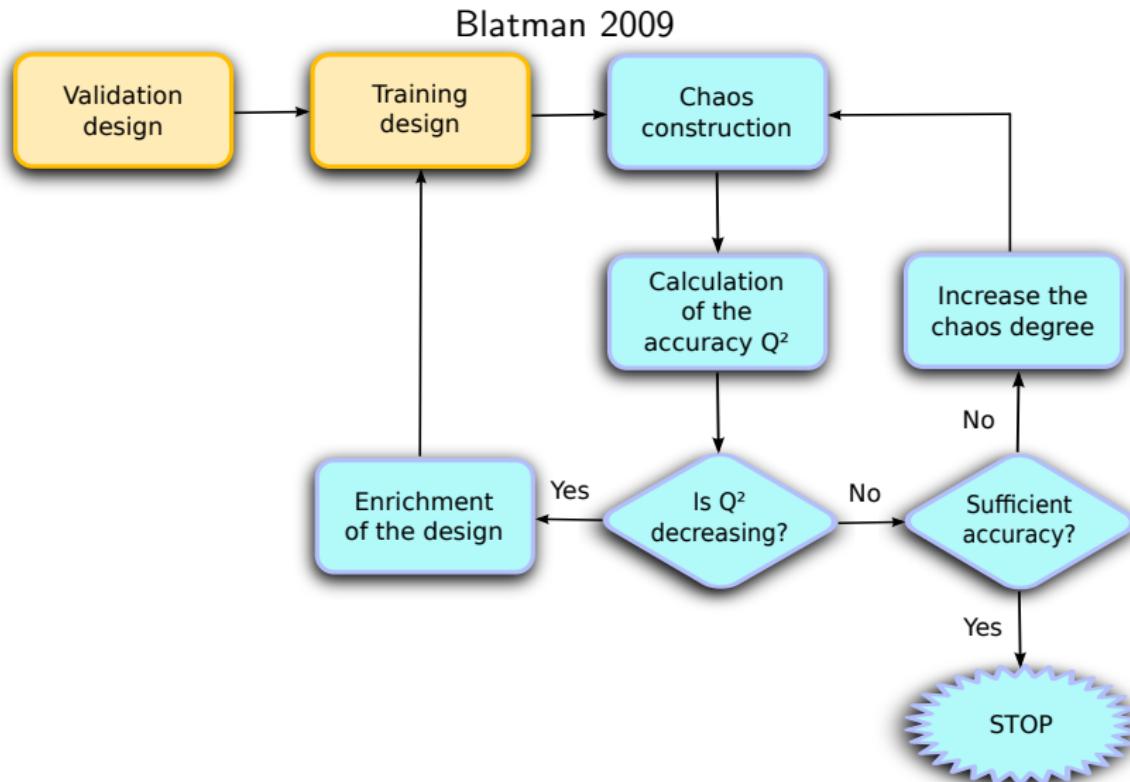
$Q^2$  “detects” overfitting → More reliable estimator

# Improving the approximation by adding design points

Addition of 15 new points in the design of experiments



# Adaptive construction of an “optimal” polynomial chaos



## Some remarks

- There exists other methods to estimate the coefficients ([numerical integration](#))
- The design size  $n \ll$  the number of chaos coefficients: risk of [overfitting](#)
  - Obtaining an accurate approximation in high dimensions ( $\geq 10$  input parameters) is uneasy

### Solution:

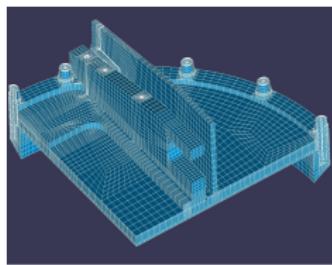
[sparse adaptive PCE \(Least Angle Regression\)](#)

Blatman & Sudret 2011

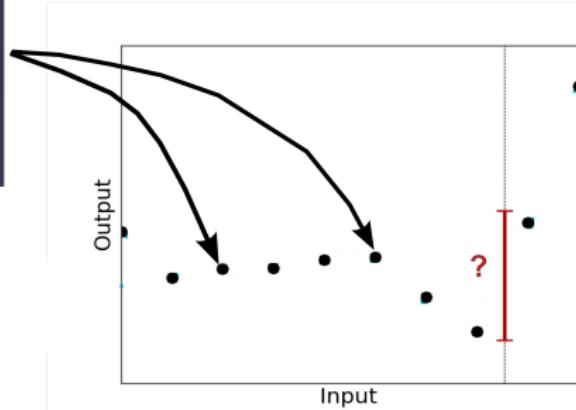
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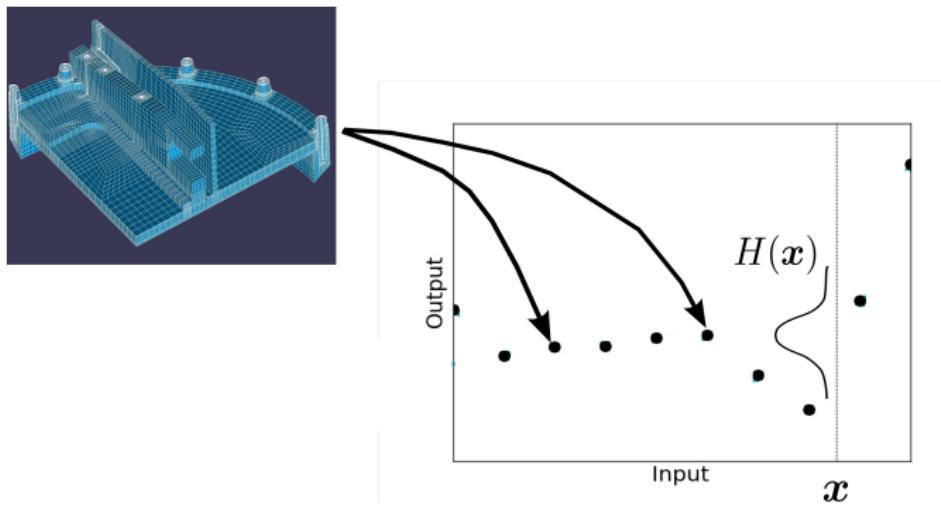
# Prediction at a new point (1)



Output value at a new location?



## Prediction at a new point (2)



**Assumption:** The response is a realization of a Gaussian random variable whose moments depend on the design points

# Gaussian process assumption

The model output is a realization of a Gaussian random process of the form :

$$H(\boldsymbol{x}, \omega) = \boxed{r(\boldsymbol{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}} + \boxed{Z(\boldsymbol{x}, \omega)}$$

Trend (deterministic)

Linear regression  
on a fixed basis

Random fluctuations

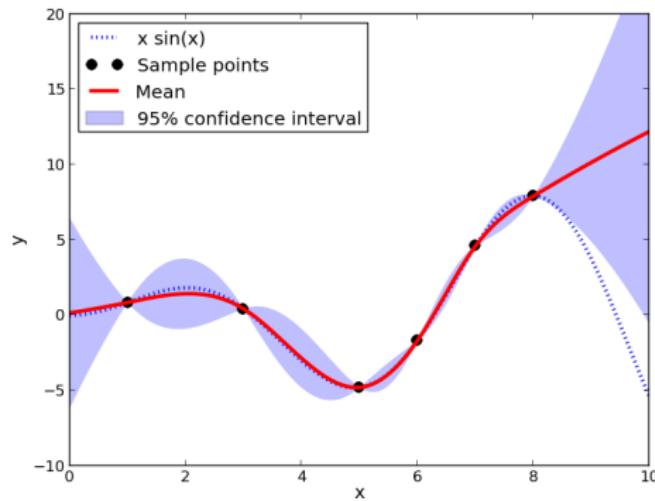
Zero-mean and  
stationary  
Gaussian process

$$\text{Cov}_Z(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}') = \sigma^2 \rho(\|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}'\|)$$

## Kriging

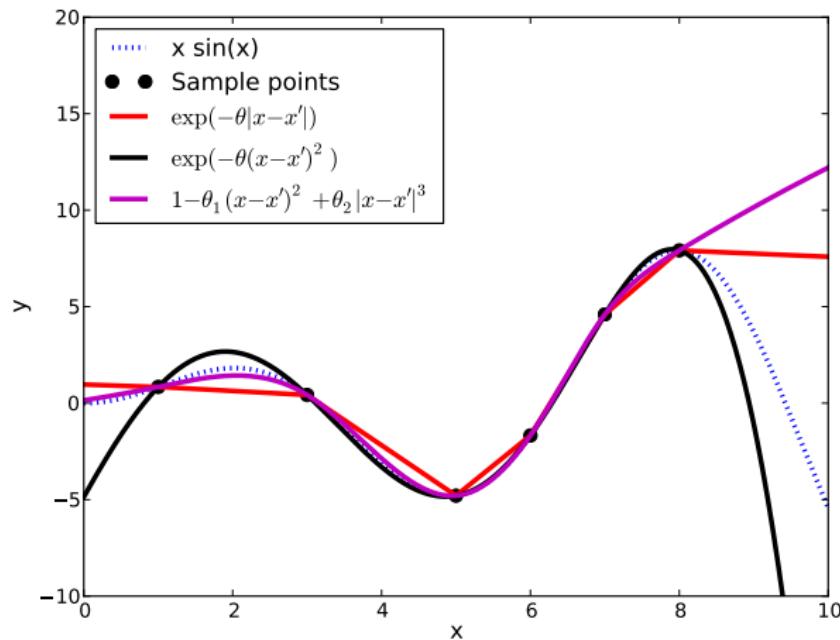
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$$H(x, \omega) = r(x) \cdot \beta + Z(x, \omega), \quad \text{Cov}_Z(x, x') = \sigma^2 e^{-\theta(x-x')^2}$$



- The mean is used as a **metamodel** (interpolator)
- The prediction bands are used as **error indicators**

# Influence of the autocorrelation function



The autocorrelation function type has an effect on the metamodel

# Expressions of the mean and the variance

Notations:  $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \{\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \dots, \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(N)})\}^\top$

$$\mathbf{R} \equiv (r_j(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}, \quad \mathbf{K} \equiv (\rho(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$$

Mean: 
$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{r}^\top(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{k}^\top(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{K}^{-1}(\mathcal{Y} - \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

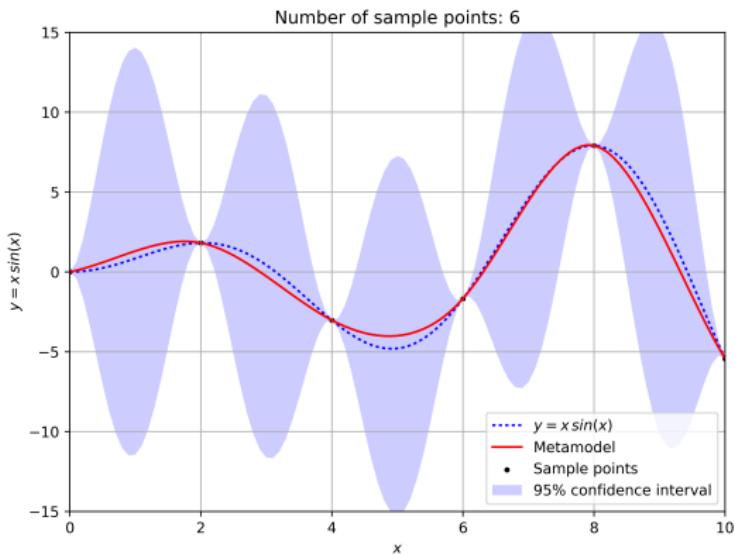
Variance: 
$$\sigma^2(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma^2 - \mathbf{k}^\top(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{k}^\top(\mathbf{x})$$

# Parameter fitting

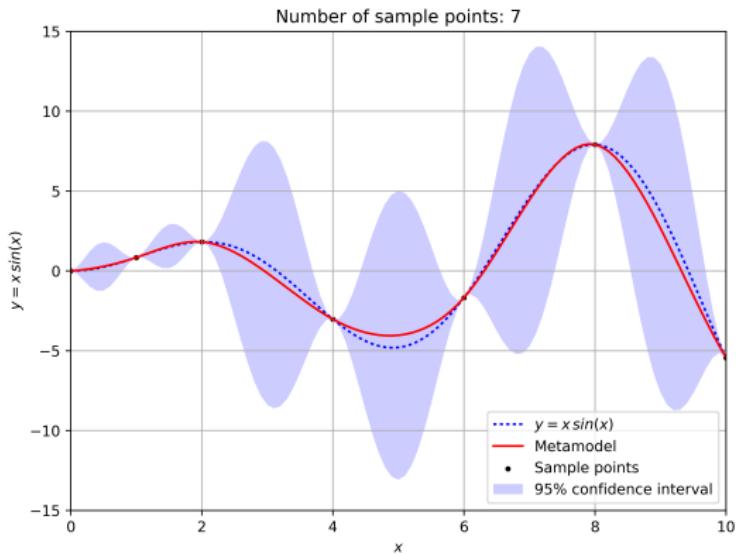
- To apply the previous formulas, the parameters  $(\beta, \sigma, \theta)$  have to be estimated from the design points

- Optimal correlation parameter  $\hat{\theta}$  estimated by the maximum likelihood estimate (Marrel et al. 2008) or cross validation (Bachoc 2013)
- Parameters  $(\hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma})$  estimated by empirical best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE) (Santner et al. 2003)

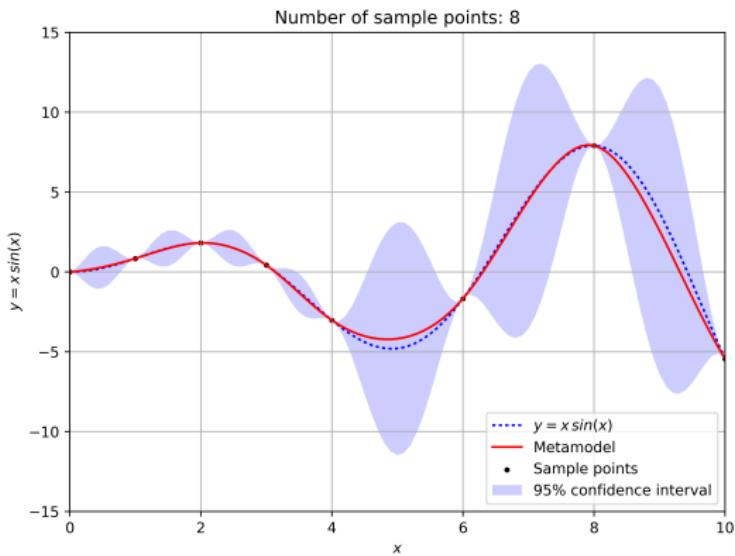
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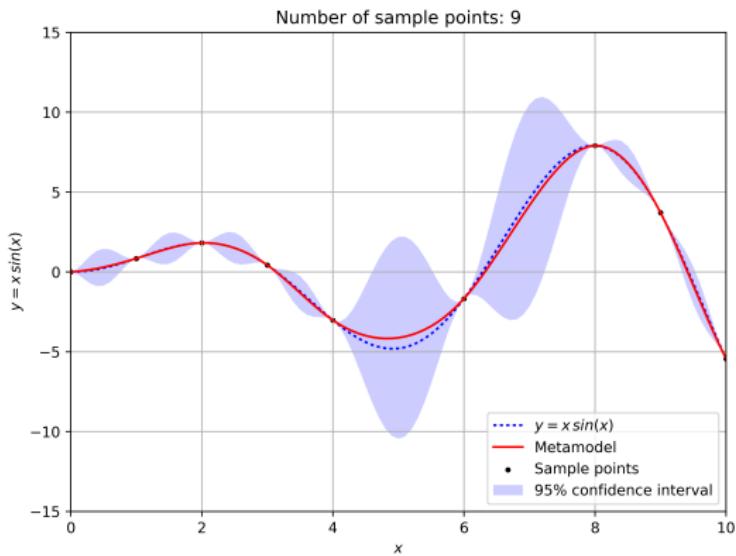
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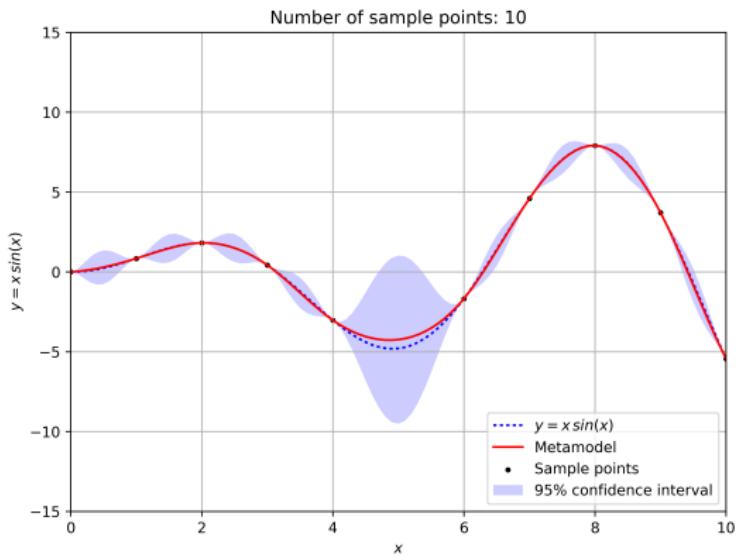
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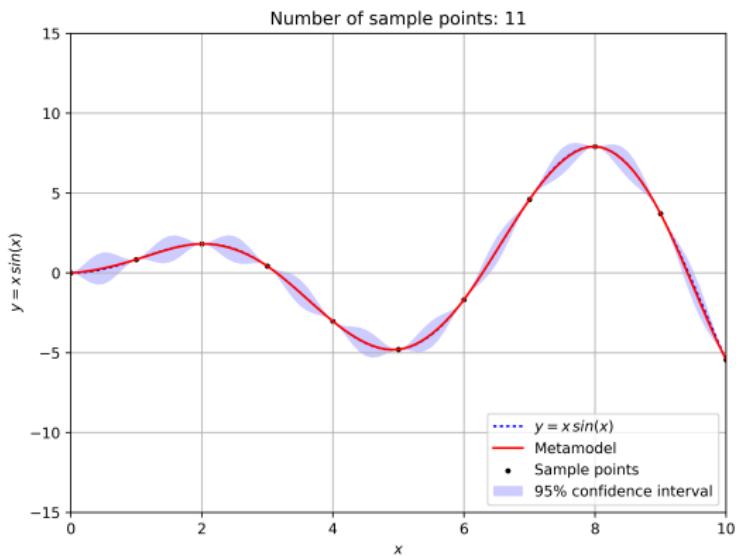
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# Polynomial chaos or Gaussian process?

	Polynomial chaos		Gaussian process
Pros	Closed-form formulas of the moments and the sensitivities  Algorithmic simplicity		Error indicators (prediction intervals)  Possibility of refining optimally the design of experiments
Cons	No “local” error indicator		Uneasy parameter estimation for dimensions $\geq 15$

More references:

- Couple Polynomial chaos and Kriging: Schöbi & Sudret 2014
- Confront Polynomial chaos and Kriging: Le Gratiet et al. 2016

# Some computer tools (non exhaustive list!)

**Polynomial chaos**

**Gaussian process**

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OpenTURNS (Python)

UQLab (Matlab)

URANIE

chaospy (Python)

Scikits (Python)

UQToolbox (Python)

DACE (Matlab)

NISP (Scilab)

STK (Matlab)

DiceKriging (R)

## A few messages...

- Polynomial chaos applied to several industrial studies (civil engineering, non destructive testing, etc.)
- For a given problem, ideally test several types of metamodels
- Check that the designs are consistent with the input parameter PDFs!
- Assess the metamodel accuracy (validation) prior to computing quantities of interest!
- Metamodelling may not work for highly nonlinear models

Thank you for your attention!